The Early History of the Overacre/Overaker Family
Of Virginia and Mississippi
And Collateral Families of Hoff and Magruder

Compiled By David P. Rakestraw

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To
Mother and Clare
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Section 1

Sons of the American Revolution approved application for patriot George Overacre.

List of troops who served with George Overacre in Capt. Adam Ott's Company of Select Militia.
The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Supplemental Ancestor Certificate

This Certifies That

David Pascal Rakestraw

National Number 153149

is a descendant of

George Overacre

Approved: July 21, 2003

[Signature]
President General
APPLICATION
FOR MEMBERSHIP
OR SUPPLEMENTAL

Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, the Georgia State Society

NATIONAL SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I hereby apply for membership in this Society by the right of bloodline descent from George Overacre

Independence while acting in the capacity of Patriotic service as a citizen and Private in Ot's Company Militia

NAME OF APPLICANT       David Pascal Rakestraw
                      (First)          (Middle)           (Last)

Street, R. D. or P.O. Box 2436
City Blue Ridge
State Georgia
Zip Code 30513

Telephone 706-258-2413 Age 66

Having living or deceased children by bloodline of applicant and not by adoption, by my wife as listed:

Child Name   Relationship   Wife#   Date of Birth Place of Birth State
Catherine Ames daughter 1 13 Nov. 1970 Fort Lauderdale FL
Elizabeth Ann daughter 1 12 Jan 1972 Boynton Beach FL

STATEMENT OF BLOODLINE TO PATRIOT ANCESTOR
(Give all names, dates, and places known. Show dates as day, month, and year e.g. 01 Jan 1900)

DATE CITY/COUNTY/STATE

1. I am David Pascal Rakestraw born 23 Aug 1936 /Rockingham/NC and my wife Clare Ames Lewis born 27 Apr 1942 /London/England

2. I am the son of Hobson Rex Rakestraw born 26 Jan 1936 /Lee/NC and his wife Catherine Moore Overacre born 27 Sep 1913 /Chatham/NC


4. Great-Grandson of William Edward Overacre born 29 Nov 1846 /Bedford/VA and his wife Susie Catherine Hillsman born 27 Sep 1868 /Campbell/VA

5. Great-Grandson of George W. Overacre born 27 Sep 1891 /Campbell/VA and his wife Emily N. Ballard born 07 Aug 1873 /Lee/NC


7. Great-Grandson of George Overacre born 21 Apr 1873 /Germany and his wife Margot born 16 Jun 1804 /Germany

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REFERENCES to Ancestor's Revolutionary War Service:
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The applicant, swear and certify that I have examined this completed application and its proofs (documentation) and the facts herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant: [Signature]

Date: [25/03/2003]

Recommended by the undersigned members:

Sponsor:

State Registrar: [Signature]

Date: [25/03/2003]

State Secretary: [Signature]

Date: [25/03/2003]
Capt. Adam Ott's Company of Select Militia

In

Washington County, Maryland

Revolutionary War

Lieutt: Nicholas Shockey

Ensign: John Simkins

Sargts: Andrew Clinesmith {Clieresmith}
    Hezekiah Clagett
    Daniel Nied

Corps: John Barkman  
    Jonathan Hagar  
    Jacob Craver

Drum: John Everly

Fife: Conrad Cofferath

Privates:

Robert Douglass  Nichlos Huet
William Boyd Junr.  Isaac McFaddin
John Blackburn  David Whetstone
Peter Swoop  Jacob Heftybower
John Fisher  John Snider
John Sheimer  Henry Scyster
Jacob Aue  Jacob Cruiz
Daniel Miller  Jacob Bowman
James Williams  Jacob Wyory
John Righter  John Easter
Michael Collyflower  Christian Hockey
Henry Schnebely  Peter Conn
Daniel Carneira  George Overacre
William Baird Junr  George Simkins
George Kershner  Benjamin Pennybaker
Lawrence Mishlar  John Cline
Henry Queer  William Pulling
George Tangler  Martin Divelly
Jacob Wolfkill  Adam Bower
John Stack  Martin Pifer
Jacob Boom  Jeremiah Hoss
John Schnebly
Andrew Stertzman
Leonard Adleman
Section 2

Gravestone inscriptions at Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia for George Overacre/Overaker and family.
The Overacre/Overaker Tombstones lined up. The distance between the two stones on the left is a burial space. The stones pictured are for Elizabeth Smith, Elizabeth Hoff, John Huff (Hoff), Marget Overaker, George Overaker. The flat stones are Daniel Overaker and Susannah Overaker.
Remaining wall of Old Lutheran Church in Mount Hebron Cemetery
The two flat stones are graves of Daniel Overaker and his wife Susannah. The two upright stones are graves of George Overaker and his wife Marget. At the foot of George's grave is a bronze marker from the Veterans Administration for his Revolutionary War service. The marker reads George Overacre.
GEORGE OVERACRE
PVT OTT'S CO
MD MILITIA
REVOLUTIONARY WAR
1753-1809
Margot Overaker
departed Life June 16,
Aged 73, 5 mos.

Elizabeth Holt
Departed Life June 14, 1838,
Aged 87 years.
In memory of
SUSANNAH OVERAKER
who departed this life
August 1st, 1825,
Aged 35 years.

George Overaker
departed from life 15th
October 1849, aged
76 years and 9 months.
In Memory of

DANIEL OBER KEEL

who departed this life
August 28th 1819
Aged 11 Years
And 7 months.
MEMORANDUM

January 26, 2004

From: David P. Rakestraw

Subject: Grave numbers assigned to the Overaker plats in the Old Lutheran Cemetery section of Mt Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia

Today I spoke with Linda M. Shade, Manager of Mt Hebron Cemetery. The purpose was to get clarification about the grave space numbers previously given to me by Latish, an employee of Mt Hebron. I wanted to know what the assigned numbers meant.

Ms Shade stated that the grave numbers represented only the number of the entry in the book listing the graves in the Old Lutheran Cemetery.

Ms Shade clarified that number 98 was not for Michael Overaker but for Michael Copenhaver. Other Copenhaver’s are listed in the cemetery book. On page 46-47 of Gravestone Inscriptions from 61 Graveyards in Frederick County, Book V: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society is the names of five Copenhaver’s, including Michael Copenhaver. She did confirm the following:

Susannah Overaker, number 99
Daniel Overaker, number 100
George Overaker, number 101
Margret Overaker, number 102

Ms Shade said the old Lutheran cemetery is still owned by the Lutheran Church. For information on resetting and etching the gravestones and performing a grave dedication for George Overaker (Overacre) by the Sons of the American Revolution I should contact Pastor James Utt of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winchester, VA (telephone 540-662-6678). Ms Shade also said that new gravestones could be erected and the old stones etched on the backside but the original face of the stones left untouched.
Section 3

Research report on the Overaker/Overacre Family and Connections.
George Overacre/Overaker and Marget (Margaret) Overaker are of German decent and the parents of five sons and two daughters. Some children were probably born in Germany and some born in America. The parents are buried in the Old Lutheran and German Reform graves inside Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Frederick County, and VA. George Overaker died October 15, 1809 at the age of 76 years and 6 months. Marget died June 1804 at the age of 71 years and 5 months (Book V: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society). One son, Daniel, and two daughters, Elizabeth Hoff and Mary Kiger, and their families made their homes in Winchester and are buried in the Old Lutheran and German Reform graves of Mt Hebron Cemetery.

George Overacre served his adopted America by performing two services. He held the rank of Private in Capt. Adam Ott’s Company of Select Militia in Washington County, Maryland (1781). His service record is brief and the actual period of service and what year is not known. Soldiers in the State militia defended the local area and did not travel with Continental troops to fight in different parts of the colonies (Men and Events of the Revolution in Winchester & Frederick County, Virginia, Volume IX, WFCHS, 1875, p. 31, 46). Frederick County, Virginia furnished militia guards to areas of Maryland, Pennsylvania and the Potomac River. Guards were used to move Convention Prisoners from Hagerstown and Frederick, MD to Lancaster, PA. (Historical Pamphlet, The National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Volume 25 Bible Records: Weise, Wise, Adams, Md., p.12). A list of troops who at one time served with George Overacre is found in The Maryland Militia In The Revolutionary War, S. Eugene Clements and F. Edward Wright, Silver Spring, MD: Family Line Publications, 1987, Appendix B; Muster Rolls and Other Lists.

George Overacre also provided a public service as a private citizen in the sale of 870 lb. of beef for use by the Continental Army in Frederick County, VA during the Revolutionary War. On October 26, 1780 he was issued six Certificates (in the name of George Overacre) for the beef on terms which provided for payment to him of 870 pounds and 10 shillings in six months at the rate of six percent. On a document in 1782, probably to settle a claim for payment on the certificates was the signature of Georg Oberaker {or Oberacker}. In the corner of the document where the signature is located is written the name George Overacre (Public Service Claims, Frederick County, Reel 13, p. 641-646, Court Booklet, Reel 2, p. 16, Commissioner’s Book 2, Reel 5, p. 203, The Library of Virginia). This public service record is of interest in several respects. First, Georg Oberaker signed his name, which indicates he was literate during a time when there was no formal education. He was issued six certificates (notes) for the beef which could indicate that he wanted a note for himself and one each for his five sons: George,
Daniel, Thomas, Isaac and John. Lastly, Georg Oberaker used the name George Overacre and his sons substituted the letter b for v and used the surname Overaker.

The Personal Property Tax List for the Year 1787 Frederick County, Virginia by Netti Schreiner and Florene Speakman Love (1987) included for the town of Winchester George Overacre and Daniel Overacre. The schedule dated March 10, 1787 listed in the household of George Overacre a white male above 16 and under 21. This schedule is believed to be for George Overacre, Sr. and his son Thomas Overacre. No household members are given for Daniel Overacre and the schedule does not include a record for females.

In the book The Story of Winchester in Virginia by Frederic Morton (1925) George Overacre and Daniel Overacre where listed as holders of taxable personal property in Winchester in 1788. Thomas Overacre was listed as a tithable in the household of George Overacre. Goodlove Boyer was listed as a tithable in the household of Daniel Overacre. George Overacre was listed as the owner of a lot in Frederick County, Va. for the year 1782. The Winchester, Virginia 1800 Tax List, District of Obed Waite, names Daniel Overaker (Overacre) and for him list two white males over 16 and for Isaac Overaker Overacre list one white male over 16. George Overacre is not on this 1800 tax list. The data in the 1800 tax list should not be completely relied upon to suggest that the white males over 16 are children of Daniel and Isaac. The dates of their marriages in Winchester, Va. indicate they would not have children that old.

Daniel married Susannah Fredley on June 5, 1788 by Minister Alexander Balmain of Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia (Marriage Register No. 1- Frederick County, Virginia, p.127). The wills of Daniel Overacre (d.8/28/1819) and Susannah Overacre (d. 8/4/1825) mention no children (W.B. 10:494 and W.B. 20:483 Frederick County, VA). Susannah Overaker bequeathed her estate to various nieces and to Elizabeth Hoff {widow} sister to her deceased husband. One niece was “Elizabeth Pack, wife of Thomas Pack, and niece [sic] to my late husband.” Another bequeath was to “my late husbands neice Polly Hoff daughter of Elizabeth Hoff (widow) of the late John Hoff deceased.” Mary (Polly) Hoff was the wife of George Barnhart (Death Records 1853-1870, Winchester Circuit Court, Winchester, Virginia). Based upon will records and other research it is believed that Elizabeth Pack could also be Elizabeth Smith, wife of Jonathan Smith. The 1810 Census for Winchester, Frederick County, VA list for the family of Daniel Overaker two males of the age of sixteen through twenty-five and one female of the age of sixteen through twenty-five. The fate of these males and the female is unknown. The census also listed one male age 45 and over {Daniel} and one female age 26 through 44 (Susannah).

Mary Overaker married Jacob Kiger on August 31, 1776 (Marriage Register No.1 – Frederick County, Virginia, p. 95). The will of Jacob Kiger dated August 9, 1816 (d. 11/7/1816) bequeathed to his wife Mary all his estate (W. B. 1:207, Frederick County, VA). No children are mentioned in his will. The will of Mary (Overaker) Kiger dated May 9, 1835 (d. 1837) mentioned no children. Among relatives she bequeathed to “Elizabeth Hoff my sister, Elizabeth Smith wife of Jonathan Smith, Margaret Pritchard
wife of H. Pritchard and Mary Barnhart wife of George Barnhart all my notes, bonds and accounts." (W. B. 20:40, Frederick County, VA). Jacob operated a mercantile store with Daniel Overaker in Winchester, VA. Daniel's father may have previously operated this store. In Winchester there are court records for the years 1762, 1763, 1766, 1767, 1772, 1773, 1774 and 1785 where George Overacre (Overacker, Oberoker) was upheld on his claims against another party. These claims would appear to show he operated a business. The type of awards varied so it is difficult to determine the nature of business (Court Order Books 10, 11, 13, 14 and 16, Frederick Co., VA).

Elizabeth Overaker married John Hoff (Huff) and they lived in Winchester, VA. No record of the date of this marriage has been found and no will or estate records have been found for John Hoff who died February 10, 1804. Elizabeth Hoff died June 14, 1838. The administrator for her estate was Jonathan Smith who recorded a list of estate accounts dated August 29, 1840 (W. B. 20:472, Frederick County, VA). In the accounts the administrator paid $33.90 each to John Hoff, Howard Pritchard in right of his wife, Mary Barnhart, Elizabeth Smith, wife of the administrator, and Isaac Hoff. The share of Henry Hoff "remains in the hands of the adm, the said Henry Hoff being dead and it is not known whether he has left heirs." The will of John Hoff, son of John Hoff and Elizabeth Overaker, named his sisters Margaret Pritchard and Mary Barnhart (W. B. 25:580, Proved February 28, 1859, Frederick County, VA). I believed it could be acknowledged that John Hoff, Isaac Hoff, Henry Hoff, Mary Barnhart, Elizabeth Smith and Margaret Pritchard are children of Elizabeth Overaker Hoff and John Hoff. It is believed that Isaac Hoff moved from Frederick County, Virginia to Adams County, Mississippi and then to Orleans County, Louisiana. A separate research report has been prepared for the sons Isaac Hoff and John Hoff.

NOTE: Further reference can be made to the will of Mary Kiger, sister of Elizabeth Overaker Hoff (will dated May 5, 1835, proved December 4, 1837, W. B. 20:40 Frederick County, VA), the will of Howsen K. Pritchard (will dated March 9, 1842, proved October 4, 1852, W. B. 23:412 Frederick County, VA), and The Thomas Jones Alias Harrison Family with the Lineal Families of Henry Huyett and Andrew Kiger, Researched by Nancy Gene Jones Burger, Handley Library, Winchester, VA.

Isaac Overacre married Rebecca Thorn on November 30, 1790 by Minister Alexander Balmain (Marriage Register No.1 – Frederick County, Virginia, p. 127). In June 1792 Isaac bought a lot of a half-acre of land with a front on Main Street in Middletown, VA, which is a small town just south of Winchester but still in Frederick County, VA. The deed contained a condition that Isaac erects a building of fifteen feet long by twelve feet broad with a stone or brick chimney (D.B. 25: 386-388 Frederick Co., VA). On July 25, 1798 Isaac bought from George Overacre (Sr.) for the sum of 100 pounds current money of Virginia a certain half of an half acre lot of land known as Lot No.158 with a house in the Town of Winchester, VA in Frederick County. George Overacre and Margaret (Marget) his wife were given a life estate in this property (D.B. SC-3: 536-538 Frederick Co., VA). By deed dated November 21, 1802 Isaac and Rebecca his wife sold Lot No.158 to Daniel Overaker for the sum of "sixty current money of the United States."(D. B. 1:286 Frederick Co., VA, Recorded December 3, 1802). The seal of Isaac and Rebecca
Overaker is on the deed. The deed noted that Rebecca could not conveniently travel to the court to make acknowledgement of the indenture. Whereas the Clerk of the Court of the Corporation of Winchester, Virginia appointed three Gent Justices and ordered two or more of them to personally go to Rebecca and receive her acknowledgement and to certify to the court that they had done so. The certification was given on November 22, 1802. A 1799 tax list for Winchester, Frederick County, VA records “Overaker, Isaac of Geo Overaker, Son?” Isaac and Rebecca had one daughter named Mary (born 1796) while living in Frederick County and most likely in the home in Middletown. Two sons and two daughters were born in Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi Territory.

George Overaker married Margaret Evans in Natchez prior to 1782. Margaret was the sister of Lewis Evans, a prominent landowner and political figure in Natchez. George and Margaret had two children, Elizabeth and Maria.

No official record could be found of the marriage of John Overaker to his wife Ann. However, the death record for George Overaker (died Feb. 17, 1864 at the age of 63 years, 6 months) in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH gave his place of birth as Mississippi and his parents as John and Ann Overaker. Nancy is a nickname for Ann. One daughter named Ann has been identified from the marriage of John and Ann. Ann married Henry Rider in Claiborne County, MS on January 27, 1836 (The marriage license shows the name Overacre). No historical record has been found for Henry and Ann Rider following their wedding (Research report by Patricia Weeks, April 18, 2004). Note: there is a separate report about George Overaker of Jefferson County, MS and Hamilton County, OH. He should not be confused with George Overaker, the brother of John and Isaac. For this report I will refer to the son of John Overaker as George Overaker, Jr. This is how the signature appears on the marriage license of Pomona Overaker to John S. Norris.

What is known about John is that he was in Natchez and a witness to a will of J. Vauchere on September 7, 1797. Also as a witness to this will were George Overaker and Lewis Evans. (Natchez Court Records 1765-1805, Abstract of Early Records, May Wilson McBee, p. 133). He was also one of three witnesses to a deed transaction for his brother, George Overaker (of Natchez, Mississippi) for a Deed Indenture dated February 20, 1800 between George Overaker of Natchez and Thomas Lindsay also of Natchez (Deed Book 27, page 519, Frederick County, Virginia). This February 1800 deed was executed in Adams County, MS and received for the record in both Adams County, MS and Frederick County, VA. In August 1801 John Overaker was issued a license to operate in Natchez a “Tavern and Billiard Table.” (No. 2 Adams County (Natchez), Volume 1, Minutes of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, 1799-1801 item 194, Prepared by The Mississippi Historical Records Survey, Service Division, Work Project Administration).

John Overaker and George Overaker (the brother) were subscribers to a memorial to Congress of the United States of America by the Citizens of the Territory of Mississippi, dated December 6, 1800 (The Territorial Papers of the United States, Clarence Edwin Carter, Volume V, The Territory of Mississippi 1798-1817). John Overaker is listed in
Thomas Lindsay, of Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi Territory, sold to George Overaker of the same place the estate he inherited from his father, James Lindsay, who lived in Winchester. George and Margaret his wife traveled to Winchester apparently for the purpose to record the indenture of sale and to visit his parents, brothers Isaac and Daniel and sisters, Elizabeth and Mary. By indenture dated August 20, 1801 George and Margaret sold to Richard Bowen of Winchester the half part of Lot No. 6 in Winchester conveyed to him by Thomas Lindsay. He sold the personal estate devised to Thomas Lindsay by his father and conveyed to George Overaker to Richard Bowen by indenture dated April 20, 1802. This latter indenture did not have the seal of George Overaker and was signed by the Clerk of Court and proved by the oaths of Obed Waite and Thomas Purse.

Nancy (Ann) Overaker, a widow, married William Hazlip on March 26, 1814 in Natchez, Adams County, MS. (Marriage Book 1, p. 275, 1802-1810, Adams Co., MS). As before mentioned Ann was the wife of John Overaker but in my research she was named as Nancy. Nancy Hazlip was a witness to the will of Levi W. Taylor who died about November 1823 and who married Pomona Overaker in Adams County, MS on May 15, 1823 (Marriage Book 3, p. 4, 1823-1866, Adams Co., MS). No children have been identified from the marriage of Nancy to William Hazlip. Nancy died June 6, 1826 (Hazlip Bible Record).

William Hazlip was a ginwright and built cotton gins in the Natchez area. The 1816 Census for Adams County, MS for the family of William Hazlip lists two white males under 21 years old and five white females under 21 years old. On examination one could conclude the unidentified male under 21 years old is the son of John Overaker and his wife Nancy (George Overaker) and one of the females under 21 years old is Ann Overaker, daughter of John and Nancy. William Hazlip had a daughter from his first marriage but she would be more than 21 years old at the time of the 1816 Census (Descendants of George Killian (1740-1830), E. R. Killian, copyright 2001, group 25 and email with E. R. Killian). William Hazlip did not mention a stepdaughter Ann Overaker/Rider in his will or probate loose papers (Wilkinson County, MS WB 1: 291-295, Research report, Patricia Weeks, April 18, 2004)).
Land indentures in Winchester show the surname Overacre and Overaker spelled in various places in the same document. There were deeds for George Overacre/Overaker from March 1779 to August 1801. There were deeds for Daniel from April 1794 to March 1817. There were deeds for Isaac Overacre/Overaker in 1798. (General Index to Deeds- Frederick County, Virginia, p. 120 F). In July 1798 Isaac bought property from Peter Senseny (Deed book 25, p. 386) The other transaction on July 25, 1798 is when Isaac purchased Lot No. 158 in Winchester from George Overacre with the stipulation that George Overacre and his wife could live in the house for the rest of their lives (Deed Book SC 3, p. 536). It is believed the 1798 transactions with George Overacre are with the father. It is clear the February 20, 1800 and the August 20, 1801 deed transactions (Deed Book 27, p. 514-519) are for the son, George Overaker. The deeds in the Frederick County, Virginia courthouse indicate that in February, 1800 George Overaker of Natchez purchased the estate in Winchester, VA of the father of Thomas Lindsey, now of Natchez. George Overaker in August 1801 sold the estate to Richard Bowen of Winchester. These deed indentures for George Overaker of Natchez were recorded in April 1802 (See Section 4 for a summary of Frederick Co., VA deeds).

The sons of George Overacre/Overaker, Sr., i.e., Isaac Overaker, John Overaker and George Overaker, moved from Winchester, VA to Natchez, Adams County, and Mississippi Territory (The Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805, Abstracts of Early Records, have John in Natchez in 1797). Only one record exists for John in the Court record and there is no will or probate record for John in Natchez. The earliest date in Natchez for George in the Court Records is August 1790. The record shows George in Natchez many times between 1790 and 1797. In 1798 George Overaker took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States in the Natchez District before Lewis Evans. There is a record in Wilkinson County, MS showing that George Overaker was in the Mississippi Territory and applied for a deed for 157f on St. Catherine’s Creek. To receive a deed a person applying for the deed had to prove, among other things, that he was living on the land and raising a crop on October 27, 1795 (Early Settlers of MS Territory, Wilkinson County, MS, Transcribed and Submitted by Virginia Ewing).

On January 10, 1802 a Cherokee Indian Agency passport was issued by Return J. Meigs, Agent for the War Department, Tennessee, Southwest Point, for George Overacre, Esgr with his family of seven white persons and fourteen blacks to pass down the River Tennessee on his way to Natchez in the Mississippi Territory, with two large boats with their loading and furniture (Passports of Southeastern Pioneers 1770-1823, Dorothy Williams Potter, p. 90). The family members could be:

George Overacre/Overaker
Margaret Evans Overaker, his wife
Elizabeth, his daughter
Maria, his daughter

It is not known for sure who were the family of seven white persons on the boats. It is also not known when the passport was actually used since a re-using and a delayed usage of the passport would have been viable in this time period. (Letter from the Tennessee
State Library and Archives, December 20, 2003). Isaac and Rebecca Overaker were in Winchester, VA as established by the November 1802 deed transaction. No passport or other record has been found to show the earliest date when Isaac, Rebecca and their daughter Mary left Winchester, VA to live in Natchez, MS. Fort Southwest Point is located on the Tennessee River in Kingston, TN. A reconstruction of the fort is on the original site. Return Jonathan Meigs, Jr. was Indian Agent in the Cherokee Territory in 1801. Col. Meigs was stationed at Southwest Point (Who was Who During The American Revolution, Compiled by the editors of Who's Who in America with Jerry Kail, The Bobbs Merrill Company, Inc., 1976, p. 21).

In Natchez George Overaker became a merchant and owner of White Horse Tavern. It is known that he was an innkeeper at least by October 1799 since a deed indenture dated October 16, 1799 recorded in Adams County, Mississippi refers to George Overaker as an Innkeeper (Deed book A, p. 198). He became prosperous and in March 1805 purchased property called Hope Farm from his brother-in-law, Lewis Evans. The family later owned a home called Hawthorn. George Overaker died on June 6, 1820 and he is buried in the Old Catholic section of the Natchez City Cemetery. At the time of his death Hope Farm contained 221.74 acres and George Overaker owned other property in the City of Natchez (Plat of Survey, Deed Book P, p. 524, Natchez, Partition, Deed Book L, p. 590, Natchez). His wife, Margaret Overaker, was appointed sole executrix of his will. The legatees in the will of George Overaker, dated August 17, 1816, are his wife, Margaret, brother, Isaac, niece of his wife, Elizabeth Patton, and his two daughters, Elizabeth Tichenor and Maria Overaker. Lewis Evans was named trustee for his daughters.

The will of George Overaker left $800.00 to his brother Isaac who had died two years before George. Isaac died intestate and James T. Magruder, Jr. was appointed administrator for his estate on July 18, 1818. George Overaker's land was distributed to his wife, Margaret and in trust for his two daughters, Elizabeth Tichenor and Maria Overaker. There was a free man of color who called himself George Overaker living on about five acres of the George Overaker estate. In August 1826 Margaret Overaker sold these four and 70/100 acres for $600.00 to George Overaker (Deed Book P, p. 525, Adams County, MS). Margaret Overaker, Maria Overaker and Elizabeth Tichenor sold the remaining property of George Overaker's estate (There is a separate research file for George Overaker, a free man of color).

Maria Overaker married Ortasmus L. Nash on May 12, 1830. It is not known what happened to this marriage. What is known is that Maria did not change her name and about 1833-1834 she moved to Cincinnati. A witness to the will of Peterfield Jefferson, filed on September 8, 1852 in Hinds County, MS was O. L. Nash (Record Book of Wills, P. 296-297, Hinds County).

After the death of George Overaker his wife Margaret moved to an in-town home in Natchez. In November 1832 Margaret Overaker sold this home to Thomas McDannold and the home is presently the Presbyterian Manse (Deed Book T, p 507). Margaret Overaker, Maria Overaker and Elizabeth Tichenor were members in full commission of
the First Presbyterian Church in Natchez upon the arrival of Rev. George Potts in May 1823. Gaberial Tichenor became a member in 1832. No record exists of George Overaker being a member.

In Natchez the wives of Winthrop Sargent, William Dunbar, George Overaker and Elizabeth Tichenor founded the Female Charitable Society in 1816 (*Antebellum Natchez*, D. Clayton Moore, Louisiana State university Press, p.219). Hope Farm, Hawthorn and the Presbyterian Manse are on the National Register of Historic Places.

On April 10, 1805 Elizabeth Overaker, daughter of George Overaker, married Gabriel Tichenor. From this marriage there was one child. The 1820 census for Natchez, Adams County, MS for the family of Gabriel Tichenor listed one white female of under 10 years of age. The 1830 census for the City of Natchez for the family of Gabriel Tichenor listed one female child of 5 and under 10 years of age. In about 1833-1834 Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth, Margaret Overaker and Maria Overaker moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Most likely they went up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers by steamboat. The 1850 census for Hamilton County, Ohio, Fulton Township, listed the family of Gabriel Tichenor to include his wife Elizabeth, Margaret Overaker and Maria Overaker. The census recorded Gabriel Tichenor to be a farmer, the value of real estate as $15,000.00, the place of his birth as New Jersey and Mississippi as the birth place for the other family members. The will of Gabriar Tichenor, probated February 7, 1855 in Hamilton County, Ohio in the city of Cincinnati, bequeathed to his nephew Henry C. Freeman his lot of land in Newark, New Jersey being a part of the family property called the "Cove."

NOTE: It is known that Gabriel Tichenor was in Cincinnati, Ohio at least as of March 30, 1832. It is not known whether he was there by himself or with family members (Deed of Emancipation, dated March 17, 1832, Adams County, MS, DB: T: 359-360). There are deeds dated from November 27, 1832 to February 23, 1838 recorded in Adams County for Maria Overaker, Margaret Overaker and Gabriel Tichenor (DB: T: 507, DB GG: 583, DB: W: 152, DB: W: 150, DB: BB: 572, DB: Z: 451). It is not known whether the family members at the time lived in Cincinnati or Natchez or whether Gabriel Tichenor acted as attorney in fact for Maria and Margaret, handled the deed transaction in Cincinnati, and traveled to Natchez to record his deeds and those of Maria and Margaret.

Gabriel Tichenor was a Trustee of Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati during the time Lyman Beecher (father of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*) was President. The seminary has no portrait painting of Gabriel Tichenor although there are paintings of some other trustees of the seminary during the time Gabriel Tichenor was a trustee. The family lived in the wealthy neighborhood of Walnut Hill. Margaret Overaker died on Thursday evening, October 27, 1859, at the age of 90. Gabriel Tichenor died February 2, 1855 at the age of 73 years, 3 months. His wife Elizabeth died June 1, 1860 at the age of 74 and Maria Overaker died April 15, 1860 at the age of 69. Gabriel Tichenor, Elizabeth Tichenor, Maria Overaker and Margaret Overaker were buried at Walnut Hill Cemetery and re-interred at Spring Grove Cemetery in 1878 in the Lane Cemetery plat. The daughter of Gabriel and Elizabeth Tichenor died at a very young age in Cincinnati. A notation in the old cemetery records Lane Seminary had in Walnut Hill
states a debt of $1.75 to G. Tichenor for “interment of child.” The records show this having been paid by cash (correspondence from Lane Theological Seminary, May 31, 2001).

In 1809 the Bank of Mississippi was chartered in Natchez. In 1817 the bank had a subscription offer for 1000 shares of stock at $100.00 per share. One of the subscribers was James T. McGruder (Magruder) for 5 shares (The Journal of Mississippi History, Vol. XXIX, No. 4, November, 1967, p.387-39). Cowles Mead was one of the founding stockholders. Gabriel Tichenor was the Cashier of the bank under Stephen Duncan, president (Antebellum Natchez, D. Clayton James, Louisiana State University Press, p.198, 199). Many personal accounting records and correspondence of Gabriel Tichenor as Cashier of the bank are on file with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

On December 14, 1820 Gabriel Tichenor was appointed by J. C. Calhoun, Secretary of War, as agent to pay Revolutionary War Pensions in Mississippi. Gabriel Tichenor was one of the executors of the estate of Lewis Evans who died in Natchez in December 1823. Lewis Evans was the brother of Margaret, wife of George Overaker.

Isaac Overaker and his wife Rebecca had three daughters, Mary, Pomona and Rebecca. The Mississippi State Gazette, Natchez, MS reported on February 7, 1818 that Mary married James T. (Trueman) Magruder, Jr. on January 29, 1818 by Rev. Mr. Menefee at the home of George Overaker in Natchez. Rev. Menefee has been identified as John Menefee, a Methodist minister from Tennessee. The home of George Overaker at the time was called Hope Farm. James T. Magruder, Jr. was a merchant who owned the James T. Magruder, Jr. and Company in Natchez. It is believed that Isaac and Rebecca had two sons because two white males under 21 years old are listed in the family of Isaac Overaker in the Adams County, Mississippi Census of 1816. It has been reported that Mary Overaker saw her brothers go off to Baton Rouge (Louisiana) in the War of 1812 (“‘Pioneer Women’ is Subject of Address”, Friday, April 13, 1925, publication unknown). Her brothers apparently returned home to Natchez by 1816.

The fate of the two sons of Isaac Overaker is unknown. A Sherman Overaker is listed on the June 20, 1831 Jefferson County, MS Combination Tax Rolls as paying taxes on one town lot valued at $3,000.00 in the Town of Rodney (Patricia J. Weeks research report dated January 30, 2004, p.2). Mary and James Trueman Magruder, Jr. had one child, Elizabeth Howard Magruder. After the death of James T. Magruder, Jr. Mary married Cowles Mead on December 17, 1835 (No death record or estate records have been found for James T. Magruder, Jr.). Records of transactions prior to his death from Volume 1 & 2 of the account books from his mercantile store are in the research file under his name. Much effort has been made without success to locate the marriage license of Cowles Mead to Mary Magruder. The only record found to exist is a newspaper announcement (The Mississippi Journal of History, Volume VIII, October, 1946, Number 4, p. 201, copy of announcement from Mississippi Free Trader and Natchez Weekly Gazette). General Cowles Mead was prominent in the military during the War of 1812 and in politics in Mississippi. More information about Mary Overaker and Cowles Mead is in
the essay about the Magruder family. Elizabeth Howard Magruder (called Betty) married Peterfield Jefferson, a lineal descendant of Field Jefferson an uncle of Thomas Jefferson.

Pomona Overaker married Levi W. Taylor in Natchez, Adams County, MS on May 15, 1823. William Hazlip gave his consent for Pomona to marry Taylor to Mr. M. Postlewait. Probate Judge, State of Mississippi {Marriage Book 3, p. 41, 1823-1866, Adams County courthouse}. Why William Hazlip had to give consent for Pomona to marry is not know. He could have had guardianship since John Overaker, Isaac Overaker and George Overaker had died as of 1820. Guardianship papers to him have not been found in a search of records in the Adams County, MS courthouse. The discovery of such a document would identify the parents of Pomona. Levi W. Taylor died in 1823. His will dated August 1823 was recorded in Adams County on December 22, 1823. Pomona was sole heir and executrix of his estate valued at $3,077.00 (Box 36, Chancery Court, Adams County, MS). Two witnesses to the will were Nancy Hazlip and Mary Hazlip.

Pomona Overaker Taylor, a widow, married John S. Norris in Natchez on October 2, 1825. The bondsmen were John S. Norris and George Overaker (Jr. appears on the signature for George Overaker in the marriage license). (Ibid). John Shorter Norris, age 36, died in Jefferson Co at the residence of his mother on April 9, 1836. George Overaker (Jr.) of Jefferson Co., MS was issued letters of administration on his estate (Southern Telegraph, Rodney, Jefferson County, MS, April 15, 1836, p. 3, col. 1 and April 29, 1836, p. 4, col. 2). John S. Norris is interned in the Norris Beck Cemetery located on a high bluff overlooking Dowd Creek in Jefferson County, MS. The gravestone reads he died at the age of 40 years (Jefferson County, Mississippi Cemeteries, Ect., Volume 1, Compiled by Ann Beckerson Brown, 1995). There is no grave marker to indicate Pomona Norris is buried in the Norris Beck Cemetery. She could be since there are many indentations in the cemetery grounds with no headstone. At a public auction at Fayette, MS on March 15, 1837, for the sum of $950.00 paid to Pomona Norris, George Overaker sold a lot of land in the Town of Rodney described as sixth feet long and two hundred and forty feet back on the East side of Commerce Street bounded on the North side by a lot of land belonging to George Overaker (Jefferson Co., MS Deed Book D, pp. 116-117).

Note: the Administration and Executor Book 1805-1838 for Jefferson County, MS did not record the John S. Norris estate or the name George Overaker. The book contained the following names: Thomas, L. F., Elizabeth and James Norris. The Letters of Administration Book 1833-1857 for Jefferson County did not record the John S. Norris estate or the name George Overaker. This book contained the following names: Mastin, Rosanna, James L., Patrick K., James and Evelyn Norris. John S. Norris estate was assigned Probate Case # 225. Case 224-226 is missing (1836 Jefferson County, MS Probate Case C 219-C243).

John S. Norris is listed as paying taxes in Jefferson Co., MS from 1825 to 1835. The September 1836 Combination Tax for Jefferson Co. listed a tax for his estate on one town lot in Rodney, MS, Jefferson County valued at $2,000.00, 2 pleasure carriages valued at $400.00 and 8 slaves (Research report by Patricia Weeks, January 30, 2004). Pomona
Norris is listed as paying annual taxes on a town lot in Rodney up until June 1841 (Jefferson County, MS Combination Tax Rolls).

The 1830 U. S. Federal census listed in the household for John S. Norris one male under 5 years of age, two males age 30 and under 40, one female under 5 years of age and one female age 20 and under 30. The 1840 U.S. Federal Census for Jefferson County listed in the household for Mrs. P. Norris two white females, one age 10 and under 15 and one age 20 and under 30. The 1850 Federal Census for Jefferson County listed a P. Norris, age 50 and a male Norris, age 24 (given name appears Jah) and profession a carpenter. This male could be the young male in the 1830 census for John S. Norris. It is believed the 1840 and 1850 census is for Pomona Norris, wife and widow of John S. Norris. It can be said the young female from the 1840 census reached maturity by 1850, married, and left home.

Rebecca Overaker married William Burton Winston in Natchez, Adams County, MS on May 19, 1823. The 1830 census for Adams Co. listed the family of W. B. Winston as having two males under 5 years of age and one male of 5 and under 10 years of age. A female was listed of age 60 and under 70 years of age. This elderly female could be Rebecca Overaker, wife of Isaac Overaker and the mother of Rebecca Overaker Winston. As previously mentioned there was a female age 45 and upward in the household of James T. Magruder in the 1820 census for Adams Co. that could be Rebecca Overaker. Should she be the elderly female in the Winston household in the 1830 census this could possibly indicate James T. Magruder, Jr. died or became incapacitated sometime between 1820 and 1830. William B. Winston and his family by 1840 had moved to Lowndes County, MS.

The Winston’s owned substantial acreage in Lowndes County on both sides of the Tombigbee River and in the city of Columbus. The land owned in Columbus was not in the 16th section and was owned in fee simple and was West of Military Road, which was then farmland and is now residential housing. William B. Winston became the cashier of the Columbus branch of the Planter’s Bank of Natchez, MS. Winston family members are interned in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS (Russell D. James, Archivist and manuscript Liberian, Columbus-Lowndes Public Library).

