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A Memorial of Dearden-Durden-Dardens of the United
States of America, particularly in Virginia, Georgia,
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See PART TWO, Branch F, Section 2
This family history is written primarily to record the ancestry of the children of Samuel Conazine Darden (1840-1927) of Union County, Mississippi. This is given in PART ONE for the direct Darden line (A), and in PART TWO the collateral Darden branch lines (B to J) are given in order to interrelate almost all Darden descendants of George Dearden (cal705-cal748) and his wife Anne of Brunswick County, Virginia.

In PARTS ONE and TWO each Darden descendant is designated by at least two numbers (usually of one digit each) and a capital letter in order to distinguish among those of like given names and to show interrelationships. The first number indicates the order of birth in a particular family. The last number shows the generation in descent from Richard Dearden as "AO." The capital letter "A" is used for direct ancestors and near relatives of Newton Jasper Darden. Other capital letters designate various collateral branches on which data were collected. The addition of lower case "a", "b", or "c" indicates descent through first, second, or third marriage. This notation is a simple application of an elaborate system called the "Differential Index", devised by Mr. Newton Jasper Darden, the Compiler, for genealogies in particular but applicable to all forms of classification and differentiation.

The separation of the branch or collateral lineages of PART TWO from the primary lineage of PART ONE follows the plan outlined by Mr. Darden for this genealogy. In a history covering relatively few generations, it has the merit of keeping closely together the accounts of nearly related families.

PART THREE, giving notes on maternal lines, relates to the primary Darden lineage in PART ONE and to the branches in PART TWO. Like PARTS ONE and TWO, the results seem based on careful study by the Compiler.

PART FOUR contrasts with preceding portions of the volume in that (1) it indicates a possible unified early colonial ancestry for all Dardens and Durdens, and (2) it freely accepts numerous unsupported statements made to the Compiler, utilizes circumstantial evidence in numerous cases, and even gives weight to tradition (wherever record evidence seems lacking) in order to present tentative relationships that may stimulate further search and study. In PART FOUR, and indeed throughout the volume, no claims are made for completeness. All results rest chiefly on data collected by the Compiler because limitations are imposed on further searches. The Editor has endeavored to present conflicting evidence fairly, but the division of work and responsibility has probably resulted in some error.

Mr. Newton J. Darden, the Compiler, expresses in his notes, written during the course of over half a century, some varied and partially conflicting opinions concerning the antecedents of the Dardens in America. After a study of the data, the Editor endorses some of the views expressed by Mr. Darden on page 39 of his MSS Book CC, where, under date of November 16, 1928, he says, "Information gleaned from many sources . . . leads to the conclusion that all Virginia Durden-Deardens were of the same family . . . others called Dardens appear to be related to the Durdens of Isle of Wight and Nansemond Counties, Virginia, . . . . It is believed that all Virginia and Maryland Durdens before 1700 . . . . probably belonged to the same emigrant family."

The abbreviations used will be readily understood by context except DGA, DGB, etc., which refer to bound volumes A, B, etc., in the Compiler's collection of Darden Genealogica filed in the Washington, D.C., offices of the national societies of the D.A.R. and S.A.R.
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ENGLISH ORIGINS

DARDEN is a fairly common name in the United States of America. It is derived from the Welsh "Dearden" or the English "Durden." These names were brought to America by emigrants from Great Britain. The following are opinions concerning the name:

Dearden, Darden.--Local of Dearden, or Duerden, or Durden. The precise spot seems to be Dearden, near Edenfield, Bury, co. Lancaster. The surname clung for a long time to the immediate district, as will be seen from the subjoined references: 1646, Robert Durden of Whitfield; 1640, George Durden of Love Clough, Wilts at Chester; 1631, Edward Duerden of Castleton; 1630, Elizabeth Dearden of Middletown; 1599, Thomas Dearden was Rector of Bury, Bains, Lancaster. (Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames, by Charles Waring Bardsley, M.A., London, 1901.)

Dearden.—Evidently local, perhaps from a place so called near Edenfield, in Bury, co. Lancaster. The Deardens of Rochdale Manor claim descent from Elias de Duerden, temp., Henry VI, but so early as the sixteenth century the name of Durden, Durdent, or Duréden is variously applied to a certain Knight who may have been a progenitor of the family. (Dictionary of Family Names of the United Kingdom, by Mark Antony Lower, M.A.; F.S.A.)

Dearden of the Orchard.—The ancient and modern pronunciation of the name of this family by natives of Lancashire, is Du-er-den; and Jacob in his Law Dictionary interprets it as a "thicket of wood" in a valley, giving Cowell as his authority. (Landed Gentry, by J. Bernard Burke, 1851.)

Elias de Dureden was the lineal ancestor of Ottivell Deurden, of Whitfield in the parish of Roachdale, who is mentioned in a lease of lands granted to his son, Oliver Deurden, living at Whitfield in the tenth year of Henry VIII. Richard Deurden succeeded to lands at Whitfield and resigned them to his son James by deed in 1574. This Richard, buried at Roachdale in 1586, left issue (1) James, his heir, and (2) Thomas, Curate of Rochdale Manor, who in his will of 1621 names 4 sons and 2 daughters.

An interesting and very different possible origin of some American Durdens is suggested by Herbert Robertson's account of the English name Durdin (p. 62 of his Stemmata Robertson et Durdin). A Norman family of De Verdon settled at an early date in Essex where Durdins are found—at least as early as the 16th century. John Durdin, born in Essex circa 1590, migrated to Ireland in 1639 with a son Michael (b. in Essex cal1615) and probably other children, and settled at Glanmire in co. Cork. When the Rebellion broke out, John and his family fled, in 1641 or 1642, to Norwich where his youngest child Mary was born in 1649 and baptised in St. George's Church. Michael returned to Cork and married Mary (or Anne) Cotten and their grandson Richard Durdin (b. 1746/7) settled at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. It is evident that Stephen Durden or Dardon, who received his first grant in Virginia in 1649, could have been a son of John Durdin of Cork and Norwich and brother to Michael who was born in Essex circa 1615. The given names among the early families in Virginia seem in better accord with this Norman origin in Essex than with a Welsh tradition in Lancaster.

No searches have been made by the Compiler concerning the English antecedents. Deardens and Durdens from Great Britain settled in Tidewater Virginia along the lower reaches of the James River in Isle of Wight and Nansemond Counties; also on the Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay in Kent and in Talbot Counties, Maryland. The Darden name spread in its varied spellings from these two localities to other colonies, later states. Probably all forms of the name were derived phonetically by writing names as pronounced in local vernacular.
EARLY COLONIAL RECORDS OF DARDENS IN AMERICA

Abstracts from Virginia and Maryland early records show the names Durden, Dardor Duraden, and Darden as written in official documents during the second half of the 17th century.

Virginia Records, State Library, Richmond

1649, March 14. Stephen Durden was granted 150 acres of land in Va. on the eastward side of the northwest branch of the Nanzimun River in the Parish of Upper Norfolk—50 acres of said land was granted Stephen Durden for the transportation of one person to the Colony, and 100 acres assigned by George Chowning to Stephen Durden.

1678, May 1. Grant to Stephen Durdon, 250 acres of land in Va., on the upper branch of Nanzemond River in Nanzemond Co., due for the transportation of 5 persons to the Colony of Va.

1679, Feb. 19. Last will of Stephen Durden names Jacob Durdon as son and heir to the above-described lands in Isle of Wight Co.

1682, April 20. To Jacob Durdon 100 acres of land (bequeathed to him by Stephen Durdon in will dated the 19th day of Feb. 1679). Sets out a total of 435 acres, including the 100 acres bequeathed him, the remainder decreed to Jacob Durdon by court order for the transportation of 5 persons to the Colony, said decree dated Sept. 28, 1681.

1694, April 20. Grant to John Darden, 300 acres of land in Nanzemond Co., Va., formerly owned by Stephen Darden, late of Nanzemond Co., decd. Recites that an inquisition was held by Thomas Milner and a jury the 28th day of July 1692, and said land was found to "Escheat to His Majesty", etc., and said John Darden hath made his composition for the land, etc.

1697, Oct. 30. Grant to John Darden, 300 acres of land, same as described in the preceding paragraph, perhaps to confirm title.

Maryland Records, Hall of Records, Annapolis


1678, Oct.-Nov. Assembly Proceedings: Levy of 825,979 lbs. of tobacco, for use and benefit of the Colony, and to pay expenses of an expedition lately against the Indians. Order to pay Stephen Durden of Talbot Co. 15 lbs. of tobacco.

1681, Aug.-Sept. Assembly Proceedings: Levy of 547,506 lbs. of tobacco to defray expenses of the Colony, etc. Also, orders to pay Richard Duraden 1,800 lbs. of tobacco and John Durden 30 lbs. of tobacco.

1682, May 8 Assembly Proceedings, Upper House: Recites petition of William Durden of Baltimore Co. praying for relief because of loss and damage of 40 bushels of wheat caused by the negligence of James Thomson, sub-Sheriff, etc.

There were numerous land grants in Virginia and in Maryland to Durdens, Dardens, Deardens, and some others of modified name, down to the Revolutionary War, but genealogical relationships in general have not been reliably established. There are, however, numerous clues and much evidence indicating close and definite relationships among many of these early citizens, and these are discussed in detail in PART FOUR. The Dardens of Union County, Mississippi, should be particularly interested in the name Richard Darden. There is a suggested close relationship, perhaps of father and son, in the names of Richard Duraden of Maryland, who in 1681 was paid 1,800 pounds of tobacco, and Richard Dearden (1A1) of Prince George County, Virginia, who was granted 100 acres of land, dated July 15, 1717.

Extended searches of Maryland and Virginia records have been made to uncover clues relating to this suggestion, but only one remains—that of nomenclature. The British name Dearden was commonly pronounced Du-er-den, sometimes Du-ra-dent by natives of Great Britain. It is a natural inference from known facts that the first Richard Dearden in Brunswick County, Virginia, may have migrated thereto from Maryland. He could have been apprenticed to someone who paid his transportation to Virginia, a rather common practice in colonial days; but in his first land grant in Virginia he was allowed 100 acres of land, as was usual at that time, for transportation of husband and wife as emigrants to Virginia as settlers.
A clear understanding of the location and early environment of Deardens in Prince George and Brunswick Counties in Virginia requires the statement of a few general facts pertaining to that part of the Colony. Prince George County was created from Charles City County in 1702 and was predominantly a Tidewater county. In addition to lands just south of the Appomattox River and southwest of the James, it extended westward from Petersburg City to include lands that were later to form Amelia, Prince Edward, and Nottoway Counties. Also included to the southwest were lands from which Brunswick and Dinwiddie were to be formed. Much of the northern part of this territory was included within the colonial parish of Bristol established in 1662 on both sides of the Appomattox River.

Brunswick County was created in 1720 from lands not named (yet within the jurisdiction of Prince George County), but the county courts were not organized until 1732 when small parts of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties were added. St. Andrews Parish (a church and several chapels) was established with the settlement of the county and was more or less coextensive with it, or at least included the northern part of the county. (Bath Parish was not established until 1742 between St. Andrews on the south and Bristol on the northeast.)

Brunswick was a frontier county occupied by Indians. Arms were furnished to the settlers and taxes were remitted for 10 years. A courthouse and other public buildings were erected about 1732 at Lawrenceville, the county seat.

The name Richard Darding is found on the "Rent Roll of all the Lands in the County of Prince George for the year 1704" as holding 500 acres (p. 107, The Planters of Colonial Virginia, by Thomas J. Wertenbaker); the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 28, 330, 1920, prints the name as Richd Durding. No records seem extant showing how or when Richard Darding received or obtained the use of such land, or disposed of same. It seems possible that this Richard Darding of 1704 was identical with Richard Duraden of Maryland who received 1800 pounds of tobacco in 1681 and perhaps identical with the Corpl. Richd. Duerdine of Middlesex County, Virginia, who was in an Indian war (July 10, 1676) and thus possible son of Stephen Durden of Nansemond County, Virginia. (See Early Dardens in Virginia in PART FOUR.) Certainly a Richard Darneton entered Virginia about 1700 or earlier (and transferred his importation rights to one Edwards who on June 16, 1714, received land for importations). Some pertinent recorded items of evidence concerning the ancestors of Darden in Prince George and Brunswick Counties are given below.

1714, June 17. Prince George Deeds, 1713-1728, p. 751: To a Survey for Richard Dearden, lying on the Lower Branch, 100 acres.
1717, July 15. Colonial Land Grants 10, 335: George & C To all & C Know Ye that for divers good reasons and considerations but more especially for and in consideration of the sum of four shillings of good & lawful money for our own use paid to our Treasurer General of our Revenues in this our Colony of Virginia. We have given granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give Grant and confirm unto Richard Dearden one certain tract or parcell of Land containing one hundred acres lying & being on Laws branch in Prince George county and bounded as followeth, to wit . . . . With all & c . . . . To be held & c yielding & paying & c, provided & C . . . . In witness & c . . . . Witness our trusty and wel beloved Alexander Spotswood our Lt Governor & c at Williamsburg under ye seal of our said Colony the fifteenth day of July one Thousand seven hundred & seventeen in the third year of our Reign. /Signed/ A. Spotswood.
1719. Deeds, 1713-1728, p. 310: Will of James Jones, decd., dated April 6, 1719, offered for probate April 20, 1720, with letter of Sarah Jones, survivor of testator. Will recites: "I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Dardin, my negro man Jo during her life, then after her to her son Charles Williams."
1719, Nov. 18. Deeds, 1713-1728, p. 864-5: Indemnity bond from Richard Derden, Mary Derden, and Charles Williams, of Bristol Parish, to James Jones, the younger, of Westover
Parish, was executed for £80 Sterling: "Whereas James Jones late the Elder of this county, deceased, did in his Last Will and Testament give and bequeath unto the above bounden Richard Derden & Mary Derden, his wife, one negro slave named Joe, during the natural life of the said Mary, and after her decease to the above bound Charles Williams, as by said will may appear. And the said Derden & Mary, his wife, and the said Charles Williams have for the consideration of Forty Pounds current money to them in hand paid by the said James Jones, Junior, Bargained, sold and delivered the said slave unto the said James Jones, Junior, and to his heirs forever." Said bond was proved at a Court held at Merchants Hope, Prince George Co., March 8, 1725, by the oath of James Williams, witness.

1724, Oct. 9. Vestry Book, Bristol Parish: It is Ordered and agreed upon that . . . Rich Deardin is acquitted from paying Levies. (Richard might have attained age of 60 or have been disabled, or have removed from the Parish. Does this refer to the planter of 1704?)

1727. Deeds, 1713-1728, p. 1055-6: Richard Dearden and Mary, his wife, of Prince George County and Bristol Parish, on Dec. 6 "leased" to Nicholas Butterworth of the same County and Parish a leasehold of 100 acres of land on Laws Branch in Prince George County. (Signed) Richard Dearden and Mary M Darden, her mark, and acknowledged on Dec. 12. Mary, wife of Richard Darden, relinquished her right of dower. A deed of "release" dated Dec. 7 recites £12 paid and the 2 instruments constitute a land conveyance.

1745, 1746, 1747. Vestry Book, 1732-1789, St. Andrews Parish, Brunswick Co. Oct. 3, 1745: "To Richard Dearden for his support 500 tobacco. To Richard Dearden upon his petition for further relief & support 500." Oct. 3, 1747: "Richard Vaughan, Junr., having agreed with this Vestry to maintain Richard Dearden, a poor parishioner after the rate of 150 lbs. Tobacco per month. It is Ordered that the Church Wardens pay him the sd. Tobo. out of the 25,000 this day levied." (No later entries relating to Richard Dearden were found in the book which was searched to 1750 inclusive.)

The above-cited evidence concerning Richard Dearden-Darden, the widow Mary Williams, his wife, and her son Charles Williams by a deceased husband, suggests a close association with George Dearden (1A1) of Prince George and Brunswick Counties, Virginia, who in 1726 was granted 500 acres in Brunswick. According to the evidence Richard Dearden-Darden, born circa 1679-80, may have been an emigrant to America, or possibly a son of Richard Duraden of Maryland, or a son of the planter listed in 1704 on the Prince George County Rent Roll. The younger Richard married the widow Williams about 1706 and was granted a homestead of 100 acres of land in Prince George which was surveyed in 1714 and patented to him in 1717. Said land was sold to Butterworth and he, with his wife (and possibly their son George), moved to Brunswick County, Virginia, around 1724-1727. In that county Richard was later the indigent poor person of Saint Andrews Parish who was allowed 500 pounds of tobacco during the years 1745 and 1746 and died there probably in 1747, aged 65 to 70 years.

The widow Mary Williams was a daughter of James Jones. She must have been widowed and married again about 1704-1706 in Prince George County. She could have had a son George Dearden by her second husband, Richard Dearden, and have removed with him and their son George to Brunswick County, Virginia, as housekeeper for them. The son George married about 1734. Mary (Jones) Williams-Dearden died in Brunswick County at some unknown date. She was named in 1719 as daughter in the will of James Jones of Prince George County, Virginia; was given a negro slave named Joe during her natural life but ownership at her death to pass to her son Charles Williams. Mary Dearden and her son Charles signed a bill-of-sale for said slave to James Jones, Junior, in 1719. Her son Charles Williams was probably more than 18 years of age in 1720 when said document was executed, inasmuch as 18 years was regarded as the age of discretion at which a person could legally execute papers under seal. The negro slave was sold to James Jones, Junior, as appears of record. George Dearden-Darden must have been born around 1705 or 1706 in order to have been eligible to acquire land by grant in Brunswick County, Virginia, dated July 7, 1726; however, his application therefor may have been made 2 or 3 years earlier and have set forth Prince George County, Virginia, as his residence. These facts make it reasonably probable that George Dearden (1A1) was the son of Richard Dearden and widow Mary (Jones) Williams of Prince George County, Virginia.

James Jones and his wife Sarah of Prince George County had, at least, the following children:
Mary who m., 1st, ---- Williams, and, 2d, Richard Dearden.

James Jones whose wife was Rebecca when he made his will in 1724, pvd. 1725. A dau. was Eliz: Glover and a son was James Jones, each of whom received 100 acres by the will of their grandfather, James Jones, Sr. Other ch. were: Robert, David, John, and Richard JONES.

Eliz: Jones, who received a negro.

Hanna Jones, possibly mother of Thomas Chappell who received 100 acres.

Rebecca Jones who m. William Cooke and was mother of Jane Cooke who received a negro.

Daughter, who m. John Cooke.

The James Jones' will refers also to "my wife's two sons", which may indicate that his wife Sarah had been previously married.
George Bearden - Anne John Rush - Clay Lemm

George Bearden II - Martha Rush

George Bearden III

Children:

- Elizabeth
- Richard

- Samuel

- Edward

- John

- Martha

- Robert

- George

- William

- Mary
PART ONE

PRIMARY LINEAGE OF DARDENS OF UNION COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Generation I

GEORGE DEARDEN (1A1) AND ANNE
Brunswick County, Virginia

The Dardens of Union County, Mississippi, are definitely descendants of George Dearden and his wife Anne of Brunswick County, Virginia, and therefore this account of their Darden lineage begins with George Dearden as 1A1.

Early in the 18th century the names of Richard Dearden and George Dearden (1A1) appear in Virginia land grants and they both were then domiciled in Prince George County, Virginia. Richard Dearden, granted 100 acres of land in Prince George County, Virginia, in 1717, may have been the father of George. George Dearden must have made application for land in Brunswick County, Virginia, although no application therefor has been found among Brunswick County records. However, he was granted 300 acres on Wagua Creek in the northern part of Brunswick County by patent dated July 7, 1726. This grant was followed by another dated September 12, 1738, which included 216 acres of adjacent land never before granted, the total being 516 acres confirmed to said George Dearden, on Wagua Creek and Beaverpond Branch.

Colonial Land Grants 12, 533. George Second: To All & c. We have given granted and confirmed and by these presents for our heirs and successors do give grant and confirm unto George Dearden of Prince George County one certain tract or parcel of land containing Three hundred acres lying and being in Brunswick County on the south side of Wagua Creek . . . . With All & c to have and to hold & c Yielding and paying & c., provided & c. Witness our Truly and well beloved Hugh Drysdale Esqr our Liet. Gov & c at Williamsburg under the seal of Said Colony the seventh day of July one thousand Seven hundred and Twenty six in the twelfth year of our reign. Hugh Drysdale.

Colonial Land Grants 18, 124. Another land grant relating to the above was issued to George Dearden for 516 acres of land in Brunswick Co., Va., that recites: "three hundred acres of said grant being formerly granted to said George Darden by letters Patent bearing date the 7th day of July 1726, the residuo never before granted." Consideration therein stated is payment of twenty-five shillings & c. . . . . on the south side of Wagua and on both sides of Beaverpond Branch . . . . Dated at Williamsburg, the 12th day of September, 1738, and in the 12th year of our reign. William Gooch.

1746, Aug. 7. Brunswick Co. Orders 3, 56: Upon the Petition of Richard Burch Gent, setting forth that the petitioner having land on the one side of Wagua Creek in this county is desirous to build a Mill thereon and therefore praying that an acre of land belonging to said George Dearden on the opposite side of said Creek may be laid off for the use aforesaid according to Law. Ordered that . . . . the land be surveyed and damages assessed.

Orders 3, 106: Richard Burch Petitioner . . . . Jury of Survey Ordered to assess damages to land of George Dearden for a mill, etc. . . . . "In pursuance of said Order of Court 12 Aug. 1746, we award the value of damages as 5 shillings 6 pence for damages the said Darden" . . . . Court proceedings signed by Nicholas Lanier, the presiding Justice.

George Dearden (1A1) was born around 1705-1706 in Prince George County, Virginia. It is evident that he moved to Brunswick County and occupied land patented to him the 7th day of July 1726, where he lived until the time of his death. His 300 acres of land fronted on Wagua Creek, whereon Burch's Mill was built about 1746 (mentioned in the court orders because of damages to Dearden's land). George Dearden voted in an election for Sterling Clack as Burgess on the 13th day of June 1748 (William and Mary College Quarterly, 1st Series 26, 59-63, 1917-18). The date of his death does not appear in Brunswick County records; apparently he married Anne about 1734 or earlier, but her family name has not been found in
Brunswick County records. (Was it Williams?) Order Book 3, page 461, March 2, 1748, recites: "On Motion of Anne Dearden who made oath according to Law, Certificate is granted her for obtaining Letters of Administration of the Estate of her Dec'd husband John(sic) Dearden in due form giving Security. Whereupon she with Drury Stith and David Williams her Securities entered into and acknowledged Bond according to Law." . . . "Ordered That John Burch, Thomas DuBerry, Charles Mason and Richard Scooggin, or any three of them being first sworn, do appraise the Estate of John(sic) Dearden dec'd and return Appraisement to the Court." In the same Order Book, page 488, dated June 1, 1749, is found: "An Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of John(sic) Dearden dec'd was returned and Ordered recorded." The name John is clearly an error in the order book. The name was recorded as George Dearden, dec'd, in Will Book 2, page 162, of Brunswick County records at Lawrenceville in a certified copy of the inventory marked by Anne (X) Dearden Admr., and also in a report of the appraisers (John Burch, Richard Scooggin, and Thos. Denbury) sworn to June 1, 1749. Did the clerk make an error because there was a John Darden in the community who was closely associated with and possibly a brother to George Darden, deceased?

Note regarding change in calendar: George Dearden is stated to have voted, in an election held June 13, 1748, for Sterling Clack as Burgess. Also, Anne Dearden, his widow, appears in court and makes oath on March 2, 1748, of the death of her husband, which probably occurred only a few days before that time. This requires an explanation. Our existing English calendar was not changed from Julian (O.S.) to its present form until Sept. 3-14, 1752, in Great Britain and in her Colonies in America. All New Year days then were "Lady Days", but they fell on March 25th each year. Days from Jan. 1st to March 24th, inclusive, were counted as part of the preceding year. Dates in America during that time were sometimes written thus: March 2, 1748-49. Thus March 2, 1748, was nearly 9 months after June 13, 1748.

The chief items enumerated in the appraisement of the estate of George Dearden I were: 1 negro man, 1 negro woman, 2 children, slaves, valued at 62 pounds 10 shillings; 27 head of cattle valued at 20 pounds; 1 copper still cap and worm, valued at 18 pounds. Total value of all items, 197 pounds 3 shillings 3 pence.

Since the laws of primogeniture were followed in Virginia at that time, no part of the landed estate was included in the inventory and appraisement because all the lands belonged to the heir of decedent. The diagram of George Dearden's land grants shows an additional grant made to the heir, George Dearden-Darden, II, which made his total holdings 793 acres. (See Patent Book 18, 124, Land Office at Richmond.) The lands were bounded on the northeast side by Wagua Creek, later spelled "Wagua", which is reported locally to mean "rippling waters" in Indian dialect.

Anne Dearden, widow of George Dearden (1A1), administered his personal estate and collected claims in favor of the estate as late as 1755, but no record of her death has been found in Brunswick County. She obtained judgments for sums due George Dearden, deceased, as recorded in Order Book 5, pages 337-473:
1755, Jan. 28. William Berry, 37 shillings 9 pence.
1755, April 22. Buckner Stith, 27 shillings due by note.
1755, April 23. George Simmons, 4 pounds 6 shillings.
1755, Sept. 23. Thomas Singleton, 2 pounds 14 shillings.

An inventory of her personal estate dated soon thereafter indicates the approximate date of death of Anne Dearden.

Darden Primary Lineage: Second Generation
Children of George Dearden (1A1) and Anne
1A2 George Dearden, II, b. 1734, Brunswick Co., Va.; m. Martha Burch in Va. 1759; d. in April or May 1807 in Ky. See Generation II.
2A2 David Dearden, b. cal1740 in St. Andrews Parish, Brunswick Co., Va. See below.

No record has been found of other children of George Dearden and Anne. There is of record an Elizabeth Darden in Wilkes County, Georgia, before 1778. She may have migrated there with the family of George Darden, II, about 1771. There is tradition of a son John who went to Maryland and/or possibly to the Carolinas. A
somewhat more tangible possibility is that of a son James Madison Darden, born 1748 (and therefore somewhat younger than David, 2A2). It is stated that James Madison Darden, born 1748, married Drucilla Burch in 1770, served as private in Major Bruce's Virginia Battalion, had a family in Georgia, and died in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1820. (See D.A.R. No. 131895; also Vols. 101, 106, 132 of D.A.R. Lineages. Bedford Co. was created in 1754 largely from Lunenburg which in 1746 had been created from Brunswick.) In PART THREE, Line III, Section 2, it is mentioned that this Drucilla Burch (1756-1843) could be a daughter of Richard Burch, Jr., and therefore first cousin to Martha Burch (1743-1803) who married George Darden (1A2). As noted below, David Dearden (2A2) named a son James, and, as will appear in Generation II, George Darden (1A2) had a son James (8A3). Reports of descent through James Madison Darden are discussed in PART FOUR, Group VI, Migrations of Dardens to Georgia.

David Dearden (2A2)

David Dearden (2A2), "son of George Darden", was apprenticed March 26, 1751, by the church wardens of St. Andrews Parish to Sackville Brewer to learn a trade. David was a "cripple" and was physically unable to render military service during the Revolutionary War, a fact that was gleaned from a few scattering references in records of Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Later he was the owner of "Romulus", a valuable stud-horse whose history is perhaps unique in Revolutionary War claims. The horse was "impressed" for military service early in 1781. Its valuation was stated in a voucher by the officer, Epaphroditus Rudder, who took the animal, but payment of the claim was deferred until paid by Congress in 1832, long after both the owner and his wife were dead—an ill-deserved neglect of a loyal citizen who was physically incapacitated. Details concerning the claims are voluminous and interesting, but only a few factual statements are set forth here.

1810, Feb. 10. Communication to House of Representatives, 11th Congress, 2d Session; Claim No. 206. Mr. Gholson, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Amy Dardin, widow, relict and administratrix of David Dardin, deceased, made the following report: That the petitioner claims compensation for a stud-horse, known by the name of Romulus, taken from her husband, David Dardin, in the year 1781 for the use of the army of the United States. It appears that the said horse was impressed from David Dardin for the public service by Lieutenant Rudder, a continental officer, on the 26th of Feb. in the year aforesaid, and was then valued at the sum of (£)750 specie.

1940, July 22. Letter from General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington. Sir: You are advised the records show that under date of June 15, 1832, Congress approved an act for the relief of the representatives of David Dardin, deceased, which provided that the Treasury Department settle the account of the legal representatives of David Dardin, and allow them fifteen-hundred dollars to be paid and received in full satisfaction of a certificate dated February 6, 1781, given by Epaphroditus Rudder, then a Lieutenant in the American Army, to the said David Dardin, for seven hundred and fifty pounds specie, of the currency of Virginia, for a stud-horse called "Romulus", impressed for the public service.

David Deardin was a witness in Brunswick Court on June 22, 1767 (Orders 10, 03). He was listed in 1764 for one tithable and 190 acres of land, and in 1772 or 2 tithables, both times in St. James Parish. During the Revolution David Deardin was a resident of Halifax County to which his brother George Darden had removed before 1770. He was in Mecklenburg County sometime between 1782 and 1785 as shown by the tax lists from which the "1790 census" of Virginia was reconstructed. That record shows him with a family of 4 whites and 1 black. Inventory and appraisement of David Darden, dated June 1785, is recorded in Wills 2, 18, Mecklenburg County. An account in February 1786 shows that Amey Dardin was administratrix. In 1832, when cash was received for Romulus, the estate was represented by Robert G. Overby, with letters of administration de bonis non.

An important record is a deed of March 27, 1800, from Chamal (or Charnel) Dearden, heir of his father David Darden, to his brothers and sister, James Dearden, Josiah Blanks Dearden, and Amey Darden, the younger, all of Mecklenburg County, or 190 acres which descended to Chamal Dearden (Deeds 10, 228). Amey Darden, Sr., lived on this land in 1806 when James, Josiah, Amey, and Amey Darden, Jr., signed deed setting out the house and 75 acres to Amey Darden, Jr. (Deeds 13, 67).
Generation II

GEORGE DEARDEN-DARDEN (1A2) AND MARTHA BURCH
Virginia, Georgia, and Kentucky

George Deardin (1A2), son of George Deardin I and Anne, was born probably in 1734 or early in 1735 in Brunswick County, Virginia. He was 21 years old on or before June 22, 1756, when he was sued by William Sanford (Order Book 6, 66). On January 25, 1757, an attachment was awarded to William Duberry, Pit., against the estate of George Deardin, Deft., "In Debt" (as shown on p. 181 of the Order Book). Then on February 23, 1757 (p. 202), George Deardin is ordered to pay Spencer Presord 150 pounds of tobacco for 6 days' attendance as a witness in the suit of William Sanford; also to pay Henry Field 200 pounds of tobacco for 8 days as witness in the same suit. On the same day George Dearden served as juror on a case titled "James House by James Oliver, Guardian, Plf. against Richard Blanks & Winnifred, his wife, Admr. & c., Lawrence House, dec'd, Defts."

As eldest son and heir, he would have acquired possession of his father's lands under the laws of primogeniture then in force in Virginia immediately upon becoming of age. His father and his mother were both deceased at that time and he may have faced obligations incurred during his minority. No records have been found that enlighten us regarding his personal estate. George Deardin, II, inherited 516 acres of land from his father, 300 acres of which were patented originally to George Deardin (1A1), dated July 7, 1726, and 216 adjoining acres were later patented to his father September 12, 1738. The heir George Deardin then purchased 293 acres contiguous to said estate, patented to him July 26, 1765, which increased his land holdings to 793 acres (Colonial Land Grants 36, 789).

By deed dated December 29, 1763, George Deardin conveyed 402 acres of these lands to Edward Wilkinson (Deed Book 7, 494). On August 26, 1765, Martha, wife of George Deardin, appeared in Brunswick County court and relinquished her dower right in the Wilkinson tract (Order Book 9, 295).

George Deardin was preparing to move with his family to Halifax County, Virginia in 1764, as indicated by the sale just mentioned and by deed to him dated August 16, 1764, wherein Christopher Sneed conveyed 364 acres of land in Halifax County, Virginia (Deed Book 5, 186, Halifax Co.). The removal is confirmed by another deed dated December 3, 1770, wherein George Deardin of Halifax County, Virginia, conveyed 320 acres remaining of his original estate in Brunswick County to Richard Elliott (Deed Book 10, 52, Brunswick Co.). Later there is a deed dated September 19, 1771, wherein George Deardin and William Sullins jointly conveyed 471 acres of land to Daniel Hutchinson (Deed Book 8, 257, Halifax Co.). Attached thereto is a certificate that Martha, wife of George Deardin, appeared in county court and acknowledged that she relinquished her dower right in said land. No record shows how William Sullins became joint owner of said land.

George Deardin with his family must have left Halifax County in the autumn of 1771, and his name next appears in Georgia and South Carolina Revolutionary War records of service. Apparently he was domiciled in northeast Georgia, near the Savannah River and Beaverdam Creek, then in Wilkes County but later in Elbert County, Georgia.

The name George Dearden (1A2) of Halifax County, Virginia, appears in the 1790 U. S. census records, although it appears that he left Virginia during the winter of 1771-1772. This anomaly is perhaps explained by the fact that the original 1790 Virginia census records were destroyed in 1814 by British troops who burned the Capitol and destroyed census records of several states therein. The 1790 Virginia census records as now known were compiled in 1855 from militia and tax lists, and other like data, as a substitute for the destroyed records. Many tax lists at least as old as 1784 are known to have been used. Possibly his name was carried on the Halifax County tax lists for some years after his personal removal.

No trace of the said George Deardin or Darden has been found in the states between Virginia and Georgia in any of the land records. The name reappeared in the Wilkes County land records in 1784. Meanwhile, a son, George Darden, attained legal age in Georgia and was designated as "Junior"; and hence the father began designating himself as "Senior" in the Georgia records. Also, the name was usually recorded as "Darden" instead of "Dearden", as had been the case in the state of Virginia.

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Revolutionary War Service

George Darden (1A2) was in Georgia during the Revolutionary War period, but detailed information of his military service is not available. It is known by family tradition that he was active in many armed forays against Tories in Wilkes County and went back and forth from Wilkes to South Carolina during the years 1779 to 1781. When northeastern Georgia was overrun by Tories supported by the British Army in 1779, the Whigs or Patriots were driven out of Georgia and most of them fled with their families to the Piedmont region of South Carolina, which is northward across the Savannah River from Wilkes. Some few Patriot families remained in Wilkes and suffered severely. All males old enough and capable of bearing arms were driven out or were impressed for military service, that is, refugees as it was called. Men were forced to join some military organization for mutual protection of their families.

Stub Entries to Indents issued in payment of claims against South Carolina for military service during the Revolution (published in 1915 by the S.C. Historical Commission and designated by Book "0-Q", p. 65) show that George Darden and John Darden were each paid 5 pounds 14, 3½, Sterling, for duty done in the militia as privates on horseback in 1779; unpublished auditors' vouchers show payment for 40 days' duty on Captain John Cowan's paybill, from September 14, 1779, to October 24, 1779, as horsemen. Dates of service and vouchers issued in payment to John Darden and George Darden are for the same amounts, the same dates and period of service, and carry the same designations, which shows that the 2 men were companions in arms, closely associated with each other in the service.

Also, George Darden, Sr., served in Georgia militia under Colonels Elijah Clarke and John Dooly, and his name is listed among the Wilkes County soldiers who fought at the Battle of Kettle Creek on February 14, 1779. A copy of the list is preserved in the Ordinary's Office at Washington, Georgia.

Certificate of Military Service
State of Georgia, Wilkes County

This is to Certify that George Darden, Senr., hath done his duty as refugee and good soldier under my Command and cannot to my knowledge or belief be convicted of plundering or distressing the country; and is therefore entitled to Two hundred and Eighty seven & half acres of good land, clear of tax for ten years, agreeable to an Act & Resolve of the General Assembly passed at Augusta 19th August 1781.

Given under my hand at Washington the 20th April 1784.

By his Order
Benj. Gatching.

E. Clark, Colonel.

The foregoing certificate was made the basis for a grant of 287½ acres of land to George Darden, Senr., in payment for his Revolutionary War service; and it, together with other grants made to said George Darden, Senr., by the State of Georgia, is recorded in the Office of Secretary of State at Atlanta, Georgia.

George Darden, Senr., is listed as a "Soldier of the Line" in an Appendix to Smith's Story of Georgia and the Georgia People, 1732-1860 (p. 572, 615). He is listed as a Revolutionary soldier and under land grants to Revolutionary soldiers in Georgia's Roster of the Revolution by Lucian Lamar Knight, Atlanta, 1920 (p. 71, 257, 303, 379, and 449).

Georgia Land Grants issued to George Darden, Senr.
1784. Grant of 200 acres in Wilkes Co. (Book DDD, 216).
1785. Grant of 200 acres in Wilkes Co. (Book GGG, 25).
1785. Grant of 287½ acres in Washington Co. (Book HHH, 733).
1785. Grant of 400 acres in Washington Co. (Book III, 817).

County records show that George Darden, Senr., owned lands in Wilkes, Elbert, Washington, and other Counties in Georgia. In part they are:
1793, Aug. 7. Fitz W. Hunt conveyed 450 acres of land on Beaverdam Creek to George Darden (Book C, 109, Elbert Co.). This appears to have been his domicile.
1795, April 27. John Heard, Jr., and wife Elizabeth made a deed to George Darden for 2 acres of land "including said Darden's Distillery" (Book C, 28, Elbert Co.).
1796, Jan. 10. John Heard and wife Elizabeth, of Wilkes Co., Ga., conveyed to George Darden 150 acres of land on Beaverdam Creek adjoining said last-mentioned tract (Book D, 49, Elbert Co.).
1799. George Darden, Senr., made a Deed of Gift to his son, George Darden, Junr., conveying 400 acres of land in Oglethorpe Co., Ga., described as "originally granted to George Darden, Senr., in the year 1788" (Book RR, 521, Wilkes Co.).

1803, Sept. 26. George Darden, Senr., made a Deed of Gift of 2 negro slaves, in consideration of good will and affection, to his beloved grandchildren "George Darden, Patsy Burch Darden, and James Darden,... children of my son, James Darden, Dec'd"; said 2 negroes not to be taken out of possession of his daughter-in-law, Susannah Dardin, the widow of his son, James Dardin (Book UU, 68-69, Wilkes Co.).

1803, Oct. 10. In a bill-of-sale, George Darden passed title of a negro girl named Hannah to Nancy Darden (Deed Book R, 180, Elbert Co.). In another bill-of-sale, next day, George Darden passed title of negro girl named Aggy to Patsy Darden (Deed Book H, 181, Elbert Co.).

The records indicate that George Darden, Senr., settled first in Wilkes County, then a large area, where he remained until about 1791 when he purchased rich lands on Beaverdam Creek in the eastern part of Elbert County 2 or 3 miles southeast of a place that later became known as Heardmont Railroad Station. During the years 1801-1804, George Darden, Senr., sold his remaining Georgia lands, reduced his livestock holdings, and distributed some of his slaves. These actions may have been a partial distribution of community estate among younger children, following the death of his wife. However, there was great restlessness among the people of several colonial states from Virginia southward, including Georgia. Then in 1803, when the Louisiana Purchase was consummated, there was a common movement of many people toward that vast and little known area. Two sons, David and Buckner Darden, were already domiciled in the Natchez District of Mississippi Territory; other younger children of the family desired homes in the primeval lands of western Georgia or elsewhere in the Western Domain.

In 1805 George Darden, Senr. (1A2), set out for western Kentucky on the lower reaches of the Cumberland River accompanied by his youngest daughter, Ann L. (Nancy), and her husband, James G. Heard. They appear to have tarried a year or more en route in Robertson County, Tennessee. They were domiciled in Livingston County, Kentucky, December 27, 1806, when George Darden made a power-of-attorney to his son, Richard Darden, of Elbert County, Georgia. No land-title records relating to George Darden have been found in Livingston County, but the following records are found for a county court held there the 7th of April 1806:

George Darden is exonerated from paying Tax on one Tithable.
George Darden ear mark a Crop and upper Keal in each ear.

At a county court on June 22, 1807 (Minute Book, 1807-1810): "A writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of George Darden, Dec'd, was presented in Court and proven by the Oath of Robert T. Hughes, a subscribing witness thereunto, and Ordered to lay for further proof."

It is evident from the record that George Darden died between December 27, 1806, and June 22, 1807. This is all that could be found relating to the death of George Darden. The record above, April 7, 1806, shows that George Darden (1A2) was then in Livingston County, Kentucky, but the power-of-attorney on December 27, 1806, to his son was executed in Robertson County, Tennessee. It is recorded in Deed Book K, 63, in Elbert County, Georgia. It was attested by two Justices of the Peace and certified by Thomas Johnson, Clerk of Robertson County, Tennessee. It recited: "I appoint my son, Richard Darden, as my true and Lawful Attorney,... and empower him to collect any and all debts due me by Robert Tucker and others in Elbert county, Georgia. That is the last known document recorded in Georgia made by George Darden, Senr.

Explanatory note: About 1794 several interrelated Carr and Darden families migrated from Southampton Co., Va., to Robertson Co., Tenn., some of whom were probably related to George Darden, Senr., of Ga. Also, Joseph Washington (a descendant of Richard Washington of Surry Co., Va.), who settled in Robertson Co., was related to the Burch-Lanier-Washington antecedents of Martha (Burch) Darden, then lately deceased wife of George Darden, Senr., of Ga. George Darden was mentioned as a distiller in the deed by John Heard and wife to George Darden of Elbert Co., Ga., dated April 27, 1795 (Book D, 49, Elbert Co.). By 1800 and later, Robertson Co., Tenn., had become widely known as a large distilling center. George Darden, a distiller in Ga. probably visited relatives and friends in Robertson Co. and at the same time informed himself of improvements in liquor
distillation. Thus it was that in 1805 he tarried in Robertson Co. on his way to new lands that were opened at about that time for settlement in western Ky., on the lower Cumberland River near its junction with the Ohio. All these circumstances account for George Darden's domicile in Livingston Co., Ky., and the power-of-attorney made to his son, Richard Darden, indicated that he did not propose to return to Ga. but was planning a new home in Ky. when death thwarted his intentions.

George Dearden (1A2) and Martha Burch were married in April 1759 in Brunswick County, Virginia, as appears from a marriage bond signed by George Dearden and William Thornton dated April 25, 1759, originally filed in marriage license records of Brunswick County at Lawrenceville, Virginia, but removed in 1950 to the Archives Department of Virginia State Library at Richmond, Virginia.

Martha Burch, born in 1743, was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lanier) Burch, and after her father's death in 1753 she was the ward of her grandfather, Richard Burch. She was about 16 years of age when married and it was necessary to secure the consent of her guardian before a license could be issued. Richard Burch gave his consent as guardian in writing on a small paper of which fragments, found in the Clerk's office, seem to read as follows:

To the . . . Clerk of Brunswick Cirt. . . . 1759. Bearer George Dearden Desires . . . Marriage License with Martha Burch which . . . agreed to as Guardian.

Teste:
Richard Burch, Jr.
Martha Burch.

The antecedent family history of Martha Burch, as much as is known of it, is given in the Burch Ancestry (see Maternal Line 3 of PART THREE). As there shown, he personal identity and relationships of Martha (Burch) Darden, wife of George Darden, Senr., of Georgia, were closely associated with a series of recorded incidents which definitely prove that she was identical with Martha Burch, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lanier) Burch, and the granddaughter of Richard Burch who in 1714 migrated to Petersburg, Virginia.

No record has been found after extended search that will definitely fix the time and place of death and burial of Martha (Burch) Darden in Elbert County, Georgia. Date of her birth (1743) is approximately correct, but date of her demise may have been any time from 1800 to 1803. Much thought has been expended on the implications of the data. It is believed that the death of George Darden's wife occurred in the early part of 1803 and may have prompted him to make a partial distribution of the community estate among his younger children; therefore, 1803 appears to be the most probable date of Martha (Burch) Darden's death. Place of her burial is even more uncertain, but "Heardmont Cemetery" appears to be the most logical inference, based upon the following data.

Date of death of Martha (Burch) Darden was definitely after November 24, 1798, when she signed a deed with her husband that conveyed homestead lands to John Darden, their son, and relinquished her right of dower therein (Book E, 128, Elbert Co.). On October 8, 1801, George Darden conveyed other lands, possibly part of his homestead, to Thomas Chambers of Lunenburg County, Virginia, without his wife's signature (Deed Book G, 147, Elbert Co.); but if the land was not homestead, the wife's signature was not required.

Many persons of that day who lived on farms buried their dead on their own land. Several deeds relating to land owned by George Darden mention a large poplar tree with a boundary mark thereon at a "remarkable place", called the "red hill", which was located near a small stream that flowed into Beaverdam Creek. That farm was situated about 2 or 3 miles southeast of Heardmont, Georgia. Heardmont railroad station is located on the Stephen Heard old plantation in Elbert County, Georgia. The Heardmont Cemetery is on a low hill about a quarter of a mile north of the station, which is on the Seaboard Railway. Stephen Heard owned the land, several hundred acres, on which the cemetery and station were built. He married Elizabeth Darden, daughter of George and Martha (Burch) Darden. Stephen Heard and his wife were buried in the old cemetery and so probably were other related members of the Heard and Darden families. It is the logical site of Martha (Burch) Darden's grave.

The cemetery is bounded by a low stone wall about 3 feet high, which encloses about an acre of land and has probably 60 to 75 burials therein. Some graves are marked; most of them have rounded natural boulders for markers; and not more
than a dozen graves have lettered markers. The graves of Stephen Heard and Elizabeth (Darden) Heard were thus identified.

No Bible or family records have been found relating to the George Dearden-Darden family of Brunswick County, Virginia, later in Wilkes County, Georgia. A few dates have been gleaned from widely separated sources. Date of birth of Martha B. (''Patsy'') Darden was found in an old Bible of Thomas L. Darden's family in Jefferson County, Mississippi, and was supplied by Charles F. Darden of Beaumont, Texas. Data of David and Buckner Darden came from tombstones in Jefferson County, Mississippi. Other data are derived from land-title records in various counties and have been procured by painstaking searches from Virginia to Georgia and Mississippi. Descendants have been arranged in what appears to have been their normal chronological order after considerable study and several trials based on sparse data. (''Although it cannot be exact in details, the following arrangement is believed to be nearly correct.'') N.J.D.

Darden Primary Lineage: Third Generation

Children of George Darden (1A2) and Martha (Burch) Darden

1A3 George Darden, III, b. Jan. 21, 1762 (Bible) or 1763 (Pension Record), in Brunswick Co., Va.; d. May 20, 1844, in Ala. See Generation III.

2A3 John Darden, b. ca. 1764 in Va.; m. 1796 Elizabeth Harper; d. March 1811 at or near Greensboro, Ga., en route with his family to new lands in Jasper Co., Ga. Detailed information in Branch B, PART TWO.


4A3 Mary (Jane?) (''Polly'') Darden, b. ca. 1768 in Va.; d. after 1827 in Ga. Married, 1st, John Williams; m., 2d, George Wynn. Issue; see below.

5A3 Samuel Darden, b. 1767-69, probably in Va. He witnessed 2 deeds in Wilkes Co.—one dated May 13, 1789, John Darden to Wm. Yearnest; the other dated Aug. 27, 1790. No other information of him. Neither he nor his heirs, if any, were represented when the estate of his brother, Richard, was distributed about 1827.

6A3 David Darden, b. 1770 in Va.; d. Feb. 8, 1820, aged 50 years, in Jefferson Co., Miss. Married and left surviving issue; see Branch C, PART TWO.

7A3 Buckner Darden, b. 1772; d. June 30, 1830, in Jefferson Co., Miss. Married Maria Harper and left surviving issue in Jefferson Co.; see Branch D, PART TWO.

8A3 James Darden, b. ca. 1774; d. ca. 1801 in Wilkes Co., Ga. Married Susan- nah Heard and left 5 surviving ch.; see Branch E, PART TWO.

9A3 Richard Darden, b. ca. 1777 in Ga.; d. unmm. Oct. 19, 1822, in Jefferson Co. His estate valued at $15,000 was distributed among his surviving brothers and sisters. See below.

10A3 Washington Darden, b. 1781 in Ga.; d. March 15, 1830, in Madison Co., Miss. Married Ann Sharkey in Miss. Issue; see Branch F, PART TWO.

11A3 Martha B. (''Patsy'') Darden, b. Oct. 22, 1784; d. ca. 1860 in Bowie Co., Texas. Married Hardin D. Runnels in Miss. and lived in Madison Co. until his death in 1859. Issue: 4 sons; see below.


Elizabeth (''Betsy'') (Darden) Heard (3A3)

Elizabeth (''Betsy'') Darden (3A3) was born in October 1765 or 1766 in Halifax County, Virginia. She died June 5, 1848 (tombstone), at 'Heardmont', the family home in Elbert County, Georgia, and was buried in the family cemetery on the Stephen Heard estate. She married August 25, 1785, Stephen Heard as his second wife. (Information on this branch has been collected by Mrs. Annie McIntosh Wali of Augusta, Ga., dau. of Col. Wm. M. McIntosh and Maria Louisa Allen, and granddau. of Singleton Walthall Allen and Jane Lanier Heard.)
Heard Family: Fourth (Darden) Generation

Children of Stephen Heard and Elizabeth ("Betsy") (Darden) Heard (3A3)

1 Barnard Carroll Heard, b. March 12, 1787; m. Polly Hutson.
2 Martha Burch Heard, b. Oct. 10, 1789; m. ca1805 Bartlett Tucker.
3 George Washington Heard, b. June 17, 1791; m. 1815 Sarah Carter.
4 John Adams Heard, b. March 17, 1793; d. 1838, unm.
5 Bridget Carroll Heard, b. June 17, 1795; m., 1st, Simeon Henderson; 2d, Elbert H. Thompson.
6 Jane Lanier Heard, b. March 23, 1797; m. Singleton Walthall Allen.
7 Parmelia Darden Heard, b. Feb. 23, 1799; d. 1816 or 1817.
8 Thomas Jefferson Heard, b. Aug. 21, 1801; m., 1st, Nancy Middleton; 2d, --- Arnold.
9 Sarah Hammond Heard, b. Dec. 24, 1804; m. 1825 Jas. D. Jarrett.

(All the above ch. were b. in Elbert Co., Ga. See p. 412 and 443 of History of Elbert Co., Ga., by John H. McIntosh.)

Stephen Heard, eldest son of John Heard, Jr., of Ireland and Virginia, and his wife Bridget Carroll, was born about 1741 in Hanover County, Virginia. His paternal grandparents were John Heard and Margaret McDonald of Tyrone, Ireland. He, with several of his brothers and their parents, migrated to Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1773 or earlier and built Fort Heard at or near the present site of Washington, Georgia. The Fort was planned as a defense for settlers against the Indians. Stephen Heard married, 1st, Jane Germany by whom he had no children, but they adopted her niece, Jane Germany. In the Revolution Stephen Heard served in the Battle of Kettle Creek, February 14, 1779, became a colonel during the memorable siege of Augusta (1779-1781), and was made President of the Executive Council domiciled at Fort Heard. He was de facto Governor of Georgia from January 7, 1781, to August 15, 1781. In civilian life he was foreman of the first grand jury ever convened in Wilkes County, August 25, 1779; and after the war he became Chief Justice of the Georgia Inferior Court and Trustee of the Academy at Washington, Georgia. Heard County was named for him. After the death of his brother, Barney Heard, Stephen reared his brother's children as his own. He died November 15, 1815, at Heardmont in Elbert County, beloved and respected by all who knew him.

Mary (Jane?) ("Polly") (Darden) Williams-Wynn (4A3)

Mary (Jane?) ("Polly") Darden (4A3) was born about 1768, probably in Virginia. little is definitely known of her marital relationships. It is reported she married twice: 1st, John Williams who died and left 1 child; 2d, George Wynn by whom she had several children, one of whom was John Wynn of Washington, Georgia, and another was Samuel Wynn. Mrs. Annie M. Wall of Augusta, Georgia, granddaughter of Elizabeth Darden (3A3), states that Aunt Polly's birth date was January 6, 1779, "a month before the Battle of Kettle Creek"; and that she married, 1st, John Williams. It has also been reported that she married, 1st, John Wilkinson.

(The Compiler considered that the only known record relating to her was that of release signed by Stephen Heard, wherein he conveys "all my right title claim and demand to two negroes left by Mr. John Wilkinson, Sr., deceased, to be divided between my wife and her sister." This record was dated Nov. 25, 1789, and recorded in Deed Book EE, 157, Wilkes Co., Ga. However, the Editor finds no indication of which sister of Mrs. Elizabeth (Darden) Heard was involved. Were another dau. of George Darden who was named Jane, born ca1766, married ---- Wilkinson and had no heirs in 1822-27 when the estate of Richard Darden (9A3) was settled?)

Richard Darden (9A3)

Richard Darden (9A3) was born ca1777 in Georgia; died October 19, 1822, in Jefferson County, Mississippi. He was unmarried and died intestate—left an estate chiefly of lands and slaves valued at approximately $15,000, which was distributed about 1827 among his surviving brothers and sisters as next of kin. Each took his or her share of the estate but did not trouble even to mark his grave,
which is probably in Old Salem Church Cemetery.

In seeking connecting links for the various Darden branches many fruitless searches were made by the Compiler in Virginia and in Georgia, also some in Tennessee, Alabama, and Texas, before finding clues that led to Jefferson County, Mississippi, and the probate records relating to the Richard Darden estate at Fayette. Those records clarified Darden relationships for hundreds of descendants widely separated in many states. It is the most important genealogical evidence affecting Dearden-Darden families descended from George Dearden (1A1). Richard Darden (9A3), by dying unmarried, with property and intestate, rendered the Dearden-Darden clan its greatest genealogical and historical service. He deserved a better fate than to lie in an unmarked grave.

Probate records pertaining to the distribution of Richard Darden's estate prove that all distributees of that estate were of a common origin by descent from George Darden (1A2) and Martha (Burch) Darden of Brunswick County, Virginia, and Wilkes County, Georgia. Every recipient of a legacy had to make proof of his or her personal relationship to the decedent in order to share in his estate. Ten persons received pro-rata parts of the estate, not including Samuel Darden (5A3) who may have died early. With the decedent Richard Darden (9A3), these make up the complement of 12 children comprising the George Darden family in Georgia as set forth in the foregoing family chart. Vouchers, properly attested, were signed by every beneficiary or legal representative who received part of the estate, and were filed with the Clerk of Probate Court in Jefferson County, Mississippi. The names of the distributees are as follows:

1A3 George Darden of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Receipt signed for 1 slave.
3A3 Elizabeth (Darden) Heard (widow); signed by Thomas J. Heard, agent.
4A3 Mary (Darden) Wynn, George Wynn her husband; signed by Thomas J. Heard, agent, for George Wynn, of Ga.
5A3 David Darden; signed by Elizabeth Darden (widow), guardian for the minor heirs of David Darden, decd., in Jefferson Co., Miss.
6A3 Buckner Darden; signed for himself, Jefferson Co., Miss.
9A3 Martha (Darden) Runnels; by Hardin D. Runnels, for his wife.
10A3 Ann L. (Darden) Heard-Baldwin; signed by Hiram Baldwin for his wife.

Martha B. ("Patsy") (Darden) Runnels (11A3)

Martha B. ("Patsy") Darden (11A3) was born October 22, 1784 (Thos. L. Darden Bible). After the family broke up in Elbert County, she resided 2 or 3 years in Georgia and then migrated to Jefferson County, Mississippi. She purchased a negro girl named Aggy from her father on October 11, 1803, and both were of Elbert County, Georgia, at that time. She is listed in the 1808 Jefferson County census in Mississippi. She married Hardin D. Runnels, probably in Jefferson County, Mississippi, a brother of Hiram G. Runnels, Governor of Mississippi in 1836. To this couple 4 sons were born: (1) Edmond S. Runnels; (2) Hiram A. Runnels; (3) Hardin Richard Runnels, called "Dick", who was Governor of Texas, 1857-1859, and a Member of the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1866; and (4) Howell W. Runnels. All were born in Mississippi. Their father, Hardin D. Runnels, died in 1839 in Madison County, Mississippi. About 1842 his widow migrated with her 4 sons to Bowie County, Texas. She spent the remainder of her life in Texas, dying there in 1860 (as reported by "Edmond Jo" Darden of Llano, Texas, about 1902).

Ann Lanier ("Nancy") Darden (12A3)

Ann Lanier ("Nancy") Darden (12A3) was born in Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1789; died June 2, 1844, aged 55 years (tombstone data). She married, 1st, James G. Heard about 1805 in Elbert County, Georgia. Soon afterward she, with her husband accompanied her father to Livingston County, Kentucky, where her son, James G. Heard, was born in 1807. After the death of her father, George Darden, the Heard family migrated to Mississippi and joined others of the family in Jefferson County.
In 1808, Mr. Heard died there in 1811 and left an estate consisting chiefly of 8 slaves who were later delivered by the court to the son, James G. Heard. The son, James G. Heard, died in Hill County, Texas, in 1898. No issue.

The Widow Heard married, 2d, Hiram Baldwin, a lawyer of Jefferson County, probably in 1813, and lived there until her death. No issue resulted of the second marriage. Hiram Baldwin was a wealthy planter, born February 24, 1781, and died September 15, 1851, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is supposed to have been buried beside his wife in the local Fayette Cemetery, but there is some doubt as to that.

Presumably George Darden financed the young couple, his daughter Ann Lanier ("Nancy") and her husband James G. Heard, from Elbert County, Georgia, to Livingston County, Kentucky, and maintained them during the years 1805 and 1806. Also it seems evident that in his will he made them sole beneficiaries of his estate, which included all his personal property, such as cattle, hogs, and all other owned by him in Kentucky. Record of the will, however, could not be found (1940) in Livingston County. George Darden died late in May or early in June 1807, and James G. Heard offered the will for probate signed by only one witness, thereby complying only in part with necessary legal requirements in such cases. (See preceding brief references to court records relating to George Darden in Livingston Co., Ky.)

Mr. Heard and his wife seem to have inherited the slaves, cattle, and other property owned by the decedent in Kentucky, but no entries in the probate records were found in relation thereto. The Heards left Kentucky soon after having finished crop tillage for that year. They made sale of all livestock on the farm, and they sold a negro girl slave for $315, probably to finance their journey to Fayette in Jefferson County, Mississippi.

Bill-of-sale dated Feb. 12, 1808: "James G. Heard of Livingston County, Kentucky, unto Robert F. Hughes, for the sum of $315 in hand paid, Conveys to said Robert F. Hughes one negro girl named Hannah, aged about sixteen years, and now in possession of Mariba Gist." Signed: "Jas. G. Heard (Seal)" (Book B, 25, Livingston Co.)
George Darden (1A3), son of George Darden (1A2) and Martha (Burch) Darden, was born January 21, 1762. The year of birth is stated in several documents as 1763. Mr. Newton J. Darden thought this illogical and probably incorrect, and he considered that all available data and materially related facts indicate that George did not actually know which year date was correct and adopted the year 1763. His parents were married in April of 1759 (marriage license), and there is no record or suggestion of any child born to them prior to this son and oldest known child, George Darden. His mother, Martha Burch, was about 16 years of age when she married. The earliest available written evidence of George Darden's age is his own entry in his wife's Bible, evidently given to her as a wedding present July 30, 1783.

The title page of the old Bible bears the record "George Darden, Junior, was born January the 21st, 176(2?)". The figure "2" of the year is blotted with an ink drop. On another page, part of the birth date is discernible but with very indistinct figures for the 1763. Also, 1763 is the date stated in George Darden's pension record dated in 1832.

Editor's note: Newton J. Darden seems to have been convinced that George Darden, III, was born in 1762 and was the eldest child. For some reason not evident he cites in this connection a deed dated Aug. 7, 1795, by Fitz M. Hunt, attorney for Henry Hunt, to George Darden of Elbert Co. for 400 acres of land on Beaverdam Creek, near lands then owned by George Darden, Senior. (Book C, 109, 1796, Elbert Co., Ga.) Mr. Darden also cites a deed dated Jan. 26, 1799, from George Darden, Senior, to George Darden, Junior, for 400 acres on Brushy Creek in Oglethorpe Co. "in consideration of the love and goodwill he hath for his son" (Deeds H, 297, Oglethorpe Co.). Apparently Newton J. Darden considered that the father would probably write such a deed to an eldest son. In the Editor's opinion, George Darden, III, was not necessarily the first-born child in family A3 of George Deardin, II, and Martha (Burch) Beardin, although he may have been the eldest, or the eldest living, son in 1799.

George Darden, III, styled Junior in some military and Georgia land-title records, came with his parents from Halifax County, Virginia, to Georgia in 1772, probably when he was about 10 years of age. He grew to manhood in Wilkes County, Georgia, a frontier community at that time. He was living there during the trying Revolutionary War period, and enlisted in militia service February 28, 1779, to serve 15 or 20 days under Captain Cunningham and Colonel John Dooly in Georgia. On April 1, 1779, he reenlisted and served 4 months under Captain John Cowan and Colonel Andrew Pickens in South Carolina. He again enlisted on September 1, 1779, under Captain John Cowan and Colonel Andrew Pickens in South Carolina and served until December 25, 1779.

He was in the Stone Ferry Battle and the Siege of Savannah. His residence at the first enlistment was in Wilkes County, Georgia, and for the second and third enlistments, at Long Cane, South Carolina. His application for a pension was allowed and paid at the Alabama agency (Department of Interior records at Washington, D.C., Natl. Archives, Survivor File 16,757).

Smith's Story of Georgia and the Georgia People gives on pages 131 and 133 the historical facts, and on page 616 of the appendix states that George Darden, Junior, was a "Soldier of Line"; on page 572 thereof he is reported to have received a Georgia land grant in payment for military service rendered in the Revolutionary War. Also, there is an official transcribed copy of a certificate of military service, as follows:

Certificate of Military Service  
State of Georgia, Wilkes County  

This is to Certify that George Darden, Junior, hath done his duty as refugee and good soldier under my Command and cannot to my knowledge or belief be convicted of plundering or distressing the country, and is therefore entitled to Two hundred and Eighty seven acres of good land, clear of tax for ten years, agreeable to an Act & Resolve of the
General Assembly passed at Augusta 19th of August 1781.
Given under my hand at Washington, the 20th April 1784.

By his Order
Benj. Catching

E. Clark, Colonel.

The land grant, issued by the State of Georgia to George Darden, Junior, for 287½ acres of land, situate, lying and being in the county of Washington in said state, was signed by his Honor, the Governor, in Council, the 5th day of October, 1785, S. Elbert, and registered the 6th day of October 1785. (From the Register of Grants signed by Philip Cook in the Office of Secretary of State, Book III, 16, Atlanta, Ga. Certified copy, May 10, 1904.)

Concerning the peculiar phrasing of the certificate, "hath done his duty as refugee and good soldier under my Command and cannot to my knowledge or belief be convicted of plundering or distressing the country," it must be remembered that the South Carolina and Georgia patriots were all farmers more or less widely separated; hence, they organized small groups to defend themselves, with some place of rendezvous to which they could report. If in a skirmish they were hard pressed and outnumbered, they scattered and later were obligated to "refugee" at some prearranged meeting place. Hence arose the expression, "hath done his duty as refugee and good soldier."

Soon after the Revolutionary War, George Darden, Junior, married and presumably settled on a farm of 200 acres of land in Wilkes County, Georgia. Survey records describe the land as located on the waters of Long Creek; the warrant therefor is dated October 12, 1784, and it was executed by survey of October 20, 1784. The land is bounded on the southwest by lands of John Darden (?brother, b. cal764), on the northeast by lands of Littleberry Bostock, and on the other sides by vacant lands. A plat thereof is recorded in Book B, page 9, of Land Grants, Wilkes County, Georgia.

Evidently, he lived on this land until it was sold by him and wife Elizabeth to Richard Lovington by deed dated December 25, 1792, for E40 Sterling (Deeds KK, 325, Wilkes Co.) Said deed recites the survey was made for George Darden and was granted by his Honor, Samuel Elbert, February 16, 1785 (recorded in Book GGG, 25, Office of Secretary of State). The deed recites the same metes and bounds as those of the original survey. It was signed by his wife, Elizabeth Darden (her mark X), and proved December 26, 1792, before George Swain, a Justice of the Peace (Deeds KK, 235, Wilkes Co., Oct. 30, 1795).

There are several deeds of record in Elbert and Wilkes Counties with name "George Darden" appended thereto that are not differentiated in the records as either Senior or Junior. One dated August 7, 1793, made by Fitz M. Hunt, attorney for Henry Hunt, to George Darden of Elbert County, probably relates to George Darden, Junior, as the probable purchaser. Said deed recites that the domicile of the grantor is Columbia County in the state of Georgia. It conveys 450 acres of land on Beaverdam Creek near lands then owned by George Darden, Senior. The deed was not registered until April 18, 1796 (Book C, 109, Elbert Co.).

No other George Darden deed in Elbert County so evidently relates to George Darden, Junior, and apparently it can refer to no other person of that name at that time. Elbert County was set up from territory in the domain of Wilkes in 1790, and George Darden, Junior, must have been the purchaser of said land. He resided there several years, apparently, until the foregoing deed was executed, and then moved to Wilkes County, Georgia. Blair's Tax Digests of Georgia, page 310, shows that a George Darden lived on Kettle Creek in Captain Thomas Grisham's District in Wilkes County in 1794.

George Darden, Senior, executed to his eldest son a deed dated January 26, 1799, "in consideration of the love and goodwill he hath for his son," for 400 acres of land on the waters of Brushy Creek in Oglethorpe. The land is described as bounded on the southwest by lands of William Morgan, on the southeast by F. Sims, and by vacant land on all other sides. It was originally granted to George Darden, Senior, in the year 1788. The witnesses were D. Darden and William Allen, J.P.; recorded January 6, 1801 (Volume RR, 521, Wilkes Co.).

The land which George Darden, Junior, received in payment of Revolutionary War service, 287½ acres in Washington County, Georgia, was sold to William Phillips of said County for Ten Pounds Sterling. The deed is dated February 6, 1786 (Book I, 358, Green Co., Ga.). Martha Darden, possibly his mother, signed as one of 3
subscribing witnesses. It is known that his mother signed some items of record.

Although George Darden, Junior, traded in Georgia and Alabama lands, there is no record that he ever traded horses. By deed dated September 28, 1811, he sold to John Dean of Clark County, Georgia, 290 acres of land in Wilkes County in consideration of the payment of $500 cash. Description states that it lay on the headwaters of Shoal Creek in Clark County, and was granted to George Darden, Junior, by his Excellency, James Jackson, Governor of the State of Georgia, July 2, in the 24th year of American Independence (Clark Co. records).

The above-mentioned deeds refer to most, if not all, of George Darden's land holdings in Georgia before he migrated to Alabama with his family. The actual date of removal is uncertain—it may have been before 1820 but was probably during the 1820's. The area known as Alabama was Indian country claimed by Georgia. It was occupied by several Indian tribes who had many white "squatters" living among them by virtue of certain concessions granted to them by the Indians, and the latter raided or killed all others who came into their hunting grounds. In 1811-1812 they conducted a big Indian war against white settlers of the United States until General Jackson broke up and nearly destroyed their tribal organization. However, they were a constant menace to settlers in that area until the United States Government destroyed their army and extinguished their claim to the lands. Remnants of those tribes were moved west of the Mississippi River in 1836. The Government had the lands surveyed, which required several years, before settlers could acquire title to lands from the Government.

Alabama was organized as a Territory in 1817 by Act of Congress; it was admitted as a State in 1819; and Tuscaloosa Town became the first Capitol. Tuscaloosa County records began about 1830, but George Darden, III, must have been a settler there by or before the end of the 1820's. All original grants (patents) would have been recorded in the United States Land Office of the Department of Interior. Apparently only a few Tuscaloosa land records antedate 1830. The following is a list of land transfers to and from George Darden before 1840:

**Sale of Lands by George Darden, 1830-1840**

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**Purchase of Lands by George Darden, 1830-1840**

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There are 15 cases in which George Darden appears as plaintiff in the Alabama Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County during the years 1830 to March 1839. All were for indebtedness to him on notes for money loaned in sums that ranged from $25 to about $500, wherein judgment of the court was rendered in favor of the plaintiff. They have no particular historic value, but show the extent of his operations. Like the list of notes on hand as assets of his estate when he died, they show that he loaned money to relatives and neighbors. However, there is one case wherein William Bounds was plaintiff against George Darden and Solomon Stewart, defendants, in a land-title controversy which was decided against him.

When Lemuel Darden, his son, died about 1826-27 and left his wife with several small children and a small estate, the father and his son, Burch Darden, administered on the estate and the father provided most of the funds to educate the children and maintain the family. The widow later married Ralph Camel about 1829 and there was issue (1 child). This situation led to the institution of legal action as follows:

George & Burch Darden, Plts.  
Admr's and Guardians of- &c.  
Against  
Ralph Camel, . . . Deft.  

This cause coming on to be heard on the Bill, Answer, Exhibits, & Proofs . . . Seems
to the Court that the Deft. is not entitled to any portion of the distributive share, to which his wife would have been entitled, had she have lived, of the Estate of her former husband, Lemuel Darden, Dec'd, & that his wife was free from debts incurred previous to her intermarriage with him... that she died before the final settlement of Lemuel Darden's estate or her portion was subject to her control.... Ordered that the injunction heretofore granted be perpetuated without prejudice to the claim of the infant child of said defendant by his wife begotten, to a portion of the distributive share of her mother.... Ordered that the defendant pay the Costs of this suit. (Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, Vol. 3, 112 and 113, Tuscaloosa Co. records, Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

The death of George Darden (1A3) is reported to have occurred May 30, 1844. He was buried in ground set apart on his farm for use as a family cemetery. It is about 5 miles southeast of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and later became known as the George Darden Family Cemetery. After his death, the landed property of his estate was purchased by Tuscaloosa County to be used for an indigent home generally called the "poor farm", but in 1940 it was no longer used for that purpose; the cemetery was surrounded by cultivated land and about 400 yards from an old house on the premises.

George Darden's will is dated August 8, 1843. It was probated by his son, Burch Darden, and filed June 8, 1844, in the probate and orphan's division of the county court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Burch Darden, named in the will as executor, at once qualified and filed a bond for $22,000, with John H. Parker and Simeon Darden as sureties.

Requests in Will
1st. I bequeath to Rebecca Slaton $500 to be paid her in money.
2nd. I also bequeath unto the heirs of Lemuel Darden (dec'd.) $400 to be equally divided among them (names not mentioned).
3rd. I also bequeath unto the heirs of Margaret Bowen (dec'd.) $500 to be equally divided among them (names not mentioned).
4th. And I now dispose of the land on which son Joseph P. Darden now resides. I do value the said land at $5 per acre, and all over and above his part of the estate to be paid over to the estate at my death.
5th. And I bequeath the balance of my estate to all of my dear children, not mentioned in this my last will and testament. An equal part, each one to share and share alike after my estate is settled up and the others paid their part out in money.

A court order designated John H. Parker, John A. Brown, and E.H.B. Liverman as appraisers of the personal estate of George Darden, deceased. They were directed to appraise all personal property and make return thereof to the court within 3 months. Their return was dated June 14, 1844. The total evaluation of all personal property of the estate was $4698.50. The inventory and appraisement were signed and sworn to by all 3 appraisers on June 14, 1844. On June 3, 1845, it was signed and sworn to by Burch Darden as executor.

