Other Melson families in addition to the John and Elizabeth Painter Melson lines are found in the United States. These families arrived at different times and from different European regions. As mentioned in Chapter One, Melsons are found in Germany, Denmark, Norway and England. In addition, scattered throughout Scandinavia are many families with spellings such as Melsen and Mellsen. It is possible, some of these families after arriving in America adopted the use of Melson for their family name. In the course of these investigations into the origins of the family and determining who were members, I also located many Melsons who were not directly related to our John and Elizabeth Melson family. It is these Melsons who are listed in this Chapter.

Leamon Ackley Melson, Jr., Williamsburg, VA, informed me his line descended from the William Melson family in Currituck County, North Carolina. William, born before 1751, had settled there about 1772. This county lies just inside the outer banks bordering the Atlantic Ocean and stretches between the Albemarle and Currituck Sounds. William Melson later purchased additional land in Tyrell County, NC, some 300 acres at Pear Tree Point, the Richard Sanders former plantation. He moved to this site, leaving two sons at Powell's Point. The William Melson family included these members:

- John Aydelett Melson m Polly Pledger in late 1790's Currituck County
- Elizabeth Melson m Samuel Gregory before 1804
- Polly Melson m Bowen Green
- James Melson m Mary Etheridge c1802
- William Melson Jr. m Sarah Pledger Melson Jan.11,1813 Tyrell County
- John Aydelett Melson, the oldest son of William and his wife, was born 1775, died 1807. He married Polly Pledger, a daughter of Joseph and Christian Pledger, sometime before 1790. Their children were (Ref. 2):
  - Joseph Melson, never married
  - Silas Etheridge Melson, born Apr.13,1828, died Sep.25,1897, married Amelia Cason, born c1830, died Apr.30,1879. Their children were:
    - Joseph Brooks Melson, born Oct.25,1857, died Jun.1,1896, married 1886, Albert Ann Cumcliffe. They had...
Alan Cumliffe Melson, born Nov. 2, 1889, Jackson, Tenn., married Grace Elizabeth Aaron, born Sep. 14, 1890, Apr. 12, 1912. Their children were:
  Ann Elizabeth Melson, married May 23, 1935, Col. I. B. Burdick. Their son was Frank Randolph Burdick. They live at Double Springs, Alabama.
  Joseph Imon Melson, married Ruby Lynn Nelson. They live in Memphis, Tenn.
  Mary Sue Melson, married Roy L. Parker. Their son was Lyle Cumliffe Parker.
  Alan Josephine Melson, married Thelred Hill. They had one daughter, Beverly Sue Hill. They live in Memphis, Tenn.
  Mamie Lake Melson, died Feb. 11, 1953, married William S. Clark. Their children were: William Sterling Clark, Jr., died age 21 from a hunting accident; and Margaret Ann Clark.
  Amelia Cole Melson, died Jan. 5, 1907.
  Ann Liddle Melson, married Richard B. Timberlake. Their children were: "son" died at birth, and Ann Timberlake.
  Sarah Augusta Melson, third child of Silas Etheridge and Amelia Cason Melson, born Sep. 30, 1859, died Dec. 15, 1950. Her first husband was George Tillson. They were married Jan. 9, 1883. Her second was Thomas Eames, married Jun. 26, 1907. She had no children.
  Braxton C. Melson, was the fourth child of Silas and Amelia Melson, he was born Dec. 11, 1861, died Oct. 16, 1938, married Nellie Cook of San Antonio, TX. Their sons were Sam Melson and Robert Melson.
  Mary Jane Melson, the fifth child of Silas and Amelia Melson, born Mar. 1, 1864, died Jan. 1, 1925, married Robert Bruce Little, Dec. 13, 1882. Their children were: Mary Little, Jack Little, Ward Little, and Gladys Little.
  Pledger Melson, the sixth child of Silas and Amelia Melson, born Mar. 25, 1866, died May 3, 1875.
  Silas Sumpter Melson, born May 19, 1870, died Jan. 2, 1895, nm.
  Charles Masterson Melson, born May 4, 1872, died Feb. 16, 1901, married Else Wear, Longview, TX, Dec. 25, 1893. Their children were: Annie Melson and Amelia Melson.
  Lena Belle Melson, born Jun. 4, 1874, married Walter Eikel, Taylor, TX, Aug. 24, 1893. Their children were: Barbara Eikel, and Dorothy Eikel.
  Andrew Mc. Melson, born Apr. 26, 1876, died Jun. 8, 1914, married Ada Allison, Jan. 27, 1899. Their children were: Lynn Melson and Marvin Melson.
Marvin Melson and Lynn Melson, after their parents' deaths were adopted by their aunt and her husband, Lena and Walter Eikel, and grew up in Austin, TX. Marvin Melson married Edna Schmidt of Eagle Pass, TX, in 1933. They had two children:

Marvin Andrew Melson who graduated from Texas A&M College. He served in the U.S. Army as an officer. He is married.

Susan Lynn Melson, the second child of Marvin and Edna Melson, married Howard Yeargan.

Marvin Andrew Melson and his wife lived in Eagle Pass, TX, where he was the Manager of the City of Eagle Pass Water System.

Lynn Melson, the daughter of Marvin and Ada Melson, married Joe Uhler; they had no children; she died in 1954.

Amelia Melson was the twelfth child of Silas and Amelia Melson; she was born Apr. 4, 1878, died Aug. 3, 1878.

Mary Melson, the third child of Pledger and Martha Green Melson, married Kitty Ward. They had two children:

Silas Melson, left no children.

Mary Melson, left no children.

Alexander Melson served in the Confederate Army. He and his wife were married in Corinth, Miss., later moved to Texas. Pledger Melson was a sailor in addition to farming. He died after enduring a severe storm at sea. His wife raised her family in Gallatin, Tenn.

Elijah P. Melson, the second child of John Aydelett and Polly Pledger Melson, was born in 1801, in Currituck County, NC. When he was four years old, his parents moved to Tyrell County, NC. He became a sailor as a young man. He married Elizabeth (Betty) Linton c. 1820. He continued sailing until 1845, when he bought 100 acres in Tyrell County. Later he sold this property and moved to Hertford County, NC, living with one of his sons. After the Civil War, he returned to Tyrell County and bought a plantation in the Gum Neck section. He willed everything to his daughter, Mahala Meekins, on Jan. 22, 1867, stipulating his wife, Betty, and their daughter, Susan, to be supported. Elijah and Betty had four children:

John A. Melson, born Jan. 2, 1821, died 1905. He was raised in Tyrell County, NC, becoming a sailor. He remained on board his ship for twenty-one years. In 1854, he came ashore and married Nancy Sanderlin, the daughter of T. Sanderlin. Their only child John A. Melson, Jr., was born 1855 in Washington, DC. Nancy Sanderlin Melson died Dec. 20, 1855.

John A. Melson, Jr. John Jr. was raised by his grandparents in Hertford County, NC. After his father remarried in 1865, he lived with his father. He married Nancy Sawyer. They had three children.

Lethia Melson, married Harvey Boyce. Their children were:

Dallas Boyce, Elizabeth Boyce, Catherine Boyce, Joe Boyce. They live in Northampton County, NC.

Charles Dallas Melson, married Mary Bryant. They have four children:

Carrol Lathan Melson, married Jeannie Columbo, in Boston, MA, in 1948. Their children are:
Bryan P. Melson and Jeann Leslie Melson.
Richard Earl Melson, born in Northampton County, NC, married
Louise Somers of Bloxom, VA, Dec. 8, 1945. Their children are:
Patricia Ann Melson, Barbara Lynn Melson, Richard Earl Melson,
Jr., and Debora Kay Melson. They live in Hampton, VA.
Charles J. Melson, born Northampton County, NC, married Jane
Helen Virginia Melson, born in Phoebus, VA, married Dee Vough
Phillips, 1948 or 1949. Their children are: Dee Vough Phil-
lips Jr., and Cary Wayne Phillips.
John Melson, Jr., son of John A. and Nancy Melson, is married and
was living in St. Louis, MO, in 1956, with two children.
John A. Melson's second wife was Margaret Stevenson, a daughter of Exum
Stevenson, a Baptist Minister of Northampton County, NC. They were
married in 1865. Margaret died in Dec. 1894, and John A. Melson in 1905
at the Confederate Soldiers Home, Raleigh, NC. They had six children:
Beulah Benjamin Melson, born Nov. 15, 1866, died 1941, married Newsom
Glasgow. Their children were Carrie Glasgow, Annie Glasgow, and
Jobie Glasgow.
Lillie Bell Melson, born Mar. 2, 1868, died Apr. 26, 1899, married L.S.
Jenkins.
Nancy Shields Melson, born Dec. 27, 1869, died 1941, her first husband
was Richard Bentlety and her second was John Wood Askew, she had
no children.
Junius Exum Melson, the fourth child of John A. and Margaret Melson,
born Oct. 12, 1871, died Nov. 11, 1956, married Annibettie Ellen Parker,
1901. She was a daughter of James A. and Susanna Parker, Hertford
County, NC. He was a farmer and a carpenter, living in Ahoskie, NC
until 1912. He then began to follow structural construction
throughout the east and midwest, finally settling in Newport News,
VA. Annibettie died June 17, 1951, Junius lived later with his son,
James E. Melson in Warwick, VA. Junius and Annibettie Melson had
three children:
Connie E. Melson, born Mar. 14, 1907, in Ahoskie, NC.
Margaret Elizabeth Melson, born Petersburg, VA, married John J.
Hubbard, Dec. 23, 1933, Newport News, VA. Their children were:
June Elizabeth Hubbard, second child's name is not known;
and James Exum Melson Jr., born at Union, NC, married Edna Lee
Ellis, Feb. 11, 1939, they were living in Warwick, VA, in 1956.
Elijah Bennett (Dean) Melson, born Feb. 16, 1873, died Jan. 29, 1933, Rich-
mond, VA. His wife's name was Edith. They had one son, Charles A.
Melson, born May 25, 1904, died Sep. 14, 1981. He graduated from the
United States Naval Academy and became a Vice-Admiral, retiring
in 1966. He married Veda Lee Cummings. They had one daughter, Nancy
Lee Melson. He is buried at the Naval Academy Graveyard.
Margaret Elizabeth Melson, born Feb. 28, 1875, died Jul. 30, 1930, married
Lawrence Cook. Their children were: Clarence, Gladys and Lilian.
Joseph Melson, born 1832, was the second child of Elijah and Betty Melson.
Mahala E. Melson, the third child, born 1837, died 1910. She married three times,
hers first husband was Robert Lewis Pledger, died pMar. 4, 1854. Her second
was Warren Davenport, died pDec. 29, 1859. Her third was J. Charles Meekins.
They had four children, the first two dying as infants, and J. Charles
Meekins Jr., and Isaac Melson Meekins.
Sarah Melson, the fourth child of Elijah and Betty Melson, born 1843.
Elizabeth Melson, the second child of William and Aydelett Melson, was born during the 1780's; she married before 1804, Lemuel Gregory.
Polly Melson, the third child of William and Aydelett Melson, was born in the 1780's as well, marrying before 1804, Bowen Green.
James Melson, the fourth child of William and Aydelett Melson, also was born during the 1780's. He married in 1802, Mary Etheridge. After her death, Sarah Pledger Melson, the widow of his brother, William Jr., James farmed in Currituck County, NC where he owned three large tracts of land around Powell's Point. He died July 4, 1843. James and Mary Etheridge Melson had three sons:

William Melson was their first son, he was born 1803 in Currituck County, NC. Died c1851. He became a carpenter and a mariner. He married Olive Pledger Alexander, Nov. 12, 1824 in Tyrell County, NC. She was born in 1804 and died in the early 1860's. William had died in the 1850's.

Their children were:
- James Aydelett Melson, born 1825, Tyrell County, NC. Married Jane Repass. Their children:
  - Sarah Melson, born 1849, Beauford County, NC. Married Tom Mariner of Washington County, NC. No further information.
  - Jane Melson, born Apr. 21, 1850, Beauford County, NC, died May 18, 1890, Married Louis Marriner. No further information.
  - Mary E. Melson, married James R. Dillon, Washington County, NC.
  - Two daughters, Lorena Estelle and Eleanor Fontain.