The 1840 U. S. Federal census for Lowndes County listed seven children in the household of William B. Winston. They are identified as William B. Winston, Jr., Robert Winston, James B. Winston, Gabriel Tichenor Winston, Maria Clifford Winston, George Winston, and Isaac Winston. By the time of the 1850 census in Lowndes County William B. Winston, Jr., Robert Winston and Isaac Winston were listed as separate households with families and the other children were home with their parents, except for George Winston. All children are named in the wills of William B. Winston (Proved January 11, 1851, Lowndes County) and Rebecca Overaker Winston (Proved April 30, 1866, Lowndes County) except for George Winston.

The deed records of Adams County, Mississippi indicate that Isaac Overaker had a deed on a house on Lot No.4, Square No. 14 in the City of Natchez. On July 11, 1817 the lot
was sold to Joel Ailes for $1,500.00. To have possession of the lot Joel Ailes under a deed trust with John Richards must pay to Isaac Overaker his executors or administrators $800.00 on a note payable and negotiable to the Bank of Mississippi on January 1, 1818. (DB 1:316, 354, Adams County, MS). No record has been found to establish when Isaac Overaker bought Lot. No.4 in Square No.14. George Overaker was the original owner of the lot by Spanish grant. On January 10, 1795 George Overaker petitioned the Spanish Government to build a house on the lot. The Spanish District Governor issued a warrant on the same day. On August 10, 1805 a certificate of land grant was issued to George Overaker. (Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805, May Wilson McBee, Clearfield Company, Inc., p.480). On July 18, 1818 James T. Magruder, Jr. was appointed administrator for the estate of Isaac Overaker. (Probate Box No.31, Adams County, MS).

The 1820 Census for the family of Ja's T. McGruder (James T. Magruder, Jr.) list one white male of under sixteen and one white male of under eighteen, one male of under twenty six, two white females of under sixteen, one female under twenty six and one female of forty five and upward. When viewed in the context of the family members of Isaac Overaker in the 1816 census it is believed the family members of James T. Magruder, Jr. are: the two white male children are the sons of Isaac and the two white females under sixteen are Rebecca and Pomona, daughters of Isaac. The white female of forty-five and upward would be Rebecca Overaker, wife of Isaac. The male and female of under twenty-six would be James T. Magruder, Jr. and Mary Overaker Magruder. The 1820 census thus indicates that James T. Magruder, Jr. took the family of Isaac Overaker into his household after the death of Isaac. A separate research report has been prepared for the Magruder family connection in Mississippi.

In 1829, 1830 and 1836 George Overaker ((Jr.), son of John Overaker, purchased several lots of land in the town of Rodney, Jefferson County, and MS. (D.B. B: 603-604, D.B. C: 478-479, and D.B. D: 111 Jefferson County, MS). In the 1830’s Rodney was a boom-town and a thriving river port on the Mississippi River. One lot purchased by George Overaker in partnership with Chandler Sherwin cost $8,000.00, a substantial sum for the time. Unfortunately there is no record of the sales of these lots due to missing and destruction of courthouse records. In Warren County, Ohio, on September 1, 1836, George Overaker married Sarah A. Bone. On his marriage record it states that George Overaker is from Mississippi and Sarah A. Bone is from Warren County, Ohio (marriage Records, 1803-1924, Ohio. Probate Court (Warren County). Note: the George Overaker mentioned below for Jefferson Co., MS and the counties in Ohio is referring to the son of John Overaker and nor the brother of John and Isaac.

In Jefferson County on December 11, 1837 George Overaker sold to James Bone and John McGinley for the sum of $2,000.00 all that lot or parcel of ground in the town of Rodney known as Lot No.5 in square No 4 being the house constructed by George Overaker and occupied by him as a grocery and produce store (Jefferson County D. B. D: 25). On January 10, 1838 George Overaker of Jefferson Co., MS sold to James M. Knight of the same place for the sum of $9,000.00 a town lot in the Town of Rodney, Jefferson Co. The transcriber placed the signatures of George Overaker and Sarah M. Overaker on this deed. This author can only wonder if Sarah A. Overaker and Sarah M. Overaker is
the same person. On November 3, 1838 George Overaker of Hamilton County, Ohio gave power of Attorney to David Bone of Warren County, Ohio. George Overaker acknowledged in signing and sealing the power of attorney before the Mayor of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio on the same day. The document indicated George Overaker as moving and appointed David Bone to act for him in the State of Mississippi and authorized him to sell, transfer and execute deeds in his name (George Overaker) for his real estate in said state. The document was recorded in the Jefferson Co., MS courthouse on June 13, 1839 (Jefferson Co. Land Deed Book D, pp. 430-431). Note: David Bone and Anna R. Bone are buried in Section 52, Lot 60 with the family of George and Sarah Overaker at Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH.

George Overaker is listed in the Jefferson County, MS Combination Tax as owning property in the town of Rodney for the years 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1835, 1836, 1837 and 1838. He is not listed in the tax record for 1840-1848. The June 20, 1831 Jefferson County, MS Combination Tax listed George Overaker owned one town lot in Rodney valued at $3,000.00 and Sherman Overaker owned one town lot in Rodney valued at $3,000.00. This tax record is the only instance of a historical record found for Sherman Overaker (Research reports by Patricia Weeks, January 30 and April 18, 2004). The relationship of George and Sherman Overaker is not known.

At a sheriff's public auction on June 10, 1839 at the Court House of Jefferson Co., MS David Bone for the sum of $20.00 bought on a Writ of Plevin issued by the Circuit Court for Jefferson County Lot No. 5 of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. Warren in the Town of Rodney (Jefferson County, Land Deed Book D, p. 686, recorded, June 13, 1839). Also on June 10, 1839 John M. Pintard bought for $762.00 at the public auction Lots. No.1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 11 and two unknown lot numbers of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. Warren, all lots being in the Town of Rodney. There is no language in the deeds of John M. Pintard to indicate that David Bone acted in these transactions (Jefferson County, Land Deed Book E, pp.440-445, recorded November 18, 1840, Deed Book E, pp 275-276, recorded January 17, 1842. See Section 12 for a summary of Jefferson Co., MS deeds).

There is no census record for George Overaker in Mississippi for 1830 or 1840. The 1830 U. S. Federal census for John S. Norris in Jefferson County listed for free white persons two males the age of 30 and under 40. One of these males could be George Overaker. The June 22, 1838 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax listed for Mrs. P. Norris or George Overaker one town lot in Rodney valued at $2,500.00. The October 25, 1840 Combination Tax listed for Mrs. P. Norris one town lot in Rodney valued at $2,500.00. George Overaker does not appear on the tax record after 1838 and Pomona appears last on June 4, 1841 (Ibid).

The 1850 Federal census for Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio (Cincinnati 5th Ward) shows a George Overacre, age 43, merchant, and born in Mississippi. The Overacre family in his household was born in Ohio and listed as Sarah, age 20, Maria, age 12, Laura, age 9 and Charles, age 7. The 1860 Federal census for Clermont County, OH, Williamsburg Township listed George Overaker, age 50, born in Mississippi and other Overaker household members born in Ohio as S.A., age 43, L.W., age 18 and Charles W.,
George Overaker (Jr.) was born August 6, 1800 and died February 17, 1864. He is buried at Spring Grove Cemetery, Section 52, Lot 60, Cincinnati, OH. The cemetery internment record shows he was born in Mississippi and his parents were John and Ann Overaker. His wife and other family members are buried in Section 52, Lot 60 and Section 86, Lot 90. This writer believes there is direct evidence by the marriage record of George Overaker to Sarah A. Bone in September 1836, the deed transaction in Rodney between George Overaker and James Bone in December 1837, the power of attorney from George Overaker to David Bone in 1838 and the 1850 and 1860 census records for George Overaker in Ohio, and his death record at Spring Grove Cemetery support a conclusion that George Overaker of Jefferson County, Mississippi and the George Overaker of Ohio are the same person.

It should be noted that the 1850 census for Cincinnati, Fulton Township, listed in the household for Gabriel Tichenor his wife Elizabeth (daughter of George Overaker and Margaret Overaker), Margaret Overaker and her daughter, Maria Overaker. This family relationship and a connection with the Bone family could well be the reason for George Overaker moving from Mississippi to Ohio.

The 1830 Census for the City of Natchez listed Margaret Overaker and Maria Overaker after the name of Gabriel Tichenor (p. 5). This would appear to indicate Margaret Overaker at the time lived at Lot No.1, Square No. 35 and Gabriel Tichenor lived at Lot No.1, Square No 36. The 1830 Census was in two parts; for the City of Natchez and for Adams County. The county census listed George Tibs (George Tibbs alias George Overaker, p. 18). George Overaker alias George Tibbs, a free person of color, lived on about 5 acres of land formerly part of the estate of George Overaker that was sold to him by Margaret Overaker on August 30, 1826 (Deed Book P, p. 527, Adams Co., MS). Note: In December 1825 Maria and Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth by deed transaction entered into an exchange of property inherited in trust from the estate of George Overaker. Gabriel Tichenor acquired the part where the home called Hawthorne was situated. He sold this part on February 11, 1834 for $3,382.00 to Thomas Ellis. A summary of the Adams Co., MS land deeds is found in Section 10 of this compiled work.

Thomas Overacre lived with George Overacre in Winchester, VA. This is determined by the list of holders of taxable personal property in Winchester, VA in 1788. Thomas is listed as an inhabitant in the household of George Overacre. The parental relationship of father and son is established by the tax record. (Virginia State Library And Archives, Research Notes Number 3, Using Personal Property Tax Records in The Archives, p. 3). The Personal Property Tax List for the year 1787, Frederick County, Virginia (also Winchester Town) listed in the household for George Overacre a white male above 16 and under 21 years of age. This young male is presumed to be Thomas named in the 1788 tax list. From these tax lists it can be estimated that Thomas was born between 1767 and 1770. It is established by the Order Books for Frederick County that George Overacre
was there as early as 1762. Based upon the order book entries and the year Thomas was born he would have been born in Frederick County, the county of residence of his father George Overacre.

No date is certain when Thomas moved to Bedford County, VA. In Bedford County on February 11, 1808 Thomas married Sally Howard (Reel 14, Image 844). Thomas and Sally had four children, Mary, Margarete, Christopher, and George Washington. George Washington Overacre is the great grandfather of Catherine Moore Overacre, the mother of the writer of this essay. It is believed as a young man Thomas lived briefly in Natzhez, Adams County, MS (Minutes of the Court of General Quarter Session of the Peace 1799-1801, p. 194, with the order approving John Overaker to operate a Tavern and Billiard Table).

On September 12 and 22, 1812 Thomas Overacre bought from Thomas Bell various household items; a gray mare, a horse, cart and gears and one wagon, household beds and bedding, kitchen furniture and items for home repair for $350.00 (D.B. 13:747, 759-760). The 1820 Census for the Northern District of Bedford County, VA lists Thomas Overacre and his wife Sally as being of age 45 and upwards. He died intestate and on August 31, 1826 and Moses Fuqua was the Administrator of his estate (O.B. 21:16). Based upon examination of the 1787 personal property tax list in Winchester, VA and the taxable inhabitants of Winchester in 1788, which included George Overacre and Thomas Overacre in his household, Thomas would be age 56 to 59 when he died.

The appraised estate of Thomas Overacre in the amount of $1,495.80 recorded in Bedford County courthouse in February 26, 1827 consisted of slaves, household items and animals (W.B. 6: 380-381). No real estate property is listed in the appraisement and there is no record of deed transactions in the Bedford County courthouse. In the Settlement of Accounts for his estate recorded in the Bedford County courthouse on September 21, 1832 is a listing for rent of plantation from William Lowry (O.B. 8:112-113)

There are no cemetery records in the Bedford City/County Museum, Bedford, VA for the burial place of Thomas Overacre and his wife Sally. According to family history Thomas and his son George Washington Overacre are buried in the family plat on the North side of the Peaks of Otter in Bedford County, VA. Over the years the grave markers disappeared, the road to the graves became impassable and the gravesite went back to nature. Thomas Overacre served three months, nine days as a private in Captain John Hewitt’s company of Riflemen, 2nd Regiment Virginia Militia in the War of 1812.

NOTE: George Washington Overacre died in Bedford County, VA between July 27, 1889 and November 26, 1889 (W. B. 26:542 Bedford County, VA). At the time of his death he owned about 160 acres of land on the South side of the Peaks in Bedford. This tract of land was sold in order that there be a just and equitable division among the parties entitled to it (Case File No.3467, Index 1901-0024, 1901, Bedford County, VA). There is no record of land owned by Thomas or George Overacre on the North side of the Peaks and the existence is not known of a family cemetery on the South side of the Peaks.
George Overacre provided a public service as a private citizen in the sale of 870 lb. of beef for use by the Continental Army in Frederick County, VA during the Revolutionary War. On October 26, 1780 he was issued six Certificates {in the name of George Overacre} for the beef on terms which provided for payment to him of 870 pounds and 10 shillings in six months at the rate of six percent. On a document in 1782, probably to settle a claim for payment on the certificates was the signature of Georg Oberaker {or Oberacker}. In the corner of the document where the signature is located is written the name Geo Overacre. {Public Service Claims, Frederick County, Reel 13, p. 641-646, Court Booklet, Reel 2, p. 16, Commissioner's Book 2, Reel 5, p. 203, The Library of Virginia}. This public service record is of interest in several respects. First, Georg Oberaker signed his name, which indicates he was literate during a time when there was no formal education. He was issued six certificates {notes} for the beef which could indicate that he wanted a note for himself and one each for his five sons: George, Daniel, Thomas, Isaac and John. Lastly, Georg Oberaker used the name George Overacre.

Signature of Georg Oberacker/Oberaker
Document pertains to the sale of beef
Geo Overacre is written in the right hand corner
Signature of Georg Oberacker/Oberaker August 7, 1782
Document pertains to the sale of beef
Geo Overacre is written in the left hand corner

I do sign over all my said to the nature mentioned to John Logan by power under my hand
This 1 August 1782

Geo Oberacker
George Overaker  
Winchester, Virginia

The signature of George Overaker is on documentation pertaining to his sale for the sum of 870 pounds, 10 shillings 870 pounds of beef for procuring a supply of provisions for the use of the Continental Army in the County of Frederick, Virginia on October 26, 1780. The signature appears to show a spelling of Georg. Oberaker, Oberoker, Oberacker. On one document containing the signature is written the name Geo Overacre in two places.

Court Order Books of the County of Frederick, Frederick County Court, Winchester, Virginia show his name spelled variously as Overacre, Overacker, Overaker, Oberoker, Oberaker. {Order Book No. 10, p. 218, 360, 362-363; No. 11, p. 399, 400; No. 13, p. 80; No. 14, p. 159; No. 16, p. 12, 331; No. 19, p. 237}.

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Public Service Claims, Commissioner's Book 2, Reel 5, p. 203 at a court held for Frederick County on September 1, 1783, the claim of GEORGE OVERACRE for supplies impressed.

Public Service Claims, Frederick County, Certificates, Reel 13, p. 641-646, Certification of receipt of GEORGE OVERACRE, for supplies impressed.

Public Service Claims, Frederick County, court Booklet. Reel 2. p. 16. at a court held in August 1782, p. 17, the claim of GEORGE OVERACRE for supplies impressed.

Prepared by David P. Rakestraw
Overacre/Overaker
An Overview of the early Spelling of the Surname

The burial stone of Daniel in Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, VA gives his name as Overaker.

1780 Tax List, Winchester, VA
  Daniel Overaker
  Isaac Overaker

1787 Personal Property Tax List, Frederick Co., VA
  Daniel Overacre
  George Overacre

1788 Inhabitants of 1788
The Story of Winchester in Virginia, by Frederic Morton
  George Overacre/Thomas Overacre (Thomas listed in the household of George)
  Daniel Overacre


1816 The date of the will for Daniel Overaker (January 2, 1816)

NOTE
The home which now stands as the Stonewall Jackson Headquarters in Winchester, VA is on property once owned by Daniel Overacre. The heirs of Andrew Friedley conveyed the property to Daniel Overacre who devised it to his wife Susannah Friedley Overacre on December 6, 1816. The home was once owned by Lewis T. Moore, grandfather of actress Mary Tyler Moore. Ms. Moore continues to maintain an active interest in the restoration of the home.
Section 4

Summary of Land Indentures, Overaker/Overacre Family, Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia
Summary of Land Indentures
Overacre/Overaker Family
Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia

Deed Indenture dated January 6, 1779
Deed Book 18, page 94
Recorded March 2, 1779

George Overacre of the county of Frederick and the Colony of Virginia bought from George Jacob Troutwine of the county of Frederick and the Colony of Virginia for the sum of 5 shillings one certain lot or half acre of land being in an addition to the Town of Winchester known as lot No. 158 bounded on the Southward side by Lot No. 159 on the Western by Cameron Street {in the Old town} and on the Northward side by Clifford Street and on the Eastward and by Lot No. 141 as by survey and plat of the said addition made by John Baylis and granted to Philip Bush by deed under the hand and seal of the Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax bearing date May 15, 1753 and by Philip Bush conveyed to George Jacob Troutwine by deeds of lease and release dated August 4 and 5, 1768. Witness: Christopher Witzill, Thomas Smith, Christopher Fry.

Deed Indenture Dated June 21, 1792
Deed Book 25, page 386-388
Recorded July 4, 1798

Isaac Overacre of the County of Frederick, State of Virginia bought from Peter Senseny and Mary his wife of the same place and for the sum of 15 pounds current money of Virginia a certain tract of land in the County of Frederick in the Town of Middletown between Stephensburgh and Shasburgh Lot No. 36 in a plan of the said town and according to the charter thereof made by the General Assembly of Virginia, lying on the main road or street, the said lot adjoining to Mordicai Yarnall's corner lot known by the Lot No. 35, the said lot containing 118 feet front on main street, containing one half acre with the free privilege of an ally at the end of said street, likewise the free privilege of bring water from the spring in or near the said town for the use of himself or said family.

Conditionally, Isaac Overacre shall pay to Peter Senseny rent of one half dollar yearly and every year on the first day of May and shall erect a building of fifteen feet long by twelve feet broad with a stone or brick chimney on the said lot within three years from the commencement of this deed, upon penalty of forfeiting the lot upon default thereof to Peter Senseny. The surname is spelled Overacre in the deed. Witnesses to the deed were George McCord, William Payless and Myanall {sic}.

Deed Indenture Dated December 1, 1794
Deed Book 1, page 33-37
Recorded December 1, 1794

George Overaker and Margaret his wife sold to Daniel Overaker for 40 pounds current money of Virginia one undivided and mostly or half part of a certain lot or half acre of land being in an addition to the Town of Winchester distinguished in a plan thereof by Number 158, Bounded on the Southward side by Lot No. 159, on the Westward and by
Cameron Street {the Old Town} on the Northward side by Clifford Street and on the Eastward and by Lot No. 141 as by survey and plat of the said addition made by John Baylis which said lot was granted by Thomas Lord Fairfax to Philip Bush by deed dated May 15, 1753 and by Philip Bush and Catherine his wife conveyed by deeds of lease and release dated August 4 and 5, 1768 to George Jacob Troutwine who with Jane his wife conveyed to George Overaker by deeds of lease and release dated January 6 and 7, 1779, all of which deeds are of record in the County Court of Frederick, the said mostly or half part of the said lot of ground conveyed or intended to so be is the most Southwardly side thereof which is bounded by Lot No. 159 and all houses, buildings, orchards, ways, water, water courses, profits, commodities, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever. This deed is for one half of the lot of land purchased by George Overaker from George Jacob Troutwine. Witness: George kiger, Thomas Deadrick, Jacob Kiger.

Deed Indenture Dated July 25, 1798
Deed Book SC-3, page 536 - 538
Recorded October 12, 1798

George Overacre and his wife Margaret of the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia sold for the sum of 100 pounds current money of Virginia to Isaac Overacre an certain half of an half acre lot of land being situated in an addition to the Town of Winchester in Frederick County and known by the No.158 bounded on the Southward side by Lot No.159, on the Western end by Cameron Street in the Old Town, on the Northward side by Clifford Street and on the Eastward end by Lot No. 141 as by survey and plat of the said addition made by John Baylis, and all the houses, buildings, orchards, ways, water, water courses, profits, commodities, heriditaments and appurtenances to the said premises. This deed is for one half of the lot of land purchased by George Overaker from George Jacob Troutwine. This part is the part bounded by Cameron Street and Clifford Street and part of Lot No. 141. The deed provided for an Estate of Inheritance in fee simple and a life estate to George Overacre and his wife Margaret to live on the premises. George Overacre died in Winchester on October 10, 1808. At the beginning of the deed on page 536 is a note in the left-hand corner “Overacre to Overacre.” At the end of the deed on page 538 is a note in the left-hand corner “Examined and taken out by Isaac Overaker.” The surname is spelled Overacre and Overaker in various places in the deed. Witness: George McCord, John Anderson, Adam Haymaker.

Indenture Dated February 20, 1800
Deed Book 27, page 519
Received for Record February 21, 1800, Adams County, MS
Recorded April 6, 1802, Frederick County, VA

Thomas Lindsay, now in the Town of Natchez in the County of Adams and Mississippi Territory sold for the sum of $100.00 to George Overaker of the Town of Natchez in the County of Adams and Mississippi Territory all the goods, chattels, monies, credits and personal estate whatsoever devised to Thomas Lindsay by the Last Will and Testament of his father James Lindsay late of Winchester in the County of Frederick and the State of Virginia, deceased. The deed also prescribed for all and singular the Premises upon the receipt thereof to George Overaker and Thomas Lindsay does warrant all and singular the Premises to George Overaker. The surname was spelled only as Overaker in the deed.
The premises are a lot of land situated on Loudoun and Boscown Streets in the City of Winchester. The seal of Thomas Lindsay is on the deed. One of the four witnesses to the deed was John Overaker. The other witnesses were Chas F. Todd, Peter Walker and John Kean, all of Adams County, MS. Peter Walker was the Clerk of the Court of General Quarters in Adams County, MS. and accepted this document for the record.

Deed Indenture Dated August 20, 1801
Deed Book 27, page 514-518
Recorded April 6, 1802

George Overaker of the town of Natchez, county of Adams and Mississippi Territory and Margaret his wife sold for the sum of $1,900.00 to Richard Bowen of Winchester in Frederick County and State of Virginia that half part or mostly the remainder of Lot No. 6 in Winchester where James Lindsey {sic} resided at the time of his decease, which adjoins Boscoun or Water Street on the south being the same which James Lindsey by a clause in his Last Will and Testament in which he devised to his son Thomas Lindsey “that half or mostly of the remainder of Lot No. 6 situate in Winchester where on I now live which adjoins Boscoun or Water Street on the South.” The deed had language that stated Thomas Lindsey conveyed the same to George Overaker by indenture of bargain and sale on February 20, 1800 and this deed is of record in the Court of Hustings of the Corporation of Winchester. The deed noted this indenture is recorded in the Court of Hustings of the Corporation of Winchester and included all the houses, buildings, orchards, ways, water, water courses, profits, commodities, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever. George Overaker and Margaret Overaker signed the deed.

The surname is spelled only as Overaker. The seals of George and Margaret Overaker are on this indenture. One of the four witnesses to the deed was Daniel Overaker. Another witness was Jacob Kiger, probably the husband of Mary Overaker and sister of George Overaker and Daniel Overaker. On April 6, 1801 this indenture was proved by the oaths of Jacob Kiger, Daniel Overaker and Thomas Runan.

It was noted in the deed that Margaret Overaker cannot conveniently travel to the Corporation Court of Winchester to make acknowledgement of the indenture and the Court gave unto Gent Justices William Davison and William Ball power to receive the acknowledgement of Margaret and the Court commanded Messieurs Davison and Ball to personally go to Margaret and receive her acknowledgement and to examine her privately and apart from her husband to determine whether she willingly signed and sealed the indenture, and for Davison and Ball to certify to the Court under their seal. The certification was given on August 20, 1801. John Peyton, Clerk of Court, gave this order.

Deed Indenture Dated April 20, 1802
Deed Book 27, page 518
Recorded April 5, 1802
George Overaker of the Town of Natchez in the County of Adams and the Mississippi Territory sold for the sum of $100.00 to Richard Bowen of the Corporation of Winchester in the County of Frederick and the Commonwealth of Virginia all the goods, chattels, monies, credits and Personal Estate devised to Thomas Lindsey in the Last Will and Testament of his father James Lindsey late of Winchester, purchased by George Overaker from Thomas Lindsey in his deed dated February 20, 1800. It is written on page 519 that on April 20, 1802 the deed was ordered to be recorded. The recorded date posted in the General Index to Deeds in Adams County is April 5, 1802.

The seal of George Overaker is not on this indenture, which is signed “By the Court, Ta Keith, CC.” The indenture was proved by the oaths of Obed Waite and Thomas Purse.

Deed Indenture Dated November 21, 1802
Deed Book 1, page 286
Recorded December 3, 1802

For consideration of the sum of sixty current money of the United States Isaac Overaker and Rebekah his wife sold to Daniel Overaker one certain half of an half acre lot of land lying situate and being in an addition to the Town of Winchester known by the No.158 bounded on the southward side by Lot No. 159 on the Western end by Cameron Street in the Old Town on the southward side by Clifford Street and on the Eastward end by Lot No.141 as by survey and plat of the said addition made by John Bailis {Baylis}. {NOTE: The consideration appears to be the word sixty. After the word there is no mention of dollars or pounds. Thus a specified amount of payment cannot be determined}.

This is the half of the half-acre lot George Jacob Troutwine conveyed to George Overaker {Overacre} and George Overaker conveyed to Isaac Overaker.

The seal of Isaac Overaker and Rebecca Overaker is on the deed. Witnesses to the deed were Lewis Wolf, Joseph Gamble and Daniel Hartman.

John Peyton, Clerk of the Court of the Corporation of Winchester, appointed Lewis Wolf, Joseph Gamble and George Reed, or any two or more of them, Gent Justices, Whereas Rebecca Overaker cannot conveniently travel to said Court to make acknowledgement of the indenture and gave to the order to the Gent Justices to personally go to Rebecca and receive her acknowledgement and examine her privately and apart from her husband to see whether she willingly signed and sealed the indenture without persuasion or threat of her husband and whether she consented to the indenture to be recorded in the Corporation Court. The Court ordered the Gent Justices to certify to the Court that they examined Rebecca and received her acknowledgement. The certification by Lewis Wolfe and Joseph Gamble was given on November 22, 1802.

Cross-reference to the deed of Daniel Overaker with John Kiger dated October 29, 1806.

Isaac lost a considerable amount of money on the sale of his half of Lot No. 158 to Daniel should the consideration paid to him be correct.
Daniel Overaker and Susannah his wife sold for the sum of 175 pounds current money of Virginia to John Kiger the one half part or lot of land he purchase from George Overaker and Margaret his wife by deed dated December 1, 1794 and the one half part of the lot of land he purchased from Isaac Overaker by deed dated November 22, 1802, as recorded in Deed Book 1, page 286 in the Corporation of Winchester {this deed was illegible to be copied for this summary}. In essence Daniel Overaker by 1802 had purchased from George Overaker and Isaac Overaker all that lot of land that George Overaker bought from George Jacob Troutwine by deed dated January 6, 1779. Daniel made an estimation of 75 pounds profit on the sale of Lot No. 158 to John Kiger.
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Summary of Land Indentures
George Overaker of Natchez, Mississippi
Recorded in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia

Indenture Dated February 20, 1800
Deed Book 27, page 519
Recorded April 6, 1802, Frederick County, VA
Received for Record February 21, 1800, Adams County, MS

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Deed Book 27, page 514-518
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The surname is spelled only as Overaker. The seals of George and Margaret Overaker are on this indenture. One of the four witnesses to the deed was Daniel Overaker. Another witness was Jacob Kiger, probably the husband of Mary Overaker and sister of George.
Overaker and Daniel Overaker. On April 6, 1801 this indenture was proved by the oaths of Jacob Kiger, Daniel Overaker and Thomas Runan.

It was noted in the deed that Margaret Overaker cannot conveniently travel to the Corporation Court of Winchester to make acknowledgement of the indenture and the Court gave unto Gent Justices William Davison and William Ball power to receive the acknowledgement of Margaret and the Court commanded Messieurs Davison and Ball to personally go to Margaret and receive her acknowledgement and to examine her privately and apart from her husband to determine whether she willingly signed and sealed the indenture, and for Davison and Ball to certify to the Court under their seal. The certification was given on August 20, 1801. John Peyton, Clerk of Court, gave this order.

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Section 5

George Overacre/Overaker
Court Order Book, Frederick County, VA
Tax Lists for Thomas Overacre, Frederick County, VA
Order Book No. 21, 1788-1789
No index to record.

Order Book No. 20, 1786-1788
No Overacre/Overaker in index.

Order Book No. 19, 1784-1785
Page 237, August Court of 1785
Ordered that Bell pay George Overacre twenty pounds of tobacco.

Order Book No. 18, 1781-1784
No index to record book.

Order Book No. 17, 1778-1781
No Overacre/Overaker in index.

Order Book No. 16, 1772-1778
Page 12, December 4, 1772
Petition of George Overacre vs Julian Spickard for debt due by account. Debt served and copy of petition and summoned to appear was called but did not appear. Court ordered petitioner recover against debt one pound six shillings and his cost to him.

Page 110, September 8, 1773
Debt of Julian Spickard not paid. Court ordered debt is guilty in manner and form as the plaintiff has presented and the damages occasioned thereof to four pounds.

Page 331, April 7, 1774
Petition of George Overacre vs Christian Pingstaffe for debt due by note. Petition served and Pingstaffe did not show. Court ordered Overacre recover four pounds two shillings with his cost.

Order Book No. 15, 1770-1772
No Overacre/Overaker in index
Order Book No. 14, 1767-1770
Page 159, November 5, 1767
George Overacker vs Jerome Williams on a bond given by Jerome Williams for repleving sundry effects of John Judys. Judgement granted George Overaker against Williams for eight hundred ninety nine pounds of tobacco and fifteen shillings with interest thereon to be compounded from February 11, 1767. At the rate of 5% percentum.

NOTE spelling of Overacre/Overaker/Overacker name.

Order Book No. 13, 1765-1767
Page 80, June 5, 1766
George Overaker vs James Fowler. Dismissed being agreed by parties.

Order Book No. 12. No Date Given
No index to record.

Order Book No. 11, 1763-1764
Page 399. No date
George Oberoker vs James Fowler. Tryal {sic} referred to the Next Court. Defendant claims he is not guilty of the premises in the declaration mentioned in manner and form as the plaintif {sic} has declared.

Page 400, no date
John Judy vs George Oberoker. Defendant claims he is not guilty of the premises in declaration specific in manner and force as the plaintif {sic} has declared. Tryal {sic} referred to the next court...

Order Book No. 10, 1763-1764
Page 218, no date. Page 196 dated Sept. 10, 1762
Henry Creamer vs George Oberacker
The petition is continued to the next court at the cost of the defendant.

Page 360, no date. Page 355 dated Nov. 5, 1762...
George Oberaker vs James Fowler
The parties and their attorneys came to the court and have leave to impart to the next court and then to plead.

Page 362-363, no date.
John Judy vs George Oberoker.
Edward Snickers of this county comes into this court and undertakes for the defendant that in case he should be cast in this suit he shall satisfy and pay the Condemnation of the Court and render his body to prison in the execution for the same or that he the said Edward Snickers will do it for him. Whereupon the said defendant by his attorney prays and has leave to imparte till the Next Court and then to plead.
Henry Creamer vs George Oberocker

The petition of the plaintiff is dismissed, the plaintiff failing to further prosecute.

Prepared by David P. Rakestraw
Thomas Overacre
Bedford County, Virginia

The Personal Property Tax List for the year 1787, Frederick County, Virginia (also for Winchester Town) listed in the household for George Overacre a white male above 16 and under 21 years of age. This young male is presumed to be Thomas Overacre named as another tithable in the household of George Overacre in the Taxable Personal Property tax list for Winchester, Virginia in 1788.

The young male in the 1787 tax list for George Overacre would be of age 17 and 20 and born between 1767 and 1770. For Thomas Overacre this would place his age between 56 and 59 in the year of his death of 1826.

An examination of these tax lists seem to draw a conclusion that George Overacre of Frederick County, Winchester, Virginia is the father of Thomas Overacre who removed from Winchester to Bedford County, Virginia.
Section 6

John Hoff and Elizabeth Hoff with Family Connections
John Hoff and Elizabeth Overaker

It is determined that John Hoff (Sr.) married Elizabeth Overaker. In the manuscript "The Thomas Jones Allas Harrison Family", p. 80 (Book No. 277, Call No. 929.2 Bug, Archives Department, Handley Library, Winchester, VA) it is said for the transcription of the will of John Hoff that he is the son of John Hoff and Elizabeth Overaker. No marriage record or ministers return has been found for this marriage.

The next step was to identify the children from this marriage.

Jonathan Smith was the Administrator for the estate of Elizabeth Hoff. The accounts for her estate were recorded in the court of Frederick County, Winchester, VA on August 29, 1840 (W. B. 20:472). In the accounts the administrator paid $33.90 each to:

- John Hoff his share in full
- Howson Pritchard on right of his wife ditto
- Mary Barnhart . . . . ditto
- Elizabeth Smith wife of Administrator

The Adm has an account agst Isaac Hoff more than sufficient to discharge his share. Henry Hoff's share remains in the hands of the Adm the said henry Hoff being dead and it is not known whether he has left heirs.”

The will of John Hoff dated February 25, 1858 (son of John Hoff and Elizabeth Overaker) names his sisters Margaret Pritchard and Mary Barnhart. (W.B. 25:580-581, Proved: February 28, 1859, Frederick County, VA).

The will of Mary Kiger dated may 9, 1835 bequeath to “Elizabeth Hoff my sister, Elizabeth Smith wife of Jonathan Smith, Margaret Pritchard wife of H. Pritchard and Mary Barnhart wife of George Barnhart all my notes, bonds and accounts.” And “All my wearing apparel should be equally divided between my two nieces {sic} Elizabeth and Margaret Pritchard.” (W.B. 20:40, Proved: December 4, 1837, Frederick County, VA).

The above mentioned manuscript contains a transcription of the will of Howson K, Pritchard (p.87). The transcriber notes that he is the husband of Margaret Hoff Pritchard. The will names Margaret Pritchard sole Executrix. “Marriage Records, Winchester, Virginia 1783-1931, Compiled by Dola S. Tylor”, p. 8B lists the marriage of Margaret Hoff to Howson Prichard on June 30, 1808, Bondsmen: Howson Prichard and John Hoff.

The 1850 U. S. Federal Census for Winchester, Frederick County, VA for the household of George Barnhart (Age 66) lists Mary Barnhart {age 58}. A bequeath in the will of John Hoff is to his niece Juliett Hoff. The census record for George Barnhart included a child named Julia Hoff (age 14). Juliett and Julia could be one and the same. The "Death Records of Winchester, Virginia 1853-1870" records on page 52 the death of Mary Barnhart on March 31, 1864 at 74 years of age. The record indicated her consort as George Barnhart and her parents as John Hoff. Why her mother Elizabeth Overaker Hoff is not mentioned can only be explained by the fact that she died on June 14, 1838 and it was customary to name the father, when in this case he had died on February 12, 1804.

The grave inscription for Elizabeth Smith is listed next to John Huff {Hoff} and Elizabeth Hoff (Huff) on page 47 of the Gravestone Inscriptions from the "Old Lutheran
and German Reform Graves” of Mt Hebron Cemetery, Book V, Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society.

I believe that based upon the records it should be acknowledged that John Hoff, Isaac Hoff, Henry Hoff, Mary Barnhart, Elizabeth Smith and Margaret Pritchard are children of Elizabeth Overaker Hoff and John Hoff.

A separate research file has been created for Isaac Hoff.

By: David P. Rakestraw
The will of John Hoff, of Frederick County, Virginia, son of John Hoff and Elizabeth Overaker was proved February 28, 1859. He bequeathed to his wife Mary $5,000.00. (The Thomas Jones alias Harrison Family, et, al, Researched by Nancy Gene Jones Bugner. The Handley Library, Winchester, VA, p. 80).

The father John Hoff (Huff) died February 12, 1804 at age 60 years and 4 months. His year of birth was October 1743. The mother Elizabeth Overaker Hoff (Huff) died June 14, 1838 at age 81. Her year of birth was 1757. Thus John Hoff was 14 years older than Elizabeth Overaker. (Gravestone Inscriptions From 61 graveyards in Frederick County and the counties that were once a part of Frederick County and includes the inscriptions from the “Old Lutheran and German Reform Graves” in Mt Hebron Cemetery, p.47).

The gravestone inscriptions, page 53, listed a John Hoff who died January 28, 1859 at 71 years of age. The next name in the record was Maria Hoff who died January 28, 1863 at 71 years of age.

There were six census records with the surname Hoff for the 1850 U. S. Federal Census for Frederick County, VA (as supplied by Ancestry.com). Two records were for John Hoff. One record for John Hoff, age 71, a Farmer, value of real estate is $16,000 and born in Virginia. His household included Maria Hoff, age 56, and Elizabeth Hoff, age 17.

The other record is for John Hoff, age 82. No profession is given for him. Other household members are:
- Mary Hoff, age 64. Born in VA
- Mary Myers, age 60, born in VA
- John Myers, age 22, born in VA
- Mary Myers, age 19, born in VA
- Abigail Hoff, age 65 and bom in Virginia. No profession is given. In her household were:
  - Payton Washington, age 60, Race, B
  - Mary Washington, age 20, Race, B
- Phillip Hoff, age 68 and born in Virginia. His profession is given as None. He was living in the household of Jonathan Smith, age 58 and born in Virginia. His profession is Miller. Other household members are:
  - Hannah Smith, age 58, born in VA
  - John A. Smith, age 22, born in VA
  - Isaac W. Smith, age 21, born in VA
  - John R. Gill, age 15, born in VA
  - Amanda Smith, age 23, born in VA
  - Mary H. Smith, age 19, born in VA
Julia Hoff, age 16. No profession is given. She is living in the household of George Barnhart, age 66 and born in Pennsylvania. No profession is given. Other household members are:
Mary Barnhart, age 58, born in VA
James Barnhart, age 33, born in VA
Jacob Barnhart, age 20, born in VA
Daniel Barnhart, age 26, female, born in VA
George Baldwin, age 17, born in VA
Mary Jones, age 45, born in VA

Amanda Hoff, age 27 and born in Virginia. She is living in the household of Jesse Curry, age 70 and a Taylor and born in Pennsylvania. Other household members are:
Catherine Curry, age 66, born in VA
Jacqueline Curry, age 35, born in VA
Louisa E. B. Curry, age 23, born in VA

It is believed the John Hoff, farmer, age 71, in the 1850 census is the son of John Hoff and Elizabeth Overaker. The name Mary and Maria were often interchangeable and given common usage as one and the same. The transcriber of the will of John Hoff used the given name Mary and the name she was commonly called was inscribed Maria on the gravestone.