A summary of property sold July 18, 1844, was made by groups but not totaled: Live stock, $182.87; household furniture, farm implements, supplies, etc., $213.22; negro slaves, $4,553; carriage and wagon, $230.37; feed, $34.13; land in Jefferson Co., $23. Total, $5,036.59. (From Inventory Book, Orphan's Court, 7, 443-5.)

The inventory of notes and cash on hand at the time of administering is recorded as: notes of sundry persons (all due Dec. 25, 1844), $3,060.14; cash on hand (silver), $3,118.75; gold, $130; Ala. paper, $429. Total, $6,737.89.

Summary of Assets
Appraised value of all personal property, itemized .................. $ 4,698.50
Value of notes and cash on hand ........................................ 6,737.00
Total assets ............................................................... $11,435.50
(No clue: supposed gross value of lands) ................................ 1,600.00
Grand total of assets ................................................... $13,035.50
Each legatee's part = $1,457; 7 X $1,451 (note discrepancy in figures) .................................................. 1,400.00
Amount added (source or origin not stated) .......................... 1,557.00
Expenses ........................................................................ 140.00
To be divided ................................................................ $11,417.00
Receipts from Distributees to Burch Darden, Executor

Tuscaloosa, April 12, 1847. This is to Certify to the Court that I have no charges to make or accounts to settle as Guardian for my Minor children, Cornelia Ann & Celina Darden. S. H. Darden.

July 19, 1844, Henry B. Lawless, for amount of $500 appropriated to use of Margaret Bowen's heirs $ 62.00

July 20, 1844, James L. Darden, for full share of all the effects now in my hands 1,453.57

July 20, 1844, David Walser, for his full share of all the effects in hand up to day and date 1,453.57

July 20, 1844, Stephen Miller, for his full share of all the effects in hand up to day and date 1,453.57

July 20, 1844, David Darden, for his full share of all the effects in hand to day and date 1,453.57

July 20, 1844, Simeon Darden, for his full share of all the effects in hand to day and date 1,453.57

July 23, 1844, A. N. Thompson, in right of his wife (one of the heirs of Lemuel Darden) willed to her by George Darden 100.00

Aug. 7, 1844, Obadiah Slayton, for the portion of money left by George Darden to Rebecah Slayton 500.00

Aug. 8, 1844, Seth Bowen, for the portion of money left by George Darden to the heirs of Margaret Bowen 440.00

 Sept. 8, 1845, J. P. Darden, for my full share of all the effects of estate of George Darden in hand to day and date 1,347.25

(Not totaled in the report) $9,717.10

(See court papers filed in Box D.70-355, George Darden, Tuscaloosa Co. Probate Records, Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

The item over the name of S. H. Darden, filed among the receipts for legacies paid to heirs of George Darden, deceased, requires explanation. The initials indicate Sampson Harris Darden, son of Burch Darden who was executor of George Darden's estate. Sampson Harris Darden was not an heir of George Darden, deceased, but his father, Burch Darden, the executor of the estate, was entitled legally to one full share of the estate proceeds; also, as executor, his expenses and fees were to be allowed by the court out of proceeds of the estate.

The reason for that apparently gratuitous statement is not evident. Samuel Darden, brother of Burch Darden, executor, was a legal heir of the estate. He never had lived in Ala., but was living in Meriwether Co., Ga., and therefore was unknown in Tuscaloosa Co. His name, Samuel, carried no second initial. It is not mentioned in Tuscaloosa probate court proceedings in connection with George Darden's estate, nor in the list of legatees who received portions of said estate. Moreover, he had no child or children of any name that might fit the names of 2 children named in the above-mentioned statement. The following excerpts from court orders of Tuscaloosa Co. are offered for possible interest in connection with the settlement of this estate and the above-mentioned item by S. H. Darden:

1845, Jan. 8, p. 188. Special term, Orphans Court: It is Ordered by the Court that Sampson H. Darden be, and he is hereby appointed Guardian for Selina and Cornelia Darden; Bond for $335, with Reese C. Parker and John H. Parker, Sursties. Sampson H. Darden qualified in the sum of $336, as the Guardian for Selina Darden and Cornelia Darden infants under the age of 21 years, children of said Sampson H. Darden, to receive a bequest to them made by "Aunt Fanny Thompson" in her will.

1846, Oct. 12, p. 28. Regular term: Citation to Sampson H. Darden to appear and submit his accounts in the Guardianship of Selena and Cornelia Darden, for examination, etc.

George Darden (1A3) and Elizabeth Strozier, or Strowshour, were married July 30, 1783, in Wilkes County, Georgia. This record was inscribed in his wife's New Testament (printed in London, 1756), evidently a gift from her parents on her wedding day. Circumstances indicate that it was written in her book by the bridegroom, George Darden. In the same book are other chronological facts written by the same person and dated July 30, 1783, when George Darden was about 21 years of age. The bride's parents were Peter Strozier and Margreta, or Margaret, Dozier (?), as set forth by descendants of the family in Georgia. See Maternal Line 4 of PART THREE.
Darden Primary Lineage: Fourth Generation
Children of George Darden (1A3) and Elizabeth (Strozier) Darden

1A4 Rebecah ("Rebecca") Darden, b. April 17, 1786, Wilkes Co., Ga.; d. Sept. 26, 1852, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. Married Obadiah Sleyton (or Slaton), Wilkes Co. Children: (1) James Sleyton, (2) Jackson Sleyton, (3) Obadiah Sleyton, (4) Agnes Sleyton (m. Greenwood Durrett), (5) Elizabeth Sleyton (m. William Belcher), and (7) Mary SLEYTON.


3A4 Elizabeth ("Betsy") Darden, b. Dec. 3, 1788, d. 1848. Married 1812 David Walzer (1784-1845) in Ga.; moved to Ala. cal 1826. Children: (1) George Walzer, (2) Samuel Walzer, (3) Elizabeth (or Martha) Walzer (m. 1838 John Robertson), (4) Mary Walzer (m. ------ Jones), and (5) Caroline WALZER (m. ------ Jones). (See D.A.R. Lineages 164, p. 164, 165, 244, for one line of Robertson descendants.)

4A4 Lemuel Darden, b. Nov. 17, 1790, in Wilkes Co. Moved to Tuscaloosa Co. and d. there ca April 1826. Left surviving issue. See Branch H, PART TWO.


6A4 Samuel Darden, b. May 16, 1795; d. June 30, 1872, in Meriwether Co. Buried in family cemetery on "Wood plantation" adjoining his old farm 5 miles southeast of Greenville, Ga. Issue; see below.


8A4 Margaret ("Peggy") Darden, b. June 4, 1800; d. cal 1845; m. Sept. 27, 1819, Seth Bowen (first book, 1806-1834, 153, Wilkes Co., Ga.) and left surviving issue in Tuscaloosa Co.

9A4 David Darden, b. March 27, 1803; d. June 18, 1879, in Tuscaloosa Co. Left surviving issue at or near Northport, Ala. See Branch I, PART TWO.

10A4 Simeon Darden, b. May 3, 1804; d. Nov. 1, 1881, in Union Co., Miss. For detailed information, see Generation IV.

11A4 Joseph Peter Darden, b. June 5, 1806, in Ga.; m. Charlotte Andrews of Tuscaloosa Co. and moved to Monroe Co., Miss., then to Ark. and on to Texas cal 1860. Children: (1) Stacy Darden (dau.), (2) Elizabeth Darden (m. in Ala.), and (3) Jerome Darden.

12A4 James Lanier Darden, b. June 13, 1809, in Ala. Died in Chickasaw Co., Miss., 1876. Descendants lived in or near Okolona, Miss., and at Spartanburg, S.C. See Branch J, PART TWO.

All of the above-named children of George Darden (1A3) were born in Wilkes Co., Ga. Most of them were married in Wilkes Co.; some in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. Several are buried in the Darden Family Cemetery about 5 miles southeast of Tuscaloosa.

Samuel Darden (6A4)

Samuel Darden (6A4), son of George and Elizabeth (Strozier) Darden, was born May 16, 1796 (gravestone), in Wilkes County, Georgia. He was brought up there and became a lawyer. On July 14, 1826, he was appointed guardian to Thomas Sidwell, son of David Sidwell. He practiced law in Wilkes County several years, but having acquired land in Meriwether County, Georgia, he moved there about 1835 or 1840 and gave up law practice. He owned and operated a farm about 5 miles east of Greenville, Georgia, until the time of his death, which occurred June 30, 1872. He and several other members of his family were buried in a private cemetery known as the Thrash Family Cemetery located on the farm adjacent to and east of his own farm. In 1938 said farm was known as the Wood plantation, on or near the Greenville and Gay highway about 5 miles east of the town of Greenville, Georgia. Samuel Darden and Louisa Evans were married December 4, 1823, in Wilkes County (first book, 1806-1834, 291, Wilkes Co., Ga.). Samuel's wife in 1850 was Mary A.
Darden, born November 27, 1809; died August 29, 1871 (gravestone inscription) in Meriwether County, Georgia. (If Mary A. was identical with Louisa, she was only 14 years old at marriage.)

DARDEN Family: Fifth Generation
Children of Samuel Darden (6A4)
2 6A5 Louisa E. Darden, b. 1828; m. ------ Traylor.
4 6A5 Martha Darden, b. 1831, d. 1872; m. ------ Walker. Reference in 1886 to 2 ch.: Mary Lou and Palma H. WALKER, Griffin, Ga.
5 6A5 Adaline H. Darden, b. Nov. 12, 1835, d. Aug. 7, 1864; m. ------ Sutton. (Dates from gravestone in Thrash Cemetery.)
6 6A5 Thomas F. Darden (1838-1863). Probably left ch.; no information. (See Probate Orders, 4, 146, Meriwether Co.)
7 6A5 Julia A. Darden, b. 1848; m. John C. Lovett, Admr. of Samuel Darden's estate. (See final returns, Book H-1, 125-154, Meriwether Co.)

Mary ("Polly") (Darden) Miller (7A4)
Mary ("Polly") Darden (7A4), daughter of George and Elizabeth (Strozier) Darden was born August 1797 (tombstone, Sept. 12, 1793) in Wilkes County, Georgia. She grew up there and married Stephen Miller, November 27, 1817 (first book, 1806-1834, 71, Wilkes Co.). She died July 8, 1861, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, and was buried in the Darden Family Cemetery near Tuscaloosa. Stephen Miller was born October 4, 1800; died November 10, 1882.

MILLER Family: Fifth (Darden) Generation
Children of Stephen Miller and Mary ("Polly") (Darden) Miller (7A4)
1 Eliza Darden Miller, b. cal1818 in Wilkes Co., Ga., d. in Tippah (later Union) Co., Miss.; m. Elijah Walker Collins, Aug. 28, 1834, in Ala. He was b. March 6, 1812, probably in N.C., and d. Sept. 26, 1873, in Union Co. Issue, 11 ch., including Harvey Collins, long resident of Union Co., near Myrtle, Miss. Elijah Walker Collins m., 2d, Permelia Darden (7A5), dau. of Simeon Darden (10A4).
2 Harvey Miller, b. 1819, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.
3 John Miller, b. Tuscaloosa Co., Aug. 8, 1820, d. April 20, 1843.
4 Samuel Miller, b. April 21, 1822, d. Jan. 12, 1859; m. Emeline Darden, his cousin, in 1844. She d. in 1845, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
5 M. A. Miller, b. July 17, 1826, d. May 31, 1848, unm.
8 Clemantine Miller, b. 1829 in Ala., d. 1869; m. James (or Joseph) Eddins. (See D.A.R. Lineages 164, p. 164, 165.)
9 Amanda Miller, b. in Ala.
10 Permelia Ann Miller, m., 1st, Lewis Pumphrey (1809-1855); m., 2d, before 1860, John Thomas Yerby. Lewis Pumphrey was buried in the Darden Cemetery. His estate was distributed in 1863 to the widow, Mrs. Yerby, and to Mrs. C. A. George, Mary V. Pumphrey, Jesse Monroe George, and Lewis George.
(Several Millers of the above-mentioned family are buried in the Darden Cemetery near Tuscaloosa, Ala.)
Generation IV
SIMEON DARDEN (10A4) AND ESSIE DOTSON
Alabama and Mississippi

Simeon Darden (10A4), son of George and Elizabeth (Strozier) Darden, was born May 3, 1804, in Wilkes County, Georgia. When he was about 14 years of age, his parents moved to new lands in the State of Alabama, in what became Tuscaloosa County, and he grew up in that newly opened area only a few miles southeast of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The region at that time was occupied by Indian tribes with a few white settlers among them. There were no schools or churches, and the habitations were very primitive log cabins and other less pretentious shelters. His education consisted of a few rudiments of culture acquired chiefly from his parents and other settlers, and from his personal experiences. He was a robust and physically strong young man with indomitable courage. Apparently, he began his career as a farmer a few miles from Tuscaloosa and soon became, in addition, a law-enforcement officer. Information is meager and indefinite, but he was deputy sheriff or sheriff for several years in the new community. The United States statutes-at-Large of the 30th Congress, Volume IX, Session II, 1849, page 573, includes the following:

Chap. XVIII. An Act for relief of John B. Smith and Simeon Darden. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to pay, or cause to be paid, by the proper disbursing Officer, the sum of One hundred dollars, to the said John B. Smith and Simeon Darden, for labor and expenses incurred by them in the pursuit and arrest of John Weaver, who was tried and convicted, in the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Alabama, of the crime of stealing from the mail of the United States. Approved January 10, 1849.

Surviving descendants, especially Samuel Conazine Darden, a son of Simeon Darden, stated that Simeon Darden was a deputy sheriff of Tuscaloosa County when the incident occurred; that Simeon Darden rode his own horse so long and furiously in pursuit of the criminal that the horse died as a result. This led to the claim for compensation. Persons who knew Simeon Darden in those days stated that he was known for his perseverance and courage in the discharge of his official duties as peace officer.

On May 14, 1833, George Darden (father) made a deed to Simeon Darden (his son) wherein he conveyed 160.14 acres of land in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, for a nominal consideration of $200, which apparently was intended as a homestead for the son and his family and largely a gift rather than a purchase (Deed Book J, 23, Tuscaloosa Co.).

Next, Moses Elliot and wife made a deed to Simeon Darden dated March 9, 1836, the consideration therein named being $1050 in payment for 140 acres of land (Book 0, 412). The same land was sold on September 12, 1837, by Simeon Darden and wife to A. N. Thompson for $1400 (Book 0, 413). The proceeds from the last sale appear to have been reinvested in another tract of land comprising 240 acres purchased from A. N. Thompson and wife, which seems to have been a speculative venture, that is, land not adapted to tillage (Book 7, 99). It may have been undeveloped, mineral, pasture, or wood land, and yielded no income to the purchaser. Said land was held several years to January 18, 1843, when the deed was endorsed to Elizabeth Jones as security for the payment of $240 due January 4, 1844. That debt was later increased by $48 (undated), which made the total sum due $288. Apparently that amount remained unpaid until final sale of said land by Simeon Darden to J. P. Thompson, Sr., for $960 on October 28, 1855 (Book 7, 100).

Various Court Proceedings of Record

Simeon Darden, Use &c. Pl.) March 7, 1826.
Against
James Rather, ------ Deft.) In action for debt of $50.

This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and dismissed his suit .... Ordered that Deft. go hence without a day and recover against the said Elias L. Payne, his costs by him about his defence in this behalf expended. (Circuit Court Pleas, 8, 409, 410. Other entries show that Payne was associated with Darden in the suit vs. Rather.)
This day came the parties by their attorney and the defendants saying nothing in bar or preclusion of the pl. action, Ordered by the Court that the pl. recover against the deft. the sum of $219.37, his damages sustained by deft. (for) non performance of the premises and assumption in the declaration, together with his costs by him about this suit in this behalf expended.

September Term, 1839. Judgment assessed for damages $219.37 and costs $18.75 ...

(Circuit Court Minutes 15, 43).

Judgment record: Levied 19th Feb. 1841, on one negro woman named Ester, advertised to be sold 1st Monday in March, 1841. W. Braly, Sh'ff.

Statement of Sale: The negro mentioned in levy was sold on the 1st Monday in March 1841 to George Darden, the highest bidder, for $237.00
Deduct amt. balance of this execution 117.81
This amount paid to S. Darden, as receipt will show $119.19
(Judgment Records, 14, 152.)

The President & Directors of the Bank of the State of Alabama, Plt.)
Against Simeon Darden, ---------- Deft.)
Judgment, 19th July, 1842. Debt $171, Damages $17.10, total $188.10 and costs $6.12.

Neal Glascock & Co., Pl. )
Against Simeon Darden, ---- Deft.)
Judgment assessed for $75.33 and costs $8.37. (Execution Dockets 1840-1847, 64.)

A survey of the foregoing records indicates lack of good business judgment on the part of Simeon Darden—a weakness evidenced by the number of such cases cited and the list is not complete. The facts are introduced in the interest of truth to explain Grandfather Simeon Darden's weaknesses and shortcomings which affect the destinies of his family, and to clear up certain obscure statements and traditions concerning him.

Editor's note: The Compiler, Newton Jasper Darden (LA6), has occasionally made written comment in informal style concerning members of the family with whom he had intimate connections or concerning whom he had been given information not on record. It has seemed permissible in some instances, particularly in this section, to retain his frank and colorful wording with a minimum of change.

"I, Newton J. Darden, as a grandson of Simeon Darden, feel the need of clarifying the situation for posterity.
"I was born in his house and in my early years sometimes accompanied him on fishing excursions near my father's home. I was 15 years of age at the time of his death in my father's house. I have a vital relationship to him and also to Grandmother Essie (Dotson) Darden, his wife. I wish to explain the sad eyes and the tired and careworn form and face of dear Grandmother Darden during the latter years of her life. In familiar conversation she would sometimes mention their impoverishment in life. They had in earlier years been 'well-to-do', but she said Grandfather's 'friends' impoverished him during their earlier years in Alabama."

When those friends knew he had money in his pocket, they catered to his whims and stimulated his conviviality. Social drinking was very prevalent in his day in Alabama and he dearly loved the "toddy." When he was stimulated by drink, he became overly generous and they borrowed his money, usually in nominal amounts, with promises to repay it in a few days; but with little or no evidence of indebtedness very few ever repaid him. They took advantage of his generous impulses, but when he needed money for his family and requested repayment some
borrowers even denied their obligations. In this manner Grandfather's earnings were dissipated as the years went by.

Another drain on his resources was official and indemnity bonds. His friends, including his brother, Burch Darden, induced him to sign bonds and surety obligations for various purposes. Simeon Darden's name is appended to numerous surety bonds and contracts involving indemnity for failure to perform services, and in some cases he was compelled to pay those obligations, which seriously depleted his resources.

Those last few years in Alabama must have been an unhappy time, not only for his family but for himself as well. He was impetuous and headstrong, but generous to his friends. Several of his children were then grown to maturity, which increased demands on him for family upkeep. He was harried by creditors and cited to appear in the courts as his resources diminished. There was no prospect of bettering his financial condition in Alabama and hence he decided to move to Mississippi with a hope of rehabilitation in a new locality then open to settlers with small means.

Simeon Darden arrived in Mississippi with his family in the autumn of 1855. He bought 80 acres of land about 7 miles northwest of New Albany, in Tippah County, which later became part of Union County, Mississippi. He and his 3 unmarried sons began a new home on unimproved land. They built a double (2-room) log cabin or living quarters and built the necessary sheds for protecting domestic animals and storing feed. Also they cleared and fenced land for cultivation during the first years of their domicile there. They owned and acquired several horses, cattle, and swine that served as a meat supply; also tools and implements for cultivation of the land. Prospects for the future were roseate in 1861.

Then Secession and Civil War swept over the Southern States. That condition altered and disrupted all prospect of rehabilitation with the aid of his 3 unmarried sons, 2 of whom were enlisted in the Confederate Army and left for the front in August, 1861. The youngest son enlisted in 1862. Simeon Darden, then an elderly man, was left to operate the farm with 3 negro slaves—a small boy, a youth, and an elderly negro woman more than 50 years of age whose name was Easter. The emancipation Proclamation was promulgated January 1, 1863, and became effective sometime later to liberate them from service. Easter being old and at that time somewhat demented, remained with her master. She had her own little cabin and helped Grandmother Darden in the kitchen and with the laundry. She was cared for, fed, and clothed until her death about 1873, for the little service she was able to render.

The Federal Army captured Corinth, Mississippi, in July 1862, and Iuka in September. Then cavalry troops, fanning out through the country on foraging raids, seized or destroyed horses and other livestock wherever they went, and in a few months overran and stripped a large part of northern Mississippi. They took all provisions that they could carry and destroyed in many cases all supplies they could not remove. Often there was destruction of houses by fire and shooting of domestic animals.

Claim of Simeon Darden for Confiscated Property

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This claim was signed and sworn to May 28, 1878, by Simeon Darden.

One son died in the war, another son married in 1865 soon after his return from
the war, and the youngest son came home severely injured and was disabled for months before he recovered. Meanwhile Grandfather Darden was lame and scarcely able to operate his own farm. However, some land was cultivated by his son, Samuel Conazine Darden, in the year 1865. Several years later forest fires destroyed fences enclosing cultivated land and these could not be replaced; hence, Simeon Darden, aged and infirm, was forced to abandon the effort about 1874.

His eldest son, James Lemuel Darden, owned and lived on adjoining land, and he built a small house for his parents adjacent to his own residence. He had them move into the new domicile where he could better provide for them and they lived there until 1881. In late summer, 1879, when the wheat-threshing season was over a wagon was loaded with 1000 pounds or more of wheat to be sent to Chewalla Mills in Marshal County, Mississippi, and be made into flour. The wagon was an old-type vehicle with a long tongue and a hook, adapted to be drawn by a yoke of oxen. Such wagons had, usually, a "lock chain" that could be attached to a rear wheel to stop rotation and thus prevent the wagon from pushing the team downhill with the momentum of a loaded vehicle. Report was that the wheat wagon was drawn by a yoke of oxen and "Old Aron", a freed slave, was put in charge of the team as driver. Grandfather Darden went along as agent or manager to represent owners of the grain, but precise details are not known.

Grandfather was lame but not wholly disabled and he walked with a cane. Arriving at the mill, they had to wait many hours for grinding of the wheat and preparation of its products. During that wait, Grandfather Darden procured a small bottle of whiskey at or near the mill; he drank some of it and gave the remainder to Aron, his driver. On their return it was stated that the ox team became unmanageable and ran away with the loaded wagon; how far was not stated, but as the wagon bounced along it ran over some large obstruction, which "threw the old man out, and one rear wheel passed over his legs and crushed them." He was so severely injured that he never walked again. He lay a helpless cripple the remainder of his life, about 2 years.

The facts indicate that the mishap was caused by failure of the negro driver to "lock" the rear wheel of the vehicle before descending a hill with a loaded wagon. The weight of the loaded vehicle had pressed strongly against the yoke of the oxen and forced them into a run downhill, faster and faster as they continued to descend.

He was brought home to his son, James Lemuel Darden, where he was cared for as best possible under prevailing conditions until the son's death in December 1880. A family council then decided that the parents could best be cared for by their son, Samuel Conazine Darden, who had sufficient space in a large house to accommodate them in his home. They were moved to his home in January 1881 and they remained there until Grandfather Simeon Darden's death, November 1, 1881. He was buried in Old Beulah Churchyard, about 3 miles northeast of Myrtle, Mississippi.

Simeon Darden (10A4) and Essie Dotson were married August 17, 1826, in Fayette County, Alabama. (All county records were destroyed there in 1866 when the courthouse burned, and no official record of the marriage is available.) She was born July 12, 1807, in Abbeville District, South Carolina, the daughter of William Dotson and Sarah (Pyles) Dotson. See Maternal Line V of PART THREE.

Very little is known of Grandmother Darden's personal history except that embodied in a narration by herself of her own experiences in Alabama, relating most particularly to her childhood days and her youth. Her early life was filled with unremitting toil until she married, and then her labors increased with the bringing up of her own family. In the latter years of her life, she occasionally gathered some of her grandchildren about her and read the Bible to them, or she narrated incidents of her early life among the Indians, near her father's home, before the Indians were removed west of the Mississippi River during 1836-1840.

As a barefoot girl she did many chores about her parents' home, which included numerous daily trips to the spring for buckets of water. She sometimes played hide and seek with Indian children who lived near her father's home. However, never mentioned having attended school—probably there was none to attend—but somehow she learned to read the Bible, write her own name, and write simple letters when occasion required. She may have studied primary school books at her home and thus acquired some knowledge of arithmetic and grammar. Generally, woman of the household not only did the cooking for the family but all other incident household tasks. They spun, wove, and tailored all garments worn by members of
the family, including garments for the men. Their own dresses were made of home-
spun, a heavy cotton fabric. It was usually woven in checks or in stripes, dyed
brown or yellow, green or indigo blue, according to individual fancy. For men,
when wool was available, the fabric was usually "jeans" often dyed brown by wal-
nut stain, but some other shades of dark blue or black were used. All this was
regarded as women's work.

In addition, linens, bed blankets, pillow cases, counterpanes, and fanciful
pieced quilts were made in every household—all handmade. Fabrics had to be pre-
pared from crude materials. Cotton and wool were spun and woven on the premises
by women of the household. Even the cotton gin, invented by Eli Whitney in 1792,
was unknown in primitive communities, and separation of the seed of cotton from
the lint was all done by hand. The art of dyeing was little known in rural com-
unities. The sewing machine was not invented until 1846, and before that time
all needlework was done by hand. Cows (when they had any) were milked by hand,
churning and butter-making were crude operations as compared with modern methods.

There were many other duties and services not mentioned here that were time-
onsuming. Grandmother Darden had her full share of domestic drudgery all through
life.

When the Darden-Dotson family moved to Mississippi in 1855, the country was new
and only sparsely settled by white people. Its civil population was almost as
rude as when the Indians had left it in 1836. Then, after 5 years' progress to-
ard rehabilitation, came 4 years of Civil War with its raiders and incident hard-
ships, which have already been briefly described. Through their personal misfor-
tunes in the years that followed, including the mishap causing Grandfather's
serious injuries and the months of helplessness in bed, Grandmother served him
faithfully until his death.

After the death of her husband, Grandmother decided to make her home with her
daughter, Mrs. Permelia Collins (widow, who later m. Mr. Souter), at Myrtle,
Mississippi. Her son, Samuel Conazine Darden, bought a new home at Myrtle,
Mississippi, in 1895. During a visit with him in the new domicile, Grandmother,
almost blind at that time, inadvertently walked off the high porch and sustained
injuries that made her helpless for nearly 2 years, until her death on February
3, 1897, at Myrtle. She was buried in Old Beulah Churchyard.

During the span of a long lifetime, Grandmother witnessed many wonderful
changes—progress in the Southland, transformation of the landscape, changes in
customs of the people, and freedom for the slaves. Her father, William Dotson,
had moved with his family from Abbeville District (County), South Carolina, in
1812, to Alabama and settled among Indians, near Northport, Alabama, before Tusca-
losa was founded. She saw the "Post" evolve from 4 log and clapboard shanties
into the status of city, called by some the "Queen City of the South." Railroads
and telegraph lines came later and connected it with other cities of the area.

In North Mississippi she lived on a farm near a railroad built in 1887 which
connected Birmingham with Memphis, Tennessee, and passed near her last domicile;
also, she was not far from an important highway that was laned with more than 100
telephone-telegraph lines strung on poles along its course paralleling the rail-
way. New Albany, Mississippi, the county seat of Union County, had grown from
two or two stores at a river crossing into a town of more than 2000 population.
It had a number of gleaming church spires and a large high-school building. Even
Myrtle village, where she last domiciled, had its high school and 2 churches.

During her lifetime the whole area had been transformed into cultivated fields
and local industries served by the railroad.

Dear old Grandmother Darden had seen this remarkable change take place in 40
years since 1855, while she lived in that community. Also, she saw the passing
of a rude status of culture of white settlers among the Indians in both Alabama
and Mississippi. They were transformed into marvelous new settings, conditions,
and developments of modern social living—Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and its state uni-
versity; Myrtle, Mississippi, with its churches and its high school. She was
surrounded by changed but familiar scenes, congenial friends and relatives—all
involved during her 40 years of domicile there.

Finally came the time when her life was slowly receding and darkness enveloped
her mind as death approached. There in a picturesque and peaceful vale near the
village marts and spires, where the roar of rushing trains sounded like a mighty
waterfall and contrasted with the ceaseless humming of many taut wires and the
gentle sighing winds among the pines, she fell asleep and was no more. Amen.
Darden Primary Lineage: Fifth Generation
Children of Simeon Darden (10A4) and Essie (Dotson) Darden

1A5 Sarah Elizabeth Darden, b. Feb. 17, 1828, d. at Myrtle, Miss., April 4, 1918; m. James Monroe Frazier, April 22, 1846, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. See below.


3A5 Martha Ann Darden, b. Nov. 8, 1830, Tuscaloosa Co.; m. Robert Russell cal. See below.


6A5 Newton Jasper Darden, b. Feb. 18, 1836, d. April 18, 1862, Camp Douglas military prison, Chicago. See below.


8A5 Samuel Conazine Darden, b. Feb. 27, 1840, Tuscaloosa Co., d. Oct. 25, 1927, Myrtle, Miss. See Generation V.

9A5 Marion Washington Darden, b. July 12, 1842, Tuscaloosa Co., d. April 25, 1908, at State Soldier's Home, Beauvoir, Miss. See below.


Sarah Elizabeth (Darden) Frazier (1A5)

Sarah Elizabeth Darden (1A5), daughter of Simeon and Essie (Dotson) Darden, was born February 17, 1828, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; died April 4, 1918, at Myrtle, Union County, Mississippi. She married James Monroe Frazier, April 22, 1846, in Tuscaloosa County. He was born October 18, 1824, in Jefferson County, Alabama; died May 5, 1883, in Union County, Mississippi. Husband and wife were buried in Old Beulah Churchyard near Myrtle, Mississippi.

James Monroe Frazier and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Darden, lived first at Trussville, Jefferson County, Alabama, where he was born; but in 1856 the family moved to Tippah County, later Union County, Mississippi, where their children grew to maturity and married. He owned and operated a good farm in Union County until his death in 1883, and his widow continued to live there until the marriage of her daughter, Samantha A. ("Mintie"), in 1898; thereafter, Mrs. Frazier lived in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samantha A. (Frazier) Lackey, until her own death in April 1918 at Myrtle, Union County, Mississippi. Ten children were iss of the Darden-Frazier marriage. One died very young of whom there is no record; 9 lived to maturity and married in Union, Benton, and Tippah Counties, Mississippi. There are numerous Frazier descendants in Union and other Mississippi Counties that trace to this locality. The antecedents of the Fraziers in Jefferson County, Alabama, have not been investigated.

FRAZIER Family: Sixth (Darden) Generation
Children of James Monroe Frazier and Sarah Elizabeth (Darden) Frazier (1A5)

1 David Lemuel Frazier, b. Nov. 7, 1847, d. after 1915 at Arkabutla, Tate Co., Miss.; m. Tennessee Polk Rhea, July 1870, dau. of Alexander and Annis Elizabeth (Durritt) Rhea, Tippah Co., Miss. Issue, several ch.


3 Essie Pernicie ("Sis") Frazier, b. Nov. 29, 1851, d. Oct. 4, 1906; m. Ben Franklin Smith, May 27, 1869. He was b. March 13, 1849, Benton Co., Miss. Issue, several ch.

4 Thomas Maxwell Frazier, b. Nov. 29, 1853; living Feb. 1940 near Myrtle, Miss.; m. Nov. 27, 1880, Annis Elizabeth Rhea, b. Nov. 27, 1852, d. July 17, 1933. She was the dau. of Alexander and Annis Elizabeth (Durritt) Rhea, Tippah Co., Miss. Children:
SIMEON AND ESSIE (DOTSON) DARDEN

(3) Pearl Frazier, b. Jan. 1, 1888.


Children:
(1) Clarence Arnold Frazier, b. Nov. 21, 1879; m. Mollie Spillers.
(2) Mary Franklin Frazier, b. July 30, 1885; m. Mack Tidwell.
(3) William Luther Frazier, b. July 31, 1887; m., 1st, Nov. 9, 1909, Bettie Maye Wells, dau. of Capt. John and Melissa S. (Johnston) Smith and was b. April 19, 1889. Lived at Myrtle, Union Co., Miss. No ch.
(4) Alma Ruth Frazier, b. Sept. 25, 1892; m. Clarence E. Cole.

Simeon Jasper Frazier, b. Aug. 15, 1858, d. near Hickory Flat, Miss.; m. Ellen Emeline Porter, Jan. 12, 1879, Benton Co., Miss. She was b. Oct. 20, 1860. Lived near Hickory Flat, Miss. Issue, several ch.

Samantha Alcansa ("Mintie") Frazier, b. Nov. 15, 1861; m. James W. Lackey, Sept. 8, 1886. He was b. Nov. 4, 1840, d. Feb. 16, 1906, Myrtle, Miss. Issue: (1) Jamie Dewey Lackey, b. July 19, 1889; (2) William R. Lackey, b. Feb. 1, 1901; and (3) Mary Elizabeth Lackey, b. April 8, 1903.

Samuel Conazine Frazier, b. Jan. 27, 1864; m. Eugenia John Smith, Jan. 15, 1893, Union Co., Miss. She was the dau. of Capt. John and Melissa S. (Johnston) Smith and was b. April 19, 1859. Lived at Myrtle, Union Co., Miss. No ch.

James Oscar Frazier, b. Nov. 15, 1867, d. near Myrtle, Miss.; m. Alice Coltharp, March 20, 1889, dau. of Newton and Frances (Smith) Coltharp. She was b. Oct. 7, 1866. No ch. After legal separation, he m. again, ______ (McBroom), and lived at Myrtle, Union Co., Miss.

(Some information from Bible of Mrs. J. W. Lackey of Myrtle, Miss.)

James Lemuel Darden (2A5)

James Lemuel Darden (2A5), son of Simeon and Essie (Dotson) Darden, was born May 29, 1829, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He died December 31, 1880, in Dallas County, Texas, while on a visit to his wife's relatives. He was buried in James Daniel's private cemetery located by the roadside near Mr. Daniel's old home, about 4 miles north of Dallas, Texas.

James Lemuel Darden married Louisiana Robertson, March 14, 1854, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. She was born August 9, 1831, in Alabama and died after 1900. She was living July 24, 1898, with a married daughter near Leslie, Searcy County, Arkansas. She married Robert Russell ca. 1847, who died about 1880 near Coalburg in Jefferson County, Alabama. Issue, 11 children. The children were all born near Coalburg. About 1886 Mrs. Russell took the younger children with her to Searcy County near Leslie, Arkansas. They settled in a farming community and 3 of the children married there. All the older children married within or near Jefferson County.

Martha Ann (Darden) Russell (3A5)

Martha Ann Darden (3A5), daughter of Simeon and Essie (Dotson) Darden, was born November 8, 1830, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; d. after 1900. She was living July 24, 1898, with a married daughter near Leslie, Searcy County, Arkansas. She married Robert Russell ca. 1847, who died about 1880 near Coalburg in Jefferson County, Alabama. Issue, 11 children. The children were all born near Coalburg. About 1886 Mrs. Russell took the younger children with her to Searcy County near Leslie, Arkansas. They settled in a farming community and 3 of the children married there. All the older children married within or near Jefferson County.
LINEAGE OF NORTH MISSISSIPPI DARDENS

RUSSELL Family: Sixth (Darden) Generation

Children of Robert Russell and
Martha Ann (Darden) Russell (5A5)


2 Simeon Alberta Russell, b. Nov. 27, 1849; m. Nancy Ellen Bagley and settled on a farm. Later moved to Searcy Co., Ark. Was living in 1900 near Leslie P.O.

3 James Monroe Russell, b. March 3, 1851; m. Sarah ("Sallie") Ellerds, Jefferson Co., Ala. Several ch.; in 1915 only 1 living. He was a man of little formal education but of unbounded ambition; studied law and was admitted to the bar in Birmingham; practiced law and operated in real estate. Lived in Birmingham, Ala., in 1915.

4 Robert Conazine Russell, b. Nov. 15, 1852; m. Malinda Ellerds and settled on a farm near Birmingham, Ala. Issue, several ch.


9 Amanda Ella Russell, b. Oct. 9, 1864; moved cal1886 to Ark. with her mother; m. Jeff Stevenson in Searcy Co. and was living in 1900 near Leslie, Ark. Issue.

10 Stephen B. ("Tebe") Russell, b. Nov. 16, 1866; went with his mother to Ark. cal1886; m. there but in Nov. 1896 moved with his family to Johnson Co., Texas, near Venus.

11 George Darden Russell; d. an infant.

Mrs. Russell lived with her married children until her own death, at the home of her son, Stephen Russell, near Venus in Johnson County, Texas, cal1905-1910.

Newton Jasper Darden (6A5)

Newton Jasper Darden (6A5), son of Simeon and Essie (Dotson) Darden, was born February 18, 1836, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He went with his parents to Tippah County, Mississippi, in 1855 and helped to reestablish them in their new home. When Secession swept over the Southland in 1861 and eventuated in Civil War, he enlisted in August 1861 in Company I, Third Mississippi Infantry, later merged into the 23d Regiment, Confederate States Army. The company drilled several weeks at Iuka, Mississippi, then moved to Bowling Green, to Russellville, and to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where the men went into winter quarters.

Early in 1862 two Confederate forts located on the lower Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers were threatened by an army under General Buel, and Company I, 10th Regiment, was sent to support the forts. General Grant soon assumed active command of federal troops and invested the forts.

The siege of Forts Donelson and McHenry was the first important land battle of the Civil War. After several days' actual siege, February 12-16, 1862, Fort Donelson surrendered and all captured Confederate soldiers, including Company I, 23 Mississippi Regiment, were sent to Camp Douglas, Chicago, located on the present site of Lincoln Park. The military camp was soon swept by an epidemic of smallpox that killed many hundreds of unvaccinated Confederate soldiers. Newton Jasper Darden of Company I, 23d Regiment, died in camp of that disease, April 12 or 13, 1862.

More than 6000 Confederate soldiers died in Camp Douglas, 1861-1865; the exact number is unknown, but not more than 50 burials were marked. Years later rosters were compiled from old military rolls, which, in some cases, are known to be duplicates; other names were left unlisted. About 20 years after the war, citizen of Chicago decided to transform the Camp Douglas camp site into a city park, called Lincoln Park. It lies along the lakeside of North Chicago. All osseous remains that were found were collected from the graves and removed to a new burial site, Oakwood Cemetery in South Chicago, where a handsome monument was erected in honor of the Confederate dead and dedicated in 1893.
General John C. Underwood, living in Chicago after the war, was active in sponsoring that enterprise. He was made chairman of a committee authorized to raise funds for that purpose, and was instrumental in collecting more than $100,000, most of which was contributed by citizens in and near Chicago. All Southern people should revere the name of Confederate General John C. Underwood for his long and strenuous effort to have the graves of 6000 Confederate soldiers marked by an imposing monument.

Permelia (Darden) Collins (7A5)

Permelia Darden (7A5), daughter of Simeon and Essie (Dotson) Darden, was born December 18, 1837, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; she died at Myrtle, Union County, Mississippi. She married Elijah Walker Collins (his second wife), September 3, 1857. He was born March 6, 1812, probably in North Carolina, and died September 26, 1873, in Union County, Mississippi. He owned and operated a farm originally in Tippah, but later in Union County, about 7 miles northwest of New Albany, Mississippi; and conducted a mercantile business in connection with his farm at the time of his death. His first wife was Eliza Darden Miller, daughter of Mary (Darden) Miller (7A4). Mrs. Permelia (Darden) Collins married, 2d, William Lang Souter of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, October 4, 1892. No issue.

COLLINS Family: Sixth (Darden) Generation

Children of Elijah Walker Collins and Permelia (Darden) Collins (7A5)

1. Josephine Alice Collins, b. July 11, 1858; m. Horace Miller of Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. They moved to Texas ca. 1890; lived near Holland in Bell Co., later near Santa Anna, Coleman Co.


   (1) Ruth Lee Collins, m. W. L. Jackson; lived at Winchester, Tenn., 1940.
   (2) Clyde Vernon Collins; Holly Springs, Miss., 1940.
   (3) Clarence Rosemand Collins; Blytheville, Ark.
   (4) Connie Dewitt Collins; Holly Springs.
   (5) Oliver Clinton Collins; Winchester.
   (6) Grady Andrew Collins; Myrtle (furnished information).
   (7) Mary Welyn Collins; Myrtle.

4. Adele Bell Collins, b. Dec. 20, 1863; m. John Keith ca. 1890 and moved to Texas; lived and d. near Heidenheimer, Bell Co., Texas. Several ch.


Marion Washington Darden (9A5)

Marion Washington Darden (9A5), son of Simeon and Essie (Dotson) Darden, was born July 12, 1842, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He was about 13 years of age when his parents moved to Mississippi in 1855. He contributed with his older brothers to the rehabilitation of his parents in their new home, and was about 16 years of age when he enlisted, 1862, in the Confederate Army; and served to the end of the war in April 1865. He was a private in Captain W. W. McDowell's Independent Company, Ballentine's Regiment of Armstrong's Brigade, which was shifted to various commands—first under General Nathan B. Forrest, then Joseph Johnston, John B. Hood, and James R. Chalmers, to the end of the war.
He participated in numerous battles fought by his regiment under those generals during his service in the Confederate Army. He was in the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, April 10, 1863, and in the Atlanta Campaign; fought at Kennesaw and Lost Mountain, Georgia, June 14, 16-17, and 20, 1864; the battle of Noonday Creek, June 19-20, 1864; and also in several minor engagements around Atlanta, Georgia, before and after its fall. The regiment fought at Pulaski, Tennessee, September 27, 1864; at the second battle of Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864; and finally in the battle of Selma, Alabama, April 2, 1865, where he was severely wounded and captured.

The war over, when his injuries permitted travel he returned to Mississippi and about 1870 purchased a farm on Mell Creek in Union County, 4 miles northeast of Myrtle, Mississippi. He lived on the farm until he sold it in 1889. Thereafter he operated a drugstore at Myrtle, Mississippi, for about 10 years, by which time owing to age and war injuries, he no longer could care for himself. He was first placed in the Confederate home with hospital annex, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, for treatment of his ailments. Later he was sent to the State Soldier's Home at Beauvoir, Mississippi, where he died April 25, 1908.

Marion Washington Darden and Elizabeth Serelda Emerson were married February 27, 1871, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. She was the daughter of William Tabb and Sarah Hammond (Darden) Emmerson (2G5) of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. She was born October 4, 1837, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; she died August 10, 1885, in Union County, Mississippi, and was buried in Old Beulah Churchyard near Myrtle, Mississippi. She received one-eighth of the estate after the death of her father in Tuscaloosa County in 1877. No children were born of this marriage.

Samantha Alcansa (Darden) Purnell (10A5)

Samantha Alcansa Darden (10A5), daughter of Simeon and Essie (Dotson) Darden, was born October 9, 1846, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. She died February 14, 1873, in Union County, and was buried in Old Beulah Churchyard near Myrtle, Mississippi. She married January 21, 1868, in Tippah County, Mississippi, Dr. Joseph Benson Purnell. Issue, 3 children.

1 James Daughrity Purnell, b. Aug. 25, 1868, in Union Co., Miss.; studied medicine under his father, attended lectures, and graduated from Tenn. Medical College at Nashville in 1892. He practiced medicine at Myrtle, Miss., for more than 40 years. He m., 1st, April 23, 1893, Minnie J. Morris, who was b. Oct. 16, 1865, and d. July 31, 1895, at Myrtle, Miss. No issue. He m., 2d, Oct. 11, 1896, Martha Caroline Smith, who was b. Aug. 6, 1876, in Tippah Co., Miss. He d. Sept. 13, 1950, at Myrtle, Miss. Issue, 6 ch.


Dr. Joseph Benson Purnell was born Sept. 9, 1830, in Marlboro District, S.C. He went to Miss. in 1842 and lived on a farm in Tippah County, near his later lifetime home. He studied medicine and took lectures at Tennessee Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., but did not finish his course owing to the Civil War. He enlisted in the Confederate Army, Company B, 25d Regiment, Miss. Infantry. He was made lieutenant of his company and was detailed as assistant surgeon of the regiment. After the war, he operated a farm on Mell Creek in Union County and practiced medicine in the same locality for many years, at Cotton Plant, Miss. He married, 2d, Sarah Jane Ellis Ross, October 5, 1873, in Tippah County, Miss. She died there January 4, 1922, and left a large family of children.
Generation V

SAMUEL CONAZINE DARDEN (8A5) AND MARTHA JANE BARNETT
Alabama and Mississippi

Samuel Conazine Darden (8A5), son of Simeon and Essie (Dotson) Darden, was born February 27, 1840, near Hopewell, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He died October 25, 1927, at Myrtle, Union County, Mississippi, and was buried in the Darden family plot of Myrtle Cemetery. In youth, he went with his parents to Mississippi. His father purchased land which at that time was in Tippah County but in 1871 was included in Union County; and that became the family homestead in 1855, located about 3 miles northeast of the present village of Myrtle, Mississippi. His educational opportunities were limited to a few brief periods in country schools and one term of about 6 months during the winter and spring of 1861. Then followed a period of nearly 4 years of military service in the Confederate Army, which provided only training that had little relation to peacetime occupations.

Samuel Conazine Darden enlisted in the Confederate Army in August 1861, and served to the end of the war in the following-named organizations: From August 1861 to the fall of Fort Donelson in February 1862, he served in Company I (Captain McWhorter), 3d Mississippi Infantry (afterward reorganized into the 23d Regiment), under command of General Tilghman. From the spring of 1862 to the end of the war, he served in Captain W. W. McDowell's Company, Ballentine's Independent Regiment of Mounted Infantry, Armstrong's Brigade, which was shifted at various times to the commands of Generals Joseph E. Johnston, Nathan B. Forrest, John B. Hood, and James R. Chalmers. He participated in engagements fought at Pocahontas, Tennessee, September 26, 1862; Franklin, Tennessee, April 10, 1863; Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia, June 14, 16-17, 1864; Lost Mountain and Noonday Creek, Georgia, June 19-20, 1864; Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864; and Selma, Alabama, April 2, 1865, where he was captured, it being the last important battle of the war. In April 1865, about 10 days after the Selma battle, he was paroled and returned to his home in Tippah County, Mississippi.

Evidences of the devastation of war were present everywhere, but he managed to plant and cultivate a small crop of cotton during the year 1865. He married Martha Jane Barnett on August 6, 1865, and settled in 1868 on a farm of 80 acres in the western part of Union County, Mississippi, situated in Township 7 South, Range 1 East, of the Chickasaw Survey, where he lived 28 years until 1896. To the original farm he added adjoining lands by purchase as opportunity permitted, until he had acquired a total of 300 acres or more called the Darden Old Home Place. On said farm, he set up and for several years operated a cotton gin and a general merchandise store. In connection, he procured the establishment at his store of a post office named "Darden," and was commissioned postmaster October 20, 1881. He resigned October 24, 1895, but continued to serve until the transfer was made to his successor—in all, over 14 years.

Cotton cultivation was the chief industry of the South before and after the war, but primitive methods of cultivation restricted the possible acreage of cultivation for each farmer. Samuel Conazine Darden, being an inventor and something of a mechanic, devised a cotton cultivator for cultivating the young plants, which was patented by him June 1, 1869. Use of this machine enabled farmers to increase their acreage under cultivation and, since cotton was then sold at high prices, the cultivator attracted considerable attention. It was exhibited at fairs and a few machines were sold to farmers, but it did not come into general use because it was the forerunner of a long series of improved farm machines that soon followed. However, several state rights for the patent were sold and that of Alabama was sold for $1000 in gold. The proceeds of that invention became the foundation of the inventor's subsequent financial success in life.

His chief occupation was farming and stock-raising, but he speculated to some extent in farm and timber lands, operated a cotton gin on his farm, and later acquired a saw mill and manufactured lumber. In 1889 he formed a partnership with his nephew, Samuel C. Frazier, and they conducted a mercantile business at Myrtle, Mississippi, under the firm name of Darden & Frazier. This partnership continued until 1896, when Mr. Darden took over the entire mercantile business and operated it himself until 1905, when it was discontinued. One of his most profitable early land ventures was the purchase of about 500 acres of land in 1885 on the western
DARDEN FAMILY REUNION

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Parents,
Myrtle, Union County, Mississippi, August 6, 1915

(Names, from left to right)

Front Row:

Miss Loula M. Darden, later Mrs. E. L. Wesson, Dade City, Fla.
Mrs. Netta Beard, wife of Starks M. Beard, Kaufman, Texas.
FATHER: Samuel Conazine Darden, Myrtle, Union Co., Miss.
MOTHER: Martha Jane ("Jennie") Barnett-Darden, Myrtle, Miss.
Mr. Newton J. Darden, New Albany, Miss.
Miss Jennie Ella Darden, Myrtle, Miss.

Middle Row:

Mrs. Essie Smith, wife of Clarence C. Smith, Memphis, Tenn.
Mrs. Beulah Cossitt, wife of Shirley M. Cossitt, Memphis, Tenn.
Mrs. Mary Smith, wife of Victor Smith, New Albany, Miss.
Mrs. Dora A. Smith, wife of George W. Smith, Myrtle, Miss.

Back Row:

Dr. S. James T. Darden, Myrtle, Union Co., Miss.
Mr. W. Walter Darden, Birmingham, Ala.
Mr. George A. Darden, Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn.
edge of Union County for $1100 cash. He immediately sold 80 acres of the land for $400 cash and disposed of the remainder in small tracts at 5 to 8 dollars per acre to local farmers. However, a part of said land was for several years used as a stock farm, known as the Texas Horse and Stock Farm, whereon he maintained range animals shipped to him from Texas in car lots until the wild horses could be trained and sold.

Mr. Darden contributed freely of materials and labor in construction of the original church called "Macedonia", located on land donated by him for school and church purposes and situated about one-half mile west of the original Darden Post Office in Township 7 South, Range 1 East. Also, he was a generous patron of the school there, which attracted numerous residents to its vicinity so that in time Macedonia became a sizable school hamlet. Darden Post Office was moved to that location in 1896 where it remained several years; it was then transferred to a new location about a mile east of its original site where it remained until advent of rural delivery caused its discontinuance. The last-named location was upon a much traveled highway about 7 miles southwest of Myrtle, Mississippi, its railroad and shipping point. This soon became a populous village locally known as Darden Community from its proximity to the Samuel Conazine Darden farm and the Darden Post Office.

He moved from Darden Community to Myrtle, Mississippi, in 1896, and lived there more than 30 years before his death, which occurred October 25, 1927. In 1897, about a year after he took charge as sole owner of the Darden & Frazier mercantile business at Myrtle, his place of business was burned, with considerable loss of merchandise and total loss of the building. The store was soon rebuilt on the same lot in brick, which was the first brick store in Myrtle Village. On December 21, 1896, he was appointed Treasurer of Myrtle Village, which position he held for several years. He was elected Alderman of Myrtle Village, commission being dated August 8, 1913. So far as known, he never sought public office and those 2 offices, freely tendered, were the only public services he ever performed.

Samuel Conazine Darden was never a popular man in public esteem. His austere and serious demeanor tinged with religious asceticism induced a negative attitude in the public mind. He was generally known throughout his section of the country and he was much respected for his fairness in business transactions, his scrupulous honesty, and his general integrity of character. His language was chaste and free from profanity; he was never known to gamble in any form and never used alcoholic liquors as beverages.

Lodges and secret societies he eschewed, but he was a consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church from 12 years of age until his death at 86 years. During the later years of his life he wrote a series of religious essays stating his own interpretation of various Bible themes and texts. Some titles are as follows: Love; The Earth is Nature's Heaven; Man is in the Image of God; The Church of Christ; Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost; The Third Heaven; The Omnipresence of God; Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done in Earth as in Heaven. These discourses endeavor to rationalize archaic Bible statements with modern knowledge, and to make a practical common-sense application thereof to the life of his day. (These essays are included with his autobiography in the Collection of Darden Genealogy at the National Societies of the D.A.R. and S.A.R. in Washington, D.C.)

The marriage of Samuel Conazine Darden and Martha Jane Barnett is recorded in Book 2, page 40, of the marriage records of Tippah County, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Andrew George and Margaret (McNair) Barnett, who resided near Hickory Flat, Tippah County. Martha Jane ("Jeannie") (Barnett) Darden was born near Hickory Flat, June 24, 1842. She died May 1, 1918, at Myrtle, Mississippi, and was buried in the Darden family plot of Myrtle Cemetery.

She was descended from McNair-Barnett Scotch-Irish antecedents, as shown in the history of those families, in Lines VII and VIII of PART THREE. She grew up in rural community with such scant educational facilities as the country afforded. Her early years as a farmer's wife were filled with unremitting toil, with very few pleasures during the upbringing of a large family. She gave birth to 11 children and reared them all to maturity; no death occurred to mar the family circle until after she had passed to that realm of eternal rest. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years, and her life abounded in many helpful acts of Christian charity.
Darden Primary Lineage: Sixth Generation
Children of Samuel Conazine Darden (8A5) and Martha Jane (Barnett) Darden

1A6 Newton Jasper Darden, b. May 28, 1866; d. Dec. 12, 1953. See Generation VI, Section 1.

2A6 Arrie Netta Darden, b. July 5, 1867; m. Starks Moreland Beard, Dec. 4, 1884. See Generation VI, Section 2.

3A6 Jennie Ella Darden, b. Sept. 6, 1868. See Generation VI, Section 2.

4A6 Lula May Darden, b. July 13, 1870; m. Rev. Egbert Leander Wesson. See Generation VI, Section 2.


6A6 Dorethea Alice Darden, b. July 26, 1873; m. George Washington Smith. See Generation VI, Section 2.

7A6 Margaret Essie Darden, b. June 6, 1875; m. Clarence Cullens Smith, Dec. 24, 1901. See Generation VI, Section 2.

8A6 Samuel James Tilden Darden, b. Dec. 22, 1876. See Generation VI, Section 2.

9A6 William Walter Darden, b. April 5, 1879. See Generation VI, Section 2.

10A6 Mary Helen Darden, b. May 14, 1881; d. Oct. 1, 1918; m. George Henry ("Victor") Smith. See Generation VI, Section 2.

11A6 Fannie Beulah Darden, b. April 23, 1886; m. Shirley Melrose Cossitt, July 5, 1904. See Generation VI, Section 2.

(From the Bible record of Samuel Conazine Darden, supplemented by other authentic data from various sources.)
NEWTON J. DARDEN
Genealogist and Family Historian
Dallas, Texas - 1902
Newton Jasper Darden (IA6), son of Samuel Conazine Darden and Martha Jane (Barnett) Darden, was born May 28, 1866, near Myrtle in Tippah County, Mississippi. In youth he worked on his father's farm and in the Darden cotton gin and his opportunities for education were very limited. He was the eldest child and during his formative years the farm required more and more attention, and the cotton-ginning extended into the winter months to prevent regular attendance at school even when there were schools. Deficiencies in school attendance were to some extent compensated by the reading of all sorts of literature to which he had limited access incident to the operation of the local post office at their home after 1881, his 15th year. He read a few good books, such as Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress; Milton's Paradise Lost, Dean Swift's Lilliputians, and an early History of the United States and its Natural Resources; some miscellaneous classical books and old-time novels; also, several books of poetry. Perhaps of even more importance was Burritt's Astronomy with star maps of the sidereal world.

His early ambition to become a lawyer was discouraged because it seemed to his father that for success in the legal profession honesty and integrity were not always regarded as primary assets. The father's attitude developed an unfortunate feeling of resentment in the son and as a result he left home at the age of 20 to work for his cousin, a lawyer in Birmingham, Alabama, determined to attain some sort of education that would fit him for some professional occupation more congenial than farming. Very soon, however, he became ill with measles, followed by malarial typhoid fever, and was compelled to return home. More than a year was spent on the farm before he had sufficiently recuperated to undertake serious studies. In January 1889 he was able to enter high school at New Albany, Mississippi. Thereafter he alternately taught and studied, and received his degree of Master of English Literature from Iuka Normal College in 1891. In 1893 he was able to visit the World's Fair at Chicago, Illinois, where he spent 2 months during the summer. Soon thereafter, he went to Texas, attended Sam Houston Normal School at Huntsville for a brief period, and in 1894 became clerk in a lawyer's office in Greenville. This lawyer operated a land-title-abstract office and Mr. Darden soon had opportunity, with headquarters first at McKinney and later at Dallas, Texas, to represent the Brinkerhoff-Paris Loan and Trust Company of Clinton, Missouri, in the management of several Texas properties which they had acquired in connection with their large farm-loan business in Texas.

During the years 1897 to 1902 Mr. Darden operated a real estate, loan, and insurance business in Dallas. From July 1902 to May 1905 Mr. Darden was a salesman and collection agent for various book and life insurance companies and traveled over wide areas. He gradually worked eastward in his field of operations through northern Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia, and began vaguely to visualize New York as his objective. In 1905, after working in a number of the larger cities on the Eastern Seaboard, he started working for Isaac R. Oeland of New York City in connection with land titles and purchases in West Virginia. The original assignment dealt with an investigation and a report on title to 40,000 acres of coal and oil lands and required six weeks' time. It developed that a double chain of title existed and a contemplated purchase by Mr. Oeland under a fraudulent title was prevented. Other assignments followed and this connection with Mr. Oeland continued for 7 years.

During much of this time Mr. Darden was in New York City, with ample time for genealogical and historical studies in libraries, museums, and other educational institutions of the metropolis. He amplified and, in 1907, completed a Darden family history begun by his father. He prepared a treatise on genealogical form and instructions, intended primarily for use of persons unfamiliar with genealogical requirements. Also in these years he wrote his detailed manuscript on Public Genealogical Records, Data, and Information; Federal, State, and Other, and perfected his Biblical Lineage and Darden Differential Index System. He also wrote about the idea of a genealogical college which he had outlined while in Dallas 1902.
Leaving New York in 1912 he returned briefly to Mississippi and then went to Memphis, Tennessee, where he worked for the publisher of Who's Who in Tennessee. October 1912 found him back in New York where he prepared his masterpiece of genealogical history, The Steinways and the Steinway Piano, for Carl W. Schlegel who was then preparing Schlegel's German-American Families in the United States (see Volume 1, issued 1916 by the American Historical Society). In the same year, 1912, he worked for the Lewis Historical Publishing Company.

Mr. Darden read proof in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1913 and again taught school in 1914-15 in Mississippi; meanwhile, he contributed special industrial articles to newspapers, such as the Scimitar in Memphis, Tennessee, and the Helena World of Helena, Arkansas. As salesman and collection manager for a large territory near Memphis, he served the David C. Cook Publishing Company of Elgin, Illinois, in 1916-17.

A difficulty for Mr. Darden during all these years was frequently recurring illness that sometimes completely incapacitated him for the activities in which he engaged. Although never married, he may have tired of almost constant travel and this may have influenced him in 1917 when he decided to apply for civil service in Washington, D.C., and was appointed clerk in the Quartermaster General's Office of the War Department in March 1918. There he served in various capacities until his retirement in 1936.

Mr. Darden then was able to give attention to other activities. He had in 1921 published a Universal Reference Calendar, in 1933 the Atlas 13-Month Calendar, and in 1935 the Standard Reference Calendar. So, in 1937-1939 he traveled in 28 states introducing these calendars, chiefly the latter, to colleges, universities, scientific institutions, and commercial establishments. More than 1000 institutions in 32 states have used them.

While traveling before and after retirement, Mr. Darden collected many genealogical and historical data relating to all Durdens, Deardens, or Dardens descended from Colonial Maryland and Virginia settlers. His collection is probably the largest in existence on these families, and he compiled a lineage of his own ranch with notes on the ancestry of the maternal lines.

These genealogical notes, in duplicate, filed and indexed for reference, are to be deposited as memorial collections of Darden Genealogica in the libraries of 2 patriotic societies that may agree to maintain the collections, probably the A.R. and S.A.R. in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Darden had hoped to completely revise the 1907 manuscript on Darden, but he became more interested in other projects. He compiled in 2 parts a very extensive treatise on evolution called the History of Man and the History of Civilization (filed in Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.). He also wrote long manuscripts on the subjects of Ancient Chronology and Calendar Revision; a narrative history of Ghenghis Khan; and a discourse on Communism. These and numerous other short manuscripts written by Mr. Darden are filed in his memorial collections above mentioned.

Mr. Darden had natural aptitudes as a mechanic and an inventor. He patented some devices, and applied for patents on fire, burglar, and signaling-alarm systems, electrical spring switches, and gadgets such as circuit closers and controls connection therewith; also centrifugal pumps. He was interested in food conservation and had patents on arts of preserving and for various containers; also novelties such as necktie holders and children's toys. His collection of patent drawings, specifications, models, etc., was presented to the Engineering Department of George Washington University in accord with provisions in his will. During the last few years of his life and while in very poor health, Mr. Darden endeavored to rearrange his collections of Darden Genealogica and to outline a revision of the Darden family history in such a manner that his executor would be able to have the Darden Genealogy rewritten according to directives provided in his will. A provisional outline was brought to approximate completion late in November just before his last illness and his death on December 12, 1953. Interment was in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

Newton Jasper Darden spent most of his life alone in a competitive world for which he was not well prepared by early education or by physical stamina. Even in New York City, in his 40's, he was a recluse in un congenial surroundings, and during the latter years of his life in Washington he denied himself all the comforts and even some necessities of life as he toiled at his typewriter during summer's heat and winter's cold in order to give expression to, and seek some
degree of permanence for, ideals formulated through the years and treasured in his memory. He was particularly appreciative of friendly contacts and in Washington he seems to have especially enjoyed those friendships that resulted from his memberships in the Sons of the American Revolution and the National Genealogical Society. In notes for use by his Executor, he specifically names the following as altruistic persons (exclusive of his immediate family and kindred) "who at some critical moment . . . contributed timely aid" or "deserve to be revered in memory for their kindness in time of distress":

- James M. Russell, lawyer, Birmingham, Ala.
- George B. Adams, bookkeeper, Greenville, Texas.
- Herman P. Faris.
- John R. Brown, farmer, McKinney, Texas.
- James P. Dowell, merchant, McKinney, Texas.
- James L. White, bank cashier, McKinney, Texas.
- J. C. Irwin, physician, McKinney, Texas.
- John W. Howerth, sales manager, Dallas, Texas.
- John L. Evans, bookkeeper, Dallas, Texas.
- Isaac R. Oeland, attorney, New York, N.Y.

Mr. Darden considered his varied career as an illustration of the result of "various intangible forces operating and directing human affairs—the universal mind of God exercising harmonic control over the minds of many persons without their conscious knowledge, to bring incidents to pass in obedience to some common plan affecting every individual life which may be likened to a grain of sand upon the seashore, a mobile transitory element of the whole, apparently as fleeting as a shadow and as evanescent as a dew drop."

Section 2: BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF NEWTON JASPER DARDEN (1A6)

Arrie Netta (Darden) Beard (2A6)

Arrie Netta Darden (2A6) was born July 5, 1867, in Tippah County near Myrtle, Mississippi, and died January 11, 1940, at Kaufman, Texas. She was brought up in the Darden Community of Union County. She married in Union County, Mississippi, Starks Moreland Beard, December 4, 1884, becoming his second wife. He was born November 25, 1839, in Union County and died February 12, 1939, at Kaufman, Texas, age 79. His father was Alexander Beard, born April 20, 1805, in South Carolina. His mother was Mary Elgin Moreland, born February 15, 1815, in Alabama. His parents were married in Alabama and moved to Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in 1848; and both parents died ca1870-1880 near Darden in Union County, Mississippi.

Starks Moreland Beard was a farmer in Union County, Mississippi, moved to Kaufman County, Texas, in 1895, and later to the town of Kaufman where, for many years, he conducted a small business. He had a beautiful voice and was much in demand as a church singer; he also used his gift frequently for the entertainment of friends and neighbors.

He married Jennie Higginbotham (1st wife) Nov. 28, 1878, who was born Feb. 12, 1858, in Pontotoc Co., Miss., and died June 24, 1881, near Franklin, Robertson Co., Texas. Issue: Mary Azalea Beard, born April 16, 1880, in Union Co., Miss.; married W. B. Hicks at Kaufman, Texas. He died June 26, 1927, and she resided in 1939 at Houston, Texas, a widow with 2 children.
Jennie Ella Darden (3A6) was born September 6, 1868, in Union County, Mississippi. She began teaching country schools as a young girl and, never married, devoted most of her life to educational work. Her early education was accomplished almost entirely by home study. She attended Blue Mountain Female College at Blue Mountain, Tippah County, Mississippi, for a time; also, she attended the Burgess Institute at Burgess in Lafayette County, Mississippi, and became a professional teacher. She held a life-tenure certificate as teacher in the State of Mississippi, and taught more than 40 years in local schools of Marshall and Union Counties. She retired in 1928 and later went to Florida where she became interested in an orange grove and planned to spend the latter years of her life with her sister, Lula May (Darden) Wesson, near Dade City (Route No. 2) in Pasco County, Florida. (Living, 1956.)

Lula May (Darden) Wesson (4A6)

Lula May Darden (4A6) was born July 13, 1870, in Union County, Mississippi. She attended local schools in the Darden Community and in 1896 moved to Myrtle, Mississippi, where the family lived many years. She became a clerk, first in the rugstore kept by her uncle, Marion W. Darden, and then in her father’s general merchandise store, and by that means acquired a general knowledge of business. She then set up a millinery establishment of her own which she successfully operated about 15 years.

Lula May Darden and the Rev. Dr. Egbert Leander Wesson were married February 7, 1918, at Memphis, Tennessee (marriage records of Shelby Co., Tenn.). Dr. Wesson's first wife (Blanche Cox) had died at New Albany, Mississippi, and left surviving children, Dr. Hayes Wesson of New Albany and a daughter who married Dr. H. N. Hayes.

Rev. Dr. Egbert Leander Wesson (son of E. J. and Martha J. Wesson) was an able and well-known minister of the Missionary Baptist Church in North Mississippi, who served as pastor at New Albany, Mississippi, and elsewhere before his pastorate at Holly Springs, Mississippi, 1917-1924. He gave up the last-named charge and moved to Florida where he and his wife had purchased an orange grove in Pasco County. He was soon serving as pastor of the Zephyr Hills Baptist Church and continued there until his death. He was born October 21, 1859, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, and died December 9, 1933, near Dade City, Florida. Interment was at New Albany, Mississippi. Mrs. Lula M. Wesson died on October 15, 1955, near Dade City. No children were born of this marriage.

George Albert Darden (5A6)

George Albert Darden (5A6) was born December 13, 1871, in Union County, Mississippi. As a boy attending local schools he was very mischievous but always bubbling with sparkling fun and gifted with quick repartee interspersed with wit. As he approached adolescence, his temperament rapidly changed to a severe and rather austere mien, his entire attitude being dominated by religious dogmas. He left home at 20 years of age. Some months later it was learned that he had entered Burgess Institute, a college in Lafayette County, Mississippi, and was paying for his board and tuition there by menial labor, which occupied his entire time not spent in study. He continued there for 2 years (1892-93) and earned a reputation for his ability as a speaker in college debates. Also, he was awarded a gold medal in one oratorical contest, and received second honor in another contest. He was licensed to preach the gospel and entered Mississippi College for Ministers, but gave up study for the ministry when he concluded that religious dogmas and theology did not conform to his own practical knowledge of life and well-known scientific facts relating to the world and to the universe.

He went to Texas during the summer of 1895 and entered Celeste Normal College at Celeste, Texas, where he prepared himself for teaching in Texas. The following year he undertook school teaching in Collin County, Texas, but a severe inflection of the eyes compelled him to give up all work requiring close application of
his eyes. Since the eye trouble had upset his educational plans, he tried agency
and sales work for a time. This proved unsatisfactory and he returned to farm
work, which he continued for about 5 years. He became a carpenter at Dallas,
Texas, and worked at the trade several years. Then, about 1910, he returned to
Memphis, Tennessee, where he engaged in building construction and real estate op-
erations. These activities continued more than 25 years until he became incapac-
itated for such work because of advanced age. (Living, 1956.)

George Albert Darden and Jennie Embry Simpson were married October 6, 1907, at
Terrell, Kaufman County, Texas, and legally separated January 13, 1923, at Mem-
phis, Tennessee. She was born March 29, 1878, near Jewett, Leon County, Texas;
her father was Joseph Willis Simpson (1851-1928) and the mother's maiden name was
Mattie Georgiana Ryan (1852-1925). The Simpsons resided at Lone Oak, Texas.

DARDEN Family: Seventh Generation
Children of George Albert Darden (5A6) and
Jennie Embry (Simpson) Darden
1 5A7 Samuel Joseph Darden, b. Oct. 15, 1909, in Dallas, Texas. See
Generation VII.
2 5A7 Lou Ella Darden, b. Aug. 23, 1911, in Memphis, Tenn. See Gener-
ation VII.
3 5A7 George Albert Darden, b. Sept. 22, 1916, in Memphis, Tenn. See
Generation VII.

Dorethea Alice ("Dora") (Darden) Smith (6A6)

Dorethea Alice ("Dora") Darden (6A6) was born July 26, 1873, at Darden in Union
County, Mississippi. She attended local schools in the Darden Community and then
taught school for a few years. She was married April 21, 1898, to George Wash-
ington Smith at Myrtle, Union County, Mississippi. He was born October 5, 1870,
in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, the son of the Rev. Mr. Charles Washington Smith
and Linn (Arnold) Smith, who lived in Pontotoc and afterward in Union County,
Mississippi, from 1870 to 1900 or later. George Washington Smith was a farmer in
Tipton County, Tennessee, for about 6 years after their marriage and then removed
to Union County, Mississippi. Dorethea Alice (Darden) Smith died July 3, 1931,
at Myrtle and was buried in the family plot in Myrtle Cemetery.

George Washington Smith survived his wife and lived with his son, William Arnol
Smith, in Florida on a farm at or near Frostproof from about 1932 until his death
August 2, 1942.

SMITH Family: Seventh (Darden) Generation
Children of George Washington Smith and
Dorethea Alice (Darden) Smith (6A6)
1 Samuel Charles Smith, b. Oct. 28, 1900, in Tipton Co., Tenn. See Generation VII.
2 William Arnold Smith, b. Dec. 28, 1904, in Union Co., Miss. See Generation VII.

Margaret Essie (Darden) Smith (7A6)

Margaret Essie Darden (7A6) was born June 6, 1875, in Union County, Mississippi.
She attended local schools in Darden Community and at Myrtle Academy, and taught
school 2 years before her marriage to Clarence Cullens Smith, December 24, 1901,
at Myrtle, Mississippi. He was born November 21, 1875, in Union County, the son
of Jefferson Franklin Smith and Annie (Sanders) Smith, who lived near Myrtle.

Clarence Cullens Smith and his wife lived several years on a farm near Myrtle and
then went to Memphis, Tennessee, around 1907 where Mr. Smith was employed about
15 years by the Memphis Street Railway Company. In December 1927, he returned to
Myrtle where he owned and operated the Samuel C. Darden farm, with other proper-

in the vicinity, until his death there on September 18, 1951. No children were
born of this union. Mrs. Margaret Essie (Darden) Smith moved to Dade City,
Florida, soon after her husband's death and was living there in 1956.
Samuel James Tilden Darden (8A6)

Samuel James Tilden Darden (8A6) was born December 22, 1876, in Union County, Mississippi, and attended local schools in the Darden Community, then at Myrtle, Mississippi. He studied medicine privately for several years, then attended the Memphis Hospital Medical College 2 years where he graduated in 1909. He was licensed to practice in Tennessee as well as in Mississippi, but he early established himself at Myrtle where he practiced medicine about 25 years, until his death which occurred October 5, 1932. He was buried in the family plot in Myrtle cemetery.