Henry Melson, never married.

After Jane's death, James remarried, his second wife was Annie B. Rhea. Their child was Frances Olive Melson, never married, died May 11, 1907.

Sampson Melson, the second child of James and Mary Etheridge Melson, married (1) Livinia Davenport, Mar. 6, 1830 in Tyrell County, NC, later (2) Jane Chaplin, Feb. 1, 1859, also in Tyrell County, NC.

Elijah Melson, the third child of James and Mary Etheridge Melson, married Basbia Sykes, in Currituck County, NC. Their children were:
- William Melson, born Sep. 15, 1831, died Jan., 1848.
- Sarah E. Melson, born Dec. 20, 1838, died Feb. 18, 1848.
- Mary Jane Melson, born May 2, 1842, died young.
- Jhew Melson, born Sep. 5, 1843, died young.
- Elijah Patrick Melson, born Oct. 11, 1845, died Sep. 26, 1848.
- James Hodges Melson, born Mar. 25, 1847, died Aug. 19, 1858.
- Fernelia Carolina Melson, born Feb. 10, 1850, died young.
- John William Melson, born Jul. 20, 1850, married Frances Adelina Crank.

Their children were:
- William Elijah Melson, married Lucinda Holland Combs, 1908, a daughter of John Combs, Tyrell County, NC. Their children:
  - William Donald Melson married De Alva Johnson, a daughter of Ivy Dee and Hattie L. Johnson of Savannah, GA.

Edmond Ventress Melson, born Dec. 11, 1852, died Jan. 19, 1931, married Olive Ann Payne, in Dare County, NC.
Olive Payne was born on Hatteras Island, NC, died Nov. 19, 1886. Edmond's parents died while he was a child, he was raised by relatives. He attended the Univ. of Alabama, then returned to NC to farm in Currituck County. Their children were:

Ventress Calhoun Melson, the first child of Edmond and Olive, born Aug. 27, 1878, died Apr. 25, 1905 in Wanchese County, NC. He married Martha Esther Johnson. He was a carpenter and fisherman. Their children were:

Leamon Ackley Melson, born at Wanchese, NC, Apr. 21, 1902. He married Catherine Tuttle in Norfolk, VA. Their son is

Leamon Ackley Melson, Jr. of Williamsburg, VA. Leamon Ackley Melson, Jr. kindly provided this history of the William Melson family of North Carolina together with information about the John Melson family of Accomack County, VA. Leamon Ackley Melson, Jr. graduated from William and Mary College in Law and taught many years at the College Preparatory School, Williamsburg, VA. His father, Leamon Ackley Sr. served as a Lt. in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he became a Pilot for the U.S. Naval Station Norfolk.

Angerola Melson, born Sep. 19, 1904, at Wanchese, NC, married James Hallie Daughtry, born Sep. 20, 1906. They were married at Lillington, NC, Mar. 5, 1932. Their children were:

Martha Angela, James Ventress, Samuel Edison, Johnnie Helena, and Mary Hallie.

James W. Melson, the second child of Edmond and Olive Melson, born Mar. 5, 1880, in Currituck County, NC, died Jan. 3, 1902.

Bashbia Melson, the third child of Edmond and Olive Melson, born Jul. 27, 1881, was living in Florida in 1956.

William Jhew Melson, the fourth child of Edmond and Olive, born Oct. 2, 1884, died Oct. 17, 1885 in Currituck County, NC.

Edmond's second wife was Geneva Sawyer. Their children were:

Olive Ann Melson, married Thomas A. Baum. They had two daughters, the first died at birth, the second is Louise Diana Baum, born Feb. 2, 1909.

Geneva Shannon Melson, no record.

Emma Allice Melson, married with two children.

Lena May Melson, now living in New Jersey.

Edmond Ventress Melson Jr., married Goldie Capps, one daughter, Betty. They live in Nags Head, NC.

Edmond's third wife was Lillie Voliva. Her first husband was a Minister in Washington, NC. They had no children.