David P. Rakestraw
Section 7

Magruder /Overaker Connections, Mississippi
This is an attempt to organize various pieces of information I have received that pertain to the family of Alexander Magruder II and Elizabeth Howard Magruder. My interest is to assemble the data and to apply certain Magruder family members to my Overaker/Overacre family. In doing so I trust the effort will help the Magruder’s and descendants who are related to the Overaker family that resided in Mississippi in the early part of the 19th century. If any data is incorrect I will be glad to correct the error. Any names, dates or statements to add I would be glad to receive.

The information collected is from Notable Southern Families by Zella Armstrong; The National Genealogical Society Historical Pamphlet 1908, Volume 2, the handwritten history of Alexander Magruder, Genealogical Records: Maryland Settlers & Soldiers, 1700s-1800s; Marriage licenses of Prince George’s County, Maryland; Mississippi Department of Archives & History; various web sites through Google.com pertaining to Cowles Mead; genealogical web sites; and a collection of Email. I am especially grateful to all family members who have contributed to this project in providing family history than has made detail in this paper possible.

Children of Alexander Magruder III and Elizabeth Howard, his wife

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7. Elizabeth Hawkins Magruder b. Jan. 6, 1761
   m. James Somerville
   Issue

8. Leonard Magruder b. April 4, 1763 d. Feb. 25, 1795
   m. Susannah Priscilla Hawkins b. 1760 d. in Mississippi
   Issue

9. Rebecca Magruder b. March 7, 1765
   m. William Wilson
   Issue

    m. Dec. 1, 1803 Elizabeth Anne Magruder, his second cousin in Prince George County, Maryland
    Issue

James Trueman Magruder was born in Maryland and chose a nautical profession at a young age and by the age of 20 became a sea captain. He later was Captain and the owner of a merchant vessel The Potowmac Chief. Capt. Magruder traded in ports in the Caribbean, England and America. After retiring from his sea career around 1808 Capt. Magruder moved near Natchez, Mississippi with Sister Priscilla Magruder. Captain James T. Magruder later moved to Jefferson County where bought land and established Mt Ararat plantation in Church Hill, MS (some say Washington in Adams County). His home was a two storied log structure. He died in 1830 and is buried in the family cemetery at Mt. Ararat. Priscilla Magruder is buried in the Drake Family Cemetery at Mt. Ararat. Today Mt. Ararat is among the cemeteries found in 158 white burial sites in Jefferson County. The children of Capt. James T. Magruder and Elizabeth Ann Magruder are:

1. Susannah Priscilla Hawkins Magruder b. April 2, 1811 d. April 12, 1892

On October 4, 1827 Susannah Priscilla Hawkins Magruder married Benjamin Michael Drake who was a preacher for the Methodist Episcopal Church. From this marriage there were eight children. Their home was Magnolia Springs in Jefferson County, Mississippi. B. M. Drake was president of Elizabeth Academy for young ladies from 1828 to 1832, founder and president of Centenary College of La. in 1853 and was a pastor, deacon and elder with the Mississippi Conference. Benjamin Michael Drake born Sept. 11, 1800 died on May 8, 1860. (Cain, Methodism... pp 271-275). Children of Benjamin Michael Drake and Susannah Priscilla Hawkins Magruder are:

   m. Elizabeth Miller
   Issue
m. J. B. Willis  
Issue  
4. Augustine Freeland Drake  b. June 22, 1836  
m. Elizabeth Mason  
5. Elijah Steel Drake  b. Oct. 14, 1841  
m. Alice Groton  
m. Clara Bell Wailes Sept. 24, 1873  
Issue  

The 1850 census for Jefferson County, Mississippi, page 86, list B. M. Drake, age 50, minister, value of real estate $1500 and place of birth North Carolina. The age of 39 is given for Susan P. Drake. Family members listed with their ages include those children given above except for Henry Winborne Drake. Another child, B. M. Drake, Jr., age 1, is listed. Susan McGruder, age 79, with place of birth Md. is also listed in the family of B. M. Drake. It is said in several publications that the mother of Susannah Priscilla Hawkins Magruder is Elizabeth Anne Magruder. Given the age of Susan McGruder it could be she and Elizabeth Anne Magruder is one and the same. There is another Drake family listed on page 83B of the census. There is a Thomas B. Magruder family listed on page 102 of the census. Except for pages 83B, 86 and 102 there are no other Drake or Magruder/McGruder families listed in the compiled census of 1850 for Jefferson County.  

Leonard Magruder married Susanna Priscilla Hawkins and raised his family in Prince George County, Maryland. While there are similarities of name of the wife of Leonard Magruder and the name of the daughter of Captain James T. Magruder it is likely Capt. Magruder named his daughter for the wife of his brother Leonard.  

Children of Leonard Magruder and Susanna Priscilla Hawkins Magruder are:  

John Hawkins Magruder  b. March 26, 1790  d. Aug. 7, 1859  
William Howard Magruder  b. Jun. 4, 1791  d. Nov. 5, 1838  
James Trueeman Magruder (Jr.)  
Leonard Alexander Magruder  b. CA 1790  
Elizabeth Howard Magruder b. 1795
Elizabeth Howard Magruder married Thomas Freeland.

At an early age James Trueman Magruder, Jr. moved to Mississippi with his mother, sister and brother (the name of the brother has not been identified). He lived with his uncle, Captain James Trueman Magruder, near Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi. For a time James Trueman Magruder Jr. attended Jefferson College (his last attendance record at the college is 1813). In Natchez James Trueman Magruder, Jr. married Mary Overaker, the oldest daughter of Isaac Overaker (Overacre), on Thursday, January 29, 1818 by Rev. John Menefee, a Methodist minister, at the home of George Overaker, Hope Farm. Hope Farm was the home of George Overaker from 1804 until his death in 1820. The house is now a bed and breakfast and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house and grounds are opened to the public each spring for the Natchez Pilgrimage Tour. George Overaker was the brother of Isaac Overaker. Isaac Overaker died about July 18, 1818 and James Trueman Magruder, Jr. was the Administrator of his estate. On June 28, 1817 James T. Magruder, Jr. and Isaac Overaker were witness to the will of Samuel B. Richards in Natchez.

James Trueman Magruder Jr. operated a general merchandise store known as James Trueman Magruder, Jr. and Company in Natchez, Mississippi during the period of about 1821 to 1825. Of his marriage to Mary Overaker one child was born named Elizabeth Howard Magruder. Elizabeth was called Betty. On June 21, 1838 in Clinton, MS she married Peterfield Jefferson, a lineal descendant of Field Jefferson an uncle of Thomas Jefferson. Children from this marriage are:

1. John R. Jefferson b.1852 d. April 10, 1902  
   m. Lucy Avery Williams  
   Issue

   m. Ludlow (Cud) Charles  
   Issue

   m. Jonathan Green Thomas  
   Issue

   m. William Alexander Cabell  
   Issue


   m. J. Pickens Moore

7. Peterfield Jefferson b. 1847 d. ?  
   m. (1) Laura Wood (2) Emma Brussell  
   Surviving issue from 2nd marriage
After the death of James Trueman Magruder Jr. his widow Mary Overaker Magruder married Gen. Cowles Mead on September 17, 1835. She was his third wife named Mary. There is no record of children from this marriage to add to this family history. They made their home at Greenwood plantation, near Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi.

Cowles Mead was a prominent politician in Mississippi, appointed by President Thomas Jefferson Secretary to the Mississippi Territory (1806), Acting Governor (1806-1807), served in the State senate (1821), member of the State house of representatives (1822 and 1823), delegate to the Mississippi constitutional convention (1817 and one of the 45 convention delegates to sign the constitution adopted on August 15, 1817. He was an unsuccessful candidate for governor of Mississippi in 1825. In the war of 1812 Col. Cowles Mead became commander of the First Regiment Mississippi Infantry organized in Baton Rouge in January 1813.

While Acting Governor of the Mississippi territory Cowles Mead in January 1807 captured Aaron Burr when there was a warrant for his arrest after President Jefferson proclaimed Burr’s conspiracy to separate the union a treasonous act. It is said Aaron Burr’s sword hung on the wall of Greenwood until Mary Mead with her own hands buckled it upon Captain John W. Welborn, commanding officer of the Mississippi College Rifles. Listed among her friends were Jefferson Davis and his family, Aaron Burr, Daniel Webster and General Andrew Jackson and Harman Blennerhassett and his wife Margaret. During the War Between the States Mary Mead and family left Greenwood for the safety of Alabama. When she returned home after the war Greenwood was destroyed with only tall chimneys standing.

Cowles Mead was born in Bedford, Virginia on October 18, 1776 and died at Greenwood on May 17, 1844. The 1850 census for Hinds County, Mississippi, enumerated on November 23 to 30, 1850, list Mary Mead as 54 years old, a widow, a planter and born in Virginia. This census record would place her date of birth in 1796 and the Virginia birthplace would be the City of Winchester, County of Frederick. Mary Mead died December 25, 1879 at age 83. Mary Overaker Magruder Mead, her daughter, Elizabeth Howard Magruder Jefferson and Peterfield Jefferson are buried in the Clinton, MS cemetery located next to Mississippi College in Clinton.

April 15, 2003
Section 8

Marriage Records, Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi
Marriage Records
Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Marriage of Elizabeth Overaker Wallace to Gabriel Tichenor
License to marry was issued by the Register of the Orphans Court on April 10, 1810. The Hon. Samuel Brooks celebrated the marriage on April 11, 1810.

Marriage of Nancy Overaker, a Widow, to William Hazlip
Marriage Book 1, page 275, 1802-1810
License to marry was issued by the Register of the Orphans Court of Adams County, Mississippi Territory on March 24, 1814. Marriage celebrated on March 26, 1814 by John Richards, Justice of the Peace and Recorded on April 4, 1814.

Marriage of Pomona Overaker to Levi W. Taylor
Marriage Book 3, page 41, 1823-1866
License to marry was issued by M. Postlethwaite, Probate Judge, State of Mississippi, Adams County on May 12, 1823. William Hazlip gave his consent to the marriage to M. Postlethwaite on May 13, 1823. Robert Turner, Justice of the Peace celebrated the marriage, on May 15, 1823.

Marriage of Rebecca Overaker to William B. Winston
Marriage Book 3, page 43, 1823-1866
License to marry was issued by M. Postlethwaite, Probate Judge, State of Mississippi, Adams County on May 19, 1823. The part of the document to be completed by the Justice of the Peace was struck out. Thus it is presumed to marriage was celebrated by the Probate Judge on the date the license was issued.

Marriage of Pomona Overaker Taylor to John S. Norris
License to marry was issued by Woodson Mer, Clerk, on October 2, 1824. John S. Norris and Geo.Overaker signed the marriage bond to the license. John C. Burris, Justice of the Peace, celebrated the marriage on October 2, 1825.

Marriage of Maria L. Overaker to Ortasmus L. Nash
Marriage Book 5, page 259, 1826-1835
License to marry was issued by Woodrow Regs (sp), Probate Judge, on May 12, 1830. The remainder of the license is left blank.
Section 9

Correspondence to Debra Jefferson McShane regarding the Magruder family connection.
MEMORANDUM

February 10, 2003

To: Debbie Jefferson McShane
From: David P. Rakestraw

Subject: Magruder Family Connection

I have it written in my sketch on the Overaker/Magruder/Mead families that Elizabeth Howard Magruder, daughter of James Trueman Magruder, Jr. and Mary Overaker, married Peter Field Jefferson in 1838. In World Family Tree [WFT] posted on Ancestry.com by Peter McManus, Aug. 16, 2002, the date of the marriage was 1836 in Clinton, Mississippi. McManus reports the name Elizabeth Howard Winston Magruder. For my records and to produce an accurate statement I have written to the Hinds County Clerk for a copy of the marriage license and the Marriage Index. If you have any record that would help establish the marriage date I would appreciate a copy.

Capt. James Trueman Magruder and his wife Elizabeth Ann Magruder had a daughter named Susannah Priscilla Hawkins Magruder. On October 4, 1827 Susannah married Benjamin Michael Drake. Peter McManus reports the date of birth of Susannah as April 2, 1811 and the date of death as April 12, 1892. I have established her birth date from the 1850 census for Jefferson County, MS and have written to the Jefferson County Chancery Clerk for her probate records. Do you have any record confirming McManus on this issue? I would like a copy if you do.

The publication Georgia Pioneers Vol. 7, p167 records on August 16, 1794 Basil Jones and John Cobbs of Georgia sold 100,000 a. in Montgomery County for the sum of ce46, 13s, 4p and a further sum of ce901 in dry goods to Leonard Magruder, Theodore Bealle and William Bealle. This Leonard Magruder could be the father of James Trueman Magruder, Jr. Col. William Beal (Bealle) was the second husband to Sarah Ann Magruder, sister to Leonard Magruder who married Susanna Priscilla Hawkins. It is noted that Gov. Matthews granted more land than existed in Montgomery Co. and this is one of the grants. Montgomery County was created in 1794 from other counties and is one of the smallest counties in Georgia. The county is Southeast of Atlanta. I can send to you a copy of this record if you would like it.

Peter McManus gives the name of the father of Elizabeth Howard Winston Magruder in his WFT as James Freeland Magruder and names her mother as Mary Overacker, born CA 1814. The 1850 census for Mary (Overaker Magruder) Mead will establish the year of her birth as 1796.

As for the middle name of the son James of Leonard Magruder and Susanna Priscilla Hawkins, several sources in WFT in Ancestry.com and Genealogy.com have the middle name as Freeland. I am satisfied the middle name is Trueman or Truman but am open to any convincing record that would show the name as Freeland. The handwritten family pedigree which I understand was written by your gg aunt Elizabeth Howard Jefferson Cabell mentions James Truman Magruder as among the four sons of Leonard Magruder.
File Z 1995.000 of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (James Trueman Magruder, Jr. Mercantile Ledges) identifies James Trueman Magruder, Jr. as the son of Leonard Magruder and his uncle as Capt. James Trueman Magruder.

The Historical Pamphlet of the National Genealogical Society, Vol. 25, p. 107-111 is an essay by Alexander H. Bell, Nov. 1, 1937 on the Magruder-Trueman families. The name Freeland is not mentioned. Bell mentions in the Trueman family there is a James Trueman among the four brothers as early settlers in Maryland. Bell writes that “the surname Truman or Trueman has probably been more in common use as given or middle names and by more families than any other family name in Maryland....” Bell did not give any instances when Trueman or Truman was used as a given or middle name to the surname Magruder.

In my research on the Overaker-Magruder connection the name Freeland came up twice. Elizabeth Howard Magruder, daughter of Leonard Magruder and Susanna Hawkins Magruder, married Thomas Freeland. I have no date of this marriage. Susannah Priscilla Hawkins Magruder, daughter of Capt. James Trueman Magruder, had a son from her marriage to Benjamin Michael Drake who was named Augustine Freeland Drake (b. June 22, 1836). I have an unconfirmed assumption that Augustine Freeland Drake was named for the husband of Susannah’s cousin, Elizabeth Howard Magruder Freeland.

The 1810 census for Adams County, Mississippi for the family Ja’s T. McGruder (presumed to be James T. Magruder, Jr.) listed a white male of 16 and under 26 and a white female of 16 and under 26. This would be James Trueman Magruder, Jr. and his wife Mary Overaker. Mary was born in 1796 and age 24 at the time of the census. James would be no more than age 25 and this would give his year of birth in 1795. I am willing to give consideration to any reasonable data to show the Freeland family like the Trueman family was connected to the Magruder family before 1795. In the WFT’s given in the genealogy sites on the web above mentioned I have seen Freeland used many times as a middle name in the 1800’s.

In the book Passports of Southeastern Pioneers 1770-1823 by Dorothy Williams Potter is a record of passports issued to travelers going through Spanish Territory in the Mississippi Valley and War Department passports issued to travelers going through Indian land. The book contains a passport dated Jan. 10, 1802 issued to George Overaker and his family of seven to go through Cherokee Indian lands down the River Tennessee on the way to Natchez in the Mississippi Territory. The book contains no passport issued to a Magruder family. It would seem that Capt. James Trueman Magruder and his family sailed from Maryland to New Orleans and traveled upland to settle near Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi Territory.

Regards,
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February 25, 2003

To: Doug Burke
    Debra McShane

I am writing to each of you and furnishing documents to outline an element of our family history we may not have previously considered. It is possible that Rebecca Thorn Overaker lived with her daughter Rebecca and her husband William Burton Winston until she died.

I think it can be said that Rebecca Thorn Overaker and her two daughters, Pomona and Rebecca lived with her oldest daughter Mary and her husband James Trueman Magruder, Jr. (married on January 29, 1818) after the death of Isaac Overaker in 1818. (1820 U.S. Federal Census for Adams County, MS). James T. Magruder, Jr. was appointed Administrator of his estate on July 13, 1818.

We know from the James Trueman Magruder, Jr. Mercantile Ledger Z1995.000 maintained in the Mississippi Department of Archives & History that he operated a general merchandize store in Natchez, MS with his cousin Alexander Covington. The mercantile records end in December 1821. We do not know exactly when but Alexander Covington moved to Warren County, MS, bought small farms, and accumulated 1200 acres of land by 1825. There is no census record in Adams County for James T. Magruder in 1830. There is no estate record for him in Jefferson Co., Jefferson Davis Co., Adams Co., and Hinds Co. In my research it is a mystery of what happened to James Trueman Magruder, Jr. There is a census record for 1830 in Adams County for W.B. Winston (William Burton Winston).

Rebecca Overaker married William Burton Winston on May 19, 1823. The 1830 U.S. Federal Census for Adams County, MS lists in his household among others a female of 60 and under 70 years of age. In my deduction this would not be the mother of James Trueman Magruder, Jr. The Mercantile Ledger reports that James Trueman Magruder, Jr. moved to the Natchez, MS and in the early 1800s lived with his uncle Capt. James Trueman Magruder, Jr. and attended Jefferson College. There is no record that his father Leonard Magruder and mother, Susanna Priscilla Hawkins Magruder, moved from Prince George County, Maryland to Mississippi. This elderly woman could be Rebecca Thorn Overaker.

A search of twelve counties in Mississippi located no 1840 census record for William B. Winston. Seven Winston families were in the 1840 census in Sumpter County, Alabama, which is close to Lowndes County, MS. No William B. Winston was among them. William B. Winston and his families are in the 1850 U.S. Federal Census for Lowndes Co., MS.
My deduction is this. Rebecca Thorn Overaker lived with her children after the death of her husband, Isaac Overaker. First she lived with James Trueman Magruder, Jr. and her daughter, Mary. It is possible James Trueman Magruder, Jr. died on a business trip up the Mississippi River in search of merchandise for his store. I am at a loss as to why no estate records or real estate records can be found for him. Sometime following this event Rebecca lived in the household of William B. Winston and her daughter, Rebecca. I have no information on how Mary Magruder and her daughter Elizabeth Howard Magruder were supported before Mary married Cowles Mead on December 17, 1835.

In closing I think it would be worthwhile to check the Winston family cemetery records in Lowndes County, MS or the Lowndes County historical society for a grave record for Rebecca Overaker.

Sincerely,

David P. Rakestraw
April 9, 2003

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This is a follow-up to my email to you on April 5.

The published article about Mary Overaker is most interesting. Several things I noted. The article mentions that Mary after her marriage to Cowles Mead saw her brothers march away to the rendezvous at Baton Rouge in 1812. In 1812 Mary would have been 13 years old. The 1816 census for Adams County, MS for the family of Isaac Overaker listed, among others, one white male above 21 years and two white males under 21 years. The male above 21 years would be Isaac and the younger males have not been identified by name. In this respect I have obtained a record of the marriage license for the marriage of John S. Norris to Pomona Overaker dated October 21, 1824. John S. Morris and George Overaker sign the license. George Overaker, brother of Isaac Overaker, died on June 6, 1820 in Natchez, MS and no sons were mentioned in his will. James T. Magruder, (Jr.) was appointed administrator for the estate of Isaac Overaker on July 18, 1818. It could be the George Overaker who signed the marriage license is a brother of Mary and a son of Isaac Overaker or a son of Isaac’s other brother John Overaker who lived in Natchez. The widow of John Overaker, Nancy, married William Hazlip in Natchez, MS on March 26, 1814.

It would appear that Mary’s brothers went off to war in 1812 and returned home. Their footprint in history has been lost. I also noted the article did not mention Mary’s two sisters but did mention that when Mary was dying she spoke to her only daughter, Elizabeth Howard Magruder who married Peterfield Jefferson in 1838. Mary died December 25, 1879. I believe she died near Clinton, MS and the Jefferson’s must have lived there too. You had mentioned that you know where Mary is buried. If you should know the details about where Mary and her daughter and Peterfield Jefferson are buried could you inform me.

The handwritten family history, which I believe is written by Elizabeth Howard Jefferson Cable, mentions that James Truman Magruder (Jr.) with his mother, brother and sister moved to Mississippi near Natchez. I had previously had some question on whether these family members applied to Capt. James Truman Magruder who moved to the Natchez area from Prince George County, MD about 1807. I believe the enclosures will add clarification to this. Most of the enclosures are from the Ancestry World Tree provided by Peter McManus on Ancestry.com.

Tree for William Hezekiah Nathaniel Magruder

William Hezekiah Nathaniel Magruder is the son of Capt. James Truman Magruder and Elizabeth Ann Magruder. The Tree identifies three children of Capt. Magruder. His
father, Alexander Magruder, III died in 1779 in Prince George County, MD. His mother, Elizabeth Howard died in 1803 in Prince George County, MD. Thus she did not go to Mississippi. The four brothers of James Truman Magruder died in 1802 or before then. Thus they did not travel with him to Mississippi in 1807. It is known that his sister, Priscilla Magruder, traveled with him to Mississippi and she died there in May 1840. One brother Leonard Magruder died in Feb. 1796 in Philadelphia, PA but his wife, Susan (Susannah) Priscilla Hawkins died in Mississippi. She is the mother of James Truman Magruder, (Jr). His sister would be Elizabeth Howard Magruder who it is said married Thomas Freeland. My search of the Mississippi marriages to 1825 and 1826 to 1900 disclosed no marriage of Elizabeth Howard Magruder to Thomas Freeland. There were marriage records of Thomas Freeland to Sarah Skinner in Adams County on January 30, 1820 and to Lavinia Skinner in Claiborne County on May 6, 1828. The two Skinners’s could be sisters or cousins. There was no Mississippi match for Elizabeth Magruder for these time periods. I also checked Maryland marriages for Elizabeth Magruder and for Thomas Freeland from 1667 to 1899 with no applicable results.

Tree for Leonard Magruder

Leonard Magruder, brother of Capt. James Truman Magruder, married Susannah Priscilla Hawkins. They had four sons, John Hawkins Magruder, William Howard Magruder, James Truman Magruder (Jr.) and Leonard Alexander Magruder. It appears all four brothers went to Mississippi. The World Tree record identified one son as James Freeland Magruder. As we know the son is James T.(Trueman) Magruder, (Jr.) who married Mary Overaker.

A John Magruder married Margaret Skinner (note the same name Skinner married Thomas Freeland) in Adams County, MS on June 1, 1820. John H. (Hawkins) Magruder married Elisabeth B.Wailes in Adams County on December 4, 1823 and Elizabeth C. Wailes in Adams County on May 7, 1839. It is noted in the World Tree for Leonard Magruder that his son John Hawkins Magruder married Elizabeth Biggs Wailes on December 4, 1823 and that from this marriage was nine children. If the three marriages are for the same John Magruder then he married at one time in the Wailes family what appears to be sisters or cousins. John Hawkins Magruder died in Madison County, MS on August 7, 1859.

William Howard Magruder married Elvira Walker and from this marriage were five children. William Howard died November 5, 1838. William Howard had a son named William Howard Magruder who died in Madison County, MS. The death of the son in Mississippi would appear to indicate the parents lived and died there too. This is an assumption without direct proof.

As you know James Truman Magruder, (Jr.) moved to Adams County, MS about 1807-1808 and married Mary Overaker in Natchez on January 18, 1818.

Leonard Alexander Magruder was born CA 1790. As above noted John Hawkins Magruder died in Madison County, MS. The Mississippi Census, 1805-90 shows a John H. Magruder in Claiborne County in 1822, in Madison County in 1840, 1841, 1845 and the 1850 Slave Schedule for Madison County, MS. John H. Magruder was in Madison County, MS at the time of the 1840 and 1850 U. S. Federal Census. The 1840 U. S.
Census for John H. Magruder listed three males of under age 15 and one male of 50 and under 60. The census listed four females of under 15 and one female of 20 and under 30. The 1850 U. S. Census for John H. Magruder lists his age as 61 and lists Elizabeth C. Magruder as age 30. Also listed is Leonard A. Magruder, age 60. This census would appear to indicate that Leonard Alexander Magruder was living with his brother at the time of the 1850 census and that the wife of John Hawkins Magruder at the time was Elizabeth C. Wailes whom he married in 1839. This would also appear to indicate that his first wife Elizabeth Biggs Wailes died. The 1850 census listed nine children, some of which are not listed as children by Peter McManus in his Ancestry World Tree. The children of John Hawkins Magruder not in the 1850 census are Olivia Lloyd Magruder, John Hawkins Magruder and Leonard Magruder. Magruder family members that are not children of John Hawkins Magruder in the 1850 census are Margaret J. (age 20), Susan C. (age 17), Sarah H. (age 15), and Elizabeth R. (age 13). It could be possible that these three females are the children of Leonard Alexander Magruder.

In the 1850 U. S. Federal census for Madison County, MS is John A. Magruder, age 44. Also listed is Mary Ann Magruder (age 31) and seven children from age 16 to 1. I could not identify John A. Magruder with any of the male children of Leonard Magruder and Susannah Priscilla Hawkins or with the children of Capt. James Truman Magruder. I searched the World family Tree on Ancestry.com and located four Tree postings for John Archibald Magruder who married Rachel Eveline Shaw in 1832 and Mary Ann Wilder in 1838. The father and mother of John A. Magruder are John Magruder and Sarah Pryor. The parents were married on October 20, 1800 in Columbia, GA. The father John Magruder is not identified as a son of Alexander Magruder, III and Elizabeth Howard, his wife (who are the parents of Leonard Magruder and James Truman Magruder). I pass this information on to you for your future reference.

The page from the Magruder-Dyer Bible Record giving Marriages, Births and Deaths was most helpful. I have enclosed information found in the Ancestry.com World Tree related to Leonard Magruder, son of John Hawkins Magruder, who married Mary Elizabeth Hynson. The enclosure includes the Tree for each child of Leonard Magruder and Mary E. Hynson and for John Hawkins Magruder. I noted that in the Death record of the family Bible entry No.4 is for the father and mother of James Truman Magruder. This entry spells the name of his mother as Susannah Priscilla Hawkins and I think we should accept this as the correct spelling of her name. Entry No.5 is for John Hawkins Magruder, brother of James Truman Magruder, and entry No. 6 is for Leonard Magruder, son of John Hawkins Magruder. What is missed in the Bible record that would be helpful to you and to me is an entry in the record for James Truman Magruder, (Jr.) and his sister, Elizabeth Howard Magruder. Perhaps another Bible will turn up with a record for them.

Enclose is a record showing a Leonard Magruder served as a private in Hind’s Battalion Cavalry, Mississippi Militia in the War of 1812. Leonard Alexander Magruder, son of Leonard Magruder and Susannah Priscilla Hawkins was born CA 1790. The 1850 Census record for Madison County, MS confirms this birth date for John Hawkins Magruder. He would be of age to serve in the militia. It could be possible the two Leonard Magruder’s are one and the same.
I contacted Jefferson College in the City of Washington, Adams County, MS. The school is now a historical site. I spoke to a lady there and she referred to a list of attendance maintained at the school. I was informed the dates entered were for the last year of attendance. This is what I was given:

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I have enclosed a printout about Jefferson College from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History with my handwritten notes attached. The archives have in the Manuscripts the records for Jefferson College. Included are student records. I am going to contact the archives about the student record for James T. Magruder, (Jr.).

I hope that I have not overwhelmed you with all this and the enclosures are useful.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
Section 10

Summary of Land Indentures, Overaker Family, Natchez, Mississippi.

Deed of Emancipation for Kitty.
Summary of Land Indentures
Overaker Family
Natchez, Mississippi

Natchez Court Records
May Wilson McBee, Compiler
February 27, 1796, pages 121-480

Miss Maria Gertrude Sollivellas with the permission of her mother sells to George Overaker Lot No. 4, Square No. 2 with house thereon (City of Natchez) for $150.00. George Overaker, Claimant, March 30, 1804, Claim No. 1612, claims the lot by virtue of sale to him by Sollivellas who acquired the lot by Spanish Grant in 1793. On June 22, 1793 Sollivellas received a warrant from the Spanish Government to build a house on the lot. George Overaker claimed the lot was improved and built on in 1795. Certificate issued to him on June 2, 1806.

Deed Indenture Dated November 11, 1798
Deed Book A, page 42
Recorded November 22, 1798
NCR p. 574

George Overaker bought from Richard Bacon 100 English acres, being part of 250 French acres on the river Mississippi, in the Mississippi Territory, Southern District, S.t, situated near the Natchez Fort for $400.00, together with all buildings, improvements, hereditaments and appurtenances. This property was granted to Richard Bacon by Letters Patent, dated April 20, 1784.

Deed Indenture dated October 16, 1799
Deed Book A, page 198
Recorded December 3, 1799
NCR p. 580

George Overaker, Innkeeper, County of Adams, Mississippi Territory, and Margaret his wife sold to Stephen Henderson, merchant, of the city of New Orleans, Lot No 3 in Square No.3 in the Town of Natchez for $1,698. This is a lot of ground granted to George Overaker by Spanish Grant dated July 19, 1796 from Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, together with all houses, outhouses, buildings, stables, hereditaments, privileges and appurtenances. Margaret Overaker was examined privately, separate and apart from her husband in this transaction. The mention of George Overaker as Innkeeper would appear to indicate he owned and operated White Horse Tavern at least as of October 1799.
George Overaker for the sum of $3,500.00 bought from Lewis Evans and his wife Sarah property named in the deed as Hope Farm. The March 9, 1805 deed mentions a tenement plantation; that Lewis Evans acquired the property from Daniel Clarke by indenture dated March 25, 1800; and that Lewis Evans and his wife Sarah conveyed the property to George Overaker by indenture dated 1800. The above mentioned deed stated that George Overaker was in actual possession of the property at the time of purchase. Witnesses to the deed were John Robertson and Robert Cochran. Entry No 2078 in the NCR indicates by indenture dated January 24, 1803 George Overaker bought and paid $3,500.00 to Lewis Evans, of Adams Co., and his wife one-half of 240 acres in Adams Co., beginning on the bayou which divides the land of Anthony Dougherty from this tract. The deed of 1805 gives a complete description of the plantation that divides the land of Dougherty. Of interest to note is the 1805 deed was recorded after the death of George Overaker on June 6, 1820.

George Overaker purchased from John Lusk 157f on St. Catharine's Creek. Spanish patent issued April 28, 1784. Purchase from Benjamin Bealk 57f on St. Catharine’s Creek. Derived from Spanish patent May 6, 1786. Source: Early Settlers of Mississippi as Taken From Land Claims in the Mississippi Territory, Walter Lowrie, the American State Papers, Volume 1. Land Claims in Mississippi Territory, 1789-1834, ancestry.com.

George Overaker bought from James Andrews and his wife Helen a lot of ground and tenement in the City of Natchez on main street known as Lot No. 2 in Square No. 10 for $4,000.00. This lot was conveyed to James Andrews by deed dated February 7, 1805.

George Overaker sold to John G. Andrews for $3,000.00 a particle of land in Adams County adjacent to the City of Natchez beginning at the corner to lands of John Girault
and land late the property of John St. German, running to the corner of the line of late Benjamin Montsantes to the comer of lot of late Peter Nelson then back to John Girault's line, being 100 English acres being part of abstract of 250 French acres granted to Richard Bacon by Letters Patent dated April 20, 1784. This is the property purchased by George Overaker from Richard Bacon on November 11, 1798.

Deed Indenture Dated July 11, 1817
Deed Book I, page 316, Recorded July 18, 1817
Deed Book I, page 354, Recorded July 20, 1817
NCR, p. 480

By Deed Trust of Joel Ailes of the City of Natchez and his wife Fanny and John Richards, Joel Ailes was indebted to Isaac Overaker for $800.00 on a note dated the same date as the deed payable and negotiable to the Bank of Mississippi on January 1, 1818. To secure the note Joel Ailes paid $1.00 to them (Isaac Overaker and John Richards) and sold to John Richards that house and lot in the City of Natchez which Isaac Overaker and Rebecca his wife by deed conveyed to Joel Ailes and his wife, being Lot No.4 in Square No.14 in the plan of the City of Natchez. This lot contained 150 feet on the street and extended to the rear 175 feet. To have possession of the lot Joel Ailes must pay to Isaac Overaker his executors or administrators the $800.00 on the due date of the note. John Richards his executors or administrators can give 15 days notice in any newspaper printed in the City of Natchez and proceed to sell the house and lot at public auction for cash and out of the proceeds satisfy the debt of $800.00 and pay the residue to Joel Ailes. On July 11, 1817 Isaac Overaker and Rebecca his wife, of the City of Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi Territory sold to Joel Ailes of the same County the above house and lot for $1,500.00. The deed was acknowledged before Lewis Evans one of the Justices in the Quorum on July 18, 1817. Joel Ailes satisfied the Deed of Trust on January 3, 1818. On July 18, 1818 James T. Magruder, Jr. was appointed Administrator for the Estate of Isaac Overaker.

George Overaker, brother of Isaac, was the original owner of Lot No.4 in Square No. 14. He acquired the lot by Spanish grant. On January 10, 1795 George Overaker petitioned the Spanish government to build a house on the lot. A warrant for the same was issued by Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, District Governor, on the same date. A certificate of survey by Wm. Dunbar was given on January 12 and a grant from Gayoso was given on January 15, 1795. Certificate A-541 was issued on August 29, 1805. No deed record was found for transfer of ownership of the lot to Isaac Overaker.

Plat of Survey Dated November 10, 1820
Deed Book P, page 524
Recorded November 10, 1820

Plat of Survey of 221 74/100 acres of land in the Estate of George Overaker. Plat shows Hope Farm and White Horse Tavern. No house is shown on the partition of 69 and 43/100 acres of land to Elizabeth Tichenor in the indenture dated December 30, 1820.
Partition
Dated December 30, 1820
Deed Book L, page 590
Recorded May 5, 1821

Partition for the division of 221 74/100 acres of land on the survey plat for the Estate of George Overaker and other real estate in the Estate of George Overaker. His wife Margaret Overaker received 59 acres and 26 60/100 acres identified on the survey plat as Lot No.1. The 26 acres included the home called Hope Farm. His daughter Maria Overaker received 61 37/100 acres, identified on the plat as Lot No.2. Maria also received a parcel of land apart from the entire tract lately surveyed for Robert Haughton as marked on the plat containing 5 34/100 acres. This small piece is the location of White Horse Tavern. Maria received a house and lot of land on Main Street in Natchez, being the property sold to George Overaker by James Andrews by deed dated July 5, 1809. His daughter Elizabeth Tichenor received 69 43/100 acres identified on the plat as Lot No.3. Elizabeth also received Lot No. 4 in Square No. 2 at the intersection of first South and Second Streets in the City of Natchez with tenements and buildings thereon.

Deed Indenture dated April 5, 1821
Deed Book L, page 662, Recorded June 1, 1821
Mortgage Indenture Dated May 5, 1821
Deed Book M, page 5

Maria Overaker sold to Robert Haughton 5 34/100 acres of land for $750.00. The indenture describes “premises” and “profits thereof.” On this property is located White Horse Tavern and the property was sold before trade of property with Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth in 1825. A note in the margin of the mortgage document shows the mortgage was paid off on February 28, 1823.

Deed Indenture Dated June 10, 1822
Deed Book M, page 296
Recorded July 22, 1822

Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth, of Natchez and the State of Mississippi, sold to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Natchez Lot 1, Square 36 for $5,000.00.

Deed Indenture Dated December 6, 1825
Deed Book P, page 216-217
Recorded June 28, 1826

Maria Overaker sold to Gabriel Tichenor and wife Elizabeth 61 37/100 acres of land being part of the homestead of George Overaker together with all and singular the houses, buildings and appurtenances for consideration of 60 acres of land and $1.00.00. The deed for the property sold mentioned houses.
Gabriel Tichenor and wife Elizabeth sold to Maria Overaker 60 acres more or less of land together with all and singular the privileges, improvements and appurtenances to the same for consideration of 61 acres of land and $1.00.00. The deed for the property sold mentioned no house.

This transaction represents an exchange of property Maria Overaker and Elizabeth Overaker inherited in trust (Lewis Evans, Trustee) from the estate of their father George Overaker.

**Deed Indenture Dated February 13, 1826**
Deed Book P, page 296
Recorded August 14, 1826

Margaret Overaker sold to William Hazard 5 acres of land for $1.00 that by the abstract appears to be the property located on the Northwest corner of the property inherited from George Overaker.

**Deed Indenture Dated August 30, 1826**
Deed book P, page 527
Recorded on April 14, 1827

Margaret Overaker sold to George Overaker, a free man of color, 4 70/100 acres of land for $600.00. Witnessed by Gabriel Tichenor and Elizabeth Tichenor before Justice of the Peace T. C. Tooley. Cross reference to Probate Papers in new index number 78 in the office of the Adams County Chancery Clerk, Natchez, MS for George Overaker alias George Tibbs.