In his profession he attained local prominence by reason of his ability to diagnose cases accurately and to treat ailments successfully where others had failed. There was an unusually large attendance at his funeral, an evidence of his local popularity. Among those present were negroes and other very poor people who bourned him as a best friend in times of great need. He was a Master Mason, member of the Methodist Church, and active in the District Medical Society. Dr. Samuel James Darden married Cassie Dillard Coltharp, December 23 (Bible), 1900, at Myrtle, in Union County, Mississippi. She was born June 29, 1882, in Union County, the daughter of Matthew Newton Coltharp (b. Oct. 28, 1852, in Tippah Co., Aug. 27, 1920) and Artalissie Isabel Orr (b. March 6, 1859, in that part of Tippah that later became Union Co.; d. Sept. 3, 1931). Her parents were married February 28, 1878, in Union County, and resided at Myrtle, Mississippi. After the death of Dr. Darden, his widow became associated with the Reynolds Funeral Home in Holly Springs, Mississippi.

DARDEN Family: Seventh Generation
Children of Samuel James Tilden Darden (8A6) and

Cassie Dillard (Coltharp) Darden

1 8A7 William Roy Darden, b. Nov. 15, 1901, in Union Co., Miss. See Generation VII.
2 8A7 Mamie Orr Darden, b. Sept. 15, 1904, at Myrtle in Union Co., Miss. See Generation VII.

William Walter Darden (9A6)

William Walter Darden (9A6) was born April 5, 1879, in Union County, Mississippi. He acquired a fair education in local schools of Darden Community and at Myrtle Academy, and then taught country schools 3 years. In May 1904 he secured a position as representative in northern Mississippi with the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He applied himself to the work with such diligence and enthusiasm that he won prizes in several contests for the largest producer of business, one prize being a free trip to the World's Fair at St. Louis, Missouri; and in May 1906 he was promoted to Division Superintendent of the Memphis, Tennessee, branch just 2 years after entering the service. He was signally successful in such educational work for several years and seemed on the way to greater achievement, but his health became seriously impaired. This was followed by business reverses which greatly discouraged him.

After an incomplete recovery, he drifted into other lines of business and became salesman and collector, and later agency director, for the David C. Cook Publishing Company of Elgin, Illinois. After he had traveled in that work about 3 years, he settled down in Birmingham and operated a real estate business. He married a widow with several small children, but that relationship ended in legal separation. Finally, he limited his activities to the operation of a small commercial hotel in Birmingham, Alabama, beginning about 1922. He married there about 1924-25, and was successful in business, but ill health compelled his retirement about 1950. In May of 1954, in connection with legal steps for settlement of the estate of Newton J. Darden, it was found that he still lived in Birmingham.
Mary Helen (Darden) Smith (10A6)

Mary Helen Darden (10A6) was born May 14, 1881, in Union County, Mississippi; died November 1, 1918, at New Albany, her home; and was laid to rest in the family plot in Myrtle Cemetery. She was a very devout Christian and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her life abounded in many Christian charities, wherein she labored zealously in behalf of her local church.

She married George Henry ("Victor") Smith, October 17, 1900, at Myrtle in Union County. His father was Joe Smith and his mother was Catherine Dorman. The parents were married in Union County and lived near Myrtle where their son, Victor Smith, was born and grew to manhood. He was brought up on a farm, but early engaged in railroad construction work, at first by building bridges and then in general maintenance. After a time he became section foreman, later division foreman of way and maintenance, then Division Superintendent of the Memphis and Birmingham Division of the Frisco-Rock Island Railway System. He once lived at Potts Camp in Marshall County, Mississippi; and later at New Albany, Mississippi for about 10 years. Another place of residence was at Amory, Mississippi, and afterward at Fordyce, Arkansas. He died February 5, 1942, at his residence in Fayetteville, Arkansas, leaving a widow, Mrs. Sybella (Embrey) Purnell-Smith (dau. of William Embrey and formerly widow of Marvin Purnell).

SMITH Family: Seventh (Darden) Generation
Children of George Henry Smith and
Mary Helen (Darden) Smith (10A6)

1 Joseph Darden Smith, b. July 12, 1904, Union Co., Miss. See Generation VII.
2 Mary Lou Smith, b. June 26, 1909, New Albany, Miss. See Generation VII.

Fannie Beulah (Darden) Cossitt (11A6)

Fannie Beulah Darden (11A6) was born April 23, 1886, at Darden Post Office in Union County, Mississippi. She attended local schools in the Darden Community and Myrtle Academy at Myrtle, Mississippi. She married Shirley Melrose Cossitt, July 5, 1904, at Myrtle. Mr. Cossitt was born August 23, 1880, at Walnut in Tippah County, Mississippi. His father was Edward William Cossitt, born February 14, 1846, near Paris, Tennessee; his mother was Sarah Elizabeth Butler, born in 1848 and died March 4, 1882, at the family home in Tippah County.

Shirley Melrose Cossitt attended local schools near his home and began teaching in Tippah County, but in 1903 he became principal teacher at Myrtle Academy where he taught 2 years. While teaching, he took an examination for the railway mail service, Memphis and Birmingham divisions, with headquarters at Memphis, Tennessee. He continued in that service about 26 years, until his death on May 24, 1935. He was buried in the family plot in Myrtle Cemetery at Myrtle, Mississippi. Mr. Cossitt was a Mason and Shriner. His friendly, wholesome, and admirable character endeared him as a brother to every member of his wife's family, who sincerely mourned his passing. There were no children of this union. His wife Fannie Beulah (Darden) Cossitt, survived him and resided (1956) near Dade City (Route No. 2), Florida, with her surviving sisters, Jennie Ella Darden and Margaret Essie (Darden) Smith.
Generation VII
GRANDCHILDREN OF SAMUEL CONAZINE DARDEN (SA5)

Edna Verna (Beard) Kee

Edna Verna Beard, daughter of Starks Moreland Beard and Arrie Netta (Darden) Beard (2A6), was born January 31, 1886, in Union County, Mississippi; died July 4, 1915, at Kaufman, Texas. She was married May 18, 1908, to Lemuel C. Kee at Kaufman.

KEE Family: Eighth (Darden) Generation
Child of Edna Verna Beard and Lemuel C. Kee

1 L. C. Kee, Jr., b. cal1909; living at Brownsboro, Texas, in Nov. 1956; m., no ch.

Walter Franklin Beard

Walter Franklin Beard, son of Starks Moreland Beard and Arrie Netta (Darden) Beard (2A6), was born at Myrtle, Union County, Mississippi, August 22, 1888. He removed with his parents to Kaufman, Texas, when about 7 years old. He served an apprenticeship in the printing trade and clerked in Perkins Brothers store in Kaufman before a 2-year term with the John Deere Plow Company in Dallas. Returning to Kaufman he was employed in the Citizen's National Bank, 1917-1919, and then operated a cafe, 1919-1926. From 1927 to 1933 he was employed in the office of Assessor-Collector of Kaufman County and was elected to that office in 1934. Walter Franklin Beard died on May 10, 1936. He was a member of the Masonic Order and of the First Baptist Church.

On March 3, 1917, he was married to Annie Jo Collins (b. April 23, 1897, at Kemp, Texas), daughter of James Buchanan Collins and Mary Frances (Dawson) Collins.

BEARD Family: Eighth (Darden) Generation
Children of Walter Franklin Beard and Annie Jo (Collins) Beard


Una Jane (Beard) Monday-Brown

Una Jane Beard, daughter of Starks Moreland Beard and Arrie Netta (Darden) Beard (2A6), was born December 9, 1894, at Celeste, Hunt County, Texas. She married, 1st, December 29, 1912, Alonzo Hendrix Monday at Kaufman and resided at Billsboro, Texas. He died December 9, 1938. Una Jane Beard married, 2d, Hyder Joseph Brown on May 7, 1944.

MONDAY Family: Eighth (Darden) Generation
Children of Una Jane Beard and Alonzo Hendrix Monday


LINEAGE OF NORTH MISSISSIPPI DARDENS

Pebble (Beard) Crocker-Johnson

Pebble Beard, daughter of Starks Moreland Beard and Arrie Netta (Darden) Beard (2A6), was born February 17, 1898, at Kaufman, Texas. She married, 1st, April 20, 1919, Jay B. Crocker. No children. In 1939 she was in Government service in Washington, D.C.


Samuel Joseph Darden (1 5A7)

Samuel Joseph Darden (1 5A7), son of George Albert Darden (5A6) and Jennie Embry (Simpson) Darden, was born October 15, 1909, at Dallas, Texas. He attended school in Memphis, Tennessee, where his parents resided after 1910, and attended West Tennessee State Teachers College (Memphis State College) in 1927. He entered the U.S. Postal Service in 1928 and became first president of the Memphis Letter Carriers Association. He continued in that service at Memphis until 1950 and then transferred to Knoxville. He became active in Masonic affairs—member of St. Elmo Commandery, Knights Templar at Memphis—and also in the Prescott Memorial and Central Avenue Baptist Churches at Memphis and the First Christian Church at Knoxville.

Samuel Joseph Darden and Margaret Elinor Meeks (dau. of James) were married January 20, 1933, in Memphis. She was born May 23, 1910, at Guys, McNairy County, Tennessee, was graduated from high school at Corinth, Mississippi, attended West Tennessee State Teachers College 1928-9 and 1930-1, and taught school at Guys for 3 years.

James Littleton Meeks was born Jan. 25, 1864, at Guys, third son of Col. Orville L. Meeks and Martha ("Mickie") Meeks of Selmer, McNairy Co. He married Nov. 25, 1887, Elinor Rebecca Houston, born Sept. 19, 1869, died Sept. 4, 1949. Miss Houston was daughter of James T. and Margaret A. Houston, pioneers in McNairy Co. and related to the family of Genl. Sam Houston, Gov. of Texas 1827-29, Pres. of the Republic, 1836-45, and U.S. Senator 1845-59.

DARDEN Family: Eighth Generation

Children of Samuel Joseph Darden (1 5A7) and Margaret Elinor (Meeks) Darden

1 5A8 Donald Ivan Darden, b. Oct. 30, 1936, in Memphis, Tenn. Attended Memphis Public Schools and Knoxville High School. In 1956 he was a Junior at the Univ. of Tenn., Knoxville.

2 5A8 Billie Joe Darden, b. Aug. 8, 1939, in Memphis, Tenn. Attended Memphis and Knoxville Public Schools and Knoxville High School where he was a Senior in 1956 with the highest possible achievement record and a scholarship awaiting him.

3 5A8 Samuel Joseph Darden, b. Oct. 15, 1943, in Memphis, Tenn.

4 5A8 John Newton Darden, b. Feb. 18, 1946, in Memphis, Tenn.

5 5A8 Rebecca Ellen Darden, b. July 19, 1949, in Memphis, Tenn.

6 5A8 Barry Evan Darden, b. April 27, 1952, at Knoxville in Knox Co., Tenn.

(Family moved from Memphis to Knoxville, Tenn., in 1950.)

Lou Ella (Darden) Tawes

Lou Ella Darden, daughter of George Albert Darden (5A6) and Jennie Embry (Simenson) Darden, was born August 23, 1911, in Memphis, Tennessee, where she attended elementary schools and was graduated from high school in 1928. She received a B.S. degree in 1932 from West Tennessee State Teachers College and then taught Georgia high schools in Statenville, Montezuma, and Marietta until 1942. Meanwhile, she continued summer training at Bowling Green (Ky.) Business University. Since 1942 she has taught commercial subjects in Crisfield High School, Crisfield, Maryland, where she has been active in civic affairs and in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Sunday School and Women's Society (President 1951-52). She served as
George Albert Darden (3 5A7)  

George Albert Darden (3 5A7), son of George Albert Darden (5A6) and Jennie Emily (Simpson) Darden, was born September 22, 1916, in Memphis, Tennessee, where he attended schools until 1932. In June 1935 he was graduated from the Tennessee Industrial School at Nashville and he attended David Lipscomb College at Nashville 1935-36. Later he took courses at Miller-Hawkins Business College in Memphis.

After experience in construction work and as a printer, also employment with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in 1938, he was inducted into the U.S. Air Corps in 1942 and served overseas in all ranks from Private to Technical Sergeant in the Pacific theatre of operations until honorably discharged at the end of the war.

After the war George Albert Darden was an accountant and auditor in Sweetwater ad El Paso, Texas, and then in Odessa, Texas, where, since December 1951 he has established himself as an accountant and auditor. Mr. Darden is the secretary-treasurer of the Peruvian Basin Rifle and Pistol Club; member of the American Legion and of Veterans of Foreign Wars; also a member of the Masonic Fraternity and a Shriner.

George Albert Darden was married, 1st, on September 20, 1936, at Bowling Green, Kentucky, to Thelma Irene Clements, daughter of Joseph Clements of Nashville, Tennessee. (Divorced in Memphis, Tenn., in 1941; no ch.)

He was married, 2d, on October 12, 1942, at Big Spring, Texas, to Frances Marie Arrick. (Divorced in Big Spring in 1946; no ch.)

George Albert Darden and Rita Brashear (widow of ——— Weaver) were married July 17, 1948, at Odessa, Texas. Rita Brashear was born July 13, 1912, in Oakland, California, daughter of William Henry Brashear (1862-1936) and his wife, Elizabeth Joaquin (Mingus) Brashear (b. 1873) of Meridian and Sweetwater, Texas. Rita Brashear attended the University of Los Angeles, and graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Texas. She has worked on the Los Angeles Times, the Dallas News, and was Editor of the Sweetwater Daily Reporter for 3 years (1943-46) before becoming Society Editor of the Odessa American. (No ch.)

Samuel Charles Smith

Samuel Charles Smith, son of George Washington Smith and Dorethea Alice (Dar- 
dn) Smith (5A6), was born October 28, 1900, near Covington in Tipton County, Tennessee, where his parents then resided. He was reared and attended schools at Mtte, Mississippi, where his parents resided after 1904-06. After some years in clerical and sales work in Memphis, he was married at Little Rock, Arkansas, Mildred Elinor Gamble and moved to Los Angeles, California, about April 1940. They were living there in 1956.
William Arnold Smith

William Arnold Smith, son of George Washington Smith and Dorethea Alice (Darden) Smith (6A6), was born December 28, 1905, in Union County, Mississippi. He attended schools at Myrtle and was assistant cashier of the Myrtle bank from 1923 to 1927 when he moved to Frostproof, Florida, where he was employed with L. Maxey Inc., until June 1942. After government civilian service from 1942 until 1947, he became mill superintendent for the Florida Fruit Canners (Minute Maid Corp.). He is a 32d degree Scottish Rite Mason.

William Arnold Smith was married to Ida Lucille Mitchell on May 6, 1926, at Holly Springs, Mississippi. She was born June 20, 1906, in Union County, Mississippi, daughter and only child of George Washington Mitchell (b. Jan. 18, 1876) and Susie (Telford) Mitchell (d. Nov. 1918). William Arnold Smith was living in Frostproof, Florida, in 1956.

SMITH Family: Eighth (Darden) Generation
Children of William Arnold Smith and Ida Lucille (Mitchell) Smith


William Roy Darden (1 8A7)

William Roy Darden (1 8A7), son of Samuel James Tilden Darden (8A6) and Cassie Dillard (Coltharp) Darden, was born November 15, 1901, at Myrtle, in Union County, Mississippi, where he attended school. After several years of experience in his father's drugstore and in the operation of a garage, he entered the U.S. Postal and Railway Mail Service and resided in Memphis. He is a member of the Methodist Church and a Master Mason. (Living in 1956 and residing at Myrtle.)

On April 22, 1927, at Myrtle, he married Violet Vadine Wilbanks (Mar. Recs. 2: 178, Union Co.). She was born April 22, 1906, at Essary Springs, McNairy Count, Tennessee, daughter of Cain Mack Wilbanks (b. Oct. 15, 1877), a Missionary Baptist minister, and his wife, Elizabeth (Scott) Wilbanks (b. Nov. 17, 1883) whom he married on May 19, 1905, at Corinth, Mississippi. Violet V. Wilbanks attend Blue Mountain Female College at Blue Mountain, Mississippi, for 3 years, and the University of Alabama for 2 years (1930-31); also attended Memphis State College. She taught school for 15 or more years. She is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

DARDEN Family: Eighth Generation
Children of William Roy Darden (1 8A7) and Violet Vadine (Wilbanks) Darden


3 8A8 James William Darden, b. Jan. 19, 1944, Memphis, Tenn.

4 8A8 Robert Wilbanks Darden, b. Feb. 8, 1946.
Mamie Orr (Darden) Reynolds

Mamie Orr Darden, daughter of Samuel James Tilden Darden (8A6) and Cassie Dil¬
lard (Coltharp) Darden, was born September 15, 1904, at Myrtle, Mississippi. She
was married on November 3, 1925, at Myrtle to Andrew Ivy Reynolds, born August 1,
1902, son of John Thomas Reynolds and Gabriella (Barnett) Reynolds (b. Oct. 14,
1869). Andrew Ivy Reynolds operates the Reynolds Funeral Home at Holly Springs,
Mississippi, and is associated with his brother, Thomas J. Reynolds, in the Rey-
olds Mercantile Company at Myrtle. He is also in the insurance business and
resident of the Mississippi Benefit Association. Mr. Andrew Ivy Reynolds is a
baptist, a Mason, and a Shriner; member of the Rotary Club and the Junior Chamber
of Commerce.

REYNOLDS Family: Eighth (Darden) Generation
Child of Andrew Ivy Reynolds and
Mamie Orr (Darden) Reynolds
1 Martha Jean Reynolds, b. Feb. 20, 1929, at Myrtle, Miss. She graduated from Gulf Park
College at Gulfport, Miss., and received a B.S. degree from the Univ. of Miss. at
Oxford. On Feb. 17, 1951, she m. James Clark Wilson, Jr. (son of James Clark Wilson
of Gulfport), a graduate of Tulane Univ. After 3 years in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Wilson
has been associated with the Union Planters National Bank and Trust Co. of Memph,
Tenn. One ch.: James Clark WILSON, III, b. May 13, 1954, Memphis. (For Barnett An¬
cystry, see PART THREE.)

Joseph Darden Smith

Joseph Darden Smith, son of George Henry ("Victor") Smith and Mary Helen (Dar¬
eden) Smith (10A6), was born July 12, 1904, in Union County, Mississippi. He
attended school in New Albany, Mississippi, until 1921 and married January 8,
1927, Leila (or Lela) Burdine at Amory, Mississippi.

SMITH Family: Eighth (Darden) Generation
Child of Joseph Darden Smith and
Leila (Burdine) Smith
1 James Victor Smith, b. Feb. 29, 1928, at Amory, Miss. Unmarried in 1956 and living at
1517 Southwest Columbia, Portland 1, Ore.

Mary Lou (Smith) Myers

Mary Lou Smith, daughter of George Henry ("Victor") Smith and Mary Helen (Dar¬
eden) Smith (10A6), was born June 26, 1909, at New Albany, Mississippi, where she
attended schools. She graduated from the Mississippi State College for Women at
Clumbus, Mississippi, and taught school 2 or 3 years before her marriage on Feb¬
uary 24, 1935, at New Albany, to Ralph Jerome Myers, born August 10, 1908, son
of Clarence Jefferson Myers and Edna (Earle) Myers. Mary Lou (Smith) Myers died
in Myrtle, Mississippi, March 4, 1951, leaving a son.

MYERS Family: Eighth (Darden) Generation
Child of Ralph Jerome Myers and
Mary Lou (Smith) Myers
1 William Clarence Myers, b. May 25, 1938, at Myrtle, Miss. In March of 1954 he was
living with his aunt (Mrs. Louise M. McAllister) in Memphis, Tenn. His father was
deceased and Thomas E. Myers was his guardian.
PART TWO
DARDEN BRANCHES OF PRIMARY LINEAGE

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JOHN DARDEN (2A3) OF GEORGIA and Descendants

John Darden (2B3=2A3), son of George Darden (1A2) and Martha (Burch) Darden, was born cal 1764 in Brunswick County, Virginia, and was taken by his parents to Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1772, where he grew to maturity. At 15 years of age (1779), he did a tour of 40 days' military duty with his father in South Carolina (evidenced by stub entry 0-374 dated April 19, 1785, audited Rev. War accounts, office of the S.C. Historical Commission of Columbia). Later he became a land surveyor in Wilkes and adjacent counties and traded extensively in Georgia lands during some 20 years or more. Land on or near Long Creek in Wilkes County was surveyed to him on or before October 20, 1784, when adjacent land was surveyed to his brother, George Darden (1A3). He was granted public land in Georgia, not for military service to the state but as a resident soldier of the Revolutionary War, as recorded in the office of the Secretary of State at Atlanta, Georgia.

Numerous deeds are of record to and from him in Wilkes, Elbert, Lincoln, Oglethorpe, and some other counties in Georgia, that show he traded in and owned lands in those counties; and a power-of-attorney recorded in Nashville, Tennessee (Davidson Wills 2, 315), may show that this John Darden owned land there. (It should be mentioned, however, that it is not clear that all the records relate to and the same John Darden) John Darden died in March 1811 near Greensboro, Georgia, of pneumonia and/or pleurisy caused by exposure incident to swimming the Oconee River in cold weather to prevent loss of his cattle that had stampeded. He was en route with his family and livestock to new lands in Jasper County, Georgia. He had just signed a deed to Briton Capel on February 12, 1811, for 304 acres on Beaverdam Creek in Elbert County, and his wife Elizabeth had relinquished a power of attorney. (Deeds M, 153.) His widow, Elizabeth Darden, and 6 sons went on to their destination. Numerous records in Butts and Jasper Counties refer to the family. He had previously surveyed the county boundary lines and acquired lands there.

Mr. William E. Watkins, a grandson and resident of Jackson, Georgia, has preserved John Darden's field desk, transit, surveyor's chain, and other equipment. Mr. Watkins had been living at Jackson, Georgia, for several years when in June 1938 Newton J. Darden visited him there.

John Darden married Elizabeth Harper in 1796 in Elbert County, Georgia. She was the daughter of Edward or Edmond Harper and his wife Anne Rucker of Ruckersville in said county. She died in Jasper County, Georgia, about 1840-1850. She was a woman of considerable ability, unusual pluck, and great energy, who reared her sons to be good citizens, a credit to the Darden name and to the state. Two of them became, in succession, Adjutant General of Georgia; and the younger succeeded the elder as Major General of the Confederate Army of Georgia.

No family records have been found relating to this family. "Edmond Jo" Darden (2 1 2B5) of Llano, Texas, son of Bedford Harper Darden (1 2B4), is the chief source of information. Some statements (dated July 15, 1930) were supplied by Mrs. William E. Watkins who then resided at Jackson, in Butts County, Georgia.

Darden Branch Lineage B: Fourth Generation

Children of John Darden (2B3) and Elizabeth (Harper) Darden


2 2B4 Edmond ("Burch") Joseph Darden, b. cal 1798 in Elbert (Lincoln) Co., Ga.; d. cal 1863 in Randolph Co., Ga. Issue: sons Bedford, John, and Burch Darden; dau.: Catherine, m. Dr. Harden; Mary, m. ------; and Lucy Darden, m. Dr. Baskin; all of Randolph Co.
This Burch Darden, son of Edmond, seems identical with the Captain E. B. Darden of Milner, Ga., who wrote a letter to The Times Dispatch of Richmond, Va., published May 6, 1906, in which he states that his grandparents were John Darden and Elizabeth (Harper) Darden. Further, he gives his mother's maiden name as Mary Swift of Madison, Ga., sister of Thomas and Augusta Swift of Elberton, Ga.; and says his father moved from Jasper to Randolph Co. in 1859. "All of my brothers and brothers-in-law lie in your Soldiers' Cemetery. They perished in the battles around Richmond. We all served in Tige Anderson's Brigade." (Capt. Darden erroneously thought his great grandfather was James Madison Darden. See discussions in Generation I of PART ONE, and in Migrations of Dardens to Georgia, Group V of PART FOUR.)

4 2B4 Thomas Jefferson Darden, b. in Elbert Co., Ga.; accidentally killed cal1815-1818; unm.
5 2B4 John ("Jack") Darden, b. in Elbert Co., Ga.; d. cal1861 in Barbour Co., Ala. Surviving issue, including dau. who m. Dr. Blount.
6 2B4 James Monroe Darden. He succeeded his oldest brother as Adjutant General of Ga.; also as Major General of the Confederate Army in Ga. He d. unm. cal1881 in Jasper Co., Ga. Letters of administration on his estate were granted to Benjamin F. Watkins, Dec. 5, 1881.

Bedford Harper Darden (1 2B4)

Bedford Harper Darden (1 2B4), son of John and Elizabeth (Harper) Darden, was born in Elbert (Lincoln) County, Georgia, 1797. When he was about 14 years of age his parents moved to Jasper County where he was brought up by his mother after the death of his father, 1811. There is no information of his educational record in Jasper County, but in some way he acquired an education and attained a personal popularity that enabled him to be elected a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from Jasper County. During the years 1821 to 1827 he acted as administrator of his father's estate and received for various installments of proceeds from the estate of his uncle, Richard Darden (9A3). Also, he acquired some knowledge of Georgia laws and became Justice of the Inferior Court of Butts County where he served from April 8, 1838, to January 24, 1841. He was elected Member of Congress in 1840 and served one term. He became Brigadier General, 2d Brigade, 5th District of Georgia Militia, November 5, 1841, and served until the outbreak of Civil War in 1861. He then became Brigadier General, C.S.A., and died in office August 28, 1863, at Jackson, Georgia. His last will is dated February 28, 1863; probated September term 1863. (Will Book A, 95-96, Butts Co., Ga.)

His marriage to Maria Frances Bailey took place in 1832 in Butts County. She was born cal1817 in Oglethorpe County, daughter of Harry Bailey and sister to Dr. Stephen Bailey; died December 6 or 8, 1886, at Jackson in Butts County. Her last will is dated November 5, 1886. (Will Book A, 246-47, Butts Co., Ga.)

Darden Branch Lineage B: Fifth Generation
Children of Bedford Harper Darden (1 2B4) and Maria Frances (Bailey) Darden
1 1 2B5 John H. Darden, b. 1835; d. in infancy.
2 1 2B5 Joseph E. ("Edmond Jo") Darden, b. cal1838 in Butts Co., Ga.; d. cal1900-1910 in Llano Co., Texas. See below.
3 1 2B5 Sarah Elizabeth Darden. Married, 1st, ------ Tinsley who soon d. in Ga.; m., 2d, ------ Johnston.
4 1 2B5 Orva Evelina ("Orrie") Darden; m. W. B. Hopson in Ga.
5 1 2B5 Bedford H. Darden, Jr. No data.
6 1 2B5 Henry J. ("Harry") Darden; d. in Confederate Army near Richmond; Co. D, 6th Infantry, Army of Va. No issue.

Emma F. Darden. Married Benj. F. Watkins and had at least one son, Wm. E. WATKINS, who m. Ermine deG. Rambo. They had a dau., Molly Watkins, who m. ca1936, Benjamin Byrd Garland. (Information by Mrs. W. E. Watkins of Jackson, Ga. Same facts reported by Edmond Jo Darden of Llano, Texas.)

Joseph E. ("Edmond Jo") Darden (2 1 2B5)

Edmond Jo Darden (2 1 2B5), son of Bedford H. Darden (1 2B4) and Maria F. (Bailley) Darden, was born in Butts County, Georgia, ca1858, and was brought up there. He acquired something more than the three "R's" and had some knowledge of civil law, probably acquired in his father's office. The Civil War disrupted his plans for further education. Being the son of the Adjutant General of Georgia, he was promptly ushered into that controversy. He served a year in Company D, 6th Georgia Infantry, Army of Virginia, and 3 years in Company E, 2d Georgia Cavalry, Army of Tennessee. He survived the conflict and, though a cripple, went to Texas soon after the war (1870) where he practiced law to some extent for several years. Finally he purchased a little farm near Llano in Llano County, Texas, to care for, as he said, some "sick Children", and remained there until his death, ca1902-1910. He had married in 1877 Barbara Eliza Allison, who was the daughter of Dr. J. J. Allison of Brown County, Texas.

Darden Branch Lineage B: Sixth Generation
Children of Joseph E. ("Edmond Jo") Darden (2 1 2B5) and Barbara Eliza (Allison) Darden

1 2 1 2B6 Hughes Gilder Darden, b. 1878; lived at Fort Worth, Texas, ca1900.
2 2 1 2B6 Paul Fitzgerald Darden, b. 1881 in Texas.
3 2 1 2B6 Benjamin Cameron Darden; d. in infancy.
4 2 1 2B6 Anna (Moore?) Darden. Data not available.
5 2 1 2B6 Richard Darden; d.y.
6 2 1 2B6 Daniel ("Dan") Allison Darden; at Waco, Texas, orphanage school ca1910.
7 2 1 2B6 Andrew Darden; at Mart, Texas, before 1910; later at Methodist Orphans Home School ca1915, Waco, Texas.
8 2 1 2B6 Mary Hinton Darden; d.y.

Compiler's Note: This Darden branch lineage B has been included as a tribute to the intense interest manifested by "Edmond Jo" Darden (2 1 2B5), who lived during the later years of his life near Llano in Llano Co., Texas. I last contacted him in 1902, but understand that he lived to ca1910. Apparently his wife had predeceased him several years. The Darden Genealogica (Book B, SAR collection, 28-31) includes a record dated Feb. 26, 1900, that said Edmond Jo Darden prepared of his antecedents. Very few errors are found therein, and many close approximations of correct dates are made. (There is some confusion of George Darden, Sr. (1A2), of Wilkes Co., Ga., with his son George Darden, Jr. (1A3), of Ga.-Ala., the elder brother of John Darden (2A3).)
DAVID DARDEN (6A3) OF GEORGIA AND MISSISSIPPI and Descendants

Section 1: DAVID DARDEN (6C3=6A3)
(Data supplied by Charles F. Darden, Beaumont, Texas.)

David Darden (6C3), son of George Darden (1A2) and Martha (Burch) Darden, was born c. 1770 in Halifax County, Virginia, where his parents lived from 1765 to 1772. As a small child he was taken by his parents to Georgia. He grew up in Wilkes County during the disturbed Revolutionary War period, and from there he emigrated as a young man in 1798 to the "Mississippi Country", then controlled by Spain. He occupied lands about 40 miles northeast of Natchez in what was early known as Pickering County, but later that area was included in Jefferson County, Mississippi. His home was located on or near the famous old "Natchez Trace", the first overland route from Nashville, Tennessee, to New Orleans, Louisiana.

Incident to disputed boundary lines and claims of sovereignty, both before and after consummation of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, there were considerable disturbances in that area about the status of land titles. Many claims had been derived from settlement within the Spanish domain; there were overlapping grants of English origin and conflicting American claims to the same lands. These diverse claims produced much confusion and uncertainty, which culminated in a "Memorial" presented by residents of that area to the United States Congress, dated December 6, 1800, wherein many persons, most of whom were from the United States, petitioned the U. S. Congress for legislative action defining territorial boundaries and setting up of definitive land-title statutes. David Darden was among the hundred or more persons of that locality who signed a petition and presented the matter to the U. S. Congress requesting legislative adjustment. In time the land-title controversies were settled, there was a great influx of new settlers from the older states (1800-1820), and the Natchez area became an important center of culture and refinement—the foremost civic community in the early history of Mississippi Territory and the state.

In Jefferson County, David Darden became a well-to-do citizen and successful cotton planter, and served as Justice of the Peace, Overseer of Roads, etc., in Jefferson County. His inventory (Probate Records, Jefferson Co., Miss.) shows ownership of many acres of land, numerous negro slaves, and other property.

He died February 8, 1820, aged 50 years, according to his tombstone in the family cemetery on his farm. This burial place was established by David Darden for the use of his family, his descendants, and near relatives. The farm on which this lot is located is about 2 miles south of Fayette Court House in Jefferson County. His burial plot is adjacent to a highway locally known as the McNair Road, and is about 200 yards from the old family residence of David Darden. The land had been wned in succession by David Darden to 1820, and by his son, John P. Darden, from 1843 to 1865; then it passed to his son, Thomas L. Darden, who left it to his widow. She sold the land to Judge Jeff Truly, whose widow in 1939 held title to the land and the cemetery. This private burial ground will be referred to as the David Darden Cemetery.

David Darden (6C3) married, 1st, Elenor Spain, May 1, 1800 (Deed Book A1, 30, Jefferson Co.). She was born in Amelia County, Virginia, and died c. 1803, the daughter of Francis and Eleanor (Truly) Spain of Jefferson County, Mississippi, who had married on May 28, 1761, in Amelia County. Issue of the Darden-Spain marriage:

1aC4 Matilda E. Darden, b. Sept. 12, 1802 (record in the Thomas L. Darden Bible), d. Sept. 2, 1881; m. John S. Chambliss, Oct. 25, 1821 (Book A, 168, Mar. Rec., Jefferson Co., Miss.). She was known to be living, a widow, April 24, 1866, at Lake Providence, (diary record). Issue: Eliza, Sally, Ann, and Hiram CHAMBLISS.
"Mississippi Country" at an early date, probably shortly after his mother and uncle Dibdall Holt arrived in 1773. His wife was Elizabeth (Holt) Burch, widow of Samuel Burch who died 1776-79. Samuel Burch was a resident in the Natchez country at an early date, ca. 1775. (See Burch Ancestry, PART THREE, Line III.) Samuel Burch, Jr., was a half brother of Mrs. Elizabeth (Truly) Payne-Darden, and one of the signers of the "Memorial Petition" dated Dec. 6, 1800, requesting legislative adjustment of land titles. James Truly and Elizabeth (Holt) Burch were married in 1779 and lived at Unontown, Jefferson Co., Miss. Children of James Truly and Elizabeth (Holt) Burch-Truly:

2. James Bennett Truly, b. Dec. 14, 1793, d. March 25, 1846 (tombstone); m. Martha Smith, dau. of Francis Smith; buried in David Darden Cemetery.
3. Sarah Truly; m. Isaac H. Collier and had J. J. and J. W. COLLIER.
4. John Holt Truly, removed early from Miss.

On January 14, 1805, David Darden (6C3) married, 2d, Elizabeth (Truly) Payne, widow of Silas Payne (Book A, 1 and 30, marriage records, Jefferson Co., Miss.). Mrs. Elizabeth Payne was the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Holt) Burch-Truly of Unontown, Adams County, Mississippi.

When David Darden (6C3) died in 1820 he left 6 children, none of whom was of legal age at that time. Mrs. Elizabeth ("Betsy") Darden, the widow, administered on the estate and became guardian of the persons and property of their children, whose names appear in the record of the first guardianship account of Elizabeth Darden as presented to the orphans court for allowance (Orphans Court Orders, June term 1822, 6, Jefferson Co.).

Darden Branch Lineage C: Fourth Generation
Children of David Darden (6C3) and Elizabeth (Truly) Payne-Darden

1bC4 Minerva Truly Darden, b. Feb. 2, 1806, d. Dec. 30, 1837; buried in the David Darden Cemetery; m. Philip Oscar Hughes, April 10, 1823 (Book A, 1805-27, 190, Jefferson Co.). He was b. March 4, 1798, d. July 23, 1845; buried in the Hughes Family Cemetery on his father's farm, Jefferson Co., Miss. Felix Hughes, father of Philip Oscar Hughes, was an early settler in that part of Adams Co., later included in Jefferson Co. He was one of the founders of Jefferson Military College in 1803 at Washington, Adams Co., Miss., and became the first secretary of that institution; also secretary for Council of Territory and Senate of the State, 1806-1821. Issue of Minerva Truly (Darden) Hughes and Philip Oscar Hughes:

1. Son, d. April 30, 1824.
2. Indiana Elizabeth Hughes, b. Feb. 11, 1828, d. Oct. 18, 1870; m. Samuel H. Lee, March 26, 1846. (5 ch.)


3bC4 Sallie H. Darden, b. Oct. 27, 1810, d. 1878-80 at Fayette; m. James Stovers, March 3, 1828. See below.


5bC4 Mary Adelia Darden, b. July 8, 1816, d. Nov. 1866 in Bolivar Co., Miss.; m. Charles T. Miles, May 25, 1837 (Book B, 121, Jefferson Co.). Mr. Miles survived his wife and m., 2d, Mrs. Harriett (Clark) Yoe. He was living July 7, 1873, in Bolivar Co., Miss. Issue of 1st marriage:

1. Charles Clark Miles, b. Feb. 5, 1843, d.y.
2 Julie Florean Miles, b. Jan. 6, 1846, d. y.
3 Mary Miles; d. unm.
4 Emily Miles; m. Frank R. Gayden. Issue.
(Children buried in the David Darden Cemetery.)

6bC4 Ann Eliza Darden, b. Nov. 8, 1818, d. Dec. 15, 1875; m. Sept. 17, 1835, Charles Clark. See below.

REFERENCES: Various land title and court records of Amelia Co., Va., and of Jefferson Co., Miss. Personal knowledge of Judge Jeff Truly of Fayette, Miss. The Thomas L. Darden Family Bible record, which contains data relating to members of his own and other connected families, data written by himself which passed to his daughter after his death, and in 1839 were in possession of Mrs. H. B. Sanders, a descendant, who resided at 900 West Commerce St., Aberdeen, Miss. An old diary written by Mrs. Susan (Sillers) Darden, wife of Jesse H. Darden; in 1839 in possession of Miss Jesse Wade of Lorman, Claiborne Co., Miss. The Susan Darden Diary was placed in Dept. of Archives and History, Jackson, Miss., by Charles F. Darden, Beaumont, Texas.

Sallie H. (Darden) Stowers (3bC4)

Sallie H. Darden (3bC4), daughter of David Darden (6C3) and Elizabeth (Truly) Poyne-Darden, was born October 27, 1810, and died ca. 1875-80 in Jefferson County. Her husband, James Stowers, son of John Stowers, was born in the year 1798 and died July 15, 1859. Both husband and wife were buried in the David Darden Cemetery. James Stowers and Sallie H. Darden were married March 3, 1828 (Book B, 10, Jefferson Co.).

STOWERS Family: Fifth (Darden) Generation
Children of James Stowers and
Sallie H. (Darden) Stowers (3bC4)
1 Elizabeth Jane Stowers, b. Sept. 10, 1834, d. March 17, 1912; m. Feb. 3, 1851, Judge Edward Herron Hicks, Fayette, Miss. (6 ch.)
2 James Campbell Stowers, b. May 2, 1846, d. Aug. 14, 1914; m. April 25, 1866, Mary Fletcher Johnson. (5 ch.)

Ann Eliza (Darden) Clark (6bC4)

Ann Eliza Darden (6bC4), daughter of David Darden (6C3) and Elizabeth (Truly) Poyne-Darden, was born November 8, 1818; died December 15, 1875, in Bolivar County, Mississippi. She married Charles Clark, September 17, 1835 (Book B, 94, Jefferson Co., Miss.). Mr. Clark was born May 24, 1811, in Ohio; came to Mississippi early in life and became prominent in state politics; served in the Mexican War and in the Confederate Army (see War of the Rebellion); and was Governor of Mississippi from November 16, 1863, to May 1865, when he was deposed by Federal authorities. He died December 17, 1877, in Bolivar County.

CLARK Family: Fifth (Darden) Generation
Children of Charles Clark and
Ann Eliza (Darden) Clark (6bC4)
1 Mary Adelia Clark, b. Nov. 5, 1836, d. Nov. 23, 1918; m. Wm. Eugene Montgomery, July 2, 1857. (14 ch.)
2 Charlotte E. Clark, b. 1838; d. July 14, 1839.
3 Emma Stuart Clark, b. Aug. 17, 1840, d. Sept. 1876; m. April 6, 1856, Thomas Blanchard Lenoir, b. Nov. 30, 1829, d. Feb. 1875. (6 ch.)
4 Ann Eliza ("Toody") Clark, b. Sept. 23, 1849, d. Dec. 1929; m. April 20, 1873, George Jacobs of Mo. (6 ch.)
5 Fred Clark, m., 1st, Jan. 12, 1876, Margaret Winchester; (8 ch.); m., 2d, 1896, Elizabeth Torrey; issue, Helen Elizabeth Clark; m. Lavalle House.
6 Eliza Lee Clark, living 1874.
Section 2: JOHN PENDLETON DARDEN (2bC4)

John Pendleton Darden (2bC4), son of David Darden (6C3) and Elizabeth (Truly) Payne-Darden, was born August 7, 1808, on a farm in Jefferson County, Mississippi. He grew to manhood in the same locality, married, and operated a farm near Vicksburg, Warren County, where he lived several years; he then returned to Jefferson County and purchased lands several miles northeast of Fayette, the county seat. At the final disposition of his father's landed estate, he purchased the old home farm and added some adjacent lands to form one plantation, called by him "Lauretta." This farm was operated as a cotton plantation on a large scale, and produced under favorable conditions 80 or more bales of cotton a year. Lauretta manor home is located about 2 miles south of Fayette Court House in Jefferson County. John P. Darden died there September 4, 1865, and was buried in the Darden family plot on said tract of land.

During the 1850's, John P. Darden wrote a book called The Secret of Success, which is a collection of reminiscences of amusing character relating very largely to his own experiences and to experiences of members of his family. The book reveals many incidents of family history pertaining to his wife and children, but unfortunately he never mentioned any of their names throughout the book.

John P. Darden married Margaret F. Fleming, April 13, 1830 (Book 5, 253, Adams Co., Miss.). She was born April 28, 1811, in Adams County, daughter of David Fleming and Dinah Sellars. Margaret F. Darden died July 7, 1869, and was laid to rest beside her husband in the Darden Family Cemetery, then upon land occupied by the family.

Darden Branch Lineage C: Fifth Generation
Children of John Pendleton Darden (2bC4) and Margaret F. (Fleming) Darden

1 2bC5 Sarah Cunningham (Fleming) Darden, b. Jan. 29, 1831, d. July 12, 1905; m. Charles Wesley Whitney. See below.
2 2bC5 Julius Darden, b. March 13, 1833, d. Aug. 31, 1835.
3 2bC5 Putnam ("Put") Darden, b. March 10, 1836, d. July 17, 1888. See Section 3.
5 2bC5 Bertha Darden, b. March 1841, d. 1853.
7 2bC5 Sue ("Susannah") Darden, b. Jan. 4, 1849, d. July 2, 1920; m. Aug. 1867 J. R. Armistead, Jefferson County. Family lived at Montgomery, Ala., and parents died there. To this couple at least 7 ch. were born: (1) Joe Armistead, m. Gertrude Sullivan (3 ch.); (2) Victor Armistead, 1015 Essex St., San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 1940; (3) Minnie Armistead; (4) Ben Armistead; (5) Thomas Armistead; (6) Eugene Armistead; (7) Stanton ARMISTEAD.

REFERENCES: The Thomas L. Darden Bible record. The Sillers-Darden Diary written by the wife of Jesse H. Darden. Tombstone inscriptions in the Darden Family Cemetery. The combined tracts of land called Lauretta plantation passed from Darden ownership and in 1939 had for some years been owned by Judge Jeff Truly, a banker at Fayette, Miss.

Sarah Cunningham (Darden) Whitney (1 2bC5)

Sarah Cunningham Darden (1 2bC5), daughter of John P. Darden (2bC4) and Margaret F. (Fleming) Darden, was born January 29, 1831, and died April 12, 1905, at Fayette, Mississippi. She married Charles Wesley Whitney, November 23, 1848 (Book B, 240, Jefferson Co.). Mr. Whitney was born October 15, 1829, at Fayette, Mississippi, and died there January 4, 1917. He and his wife are both buried in the Fayette Cemetery. There were 9 children, issue of this marriage.
WHITNEY Family: Sixth (Darden) Generation

Children of Charles Wesley Whitney and Sarah C.F. (Darden) Whitney (1 2bC5)

5 Katie Whitney, b. Dec. 1, 1862, d. July 4, 1903; m. Leon Rivers Harrison, Dec. 1, 1881; he d. July 9, 1919, and left surviving issue, 2 ch. Leon Rivers Harrison survived his 1st wife and m., 2d, Lizzie Whitney, a cousin to 1st wife; m., 3d, the widow, Mrs. Howell Gates, of Harrison, Miss.
7 Josie Jefferson Whitney, b. Nov. 4, 1867, d. Dec. 11, 1898; m. Isaac Dudley Stewart, April 10, 1889, at Fayette, Miss. (5 ch.) Family resided at Fayette, Miss., 1940.
8 Charles Wesley Whitney, twin of Putnam Darden Whitney; b. April 21, 1870, d. April 8, 1935; buried in Fayette Cemetery; m., 1st, Flossie Moffitt, 1892, Jackson, Miss. Issue, 1 dau., Margaret Whitney. Married, 2d, Ellen Phillips, Kosciusko, Miss. No issue.
9 Putnam Darden Whitney, twin of Charles Wesley Whitney; b. April 21, 1870, d. Nov. 23, 1898, at Natchez, Miss. Married, 1st, Lucille Baldwin, Canton, Miss. Issue, 2 ch. He m., 2d, Mariam Croxton of Beaumont, Texas. (3 ch.) Family lived at Fayette, Miss., 1940.

Josephine (Darden) Whitney (4 2bC5)

Josephine Darden (4 2bC5), daughter of John P. Darden (2bC4) and Margaret F. Fleming) Darden, was born October 19, 1838, and died August 14, 1914, in Jefferson County, Mississippi. She married February 18, 1858, Jefferson Joseph Whitney (Book B, 330, Jefferson Co., Miss.). Mr. Whitney was born January 11, 1834, at Fayette, and died there September 13, 1896. (See tombstone inscriptions in Fayette Cemetery.) Issue, 9 children.

WHITNEY Family: Sixth (Darden) Generation

Children of Jefferson J. Whitney and Josephine (Darden) Whitney (4 2bC5)

1 Stanhope Whitney, b. Dec. 17, 1858, d.y.
2 Eva Whitney, b. Dec. 25, 1860, d.y.
3 William Henry Whitney, b. Dec. 31, 1862, d. April 24, 1886; m. Feb. 18, 1881, Nannie Burch Campbell. (2 ch.)
4 Marion Whitney, b. Sept. 24, 1864, d.y.
6 Charley Cunningham Whitney, b. March 19, 1869; m. Feb. 26, 1889, Elsie Routh. (3 ch.)
7 Lena Landrum Whitney, b. Aug. 8, 1871, d. May 1, 1897, unm.

Section 3: PUTNAM ("PUT") DARDEN (3 2bC5)

Putnam ("Put") Darden (3 2bC5), "the Granger" of Mississippi, was born March 1836, on a plantation in Jefferson County, Mississippi; and after an eventful military and civic career, his death came suddenly July 17, 1888, at the age of years and at the zenith of his useful life. His magnetic personality made him many friends, and the power of his words influenced many men for better living conditions so that his personal influence for good spread in a few years far
beyond the limits of his own native state. He advocated scientific agricultural education, and inspired many rural communities in America with ideals for better living upon farms; and just before his death there was a spontaneous movement throughout the State of Mississippi to recognize his personal worth and achievements by making him governor of his native state.

Putnam Darden (3 2bC5) was a son of John Pendleton Darden (2bC4) and Margaret F. (Fleming) Darden. He grew up in a farming community and acquired such elements of an education as could be obtained in that locality. He then entered the University of Mississippi where he graduated at the age of 20 years, in 1856. Fired by inspiration and knowledge and youthful zeal, he went forth from that institution upon his mission in life—to stimulate by eloquence and logic the minds of his fellow citizens and to direct their activities toward greater civic accomplishments. He returned to the plantation of his father near Fayette, married the following year, and began life in earnest as a practical farmer in Jefferson County.

Then in close order came secession of the state, followed by the Civil War (1861-1865) with its turmoil and changes. He enlisted early in 1861 as a Lieutenant in Jefferson Flying Troop, a cavalry company organized at Fayette and later equipped as Battery L, Jefferson Artillery. He served at Shiloh, assigned to General S. A. M. Wood's Brigade, in General William J. Hardee's Corps; at Murfreesboro in Bushrod Johnson's Brigade of Hardee's Corps; in the Chickamauga Campaign in Reserve Corps Artillery under Colonel James H. Hallonquest and Major Sam C. Williams. At Shiloh when Captain Harper was wounded, Lieutenant Putnam Darden took command and the battery became known as "Darden's Battery, C.S.A." until the end of the war.

When the war was over he returned in 1865 to his native county and the farm, where he began life anew under greatly changed social conditions from those that had prevailed before the war. The negro slaves were now free and the entire economic and social structure of the South changed with their freedom. They had previously been the only farm laborers in that part of the country. These new and chaotic conditions brought forcefully to Put Darden not only the agricultural problems of the South but those of the whole nation as well.

Several years after the war were filled with unremitting labor and as he toiled he thought much upon agricultural problems. Soon there appeared "The Grange" of Patrons of Husbandry that proposed some improvement for the farm laborer. He was one of the charter members of the local Grange in 1873, and soon became the lead in that organization. He was promoted to Master of the State Grange in 1876 and served 3 years, 1877-1879, in that capacity. As Master of the State Grange, he visited all parts of Mississippi, ever pleading for improved agricultural conditions; and eloquently advocated acceptance of the Morrell Land Grant Act which resulted in establishment of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for technical and industrial education at Starkville, Mississippi.

The Put Darden statue erected upon the A.& M. grounds in 1892 commemorates his unselfish devotion to the agricultural interests of his native state. He represented the State of Mississippi in the National Grange for 11 consecutive years, 1877-1887; and was made Overseer of the National Grange from 1879 to 1885. The he became Master of the National Grange and was reelected November 1887 to another term of 2 years, which service was cut short by his untimely death. He was an able advocate of the principles and purposes of the National Grange; an eloquent and forceful speaker who impressed his audience with his simple and sincere statements and ushered his listeners along the course of his logical arguments to final decision and effective action upon the questions presented.

Summarizing the entire life history and achievements of Put Darden, he in large measure exemplified the virtues and abilities of his forbears, the Washingtons, Laniers, Burches, Flemings, and Dardens of the Colonial period in Virginia.

REFERENCES: The Journal of Proceedings, 22d Session, of the National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry, Topeka, Kans., Nov. 18, 1888, Memorial to Captain Put Darden. Eulogy to Put Darden by Bat Wade, A.& M. College; and The Fayette Chronicle, April 15, 1892.

Captain Put Darden (3 2bC5) and Miss Carolyn Roach McCaleb were married October 12, 1858 (Book 7, 559, Jefferson Co., Miss.). She was born September 28, 1840, in Adams County; died May 21, 1860, in Jefferson County, and was buried at Pine Ridge. Her parents were James Franklyn McCaleb and Sophie Moore, of Pine Ridge Adams County. The issue of this marriage was 1 son.
Captain Put Darden (3 2bc5) married, 2d, Ellen Griffin, October 28, 1865. She was born in Claiborne County and died there December 4, 1866. She was the daughter of Dave Griffin. No issue. (REFERENCE: Mrs. R. C. Farrar of Beulah, Miss.)

Captain Put Darden (3 2bc5) married, 3d, Mary Lou Harper, January 21, 1868 (Book C, 138, Jefferson Co., Miss.). She was born in 1847, died June 9, 1884, and was buried in the David Darden Cemetery. Her father was Captain William L. Harper of Jefferson, Mississippi, and her mother was Ann T. Sanders, a native of Georgetown, Kentucky. Six children were born of this marriage.

Captain Put Darden (3 2bc5) married, 4th, E. Kate Aby, November 5, 1885 (Book 3, 7, Claiborne Co., Miss.). She was the daughter of Thomas J. and Helen Augusta (Smith) Aby, of St. Elmo, Claiborne County. She was born October 15, 1856, and died November 21, 1937, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Issue, 3 children.

Darden Branch Lineage C: Sixth Generation
Child of Captain Put Darden (3 2bc5) and Carolyn Roach McCaleb

1a 3 2bc6 John Pendleton Darden, b. Aug. 19, 1859, at Fayette, Miss. He was brought up in Jefferson Co. and m., 1st, Feb. 1, 1885, Nina Havis of Franklin Co., Miss. She d. in 1887 at Fayette. He lived at Waco, Texas, call 1899 and later at Cuba, Ala., where he m., 2d, Hattie McElroy and d. in Feb. 1909. (REFERENCE: Mrs. R. C. Farrar, dau. of Capt. Put Darden; address: Buelah, Miss.)

Children of Captain Put Darden (3 2bc5) and Mary Lou (Harper) Darden


2c 3 2bc6 Torrence Toliver Darden, d.y.

3c 3 2bc6 Thomas William Darden, d. May 11, 1872, an infant.


5c 3 2bc6 Mary Lou Darden, b. in 1881; d. in 1899, unm. (Information by Put Darden, brother, of 538 Cambridge St., Memphis, Tenn.)


1 6c 3 2bc7 Put Darden, b. Feb. 28, 1904, d. April 14, 1907.

2 6c 3 2bc7 Edwin Harper Darden, b. Jan. 18, 1906, at Sumrall, Miss.

3 6c 3 2bc7 Mary Louise Darden, b. May 20, 1909, at Natchez, Miss.; m. Joe M. St. John, March 2, 1929, at Memphis, Tenn. (2 ch.: (1) Joan St. John, b. Jan. 25, 1930, at Memphis; (2) John ST. JOHN, b. June 18, 1936, at Memphis.)

4 6c 3 2bc7 Dorothy Maude Darden, b. Nov. 20, 1911, Hattiesburg, Miss.

5 6c 3 2bc7 Frances Ethely Darden, b. May 14, 1914; m. Sammy Amlin, Nov. 11, 1934, at Memphis. (Issue, 1 dau.: Dorothy Joy AMLIN, b. March 2, 1936, at Memphis.)

Put Darden, Jr. (6c 3 2bc6) m., 2d, Mary Wilson Moreland, March 1, 1938, at Memphis, Tenn. She was b. April 2, 1891, at Memphis. No issue. They resided in 1947 at 538 Cambridge St., Memphis.
Children of Captain Put Darden (3 2bC5) and E. Kate (Aby) Darden

1d 3 2bC6 Helen Aby Darden, b. Aug. 18, 1886, at Fayette, Miss., d. May 13, 1911, unm.; buried in Fayette Cemetery.

2d 3 2bC6 Tom Aby Darden, b. July 20, 1887, at Fayette, Miss.; m. Margaret Fraser, Oct. 15, 1913 (Book 15, 439, Adams Co.). She was b. Oct. 2, 1890, at Natchez, Miss. Issue, 2 ch.:
   2 2d 3 2bC7 Margaret Fraser Darden, b. Sept. 3, 1918, in Greenville, Miss.


REFERENCES: General information about this family was supplied by Mrs. S. F. Aby, and from the Family Bible of Thomas L. Darden containing records of the Darden descendants.
Address: Mrs. S. F. Aby, Route 2, Baton Rouge, La. Information by Tom Aby Darden, Jackson, Miss., 1939.

Section 4: THOMAS LANDRUM DARREN (6 2bC5)

Thomas Landrum Darden (6 2bC5), son of John Pendleton Darden (2bC4) and Margaret F. (Fleming) Darden, was born January 29 (20), 1843, at Lauretta plantation, and he made the old home place his residence during his entire lifetime. He died there July 28, 1927, and was buried in the little family plot on the farm that contains the graves of his father, his grandfather, and other near relatives. There are few examples in the South of lands owned and held continuously by the same family for longer periods of time. The whole plantation, known as Lauretta, comprises lands that were owned by David Darden (6C3) and adjacent lands purchased by John P. Darden (2bC4), the father of Thomas L. Darden. It formed the manor home of John P. Darden.

Thomas L. Darden (6 2bC5), as he was known locally, acquired such educational qualifications as the community afforded. He was schooled in the routine of agricultural operations under the practical tutelage of his father while negro slavery was still an institution; however, before he had attained legal age, the Civil War came and there was the call to arms for every man in defense of his native soil and its established institutions. He enlisted at the age of 19 years (1862) in the 4th Mississippi, Company H, Mounted Infantry, and served during the remainder of the war. He was for a time under General N. B. Forrest, the famous cavalry leader, and was paroled in May 1865. In the service he attained the rank of "1st Sgt. Co. H, 4th Miss. Cavalry, C.S.A.", as shown by an official gravestone memorial. When the war closed he returned to his father's farm in Jefferson County, Mississippi. The father, John P. Darden (2bC4), died September 4, 1865, only a few months after his return, and that entailed upon him the direction of the entire estate. In the final disposition of his father's landed estate, he acquired ownership of Lauretta plantation.

He operated the plantation after the war with free labor, and produced under favorable conditions some 80 or more bales of cotton per year thereon. In connection, he operated a general merchandise store and was an officer of the Bank at Fayette, Mississippi. He served as a member of the State Legislature beginning in 1890, and in other official positions; and during the later years of his life was Justice of the Peace from 1879 to 1927, in Jefferson County. Also, he was a member, trustee, and deacon of the Christian Church at Fayette, where he held membership for many years. He was a member of the Masonic Order and of the Patrons of Husbandry, Phoenix Grange of Jefferson County.

Thomas Landrum Darden (6 2bC5) married, 1st, Sophie Moore McCaleb, November 27, 1872. She was born September 6, 1853, at Pine Ridge in Adams County. Her father was James Dunbar McCaleb, and her mother's maiden name was Mary E. McCaleb (a cousin); the family lived many years at Pine Ridge, Adams County, Mississippi. Sophie Moore (McCaleb) Darden died April 21, 1896, and was buried in the David Darden Cemetery near Fayette, Mississippi.

Thomas Landrum Darden (6 2bC5) married, 2d, Clara Dorothe, December 23, 1897, in Madison County, Mississippi. She was the daughter of William Gayle and Eliza
(Robinson) Dorroh, of Madison County, residing at Madison Station, Mississippi. She was born September 18, 1868, in Alabama. In 1956 she resided at Jackson, Mississippi.

Darden Branch Lineage C: Sixth Generation
Children of Thomas Landrum Darden (6 2bC5) and Sophie M. (McCaleb) Darden

1a 6 2bC6 William McCaleb Darden, b. Sept. 3, 1873, d. Oct. 27, 1929, and was buried in the Darden Cemetery. He was one time postmaster at McNair, Miss., and operated a general store there; later he was postmaster at Cannonsburg, Miss., and conducted a store at that place, all in Jefferson Co. He m., 1st, Lottie Field, Nov. 18, 1896; and, 2d, Bessie Anding, who d. in May 1928. No ch.

2a 6 2bC6 Maggie Mae Darden, b. Dec. 4, 1875, d. Sept. 4, 1952; m. Steve F. Aby. See below.

3a 6 2bC6 Thomas Landrum Darden, b. Dec. 30, 1876. See below.

4a 6 2bC6 Josephine Whitney Darden, b. July 13, 1878; m. Levi Marsh. See below.

5a 6 2bC6 Sue Armistead Darden, b. June 15, 1881; m. William Towns Fairly. See below.

6a 6 2bC6 Fleming Darden, b. April 14, 1884, d. Aug. 7, 1884, an infant.

7a 6 2bC6 Helen Kate Darden, b. June 6, 1885; m. Otis Robertson, Aug. 26, 1920. No ch. They lived (1956) at Beaumont, Texas.

8a 6 2bC6 James Dunbar Darden, one of twins, b. Sept. 21, 1887; d. May 6, 1944; m. Minnie Hall, March 4, 1916, at Beaumont, Texas. She was b. Sept. 13, 1887. Her parents' names were E. E. and Emma Hall. Issue, 1 dau.: Ruth Elizabeth Darden, b. June 8, 1919, at Beaumont; m. June 12, 1942, Joseph A. Sale of Houston, Texas. (2 ch.)

9a 6 2bC6 Hattie Pendleton Darden, one of twins, b. Sept. 21, 1887; m. Harold B. Sanders. See below.


All the above-mentioned children of Thomas L. Darden (6 2bC5) and his wife Sophie were born at Lauretta plantation near Fayette, Jefferson Co., Miss.

REFERENCES: Data mostly from the Thomas L. Darden Bible record in possession (1939) of Mrs. S. F. Aby, Route No. 2, Baton Rouge, La. Other data by Mrs. Helen Robertson, 1910 Pennsylvania St., Beaumont, Texas; Mr. J. Dunbar Darden, 2216 Liberty St., Beaumont, Texas; and Mr. Julius Darden, 2854 Barry Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Children of Thomas Landrum Darden (6 2bC5) and Clara (Dorroh) Darden


3b 6 2bC6 John Gayle Darden, b. Sept. 29, 1906; m. Frances Bombick, July 18, 1931. No ch.


All the above-mentioned children were born at Lauretta plantation.

REFERENCES: Information supplied by Robert L. Darden, 711 Lincoln St., Denver, Colo.; J. Gayle Darden, 4902 DeMontluzen St., New Orleans, La.; Mrs. Josephine Hoff, Gloster, Miss.; and Mrs. John Dalton, 128 Calhoun St., Jackson, Miss.
Maggie Mae (Darden) Aby (2a 6 2bC6)

Maggie Mae Darden (2a 6 2bC6), daughter of Thomas L. Darden (6 2bC5) and Sophie M. (McCaleb) Darden, was born December 4, 1875, at Lauretta plantation and died at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 4, 1952. She married Steve F. Aby, December 20, 1894, at Natchez, Mississippi. He died May 29, 1935, at Baton Rouge. Mr. Steve F. Aby was a brother of Kate Aby who married Captain Put Darden (3bC5) of Fayette, Mississippi. Issue, 10 children.

ABY Family: Seventh (Darden) Generation
Children of Steve F. Aby and Maggie Mae (Darden) Aby (2a 6 2bC6)

1 Kathleen Mae Aby, b. Oct. 18, 1896; m. Hulon Ware, Jan. 7, 1929, at Hammond, La. He was b. April 12, 1890, at Independence, La. Issue, 2 ch.: (1) Rea Katherine Ware, b. Aug. 16, 1921; and (2) Hulon WARE, Jr., b. Nov. 8, 1928.
2 Steve F. Aby, Jr., b. Feb. 15, 1898; unm.
3 Eugene Aby, b. Aug. 15, 1899; m. Bernice Chilcout, Aug. 13, 1928. One ch.: Betty Jean Aby, b. 1931 at Vicksburg, Miss.
7 Fannie Bell Aby, b. Jan. 29, 1907; d. April 5, 1909.
9 Philip Buckman Aby, b. Oct. 18, 1910; m. Aug. 20, 1942, Hilda Babin. (2 ch.)

REFERENCES: Information supplied by Mrs. S.F. Aby, mother of above-named children; address: Route No. 2, Baton Rouge, La. Mrs. Aby had the old Bible of Thomas L. Darden containing records of the family compiled by himself. Also, information from Charles F. Darden, 995 Boyd St., Beaumont, Texas.

Thomas Landrum Darden (3a 6 2bC6)

Thomas Landrum Darden (3a 6 2bC6), son of Thomas Landrum Darden (6 2bC5) and Sophie Moore (McCaleb) Darden, was born December 30, 1876, at Lauretta plantation. He married Maggie E. McGinty, September 30, 1896. She was born October 29, 1874, and died October 27, 1956; her father was Robert Fulton McGinty and her mother's name was Mary Louisa Bisland. Family residence, Jefferson County near Fayette, Mississippi. Eight children were issue of this marriage.

Darden Branch Lineage C: Seventh Generation
Children of Thomas Landrum Darden (3a 6 2bC6) and Maggie E. (McGinty) Darden

1 3a 6 2bC7 Marie Darden, b. April 27, 1898, d. Dec. 1900, Fayette, Miss.
Charles Franklin Darden, b. Dec. 9, 1901; m. Mrs. Irene (Griffith) Gentry, Dec. 18, 1933, at Kountze, Texas (Book 7, 125, Hardin Co., Texas.). She was b. Sept. 28, 1912, at Nacogdoches, Texas, dau. of Marion M. and Edna (Martin) Griffith. One son, Charles F. Darden, Jr., b. March 31, 1940.


REFERENCES: Information supplied by parents of the above-named children; address: Thomas L. Darden, 4550 Pershing St., Beaumont, Texas. Data collected by Charles F. Darden, member of said family, 995 Boyd St., Beaumont.

Josephine (Darden) Marsh (4a 6 2bC6)

Josephine Darden (4a 6 2bC6), daughter of Thomas Landrum Darden (6 2bC5) and Sophie M. (McCaleb) Darden, was born July 13, 1878, at Lauretta plantation near Fayette, Mississippi. She married Levi Marsh, December 18, 1901 (Book L, 115, Jefferson Co., Miss.); he was born September 12, 1878, at Natchez. Issue, 5 children.

MARSH Family: Seventh (Darden) Generation

Children of Levi Marsh and

Josephine (Darden) Marsh (4a 6 2bC6)

1 Sue Audrey Marsh, b. Oct. 18, 1903; m. Lester Meng, Sept. 4, 1926, in Adams Co., Miss. Issue: (1) Lester Joseph Meng, Jr., b. June 17, 1928, Vidalia, La.; and (2) James Carroll MENG, b. March 24, 1930, same place.


3 Josephine Darden Marsh, b. April 27, 1909; unm., Washington, Miss.


5 Helen Marie Marsh, b. May 4, 1917; m., March 1, 1940, Gerald Simeton. (2 ch.) Resided Natchez, Miss., 1950.

REFERENCE: Information supplied by Mrs. Josephine (Darden) Marsh, the mother, who resided at Washington, Adams Co., Miss.

Sue Armistead (Darden) Fairly (5a 6 2bC6)

Sue Armistead Darden (5a 6 2bC6), daughter of Thomas Landrum Darden (6 2bC5) and Sophie Moore (McCaleb) Darden, was born June 15, 1881, at Lauretta plantation near Fayette, Mississippi. She married William Towns Fairly, January 9, 1906. He was born July 9, 1883, and the family resided at Jackson, Mississippi (1939).

FAIRLY Family: Seventh (Darden) Generation

Children of William Towns Fairly and

Sue Armistead (Darden) Fairly (5a 6 2bC6).

1 William Towns Fairly, Jr., b. Sept. 20, 1908; m., 1st, Kathleen Ishee, April 26, 1940; m., 2d, Mrs. Helen (Faust) Buchanan, Dec. 3, 1948.
3 Dorothy Darden Fairly, b. June 7, 1914; m. Stanley Coad, May 14, 1938, at Tallulah, La.
5 Robert Clarence Fairly, b. Feb. 20, 1903; unm. 1950.

REFERENCE: Information supplied by Mrs. William T. Fairly, the mother of said children; address: 745 Manship St., Jackson, Miss.

Hattie Pendleton (Darden) Sanders (9a 6 2bC6)

Hattie Pendleton Darden (9a 6 2bC6), daughter of Thomas Landrum Darden (6 2bc5) and Sophie Moore (McCaleb) Darden, was born September 21, 1887, at Lauretta plantation, near Fayette, Mississippi. She married Harold B. Sanders, June 19, 1912, at Fayette; he was born September 21, 1886. Issue, 5 children.

SANDERS Family: Seventh (Darden) Generation
Children of Harold B. Sanders and
Hattie Pendleton (Darden) Sanders (9a 6 2bC6)
5 Harolyn Virginia Sanders, b. Feb. 4, 1924; m. Erie Staggers, Jr.

REFERENCE: Information supplied by Mrs. H. B. Sanders, mother of said children; address: 900 West Commerce St., Aberdeen, Miss.
Branch D

BUCKNER DARDEN (7A3) OF GEORGIA AND MISSISSIPPI
and Descendants
(Data supplied by Charles F. Darden, Beaumont, Texas.)

Buckner Darden (7D3=7A3), son of George Darden (1A2) and Martha (Burch) Darden, was born in 1772, probably in Georgia, and died June 30, 1830 (tombstone record). He was brought up in Wilkes County, Georgia, during the Revolutionary War period, and emigrated as a young man in 1798 to the "Mississippi Country" near Natchez, then under Spanish dominion. In June 1801 he was of Pickering County, Mississippi Territory, when he signed a deed to Henry Peebles for land in Warren County, Georgia. He prospered in the new country and acquired several thousand acres of land, many slaves, and other property; and became a cotton planter on a rather large scale during the later years of his life in what was originally Pickering, but later Jefferson, County, Mississippi. He was known as "General" Buckner Darden, but whether that title was applied locally or for some service in the War of 1812-1814, is unknown. He was credited with having assisted in the capture of Aaron Burr in 1804, which occurred near his home.

Buckner Darden married, April 17, 1800, Maria ("Polly") Harper, eldest daughter of Jesse and Martha (Jones) Harper (Deed Book Al, 39, Jefferson (Pickering) Co., Miss.). She was born August 20, 1786, in Wilkes County, Georgia; and died May 31, 1869, in Jefferson County, Mississippi. She and her husband were buried in Old Salem Church Cemetery, located about 8 miles south and somewhat west of Fayette Court House. Salem Church was the first Baptist church established in Mississippi Territory. The building has long since disappeared, but a stone marker by the roadside opposite the cemetery indicates its original location.

Jesse Harper, father of Maria (Harper) Darden, came from Elbert, originally Wilkes Co., Ga., and was an early settler in the Natchez country, as shown by power-of-attorney to Buckner Darden of Jefferson Co., dated April 26, 1806, Adams Co., Miss., Territory, wherein he authorized Buckner Darden to make settlement for him of a civil judgment dated April 5, 1877, obtained against Jesse Harper (and Richard Whatley) in Wilkes Co., Ga. In connection with execution of a deed to William Collins for lands in final settlement of the judgment, the power-of-attorney was recorded in Book D, p. 265, Adams Co. deed records at Natchez, Miss. (A witness to this power-of-attorney was Richard Darden, 9A3.) Jesse Harper probably was closely related to other Harpers at Ruckersville in Elbert Co., formerly Wilkes Co., Ga. One Elizabeth Harper, daughter of Edmond, had married John Darden (2B3) there in 1796, and later (1811) they settled in Jasper Co., Ga. (See Branch B.)

Buckner Darden and Maria (Harper) Darden are credited with having a family of 5 children, but only 11 were represented among the heirs in 1848 at the final settlement of the Buckner Darden estate (Probate Records, Box B-489, Chancery Clerk's Office, Jefferson Co., Miss.). The following chart of the family is compiled chiefly from official and cemetery records and not from family records, which are unknown to the Compiler.

Darden Branch Lineage D: Fourth Generation
Children of Buckner Darden (7D3) and Maria (Harper) Darden

1 7D4 Elizabeth ("Betsy") Darden, b. March 1803; m., 1st (bond Aug. 29, 1820), Samuel R. Hornsby of Jefferson Co. Their ch. were: (1) Frank Hornsby, m. Emily ------, had Jeff and Molly Hornsby, and d. June 29, 1877; (2) Mattie Hornsby, m. ------ Skinner (lived in Natchez, Miss., ca1876); (3) Dr. Samuel Hornsby, m. Almyra Crossgrove and d. June 1859; and (4) Mary HORNSBY, b. 1836, m. ------ Skinner, June 6, 1861, and d. Oct. 20, 1861. Mrs. Elizabeth (Darden) Hornsby m., 2d, Benjamin F. Sibley. No issue.