Fernelia Alabama Melson was the eleventh child of Elijah and Basbia Melson, she was born Feb. 29, 1855. She married Silas Curles. Their children were: Odessa who died young, another Odessa, Onward, Adaline and Roxy.

James Melson's second wife was Sarah Pledger Melson, the widow of his younger brother, William Melson. Their children were:

Nancy Melson, no record.

James Melson, his will in 1847 declared his wife to be a Sudyselly.

John Aydelett Melson, born Oct. 10, 1822, died Feb. 14, 1879. He became a ship's carpenter. He married Polly Dowdy, born Nov. 5, 1834, died Jul. 22, 1902. Their children were:
James I. Melson, the first child of John A. and Polly Melson, born 1853, never married.

Nancy Melson, died young.


James A. Melson, born Apr. 7, 1858, died Jan. 9, 1931, married Almeda Tillett, born Sep. 5, 1876, died May 8, 1954. He farmed in Currituck County, NC. Their children were:

Thomas H. Melson, married Nina Gallop of Currituck County, NC, on Sep. 9, 1920. Their daughter was Gladys L. Melson, married John J. Guercio, Dec. 16, 1945. Their daughters are Patricia Ann and Sharon. They live in Niagara Falls, NY.


Sarah Melson, never married.


William John Melson, the third son of William and Olive Alexander Melson, born 1832, Williamson, NC, married Apr. 29, 1866 to Permilia Ewell Ward in Martin County, NC. William John enlisted in the Confederate States Army on Apr. 17, 1862 as a Private in Company A, Regiment 17. He lost a part of one hand and was discharged. He returned home, married and became a farmer and painter. Permilia was a widow. She had two daughters by her first marriage: Victoria and Martha. William John and Permilia Melson had these children:


Jessie Melson, died 1949, married Laura Walker, Dec. 15, 1920, Martin County, NC. He was a WWI veteran, and lived in Williamson, NC. Their children were:

Louise Melson, married William Latham Thrower of Williamson, NC. Their children are: William L. Jr., Julia Louise, and one other.

Lenora Melson married Walter Jackson Borden, Windsor, NC, in 1946, their son is Gary Melson Borden.

Jessie Mae Melson, married Larry James Bullock, Jr., Williamson, NC, in 1951. Their children were: Laurie Susan and Larry James Bullock III.

Joe Mark Melson, the third child of William Robert and Fannie Melson, never married. He was killed in WWI.

Effie Rosa Melson, the fourth child of William and Fannie, married May 23, 1922, William E. Haywood, Richmond, VA. They have eight children: William Earl Jr., Alma Louise, Mildred Elizabeth, Maurice Ray, Muriel Joyce, Evelyn Mae, Shirley Ann, and Alton Darrel.

Sampson Melson, born 1805, in Currituck County, NC, the second son of Jessee and Mary Melson. He married Lavinia Davenport of Tyrell County, NC in 1830. They lived along the Scuppernong River, Lavenia died during the 1850's. Sampson married Jane Chaplin in 1859.
Sampson and Lavinia Melson had four children.

Joseph N. Melson, born 1833, married Elizabeth Twiddy, Apr. 5, 1859 in Tyrell County, NC. His second wife was Lavinia Lewark. Joseph and Elizabeth Twiddy Melson had one child, Annie Melson. Annie married (1) John Adams. Their child was John Adams, Jr. Her second husband was Jim Reynolds, they had five children: Willie, Clair, Cleveland, Melissa, and Bettie Reynolds. Sampson and his second wife, Lavinia Lewark, had seven children:

- Mary Rebecca Melson, married Thomas Caroon, 1889.
- Allice Levenia Melson, married John Lewark, 1887.
- Nettie L. Melson, married Joseph Caroon, 1888.
- Milton L. Melson, married Penelope Hayman, 1901.
- Leela Melson, married William O'Neal.