**Deed Indenture Dated February, 1, 1827**
Deed Book P, page 525
Recorded on May 1, 1827

Margaret Overaker sold to Charlotte C. Davis of Wilkinson County, Mississippi 21 acres of land more or less for $4,000.00. There appears a mortgage to Margaret Overaker from Charlotte C. Davis to secure a $4,000.00 note due in 10 years at 8% interest. This property is where the home Hope Farm is located. The difference between this acreage and the 26 60/100 acres is the acreage sold to George Overaker, alias George Tibbs by indenture dated August 30, 1826.

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD**
The 1830 Census for the City of Natchez listed Margaret Overaker and Maria Overaker after the name of Gabriel Tichenor (page 5). This would appear to indicate Margaret Overaker at the time lived at Lot No.1, Square No. 35 and Gabriel Tichenor lived at Lot No.1, Square No 36. The 1830 Census was recorded for the City of Natchez and Adams County. The county census listed George Tibs (George Tibbs alias George Overaker) (page 18). George Overaker alias George Tibbs lived on about 5 acres of land formerly.
part of the estate of George Overaker that was sold to him by Margaret Overaker... Either the place called Hawthorn located on the former estate of George Overaker was kept as a country home of Margaret and Maria Overaker, unoccupied or occupied by another family.

Maria L. Overaker married Ortasmus L. Nash in Adams Co., MS on May 12, 1830 (Marriage Book 5, p.259, 1826-1835, Adams County).

Deed Indenture Dated November 27, 1832
Deed Book T, page 507
Mortgage in Deed Book U, page 365

Margaret Overaker sold to Thomas McNannold Lot 1, Square 35 for $3,500.00. The deed mentioned the property is the residence of Margaret Overaker. By indenture dated December 30, 1836 Thomas McNannold and his wife Celia sold the property to Thomas Henderson for $14,320.88 (Deed Book Y, page 250, recorded January 27, 1837). The residence of Margaret Overaker mentioned is now the Presbyterian Manse in Natchez.

Deed Indenture Dated February 16, 1833
Deed Book GG, page 583
Recorded October 1, 1849
Mortgage Indenture Dated 1833
Deed Book U, page 94
Recorded April 16, 1833

Maria Overaker sold to Robert Dunbar and wife Maria (of Jefferson County) 60 acres of land for $10,000.00. The deed refers to “above described premises” and also to “all the estate, right, title, interest and property, and claims whatsoever.” Robert Dunbar and wife Maria gave a mortgage to Maria Overaker on a promissory note payable to Maria Overaker on order at the Planters Bank payable on or before February 16, 1839. Interest payable annually at 8%. The mortgage indenture carries no date of day and month of execution. There is a note in the margin of the mortgage dated May 24, 1847, signed by Thomas Henderson, indicating his acknowledgement to have received full satisfaction on the mortgage. The note indicated Thomas Henderson acting as agent for Maria Overaker. It appears the delay in recording the deed was pending the payment of the mortgage. This is the property traded by Maria Overaker with Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth. Compared to the sale price of 61 37/100 acres by Gabriel Tichenor to Maria Overaker there most likely was a house on this property.

Deed Indenture dated February 11, 1834
Deed Book W, page 152
Recorded May 21, 1835

Gabriel Tichenor and wife Elizabeth sold to Thomas Ellis 61 37/100 acres of land for $3,382.00. The deed excepting and reserving out of the boundaries 5 acres on the South
side adjoining the land owned by Robert Haughton. This piece was sold to Milford Carey (as given in the document). This is the property traded by Maria Overaker with Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth by indenture dated December 6, 1825 (Deed Book P, page 216-217).

Deed Indenture dated February 11, 1834
Deed Book W, page 150
Recorded May 21, 1835

Margaret Overaker sold to Thomas G. Ellis 59 acres of land for $3,240.00, that portion of property inherited from George Overaker excepting and reserving that lot owned and occupied by William Hazard (Deed Book P, page 296, dated August 13, 1826 for 59 acres).

Deed Indenture Dated March 12, 1834
Deed Book BB, page 572
Recorded March 30, 1840

Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth of the Township of Newark in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey sold to Stephen M. Routh of the City of Natchez in the County of Adams and State of Mississippi 25 acres of land for $3,000.00. This land is located on the line of the public road from Natchez to Woodville and could be part of the former homestead of George Overaker.

Deed Indenture Dated February 20, 1838
Recorded July 10, 1839

Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth sold to Sally Carey 5 acres adjoining lands of Betsy Irby, Robert Dunbar and the Estate of Thomas Ellis for $620.00. This is the 5 acres excepted and reserved from the deed by Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth to Thomas Ellis dated February 11, 1834.

Deed Indenture Dated February 23, 1838
Deed Book Z, page 451
Recorded February 26, 1838

Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth sold to C. Miller 7 acres of land for $1,500.00. This property was bordered on the West by Robert Dunbar, on the South by James C. Wilkins and on the East by Robert Haughton.

Source
Deed Book and Deed Indentures Adams County Circuit Court, Natchez, Mississippi

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Deed of Emancipation
Dated March 17, 1832
Proved March 19, 1832
Deed Book T, Page 359-60
Adams County, Mississippi

Kitty Emancipation

George Overaker a free man of color of the County of Adams and State of Mississippi on whom the beneficial interest and equitable title to a certain Negro woman named Kitty who is my ---- aged thirty six or thirty eight years of a dark complexion---a certain interest of trust executed by me to Gabriel Tichenor dated 2nd of June 1830 in order to free and emancipate the said Kitty from the ---and affection I bear her I have constituted ordained and appointed ---these presents do hereby constitute nominate and appoint the said Gabriel Tichenor of the county aforesaid my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to emancipate the said Kitty a Negro of dark complexion about 5 feet high aged about thirty eight years---to do all acts execute all Bonds and other writings whatever which may be necessary and proper to procure the full complete and prefect emancipation of the said Kitty and I do hereby ratify all acts and hold myself bound by all his acts done in the execution of this trust.

Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of March 1832. The deed noted (Negro) George Overaker made X his mark for his signature. Witnesses were John Holden and J. Braden.

George Overaker acknowledged before Samuel Postlethwaite the Justice of the Peace in and for the said county on March 19, 1832 that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing instrument as his act and deed for the purpose herein noted. Woodson Wren Clerk of the county Adams County Court certified that Samuel Postlethwaite was duly commissioned and qualified.

Know all men by these present that Gabriel Tichenor attorney in Fact of George Overaker for valuable consideration have and by those present do emancipate and set free the Negro woman named Kitty who is described and referred to in the foregoing power of attorney so that the George Overaker his heirs and assigns shall have no claim hereafter no right to the ---or services of the said Kitty and she being released free ...(could not read the date of execution of this instrument signed by Gabriel Tichenor).

The State of Ohio, City of Cincinnati
Before me E. Hotehkiss Mayor of the City aforesaid come Gabriel Tichenor and as attorney in fact for George Overaker acknowledged the foregoing Deed of Emancipation to be his voluntary act and deed for the use and purpose therein expressed. In witness whereof I have set my hand and affix the seal of said city this 30th day of March 1832.

The State of Ohio, Hamilton County
I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings were this day presented to me in my office and the same is duly received therein in the record of Free colored persons. Attest by Daniel Gano, March 30, 1832.
Deed of Emancipation

I certify that the foregoing and within Instrument of writing with the annexed certificates was received into my office to be recorded on the 5th day of June 1832. Signed Woodson Wren, Clerk
Section 11

Summary of Land Indentures, George Overaker, Claiborne County, Mississippi.
Summary of Land Indentures

George Overaker

Claiborne County, Mississippi Territory

Indenture Dated December 22, 1807
Recorded December 27, 1807
Deed Record Book D 1812-1815
Pages 159-163

Peter Bryan Bruin of the County of Claiborne and Mississippi Territory for the consideration of $7,000 paid by Lewis Evans and George Overaker of Adams County and Mississippi Territory sold to Lewis Evans and George Overaker that Tract or Parcel of 1,800 acres of land situated on the River Mississippi and Bayou Pierre, being all that tract of land numbered 1546 in the office of the Board of Commissioners West of Pearl River and confirmed to said Peter Bryan Bruin, that is to say 640 acres as a donation claim and the residue as a preemption claim. Also all that Tract or Parcel of land situated on the water of the Bayou Pierre in Claiborne County containing 700 acres and known and designated by the name of Mount Plantation, also that Tract or Parcel of 500 acres of land, French measures, situated on the water of said Bayou Pierre and granted to Peter Bryan Bruin by grant from the Spanish government bearing the date of July 20, 1796, except and reserving for Peter Bryan Bruin for during the term of his natural life the house and lot consisting of one acre of land on which the said Peter Bryan Bruin now lives and resides. Lyman Harding was one of the witnesses to the indenture.

Indenture dated December 27, 1813
Recorded January 3, 1814
Deed Record Book B
Pages 257-263

For the sum of $12,000 George Overaker of the County of Adams and Mississippi Territory and Margaret his wife conveyed to Lewis Evans of the said County and Territory all that undivided mostly as half part of a certain Tract or Parcel of land on the River Mississippi and Bayou Pierre in the county of Claiborne and Mississippi Territory, being all that tract of land numbered 1546 in the Office of the Board of Commissioners, West of Pearl River and confirmed to Peter Bryan Bruin that is 640 acres as a donation claim and the residue as a preemption claim known by the name of Bruinsburgh Plantation and containing all on 1,800 acres more or less, including the slaves named in the deed, also one undivided mostly as half part of all the stock of horned cattle, horses, mules and hogs as belonging to the said plantation, also one undivided mostly as half part of the farming utensils and implements as belonging to the plantation, together with all and singular the appurtenances.

Witnesses to the indenture were Gabriel Tichenor and William Christie. On January 12, 1818 Gabriel Tichenor acting for George Overaker gave written notice that Lewis Evans had made full payment on the mortgage and requested the Clerk of Claiborne County to cancel the account. On July 24, 1818 a true record of the endorsement on the original mortgage was recorded.
Lewis Evans is the brother of Margaret Evans, wife of George Overaker. Gabriel Tichenor married Elizabeth Overaker, daughter of George Overaker.

**Indenture Dated December 28, 1813**  
Recorded January 3, 1814  
Deed Record Book D 1812-1815  
Pages 264-268

Lewis Evans and Sarah his wife of the City of Natchez and Mississippi Territory in consideration of the debt or sum of $9,000 and for the more effectively securing the payment thereof as also for and in consideration of the further full and just sum of $1.00 by George Overaker paid to Lewis Evans and Sarah his wife the said Lewis Evans and Sarah his wife sold to George Overaker of the same town and territory all that Tract or Parcel of land situated and being in the County of Claiborne, Mississippi Territory on the Rivers Bayou Pierre and Mississippi being all that tract of land numbered 1546 in the Office of the Board of Commissioners West of Pearl River and confirmed to Peter Bryan Bruin, that is to say 640 acres as a donation claim and the residue as a preemption claim known by the name of Bruinsburgh Plantation and containing by estimation 1,800 acres of land be the same more or less, to have and to hold the said tract and premises with the appurtenances unto George Overaker his heirs and assigns forever.

Lewis Evans will pay to George Overaker the full and just sum of $9,000 in the manner to wit: $3,000 on January 1, 1816, $3,000 on January 1, 1817 and the residue of $3,000 on January 1, 1818 according to the terms of the terms of the three secured bonds or writing obligations bearing even date and which are used as collateral security. Witnesses to the deed were Gabriel Tichenor and William Christie.

On January 18, 1818 Gabriel Tichenor recorded for George Overaker that he had received from Lewis Evans the full amount of the monies secured by the above mortgage and requested that the Clerk of Claiborne County cancel the account thereof. The Clerk entered a full record of the endorsements on the original mortgage on February 24, 1818.

**Indenture Dated December 29, 1813**  
Recorded January 3, 1814  
Deed Record Book D 1812-1815  
Pages 269-276

Lewis Evans and Sarah his wife of the City of Natchez and Mississippi Territory for the sum of $7,000 sold to William Christie of Claiborne County and Mississippi Territory all the one equal undivided third part of a certain tract or parcel of land situated on the River Mississippi and Bayou Pierre in Claiborne County being all that tract of land numbered 1546 in the Office of the Board of Commissioners West of Pearl River and confirmed to Peter Bryan Bruin that is to say 640 acres thereof as a donation claim and the residue as a preemption claim known by the name of Bruinsburgh Plantation and containing by estimation 1,800 acres more or less, also the one equal undivided third part of slaves for life named in the deed, also the one equal undivided third part of all the stock of horned cattle, horses, mules and hogs belonging to said plantation, also one equal undivided third
part of all farming utensils and implements of husbandry of every description belonging to said plantation. Witnesses to the deed were Gabriel Tichenor and George Overaker.

Indenture Dated December 13, 1813
Recorded January 3, 1814
Deed Book D 1812-1815
Pages 277-282

William Christie by his three certain secured bonds or writing obligations sealed with his hand and bearing even date with this indenture stands bound and indebted to Lewis Evans in the just and full sum of $7,000, whereof the sum of $2,333 becomes due and payable on January 1, 1816, and the further sum of $2,333 becomes due and payable on January 1, 1817, and the further sum of $2,334 becomes due and payable on January 1, 1818. For and in consideration of said debt of $7,000 and the further sum of $1.00 paid by Lewis Evans to William Christie, William Christie sold to Lewis Evans the one equal undivided third part of that certain plantation tract or parcel of land situated and being in the county of Claiborne on the Mississippi and Bayou Pierre Rivers being all that tract of land numbered 1546 in the office of the Register of the Board of Commissioners west of Pearl River in the Mississippi Territory and confirmed to Peter Bryan Bruin, that is to say 640 acres as a Donation claim and the residue thereof as a preemption claim known by the name of Bruinsburg Plantation and containing by estimation 1800 acres, be the same more or less. Also the slaves for life named in the deed. The only witness to the deed is Gabriel Tichenor.

Indenture Dated December 24, 1816
Recorded January 25, 1817
Deed Record Book E 1815-1818
Pages 165-175

William Christie and his wife Clarissa of Claiborne County and Mississippi Territory for the sum of $6,000 sold to Lewis Evans of Adams County and Mississippi Territory all the one equal undivided third part of a Tract of Land or Parcel of land situated on the River Mississippi and Bayou Pierre in Claiborne County being all that Tract of land numbered 1546 in the Office of the Commissioners West of Pearl River and confirmed to Peter Bryon Buin that is to say 640 acres on a donation claim and the residue as a preemption claim known by the name of Bruinsburgh Plantation and containing by estimation 1800 acres more or less. Also the one equal undivided third part of all the stock of horses, horned cattle, mules, sheep and hogs on or belonging to said plantation. Also the one equal undivided third part of all the farming utensil and implemenants of husbandry of every description on or belonging to said plantation. Gabriel Tichenor was the witness to the indenture. The Justice of the Quorum who accepted the statements of William Christie and Clarissa his wife on January 9, 1817 was H. Harman.

Indenture Dated January 4, 1817
Recorded January 25, 1817
Deed Book E 1815-1818
Page 165-175
George Overaker and Margaret his wife and Lewis Evans of the County of Adams and Mississippi Territory sold to for the sum of $6,000 to William Christie of Claiborne County, MS all that Tract of Land called Mount Plantation in Claiborne Co. on the James Creek and containing two several tracts of land, one of which tracts is estimated to contain 500 arpens and was confirmed to Peter Byron Bruin by certificate of the Board of Commissioners West of Pearl River marked A number 709.

The other said tract of land is estimated to contain 80 acres and is a fractional section, number 58 in Township number 11 of Range number one East of the District of Lands West of Pearl River being the same more or less together with all and singular the appurtenances, hereditaments, privileges and advantages whatsoever unto the above described premises.

Indenture Dated January 9, 1817
Recorded January 25, 1817
Deed Book E 1815-1818
Pages 165-175

William Christie and his wife Clarissa of Claiborne County and Mississippi Territory for the sum of $6,000 sold to Thomas Freeland and Augustine Freeland of the same County and Territory all that Tract of Land called the Mount Plantation in Claiborne County on James Creek and containing two several tracts of land one of which tracts is estimated to contain 500 arpens and was confirmed to Peter Byron Bruin by certificate of the Board of Commissioners West of Pearl River marked A number 709. The other said tract of land is estimated to contain 80 acres and is a fractional section number 58 in Township number 11 of Range number one East in the District of lands West of Pearl River be the same more or less. H. Harman was a witness to the deed. Harman was one of the Justices of the Quorum for Clairborne County who accepted the statements of William Christie and his wife Clarissa.

Prepared by David P. Rakestraw
Section 12

George Overaker
Son of John and Ann (Nancy) Overaker

Summary of land indentures, Jefferson County, VA

Memo connecting George Overaker of Jefferson County, MS with George Overaker of Hamilton County, OH

Death records for George Overaker and family members, Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH
GEORGE OVERAKER
By David P. Rakestraw

Questions

1. Is the George Overaker of Jefferson County, MS the son of Isaac Overaker or John Overaker of Adams County, MS?

2. Is the George Overacre/Overaker of Hamilton County, OH and Clermont County, OH the same person, and is this George Overacre/Overaker the same George Overaker of Jefferson County, MS.

Mississippi

The records of internment at Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio show George Overaker of Cincinnati was born in Mississippi and his parents were John and Ann Overaker. He died of Pneumonia on February 17, 1864 at the age of 63 years and 6 months (Land Section 52, Lot 60, and ID 13425). John Overaker is the brother of George Overaker and Isaac Overaker. All three brothers lived in Natchez, MS.

The marriage license and bond for John S. Norris and Pomona Taylor was issued in Adams County, MS on October 2, 1824. John S. Norris and Geo Overaker, (Jr.) signed the bond. The license indicates the marriage was celebrated on October 2, 1825. Why the years 1824 and 1825 are on the license cannot be explained. John S. Norris died at the age of 40 on April 9, 1836 at the residence of his mother. He is buried in the Norris Beck Cemetery on a high bluff overlooking Dowd Creek in Jefferson County. His death was reported in the Southern Telegraph, Rodney, Jefferson Co., MS, p. 3, col. 1 on April 15, 1836. The Southern Telegraph reported on April 29, 1836, p. 4, col. 2 that George Overaker had Letters of Administration on the estate of John S. Norris.

It is unknown when Pomona Norris died. Jefferson County is a burned county with a lot of old records destroyed. A Mrs. P. Norris is listed for Free White Persons in the 1840 U. S. Federal Census for Jefferson County, MS. The 1850 federal census for Jefferson County, Town of Rodney listed P. Norris, age 50, white, value of real estate $150.00. The place of birth was indicated as ditto. The previous line for that householder was Ohio. P. Norris certainly seems to be Pomona. Ancestry.com does not have the 1860 census records for MS indexed and an effort is being made to locate the census in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in Jackson, MS. There is no listing for P. Norris or Pomona Norris in the 1860 U. S. Federal census for Jefferson County, MS.

Deed indenture records for Jefferson County show that George Overaker bought property in the town of Rodney on August 3, 1829, November 16, 1830 and on November 18, 1836 (DB: D, 111, DB: B, 603-604, DB: C, 478-479). The deed of 1829 stated that George Overaker was from Jefferson County. The other deeds contained no such statement. On November 14, 1837 George Overaker sold to James Bone and John McGinley a lot and house in the town of Rodney occupied by George Overaker as a
grocery and produce store (DB: D, 25). On January 10, 1838 George Overaker sold a lot in the town of Rodney to James M. Knight. The signature seal on this deed reads George Overaker and Sarah M. Overaker. Sarah signed over one third of her dower (BD: D, 91-92). On June 10, 1839 various land lots the property of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. Warren in the town of Rodney was sold by the sheriff at public auction to the highest bidder (DB: D, 686, DB: E, 275-276, DB: E, 44-45). David Bone was the buyer in one of these auctions.

The Jefferson County, MS Combination Tax Rolls listed George Overaker as paying taxes on town lots in Rodney and on merchandise in the yearly taxes 1827 to 1838 (no tax roll was found for 1833 and 1834). He was no listed as paying the Combination or Personal Tax for 1840-1848. The June 20, 1831 Jefferson County, MS Combination Tax Roll listed Sherman Overaker: 1 town lot, value $5,000.00, situated in the town of Rodney; 1 white poll; 3 slaves; $14.75 tax. It appears Sherman disappeared after the 1831 Jefferson County tax rolls (a search of land deeds, wills, tax rolls, marriage records and cemeteries for Hinds, Rankin, Claiborne, Wilkinson and Adams counties in MS disclosed no record for Sherman Overaker). He was not listed in the census index for Virginia, Louisiana, Arkansas and Alabama. A search of Ancestry.com U. S. Federal census records for 1840 and 1850 disclosed no record for Sherman Overaker in Ohio or all other states. The family relationship between George Overaker and Sherman Overaker has not been identified.

No federal census records have been found for George Overaker in Mississippi for 1830 or 1840. There is an 1830 U. S. Federal census record for John S. Norris in Jefferson County, MS. This record reported for Free White Persons two males of 30 and under 40 and for females one under the age of 5 and one of 20 and under 30. The two males could be John S. Norris and George Overaker. If so this would be compelling evidence that George Overaker is an older brother of Pomona and the one who was a bondsman for her marriage to Norris.

NOTE: The 1830 census for John S. Norris indicated two males of 30 and under 40 years of age. If one of the males were George Overaker he would be about 50 years of age in 1850. The death record for George Overaker in Spring Grove Cemetery gave his date of birth as August 6, 1800.

Ohio

Two documents exists that show George Overaker of Ohio and George Overaker of Mississippi are the same person. A handwritten marriage record signed by W. Simmons, Minister of the Gospel, dated September 9, 1836, reads “I do hereby certify that on the 1st inst I joined together in matrimony George Overaker of Mississippi and Sarah A. Bone of Warren County and state of Ohio.” The marriage was celebrated on September 1, 1836 (Marriage Records, 1805-1924, Probate Court, Warren County, Ohio. Also IGI Individual Record, Family Search.org). On November 3, 1838 George Overaker appeared before the mayor of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and acknowledged in signing and sealing a power of attorney given to David Bone. This power of attorney mentions George Overaker as moving and appointed David Bone of Warren County, Ohio as his true and lawful attorney to act for him (George Overaker) in the State of Mississippi and is authorized to sell, transfer and execute deeds in his name (George Overaker) for all or
any part of his real estate in said state. This power of attorney was recorded in the courthouse for Jefferson County, MS on June 13, 1839 (Deed Book D, p 432).

The 1850 U.S. Federal census for Ohio, Hamilton County, Cincinnati 5th Ward, listed the household of George Overacre. The census reported he was 43 years of age, a merchant, born in Mississippi and owned $7,000.00 in real estate. Overacre family members were:
Sarah age 20, born in Ohio
Maria age 12, born in Ohio
Laura age 9, born in Ohio
Charles age 7, born in Ohio

The 1860 U. S. Federal Census for Ohio, Clermont County, Williamsburg Township, for the household of James S. Bone listed George Overaker, age 50 and born in Mississippi. The value of his real estate was given as $10,000.00 and the value of his personal estate as $2,000.00. Overaker family members were:
S.M. Overaker Age 43, born in Ohio
L. W. Overaker Age 18, born in Ohio (S. W. was given by Ancestry.com)
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This 1860 census record listed Mary L. Bone, age 43, and four Bone children, ages 11 to 18. Sarah M. Bone had a brother named James S. Bone (b. 1814 in Ohio) Sarah M. has been identified in several official sources as herein noted as the wife of George Overaker. Several family pedigrees identify Sarah M. Bone as the wife of George Overaker.

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On May 30, 1859, page 2 of the Cincinnati Daily Times it was reported the death on May 30th at the residence of Dr. John B. Law, No. 377 West Eighth Street, in her ninth year Sallie A., youngest daughter of George and Sarah M. Overaker. The funeral was at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the 31st from the above place.


NOTE: The internment records for the family of George Overaker can be found at the Spring Grove Cemetery web site at www.springgrove.org, genealogy. Click on genealogy and record for George Overaker and John H. Law. To search the complete records go to the section and lot. The link to each record is the ID number.
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Notes on George Overaker/Overacre
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By David P. Rakestraw

Research Report, Patricia Weeks, January 30, 2004
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The Jefferson County, Mississippi Combination Tax Rolls showed that George Overaker
paid taxes from 1828 to 1838 on a town lot in the Town of Rodney. The tax rolls for the
years 1835, 1836 and 1837 showed that George paid taxes respectively on three (3) lots,
ten (10) lots and ten (10) lots. The 1838 tax roll showed that he paid taxes on one lot in
Rodney. George Overaker was not listed as paying taxes between 1840-1845.

Research Report, Patricia Weeks, April 18, 2004
George Overaker of Jefferson County, Mississippi, item 2 of land deed summary.
Land Deed Book D, pages 91-92, Deed Indenture dated January 10, 1838, recorded
January 16, 1838.
George Overaker of the County of Jefferson, Sate of Mississippi sold to James M. Knight
of the same place for the sum of $9,000.00 a town lot in the Town of Rodney, county and
state aforesaid, starting at the corner of the [street] house near by John Payne and
running eighty feet South on Commerce Street and one hundred and twenty feet back
which will more fully appear to ....to the general plan of said town. No lot number was
mentioned in the deed. This deed has the seal of George Overaker and Sarah M.
Overaker. On January 10, 1838 George Overaker and Sarah Overaker his wife
acknowledged before the Justice of the Peace the signing of the deed. Sarah was
examined separate and apart of George Overaker and acknowledged that she signed and
sealed the same as her voluntary act.

George Overaker of Jefferson County, Mississippi, item 5 of Land deed summary.
Land Deed book D, pp. 430-431 (Received of record on June 13, 1839, Jefferson County,
Mississippi)
George Overaker of Hamilton County and State of Ohio appointed David Bone of the
County of Warren and State of Ohio my true and lawful attorney. The power of attorney
was executed in Cincinnati, Ohio and on November 3, 1838 George Overaker personally
appeared before Samuel H. Davis, Mayor and acknowledged the signing and sealing of
the instrument to be his voluntary act. The power of attorney mentions George Overaker
as moving and for David Bone to act as his true and lawful attorney in certain acts in the
State of Mississippi and authorized to sell, transfer execute deeds in my name for all or
any part of my real estate in said state and to act for me in all matters with a full power as
I may possess. This power of attorney shows a connection of George Overaker of
Jefferson County, MS with the George Overaker of Hamilton County, Ohio
George Overaker and Sarah Bone, Item 2

It is believed that Sarah is the daughter of David H. Bone and Prudence Jeffers of Warren County, Ohio. Known siblings of Sarah M. Bone Overaker

1. William
2. James S. married Eleanor H. Reed
3. Annie F. married James Pierce

This is unproved data found on Rootsweb.com.

I went to my research file and noted that I pulled off Ancestry.com on June 2, 2003 “Gary’s Database”, posted by Gary Silverstein. This record indicated George Overaker born in Indiana married in Indiana Sarah M. Bone, daughter of David H. Bone and Prudence Jeffers. I no longer subscribe to Ancestry.com and thus am unable to look deeper into this pedigree. Another posting in genforum.genealogy.com by Art Hudson on December 20, 2003 indicated he was looking for information on George Overaker, married Sept. 1, 1836 in Ohio to Sarah M. Bone, daughter of David H. Bone. Conflicting data in these genweb postings raises questions as to its validity.

A handwritten marriage record signed by W. Simmons, Minister of the Gospel, dated September 9, 1836, reads “I do hereby certify that on the 1st inst I joined together in matrimony George Overaker of Mississippi and Sarah A Bone of Warren County and state of Ohio” The marriage was celebrated on September 1, 1836. In the same record of Rev. Simmons is written “Also on the 8th Samuel Hoser of Indiana and Morid Dyche of Warren County and state of Ohio.” (LDS, Marriage Record, 1805-1924, Probate Court, Warren County, Ohio, IGI Individual Record, Family Search.org).

Research Report, Patricia Weeks, May 25, 2004

A marriage record from Warren County, Ohio shows that George Overaker of Mississippi married Sarah A. Bone of Warren County on September 1, 1836 (Warren County, Ohio Probate Court, Marriage Records 1803-1924). This information is from a copy in my files of the original handwritten marriage record signed by W. Simmons, Minister of the Gospel on September 9, 1836. The written record by Reverend Simmons shows another marriage on September 8th, 1836 between Samuel Hoser of Indiana and Morid Dyche of Warren County. Note: Could it be that the above-mentioned posting by Gary Silverstein is a misreading of this marriage record in that the state of marriage of George Overaker and Sarah A. Bone was incorrectly cited and the M in Morid was incorrectly placed as the middle initial for Sarah?

1850 United States Federal Census

The 1850 census for Hamilton County, Ohio, Cincinnati 5th Ward, P. 421, listed the household of George Overacre. The census reported he was 43 years of age, a merchant, born in Mississippi, and owned $7,000.00 in real estate. Overacre family members in his household are:
Sarah Overacre, age 20, born in Ohio
Maria Overacre, age 12, born in Ohio
Laura Overacre, age 9, born in Ohio
Charles Overacre, age 7, born in Ohio

1860 United States federal Census
The 1860 census for Clermont County, Ohio, City of Williamsburg Township, p. 359, listed the household of George Overaker. The census reported he was 50 years of age, born in Mississippi, owned $10,000.00 in real estate and $20,000.00 as the value of personal property. Overaker family members in his household are:

- S. M. Overaker age 43, born in Ohio
- L. W. Overaker age 18, born in Ohio
- Charles W. Overaker age 16, born in Ohio

L. W. could be Laura in the 1850 census. Charles W. would be the same person in the 1850 and 1860 census reports. Maria Overaker is not listed in the 1860 census. There is an age disparity between Sarah in the 1850 census and S. M in the 1860 census. It should be noted that the 1860 census record reported George Overaker and his family as included in the household of James S. Bone. The census reported he was 45 years of age and born in Ohio. Other Bone family members listed are:

- Mary L., age 43
- A. P., female, age 18, born in Ohio
- V. D., female, age 16, born in Ohio
- D. H., male, age 13, born in Ohio
- W. O., male, age 11, born in Ohio

It is reported on Ancestry World Family Tree on Ancestry.com that Sarah M. Bone had a brother named James S. Bone.

Newspaper Announcements in the Cincinnati Daily Gazette
December 5, 1849, p. 2, col. 6
Yesterday afternoon, Dec. 4th, Catherine, daughter of George and Sarah Overaker, age 18 months. Funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o’clock from the residence of her parents, on Eighth [sic] street, friends of the family are invited to attend.

May 30, 1959, p. 2
On the 20th inst., at the residence of Dr. John B. Law, No. 377 West Eighth Street, in her ninth year, Sallie A., youngest daughter of George and Sarah M. Overaker. The friends and acquaintances of the families are respectfully invited to attend her funeral at 3 o’clock Tuesday afternoon, the 31st inst., from the above place.

December 24, 1868, p. 2, col. 5
Overaker-Strobridge-On Monday evening, 21st inst., at the residence of the bride’s father, Charles W. Overaker and Mary Adelaide, daughter of Hines Strobridge, and granddaughter of the officiating clergyman, all of Cincinnati.

Clermont County, Ohio Marriages, 1850-1874, Clermont County genealogical Society, Gateway Press, Inc., 1989, p. 385
On December 16, 1861 Laura Overaker, age 20, married Henry J. King, age 24, by W. E. Hines, MG.

Copies of the above cited source documents are in my research file for George Overaker of Jefferson County, MS.
MEMORANDUM

By: David P. Rakestraw

October 3, 2004

It is believed that Georgia Overaker, wife of John H. Law, is Maria Overaker, daughter of George Overaker and Sarah M. Overaker of Hamilton County, Ohio.

The 1850 U. S. Federal census of Hamilton Co., OH listed in the household of George Overaker Maria Overaker, age 12.

George Overaker moved to Clermont Co., OH. The 1860 Federal census for James S. Bone in Clermont Co. included George Overaker, age 50, S. M. Overaker (Sarah), age 43, L. W. Overaker (Laura), age 18, and Charles W. Overaker, age 16. At this time George must have been afflicted with a disability. Sarah Overaker’s maiden name was Bone before her marriage to George Overaker.

On April 20, 1859 Georgia Overaker married John H. Law in Hamilton County, Ohio. Georgia was born May 1838 and died at the age of 70 on February 14, 1908 in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH (Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum, internment records, ID 76201, Section 86, Lot 90, Space 1). Her parents are identified as George Overaker and Sarah Overaker. Georgia’s year of birth corresponds to the age of Maria at the time of the 1850 census (IGI Individual Record, LDS web page Family Search.com.). Maria is not in the 1860 census for her father because she married John H. Law. The reason for the given name change is not clear.

The 1870 Federal census for John H. Law in Hamilton Co., OH listed Georgia, age 30 and Sarah Overaker, age 50. Sarah is presumed to be the mother of Georgia (Maria). Thus George Overaker died between 1860-1870 and she moved from the household of James S. Bone to the household of John H. Law.

The 1880 Federal census for John H. Law in Hamilton Co., OH listed Georgia O. Law, age 40. The middle initial could be for Overaker. Sarah Overaker is not in the census.

I believe based upon these records that it can be concluded Maria Overaker and Georgia Overaker is the same person.
George Overaker born Aug. 6, 1800, died Feb. 17, 1864 in Cincinnati, OH
(Age 63 years, 6 months and 4 days). Born in Mississippi to the parents of John and Ann
Overaker.

Sarah McLean Overaker, born in 1819, died June 8, 1890 in Cincinnati, OH
(71 years of age)
Wife of George Overaker.

Children of George and Sarah Overaker

George W. Overaker, born October 10, 1845, died July 19, 1847 in Cincinnati, OH
Mary Kate Overaker, born May 16, 1847, interned March 5, 1852 in Cincinnati, OH
Sallie A. Overaker, born December 13, 1850, died May 30, 1859 in Cincinnati, OH
Laura O. king, born June 12, 1840, died February 14, 1882 in Cincinnati, OH
Charles W. Overaker, born March 21, 1843, died August 21, 1886 in Hillsboro, OH
Georgia O. Law, born May 1838, died February 14, 1908 in Chicago, IL

NOTES:

George and Sarah Overaker had a daughter named Catherine who is not listed as buried
in Spring Grove Cemetery. An announcement in the Cincinnati Daily Gazette, December
4, 1849, page 2, col. 6 “Yesterday afternoon Catherine, daughter of George and Sarah
Overaker, died December 4, age 18 months. Funeral at the home of her parents on Eighth
Street at 2 o’clock.”

Georgia Overaker is believed to be Maria Overaker listed in the 1850 U. S. Federal
census in the household of George Overaker in Hamilton County, Ohio. This census did
not report a Georgia Overaker. Maria was listed as 12 years of age. Her year of birth in
1838 is the same year for Georgia. Georgia married John H. Law in Hamilton Co., OH on
April 20, 1858. There is no explanation for this change in name from Maria to Georgia
but this writer believes they are the same person.

Included in the Section and Lot for the Overaker family is David Bone, born 1794, died
July 5, 1859. He is the father of Sarah M. Overaker.

David P. Rakestraw
DEATH RECORD FOR JOHN H. LAW
And GEORGIA OVERAKER LAW
SPRING GROVE CEMETERY
CINCINNATI, OHIO
Land Section 86, Lot 90

John Hugh Law died April 22, 1918, Tallahassee, FL
Died of Heart Disease (age 82 years)

Georgia Overaker Law, born May 1838, died February 14, 1908 in Chicago, IL
Cause of death not indicated
Wife of John H. Law and daughter of George and Sarah Overaker

Children

Charles Green Law, born January 16, 1878, died July 14, 1932 in Cincinnati, OH
Died of Idiopathic Epilepsy

Lucy L. Phipps, born abt. 1884, died May 24, 1916 in Tallassee, FL
Died in child birth
Summary of Land Indenture

George Overaker

Jefferson County, Mississippi

Deed Indenture Dated August 3, 1829
Recorded March 26, 1838
Deed Book D, page 111

Garner H.Tullis for the sum of $1,000.00 sold to George Overaker, both of Jefferson County, Mississippi, all that certain part of a town lot in the Town of Rodney, Jefferson County, MS, being a part of Two lots numbered One and Two in Square No. 4 having a front on Commercial Street of 30 feet running back toward the River 120 feet beginning South of the corner of said Commercial Street and Magnolia Street on said Commercial Street, South from said corner 110 feet, nine inches, it being 30 feet along Commercial Street on the South of said described lots.

Deed Indenture Dated November 16, 1830
Mortgage
Recorded September 3, 1832
Deed Book B 1826-1834
Pages 603-604

George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin of the one part and Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart of the other part. The parties of the first part in consideration of the debt to be secured hereinafter mentioned and $1.00 to them in hand paid by the parties of the second part, doth give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the parties of the first part All that certain town lot in the Town of Rodney, Jefferson County, Mississippi, to wit, Lots number one and two except that part sold some time past to George Overaker by Garner H.Tullis in Square No.4, having a front of 86 feet nine inches on Commerce Street and 120 feet on Magnolia Street, all which appears by reference to the plan of said Town being part of the lots conveyed to Garner H. Tullis by Sarah Calvit, deed bearing the date of December 29, 1828 and by the said Garner H. Tullis this day conveyed to the said parties of the first part, to have and to hold the said premises with the appurtenances unto the said Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart. Provided that if the said George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin, their heirs, executors and administrators, or either of them do pay or cause to be paid unto Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart, their heirs, executors and administrators or assigns the just and full sum of $8,000.00 as mentioned in their certain promissory notes as follows.

The first note payable to Garner H. Tullis on January 1, 1832 for $1,000.00, the second note payable to the same on January 1, 1833 for $1,000.00, the third note payable to same on January 1, 1834 for $1,000.00, the fourth note payable to same on January 1, 1835 for $1,000.00, the fifth note payable to Christopher Dart on January 1, 1832 for $1,000.00, the sixth note payable to same on January 1, 1833 for $1,000.00, the seventh note payable on January 1, 1834 for $1,000.00, the eight note payable on January 1, 1835 for $1,000.00, all of said notes bare even dates herewith.
George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin doth covenant with the said Gamer H. Tullis and Christopher Dart that they the said George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin, their executors, administrators or assigns shall and will pay or cause to be paid to Gamer H. Tullis and Christopher Dart their executors, administrators or assigns the said sum of $4,000.00 each respectively as aforesaid on the day above limited for the payment thereof.