3 7D4 Maria Lanier Darden, b. April 15, 1809, d. March 11, 1864. See below.
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4 7D4 Jesse Harper Darden, b. March 14, 1811, d. May 20, 1895. See below.

5 7D4 Buckner Madison Darden, b. May 4, 1813, d. March 3, 1872. See below.

6 7D4 Druclilla Caroline Darden, b. July 29, 1815, d. May 15, 1850. Married March 14, 1834, George Guilford Torrey (Marriages B, 83, Jefferson Co.) who was b. Aug. 11, 1809, and d. Oct. 1865; son of George and Sarah Graham Torrey. Their ch. were: (1) Maggie Torrey, m. Dr. ------ Mayson; (2) Virginia Love ("Ginnie") Torrey (1838-1876), m. Feb. 6, 1868, James Goodwin McGehee (4 ch.); (3) Ella TORREY; and others, most of whom d.y. See Lumber River Scots, p. 305.


8 7D4 Sarah Annette Darden, b. Jan. 31, 1824, d. July 31, 1865; m. Dec. 10, 1839, William Jefferson Briscoe (1818-1880). Mrs. Ann Briscoe and her 6" infant ch. were buried at Beechland, near Rossum, Miss.

9 7D4 Mary Jane Darden, b. 1827-28, m. June 15, 1842, Thomas B. Scott and in 1890 lived in Sulphur Springs, Texas. A son was Thomas SCOTT, Jr., b. Aug. 1849, living 1877. Three other ch. d.y.

10 7D4 Virginia S. Darden, m. April 11, 1847, Dr. Alfred L. Green of Jefferson Co.; lived in Tenn., 1891. Their ch. were: (1) Amelia Green, m. ------ Norton 1861; (2) Ambrose Green, in Tenn. 1877; (3) William Green; (4) Mollie GREEN, m. ------ Anderson; in St. Louis 1877; and (5) a son, d. in C.S. Army.

11 7D4 Andrew Jackson Darden, b. Jan. 24, 1829, d. May 16, 1902. See below.


Maria Lanier (Darden) Montgomery (3 7D4)

Maria Lanier Darden (3 7D4), daughter of Buckner Darden (7D3) and Maria (Harper Darden, was born April 15, 1809, and died March 11, 1864. She married February 26, 1827, Prosper King Montgomery of Jefferson County, Mississippi. He was born in Adams County, Mississippi, December 16, 1807, and died August 8, 1886. Among their children were:

3 Samuel Swayze Montgomery, b. Dec. 26, 1831; m. May 6, 1858, Laura Herrington. (4 or more ch., including Irene who m. John Gaines of San Antonio, Texas.)
4 Mary Montgomery, b. Feb. 13, 1834; m. Feb. 24, 1852, John Bonderant of Natchez. (6 or more ch.)
5 Prosper King Montgomery, Jr., b. Jan. 31, 1836; m., 1st, Nov. 18, 1856, Ruth S. Chambliss (d. March 1867). (1 dau.) Married, 2d, 1868, Margaret Cook. (1 or more ch.)
6 Frank E. Montgomery, m. April 19, 1838; m. Nov. 8, 1860, Theresa Kennison. (3 ch.)
7 Harrison Prentice ("Tip") Montgomery, b. July 9, 1840, d. Oct. 24, 1875; m., 1st, Minerva L. Herrington, April 20, 1862 (2 ch.); m., 2d, Mollie Forsett. Issue.
9 Clara Ann Montgomery, b. Aug. 10, 1845, d. 1911; m. May 14, 1867, Austin W. Smith (d. 1911). (3 ch.)
10 Virginia ("Jinnie") Montgomery, b. May 4, 1847; m. June 14, 1866, Thomas Percy. (3 or more ch.)
12 Martha Louise Montgomery, b. Dec. 9, 1852, d. March 10, 1853.

Prosper K. Montgomery married, 2d, April 16, 1866, Mrs. Clotilde (Ligon) Seymour. (Susan Sillers Darden Diary; Fayette Chronicle; Montgomery Cemetery plot near Fayette, Miss.)
Jesse Harper Darden (4 7D4)

Jesse Harper Darden (4 7D4), son of Buckner Darden (7D3) and Maria (Harper) Darden, was born March 14, 1811, and died May 20, 1895. He was educated at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky. On July 19, 1832, he married Susan Sillers (b. Sept. 20, 1816, d. Feb. 25, 1880), daughter of Walter Sillers and Mary Mourning (Kane) Sillers of North Carolina. Mrs. Darden, also a college graduate, is known for her authorship of Diaries of Daily Life on a large Mississippi plantation in antebellum times. The Dardens were Presbyterians.

Darden Branch Lineage D: Fifth Generation
Children of Jesse Harper Darden (4 7D4) and Susan (Sillers) Darden
1 4 7D5 John Buckner Darden, b. July 7, 1833, d. (unm.) June 22, 1862, in C.S.A. Hospital.
2 4 7D5 Martha Darden, b. July 10, 1835, d. Nov. 16, 1910; m. Nov. 12, 1857, Dr. Patrick Henry Wade, b. July 16, 1826, d. June 22, 1910, at Red Lick, Miss. (7 or 9 ch.)
3 4 7D5 Olivia Darden, b. Dec. 4, 1837, d. April 5, 1873; m. Oct. 22 or 31, 1861, Dr. Uriah Overton Tate, d. Oct. 17, 1871, near Natchez. (2 ch.)
4 4 7D5 Eliza Sillers Darden, b. Jan. 24, 1840, d. Nov. 6, 1841.
6 4 7D5 Laura Darden, b. Nov. 3, 1844, d. April 31, 1926; m., 1st, Feb. 16, 1870, Winfield Bridewell (2 ch. d.y.); m., 2d, after 1877, Edward Short (1846-1888).
7 4 7D5 Ann Darden, b. May 13, 1847, d. Aug. 23, 1848.
8 4 7D5 Irene Darden, b. Aug. 23, 1849, d. July 6, 1921; m. Jan. 15, 1868, Thomas Cage West. (6 ch.)
10 4 7D5 George Young Darden, b. Nov. 20, 1858, d. Nov. 27, 1913; m. April 30, 1890, Rosa M. Jones (1861-1935), dau. of M. R. Jones of Utica, Miss. Their son (1) George M. Darden was b. Aug. 2, 1891, at Carlisle, Miss., d. May 9, 1941; m. 1913, Mary Belle Heard. (They adopted a son, George M. Darden, Jr.)


Buckner Madison Darden (5 7D4)

Buckner Madison Darden (5 7D4), son of Buckner Darden (7D3) and Maria (Harper) Darden, was born May 4, 1813, and died March 3, 1872. On June 12, 1834, he married Sarah Annette Torrey (b. Feb. 19, 1816, d. Aug. 16, 1895), daughter of George and Sarah Torrey. George Torrey was born in Scotland in 1746, emigrated to America in 1770, married in North Carolina in 1797, and died in Jefferson County, Mississippi, in April 1821. Sarah Torrey, wife of George, was born in North Carolina in 1776 and died in Jefferson County, August 26, 1832.

Darden Branch Lineage D: Fifth Generation
Children of Buckner Madison Darden (5 7D4) and Sarah (Torrey) Darden
1 5 7D5 Mary Jane Darden, b. Aug. 16, 1835, d. Aug. 12, 1903; m. Dec. 7, 1858, Samuel B. Chamberlin, Jefferson Co., Miss. Lived near Shelby, Miss. (4 ch.)
2 5 7D5 Madison Alexander Darden, b. Aug. 7, 1858, d. Columbus, Miss., May 9, 1862; private C.S.A.
3 5 7D5 George Everett Darden, b. Nov. 25, 1840, d. June 25, 1895.
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4 5 7D5 Rosalie Elizabeth Darden, b. Dec. 17, 1842, d. July 30, 1883; m. Brown A. Stewart of Natchez, Miss., March 8, 1864. Issue, dau. Rosalie C. STEWART.

5 5 7D5 Sarah Anette Darden, b. Feb. 5, 1845, d. Dec. 3, 1923; m. April 17, 1865, Garfield Stewart McMillian (1829-1900) from N.Y. (5 ch.)


7 5 7D5 Mariah Eloise ("Lou") Darden, b. July 17, 1850, d. Oct. 27, 1937; m. Dec. 1877, John Parks Suber of Holmes Co., Miss. (3 ch.)

8 5 7D5 Kate Virginia Darden, b. Aug. 29, 1852, d. Nov. 9, 1937; m. Dec. 30, 1869, Henry Mayberry Darden (1849-1876), son of Andrew Jackson Darden (11D4).

9 5 7D5 Minerva Olive Darden, b. Jan. 29, 1855, d. Sept. 1876; m. Nov. 15, 1875, Judge Wm. Peake of Bolivar Co., Miss.

10 5 7D5 Buckner Eugene Darden, b. Oct. 31, 1858, d. Jan. 1881 in Bolivar Co.


George Wynn Darden (7 7D4)

George Wynn Darden (7 7D4), son of Buckner Darden (7D3) and Maria (Harper) Darden, was born June 23, 1818, and died August 7, 1883. He married October 14, 1846, Martha Susan Bolls, daughter of Alexander Bolls of Jefferson County. She was born January 4, 1828, and died May 20, 1903. They lived in Claiborne County where he was engaged in farming near Pattison, Mississippi.

Darden Branch Lineage D: Fifth Generation
Children of George Wynn Darden (7 7D4) and Martha Susan (Bolls) Darden

1 7 7D5 Alice Columbia Darden, b. June 1, 1847, d. June 10, 1917, unm.
2 7 7D5 William Prosper Darden, b. May 30, 1850, d. Aug. 15, 1926; m. Jan. 2, 1884, Kate E. Scott. Children: (1) Elaine Darden, d. unm.; (2) Katesie Scott Darden, m. J. B. Spencer (Red Lick, Miss.); (3) Willie Drusilla Darden, m. Chas. W. Patterson; and (4) Richard Scott Darden, b. Feb. 16, 1894; unm. Lived at Port Gibson, Miss., 1940. (Much information supplied from the George Wynn Darden (7 7D4) Bible records.)
3 7 7D5 Drusilla Caroline Darden, b. Feb. 28, 1852, d. Dec. 18, 1940; m. Oct. 25, 1871, Evan S.J. Davenport. Lived, 1939, in Greenville, Miss. (8 ch.)
4 7 7D5 George Clarence Darden, b. July 10, 1853, d. March 14, 1920, unm.
5 7 7D5 Elizabeth ("Betsey") Minerva Darden, b. April 18, 1855, d. Feb. 21, 1930, unm.
6 7 7D5 Adeline Valentine Darden, b. Aug. 1, 1857, d. April 10, 1915, unm.
Andrew Jackson Darden (11 7D4)

Andrew Jackson Darden (11 7D4), son of Buckner Darden (7D3) and Maria (Harper) Darden, was born January 24, 1829, and died May 16, 1902. He married, November 3, 1848 (Marriages B, 241, Jefferson Co.), Kate Vernon Mayberry, born February 2, 1832, died March 10, 1911. They were both buried in Fayette Cemetery.

Darden Branch Lineage D: Fifth Generation
Children of Andrew Jackson Darden (11 7D4) and Kate Vernon (Mayberry) Darden

1 11 7D5 Henry Mayberry Darden, b. Nov. 20, 1849, d. Nov. 6, 1876; m. Dec. 30, 1869, Kate Virginia Darden (8 5 7D5), b. Aug. 29, 1852, d. Nov. 9, 1937, dau. of Buckner Madison Darden (5 7D4) and Sarah (Torrey) Darden. Children:
   1 l 11 7D6 Nettie Eloise Darden, b. Jan. 10, 1871; m., 1891, Hillery M. Quinn. Lived at Jackson, Miss.
   2 l 11 7D6 Andrew Jackson Darden, b. Jan. 24, 1873, d. Oct. 12, 1942; m., 1901, Cora Chisholm. (5 ch.) Lived at Centerville, Miss., 1940.
   3 l 11 7D6 Vernon Kate Darden, b. July 28, 1875; m., 1894, Dr. Robt. L. Hagaman. (4 ch.) Lived at Raymond, Miss., 1944.
James Darden (8E3), son of George Darden (1A2) and Martha (Burch) Darden, was born about 1774-1775; died in 1802 in Wilkes County, Georgia. He acquired a land grant from the State of Georgia in one of the "Land Lotteries." Administration was granted in March 1802 to John Heard (son of Stephen) and to Susannah Darden. The appraisement on March 14, 1802, shows a very small estate which was sold on April 24. He left surviving a wife, Susannah, and 3 small children who were provided for by George Darden (1A2), their grandfather. (See Deed of Gift, dated Sept. 26, 1803, of 2 negro slaves to maintain them during infancy; recorded in Deeds UU, 68, Wilkes Co. records.)

Blair's Tax Digests of Georgia show (p. 299) that James Darden had 1 poll and 10 slaves and 312 acres on Fishing Creek of Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1794. He was listed in Captain Pollard Brown's company of militia. Presumably this is the James Darden of Wilkes County who on October 11, 1794, deeded 50 acres to Stephen Heard, part of a tract in Wilkes County conveyed to said Darden by Samuel Gilmore on August 31, 1790. But this James Darden was only 16 years old at that time, according to estimation by the Compiler, Newton J. Darden, or even younger according to a letter written in 1904 by Mrs. Annie M. Wall of Augusta. This James Darden (8E3) may have been born earlier than above suggested, or there may have been another James Darden in Wilkes County. (See PART ONE and PART FOUR where the possibility of a James Madison Darden as son of George Darden (1A1) is discussed.)

Several items of record show that James Darden (8E3) married Susannah Heard of Wilkes County, Georgia, born May 8, 1778. The date of marriage is unknown, but as probably in 1794. There were 3 children born before 1802 whose names are mentioned. Data relating to Susannah Darden's subsequent marriage are incomplete. He married, 2d, George Crain (1775-1837) cal1804 in Wilkes County and left Crain descendants (including W. G. and Charles L. CRAIN). George Crain became administrator of the estate of James Darden in March 1805. Susannah (Heard) Darden-Crain died June 28, 1862, in Heard County.

Darden Branch Lineage E: Fourth Generation
Children of James Darden (8E3) and Susannah (Heard) Darden

1 8E4 George Washington Darden, b. Dec. 21, 1796, d. Dec. 17, 1883; m. Elizabeth Germany. See Section 2.

2 8E4 Martha ("Patsy") Burch Darden, b. cal1798, is said to have been adopted by her Aunt Martha ("Polly") Darden (11A3) cal1802-03, who took the ch. to Heard Co., Ga. Death of the ch. is reported cal1815 in Heard Co. It is also reported that Martha Burch Darden (2 8E4) m. ---- Edwards and d. without issue. The aunt, Martha Darden (11A3), had meanwhile migrated to Jefferson Co., Miss., where she is listed in the 1808 census.

3 8E4 James Heard Darden, b. Aug. 15, 1801; m. Ann Gaston. See below.

James Heard Darden (3 8E4)

James Heard Darden (3 8E4), son of James Darden (8E3) and Susannah (Heard) Darden, was born August 15, 1801, in Wilkes County, Georgia. In 1827 he represented his father's family at the settlement of the estate of Richard Darden (9A3) and signed for 1 share of that estate in Jefferson County, Mississippi. James Heard Darden married March 25, 1824, Ann Gaston, daughter of Thomas Gaston of Jasper County. Ann was born September 16, 1802, and died July 18, 1881, in Upshur County, Texas. The family is reported to have moved before 1850 to Chambers County, Alabama, and later, about 1851, they sold their land there and migrated to Upshur
County, Texas, where James Heard Darden died on June 3, 1864 (said to have been killed by lightning). (Letter of Feb. 26, 1900, from Edmond Jo Darden (2 2B4) to the Compiler. Letters from James Germany Darden of Winkler, Texas.)

Darden Branch Lineage E: Fifth Generation
Children of James Heard Darden (3 8E4) and Ann (Gaston) Darden

1 3 8E5 Susanna Elizabeth Darden, b. Ga. Oct. 22, 1825; m. Oct. 14, 1845, in Heard Co., William Pinkney Culberson (b. 1818), son of Issee and Polly (Houston) Culberson, and had 10 ch., some of whom lived near Gilmer in Upshur Co., Texas, and some lived in Shreveport, La. (See DGI, 120; also Darden-Walker Marriage in DGFC.)

2 3 8E5 Margaret E. Darden, b. Ga.; m. James Christian in Chambers Co., Ala., and had 3 or more ch. when they came to Gilmer, Texas. (Report by Mrs. Elizabeth Darden of Clifton, Texas. See DGI, 121.)

3 3 8E5 Thomas Darden, b. Ga.; m. Margaret Ingram, Upshur Co., Texas. They had: (1) James Darden of Gilmer, Texas, in 1902; (2) Mattie Darden; and (3) Scurry Darden.

4 3 8E5 Julia Darden, b. Ga.

5 3 8E5 Jane Darden, b. Ga.

6 3 8E5 Katherine Darden, b. Ga.; m. Whit Nolan of Chambers Co., Ala., and had 3 or more ch. Lived at Silver Lake, Texas, in 1902. (See DGI, 123.)

7 3 8E5 Clemantine Darden, b. Ga.; m., 1st, John Ingram, and, 2d, Hampton Mitchell. Moved to La. (DGI, 124.)

Section 2: GEORGE WASHINGTON DARDEN (1 8E4)

George Washington Darden (1 8E4), son of James Darden (8E3) and Susannah (Hean) Darden, was born December 21, 1796, in Wilkes County, Georgia; and died December 17, 1883, at his old homestead near Cookesville and Hoggansville in Heard County, Georgia. He married December 23, 1817, Elizabeth Germany, daughter of William I Germany of Jasper County. She was born February 16, 1798, and died January 26, 1854. George Washington Darden married, 2d, Mrs. Lucy (Chambliss) Ward by whom he had no children. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church from 1839 until his death. He owned 8000 acres of land at the 1850 census. His family Bible was located near Cookesville ca1900.

Darden Branch Lineage E: Fifth Generation
Children of George Washington Darden (1 8E4) and Elizabeth (Germany) Darden

1 1 8E5 Louisa A. Darden, b. Feb. 22, 1818, d. April 3, 1865; m. Sept. 27, 1832, John G. Towles. Lived in Chambers Co., Ala. (10 ch. See DGI, 111.)

2 1 8E5 James Germany Darden, b. Nov. 14, 1819. See below.

3 1 8E5 William Cargile Darden, b. July 16, 1821. See below.


5 1 8E5 Mary Susan Darden, b. Ga. April 21, 1825, d. June 2, 1896; m. in Ga. Dec. 24, 1844, James Thomas Longino (1811-1887); migrated to Sulphur Springs, Texas. (10 ch. See DGI, 115.)

6 1 8E5 George Washington Darden, b. May 21, 1827. See Section 3.

7 1 8E5 Robert Seaborn Darden, b. Nov. 14, 1829. See below.

8 1 8E5 Elizabeth ("Sallie") Darden, b. April 11, 1831, d. Feb. 14, 1835.

9 1 8E5 Emily Catherine Darden, b. March 10, 1833; m. May 1858, Dr. Henry E. Ford of Gilmer, Texas. Lived at Gilmer where he d. in 1897. No ch.
Sarah Elizabeth Darden, b. May 3, 1835; m. William Cicero Thomas of Heard Co., Ga. They had: (1) Elizabeth J. Thomas, (2) Virgil Thomas, (3) George Washington Thomas, (4) Robert Seaburn Thomas, and (5) Ada THOMAS. Of these, in 1900, 2 were in Texas, 1 in Ga., and 2 dead. (Mrs. Sarah (Darden) Thomas was helpful in giving information. Her will was probated in 1901 in Heard Co.)

John Spencer Madison Darden, b. July 6, 1838, in Ala. See below.

James Germany Darden (2 1 8E5)

James Germany Darden (2 1 8E5), son of George Washington Darden (1 8E4) and Elizabeth (Germany) Darden, was born in Heard County, Georgia, November 14, 1819. He married Sophronia Pinckard in Chambers County, Alabama, June 18, 1840. In 1848 he sold his land in Heard County and migrated to Upshur County, Texas, near Gilmer, before 1850. Sophronia died January 18, 1894, near Winkler, Navarro county, Texas, where he died after 1900. He had served as Justice of the Peace and Postmaster, and was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. In 1860 he was mayor of Polk County.

Darden Branch Lineage E: Sixth Generation

Children of James Germany Darden (2 1 8E5) and Sophronia (Pinckard) Darden

1 2 1 8E6 Susan Elizabeth Darden, b. Jan. 3, 1842, d. Nov. 21, 1869; m. F. M. Sansom Oct. 10, 1867, in Ala. or Ga.
2 2 1 8E6 Louisa Catherine Darden, b. Oct. 31, 1844; m., 1st, May 1, 1867, A. J. Bigham, d. 1869; m., 2d, Jan. 22, 1874, A. M. Brown. (4 ch.) Lived at Corsicana, Texas, 1902. (See DGI, 149.)
3 2 1 8E6 James W. N. Darden, b. Feb. 19, 1847, d. Oct. 21, 1869.
4 2 1 8E6 Sallie S. Darden, b. Oct. 11, 1849; m. Dec. 23, 1873, J. K. Houck. (1 ch. See DGI, 150.)
5 2 1 8E6 George T. Darden, b. Feb. 24, 1852, d. Dec. 23, 1882; m. May 20, 1874, Lizzie F. Abbott. Five ch., b. 1875-1883, including Walter C. Darden, Navarro Co., Texas. (See DGI, 151.)
6 2 1 8E6 Ella Germany Darden, b. July 2, 1854; m. Jan. 13, 1876, William C. Phipps. Two ch., Navarro Co., Texas. (See DGI, 152.)
7 2 1 8E6 Viola Mildred Darden, b. Sept. 10, 1856; m. Nov. 12, 1879, Benjamin J. Pillans, d. 1899. Four ch., Navarro Co., Texas. (See DGI, 153.)
8 2 1 8E6 John C. Darden, b. April 11, 1859, d. Oct. 21, 1880.
11 2 1 8E6 Ila M. Darden.

William Cargile Darden (3 1 8E5)

William Cargile Darden (3 1 8E5), son of George Washington Darden (1 8E4) and Elizabeth (Germany) Darden, was born in Heard County, Georgia, July 16, 1821, and died November 20, 1893, in Lafayette, Chambers County, Alabama. About October 1864 he married Caroline Elizabeth ("Carrie") Holston, daughter of Stanmore and Stira Holston of Chambers County, Alabama. For many years William C. Darden was merchant and cotton buyer in West Point, Georgia. He served as Judge of Inferior Court of Troup County, Georgia, in 1858. He represented Chambers County in the Alabama Legislature ca1877. His son, writing in 1900, says, "He was a great financier. He had to make a great deal of money to take care of all his losses."
Darden Branch Lineage E: Sixth Generation
Children of William Cargile Darden (3 1 8E5)

| 1 3 1 8E6 | George Washington Darden, b. Nov. 17, 1865; m. June 26, 1891, Vaden Pratt (b. Ky. Oct. 3, 1867); a lawyer in Oneonta, Ala., in 1900. Children: (1) Ruby E. Darden, b. April 14, 1892; (2) Nannie Dell Darden, b. April 3, 1893; (3) Carrie E. Darden; (4) Nevillene Darden; and (5) George M. Darden, b. and d. July, 1897. One of these, called "Nancy", m. Luther Bynum and lived at Oneonta in 1935. |
| 4 3 1 8E6 | William Cargile Darden, b. April 23, 1872; m. Nov. 10, 1896, Conra Musgrove of Bangor, Ala.; was a lawyer at Centerville, in Bibb Co., in 1900. (1 ch., d.y.) |
| 6 3 1 8E6 | Robert Robertson Darden, b. Aug. 7, 1878. |
| 7 3 1 8E6 | James Grigsby Darden, b. Feb. 4, 1881; m. Carrie Black of Birmingham, Ala. |
| 8 3 1 8E6 | Carrie Lou Darden, b. March 20, 1886; m. Frank Hooper. Family lived at Lafayette, Ala., from 1864 to 1904. He d. 1927 in Birmingham. |

Robert Seaborn Darden (7 1 8E5)

Robert Seaborn Darden (7 1 8E5), son of George Washington Darden (1 8E4) and Elizabeth (Germany) Darden, was born November 14, 1829, in Georgia. He married November 29, 1848, Elizabeth Towles of Chambers County, Alabama, and migrated immediately to Upshur County, Texas, presumably with his older brother, James Germany Darden (2 1 8E5). There all of their children were born and Robert Seaborn Darden died at Gilmer, Texas, January 14, 1866. Mrs. Elizabeth Darden, who furnished much information about the Georgia-Alabama-Texas Dardens, lived in 1899 with her youngest 4 children at Coyote, near Clifton, in Bosque County, Texas.

Darden Branch Lineage E: Sixth Generation
Children of Robert Seaborn Darden (7 1 8E5)

| 2 7 1 8E6 | Elizabeth Germany Darden, b. Feb. 24, 1851; m. Thomas E. Hogan and lived near Simpsonville, Upshur Co. (11 ch. See DGI, 162.) |
| 3 7 1 8E6 | Sarah Ann Darden, b. Nov. 18, 1852; m. David A. White and lived near Clifton, Bosque Co. (11 ch. See DGI, 163.) |
| 4 7 1 8E6 | Emily Catharine Darden, b. Dec. 1, 1855, d. May 2, 1880; m. Austin Henson and lived near Simpsonville, Upshur Co. |
| 6 7 1 8E6 | Mary Jane Darden, b. March 25, 1860; m. Finis E. Hogan and lived near Clifton, Texas. (3 ch. See DGI, 165.) |
| 7 7 1 8E6 | John Toliver Darden, b. Dec. 19, 1861. |
| 8 7 1 8E6 | Henry Flowers Darden, b. Dec. 14, 1864. |

John Spencer Madison Darden (11 1 8E5)

John Spencer Madison Darden (11 1 8E5), son of George Washington Darden (1 8E4) and Elizabeth (Germany) Darden, was born July 6, 1838, in Alabama, probably Chambers County. He married December 16, 1858, Georgia Ann Fielder Wood who was born July 24, 1842, daughter of Paschal Harrison Wood and Nancy Ann (Fielder) Wood.
They lived near Hogansville in 1900. About 1886 John S.M. Darden represented Heard County in the Georgia Legislature. He died December 29, 1903, near Hogansville where all their children were born. She died December 26, 1915.

Darden Branch Lineage E: Sixth Generation
Children of John Spencer Madison Darden (11 1 8E5) and Georgia Ann Fielder (Wood) Darden

1 11 1 8E6 Elizabeth Floyd Darden, b. Sept. 15, 1860, d. Aug. 26, 1920, Lagrange, Ga.; m., 1st, Jan. 29, 1879, Samuel B. Ransom (d. 1883); and m., 2d, Sept. 5, 1887, Paschal Wood Frederick (1858-1905). (7 ch. See DGG, 170.)

2 11 1 8E6 Robert Johnson Darden, b. Aug. 29, 1863, d. Nov. 28, 1924, Trimble, Ga.; m. Feb. 5, 1890, Claudia Fisher Jackson (1873-1954). They had: (1) John Norward Darden, (2) Edith Darden, and (3) Robert Darden, d.y.


4 11 1 8E6 George Spencer Darden, b. Dec. 20, 1867. See below.

5 11 1 8E6 Lela Gertrude Darden, b. Oct. 1, 1869; m. Dec. 20, 1885, Robert D. Pergson. Gainesville, Texas, 1904. (7 ch. See DGG, 171.)


8 11 1 8E6 Homer Wood Darden, b. Sept. 14, 1876; m. May 27, 1900, Mary Sallie Orr (b. 1880) and had: (1) Emily Ford Darden, b. Sept. 17, 1901; (2) Georgia Virginia Darden, b. Oct. 11, 1903; (3) Evelyn May Darden, b. Jan. 28, 1908; and (4) Welborn Orr Darden, b. Oct. 1, 1909.


10 11 1 8E6 Houson Hightower Darden, b. May 3, 1884; m., 1st, Lucy White; after divorce, m. Tommie Aubrey of Franklin, Ga. Lived in La. (Also, the births and early deaths of 3 infants are reported in this family.)

George Spencer Darden (4 11 1 8E6)

George Spencer Darden (4 11 1 8E6), son of John Spencer Madison Darden (11 1 8E5) and Georgia Ann (Wood) Fielder-Darden, was born December 20, 1867, in Heard County, Georgia, and died October 12, 1940, at Newnan in Coweta County. He was reared by maternal grandparents. He married on January 20, 1893, Leila Florence Stephens, born December 21, 1876, daughter of Isaac J. Stephens and Mary Abigail Thomas, and lived in Heard County. Residences: Heard County, Georgia; Gadsden County, Florida; Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia.

Darden Branch Lineage E: Seventh Generation
Children of George Spencer Darden (4 11 1 8E6) and Leila Florence (Stephens) Darden

1 4 11 1 8E7 Mildred Darden, b. Feb. 11, 1896; m. March 30, 1921, Marion Jackson Walker. (Mrs. Mildred Darden Walker furnished information concerning John Spencer Madison Darden (11 1 8E5) and his descendants.) Children: (1) Hattie Marion Walker, and (2) Spencer Darden WALKER.

2 4 11 1 8E7 Grace Darden, b. June 26, 1897, d. Sept. 15, 1898.

3 4 11 1 8E7 Doris Darden, b. June 26, 1899; m. Edgar Hamer Woods, June 10, 1930.
Section 3: GEORGE WASHINGTON DARDEN (6 1 8E5)

George Washington Darden (6 1 8E5), son of George Washington Darden (1 8E4) and Elizabeth (Germany) Darden, was born May 21, 1827, in Heard County, Georgia. He married in Georgia, near St. Cloud or Franklin, ca. 1845, Sarah A. Howze and migrated to Texas in 1850 when their second child was "about six months old." They settled near Gilmer in Upshur County where his older brother, James Germany Darden (2 1 8E5), had settled. George Washington Darden served as sergeant in the C.S. Army and after the war, and before 1775, he moved with his family to Ellis County, Texas, where he died in 1886.

Darden Branch Lineage E: Sixth Generation

Children of George Washington Darden (6 1 8E5) and Sarah A. (Howze) Darden

3 6 1 8E6 Anise Darden, b. Texas Dec. 29, 1851; m. Thomas Loyd, Italy, Ellis Co., Texas. They had: (1) James Loyd, (2) Bettie Loyd, and (3) Ernest LOYD.
4 6 1 8E6 Elizabeth ("Bettie") Darden, b. Upshur Co., Texas; m. ----- Ashton and lived at Italy, Ellis Co.
6 6 1 8E6 Emily Darden, m. ------ Durr and lived near Waxahachie, Texas.
7 6 1 8E6 Amanda Darden, m. W. W. Crain and lived in Corsicana, Texas. Issue.
8 6 1 8E6 Exyah Darden.
9 6 1 8E6 William Wallace Darden, m. Jane Riddle. Lived in Arlington, Texas; removed in 1899 to Kent Co., near Klipper.

James Pierce Darden (1 6 1 8E6)

James Pierce Darden (1 6 1 8E6), son of George Washington Darden (6 1 8E5) and Sarah A. (Howze) Darden, was born in Georgia August 4, 1847, and was taken with his parents to Texas in 1850 when he was less than 3 years old. James Pierce Darden married Lydia Page of Gilmer, Texas, in 1868, and they lived at Telico, Ellis County, Texas, in 1899. Lived at Abilene, Texas, in 1925.

Darden Branch Lineage E: Seventh Generation

Children of James Pierce Darden (1 6 1 8E6) and Lydia (Page) Darden

1 1 6 1 8E7 Alice Bula Darden.
2 1 6 1 8E7 Nannie Lela Darden.
3 1 6 1 8E7 Wesley P. Darden.
4 1 6 1 8E7 George W. Darden.
5 1 6 1 8E7 Ola Darden.
6 1 6 1 8E7 Walter Augustus Darden.
7 1 6 1 8E7 Clarence L. Darden.
8 1 6 1 8E7 Thomas Darden.
9 1 6 1 8E7 Marvin Henry Darden.
10 1 6 1 8E7 Lydia Olger Darden.
George Washington Darden (2 6 1 8E6)

George Washington Darden (2 6 1 8E6), son of George Washington Darden (6 1 8E5) and Sarah A. (Howze) Darden, was born in Georgia October 25, 1849, and was taken by his parents to Texas in 1850 when he was "about six months old." George Washington Darden (2 6 1 8E6) married Annie Eliza Butler of Italy, Ellis County, Texas, on October 7, 1875. Residences: Clyde, Callahan Co., Texas, 1897; Clipper, Kent Co., 1899. He died June 7, 1917, at Girard, Texas. Mrs. Annie Darden resided at Girard, Texas, in 1941.

Darden Branch Lineage: Seventh Generation
Children of George Washington Darden (2 6 1 8E6) and Annie (Butler) Darden

1 2 6 1 8E7 Matthew A. Darden.
2 2 6 1 8E7 John Webster Darden. Lived at Breckenridge, Texas, in 1925; Tyler, Texas, in 1941.
3 2 6 1 8E7 George Williams Darden.
4 2 6 1 8E7 Quincy C. Darden.
5 2 6 1 8E7 Rodney E. Darden.
6 2 6 1 8E7 James Edgar Darden.
7 2 6 1 8E7 Bessie Darden.
8 2 6 1 8E7 Oliver F. Darden.
WASHINGTON DARDEN (10A3) OF GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI, AND TEXAS and Descendants

Section 1: WASHINGTON DARDEN (10F3=10A3)

Washington Darden (10F3), son of George Darden (1A2) and Martha (Burch) Darden of Wilkes County, Georgia, was born in Wilkes County in 1781 and brought up there. His son, Stephen Heard Darden, refers to his father as Washington Lee Darden. No information is available regarding his early educational qualifications, but it appears to have had some advantages that qualified him for a captaincy in the War of 1812. He enlisted in a military company in Jefferson County, Mississippi, and was Captain of Washington Darden's Company in Lieutenant Colonel Nixon's Regiment of Mississippi Militia from April 12, 1814, to October 4, 1814. (Photostat copy of his war record in Darden Genealogica.)

He migrated in 1804 to the "Mississippi Country" following the Louisiana Purchase by the United States in 1803, and settled near Natchez, Mississippi, where he resided on a farm until January 1829 and then moved with his family to Madison County, north of Jackson, Mississippi. In Jefferson County he purchased 320 acres of land by deed dated September 16, 1805, for which he paid $250 (Book Cl, 200, Jefferson Co.). Presumably, he acquired other lands by government grants, but there is no record thereof in Jefferson County. Another deed to him dated August 5, 1827, conveys 3/4 acre of land near Fayette, the county seat. (Book B, 105, Jefferson Co.) This suggests a planned domicile there. Also, John Baldridge made a bill-of-sale to Washington Darden for $200 wherein said Baldridge conveyed to Washington Darden 3 beds, bedclothes, 2 bedsteads, a chest of drawers, and 9 cows (book A, 56, Jefferson Co.). A conveyance made by John Berry dated February 16, 1825, recites a class one land certificate for 315 acres of land, 3 negro men slaves, 2 yoke of oxen, and 20 cattle, feed, etc., for which Washington Darden paid (or loaned) $1,059.25 in cash (Book A, 199, Jefferson Co.); and a bill-of-sale for 1 negro girl, dated February 5, 1829, for whom he paid $375 (Book B, 274, Jefferson Co.).

Washington Darden and his wife, Ann, by deed dated December 26, 1828, conveyed 100 acres of land to Prosper K. Montgomery of Adams County, Mississippi, for $300. The land was located on Coles Creek in Jefferson County, evidently a homestead as the wife signed the deed and renounced her dower rights (Book B, 260, Jefferson Co.). In January 1829, immediately after said sale, the family moved to Madison County, Mississippi.

In Madison County, John House made a deed dated January 13, 1829, that conveyed 100 acres of land in Madison County to Washington Darden for $5000 (Deed Book A, 6-61, Madison Co.). On February 22, 1830, said Washington Darden made a will wherein he enumerated his lands as "23 Eights of land" (1840 acres), lying in Hinds and Madison Counties; also, 1/2 of a lot in the Town of Fayette, Jefferson County, Mississippi. He listed 22 negro slaves by name; 2 other slaves not in said list were to be given their freedom at the pleasure or remarriage of his wife, or at her death; another slave and certain household furniture were stated to be in possession of the heirs of John Berry in Jefferson County and were to be given to said heirs.

He directed that all parcels and tracts of land "whereon I now reside are not to be sold or divided until the youngest child becomes of lawful age or marries." Caleb Reed (son-in-law) and John Vickers were named as executors, and his wife, Ann Darden, as executrix (Will Book A, 2-3, Madison Co.). On April 26, 1830, Caleb Reed and John Vickers qualified as executors and Mrs. Ann Darden as executrix, by executing a bond for $8000. H. D. Runnels, Patrick Sharkey, and William Redd signed the bond as sureties (Will Book Q, 18-19, Madison Co.).

After an inventory of the estate had been returned and approved by the court on April 23, 1832, Ann Darden, Allan Walker, Caleb Reed, and Hardin D. Rennolds of Madison County, Mississippi, entered into bond for $18,000, and Ann Darden (widow) was appointed guardian, under direction of the court, of the minor heirs of Washington Darden, deceased, namely: Stephen H. Darden, John W. Darden, Allen S. Darden, George P. Darden, Elizabeth Mary Jane Darden, and Mackall Walton of...
Madison County. (Will Book O, 61, Probate Records, Madison Co., Miss.)

Recorded documents definitely fix the demise of Washington Darden between February 26 and April 26, 1830. The exact date has been reported by his son, Stephen Heard Darden, as March 15, 1830.

Washington Darden (10F3) married Ann Shirkey (Sharkey), October 10, 1805, in Claiborne or Jefferson County, Mississippi. She was the daughter of John Shirkey of Scotch emigrant parentage, born September 1, 1786, in Augusta County, Virginia living in Jefferson County, Mississippi, in July of 1805. She died February 4, 1833, in Madison County, Mississippi. (See Shirkey-Sharkey data in the collection of Darden Genealogica.)

Washington Darden's will provided that his wife should have 1/9 part of the estate (sharing it equally with 8 heirs), and he gave her $250 in money. On January 20, 1831, Ann Darden, executrix, purchased 2 negro slaves for her own use—a woman named Mahala, 20 years of age, and her child, about 15 months old. A bill-of-sale therefor was made by Henry Gibson in consideration of $450 (Book A, 230, Madison Co.). The widow, Ann Darden, did not live to complete her guardianship. Her will, dated January 24, 1833, is recorded in Will Book A, 13-14, Madison County, Mississippi. On January 11, 1836, Joseph M. Camp and his wife executed deed to Caleb Reed, executor of the estate of Washington Darden, deceased, wherein for $4500 he conveyed title to 200 acres of farm land in Madison County, Mississippi. (Deed Book D, 519, Madison Co.)

Information on the Washington Darden family was supplied in 1898, chiefly from the memory of Colonel Stephen Heard Darden (5 10F4), then 82 years of age. Several slight changes have been made for agreement with record data. No family records have been found. The third child and those numbered 5 to 9 were mentioned in their mother's will. (See partition deeds, Hinds Co., Miss., 1844, 1845.)

Darden Branch Lineage F: Fourth Generation
Children of Washington Darden (10F3) and Ann (Sharkey) Darden

1 10F4 Evelina B. Darden, b. ca1806 in Jefferson Co., Miss., d. in 1830. Married, 1823, Caleb Reed; left surviving issue, including Martha Ann, Thomas, Robert, and David C. REED (mentioned in will of Ann Darden, 1833).

2 10F4 Parmelia H. Darden, b. ca1808, and d. ca1829. Married Dr. John Walton in 1828; left son, Mackall WALTON, b. before 1830 and mentioned in grandmother's will.

3 10F4 Martha Ann Darden, b. ca1810, and d. in 1894, aged 84 years. Married, 1st, Allan Walker, 1850, in Madison Co., m., 2d, 1849, Dr. Caleb S. Brown of St. Louis, Mo. Daughter, Cayloma (Walker) Evans (Mrs. Albert G.), lived in St. Louis in 1898.

4 10F4 Issyphena Darden, b. 1814, d. unm., 1825, Jefferson Co., Miss.


6 10F4 John Washington Darden, b. ca1818, d. in 1840; left surviving issue.

7 10F4 Allan Sharkey Darden, b. in 1821; m. Frances J. Hutchinson, 1843, and lived in New Orleans, La.; d. 1868 and left issue. Identical with Allen S. Darden and Frances who signed deeds in 1852 to 1859 for large tracts of land in Claiborne Co., Miss. They had a son, John H. Darden, who, with wife Mollie E., in 1884 conveyed interest in lands in Claiborne Co. that had been conveyed to Frances J. Darden by James A. Hutchison in 1875.

8 10F4 George Patrick Darden, b. 1824, d. ca1879 near Gonzales, Texas. Married, 1st, Mary E. Pawe, 1845, who d.; m., 2d, Elizabeth Dickinson in 1855. (Possibly this is the George P. Darden of the tax deed, May 7, 1849, 78 acres, Claiborne Co., Miss.) Issue: (1) George Darden, (2) Stephen Darden, and (3) Samuel Darden; (4) Mary Darden, Jennie Darden; and (6) Carrie Darden; all of Gonzales, Texas.

9 10F4 Elizabeth Mary Jane Darden, b. ca1827, d. ca1849. Married George J. Hulme in 1843. Left surviving issue.
As a public official, Stephen Heard Darden (5 10F4) was identified with Texas and the welfare of its people. He long resided officially in Austin, Texas, and was favorably known throughout the state as a soldier of the Texas Republic. He died May 16, 1902, at Wharton, Texas, where he had resided during the later years of his life, and his body was removed to Austin and given an honored burial in the state cemetery at public expense. He was the son of Washington Darden (10F3) and Ann (Sharkey) Darden of Madison County, Mississippi. His father had served as Captain of a Mississippi Company in the War of 1812-14. Stephen Heard Darden was the grandson of George Darden, Senior (IA2), of Wilkes County, Georgia, who had fought in the battle of Kettle Creek, Georgia, and in other places during the Revolutionary War. Washington Darden was a planter who operated farms in Jefferson and Madison Counties, Mississippi, during the 25-year period 1805-1830.

Stephen Heard Darden was born in Jefferson County, Mississippi Territory, November 19, 1816, and was given such early education as local facilities permitted in that country. At Cumberland College in Kentucky, he completed a college course with the exception of ancient languages. Upon his return to Madison County, his home, he engaged in farming and established himself as an alert citizen of the community, with an interest in the welfare of his state and the nation. Soon after his return from college, the military struggle in Texas (1835-1836) enlisted his sympathies because many American citizens who had settled there were fighting for their lives and their homes against the cruelties of Mexican soldiers.

David M. Tilton, a wealthy planter, organized a company of volunteers at Canton, Mississippi, in 1835-36 and young Mr. Darden, who had just returned from college, joined them. The company was equipped and went to Texas, but arrived a few days after the decisive battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836. Although that battle turned the tide of war in favor of the Texans, the company's services were much needed and they were assigned to defensive patrol on the western border and elsewhere until the Texas Republic had been fully established. Late in the autumn of 1836 the company was disbanded and Stephen H. Darden returned to Madison County, Mississippi, where he resumed farming operations and was appointed by court order to make sales of land that belonged to his father's estate. Meanwhile, memories of Texas and its vast potentialities continued to intrigue him, and so he made plans to return to Texas and make his permanent home there. He sold his farm lands in Hinds and Madison Counties, as evidenced by deed dated January 11, 1846 (Book K, 36-37, Madison Co.), and early in the spring of 1846 he migrated with his family to Texas where he purchased a tract of land on the Guadalupe River in Gonzales County and engaged in farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Darden's educational qualifications and ability attracted the attention of his fellow citizens. Although he did not seek political office, his friends made him a candidate and he was elected State Representative from Gonzales County in 1853 and reelected in 1855. While serving 4 years in the Texas Legislature, 1855-1857, he gave some of his attention to agricultural pursuits. When the demand for secession swept over the southern states and divided the people of Texas into opposing war factions, Mr. Darden strongly opposed that measure and was severely criticised for his views. He conceded the right of states to secede, but declared withdrawal from the Union was not essential—that it was impolitic and would result in civil war. To vindicate the correctness of these views and to discuss the issues, he consented to become a candidate for the State Senate.

Meanwhile he had joined, as Lieutenant, a military company, organized by Captain Kys, that became Company A of Hood's 4th Texas Regiment, which was the first Texas organization to join the Confederacy. However, in the midst of the controversy, his Company and Regiment were ordered to Virginia and Lieutenant Darden went with them.

Despite his absence from the state, he was elected State Senator. He procured leave from military service and returned to Texas where he served during the session 1861-1862 and then returned to his command in Virginia. He was promoted to Captain of Company A of Hood's Regiment, and served as an officer of the line several battles around Richmond in 1862. From Second Manassas, the army moved northward into Maryland on its first great raid and fought the fierce and sanguinary battle at Antietam (Sharpsburg), September 17, 1862; then retreated to Virginia. In that battle, Captain Darden was brevetted Major for gallantry on
the field, and thereafter served as Major without a command. The raid had re-
quired several weeks of incessant marching and fighting, and subsequent illness
so exhausted Major Darden's strength that he resigned and returned to Texas to
recover.

Texas had no state troops until late in 1862, when, in anticipation of invasion
by the Federal army along the Gulf Coast, Major Darden was given a battalion of
state troops and directed to patrol exposed parts of the coast. Later, General
John B. Magruder was detached from the Army in Virginia, was appointed to command
the Texas Department as of January 1, 1863, with rank of Major General, and his
headquarters were established at Fort Esperanza on Matagorda Island until it was
abandoned and all troops moved to the mainland. General Magruder assigned all
troops west of Lavacca River to the command of Major Darden, with rank of Colonel.

Colonel Darden patrolled a large area of the coast, including the towns Indianola
and Lavacca on the west side of the Lavacca River, and it was midwinter (January)
when the invasion actually materialized on the coast.

Colonel Darden received a military order from General Magruder requiring him to
give the inhabitants of Indianola and Lavacca 24 hours' notice and then destroy
certain parts of those towns. Colonel Darden refused to do this for humanitarian
reasons and protested the order as unwise. Those towns had an aggregate total
population of 2000 to 3000 people; they were upstream some 50 to 50 miles or more
from the Gulf Coast and on the west side of the Lavacca River. They were located
on windswept open prairie, and built almost entirely of pine lumber, then very
dry, and they had no facilities for fire control. To have carried out the order
as directed would have meant destruction to the entire civic community in each
case. Colonel Darden was familiar with the situation and the great risk involved
The inhabitants would have been driven out of their homes without food or shelter
in midwinter. Also, he questioned the necessity of destruction as a defensive
means. His protest was effective. General Magruder reconsidered and counter-
manded the original order, and the incident greatly increased the popularity of
Colonel Darden throughout the state.

In 1864 Colonel Darden was made a candidate for the Confederate Congress and
elected to represent the Sixth District of Texas. He served in that official ca-
pacity in Richmond, Virginia, during the remainder of the war.

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Officers, Regiments, and Battalions of the Confederate Army, 1861-1865, see General In-
934, 935, No. 254; Series I, Part I, Vol. 26, p. 445, No. 14; Series I, Part II, p. 366,
919.

By the close of the Civil War much of Colonel Darden's property had been swept
away by the conflict, partly because of unavoidable lack of personal attention.
He and many others of that time in the State of Texas experienced a dearth of th
necessaries of life, chiefly food and clothing. However, he faced the situation
with fortitude and strove to rebuild his estate upon the fragmentary remainder.
He accepted the wastage of war and loss of life without bitterness and set about
rebuilding a new political and social structure by earnest effort. He was much
occupied in 1871 in organizing a new Democratic party in Texas. The membership
increased rapidly and by 1873 its leaders resolved to test its strength.

For all state offices the ablest men were selected in convention. All were
elected for 3 years under an existing constitution. Colonel Darden was made the
candidate for Comptroller of Public Accounts for the state and served, in all, 7
years to January 1881. Thereafter, Governor Ireland appointed him Superintendent
of Public Buildings and Grounds, where he served for several years. When John I
McCall was elected Comptroller of Texas, Mr. Darden became Chief Clerk of the
Comptroller's Department and served during that entire administration, from Jan-
uary 1887 to January 1895. Also, he was a member of the State Lunatic Asylum
Board of Trustees at Austin and continued there a number of years until his re-
tirement.

Stephen Heard Darden was a member of the Texas Republic Veterans Association
and Secretary thereof from its organization in 1873 to the time of his death in
1902. He was a member of the Masonic Order, Royal Arch and Chapter; held the
office of Deputy Grand Master and Lecturer in the State of Texas, and was famili
ith Masonic history. To every administrative, social, and public requirement, he gave full measure of consideration and did his duty in the public interest regardless of consequences. His official record is without blemish.

Stephen Heard Darden (5a 10F4) married, lst, Mary M. Goff, February 28, 1837, in Madison County, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Isaac Shelby Goff and Sarah (.Denson) Goff (later Mrs. Stone); born February 8, 1821, in Mississippi, and died March 26, 1847, in Gonzales County, Texas. Stephen and Mary Darden had 5 children.

Stephen Heard Darden (5a 10F4) married, 2d, Margaret Ann Tomlinson, November 20, 1851. She was born October 8, 1832; died September 30, 1854, in Texas. Issue, 1 son born presumably in Gonzales County, Texas.

Stephen Heard Darden (5a 10F4) married, 3d, Nicolena C. Stewart, August 10, 1858, in Baltimore, Maryland. She died in August 1859. No issue of this marriage.

Lieutenant Stephen Heard Darden (5a 10F4), while serving in the Confederate Army, was elected to the State Senate after his company had gone to Virginia in the autumn of 1861, and he served one session in the State Senate early in 1862 at Austin, Texas. While attending that session he met the vivacious widow, Kate (Mays) Evans, at a ball in the State Capitol, and after a brief courtship he was married, 4th, to Mrs. Evans, March 23, 1862. She outlived him and died August 1912, at Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Katherine R. ("Kate") (Mays) Evans was the daughter of John Mays (b. 1791 in Prince William Co., Va.) and Ann Dean (Sherlock) Mays, born in Tenn. of parents (George and Jane (DeVaney) Sherlock) from Bertie Co., N.C. Katherine Mays was born Feb. 13, 1836, in Washington, Ark. When she was 9 years of age, 1845, her father, with his family, moved to Texas and settled at or near Seguin, where he bought lands and built a substantial log house for the family home. Katherine grew up in that vicinity and married Joseph L. Evans of San Antonio, at Seguin, Texas, Nov. 8, 1854; he died March 20, 1860, and left his widow with 3 small children:

2 Katie Evans, b. July 10, 1857; m. Charles C. Campbell, Jan. 27, 1880, and d. in 1880.
3 Joseph Evans, b. Dec. 17, 1859; m. Carrie Harlan in 1886. He d. in 1900.

Darden Branch Lineage F: Fifth Generation
Children of Stephen Heard Darden (5a 10F4) and Mary M. (Goff) Darden

2a 10F5 Mary E. Darden, b. July 29, 1840, d. Nov. 25, 1854, in Texas.
5a 10F5 Elizabeth Alice Darden, b. June 4, 1846, in Texas, d. in 1914 in Texas. Married John Tyler Tyrrell, 1866, in Texas. Issue.

Child of Stephen Heard Darden (5a 10F4) and Margaret Ann (Tomlinson) Darden

1b 10F5 Stephen Calmat Darden, b. Sept. 1, 1852, d. June 22, 1854.

Children of Stephen Heard Darden (5a 10F4) and Katherine (Mays) Evans-Darden

1d 10F5 Stephen H. Darden, b. in 1865, d. March 31, 1864, at Seguin, Texas.
2d 10F5 Nelson Mays Darden, b. Feb. 8, 1865, d. unm. May 18 (or 26), 1915, at Dallas, Texas.
Ann (Darden) Brown-Cruger (3d 10F5)

Ann (Anne) Darden (3d 10F5), daughter of Stephen Heard Darden and Mrs. Katherine (Mays) Evans-Darden of Seguin and Austin, Texas, was born January 24, 1867, at Seguin, Texas, but her parents soon moved to Austin, where she was brought up and educated. She married, 1st, Jeff Brown, December 12, 1888, Jefferson County, Mississippi, while on a visit to relatives at or near Fayette, and the marriage is recorded there. Mr. Brown was born January 31, 1859, at Austin and died there December 31, 1896.

BROWN Family: Sixth (Darden) Generation
Children of Jeff Brown and
Ann (Darden) Brown (3d 10F5)


Mrs. Ann (Darden) Brown (3d 10F5) married, 2d, August 20, 1907, at Austin, Pau Bremond Cruger, born December 12, 1855. He was connected with the Dallas Interurban Power and Light Company. They moved to Dallas, Texas, where he died April 18, 1935. After his death, Mrs. Cruger was employed several years by said company. She became much interested in the Darden Family History and contributed to the record data that established the identity of Martha (Burch) Darden, wife of George Darden, Senior, of Wilkes County, Georgia. Her death occurred June 15, 1946. She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Austin Chapter.

Compiler's Note: Mrs. Ann (Darden) Brown-Cruger retained a lively and helpful interest in the work of collecting data for the Darden Family History. On several occasions she contributed data, particularly relating to Martha (Burch) Darden, wife of George Darden, Sr. (1A2), of Wilkes County, Georgia. In remembrance of these services of Mrs. Cruger, the Darden Branch Lineage F is included in this volume and the portrait of Colonel Stephen Darden is used as frontispiece.
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BURCH DARDEN (2A4) OF GEORGIA AND ALABAMA
and Descendants

Section 1: BURCH DARDEN (2G4-2A4)

Burck Darden (2G4), son of George Darden (1A3) and Elizabeth (Strozier) Darden, was born March 2, 1787, in that portion of Wilkes County that later became part of Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He grew to manhood in that locality and married there, but about the year 1818 he moved with his family to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He sold 170 acres on Kettle Creek in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, in 1824. He was a Justice of the Peace in Tuscaloosa County in 1836-37. He died November 14, 1875, and was buried in the Darden Family Cemetery about 5 miles southeast of Tuscaloosa.

He served under General Andrew Jackson during the Indian war campaign of 1812 in Alabama, was in the battles of Horseshoe Bend and Tallapoosa that destroyed the Indian power there forever, and was presumably in the Battle of New Orleans that ended the War of 1812-14. (Certificate of military service issued by the War Department, Adjutant General's Office, and filed in Darden Genealogica.)

Simeon Darden, a younger brother, who with his father visited a military camp in Alabama during the Indian war, relates that Burck Darden shot an Indian in disguise at night in violation of strict orders prohibiting discharge of firearms in the camp. He was arrested for disobedience of orders and, upon investigation, he Indian was found dead not far off and covered completely with a bear skin. In this disguise the Indian had gone about the camp at night walking on "all fours" and occasionally grunting like a hog, which he was assumed to be by those who had heard him. He had raided the soldiers' tents and destroyed their provisions—depradations that had continued for some time, presumably by the hog, before Burck Darden's well-aimed bullet had put an end to him. Burck Darden was court martialed the next morning for discharging his rifle in camp against orders. Meanwhile the facts became known and the matter was presented to General Jackson who personally investigated and satisfied himself as to the truth of the incident. The General directed that the prisoner be brought before him and not only ordered the charge be dismissed but publicly commended Burck Darden for ridding the camp of the Indian marauder.

Burck Darden was twice married. He married, 1st, Mary ("Polly") Trammel, 1806, in Wilkes County, Georgia. She was born ca. 1787 and died January 23, 1854, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

Darden Branch Lineage G: Fifth Generation
Children of Burch Darden (2G4) and Mary ("Polly") (Trammel) Darden

1 2G5 Samson Harris Darden, b. 1807 in Oglethorpe Co., Ga.; d. ca1890 in Union Co., Ark. Married Frances Parker ca1830-35; she was the sister of Mary C. Parker, wife of James Lanier Darden (12J4). Issue, 2 dau., Salina T. and Cornelia A. Darden; possibly other ch. S. H. Darden was a surety for the administrators of the estate of his brother, George W. Darden, in 1853. In 1859 Cornelia signed as C. A. Cole, but Salina T. was then unm.


3 2G5 George W. Darden, b. March 26, 1820 (tombstone); d. Feb. 3, 1853, in Tuscaloosa Co. Married Turzah E. Thompson in Ala. See below.

4 2G5 William T. Darden, d. 1865-70, in Calhoun Co., Miss., or in Waller Co., Texas. Married Anne Murphy and left issue. W. T. Darden was an appraiser of estate of his brother, George W. Darden, in 1853.

5 2G5 Mary Darden, m. Jackson Forrester, Baptist minister; lived, 1850, in Choctaw Co., Miss. Widow, lived with her dau. in Johnson Co., Texas. Issue.
6 2G5 Elizabeth Darden, m. Henry Loggins ca1824 in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. Several ch. Sons, William Loggins and Reuben LOGGINS, and others, lived in Choctaw Co., Miss., and later moved to Waller Co. near Hempstead, Texas.

7 2G5 Emeline Darden, b. 1825, d. cal1846; m. Sam Miller, her cousin, in 1845, and d. with her first-born ch. in Tuscaloosa.

8 2G5 David Lemuel Darden, b. May 24, 1827, in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.; d. 1880 at Lampasas, Texas. See below.

Burch Darden married, 2d, before December 1865, Amanda McAdams, who survived him. She married, 2d, Reuben Loggins of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. They moved to Waller County, Texas, and were living in 1898 near Howth Station, Texas. There was no issue by this Darden-McAdams marriage.

Sarah Hammond (Darden) Emmerson (2 2G5)

Sarah Hammond Darden (2 2G5), daughter of Burch Darden (2G4) and Mary ("Polly" (Trammel) Darden, was born in 1809 in Oglethorpe County, Georgia; and died March 7, 1876, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. She married William Tabb Emmerson, October 11, 1825, in Alabama. Mr. Emmerson was born in 1801 in Charlotte, North Carolina, and died in 1865 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

EMMERSON Family: Sixth (Darden) Generation
Children of William Tabb Emmerson and Sarah Hammond (Darden) Emmerson (2 2G5)


2 Mary Anne Emmerson, b. Jan. 14, 1829, d. cal1873; m. Matthew Jenkins in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.

3 James Thomas Emmerson, b. Jan. 30, 1831, d. before 1865; m. Martha Yerby and moved to Hempstead Co., Ark., where he practiced medicine until his death. Issue, 4 ch.

4 Sarah Jane Emmerson, b. April 1, 1833; m. R. Winfield Spencer.

5 William Jackson Emmerson, b. Sept. 11, 1835, d. May 6, 1843.


7 Stephen Washington Emmerson, b. Dec. 9, 1839; he was in the siege of Fort Donelson, Tenn., was captured when it fell in 1862, and imprisoned in Camp Douglas, Ill. He d. April 22, 1866, owing to war exposures.

8 Rebecca Malvina ("Beck") Emmerson, b. July 25, 1844; m. James B. McCall ca1876; resided at Big Hickory, Ark.; returned to Miss., a widow, cal1912; d. 1913-1915 in Ala. at the home of her brother.

9 David Burch Emmerson, b. Nov. 2, 1844; served 3 years in Civil War; wounded at Chickamauga, Tenn. Married Eula L. Collins in Ala. after the war; d. cal1894 at Little Rock, Ark.

10 Eugene Iverson Emmerson, b. May 24, 1848; Confederate soldier 1861-64; d. in military camp 1864 during the Atlanta campaign.

11 Julian Onslaw Emmerson, b. Feb. 8, 1850; m. Cornelia Ward in Ala.

(These children all born and reared in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. Information by Mrs. Mollie E. McCall of Big Hickory, Ark.)

Section 2: GEORGE W. DARDEN (3 2G5)

George W. Darden (3 2G5), son of Burch Darden (2G4) and Mary (Trammel) Darden was, it has been said, born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, cal1811; came with his parents to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, cal1816; and is supposed to have died in Tuscaloosa County. However, there is a tombstone in the Darden Cemetery for G. Darden, born March 26, 1820, died February 3, 1853. His estate was administrated by J. P. Thompson and Burch Darden whose bond, signed by S. H. Darden and James M. Williams, was approved February 17, 1853. The estate was not closed until 1859. (Tuscaloosa Orphans Court Minutes, 1852-1854.) Very little is known about him. He married in Tuscaloosa County Turzah E. Thompson who was born in South
Carolina, daughter of the Reverend Mr. Jonathan Parker Thompson and Sarah (Croxton) Thompson. Mr. Thompson was one of the administrators of the estate of George W. Darden.

Darden Branch Lineage G: Sixth Generation
Children of George W. Darden (3 2G5) and Turzah (Thompson) Darden
1 3 2G6 Morgan Darden, b. cal1842 near Tuscaloosa, in Ala. See below.
2 3 2G6 ("Kitty") Amanda Jane Darden, b. in Ala.; m. Elijah Ballard and went to Texas. They lived in 1895 near Big Spring.
3 3 2G6 Conazine Darden; lived in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.
4 3 2G6 George W. Darden; lived in the vicinity of Northport, Ala.; d. unm.
5 3 2G6 Patrick Henry Darden; lived near Northport, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. See below.
6 3 2G6 Margaret M. Darden; mentioned as an heir.
7 3 2G6 Denver Darden.
(Informant was uncertain as to above names and number of children of George W. Darden.)

Morgan Darden (1 3 2G6)

Morgan Darden (1 3 2G6), son of George W. Darden (3 2G5) and Turzah (Thompson) Darden, was born cal1842 and reared in Tuscaloosa County, according to his son, Wilson Nesbit Darden (1 1 3 2G7). He settled at Slate Spring in Calhoun County, Mississippi, but moved, 1878, to Webster County, Mississippi. He also lived after 1887 in Montgomery County, near Winona, Mississippi. Morgan Darden married Josephine Hurt (b. cal1852), daughter of Dr. W. N. and Elizabeth (Bomar) Hurt of Rural, Montgomery County. Morgan Darden died near Winona in 1899.

Darden Branch Lineage G: Seventh Generation
Children of Morgan Darden (1 3 2G6) and Josephine (Hurt) Darden
2 1 3 2G7 Alden Parker Darden, b. 1874, d. 1894, unm., at Rural.
3 1 3 2G7 Morgan Monroe Darden, b. 1876, d. July 1899 at Rural.
4 1 3 2G7 George Leslie Darden, b. 1881 near Lodi, Webster Co., Miss.; m. Josephine G. Jones, dau. of Dr. Thomas M. and Sarah B. Jones of Hernando. Resided in 1915 near Vicksburg. Issue: (1) Thomas Leslie Darden, and (2) Elwyn Jones Darden.
5 1 3 2G7 Ida Pearl Darden, b. 1883 in Webster Co.; m. James T. Herrod of McCarley, Miss. Issue, 2 ch. Lived in 1915 near Isola, Miss.
6 1 3 2G7 Elizabeth Bomar ("Bessie") Darden, b. 1888; unm. 1915 at Rural.

Patrick Henry Darden (5 3 2G6)

Patrick Henry Darden (5 3 2G6), son of George W. Darden (3 2G5) and Turzah (Thompson) Darden, was born cal1854. He married Mary Bailey, daughter of Lawrence Eiley of Pickens County, Alabama. She died December 23, 1904, and he died cal1924 near Gilgal, about 7 miles southeast of Tuscaloosa.

Darden Branch Lineage G: Seventh Generation
Children of Patrick Henry Darden (5 3 2G6) and Mary (Bailey) Darden
1 5 3 2G7 Pearl Darden, b. Jan. 1, 1876, d. April 24, 1939; m. Sept. 26, 1907, Oscar Williams. Children: (1) Mary Eleanor Williams, b. Jan. 16, 1911, m. Rush King, Meridian, Miss.; (2) Rosa Louise WILLIAMS, b. June 25, 1913, m. John Herbert Parks, Bessemer, Ala.
DARDEN BRANCH LINES

Section 3: DAVID LEMUEL DARDEN (8 2G5)

David Lemuel Darden (8 2G5), son of Burch Darden (2G4) and Mary (Trammel) Darden, was born May 24, 1827, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, and died in 1876 at Lampasas, Texas. He was brought up in Tuscaloosa County and graduated from the Tuscaloosa High School. He then studied medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and graduated with distinction in the year 1849.

He immediately began practice of medicine at Big Sandy in Tuscaloosa County, where he continued until the Civil War. Enlisting in the Confederate Service, he was stationed at Mobile, Alabama, during the greater part of the war. There he was Assistant Surgeon in a hospital from 1863 until 1866. After the war he resumed practice in his native village in Tuscaloosa County, and about 1872, after the death of his wife, moved with his children to Texas. He settled at Hempstead in Waller County, where he remained for 2 or 3 years; he then moved to Mound Prairie in Caldwell County, where he resided until his death, which occurred July 11, 1876, at Lampasas, Texas, a health resort at that time.

David Lemuel Darden married January 11, 1851, Mary Jane Keen, daughter of Oliver and Ann Dudley (Garrett) Keen, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. She was born November 29, 1832, Madison County; and died October 12, 1869, at their home in Tuscaloosa County.

Darden Branch Lineage G: Sixth Generation
Children of David Lemuel Darden (8 2G5) and Mary Jane (Keen) Darden

1 8 2G6 Oscar Augustus Darden, b. May 24, 1852, in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.; went to Texas with his father; lived in 1898 near Milano in Milam Co., Texas; d. Feb. 6, 1914, at Gallatin, Texas. Never m. His name is missing on the agreement of 1889-90 to partition lands in Tuscaloosa Co. of the estate of Oliver Keen.

2 8 2G6 Virginia Keen Darden, b. Feb. 19, 1854; went to Texas with her father and lived there until about 1920. Lived in Brazoria Co., Texas, in 1889; in Sawtelle, Calif., in 1925. She d. at Clyde, Texas, Feb. 12, 1951, a spinster.

3 8 2G6 Rose Olivia Darden, b. Feb. 28, 1856, in Ala. Taught school in Texas to about 1893 (lived in Taylor Co. in 1889); later a telegraph operator at Ft. Worth. Died at Clyde, Texas, Aug. 6, 1940, a spinster.

4 8 2G6 Oliver Keen Darden, b. March 12, 1858; lived in Texas in Bee Co. in 1889; m., 1st, the Widow Mellon and moved to Indian Territory ca1900. Lived at Pendleton, Okla. He m., 2d, Mrs. Eliza London. He d. July 25, 1942. No issue.

5 8 2G6 Maggie Tate Darden, b. April 16, 1860, in Ala.; m. Dec. 2, 1883, John Fletcher ("Bose") Shanks in Milam Co., Texas; he d. there in Sept. 1900. The widow and 8 ch. lived near Rockdale and Clyde, Texas.
Corinthia ("Corrie") Darden, b. April 18, 1862, in Ala.; lived in Milam Co., Texas, in 1889; lived at Georgetown, later at Dallas, Texas; m. ca. 1912 Harvey L. Smith at Clyde, Callahan Co., Texas. No ch.


Henry Calhoun ("Hal") Darden, b. May 22, 1868. See below.

Henry Calhoun ("Hal") Darden (8 8 2G6), son of David Lemuel Darden (8 2G5) and Mary Jane (Keen) Darden, was born May 22, 1868. He lived in Taylor County, Texas, in 1889; taught school and farmed at Clyde, Callahan County, Texas; and moved to Oklahoma ca. 1915. He was president of a college at Call, Oklahoma, in 1925; also Agricultural Commissioner of the Third District of Oklahoma. He married June 10, 1893, Sallie Elizabeth Smith (b. June 24, 1876, d. May 2, 1917) in Callahan County, Texas, where their 4 children were born. Henry Calhoun Darden married, 2d, May 20, 1918, Mrs. Lulu (Hensley) Dinkins.

Darden Branch Lineage G: Seventh Generation
Children of Henry Calhoun Darden (8 8 2G6) and Sallie Elizabeth (Smith) Darden

Jerome Kearby Darden, b. April 11, 1894; m. July Galloway. (3 ch.)

Lucile Darden, b. Sept. 13, 1897, d. y.

Nora Belle Darden, b. July 18, 1899; m. Joe Marcus Foster. No issue.

Valson Edward Darden, b. April 12, 1902; had son, Robert Darden.

Children of Henry Calhoun Darden (8 8 2G6) and Lulu (Hensley) Dinkins-Darden

Henry Calhoun Darden, Jr., b. 1919.

John David Lemuel Darden, II, b. 1921.
Extant records of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, show that Lemuel Darden (4H4) was the son of George Darden (1A3) and Elizabeth (Strozier) Darden of Wilkes County, Georgia. He was born November 17, 1790, in Wilkes County; was brought up and married there ca. 1814; and moved with his family to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, probably in 1818. There he resided until the time of his death, which occurred after March 10, 1826 (when he signed a personal note for supplies) and before October 28, 1826 (administration of his estate).

No definite information is available as to his educational qualifications or his service in 1812 under General Andrew Jackson during the Creek Indian War in Alabama. Simeon Darden (10A4) once narrated to his grandson, Newton J. Darden (1A6), an incident that occurred when Simeon, with his father, visited the theatre of military operations in Alabama with provisions for Burch Darden and Lemuel Darden, older brothers of Simeon who were in service under General Jackson.

Lemuel Darden and Rebecca Weaver were married in 1814 in Wilkes County, Georgia. She was born ca. 1792, probably in North Carolina, the daughter of John Weaver of North Carolina, who, by family tradition, was a Revolutionary War soldier who may or may not have been the John Weaver allowed E171-9-11 for deficiency of clothing on August 1, 1783 (Vol. 11, 23, N.C. Revolutionary Army Accounts).

The Lemuel Darden family moved to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, ca. 1818-1820, and he died there during the summer of 1826. His widow, Rebecca (Weaver) Darden, on October 28, 1826, waived her right to administer on her deceased husband's estate. George Darden, his father, and Burch Darden, his older brother, became joint administrators of Lemuel Darden's estate after they made bond for $2700 and otherwise qualified according to law. They took possession of the decedent's personal estate by virtue of a court order dated November 1, 1826. They assisted the widow in management of the property as a home for her children until her remarriage, which took place before the date of a receipt dated January 17, 1829, signed by Rebecca Camel and delivered to George Darden, administrator.

When George Darden (1A3) and Burch Darden (2A4) assumed control of the property, the chief items of the personal estate consisted of 3 negro slaves valued at $862.50; 18 animals (live stock) at $278.50; miscellaneous household furniture, farm equipment, logging tools, and other things, valued at $401.25. The appraisement was signed by John Hodge, H. B. Rogers, Patrick Cain, and Jesse Morris, and dated November 7, 1826. The money on hand, $325, and a batch of personal notes were not mentioned in records until an adjustment became necessary after her remarriage, probably in 1829. Lands owned by Lemuel Darden, deceased, were cultivated and crops were used for the family benefit. Two 80-acre tracts of land were involved and a court order was obtained for the sale of both tracts, which, like the money and notes, were not listed in the inventory and appraisement of 1826. Lemuel Darden probably lived on one 80-acre tract at the time of his death, and the family continued to live there until the adjustment proceedings in 1830. Another tract, patent for which was found among Lemuel Darden's papers, was probably unimproved land. An undated schedule of assets of the estate shows total receipts were $3023.26. This is the approximate total of assets of the Lemuel Darden estate.