William R. Melson, the second child of Sampson and Lavenia Daveport Melson, born 1844, married Parmelia Mizzell in 1867, in Tyrell County, NC. He lived across the road from his father along the Scuppernong River. He moved later to Currituck County, NC. They had five children:

- Joseph Sampson Melson, married Nancy O'Neal, 1897 in Currituck County, NC. They had children who live around Norfolk, VA.
- William Riley Melson, married Evolena Sawyer, 1899, Currituck County, NC. Their children were:
  - William Henry Melson, married Maud Jackson, their children were: Marion Irene Melson, married Charles Moore; William Henry Melson, Jr., married Polly Bullock, they lived in Charlotte, NC., and Patricia Ann Melson married Joseph Beal.
- Julian Riley Melson, married Ethel Daniels, their children are: Walton Roy Melson, and Cecil Robert Melson.

Sally Irene Melson married Woodward Hughes, no children.

Joseph Elbert Melson married Emily Lucille Hunter, their children: Joseph Elbert Jr., William Glover Hunter, Paul Edward, Mamie Lucille, and Clarence Eugene Melson of Asheville, NC.

James Augustus Melson married Amy Forbes, 1907, Currituck County, NC. Their children:

- Hayla Ann Melson, never married.
- Sarah Elizabeth Melson, married Ralph Aydlett, three children.
- James Edward Melson, born Sep. 21, 1911, died Jul. 10, 1912.
- Zadoke Melson married Annie Sutton, one child, and lived in Virginia Beach, VA.
- James Augustus Melson Jr. married (1) Treva Guthrie. They had three children. His second wife was Statha Briggs of Currituck County, NC. They also had three children.

William Melson, Jr. was the third son of William Sr. and "?' Aydlett Melson. He married Sarah Pledger before 1804. He was a seaman and was presumed lost at sea before 1810. They had two children:

- Joseph Melson married Elizabeth Midgett Pledger, Dec. 29, 1834, Tyrell County, NC. She was the widow of William Pledger. Their children were: Elizabeth Melson, married Samuel S. Barnett, May 28, 1857, Currituck County, NC.

Mary Melson, never married.
Joseph Melson, the son of William Jr. and Sarah Pledger Melson, was born c1805, died 1846. He was a farmer, most of his lands were those that his grandfather bought from William and Ann Aydlett in 1788, some 400 acres. Joseph and Elizabeth Melson had three children:

Elizabeth Melson, born Apr. 5, 1837, died Jun. 4, 1905. She married Samuel S. Barnett. Their children were: Henry, Eugenia and Pauline.

Henry Barnett, died May 11, 1924, married Hortense Wise, Aug. 31, 1886. Their children were:
- Tom Barnett, died as a child.
- Felege Barnett, never married.
- Bernice Barnett, never married.

Eugenia Barnett, the second child, married John B. Combs, born Sep. 11, 1839, died Apr. 3, 1911, after the death of his first wife, Mary Caroline Melson. They were married May 13, 1883. Their children were: Pauline E., Joseph H., Lillian M., Hester E., Dommie G. and Lucy C.


William G. Melson, the second child of Joseph and Elizabeth Melson, born Jun. 1, 1839, died Aug. 1912, married Mary Ann Alexander, born 17, 1833, died Dec. 4, 1899, she was a daughter of Reddick and Esther Combs Alexander. William was a teacher and a surveyor in Tyrell County, NC for more than fifty years. In 1878, he was elected from Tyrell County to the State Assembly; he sponsored legislation to establish teachers colleges at Trinity, his alma mater, (now Duke), Davidson, Wake Forest and the Univ. of North Carolina. William G. and Mary Ann Melson had six children:

- Ellar Melson, born Oct. 15, 1865, died Sep. 30, 1866.
- Florence Melson, married John William Casey, Sep. 1886, Dare County, NC.
- Alonzo Melson, born Oct. 17, 1874, died Feb. 29, 1948, married Mary Justine Pledger, born Dec. 3, 1870, died Jan. 21, 1939, a daughter of John Anderson and Nancy Owens Pledger, on Jan. 8, 1896. Alonzo was a seaman, later a merchant and businessman, Postmaster for Fort Landing, NC. In 1917, he moved to Columbia, NC where he retired in 1923. Their children were:
  - Willis Bascum Melson, lived three years.
  - Clara Justine Melson married Ira Lewis Alexander, Jun. 3, 1917 in Tyrell County, NC. They lived in Jonesville, NC.
  - Mae Estelle Melson, married Robert Lewis Pinner, Jun. 13, 1919, in Washington County, NC. Their son was James Melson Pinner, who married Blannie McKeel of Crestville, FL, Mar. 30, 1945. Their sons are: James Melson Pinner, Jr. and William Robert Pinner. They lived in Greenville, NC. Mae Melson Pinner died Dec. 24, 1941, she was the first Librarian of the Tyrell County Library.