Deed Indenture Dated November 18, 1836
Recorded December 15, 1836
Deed Book C, page 478-479

George Overaker for the sum of $3,400.00 bought as the highest bidder at public auction from the estate of Stephen Forman, John Ducker Administrator, Lot No.3 in Square No. 4 in the Town of Rodney, Jefferson County, MS, such lot having a front of 60 feet on Commerce Street and extending back 120 feet toward the Mississippi River, it being the same lot conveyed by Sarah Calvit to John Ducker on March 18, 1828 and by John Ducker to Stephen Forman on October 10, 1835.

Kesiah Forman, widow of Stephen Forman, for consideration of $650.00 relinquished unto George Overaker his right of Dower in and to Lot No.3 in Square No.4 in the Town of Rodney.

Deed Indenture Dated November 14, 1837
Recorded December 11, 1837
Deed Book D, Page 25

George Overaker of the Town of Rodney and County of Jefferson, State of Mississippi sold to James Bone and John McGinley of the same place for the sum of $2,000.00 all that lot and parcel of ground in the Town, County and State aforesaid known and described as commencing at the northwest corner of Lot No. 5 in Square No. 4 and running west wardly there from 60 feet also fronting Commerce Street, 60 feet and 120 feet in depth being the house lately occupied by George Overaker and now occupied by him as a grocery and produce store. Note: Lot No. 5 could be a misreading of the handwriting and the property could be Lot No 3 purchased in the deed dated in November 1836.

NOTE

The signature of George Overaker on the deed indenture dated November 16, 1830 and the signature of George Overaker on the marriage license for John S. Norris and Pomona Overaker Taylor in Adams County {Natchez} on October 2, 1824 appear to have the same execution style. The marriage was celebrated on October 2, 1825. If this is the same George Overaker then he could be the brother of Pomona and the son of Isaac Overaker.
The 1830 U. S. Federal census for Jefferson County, MS listed no George Overaker. For John S. Norris two white males of ages 30 and under 40 were given. These males could be for John H. Norris and George Overaker. The 1830 census for John H. Norris reported two white females, one under the age of 5 and one of age 20 and under 30. Eighteen slaves were given in the census for John H. Norris.

In the early 1840's the Mississippi River changed course and the Town of Rodney became no longer a commercial port city. The once thriving town today became a ghost town and today the Town of Rodney does not exists.

The courthouse in Fayette, MS burned in 1980 and a lot of old records were destroyed. Some courthouse records were moved to a vacated school for storage and these records were destroyed by water damage. I have been told that there was no secure procedure for the maintenance and preservation of old deed books and will books. Some of these books that are missing from the courthouse and have turned up for sale in shops in downtown Fayette. For these reasons the deed records pertaining to the payoff of the mortgages to Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart and the sale of the properties owned by George Overaker have not been found and lost to history.

Prepared by
David P. Rakestraw
April 18, 2004

Mr. David P. Rakestraw  
944 South Peninsula Drive #107  
Daytona, FL 32118

Dear Mr. Rakestraw,

Enclosed is my research report concerning the questions you presented to me to find answers to. I hope I have complete this project to your wishes by using all the available resources at the Archives.

I have ordered Warren Co., Ohio marriages records from the Family History Center concerning the marriage of George Overaker and Sarah Bone. This microfilm should be in by the last of May. I will mail out to you this document as soon as I received this microfilm.

If I can be of further assistance in the future please advise.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Weeks
George Overaker
of
Jefferson Co., Mississippi

Research assignment:
Complete Jefferson Co., MS land deeds on George Overaker.

1. Land Deed Bk C, p. 478
John Ducker of Jefferson County, Mississippi as I am administrator of all the goods and estate, which were of Stephen Norman late of said County deceased, intestate .......... in consideration of the sum of thirty four hundred Dollar to me in hand paid or secured to be paid by George Overaker who was the highest bidder at the said sale...... lying and being in the Town of Rodney County & State aforesaid known and designated on the plan of said Town as lot number three in Square Number four having a front sixty feet on Commerce Street and extending back one hundred & twenty feet toward the Mississippi River it being the same lot conveyed by Sarah Calvit to John Ducker on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred & twenty eight and by John Ducker to Stephen Forman on the tenth day of October eighteen hundred and thirty five. Filed 18 November 1836, Recorded 19 November 1836.

2. Land Deed Bk D, pp. 91-92
Indenture made the 10th day of January 1838 between George Overaker and James M. Knight for the sum of nine thousand dollars ........ Town Lot in the Town of Rodney County & State described as starting from the corner of the [street house] near by John Payne and running eighty feet South on commerce Street and one hundred and twenty feet back....... Signed George Overaker and Sarah M. Overaker..... Sarah M. Overaker signed over her one third dower. Recorded 16 January 1838. Notice middle initial “M” instead of “A”.

3. Land Deed Bk D, pp. 111-112
This Indenture made the 3 August 1829 between James H. Tullis and George Overaker ............ In the sum of one thousand dollars ...... certain Town Lot in the Town of Rodney..... Being a part of two lots numbered one & two on Square number four having front on Commerce Street of [ ] and Running back toward the River one hundred and twenty feet and beginning south of the corner of said Commerce Street and [Mag ] Street on said Commerce and South from said corner one hundred and ten feet ..... It being thirty feet along Commerce Street on the South of said described lots. Recorded 26 March 1838.
July 23, 2004

Mr. David P. Rakestraw
944 South Peninsula Drive #107
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Dear Mr. Rakestraw,

Enclosed are the Jefferson County land deed concerning George Overaker. I have copies four out of the five as well as transcribed them for you. I was unable to copy page 561 in Book B. When the page number was posted in the Index Book apparently the clerk made a mistake. I was unable to find the correct page for George Overaker's land transaction.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service to you.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Weeks
4. Land Deed Bk D, pp. 116-117
George Overaker, Admr. of John S. Norris, deceased of the County of Jefferson.....at public auction at Fayette on 15 March 1837 for the sum of nine hundred and fifty five dollars to said Penona Norris..... Lot in the Town of Rodney described as sixty feet long and two hundred and forty feet back on the East side of Commerce Street, bounded on the South by a lot of land belonging to T. G. Compton, bonded of the North by a lot of land belonging to George Overaker.

5. Land Deed Bk D, pp. 430-431
George Overaker of the County of Hamilton and State of Ohio appoint David Bone of the County of Warren and State of Ohio my true and lawful attorney. Recorded 13 June 1839.

6. Land Deed Bk D, p. 686
On the tenth day of June 1839 George Torrey, Sheriff of Jefferson County indenture to David Bone.....Against the property of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. [Warren] for the sum of five thousand five hundred and five dollars and fifty cents and one hundred and fifty dollars and 14 cents on lot number five. Recorded 13 June 1840.

7. Land Deed Bk E, pp. 440-45
George Torrey, Sheriff deed to John M. Prichard the sell of property of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. Warren for the sum of five thousand five hundred and five dollars and fifty cents and one hundred and fifty nine and fourteen cents. Recorded 18 November 1840.

8. Land Deed Bk E, pp. 275-276
George Torrey, sheriff deeds to John M. Prichard from suit of James M. Smith against the good and chattels, land and interest of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. Warren..... One for the sum of five hundred and eighty four dollars and seventy five cents and thirty two dollars and fifty nine cents cost. Recorded 17 January 1842.

Note: Copies of land deeds enclosed.
Jefferson Co., MS
Land Deed
Book B, p. 146

William Dixon Bond
To }
George Overaker

Recorded for record and recorded March 20, 1828.

I do hereby [hand] myself my heirs and to make with George Overaker a
good and sufficient deal for a certain lot or parcel of ground lately
purchased by me of the late Samuel Calvit containing three acres to wit
commencing at the southwest corner of another lot purchased of the same
opposite me John Ducker also and running south three hundred and ninety
one feet thence three hundred and fifty feet east thence three hundred and
ninety one feet north thence three hundred and fifty feet to the beginning to
the same more or less to have and to hold the said lot or parcel of land
forever. I have received of the said George Overaker twenty five dollars in
cash and his two promissory notes as follows one for seventy five dollars
and payable the first day of January next and the other for fifty dollars
payable the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and twenty
nine. The above deed to be given so [ ] as I can obtain from the executor
or executrix of this late Samuel Calvit.
Witness: A. M. [Kinker] and George Miller

William Dixon Bond {seal}

State if Mississippi
Jefferson County } Personally appeared before the undersign Justice
of the Peace for said County I Archibald M. inker] and George Miller who
being duly [ ] say before William Dixon sign seal and delivered the [ ]
bond for the use and purposes therein expressed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th March 1828. } A. M. [Kinker]
A. Montgomery
George Miller
Garner H. Tullis  
To  
George Overaker  

Received for Recorded and Recorded July 13th, 1829. This Indenture made the twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine. Between Garner H. Tullis of Jefferson County, Mississippi of the one part and George Overaker of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of nine hundred dollars to him in had paid by the said party of the second part at or before the sealing and delivery of that Presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the said party of the second part his heirs, executors and administrators, forever released and discharged there from by these presents hath granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents Do grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns Forever, All that certain party of a Town Lot in the Town of Rodney County and State aforesaid herein after described viz; being a part of Two lots number one and two in square number four having a front on Commerce Street of thirty feet and running back towards the River one hundred and twenty feet, beginning south of the corner of said Commerce Street and Magnolia Street on said Commerce Street South from said corner eighty six feet and nine inches thence running as before described which will more fully appear by reference to the Original Plan of said Town. Together with all and singular the appurtenances hereditaments, privileges and advantages whatsoever unto the above described premises belonging or in any wise appertaining. And also all the estate, right title, interest and property and claim whatsoever, either at Law or in equity of him the said party of the first part of, in and to the same. To have and to hold, the above granted, bargained and described premises with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever and the said party of the first part, for himself his heirs, executors and administrators doth covenant, grant promise and agree to and with the said party of the second
part his heirs and assigns that the said party of the first part and his heirs the
above described and hereby grant premises and every part thereof with the
appurtenances unto the said party of the second part and his heirs and
assigns against the said party of the first part, his heirs, executors,
administrators and assigns and against all persons lawfully or equitably
claiming or to claim said premises, or any part thereof unto him the said
party of the second part his heirs and assigns, shall and will Warrant and by
these presents forever Desired.

In Witness Whereof the said party of the first part hath hereunto set his
hand and seal the day and year above written.

G H. Tullis  {seal}

Witness
B. T. Landers, J. P. Town of Rodney.

State of Mississippi
Town of Rodney  }  Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice
of the Peace in and for said Town, Garner H. Tullis who being duly
questioned says he signed, sealed and delivered the within deed for the
purpose therein contained, this 26th day of may 1829.

B. T. Landers, J. P.
Jefferson County, MS

Deed Indenture dated July 13, 1829
Deed Book B, p. 294.
Recorded July 13, 1829

This deed appears to be the same property conveyed to George Overaker by indenture dated August 3, 1829, recorded March 26, 1838 in Deed Book D, p. 111.
This Indenture made the sixteenth day of November in the years of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty between Garner H. Tullis of the County of Jefferson and State of Mississippi of the one part and George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin of the same place of the other part Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of eight thousand dollars to him in hand, paid by the said party of the second part at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the said party of the second part his heirs executors and administrators forever released and discharged there from by these presents, hath granted bargained sold and conveyed and confirmed and by these4 presents do grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns forever all that certain Town Lot in the Town of Rodney, Jefferson County, Mississippi herein after described land lots number one and two except that part her heretofore sold to George Overaker leaving a balance of eighty six feet and nine inches on Commerce Street in Square number four having a front of eight six feet nine inches on commerce Street and one hundred and fifty feet on Magnolia Street all of which will appear by reference to the plan of said Town. The same which was deeded to the said party of the first part by Sarah Calvit on the twenty ninth day of December Eighteen hundred and twenty eight together with all said singular the appurtenances here to [ ] privileges and advantages whatsoever unto the above described premises belonging or in any wise appertaining. And also all the estate right title interest and properly and claim whatsoever either at law or in equity of himself said party of the first part of in and to the same To have and to hold the above granted bargained and described premises with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns forever. And the said party of the first for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth covenant, grant from in and agree to and with the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns that he the said party of the first part and his heirs the above described and hereby granted premises and every part
thereof with the appurtenance unto the said party of the second part and their heirs and assigns against the said party of the first part his heirs executors administrators and assigns and against all persons lawfully or equitably claiming or to claim said premises or any part thereof unto the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns them and will warrant and by these presents forever defend. In writing whereof the said party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

G. H. Tullis {seal}

State of Mississippi, Jefferson County} Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for said County Garner H. Tullis who acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the written deed for the uses and purposes therein and purposes. Given under my hand and seal at Rodney in said County this 17th day of November 1830.

Alexander Montgomery, J.P. {seal}
George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin  
To } Mortgage  
Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart

This Indenture, made the sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand and Eight hundred and thirty Between George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin of the one part and Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart of the other part. Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part in consideration of the debt to be secured hereinafter mentioned, and of one Dollar, to them in hand hereby acknowledged, doth give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the first part. All that certain town lot in the Town of Rodney Jefferson County Mississippi herein after described to wit lots number one and two except that part sold some time past to George Overaker by Garner H. Tullis in Square number four having a front of Eighty six feet nine inches on Commerce Street and one hundred and twenty feet on Magnolia Street all which appears by reference to the plan of said Town being part of the lots conveyed to Garner H. Tullis by Sarah Calvits deed bearing date the twenty ninth day of December Eighteen hundred and twenty Eight and by the said Garner H. Tullis this day conveyed to the said parties of the first part. To have and hold the said premises and the appurtenance unto the said Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart their heirs and assigns to the only propose of the said Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart their heirs and assigns forever provided that if the said George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin their heirs, executors and administrators or either of them do pay or cause to be paid unto the said Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart their executors and administrators assigns the just and full sum of Eight thousand dollars, as mentioned in their certain promissory notes as follows to wit: first note payable to Garner H. Tullis on the first day of January 1832 for one thousand dollars, the second payable to same first January 1833 for one thousand dollars, the third payable to same on the first January 1834 for one thousand dollars, the fourth payable to same on the first January 1835 for one thousand dollars, the fifth payable to Christopher Dart on the first January 1832 for one thousand dollars, the sixth payable to the same on the first January 1833 for one thousand dollars,
the seventh payable on the first January 1834 for one thousand dollars, the eight payable on the first January 1835 for one thousand dollars all of said notes bare even date herewith. Then these presents to be void and the said George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin doth covenant with the said Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart that they the said George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin their executors, administrators, or assigns shall and will pay and cause to be paid to the said Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart their Executors, administrators or assigns, the said sum of four thousand dollars to each respectively as aforesaid, on the day above limited for the payment thereof. In testimony whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Sings, Sealed and Delivered Geo Overaker {seal}
In presence of C Sherwin {seal}

State of Mississippi
Jefferson County

Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin and severally acknowledged that they respectively signed sealed and delivered the written mortgage as their own voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal at Rodney in said County this 17th day of November 1830.

Alexander Montgomery J.P. {seal}
Jefferson County, MS

Deed Indenture dated November 16, 1830
Deed Book B, p. 450

This deed is for the same lots George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin sold to Garner H. Tullis and Christopher Dart on deed to secure debt by indenture dated November 16, 1830 and recorded in Deed Book B, p.603-604.
Section 13

Isaac Hoff
Isaac Hoff

There is a question of whether or not Isaac Hoff who appears in the U. S. Federal census records for Adams County, Mississippi and Isaac Huff for Orleans County, Louisiana is the Isaac Hoff of Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. Also, is Isaac Hoff of Winchester a son of Elizabeth Overaker Hoff and John Hoff of Winchester, Virginia?

Elizabeth Overaker Hoff died June 6, 1838. John Hoff died February 12, 1804. They are buried in Mt Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia.

Jonathan Smith was the Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Overaker Hoff. Her Estate Accounts dated August 29, 1840 contain an entry “The Adm has an account agst Isaac Hoff more than sufficient to discharge his share.... $33.90.” The accounts included an equal amount of $33.90 distributed to John Hoff, Mary Barnhart (wife of George Barnhart), Elizabeth Smith (wife of Jonathan Smith), Housten Pritchard (husband of Margaret Hoff) as their “share in full.” An entry was in the accounts for “Henry Hoff’s share remains in the hands of the Adm the said Henry Hoff being dead and it is not known whether he has left heirs.” (W.B. 20, p. 472, Frederick County Courthouse, Winchester, VA). I believed it should be acknowledged that Isaac Hoff, John Hoff, Henry Hoff, Mary Barnhart, Elizabeth Smith, and Margaret Pritchard are children of Elizabeth Overaker Hoff and John Hoff.

The will of John Hoff, son of John Hoff and Elizabeth Overaker, named Margaret Pritchard his “Sister” and named her children. (Will Proved February 25, 1859. W.B. 25, p.580-581, Frederick County Courthouse, Winchester, VA). The will of Mary Kiger bequeathed to “Elizabeth Hoff my sister, Elizabeth Smith, wife of Jonathan Smith, Margaret Pritchard, wife of H. Pritchard and Mary Barnhart, wife of George Barnhart all my notes, bonds and accounts” and “all my wearing apparel should be equally divided between my two nieces Elizabeth and Margaret Pritchard.” (Will dated May 9, 1835, Proved December 4, 1837. W.B. 20, p. 40, Frederick County Courthouse, Winchester, VA). It is known that Elizabeth and John Hoff had a son named John Hoff who died CA 1859.

Julia Anne, wife of Isaac Hoff died September 1836, age 36 years, 11 months, one day. She is buried in Mt Hebron Cemetery. The cemetery grave records contain no Isaac Hoff.

An Isaac Hoff married Sarah Wood on December 14, 1839 in Adams County, Mississippi. Family members of Elizabeth Overaker Hoff lived in Natchez, Adams County, and Mississippi. Her brothers, John Overaker, Isaac Overaker and George Overaker moved from Winchester to Natchez in the late 1700’s and as of 1802. All three brothers had died as of 1820, John before 1814, Isaac in 1818 and George in 1820. Nancy Overaker, the widow of John, married William Hazlip in Adams County on March 13, 1814. Nancy died in 1826 and William Hazlip died in 1837.
It is believed that Rebecca Overaker, widow of Isaac, lived with her daughter Mary who married James Trueman Magruder, Jr. in Adams County January 29, 1818 and as a widow married Cowles Mead on December 17, 1835. The Mead’s lived in Hinds County, MS. It is also believed that Rebecca Overaker later lived with her daughter Rebecca who married William B. Winston on May 19, 1813 in Adams County. By 1840 the Winston family moved to Lowndes County, MS. Pomona, another daughter of Rebecca and Isaac, married Levi W. Taylor on May 15, 1823 and John S. Norris October 2, 1825 in Adams County. By 1830 the Norris family lived in Jefferson County, MS. Margaret Overaker, the widow of George Overaker, with her children Maria and Elizabeth, and Elizabeth’s husband, Gabriel Tichenor, left Natchez for Cincinnati, Ohio about 1832. Thus by 1839 the Ovraker family members had died or left Adams County, Mississippi.

A deed for Jefferson County, MS in November 1830 shows George Overaker and Chandler Sherwin purchasing property from Garner T. Tullus. It is possible this Overaker is a son of Isaac. No census record has been found for him in Jefferson County or Mississippi. It is believed he lived with John S. Norris and Pomona in Jefferson County. The 1830 Federal census for Jefferson County listed for John S. Norris two white males of thirty and under forty and one female of twenty and under thirty. One of the males would be Norris and the other could be George Overaker. The 1850 Federal census for Hamilton County, Ohio listed George Overaker, a merchant and place of birth as Mississippi. This is being researched to determine if these George Overaker’s are one and the same and the son of Isaac.

Susannah Friedly married Daniel Overaker in Frederick County, VA. Daniel is the brother of John, Isaac and George. Mary Friedly, sister of Susannah, married Nathan Anderson in Frederick County. Two children of Nathan Anderson moved to New Orleans, Louisiana. If Isaac Huff were a son of Elizabeth and John Hoff he would have had family in Orleans County, LA. I would like to note there is an extended Hoff family in Winchester, Frederick County, VA from the late 1700’s and early 1800’s. Many of them are found in the grave records of Mt Hebron Cemetery. Another source is the surname index in the Archives Department of the Handley Library in Winchester, VA.

**1830 U.S. Federal Census for Isaac Hoff/Huff**

There were four matches for Isaac Hoff in Maryland, New York, Ohio and Frederick County, VA. For Isaac Huff there were eight matches in various states. None in Virginia.

**1840 U.S. Federal Census for Isaac Hoff/Huff**

There were fifteen matches for Isaac Huff in various states, two in Virginia for Franklin and Rappahannock counties. One was for Adams County, MS. There were 3 matches for Isaac Hoff in three states, none in Louisiana, Mississippi or Virginia.
1830, 1840 and 1850 U. S. Federal Census for William Hoff/Huff

I did this research because William Hoff was listed in the census 1830 and 1840 for Virginia. William D. Huff was listed in the 1840 census for Adams County, MS at the same time Isaac Huff was listed. I did this for comparison since the surname Huff/Hoff may be interchangeable during this time period.

1830 Federal Census

There were eleven matches for William Hoff in various states, two in Virginia for Jefferson County and Randolph County. No census for Mississippi.

Census for William Hoff in Jefferson County, VA.
Males:
Age under 5 1
5 to 10 2
10 to 15 1
30 to 40 2

Females:
Age under 5 1
5 to 10 1
30 to 40 1

Census for William Hoff in Randolph County, VA.
Males
Age 15 to 20 1
40 to 50 1

Females
Age 15 to 20 1
40 to 50 1

1840 U. S. Federal Census

There were thirteen matches for William Hoff in various states, one in Virginia for Jefferson County. No census for Mississippi.

William Hoff, Jefferson County, VA
Males:
Under 5 1
5 and under 10 1
10 and under 15 1
15 and under 20 3
30 and under 40 1
Females
10 and under 15 1
30 and under 40 1

The 1850 U. S. Federal Census

There were twenty-six matches for William Hoff. No match was given in the states of Virginia or Mississippi.

Louisiana and Mississippi
Search for Hoff and Huff

1830 Federal Census

No Hoff or Huff family was in the census for Louisiana and Mississippi. William Hoff was listed for St Helena County, Louisiana.

1840 Federal Census

Twenty-six matches were given for the surname Huff in Mississippi. William D. Huff and Isaac Huff were listed in Adams County, MS. Most Huff names were listed in Amite Co. and Itawamba Co., MS. No Hoff was listed in the 1840 census for Mississippi. For Louisiana there was listed a Hiram and Thomas J. Huff and Charles Hoff. The details for Isaac and William D. Huff in Adams County is as follows:

Isaac Huff
Males
Age 5 and under 10 1 Could not be from marriage to Sarah Wood
30 and under 40 1

Females
Age under 5 1
10 and under 15 1 Could not be from marriage to Sarah Wood
20 and under 30 1

Slaves
Males /Females 8

William D. Huff
Males
Ages 40 and under 50 1

Females none
The 1840 census for Isaac Huff reported one person employed as a “Learned professional engineer.” Isaac could have been a surveyor and that profession brought him from Frederick County, VA to Adams County, MS. William D. Huff was reported as employed in “Manufacture and trade.”

I raise a few questions. If Isaac Huff’s wife Julia Anne died in Winchester, VA in 1836 why would Isaac (Huff) bring a young child under the age of 5 to Adams County, MS with no mother? If he did who joined the family group on the journey? The female under age 5 would have to be less than one year old to be a child of Sarah Wood. She married Isaac Huff in Adams County, MS on December 14, 1839. A certification of the 1840 census for Adams County, MS is dated November 9, 1840. Why was not Isaac listed in the 1820 census for Frederick County, VA. He was for the 1830 census. Who is William D. Huff? His age would place him old enough to be the father of Isaac. If Isaac Huff from Frederick County, VA is Isaac Huff (Hoff) of Adams County, MS then who are the children for Isaac Huff in the 1840 census.

The males ages 10 to 15 and 15 to 20 in the 1830 census for Isaac Huff in Frederick County, VA are grown men in 1840 and their names could be listed in the 1840 census in Virginia or another state. The male age 5 to 10 in the 1830 census is not living with Isaac Huff at the time of the 1840 census in Mississippi. Could he be living with a brother? Is the male age 5 and under 10 in the 1840 census a child of Isaac Huff (Hoff)? Is one of the females 5 to 10 in the 1830 census the female age 10 to 15 in the 1840 census?

It is not known when Isaac Huff left Frederick County, VA for Adams County, MS or the immediate family members who traveled with him. The differences in household members from the 1830 to the 1840 census could partly be explained by deaths. In the years 1837 and 1839 there was a yellow fever epidemic in Adams County that claimed the lives of children and adults.

1850 Federal Census

There were eight matches for Huff and three matches for Hoff in Louisiana. There was no Isaac or William Huff. Isaac Huff and R. L. Hoff were listed in the New Orleans 4th Ward, Orleans County, Louisiana. There was also Charles Hoff in the New Orleans 2nd Ward. R. L. Hoff was in the household of Isaac Huff in the census record. I wish to note for the 1850 census records careful attention must be given to the separate name listings. This is the first census year that all names were listed in a household in taking the census. In the imaging of the census names and producing these names for genealogical research a reviewer must exercise care. Census names listed could be persons in the same household. One should watch for similarities in Township, County and page number.

The census record for Isaac Huff in Orleans County gave the following:

Isaac Huff, age 50, Clerk, born in Virginia
Sarah Hoff, age 35, born in Pennsylvania
Mary Jane Monchon, age 18, born in Mississippi
Alfred Monchon, age 21, Police Officer, born in Louisiana
Sarah Monchon, age 4 months, born in Louisiana
John A. Wood, age 17, Clerk, born in Mississippi
Charlotte Wood, age 14, born in Mississippi
R. L. Hoff, age 9, male, born in Mississippi
Frances Hoff, age 3, female, born in Louisiana

R. L. Hoff and Frances Hoff were born after Isaac Hoff married Sarah Wood. James Wood and Charlotte Wood could be related to Sarah Wood.

For Mississippi there were sixteen matches for Huff and four matches for Hoff. Names for Huff were identified as to be in the same household based upon the same Image number, page number and census roll. Three separate Huff households with more than one person were indicated. Two Hoff names would appear to be in the same household. R. L. Huff, age 27, born in Amite County, MS is listed in the 1850 census. In his household were Elizabeth Huff and E. K. Huff. Could it be that Isaac Hoff in Orleans County is related to R. L. Huff in Amite County? A child in the household of Isaac is named R. L. Hoff.

Frederick County, Virginia
Search for Hoff and Huff

1820 Federal Census

No Huff family was identified. There were five matches for Hoff, of which was Elizabeth Hoff believed to be Elizabeth Overaker Hoff, wife of John Hoff who died February 12, 1804. No census for Issac Hoff.

Elizabeth Hoff
Males none
Females
Age 26 to 45 1
Age 45 and upward 1

The female age 26 to 45 could be Mary {Polly} Hoff. The other female would be Elizabeth Hoff.

The census records listed two John Hoff's. One record listed John Hoff age 45 and upward and two females, one age 26 to 45 and one age 45 and upward. Another record for John Hoff listed him age 26 to 45 and two females, one under 10 years of age and one age 26 to 45.
1830 Federal Census

No Huff was identified. Five records for Hoff, including two for Elizabeth Hoff and a record for Isaac Hoff, John Hoff and Lewis Hoff.

Isaac Hoff
Males
Age 5 to 10 1
Age 10 to 15 1
Age 15 to 20 1
Age 30 to 40 1

Females
Age 5 to 10 2
Age 20 to 30 2 Who is the 2nd female?

Elizabeth Hoff
Males none

Females
Age 30 to 40 1
Age 70 to 80 1

Elizabeth Hoff
Males
Age 15 to 20 1
Age 20 to 30 2
Age 30 to 40 1

Females
Age 20 to 30 1
Age 40 to 50 1

Interesting that Elizabeth Hoff is identified for the household when adult males are in the household.

John Hoff
Males
Age 60 to 70 1

Females
Age 15 to 20 1
Age 40 to 50 1
Age 70 to 80 1
For the State of Virginia sixteen **Hoff** names were in the census, five names were for Frederick County and the other names in various counties.

NOTE: The will of Mary Overaker Kiger dated May 9, 1835, proved December 4, 1837 in Frederick County, named as Executors “John Hoff son of Lewis Hoff and John Hoff {Farmer}.” Elizabeth Overaker married John Hoff who died in 1804. Both are buried in Mt Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, VA. The 1830 census for Frederick County listed Lewis Hoff and John Hoff but not two John Hoffs. The census records listed Lewis Hoff and John Hoff in the same age bracket of 60 and under 70. Thus it is doubtful the Lewis Hoff in the census is the named executor with John Hoff. From the marriage of Elizabeth Overaker and John Hoff was a son named John Hoff who died CA 1859. His will was proved in Frederick County February 28, 1859. He was a first cousin of John Hoff and whether he is the one named as executor is not known. It seems strange for the will of Mary Kiger to refer John Hoff {Farmer} rather than to John Hoff as the son of my sister Elizabeth Hoff had they be one and the same.

**1840 Federal Census**


**1850 Federal Census**

Two census records for surname **Huff**, John Huff and Daniel Huff. These could be the same persons with the surname **Hoff** listed in the 1840 census records. If so it shows how the surnames are interchanged. **John Huff** was listed as 46 years old. In his household were:

- Rachael Huff, age 38
- Joseph H. Huff, age 17
- Sarah E. Huff, age 15
- John W. Huff, age 12

Six census records were given for surname **Hoff**. Three were reviewed.

**John Hoff**, age 71, and profession is Farmer. In his household the following
- Maria Hoff, age 56
- Elizabeth Hoff, age 17

**John Hoff**, age 82, no profession. In his household the following
- Mary Hoff, age 64
- Mary Myers, age 60
- John Myers, age 22
- Mary Myers, age 19
Philip Hoff, 68. Philip Hoff is listed in the household of Jonathan Smith, age 58, and profession is Miller. Other household members are:
Hannah Smith, age 58
John A. Smith, age 22
Isaac W. Smith, age 21
John R. Gill, age 15
Amanda Smith, age 23
Mary H. Smith, age 19

NOTE: A further search of the 1850 U. S. Federal Census records for Frederick County, VA disclosed only one Jonathan Smith. The grave records of Mt Hebron Cemetery show Elizabeth Smith died in February 1843, age 58 years, 17 days. The wife of Jonathan Smith is Elizabeth. She is believed to be Elizabeth Hoff, daughter of Elizabeth Overaker Hoff and John Hoff. John Hoff died in February 1804, age 60. Elizabeth Overaker Hoff died in June 1838, age 81. Mt Hebron has no grave record for Jonathan Smith. The census record for Jonathan Smith could be for a child of the marriage of Jonathan Smith and Elizabeth Hoff. Should the census be for Elizabeth’s husband then the record would indicate that Jonathan Smith married again and he was seven years younger than Elizabeth who was born January 29, 1875.

Ancestry.com from the census records and images provides the U. S. Federal Census records referred to in this analysis. The marriage record of Isaac Hoff to Sarah Wood came from Ancestry.com. Copies have been made of all census records referred to and the records are contained in a file for Isaac Hoff.

The term “matches” when used with census records, means the number of individual census records listed by Ancestry.com.

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Section 14

Brief Sketch, Isaac Overacre/Overaker. Summary of Land Indentures for Isaac Overacre/Overaker for Frederick County, VA and Adams County, MS
Brief Sketch

Isaac Overacre (Overaker)
By David P. Rakestraw

George Overacre/Overaker and Marget (Margaret) Overaker are of German decent and the parents of five sons and two daughters. Some children were probably born in Germany and some born in America. The parents are buried in the Old Lutheran and German Reform graves inside Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Frederick County, and VA. George Overaker died October 15, 1809 at the age of 76 years and 6 months. Marget died June 1804 at the age of 71 years and 5 months (Book V: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society). One son, Daniel, and two daughters, Elizabeth Hoff and Mary Kiger, and their families made their homes in Winchester and are buried in the Old Lutheran and German Reform graves of Mt Hebron Cemetery.

A son Isaac Overacre married Rebecca Thorn on November 30, 1790 by Minister Alexander Balmain (Marriage Register No.1 – Frederick County, Virginia, p. 127). In June 1792 Isaac bought a lot of an half acre of land with a front on main street in Middletown, VA, which is a small town just South of Winchester but still in Frederick County, VA. The deed contained a condition that Isaac erects a building of fifteen feet long by twelve feet Broad with a stone or brick chimney (D.B. 25: 386-388 Frederick Co., VA). On July 25, 1798 Isaac bought from George Overacre for the sum of 100 pounds current money of Virginia a certain half of an half acre lot of land known as Lot No.158 with a house in the Town of Winchester, VA in Frederick County. George Overacre and Margaret his wife were given a life estate in this property (D.B. SC-3: 536-538 Frederick Co., VA). By deed dated November 21, 1802 Isaac and Rebecca his wife sold Lot No.158 to Daniel Overaker for the sum of “sixty current money of the United States.”(D. B. 1:286 Frederick Co., VA, Recorded December 3, 1802). The seal of Isaac and Rebecca Overaker is on the deed. The deed noted that Rebecca could not conveniently travel to the court to make acknowledgement of the indenture. Whereas the Clerk of the Court of the Corporation of Winchester, Virginia appointed three Gent Justices and ordered two or more of them to personally go to Rebecca and receive her acknowledgement and to certify to the court that they had done so. The certification was given on November 22, 1802. A 1799 tax list for Winchester, Frederick County, VA records “ Overaker, Isaac of Geo Overaker, Son?” Isaac and Rebecca had one daughter named Mary (born 1796) while living in Frederick County and most likely in the home in Middletown. Two sons and two daughters were born in Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi Territory.

The sons George Overacre/Overaker, Isaac Overaker, John Overaker and George Overaker, moved from Winchester, VA to Natchez, Adams County, and Mississippi Territory.

On January 10, 1802 a Cherokee Indian Agency passport was issued by Return J. Meigs, Agent for the War Department, Tennessee, Southwest Point, for George Overacre, Esgr with his family of seven white persons and fourteen blacks to pass down the River Tennessee on his way to Natchez in the Mississippi Territory, with two large boats with
their loading and furniture (Passports of Southeastern Pioneers 1770-1823, Dorothy Williams Potter, p. 90). The family members could be:

George Overacre/ Overaker
Margaret Evans Overaker, his wife
Elizabeth, his daughter
Maria, his daughter

Thus, on or about April 1802 George Overaker and family left Winchester, VA for Natchez, Adams County, and Mississippi Territory. It is not known for sure who were the family of seven white persons on the boats. Isaac and Rebecca Overaker were in Winchester, VA as established by the November 1802 deed transaction. No passport or other record has been found to show the earliest date when Isaac, Rebecca and their daughter Mary left Winchester, VA to live in Natchez, MS. Further examination of the family members on the boats on the River Tennessee could suggest they were John Overaker and his wife Nancy. It is known that John left Natchez for Winchester at least about January 1800. It seems more likely that Nancy would go along with Margaret. Return Jonathan Meigs, Jr. was Indian Agent in the Cherokee Territory in 1801. (Who was Who During The American Revolution, Compiled by the editors of Who's Who in America with Jerry Kail, The Bobbs Merrill Company, Inc., 1976, p. 21).

Isaac Overaker and his wife Rebecca had three daughters, Mary, Pomona and Rebecca. The Mississippi State Gazette, Natchez, MS reported on February 7, 1818 that Mary married James T (Trueman) Magruder, Jr. on January 29, 1818 by Rev. Mr. Menefee at the home of George Overaker in Natchez. Rev. Menefee had been identified as John Menefee, a Methodist minister from Tennessee. The home of George Overaker at the time was called Hope Farm. James T. Magruder, Jr. was a merchant who owned the James T. Magruder, Jr. and Company in Natchez. Isaac had two sons who are believed went off to the War of 1812. They apparently returned home to Natchez because two white males under 21 years old are listed in the family of Isaac Overaker in the Adams County, Mississippi Census, 1816.

Pomona Overaker married Levi W. Taylor in Natchez, Adams County, MS on May 15, 1823. William Hazlip gave his consent for Pomona to marry Taylor to Mr. M. Postlewait. Probate Judge, State of Mississippi. (Marriage Book 3, p. 41, 1823-1866, Adams County courthouse). Why William Hazlip had to give consent for Pomona to marry is not known. He could have had guardianship since John Overaker, Isaac Overaker and George Overaker had died as of 1820. Guardianship papers to him have not been found in a search of records in the Adams County, MS courthouse. The discovery of such a document would identify the parents of Pomona. Pomona Overaker Taylor married again in Natchez to John S. Norris on October 2, 1825. The bondsmen were John S. Norris and George Overaker. (ibid).

Rebecca Overaker married William Burton Winston in Natchez, Adams County, MS on May 19, 1823. The 1830 census for Adams Co. listed the family of W. B. Winston as having two males under 5 years of age and one male of 5 and under 10 years of age. A
female was listed of 60 and under 70 years of age. This elderly female could be Rebecca Overaker, wife of Isaac Overaker and the mother of Rebecca Overaker Winston. As previously mentioned there was a female age 45 and upwards in the household of James T. Magruder in the 1820 census for Adams Co. that could be Rebecca Overaker. Should she be the elderly female in the Winston household in the 1830 census this could possibly indicate James T. Magruder, Jr. died or became incapacitated sometime between 1820 and 1830. William B. Winston and his family by 1840 had moved to Lowndes County, MS. The 1840 U. S. Federal census for Lowndes County listed seven children in the household of William B. Winston. They are identified as William B. Winston, Jr., Robert Winston, James B. Winston, Gabriel Tichenor Winston, Maria Clifford Winston, George Winston, and Isaac Winston. By the time of the 1850 census in Lowndes County William B. Winston, Jr., Robert Winston and Isaac Winston were listed as separate households with families and the other children were home with their parents, except for George Winston. All children are named in the wills of William B. Winston (Proved January 11, 1851, Lowndes County) and Rebecca Overaker Winston (Proved April 30, 1866, Lowndes County) except for George Winston.