Before settlement, the Widow Darden, then known as Mrs. Ralph Camel, died and left an infant daughter, and legal proceedings were immediately instituted by the surviving husband, Ralph Camel, to have his daughter made beneficiary along with the Lemuel Darden heirs. The legal questions to be determined by the court caused considerable delay in the final distribution. The case was decided adversely to Mr. Camel. The final distribution among the legal heirs was dated April 5, 1830, but the actual distributed appears to have been made in 1832.

The Widow Darden married Ralph Camel (b. May 11, 1801), license issued December 17, 1832, in Tuscaloosa County, Ala. She bore a daughter, Nancy Jane Camel, born September 18, 1829. Mrs. Camel died in Tuscaloosa Co. before Oct. 19, 1831. Mr. Camel remarried and several years later moved with his family to Victoria, Texas.

Darden Branch Lineage H: Fifth Generation

Children of Lemuel Darden (4H4) and Rebecca (Weaver) Darden


2 4H5 George Darden, b. March 10, 1817, in Ga.; d. cal1884 near Lisbon Ark. Married cal1833 Margaret Durritt. Issue; including son, David Lemuel Darden of Lisbon, Ark., in 1895-97.

3 4H5 John Darden, b. cal1818; killed by falling tree limb when a ch.

4 4H5 Sarah Henderson Darden, b. March 18 (8th, Bible), 1821, in Ala.; d. unm. cal1834 in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.

5 4H5 Mary Ann Darden, b. July 9, 1822, in Ala. Married George Waltzer or Walzer, cal1840; moved to Oktibbeha Co., Miss. Left issue, 5 ch.


(Information supplied chiefly by Dr. William Burch Darden, July 1, 1897, from personal recollections; some data by other members of the family, and by Newton J. Darden's searches in Ala.)

Administrator George Darden (1A3) became guardian for Permealy Darden (1 4H5), who was then about 17 years of age, and soon married Azariah Newton Thompson. They lived in Tuscaloosa County a few years and then moved to Texas.

Burch Darden was guardian for Sarah Henderson Darden (4 4H5), who died late in 1834; final report of his guardianship was made to the court February 23, 1837. Her death left an unused balance of $469.32 of her estate in the guardian's hands which the court ordered to be paid, $114 each, to Permealy Thompson, George W. Darden, and Mary Ann Darden, and $114 to be retained by the guardian for his welfare. William Burch Darden. This was in accord with a provision in their grandfather's will—a $400 bequest. Mary Ann Darden (5 4H5) was at one time the ward of Burch Darden, but at another time she elected her sister, Permelia Thompson, as her guardian. She probably lived with her sister, Permelia (Darden) Thompson (1 4H5).

Section 2: WILLIAM BURCH DARDEN (6 4H5)

William Burch Darden (6 4H5) was born February 5, 1824(or 5), a son of Lemuel Darden (4H4) who died in 1826 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, and Rebecca (Weaver) Darden. He was brought up and educated by his uncle, Burch Darden (2G4), near Tuscaloosa and was about 18 months old when his father died. His mother married again about 2 years later, and died in 1831; thereafter he was probably cared for by his grandparents until his uncle, Burch Darden, took over his guardianship. He must have received some education at home and in local country schools, as he entered Tuscaloosa high school and went from there to Tennessee University at Knoxville, 1846-1849. He then studied medicine 2 years at Louisiana State Medical College in New Orleans, from which he was graduated in 1851 with an M.D. degree.

He began the practice of medicine in Tuscaloosa County, near Tuscaloosa, and remained there until his marriage in 1853. He moved to Tippah County, Mississippi, and established himself there, near New Albany, where he practiced medicine until 1860. In that year he migrated with his family to Victoria, Texas, where he practiced until 1863, and then he moved to Bastrop in Bastrop County where he continued until the year 1876. Upon acquiring a farm in Lee County, Texas, he practiced there until age and infirmities compelled him to give up that work in
Dr. Darden farmed some of the land in connection with his medical practice, but his farming was secondary to his practice. The farm was watered by mineral springs and became known as Darden Mineral Springs, Texas. Whenever called, Dr. Darden went wherever his services were required, even though he knew that the patient could ill afford his professional services. Often he was poorly rewarded or not paid at all.

When the Civil War came in 1861, he volunteered to serve in a local company formed at Victoria, Texas, and was made company surgeon. During preliminary drills, he was thrown by a vicious horse and severely injured and incapacitated for further military service. However, he continued, with help of crutch or cane, to practice medicine. His practice extended into the adjoining counties of Bastrop and Lee as long as he could call on his patients.

From early youth Dr. Darden was a consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and continued to be a loyal Christian through life. Also, he was a Free Mason, taking all the Blue Lodge, Chapter, and Council degrees, and serving several years as High Priest of the Bastrop Chapter. He also held several honorary positions in Masonry.

He married Anna Eliza Fuller, January 23, 1853, at Springville in Saint Clair County, Alabama. She was the daughter of Mordecai Fuller (3d) and Malintha (Phillips) Fuller of Saint Clair County.

Mordecai Fuller was born in S.C. June 29, 1793, son of Mordecai (2d) and Susan (Vanney) Fuller, and died Jan. 26, 1881, at Springville, Ala. His wife, Malintha Phillips, was daughter of Levi Phillips (b. ca.1758 in Germany) and his wife, Barbara Ann Caroline (Huff) Phillips. Levi Phillips is of record as a Revolutionary soldier in Ga. Mordecai's daughter, Anna Eliza Fuller, was born Oct. 17, 1832, at Springville, Ala.; died at Elgin in Bastrop Co., Texas, April 22, 1910. Mordecai Fuller (3d) and Malintha Phillips were married March 8, 1821, in Pendleton Dist., S.C., and moved immediately to Springville, Ala. Malintha was born Jan. 23, 1801, in S.C.; and died March 17, 1884, at Springville. Twelve children were born of this union. The family resided at Springville more than 50 years.

Purchase of the Mineral Springs property in Lee County was a joint venture by Dr. Darden and his son, John Jasper Darden, who became its active manager until his death in 1898. That event, together with Dr. Darden's advanced age and failing strength, soon made conditions too burdensome for him to carry on at the Mineral Springs. His youngest daughter, "Salette", who still lived with her parents and taught in a local school, then undertook the maintenance of her aged parents. He provided a cottage home at McDade near her school, and the 3 of them sheltered there from 1902 to 1909 before moving to Elgin, in Bastrop County. There he mother, Anna Eliza (Fuller) Darden, died April 22, 1910; and her father, Dr. William Burch Darden, died March 20, 1911, at El Campo in Wharton County, Texas, in the home of Mrs. Joseph A. Stephen, his daughter. Both were buried in Prospect Church Cemetery near Elgin, Texas.

Darden Branch Lineage H: Sixth Generation
Children of William Burch Darden (6 4H5) and Anna Eliza (Fuller) Darden


3 6 4H6 Infant, b. Dec. 4, 1857, d. Dec. 6, 1857, in Miss.


Anna ("Anne") Darden, b. April 9, 1868, at Bastrop, Texas; m. Dec. 21, 1887, at Darden Mineral Springs, Lee Co., Texas, the Rev. Mr. Joseph Albert Stephen; she d. May 26, 1893, at McDade, Bastrop Co., Texas. See Joseph A. Stephen, following. Issue, 4 ch. See Elizabeth Burch Darden (6H6), Section 3 below.

Sarah Henderson ("Salette") Darden, b. Dec. 22, 1870, at Bastrop, Texas. See Section 4 below.

John Jasper Darden (16 4H6)

John Jasper Darden (16 4H6), son of William Burch Darden (6 4H5) and Ann Eliza (Fuller) Darden, was born January 2, 1854, in Tippah County, near New Albany, Mississippi. When he was 6 years of age (1860) his parents moved to Victoria, Texas, and in 1863 the family moved to Bastrop, in Bastrop County, Texas, where they remained until 1876. He attended Bastrop schools, the Texas Military Institute, and Excelsior College, from which he was graduated in 1870. Then he became a student of law in the office of Jones and Sayers, of Bastrop, Texas, and passed the local bar examination in 1873, which authorized him to practice law in all state courts.

Later he and his father purchased a farm in adjoining Lee County, which became known as the Darden Mineral Springs property, and the family moved to Lee County in 1876. Also, he operated a real estate and land-title business at Giddings, Texas, the county seat, which became his residence. He was twice elected clerk of the County and District Court of Lee County, and served 4 years. After vacating that office, he resumed his land-title and real estate work, and compiled a abstract of all land titles in Lee County, in which vocation he was engaged at the time of his death.

In business he was esteemed for his honesty and integrity of character. He was a Free Mason and member of the Knights of Honor and of the local Missionary Baptist Church, of which he served as Superintendent of Sunday School for several years. He died October 28, 1898, at Giddings, Texas, lamented and respected by all who knew him.

He married Annie Weaver, June 16, 1892, at Independence, in Washington County, Texas. She was born June 29, 1860, in Wilson County, North Carolina; she died February 21, 1902, at Giddings, Texas. Her father was Abraham Weaver, a physician and then a Baptist minister, who migrated from North Carolina and lived in Washington County, Texas, in 1892.

Darden Branch Lineage H: Seventh Generation
Children of John Jasper Darden (16 4H6) and Annie (Weaver) Darden

1 1 6 4H7 William Weaver Darden, b. Oct. 23, 1894; d. Aug. 19, 1897.
3 1 6 4H7 John Albion Darden, b. Feb. 25, 1898, at Giddings, Texas. His parents both d. during his early infancy (see above); he was reared and educated by James S. Carval, a relative and foster father, who lived at Georgetown, Texas. In later years, 1925-1952, he lived at San Antonio, Texas. Married Helen Louise Frenzel of Lexington, Texas, and had issue, Dorothy Darden, b. May 26, 1928, and 1 other ch. Mother and ch. buried in Giddings, Texas.

Frances Minetta ("Mittie") Darden (2 6 4H6)

Frances Minetta ("Mittie") Darden (2 6 4H6), daughter of William Burch Darden (6 4H5) and Ann Eliza (Fuller) Darden, married John Chambers Kuykendal, December 9, 1877, at Darden Springs in Lee County, Texas. He was born July 6, 1845, in Yorkville, South Carolina, and was a teacher of note in Texas and author of a series of school texts. The family long resided at McDaede in Bastrop County. Mrs. Frances Minetta (Darden) Kuykendal died March 21, 1917, at San Marcos, and he died there December 21, 1920.
KUYKENDAL Family: Seventh (Darden) Generation

Children of John Chambers Kuykendal and Frances Minetta (Darden) Kuykendal (2 6 4H6)

3 Anna Elvira Kuykendal, b. Feb. 27, 1882; d. ante 1953; m. Jessie Allen Bradshaw at McDade, Texas. Children: (1) Gazelle Bradshaw, (2) Allen Burch Bradshaw, (3) Richard Dennis Bradshaw, (4) John David Bradshaw, and (5) Grace Darden BRADSHAW.
4 Samuel Julius Kuykendal, b. Jan. 2, 1883; disappeared on Sept. 1, 1911, from a hospital in Houston, Texas.
5 John Darden Kuykendal, b. Oct. 1885; d. 1892.
6 Laura Elizabeth Kuykendal, b. Feb. 21, 1887; m. Homer Jackson at Elgin, Texas. Resided in Portland, Ore. No ch.
8 George Clark Kuykendal, b. July 12, 1897; d. ante 1952.

George Albion Darden (5 6 4H6)

George Albion Darden (5 6 4H6), son of William Burch Darden (6 4H5) and Ann Eliza (Fuller) Darden, was born October 7, 1862, at Victoria, Texas, and the family lived at Bastrop in Bastrop County, Texas, where he attended school until 1876 when his parents moved to a farm in adjoining Lee County. George A. Darden made photography his hobby, worked as journeyman photographer until he became proficient in the art, and ultimately established a business for himself at Decatur in Wise County, Texas, about 1885-1890. In a few years he gave that up and moved to Dallas, Texas, in 1897. His most notable achievement in the art was to photograph the wreckage of the great storm at Galveston in September 1900 for news service. Soon after that event, he gave up photography and engaged in commercial sales work in Dallas. He traveled as advertising salesman for Littel's Liquid Sulphur and, after the company moved to St. Louis, Mr. Darden remained with the Dallas sales office several years. Subsequently, he became traveling salesman for the American Steel and Wire Company, and, as the years went by, represented other commercial firms. Finally he purchased a house and lot for his home in Dallas, and operated a retail grocery business for 10 years or more until 1937 when he became inactive. He married Adaline Edwards, August 10, 1890, at Decatur, Wise County, Texas. He was born there June 6, 1873, and died in Dallas, Texas, January 29, 1942. She was a daughter of Caswell Marian Edwards and his wife, Sarah Caroline Foster. George A. Darden died November 8, 1942, at the home of his daughter on a cattle ranch at or near Boerne, Texas. George A. Darden and his wife were both buried in Greenwood Cemetery near Dallas.

Darden Branch Lineage H: Seventh Generation
Child of George Albion Darden (5 6 4H6) and Adeline (Edwards) Darden

1 5 6 4H7 Marion Burch Darden, b. Sept. 26, 1892, at Decatur, Texas; m. Joseph Warren Speight, May 29, 1910, at Dallas. He was b. Dec. 4, 1873, son of Genl. Joseph Warren Speight and Mary Bolton (Dockery) Speight of Waco, Texas. Joseph, Jr., served as Lt. and Capt. in the Spanish American War, as Maj. on the Mexican border in 1916, and overseas in 1918 and 1919. In 1937 he was retired as Col., Ordnance Dept. They lived in Boerne, Texas, in 1941. Children:
2 Emily Adeline Speight, b. Sept. 10, 1928, Dallas.
Section 3: ELIZABETH BURCH (DARDEN) STEPHEN (6 6 4H6)

Elizabeth Burch Darden (6 6 4H6), daughter of William Burch Darden (6 4H5) and Ann Eliza (Fuller) Darden, was born September 13, 1865, in Bastrop, Texas. Her earliest educational instruction was received from her mother who had been a teacher before her marriage; it was her preparation for entrance into primary grades of Excelsior College at Bastrop about 1870. There were no public schools in those days—they were established a few years later—but after the state provided educational facilities, she attended them whenever possible. The family moved to Lee County in 1876 and Miss Darden attended high school at Giddings, the county seat, and later prepared for teaching at a normal school. She taught country schools in Lee and Bastrop Counties for 5 years or more, and was granted a State Teacher's Certificate (about 1890) that entitled her to teach in any public school without further examination. However, her teaching career in secular schools ended by marriage on December 26, 1894, to the Reverend Mr. Joseph Albert Stephen at Darden Mineral Springs in Lee County. Mr. Stephen had previously married Anna Darden (7 6 4H6), a younger sister to Elizabeth Burch (Darden) Stephen, who had died in 1893 leaving 3 motherless children.

The first 10 years of being a minister's wife were crowded with various personal and social problems of church and home management, problems dealing directly with small children in the home and with full-grown men and women who make up the social community. Mrs. Elizabeth Stephen began with caring for her sister's small children and continued with her own, which, together, formed the Joseph A. Stephen family. Also, she shared in Mr. Stephen's problems arising from the demands of his church. The numerous duties and contacts kept her continuously occupied, both in the church and in the home.

Ministerial problems deal not only with church affairs but with women and children in their own homes. The minister and his wife must "shepherd" them wisely toward the Christian goal in order to succeed, and obviously much depends upon the minister's wife. Mrs. Stephen strove to meet all demands of life in the various communities of her husband's pastorates. Especially did she guide and direct the community children, as well as her own, into a larger measure of better living, and she inspired them with the truths of the Bible in her teaching. She operated chiefly, but by no means exclusively, through the agencies of the Sunday school and other church organizations and their auxiliaries during the 50 years or more of her service.

When Mr. Stephen transferred to Wharton County, Texas, it opened a wider field for himself and Mrs. Stephen, beginning about 1902 and carrying through 30 years of service to 1932. The era began with the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at El Campo about 1902-1912; was followed by the Eagle Lake pastorate of the First Baptist Church, 1912-1917; and climaxed with a pastorate at Sonora, in Sutton County, Texas, including the Baptist Church at Seely, Texas, 1928-1932. Success in that series of pastorates was probably Mr. Stephen's major accomplishment in his ministerial career.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Darden) Stephen was president of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of several churches of that area at different times while her husband served as pastor. Also Mrs. Stephen became president of the Baptist Missionary Union of Wharton County, Texas, which made her de facto vice president of the Texas State Woman's Missionary Union. To those dignities Mrs. Darden added significant accomplishments that were generally approved by the sustaining churches and the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen had long been members of Masonic Orders and each was awarded life membership in local lodges. Mrs. Stephen was granted life membership in Eastern Star Chapter No. 575 at Sonora, in Sutton County, Texas, about 1924-1927. She joined the Texas Woman's Association at El Campo, Texas, about 1908-1916 and submitted a prize-winning essay entitled, "Are Writers Born or Made." It is preserved in the organization's archives. She became a member of Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims, Dallas Chapter, about 1935, and she joined the Thankful Hubbard Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, about 1937. As a member of Texas University Dames (an organization of mothers whose sons attended Texas University), Mrs. Stephen was active in 1921-1924 and again in 1936-1941.

The Reverend Mr. Joseph A. Stephen died in a hospital at Houston, Texas, on December 18, 1935. He was buried in Prospect Cemetery near Lexington in Lee County, Texas.
BRANCH H: LEMUEL DARDEN (GEORGE III)

Mrs. Elizabeth Burch (Darden) Stephen survived her husband.

STEPHEN Family: Seventh (Darden) Generation

Children of Joseph Albert Stephen and Ann (Darden) Stephen (7 6 4H6)


Children of Joseph Albert Stephen and Elizabeth Burch (Darden) Stephen (6 6 4H6)


The Reverend Mr. Joseph Albert Stephen was an eminent Missionary Baptist minister who served many years in Texas. He devoted most of his life to preaching the gospel for a small salary but with much zeal, and found a host of believers and friends wherever he was known. He was the son of the Reverend Mr. Collett Eugene Stephen, born January 19, 1828, in Douglas on the Isle of Man, British Isles, and died July 6, 1894, in Texas. His wife was Althea Drucilla (Snelling) Stephen, born July 12, 1836, at Princeton, Kentucky, and died April 28, 1914, at Franklin, Robertson County, Texas. Their son, Joseph Albert Stephen, was born May 29, 1862, at Batesville, in Panola County, Mississippi, where his father was then stationed.

Little is known of his educational qualifications. He completed high school and continued to study under his father's direction. He prepared for the ministry at Bylor University, Waco, Texas, and began his ministerial career about 1886 as pastor of Tanglewood Baptist Church in Lee County, Texas, where he served about 2 years. He then transferred to the Baptist Church at Lexington in Lee County. These 2 pastorates amounted to about 11 years of ministerial service for him. Those years were spent in strenuous labor to establish himself as a man of ability and piety within the Southern Missionary Baptist Church of Texas. He labored unremittingly for his church and its welfare.

However, there opened to him a more alluring prospect in South Central Texas, and in 1897 he transferred to El Campo in Wharton County, and labored in that area 25 or 30 years. He established a reputation for ability, truth, and sobriety that made his name widely known in Texas as a Christian leader—zealous for the truth promulgated by his forefathers, and respected by all who knew him. He became pastor of the First Baptist Church at El Campo in Wharton County, Texas, about 1902 and remained there until 1912. From there he went to the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake (1912-1917); then to Sonora Baptist Church in Sutton County, 1914-1927; and later to Seely Baptist Church, 1928-1932.

His sermons aroused much enthusiasm and carried great influence for good to the entire community in which he labored. Appreciative Masons of Sonora, Texas, awarded to him and his wife life memberships in their local lodges in token of their regard for him and his ministerial work in that locality. As the years went by he was pastor of other churches not included in this list. In his declining years he ministered to a group of churches in Harris County, Texas, beginning about 1932 and continuing until his death in 1935. The span of his ministerial service was about 45 years. He expressed consciousness of having made a "good fight" for the Lord. At the last he said, "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name." "Unto God be all the glory."
Section 4:  SARAH HENDERSON ("SALETTE") DARDEN (8 6 4H6)

Miss Darden (8 6 4H6), called "Salette" by the family, was born December 22, 1870, at Bastrop in Bastrop County, Texas, the 8th and youngest child of William Burch Darden (6 4H5) and Ann Eliza (Fuller) Darden. When she was about 5 years of age, her parents moved from Bastrop to Darden Mineral Springs in Lee County, adjacent to Bastrop. There were no public schools at that time in Texas and her mother assumed the role of teacher. The first public school she attended was taught by her eldest brother, John Jasper Darden (1 6 4H6), and another school was taught by her sister, Elizabeth Burch Darden (6 6 4H6). Later she attended a short term taught by Professor John Chambers Kuykendal at Hemphill Prairie in Bastrop County. In 1891 she attended a summer normal at Flatonia, Texas, where she was granted a teacher's certificate that entitled her to teach in Texas public schools, and she taught 5 months in Lee County, 1891-1892. This was followed by several years of teaching, a school each year during the winter months to 1900. She then attended Baylor Female College (later known as Mary Hardin-Baylor College) at Baylor, Texas, and continued there 2 terms (1901-1902), paying her own expenses.

In the latter part of 1902, Miss Darden and her parents moved from the farm to McDade village in Bastrop County where she had purchased a small home. Her brothers and sisters had gone from the parental domicile and she sacrificed ambition in order to care for her father and mother. Her father was then infirm and unable to practice medicine, and her mother, Ann Eliza (Fuller) Darden, was a frail person who became bedridden the last 5 years of her life. Under these conditions their daughter taught school every day during school terms and provided food and personal attention for her aged parents during 7 years (1902-1909) until she secured a better paying position at Elgin, Texas, where she taught 3 years beginning in 1909.

Meanwhile the invalid mother died April 22, 1910, at Elgin and her father, William Burch Darden, went to El Campo to live in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth (Darden) Stephen, where he died on March 20, 1911. Both parents were buried at or near Elgin, Texas.

Summer vacations from 1911 to 1914 were periods of study for Miss Salette Darden in order to secure a permanent teacher's certificate. Old ambitions were revived and transformed to new objectives. She completed the prescribed course in Sam Houston Institute at Huntsville, Texas, July 31, 1914, and received a life certificate that entitled her to teach anywhere in the schools of Texas. She went from Elgin to Hondo in Medina County, Texas, in 1913 where she taught 3 years. In June 1916 she transferred to Karnes City, Texas, and taught there 4 years to the end of the 1920 term. While she was principal of the high school at Hondo, the school became affiliated with the University of Texas, 1918-1920. In the autumn of 1920 she began work in the Austin public schools and continued there until November 1942 when retired by reason of age.

However, in 1935, in order to comply with rulings by the Austin school board, she resumed her studies with renewed zeal, taking a summer course at Sam Houston Teacher's College and otherwise acquiring or marshalling enough additional credits to entitle her to an A.B. degree in August 1936. That was a remarkable achievement for a person of her age who was physically handicapped by serious permanent injuries accidentally received.

Miss Salette Darden was a member of the Texas State Teacher's Association 22 years, 1920-1942; was president of the Austin Nature Club, 1939-1941; and member of Daughters of the American Revolution, holding successively the offices of corresponding secretary, parliamentarian, and treasurer of Andrew Caruthers Local Chapter of Austin, Texas. She was also a member of the Eastern Star Masonic Order, and long a member of the Missionary Baptist Church in Texas.
Branch I

DAVID DARDEN (9A4) OF GEORGIA AND ALABAMA
and Descendants

David Darden (9I4=9A4), son of George Darden (1A3) and Elizabeth (Strozier) Darden, was born March 27, 1803, in Wilkes County, Georgia, and came (about 1820) with his parents to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He remained there engaged in stock-raising and farming until his death, which occurred June 18, 1879; and he was buried presumably in the Darden Family Cemetery near Tuscaloosa. He married Mary ("Polly") Maddox, February 5, 1824, in Tuscaloosa County. She was a daughter of Mark Maddox, born June (April, Bible record) 4, 1805, in Maryland, and died in November 1880, Tuscaloosa County. Polly Darden received 1/4 of the personal estate of her father, Mark Maddox, according to his will dated December 7, 1847, Tuscaloosa County. Issue, 6 children.

Darden Branch Lineage I: Fifth Generation
Children of David Darden (9I4) and Mary (Maddox) Darden

1 9I5 William Jefferson Darden, b. May 15, 1825. See below.
2 9I5 Sarah Rebecca ("Narcissa") Darden, b. June 8, 1826 (Bible). See below.
4 9I5 James Monroe L. Darden, b. June 5, 1833. See below.
5 9I5 Stephen Radford Darden, b. Dec. 8, 1838. See below.

Compiler's Note: These data were supplied principally by Stephen R. Darden of Northport, Ala., under date of July 30, 1907, when he stated that he was 69 years of age and the only survivor of his family. There is unusual disparity of birth dates among the above-named children, provided there was only 1 mother. The Bible record, however, gives other children: Elizabeth Darden, d. June 2, 1842; George Darden, d. May 30, 1844; Nancy C. Darden, d. Aug. 29, 1851.

William Jefferson Darden (1 9I5)

William Jefferson Darden (1 9I5), son of David Darden (9I4) and Mary (Maddox) Darden, was born May 15, 1825, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, and died there on November 8, 1903, at Northport. He married Harriet E. Skelton (sister of Abe), December 24, 1850, who was the daughter of Wiley Skelton of Tuscaloosa County. He was born in January 1828 in Tuscaloosa County and died about 4 miles northwest of Northport, September 6, 1876, leaving issue as follows:

Darden Branch Lineage I: Sixth Generation
Children of William Jefferson Darden (1 9I5) and Harriet (Skelton) Darden

2 1 9I6 David Wiley Darden, b. May 11, 1854, d. Nov. 17, 1933. See below.

David Wiley Darden (2 1 9I6)

David Wiley Darden (2 1 9I6), son of William Jefferson Darden (1 9I5) and Harriet E. (Skelton) Darden, was born May 11, 1854. He was a farmer near Northport
until December of 1924. Afterward he engaged in business in Northport. He represented Tuscaloosa County as State Executive Committeeman from 1923 until his death, November 17, 1933. David Wiley Darden married, December 6, 1893, Sarah Anr Partrich, born December 13, 1870, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Jones) Partrich of Tuscaloosa County.

Darden Branch Lineage I: Seventh Generation
Children of David Wiley Darden (2 1 916) and Harriet E. (Skelton) Darden

1 2 1 917 Lula Polaski Darden, b. Dec. 29, 1894; m. W. H. Snider of Tuscaloosa.


3 2 1 917 John Allen Darden, b. Nov. 12, 1901, d. 1902.

4 2 1 917 Annie Bell Darden, b. Oct. 13, 1903, d. aged 3 mo.

5 2 1 917 Daniel Lee Darden, b. April 28, 1905; m. Evelyn Carlton, Mobile, Ala. Resided at Montgomery, 1940.


Sarah Rebecca ("Narcissa") (Darden) Brown (2 915)

Sarah Rebecca ("Narcissa") Darden (2 915), daughter of David Darden (914) and Mary (Maddox) Darden, was born June 8, 1826, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; died there June 18, 1871. She married October 19, 1847, Daniel Brown, son of James Brown, and left issue.

BROWN Family: Sixth (Darden) Generation
Children of Daniel Brown and Sarah Rebecca (Darden) Brown (2 915)


2 David L.L. Brown, b. May 13, 1851; living 1905-10 at Northport, Ala.


James Monroe L. Darden (4 915)

James Monroe L. Darden (4 915), son of David Darden (914) and Mary (Maddox) Darden, was born June 5, 1833, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; died August 15, 1863, in C.S.A. in Tennessee. David Darden was administrator of his estate. He married, November 1, 1855, Lodusky C. Hall (b. May 3, 1838; d. Jan. 4, 1876) in Tuscaloosa County; she was the daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Faucett) Hall of Tuscaloosa County. Issue, several children.

Darden Branch Lineage I: Sixth Generation
Children of James Monroe L. Darden (4 915) and Lodusky C. (Hall) Darden


2 4 916 Koger Adams Darden, b. March 5, 1858. See below.


Stephen Radford Darden (5 915)

Stephen Radford Darden (5 915), son of David Darden (914) and Mary (Maddox) Darden, was born December 8, 1838, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; was living 1905-1910 at Northport, Alabama, aged 69 years. He married Martha C. Shirley, November 28, 1860, in Tuscaloosa County. She was the daughter of Moses and Roena Shirley of Northport, Alabama; was born October 28, 1840, and died July 11, 1892, at Northport, leaving issue.

Darden Branch Lineage I: Sixth Generation
Children of Stephen Radford Darden (5 915) and Martha C. (Shirley) Darden

| 1 5 916 | Rowena Alice Darden, b. Sept. 24, 1861, d. April 20, 1885; m. Oct. 23, 1883, Mack A. Park of Romulus, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. Left issue, 1 ch. |
| 2 5 916 | Stephen Zimri Darden, b. June 1, 1864 (Bible); m., 2d, March 28, 1910, Dessie Lou Jean Barnett (b. Oct. 15, 1879), dau. of John F. Barnett and Sarah Lou Jene (Davis) Barnett. In 1905-10 they lived at Northport, Ala. He d. Sept. 11, 1929. They had: (1) Martha Mae Darden, b. June 23, 1911; and (2) Stephen Zimri Darden, Jr., b. Jan. 15, 1914; unm. 1940. |
| 4 5 916 | Martha Adeline ("Addie") Darden, b. May 28, 1868; m. March 15, 1897, Virgil J. Harden, who d. Nov. 27, 1899. Left issue, 2 ch. Lived in Shawnee, Okla., 1940. |
| 7 5 916 | Cherrie Estelle Darden, b. April 17, 1874, d. Sept. 28, 1892, unm., at Elrod, Ala. |
| 8 5 916 | Vesta Darden, b. Sept. 6, 1876; m. John E. Hogler, April 15, 1899, in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. Issue, 6 ch. Lived at Glenn, Ala., 1905. |


Koger Adams Darden (2 4 916)

Koger Adams Darden (2 4 916), son of James Monroe L. Darden (4 915) and Lodusky C. (Hall) Darden, was born March 5, 1858. He married December 2, 1891, Addie Latha Shirley (b. Aug. 11, 1872), daughter of Joseph Shirley and Angeline (Archibald) Shirley. They lived on a farm about 9 miles northwest of Northport, Alabama, until they moved into Northport about 1915.

Darden Branch Lineage I: Seventh Generation
Children of Koger Adams Darden (2 4 916) and Lodusky C. (Hall) Darden

| 1 2 4 917 | Allie May Darden, b. Oct. 8, 1892; m. Freda Glen Holman, April 26, 1914. Children: Thomas Glen Holman and George Adams HOLMAN. |
Gordon Darden, b. May 1, 1899, d. May 6, 1899.  
Mary Nona Darden, b. Aug. 6, 1902; m. June 14, 1928, Chester Howard Knight (b. Nov. 26, 1894), son of Thomas Virdine and Jimmie Josephine Knight of Talladega Co., Ala. Issue: Martha Nona (b. Sept. 27, 1931) and Mary Julia KNIGHT (b. June 14, 1936). Residence, 1940, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
Hiram Davis Darden, b. Dec. 2, 1907; m. Dec. 25, 1930, Katherine Harden of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Issue: (1) James Howard Darden, b. Aug. 1931, and (2) Dorothy Ellen Darden, b. Nov. 14, 1937. Residence, Columbus, Miss. (Koger A. Darden Bible Record.)
James Lanier Darden (12J4=12A4), son of George Darden (1A3) and Elizabeth (Strozier) Darden, was born June 13, 1809, in Wilkes County, Georgia. He went (about 1820) with his parents to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, and married there, but later moved to Monroe County, Mississippi; and died in November 1876 in Chickasaw County near Okolona, where the family then resided. He married Mary C. Parker, daughter of Orren Parker, about 1835 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. She was born about 1812 and died in 1844 in Monroe County, Mississippi. Issue, 5 children.

Darden Branch Lineage J: Fifth Generation

Children of James Lanier Darden (12J4) and Mary C. (Parker) Darden

1 12J5 Wiley Howard Darden, b. June 12, 1835; d. April 10, 1884, at Okolona, Chickasaw Co., Miss., and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery there. He moved to Okolona ca 1858 and was engaged in a mercantile business there until his death. Married Addie Davenport, Feb. 18, 1858, of Pulaski, Giles Co., Tenn. She was b. there Aug. 10, 1839, and d. a widow at Okolona, Miss.

2 12J5 Fannie Elizabeth Darden, b. March 8, 1837; m. J. Byrd Williams of Aberdeen, Miss., Feb. 3, 1857, and d. Oct. 1857. No issue. Mr. Williams remained a widower, enlisted in the Confederate Army, and was killed in battle at Jonesboro, Ga., in 1864.

3 12J5 Thomas Darden, b. Sept. 18, 1838; lived in Okolona, Miss.; and d. there after 1903. See below.


5 12J5 John Parker Darden, b. Dec. 10, 1842; m. Margaret A. Trimmier and moved to Spartanburg, S.C. See below.

(Information obtained in 1903 from the family Bible and personal interviews at Okolona, Miss.)

Thomas Darden (3 12J5)

Thomas Darden (3 12J5), son of James Lanier Darden (12J4) and Mary C. (Parker) Darden, was born September 18, 1838, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The family moved to Aberdeen, Mississippi; then to Chickasaw County near Okolona, Mississippi. He engaged in a mercantile business in Okolona which failed, and then operated a hotel for a time. He later became engineer of the Okolona Electric Light Company, and died at Okolona about 1905-1910. He married Maggie Davenport, April 1, 1868. She was born May 28, 1846, in Giles County, Tennessee, and was living at Okolona, Miss., 1905-10.

Darden Branch Lineage J: Sixth Generation

Children of Thomas Darden (3 12J5) and Maggie (Davenport) Darden

1 3 12J6 Fannie Kate Darden, b. March 21, 1869, in Okolona, Miss.; m. Walter Smith of Pulaski, Tenn., April 18, 1894; he was b. in Giles Co., Sept. 9, 1866. Issue, several ch. The family lived at Okolona, Miss., in 1905-1905.

2 3 12J6 Mamie Coleman Darden, b. March 6, 1871, in Okolona, Miss.; m. William Andrew Houston, April 16, 1896, of West Point, Ga.; he was b. Sept. 3, 1868, in Troup Co., Ga. Issue, 2 or more ch. Last reported residence, Okolona, Miss.

3 3 12J6 Willie Howard Darden, b. Dec. 31, 1873, in Okolona, Miss. Unmarried in 1903 and lived with parents at Okolona, Miss.

4 3 12J6 Thomas ("Junior") Darden, b. Oct. 12, 1875; d. aged ca 1 year.

5 3 12J6 Theo Darden, b. Oct. 21, 1877; d. aged 3 months.
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6 3 12J6 Addie Douglas Darden, b. March 12, 1879; unm. in 1903 and was living with her parents at Okolona, Miss.

7 3 12J6 Foster Thomas Darden, b. March 13, 1881; was living in 1903 with his parents in Okolona, Miss.

8 3 12J6 Maggie Damron Darden, b. Oct. 22, 1885; was unm. in 1903 and living with her parents at Okolona.

9 3 12J6 Wiley Darden, b. Dec. 23, 1888; d. very young.

(Information supplied ca June 1903 by members of Thomas Darden's family from Bible records and personal knowledge.)

John Parker Darden (5 12J5)

John Parker Darden (5 12J5), son of James Lanier Darden (12J4) and Mary C. (Parker) Darden, was born December 10, 1842, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, and died at Spartanburg, South Carolina. His parents moved to Chickasaw County and he grew to manhood there. He lived within or near Okolona, Mississippi, until the year 1884, when he moved to Anderson, South Carolina, where he remained 3 years engaged in merchandizing; then he moved to Spartanburg, near which place he owned and operated a cotton plantation until his death. John Parker Darden served in the C.S.A. in the 41st Mississippi Regiment and attained the rank of Lieutenant.

John Parker Darden married Margaret Arabella Trimmier, May 7, 1873, at Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi. She was born March 15, 1851, in Anderson, South Carolina; died November 11, 1925, at Spartanburg, South Carolina. Her father's name was Theodore Gilliard Trimmier and her mother's maiden name, Mary Letitia Thompson.

Darden Branch Lineage J: Sixth Generation
Children of John Parker Darden (5 12J5) and Margaret Arabella (Trimmier) Darden

1 5 12J6 Wiley Howard Darden, b. May 13, 1874, in Okolona, Miss.; residence, Spartanburg, S.C. See below.

2 5 12J6 Mary Thomason ("Maina") Darden, b. March 24, 1876, in Okolona, Miss.; she taught school at Okolona from 1896 to 1911; and was living, unm., at Spartanburg, S.C., in 1940.

3 5 12J6 Alleine Charles Darden, b. May 22, 1877, in Okolona, Miss.; teacher, unm.; resided at Spartanburg, S.C., in 1940.

4 5 12J6 Frances Elizabeth Darden, b. Jan. 19, 1880, in Okolona, Miss.; unm.; lived at Spartanburg, S.C. Will, 1927; probated 1931.

5 5 12J6 Marguriete Darden, b. May 8, 1882, in Okolona, Miss.; teacher. Married Dr. Webb Thomson; lived at Spartanburg, S.C. (2 ch.)

6 5 12J6 John Parker Darden, Jr., b. Feb. 6, 1885, in Anderson, S.C.; m., 1924, Ruth Ledbetter, dau. of William and Miriam (Johnson) Ledbetter. Children:
(1) Ruth Rebecca Darden, b. Aug. 26, 1925.
(2) Margaret Arabella Darden, b. July 1926.
(3) Miriam Elizabeth Darden, b. Aug. 1928.

(Information supplied by John P. Darden in July 1904 at Spartanburg, S.C.)

Wiley Howard Darden (1 5 12J6)

Wiley Howard Darden (1 5 12J6), son of John Parker Darden (5 12J5) and Margaret Arabella (Trimmier) Darden, was born May 13, 1874, in Okolona, Mississippi. He married Pearl Floyd, December 9, 1898, at Okolona, daughter of Andrew Gordon and Sue (Hall) Floyd. They resided in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Darden Branch Lineage J: Seventh Generation
Children of Wiley Howard Darden (1 5 12J6) and Pearl (Floyd) Darden

1 1 5 12J7 Andrew Floyd Darden, b. Feb. 8, 1900, at Spartanburg.

2 1 5 12J7 Wiley Howard Darden, b. Sept. 19, 1902, at Spartanburg.

3 1 5 12J7 John Bell Darden, b. March 9, 1904, at Spartanburg.

4 1 5 12J7 Theodore Randolph Darden, b. at Gainesville, Ga.

(The above record was made in 1904 and is probably incomplete.)
PART THREE
MATERNAL LINES AND ALLIED FAMILIES

Line I
WASHINGTON ANCESTRY OF ELIZABETH (WASHINGTON) LANIER

Section 1: John Washington of Surry County, Virginia

John Washington, a merchant of Surry County, Virginia, entered into a prenuptial agreement with the widow "Mary Ffoord" dated November 15, 1658:

Bee it known unto all men by these presents, yt whereas a Contract of matrimony is agreed upon between mee Jno Washington, & Mary Ffoord widow, I ye sd Washington ffor divers good Causes & Considerations, mee thereunto moving doe before ye Celebration & Slemnization thereof, by these presents Ingage & oblige my self, my heires, executors, Administrators or Assignes, to give & deliver, or Cause to be given & delivered unto Robert Stanton Clarke, sseffe, in trust, one mare sfilly, of one year old, to & ffor ye sole use & behoofe ofTho: blunt, sonne of ye sd Mary, his heires executors, Administrators & assigns, with male & female Increase ffor Ever, wch sd mare sfilile is to be delivered as abovevsd ye day yt ye sd Tho: Blunt shall attain to ten yeares of age, in Surry county, & further I ye sd Jno Washington Doe hereby oblige my self, to acknowledge this my reall & voluntary act, & deed, in ye next Court, to be holden ffor ye County of surry, & to have it recorded accordingly, in ye sd Court records, witt: my hand & seal Dated ye 15th day of 9ber stilo Anglia ano: domeni 1658.

Signed sealed & delivered in John Washington /sealed in red wax/
ye presence of us - Jno Flood
Ben: sidway Edmund Shipman
Jno Allam Tho: fflood /Copy Teste:

(Surry Co. Records. Order Book 1, 126.)

It is not unlikely that John Washington of Surry County was closely related to Colonel John Washington (ancestor of Genl. George Washington) and his brother, Lawrence Washington, who emigrated from Northamptonshire to Virginia in 1657 and settled in Westmoreland County. Charles A. Hoppin has listed their ancestry for many generations in a voluminous and exhaustive work entitled The Washington Ancestry (1932). He shows that the first Washingtons of Westmoreland were sons of the Reverend Mr. Lawrence Washington (1602-1652), Rector of Purleigh, Essex, and that their uncle, Sir John Washington of Traphost, Northants, had by his first wife, Mary Curtis (who d. 1624/5, dau. of Philip Curtis of Islip, co. Northampton), sons Mordaunt Washington, John Washington, who was living in Barbados on August 2, 1654, and Philip Washington. Hoppin finds (Vol. I, 144 et seq.) that a 1656 Colonel John Washington (son of the Rev. Mr. Lawrence Washington) was associated with Edward Prescott in a commercial enterprise in the vessel Sea Horse of London and that said Prescott had been in Barbados; and Hoppin considers it probable that Colonel John Washington of Virginia had been in Barbados.

The Washington Ancestry (Vol. I, 143): Sir John's son, John, is thus proved to have been on Aug. 2, 1654, on the isle of Barbados, West Indies. While he was in Barbados a man surnamed Lanier was also there, so the descendants of the Laniers of Surry Co., Va., understand. Later the Lanier of Barbados appears in Surry Co. as also did this John Washington of Barbados. We have made a study of Washington records in England having any possible bearing upon this John Washington, and we have exhausted the Washington records at Barbados. They show that he did not return to England or remain in Barbados after 1658. He is of record in America in Surry Co., Va., first in 1658, and Lanier first in 1676.

Although Hoppin was by no means the first to note evidence concerning the possible relationship between the Washingtons of Surry and those of Westmoreland (New England Hist. Geneal. Register 38, 424; 43, 420; also Wm. and Mary Hist. Qrly. 23 (1), 178, 1915; Tylers Qrly. 5, 142, 1921), his searches seem to have been very extensive indeed, and his discussion of the subject is very detailed and thorough.

Editor's Note: Newton J. Darden seems not to have fully accepted the above version of the English ancestry of John Washington of Surry Co., Va. First, he cites the will of Lawrence Washington of Garsden (not the brother but a 2d cousin to Sir John), 14 Jan. 1661-62 (N.E.H.&G. Reg. 21, 51, 42, 1867) which provides an annuity for his cousin, John Washington, son of Sir John Washington of Thrapston. Apparently Mr. Darden thought that John Washington of Surry Co., Va., might have been dead at that time and as a possible origin of John Washington of Surry, Mr. Darden refers to the John Washington baptised 14 March 1631-32 near London, son of Richard and Frances (Browne) Washington. (See Water's Gleanings in the Fields, near London) where Sir William Washington lived at about this time, and this birth record certainly could not have been overlooked by Hoppin. Moreover, it is very probable that this Richard Washington who married Frances Browne was also a son of Lawrence Washington of Sulgrave (d. 1616) and his wife, Margaret Butler (of royal blood) and thus the published Washington ancestry in major part would still apply to descendants of John Washington of Surry.

It seems very probable then that John Washington of Surry was born about 1623 or 1624 at Thrapston, Northamptonshire, England, the second son of Sir John and Mary (Curtis) Washington of Thrapston. He arrived in Barbados in or before 1654, when he may have attended to business affairs for friends and relatives in London (including his stepmother's brother, Theodore Pargiter—see N.E.H.&G. Reg. 38, 424, 1926) who often dealt indirectly with the Virginia Colony through agents in Barbados. He may have settled in Surry County, Virginia, before 1658. No record of the Washington-Ford marriage has been found—only the prenuptial agreement of November 15, 1658—but a son, Richard, was born to them in midsummer of 1660.

There seems to be no proof as to the family name of Mary, who was called Widow Ford and had been the Widow Blunt. (Note, however, that both Jno. Flood and Thomas Flood were witnesses to her marriage contract. She is called daughter of John Flood in certain pedigrees given in the Compendium of American Genealogy by Virkus. See Vol. 5, 164, 680; Vol. 6, 324.) By her first husband, Richard Blunt, Mary was the mother of Thomas Blunt, born not later than 1656. Richard Blunt died 1656-57 and Mary married Charles Foard and was again a widow before November 1658 when she contracted marriage with John Washington. Within a year or so after the birth of Richard Washington in 1660, John Washington is said to have died (Did he return to England to obtain the annuity provided in the will of Lawrence Washington of Garsden?) Mary's next marriage was with Henry Briggs, certainly before April 8, 1671, when 250 acres in Surry County, formerly granted to Charles Ford, deceased, was granted to Henry Briggs and Mary, his wife, in right of Thomas Blunt and Richard Washington, orphans. Henry Briggs and Mary were not merely guardians to the orphans Blunt and Washington. This is shown by their assignment of their rights (Mary's dower rights) on March 5, 1677, a few days after Thomas Blunt, only son of Richard, conveyed to Thomas Drew 300 acres inherited from his father (Surry Co. Records 1671-84, 167). Mrs. Mary Blunt-Foard-Washington-Briggs died prior to July 1681 when Henry Briggs and wife, Marjory, made a deed to Thomas Blunt.

A deed from Thomas Blunt and Richard Washington to Mr. John Goring, Gent., dated March 1, 1678, recites that Mr. Charles Ford, sometime of the County of Surry, Virginia, was lawfully seized of a certain tract of land with a plantation thereon, containing 250 acres of land, held by a patent dated May 19, 1638, issued in the name of King Charles I of England; said land being in the original County of James City but later becoming part of Surry County, Virginia (Surry Co. Records 1671-84, 181). This deed further recites that said Charles Ford died without a will, that the land escheated to his majestie Charles II, and that, upon a composition, it was granted to Thomas Blunt and Richard Washington, then orphans and "sons in law" of said Charles Ford (dec’d.). Incidentally, this Ford plantation adjoined the lands of Colonel John Flood.

The deed to Goring was signed by Thom: Blunt and acknowledged July 2, 1678, by Rich: Washington did not sign until the 5th of 7br 1681. This may indicate the
Thomas Blunt was at least 3 years older than his half brother, Richard Washington, and that the latter was born in 1660. It seems probable that the Escheator General by Inquisition found that the plantation formerly owned by Charles Ford should be considered as rightfully belonging to Mary, the Widow Ford, and to her children. Thomas Blunt was indeed a stepson to Charles Ford (and the old term was often son-in-law), but that Richard Washington should be so designated seems an error because Charles Ford died before Richard Washington was born.

Section 2: Richard Washington

A patent to Thomas Blunt and Richard Washington for 330 acres in Surry County was dated 29th of April 1682. Thomas Blunt's interest in this land was immediately transferred to his brother, Richard Washington.

ASSIGNMENT by Thomas Blunt to Richard Washington, written on the back of the patent:

Know all men by these presents that I Tho: Blunt of the upr psh of Surry in Virga Doe hereby firmly fully & absolutely assigne Sett over & Convey unto my Brother Richard Washington of the pish & County foresaid & to his heires & assignes forever, all my right title & Interest that I now have to the within pattent & land therein mentioned it being three hundred & thirtye acres in Surry County aforesaid & dated the 29th day of April 1682. . . . [remainder omitted] . . . In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seale ye 7th day of September: 1686.

Tho: Blunt [Seale red wayfer Covered]

Signed & Sealed in pr'sence
of Sr: Allen Henry Tooker.. At a Cort held for the County of Surry 7br 7th: 1686
This day appeared in Cort Thomas Blunt & acknowledged the above-said to be his Act & Deede.

Test William Edwards Cl Cur:

(Recorded in Surry Co. Deed Book 3, 84)

There is no information concerning the education of Richard Washington, but he signed documents at an early age and he seems to have been a responsible citizen and a good businessman, or trader, as well as a planter. Under date of 7br 6th 681 at Southwarke, "being of full age", he signed, sealed, and delivered a deed of a parcel of land to Mr. Robt. Ruffin, administrator of the estate of Mr. Jno. Goring, deceased, on behalf of the said Goring's orphans (Orders 1671-90, 348, Surry Co.). This definitely shows that Richard Washington was born not later than September 6, 1660.

At Southwarke on 7br 1st 1685 he complained to the court against the "Waynoake ndyans" for several misdemeanors. The Queen and great men of Waynoke were notified to answer at the next court (Orders 1671-90, 489, Surry Co.).

On May 4, 1686, a court granted to Richard Washington judgment against Lt. Col. William Browne and James Jordan, administrators of the estate of Thomas Jordan, his executor of Lt. Col. George Jordan, deceased. This was granted in right of his wife, Elizabeth (Jordan) Washington, one of the legatees of said Lt. Col. George Jordan, for 3300 pounds of tobacco. (Orders 1671-90, 520, Surry Co.)

At a court held November 2, 1697, River Jordan and Richard Washington and his wife, Elizabeth Washington, were granted letters of administration, dated Novem-
tober 15, on the estate of her brother, James Jordan, deceased.

Richard Washington and Elizabeth Jordan were married in Southwarke Parish of Surry County, Virginia, cal680 (deduced from other records). She was the daughter of Arthur Jordan who died in 1698 in Surry County.

Arthur Jordan's will, dated Sept. 24, 1898, was offered for probate Jan. 3, 1698/9, and the inventory was filed Feb. 23, 1698/9. The mother of Elizabeth Jordan was Elizabeth Bavinn (Bavin), or Barwin, or Bavinn, as set forth in a marriage contract dated April 12, 1654, in Surry Co. (Deed Book 1, 149). Arthur Jordan was born in England ca1627-29 (depositions). An older brother was Lt. Col. George Jordan who came to Va. ca1635 and settled south of the James in 1650. Children of Arthur Jordan and Elizabeth (Bavinn) Jordan: Thomas Jordan, m. Lucy Spencer; River Jordan, m. Priscilla Browne; George Jordan, m. Mary --------; Elizabeth Jordan, m. Richard Washington; and James Jordan, m. Ann Sowerby, widow of Thomas. Administration of the estate of James Jordan was granted to River Jordan, Richard Washington, and Elizabeth, his wife, by certificate of Nov. 15, 1697. The will of his wife, Ann Jordan, was probated Nov. 8, 1697.
Richard Washington was a man of some prominence in Surry County, Virginia. He secured several land grants totaling thousands of acres and the records show numerous transactions. His wife was a niece of Col. George Jordan who became the Attorney General of Colonial Virginia. Richard's children contracted advantageous marriages. His residence was about 3 miles below modern Claremont and about 9 miles above Jamestown. His estate consisted of thousands of acres of land, many horses, cattle, and swine, and considerable merchandise.

The will of Richard Washington is dated November 9, 1724, and was probated by order of the court May 17, 1725. This shows that he died between these dates. (Wills and Deeds 1715-1830, Part 2, 583, Surry Co.) Photostats of this will were made from the original record and a copy was presented by the Compiler to the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., where it may be seen in the Rare Book and Manuscript Division. The inventory and appraisal taken June 21, 1725, by J. Simmons, Nichs Cooke, and Josa Nicolson consists of over 200 entries.

Children of Richard Washington and Elizabeth (Jordan) Washington

1. George Washington: (bequest of lands, slaves, horses, cattle, etc.); b. 1680; m. Mary Wright; d. Oct. 13, 1763.
5. Thomas Washington: (bequest of plantation on which he now lives, slaves, etc.); m. Agnes or Ann ------; d. 1749.
6. James Washington: (gift of land, etc., entailed and not to be sold for 7 yrs.); b. ca1698; m. Joyce Nicholson; d. 1766 in N.C.
9. Priscilla Washington: (bequest of slaves, cattle, personal property, etc.); m. Robert Lanier; mentioned in her mother's will; d. post 1756.
10. Ann Washington: (bequest of slaves, cattle, personal property, etc.); m. John Steavens and mentioned in her mother's will.
11. Faith (Washington) Barker (wife of Josiah): bequest of 1 sheep additional to what she has.

Among other items in the will are the following: Bequest to grandson, Thomas Lanier; also, to each of 4 grandsons, Arthur, Sampson, Richard, and Lemuel Lanier, children of Sampson and Elizabeth Lanier, gift of a breeding cow or the value thereof.

The widow, Elizabeth (Jordan) Washington, survived her husband about 10 years and left a will that enumerated all of the above-mentioned children but not in the same order. Said will, undated, was proved at a court held for Surry County, May 21, 1735 (Deeds 1730-38, 496, Surry Co.).
John Lanier was the first known ancestor of Laniers in the Virginia, Georgia, and Tennessee families. He was in Charles City County soon after 1670, is said to have been previously in Barbados, and was probably the same John Lanier who in 1676 took part in a defensive movement against the Indians known as Bacon's Rebellion. The then Royal Governor of Virginia was Sir William Berkeley, who not only neglected defensive measures but refused to permit military operations against Indian tribes that had slain some 300 white settlers living in remote and exposed settlements on the south side of the James River. The inhabitants became desperate and organized a military expedition to defend themselves, and formed a camp at Jordan's Point near the present Hopewell in Prince George County, Virginia. They selected John Lanier and John Woodlief to call on the governor and ask him for military authority to go out and fight the Indians.

Berkeley called them "fools and loggerheads" and refused to grant their request. They returned to camp and found Nathaniel Bacon, who resided on the north side of the James River, and he assumed command of the military force without authority from the governor. Trouble arose when Bacon and his men moved against the Indians without a commission from Berkeley, who had a monopoly on trading privileges with the Indians and feared the war would interrupt his trading profits. The expedition was successful, but Berkeley retaliated by having Bacon and his leaders persecuted. In an attempt to enforce his demands, war ensued between the factions and Jamestown was burned. Some of the leaders were brought to trial, including Bacon, but on account of his military ability and the public resentment against Berkeley, Nathaniel Bacon was not executed. He died October 26, 1676, very soon after that campaign against the Indians.

John Lanier lived in that part of James City County which was later cut off and became Prince George County on the south side of the James River. All the Prince George records were stolen or destroyed when the whole area was overrun by the federal army during the Civil War (1861-1865). A few were recovered after the war. One valuable deed and will book (1713-1728), called the "Great Book", was returned long after the war ended, and 2 or 3 order books were recovered. From these few records the extracts cited have been made.

The last will and testament of John Lanier of Prince George County, Virginia, dated January 5, 1717; was proved at a court held at Merchants Hope for the County of Prince George, April 14, 1719; and is recorded in deed and will book (1713-1728), page 312, of Prince George County records. No mention is made of his wife. His son, Nicholas Lanier, is named executor.

At a court held May 12, 1719, Nicholas Lanier, Executor, returned an inventory of the estate of John Lanier, deceased. Among the items listed is "one sett of Cooper's tools", and some other items showing that John Lanier was a carpenter as well as a cooper, and engaged in farming. Also there is a list of 14 books among other personal property. (Deeds 1713-1728, 312, Prince George Co.) Practically the entire estate was given to Nicholas Lanier and his son, John Lanier.

Children of John Lanier of Prince George County, Virginia

(In order of listing in their father's will)
1. Robert Lanier: bequest in will of 1 shilling.
2. John Lanier: bequest in will of 1 shilling.
3. Sampson Lanier: bequest in will of 12 shillings. See next Section.
4. Sarah (Lanier) Brewer (wife of George): bequest in will of 1 cow or heifer.
5. Nicholas Lanier: bequest of all land on which living; other property. Executor.
6. Daughter; d. ante 1700.
Section 2: Sampson Lanier

Sampson Lanier, born 1682, son of John Lanier of Prince George County, Virginia, appeared in court and made oath in a deposition dated March 21, 1738, that he was then about 56 years of age (Surry Co. Orders 1738-54, 50). He moved to Brunswick County, Virginia, prior to 1743, and he was approximately 61 years of age at the time of his death, which occurred sometime between January 8 and May 5, 1743. He married Elizabeth Washington, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Jordan) Washington, in Surry County, Virginia. (See Washington Ancestry in prior sections of PART THREE.) Facts indicate that she was born ca.1687 and married ca.1705.

Her father, Richard Washington, made a bequest in his will to his grandson, Thomas Lanier; also, to his 4 grandsons, Arthur, Sampson, Richard, and Lemuel Lanier, all children of Sampson and Elizabeth (Washington) Lanier. The widow of Sampson Lanier was provided for in his will, but her name is not mentioned. However, she has been identified by a power-of-attorney, dated July 12, 1767, and executed by Elizabeth Lanier, widow, "late of Virginia and Brunswick county", to her son, Lemuel Lanier, of Brunswick County, but the document omits name of the colony where the same was made. She must have been about 80 years old at this time and this is the last record of her (Deeds 9, 34, Brunswick Co.).

Compiler's Note: There has been some controversy regarding Washington-Lanier intermarriage and relationship and some extant publications are a source of confusion. However, extended searches have been made and only well authenticated information, chiefly from county records, has been utilized here.

Sampson Lanier's last will and testament was dated January 8, 1742/3 (Wills 2, 52, Brunswick Co.). Some important items are:

- I give unto my beloved wife Twenty Pounds Cash which she hath in her possession and to her Disposal I also let the use of all the Remainder of my Estate to my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood, and after her death or marriage I give all that part of my Estate to my five sons to be equally divided among them.
- I constitute and appoint my two sons Thomas Lanier and Sampson Lanier Exors of this my Last Will and Testament.

Other important items are given in the following family chart wherein the listing is based on the order in the will.

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<th>Children of Sampson Lanier and Elizabeth (Washington) Lanier</th>
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<td>1 Thomas Lanier: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Lanier all the Tract of Land whereon I now live . . . 150 acres. I also give unto my son Thomas Five Pounds cash and all my Coopers Tools. . . . my wife to have use of land on East side of branch.</td>
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<td>2 Arthur Lanier,</td>
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<td>3 Sampson Lanier: I give unto my son Sampson Lanier one Negro man called Mingo my wife to have the Labor of said Negro during her widowhood.</td>
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<td>4 Richard Lanier: I give unto my son Richard Lanier two Cows and Calves . . . also one Negro woman named Juda my wife having the Labor of said Negro woman during her widowhood.</td>
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<td>5 Eliza (Lanier) Burch: I give unto my daughter Eliza Burch one Negro Girl called Moll the said negro Girl and her increase to the use of my said Daughter and the heirs of her body forever. (See Section 3 of Line III, Burch Ancestry, below.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>6 Lemuel Lanier: I give unto my son Lemuel Lanier one Negro Girl called Agge . . . and one Young Mare bridle and saddle.</td>
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<tr>
<td>7 James Lanier: I give my son James Lanier two Cows and Calves and one Negro man called Randol to him and his heirs but Lemuel Lanier to have the Labor of said Negro till my son James comes to age Twenty one Years.</td>
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Editor's Note: Comparing these names with those listed in Richard Washington's will (Washington Ancestry), it appears that Arthur Lanier was living in 1724 but not in 1742/3. He may have died in the interim. It is not unlikely that James Lanier was born after 1724.
Section 1: Samuel Birk of Prince George County, Virginia

Samuel Burk (Birk, or Birch), his wife, Eliza Byrk (or Burch), and their 2 youthful sons, Richard Birk (or Burch) and Charles Byrk (or Burk), all arrived at Petersburg, Virginia, late in the summer of 1714. They were transported to Virginia as emigrant settlers from Great Britain.

The name first appears in local Virginia records as Samuel Burch, purchaser of 30 acres of land from William Mays and Mary Mays of Bristol Parish in Prince George County, Virginia, on October 8 and 9, 1714 (Great Book of Deeds and Wills 1713-1728, 28 and 30, Prince George Co.).

The Virginia State Land Office contains the record of a patent dated March 23, 1715, for 200 acres of land issued to Jno. Peterson of Prince George County, Virginia, in consideration of the importation of 4 persons to dwell within the Colony of Virginia; namely, "Richard Birk, Samuel Birk, Eliza Byrk, and Charles Byrk" (Vol. 10, 279, Va. Land Grants).

Citations and References from Order Book 1714-1728

1716 April 10. At a court held for Prince George Co. The suit between John Hatch and Samuel Burch, neither party appearing, is dismissed. (p. 33)

1717 April 9. Action brought by John Hatch against Samuel Burch for 450 pounds of tobacco due by bill dated Dec. 13, 1715. Defendant is returned "Non est Inventus", and not appearing. Plaintiff's motion for an attachment is granted against defendant for said sum and costs, returnable to next court for judgment. (p. 118)

1717 May 14. At a court held at Merchants Hope for Prince George Co. Petition of Samuel Burch that he be levy free is rejected and dismissed. (p. 121)

1717 June 11. John Hatch against Samuel Burch; 450 pounds of tobacco, due by bill dated Dec. 13, 1715. Attachment was granted against defendant's estate for said sum and costs, "one feather bed, one blanket and one sheet", and the said defendant being called and not appearing to replevy the same "Ordered that the Sheriff cause the goods to be appraised .... and delivered to Plt., for and towards the payment of said sum and costs .... and make report therein to the next Court." (p. 128)

1717 July 9. Order of the last court for the appraisement of sundry goods of the estate of Samuel Burch attached for Mr. John Hatch, is made null and void by consent of the said Hatch. (p. 135)

1719 May 12. Pursuant to the direction of the concurring judges, a grand jury was impaneled and sworn, by the names of John Rivers, Sam'l Burch, Richard Dearden, and others, who having their charge were sent out, and soon after make the following return into court, viz., "We the Grand Jurors are Ignoramus." William Harrison, Foreman. (p. 257)

1719 July 14 (Case No. 1). In an action on the case brought by Richard Pace against Sam'l Burch, et uxor (wife); the pt. failing to prosecute, on motion of defendant's attorney, it is ordered he be nonsuited and pay the said defendant five shillings with costs. Execution granted. (p. 271)

1719 July 14 (Case No. 2). In the action on this case brought by Richard Pace against Samuel Burch and Eliza, his wife; the pt. failing to prosecute, on motion of the defendant's attorney, it is ordered that he be nonsuited and pay said deft. five shillings with costs; also have execution. (p. 271)

1720 June 14. On the motion of Majr. Bolling in behalf of Samuel Burch, he is exempt from paying "Levy for the future." (p. 327)

In the old Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish in Prince George County, published by Chamberlayne in 1841, on page 30 is found the entry, "To Sam'l Birch for Cath'ar Irvin—400 lbs and 32 cask", in a list of payments made in 1726 in pounds of tobacco. Again, in the Parish levy of October 15, 1730, "To Sam'l Burch for Charity .... 600 lbs and 48 for cask." Possibly Samuel Burch was an agent for disbursing parish funds as directed for certain purposes.

When Richard Pace brought suit in July 1719 (Order Book reference above), the
action was against Samuel Burch and Eliza, his wife; but when on March 8, 1725, Samuel Burch acknowledged a conveyance to Henry Baly or Baley (for 100 acres of lands in Prince George County that had been purchased in 1714 from William and Mary Mays), it was Samuel's wife, Mary, that came into court and relinquished right of dower. (Deed Book 1713-1728, 865, Prince George Co. Photostat record in Va. State Library.)

We see therefore that between 1719 and 1725 Samuel's wife, Eliza, died and he married Mary and became interested in lands somewhat further north than his original holdings. On February 22, 1724, he paid 40 shillings for a grant of 400 acres on the north side of the James River, in Henrico County, Virginia (Colonial Grants 12, 131), and on August 17, 18, 1730, as a resident of St. James Parish in Goochland County, he sold same to Michael Holland of Hanover County (Deeds 1728-1734, 213, Goochland Co.).

Another tract of 400 acres on the north side of the James River and east side of Byrd Creek, in Goochland County, was purchased on April 19, 1728, and sold on March 18, 19, 21, 1732, to Arthur Hopkins, physician, of St. Paul's Parish in Hanover County. A witness in 1732 was "Rich'd Birk" and Mary, wife of Samuel Burk, relinquished dower. (Deeds 1728-1734, 308-312, Goochland Co.)

A grant of 200 acres to Samuel Burk is dated September 28, 1732. The land was on the north side of the Rivanna in Goochland County, and the consideration was 20 shillings (Colonial Grants 14, 483).

The will of Samuel Birch, dated July 17, 1734, at Manakin Town, Goochland County, where he then lived, was proved by witnesses Thomas Porter and John Peter Bilbow on September 18, 1739 (Deeds 5, 249, Goochland Co.). His will provides, "Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Birch one shilling. . . . Item: I give unto Mary my well beloved wife, whom I likewise hereby constitute and ordain my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, my whole Estate both Real and Personal to her and her heirs and assigns freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever."

Mention in said will of a bequest "to my son Richard Birch of one shilling", clearly identified Richard Birk or Burch as the eldest son of Samuel and Eliza Byrk and probably the one who arrived with his parents at Petersburg, Virginia, in 1714. Under the law of primogeniture in Virginia, the eldest son, if omitted from his father's will, could break the will and claim his father's landed estate. Charles "Byrk", who arrived at Petersburg, Virginia, with his parents in 1714 was probably a younger son. His record has not been traced, but there are land grants in Amelia and in some other counties of Virginia that may provide a clue.

The maiden name of wife "Mary" does not appear in the will or elsewhere. Possibly she was a French Huguenot of Manakin Town. Nor does the will include any names of children that might be the issue of her marriage with Samuel Birch. However, a Samuel Burk, Junr., is named in 2 colonial land grants in Virginia—one for 200 acres of land in Goochland County, dated August 30, 1744, and another for 350 acres in Albemarle County, dated June 25, 1746, which records suggest a son of Samuel Birch, deceased. Here, also, may be mentioned a land grant to Samuel Burk, dated August 15, 1737—550 acres on lower side of Byrd Creek (Book 17, 389). This date is 3 years after the first Samuel Burch made his will and only 2 years before the will was probated. If this grant was made to the younger Samuel Burch, it would seem that he was a child of the first marriage and full brother to Richard and Charles Burch.

A survey of record data relating to Samuel Birk or Birch suggests a rugged, literate man and his frail wife in a strange land where they were unfamiliar with the customs and laws. He was an honest, industrious carpenter, inured to hardships and meager food supply in Europe but now cast into a new and strange environment. There was little of tangible wealth in Virginia; everything was new and temporary in character. The chief article of export was tobacco, which was used for currency in Virginia and Maryland at that time; and many settlers were beset with petty lawsuits, often for very small sums. Samuel Birch and his wife Eliza, had their share of such annoyances.

Then came the important demand of John Hatch in 1716 for payment of 450 pound of tobacco. Apparently 5 summonses were ignored in that case. Judgment was rendered against the defendant, Samuel Burch or Birch, and the plaintiff was awarded an attachment by the court against Samuel Birk's estate. The officer seized .
feather bed, one blanket and one sheet", and wrote on the return writ "non est inventus", which, in legal phraseology, means he found no other property that could be attached.

That distressing incident of the Burch family seems to have enlisted attention of the court and brought prominent church friends to their rescue, among whom was Major Bolling. He appears to have been influential in having their attached bedding returned to them, and the case was settled in court by restoring the attached property and the case was dismissed by the court.

Again in 1719 when 2 suits of Richard Pace, plaintiff, were filed against Samuel Burch, an attorney was provided by friends and he had the cases dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Thenceforth, there were no more suits filed against Samuel Burch. Samuel Burch had previously made request to the court for relief from paying levies, which had been refused. However, in 1720, Major Bolling made a motion on behalf of Samuel Burch that he be exempted from "paying levies for the future", which was ordered by the court. The wife, Eliza Burch, died perhaps in 1720 or soon thereafter. Whether by reason of his second marriage or otherwise, his worldly estate increased thereafter both in lands and chattels. Grants were made to him by the colonial governor, in Henrico and in Goochland Counties, Virginia.

Children of Samuel Birk and Eliza Byrk

Emigrants to Virginia

1 Richard Burch, b. in Great Britain, 1696; arrived in Va. 1714. See Section 2, below.

2 Charles Burch, b. in Great Britain; arrived in Va. 1714.

( Possibly, also, Samuel Burk, Jr., of Goochland and Albemarle Co.)

Section 2: Richard Burch

Richard Burch, son of Samuel and Eliza Burch, was born in Great Britain, 1696. He arrived at Petersburg, Virginia, with his parents in 1714. The family settled in Prince George County, Virginia, October 1714; he was then 17 or 18 years of age, and from his subsequent record was evidently an alert youth, fond of hunting and had an active mind and business ability. Early records of him are in an old order Book (1714-1720) of Prince George County:

1716 Nov. 13. At a court held for Prince George Co. ... for wolves killed, to Richard Burch 1 (wolf head), 100 lbs. tobacco. (p. 95)

1717 Dec. 10. At a court held. ... for wolves killed, Richard Burch 2, 200 lbs. of tobacco. (p. 155)

1718 Dec. 10. At a court held at Merchants Hope. ... for wolves killed ... Richard Burch 3, 300 lbs. of tobacco. (p. 220)

1719 July 14. At a court held. John Wall, ... Richard Burch, ... persons summoned to answer the petition and complaint of William Davis, an overseer of the highways, for their contempt in refusing to assist in clearing the highways, of which said Davis is overseer, ... It is ordered that they, the said John Wall, ... Richard Burch, each of them pay to said William Davis five shillings with costs. (p. 277)

1719 July 14. At a court held. On petition of John Wall, ... Richard Burch, and others, ... It is ordered that a road be cleared from the plantation of John Wall into the road of which Samuel Harwell is overseer, and that they be added to said road. (p. 278)

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1728 Sept. 28. Grant to Richard Burch for 420 acres of land on the south side of Nottoway River in Brunswick Co., on the fork of Rocky Run in said Co. (Book 14, 30.)

1730 July 30. Grant to Richard Burch for 254 acres of land on the Nottoway River in Brunswick Co. (Book 13, 473.)

1736 Dec. 28. Grant to Richard Burch in consideration of the payment of 55 shillings for 550 acres in Brunswick Co., Va., on the north side of Wagua (Wqua) Creek between Wynn and Joshua Irby, ... Embry's line. (The Burch home place and mill site on Wagua Creek, opposite the farm of George Dearden. Book 17, 219-220.)

Other information relating to Richard Burch has been culled from Brunswick County records. He became the first sheriff of Brunswick County about 1728, before
the county was fully organized in 1732; also, he was captain of foot soldiers (Orders 1, 71). A court was held for Brunswick County the 7th day of November 1732. Present were John Wall, Richard Burch, William Wynne, William Mathis, Batt Peterson, William Hagood, Robert Hicks, Junr., Daniel Hicks, Gentlemen, Justices for said county, who having taken the oaths appointed by law and subscribed the test took their places on the bench.

Scattered entries in old books show that Richard Burch, Gent., served as one of the Justices of Brunswick County Court from 1732 to 1750, which last date shows approximately the end of his official service.

An old vestry book of St. Andrews Parish of Brunswick County, Virginia, was started July 7, 1732. It shows that on October 6, 1732, Richard Burch was one of the vestrymen of St. Andrews Parish; also, there are numerous references to him in the register from that time until his death in 1772.

The deposition of Richard Burch, Gent., aged 50 years or thereabouts, taken at a court in Brunswick County before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for said County, on Thursday the 3d day of July 1746, indicates that he was born in 1696 but does not state an exact date. (Orders 1745-1749, 43, Brunswick Co.)

In 1747 Richard Burch, Gent., produced a commission to be captain of foot and took the usual oath of government and subscribed the test. (Orders 1745-1749, 319, Brunswick Co.)