The deed records of Adams County, Mississippi indicate that Isaac Overaker had a deed on a house on Lot No.4, Square No. 14 in the City of Natchez. On July 11, 1817 the lot was sold to Joel Ailes for $1,500.00. To have possession of the lot Joel Ailes under a deed trust with John Richards must pay to Isaac Overaker his executors or administrators $800.00 on a note payable and negotiable to the Bank of Mississippi on January 1, 1818. (DB 1: 316, 354, Adams County, MS). No record has been found to establish when Isaac Overaker bought Lot. No.4 in Square No.14. George Overaker was the original owner of the lot by Spanish grant. On January 10, 1795 George Overaker petitioned the Spanish Government to build a house on the lot. The Spanish District Governor issued a warrant on the same day. On August 10, 1805 a certificate of land grant was issued to George Overaker. (Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805, May Wilson McBee, Clearfield Company, Inc., p.480). On July 18, 1818 James T. Magruder, Jr. was appointed administrator for the estate of Isaac Overaker. (Probate Box No.31, Adams County, MS).

The fate of the two sons of Isaac Overaker is unknown. Mary and James Trueman Magruder, Jr. had one child, Elizabeth Howard Magruder. After the death of James T. Magruder, Jr. Mary married Cowles Mead on December 17, 1835. General Mead was prominent in the military during the War of 1812 and in politics in Mississippi. More information about Mary Overaker and Cowles Mead is in the essay about the Magruder family. Elizabeth Howard Magruder (called Betty) married Peterfield Jefferson, a lineal descendant of Field Jefferson an uncle of Thomas Jefferson. Pomona married Levi W. Taylor in Natchez, MS on May 15, 1823 and on October 21, 1825 married John S. Norris.

It is believed that George Overaker of Jefferson County, MS is a son of Isaac Overaker and a brother of Mary, Rebecca and Pomona. In 1829, 1830 and 1836 George Overaker purchased several lots of land in the town of Rodney, Jefferson County, and MS. (D.B B: 603-604, D.B. C: 478-479, and D.B. D: 111 Jefferson County, MS). In the 1830’s Rodney was a boom-town and a thriving river port on the Mississippi River. One lot
purchased by George Overaker in partnership with Chandler Sherwin cost $8,000.00, a substantial sum for the time. Unfortunately there is no record of the sales of these lots due to missing and destruction of courthouse records. There is no census record for George Overaker in Mississippi for 1830 or 1840. The 1830 U.S. Federal census for John S. Norris in Jefferson County listed two males age 30 and under 40. One of these males could be George Overaker. John S. Norris died at the age of 40 on April 9, 1836 and is interned in the Norris Beck Cemetery located on a high bluff overlooking Dowd Creek in Jefferson County. The 1840 U.S. Federal Census for Jefferson County listed in the household for P. Norris two white females, one age 10 and under 15 and one age 20 and under 30. The 1850 Federal Census for Jefferson County listed a household for P. Norris, age 50 and a male Norris, age 24 and profession a carpenter. It is believed the 1840 and 1850 census is for Pomona Norris, wife and widow of John S. Norris. It can be said the young female in the 1840 census reached maturity by 1850, married, and left home.

The 1850 Federal census for Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio (Cincinnati 5th Ward) shows a George Overacre, age 43, merchant, and born in Mississippi. The Overacre family in his household was born in Ohio and listed as Sarah, age 20, Maria, age 12, Laura, age 9 and Charles, age 7. The 1860 Federal census for Clermont County, OH, Williamsburg Township listed George Overaker, age 50, born in Mississippi and other Overaker household members born in Ohio as S.A., age 43, L.W., age 18 and Charles W., age 16. Laura Overaker married Henry J. King on December 16, 1861. Charles W. Overaker married Mary Adelaide on December 21, 1868. (Cincinnati Daily Gazette, Dec.24, 1868, Clermont County, Ohio Marriages, 1850 through 1874). It should be noted that the 1850 census for Cincinnati, Fulton Township, listed in the household for Gabriel Tichenor his wife Elizabeth (daughter of George Overaker and Margaret Overaker), Margaret Overaker and her daughter, Maria Overaker. There could be a family relationship and the reason for George Overaker (Overacre) moving from Mississippi to Ohio.

NOTE: Subsequent to writing this report George Overaker of Jefferson County, MS and Hamilton County, OH was identified as the son of John and Ann (Nancy) Overaker (www.springgrove.org, genealogy). The material contained herein has been left intact for informational purposes.
Isaac Overaker
Tax Listing
Frederick County
Winchester, Virginia

In the publication Winchester Land Book 1787 to 1802 Isaac Overaker is listed in the tax record for 1799 and 1802. The 1799 tax record indicated “Overaker Isaac, of George Overaker Son.”

During this period Isaac owned a half of an acre of land being situated in an addition to the Town of Winchester in Frederick County, Virginia and known by the Lot No. 158 bounded on the Southward side by Lot No. 159, on the Western end by Cameron Street in the Old Town, on the Northward side by Clifford Street and on the Eastward end by Lot No. 141.

By deed dated July 25, 1798 Isaac bought this lot from his father, George Overacre (Overaker), for the sum of 100 pounds current money of Virginia (Deed Book SC-3, page 536-538 Frederick County, VA). Isaac gave his father a life estate in the property.

By deed dated November 21, 1802 Isaac sold Lot No. 158 to his brother Daniel Overaker (Deed Book 1, page 286 Frederick County, VA). It is not clear in the deed of the specified amount of money paid in this transaction. The deed is not signed and there are no witnesses to the deed. There is no evidence that Isaac had a representative to serve as his proxy in the transaction.
Summary of Deed Indentures
Isaac Overacre (Overaker)

Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia

Deed Indenture Dated June 21, 1792
Deed Book 25, page 386-388
Recorded July 4, 1798

Isaac Overacre of the County of Frederick, State of Virginia bought from Peter Senseny and Mary his wife of the same place and for the sum of 15 pounds current money of Virginia a certain tract of land in the County of Frederick in the Town of Middletown between Stephensburgh and Shasburgh Lot No.36 in a plan of the said town and according to the charter thereof made by the General Assembly of Virginia, lying on the main road or street, the said lot adjoining to Mordicai Yarnall’s corner lot known by the Lot No. 35, the said lot containing 118 feet front on main street, containing one half acre with the free privilege of an ally at the end of said street, likewise the free privilege of bring water from the spring in or near the said town for the use of himself or said family.

Conditionally, Isaac Overacre shall pay to Peter Senseny rent of one half dollar yearly and every year on the first day of May and shall erect a building of fifteen feet long by twelve feet broad with a stone or brick chimney on the said lot within three years from the commencement of this deed, upon penalty of forfeiting the lot upon default thereof to Peter Senseny.

The surname is spelled Overacre in the deed. Witnesses to the deed were Myamall ?, George McCord and William Payles.

Deed Indenture Dated July 25, 1798
Deed Book SC-3, page 536 - 538
Recorded October 12, 1798

George Overacre and his wife Margaret of the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia sold for the sum of 100 pounds current money of Virginia to Isaac Overacre an certain half of an half acre lot of land being situated in an addition to the Town of Winchester in Frederick County and known by the No.158 bounded on the Southward side by Lot No. 159, on the Western end by Cameron Street in the Old Town, on the Northward side by Clifford Street and on the Eastward end by Lot No. 141 as by survey and plat of the said addition made by John Baylis, and all the houses, buildings, orchards, ways, water, water courses, profits, commodities, heriditaments and appurtenances to the said premises. This deed is for one half of the lot of land purchased by George Overaker from George Jacob Troutwine. This part is the part bounded by Cameron Street and Clifford Street and part of Lot No. 141. The deed provided for an Estate of Inheritance in fee simple and a life estate to George Overacre and his wife Margaret to live on the premises. George Overacre died in Winchester on October 10, 1808. Isaac Overacre left Winchester and on January 10, 1802 went down the River Tennessee to Natchez.
Mississippi. There is no record of his returning to Winchester. At the beginning of the deed on page 536 is a note in the left-hand corner “Overacre to Overacre.” At the end of the deed on page 538 is a note in the left-hand corner “Examined and taken out by Isaac Overaker.” The surname is spelled Overacre and Overaker in various places in the deed.


Deed Indenture Dated November 21, 1802
Deed Book 1, page 286
Recorded December 3, 1802

For consideration of the sum of sixty current money of the United States Isaac Overaker and Rebekah his wife sold to Daniel Overaker one certain half of an half acre lot of land lying situate and being in an addition to the Town of Winchester known by the No.158 bounded on the southward side by Lot No. 159 on the Western end by Cameron Street in the Old Town on the southward side by Clifford Street and on the Eastward end by Lot No.141 as by survey and plat of the said addition made by John Bailis (Baylis).(NOTE: The consideration appears to be the word sixth. After the word there is no mention of dollars or pounds. Thus a specified amount of payment cannot be determined).

This is the half of the half acre lot George Jacob Troutwine conveyed to George Overaker (Overacre) and George Overaker conveyed to Isaac Overaker.

The seal of Isaac Overaker and Rebecca Overaker is on the deed. Witnesses to the deed were Lewis Wolf, Joseph Gamble and Daniel Hartman.

John Peyton, Clerk of the Court of the Corporation of Winchester, appointed Lewis Wolf, Joseph Gamble and George Reed, or any two or more of them, Gent Justices, Whereas Rebecca Overaker cannot conveniently travel to said Court to make acknowledgement of the indenture and gave to the order to the Gent Justices to personally go to Rebecca and receive her acknowledgement and examine her privately and apart from her husband to see whether she willingly signed and sealed the indenture without persuasion or threat of her husband and whether she consented to the indenture to be recorded in the Corporation Court. The Court ordered the Gent Justices to certify to the Court that they examined Rebecca and received her acknowledgement. The certification by Lewis Wolfe and Joseph Gamble was given on November 22, 1802.

Cross reference to the deed of Daniel Overaker with John Kiger dated October 29, 1806.

Deed Indenture Dated October 29, 1806
Deed Book 30, page 240-142
Recorded December 1, 1806

Daniel Overaker and Susannah his wife sold for the sum of 175 pounds current money of Virginia to John Kiger the one half part or lot of land he purchase from George Overaker and Margaret his wife by deed dated December 1, 1794 and the one half part of the lot of land he purchased from Isaac Overaker by deed dated November 22, 1802, as recorded in
Deed Book 1, page 286 in the Corporation of Winchester (this deed was illegible to be copied for this summary). In essence Daniel Overaker by 1802 had purchased from George Overaker and Isaac Overaker all that lot of land that George Overaker bought from George Jacob Troutwine by deed dated January 6, 1779.

Summary of Deed Indentures
Isaac Overaker
Natchez, Mississippi

Deed Indenture Dated July 11, 1817
Deed Book I, page 316, Recorded July 18, 1817
Deed Book I, page 354, Recorded July 20, 1817
NCR, p. 480

By Deed Trust of Joel Ailes of the City of Natchez and his wife Fanny and John Richards, Joel Ailes was indebted to Isaac Overaker for $800.00 on a note dated the same date as the deed payable and negotiable to the Bank of Mississippi on January 1, 1818. To secure the note Joel Ailes paid $1.00 to them (Isaac Overaker and John Richards) and sold to John Richards that house and lot in the City of Natchez which Isaac Overaker and Rebecca his wife by deed conveyed to Joel Ailes and his wife, being Lot No.4 in Square No.14 in the plan of the City of Natchez. This lot contained 150 feet on the street and extended to the rear 175 feet. To have possession of the lot Joel Ailes must pay to Isaac Overaker his executors or administrators the $800.00 on the due date of the note. John Richards his executors or administrators can give 15 days notice in any newspaper printed in the City of Natchez and proceed to sell the house and lot at public auction for cash and out of the proceeds satisfy the debt of $800.00 and pay the residue to Joel Ailes. On July 11, 1817 Isaac Overaker and Rebecca his wife, of the City of Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi Territory sold to Joel Ailes of the same County the above house and lot for $1,500.00. The deed was acknowledged before Lewis Evans one of the Justices in the Quorum on July 18, 1817. Joel Ailes satisfied the Deed of Trust on January 3, 1818. On July 18, 1818 James T. Magruder, Jr. was appointed Administrator for the Estate of Isaac Overaker.

George Overaker, brother of Isaac, was the original owner of Lot No.4 in Square No. 14. He acquired the lot by Spanish grant. On January 10, 1795 George Overaker petitioned the Spanish government to build a house on the lot. A warrant for the same was issued by Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, District Governor, on the same date. A certificate of survey by Wm. Dunbar was given on January 12 and a grant from Gayoso was given on January 15, 1795. Certificate A-541 was issued on August 29, 1805. No deed record was found for transfer of ownership of the lot to Isaac Overaker.

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Section 15

George Overaker, Natchez, Mississippi

Summary memo regarding Elizabeth Overaker, oldest daughter of George Overaker of Natchez, MS.
George Overaker
Natchez, Mississippi

It is not known exactly when George Overaker arrived in Natchez, Adams County, and Mississippi Territory. He married Margaret Evans from Adams County before 1782 and settled on St. Catherine's Creek in Wilkinson County as early as 1784. Land claims as early as 1803 are recorded in Early Settlers of Mississippi As Taken From Land Claims in the Mississippi Territory, by Walter Lowrie. The Natchez Court Records contain entries for George Overaker between August 1790 and April 1806. Specifically, before 1800 there are entries in the record for the years 1790, 1791, 1792, 1794, 1795, 1796, and 1797. These entries include the following:

- Purchasing slaves
- Witness to deed transactions
- Witness to settlement of an estate
- Witness to Articles of Agreement
- Witness to a Will
- His purchase of a lot and house in Natchez
- His reporting he lost his pocket-book containing notes payable to him
- Involved in a dispute on the purchase of a slave in exchange of land
- Allegations against him by another man for abuse and assault
- Allegations of theft against another party at the home of George Overaker
- Petition against another party for failure to keep a road in good repair
- Court ordered George Overaker and Lewis Evans to give accounting of property in their possession belonging to for the maintenance of children of James Hyland
- Witness to a claim on a land grant

There are several entries in the Natchez Court Record where George Overaker made claim to property on a land grant, some entries stating that he had inhabited and cultivated the property in MS Territory as of October 27, 1795. This same claim is noted in another publication. On page 590 at item No. 2078 in the Record is an entry for an indenture dated January 24, 1803 from Lewis Evans and his wife Sarah to George Overaker. This indenture conveyed to George Overaker one half of 240 acres of land for the payment of $3,500.00. This conveyance was Hope Farm, the home of George Overaker, that was later recorded in a deed indenture dated March 9, 1805. Hope farm was once the official residence of Don Carlos de Gran Pre, the Spanish Commandant of the Natchez District from 1780 to 1792.

There was one entry in the Natchez Court Record for John Overaker in September 1797. He was a witness to the will of J. Vauchere. Other witnesses included George Overaker and Lewis Evans.

In November 1796 George Overaker took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America before Lewis Evans in the District of Natchez. It is to be noted that George Overaker married Margaret Evans, sister of Lewis Evans.

It is known that sometime after 1797 George Overaker and his wife Margaret and John Overaker were in the City of Winchester, Frederick County, VA. A deed was executed in
Winchester on February 20, 1800 between Thomas Lindsay of the Town of Natchez and George Overaker of the Town of Natchez and his wife Margaret. John Overaker was a witness to the transaction.

What is also known is that on January 10, 1802 a Cherokee Indian Agency Passport, Southwest Point, was issued by J. Meigs, Agent of the War department to George Overaker with his family of Seven White persons & fourteen Blacks to travel the River Tennessee on his way to Natchez in the Mississippi Territory, with two large boats and with their loading & furniture.

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Elizabeth Overaker

Elizabeth Overaker was born in the Mississippi Territory in 1782 and she is the oldest daughter of George Overaker and his wife Margaret. On April 10, 1805 Elizabeth married Gabriel Tichenor in Adams County, Mississippi Territory. From this marriage there was one child. The 1820 census for Natchez, Adams County, MS for the family of Gabriel Tichenor listed one white female of under 10 years of age. The 1830 census for the City of Natchez for the family of Gabriel Tichenor listed one female child of 5 and under 10 years of age.

In 1809 the Bank of Mississippi was chartered in Natchez. The bank had the exclusive right to do business in Mississippi for 36 years. Cowles Mead was one of the founding stockholders. Gabriel Tichenor was the Cashier of the bank under Stephen Duncan, president. Many personal accounting records and correspondence of Gabriel Tichenor as Cashier of the bank are on file with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

On December 14, 1820 Gabriel Tichenor was appointed by J. C. Calhoun, Secretary of War, as agent to pay Revolutionary War Pensions in Mississippi. Gabriel Tichenor was one of the executors of the estate of Lewis Evans who died in Natchez in December 1823. Lewis Evans was the brother of Margaret, wife of George Overaker.

In about 1832-1833 Gabriel Tichenor and his wife Elizabeth, Margaret Overaker and Maria Overaker moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Most likely they went up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers by steamboat. The 1850 census for Hamilton County, Ohio, Fulton Township listed the family of Gabriel Tichenor to include his wife Elizabeth, Margaret Overaker and Maria Overaker. The census recorded Gabriel Tichenor to be a farmer, the value of real estate as $15,000.00, the place of his birth as New Jersey and Mississippi as the birth place for the other family members. The will of Gabriel Tichenor, probated February 7, 1855 in Hamilton County, Ohio in the city of Cincinnati, bequeathed to his nephew Henry C. Freeman his lot of land in Newark, New Jersey being a part of the family property called the "Cove."

Gabriel Tichenor was a Trustee of Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati during the time Lyman Beecher {father of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin} was President. The seminary has no portrait painting of Gabriel Tichenor although there are paintings of some other trustees of the seminary of his time. The family lived in the wealthy neighborhood of Walnut Hill in Cincinnati. Gabriel Tichenor died on February 2, 1855 and Elizabeth died on June 1, 1860. Gabriel Tichenor, Elizabeth Tichenor, Maria Overaker and Margaret Overaker were buried at Walnut Hill Cemetery and re-interned at Spring Grove Cemetery in 1878 in the Lane Cemetery plat. The daughter of Gabriel and Elizabeth Tichenor died at a very young age in Cincinnati. A notation in the old cemetery records Lane Seminary had in Walnut Hill states a debt of $1.75 to G. Tichenor for "interment of child." The records show this having been paid by cash.

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Section 16

Notes of Remembrance from Catherine Overacre Vick, Regarding her grandparents William Edward Overacre and Susan Catherine Hillsman Overacre
Notes From
Catherine Overacre Vick
Re: William Edward Overacre
Susan Hillsman Overacre
As Related to David P. Rakestraw

Mother talks about the times.

Mother said her grandfather was not a farmer, but had an apple orchard. She described the house in Lynchburg, VA as a one-story farmhouse. When you walked in the door there was a long hall with bedrooms on both sides. The bedrooms had tunnel beds because of all the children. The front bedroom on the right of the hall was her grandfather’s bedroom. This room had a large fireplace. At the end of the hall were several steps going down to the kitchen. The kitchen was a large communion area with an open-hearth fireplace and a large family table. There was a trap door on the floor that when opened went to the cellar. Mother described one time when her sister Nitta was pulling on her hair and her grandmother put Nitta in the cellar to cool her off. Another time “I remember an attic room with a bed- I remember sleeping in the bed with aunt Annie at one time” Mother said one time her grandfather took her to the woods to trap rabbits and one time he put a rabbit in the box for her to find so mother would not go home without a rabbit. According to mother her grandfather would ship by railroad a barrel of apples to her father, William Herbert Overacre, every Christmas.

Mother often put wildflowers on the kitchen table and would receive complements from her grandmother Overacre on her arrangements. Mother said when visiting her grandparents she especially liked to pour syrup on pancakes with the cow creamer. Over the years mother has collected cow creamers and displayed them on a shelf in her home in Sanford, NC. One time when visiting her Overacre grandparents in Lynchburg, VA with her parents’ mother said us chillins all had the flu but her and that’s when she decided she wanted to be a nurse. After graduating from high school during the depression mother went in nurses training at a hospital in Washington, DC. William Edward Overacre was a private in the Confederate army of Virginia during the Civil War, serving in Company “G,” Colonel Duke’s Regiment No. 34, General Richard S. Ewell’s command. According to mother her grandfather was a nightrider. Susan C. Overacre filed for a pension as a widow of a Confederate soldier. The application was approved on October 28, 1920 for payment of $60.00 a year. The address on her application was Route 1, Box 102, Lynchburg, VA.

Mother tells the story of his uniform, metals and papers from the Civil war being stored in a trunk in the smokehouse in Pittsboro, NC when the smokehouse caught on fire and everything was destroyed. Mother joined the Children of the Confederacy when she was eight years old and saved the framed certificate, which I now have. This certificate is the reason I got interested and I developed enough documentation to be approved as a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. Later on I was able to prove ancestry through Matthew Hillsman and became a member of the Sons of The American Revolution.
William Edward Overacre died on August 6, 1920 from a cerebral hemorrhage. Dr. H. P. Brown was the attending physician. His daughter Mattie lived in his home until she married W. A. (Pete) Snow who was an agent for the Seaboard Railroad. After her marriage she moved to Snow's home at Evington, VA. His son James Cyrus married Annie Scott. J.C and Annie lived in his father’s house after they were married. After J.C. died Annie lived there until she died. Two sons of J.C. and Annie were raised in his father’s house. Mother said when her grandmother Susan Catherine Overacre died in September 1934 she went to her funeral. Mother, Catherine Moore Overacre, says she is named for her grandmother Susan Catherine Overacre.

Mother would go to the fields at the house and bring back flowers for her grandmother Susan Catherine Hillsman Overacre. Mother said her grandmother would send to her pressed flowers in a letter. According to mother there was always a cow creamer on the kitchen dinning table with syrup in it.
Section 17

Letter to Maxine Overacre identifying children (brothers and sisters) of George Overacre/Overaker and Marget (Margaret) of Winchester, Virginia
May 30, 2003

Maxine Overacre
814 Bedford Road
Venton, VA 24179

Dear Maxine,

I have wanted to respond to your letter for some time but we have been busy preparing for Elizabeth’s wedding and a visit of Clare’s brother from Australia.

I am sure that you have the same Overacre Genealogy I have that reports from Morton’s History the holders of taxable personal property in 1758 were George Overacre, Daniel Overacre and Thomas Overacre. The personal property tax list in Morton’s book is for 1788 as mentioned in the next paragraph. The genealogy also mentioned that in 1782 a lot owner in Frederick County was George Overacre. George Overacre was owner of Lot No.158 in Winchester, VA in January 1779. The details are given later in this letter. I have enclosed a copy of this record that was given to me by mother. It must be at least 50 years old. From this record I started my research on our Overacre family, doing work myself and using the services of several genealogical researchers in Virginia, Maryland and Mississippi. Some family members in several states have contributed records. I would like to say that in all the research no two families with the name of Overacre/Overaker been identified in Frederick County, VA. The research leads to one immediate family group.

In The Story of Winchester In Virginia, Frederic Morton, Shenandoah Publishing House, 1925, Appendix A, George Overacre is listed for 1788 as a holder of taxable personal property, Thomas Overacre is listed in his household. Daniel Overacre is also listed with Godlove Boyer in his household. The Personal Property Tax List For the Year 1787, For Frederick County, Virginia [Also for Winchester town], by Nettie Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love, Genealogical Books In Print, 1987 includes George Overacre and in his household one white male above 16 and under 21. The young male is believed to be Thomas Overacre {Research Notes Number 3, Using Personal Property Tax Records in the Archives, Virginia State Library and Archives, “Parentage may be expressly or implicitly stated by either the name or number of male tithables between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one in the household of the taxpayer”}

Daniel Overacre was in the 1787 tax list and no other male was listed in his household. Another reason George Overacre in the tax list is believed to be the father of Thomas is for the simple reason that the brother of Thomas, George Overacre/Overaker, had moved
to the Mississippi Territory, married Margaret Evans CA 1782 and settled on St Catherine’s Creek in Wilkinson County as early as 1784. Later George Overaker moved to the Natchez area and there are many entries in *The Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805, Abstract of Early Records, May Wilsin McBee Collection, Volume Two* for George Overaker from the year 1790 to 1806. John Overaker is listed with George Overaker in the Natchez Court Record collection for 1797. Isaac is not in the collection.

The genealogist in Winchester, VA has provided me with a record of the personal property tax list from Frederick County, VA. from 1787 to 1805. George first appears in 1787 and the following years until 1799. Daniel Overacre appears from 1789 to 1805. Thomas appeared for 1789 and 1790. There was no other reference to Thomas after 1790. Isaac Overacre appears from 1799 to 1802. The second entry after Daniel Overaker in the 1799 tax lists reads “Overaker, Isaac—of Geo Overaker Son.” This entry seems to identify father/son and that Isaac Overacre/Overaker is a brother of George, Thomas and Daniel. The surname Overacre and Overaker is written for the same given name in the personal property tax list.

In the year before the 1799 tax list, specifically a deed dated July 25, 1798, George Overacre and his wife Margaret of the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia sold to Isaac Overacre Lot No 158 and the house and buildings, with a provision of a life estate from George Overacre and his wife to live on the premises for the rest of their lives {Deed Book SC-3, page 536}. George Overacre bought this lot from George Jacob Troutwine in January, 1779 {Deed Book 18, page 94}. Margaret died in Winchester on June 16, 1804 and George died on October 15, 1809. They are buried in the Old Lutheran and German Reform graves in Mt Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, VA. Isaac Overacre, his wife Rebecca Thorn and daughter, Mary, left Winchester before January 10, 1802 and went down the River Tennessee with George Overaker and family members on his way to Natchez, MS {Passports of Southeastern Pioneers, 1770-1823, Dorothy Williams Potter, Genealogical Publishing Company}.

Isaac Overacre was living in 1790 in Middletown, VA, within Frederick Co. He married Rebecca Thorn in Frederick Co. on November 30, 1790. He first appeared on the county personal property tax list in 1799. This is after he bought lot No. 158 in Winchester from George and Margaret Overacre in 1798. Lot No. 158 was on the corner of Cameron and Clifford streets and came into possession of John Kiger in 1806 {The Thomas Jones alias Harrison Family With the Lineal Families of Henry Huyett and Andrew Kiger and the Collateral Families of Richard Hardesty, by Nancy Gene Jones Burger, P. 58}.

In Frederick County, VA there is a deed dated February 20, 1800 {Deed Book 27, page 519}. In the deed George Overaker of the town of Natchez in the County of Adams and Mississippi Territory bought for $100 from Thomas Lindsay, now of the town of Natchez in the County of Adams and Mississippi Territory, all the personal estate Thomas Lindsay inherited from his father James Lindsay late of Winchester. The property was a lot of land situated on Loudoun and Boscowen Streets in the City of Winchester. One of the three witnesses to the deed was John Overaker. So it seems George Overaker and John Overaker left Natchez for Winchester to settle this deed transaction and perhaps
visit their parents who were living in the house on Lot No. 158 belonging to Isaac. I have found no record to indicate John is a brother of George but I believe he was.

By a deed dated August 20, 1801 in Frederick Co., VA {Deed Book 27, page 514-518} George Overaker of the Town of Natchez in the County of Adams and the Mississippi Territory sold to Richard Bowen of Winchester all the estate purchased from Thomas Lindsay. One of the four witnesses to the deed was Daniel Overaker.

The will of Daniel Overacre is dated January 2, 1816. The spelling of his name in the will is Overaker. He died in Winchester, VA on August 28, 1819 and his will was probated December 6, 1819 {Will Book 10, page 494}. The probate spelling is Overacre. He bequeathed all his estate to his wife Susannah. No children were mentioned in his will.

The will of Susannah Overacre is dated April 30, 1805. She died on August 1, 1825 and her will was probated on September 6, 1825 {Will Book 23, page 413}. In Item 8 of her will Susannah bequeathed part of her estate to "Elizabeth Hoff [widow] sister to my deceased husband..." Daniel Overacre had a sister named Elizabeth.

Recorded in the courthouse for the City of Winchester is the will of Jacob Kiger dated August 8, 1816. Jacob Kiger died November 16, 1816 and his will was probated May 2, 1817 {Will Book 1, page 207}. There is no mention of children in his will. The will appointed his wife "Mary as Executrix and her brother Daniel Overaker as Executor." Daniel Overacre had a sister named Mary.

The will of Mary Kiger, wife of Jacob Kiger, is dated May 5, 1835. She died in 1837 and her will was probated in the County of Frederick, VA December 4, 1837 {Will Book 20, page 40}. Part of her estate was "bequeath to Elizabeth Hoff my sister." Daniel Overacre had two sisters, Elizabeth and Mary.

In the Circuit Court of Adams County, Natchez, MS is the will of George Overaker dated August 17, 1816 {Will Book 1, page 201}. George Overaker died in Natchez on June 6, 1820. His obit is announced in the Mississippi State Gazette, Natchez, on June 10, 1820. His will bequeathed "unto my brother Isaac Overaker the sum of $800 dollars." George Overaker, brother of Thomas, had a brother named Isaac.

The will records show that Daniel Overacre had two sisters named Elizabeth and Mary and that George Overaker had a brother named Isaac. All of these family members are from Frederick County, VA. The written Overacre history passed to me by mother indicates that Daniel, George and Thomas of Frederick Co., VA are brothers. While there is no direct proof that John and Daniel Overaker are brothers of George and Thomas there is too much compelling information for me to think that they are none other than all brothers.

In the original journal in the handwriting of Alexander Balmain, minister of Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester, VA, is recorded the marriage of Susannah Fredley to Daniel Overacre on June 5, 1788. Mary Friedley married Nathan Anderson on May 24, 1786 and Sara Friedley married Titus England on June 25, 1788. The marriages of Daniel
Overacre and Isaac Overacre are recorded in Marriage Register No. 1—Frederick County, Virginia. You mentioned that Susannah is the daughter of Harry Friedley. The genealogist in Winchester, VA has provided me with a written report and documentation to show the father of Susannah was Andrew Friedley.

The will of Andrew [Andreas] Friedley dated August 25, 1778, probated on September 2, 1778, Will Book 4, page 400, located in the Circuit Court, City of Winchester, Frederick County, VA lists his wife, Ann Elizabeth, son, Henry, and daughters, Catherine, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah and Susanna. Throughout the will the surname Friedley is written. In the margin at the beginning of the will is written “Frietleys will Andrew [Andreas] Friedley.” In the book The Story of One Hundred Old Houses in Winchester, Virginia, Garland R. Quarles, 1967, P. 54 Dr. Andrew Friedley [surname spelling in the book] was a surgeon for the Virginia troops under Col. George Washington during the French and Indian War. His home was on Lot 47 at the southeast corner of Kent and Piccadilly streets in Winchester. The heirs of Andrew Friedley conveyed the property to Daniel Overacre and Daniel Overacre devised it to his wife Susannah on December 6, 1818. Susannah devised the property to her niece Elizabeth Grant, wife of Stewart Grant. “Harry” Henry Friedley] was Susannah’s older brother. Elizabeth Friedley [Friedley] married Michael Harman. In her will she left money to “my sister Susannah Overaker.” Elizabeth Grant is the daughter of “Harry” Henry Friedley. The marriage record as transcribed shows Henry Friedley [Friedley] and Sarah Dier married on Dec. 1803 {Frederick County, Virginia Marriage Bonds, by Joan D. Hacket and Rebecca H. Good}.

I have reviewed the Order Books of the Frederick County Court, Frederick County, VA. These books contain entries for George Overacre. The latest entry is in book No. 19, p. 237, August Court of 1785. The earliest entry that I have found so far is in Book No. 13, p. 80, dated June 5, 1766. I have reviewed Book No. 12 and Book No. 11 through page 339 and no entry was found for Overacre/Overaker. The George Overaker who moved to Natchez, MS was born in 1760. The entries in the order books would most likely pertain to his father and the father of Thomas Overacre. Most of the order book entries are for the collection of debt due to George Overacre and this would seem to indicate he conducted a trade or business in Winchester, VA.

I have documentation showing that on October 26, 1780 George Overacre supplied 870 pounds of beef for use by the Continental Army in the County of Frederick, VA during the American Revolution. He was issued six notes that entitled him to receive from the Treasury of Virginia the sum of 870 pounds sterling in six months at the rate of 6%. On the notes is written the name George Overacre but his signature is written as Georg Oberaker. This may help to explain Thomas using the surname Overacre since he lived with his father and George, Isaac, Daniel and John using the surname Overaker, substituting the letter “b” for “v.” I cannot help but draw interest to the fact that Georg Oberaker had six notes for the sale of the beef, possibly one note for himself and one for each of his sons.
Dear David,

As per your e-mail, I checked for information regarding the purchase of Lot 158 by John Kiger. The following results give you insight to the transfer of this property.

First, I checked Collection #248 Mutual Assurance Society files. This is a collection of properties insured within the city limits of Winchester in the late 190's & early 1800's. Nothing was found here.

The Deed Records that are transcribed in book form gave nothing, but I returned to a General Index to Deeds for Frederick County. In this area, the city of Winchester and the County of Frederick public records are generally kept separate, which is unique to this area (most county records include all townships within the county). Winchester records are more difficult to explore, and they often fall over into the county, even though it is city limits. In the County Deed Index, I found a reference to the December 1, 1806 transfer of property to John Kiger from Daniel Overacre, Deed Book 30, page 240. Just to be sure there were not further listings in the county records, I checked for the Overacre name and found a reference of Oldacre, Jacob in 1813 and in 1816. If you would like this additional resource copied let me know.

Copies of the pages for the Kiger from Overacre transfer are enclosed. You will get a good idea of how the property moved by reading the entire indenture. Deed records transcriptions usually have only the primary seller/purchaser, but the entire indenture can often show several transfers, as does this one. This was about the best copy I could manage, and the microfilm machine is getting more and more worn out! I may start a campaign to raise funds for a newer one.
January 26, 2004

From: David P. Rakestraw

Subject: Grave numbers assigned to the Overaker plats in the Old Lutheran Cemetery section of Mt Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia

Today I spoke with Linda M. Shade, Manager of Mt Hebron Cemetery. The purpose was to get clarification about the grave space numbers previously given to me by Luciana, an employee of Mt Hebron. I wanted to know what the assigned numbers meant.

Ms. Shade stated that the grave numbers represented only the number of the entry in the book listing the graves in the Old Lutheran Cemetery.

Ms. Shade clarified that number 98 was not for Michael Overaker but for Michael Copenhaver. Other Copenhaver's are listed in the cemetery book. On page 46-47 of Gravestone Inscriptions from 61 Graveyards in Frederick County, Book V: Winchester- Frederick County Historical Society is the names of five Copenhaver's, including Michael Copenhaver. She did confirm the following:

Susannah Overaker, number 99 Daniel Overaker, number 100 George Overaker, number 101 Marget Overaker, number 102

Ms. Shade said the old Lutheran cemetery is still owned by the Lutheran Church. For information on resetting and etching the gravestones and performing a grave dedication for George Overaker {Overacre} by the Sons of the American Revolution I should contact Pastor James Utt of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winchester, VA {telephone 540-662-6678}. Ms Shade also said that new gravestones could be erected and the old stones etched on the backside but the original face of the stones left untouched.
indicate a very strong relationship to that couple. You may want to have me page through the wills for John Smith to see if we can identify which one may have a wife Elizabeth and possibly other Hoff family names listed, but searching a John Smith could be daunting!

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Please remember that helpful material can not always be found.
Summary: Michael Overaker's burial information could not be found. George and Marget location is in Mt. Hebron, southeast side of ruins. Photos enclosed.

Two: Copy of deed Book 1, page 286 Winchester Virginia for Isaac Overaker to Daniel Overaker. Deed Book 1 is no longer in the Winchester Courthouse due to poor condition. All books up to #56 were sent to the State Library of Virginia in Richmond and are not permitted to be handled by the public. The deed requested is enclosed by microfilm copy as best could be copied. As for your ancestors being placed on the boat at that time, it may be that the transaction was done by proxy, although the deed does not indicate if there was representation for the parties. Sometimes, I have seen the words “...late of Winchester...” if someone has moved, but it is not always the case. Copy of Deed Book 25k pages 386-388 enclosed. This was copied directly from the deed book.

Three: Will of John Hoff-enclosed, copied from the courthouse deed book. It was very common for the name Mary and the name Maria to be used as the same and is often found interchangeable. I was unable to locate any other John or Mary Hoff's burials. The index to deaths 1853-1870 listed only a William Huff, age 19, died 1894. I could find no record of an Elizabeth Hoff interment. Enclosed is a copy of the page for Hoff death listings (which I may have already sent to you, but just in case, here is another one!)

Four: Deed from Susannah Overaker to Elizabeth Pack- with reference to the will of Susannah Overaker leaving land to Elizabeth Pack. I was not able to find this transfer, however, sometimes the deeds were not written up or changed when property was willed. There may not have ever been a record of this transfer other than the will. Marriage Record of Jonathan Smith to Elizabeth Pack- The library has a new publication of marriages by Sidney Feathers that has this marriage listed. I had not come across this marriage at the courthouse, and so have a phone call in to Ms. Feathers to ask where she obtained this information. I am sure it is a good resource, but we should always know where the material was listed. Copy is enclosed. I did obtain a poor quality copy of the will for Thomas Pack, enclosed. It doesn’t give us much insight.

Five: Marriage for Mary Hoff to George Barnhardt- ran out of time here and will look for this for you shortly- will be away next week, but will catch up with this information upon my return.

Other notes:
As for your desire to have a marker placed for George and/or Daniel Overaker, don’t forget the state of Virginia is pursuing a project to locate all Revolutionary War soldiers for proper marking and for publication in their special report. Contact 804-786-1258 and refer to House Document #42 for help.

Additional photos enclosed are the best readings I could get using flour on the flat stones and shaving cream on the upright stones. The stone for Elizabeth J. H. Smith was very dirty, and listed forward terribly and I could not get a good angle to photograph it. However, it was directly next to the tombstones for Elizabeth Hoff and John Hoff, which
As per your email and note, I attempted to find information regarding items as listed below.

One: Locate the gravesite of George Overaker and his wife Marget. Verify the gravesite of Michael Overaker.

Results: The gravesites for George and Marget Overaker are located southeast of the ruins of the Old Lutheran Church within the Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia.