1758 May 22. Richard Burch of St. Andrews Parish in Brunswick Co., Va., to Richard Burch of the same Parish and Co., in consideration of 20 pounds in hand paid by Richard Burch, conveys 20 acres in St. Andrews Parish, of Brunswick Co. . . . refers to patent for said land, dated June 26, 1722. (Deed Book 6, 253, Brunswick Co.)

1760 Sept. 15. Richard Burch, Senr., of St. Andrew's Parish in Brunswick Co., Va., to Richard Burch, Jr., of the same Co., for natural affection and in consideration of 200 pounds current money, conveys 350 acres on the north side of Wagua Creek adjoining the land and plantation whereon the said Richard Burch the younger now lives. (Deeds 6, 479, Brunswick Co.)

1771 May 12. Richard Burch and wife Jane, of St. Andrews Parish, Brunswick Co., to Theophilus Fields, of Prince George Co., Va., in consideration of 250 pounds, conveys 1 acre and a water mill on Wagua Creek on land opposite that of George Darden and Edward Wilkinson.

1771 March 27. Richard Burch, the Elder, of St. Andrews Parish in Brunswick Co., to Charles Mason, of the same Parish and Co., "for and in consideration of the love and affection which he hath and beareth unto said Charles Mason, son-in-law of said Richard, and to Mary the wife of said Charles and daughter of said Richard, . . . and for five shillings", conveys seven slaves, one of the aforesaid slaves having been many years since verbally given to said Charles Mason, and the other slaves aforesaid being the offspring of said wench. (Deeds 10, 158, Brunswick Co.)

No record has been found showing the family name of Jane Burch. It is not unlikely that Jane was of a prominent family and that the marriage was advantageous for Richard Burch. It seems probable that the marriage occurred about 1720 in Bristol Parish of Prince George County, Virginia. Existing portions of the old Bristol Parish Register show the birth and baptismal dates of a son, John, and daughter, Martha, children of Richard and Jane Burch. Three younger children were born, probably in Brunswick County, Virginia.

Not long after his marriage Richard Burch was recognized as a respected citizen of Brunswick County. As already related, he was not only active in military affairs (as captain of foot soldiers) and sheriff of the county but a devout vestryman of the Episcopal Church and a Justice of the County Court for many years.

The will of Richard Burch was dated February 6, 1764. He left to his wife, Jane Burch, all personal property and household goods, livestock, etc.; also certain negro slaves during her natural life. To his son, Richard Burch, Junior, he willed the land whereon Richard, Senior, lived—255 acres—also the water mill and the land thereto appertaining, and 3 negro slaves, etc. His daughter, Mary Mason, received 6 negro slaves and 40 pounds in money. A daughter, Elizabeth Lanier, received 4 negro slaves, 40 pounds in money, and 1 other slave. Other property was to be divided among wife and children, share and share alike. The testator names son, Richard Burch, Junior, Charles Mason, and William Lanier as executors. The will was proved July 27, 1772. (Wills 4, 118, Brunswick Co.)
The aforesaid will provided that Richard Burch, Junior, should have his father's water mill on Wagua Creek. However, Richard, Senior, sold it to Theophilas Fields by deed dated May 18, 1771. Thereafter it became known as "Field's Old Mill." So far as known, the mill continued in operation from 1746 to 1771 under Richard Burch, the builder; and from the sale in 1771 to 1889, by Theophilas Fields and his successors, a total of 142 years. Evidences of said mill exist in an old milldam, an old burr millstone, and fragments of broken stones in masonry that can be seen on the streambank and in the creek. It is a picturesque spot alongside a high bridge which spans the stream at that point on the Boydton Turnpike. Execution of the deed to Theophilas Fields appears to be the last document of record signed by Richard Burch and his wife, Jane, before their deaths in 1772 and 1773, respectively.

Children of Richard Burch and Jane Burch of Brunswick County, Virginia

3. Mary Burch; m. Charles Mason.
4. Elizabeth Burch; m. William Lanier
5. Richard Burch (Jr.); principal legatee named in his father's will. This Richard Burch, Jr., was a processer in St. Andrews Parish on Sept. 5, 1755, on Sept. 28, 1759, and again on April 8, 1760. He conveyed 104 acres to John Coleman on Nov. 15, 1768. Then on Nov. 25, 1773, with his wife, Martha Burch, he conveyed 350 acres to Isham Trotter.

Possibly Richard Burch, Jr., had a son, John Burch, who was in Miss. Territory in 1802 and made his will in Jefferson Co., Miss., Sept. 4, 1854; wife, Louisiana, and children David, William, John, Washington, Betsy Fleming, Henrietta Stamps, and Missouri Ann Burch. His tombstone records his birth on Aug. 25, 1760, in Brunswick Co., Va.; death on Sept. 5, 1834, at Jefferson City where he had resided for 60 years. See Section 3, below, for account of Samuel Burch, nephew to Richard, Jr., who went to Natchez Dist. ca1775.

Did this couple also have a daughter, Drucilla Burch (1756-1843) who in 1770 is reported married to James Madison Darden, born 1748, died in Bedford Co. in 1820? See PART ONE, Generation I, family of George Dearden (1A1) and wife Anne.

Section 3: John Burch

John Burch, son of Richard and Jane Burch, was born March 7, 1722, in Bristol parish of Prince George County, Virginia. His parents moved to Brunswick County in 1728, and he was brought up in that county as a gentleman farmer in a frontier environment. The first official record of him is in Brunswick County, Virginia, about the time of the son's marriage, Richard Burch, the father, then living in St. Andrews Parish of Brunswick County conveyed to him on April 7, 1743, 420 acres of land "in consideration of the natural affection and fatherly love which I have and bear unto my well beloved son John Burch of the county and parish aforesaid." Deeds 2, 269, Brunswick Co.) Several other records follow, namely:

1748 March 2. Ordered that John Burch, Thomas DuBarry, Charles Mason, and Richard Scoggin, or any 3 of them do appraise the estate of John Dearden dec'd, and return appraisement to court. (Orders 3, 451, Brunswick Co.)

1748 March 2. A deed from Henry Embrey to Henry Embrey, Jr., was proved by the oaths of Richard Burch and John Burch, 2 of the witnesses thereto. (Orders 3, Feb. term.)

1748 April 7. Elizabeth Lanier (widow of Sampson Lanier) filed suit against John Burch for recovery of 1 negro woman slave named Moll (the gift to Eliza Burch by Sampson Lanier in his will dated Jan. 8, 1742/3, the girl and her increase for the use of his daughter and her heirs forever). Mrs. Lanier claimed unlawful detention of the slave and the case was finally tried before a jury who found for John Burch, and the court decided that the plaintiff should "take nothing by her false claim" and pay the defendant's costs. (Orders 3, 349, 501.)

1751 Sept. 24. John Burch was granted a license to keep an "ordinary" (colonial name for a domicile or inn where food, drink, lodging, and animal care were provided to travelers. (Orders 4, 52.)
1751 Nov. 8. At a Vestry held for the Parish of St. Andrews and Co. of Brunswick. Ordered that John Birch, Thomas Lloyd, Junr., and Lucas Powell, do procession all lands from the old court house between Berches' road and the lower Cutbanks road on the south side of Nottoway River in this county.


1753 Jan. 23. On the motion of John Burch, his ordinary's license is renewed for the ensuing year. With Leonard Claiborne, Jr., his security, he entered and acknowledged bond according to law. (Orders 4, 366.)

1753 Jan. 23. John Burch is appointed surveyor of the road in the room of John Scoggan. (Orders 4, 366.)

1753 Aug. 28. John Burch, Plt. against John Scoggins, Deft. Attachment was issued and goods sold to satisfy Judgment against said Deft. (Orders 5, 24.)

John Burch and Elizabeth Lanier were married, probably in the latter part of the year 1742, in Brunswick County, Virginia. (She was mentioned as Eliza Burch in the will of Sampson Lanier, her father, dated January 8, 1742/3.) Her mother was Elizabeth Washington, daughter of Richard Washington and Elizabeth (Jordan) Washington, of Surry County, Virginia. (The Washington and Lanier ancestry is given above in prior sections of PART THREE.) No record of the birth of Eliza (Lanier Burch has been found, but she was about 18 years of age when she married John Burch, and he was about 20 years of age.

It was her mother, Elizabeth (Washington) Lanier (widow of Sampson), who filed suit against John Burch in 1748 (as recited above) to recover a negro girl slave named Moll that had been given by Sampson Lanier's will to his daughter "Eliza Burch."

1753 Nov. 27. On motion of Elizabeth Burch, who made oath according to law, certificate is granted her for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of her deceased husband, John Burch. Whereupon, she with Richard Burch her security, entered into and acknowledged bond according to law. (Orders 5, 88.)

1753 Ordered that Buckner Stith, George Clayton, Robert Briggs, and William Averill, or any 3 of them, being first sworn for that purpose, do appraise the slaves (if any) and personal estate of John Burch, deceased. (Orders 5, 88, Brunswick Co.)

1754 March 26. Ordered that Charles King, Morgan Kenney, George Clayton, and Drury Stith, or any 3 of them, being first sworn for that purpose, do appraise the slaves (if any) and personal estate of John Burch, deceased. (Orders 5, 177.)

The death of John Burch occurred between August 28, 1753, when he obtained judgment against John Scoggins, and November 27, 1753, when Elizabeth Burch (widow) made application for letters of administration upon her deceased husband's estate.

Children of John Burch and Elizabeth (Lanier) Burch of Brunswick County, Virginia

1 Martha Burch, b. in 1743 in Brunswick Co., Va.; d. 1803 in Elbert Co., Ga., near Heardmont. Married George Dearden or Darden (1A2). See below.

2 Probably a dau., who may have married George Tillman.

3 Probably a dau., who may have married Robert Lucy.

4 Samuel Burch, son and heir, b. cal. 1749; d. cal. 1778, Miss. Territory, then part of Spanish domain. See below.

There are a few references to a John Burch in Brunswick Co., Va., who may have been a son born cal. 1753, the year of John Burch's death.

Elizabeth Burch, widow of John Burch, married, 2d, Thomas Craft before February 24, 1756, when Richard Burch filed a petition for counter security. (See below.)

Thomas Craft (or Croft, as he later wrote the name) was a local merchant and trader, member of the firm of Samuel Craft and Thomas Craft, Merchants. He died prior to November 29, 1796, fixed by date of an inventory of his estate filed November 30, 1796. (Wills 6, 102.)

Elizabeth (Lanier) Burch-Croft, predeceased her husband, Thomas Croft; apparently she died about 1793.

The children of Elizabeth (Lanier) Burch and Thomas Croft were Washington Croft, son and heir, and Elizabeth Croft who married Sterling Tucker.
1756 Feb. 24. Upon the petition of Richard Burch (father of John) setting forth that he was sometime since bound with Elizabeth Burch, the then widow and relict of John Burch, decd., for the faithful administration of the said decedent's estate. That the said Elizabeth has since intermarried with Thomas Crafts, who the petitioner apprehends will waste the said estate, and that he will thereby be in danger of suffering loss by means of being her security, as aforesaid; he prays that the said Thomas and Elizabeth may be obliged to give counter security, or to deliver the said estate to him for his indemnity. (Orders 5, 21-22, 40.) There were a number of continuances of this action and John Parish and John Powell were named as auditors by the court.

1760 March 10. Summary of items expended and received for the estate of John Burch, decd., by Thomas Craft and Elizabeth, his wife, Admr. & c. (Wills 3, 354-355.)

Expended by years 1757, 1758, 1759, totals ---------------- E186- 6-1½
Received for same years ---------------- E185-16-8½
Balance: Excess of expenditures ---------------- E 0- 9-5

1773 June 1. Bill-of-sale by Thomas Croft to Allen Love & Co. for 2 negro slaves, a negro woman named Moll and a negro boy named Davis, son of Moll, to secure payment of 30 pounds due on or before June 1, 1773, etc. (Deeds 11, 59.)


Samuel Burch

Samuel Burch, son and heir of John Burch and Elizabeth (Lanier) Burch, was born about 1749 in Brunswick County, Virginia. His father died before he was 5 years of age, and his mother married again about a year later. There were probably 2 other children, but Samuel and his eldest sister, Martha Burch, were cared for and brought up by relatives. Lemuel Lanier, maternal uncle, took charge of him as guardian and managed his estate during the years of his minority. The uncle was a lawyer and during Samuel's infancy filed suits against all of Samuel's nearest relatives, including his grandfather, Richard Burch, Sr.; also, George Tillman and Robert Lucy, who may have been brothers-in-law. These suits had to be adjusted by Samuel when he arrived at legal age and without much material gain to his estate. Apparently as a result of these circumstances and an unhappy environment, he is credited with a bad temper and an overbearing demeanor toward his Burch relatives.

He inherited all his father's lands—about 400 acres—and a few slaves, and became a small farmer with little ready money. In the colonial political ferment of 1774-76, he and many of his neighbors and some of his relatives were Royalists. When the controversy approached the breaking point late in 1774, he, with his family, set out for Spanish territory in the Southwest. However, he was delayed by the accouchment of his wife, to whom a son was born. He found it necessary to make a bill-of-sale to someone in the Piedmont region of South Carolina for a female slave, and he remained there approximately 1 year before he resumed his journey. He arrived in the Natchez District during the winter of 1775-1776, and had resided there about 2 years when he became embroiled in a quarrel followed by a duel. Thus he was slain, according to family tradition. According to another version, he was killed by a slave whom he had abused, probably in the year 1778. Samuel Burch and Elizabeth were married about the year 1767 when he was about 1 years of age and his bride, said to have been Miss Holt, was 16 or 17 years of age. Searches of Virginia records, made to confirm her maiden name, have not been successful. A tombstone record of his first-born daughter, Pauline or Paulina, serves as a guide to an approximate date of marriage.

Children of Samuel Burch and Elizabeth (Holt?) Burch

1 Pauline Burch, b. July 25, 1768, in Brunswick Co., Va.; m. William Ferguson in Natchez Dist.; d. there Jan. 19, 1849. (Tombstone record on the "Mounds" plantation near the Natchez Trace in Fayette Co., Miss.)
2 John Burch, b. cal1770, Brunswick Co., Va.
4 Washington Burch, b. in western S.C., winter of 1774-75.
5 Samuel Burch, b. cal1777, Natchez Dist., later Jefferson Co., Miss.  
(Information supplied chiefly by Judge Truly of Fayette Co., Miss., and from old Spanish records at Natchez; also, from Co. records in Adams and Jefferson Co., Miss.)

Elizabeth Burch, widow of Samuel, married, second, James Truly of Coles Creek in Natchez District, later Fayette County, Mississippi Territory. Issue, several children. (Truly Family History by Judge Jeff Truly of Fayette in Jefferson Co. Miss.)

Martha Burch

Martha Burch, oldest child and daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lanier) Burch, was born in 1743, after the date of the will of her mother's father, Sampson Lanier, on January 8, 1742/3. After her father's death in 1753, Martha was taken into the home of her grandfather, Richard Burch, and brought up by him as his own child, a ward under his guardianship. There she lived as a member of his family until she married George Dearden in 1759. Richard Burch, Sr., her grandfather, signed as guardian a permit addressed to the clerk for issuance of the marriage license. This permit indicated clearly that Martha Burch was under the prescribed legal age, and the "consent" was signed by 2 witnesses, viz., Martha Burch, probably her aunt, and Richard Burch (Jr.), her uncle. See account of George Dearden (1A2) in PART ONE.

That this Martha Burch and her husband, George Dearden, went to Georgia is proved by a power-of-attorney dated August 26, 1793, given by George Darden and wife, Martha, to John Good, Henry Crittenden, and Charles Harrison of Brunswick County, Virginia, to take possession of a slave, Moll, and her progeny, "so far as our hereditary rights shall extend" by virtue of a devise of Sampson Lanier to his daughter, Elizabeth Burch, in his last will dated January 1742/3. (Deeds B, 17, Elbert Co., Ga.) In this connection, see Section 2 of Line II, Lanier Ancestry, above.
STROZIER ANCESTRY OF ELIZABETH (STROZIER) DARDEN

Peter Strozier of Georgia

The name Strozer or Strozier is probably of German origin, brought to America by Swiss or Holland religious refugees who settled in South Carolina and Georgia where there were many Huguenots. It has had varied spellings in those colonies, such as Stroser, Strozer, Strower, Strowsier, Strowshour, Strosier, and Strozier, with Strozier, which last is the modernized form of the name now most usual in America. In Georgia and South Carolina the name first appeared during the Revolutionary War as Stroser. No signature of Peter Strozier has been found, and varied forms were written by scribes in earliest official records and documents relating to his military service and land grants.

Elijah Clarke, his commanding officer in the Revolutionary War, makes known to Peter that he was alien-born but had resided in Georgia several years before the Colony was reduced by the British and Tories in 1779-1780.

STATE OF GEORGIA. These are to certify, That Peter Strosier was an inhabitant of this State prior to the Reduction thereof by the British Arms, and was a Refugee from the same, during which Time he cheerfully did his duty as a Soldier and Friend to this and the United States.

Given under my hand, this 2nd Day of Febry 1784.

By his Order,

H. Freeman.

GEORGIA. (No. 882). These are to certify, that Peter Strosier a Refugee is entitled to Two Hundred and fifty Acres of land, as a Bounty, agreeable to an Act and Resolve of the General Assembly, passed at Augusta the 19th August 1781, as per Certificate. E. Clarke, Colo.

Given under my Hand, at Savannah, the 25th Day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four.

Attest:

D. Rees, Secy.

J. Houston

Revolutionary War history: Peter Strozier's name appears on page 622, appendix to the Story of Georgia, and the Georgia People, by Smith, wherein he is listed as a "Soldier of the Line"; and on page 601 thereof, as having received a Ga. land grant in payment for military service in the Revolutionary War. Also, said last-mentioned fact is stated in the register of the grant, Book PPP, 545, Secretary of State's Office at Atlanta, Ga. D.A.R. lineages give his record as private in Ga. Militia under Col. John Dooley at the Battle of Kettle Creek.

Although Peter Strozier may not have been able to write his name, general information relating to him definitely indicates he was honest, industrious, and a pious citizen; also that he was loyal to his newly adopted country. Some facts about him suggest that he was a mechanic, and one of his deeds conveyed a mill which probably milled grain to be used for bread. D.A.R. records give his birth as 1748, in Germany. (Lineage Nos. 152197, 147324, etc.)

In conformity with the above certificates, the State of Georgia granted him 28½ acres of land (instead of 250 acres) located in Franklin County, Georgia. The description thereof recites: "bounded on the northwestward side by said Strozer's land" and the Oconee River. This shows that he then owned other land in Franklin County although he lived in Wilkes County. That land grant was signed by the Governor in Council, March 21, 1788, and was registered April 19, 1788 (Register of Grants PPP, 545).

During some 15 years before his death, Peter Strozier sold lands as follows:

1790 to William Lunceford, 140 acres for £50. (Book SS, 50.)
1795 to Francis Billingslea, 700 acres for £427. (Book HH, 294.)
1805 to Peter Strozier, Jr., 350 acres for $500. (Book XX, 78.)
1806 to William Strozier, 212 acres for $200. (Deeds XX, 75.)
Peter Strozier died probably early in 1807. An agreement with $1000 bond was made among all heirs for partition of the estate, dated February 11, 1807. The daughters were all married and their respective husbands signed for them. (Book XX, 252, Wilkes Co.) Signatures in the order listed were: Geo. Darden; Major Henderson; Acton X Nash, his mark; William Strozier; William Lunsford; John Petteet; Reuben Strozier; Peter Strozier; Jno. Strozier. There was no inventory and apprisionment of the estate. Lands of the estate were sold to Isaiah T. Irwin by deeds, each dated December 18, 1807—one deed for 100 acres, the other for 150 acres (Deeds GG, 82, 83, Wilkes Co.). On the deeds the order of signing was: Geo. Darden, John Strozer, Major Henderson, Peter Strozier, William Strozier, Reuben Strozier, John Petteet, William Lunsford, Acton Nash.

Margaret, mother of Elizabeth Strozier, was born probably in South Carolina, and presumably was married to Peter Strozier in that State. (South Carolina kept no marriage records at that early time.) Descendants of Stroziers in Georgia assert her maiden name was Dozier, and it is so recorded in D.A.R. applications, but no official record has been found in support of that statement. However, there were Doziers in Wilkes County, Georgia, before and after the Revolutionary War; also, Dozier names are rather numerous in South Carolina records from an early time down to the present. That she was a pious mother is indicated by the gift to her daughter, Elizabeth, of a New Testament on the latter’s wedding day.

She survived her husband, Peter Strozier, many years after his death in 1807. She made her home with her son, Reuben Strozier, in Meriwether County, near Greenville, Georgia, where he cared for her many years, until her death there in 1842, then in her 97th year of age. She was, therefore, born in 1745 and was about 20 years of age when she married Peter Strozier in 1765. Tombstone inscriptions in the Strozier Family Cemetery, about 4 miles west of Greenville, Georgia on a farm once owned by Reuben Strozier, are as follows:

Margaret Strozier, d. 1842, in the 97th year of her age.
William C. Strozier, b. March 29, 1818; d. May 9, 1849.

Children of Peter Strozier and Margaret (Dozier) Strozier

1 Elizabeth Strowshour, dau. of Peter and Margreta Strowshure, was b. Sept. 1, 1766. According to her New Testament, she m. George Darden (IA3) on July 30, 1783, in Wilkes Co., Ga. See Generation III of PART ONE, Primary Lineage of Dardens of Union Co., Miss.

2 Margreta Strowshour, b. Feb. 8, 1768; m. 1799 Acton Nash. (D.A.R. Nos. 149705, 108105.)

3 Barbary Strowshour, b. Feb. 18, 1771.

4 Peter Strowshour, b. June 18, 1773; m. Priscilla ------. Will proved May 5, 1839, Wilkes Co., Ga.

5 Mary Strowshure, b. Aug. 8, 1775, Wilkes Co., Ga.; m. Majers Henderson (b. 1775). (D.A.R. Nos. 99666, 80621.)


7 John Strowshour, b. Sept. 11, 1780, d. 1813; m. Ann and/or Elizabeth Bennett. (D.A.R. Nos. 113726, 90784, 80627.)

8 Reuben Strowshour, b. July 5, 1782, d. Dec. 25, 1850. Married Phereby (or Susan) Calloway (b. 1787, d. 1865) and had ch: Margaret Ann Strowshour, m. Willis Jones; Peter Strowshour; Polly Strowshour; Reuben Strowshour; Calloway Strowshour; William C. Strowshour; and Enoch T. Strowshour. Lived in Meriwether Co., Ga. (D.A.R. Nos. 80621, 147324, 81535, 79459.)

9 William Strozier or Strozer. This last name appears on a deed for land dated Dec. 18, 1807, in the partition of Peter Strozier's estate. (Chieffly from a New Testament printed in London, 1756, and given to Elizabeth (Strozier) Darden on her wedding day.)
Section 1: Early Virginia Dodsons

In Richmond County, Virginia, in 1699 Charles Dodson made an affidavit or deposition and stated that he was aged 50 years or thereabouts. (Miscellaneous records, 4.)

This Charles Dodson made a will on January 11, 1702/3 and signed as Senior. It was proved by Christopher Petty on February 6, 1705/6, and by John Beckwith on March 6 following. In this will he names his wife, Anne, as sole executor. The provisions are:

1. To son Charles Dodson, the plantation formerly called Coll. Travers quarter with 150 acres;
2. To son Thomas Dodson, a plantation in neck formerly called Rich Neck with about 150 acres;
3. To son Bartho: Richd Dodson, the plantation that Thomas Reeves liveth on, known as Oake Neck with 150 acres along land formerly belonging to Daniele Everard;
4. To son William Dodson, the plantation in Hickory Neck with 150 acres;
5. To son John Dodson, 250 acres, part of Hickory Neck and Indian Cabin Neck;
6. To son Lambert Dodson, "my now Dwelling plantation with the 100 acres of land belonging to it";
7. To wife Anne Dodson and daughters Anne Dodson and Elizabeth Dodson, all moveable estate (furniture, etc.), equally divided.

Lastly: To wife Anne Dodson, all residue of estate goods and chattels. (Probate Records 2, 95, Richmond Co.)

Regarding Thomas Dodson, the second son named in the will of Charles Dodson, Senior, the North Farnham Parish Register recites: "Thomas, son of Charles and Anne Dodson, born May 15, 1681."

This Thomas Dodson received 150 acres of land from his father, probably about 1705/6. Previously, before August 29, 1701, he married Mary Durham, daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Durham. He died in Richmond County between the 17th day of February 1739 (date of will) and 2d day of March 1740 (proof of will). His will contains the following provisions and items:

1. To wife Mary Dodson, use of dwelling plantation with negroes and moveable estate for life;
2. To son Thomas Dodson, 5 shillings;
3. To son George Dodson, 150 acres where he lives;
4. To son Greenham Dodson, land bought of Lambarth Dodson, and negro man Harry;
5. To son Elisha Dodson, dwelling plantation after death of wife Mary Dodson; also negro girl Nan;
6. To daughter Alice Creel, negro girl Sarah;
7. To daughter Mary Oldam, new suit of calico cloth;
8. To son Abraham Dodson, negro woman Bess and boy Joe;
9. To son Joshua Dodson, negro woman Sue and boy Dick;
10. To granddaughter, daughter of David Dodson, 20 shillings.

His wife, Mary, and son, Greenham, were appointed executors. Thomas signed with a "T" as his mark, and the witnesses were Henry Miskell, John Hightower, and Charles Dodson (probably nephew of testator). (Wills 5, 378, Richmond Co.)

Thomas Durham and his wife Dorothy, parents of Mrs. Mary Dodson, lived in North Farnham in Richmond Co. and had at least the following ch. (North Farnham Parish Reg.): Mary Durham, b. June 5, 1686; Thomas Durham, b. June 27, 1690; and John DURHAM, b. Nov. 23, 1698.

The will of Thomas Durham was dated Aug. 4, 1711, and witnessed by Joan Searles, Arthur Kay, and Miles Walters. It was proved June 1, 1715, in Richmond Co. Previously, about
Feb. 1714, the widow had married Jeremiah Greenham. The will mentions wife Dorothy, son Thomas and Mary, his wife, son John, daughter Mary Dodson, and grandson Thomas Dodson. Daughter Mary Dodson received 2000 pounds of tobacco. (Lancaster Wills 8, 105 and 106, Stretchley; D.A.R. Mag. 57, 675.)

Children of Thomas Dodson and Mary (Durham) Dodson

1 Ales Dodson; m. William Creel, Nov. 25, 1729.
2 Thomas Dodson; first named in father's will but received only 5 shillings; probably eldest living son and could claim as legal heir.
3 Mary Dodson, b. Oct. 5, 1715; m. ------ Oldham.
4 David Dodson; probably d. ante Feb. 1739/40 when his dau. (not named) was willed 20 shillings by David's father.
5 George Dodson.
6 Greenham Dodson, b. cal1719. Named coexecutor of father's will 1739/40.
7 Abraham Dodson, b. April 4, 1723.
8 Joshua Dodson, b. May 25, 1725.
9 Elisha Dodson, b. Feb. 22, 1727.
(Birth and marriage dates from North Farnham Parish Reg.)

Abraham Dodson

Abraham Dodson, born April 4, 1723, son of Thomas and Mary Dodson, was nearly 18 years of age in March 1740/1 when his father died. He was the oldest of 3 younger sons who were still boys when their father's will was written. Abraham Dodson received, specifically, only 1 negro woman named Bess and 1 negro boy named Joe, plus 1 feather bed and furniture, from his parental estate. The "Remaining Part of my Estate", however, which was to be divided between Abraham, Joshua, and Elisha, may have included land.

Abraham Dodson must have been married by 1743 to one Barbary ------, and probably in Richmond County because the North Farnham Parish Register gives "Millian, daughter of Abraham and Barbary Dodson, was born 7 September 1744." Just when this family removed from North Farnham Parish in Richmond County is not evident from the records at hand, but Abraham Dodson made his will on 17th of June 1767, and on 25th October 1768 it was proved in Fauquier County (erected 1759 from Prince William Co. which originated in 1731 from Stafford and King George) by Ab salom Cornelius and John Bennitt, witnesses. (A third witness to the will was Elisha Dodson, probably brother to Abraham.) The executors named by Abraham Dodson were Jacob Holtzclaw and Abraham's wife, Barbary Dodson, both of whom were duly qualified on 25th October 1768.

By terms of the will, wife, Barbary Dodson, received a negro man, Adam, negro girls, Alice and Judah, and all household goods for life; daughter, Milly Holtz claw, received negro Joseph for life; daughter, Tabitha Dodson, received negro Bess; son, Enoch Dodson, received negro Tom; son, Greenham Dodson, was to have negro Forristier; and daughter, Molly Dodson, inherited negro Nell. After the death of Barbary Dodson, Adam, Alice, and Judah were to belong to Tabitha, Enoch, and Greenham, respectively. There is no reference to land in the will of Abraham Dodson and no clue to his occupation except that he owned "stock." Of the 8 slaves that he owned at death, 4 were women; Bess and Joseph were inherited from his father, Thomas Dodson.

That Barbary Dodson survived her husband at least 8 years, is shown by the will of her son, Greenham Dodson, dated 8th October 1776 (see below).

Children of Abraham Dodson and Barbary Dodson

1 Millian ("Milly") Dodson, b. Sept. 7, 1744, Richmond Co., Va.; m. Holtzclaw before June 17, 1767, probably the Jacob named as coexecutor in Abraham's will.
2 Tabitha Dodson, m. Lt. Daniel Shumate before Oct. 8, 1776, probably the Daniel named in will of her bro. Greenham Dodson as coexecutor.
3 Enoch Dodson, b. cal1748. See next Section.
4 Greenham Dodson. See below.
5 Mary ("Molly") Dodson, m. ------ Shumate before Oct. 8, 1776.
Greenham Dodson

Greenham Dodson, son of Abraham Dodson, who was of Richmond County in 1739/40. The younger Greenham as born cal750 and died as a young man in Fauquier County, apparently unmarried, between 8th October 1776 (date of his will) and 25th August 1777 (date of proof by John Owens and Archibald Shirley, witnesses, and probated by Daniel Shumate, one of the named executors). Greenham devised to his brother, Enoch Dodson, slaves Judah, Daniel, and Alice; to his sister, Tabitha Shumate, he gave the negro asserter (that he had inherited from his father, Abraham). These bequests were conditioned, however, on payment of £15 each from Enoch and Tabitha to his sister, Mary Shumate, and further subject to the condition that his mother, Barbary, should possess all his estate during her natural life. (The slave, Alice, was to belong to Enoch anyhow (after Barbary's death) by the terms of Abraham Dodson's will; and Greenham likewise had as yet realized no ownership of Judah because his father was still living.)

Section 2: Enoch Dodson of South Carolina

Enoch Dodson, son of Abraham and Barbary Dodson, was born cal748. Since his older sister Milly's birth in 1744 is the only birth record for this family found in Richmond County, it can be surmised that the Abraham Dodson family moved northward about 1745 into that part of Prince William County that became part of Fauquier County in 1759. It is probable that Enoch lived with his father in Fauquier County in 1767 when Abraham Dodson's will was written, and possibly was still there in 1776, the year when his brother, Greenham Dodson, signed his will in Fauquier County.

Enoch Dodson married cal775 and from Fothergill's lists of Virginia taxpayers, it is found that he lived in Prince William County cal782. Not long thereafter, he moved to South Carolina, as did many others from that part of Virginia and elsewhere at about that time. His name appears in the 1790 U.S. Census as a resident of Abbeville District, near Fort Ninety-six.

On November 5, 1798, Enoch Dodson was granted 261 acres in the District of Ninety-six, Abbeville County, on the head waters of Bushy Creek of Saluda River (C. Grants 44, 292; field notes in Vol. 37, 133).

The will of Enoch Dodson, signed April 23, 1811, was witnessed by John Cheatman, Michal Magee, and Ezekiel Nash. It recites:

"I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth all of my worldly goods, after payment of all my just debts, to be disposed of . . . by her during her life; after her death to be equally divided between my beloved children, namely: Nancy Barmore; Wm. Dodson; Jas. Dodson, Lucy Barmore; Malinda Agnew; Polly [Mary] Dodson; and Mahaley Dodson. I nominate my wife Elizabeth [and] my son Wm. Dodson & Samuel Agnew [to be Executors]."

This will was proved and recorded May 6, 1816. An endorsement on some papers filed in connection with the estate reads: "Died April 12, 1816." Among the items listed in the inventory and appraisement, May 18, 1816, are 4 negro slaves, $750; and plantation of 266 acres, $500. (Wills 2, 12; box 25, package 564, office of Probate Judge.)

The goods and chattels were sold on October 31, 1816. William Dodson purchased bedstead and furniture, $30; negro named Forester, $293; bread frame and plates, $25. All items sold totaled $4407. On September 6, 1823, a "supplemental sale" was held and items sold totaled $566. (Was this held after the death of the aict, Elizabeth?)

There is a list or record of disposition of the total assets dated February 2, 124, signed by Samuel Agnew, executor, but the distribution seems to be mostly to creditors, except an item of $218.65 to William Dodson and other relatively small sums to some others of the children. The final report, signed by Samuel Anew, is dated March 1, 1824.
Children of Enoch Dodson and Elizabeth Dodson

1. Nancy Dodson, b. cal1776; m. William Barmore; d. Jan. 3, 1813. (Turkey Creek Baptist Church tombstone.)
2. William Dodson, b. cal1777 (1781, census of 1850) in Va. See next Section.
4. Lucy Dodson, b. Va. cal1790 (census of 1850, Meriwether Co., Ga.); m. Peter Barmore in Abbeville Co., S.C.
5. Malinda Dodson, b. S.C. 1790 (census of 1850, A. Dist., S.C.); m. Samuel Agnew. Among their ch. were Dr. Enoch Agnew, b. 1808; Alfred Agnew, b. 1827; Malinda J. AGNEW, b. 1832. Among Agnew descendants it is considered that Malinda's parents had once resided in Prince William Co., Va. See Samuel Andrew Agnew in Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Miss., p. 287 of Vol. I, 1890.
6. Mary ("Polly") Dodson, b. cal1790 (1788, census of 1850, A. Dist., S.C.); d. June 10, 1855, aged 65 years. Married James Agnew, b. cal1774, who d. March 18, 1851. (Greenville Presbyterian Church cemetery, Greenwood Co. (formerly Abbeville Co.), S.C.) Living with them in 1850 was Enoch W. Agnew, b. 1846.
7. Mahala Dodson, b. S.C., Nov. 9, 1796 (census of 1850, A. Dist., S.C.; tombstone near Due West, S.C.); m. cal1826 John Lindsay Ellis, Abbeville Dist., S.C. He was b. Oct. 26, 1794, in S.C. Among their ch. were: Mahala A. Ellis, b. 1827; Melinda E. Ellis, b. 1831; Hibernia A. Ellis, b. 1833; John R. ELLIS, b. 1836.

Most of the names of Enoch's children are listed among purchasers of articles sold by executor of Enoch Dodson estate, Oct. 31, 1816, in Abbeville Co., S.C. The Compiler gratefully acknowledges information supplied by Mr. Carr Henry, member of the National Genealogical Society of Washington, D.C., regarding this family and the antecedent and related Dodsons of Va. and S.C.

The assumed identity of Enoch Dodson of Abbeville District and Enoch Dodson of Fauquier and Prince William Counties, Virginia, is in agreement with all known evidence; that is, there are no facts that indicate duality. The name of a slave, Forrester, appears in the Virginia will of Abraham Dodson, 1767, and in that of his son, Greenham Dodson, 1776; then again in a sale of goods and chattels of Enoch Dodson in Abbeville County, South Carolina, in 1816. Moreover, 2 of Enoch's daughters married into the Agnew family and among the Agnew descendants it is considered that the Dodsons were from Prince William County.

Section 3: William Dodson (or Dotson)

William Dodson of Fayette County, Alabama, was born in Virginia about 1781 according to the 1850 Federal census (Fayette Co., Ala.), and his occupation was given as a miller. It is assumed by the Compiler that this William Dodson of Alabama is identical with William Dodson of Abbeville County, South Carolina, who came there about 1783 with his parents, Enoch and Elizabeth Dodson, from Prince William County, Virginia, and then in 1811 was named as son and coexecutor with his mother, Elizabeth Dodson, and his sister's husband, Samuel Agnew. Family tradition among the Alabama Dodsons alleges that they left Abbeville District, South Carolina, because they were harassed by Tories after the Revolutionary War. After extended searches no William Dodson or Dotson other than he of Alabama has been found in South Carolina or elsewhere that could belong to the Enoch Dodson family. The search extended to Dotson because some of the descendants of William Dodson of Alabama use the term "Dotson." Although persons named Dotson are found in North Carolina in the 1790 census, none of them seems connectable with the Enoch Dodson family of Abbeville, South Carolina, or the William Dodson or Dotson family of Alabama, either by facts or admissible inferences. Some added evidence for the assumed identity is found in the names of 3 of the children of William Dotson of Alabama. He named a son, Enoch, possibly for his father; a daughter,
Nancy, possibly for his eldest sister (but could be for his wife's sister); and a son, James, possibly for his only brother.

Nothing is known about the early training or educational qualifications of William Dodson. On August 23, 1803, when about 22 years old according to the above-mentioned census report (or 26 according to a statement made to the Compiler by his daughter, Esse (Dotson) Darden), there was surveyed for him a large tract of land, 750 acres, in Abbeville District on a branch of Turkey Creek and Broadmouth Creek, waters of the Saluda River. The grant was dated January 4, 1804. (S.C. grants 51, 17; plat in Vol. 40, 198 of Surveys.) Land records that might show that William Dodson did with this land are reported as destroyed when the courthouse burned in 1872. The probate records in connection with the estate of Enoch Dodson (d. April 12, 1816) show that his son, William, named in 1811 as one of the executors, had moved with his family to Alabama in or soon after 1812. These records show, however, that William Dodson was present at the sale of the Enoch Dodson effects on October 31, 1816, and purchased goods and chattels amounting to $14.25. Perhaps he had returned from Alabama to share in the preliminary settlement of his father's estate or his actual relocation in Alabama may have been delayed until 1817 when on February 8 Sally Dodson was granted a church letter of dismissal. Again in 1824 when final disposition was made, William may again have visited Abbeville County to receive $218.65, possibly after his mother's death. William Dodson was married to Sarah Pyles, daughter of Reuben and Esther (Rochester) Pyles, about 1798, probably in Abbeville District, South Carolina. (See Pyles Ancestry, below.) With about 7 children they moved, in or about 1812, to lands on or near Black Warrior River near a small landing place on the river bank that is now known as Tuscaloosa, Alabama. At that time there were no villages settled by white people in that region, and the Dotson cabin was located in the wilderness among the Indians on land that was near the site that became Northport and later was to be included in Fayette County. The entire region was occupied by Indians with scattered white settlers, most of whom were adventurous white traders who swapped their wares for hides. Even so, some of these whites had their wives and children with them and they sometimes built their shacks around some vantage point for mutual protection.

All human habitations were exceedingly primitive in character—merely crude shacks for shelter. There were very few log cabins made properly of split logs or small round poles notched and fitted together at the corners. Usually there was only 1 door and 1 or 2 well-barred openings that served as windows. The fireplace was often in the middle of the shack with a "smoke hole" above in the roof. Some had chimneys made of clay and stones when available. The back, the jam ends), and the hearth of the fireplace were sometimes of rocks and clay, but often merely of well-tamped clay-mud shaped in a wooden frame.

William Dodson and his family built a log cabin in the wilderness near Northport. It was set upon a low hill with many large rocks around it, and the water supply was a spring that flowed from the foot of the hill distant probably 200 yards or more from the house. The spring supplied water for all household purposes—cooking and drinking water—and that required numerous trips every day to the spring for water.

Indians lived nearby, so close that their children often played with the white settler's children, on the rocky hillsides, among the trees, and in the glades. Mention was ever made to the Compiler by Grandmother Essie Darden of how the family subsisted. Probably the men hunted in the forest for food, grazed a few sheep and cattle, and tilled a "patch" of cleared land for corn to be used for their bread. There were no mills in the country at that time, so corn was probably crushed to a coarse meal in a mortar with a pestle. There were no roads—only trails for animals and men—and even horses were not plentiful. All those conditions made labor an unending drudgery, especially for women and children of the family; but hardships were common to all white settlers who went there for land.

It is not known how much land William Dodson acquired in Fayette County, Alabama. The county courthouse was burned in 1866 and all its land-title and other records were burned. William Dodson was last mentioned in Fayette County, U.S. Census Record for 1850, dated December 5, 1850. He was living in the household of his son-in-law, James Yerby, and his daughter, Sarah Yerby. His age is reported as 69 years, his occupation as miller, and his birthplace Virginia. This is not in exact agreement with Grandmother Darden's statement to the Compiler that William Dotson was born in 1777, and died in 1867 in Fayette County, Alabama.
Whether born in 1777 or in 1781, the place of birth would be in Virginia as stated in the census, if he was indeed the son of Enoch Dodson of Prince William County, Virginia.

Children of William Dodson or Dotson and Sarah (Pyles) Dotson
Fayette County, Alabama


2 Patsy Dotson, b. ca1802 in Abbeville Dist.; d. 1876 in Marion Co. Married Wilson White of Fayette Co. 1825, and left surviving issue.

3 Reuben Dotson, b. ca1804 in Abbeville Dist. Died there ca1856. Married Elizabeth Andrews, 1829, in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. He was a Missionary Baptist minister noted for great ability.

4 Lemuel Dotson, b. 1805 in S.C.; d. in Fayette Co. Married Jane C. Reed ca1825 in Fayette Co. Left issue.

5 Esse or Essie ("Essa") Dotson, b. July 12, 1807, in Abbeville Dist.; d. Feb. 12, 1897, near Myrtle in Union Co., Miss., aged nearly 90 years. See Darden Primary Lineage (10A4) in PART ONE.

6 Enoch Dotson, b. ca1809 in Abbeville Dist. Missionary Baptist minister; moved to Fayette Co., Ala. Further data unavailable. (Could be named for his grandfather.)

7 Wesley Dotson, b. ca1810 in S.C.; moved to Fayette Co., Ala. Married Visey McClary in Fayette Co.; d. there probably.

8 Betsey Dotson, b. ca1812, probably in Marion Co., Ala. Married Jesse Jones of Fayette Co., and d. there ca1890.

9 Horace Dotson, b. ca1814 in Marion Co. Married Polly South, probably of Marion Co. Died there, leaving issue.

10 Nancy Dotson, b. ca1815 in Marion Co. Married John Jones in Fayette Co.; (went to Texas ?); d. ca1892. (Could be named for her father's eldest sister or for her mother's sister.)

11 Polly Dotson, b. ca1817 in Marion Co. Married Alfred Brock of Fayette Co. No further information available.

12 James Dotson, b. ca1819 in Marion Co. Died ca1887 in Fayette Co. No information about family in many years. (Could be named for his father's only brother.)

13 Milton Dotson, b. 1821 in Marion Co. Married Frances South of Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. Moved to Miss. during later years of his life; d. near Old Beulah Church ca1897. Left issue.

14 Emeline Dotson, b. ca1823 in Marion or Fayette Co. Married Ben Pounds of Tuscaloosa Co. and remained in Ala.

15 Sarah Dotson, b. ca1827 (census 1850); m. ca1844 James Yerby (b. N.C. ca1820) of Fayette Co., Ala. Moved to Texas(?) where she d. ca1897. Left surviving issue in Fayette Co. The 1850 U.S. Census of Alabama shows they had 2 sons: Joel Yerby, b. 1845, and James W. YERBY, b. 1847. Living with them was Sarah's father, William Dodson, aged 69, b. in Va., a miller.

Information relating to members of William Dodson's family was supplied by written memorandum of recollections by Mrs. Essie (Dotson) Darden, daughter of said William Dodson, while her memory was still clear regarding the facts stated. It is all that is available. Data on Dodson-Dotson in general have been amplified (1935-1948) through searches by Mr. Louis Carr Henry, as mentioned above in Section 2.

Editor's Note: It should be mentioned that Mr. Henry and the Compiler were not in complete agreement as to the extent of usage of the spelling Dotson among descendants of William Dodson of Fayette Co., Ala. Dotson is used here for all the children in deference to the Compiler and his near relationship to them.
Reuben Pyles of South Carolina

Vincent Godfrey Pile was in Essex County, Virginia, as early as 1710. His son, Samuel Piles, died in Essex County and his will is filed there. A son of Samuel Piles was Reuben Pyles, who served during the Revolutionary War in the South Carolina State Militia from Abbeville District. (See stub indents of payments for said military service on file in S.C. historical records at Columbia, S.C.; copy filed with Darden Genealogica under Dotson.) Reuben Pyles married Esther Rochester.

Children of Reuben Pyles and Esther (Rochester) Pyles

1 Abner Pyles, b. June 9, 1772, in Granville Co., N.C.; m., 1st, Elizabeth Shackelford; 2d, Pamela Mitchell; 3d, Susan Hatton; and, 4th, Elizabeth Stone.
2 John Pyles, b. July 9, 1774; m. Ruth Jones.
3 Elizabeth Pyles; m. Abner Nash.
4 William Pyles (twin); m. Elizabeth Rosamond.
5 Nancy Pyles (twin); m. George Barmore.
6 Sarah Pyles; m. William Dodson (Dotson).
8 Esther Pyles; m., 1st, Isaac Beckwith; 2d, David Davenport; and, 3d, Stephen Douglass.
9 Reuben Pyles, Jr.; m., 1st, Elizabeth Hays; name of 2d wife not given and no record of ch. by her.
10 Lewis Pyles; m., 1st, Catherine Perrin, and, 2d, Malinda Blackburn.
When the Indians of Alabama and Mississippi were moved in 1836 to lands west of the Mississippi River, there was an influx of emigrants from older states to that area then opened for settlement. Soon thereafter the Barnettts and McNairs were settlers in Tippah County and lived in the same community, later known as Hickory Flat, Mississippi. The McNairs were from Longfield, Robeson County, North Carolina, but Longfield has not been identified on existing maps.

Robeson County was settled by Scotch Presbyterians before the Revolutionary War, it has been said that there were more persons in that County with the prefix "Mc" to their names than in any other place in the state, and possibly in the United States. McNairs are distributed over such a wide area in North Carolina that identity of McNair antecedents is very difficult; and there is at present very little known about the Robeson County McNairs who came to Mississippi. Such information as is now available has been compiled chiefly from a few old books having flyleaves with written memoranda of the family thereon, and from a few old letters with other miscellaneous data that have been passed on to descendants.

Duncan McNair was born October 28, 1769, probably in Bladen (now Robeson) County, North Carolina; and Jeannie ("Jean") McFatter was born August 10, 1777, in the same locality. They were married September 12, 1805, in Robeson County, and had known issue 5 children. Information is not at hand as to a possible migration of these parents to Mississippi with their children, but all of their children mentioned in the following list appear to have been in Mississippi at some time during the period 1840-1850, and they settled in various parts of the state at about that time. A brief account of this McNair family is given on page 170 of a 1955 Supplement to the McNair-McNear and McNeir Genealogies, by James Birtley McNair.

Children of Duncan McNair and Jeannie ("Jean") (McFatter) McNair

1. Daniel McNair, b. June 20, 1806, in Robeson Co., N.C.; m. 1st, Martha Moseley, sister of Edward Moseley, and had several ch. See below.

2. Mary Jean McNair, b. Dec. 9, 1809, in Robeson Co.; m. and moved to Bienville Parish, La. Issue, 8 ch.


Daniel McNair of Robeson County, North Carolina, acquired a college education and became prominent as a Presbyterian minister. The time and place where he began his ministry are not known, but he was in charge of a pastorate at Natchez, Mississippi, December 21, 1852, and evidently had been there several years at that time. He gave up the Natchez charge and went by way of a New Orleans pastorate to Galveston, Texas. The record shows that on February 28, 1855, he accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church at Galveston and continued there 13 years, the longest continuous service to that church in its history at that time. See History of First Presbyterian Church in Galveston, Texas, page 1; and on page 33 thereof the same authority states that Texas was represented by only 2 ministers in the Old School Presbyterian General Assembly that met May 1, 1861, in Philadelphia. They were the Reverend Mr. William M. Baker of Austin,
representing Central Texas Presbytery, and the Reverend Mr. Daniel McNair of Galveston, representing Brazos Presbytery.

Local church records of Galveston are silent regarding the Reverend Mr. Daniel McNair's personal history, but official history of him has been supplemented by information from other sources. He was born June 20, 1806, in Robeson County, North Carolina, and came to Mississippi about 1840-1850. He was married, 1st, to Martha Moseley; and at Natchez, December 21, 1852, their family consisted of 3 small children, all girls, one an infant just christened Carrie Goode McNair. This information is derived from his own letters to his sister, Mrs. Margaret (McNair) Barnett of Hickory Flat, Mississippi. In correspondence he refers to "father Barnett", to "mother", and to his "cousin Neill McCallum", who lived in the Hickory Flat community with his sister, 1850-1870. It is evident that he was familiar with the locality and its residents.

Another letter dated February 8, 1862, at Galveston, Texas, written to his sister mentions occupation of the city by U.S. troops and lease of his farm near Galveston, Texas, to Edward Moseley, brother of his 1st wife, for 5 years. His pastorate of 13 years at Galveston beginning February 28, 1855, terminated about 1868, and this, in connection with the termination date of the lease of his farm suggests that he may have retired to his farm about that time (1868). This supposition is not incompatible with a subsequent report that he died about 1880 and was buried in Thibedaux Cemetery, Galveston, Texas. He had 2 or more married daughters who then lived in that city. Vital statistics records for Galveston City are complete, but search of those records for deaths covering the period 1866 to 1890 and later, reveals no record therein of the death of Daniel McNair in Galveston.
Line VIII
BARNETT ANCESTRY OF MARTHA JANE (BARNETT) DARDEN

Section 1: John W. Barnett

The Barnetts descended from John W. ("Jackie") Barnett who settled in Tippah County, Mississippi, are of Scotch-Irish extraction. Very little is known of their antecedents and that little has been derived chiefly from fragmentary statements made by Mr. Barnett to which have been added a few items gleaned from relatives in Tennessee and elsewhere. He ran away from home in North Carolina while still a mere youth, and during his subsequent wanderings became ill with smallpox on board a boat plying between ports on the Alabama River. When his condition as discovered by the crew, he was put ashore in the vicinity of Selma, Alabama, and left there to die. He recovered and then remained in that locality some 15 years or more. About 1835 he, with his wife and several children, moved to Mississippi and settled on land near Hickory Flat, then in Tippah County but after 1872 included in Benton County.

John W. Barnett was born February 20, 1796, probably in North Carolina. He married, 1st, about 1820 Martha Barnes, who was born June 3, 1798, in North Carolina. She died July 5, 1859, in Mississippi and left surviving issue. He married, 2d, about 1872 Nancy Stacks of the Hickory Flat community, who survived him. She had no children and lived on the old Barnett homestead where he had first settled in Mississippi. He died January 8, 1880, on his farm where he had lived many years.

John W. Barnett and his first wife and several of their children were buried in private cemetery established during his lifetime near his residence and later known as the Barnett Graveyard. It is located upon his farm about 3 miles southeast of Hickory Flat, Benton County, Mississippi.

Children of John W. ("Jackie") Barnett and Martha (Barnes) Barnett

1 Andrew George Barnett, b. March 9, 1821, in Ala.; d. Dec. 4, 1851, near Hickory Flat, Miss. See below.
3 John Alexander Barnett, b. April 10, 1824; served in War with Mexico, 1847-48; m. in Ohio and d. there, leaving 2 ch.
4 Albert Perry Barnett, b. Jan. 23, 1826; d. Aug. 30, 1905, near Darden, Union Co., Miss. Married Mary Smith, dau. of David Smith; she d. Aug. 27, 1906, and both were buried in the Barnett Graveyard. Issue, 3 ch. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, 1861-65.
5 Rebecca Ellen Barnett, b. Jan. 23, 1828, in Ala.; m. John Lou Boatner, who predeceased his wife; she d. at her old home near Hickory Flat. There was a large family of ch.
6 Martha Ann Barnett, b. Nov. 21, 1830, in Ala.; m. William Daniel Talley in Tippah Co., Miss. They had 6 ch., who with their parents moved to Gonzales Co., Texas, in 1886. Mr. Talley d. cal890, near Luling, Texas.
7 William S. Barnett, b. March 12, 1832; m. Ann Rogers in Tippah Co., Miss. Moved to Ark., where both d.
8 Sarah Alabama Elizabeth Barnett, b. May 29, 1835, in Tippah Co., Miss.; m. Alston Clary cal858; moved during the 1860's to Ill., and a few years later to Mo. Their last address unknown.
9 James Thomas Barnett, b. Aug. 29, 1837; d. cal892 in Benton Co.; m. Virginia McBroom, who d. leaving issue. He served in the Confederate Army, 1861-65.
10 Francis Asbury ("Frank") Barnett, b. Nov. 14, 1842, in Tippah Co. He enlisted in Confederate Army (Wolfe's Co.), was captured, and d., unm., in military prison during the Civil War.
Section 2: Andrew George Barnett

Andrew George Barnett, son of John W. Barnett and Martha (Barnes) Barnett, was born March 9, 1821, near Selma, Alabama; and died December 4, 1851, near Hickory Flat in Tippah County, Mississippi. As a youth, he came with his parents in 1835 to Mississippi. The family settled on lands near Hickory Flat, then recently vacated by the prior Indian occupants who had been moved to lands west of the Mississippi River. He farmed in Tippah County, then moved to Carroll County, Mississippi, where he remained only 1 year, 1845, and returned to the Hickory Flat community. He became a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and had some ability as a speaker. He was licensed by that church to preach the Gospel, and undertook a course of study to fit him for the work, but this was terminated by his early death.

Andrew George Barnett and Margaret McNair were married September 10, 1841, in Tippah County, Mississippi. She was born September 9, 1818 (1817), in Robeson County, North Carolina; died December 30, 1862, in Tippah County, and both husband and wife were buried in the Barnett Graveyard near Hickory Flat, Mississippi.

Children of Andrew George Barnett and Margaret (McNair) Barnett

1. Martha Jane ("Jeannie") Barnett, b. June 24, 1842, in Tippah Co., Miss.; m. Samuel C. Darden. See Darden Primary Lineage (8A5) in PART ONE.
5. Archibald Albert Barnett, b. Nov. 22, 1849, in Tippah Co. He went to Texas ca1870 and, as reported by himself, engaged in several business enterprises, among them railroad construction contracting in which he made a lot of money. However, he spent it almost as quickly as it came and then he was as poor as before. He d., unm., at Webberville, Travis Co., Texas.
6. Andrew Daniel Barnett, b. May 4, 1852, in Tippah Co., Miss., was a posthumous child. He grew up in Tippah Co. during the Civil War period and went to Texas while still a mere youth. He finally settled in Travis Co., where he attained sufficient popularity to be elected twice to county offices, 1880-1884. He m. in 1885, Mary Lee Badley, a widow with 1 ch.; they soon separated and in 1886 he was in Gonzales Co., Texas, his last known residence.

John Wesley Barnett Branch

John Wesley Barnett, son of Andrew George Barnett and Margaret (McNair) Barnett, was born March 20, 1844, in Tippah County, Mississippi; and died near Water Valley in Yallobusha County, Mississippi, ca1915. He was brought up in Union County and farmed near Myrtle many years, but about 1903 he moved to Yallobusha County where he lived at the time of his death. Several of his older children married in Union County and still reside there. John Wesley Barnett married about 1868, Ellen Stephens, daughter of Adkin and Sarah (Carter) Stephens of Tippah County.

Children of John Wesley Barnett and Ellen (Stephens) Barnett

1. Alice Barnett, b. Sept. 6, 1869, in Union Co., Miss. Married John Wood and moved to Yallobusha Co. near Water Valley, Miss.
2. Charles Albert Barnett, b. ca1871 in Union Co.; m. and lived on a farm near Myrtle, Miss.
3. Albert ("Alvy") Barnett, b. in Union Co.; m. in Lafayette Co. and lived on a farm near Oxford, Miss.
4 Edgar Barnett, b. in Union Co.; m. Anna Swain, who d. near Myrtle, Union Co., Miss., ca. 1915.
5 Annie Barnett, b. in Union Co.; d. in childhood.
6 Esmond Barnett, b. in Union Co., Miss.; railway mail clerk, 1915–1920, located at Birmingham, Ala.
7 Walter Barnett; no information.
Probably other ch.

William Duncan Barnett Branch

William Duncan Barnett, son of Andrew George Barnett and Margaret (McNair) Barnett, was born October 28, 1845, in Carroll County, Mississippi; and died December 5, 1930, at Myrtle, Union County, Mississippi. He lived in Union County many years, farming being his chief occupation, but between 1890 and 1900 he engaged in lumber manufacture and later owned and operated a cotton gin in connection with his farm, near Myrtle. He married, 1st, Virginia Alice Robertson, December 24, 1868, in Tippah County, Mississippi. She was born December 5, 1850; died November 21, 1888, at Myrtle; was the daughter of Willoughby and Ann (Delap) Robertson of Hickory Flat, Mississippi. They were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Myrtle.

Children of William D. Barnett and Virginia A. (Robertson) Barnett

2a William Walter Barnett, b. July 30, 1871; d. June 9, 1889, of injuries received in a railroad accident at Myrtle, Miss.
3a Willoughby Andrew Barnett, b. Nov. 17, 1874; d. Sept. 23, 1904, in Memphis, Tenn. See below.
5a Estella Barnett, b. Feb. 28, 1880; m. Frank King of Walnut, Tippah Co., Miss., July 5, 1904. Issue. Mr. King was railway employee at Memphis, Tenn., his last known residence.
6a Annie Pearl Barnett, b. Sept. 7, 1885; m. June 24, 1904, Lewis Dodds of Union Co. Lived near Myrtle, Miss. Issue.
7a Alice Leatta Barnett, b. Sept. 5, 1885; m. and lived at Myrtle, Miss.

William Duncan Barnett married, 2d, Joe Emma Murray about 1895 at Myrtle, Union County, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Thomas and Ann (Scoggins) Murray who lived in Benton County. She was born near Cornersville, Marshall County, and died October 10, 1935, at Myrtle, Union County, Mississippi. Issue, 2 children.

Children of William Duncan Barnett and Joe Emma (Murray) Barnett

1b Thelma Barnett, b. Sept. 29, 1896, at Myrtle, Miss.
Willoughby Andrew Barnett

Willoughby Andrew Barnett, son of William Duncan Barnett and Virginia A. (Robertson) Barnett, was born November 17, 1874, in Union County, Mississippi; and died September 23, 1904, at Memphis, Tennessee. He married December 19, 1895, Stella Cathcart, daughter of Henry and Ruth (Dorman) Cathcart, of Myrtle, Mississippi. She was born February 27, 1878; died November 20, 1900, at Myrtle. He studied telegraphy after the death of his wife and became railroad telegraph operator and station agent of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad, in which service he became seriously ill and died at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Memphis. Issue, 2 children.

Children of Willoughby Andrew Barnett and Stella (Cathcart) Barnett

1 Laurice Orr Barnett, b. Sept. 21, 1897, at Myrtle, Miss.
2 William Honnell Barnett, b. Nov. 12, 1900, at Myrtle, Miss.

These 2 boys, orphaned at an early age, were left to their grandfather, William Duncan Barnett, to rear and educate. He brought them up as his own children, and they represent the only living male descendants of this branch of the Barnett family.
PART FOUR
TENTATIVE INTERRELATION OF DARDEN FAMILIES OF AMERICA

Group I
SIX GENERATIONS OF DURDEN-DARDENS IN VIRGINIA

The records at hand do not permit definite statements regarding the number of Darden immigrants that came to America or concerning all their interrelationships. The known facts do not seem inconsistent with a simple view that they are all related, and the following account of the Dardens in America, although it involves some estimates and inferences which are carefully made obvious, is believed to be in accord with all records and with many of the traditions in the Compiler's collection of data. This study is incomplete and inadequate in some respects because its limits are determined largely by the data available in the Compiler's collection and in Chapman's digests of the probate records of the Virginia Counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton.

First Generation

Stephen Durden emigrated to Virginia, possibly with his wife and 3 children, during the troublous times of the later part of the reign of Charles I (1625-1649) when religious persecution was prevalent in England. His first land grant in Virginia, dated March 14, 1649, describes 150 acres of land on the eastward side of the northwest branch of the Nanzimont River in the Parish of Upper Norfolk. (Book 2, 204, Grants.) Fifty acres were due for the transportation of 1 person, and 100 acres of this tract were assigned to Durden by George Chowning. It was situated mostly or entirely in Nansemond County which had been formed in 1642. On March 1, 1668, a second grant, 250 acres, was made to Stephen Darden. (Book 1, 208, Grants.) This also was on Nansemond River, on the upper branches thereof and was situated in Nansemond County. The second grant was secured for the transportation of 5 persons but not Dardens. It does not appear that Stephen Darden secured any land for the transportation of members of his family. (What became of "Steph.ordon" listed by Greer in Early Virginia Emigrants as transported by Robert rassem, Nansemond Co., 1651?)

Stephen Darden may have been born about 1620, married about 1640, and emigrated from England or Wales about 1645 and settled on some of these lands before the grants were actually issued. Little record evidence of him is found because of the destruction of the Nansemond County records. In 1666 his land adjoined that of William Cadegan. That he did make a will is known from the wording of a grant in April 20, 1682, to his son, Jacob Darden, for 435 acres of which 100 acres (part of the 1649 grant) had belonged to "Stephen Darden, late of Nansemond County, deceased, who by his last will and testament bearing date the 19th of February 1679, bequeathed it to the aforesaid Jacob."

This grant of 1682 continues: "the residue being desired by said Stephen Darden was granted to the said Jacob by an Order of the Generall Court dated the 28th of Sept. 1681 and is due by and for the transportation of five persons." (Book 1, 137, Grants.) (Did Stephen deserve land which he had never claimed for the transportation of himself and 4 members of his family? The description indicates that most or all of this 435 acres of land lay in Isle of Wight County and could not include the 250 acres of the 1668 grant to Stephen Darden.)

The date of death of Stephen Darden is established only as between the date of his will in February 1679 and the court order of September 1681.

Another son of Stephen Darden may have been Stephen Darden who could have been born as early as 1643 and have removed to Maryland not later than January 24, 1664, when 600 acres were surveyed for him near Hopewell in Kent County. On March 12, 1664, a tract of 700 acres was surveyed for him on St. John's Neck in Talbot County. (See Group II, below, Early Dardens in Maryland.)

It is further suggested that Stephen Durden may have had sons Richard, William, and John. (Richard Deerton appears as a headright for Thomas Batts in a
grant of April 8, 1674, in Va.) Richard II and William II, with their brother, John II went to Maryland, perhaps to visit their brother, Stephen II, or perhaps on some military expedition. The Maryland Assembly Proceedings for August-September 1681 lists John Durden as recipient of 30 pounds of tobacco and Richard Duraden as recipient of 1800 pounds, possibly for military service. The William and Mary Quarterly, 7(1), 180, lists Corp. Richd. Duerdine, Middlesex County, July 10, 1676, in Indian War. The Maryland Upper House Journal, May 8, 1682, recites the petition of William Durden of Baltimore County praying for relief because a sheriff had broken open his tobacco house, etc.

Tentatively, then, it seems that the children of Stephen I Durden of Nansemond County, Virginia, may have included:

1 Jacob II Durden, of Isle of Wight Co. See below.
2 Stephen II Durden, of Tred Haven, Md. See Early Dardens in Maryland.
3 Richard II Duraden, of Md. and Brunswick Co., Va. This Richard Duraden of Md. could be identical with Richard Darneton who went to Va. ca. 1700 or earlier and transferred his importation right to one Edwards who on June 16, 1714, received land for importations. Then in 1704 the name Richard Darding is found on the Rent Roll of Prince George Co. as holding 500 acres. For possible descendants, see Richard Dearden and Mary (Jones) Williams in PART ONE.
4 William II Durden, of Baltimore Co., Md.
5 John II Durden, of Ann Arundel Co., Md., will dated Oct. 9, 1715, proved March 9, 1715/6. His wife, Eliza, received 150 acres for life and all other property; the land to revert to a son if any; otherwise to Dorothy Collingsworth. No ch. mentioned. He provided for freeing 2 slave ch. at the age of 21 and therefore may have been a Quaker. (Md. Wills 14, 87; Annapolis.)
Second Generation

Jacob² Darden (Stephen¹) of Isle of Wight County may have been born about 1641, probably the eldest son and heir, and remained on the paternal lands. After his father’s death, in or near 1680, there follows the above-cited grant of 435 acres to Jacob² in 1682. At this time he was listed for only 2 tithables. On April 24, 1684, he conveyed 100 acres on the southwest side of the Western Branch Swamp to William Murfry for 100 pounds of tobacco. He served on a jury April 9, 1690. When summoned on grand jury, February 9, 1693, he failed to appear. He was sued by Tho. Godwin in December of 1694.

Jacob² Darden was an appraiser of the estate of Henry Allen on June 9, 1695. He obtained a grant of 330 acres in the Lower Parish of Isle of Wight County dated October 8, 1697 (Book 9, 81, Grants), and on September 17, 1698, with his wife, Ann, he deeded 165 acres of this land to Henry Pope. He assisted in the division of the estate of James Tullagh about 1700. On the rent roll of Isle of Wight County for 1704, he is listed for 500 acres.

The will of Jacob² Darden of Isle of Wight County, dated April 14, 1717, was modified by a revocation dated February 17, 1718, and both these instruments were proved June 22, 1719 (Wills 2, 654, 657). The witnesses were William Murfrey, Sarah Murfrey, and Charles Roberts for the will, and Jos. Meredith replaced Roberts for the revocation.

The will names Jacob's wife, Ann, and leaves to her the negroes, the movables, and the use of the plantation for her single lifetime. The inventory of the estate, dated September 28, 1719, was signed by the wife, Ann Darden, and a son, Jacob³ Darden, the named executors. The children, not necessarily in order of age but approximately as named in the will, were:

1. Stephen Darden, probably the heir, received 1 shilling in addition to all lands at Wainoke Neck. See below.
2. John Darden received half the lands at Corecouck (where Jacob had been living). See below.
3. Benjamin Darden received half the lands at Corecouck. Presumably the record evidence concerning him was destroyed with the Nansemond Co. records. (Did he go to N.C.?)
4. Jacob Darden, coexecutor with his mother, Ann, received immediate possession of the mill and half the home plantation after his mother's death or marriage. See below.
5. Samuel Darden received half the home plantation after his mother's death or marriage. This patrimony he sold to his brother, Joseph, and went to N.C. where he was probably living in 1732 and mentioned in the will of his mother.
6. Joseph Darden received no land by his father's will but all the cattle at Wainoke Neck. A legacy of 3000 lbs. of tobacco at age of 21 years was revoked and left to his mother's discretion. Joseph went to Chowan Precinct, N.C., as early as 1719 or 1720 where his name is mentioned in a court order. In 1723 he was on a jury in Bertie Precinct and collected quitrents there in 1726. He seemed to be living in 1732 when mentioned in the will of his mother, Ann Leigh, of Beaufort Precinct, N.C. It is shown by a deed from Jacob⁴ Darden in 1749 to his brother, Charles⁴ Darden, that Joseph⁴ Darden purchased his brother Samuel's patrimony of 237 acres, one-half of the home plantation, and later conveyed it to Michael Reynolds and Alice, his wife. (Was it this Joseph⁴ Darden who with John Darden et al witnessed the will of Joseph Everitt in Isle of Wight Co. on June 27, 1756, or a Joseph of whom there may be no other record?)
7. Henry Darden, like Joseph, received no land but 3000 lbs. of tobacco at age of 21 years at the discretion of his mother. Henry Darden may have married Mary Pope, dau. of John Pope who in his will dated Feb. 1, 1748, pvd. July 14, 1751 (Southampton Wills 1749-1800) names a dau., Mary Darden, and a grandson, Henry⁴ Darden. One of these Henry Dardens was living in 1757 when Elizabeth Pope of Nottoway Parish, Southampton Co., names her cousin, Henry Darden.
Eleanor Darden was probably one of the older ch. She m. Wm. Smelley (will Aug. 5, 1689, pvd. Aug. 9, 1692) according to Boddie's 17th Century Isle of Wight Co., Va., p. 222. Eleanor Darden m., 2d, Thomas Gile who was a Burgess in 1700-1702. Their dau. received 1 shilling by the will of Jacob. From the will of Thomas Giles, 1715, it appears not unlikely that the dau. m. Robert Smelly and that their grandch. included Giles and Eleanor Smelly.

It is probable that all the children of Jacob Durden were named in his will. There is a possibility that Ann was considerably younger than Jacob and not the mother of all the children. The will contains a clause which for some purposes seems to "bar my sons Stephen, Jacob, Joseph, and Thomas Gile's child and their heirs forever . . . . except the heirs of John, Henry, Samuel, and Benjamin die without heirs."

The widow, Ann Darden, may have followed some of her children to North Carolina. In Beaufort Precinct there is said to be of record a will of Ann Leigh, August 7, 1732, naming sons Sam Darden, Joseph Darden; daughters Ann Adams, Jane Watkins; grandsons Jacob Darden, James Adams; and granddaughters Sara Adams, Mary Watkins.
Third Generation

Stephen 3 Durden (Jacob 2, Stephen 1) may have sojourned in Maryland in his youth. His name appears as a headright for Thomas Lawrence in 1714 for a grant in Nansemond County. (Importations were often from another colony instead of overseas, and dates of grants often followed the importations by several years.) Stephen's first grant of 54 acres is dated June 16, 1714, adjoining Robert Carr's land. Stephen must have had it surveyed and lived on it earlier because in November 1713 he owned land adjoining that of John Cotton. Grants were obtained by Stephen in Nansemond County in 1728 for 300 acres, in 1730 for 45 acres, and in 1731 for 25 acres. In Isle of Wight County he obtained 350 acres, later called "Southampton", in February of 1724. This tract bordered or was near to the line of Nansemond County. On January 23, 1731/2, Stephen Darden and his brother, Jacob Darden, witnessed a revocation by Walter Walters of the Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, concerning said Walter's will dated November 26, 1730.

It is probable that Stephen married Elizabeth Carr, daughter of Robert Carr. The will of Robert Carr, wife Mary, daughter Elizabeth Darden, etc., was dated May 10, 1734, and proved May 26, 1735, in Isle of Wight County (I.W. Wills 4, 59).

On January 24, 1742 or 1743 (I.W. Deeds 6, 175), Stephen Darden and his wife, Elizabeth, of the Upper Parish of Nansemond County, signed a deed to Albridget Jones of Nottoway Parish, Isle of Wight County, for 200 acres in Nottoway Parish, Isle of Wight County, including a grist mill, on the south side of Blackwater, land that Stephen had purchased from Benjamin Faircloth. (One of the witnesses was Elisha Darden, possibly Stephen's son or grandson and probably the earliest record of this name in the Darden family.)

The land grant of 304 acres made to Stephen Darden, dated August 30, 1743 (Book 21, 568), may have been made to Stephen or possibly to a Stephen Darden. Likewise, the processioning of lands within the "bounds of No. 14", as ordered by the Vestry for the Upper Parish of Nansemond on August 31, 1747, may have been performed by Stephen with James Holland and others, or possibly by a Stephen Darden.

That Stephen Darden of Nansemond made a will and died before November 9, 1752, is revealed by a deed of that date signed by 4 of his sons (Southampton Deeds 1, 398), probably a partition deed among 5 of his sons.

It is suggested that Stephen Darden and his wife, Elizabeth (Carr) Darden, had also a son and heir, Stephen Darden, and then the children would include:

1. Stephen Darden who may have been the grantee of 304 acres in 1743 and also the processor of 1747 in Nansemond, as above mentioned. In I.W. Order Book, 1768-1769, there is mentioned a suit by Stephen Darden, Jr., against Moses Butler on Feb. 2, 1769. In Southampton Deeds 8, 663, there is of record a bill-of-sale dated Nov. 30, 1779, from Stephen Darden of Nansemond to Elias Darden, son of Jacob Darden, decd., for 1 negro girl named Esther. The witnesses were Elisha Darden and Jacob Darden, and Elias was perhaps son to Jacob Darden (Stephen). See below, Group VI, Migrations of Dardens to Georgia, for suggestions concerning descendants of Stephen Darden.

2. Jacob Darden of Nansemond Co. signed the partition deed in 1752. In 1757 he reported the apprehension of a fugitive slave. On Dec. 1, 1763, with Catherine his wife, he sold to John Lawrence their home place of 187 acres with grist mill, and 50 acres in another tract. Catherine Darden was a witness for Prudence Clark on Dec. 5, 1766. Both Jacob and Catherine were in court on Feb. 3, 1769, as witnesses for Thomas and Mary King. On Oct. 20, 1764, a council at Wilmington, N.C., granted a petition by a Jacob Durdin for a survey of 325 acres in Beaufort Co., N.C. (Jacob's grandmother, Ann (------) Darden-Leigh, d. in Beaufort Precinct in 1752 and named (1) grandson, Jacob Darden, in her will.) This couple may have had son, Elias Darden, who as a minor in 1779 purchased a negro girl from his uncle, Stephen Darden, of Nansemond Co. Jacob Darden, father of Elias, was dead at that time.

Moses Darden. Living in Nansemond County, with wife Prusanna, he signed the partition deed in 1752. Moses Darden received grants of 269 acres on March 25, 1762 (Book 34, 1008), and 53 acres on July 10, 1767 (Book 37, 76). Moses Darden, as assignee of Robert Williams, was plaintiff vs. Lewis Davis, in debt, in Southampton Court on Oct. 12, 1769. He was a witness for Thomas Fisher in 1770—lived 14 miles from the courthouse. Wm. Darden testified in the same suit and lived at the same distance. (Was Wm. a son to Moses Darden?)

Jethro Darden of Nansemond Co. He signed the partition deed in 1752. In 1757 he reported the apprehension of a fugitive slave. In the 1790 census of Hertford Co., N.C., this name is found as owner of 11 slaves, and Jet Darden owned 7 slaves. According to the Compendium of American Genealogy (6, 139) Jethro Darden of Nansemond Co., Va., had a son, Jona. Darden, who m. Martha Stone.

Robert Darden of Nansemond Co., m. Mary. See below. Possibly an Elisha Darden who in 1743 witnessed the deed from Stephen Darden and Elizabeth Darden to A. Jones. An Elisha Darden was Insign in the Northampton Regiment of Militia in 1748, and in the 7th Company of Northampton Foot in 1754/5. (Col. Recs., N.C., 22, 273, 309.) In the 1790 census of Hertford Co., N.C., this name is found twice as owners of 9 and of 4 slaves. (See Migrations of Dardens to Georgia.)

The deed of 1752 from Jacob Darden, Carr and wife Ann Darden, Moses and wife Prusanna Darden, and Jethro Darden conveys to Robert Darden their interest in 30 acres of land in Isle of Wight County, part of a 350-acre tract called Southampton. All parties are described as being of Nansemond County and as having inherited said land bequeathed to them by Stephen Darden to whom it was granted. (Fifty acres were excepted by Stephen to Jacob Darden.)

It seems possible that Elizabeth Darden, widow of Stephen Darden, may have survived her husband many years and lived with her son, Jacob, and his wife Catherine. On December 1, 1763, when Jacob and Catharine sold their home place and grist mill to John Lawrence, the witnesses were Wm. Murphrey, Eliza Darden, and John Lawrence, Jr. On the other hand, there is evidence that Jacob Darden was, at just about this time, guardian to John Carr, orphan of Jacob (Jacob3) and therefore this Elizabeth Darden, witness, may be Elizabeth, widow of Jacob4 of Jacob5 and mother of John6 Darden. (See account of Jacob4 of Jacob3 of Jacob2.) (It is possible that Elizabeth, widow of Jacob4, was a dau. of John Murphey who mentioned dau. Elizabeth Darden and son Wm. in his will dated Dec. 6, 1769.) (Was Catherine related to these Murpheys?)

The lists of heads of families, 1784, as printed in the 1790 census of Nansemond County, show Elizb. Darden with 5 whites and no dwelling, perhaps living with William Darden, 5 whites, 2 dwellings, and 13 other buildings. In the "census" itself, as reconstructed from county records, Eliza: Darden is listed with 5 whites and 13 blacks, and Stephen4 with 4 whites and 8 blacks.

John3 Darden (Jacob2, Stephen1) may have spent some time with his uncle, Stephen Darden, in Maryland in his youth and returned to Virginia as an emigrant. An inquisition was held on July 28, 1692, concerning a tract of 300 acres in the neighborhood of Chuckatuck in Nansemond County that was formerly owned by Stephen Darden but had been allowed to escheat to the King. John Darden made his composition therefor and on April 20, 1694, secured a grant. On October 30, 1697, the same land was described as a patent to John Darden, possibly a confirmation.

In support of the suggestion that John Darden had returned to Virginia from Maryland, there is recorded a grant to Patrick Wood of Nansemond County on October 28, 1702, for the transportation of 6 persons including John Darden. On the rent roll of 1704 for Nansemond County, John3 Darden is listed for 500 acres.

On March 25, 1728, John3 Darden appraised the estate of Thomas Mackmial. (I.W. Wills 3, 205.) John3 Darden witnessed the will of John Carr on May 19, 1734 (I.W. Wills 4, 21.), and was an appraiser of his estate on January 27, 1734/5. (I.W. Wills 4, 36.) (John Carr had dau. Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Grace; sons William, Abraham, Hardy, John, Robert; and dau. Eleanor Duck.) He also witnessed the will of Wm. Powell on October 3, 1734, and was an appraiser for the estate of John Ducke as ordered May 26, 1736. It is not unlikely that John3
Darden served also as an appraiser for the estate of his brother, Jacob Darden, recorded May 25, 1741.

The wife of John Darden was Elizabeth Powers, daughter of Edward Powers, Sr., whose will dated April 7, 1729, recorded May 26, 1729 (I.W. Wills 3, 162), names wife Elizabeth and daughter Elizabeth Darden, wife of John Darden.

Do these entries in Isle of Wight records indicate that John Darden lived at times in that County or merely that he lived near the line and had neighbors there?

The destruction of the Nansemond records leaves few clues concerning this couple and no evidence of their children. However, in the D.A.R. Library, Washington, there are records (filed for Mrs. Thomas H. Buttrill and Mrs. E. L. Kinnon) of descent from a John Durden born 1734 ("Bible record") in Isle of Wight County, son of Captain John Durden born 1710. It is certainly possible that John Darden and his wife, Elizabeth, had a son, John Darden, born in 1710.

Tentatively, at least 1 known son is assigned to John Darden and his wife, Elizabeth Darden:

1. John Darden, b. cal1710; to become a magistrate, a vestryman, and a Captain of Militia in I.W. Co. See below.

2. It is suggested that another son was Powers Darden who, on Nov. 3, 1767, with Samuel Hunt, was ordered by the Vestry of Suffolk Parish, Nansemond Co., to procession with the freeholders of Barrett's Neck all lands from the lower end of the Neck up to the Sandy Bottom. On May 2, 1768, the Procession Masters made returns to the Vestry.

Jacob Darden (Jacob, Stephen) was born at least as early as 1664 if he is the one who on February 15, 1685, signed an agreement with Mary Walters and her son Jno. Walters, for service by Jno. Walters to Jacob Darden for a period of 12 years (I.W. Deeds 1, 102). If Jacob Darden should marry and decease within the period, then Jno. Walters was to serve Jacob's wife only during her widowhood. This agreement with such a provision could have been written only by Jacob Darden (or by his father, Jacob Darden), during an interim period after the death of a first wife and before marriage to Ann).

On April 28, 1711, Jacob Durden received a grant of 470 acres in Isle of Wight Co. Book 10, 41), and on June 16, 1714, another of 171 acres in Upper Nansemond Co. Book 10, 145). Nevertheless, in 1717 when his father's will was written, Jacob Darden was living at Corecouch on paternal lands. Were the grants of 1711 and 1714 to his father, Jacob Darden?

Jacob Darden may have been a lawyer. During the period 1695 to 1738 he appraised 13 estates, witnessed 5 wills, examined 2 accounts, and divided 1 estate. See Chapman's Wills and Administrations of I.W. Co., 1647-1800.) With the estate of John Mackmaill (1728) he was more closely connected. He was named overeer and sold the estate in 1734.

An important document for use in identifying the Jacob Dardens of Isle of Wight is the will of George Williamson, dated April 26, 1721, recorded May 28, 1722. I.W. Wills 1715-1726, 118.) In this he mentions his grandson, Jacob Darden (to whom he left 50 shillings), his daughter, Hester Williamson (to whom he left land), and 4 daughters, Mary, Patience, Elizabeth, and Juliana, who shared the residial estate. It appears from other evidence that only Mary could have married Jacob Darden and had son, Jacob Darden. Of other children by wife Mary Williamson) Darden, there seems no record.

This Williamson family is noticed in Volume 25 of Va. Magazine of History and Biography, page 377. Robert Williamson, Doctor of Physick, was a member of the House of Burgesses from I.W. Co. at the sessions of Sept. 1665 and Oct. 1666. He patented 3850 acres on Blackwater Swamp on June 6, 1666, and had other grants. His will was dated Feb. 16, 1669. The legatees were wife, Jane (or Joan), eldest son, Robert, and sons George, Arthur, and Francis. The widow married Mr. Robert Burnett ante 1672. George Williamson was Surveyor of Surry and I.W. Co. His wife was Hester. A deed cal1736 is said to show that their dau. Patience married Robert Exum, Elizabeth married ---- Joyner, and Joliana was unmarried. Hence only Mary, who died ante 1730, could have married Jacob Darden. Unfortunately, in J. B. Bodie's 17th Century Isle of Wight Co., Va., 427, and probably elsewhere, it is erroneously stated that John Darden was the grandson named in the will of George Williamson.

The will of Walter Walters of the Lower Parish of Isle of Wight County, dated
November 26, 1730, was witnessed by Jacob Darden, Sarah Darden, and John Chapman; a revocation dated January 23, 1731/2, was witnessed by Jacob Darden, Stephen Darden, and John Powell (I.W. Wills 3, 297). Thus Mary Darden died between 1722 and 1730 and Jacob had married Sarah Lawrence, sister to Samuel and to Jeremiah Lawrence who in his will in 1755 names Charles, the son of Jacob Darden.

It is possible that this Jacob Darden is he who received a patent dated June 20, 1733, for 247 acres in Nansemond County (Book 15, 73) on southwest side of Blackwater River, adjoining Thomas Bracy and Stephen Darden (his brother).

The will of Jacob Darden of Isle of Wight County, dated March 25, 1739, proved April 27, 1741 (Book 4, 332), mentions only sons Jacob and Charles. Jacob is to have the manor plantation and the mill if he makes over to Charles the plantation where Jacob dwells. Charles is to have all lands in Nansemond County. In other things they share equally. Jacob's brother-in-law, Samuel Lawrence, and Jacob are named as executors. Charles is to be schooled and to remain with Samuel Lawrence until 19 years of age.

The appraisement of the estate of Jacob Darden by John Darden (brother?), Thomas Bullock, and Theophilus Joyner was signed by Jacob Darden and recorded May 25, 1741. (Was this the Joyner who had m. Elizabeth Williamson, sister to Mary, the 1st wife of Jacob Darden?) The account by Jacob Darden, recorded August 13, 1747, refers to "cash my father received as a legacy to me from my grandfather George Williamson." This important item shows agreement with the wording of the will of George Williamson already mentioned.

The known children of Jacob Darden were, therefore:

1. Jacob Darden. See below.
2. Charles Darden. Charles received from his father a plantation in I.W. Co. and lands in Nansemond. It is to be noted that he was under 19 years of age in 1739.

On Sept. 5, 1749, Charles received from his brother, Jacob Darden and wife Eliza. Darden a deed of gift for 237 acres bequeathed by Jacob Darden "the elder" to his son Samuel Darden, then sold by Samuel to his brother, Joseph Darden, of N.C., and since owned by Michael Reynolds and Alice, his wife, and by them made over to Jacob Darden junior who deeded same to Charles "to fulfill my father's will." On Dec. 24, 1751, Charles Darden witnessed the will of Wm. Daughtry Sr. of I.W. Co. The will of Jeremiah Lawrence, dated Nov. 30, 1755, names Charles, son of Jacob Darden, as a legatee. On July 1, 1756, Charles Darden sued Richard Daughtry in I.W. court and same was continued on Dec. 3, 1756. (I.W. Deeds, Orders 14, 115.)

A deed from Charles Darden to Jno. Lawrence was proved by 2 witnesses on Oct. 3, 1765, but "continued for further proof." An important document in this connection is recorded in I.W. Deeds 12, 303, dated Feb. 9, 1769, and acknowledged Sept. 7, 1769. This deed from Charles Darden of Owenslow Co., N.C., acknowledges 12 pounds paid by Jno. Lawrence of I.W. Co., Va., for 150 acres near the head of western branch of Nansemond River in I.W. Mention is made of Geoffrey Powel's line, Moses Ely's line, Stephen Butler's line, a line formerly Cathean Bryant's, Matthew Jordan's line, and a "division line that Jacob Darden made between his two sons Jacob and Charles." The witnesses were: Francis Milner, Wm. Coffield, John Murphrey, John Lawrence, Jr., Samuel Lawrence, and Benj. Russell.

On July 24, 1797, John Darden of Hertford Co., N.C., sold to John Lee of Southampton Co., Va., the 247 acres that were patented to Jacob Darden on June 20, 1733. If the patent was issued to Jacob Darden, then the land was inherited by Charles Darden, and said John of Hertford Co., N.C., may have been a son of Charles Darden.

Note: In Colonial and Revolutionary Lineages of America, published by the American Historical Society 1940, in Volume 4, 420-5, there is given a line of descent through a John Darden (1710-1789), a son of Jacob Darden and his 1st wife, a daughter of George Williamson. This appears to be based on an error, as above mentioned.
Fourth Generation

Carr$^4$ Darden (Stephen$^3$, Jacob$^2$, Stephen$^1$) witnessed the will of James Garner on October 9, 1747, in Southampton County, Virginia. With his wife, Ann, he signed the partition deed of 1752 and was then of Nansemond County.

Much personal knowledge concerning the descendants of Carr$^4$ Darden and his wife, Ann, has been written in letters to Mr. Newton J. Darden and copied by him in Book 4, scattered through pages 68 to 182, of his genealogical data on file in the O.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C. (see also Book I, 177 et seq., of the S.A.R. file). The clearest and most consistent account is written by Emily Darden of Cedar Hill, Robertson County, Tennessee, on October 12, 1900. She was a granddaughter of Carr$^5$ Darden, the youngest child of his family and "born eight months after the death of his own father."

From all reports (see DGA86-88) it appears that Carr$^4$ Darden and Ann Darden had sons Jacob$^5$, Elisha$^5$, Holland$^5$; daughters Rhoda, Peggie, Nannie; and son Carr$^6$, the youngest. The father probably died before 1760. There is no evidence that Jacob$^5$, Elisha$^5$, or Holland$^5$ ever left Virginia. Because no further Virginia records of Carr$^4$ Darden have been noticed, it is not unlikely that shortly before his death he migrated with his younger children to North Carolina as did others at that time. Descendants in Tennessee said that Carr$^5$ Darden "lived on a Sound" and went "to Tarboro as a trading point." On the other hand, Carr$^4$ Darden may have died in Nansemond County, Virginia. Certainly his wife, Ann, survived him many years and probably lived in Southampton County, Virginia, where her son, Holland$^3$, provided for her in his will. Her grandson, Jacob$^6$ Darden, in his March 1792 account of Holland's estate, records payment of Ann Darden's account and lists her part as £58, the first and largest portion.

Children of Carr$^4$ and Ann Darden:
1. Jacob$^5$ Darden, m. Patience Carr; 6 ch. See below.
2. Elisha$^5$ Darden, m. Pherebe; 7 ch. See below.
3. Holland$^5$ Darden, 9 ch.; m., 2d, Pherebe, widow of Elisha$^5$ Darden. See below.
4. Rhoda Darden.
5. Peggie Darden.
7. Carr$^3$ Darden, m. Susan Marshall; 11 ch. See below.

Robert$^4$ Darden (Stephen$^3$, Jacob$^2$, Stephen$^1$) received a grant of 77 acres in Nansemond County, dated December 1, 1740. He bought his brothers' interest in 00 acres of the tract called "Southampton" as evidenced by their deed to him on November 9, 1752. On May 14, 1752, with his wife, Mary, and with William Vestro of Nansemond, he sold to John Joyner of Southampton 150 acres in the fork of Lackwater and Black Creek in Southampton County. (Southampton Deeds 1, 317.)

It seems that Robert$^4$ Darden had a son Robert$^5$ who bought 100 acres from William Wester of Southampton on June 17, 1786, by deed that mentions the old line between Robert$^4$ Darden, Senr., and Wm. Wester. See Robert$^5$ Darden, below.

John$^4$ Darden (John$^3$, Jacob$^2$, Stephen$^1$) was born about 1710 according to descendants in Georgia, and they name his wife as Mary. (No record of Mary's maiden name has been found. Was she a daughter of John Carr whose will, dated May 9, 1734, and witnessed by John$^5$ Darden, named daughter Mary and son Hardy? John$^3$ Darden was an apraiser of the John Carr estate on Jan. 27, 1734/5.) Certain it is that John Darden and Mary Darden witnessed the will of Wm. Daniel on September 10, 1738, in Isle of Wight County. John$^4$ Darden witnessed the will of Thomas Loyd, dated February 23, 1740, and was an apraiser of the estate as recorded July 27, 1741, and signed Charity Loyd. On December 31, 1748, with Hardy
Darden, he witnessed the will of Wm. Fowler of Newport Parish; and on January 4, 1749, he and Hardy Darden were appraisers of the estate of James Johnson (whose will John Darden had witnessed on Jan. 30, 1745/6). If this Hardy Darden was his eldest son and of age in 1749 when he acted as an appraiser, it seems that John and Mary Darden were married about 1727 instead of 1732 as stated in Volume 4, pages 420-425, of Colonial and Revolutionary Lineages of America.

The will of John Powell (I.W. Wills 5, 149) dated September 3, 1748, appoints wife, Sarah Powell, and John Darden executors, and John Darden (perhaps John Darden, aged 14) was a witness. (Is this the same Sarah Powell whose will is cited later in this account, dated June 3, 1764, and naming daughter Sarah Darden and grandson John Darden?)

John Darden witnessed the will of Thomas Jones of Newport Parish on November 15, 1748, and was an appraiser July 5, 1750. Other appraisements were John Daughtry in October 1754 and Thomas Gay in February 1755. Other wills witnessed were those of Joseph Everitt in June 1756 and Wm. Lawrence in September 1756. An account of the estate of Wm. Powell, signed by Elizabeth Powell, was examined by John Eley and John Darden and recorded April 5, 1759. At about this time it becomes uncertain whether John or John Darden is concerned.

John Darden was the most prominent Darden of whom there is record in Colonial times. He was a Vestryman in Old Smithfield Church for many years (perhaps 1742-1770) and one of the Justices of the Court from July 5, 1750, at least to June 3, 1752 (Order Books from 1752-1755 seem to be missing). From 1772, or earlier, until 1781 he was Captain of a company of the militia in Isle of Wight County, Sixth District.

John Darden seems to have had few land transactions. No evidence has been found concerning his inheritance, which it may be inferred was land in Nansemond County. His only residence of record was in Newport Parish of Isle of Wight County.

On March 4, 1755, John Darden, Gent., and Mary, his wife, signed 2 deeds, 1 to Joseph English (consideration 15 pounds) for 150 acres on the south side of Bow and Arrow Swamp, Isle of Wight County; the other to Jacob Spivey (consideration 20 pounds) for 200 acres where said Jacob lived in the same general location. Both deeds were witnessed by Wm. Watkins, Wm. Watkins, Jr., and Jesse Watkins; and acknowledged on April 3, 1755.

Two days later, on March 6, John Darden of Newport Parish, Isle of Wight County, for natural love and affection, signed 2 deeds to his sons Hardy and Benjamin. Hardy's 200 acres lay on the north side of Corewoak Swamp on Reedy Branch and Flatt Branch; Benjamin's 320 acres lay on Chowan River near Indian Spring. Witnesses were the same except that Hardy Darden replaced Wm. Watkins, Jr., on the deed to Benjamin, and these deeds also were acknowledged on April 3, 1755.

In 1760 on February 6, John Darden sued Joseph and James Bridges, and on June 4, 1761, he sued Thomas Twiner and Benj. Crampton. These entries in the Isle of Wight Order Books could, of course, refer to John Darden or possibly to his sons John and John Darden. However, on December 2, 1762, John Darden, Senr., obtained judgment against Thomas English for £3 due by note. (I.W. Orders 1759-63, 379.) It was not until February 23, 1763, that John Darden, Jr., of Newport Parish, for natural love and affection, deeded to his son, John Darden, Junior, 200 acres on the north side of Flat Branch... Jacob Spivey's line, Joseph English's line, John Powell's line, etc. The witnesses were John Eley, Junr., Henry Hedgpath, and Hardy Darden. Acknowledged August 4, 1763. (I.W. Deeds 11, 169.)

The suit of John Darden against Jacob Darden, deft., on June 2, 1763, may refer to Jacob Darden (Stephen) who was preparing to sell his homestead and mill at about this time. On the same day John Darden obtained judgment against William Woodward and Robert Holland.

In the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Volume 7, page 418, under the subject Virginia Militia in the Revolution, there is an item dated March 12, 1777: "Darden, Capt. John, for pay and rations for his company, Isle of Wight Militia to the 21st February: 25.13.10." In the William and Mary Quarterly, 7(1), page 274 et seq., the following items from Isle of Wight records are reproduced:

1777 Aug. 7. Ordered that John Lawrence, Gent., do attend the districts whereof John Darden and John Lawrence, Gent., are Captains, and administer the oath, etc.
1777 Aug. 7. Ordered that William Eley be appointed a second Lieutenant and John Darden an Ensign to the Company whereof John Darden is Captain, etc.

1781, April. Ordered that Nathaniel Flemng, Gent., be appointed a Captain to the Company of Militia in the room of John Darden, who has resigned the office.

If Captain John Darden was born in 1710, it is not surprising that he resigned as Captain of Militia in 1781 at the age of 71 years. There are a few items of record concerning John Darden in the period after 1770 that may refer to Captain John Darden. It is almost certain that he signed the account of the estate of Joseph English (probably an old neighbor) in January of 1783, and likewise the account of the estate of Henry Hedgpath somewhat later. (See I.W. Orders 1795-1797, 94; Goodman vs. Holland.) Certainly it is specifically recorded that Captain John Darden was an executor of the estate of Jesse Watkins whose will was dated August 8, 1777, and proved June 4, 1778. The John Darden who was his security was probably his son, John Darden.

There seems no clue as to which John Darden was executor of the will of Frederick Fraiser, dated September 17, 1773, and recorded May 5, 1774. The account signed by John Darden was recorded October 3, 1776.

Another specific reference to Captain John Darden is found in the account of the estate of Benjamin Darden of Isle of Wight County, dated July 20, 1772. A payment to Captain John Darden on a bond with interest, is shown by John Darden, administrator. (I.W. Wills 8, 174.) (This account could be that of a possible Benjamin, a brother or cousin to Captain John Darden, but this Benjamin is tentatively assigned as John's son, Benjamin, grantee in the deed of gift in 1755, and the administrator is considered as John Darden of Benjamin.) This record indicates that John Darden was Captain of Militia in Isle of Wight County as early as 1772.

The only will of record in Isle of Wight County that seems possible as that of Captain John Darden was dated May 11, 1788, and recorded February 5, 1789 (Book 10, 125). His wife, Charity, is named, and son John, receives (for lifetime tenure only) the plantation bought of Elisha Darden (see reference, I.W. 15, 2, to deed of Jan. 3, 1782, from Elisha Darden and Pherebe, his wife of Nansemond, to John Darden of I.W. for 2 tracts—150 and 70 acres—in both counties). Also named are sons Henry Goodman Darden, Elijah Darden, Mills Darden, William Darden; and daughter, Salle Darden. Henry Goodman and Wm. Goodman are to be in charge of the estate given to sons Henry Goodman Darden and Elijah Darden. The executors named are Benjamin Eley, Wm. Goodman, and Henry Goodman. The witnesses are Michael Johnson, John Darden, son of Hardy Darden, John Duke, and Eley Johnson.

The listing of Capt. John Darden in I.W. Co. in the 1790 census with 4 whites and 11 blacks does not necessarily conflict with the recording of his will in 1789 because the census record was reconstructed from older tax lists, etc.

It is considered that John Darden and his wife, Mary Darden, had, at least, children named as follows:
1 Hardy Darden. See below.
2 Benjamin Darden. See below.
3 John Darden, b. 1734 as reported by descendants in Ga. See below.

Children of John Darden and his wife, Charity Darden, may have been:
4 Mills Darden. This may be the Willis Darden listed in the 1790 census with family of 1 white and 7 blacks. On Jan. 6, 1795, on the motion of Mills Darden, it was ordered that Mills Ely, Ely Johnson, William Ely, and Robert Ely, or any 3 of them, examine, state, and settle the account current of John Darden and make report to the court. (I.W. Orders 1795-1797, 48.) This is probably the "Wills" Darden whose m.b. to Pamella Lawrence was dated July 18, 1795, with consent of Wills Lawrence. On June 2, 1795, Mills Darden was appointed a Capt. in the room of Mills Ely in the 1st Battalion of the 29th Reg. of the I.W. militia (Orders 1795-1797, 85.)
5 William Darden.
6 Salle Darden.
7 Henry Goodman Darden.
8 Elijah Darden.
9 David Darden. (See reference below to suit by John Duck and wife, Charity, vs. John Darden heirs.)
Editor's Note: If it was Benjamin Darden's estate that was appraised on Sept. 26, 1770, as is herein assumed, then it is not surprising that his name should be missing from his father's will written in 1738. The will of Hardy Darden, however, is assumed to be the one dated 1773 but not recorded until 1792. Did Hardy die before his father's will was written? If, also, Hardy was the eldest son (witnessed a deed with his father in 1748 and received his land by deed of gift in 1755, 8 years before the deed of gift to John), it does not seem that his name and that of his heir would have been omitted from his father's will. Answers are that Benjamin may have been the heir; or by 1788 the English law of primogeniture may have ceased to have its effect on the wording of wills. There may remain some uncertainty regarding the identity between John Darden, parent of Hardy, and John Darden with wife Charity and minor children who made his will in 1788 when John Darden is supposed to have been 78 years of age. However, a suit by 'Am. and Henry Goodman on Jan. 6, 1795, shows that John Darden who died in 1788-1789 was administrator of Joseph English whose account was signed by John Darden in 1783.

Charity Darden, widow of John, married John Duck on February 19, 1793, and on August 4, 1795, John Duck and Charity, his wife, late wife of John Darden, deceased, entered suit "in chancery" against John and Mills Darden, William Darden, an infant, Henry G. Darden, infant, Elijah Darden, infant, and David Darden, infant.

Jacob Darden (Jacob, Jacob, Stephen) received by his father's will, signed March 25, 1739, "the manner plantation where I live and the mill after my death... provided he will acknowledge that plantation where he dwellth to Charity; otherwise if he refuses to make that over to Charles then for Charles to have the manor plantation and the mill." Jacob also received "everything that I have now possessed him with", and was appointed an executor (along with Samuel Lawrence). He signed the account of the estate of his father on August 13, 1747. In this account is the important item, "to cash my father received as a legacy to me from my grandfather George Williamson", which confirms the wording of the will of George Williamson (1721) and negates the claim (Colonial and Revolutionary Lineages of America 4, 420-425) that Jacob Darden had a son, John Darden, who could be identical with Captain John Darden of Isle of Wight militia.

Jacob Darden may be he who patented 247 acres in Nansemond County on June 20, 1733, on S.W. side of Blackwater River adjoining Thomas Bracy and Stephen Darde.

On September 21, 1747, Jacob Darden witnessed the will of Elizabeth Neuville.

On June 2, 1763, Elizabeth Darden and Ann Darden, orphans of Jacob Darden, received a grant of dower rights on September 7, 1749 (I.W. Deeds 8, 268). Administration of the estate of Jacob Darden was granted to Elizabeth Darden on July 5, 1750. (John Darden was one of the justices present at this session of the court.) (I.W. Orders 1746-1752, 248.) On the same day the court ordered John Baldwin, Christopher Reynolds, and John Butler to appraise the estate of Jacob Darden, and the appraiser, signed by (the widow) Elizabeth Darden, was recorded on September 6, 1750. No reference to the account of the estate of Jacob Darden is found until June 2, 1763, when there was record of its examination by John Baldwin, John Marshall, and Wm. Pars (or Pass).

In an Order Book for Isle of Wight, 1759-1763, on page 446, there is record of June 2, 1763, of a suit by Jethro Gale and Samuel Matthews, executors of the estate of John Garnes, deceased, against Elizabeth Darden, in debt, and the case was continued. On July 4, 1765, Elizabeth Darden was plaintiff versus Jethro Gale and Samuel Matthews "in case, contra." This action was continued on October 3, 1766, and then she obtained judgment on September 4, 1767. Witnesses who appeared for Elizabeth Darden were Jacob Darden (adult, and probably of Stephen Wm. Pass, John Marshall, John Murfry, Mathew Jordan, Wm. Everitt, and Wm. Bullck (Orders 1764-1767, 470, 472.)

On June 2, 1763, Elizabeth Darden and Ann Darden, orphans of Jacob Darden,
deceased, came into court and chose Elizabeth Darden (probably their mother) as their guardian. On August 2, 1764, an account of the estates of Elizabeth and Ann Darden, orphans of Jacob^4 Darden, deceased, was presented by Elizabeth Darden, their guardian. On the same date, August 2, an account of the estate of John^5 Darden, orphan of Jacob^4 Darden, deceased, was presented by Jacob Darden, guardian. This guardian, it would seem, must be Jacob^4 of Stephen.

The accounts of Elizabeth Darden's orphans were mentioned again on August 1, 1765; and the accounts of Elizabeth Darden and Ann Darden on August 7, 1766.

The known children of Jacob^4 Darden and Elizabeth were:

1. Elizabeth Darden.
3. John^5 Darden, b. ca1745. Is this the John Darden listed in the 1790 census of I.W. Co., with family of 6 whites and 9 blacks? Or was he in Hertford Co., N.C., with 2-3-2-2-5? On July 24, 1797, John Darden of Hertford Co., N.C., sold to John Lee of Southampton Co., Va., 247 acres in Southampton Co., same being the full content of a patent of 247 acres to Jacob Darden of I.W. Co. on June 20, 1733.

A record of possible interest in connection with Elizabeth, the wife of Jacob^4 Darden, is the will of John Murphey, dated December 6, 1769, recorded March 5, 1772 (I.W. 8, 128), which mentions, among others, wife Sarah, daughter Ann Murphey, and daughter Elizabeth Darden. One of the witnesses was John Marshall. It has been surmised above (p. 136) that Catherine, wife of Jacob^4 Darden (Stephen^3), may have been related to Elizabeth (Murphey) Darden, wife of Jacob^4 Darden^5 (Jacob^3). This would explain the guardianship of Catherine's husband to John, son of Elizabeth and orphan of Jacob^4 Darden (Jacob^3).
Fifth Generation

Jacob\(^5\) Darden (Carr\(^4\), Stephen\(^3\), Jacob\(^2\), Stephen\(^1\)) lived near Jerusalem, Southampton County, Virginia, and died in 1804 or 1805. He is probably the witness on July 5, 1788, to a deed from Robert H. Fisher to Elisha\(^5\) Darden (brother to Jacob\(^5\)). On June 5, 1788, it may have been this Jacob Darden who was security for Patience and Lemuel Murphey, executors of the estate of John Murphey. (I.W. Wills 10, 118.) He became known as Jacob Darden, Senr., when Elisha's eldest son, Jacob\(^6\), matured, and as Senr. he witnessed a deed from his brother, Holland Darden, on January 12, 1790, to the latter's son, Jonathan\(^6\) Darden, for 100 acres on Indian Branch in Southampton County. Similarly, on July 1, 1791, he witnessed a deed from Robert\(^5\) Darden (Robert\(^4\)) to Wm. Wester, Jr.

In the 1790 census for Isle of Wight County, there is listed a Jacob Darden with family of 5 whites and 6 blacks. Did this Jacob Darden get listed in Isle of Wight because of some land held there? (No listings are given for Southampton Co.)

On November 8, 1792, Jacob\(^5\) Darden, Senr., purchased from his nephew, Jonathan Darden, and Esther, his wife, 20 acres on Indian Branch; and likewise on January 10, 1793, he purchased from his nephew, John\(^5\) Darden, 130 acres adjoining Robert Fisher's land and James\(^6\) Darden's land.

Jacob\(^5\) Darden was named an executor in the will of his nephew, James\(^6\) Darden, dated December 3, 1794. On August 20, 1798, Jacob\(^5\) Darden proved in Southampton court the signature of Stephen\(^4\) Darden of Nansemond on a bill-of-sale dated November 30, 1779, for 1 negro girl sold to Elias Darden, son to Jacob\(^4\) Darden, deceased.

Jacob\(^5\) Darden married Patience Carr. At the time of his death, about 1805, their son, Carr\(^6\) Darden, was about 23 years old and Edwin about 21. Records in Southampton County (Guardian's Accounts 1810–) show that Patience Darden was guardian to Nancy M. Darden from 1805 to 1811, to Jesse Darden from 1805 to 1811, and to James Darden from 1805 to 1819. In February, 1811, Patience consented to the marriage of her daughter, Nancy M. Darden, to James Carr, and, on October 1 following, James Carr signed for $354-1 received from Patience Darden as guardian to Nancy M. Darden. For 3 months in 1815, Patience Darden boarded Jesse Darden, "orphan of Betsey Darden, deceased," and an heir of Robert\(^5\) and Honour Darden. On February 28, 1816, Carr\(^6\) Darden, as guardian of James Darden, signed for $373.26 received of Patience Darden as due to James from the estate of his father, Jacob\(^5\) Darden; and James Carr was a witness. On the same day James Carr, as guardian of Jesse Darden, gave a similar receipt to Patience Darden.

According to descendants of Patience Darden, she migrated to Tennessee about 1816 with her daughter Nancy, son-in-law James Carr, and her sons Jesse and James Darden. In the account filed by Carr\(^6\) Darden in 1821 as guardian of James Darden, there is an item dated October 1817 of $20 paid to Dempsey Gardner for carrying the negroes to Tennessee in 1817.

Patience Darden did not, until January 13, 1821, sell the lot of land that she received as her dower from the estate of her husband, Jacob\(^5\) Darden. She was then a resident of Montgomery County, Tennessee, and the deed for the 150 acres was witnessed by James Carr and acknowledged by Patience in a Tennessee court.

Jacob\(^5\) Darden, Senior, and his wife, Patience (Carr) Darden, had at least 6 children (according to Southampton Co. court records and reports by descendants:

1. Pitman Carr\(^6\) Darden, b. Sept. 8, 1782. See below.
2. Edwin\(^6\) Darden, b. July 22, 1784. No information except this date supplied by Mrs. Roger Eastman of Nashville, Tenn., granddau. of James\(^6\) Darden.
3. Richard\(^6\) Darden, b. Jan. (or Feb.) 1786, d. July 20, 1861. He must have been under 21 when his father died, but no reference to his guardianship has been found. On May 14, 1807, cash was paid to him by his cousin, Jacob\(^6\) Darden (Elisha\(^5\)), as curator of the estate of William Everitt, deed. The bond for his marriage to Nancy Barrett, dated Sept. 7, 1811, was witnessed by Carr\(^5\) Darden. On March 27, 1818, Richard Darden and Nancy Darden, his wife, of Southampton Co., Va., sold to Benjamin W. Johnson 2 tracts, one of 6 acres and one of 153 acres. Richard's land in Southampton was mentioned in 1821 when his brother, James\(^6\) Darden, of Montgomery Co., Tenn., sold 75½ acres
in Southampton Co. It is reported that Richard and Nancy Darden remained in Southampton, had no ch., and that she d. there on Oct. 8, 1860.

4 Nancy M. Darden, who m. James Carr. The m.b., dated Feb. 21, 1811, was witnessed by Carr\(^6\) Darden and was issued with consent of Nancy’s mother, Patience Darden, who was also her guardian from 1805 until her marriage. (Probably Nancy was b. not earlier than 1792 and thus at least 6 years younger than her brother, Richard.) Nancy’s name is given by descendants in Tenn. as Mary Ann (“Nancy”) Darden. Her husband on Oct. 8, 21\(^{1}\), 1811, received E35-4-1 from her mother and guardian, James Carr and family, including Nancy’s mother and her younger brothers Jesse and James Darden, migrated to Tenn. cal816. See below, Group V, Migrations of Dardens to Tennessee.

5 Jesse\(^6\) Darden was b. after 1795 if judged by the fact that James Carr took over his guardianship on Feb. 28, 1816, perhaps as the trip to Tenn. was about to commence. See Migrations of Dardens to Tennessee, below.

6 James\(^6\) Darden, b. May 4, 1799. His mother was his guardian until 1813 or later. His brother, Carr\(^6\) Darden, was guardian to James on Feb. 28, 1816, when Carr Darden received $373.26 from Patience as the estate of James\(^6\) Darden. See Migrations of Dardens to Tennessee, below.

Elisha\(^5\) Darden (Carr\(^4\), Stephen\(^3\), Jacob\(^2\), Stephen\(^1\)), who died between December 3, 1788, and July 9, 1789, may have been old enough in 1742/3 to have witnessed the deed from his Darden grandparents to Albridgton Jones for 200 acres of land. At that time Elisha’s grandfather, Stephen\(^5\) Darden, lived in the Upper Parish of Nansemond County and it is known from the partition deed of 1752 that Elisha’s parents, Carr\(^4\) and his wife, Ann, were then living in Nansemond County. Then on January 3, 1782, Elisha Darden and Pheribe, his wife, of Nansemond County signed a deed to John\(^4\) Darden of Isle of Wight County for 220 acres in 2 tracts on Beaver Dam Branch, partly in Nansemond and partly in Isle of Wight (I.W. Deeds 15, 2).

It may be that Elisha\(^5\) Darden lived for some time in Nansemond County and thus (because of loss of the Nansemond records) little of record concerning his early life has been found. In an order book of Isle of Wight County, it is mentioned that Elisha Darden filed a petition versus Miles Whitfield for debt on March 4, 1773, and again on July 1, 1773. Sometime after 1782 he left Nansemond County (or did the county lines change?) and on November 21, 1786, Elisha Darden and Pheribe, his wife, of Southampton County (which was formed 1749 from Isle of Wight and parts of Nansemond), signed a deed to Seimour Vaughn for 50 acres on the west side of a cedar swamp, bounded by Henry Cobb’s and Richard Murfee’s lines, also Elizabeth Cobb’s line and mention of Nicholas Cobb. The deed was witnessed by (dau.) Salley Darden, (dau.) Esther Darden, and Henry Cobb, and recorded in Southampton Deeds 6, 60. The land was formerly possessed by Jacob Darden, deceased, and by will was devised to the said Elisha Darden. This important document might seem to indicate that Elisha was a son of Jacob. But what Jacob? Jacob\(^3\) Darden in his will of 1739-1741 mentioned no Elisha Darden, and Jacob\(^2\) (of Jacob\(^3\)) had no will. The only other Jacob of record is Jacob\(^4\) (of Stephen\(^3\)) with wife Catherine. To this Jacob\(^4\) Darden 50 acres of the 350-acre tract called Southampton were excepted by Stephen\(^5\) when, before 1752, he bequeathed the 300-acre residue to certain of his sons. No records have been found concerning Jacob\(^4\) and Catherine Darden after 1769 when both were witnesses in Isle of Wight Court. Elisha\(^7\) Darden may have been a son of Jacob\(^4\) and Catherine Darden, but reports made by some descendants of Carr\(^4\) Darden indicate that he was f the latter family. Possibly Jacob\(^4\) Darden and Catherine had no children and willed this tract to his nephew, Elisha\(^5\) Darden, who may have been the eldest f the sons of Carr\(^4\) Darden. Elisha\(^5\) Darden is probably the one listed in the 1790 census (made from older tax lists) of Nansemond County with family of 9 whites and 7 blacks.

Only a few months before the death of Elisha\(^5\) Darden, 100 acres were deeded to him, May 13, 1788, by John Crosling and Mary, his wife; witnesses were Jonathan Darden (son-in-law and nephew), Charles Hedgpath, and Esther Darden (dau. of Elisha\(^5\) and wife of Jonathan\(^6\)). This deed may have been in payment of a mortgage
debt owed by Crosling to Elisha Darden. Later, on July 5, 1788, Robert H. Fisher deeded 78 acres to Elisha Darden and the witnesses were Jacob Darden (son of Elisha), Henry Gardiner, and Jonathan Darden (Southampton Deeds 7: 74, 151).

The will of Elisha Darden, dated December 3, 1788, and proved July 9, 1789 (Southampton Wills 4: 319), names wife, Pheribe, who received the use of lands, etc., until January 1, 1791, and one-third of the plantation for her natural life. His son Jacob received all lands in Southampton County, slaves, etc. His daughters Esther Darden, Sally Barnes, and Betsy Darden received slaves, etc. The remainder of the estate went to the wife for life or widowhood and provided for the education of the younger children—son Jonas and daughters Clotilda and Milly. The son Jonah was to be schooled until 14 and then bound to learn the trade of carpenter. The son Jacob Darden and friends, John Bowers and David Barron, were named executors. The will shows that Elisha Darden owned bonds, mortgages, notes, and accounts receivable.

The children of Elisha Darden and Pheribe Darden were:

1. Jacob Darden, Jr., b. Aug. 24, 1770, m. Martha Whitehead (see DGA, 162, 180). See below.
2. Esther Darden, m. (bond Nov. 13, 1737) Jonathan Darden (Holland). Their ch. included David Darden and George Darden. David is reported to have had grandch. living in Dallas, Texas, in 1902, including W. B. Myers.
3. Sally Darden, m. ----- Barnes ante Dec. 3, 1788.
4. Betsy Darden.

Holland Darden (Carr, Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) must have spent some of his early life in Nansemond County, judging by the few records of him elsewhere. No record has been found of his first wife. (Was her maiden name Lawrence?) The marriage bond for his marriage to Pheribe Darden, widow of his brother, Elisha Darden, is dated April 9, 1789, and witnessed by John McCabe.

On January 12, 1790, Holland Darden of the lower parish of Southampton County deeded 100 acres to (his son) Jonathan Darden for 30 pounds. The witnesses were Jacob Darden, Jr. (nephew), Jacob Darden, Senr., and James Darden (son). On the same day, Holland Darden deeded 100 acres to his son, Jacob Darden. The witnesses were Jacob Darden, Jr. (nephew), Jonathan Darden (son), and James Darden (son). Holland Darden, on October 13, 1791, witnessed a deed from Robert Darden and Hogour, his wife, to Wm. Weston, Jr.

The will of Holland Darden is dated February 22, 1792, and proved March 8, 1792 (Southampton Wills 4: 473–6), by the witnesses, James Carr and John Birdson. His wife, Pheribe Darden, received part of the plantation and other lands for life; and all the estate of her first husband for her own use and disposal. He bequeathed items to his sons Jacob, Jonathan, James, John, and Jonah; also to daughters Anna Darden, Edith Darden, and Julia Darden. He further states "my desire is that my mother shall have that part of my estate which fell to her by my father."

The named executors were his sons Jacob, Jonathan, and James Darden, and John McCabe. (Was Pheribe related to John McCabe?)

Holland Darden is probably the one listed in the 1790 census in Nansemond County with family of 12 whites and 8 blacks.

The children of Holland Darden, named in the order of their listing in their father's will:

1. Jacob Darden was named in 1792 as an executor of his father's will and he rendered an account which was examined Jan. 13, 1796 (Wills 4, 730). An interesting feature of this account is the first item of £58 to Holland's mother, Ann Darden, as her part in contrast with 5 shillings each to dau. Ann and Edith. His ch. were mentioned without names in the will of his brother, James Darden, dated 1794. He was named as legatee in Nov. 1814 when his sister Ann Darden's estate was settled in Robertson Co., Tenn., but it was marked "not paid."
2 Jonathan Darden, m. Esther Darden; bond, Nov. 13, 1787, signed by Elisha Darden and S. Wells. On May 13, 1788, Jonathan Darden and Esther Darden witnessed a deed from John Crosling and wife, Mary, to Elisha Darden (father of Esther). On July 5, 1788, Jonathan Darden witnessed a deed from Robert H. Fisher to Elisha Darden. Jonathan Darden and Esther, his wife, on Oct. 20, 1792, deeded 100 acres in Southampton Co. to John Lee of Nansemond Co.; and on Nov. 8, 1792, 20 acres to their uncle, Jacob Darden. Each of these 2 deeds was acknowledged on March 14, 1793, the same day on which their brother, John Darden, acknowledged his deed of sale to uncle, Jacob Darden. (Were they about ready for the trip to Tenn.?) Jonathan Darden went to Robertson Co., Tenn., ca1794. See Migrations of Dardens to Tennessee, below.

3 James Darden, m.b. March 10, 1791, Ann Hines. His will of Dec. 3, 1794, pwd. Jan. 8, 1795 (Southampton Wills 4, 465), names wife, Ann; son, Elisha; sister, Julia; and ch. of brother, Jacob Darden. The named executors were Jacob Darden, Senr., and Jacob Darden, Junr. (Elisha Darden). The legacy of James Darden was mentioned in Nov. 1814 when his sister Anny Darden's estate was settled in Robertson Co., Tenn., but marked "not paid." The will of Ann Darden, Jan. 31, 1809, pwd. March 15, 1813 (Wills 7, 251), names son, Elisha Darden, and dau., Dolly C. Hines (decd.).

4 John Darden, m.b. Feb. 2, 1793, Esther Barpes. John Darden on Jan. 10, 1793, deeded 130 acres (adjoining James Darden) in Southampton Co. to Jacob Darden, Senr. This was acknowledged Feb. 14, 1793. John Darden was a witness on Oct. 20, 1792, when Jonathan Darden sold 100 acres to John Lee; also a witness on Nov. 8, 1792, when Jonathan sold 20 acres to Jacob Darden, Senr. He was named as legatee in Nov. 1814 when his sister Anny Darden's estate was settled in Robertson Co., Tenn., but it was marked "not paid."

5 Holland Darden, b. Dec. 7, 1773. On July 1, 1791, he witnessed a deed from Robert Darden to Wm. Weston, Jr. He m. his second cousin, Pattie Lawrence, and went to Robertson Co., Tenn., ca1795. Descendants in Tenn. and Ky. See Migrations of Dardens to Tennessee, below.

6 Anny Darden; inventory Jan. 17, 1798, Robertson Co., Tenn.; account filed Nov. 4, 1814; Jonathan Darden, administrator.

7 Edith Darden; had received in Nov. 1814 part of her legacy from estate of her sister, Anny Darden, Robertson Co., Tenn.

8 Jonah Darden; not mentioned at settlement of the estate of his sister, Anny Darden, in Nov. 1814, Robertson Co., Tenn.

9 Julia Darden; had received in Nov. 1814 part of her legacy from estate of her sister, Anny Darden, Robertson Co., Tenn.

A marriage bond of John Lawrence and Pheribe Darden was dated January 10, 1793, and signed by Jacob Darden.

Carr Darden (Carr, Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) was born 8 months after his father's death, probably before 1760 and probably in Southampton County, Virginia. This may be the Carr Darden listed as of Nansemond County 1782-1785, with 3 whites and 1 black; also, the one listed in Northampton County, North Carolina, in 1790. Descendants report that he lived in North Carolina on the Sound, east of Tarboro. He married Susan, or Susannah, Marshall and went to Robertson County after his nephews, Jonathan Darden and Holland Darden, went to Tennessee, and therefore about 1795-1800. See Migrations of Dardens to Tennessee, below.

Robert Darden (Robert, Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) bought 160 acres from William Wester of Southampton County on June 17, 1786, by deed witnessed by his cousins, Jacob Darden and Jonathan Darden (Holland); also by Robert's son, David Darden. They proved the deed on February 8, 1787.

It is known that Robert Darden married Honour ---- because as his wife she signed a deed with him for 75 acres sold on July 1, 1791, to Wm. Wester, Jr., same being part of a tract previously sold by Ephraim Lawrence to Robert Darden,
Senr., and to Wm. Wester. The witnesses to the deed in 1791 were Jacob Darden, Senr. (Carr 4), Holland Darden, Senr. (Carr 4), and Holland Darden, Jr.

Robert Darden was listed in the 1790 census in Nansemond County with 6 whites and 8 blacks. With his wife, Honour, he sold 45 acres to Ethelred Gardner on March 6, 1804. Robert Darden died intestate about 1807. The administrator of his estate was Carr Darden (Jacob Darden, Senr.). As dower, his relict received a life interest in 2 slaves and their increase and the use of 150 acres of land. Honour Darden died September 23, 1815. (Southampton Guardian Accounts 1810–1812, 102.)

The children of Robert Darden and his wife, Honour Darden, included:

1. David Darden. Witnessed his father's deed in 1787. On June 22, 1808, he sold to Joshua Gardner for $217.79 a tract of 84½ acres that he received from Robert Darden, his father. On March 4, 1809, he still lived in Southampton Co. and sold to Carr Darden his reversionary interest in the 120 acres that his mother had received as dower. By Oct. of 1811 he was resident of Sampson Co., N.C., and sold to Carr Darden his interest in the 3 slaves that his mother had received.


3. Henry Darden. Was cared for by his mother in 1808, 1809; shared in the distribution.

4. Patsey Darden. Marriage b. Dec. 20, 1812, Nathan Johnson; consent of Honour Darden. Possibly Patsey and Nathan lived on the 120 acres that her mother possessed as dower. On March 4, 1813, Nathan Johnson purchased from Carr Darden and Lucy, his wife, the interest which they had purchased in 1809 from David Darden.

5. A grandson, Jesse Darden, "orphan of Betsey Darden, decd.," was cared for by Mrs. Honour Darden during the years 1808 to 1812, and Patience Darden (relict of Jacob Darden, Senr.) boarded him for 3 months in 1815. Jesse signed a receipt on April 29, 1816, for his part of the Robert Darden estate.

Hardy Darden (John 4, John 3, Jacob 2, Stephen 1), with his father, John Darden, witnessed the will of William Fowler, Isle of Wight County, on December 31, 1748 and with him assisted in the appraisement of the estate of James Johnson on January 4, 1749. Hardy Darden was also an appraiser of the estate of John English as recorded April 4, 1751.

The will of Robert Eley, Senr. (wife Allis), dated March 29, 1750, includes mention of a daughter, Allis Darden (I.W. Wills 5, 276). Since no Darden other than Hardy seems of record with a wife Alice, it is probable that Hardy's wife Alice was a daughter of Robert Eley, Senr., and that they were married before 1750.

On March 6, 1755, Hardy Darden received from his father, John Darden, of Newport Parish, Isle of Wight County, a deed of gift for 200 acres on the north side of Corewoak Swamp, on Reedy Branch and Flatt Branch (I.W. Deeds 9, 355). The witnesses were William Watkins, William Watkins, Jr., and Jesse Watkins. On the same day Hardy Darden signed as a witness a deed of gift from his father John Darden, to Hardy's brother, Benjamin Darden.

Hardy Darden served on the grand jury May 3, 1759, and he was appointed on August 7, 1760, as surveyor of roads in the room of John Carr, deceased (I.W. Orders 1759–63, 3, 170). On March 16, 1760, Hardy Darden purchased land from Elizabeth Godwin, executrix of the estate of Joseph Godwin (I.W. Deeds 10, 212) and on March 1, 1763, with wife Alice, he sold all of this land lying on branches of Blackwater River in Isle of Wight County to James Daniel (I.W. Deeds 11, 166). On July 1, 1762, Hardy Darden sold land to Aaron Spivey (I.W. Deeds 11, 52). With his wife, Alice, he signed a deed on August 4, 1763, to William Gay for 22 acres. One of the witnesses was John Darden, probably his father, John, or his brother, John Darden. On the same day John Darden acknowledged in court his deed of gift of February 23, 1763, to his son, John Darden, for 200 acres on Flatt Branch, Cogpit Branch, etc., which was witnessed by Hardy Darden.
On June 24, 1763, Hardy Darden, Samuel Johnson, and Timothy Duck appraised the estate of Hardy Carr (I.W. Wills 7, 256). This decedent was probably the son of John Carr (will 1734) and possibly maternal uncle to Hardy5 Darden. See account of John4 Darden, above.

Hardy Darden, with John Darden, appraised the estate of Wm. Duck on July 7, 1763, and witnessed the will of Rebecca Johnson June 25, 1763. With John Darden, Junr., he witnessed the will of Robert Johnson of Upper Parish on January 24, 1761.

Also, Hardy Darden and John Darden appraised the estate of Wm. Johnson on December 13, 1770, the estate of Timothy Duck as ordered January 7, 1773, and the estate of Spencer Carr on February 3, 1779. Possibly some of these records refer to Captain John4 Darden, but the John Darden, Junr.* with whom Hardy witnessed the will of Robert Johnson in 1763 is probably John5, son of John4.

Hardy5 Darden also witnessed the will of John Eley, Jr., on March 13, 1772. Then on October 2, 1773, possibly because of numerous deaths among his relatives and friends, Hardy Darden made his own will. On October 5, 1776, Hardy5 Darden and Ailse, his wife, deeded 50 acres near Corowock Swamp to Hezekiah Johnson. Witnesses were John Darden, John Darden, Junr., and Dempsey Darden, probably Hardy's brother, nephew, and son (I.W. Deeds 13, 387).

Hardy Darden probably lived many years after the date of his will, but his name is not mentioned in 1788 in the will of John4 Darden who is here presumed to have been his father. (Did Hardy5 Darden die 4 or more years before his will was proven? Note below that the appraisal of his estate was not recorded until 2 years after the proof of his will. Hardy5 Darden is listed in the 1790 census of Isle of Wight County (which was reconstructed later from older tax lists) with family of 3 whites and 10 blacks). The will of Hardy5 Darden was not proved until May 3, 1792, by Jno. Davidson, executor. James Holland was surety for the executor. The witnesses were Jesse Watkins, Priscilla Watkins, and Jethro Powell. Hardy named his wife, Alice, and daughter, Alice Holland; sons Elisha, John, and Dempsey. (The wife, Alice, and son, John, were named as executors in the will, but John Davidson seems to have acted!) (I.W. Wills 10, 239.) The estate was appraised by Michael Johnson, Obadiah Johnson, and John Watkins and recorded June 1, 1794. On motion of John Darden, it was ordered by the court on April 4, 1797, that Mills Eley, Eley Johnson, Robert Eley, and Mills Darden, or any 3 of them, examine, state, and settle the account current of the estate of Hardy Darden, deceased, and make report thereof. Presumably it was John5 Darden (son of Hardy4), who made the motion. (I.W. Orders 1795-1797, 534.) Mills5 Darden (of John4), eldest half brother to Hardy5, had married in 1795.

The children of Hardy5 Darden and Alice, his wife, included:
1 Elisha6 Darden. This may be the Elisha Darden listed in the 1790 census of Nansemond Co. without family.
2 John6 Darden, who often signed as John Darden, son of Hardy Darden. He was surety when John Darden, Jr., m. Elizabeth Holland, m.b. April 9, 1788. Is this the John Darden who m. Patience Watkins, John Watkins being surety? (I.W. m.b. Aug. 7, 1788.)
3 Alice Darden, who m. _______ Holland, perhaps James.
4 Dempsey6 Darden, m.b. March 2, 1793, Polly Swan Eley, dau. of Robert Eley. The will of Dempsey Darden, dated Oct. 21, 1803, was pvd. on Dec. 5, following. He names his wife, Polly Swan Darden, and dau. Nousey, Betsy, Susanna C., and Levina Darden. The witnesses were Henry Saunders, Susanna Ely, and Holland Darden. (I.W. Wills 11, 789.)

Benjamin5 Darden (John4, John3, Jacob2, Stephen1) received from his father, John4 Darden, 320 acres of land on Chowan River near Indian Spring by deed of John3 Darden dated March 6, 1755. One of the witnesses was Benjamin's brother, Hardy5 Darden (I.W. Deeds 9, 334). Benjamin5 was one of the appraisers of the estate of Samuel Vaughan as ordered September 1, 1763 (I.W. Wills 7, 329). On August 1, 1765, he was appointed surveyor of roads (I.W. Orders 1764-1768, 220).

The estate of Benjamin5 Darden was appraised by Joshua Council, Solomon Edwards, and Richard Bradshaw as ordered September 26, 1770; and the account, signed by a John Darden, administrator, was examined on October 1, 1772, by John Lawrence and Joshua Council (I.W. Wills 8; 54, 174). This account shows that a
payment was made by John Darden, administrator, to Captain John^ Darden on a bond with interest. It thus seems that Benjamin^ Darden may have had a son, John® Darden. Incidentally, another creditor was Timothy Vaughan.

A record of considerable interest in connection with Benjamin^ Darden and a possible son, John® Darden, is the will of Sarah Powell dated June 3, 1764, and proved on March 7, 1776, by her son and executor, Absalom Tallaugh (I.W. Wills & 407). This will names a daughter, Patience Vaughan, a daughter, Sarah Darden, and a grandson, John Darden. A John Darden witnessed this will in 1764 and became security for the executor in 1776. Was this John® Darden, son of Benjamin^ Darden marry Sarah Tallaugh, daughter of Sarah Tallaugh who may have become the wife and then widow of John Powell whose will (I.W. 5, 149) dated September 3, 1748, was recorded on January 12, 1748/9? John Powell's will was witnessed by John Darden (probably John®), Wm. Watkins, and Wm. Watkins, Jr. John Darden and the widow, Sarah Powell, were executors, and the appraisement on March 9, 1748/9, was signed by John Darden.

Another will of interest is that of Jacob Wheeler, dated January 11, 1794, with Anne, daughter Elizabeth, and daughter Miriam Wheeler. The executor was Benjamin^ Darden and the will was recorded December 7, 1795 (I.W. 10, 375). The estate was appraised by John Darden, Kinchen Darden, and others before December 5, 1796. Was this a Benjamin® Darden, son of Benjamin^? And was this the Benjamin Darden who had purchased 182 acres from John Darden and Patsey, his wife, by deed of December 3, 1796? (I.W. Deeds 16, 294.) The land touched that of Kinchen Darden, Colonel John Lawrence, Benjamin Baker, John Darden, and Jacob Wheeler. The John Darden who sold this land signed with a mark.

Tentatively, then, to Benjamin^ Darden the following children may be assigned:

1 John® Darden, who may have m. Patsey. On Dec. 3, 1790, with wife, Patsey, of I.W. Co., he sold 182 acres to Benjamin Darden. The lands of Kinchen Darden and John Darden were adjacent thereto.

2 Benjamin® Darden. Is this the Benjamin Darden who enlisted on July 20, 1778, as private in Bradley's Co. of the 10th Continental Line for N.C.? On the same day and in the same company, Cornelius Durden enlisted.

3 (Possibly) Kinchen® Darden.

In the 1790 census of Isle of Wight County, there are recorded John Darden with family of 1 white and 8 blacks, Sarah Darden with family of 3 whites and no blacks, and Benjamin Darden with 1 white and no blacks. These may be John® Darden, Sarah, and Benjamin® Darden of the above family.

Pension papers of Mills Durden of Person County, North Carolina, show birth about 1763; enlistment, 1777, in Warren County. He could be Mills® in this family and thus, like others of this given name, descend from Captain John^ Darden.

John® Darden (John® John^, Jacob^, Stephen^) was born ca1734 and served as a Colonial and Revolutionary soldier, according to descendants in Georgia. He may have witnessed the will of John Powell on September 3, 1748, when John Powell named to be executors his wife, Sarah, and John® Darden. (I.W. Wills 5, 149.) Probably it was this John® Darden, Junr., who, with Robert Eley, testified for Hallowell Derson and to whom payment in tobacco was ordered on July 12, 1759. Possible, also, it was this John® Darden who testified for Aaron Spivey in May 1762 and collected 175 pounds for 7 days' attendance at court in Isle of Wight County. The name John Darden follows that of Hardy® Darden in entries relating to the below-listed actions:

- Witnessing will of Rebecca Johnson, June 25, 1763;
- Appraisal of estate of Wm. Duck, July 7, 1763;
- Witnessing will of Robert Johnson, 1763;
- Appraisal of estate of Wm. Johnson, December 13, 1770;
- Appraisal of estate of Timothy Duck, March 4, 1773.

On the appraisal of estate of Spencer Carr, February 4, 1779, John's name precedes that of Hardy®. In one of these instances (will of Robert Johnson), John Darden is styled "Jjunr." It is probable that in all 3 cases Hardy® was acting with his younger brother, John® Darden.

That John® Darden was not the eldest son seems indicated because his father did not deed land to him until February 23, 1763, whereas his brothers, Hardy® and...
Benjamin, received their land by deeds of gift dated March 6, 1755. John's 200 acres lay on the north side of Flatt Branch, to Cogpit Branch, Colonel Bridger's line, Jacob Spivey's line, and touched also the lines of Joseph English, John Powell, Abraham Johnson, Robert Johnson, and James Johnson. The witnesses were John Eley, Junr., Henry Hedgpath, and Hardy Darden.

John Darden married in 1753 Sarah (1736–1786), according to papers filed in the D.A.R. Library at Washington, D.C., by descendants in Georgia. In accord with this report is the will of John Eley (I.W. Wills 8, 446) signed September 18, 1775, in which he mentions his daughters Sarah Darden, Rebecca Denson, Elizabeth Boon, and Martha Carr; also, sons Robert and William Eley who were named executors. This will was proved November 7, 1776, by the witnesses, Jesse Watkins, Thos. English, Robt. Watkins, and Priscilla Watkins. The security for the executors was John Darden, and this may well have been John Darden.

Jesse Watkins made his will on August 8, 1777 (I.W. Wills 8, 494) and named as executors his wife (Priscilla) and Captain John Darden. When this will was proved and recorded, June 4, 1778, John Darden was a security, together with John Lawrence and Michael Johnson.

John Darden, Mills Lawrence, and John Daughtrey appraised the estate of Samuel Holland as ordered on April 18, 1777 (I.W. Wills 8, 474). The account of the estate of Lemuel Holland was examined by John Darden and Mills Lawrence in December 1778. The estate of Jacob Butler was appraised by John Darden, John Duck, and Wm. Duck on August 3, 1789.

On August 7, 1777, John Darden was appointed Ensign by Isle of Wight Court in the company whereof John Darden was Captain, and in May of 1781 he was appointed 2d Lieutenant in place of Wm. Eley who became Captain. This is probably the John Darden listed in the 1790 census of Isle of Wight County with family of 8 whites and 2 blacks.

In 1788 when Captain John Darden made his will, his son, John Darden, was living on the plantation (220 acres in both I.W. and Nansemond Co.) that John Darden had purchased from Elisha Darden and his wife, Pheribe, on January 3, 1782. John Darden received only a life interest in this land "not to be rented out nor sold by him." John Darden also received 1 horse and saddle, the cattle and hogs that were purchased with the land, 1 feather bed already in his possession, some pots and dishes, and 1 negro named Old Tom, "and no more." This was the state of the affairs of widower John Darden in 1788 or 1789 when he and some of his family migrated to North Carolina and thence to Wilkes County, Georgia, according to papers filed in the D.A.R. Library, Washington, by Mrs. Thomas H. Buttrill and Mrs. E. L. Kinnon of Georgia. Further, it is stated that John Darden lived for a time in what is now Emanuel County, Georgia, but returned to Wilkes County where he died. No will or administration papers seem to be available.

The children of John Darden and his wife, Sarah, may have included:
1. Jacob Darden, b. 1755. See Migrations of Dardens to Georgia, below.
2. Stephen Darden.
3. Sara Darden, m. Leonard Dekle, son of John Dekle.
4. George Darden.
5. John Darden, Jr., I.W. m.b. April 9, 1788, Elizabeth Holland, probably dau. of Benjamin Holland who in will of Dec. 16, 1799, mentions dau. Elizabeth Darden. (Mills Darden was security for the executor in July 1800. I.W. Wills 11, 256.) The will of Wm. Holland, Senr. (father of Benjamin, Miles, Elisha, Abraham, and Wm. Holland), was witnessed Feb. 5, 1785, by John Darden et al. Probably it was this John Darden, Junr., who is listed with family of 3 whites and 3 blacks in the 1790 census of I.W. Co. The estate of George Taylor was appraised by John Darden son of John Darden, Mills Darden, et al, as recorded June 3, 1793. The will of John Darden dated Jan. 23, 1800, recorded April 7, 1800, names wife Elizabeth, son Mills Darden, Ziza Darden (m.b. Oct. 2, 1815, Mary Powell), and dau. Chasey Darden and Sally Darden. The witnesses were John Darden son of H. Darden, Jacob Spivey, and Thos. Spivey. (I.W. Wills 11, 241.)
6. William Darden, b. 1775. See Migrations of Dardens to Georgia, below.
Sixth Generation

Carr Darden (Jacob, Carr, Stephen, Jacob) was born September 8, 1782, in Southampton County, Virginia, being the eldest son of Jacob Darden(Sr. and his wife, Patience (Carr) Darden. (DGA, 116.) The bond for his marriage to Lucy D. Hart, dated February 21, 1811, was witnessed by his brother, Richard Darden, and by James Carr who on the same day made bond to marry Nancy M. Darden sister to Carr Darden.

Court records of Southampton County indicate that Carr Darden was a capable and reliable man of affairs at an early age. Only 23 at his father's death, he became head of a household. Within 3 years he was administrator of the estate of Robert Darden, and his accounts with the heirs of Robert, and later of the relict, Hogur Darden, extend to 1816. For $50 he purchased from David Darden (Robert) on March 4, 1809, David's reversionary interest in 120 acres that his mother possessed for life as dower. This land Carr Darden and Lucy, his wife, sold for $220 to Nathan Johnson on March 4, 1813. (Nathan Johnson had made bond Dec. 20, 1812, to marry Patsery Darden with consent of Honour Darden.) In October 1811, Carr Darden purchased David's reversionary interest in 3 slaves and their increase, held by David's mother, Honour Darden.

Meanwhile, Carr Darden, in 1816 or earlier, succeeded his mother, Patience Darden, as guardian of his brother, James Darden.

On January 30, 1815, Carr Darden and Lucy, his wife, of Hertford County, North Carolina, sold 58 1/2 acres in Southampton to Richard Dellars for $450. The bounds make mention of lands of Patience Darden and Jesse Darden. Evidently they removed across the state line in 1815 and the 1816 entries in the Southampton records represent the final settlements of some of his affairs and responsibilities there. Then on February 19, 1821, Pitman Carr Darden and Lucy D., his wife, of Hertford County, North Carolina; Richard Darden and Nancy, his wife, of Southampton County, Virginia; and James Darden of Montgomery County, Tennessee, sold to Jesse Parker for $450 all their interest in 150 acres assigned to Patience Darden as dower. The bounds mention land of Robert Darden, deceased, and Jesse Darden, etc. (Patience Darden of Montgomery Co., Tenn., had made similar deed to Jesse Parker Jan. 13, 1821; and Jesse Darden of Robertson Co., Tenn., on Aug. 6, 1822, did likewise.)

The children of Carr Darden and his wife, Lucy D. (Hart) Darden, included:

1. Richard Jacob Darden, b. 1815; lived at Vicksville, Va. (5 ch.; DGA, 148.)

2. James Jackson Darden, b. Aug. 19, 1821; d. July 29, 1899; Newsome Sta., Va. Married, 2d, March 19, 1856, Sarah Elizabeth Musgrove (dau. of Robert T.), b. April 15, 1837, d. June 2, 1902 (8 ch.). (See DGA, 150-155.) (For autobiography, see DGA, 145.)


Jacob (S.? ) Darden (Elisha, Carr, Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) was born on August 24, 1770, not far from Franklin, Virginia, in either Nansemond or Southampton County. On July 5, 1788, he witnessed Robert H. Fisher's deed for 78 acres to Elisha Darden, and on December 3, 1788, when Elisha wrote his will, he named his son, Jacob, as an executor although Jacob was not of age. As Jacob Darden, Jr., the son signed the inventory on April 8, 1790 (Southampton Wills 4, 360). Jacob seems to have consistently used the Jr. to distinguish himself from his uncle, Jacob Darden, who seems to have had no son named Jacob.

A bond of November 14, 1789, for the marriage of Jacob Darden to Martha Whitehead, daughter of William Whitehead of Upper Southampton County, near Boykins, was signed by William Whitehead. A descendant reports that the marriage was performed by the Reverend Mr. George Gurneley, Rector of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church.

On January 12, 1790, Jacob Darden, Junr., witnessed 2 deeds signed by his uncle, Holland Darden, one for 100 acres to Jonathan Darden and one for 100 acres to Jacob Darden (both, sons of Holland). Other deeds witnessed by Jacob Darden, Junr., were: Jonathan Darden to John Lee, October 20, 1792; Jonathan Darden to Jacob Darden, Senr., November 8, 1792; and John (Holland) to Jacob
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Darden, Senr., January 10, 1793. Jacob Darden, Junr., was named as an executor in the will of his cousin, James Darden, dated December 5, 1794.

With his wife, Martha, he sold 100 acres to James Scoggins on April 10, 1794, and 130 acres to John Gardner, Jr., on September 15, 1795. On September 11, 1795, as executor of the estate of Elisha Darden, deceased, he signed a deed of release to John Birdsong on land that had been mortgaged to Elisha Darden in 1786. Wm. Whitehead witnessed this release. Another similar release to John Crosslin, Senr., was signed on November 22, 1796.

On May 14, 1807, Jacob Darden filed an account in Southampton County, Virginia, as curator of the estate of William Everitt, orphan of Mills Everitt, deceased, in which 1 item was a payment to Richard Darden who must have been his cousin, Richard of Jacob Darden. On January 1, 1814, Jacob Darden filed an account dating from 1809 as guardian of Sally Carr, orphan of Jesse Carr. In May of 1825 he filed accounts as guardian of (his grandch.) Seth Williams and Jacob Williams (orphans of Jordan Williams, Jr., 1st husband of Lucy Darden).

In 1817 Jacob Darden was a Baptist preacher at Old Beaver Dam Church, near Boykins, Virginia; also at Old South Key Church on the road from Franklin to South Key Ferry.