Using the list of burials published in *Gravestone Inscriptions from 61 Graveyards in Frederick County, Book V: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society*, I began walking the cemetery attempting to locate a position that would enable me to follow the same path that the inscriber may have taken at the time of publication (1960’s?). Pages 43 to 55 include the Old Lutheran Church and German Reform cemeteries. I located the site where the Overaker and Huff interments lay within about 45 minutes. The enclosed photos include these discoveries, as well as a photo showing the distance between the tombstone of one James Copenhaven and the beginning of the remains of the stones for Overaker and Huff. I believe this distance would include site #98, where you had indicated Michael Overaker should be interred. There are no markers at all remaining, yet it appears there is plenty of room for at least 3 to 4 burials. The cemetery office has no records at all pertaining to plot numbers, and so we could not determine where any burials sites may begin or end.

I then checked and re-checked some of the materials at the archives where we might gain information to these burial records. The following items were checked:

- Collection 84THL -Mt. Hebron Cemetery Records
- Map/plat-no help
- Mt. Hebron “The Silent City” (map, partial copy enclosed along with the pamphlet describing famous people-your ancestor should be added to this list!) This entire map is available for sale from the Mt. Hebron Cemetery.
- News Articles on Mt. Hebron- no help
- Collection 303-WPA Records

*Lutheran Ruins, Nov. 4 1937* news article on the erecting of a plaque for Revolutionary War Soldiers buried at Old Lutheran Church- Overaker’s not listed.
were Joseph Parrish/Mary __. Phoebe was 18, born in Hampshire Co. Va. Her parents were Loremo Oats/Barbara ____.

Isaac Hoover/Elizabeth Willey, Nov. 6, 1857, in Middletown, Va. By: Rev. I. M. Littell. Isaac was 22, born in Shenandoah Co. Va. a resident of Winchester, Va. His occupation was a Shoemaker. His parents were not listed. Elizabeth was 22, born in Middletown, Va. Her parents were Achilles Willey/Eliza ____.

J. W. Buffington/Amelia Carr, July 2, 1857, in Frederick Co. Va. By: Rev. William Hirst, Jr. J. W. was 26, born in Pennsylvania. A resident of Frederick Co. Va. His occupation was a Distiller. His parents were William Buffington/_________. Amelia was 24, born in Bermuda. No Listing for Amelia’s parents.

J. William Danner/Martha R. Carson, Dec. 22, 1857, in Frederick Co. Va. by: Rev. Robert Gray. J. was 22, born in Frederick Co. Va. His occupation was a farmer. His parents were Jacob Danner/Mary ____. Martha was 19, born in Frederick Co. Va. Her parents were Jare Williams Carson/Mary Harriett.

Jacob William Bowman/Eliza Tabler, May 23, 1857, in Frederick Co. Va. By: Rev. P. S. Davis. Jacob was 23, born Rockingham Co. Va. His occupation was a Merchant. His parents were Jacob Bowman/Rebecca ____. Eliza was 26, born in Clear Springs, Md. a resident of Frederick Co. Va. Her parents were James Daniel Tabler/Catherine ________.

Jacob Drell Showalter/Lousia Rochester Hill, Mar 12, 1857, in Frederick Co. Va. By: John D. Procter. Jacob was 44, born in Berkeley Co. Va. a resident of Mississippi. His occupation was a Planter. His parents were Joseph Showalter/Elizabeth _____. Louisa was 27, born in Frederick Co. Va. Her parents were Rees Hill/Lousia ________.

Jacob N. Shyrock/Mary E Dinges, Apr. 27, 1857, in Winchester, Va. By: Rev. A. Essick. Jacob was 27, born in Frederick Co. Va. His occupation was a House Carpenter. His parents were Frederick Shyrock/Elizabeth _____. Mary was 20, born in Frederick Co. Va. Her parents were James Singes/Elizabeth _____.

James H. Barnhart/Mary E. Hoff, Oct. 29, 1857, in Frederick Co. Va. By: Rev. A. Essick. James was 42, a widow, born in Winchester, Va. His occupation was a Carriage Maker. His parents were George Barnhart/Elizabeth _____. Mary was 27, born in Winchester, Va. a resident of Frederick Co. Va. Her parents were Isaac Hoff/Julia _____.

James William Crisman/Mary C. Fleet, Nov. 10, 1857, in Winchester, Va. By: Rev. A. Essick. James was 27, born in Frederick Co. Va. His occupation was a farmer. His parents were John Chrismore/Rachel ______. Mary was 26, born in Frederick Co. Va. Her parents were Lewis Fleet/Julia ________.

James M. Morrison/Mary Murphy, Oct. 13, 1857, in Frederick Co. Va. By: Rev. A. H. H. Boyd. James was 52, a widow, born in Frederick Co. Va. His occupation was a farmer. His parents were William Morrison/Mary Marks. Mary was 51, born in Frederick Co. Va. Her parents were William Lafollett/Jan ________.

James W. Osburn/Margaretta Easter, May 21, 1857, in Frederick Co. Va. by: Rev. William Hirst, Jr. James was 30, born in Frederick Co. Va. His occupation was a farmer. His parents were __________.
I rechecked all the marriage and marriage bond transcriptions for both Frederick County and Winchester as well as the Death Registries for any of the surnames we have covered.

Huff/Hoff/Overaker/Barnhardt/Peck/Pack. The new transcriptions by Sidney Marie Feathers are very difficult to use. She has two volumes, one of which is indexed by first names! The other is by last names. How unusual! My earlier discovery of Jonathan Smith to Elizabeth Pack I had actually found accidentally, as these people were not in the index by first or last name. I had just been paging through, attempting to figure out its format. I am a bit skeptical about this resource because of its inconsistencies. I am sure the transcriber found viable resources, but she did not cite the sources and created a publication (it is really a typed notebook) that is very hard to use. However, I did find one Barnhardt/Hoff marriage. It is the son of George and Elizabeth. There were no other indexed surnames that could help with your family in this resource, unless they were not indexed. Therefore, I could not find the marriage of Thomas Pack to Elizabeth Hoff. (The other way to look at these marriages was by year.)

Item Five (from the email in Feb.)-Mary Hoff to George Barnhardt-searched the usual resources, not found.

Enclosures, Notes and Suggestions
What Else Can I Do? Is there anything I have forgotten? Let me know!

What Else Can You Do? Contact the Library of Virginia for better copies on machines that may be in better shape.

Please remember that there is no guarantee materials can be located.
Additional time may be required.
Genealogy is for sharing. Materials found may be shared with other researchers

Please note new mailing address:

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Dear David,

In response to your letter of September 18, I have checked the several items on your list and come up with the following:

Item 3-John Hoff
You had requested that I search the Death Records 1853-1870 where I had found Mary Barnhardt. There was no listing for John Hoff or his wife, Mary. I try very hard, when researching any publication or transcription, to search all surnames that may apply, so be assured that as I am looking for one person, I look for them all. It never hurts to look twice, though!

Item 2-Isaac Overaker
Here is where looking twice helped. I went once again to the microfilm for the deed of Isaac Overaker with Daniel Overaker dated November 2, 1802. You were correct in thinking there may have been more pages. Since we do not have access to the original deed book, I had to copy once again from the microfilm, but found that further explanations of this transaction went on to pages 289 and 290. I apologize for not catching this earlier. The signatures were found at the top of the next page, and additional notes ensued. I will leave this for you to decipher, however, do note that it says, "...the said Rebekah cannot conceivably travel to the court of our said Indenture...". I could not determine the reason for Isaac’s wife to be absent, but it does seem important that she willing acknowledged and accepted this indenture. She must have had a strong legal interest in this property, as it was not often a wife’s signature was so important. As was the case before, we are dealing with the best I could do copying this document. It is partly the condition of the machines at this facility, and I suggest you may be able to get a better copy from the Library of Virginia.

You had also highlighted a section on page 286 to see what I thought it might say. I asked one of our volunteers (Dola Tylor, who has transcribed plenty of the material we have been using). She studied it for a while, and decided that it may say “...and in consideration of the sum of sixty current money of the United States...”. I have returned this copy to you, enclosed.
Research Reports by Susan L. McCabe

The documentation supplied by Susan L. McCabe to support her research findings can be found in the various individual family files and in the Susan L. McCabe research and correspondence file.
Section 18

Research reports by Susan L. McCabe, Winchester, Virginia
I do hope that what I have written is helpful. Mother would like to have a copy of your grandfather’s journal if a copy could be made without damaging the pages. In speaking of your grandfather I believe you are referring to George Washington Overacre. He is mother’s gg grandfather.

My mother is doing well. We take her out shopping and to eat often. She doesn’t like feeling “cooped up.” She enjoys reading historical romance novels. I go to the clubhouse and get her a supply of books about every other week.

Sincerely,

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Dear David,

Following research requests as outlined in your email of February 11, 2003; I have enclosed materials in an attempt to locate the following information:

- Identify the children of Elizabeth Overaker Hoff and John Hoff
- Record of marriages for Elizabeth Smith & Margaret Pritchard
- Death date for Margaret Pritchard
- Record of Marriage for George Barnhardt to Mary
  And their death/will information
- Death of Mary Barnhardt
- Date of will and death for Howsen K. Pritchard
- Other surnames crossed within these-Smith and Kiger

The research for these items led me to many different areas in both the library archive and the courthouse. I went back and forth several times in order to feel secure that all resources were complete. I have attached a page of notes for some of the items found at the courthouse, and will attempt here to give you the unfolding of materials as I found them.

Checked were the following collections. (Where material was found, notations are made)

Collection 682 Christ Episcopal Church Records
Parish Register, 1826-1862

Funerals
  “Miss Pritchard     April 16, 1854 [Mr.] Boyd officiating
  Stephen Pritchard  July 26, 1858
You will see highlighted the original Lord Thomas Fairfax reference, May 7, 1753 to Philip Bush and his wife Catherine, then transfer in 1769 to George Jacob (?) and wife Jane. 1779, the property was transferred to George Overacre and Margaret his wife and to son Daniel (i.e. here it confuses me a bit-I think George gave it to Daniel), the 1st day of December 1794. After a description of the location of the lot, it goes on to show a conveyance to said Daniel Overacre by Isaac Overacre and Rebecca his wife, November 22, 1802. This area confuses me, but perhaps you can make better sense of it.

Enclosed for your information is a brief description of the Lord Fairfax Addition of 1759. This will show the division of the lots, which include #158, along with a map of the location.

Because the Winchester City Deed records are separate from Frederick County, I am enclosing for your information a copy of the index to other Overacre references. The microfilm is now available in the archives, filed in an easier access spot. I am very unsure if I had already sent you these references, and so am enclosing the indexed pages for your review. If you see anything that you may want copied, please let me know. However, a quick peek at the first listing for 1794 showed a rather poor quality and some of this material may be difficult to copy.

P.S. I see in the records that I sent some

As for your information on the Fridley/Friety/Friedly, I will add it to your file. I would not fuss over spellings of the surname! People were not so strict about spelling, and often within the same documents, names are spelled several ways. (I have another customer with some Fridley connections and may send him to you.)

The enclosed materials were 2 hours of research and 11 copies.

Thanks!

Susan

Susan McCabe
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Baptisms
Parents Stephen and Mary Pritchard,
Son, Stephen Cornelius March 4, 1827 (born Nov. 4, 1826)
Daughter, Margaret Ann May 2, 1830 (born Dec. 13, 1829)
Unnamed child Dec. 2, 1832 (no birth recorded)
Son, Solomon Stephen May 1, 1836 (born Nov. 27, 1835)

Funerals from 1826-1843
Elizabeth Smith 72 years Nov. 5, 1832

Manuscript Collections Researched at Handley Library
(Surnames Kiger, Pritchard, Overacre, Hoff, Barnhardt were searched)

Collection 20 W.W. Glass Papers, Box 3 Hoff Family File—copy attached, describes Lewis Hoff, his children and 2 wives- a court record, no citation given. (W.W. Glass was a county clerk in Winchester who kept all genealogy materials filed by surname),

Collection 248. Mutual Assurance Society Papers—copies attached. This collection was of property in Winchester insured, early 1800's. The first is the property of Catherine Hoff, widow of Lewis, 186 North Loudoun Street Lot 50 & 23. Part of this paper was not microfilmed well. I am unsure where the original papers are, but can find out if you think this is something might you want. The second page is for Lewis Hoff, 1796. No other family names were listed on this page, but it is for the same property.

Hoff Family Correspondence MMF (Misc. Manuscript File)—no pertinent material, but there is a short list of publications in a letter from a researcher.

Lucy Hardesty Collection 1460, files by surname—showed a Pritchard file with relationship to Abraham Branson, a Quaker family—no other material.

Birth and Death cards—Pritchard, Samuel died 1876
Pritchard, Margaret died 1864
Pritchard, Stephen died 1858 age 82
Pritchard, Samuel Isaac born 1866 parents: Samuel & Ellen
Pritchard, Mary born 1859, parents Sol. S. and Marian
Joseph Hoff born ? son of Rachel Hoff

* Not Wife of Housten Pritchard. Her estate probated 1862.
Mount Hebron Burial Records

Barnhardt, Bettie  interment  August 21, 1884
Barnhardt, Jacob  interment  Jan. 18, 1887
Barnhardt, Mrs. Jas. H.  interment  Nov. 25, 1886
Barnhardt, James H.  interment  Oct. 31, 1892

Other burials from a list of Gravestone Inscriptions recorded as the Old Lutheran and German Reform Cemeteries, now part of Mt. Hebron. Pages attached (not indexed, so I copied the entire cemetery-double check that I caught all the surnames).

Marriage Records

Abstracted by Dola Tylor (I also double-checked original records at courthouse)
See copied pages, as well as the index pages for Kiger and Hoff (should you want pages not included here, you can use this index to request page numbers)

Courthouse Research (in addition to attached list)

Abstracts from the Register of Deaths 1871-1891, City of Winchester by Dola Tylor
(Courthouse copy machine was broken-I copied the following)

1877  William H. Pritchard  age 62 Consumption
     Parents: H.K. and Margaret Pritchard
     Place of birth: Frederick County
     Occupation: Baker
     Consort of: Margaret F. Pritchard
     Informant: H.K. Pritchard (son)

1886  Jacob Barnhardt brother of James H.  age 53 Died Dec. 31, 1886
     Anna M. Barnhardt consort of Jas. H.  age 52 Died Dec. 2, 1886

Death Records 1853-1870 (abstracted, not indexed)
Page 52-Mary Barnhardt  age [74] wife of Geo. Barnhardt, parents John Hoff
Page 53-Emily Julia Pritchard  age 74 unmarried, sister Elizabeth Pritchard
(See attached copies)
Published Books. Selected Titles and additional materials from the Archive

Frederick County Titles-
Frederick Co. Virginia Marriage Bonds Pritchard, page 120
Index To Burials in Frederick County no listings
Some Old Homes in Frederick County pg. 205-207 & index

Winchester City Titles-
The Story of Winchester John Hoff, pg 98; George Barnhardt pg. 123;
H.K. Pritchard pg. 224
Annual Papers of Winc. VA. Pg. 208

This Heritage by William E. Eisenburg no family information , list names of church involvement only for Kiger & Hoff

Will Index & Copies

Some copies were very poor, although I copied the best that the machines would allow. Some duplicate copies were attempts to improve on the legibility.

See Index to Virginia Estates. 1800-1865- Kiger, Hoff & Pritchard (no Barnhardt’s listed)
Howsen K. Pritchard Will Book 23, page 412 Frederick Co. VA
Margaret Pritchard Will Book 2 pg. 248- 1862-mentions 5 daughters (abstracted parts of this)
Margaret Ann Pritchard (ni Bowers) Guardian Bond W.B. 19, pg.445
Francis Pritchard-could not identify as any relationship

Notes on some wills checked: but not copied:
Eliz. Hoff WB 1 pg. 221- no children, 2 sisters and Lewis Hoff mentioned
John Hoff WB 23, pg. 181-(not shown on index) Lists the following relations (no wife or children) Nieces: Mary Ann Campbell, Susan Maria [Weisel], Josephine Kiger
John Hoff WB25 pg. 580-mentions wife Mary.
No Kiger Wills copied
What Else Can I Do?
I must admit I am swarming with materials here and have somewhat lost direction. The enclosed indexes should help you to determine if any other items will be needed by you. Please be specific with reference source and page numbers. There was one other file I checked just for curiosity sake. There is an index (incomplete and not very well organized) of early newspapers, mostly before 1800 and very limited. Quickly scanning for the Hoff surname (I did not check the other surnames), I found Lewis Hoff mentioned in several early issues of the *Virginia Gazette* and the *Virginia Centennial*, from 1788, 1789 and 1790.
I believe these were mostly with reference to his activity at the Lutheran Church (from the notations on the file card). There were 8 listings, although having looked at these indexed items before, they are not often accurate. If you are interested in having these reviewed, I could take a closer look. However, we can not copy these old papers, and I would have to hand write all of the articles (some may possibly be on microfilm, but there is very little available in that format from so early a time). Very little family relations are mentioned in these early newspapers. It is mostly political news and local notices.

What Else Can You Do?
Review all this material and let me know if anything was omitted or forgotten. You will note that I was unable to find some of the requested items, but I feel fairly sure that any and all available resources were checked and we will not find much else. The very difficult problem with this area is that the city and the county kept separate records, and your family surnames crossed over between the two record resources. I hope you can make sense of the enclosed items and add information to help fill in your missing pieces.

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Notes from Winchester City Courthouse Research
Register of Deaths 1871-1891

Line 52, 1877 Pritchard, William H.  age 62  Consumption
  b. Frederick Co. VA  Parents: H.K. & Margaret Pritchard
  Occupation: Baker
  Consort of: Margaret F. Pritchard
  Informant: H.K. Pritchard, (brother)

1886
  Jacob Barnhardt brother of James H., age 53 d. 12/31/1886
  Anna M. Barnhardt consort of Jas. H. Barnhardt, age 52 d. 12/2/1886

Will Book (Original)
  Margaret F. Pritchard Will Book 4, pg. 167 5/20/1889
  Howsan Kiner Pritchard W.B. 7 pg. 397 (grandson to H.K. & Marg)
  Francis E. Pritchard W.B. 5 pg. 216 4/2/1902 - unread
  Margaret Pritchard W.B. 2, pg 248 2/1/1862

Deaths/Wills- from Index to Abstracts of Wills, Winchester by Dola Tylor
  Margaret Pritchard- 2 listed as shown above
  Howsen K. Pritchard mentioned in Margaret's will
  No Barnhardt's, No Hoff's

Death Records 1853-1870 (not indexed)
  Isaac Kiger age 70 d. 8/24/1854 pg. 8 parents-Andrew & Hannah Kiger
  Emily I. Barnhardt b. Baltimore no date d.5/17/1856 parents-Daniel & Mary Metzgar
    Husband-James Barnhardt
  Mary Barnhardt pg. 52 wife of George Barnhardt, parent- John Hoff
    d. 3/31/1864
  Emily Julia Pritchard pg. 53 -age 74 d. 10/29/1864 parents-H.K. & Margaret Pritchard
    Informant: Elizabeth Pritchard (sister)

Mt. Hebron Burials (540) 662-4868
  Margaret Pritchard d. 1889
  David Hoff b. 5/24/1813 d.10/22/1863
  Amanda Hoff b. 9/14/1823 d. 2/23/1895
  John and Mary Hoff -illegible dates
  Lot Owner, Howsen K. Pritchard for burial of William H. Pritchard, interred 5/2/1877
  No Overacre's on record in the office (See Lutheran Church Records)

No early births for any Overacre, Hoff, Barnhardt, Kiger
Enclosed please find the results for genealogical research on surname as shown above. The attached publications as listed on the bibliographies were searched, as well as several manuscript collections. A mark of "o" next to the title indicates that nothing was located. A check mark indicates material enclosed for your review. I researched only those titles that were appropriate for the dates indicated by your request.

Enclosures, Notes and Suggestions

Selected Titles of Frederick County-
As per your initial call and subsequent e-mail correspondence, I searched for Andrew Friedly with the possible connections to Daniel Overacre, and also tried to seek out any connections to a John Hoff/Huff. It is difficult to follow the usual search routine when two or three surnames are crossed, but I was able to find several small items. Beginning with the selected titles (list enclosed), I did a quick run-through of the books that may have contained information from the late 1700's and into the early 1800's. Since you had concerns about the notation of "Bond Book" for the marriage of Susanna and Daniel Overacre, I re-checked Frederick County Virginia Marriage Bonds, which were abstracted from courthouse records. I have enclosed pages that included the Friedly and Hoff surnames. You will see a Henry Friedly marrying a Sarah Dier, 1803. By 1827, Henry is deceased and his wife Sarah Friedly marries a Lester Puller. I believe this Henry is the son of Andrew Friedly, which you will see in the will, described below.

I had trouble the with the name John Hoff listed in this and in other resources. It appears there may have been at least two Hoff/Huff families with a John. I am hoping, by the references to other family members, you may be able to determine if the information is of your ancestor. In Cartmell's Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants, there was only a very brief mention of John and Joseph Huff in an area of what is now Clarke County, Virginia.

In the History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley, you will see a very short mention of an Andreas Friedly mentioned in the historical content of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
This citation appeared in one or two other local history books as well, and puts the Frieldy surname in the area as early as 1764. You had mentioned in one of your e-mails that you associated Andrew with the Lutheran denomination, so I assume you already have this information.

At this point I went to other publications and into the closed collections that are housed in the Stuart Bell, Jr., Archives. As requested, I reviewed the original journal of Alexander Balmain, minister for Christ Episcopal Church. This material has been transcribed or at least indexed, but it is not allowed to be photocopied from the original. It is information in the minister’s own handwriting on very fragile paper in a leather-bound, oversized book.

The marriages for any Friedly, Huff or Overacre listings were indexed and transcribed by Dola Tylor. When I compared the original entries to the typewritten ones, all were transcribed exactly as shown. There was no information as to parents or guardians. The marriages found in this journal, and the dates:

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<td>John Huff to Catherine Lemly</td>
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<td>Susannah Friedley to Daniel Overacre</td>
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<td>Sarah Friedley to Titus England</td>
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<td>Charles Huff to Lydia Copass</td>
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<td>Isaac Overacre to Rebecca Thorn</td>
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There were pages entitled “List of Subscribers” for church members in this journal, which I reviewed. No further surnames were found to match the above. There was no mention at all of John Overacre to Nancy, nor John Hoff to Elizabeth Overacre.

In the Index to Virginia Estates, you had mentioned that there was an inventory to the estate of Andrew Friedly, but no will listed. This reference begins in 1800, and so I checked to see what was available for earlier dates. In Will Book 4, page 400, there was Andrew’s will dated 1778. You will be happy to see that in the will, Andrew Friedley lists his wife and children, including a daughter named Susannah. It may be that the Sarah and Mary listed in the marriage records are the daughters and therefore sisters to Susannah. Also, here is where the son Henry appears, as well as an Elizabeth and Catherine. Andrew’s wife is Ann Elizabeth. You will also note that a witness to this will is Lewis Hoff. Although Lewis Hoff seems to be a witness for several of these legal documents, he may have a connection to your John Hoff. I noted Lewis Hoff in some of the above references, but since I was not necessarily looking for Lewis, I didn’t make
note of his appearances. However, he may lead you to the correct John Hoff. He would have to be researched at another time.

(The microfilm machine at this facility is not working very well. You may be able to request a better copy of these materials from the facility in the state library in Richmond and get better results.)

I also copied the inventory of Andrew Friedly, dated April 6, 1812, when his will was probated.

The Will Index also listed an Elizabeth Hoff. I copied her inventory because it mentions some names that may connect together at some point in your searching. There is a John Hoff mentioned, and the name Kiger is listed. I noted this surname in reviewing a very long will of a John Hoff, Will Book 23, page 181, 246, 326, 302, 372; Will Book 24, page 349 and Will Book 28, page 335. I quickly scanned this will, as I was not able to determine at all if he was your John Hoff. (Therefore did not copy the pages). There were many nieces and nephews mentioned, although I couldn’t find a wife’s name or any mention of Overacre or Friedly. However, just for your information, some of the surnames of the very many-listed included Kiger, Myers, Turner, Campbell, Hoff and a brother named Philip. If you think a copy of this document will help you, please let me know.

The last reference I had time to check was the Winchester, Virginia Abstracts of Wills, 1794-1894, transcribed by Dola Tylor. These are shortened parts of the wills, and you may want to pursue the entire copies if they seem to connect. Here we see again the name Kiger, who mentions Daniel Overacre in his will. I highlighted any mention of the surnames you requested, and also included the index to the name Hoff, in case you were interested in any of those Hoff family members.

What Else Can I Do?
In trying hard to stick with Overacre, Hoff and Friedly, it was difficult to streamline the research. I think there may be more information on the Hoff surname. Since your specific request was to review the Alexander Balmain Journal, I did not seek out the Friedly or Hoff names in the Lucy Hardesty Collection or other past county clerk records for correspondence from other researchers. You did not specify how much time to spend, so I stayed with my initial required minimum of four hours of research, review and report writing time.
What Else Can You Do?

Sort through all the material enclosed and see if you can weave it into your files. I am sure you will come up with more questions or hints and you can go from there. Also, check with your contact, Douglas Burke, to see what materials I have sent to him. I tried not to duplicate any research I had already done for him, knowing that you have already been in touch and you probably have shared that material.

You had discussed sending some of your materials to the Archives to be put in a file. Becky Ebert usually welcomes family files when they are so obviously connected to the Frederick County area, and since your family seems to be a tough one to research, it would be a wonderful resource for future descendants to discover should they come looking. I have enclosed a form that is required for donations. You may use it and send your file to the address on the top of the page. Don’t forget to make yourself a copy of this form, for your records!

The Library of Virginia now offers some information on Land Office Patents and Grants as well as Will Administrations and a few other materials online, but currently for only 52 counties. Keep track of this available index as it grows. Visit the web site for the library, and explore the materials. In the Chancery Court Records, Library of Virginia Reel #186 image #745, Daniel Overacre is listed as a plaintiff in a court case. Our library does have the microfilm for this, but it is a “negative to positive” film, and our machine here does not copy it well. You will have to request this from the Library of Virginia.

Please let me know if there is anything further that I can do for you. Good luck in your searching!

Please remember that there is no guarantee materials can be located.

Susan L. McCabe
238 Lakeview Drive
Cross Junction, VA 22625
Section 19

Research reports by Patricia Jacks Weeks, Jackson, Mississippi
Subject: Re: (no subject)
From: GeoPatWks@aol.com
Date: Wed, 23 Jun 2004 22:01:10 -0400 (EDT)
To: drakestraw@cfl.rr.com

I did check the Jefferson Co. wills and probate and there was nothing else on Sherwood Overtaker.

I will complete you other items next week and copy the land deeds concerning the Hamilton Ohio men.

Pat
In your report dated January 30, 2004, page 4, you noted two separate land sales from two different men from Hamilton Co., Ohio. I presume these were sales to George Overaker (Jr.). Are these deeds available to copy? If so I would like copies. I did not notice deeds with men from Ohio with your report of April 18.

Your search for Sherman Overaker is noted on page 7 of the April 18, 2004 report. Sherman last appeared on the June 20, 1831 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax Rolls. It is possible that Sherman was stricken by yellow fever and died in Jefferson County. Jefferson Co. was not mentioned in your search. If probate/estate records for Jefferson Co. have not been destroyed please check this record for Sherman.
January 30, 2004

Mr. David Rakestraw
P.O. Box 2436
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

Dear Mr. Rakestraw,

Enclosed is my report on the Mead, Overaker and Norris surnames that you requested. I have covered as many resources for these surnames as possible in the allotted time frame you have allowed. Below I have listed additional research that I will be completing the last week of February.

If you have any question about the sources I am sending please call.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to you.


2. Contact Clinton Cemetery personal for a burial plat or grave locations.


Sincerely,

Patricia J. Weeks
County Records Searched for a Possible Marriage Record

Cowles Mead - Mary Magruder

1. Mississippi Counties search for a marriage record:
   Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Covington, Franklin, Green, Hancock, Hinds, Jackson, Jones, Lawrence, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, Washington, Wilkinson, and Yazoo.

2. Mississippi Counties formed after 1833:

3. Louisiana Parishes:
   East & West Feliciana, St, Helena, Washington, St. Tammany, Pointe Coupee, Caldwell and Concordia.

4. Searched Gen. Cowles Mead's papers concerning his actives for the year 1834. Nothing was found as to a clue where he may have been residing for his third marriage to Mary Overaker Magruder.

5. Reviewing the Natchez newspaper announcing Cowles Mead marriage to Mrs. Mary Magruder could either be Columbia or Columbus. Searching through Marion County's marriage records again I did not find a record of this marriage. I also double checked Lowndes County just in case they were married in Columbus.

I would suggest that you order the Franklin Co., Ohio marriage records for the year 1834 from the Family History Center.
George Overaker/Overacre


Register of abstract of Certificate entered with Register of the Land west of Pearl River grounded on British and Spanish Patents.

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<td>8-7-1805</td>
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<td>George Overaker</td>
<td>Richard Bacon</td>
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<td>761</td>
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<td>3: 397</td>
<td>George Overaker</td>
<td>John Luck</td>
<td>St. Catherine Crk 157 ac.</td>
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<td>George Overaker</td>
<td>Maria G. Sollivellas</td>
<td>Lot 2, Natchez 2-24-1795</td>
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Monthly return of Certificates issued by the Commissioner of the Western District of Orleans Territory for May 1811 - Spanish Land Claims.

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<td>A:256</td>
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<td>A:256 Jonathan Dayton</td>
<td>George Overaker</td>
<td>Concordia Par., LA, 338 acs.</td>
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Register of Claim to land in the District of Pearl River in Louisiana from French, British and Spanish Governments.

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<td>9-3-1793</td>
<td>B:227 George Overaker</td>
<td>George Overaker</td>
<td>Feliciana Par., LA</td>
<td>C. Trudeau</td>
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1805 Adams Co., MS Territory Real & Personal Tax
George Overaker: 200 acs.

1808 Adams Co., MS Territory Real & Personal Tax
George Overaker: 260 acs. 1st quality, 2nd class on St. Catherine; 1 white poll; 19 slaves; paid $62.08 ¼.

1805 Wilkinson Co., MS Territory Real and Personal Tax
George Overaker: 840 acs. on Thompson Crk.; 19 slaves; 2 horses, 4 cattle; Value $3800.00; paid $8.62.
John Overaker: 1 Town Lot in Pinckneyville; 19 slaves; 2 horses, 4 cattle; Value $30.00; paid $.6 ¼.

Note: I believe your George Overaker may be the son of the above John. Refer to George Overaker’s will below dated 1816. I also believe the above George Overaker is the Uncle to Mary Overaker Magruder Mead.

George Overaker of Jefferson County, MS
17 Aug 1816 Adams Co., MS Territory Will Bk A, pp. 201-203
George Overaker, Sr.: No probate date shown.
Wife: Margaret Overaker; daughter, Elizabeth Tichenor, daughter, Maria
Overaker; brother, Isaac Overaker, son in law, Gabriel Tichenor; niece of
wife, Elizabeth Patten (or Patton). A bequest made to Lewis Evans, in trust
for daughters Elizabeth Tichenor and Maria Overaker.
Executor: Wife, Margaret Overaker.
Witnesses: John Hankinson, H. W. Huntington, Horace N. Huntington.
Real and Personal Property.

06 Jun 1820 Mississippi Republican, Natchez, Adams Co., MS, p. 3, col. 2
Died at his residence this morning, Mr. George Overacre, an old and
respectable member of this neighborhood of a lingering and painful illness.

George Overaker, Jr.
1827 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
George Overaker: 1 town lot, value at $400.00, situated in Rodney; 1
slave, 80 horses and cattle; $4.80 tax.

1828 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
George Overaker: 1 town lot, value at $150.00, situated in Rodney; 1
white poll; 1 slave; $1.50 tax.

19 Jun 1829 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
George Overaker: 1 white poll, 1 slave; $1.12 ½ tax.

19 Jun 1830 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
George Overaker: 1 town lot, value $4000.00, situated in Rodney; sale of
merchandise value $3000.00; 2 white poll tax; 2 slaves;
$18.92 ½ tax.

20 Jun 1831 Jefferson Co, MS Combination Tax
George Overaker: 1 town lot, value $3000.00, situated in Rodney; 2 white
poll; 2 slaves; $9.50 tax.
Sherman Overaker: 1 town lot, value $3000.00, situated in Rodney; $7.50
tax.

1832 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
George Overaker: 1 town lot, value $5000.00, situated in Rodney; 1 white
poll; 3 slaves; $14.75 tax.
15 Jun 1835 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
George Overaker: 3 town lots, value $4000.00, situated in Rodney; sale of merchandise value at $12,000; 2 white poll; 5 slaves; $43.87 tax.

15 Apr 1836 Southern Telegraph, Rodney, Jefferson Co., MS: p.3, col. 1
On Saturday last, at the residence of his mother, John S. Norris, aged about 36 years.

29 Apr 1836 Southern Telegraph, Rodney, Jefferson Co., MS: p.4, col. 2
George Overacre, letters of administration on the estate of John S. Norris, deceased.

Jefferson Co., MS - Administration & Executor Book 1805-1838
John S. Norris estate or George Overaker's names were not recorded.
The following names were recorded in this book: Thomas, L. F., Elizabeth, James Norris.

John S. Norris estate or George Overaker's names were not listed.
The following names were recorded in this book: James L., Rosanna, Mastin, Patrick K., James and Evelyn Norris.

30 Sep 1836 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
George Overaker: 10 town lots, value $20,000, situated in Rodney; sale of merchandise value $30,000; 1 white poll; 4 slaves; $127.87 ½ tax.

1837 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
George Overaker: 10 town lots, value $20,000, situated in Rodney; sale of merchandise value $150.00; 1 white poll; 6 slaves; $91.63 ½ tax.

11 Dec 1837 Jefferson Co., MS Land Deed Bk D, p. 25
George Overaker sold to James Bone and John McGinley for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars all that lot or parcel of ground in the Town of Rodney known and described as follows: commencing at the northwest corner of Lot No. 5 in Square No. 4 and running west wardly there from sixty feet also sixty feet and one hundred and twenty feet in dept being the house lately constructed by the said George Overaker and now occupied by him as a grocery and produce store.
Note: This Land Deed Book was not indexed. Each page had to be read separately. Time did not allow me to complete the years 1837 through 1840 for additional land sold pertaining to the 1838 tax roll. Land Deed Index start with 1871 - 1900. I also notice separate land sales from two different men from Hamilton Co., Ohio.

22 Jun 1838 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
George Overacre: 1 town lot, value $2,500.00, situated in Rodney; $6.25 tax.

1840-1848 Jefferson Co., MS Combination or Personal Tax
George Overaker not listed as paying taxes.

* Patricia Weeks advised the land sales by the Ohio were not to George Overaker. Separate sales altogether.
Mrs. Pomona Overaker Taylor Norris

1825, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832: John S. Norris listed as paying taxes in Jefferson Co., MS.

15 Jun 1835 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
John S. Norris Estate: Not listed as paying taxes

15 Apr 1836 Southern Telegraph Newspaper, Rodney, Jefferson Co., MS, p. 3, col. 1
On Saturday last, at the residence of his mother, John S. Norris, aged about 36 years.

29 Apr 1836 Southern Telegraph Newspaper, Rodney, Jefferson Co., MS
George Overaker, administrator notice on John S. Norris estate, deceased.

1836 Jefferson Co., MS Probate Cases C 219 - C243
John S. Norris Probate Case #225. Cases 224-226 missing.

30 Sep 1836 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
John S. Norris Estate: 1 town lot, value $2000.00, situated in Rodney; 2 pleasure carriage, value $400.00; 8 slaves; $14.00 tax.

1837 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
John S. Norris Estate or Mrs. Pomona Norris: Not listed as paying taxes.

22 Jun 1838 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
Mrs. P. Norris or George Overacre: 1 town lot, value $2,500.00, situated in Rodney; $6.25 tax.
(Tax Collector listed persons paying taxes as written above.)

25 Oct 1840 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
Mrs. P. Norris: 1 town lot, value $2,500.00, situated in Rodney; $6.25 tax.

10 Oct 1840 U S Land Patent #2163
John S. Norris: 590.73 acs. Section 21, Township 13 N, Range 4 E, Claiborne Co., MS.

Question: Could John filed for this patent prior to his death and his wife may have exercised this patent.
1841 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
Mrs. P. Norris: 1 town lot, value $500.00, situated in Rodney; $1.25 tax.

04 Jun 1841 Jefferson Co., MS Personal Property Tax
Mrs. P. Norris: 1 town lot, value $500.00, situated in Rodney; $1.25 tax.

1842 - 1848 Jefferson Co., Combination or Personal Property Tax
Mrs. P. Norris was not listed as paying taxes.

Note: Time did not permit continuing searching tax rolls for Mrs. Pomona Norris after 1848.
Clinton Cemetery

I have not been able to contact the person or persons in charge of this cemetery. I plan to contact the funeral home in Clinton within the coming week to ask about a contact person.

1. Search for a record of burial for Mary Magruder Mead and daughter Elizabeth Magruder Jefferson.

2. Find a grave plat or grave number for Mary Mead, Peterfield Jefferson, Elizabeth Magruder Jefferson and Maria Winston Jefferson.
April 18, 2004

Mr. David P. Rakestraw
944 South Peninsula Drive #107
Daytona, FL 32118

Dear Mr. Rakestraw,

Enclosed is my research report concerning the questions you presented to me to find answers to. I hope I have complete this project to your wishes by using all the available resources at the Archives.

I have ordered Warren Co., Ohio marriages records from the Family History Center concerning the marriage of George Overaker and Sarah Bone. This microfilm should be in by the last of May. I will mail out to you this document as soon as I received this microfilm.

If I can be of further assistance to in the future please advise.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Weeks
Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi

Research assignment:
Continue your effort regarding the Clinton, MS cemetery records for the grave plat numbers for Mary Mead, Peterfield Jefferson, Elizabeth Magruder Jefferson and Maria Winston Jefferson.