The children of Jacob and Martha Darden were all born in Southampton County near the fork of the Nottoway and Blackwater Rivers. The names are:

1 Lucy Darden, b. 1792, m., 1st, April 30, 1812, Jordan Williams, Jr.; m., 2d, Jan. 20, 1817, Uriah Rawles (1788-1880, son of James Rawles, b. 1745) of Nansemond and I.W. Co. Children: Jacob and Seth Williams; Edward Rawles, and 11 others. Edward Rawles (1817-1902) of I.W. Co., m., 1844, Caroline W. Parker (dau. Jesse), and had 10 ch., including Caroline P. Rawles who m. Thomas Edward Waff of Edenton, N.C., and had Mary E. (Mrs. Raymond F. Staples who supplied this data).

2 Elisha Darden. No issue. This is probably the Elisha Darden of Southampton Co. who, with wife Diza Darden, sold 43½ acres in Southampton to Henry Gardner on May 28, 1819. He may also be identical with Lisha Darden of Hertford Co., N.C., who mortgaged 5 negroes to Wm. Owens of Southampton on Nov. 4, 1820, for a debt of $1005.

3 Jeptha Darden. No issue. He received 2 tracts by deeds of gift from his parents in 1817.

4 Alfred W. Darden, b. Dec. 20, 1801, m., 1824, Sarah M. Moore (b. 1807) of Hertford Co., N.C., and d. Aug. 20, 1885. She d. Nov. 27, 1879. On Nov. 2, 1817, Alfred received land from his father by deed of gift. Their son, Alfred W. Darden, Jr., m. Elizabeth Holly of Chowan Co. They had a son, Colgate Whitehead Darden, who m. Kathleen Pretlow from Franklin, Va. Their son, Colgate Whitehead Darden, Jr., b. Feb. 11, 1897, m. Constance Simons Du Pont, b. March 4, 1904, dau. of Irénée Du Pont and Irene Sophie (De Pont) Du Pont. Colgate W. Darden, Jr., was educated at the Univ. of Va. (A.B. 1922) and at Columbia Univ. (A.M., LLB 1923). He was elected to the Va. House of Delegates in 1929 and again in 1931; Congressman-at-large from the 2d District of Va. in 1932 and in 1936; Governor of Va. in 1938 and 1942; afterward he became President of the Univ. of Va. Their ch. were: (1) Colgate Whitehead Darden, III, b. Nov. 6, 1930; (2) Pierre Samuel Du Pont Darden, b. Jan. 14, 1933; (3) Irene Sophie Du Pont Darden, b. June 8, 1938. (Geneal. of Du Pont Family, 1739-42.)

5 Jacob Darden. No issue.

6 William Darden, m. Jane Smith Jenkins.

Jacob Darden's wife, Martha, died December 5, 1819. Jacob Darden married, 2d, Mary, widow of Shelly White. His will is dated April 21, 1827, in Southampton County, Virginia. It names his wife, Mary (473-acre dwelling plantation for life and widowhood); daughter Lucy Rawles, son Jeptha (Bible), son Alfred (negroes), son William (plantation, etc., after loan to the wife), Jacob and Seth Williams, and children of Jordan Williams, Sr., deceased. Jacob Darden's death occurred October 28, 1827.
Some Dardens of the Eastern Shore of Maryland are descended from Stephen Durden of Tred Haven who may have been a son of Stephen Durden of Nansemond County, Virginia. (See Early Dardens in Virginia, above.) Stephen Durden could have been born as early as 1643 and removed from Virginia to Maryland about January 24, 1664, when 600 acres were surveyed for him near Hopewell, Kent County, Maryland (Lord Baltimore's Rent Rolls, 29). On March 20 of the same year, 1664, 700 acres were surveyed for him on St. John's Neck, Talbot County. These grants were both on the Eastern Shore and probably not over 40 miles separated them. At about this time Virginia began vigorous enforcement of laws against Quakers and other nonconformists to the English Church; consequently, a number of these people were seeking refuge in Maryland.

Stephen Durden received 15 pounds of tobacco in October or November 1678, possibly for services against Indians (Assembly Proceedings, 1678). He was a member of the monthly meeting of Friends, or Quakers, at the Tred Haven Creek settlement, near the present Easton in Talbot County, at least as early as October 21, 1680, when Stephen Durden signed as a witness at the marriage of Benjamin Parrott and Elizabeth Keen (Tred Haven Church Records 1, 134; Md. Historical Socy., Baltimore, Md.).

Stephen married "out of meeting" as is shown by an entry on May 18, 1685 (late for a 1st marriage), when Stephen Durden is charged with disturbing the "truth and good order of Friends by his disorderly marriage." Apparently, he had a feast with music and dancing to celebrate the occasion. William Sockwell and John Jadwin were appointed to visit him in the love of good and return answer to the next meeting. On May 22 the Friends appointed gave in for answer that Stephen desired some time to consider. It was not until October 8, 1695, that Stephen Durden was restored to "Truth and Friends." Within a month, on November 28, 1695, Stephen Durdin applied for permission to marry Rebeckah Anderson and a committee was appointed. It appears, therefore, that Stephen Durdin was not an ardent Friend. Only after the death of his first wife and his awareness of interest in Rebeckah Anderson did he have "time to consider"! However, the desired approval was given and on January 11, 1695, Stephen Dorden, Planter, and Rebecka Anderson, relique of Thomas (or James) Anderson, were married. Rebeckah was a daughter of Henry Woolchurch whose will was probated July 18, 1695 (Liber PL3, 18; Wills 6, 5). But Stephen did not remain long in grace and on June 25, 1696, it was reported that Stephen had been disorderly at his marriage. Even Rebeckah, his wife, may have been included and she read a paper of "condemnation" on August 26, 1696, in order to be restored. As for Stephen, his separation may have been final. At the last record on December 10, 1697, a committee had made a final report and appeal to him.

The will of Stephen Durdin of Talbot County was dated January 11, 1709, and proved April 10, 1710 (Md. Wills 13, 20; Annapolis). He named his wife, Rebecka, s executor and left to her a life interest in the plantation where he lived, 700 acres at John's Neck. His son, Stephen, was to have the plantation after Rebecca's death. His son, Joseph, received 600 acres called Hopewell at the mouth of Morgan Creek of Chester River. Daughters Lidia and Rebeckah were each to receive £50 sterling at age 18 or time of marriage. To his daughter, Efrica Durden, he gave a negro girl named Judy, and to granddaughter, Mary Kircum, a young negro. One-half of the remaining personal estate was bequeathed to wife, Rebeckah, and the residue was to be divided among his 4 children, Stephen, Joseph, Efrica, and Rebeckah Durdin. "Wife Rebecca Durdin to give my children sufficient schooling to learn them to read & write and my two sons cyphering. sons may work for themselves . . . at the age of eighteen years but not to buy or sell without consent of their mother until twenty one years old."

The children of Stephen Durden and his first wife (name unknown) were:

1. Efrica Durden, b. ca. 1686; m. James Korkham Aug. 11, 1703. Efrica received a negro girl and their dau., Mary Kircum, received 1 young negro by the will of Stephen Durden.
A son, perhaps, who m. Susannah ----- and d. before Stephen's will was written in 1709. As Susannah Durdin, she witnessed a marriage record Dec. 7, 1715. (Joseph Durden signed the same document and Susannah Durden may have been his wife, but he was certainly under 20 at that time.)

The children of Stephen^ Durdin and Rebecca (Woolchurch) Durden were:

3b Stephen^ Durdin, b. cal696. See below.
4b Lydia Durdin, b. cal697; m. Edward Turner. Approval of the marriage was given on Dec. 31, 1712. Although no record of the marriage was indicated (probably in Jan. of 1712/3), it evidently took place because about 10 years later, on Sept. 28, 1723, it is recorded that Rebeccah Durdain, widow of Stephen Durdain, decd., had a dispute with Edward Turner, son-in-law, about his wife's patrimony, etc.

5b Joseph^ Durdin, b. cal698-99. See below.
6b Rebecca Durdin, b. cal700 (or was she a twin with Lydia?). Married Morgan Brown Oct. 7, 1715.

Stephen^ Durdin (Stephen^) inherited the 700-acre home plantation after the death of his mother. On November 2, 1715, after due approval by the Friends Meeting, Stephen married Rebecca Hasher. Among the witnesses were Joseph Durden and Rebeckah Durdin. This wife, it seems, did not live long and on August 19, 1719, he married Mary Cox. Again Joseph Durden was a witness. No record of death of Stephen is found, but on April 13, 1731, Mary Dorden and Robert Harwood were married. Among the witnesses was Joseph Durden.

To Stephen^ and Mary (Cox) Durden 2 children were born and recorded:
1 Sarah Durden, b. Oct. 9, 1721. This may be the Sarah Darden, dau. of Stephen, who m. Thos. Porter before 1743 (Judgments 45; 229, 242; Annapolis, Md.)
2 Rebecca Durden, b. Sept. 18, 1722. This may be the Rebecca Darden, dau. of Stephen, who m. Peter Camerford on March 19, 1743 (Judgments 45; 229, 242; Annapolis, Md.) (Records of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot Co., Md., Vol. 1, 183).

Joseph^ Durdin (Stephen^) inherited the 600 acres, Hopewell, on Morgan Creek in Kent County. The name, Joseph Durdin, is signed to a number of marriage certificates as a witness from 1715 to 1773. In 1737, on October 27, he had a dispute with Isabel Taylor about a division of land, and it was not reported settled until September 26, 1739.

At a meeting held on June 26, 1745, Joseph Durden was charged with being disorderly because he went to a priest to be married. This is late for a first marriage. It is barely possible, of course, that the Susanna who witnessed a marriage certificate with Joseph on December 7, 1715, was his first wife and not widow of a half brother. (See 2a above.)

At the Maryland Hall of Records in Annapolis there are some indexed references to Durdens, etc., in the Maryland wills and testamentary proceedings from 1687 to 1776.

James Dardin was a Revolutionary soldier of Maryland (Md. Hist. Socy. Records 12, 309). The names Durden, Darden, and Duraden seem largely to have disappeared in Maryland. Most of the Maryland Durdens gradually drifted back to Virginia, it is believed, and joined in the overflow southward from Isle of Wight, Nansemond, Southampton, and other counties in the southern part of Virginia, into Hertford, Gates, Chowan, Bertie, Beauford, and other counties of North Carolina.

From these and adjacent counties in Virginia and North Carolina, a great southward migration occurred about 1760 and continued until Revolutionary times and later. Groups of related families settled in the western part of South Carolina and in the northeastern part of Georgia, peopling the rich lands along the streams.
Group III

DARDENS IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Newton J. Darden collection of Darden data includes only incidental references to the Dardens of North Carolina. However, the Virginia records afford some evidence and several clues regarding relationships across the state line. Valuable and readily available sources are the series of Colonial Records of North Carolina, and the 1790 census records. These, in connection with a careful analysis of all readily available Virginia records, permit the following somewhat tentative remarks. (No data from the counties has been available to the Editor.)

Joseph Darden (Jacob, Stephen) of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, was probably one of the first Darden settlers in North Carolina. On July 28, 1719, he was bound over to appear at the next court, in October, to give evidence at a general court for the province at the court-house at Queen Anne's Creek in Chowan Precinct. William Braswell became his surety in the sum of £200 on July 30. A year later, on July 28, 1720, at a court of oyer and terminer, he was charged with uttering forged bills of the province but satisfied the court and was discharged. He was a jurymen in Bertie Precinct in 1723 and collected quit rents there in 1726. (Col. Rec. of N.C. 2, 358, etc.; 25, 189.) Joseph Durding obtained a grant of 640 acres in North Carolina in 1732. (Records in office of Secretary of State of N.C.)

Of 168 freeholders of Chowan County, who on April 10, 1773, petitioned regarding the eastern boundary of their county, only John Darden and John Dardon seem of interest here. Possibly these are identical with John Dirdon and John Darden whose names, together with that of Isaac Durden, appear in the 1790 census lists of Gates County, just east of Chowan River and south of Nansemond County, Virginia. Here also, at the 1800 census, was Mary Darden, over 45, with no family and 4 slaves.

Elisha Darden (possibly of Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) was an Insoign in Captain William Battle's Company of Northampton Regiment of Militia from Meherrin Neck in 1748. In 1754-55, he was in the 7th Company of Northampton Foot. (Col. Rec. N.C. 22, 273, 309.) Northampton County is just south of the state line and adjacent to Southampton County, Virginia. In this County of Northampton at the 1790 census one finds Abraham Darden, Reddrick Darden, and Carr Durden as heads of families. (Was this the Carr Darden, with wife Susan, who went to Robertson Co., Tenn., ca1795-1800?) At the 1800 census there were Abraham, Riddick, Willis, Elias, John Jr., John Sr., and Isaac Darden (none over 45 years).

To the southwest in adjacent Halifax County, North Carolina, lived Daniel Durden in 1790.

West of Northampton County, North Carolina, and south of Brunswick and Mecklenburg, Virginia, is Warren County, where a James Darden was located in 1790. Here in August 1777, at Warrenton, Mills Durden enlisted as a private in the 1st North Carolina Regiment of Continental Line. He married Polly Lunceford; bond of October 20, 1779, James Turner being security. He was discharged in 1781. (According to Col. Rec. N.C. 16, 1048, he enlisted Aug. 1, 1782, in Evan's Co. of the Continental Line.) This Mills Durden was born in 1763 and on May 12, 1823, he lived at Roxboro in Person County with his wife and 6 children. On November 15, 1842, Mrs. Polly Durden of Person County, aged 78, widow of Mills Durden, stated that Mills died in December 1828. (U.S. Pension application W17736.) It is possible that his Mills Darden was a grandson of Captain John Darden of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and son of Benjamin Darden.

On the west side of lower Blackwater and upper Chowan River, there was located the largest number of Dardens in any North Carolina county in 1790. This was in Hertford County, between Gates and Northampton Counties. The names are Allen, David of Robert, Elisha, and another Elisha, Henry, Jet, Jethro, John of Jacob, and Willis. Among members of this group, 50 slaves were owged, Jethro leading with 11. The name Henry suggests that descendants of Henry Darden of Jacob of Isle of Wight Dardens may have lived in Hertford County. The names Jet and Jethro suggest descendants of Jethro Darden of Stephen of Jacob, as was noted in the account of the early Dardens in Virginia. David Darden had a grant of 404 acres here in 1792 and Elisha obtained 230 acres in 1792. In 1810 census, only...
Elisha, Elijah, and Pleasant Darden were recorded there. On July 24, 1797, John Darden of Hertford County, North Carolina, sold to John Lee of Southampton County, Virginia, 247 acres that were patented to Jacob Darden of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. The land was in Nansemond County when patented on the southwest side of Blackwater River, adjoining Thomas Bracy and Stephen Darden. It is probable, therefore, that this John Darden of Hertford was a grandson of Jacob Darden (Jacob^2, Stephen^1). (Did several of these Dardens go to Georgia?)

Further south on the northern shores of Pamlico River lies Beaufort County where, as already noted for the early Dardens in Virginia, it seems that Ann Leigh, relict of Jacob^2 Darden lived and died in 1732, possibly with some of her children. She was the mother of Joseph^3 Darden of Chowan and Bertie Precincts, as noted above; also mother of Samuel^3 Darden of whom no record is found in Virginia after the sale of his patrimony to his brother, Joseph^3 (prior to 1749). Another son was Benjamin^3 of whom no records are found in Virginia. Ann was also the mother of Stephen^3 Darden and it was probably his son, Jacob^4, that she named in her will. It has been assumed above, in the account of the early Virginia Dardens, that this Jacob^4 Darden was the same who on October 20, 1764, received favorable action from a council at Wilmington, North Carolina, on his petition for a survey of 325 acres in Beaufort County. The wife of this Jacob^4 Darden was Catherine. No records of this couple are found in Virginia after 1769 (unless this was the Jacob Darden, decd., father of the Elias Darden, minor, who purchased a slave in 1779). Incidentally, it is found that a Jacob Durdin lived in 1790 in Hyde County, North Carolina, just east of Beaufort County. Grants of land in Hyde County were issued in the name of Jacob Darden for 50 acres in 1787, 86 in 1789, and 640 in 1794. In this county, also, grants were obtained by David Durden for 50 acres in 1787 and by Elisha Durden for 42 acres in 1785 and 50 in 1786. West of Beaufort County, in Pitt County, a W. Darden had a grant of 640 acres in 1792.

Another item of possible interest in connection with Ann Leigh of Beaufort is the settlement of her grandson, Charles^4 Darden (Jacob^3) much farther south in Onslow County, North Carolina, as shown in Virginia records (I.W. Deeds 12, 303) by his deed of February 8, 1769, for 150 acres in Isle of Wight County. Charles was "of Onslow Co., N.C." at that time. The name of Charles Darden is not found in the 1790 census of North Carolina, but in 1800 Charles Darden and wife, both over 45, lived in Duplin County.

In Colonial Records of North Carolina, Volumes 16 and 19, there are 8 entries relating to Jesse Dardin in connection with a petition of 1782 in which he and Joseph Herring of Duplin County asked consideration for the petition of John Hay. Jessie had land grants in that county in 1782, 1783, and 1784, for a total of 1466 acres. In 1790 Jesse, Mary, William, and another William Darden were heads of families in Sampson County (Jesse had the largest family), and still another William Durden headed a family in Wayne County. Duplin County lies west of Onslow, Sampson west of Duplin, and Wayne north of Duplin. Cornelius Durdens held a grant of 300 acres in Wayne County in 1782 (Richard Durden had 400 there in 1782), W. Durden had 200 there in 1787, and Richard Durden 75 acres in 1794. In 1800 in Wayne County there were Absilie Durden and Henry, Celia, William, Dempsey, and John Durdine.

In Johnston County, west of Wayne and north of Sampson, lived Judith Durdin in 1790 and Stephen Dorden had grants there in 1794 and 1798 for 62 and 100 acres. (Was Judith the widow of Stephen^4 Darden, Junr. (Stephen^3), of Nansemond Co., Va., of whom nothing is found in Va. records after 1779 when he sold a slave to Elias Darden, son to Stephen's brother, Jacob^4 Darden, decd.?)

There was a Dobbs County, North Carolina, created in 1758 in the vicinity of Wayne, Lenoir, and Jones Counties. John Durdin was born there about 1762 or 1763 and volunteered there in 1778 as a Minuteman, private. He lived after the war in Louisiana and Mississippi. His declaration (S6807) was dated October 15, 1832, in Simpson County, Mississippi. In this County of Dobbs in 1783 W. Durden obtained a grant for 640 acres of land, and in 1790 Wm. Durdin was head of a family there and owned 11 slaves. (Parts of Dobbs became Wayne in 1779, Jones in 1788 and Lenoir in 1791.)

Volumes 16 and 17 of Colonial Records of North Carolina show as Revolutionary soldiers: Benjamin, Cornelius, John, and Mills Durdan.

Mrs. Harriet Jane (Durdin) Hobbs of Hampton, Virginia (b. March 15, 1837), reported in 1904 that the Durdens, of Irish descent, "emigrated from England."
Abram Durden of Bertie County, North Carolina (who had brothers Josiah and Jeremiah or Isiah), had a son, Joseph Durden (ca1803-1863) who married Sarah Watson and had 14 children, all born in Gates County, including Harriet Jane (the reporter) who married James Elbert Hobbs. William Watson Durden, brother of Mrs. Hobbs, had 14 children, including John Riddick Darden. Elisha G. Darden, another brother of Mrs. Hobbs, had 10 children, including Elton Tyler Darden of Atlanta, Georgia, born March 22, 1868. Elton Tyler Darden reported in 1904 that Cornelius Durden of Bertie County was the Durden ancestor, a Revolutionary soldier, who had a son, William, who (served in 1812-14 and) left a family in Bertie County, including William, grandson of Cornelius Durden, who married Sarah ------, and Joseph Durden who married Sarah Watson, etc.
The name "Darden" is not found in the index to plats, 1785 and later (Office of Secy. of State); nor is it found in the 1790 Federal Census.

The name "Darden" does not appear in the indices to land in South Carolina granted to Revolutionary soldiers and others from 1695 to 1776. From 1776 to 1780 the index is missing. From 1790 to 1820 there is found: David Darden, 500a, 1799, Cheraw (V43, 422); James Darden, 304a, 1798, Cheraw (V43, 275). These 2 Dardens appear as heads of families in Chesterfield County of Abbeville District in 1800. David was then aged 26 to 45 and James over 45.
Group V

MIGRATIONS OF DARDENS TO TENNESSEE

Traditions among the Dardens of Tennessee indicate 3 migrations of members of the family from Virginia. Tradition states, and confirmatory evidence from the records in Virginia and in Tennessee indicates, that Jonathan Darden and Holland Darden (both, sons of Holland Darden whose will was proved on March 8, 1792, in Southampton Co., Va.) migrated to Robertson County, Tennessee, about 1794 with some of their sisters.

Their uncle, Carr Darden, and his wife, Susan (Marshall) Darden, were living in North Carolina at about this time, on the Sound, probably east of Tarboro. Carr Darden and his family followed them within a very few years and settled in Robertson County, Tennessee.

It was not until 1816 that Patience (Carr) Darden (aunt to Jonathan and Holland Darden and relict of Jacob Darden), with her young men sons Jesse and James Darden, accompanied her son-in-law, James Carr, and his family to Montgomery County, Tennessee, just west of Robertson County.

Thus (as will be seen by reference to the account of the Dardens in Va.), all of these Dardens and their children, many of whom later spread from Tennessee into several other states, are descendants of Carr Darden and his wife, Ann, of Southampton County, Virginia.

Jonathan Darden (Holland, Carr, Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) had been married about 6 years or more (to his 1st cousin, Esther Darden, dau. of Elisha Darden whose will of Dec. 3, 1788, was provd. on July 9, 1789, in Southampton Co., Va.) when they migrated to Tennessee. Descendants say that he was a tailor and lived for a time in Nashville before he went northwest to the neighborhood of Cedar Hill, west of Springfield, in Robertson County. From Deed Book A, 6, of Robertson County, it is found that Jonathan Darden of Davidson County, Tennessee, for 100 purchased 300 acres on Sulphur Fork from Joseph Barnes on November 14, 1795. The witnesses were John Gardner, Isaac Brown, and Sam Carr.

In January 1798 the inventory of the (personal) estate of Ann Darden (sister to Jonathan) was presented to the court by Jonathan Darden, administrator. An account of the estate of Anny Darden was filed November 4, 1814, presumably by the administrators of Jonathan Darden, her administrator, because an inventory of the personal estate of Jonathan Darden by Anderson Cheatham and Holland Darden, administrators, had been returned to the court in August of 1812. Among the creditors were Jesse Darden, Easter Darden, and John Carr, and the net value of the state was $45.96.

Some, at least, of the lands of Jonathan Darden were divided among the heirs on April 7, 1817. The names of the heirs were Esther Darden, Mary Darden, Anne Darden, and David Darden. On the same day Mary and Anne deeded to James Byrnes, for 106, 31 acres of the old tract belonging to the heirs of Jonathan Darden, deceased. The witnesses were David Darden and Esther Darden.

On October 25, 1833, Emily or Milly Darden of Robertson County, Tennessee, for $55, deeded 20 acres of land on Sulphur Fork, lot No. 2 in the division of lands of Jonathan Darden, deceased. The description mentions lot No. 1 in said division belonging to Lucy Darden.

It would seem that Jonathan Darden and his wife, Esther (Darden) Darden, had at least the following children:

Mary Darden.
Anne Darden.
David Darden; signed a deed to Henry Darden in 1823 and sold a slave for debt in 1837; other deeds 1837, 1838; is reported to have had grandch. who lived in Dallas, Texas, in 1902, including W. B. Myers (see DGA, 87).

Milly Darden.
Lucy Darden, perhaps.
George Darden, has also been reported.

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Holland Darden (Holland, Carr, Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) was born in Virginia in Nansemond or in Southampton County on December 7, 1773. On July 1, 1791 he witnessed a deed from Robert Darden to Wm. Weston, Jr. He married Pattie Lawrence, it is reported, and migrated to Tennessee about 1794 with his brother, Jonathan, and their sisters.

On September 6, 1796, Holland Darden purchased from Joseph Barnes, for £150, a tract of 250 acres in Robertson County, Tennessee, just west and adjoining Jonathan's land. Jonathan Darden witnessed this deed. Holland and Anderson Cheatha were securities for Jonathan Darden as administrator of the estate of his sister Ann Darden, in 1798, and in 1810 they took a mortgage on Jonathan's land, 300 acres, to protect themselves because of non-payment of some of the legacies. They were administrators of the estate of Jonathan Darden in 1812 and filed his inventory in November 1814.

Holland Darden died November 1, 1830, at Cedar Hill, Robertson County, Tennessee. The inventory was signed by Mrs. Martha Darden (Pattie was a nickname for Martha) December 3, 1830, and was recorded in Book 7, 233, of Probate Records. Mrs. Martha Darden seems to have been the relict. (This accords with the report that Holland Darden m. "Patty" Lawrence.)

Mrs. Martin F. Long, Cedar Hill, supplied the birth and death dates from a Bible. She also reported that Hezekiah Darden, son of Holland, was born February 15, 1804, in Robertson County, Tennessee, near Cedar Hill, and died September 2, 1841, near Springfield, Tennessee.

Carr Darden (Carr, Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) was born about 1760, probably in Southampton County, Virginia. He is reported to have lived "on a Sound" in North Carolina and the trading post was Tarboro. Possibly he is the Carr Darden listed in the Virginia tax lists as of Nansemond County, Virginia, in the 1780's and in Northampton County, North Carolina, at the 1790 census. Then he may have moved southward on the waters of Albemarle Sound for a time before his migration to Tennessee, say around 1800.

Meanwhile he married Susan Marshall, it is reported, and had several children before they migrated to Robertson County, Tennessee.

Carr Darden purchased 100 acres of land on Sulphur Fork in Robertson County, apparently at a tax sale on June 4, 1803. The deed from James Menees, sheriff, was dated August 3, 1813. It had been the land of Kerby Vick and lay east of and adjoined the land of his nephew, Jonathan Darden. (Deeds K, 420.)

Carr Darden's will dated September 28, 1825, was probated at February term, 1831 (Robertson Co. Wills F, 338). It names the widow Susanna Darden and sons Henry and Berry Darden, executors; also daughters Margaret Gardner, former wife of Jesse Gardner, Senr., Mary L. Suter, Julia Henly, Martha Parchman, Ann Darden and Susanna Darden.

To Carr Darden and Susanna (Marshall) Darden 11 children were born:

2. Julia Darden.
3. Williamson Darden.
4. Margaret ("Peggy") Darden.
5. Henry Darden, m. Lucinda Darden (2d cousin) and had ch.: Richard Williamson, b. 1821, Mary Jane, Susan Virginia, Martha Wilmouth, and Lucinda Caroline. Family emigrated to Hill Co., Texas. There are several entries in the deed records (Robertson Co., Tenn.) for Henry Darden, 1823 to 1834. The estate of Cindarella Darden, decd., was of record in 1835, and in 1837 a balance was due to 5 minor heirs (names as above). (Probate Records 9, 174; 10, 104.)
10 Berry Darden, b. March 8, 1800, Tenn.; d. June 9, 1879, Cedar Hill, Tenn.; m. Jan. 20, 1828, at Cedar Hill, Mahala H. Byrns, b. March 8, 1809, d. cal1902-03 at Cedar Hill. Berry Darden received the paternal land, 100 acres, subject to support of his mother, Susanna Darden. Twelve ch. were b. to Berry Darden and his wife, Mahala H. (Byrns) Darden: James Carr, Washington, Mary Ann, Williamson, Martha, Thomas Berry, John Henry, Charles Byrns, George Marshall, Richard Ellis, Wesley, and Emily Katherine Darden; all b. near Cedar Hill from 1829 to 1852; lived in several states, including Ky., Mo., and Texas. (For descendants, see DGA, 71-94, and DGI, 180 et seq.) (Richard Ellis Darden, b. Oct. 24, 1847, m. Mary Elena Newton in 1871 and had Grace Darden who m. Hiram Elias Murphey.)

11 Susan Darden,

Patience (Carr) Darden, relict of Jacob Darden (Carr, Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) of Southampton, Virginia, migrated to Montgomery County, Tennessee, in 1816 with her daughter Mary Ann (or Nancy M.) (Darden) Carr, wife of James Carr, who although a young man probably was the leader of this family group. With them went Patience's sons Jesse and James Darden, and they settled near Port Royal. It was not until January 13, 1821, that Patience Darden of Montgomery County, Tennessee, sold to Jesse Parker of Southampton County, Virginia, for $150, the 150 acres that fell to her as dower of the estate of her husband. James Carr witnessed this deed and she acknowledged it on January 14, 1821, in a Tennessee court.

Mr. James Carr died in 1862 at Princeton, Kentucky. The children of James Carr and his wife, Nancy M. (Darden) Carr, were: Malinda, Louisa, Virginia Atkins, James (M.D.; d. Princeton, Ky.), Lucinda D., and Evelin CARR of Port Royal.

Jesse Darden (Jacob, Carr, Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) was born cal1795 or later in Southampton County, Virginia. He migrated with his mother, sister Nancy and her husband, James Carr, and his brother James Darden to Montgomery County, Tennessee, cal1816. His older brother, Carr Darden of Southampton County, seems to have been guardian to Jesse at the time of the migration.

On August 6, 1822, Jesse was of Robertson County, Tennessee, and for $310.87 signed a deed to Jesse Parker of Southampton County, Virginia, for 58½ acres of land there that he had inherited from his father's estate. The deed records in Robertson County show the name Jesse Darden beginning in 1823. He died cal1860 at Turnersville, Tennessee.

Jesse Darden married, 1st, Amelia Polk and had children (DGA, 117):
1 Jacob Thomas Darden, b. Dec. 25, 1826, Robertson Co., Tenn.; d. Jan. 25, 1826, Robertson Co., Tenn.; m. 1st, cal1862 Martha A. Weatherford (3 ch.; DGA, 124; Port Royal, Tenn.). He d. cal1885, Louisville, Ky.
2 Richard Carr Darden, m. 1st, Mary Marshall, Whites Creek, Tenn. (4 ch.; DGA, 114, 124, 136), and, 2d, ------ Green (no ch.). He d. near Adams Sta., Tenn. (cal1890?).
3 Emily A. Darden, m. 1st, Jack E. Turner (1 ch.; Tenn.); m. 2d, ------ Mosely.

Jesse Darden m. 2d, Jane White (d. cal1863, Turnersville, Tenn.) and had children (DGA, 133, 136):
4 Virginia Darden, m. Jas. R. Miles (3 ch.; Turnersville, Tenn., DGA, 136).
5 Jesse Wm. Darden, m. 1st, Lou Gardener (no ch.; Tenn.); m. 2d, Kitty Drake (3 ch.; Tenn.). He d. 3d, ------ Organ.
6 Geo. Washington Darden, m. ------ Gabor (1 ch.; Mo.).
7 James H. Darden; killed 1864 at battle of Griffin, Ga., unm.
8 Gustavus H. Darden, m. 1888 Mary Mullen (no ch.; La Guarde, Tenn.). See DGA, 141, for biography.
9 Rebecca P. Darden, m. Jas. McGlothlin (no ch.; Gleason, Tenn.).
10 Joseph W. Darden, d. cal1873, unm.; Mo.
11 Nannie Darden, m. ------ Parker (Turnersville, Tenn.).
12 Mary Darden, m. N. W. Morgan (Turnersville, Tenn.).
James Darden (Jacob, Carr, Stephen, Jacob, Stephen) was born Mary 4, 1779 in Southampton County, Virginia, and married in May 1821 Lucinda Baker Carr in Tennessee, where he migrated in 1816 with his mother, Patience Darden, his sisters Mrs. Nancy M. (Darden) Carr (wife of James Carr) and his brother Jesse Darden. In 1816 his guardian was his older brother, Carr Darden, who remained in Southampton County, Virginia. Carr Darden's final account, with receipt signed by James for $423.23, was filed in Southampton court March 10, 1821. On January 15, 1821, James was still of Montgomery County, Tennessee, and for $300 he signed a deed to Edwin G. Hart of Southampton County for 75½ acres of land there on Blackwater River that he had inherited from the estate of his father, Jacob Darden, Senr. The name James Darden appears on the deed records of Robertson County, Tennessee, from 1821. He died in 1890 at Turnersville, Tennessee, and his wife, Lucinda, died there in 1891. Their 11 children included:

3. Isabella Hart Darden (Nov. 1833; Aug. 1897); m. E. C. Peacher of Hopkinsville, Ky. (9 ch.; DGA, 134.)
4. James Robert Darden (May 1835; June 1895); d. unm. Turnersville.
5. Jessie Richard Eaton Darden, b. July 30, 1837; m. 1872 Mary Lowe (no ch.), Leaville, Tenn. See DGA, 139, for biography.
6. Wm. H. H. Darden, b. Sept. 11, 1840, d. 1886; m. Mary E. Hughes (3 ch.; DGA, 135), Turnersville.
7. Elizabeth Carr Darden (d. 1896), m. Ruford B. Rozelle (4 ch.; DGA, 135).
Group VI
MIGRATIONS OF DARDENS TO GEORGIA

George Darden (1A2) and his wife, Martha (Burch) Darden, with their children, left Halifax County, Virginia, probably soon after 1771 and they were domiciled in Georgia, probably in Wilkes County (that part later in Elbert Co.), during the Revolutionary War period. An account of this family and descendants is given in PART ONE. The History of Elbert County, Georgia, by John H. McIntosh, erroneously lists this George Darden and some members of his family as close relatives of Jacob6 and William8 Darden; see below.

John5 Darden (John4, John3, Jacob2, Stephen1) of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, migrated with some of his family from Virginia to North Carolina about 1788 or 1789 and thence to Wilkes County, Georgia, according to papers filed in the D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C., by Mrs. Thomas H. Buttrill and Mrs. E. L. Kinnon of Georgia. It is said that John5 lived for a time in Emanuel County, Georgia, but returned to Wilkes County and died there.

Children of John Darden and his wife, Sarah:
1 Jacob6 Darden, b. 1755, eldest son, Revolutionary soldier in Va. and N.C.; m. Millie Hilliard (dau. of Elias) in N.C., and had Zelphia who m. Joshua Rountree, Cynthia who m. Needham Bryant of N.C., Jacob who d. young, Mary, Henry, Hilliard, et al. Jacob was interred in Emanuel Co., Ga.
2 Stephen Darden. (No explanation of this entry. Is there confusion with records of Stephen Darden and wife Ann of Warren Co., Ga.? See below.)
3 Sara Darden, m. Leonard Dekle, son of John Dekle.
4 George Darden. (It is very likely that this entry is a result of record evidence in Wilkes Co., Ga., left by George Darden (1A2). See above; also PART ONE, Generation II.)
5 John6 Darden, Jr., m. April 9, 1788, Elizabeth Holland; lived and d. in Isle of Wight Co., Va. For an account of the origins of this family, see Early Dardens in Virginia, above.
6 William6 Darden, b. 1775, d. 1850; m. Mary Dekle, b. S.C. 1783 or 1784, d. 1885, Emanuel Co., Ga.

Mary Dekle is said to have been the dau. of Moreland Delke or Dekle of Isle of Wight Co., Va.; also reported as dau. of John Dekle of Hanover, Germany. Their son, Dennis Darden, b. Ga. May 5, 1802, m. 1824 Phoebe Dillard, dau. of Samson Dillard and granddau. of Capt. Thomas Dillard of Pittsylvania Co., Va. The 1850 census of Emanuel Co., Ga., shows Mary Darden 67, b. S.C., with Lucretia 34, b. Ga., Malinda 14, b. Ga., and James Darden 7, b. Ga. A granddau. of Dennis Darden was Mrs. Ruby Durden Buttrill of Jackson, Ga., whose account of the Durden Family appeared in the Sunday American of Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 1, 1931. According to a different version of this family (certainly not entirely correct in respect to the assigned ancestry) as given on p. 412 of Hist. of Elbert Co., Ga., by John H. McIntosh, William (b. 1736;!) and Mary (Dekle) Darden had also (besides Dennis who m. Phoebe Dillard): Ellis Darden, m. Mary Barwick; Simeon Darden, m. Eliza Barwick; Lucinda Darden, m. Manning Roundtree; Ebenezer Darden, m. 1st, Roxie Roundtree, and, 2d, Mrs. Lythia (Bryant) Boatwright; and Mary Darden, m. James Dillard.

James Madison Darden and his wife, Drucilla (Burch) Darden, or some of their children, are said to have migrated from Bedford Co., Va., to Ga. Some Dardens of Monroe Co., Ga., claim descent from this couple. Mention of these Dardens is made in PART ONE where it is suggested as possible that such a James Darden may have been a younger brother to George Darden (1A2) above mentioned and thus a son of George Darden (1A1) and his wife Anne of Brunswick.
Co., Va. It is stated that James Madison Darden and Drucilla (Burch) Darden had the following ch.:

1. John Burch Darden, b. 1771; m. Elizabeth Harper. (Does this listing result from confusion with (2A3) John Darden? See PART ONE.)
2. George Darden, b. 1773. To Miss. (Confusion with (1A3) George Darden who went to Ala.? See PART ONE.)
5. Daniel Darden, b. 1778.
6. Moses Darden, b. 1780. (Can this refer to Moses of Williams Creek in Warren Co.? See below.)

William ("Buck") Darden and Lucy Lockett (or Lucy Lockett-Stone as sometimes stated) had:

1. Uriah Darden, b. cal1816; Mexican War soldier, d. cal1843.
3. William Franklin Darden, b. July 20, 1820, d. March 20, 1900; m. 1844 Catherine ("Kitty") Ogletree Phinezee. See below.
5. Mary Pride Darden, b. cal1827, d. Feb. 8, 1865; m. cal1850 Pleas Cuthbert Collier (1820-1885); lived at Haynesville, La. (8 ch.; DGA, 27.)
10. Ausborn Darden.

William Franklin Darden (William), born July 20, 1820, died March 20, 1900, married in 1844 Catherine ("Kitty") Ogletree Phinezee (1824-1893), daughter of Hiram Phinezee, was tax receiver of Monroe County for many years. Their children were:

2. Sarah Darden (1849-1910), m., 1st, Anderson Burt (3 ch.); m., 2d, 1876 Geo. H. Worthington (1832-1900) and had dau. Evvie Worthington who m. Robert Wheaton of Griffin, Ga. (D.A.R. No. 131893.)
3. William Hiram Darden, m. cal1867 Mary E. Sutton and had 12 ch., including Birdie; Thomas Wilbur; Benjamin Franklin of Atlanta (b. Oct. 7, 1869) who gave information; John Jacob Astor; Walter Robert; George Washington; Madison Lee; Aytch; Kittie; Andrew Jackson; and Grover Cleveland Darden; all b. near Unionville, Ga. (DGA, 37.)

John Holland Darden (William), born in 1822, married Mary Elizabeth Reeves, born in August 1829 in Monroe County, Georgia, and died March 19, 1884, near Haynesville, Louisiana. Their children were:

2. William Frederick Darden, b. April 15, 1851, d. July 3, 1891, unm.
3. John Henry Darden, b. 1853, d.y.
4. George Edmond Darden, d. cal1862.
Henry Gray Darden, d.y.

Frank Monroe Darden, b. July 3, 1861, Claiborne Parish, La.; m. Oct. 1, 1895, Effie Eveline Hollis, b. Dec. 12, 1874, at Austin, Texas. No ch. (Supplied information to Compiler, April 25, 1903; DGA, 22.)

Lucy Holland Darden, b. April 20, 1865; m. Chas. R. Hutcheson of Magnolia, Ark. (3 ch.)

Rebecca Gray Darden, b. May 1866; d.y.

A. Monroe Darden (William) was born January 1, 1838, and died March 9, 1899, in Cleburne, Texas. He married, ca. 1855, Martha Jane ("Mattie") (Duke) Darden. Their children were:

1. Ula G. Darden, b. Aug. 27, 1854, Pike Co.; m. Z. T. Lesueur. Living, Cleburne, Texas, 1899; 7 ch. (DGA, 33.)
2. Lou Ella Darden, b. 1856, d. 1862.
3. Nannie Lockett Darden, b. April 17, 1858; m.; living, Cleburne, 1899.

The Editor has tried and failed to find record evidence concerning James Madison Darden and Dru-cilla (Burch) Darden in the census, deed, and probate records of Bedford County, Virginia. There is, however, on record in Wilkes County, Georgia (Deeds MM, 264), a deed of October 11, 1794, from James Darden to Stephen Heard for 50 acres, part of a tract in Wilkes County, conveyed to said James Darden by Samuel Gilmore on August 31, 1790, when James Darden (8A5), son of George Darden (1A2), was only 16 years of age according to the Compiler. N. J. Darden, or even younger according to a letter of 1904 from Mrs. Annie M. Wall of Augusta. Certainly, there are enough land transactions in the Georgia records for both John Darden (2A3) (ca. 1764-1811) and the reported John Burch Darden, born 1771 to James Madison Darden. It appears that much search and study would be necessary in order to establish and distinguish between such Johns, because each is said to have married an Elizabeth Harper.

All accounts seem to agree that the John Darden who removed from Wilkes to Jasper County and died in 1811 was the father of Bedford Harper Darden, and the probate records in Jefferson County, Mississippi, show that Bedford H. Darden represented the heirs of John Darden (2A3) when the estate of Richard Darden (9A3) was settled in 1827. Consequently, John Darden who died in 1811 was the son of George Darden (1A2).

Only one claimant to descent from John Burch Darden (reported b. 1771 of James and Drucilla Darden) has been noticed by the Editor; namely, the Confederate veteran, Captain E. Burch Darden, of Wilner, Georgia (in Lamar Co., just west of Monroe Co.), whose letter on the Darden Family was printed in The Times Dispatch of Richmond, Virginia, on May 6, 1906. Captain Darden stated that his grandfather was John Darden who married Elizabeth Harper at Ruckersville, Elbert County, Georgia, and identified this John as son of James Madison Darden. He then describes John Darden (2B3-2A3), son of George Darden (1A2) and Martha (Burch) Darden (see Branch B in PART TWO) and thus was in error concerning his great grandfather Darden.

An important document relating to this discussion is the deed to Bedford Harper of Elbert County, Georgia, recorded March 27, 1817, in Book Q, 37, in Elbert County, dated November 11, 1814, for "our proportionable parts of a certain tract or parcel of land (given to us by Edward Harper of said state and county by deed of Gift)" on Vans Creek, 400 acres. This was signed by Elizabeth Darden of Jasper County (by Wm. Head, her attorney in fact), Ransom Worrill of Wilkinson County, and Mary Jones, Lucy Howard, James Hamilton, and Drucilla Harper of Elbert County.

Mrs. Wm. E. Watkins of Jackson, Georgia, writes in 1938 that she has established the parentage of Elizabeth (Harper) Darden (wife of John Darden (2A3)) as Edward and Anne (Rucker) Harper. (In view of Elizabeth's son and grandson named Edmond, it seems possible that her father's name was Edmond but misread or erroneously recorded in the deed of 1814.) It appears then from the deed of 1814 that Elizabeth Harper who married John Darden (2A3) may have had sisters -------- Worriill, Mary Jones, Lucy Howard, -------- Hamilton, and Drucilla Harper (um. in 1814). Elizabeth's son, Bedford T. Darden, was at that time about 17 years of age. Possibly the Harper girls sold their interests in the 400 acres to a brother, Bedford Harper. (The name Lucy Howard appears as a witness on Feb. 2, 1811, when John Darden and his wife, Elizabeth, sold their homestead in Wilkes County immediately before his death in March.) At face value, then, it would appear that each of 2 John Dardens of Georgia had a mother whose maiden name was Burch and each married an Elizabeth Harper. Elizabeth Harper, wife of the older John Darden, had a sister who married a Ransom Worrill and also had another sister, Drucilla Harper. The younger John (Burch) Darden had a sister named Drucilla Darden who married a Ransom Worrill. Furthermore, each John Darden had a brother, George Darden.
If James Madison Darden (1748-1820) was an untraced younger brother of George Darden (1A2) and if Drucilla (Burch) Darden (1756-1843), wife of James, was indeed a first cousin to Martha (Burch) Darden, wife of George Darden (1A2) (see the Burch Ancestry, Section 2, Line III, PART THREE), it is understandable that names should be duplicated in the families of James Madison Darden and George Darden (1A2) because John (Burch) Darden, born 1771, and John Darden, born 1764, would be paternal first cousins and maternal second cousins. As reported, they not only marry wives having identical names (Elizabeth Harper), but one of the wives has a sister Drucilla Harper; and then 2 men named Ransom Worrill appear, one to marry Drucilla Darden, a sister to the younger John (Burch) Darden, and the other to marry Drucilla Harper, a sister to Drucilla Harper and sister-in-law to the other and older John Darden. Incidentally, the older John Darden (2A3) had a brother Buckner Darden (7A3) who married Maria Harper (dau. Jesse) and had a son Buckner Madison Darden and a daughter Drucilla C. Darden. (See Branch D in PART TWO.) (The Editor regrets that he cannot further investigate such interesting interrelationships. If verified, they might merit more publicity. At best it appears, however, that considerable confusion may exist.)

Dardens of Williams Creek

The principal settlement of Dardens in Georgia, however, was made on Williams Creek in Warren County, at least as early as 1793 and probably several years earlier. The name Stephen Darden is said to be found in Captain Alexander's list of 1785, Wilkes County, Georgia, with 3 polls and 4 slaves but no land. It has been surmised that this is the same man named Stephen Darden who was paid £18 Virginia currency in Hillsboro District, North Carolina, in 1783-84, and possibly identical with Stephen Darden of Nansemond County, Virginia, listed there with 4 whites and 8 blacks in 1783 and 5 whites in 1784. Warren County, Georgia, was created in 1793 and the Wilkes County entry, above mentioned, could cover a man living on Williams Creek. Certain it is that in Blair’s Tax Digest of Georgia, Jacob, Moses, Elisha, and Josiah Darden are listed in Captain Campbell’s District of Wilkes County in 1793 (locality not given), and in 1794 they are found in the same Captain’s District with almost identical descriptions of polls, slaves, lane and neighbors for the 2 listings; and in the 1794 listing both Jacob and Moses are specified as living on Williams Creek in Warren County. The name Jethro Darden also appears as of Williams Creek in 1805.

Why Stephen Darden’s name is not found in Blair’s lists for 1793 is an interesting question. A sale of land in 1794 from Solomon Lockett to Stephen Darden is said to be of record in either Warren or Wilkes County. Next, in 1794, in Captain Campbell’s District, is a listing of 200 acres in the name of Jacob Darden, trustee for Stephen Darden, and the neighbors mentioned were Cary and Hill. Since Jacob Darden also had a neighbor named Hill on Williams Creek in 1794, it is likely that the land in trust for Stephen was also on Williams Creek. Then on March 3, 1795, Stephen Darden of Washington County (southwest of Warren) sold land in Warren County on Williams Creek to Ignatius Few of Columbia County. (Warren Co. Deeds D, 89.)

It is here assumed that Stephen Darden of record in Georgia as above cited, was a grandson of Stephen Darden and his wife, Elizabeth (Carr) Darden of Virginia. This couple had sons Stephen (probably), Jacob, Carr, Moses, Jethro, Robert, and Elisha (possibly), who were of age about 1750 or earlier. Of these, only Carr and Robert seem fairly well accounted for, either from records in Virginia or from reports given by their descendants. It is possible that either Stephen, Jacob, Moses, Jethro, or Elisha Darden, or several of them, went to North Carolina and later to Georgia at the close of the Revolutionary War. It seems likely, however, that most of them would have been somewhat old for the men of like names who settled on Williams Creek in Warren County and lived until 1806, 1809, 1818, and later. Stephen, the first of that name of record in Georgia, who died ca. 1809, left minor children and his older children had married ca. 1800. Moses Darden’s name does not appear at the time of Stephen’s death in 1809 when Jethro Darden, Sr., and Nancy Darden were administrators. It is possible that he died before July 1806 when the names Willis and Moses Darden appear on the Guardian's Docket Book A of Warren County.

Some descendants of Stephen Darden of Georgia state that Stephen, Jacob, Moses, Jethro, and Elisha (and others) were brothers. It is not possible from the data
at hand to say whether Jethro, Moses, or Stephen of Virginia is the more probable father of these brothers who settled on Williams Creek in Warren County, Georgia.

**Stephen Darden of Williams Creek, Warren County, Georgia**

Descendants of Stephen Darden give his birth as 1750 and state that he married Ann who was born ca. 1760. Why was Jacob Darden listed as trustee for Stephen in connection with 200 acres in Captain Campbell's District in 1794? Certainly not because Stephen was under age, and there is no record indicating a Stephen Junior. Was it because of Stephen's residence in Washington County (as shown by his deed of March 3, 1795, to Few)?

Possibly the land sold by Stephen Darden to Few in 1795 was that which Stephen purchased from Solomon Lockett in 1794. In 1805 Stephen Darden is listed for 1 poll, 6 slaves, and 200 acres on Williams Creek (neighbor Harris) in the District of Captain E. Baker. Also listed in that District are Stephen's sons Micajah Darden, 1 poll, 3 slaves, and 129 acres, and (Jesse Davidson for) Zachh. Darden for 1 poll and no land.

On May 4, 1809, Nancy Darden (i.e. Ann) and Jethro Darden, Senr., were administrators of Stephen Darden, deceased, and Jacob and William Darden were securities. In July of 1809 there was some entry in the Guardian's Docket Book concerning Jethro Darden (son of Stephen). On May 7, 1810, Ann Darden, widow of Stephen Darden chose her "thirds" as dower. In Estate Book B, 24, the return of the estate of Stephen Darden, deceased, was made in 1811 by Ann Darden and Jethro Darden, Jr., administrators, and a payment to Dr. Weatherby was recorded. (Did Jethro, Jr., become of age and get appointed to replace Jethro, Sr., about 1810?) The return for 1812 shows items for the boarding of Zachariah, Nicholas, and Moses, children of the deceased. Matilda Clower, a legatee, was mentioned; the account of William Darden, Senior, was paid; and the slaves had been hired to Jethro and Micajah Darden (both probably sons of Stephen).

In the same Book B, 57, is recorded the division of the estate to Ann Darden; Zachariah, Nicholas, Jethro, Micajah, and Moses Darden; John Chaffin, Matilda Clower, and Joseph Johnson. On May 3, 1813, Ann Darden, widow, was appointed guardian of Nicholas and Moses Darden, and Matilda Clower, minors and orphans of Stephen Darden, deceased, and of Jacob Clower. Moses and Jethro Darden were security for Ann. (Guardian's Docket A, 87.)

It is reported that Stephen Darden was buried near Williams Creek Baptist Church of which he was a deacon and clerk.

The children of Stephen Darden and his wife Ann were:

1. Micajah Darden, b. ca. 1780, m. Disey Darden Nov. 10, 1800; listed in Capt. E. Baker's District in 1805 with 1 poll, 3 slaves, and 129 acres on Williams Creek, with neighbor named Chapman. In 1811 he had 1 poll, 4 slaves, and 129 acres and a neighbor Rogers.

2. Zachariah Darden. In 1805 Jesse Davidson was listed in Capt. E. Baker's District with 1 poll, 1 slave, and 298 acres. His neighbor was Dewberry. Jesse Davidson was also listed with 1 poll for Zachh. Darden. Zachariah was next mentioned in 1812 when a return for the estate of Stephen Darden includes an item for payment of his board. In 1818 Zachariah was listed in Capt. Grier's District with 1 poll, 2 slaves, and 200 acres on Beaverdam Creek, with neighbor Dewberry. Another listing in 1818 in Capt. Roger's District was Joseph Johnson for Zachariah Darden, Jr., on Redlick Creek, 1 poll, 1 slave, and 210 acres. Zachariah Darden m. ca. 1817 Nancy Ellington of Crawfordsville, Taliaferro Co., Ga., and had David Ellington (1818-1873), Moses (1820-1886), Jesse E., Wm. B. (1828-1885), Cynthia, Martha, America, and Elizabeth Darden, all b. near Raytown, Taliaferro Co. See p. 222, Davidson's Early Records of Ga., Vol. 2. See also will of David E. Darden, 1873-4 (Wills B, 68, Taliaferro Co.). (For descendants, see DGA, 4 et seq.) (Eugene E. Darden (David Ellington) of Atlanta, and Dr. Noel M. Darden (Moses) of Warren Co., gave information to the Compiler in 1904.)
Sally Darden, b. cal1782, m. Dec. 7, 1800, Jacob Clower and had at least a dau. Matilda Clower, an orphan and a minor for whom her grandmother, Ann Darden, widow, was appointed guardian on May 3, 1813. Matilda Clower m. David Darden (Jacob) on Dec. 23, 1819.

Clotilda ("Dicey") Darden, m. Dec. 15, 1806, John Chafin.

Mary ("Polly") Darden, m. Jan. 6, 1809, Joseph M. Johnson, who was listed in Capt. Roger's District in 1818 with 1 poll, 7 slaves, and 265 acres on Redlick Creek.

Jethro Darden, Jr., is named in 1811 as an administrator of his father's estate, with his mother Ann Darden, but in July 1809 some guardian action concerning him had been cited. Possibly he became of age cal1810. He m. Eady Darden May 9, 1815 (and among those present was Abner Darden who was probably a son of Jacob Darden). In 1818 he is listed in Capt. Grier's company "for Ann Darden", no poll, 2 slaves, and 200 acres on Williams Creek, with neighbor Harris (which accords with the listing for Stephen Darden in 1805). At this same time he is listed "for Moses Darden, minor," no poll, 1 slave, and no land. Also that year, in Capt. Roger's District, Joseph Johnson is entered "for Jethro Darden, Jr.," 1 poll, 5 slaves, and 159 acres on Williams Creek, with neighbor Bailey.

Nicholas Darden was mentioned in 1812 when a return of the estate of Stephen Darden included an item for payment of his board. He was also included among the legatees of the estate. In 1813, on May 3, Nicholas was still a minor and Ann Darden, widow, was appointed his guardian.


Moses Darden (son of Stephen and Ann) who was born August 31, 1800, in Warren County, Georgia, and died April 19, 1881, near Opelika, Alabama, was married on July 13, 1820, in Warren County, 1st, to Nancy Wynne who was born in 1800 and died in 1830 in Warrenton. To this couple was born at least 1 child, Uriah Addison Darden, born September 23, 1825, in Warren County, Georgia, who married March 1C 1847, Mary Logan (b. March 6, 1829, in Coosa Co., Ala., dau. of Alex. Hamilton Logan) and had Frank Darden, born cal1849; John A. Darden, born cal1851 (father of State Senator John A. Darden of Goodwater, Ala.); William Stephens Darden, born 1853; Martha Jane Darden, born December 13, 1855; Mary Eliza Darden, born 1857; Nannie E. Darden, born 1859; Sarah Virginia Darden, born 1866; Annie Belle Darden, born 1868; Addison Darden, born 1870; and Joseph Hubbard Darden, born cal1872.

Moses Darden married, 2d, June 19, 1834, Elizabeth, daughter of Theophilas and Celia (DeVane) Stephens. Elizabeth was born October 6, 1810, and died May 14, 1899. The children of Moses and Elizabeth (Stephens) Darden were: Marion Darden, born cal1835; Thomas Darden, born cal1837 in Woods County, Texas; Dock Darden, born cal1840 in Woods County; James Madison Darden, born cal1842 in Woods County; Stephen Darden, born cal1845; Virginia Darden, born cal1847, married ------ Leonard; Mary Darden, born cal1848, married John Short; Hubbard Darden, born August 5, 1841; and Jennie Darden, born cal1852, married Charlie Culpepper.

Hubbard Darden (son of Moses and Elizabeth Darden) married in 1875 Martha Jane Darden, daughter of Uriah Addison Darden of Rockford, Alabama, and lived at Rome and at Kingston, Georgia. Hubbard Darden died August 30, 1903, and his wife on April 9, 1930. To Hubbard and Martha Jane Darden were born: Martha Belle Darden, born 1877; Walton Marcellus Darden, born 1879; Mary Virginia Darden, born 1881; Leila May Darden, born 1884 (a genealogist of Kingston, Ga., actively interested in the Darden family history); Hubbard Stephen Darden, born 1887; and Moses Darden, born 1894.

Jacob Darden of Williams Creek, Warren County, Georgia

Jacob Darden was listed in 1793 in Captain Campbell's District in Wilkes County, Georgia, with 1 poll, 8 slaves, and 2 tracts of land. For one of the tracts, 30 acres, his neighbor was Hill. And for the other of 100 acres, his neighbor was
Baker. This land was doubtless on Williams Creek and the listing made just before Warren County was organized. In 1794 he was listed in the same Captain Campbell's District with 1 poll, 8 slaves, and with almost the same land (300-acre tract reduced to 270), and it was located on Williams Creek with neighbors Hill, Rogers, and Baker.

In 1805, Jacob Darden was in Captain E. Baker's District with 1 poll, 19 slaves, 300 acres on Williams Creek (neighbor Hill), and 183 acres on Whites Creek (neighbor Hardin). He bought slaves of William Slatter on March 1, 1808; and with William Darden (perhaps a nephew) he was security on May 4, 1809, for Nancy Darden and Jethro Darden, Senr., administrators of the estate of Stephen Darden, deceased.

Jacob Darden died in or before 1818, as is shown on page 154 of Estate Book B. Abner and David Darden were administrators of the estate of Jacob Darden, deceased, and the returns for 1818 show that the doctor's bill was paid. John Harris was security and slaves were deeded to Harris in trust as shown by a bill-of-sale recorded in Monroe County July 30, 1827. The returns for 1819 (p. 163) show cash paid to William Darden and Willis Darden (both probably sons to Moses Darden) and to Irby Dewberry. (Irby Dewberry was in Capt. E. Baker's District in Warren Co. in 1805; 1 poll, 6 slaves, and 200 acres on Williams Creek. In 1818, however, William Darden was listed for 1 poll, 3 slaves, and 450 acres as executor of the estate of Irby Dewberry on Williams Creek and Beaverdam Creek.)

Jacob Darden probably had at least the following children:

1 Abner Darden, an administrator in 1818 of his father's estate, was listed in 1818 in Capt. Grier's District for 1 poll, 13 slaves, and 300 acres on Williams Creek, with neighbor Rogers. He m. Temperance Hill on Feb. 22, 1821.

2 David Darden, an administrator in 1818 of his father's estate, was listed in 1818 in Capt. Grier's District for 1 poll and 3 slaves but no land. He m. Matilda Clower on Dec. 23, 1819. She was dau. of Jacob Clower and Sally (Darden) Clower and granddau. of Stephen and Ann Darden of Williams Creek. In Monroe Co., Ga., in Deeds C, 114, there is recorded a deed dated Jan. 17, 1822, from David Darden of Warren Co. to Valentine Nash for 202½ acres in Monroe Co.

3 Eady Darden who m. Jethro Darden, Jr. (son of Stephen and Ann Darden) on May 9, 1815, with Abner Darden present.

Moses Darden of Williams Creek, Warren County, Georgia

In the 1793 list of Captain Campbell's District of Wilkes County, Georgia, Moses Darden was listed for 1 poll, 3 slaves, and 100 acres on Williams Creek, with neighbor Baker. In 1794 he is on Captain Campbell's list in Warren County for the same slaves and land which was then described as on Williams Creek. His neighbors were John Baker and George Harris. Moses Darden bought land from the tax collector of Warren County in 1798.

In 1805 Moses Darden, 1 poll, 10 slaves, still lived on 200 acres on Williams Creek with neighbor Baker in Captain E. Baker's District.

It seems possible that Moses Darden died in or before 1806 when, in July, in the Guardian's Docket Book there is an entry concerning Willis and Moses Darden, who may have been sons of Moses Darden of Williams Creek. This idea accords with the absence of the name of Moses Darden in connection with the death of his brother Stephen in 1809 when Jethro Darden, Sr., was an administrator and Jacob Darden, security.

It is likely that Moses Darden of Williams Creek had the following children:

1 William Darden. In 1805 he was listed in Capt. E. Baker's District for 1 poll but no slaves or land. He m. Polly Dewberry on Jan. 20, 1806. He was security for Nancy Darden and Jethro Darden, Sr., administrators of the estate of Stephen Darden, dec'd., on May 4, 1809. In 1818 William Darden was listed in Capt. Grier's District, 1 poll, 12 slaves, and 222 acres on Hardin's Creek, with neighbor McFarlin. He was also listed in 1818 as executor of the estate of Irby Dewberry, dec'd., 1 poll, 3 slaves, and 450 acres on Beaverdam Creek, with neighbor Cooksey. This William Darden lived in Double Wells, Taliaferro Co. His will was dated Jan. 2, 1839, and payd. June 6, 1842. (Book A,
166.) No wife is mentioned in 1839. As evidenced by the will, he (and probably his wife Polly) had ch:  
(1) Lucinda Darden, m. Benjamin F. Nunnelea.  
(2) Abner Darden, b. Jan. 19, 1812, d. 1877; m. Nancy Morris (Feb. 22, 1811-cal891) and had 6 ch., including Marion Louisa Darden, b. 1832, who m. William Abram Love and had 9 ch., including Dr. Thomas Darden Love (b. 1861) of Atlanta, Ga. (DGA, 18-20.)  
(3) Caroline Darden, m. Henry H. Kirkland.  
(4) Elizabeth Ann Darden, m. William A. Morris.  
(5) William F. Darden; d. in Polk Co., Ga., 1870-80.  
(6) Thomas Darden; d.y.  
(7) Mary Ann Darden; m. Absalom Gresham.  

On October 6, 1846, Abner Darden and William F. Darden, executors of the estate of William Darden, deceased, sold to Martha Griffin 450 acres, lying partly in Warren County and partly in Talliaferro County, on the waters of Beaverdam and Hardens Creeks, being the place whereon William Darden formerly resided.  

Willis Darden. In 1805 he was listed in Capt. E. Baker's District for 1 poll but no slaves or land. He may have been a minor and orphan, however, because there is an entry in the Guardian's Docket in July 1806 concerning him. In 1818 in Capt. Roger's District, he is listed for 1 poll, 5 slaves, and 362 acres on Redlick Creek, with neighbor Wynn, etc.  

Moses Darden. He may have been a minor and orphan in 1806 when, in July, an entry concerning him appears in the Guardian's Docket. On May 3, 1813, with Jethro Darden, he was security for Ann Darden, widow, guardian to the minors and orphans of Stephen Darden and of Jacob Clower. On Nov. 6, 1815, with Jacob Darden, Moses Darden was security for John Flinn of Jones Co., guardian of Thos. Flinn, Jr. In 1818 Moses Darden was listed in Capt. Grier's District, 1 poll, 12 slaves, and 200 acres on Williams Creek, with neighbor Harris, etc. The records of Monroe Co. (Deeds E, 107) show that Willis and Micajah Darden of Warren Co. sold to John Baxter on Dec. 20, 1827, 202# acres and signed the deed as "Manager of the estate of Moses Darden, decd."  

Jesse Darden is listed in 1818 in Capt. Grier's District, between entries for Moses Darden and for William Darden, for 1 poll but no slaves and no land. (The same entry appears with that of Miles Darden for the same year in Capt. William's District as a defaulter.) Is this the Jesse Darden whose will dated June 5, 1855, was pvd. June 9, 1856 by the executor, David E. Darden, who was named as "his relative"? No legitimate ch. were mentioned.  

Micajah Darden, who with Willis Darden signed deed of Dec. 20, 1827, as "Manager of the Estate of Moses Darden, decd." (Was Micajah a son to Moses Darden, Jr., rather than a brother?)  

Jethro Darden, Sr., of Williams Creek, Warren County, Georgia  

Jethro Darden of Williams Creek, Georgia, is said to have married, 1st, Sarah, daughter of Peter Perkins, cal790, and to have married, 2d, Ellender ------. (Was he the "Jet Darden" in Hertford County, N.C., at the 1790 Census?)  

The first record of Jethro in Georgia seems to be in Warren County, on William Creek, in 1805. There he appears on Captain E. Baker's list, no poll, 3 slaves, and 246 acres, with neighbor Few. On May 4, 1809, with Nancy Darden, he was administrator of the estate of Stephen Darden. In Deed Book D, 351, is recorded deed from John Fontaine for 712 acres in Warren County bought by his father, Thomas Fontaine, from Ignatius Few and Jethro Darden. In 1818 Jethro is listed in Captain Parkam's District, still without a poll but with 4 slaves and 438 acres on Williams Creek, and his neighbor was Alexander. On the same list his name appears as administrator of the estate of William White, deceased, for 1 slave; also for Wilson Darden, 1 poll.  

In Estate Book B, 229, is an account of Jethro Darden, administrator of the
estate of Sarah Perkins, deceased, showing an item "To Jethro Darden for boarding
said decedent and her horse from January to April 1819, $60."

The undated will of Jethro Darden (signed Jet Darden), probated July 3, 1837,
is recorded in Wills A, 110, Monroe County, Georgia. It names his wife, Ellender
Darden, and the following who are probably his children (although only Lucetta is
specifically so designated):

Lucetta Ponder, Wilson Darden (executor), Stephen Darden (executor),
Elizabeth Winn, Mary Rhodes, Ann Darden, and John Weaver Darden. He
names as grandch.: George W. Darden, Mary Ann Darden, Rebecca Jane Dar¬
den, Martha Elizabeth Darden, Jonathan Darden, and Madison Darden, ch. of
Jonathan Darden, decd.; likewise, Nancy Henson, Eliza Hill, Frances Hill,
of James Hill.

The following chart of the descendants of Jethro Darden is based on his will;
also on entries in the Compendium of American Genealogy, Volume 6, page 139.

Children of Jethro Darden and his wife, Ellender Darden, were:

1. Lucesta, m. Ponder, perhaps Daniel Ponder (brother to Silas Ponder)
who moved to Monroe Co. cal823. Their ch. are said to have removed
to La.

2. Wilson Darden, m. Frances ------- and had at least Elender Darden and
Ann Darden.

3. Stephen Darden. His will dated Dec. 16, 1844, probated Jan. 13, 1844,
in Monroe Co. (Wills A, 227), names wife, Frances, who was to receive
property for life; nephew John H.W. Darden, one-third thereafter; El¬
lender Darden and Ann Darden, ch. of Wilson and Frances Darden, one¬
third; and Elizur Wynn and William Wynn, ch. of Lemuel and Ann Wynn,
were to receive one-third. Robertson Fambrough was named executor.

4. Elizabeth Darden, m. Irby Wynne on March 4, 1823. She was named in
her father's will.

5. Mary Darden, m. ------- Rhodes and was so named in her father's will.

6. Ann Darden, m. Lemuel Wynn and had at least Elizur Wynn and William
Wynn, as named in the will of their uncle, Stephen Darden, on Dec. 16,
1844.

7. John Weaver Darden, who had at least a son, John H.W. Darden, as named
in the will of his uncle, Stephen Darden, on Dec. 16, 1844.

8. Martha Darden, m. James Hill on Dec. 28, 1815, and may have d. ante
July 30, 1824, when James Hill m. Sarah Darden. Martha was not living
when her father in his will named her ch. Nancy Henson, Eliza Hill,
Frances Hill, Mary Ann Hill, and William Hill (as ch. of James Hill).

9. Jonathan Darden was b. March 20, 1795, and m. on Jan. 31, 1822,
Martha ("Patsy") Stone who was b. March 4, 1796. Jonathan's death is
reported as in July 1836. They had the following ch., all of whom
are named in May 1845 when William Stone was appointed their guardian
(Minutes of Inferior Court, 39): Madison Darden, George Washington
Darden (1824-1868), Mary Ann Darden, Rebecca Jane Darden, Martha
Elizabeth Darden, and Jonathan Darden. (The Compendium of Amer. Gen.
6, 139, lists the Jonathan who m. Martha Stone as a son of Jethro
Darden of Nansemond Co., Va.)

George Washington Darden (d. 1868) was father of Dr. Horace
Darden, b. Jan. 11, 1858, who was father of Mrs. Estelle
(Darden) Bell of Sandvsville, Ga.

Martha Elizabeth Darden, m. 1852 William Fleming (1817-1900)
(Compendium of Amer. Gen. 6, 139) from whom descend Mrs. J.R.O.
Smith of Bartow, Ga., and Mrs. J.F. Seebach, Jr., of New York
City.

Elisha Darden of Williams Creek, Warren County Georgia

Miss Leila Darden of Kingston, Georgia, when speaking of visits by her father
(1849) to his aged mother (b. 1810), says " ... our gr. gr. uncle Elisha
Darden's advanced age of 96 and almost blindness leaving the most lasting impres-
sion on my recollections." The date of Elisha's death is unknown, but he was-
living in 1818, and this suggests that he may indeed have been Elisha4, a possi-
ble son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Carr) Darden of Nansemond County, Virginia.
Elisha4 was a witness there in 1743, Insoign of Militia in Northampton County,
North Carolina, in 1748, and listed in 1790 census of Hertford County, North Car-
olina (where Jet Darden also was listed). (It must be remembered that the sons
of Stephen3 Darden of Nansemond included Jacob4, Moses4, Jethro4, possibly
Elisha4, and probably Stephen4, and the Va. records are silent concerning the
later years of all of these.)

Elisha Darden was listed in Captain Campbell's District of Wilkes County,
Georgia, in 1793, for 1 poll but no slaves and no land. In 1794 he is likewise
listed in the same Captain's District, then in Warren County. In 1805, in Cap-
tain E. Baker's District, his listing is for 1 poll, no slaves but 85 acres on
Williams Creek, with neighbor Rogers. In 1818 he is still on Williams Creek in
Captain Grier's District, with 85 acres, 1 or 2 slaves, and neighbor Darden. He
is still assessed for 1 poll. (Would a very old man be assessed for 1 poll? Or
was the old man living with a son named Elisha?) An interesting and unusual ite-
of this last record of Elisha Darden is an assessment for 2 pleasure wheels, which
indicates that he owned a gig or light carriage.

Elisha Darden of Williams Creek may have been father or grandfather to the
Elisha Darden who is listed in 1805 in Captain James Wilson's District for 1 pol-
and 300 acres on Sweetwater. This second Elisha is probably the Elisha Darden re-
ported (DGA 39, 47, 54) to have married ------ Weaver and died in Monroe County
leaving children:

1. Green Darden, m. Luroney Darden May 24, 1826, and had son John Weaver
Darden.


3. Henry Weaver Darden, m. Martha (Chambliss) Simms, or (Simms) Cham-
bliss, and had Sarah Elizabeth Darden (DGA 48); Boliver Green Darden,
d.y.; James Roambus Darden, b. June 2, 1834, lived Milford, Texas
(DGA 44, 49); Louisa Weaver Darden, b. 1836 (DGA 49); Martha Ann
Darden, d. July 1892 (DGA 50); Lucinda Warren Darden, d.y.; William
Henry Darden, b. July 8, 1845, lived Meridian, Texas (DGA 42); and
Palmyra Love Darden (DGA 50).


Elisha Darden of Williams Creek may possibly have been father to the Josiah
Darden who is listed in Captain Campbell's District of Wilkes County, Georgia, i
1793 for 1 poll, 1 slave, and 287½ acres on Green Creek (or in Green Co.?), with
neighbor Walker. In 1794 the same entry appears in Captain Campbell's District
of Warren County, but Hancock Creek (or Co.) is mentioned. In 1794 the name
Josiah Darden also appears in Captain Steel's District for 1 poll and 200 acres
in Warren County on Sweetwater. In 1805 in Captain E. Baker's District it is 1
poll and 96 acres on Williams Creek. Finally, in 1818 in Captain Blount's Dis-
trict Josiah Darden is listed for 1 poll only.
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