April 12, 2004, 4:43 p.m.: Contact person: Monroe Landram - 601-924-0020

1. Mary Mead - No record
2. Peterfield Jefferson - Section 1, Lot 67A
3. Elizabeth Magruder Jefferson - No record
4. Maria Winston Jefferson - Section 2, Lot 64
5. Mead Jefferson - Section 1, Lot 67A

A copy of the sectional map for Clinton Cemetery pertaining to above grave site may be copied per written request of client. Contact Mr. Landram by telephone number above. Section one is located in the center of the cemetery.

If there are a compilation of old church marriage records concerning Mead/Magruder married search for this documents.

1. Searched the DAR church records for Adams, Claiborne, Jefferson, Wilkinson, Rankin and Hinds Counties and did not find a marriage records.
3. I cannot find any paper record of their marriage other than the newspaper announcement.

Theory: Could it be possible for Cowles Mead and Mary Magruder were married aboard a Mississippi River boat by a river captain? Hence no marriage record.
James T. Magruder, Jr.

Research assignment:
Search for estate records for James T. Magruder, Jr. of Adams County, Mississippi.

The only records I found on James T. Magruder, Jr. were Volume 1 & 2 Account Books regard transaction prior to his death for his mercantile store.

2. Page 33 - Margaret Overaker, March 15, 1821, 2 transactions. Wife of George Overaker, the Elder.
3. Page 73 - Margaret Overaker, June 23, 1821, 1 transaction.
4. Page 74 - Margaret Overaker, June 28, 1821, 1 transaction.
5. Page 94 - Estate of Isaac Overaker account, July 14, 1821.
7. Page 106 - Margaret Overaker, 1 transaction, August 7, 1821.
8. Page 118 - Margaret Overaker, 1 transaction, August 30, 1821.
9. Page 143 - Margaret Overaker, 1 transaction, November 2, 1821.

Note: Copies enclosed.

Note: The above mention of Isaac Overaker estate is the only thing I was able to find.
George Overaker
of
Jefferson Co., Mississippi

Research assignment:
Complete Jefferson Co., MS land deeds on George Overaker.

1. Land Deed Bk C, p. 478
John Ducker of Jefferson County, Mississippi as I am administrator of all the goods and estate, which were of Stephen Norman late of said County deceased, intestate ........ in consideration of the sum of thirty four hundred Dollar to me in hand paid or secured to be paid by George Overaker who was the highest bidder at the said sale...... lying and being in the Town of Rodney County & State aforesaid known and designated on the plan of said Town as lot number three in Square Number four having a front sixty feet on Commerce Street and extending back one hundred & twenty feet toward the Mississippi River it being the same lot conveyed by Sarah Calvit to John Ducker on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred & twenty eight and by John Ducker to Stephen Forman on the tenth day of October eighteen hundred and thirty five. Filed 18 November 1836, Recorded 19 November 1836.

2. Land Deed Bk D, pp. 91-92
Indenture made the 10th day of January 1838 between George Overaker and James M. Knight for the sum of nine thousand dollars ....... Town Lot in the Town of Rodney County & State described as starting from the corner of the street house near by John Payne and running eighty feet South on Commerce Street and one hundred and twenty feet back...... Signed George Overaker and Sarah M. Overaker..... Sarah M. Overaker signed over her one third dower. Recorded 16 January 1838. Notice middle initial “M” instead of “A”.

3. Land Deed Bk D, pp. 111-112
This Indenture made the 3 August 1829 between James H. Tullis and George Overaker ............ In the sum of one thousand dollars ......certain Town Lot in the Town of Rodney..... Being a part of two lots numbered one & two on Square number four having front on Commerce Street of [ ] and Running back toward the River one hundred and twenty feet and beginning south of the corner of said Commerce Street and [Mag ] Street on said Commerce and South from said corner one hundred and ten feet ..... It being thirty feet along Commerce Street on the South of said described lots. Recorded 26 March 1838.
4. Land Deed Bk D, pp. 116-117
George Overaker, Admr. of John S. Norris, deceased of the County of Jefferson.....at public auction at Fayette on 15 March 1837 for the sum of nine hundred and fifty five dollars to said Penona Norris..... Lot in the Town of Rodney described as sixty feet long and two hundred and forty feet back on the /East side of Commerce Street, bounded on the South by a lot of land belonging to T. G. Compton, bonded of the North by a lot of land belonging to George Overaker.

5. Land Deed Bk D, pp. 430-431
George Overaker of the County of Hamilton and State of Ohio appoint David Bone of the County of Warren and State of Ohio my true and lawful attorney. Recorded 13 June 1839.

6. Land Deed Bk D, p. 686
On the tenth day of June 1839 George Torrey, Sheriff of Jefferson County indenture to David Bone.....Against the property of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. [Warren] for the sum of five thousand five hundred and five dollars and fifty cents and one hundred and fifty dollars and 14 cents on lot number five. Recorded 13 June 1840.

7. Land Deed Bk E, pp. 440-45
George Torrey, Sheriff deed to John M. Prichard the sell of property of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. Warren for the sum of five thousand five hundred and five dollars and fifty cents and one hundred and fifty nine and fourteen cents. Recorded 18 November 1840.

8. Land Deed Bk E, pp. 275-276
George Torrey, sheriff deeds to John M. Prichard from suit of James M. Smith against the good and chattels, land and interest of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. Warren.... One for the sum of five hundred and eighty four dollars and seventy five cents and thirty two dollars and fifty nine cents cost. Recorded 17 January 1842.

Note: Copies of land deeds enclosed.
George Overaker and Sarah Bone

Research assignment:
Marriage document for George Overaker and Sarah Bone.

1. George and Sarah were married in Warren Co., Ohio. I have ordered this microfilm from the Family History Center, Clinton, MS. This microfilm #1510033 should be in the second or third week of May. I will mail this to you as soon as I review and copy this document.

2. I believe Sarah is the daughter of David H. Bone and Prudence Jeffers of Warren Co., Ohio. This unproven data was found on Rootsweb.com.

David H. Bone was born 3 April 1795 in Madison Co., KY, and died in Shelby Co., IN. He was the son of William Bone and Agnes McGuire. He married Prudence Jeffers on 20 February 1812, Warren Co., OH. She was died 10 June 1824 in Warren Co., OH.

Known sibling of Sarah M. Bone Overaker:
1. William
2. James S. married Eleanor H. Reed
3. Annie F. married James Pierce
Pomona Overaker Taylor Norris

Research assignment:
Look for an estate record for Pomona Overaker in Jefferson County.

1. I have again searched all wills, probate, administrator, executors, guardianship records starting in 1850 through 1870 in Jefferson County. I did not find anything relating to Pomona Overaker Taylor Norris.

2. Searching Adams Co. probate records I found Levi Taylor’s loose probate papers. Pomona Taylor executrix for the estate of Levi Taylor. These paper consist of Levi’s original will, inventory of his estate, account of executrix and vouchers.
   Note: Levi Taylor probate loose papers enclosed.

3. I have also searched the Claiborne County records since John S. Norris received a U. S. Land Patent and accepted in 1840. Nothing was found on John S. or Pomona Norris names on the county tax rolls or land deed index.

Theory: Could Pomona have moved to Ohio with George or possibly back to Virginia? I did not find a third marriage record for Pomona in Jefferson, Wilkinson, Adams, Hinds, and Claiborne Counties.
Sherman Overaker

Research assignment:
Find any additional data on Sherman Overaker.

1. It appears that Sherman disappear from Mississippi after 1831 Jefferson County Tax Rolls.

2. Searching Hinds, Rankin, Claiborne, Wilkinson, and Adams Counties I did not find any records on Sherman Overaker. Such as: land deeds, wills, tax rolls, marriage records, and cemeteries.

3. Searching 1840 Virginia, Louisiana, Arkansas and Alabama census index I did not find a listing for Sherman. I do not have Ohio resources available at the Archives.
John Overaker

Research assignment:
If possible locate a census record for John Overaker prior to 1814 that would show family members. Find a marriage record for John.

Your theory: I have often wondered if John was an overseer for one of George Overaker's plantations in Claiborne Co. and that was how Ann was there.

1. Searching all available records for Claiborne County I did not find any evidence of John as an overseer, owning land or on the county tax rolls. Nor did I find any evidence of Ann Overaker. Years searched 1818-1840.

I did not find any record for John on the 1816 Territorial census.

2. Evidence on John Overaker prior to 1814 in Mississippi.


December 6, 1800 - Memorial to congress by Citizens of the Territory. p. 115 - John and George Overaker signers of this document.

B. Mississippi Historical Records Survey. Transcription of County Archives of Mississippi: No. 2 Adams County (Natchez): Vol. 2. Minutes of the County Court 1802-1804, pp. 46, 182, 185, 194.

p. 46 - 17 February 1800 General Quarter Sessions held at Natchez, Grand Jury Impaneled: George Overaker.

p. 182 - 10 February 1801 Jurors of the Mississippi Territory of the United States of America I and for the County of Adams, ..........That John Overaker late of the County of Adams aforesaid on the tenth day of February in the year of...... 1801 and on divers other days and time after the 10th of February in the year aforesaid and before the taking of this Inquisition, at the county then and during any time aforesaid not being nor having been recommended by the Justices in their Court.....

p. 185 - 3 August 1801 Court of Quarter Sessions held at Natchez. Territory vs. John Overaker.
p. 194 - 4 August 1801 John Overaker and Lewis Evans are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Mississippi Territory three hundred dollars to be levied on our Goods and Chattels Land and Tenements, provided default or breach shall be made. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden John Overaker shall well and truly keep a good and orderly Tavern & Billiard Table according to the true intent and meaning of the Law.


p. 43 - 7 October 1802 Leonard Claiborne et al against John Overaker continued by consent.

p. 75 - 13 October 1802 Leon Claiborne et alias vs. John Overaker. Leon Claiborne received sixty four dollars and fifty four cents the damages adjudged and the cost of suit.

p. 173 - 14 October 1802 John Overaker selected as Juror in the case John Perkins vs. Patrick Connally.


Note: Court case may be transcribed from original documents concerning John Overaker's activities between 1801-1802

D. 1805 Adams Co., Mississippi Territory Real and Personal Tax Rolls, p. 2. John Overaker: Paid $0.01.3 cent tax. No land or personal property recorded.

E. 1805 Wilkinson Co., Mississippi Territory Real and Personal Tax Rolls, p. 7. John Overaker: 1 lot ¼ acre in Pinckneyville, value $30.00; tax paid $ .06 3.4. George Overaker: 840 acres on Thompson Creek, first rate, 3 cabins, value $3800.00; tax paid $8.43.

Ann Overaker and Henry Rider.

Research assignment:
Determine what you can about Ann Overaker and Henry Rider.


2. Searched 1840 census index for the states of Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Alabama and did not find Henry or Ann Rider listed. The Archives did not have any resources for Ohio to search.

3. It appears that Henry and Ann Overaker Rider disappeared following their wedding in 1836.

4. Searching the 1830 census for Mississippi I did not find any evidence of Henry Rider being in the state. I have also check the various genwebs sites and cannot find anything on him other than his marriage.


Will mentions: Wife, Rebecca - $500.00
Nancy Wood - $100.00 (md. Wiley Ford Wood)
Charlotte Galtney - $100.00 (md. Joseph Galtney)
Mary Rabb - $100.00 (md. John C. Rabb)
Eveline Hazlip - $100.00
Youngest, Samuel W. Hazlip (md. Martha Kirkland)
John Hazlip - $50.00 (md. Cecilia E. Rabb)

Executors: Wiley M. Wood
John Hazlip
Joseph Galtney

Witnesses: John M. Currie
John Alex Lyles
John S. Hall

Codicil: Appoint Wiley M. Wood and John Hazlip as guardian of my son Samuel W. Hazlip.

Witnesses: J. M. Currie
John Alexander Lyles
John S. Hall
Written: 19 September 1837  
Recorded: 14 April 1845  

Note: Children by third wife, Martha McInire - John, Nancy, Charlotte and Mary  
- Samuel W., child by fourth wife, Rebecca Ford.  

William Hazlip did not mention his step-daughter Ann Overaker Rider in his will or probate loose papers.
May 25, 2004

Mr. David P. Rakestraw
944 South Peninsula Drive #107
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Dear Mr. Rakestraw

Enclosed is a copy of George Overaker marriage record from Warren Co., Ohio. On his marriage record it states that he is from Mississippi. I believe this is the direct evidence you needed to support a family linkage between Ohio and Mississippi.

Searching for additional data on the Mississippi Territorial Militia I was unable to find anything. Conferring with Grady Howell, Military Historian, at the archives I was informed nothing has been published on this time period. Reading through the early governors for the territorial papers I did not find anything relating to John's specific company.

If I can be of service to you in the future please let me know.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Weeks
June 30, 2004

David P. Rakestraw
944 South Peninsula Drive #107
Pier 43
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Dear Mr. Rakestraw,

I do not have George Overaker's land deeds summary saved on Microsoft Works Word Processor. Once I mail out my report I do not save except a copy of the report mailed out. At this time my office is in disarray with our remodeling and cannot put my hands on my January report to you.

I have completed the research items you requested in your letter and e-mails. Plus I added land deed index abstracts on John S. Norris and David Bone. Let me know if you wish a copy of these land deeds.

Reviewing the 1830 U.S. Census for Warren Co., Ohio, p. 252 I believe David Bone is the father of Sarah Bone Overaker. On this census report David has one daughter in the age bracket of 10-15. Using the 1860 census I have estimated Sarah’s year of birth as 1817. During this census year Sarah would have been about 13 years of age. She would have been about 18-19 years of age when she married George Overaker in 1836.

If I can be of any further help to you on the Bone family please advise.

Sincerely,
NORRIS - BECK CEMETERY

Location: In Jefferson County, MS Sec. 33 - T10N - R1W

Located on a high bluff overlooking Dowd Creek. To reach this cemetery, there is a logging road turning to the east from the Piazza Road. At this time there is a locked gate at the entrance to this road. Follow this road to the creek bank. During dry weather, it is possible to drive a 4 wheeler up the extremely steep road on the opposite side of the creek where at the top of this bluff, this road will come to a T, turn right unto the road that passes and then another immediate right unto the bluff. The road that passes along this bluff used to be a county road and there are several house sites visible in the area. There are many indentations indicating other burials. There is one brick crypt without identification.

Copied by Ann Brown with the help of Jennie Lee Ray Embry on 2 February 1995

BECK, Samuel
Died at the age of 83 years - 28 Apr 1850

BECK, Sarah Jane
Died at the age of 6 years - 24 Jun 1832

LEWIS, Mrs. Lucinda
16 Mar 1805 - 13 Nov 1825

NORRIS, John S.
Died at the age of 40 years - 09 Apr 1836

NORRIS, James
Died at the age of 70 years - 17 Nov 1827

NORRIS, Mary
Died at the age of 70 years - 19 Sep 1841

NORRIS, James L.
Died at the age of 40 years - 17 Mar 1848

Marriage Records of Jefferson County:
12 Dec 1808 Sally Norris married Brooking Griffing
31 May 1825 Thomas L. Norris married Mary Bradshaw
26 Mar 1830 Thomas W. Beck married Eliza Norris

Sprinkle on the spice of life,
But give it a gentle shake;
For less is more, though rich or poor,
No matter what you make.
Charles Ghigna
Pomona Overaker Taylor Norris

Supposedly date of death April 13, 1866. I found a current (1995) listing of who is buried in the Norris-Beck Cemetery. Pomona was not listed. Also search the DAR cemetery listing for Jefferson Co. dated 1984 and the same names were listed. I have made a copy for you of the 1995 listing.

No newspaper for Rodney or Jefferson Co. for the year 1866 to search for an obit.

Reviewing Jefferson Co.'s wills, probate cases, and probate minutes I did not find anything concerning Pomona. While reviewing these records I found this item in the Probate Minutes Bk 1844-1848, p. 25 the following (copy made for you): George Overaker, [looks like Adm of Deceased] vs. Thos W. Beck, Adm. for P. K. N. (I am assuming this is Patrick K. Norris) June Term 1839. Discussing distribution of said estate and final account.

Jefferson Co., MS Land Deeds found on John S. and Pomona Norris

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## David Bone

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George Overaker

I have enlarged this POA for you and have reviewed this document on the microfilm, because of the poor quality of the filming I am unable to make out a few words.

Jefferson Co., MS Land Deed Bk D, p. 430

Power of Attorney for Mr. D. Bone
City Cincinnati  } Received for record this 13th day of June 1839
Know all men by these presents that George Overaker of the County of Hamilton and State of Ohio for [ ] good cause and consideration me here into moving have made constitute and appointed and by these presents do hereby make constitute and appoint David Bone of the County of Warren and State of Ohio my true and lawful attorney in fact for me and in my wavier to ask award and in for [or] cause and receipt all debts [ ] and [ ] or whatsoever due and owing to me in the State of Mississippi and Arkansas to sell [transfer] and execute deeds in my name for all in any part of my real estate or said State and to all for [ ] in all matters with a full power as I may posses. Hereby verify and confirm whatsoever the said Bone may lawfully to the premises by and under my had and seal this third day November the year Eighteen hundred and thirty eight at Cincinnati Hamilton County Ohio.

Geo. Overaker {seal}

In presence of
Sa'l G. Davis
James Lassar

State of Ohio  } Before me Samuel $ Davis mayor of the City personally appeared George Overaker and acknowledged the signing and sealing the within instrument to be his voluntary act in deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said City this 3rd November 1838.  Sam'l $ Davis, Mayor

The two land sales by the Ohio men were not to George Overaker. Separate sales all together. Since this was not related to George I did not continue.

I have misplaced my January report to you since we have started remodeling my office. Check and see if I sent the following land deeds on George Overaker to you. Jefferson Co., MS Land Deed Bk B, pp. 146, 294, 450, 561, 603.
I did not find any additional data on Sherman other than the 1831 tax roll. I did not find a yellow fever break out mentioned in the newspapers for this area of the state.
March 12, 2005

Mr. David P. Rakestraw
944 South Peninsula Dr. #107
Daytona Beach, Florida 32118

Dear Mr. Rakestraw,

Enclosed is my report and fee for services rendered per your request dated October 25, 2004.

I wished I could have found all the documents you were seeking, but alas some of these documents are not to be found. I know you were wanting your family history book as complete as possible. Wishing you great success in publishing your book.

If I can be of assistance to you in the future please contact me.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Weeks
Rebecca Overaker Winston, Lowndes Co., Miss.

1. Exact date of death.
   Mississippi death records did not officially start until November, 1912. Prior to this death cemetery or church records may be available.

2. Probate records.
   Loose papers for Lowndes Co. are not available on microfilm at the Miss. Archives. I did find one item of interest concerning her estate in the Minutes for Probate Court, Vol. 10, pp. 602 & 603 dated 3 April 1866 instead of the 30th.

3. Appraisals of Estate, 1897 to 1900.


5. Inventory Records of Estate, 1858-1936 - Did not find anything on Rebecca’s estate.

   No index. This book contained probate data from January to April 13, 1866. The next probate book starts with Book 1, 1870. It appears Book S for the balance of 1866 has been destroyed, missing or was not microfilmed.


Sarah A. Overacre/Overaker Carver, Columbiana Co., OH

   Columbiana Co., OH were dated from November 1867 to 1908. Searched for Sarah’s death from November 1867 to 1875. There is not a record of recorded deaths available prior to November 1867.

Sarah McLean Overaker, Hamilton Co., OH

1. Death record for Sarah McLean Overaker.
Mary Overaker

1. Marriage record in Adams Co., Miss. For James T. Magruder and Mary Overaker.

Reviewing all marriage records as recorded in the Orphan Court Records for Adams Co. I did not find a marriage submitted for record by Rev. John Menfee. Marriage Book 1, 1802-1819. Searched from October 1817 through June 1818.

Pomona Overaker

1. William Hazlip possible guardianship of Pomona Overaker.

Adams Co., Miss. Guardian Bonds, 1802 - 1826. Reviewing all recorded guardian bonds between the years 1818 and 1824 I did not find William Hazlip accepting guardianship of Pomona Overaker. I did not find where Nancy Overaker was given guardianship after the death of her husband.
Section 20

Memorandum summary details for John S. Norris of Jefferson County, MS and Pomona his wife

Research report from Patricia Jacks Weeks dated January 30, 2004
Memorandum

John S. Norris and Pomona Norris

Summary of Details

In Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi Pomona Overaker Taylor married John S. Norris on October 2, 1825. John S. Norris and Geo. Overaker signed the marriage bond to the license.

The 1830 U. S. Federal census for Jefferson County, Mississippi, page 32, listed for free white persons:

John S. Norris
Males: One under 5 years of age, two of the age 30 and under 40
Females: One under 5 years of age, one of 20 and under 30
Slaves: 13 males and 6 females

John S. Norris died on April 9, 1836 and is buried in the Norris beck Cemetery located on a high bluff overlooking Dowd Creek in Jefferson County. The gravestone information reads he died at the age of 40 years (DOB 1796). The Southern Telegraph, Rodney, Jefferson Co., MS, 15 April 1836, p.3, col. 1, reports that John S. Norris died at the residence of his mother. The Southern Telegraph, 29 April 1836, p.4, col. 2, reports that George Overacre had letters of administration on the estate of John S. Norris. The John S. Norris estate or George Overaker’s name were not listed in the Jefferson Co. Administration & Executor Book 1805-1838 or in the Letters of Administration Book 1833-1857.

The 1840 U. S. Federal census for Jefferson Co., MS, Unknown Township, p. 282, for free white persons list

Mrs. P. Norris
Males; none
Females: one of the age of 10 and under 15, one of the age of 20 and under 30

The young female could be the young female in the 1830 census for John S. Norris. The young male in the 1830 census is missing from this census.

The 1850 U. S. Federal census for Jefferson Co., MS, Rodney Township, p. 83, list P. Norris
Age 50, Female, White, value of real Estate $150.00 and the place of birth do. The previous line was Ohio. In the household was Jah Norris, male, white, age 24, a carpenter, and born in Mississippi. His age would place him in the age bracket of the young male in the 1830 census for John S. Norris.

The 1860 U. S. Federal census for Jefferson Co., MS, enumerated in July, August and September 1860, contained no census for P. Norris, Mrs. P. Norris or Pomona Norris.
P. Norris in the 1840 and 1850 census could be Pomona Overaker Taylor Norris. I am unsure about the age of P. Norris reported in the 1850 census. This would place her year of birth in 1800 and in Virginia. Isaac and Rebecca had three daughters. Mary was born in 1796 Virginia, Rebecca was born in Adams County, MS and it is believed Pomona was born there too. The 1850 U. S. Federal census, Lowndes County, MS, indicated Rebecca Overaker Winston 45 years of age.

Of interest in this census is a Drake family on page 83 and on page 83B Nancy Overaker, age 60, black and born in Virginia. The Overaker families that lived in Natchez were from Winchester, Frederick Co., VA.

Prepared by David P. Rakestraw
May 28, 2004
Memorandum

October 28, 2004

By: David P. Rakestraw

Re: Pomona Overaker

Identifying the parents of Pomona Overaker has been a mystery.

In Adams County, MS there were three Overaker brothers, George, Isaac and John. John died prior to 1814, Isaac died in 1818 and George died in 1820. The earliest record available to help determine the children of these brothers is the 1816 census record for Adams County, MS.

The 1816 census for George Overaker listed 2 white females above 21 years and no females under that age. These females are the wife of George, Margaret, and his daughter Maria born in 1795. George had another daughter, Elizabeth who married Gabriel Tichenor April 11, 1810. The census record for Isaac listed 2 white females above 21 years and 2 white females under 21 years. The 2 females above 21 years are Isaac’s wife, Rebecca and daughter Mary born in 1796. The 2 females under 21 years are Rebecca born in 1805 and who is believed to be Pomona born in 1800.

The widow of John Overaker, Nancy (a common nickname for Ann), married William Hazlip in Adams County on March 26, 1814. Hazlip had four daughters from his previous marriage to Sarah McIntire. The 1816 Adams County census for William Hazlip listed one white female above 21 years and 5 white females under 21 years. The female above 21 is Nancy. Four of the females under 21 are Hazlip’s daughters Nancy, Mary, Charlotte and Eveline. The fifth female is believed to be Ann Overaker, daughter of John and Ann (Nancy) Overaker. Ann married Henry Rider on January 27, 1836 in Claiborne County, MS. This marriage record is the only record found for Ann Overaker and Henry Rider. There is no supporting documentation to prove Ann is the daughter of John Overaker. She is most likely his daughter since Ann (Nancy) was the name of his wife.

I know George Overaker in Cincinnati, OH was born in MS on August 6, 1800. He is the son of John and Ann (Nancy) Overaker of Natchez, Adams County, MS (the Spring Grover Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH, internment record for George Overaker list his parents as John and Ann Overaker).

The Jefferson Co., MS 1850 Federal census for P. Norris listed her as 50 years of age, thus also born in 1800. If one was to consider the census record as accurate Pomona is either the twin sister of George Overaker or the daughter of Isaac Overaker.

On May 13, 1823 William Hazlip gave his written consent in Adams Co., MS for Pomona to marry Levi W. Taylor. Was Pomona and not Ann the child of Nancy in the
1816 census? Hazlip’s approval of the marriage could be explained by the fact that Pomona’s father and uncles had died as above noted.

When Levi W. Taylor died in December 1823 Pomona was the executrix and inherited all his estate. Nancy Hazlip and Mary Hazlip were witnesses to the will recorded in Adams County, MS Chancery Court on December 22, 1823 (Box 36). There can only be a presumption that Nancy Hazlip who witnessed the will is the widow of John Overaker rather than the daughter of William Hazlip born July 9, 1802. Mary Hazlip was born October 14, 1804. The accounting for the personal property of estate was valued as $3,074.62. Pomona, a widow, married John S. Norris on Oct. 2, 1825. George Overaker and John S. Norris signed the bond for this marriage.

Two adult males were listed in the household of John S. Norris for the 1830 Jefferson Co., MS census. Norris is one and George Overaker could be the other. When John died on April 9, 1836 George Overaker was the administrator for his estate. The September 30, 1836 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax Rolls listed $14.00 taxes for the John S. Norris: one town lot in the town of Rodney valued at $2,000.00, two pleasure carriages valued at $400.00, eight slaves. Mrs. P. Norris was on the June 4, 1841 Jefferson Co., MS combination tax rolls for one lot in Rodney valued at $500.00. There was no entry for Mrs. P. Norris paying taxes on the rolls of 1841-1848. On October 10, 1840 U.S. Land Patent #2163 was granted to John S. Norris for 590.73 acres. Section 21, Township 13 N. Range 4 E, Claiborne Co., MS. John could have filed for this patent prior to his death and Pomona exercised this patent. George Overaker, administrator for John S. Norris, sold at public auction at Fayette, MS on March 15, 1837 for the sum of $950.00 paid to Penona [sic] a lot in the town of Rodney (Jefferson Co., MS Land DB D: 116-117). Found in the Jefferson Co., MS land deeds was another lot sold by Mrs. P. Norris to J. W. Smith on August 16, 1846 (DB F: 389).

All these facts would lead one to believe Pomona and George were sister and brother. However, George left Jefferson Co. and went to Ohio and married Sarah A. Bone in Warren Co. on Sept. 1, 1836. By deed dated November 14, 1837 and recorded in Jefferson Co., MS on December 11, 1837 (DB D: 25) George Overaker sold to James Bone and John McGinley for $2,000.00 a house constructed by him on Lot No. 5 and Square No. 4 in Rodney and occupied by him as a grocery and produce store.

In Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH on November 3, 1838 George Overaker gave power of attorney to David Bone to settle his accounts in Mississippi. The POA was recorded in Jefferson Co. on June 13, 1839. The record shows that David Bone went to Jefferson County and land lots in the town of Rodney were sold by the sheriff at public auctions at Fayette, MS in Jefferson County. There is no record that George returned to Jefferson County.

George and Sarah Overaker had three children and lived in Hamilton Co., OH at the time of the 1850 census. The census showed George was a merchant and had real estate valued at $7,000.00. Pomona, age 50, was still in Rodney, Jefferson Co., suffering to eke out a living with a son, 24 years old and a carpenter. The value of her real estate at the time of
the 1850 census was $150.00. What happened to her assets from the estate of John S. Norris is not known. The 1850 census form has no place for personal property value.

Why George with his wealth did not take Pomona with him to Ohio will remain an unanswered question. I have reviewed every name in the 1860 Jefferson Co. census several times and did not see P. Norris, Mrs. P. Norris or Pomona Norris. I did not see the name of any Norris. I can only speculate she died in Rodney after the 1850 census and before the 1860 census. If she is buried in the Norris Beck Cemetery her grave is lost.

NOTE:
The 1850 Federal census for Hamilton County, OH shows George Overaker 43 years old. He moved to Clermont County, OH and the 1860 census there shows him 50 years old. His death record at Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, OH indicates he was born on August 6, 1800. This internment record is the accepted date of birth. The birth date of Pomona Overaker Norris is 1800 as reflected by her age in the 1850 Jefferson County, MS census. Her age could have been inaccurately reported but there is no other record for comparison.
January 30, 2004

Mr. David Rakestraw
P.O. Box 2436
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

Dear Mr. Rakestraw,

Enclosed is my report on the Mead, Overaker and Norris surnames that you requested. I have covered as many resources for these surnames as possible in the allotted time frame you have allowed. Below I have listed additional research that I will be completed the last week of February.

If you have any questions about the sources I am sending please call.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to you.


2. Contact Clinton Cemetery personal for a burial plat or grave locations.


Sincerely,

Patricia J. Weeks
Mrs. Pomona Overaker Taylor Norris

1825, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832: John S. Norris listed as paying taxes in Jefferson Co., MS.

15 Jun 1835 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
John S. Norris Estate: Not listed as paying taxes

15 Apr 1836 Southern Telegraph Newspaper, Rodney, Jefferson Co., MS, p. 3, col. 1
On Saturday last, at the residence of his mother, John S. Norris, aged about 36 years.

29 Apr 1836 Southern Telegraph Newspaper, Rodney, Jefferson Co., MS
George Overaker, administrator notice on John S. Norris estate, deceased.

1836 Jefferson Co., MS Probate Cases C 219 - C243
John S. Norris Probate Case #225. Cases 224-226 missing.

30 Sep 1836 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
John S. Norris Estate: 1 town lot, value $2000.00, situated in Rodney; 2 pleasure carriage, value $400.00; 8 slaves; $14.00 tax.

1837 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
John S. Norris Estate or Mrs. Pomona Norris: Not listed as paying taxes.

22 Jun 1838 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
Mrs. P. Norris or George Overacre: 1 town lot, value $2,500.00, situated in Rodney; $6.25 tax.
(Tax Collector listed persons paying taxes as written above.)

25 Oct 1840 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
Mrs. P. Norris: 1 town lot, value $2,500.00, situated in Rodney; $6.25 tax.

10 Oct 1840 U S Land Patent #2163
John S. Norris: 590.73 acs. Section 21, Township 13 N, Range 4 E, Claiborne Co., MS.

Question: Could John filed for this patent prior to his death and his wife may have exercised this patent.
1841 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax
Mrs. P. Norris: 1 town lot, value $500.00, situated in Rodney; $1.25 tax.

04 Jun 1841 Jefferson Co., MS Personal Property Tax
Mrs. P. Norris: 1 town lot, value $500.00, situated in Rodney; $1.25 tax.

1842 - 1848 Jefferson Co., Combination or Personal Property Tax
Mrs. P. Norris was not listed as paying taxes.

Note: Time did not permit continuing searching tax rolls for Mrs. Pomona Norris after 1848.
15 Jun 1835 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax  
George Overaker: 3 town lots, value $4000.00, situated in Rodney; sale of merchandise value at $12,000; 2 white poll; 5 slaves; $43.87 tax.

15 Apr 1836 Southern Telegraph, Rodney, Jefferson Co., MS: p.3, col. 1  
On Saturday last, at the residence of his mother, John S. Norris, aged about 36 years.

29 Apr 1836 Southern Telegraph, Rodney, Jefferson Co., MS: p.4, col. 2  
George Overacre, letters of administration on the estate of John S. Norris, deceased.

Jefferson Co., MS - Administration & Executor Book 1805-1838  
John S. Norris estate or George Overaker's names were not recorded.  
The following names were recorded in this book: Thomas, L. F., Elizabeth, James Norris.

John S. Norris estate or George Overaker's names were not listed.  
The following names were recorded in this book: James L., Rosanna, Mastin, Patrick K., James and Evelyn Norris.

30 Sep 1836 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax  
George Overaker: 10 town lots, value $20,000, situated in Rodney; sale of merchandise value $30,000; 1 white poll; 4 slaves; $127.87 ½ tax.

1837 Jefferson Co., MS Combination Tax  
George Overaker: 10 town lots, value $20,000, situated in Rodney; sale of merchandise value $150.00; 1 white poll; 6 slaves; $91.63 ½ tax.

11 Dec 1837 Jefferson Co., MS Land Deed Bk D, p. 25  
George Overaker sold to James Bone and John McGinley for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars all that lot or parcel of ground in the Town of Rodney known and described as follows: commencing at the northwest corner of Lot No. 5 in Square No. 4 and running west wardly there from sixty feet also sixty feet and one hundred and twenty feet in dept being the house lately constructed by the said George Overaker and now occupied by him as a grocery and produce store.
4. Land Deed Bk D, pp. 116-117
George Overaker, Admr. of John S. Norris, deceased of the County of Jefferson...at public auction at Fayette on 15 March 1837 for the sum of nine hundred and fifty five dollars to said Penona Norris... Lot in the Town of Rodney described as sixty feet long and two hundred and forty feet back on the East side of Commerce Street, bounded on the South by a lot of land belonging to T. G. Compton, bonded on the North by a lot of land belonging to George Overaker.

5. Land Deed Bk D, pp. 430-431
George Overaker of the County of Hamilton and State of Ohio appoint David Bone of the County of Warren and State of Ohio my true and lawful attorney. Recorded 13 June 1839.

6. Land Deed Bk D, p. 686
On the tenth day of June 1839 George Torrey, Sheriff of Jefferson Countyindenture to David Bone... Against the property of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. [Warren] for the sum of five thousand five hundred and five dollars and fifty cents and one hundred and fifty dollars and 14 cents on lot number five. Recorded 13 June 1840.

7. Land Deed Bk E, pp. 440-45
George Torrey, Sheriff deed to John M. Prichard the sell of property of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. Warren for the sum of five thousand five hundred and five dollars and fifty cents and one hundred and fifty nine and fourteen cents. Recorded 18 November 1840.

8. Land Deed Bk E, pp. 275-276
George Torrey, sheriff deeds to John M. Prichard from suit of James M. Smith against the good and chattels, land and interest of George Overaker and Jeremiah B. Warren... One for the sum of five hundred and eighty four dollars and seventy five cents and thirty two dollars and fifty nine cents cost. Recorded 17 January 1842.

Note: Copies of land deeds enclosed.
Research assignment:
Look for an estate record for Pomona Overaker in Jefferson County.

1. I have again searched all wills, probate, administrator, executors, guardianship records starting in 1850 through 1870 in Jefferson County. I did not find anything relating to Pomona Overaker Taylor Norris.

2. Searching Adams Co. probate records I found Levi Taylor's loose probate papers. Pomona Taylor executrix for the estate of Levi Taylor. These paper consist of: Levi's original will, inventory of his estate, account of executrix and vouchers.
   Note: Levi Taylor probate loose papers enclosed.

3. I have also searched the Claiborne County records since John S. Norris received a U. S. Land Patent and accepted in 1840. Nothing was found on John S. or Pomona Norris names on the county tax rolls or land deed index.

Theory: Could Pomona have moved to Ohio with George or possibly back to Virginia? I did not find a third marriage record for Pomona in Jefferson, Wilkinson, Adams, Hinds, and Claiborne Counties.
NORRIS - BECK CEMETERY

Location: In Jefferson County, MS Sec. 33 - T10N - R1W

Located on a high bluff overlooking Dowd Creek. To reach this cemetery, there is a logging road turning to the east from the Piazza Road. At this time there is a locked gate at the entrance to this road. Follow this road to the creek bank. During dry weather, it is possible to drive a 4 wheeler up the extremely steep road on the opposite side of the creek where at the top of this bluff, this road will come to a T, turn right unto the road that passes and then another immediate right unto the bluff. The road that passes along this bluff used to be a county road and there are several house sites visible in the area. There are many indentations indicating other burials. There is one brick crypt without identification.

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BECK, Samuel
Died at the age of 83 years - 28 Apr 1850

BECK, Sarah Jane
Died at the age of 6 years - 24 Jun 1832

LEWIS, Mrs. Lucinda
16 Mar 1805 - 13 Nov 1825

NORRIS, John S.
Died at the age of 40 years - 09 Apr 1836

NORRIS, James
Died at the age of 70 years - 17 Nov 1827

NORRIS, Mary
Died at the age of 70 years - 19 Sep 1841

NORRIS, James L.
Died at the age of 40 years - 17 Mar 1848

Marriage Records of Jefferson County:
12 Dec 1808 Sally Norris married Brooking Griffing
31 May 1825 Thomas L. Norris married Mary Bradshaw
26 Mar 1830 Thomas W. Beck married Eliza Norris

Sprinkle on the spice of life,
But give it a gentle shake;
For less is more, though rich or poor,
No matter what you make.
Charles Ghigna

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Pomona Overaker Taylor Norris

Supposedly date of death April 13, 1866. I found a current (1995) listing of who is buried in the Norris-Beck Cemetery. Pomona was not listed. Also search the DAR cemetery listing for Jefferson Co. dated 1984 and the same names were listed. I have made a copy for you of the 1995 listing.

No newspaper for Rodney or Jefferson Co. for the year 1866 to search for an obit.

Reviewing Jefferson Co.'s wills, probate cases, and probate minutes I did not find anything concerning Pomona. While reviewing these records I found this item in the Probate Minutes Bk 1844-1848, p. 25 the following (copy made for you): George Overaker, [looks like Adm of Deceased] vs. Thos W. Beck, Adm. for P. K. N. (I am assuming this is Patrick K. Norris) June Term 1839. Discussing distribution of said estate and final account.

Jefferson Co., MS Land Deeds found on John S. and Pomona Norris

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Let me know if you want copies of these land deeds.