John William Melson, married Helen Ralph Spruill, Aug. 18, 1936, in Washington County, NC. She was a daughter of Sanderson and Mabel Ralph Spruill. They had one daughter, Kay Spruill Melson and lived in Columbia, NC.

Joseph Melson, died the day he was born.

Willie Joseph Melson, lived one day.
Mary Nancy Melson, married Corley Irving Spencer, Jun. 4, 1956. They lived in Durham, NC.

Helen Wilkinson Melson, married Booker Ira Olive, May 1, 1938 in Durham. They have a daughter, Mary Commie Olive.

Mary Caroline Melson, the third child of Joseph and Elizabeth Melson, was born Sep. 1, 1841, died Feb. 19, 1879. She married John B. Combs, a son of Capt. John B. Sr., and Nancy Basnight Combs on Jan. 24, 1860 in Tyrrell County, NC. He was born Sep. 11, 1839, died Apr. 3, 1911 at Columbia, NC. Their children were: Elizabeth L. Combs, Allice L. Combs, Laura L. Combs, Joseph J. Combs, Arthur B. Combs, Seldon M. Combs, Howard J. Combs, and John T. Combs.

The William Melson family of North Carolina genealogy was extracted from "MELSON RECORDS," John Melson, Columbia, NC, 1956.

"The Honorable Samuel J. Melson of a grandson of Thomas and Elizabeth Dent Melson, and a son of John D. Melson, John D. Melson was born May 31, 1818 in Bedford County, VA. His father and mother, Thomas and Elizabeth Dent Melson were also natives of that county. They had three children: Sallie M. Melson married John Bufford; Harriett Melson married James Nimmo, and John D. Melson. Only John D. Melson was living in 1895. He was a prominent businessman and politician in Shelby County, MO. He was Treasurer for Shelby County for four years and was a Justice of the Peace beginning in 1857. John D. Melson's wife was Mary A. West, born Jan. 4, 1819 in Bedford County, VA. A daughter of Capt. Samuel and Anna (James) West. Capt. West died at the age of 96 in 1889, his wife died a year later.

John D. Melson and Mary West were married in Bedford County, VA in 1840. Their children were: Joel Melson; Nathaniel Melson; Annie E. Melson, married Martin I. Ely; Samuel J. Melson, Isaac N. Melson; John C. Melson; Marble Melson; Sallie Melson married Chester Gunby; Virginia W. Melson; married D. L. Cooper; Matson Melson.

Samuel J. Melson was born in Bedford County, VA, Nov. 6, 1846. He married Sarah Pendleton, a daughter of Presley and Dulcena (Lyle) Pendleton from Kentucky. Sarah was born in Saline Township, Ralls County, MO, on May 6, 1847, died Dec. 4, 1878. Their children were: Edmond P. Melson; Meadow M. Melson; David Dent Melson; Dulcena Melson, married John L. Owen; James A. Melson; and Oza E. Melson. Samuel remarried Aug. 14, 1879, his second wife was Louisa F. Crawford, a daughter of James D. and Lucetta (Yeager) Crawford, of Ralls County, born Oct. 6, 1856. Their children were: Ira C. Melson; Cora L. Melson; Lillie F. Melson and John D. Melson." This excerpt is from "Portraits of Marion, Ralls and Pike Counties, Missouri, 1895.

The Shelby County MO. HERALD for 1874 carried the following item:

June 10 Melson, Thomas f/o Jno D. Melson, died at son's residence on 2nd. Born Buckingham County, VA in 1788, age 86 when he died. - Methodist.

Another Midwest family was "Joseph Melson, born Jun. 17, 1818, married May 25, 1842 to Mary A. Benner, born Aug. 5, 1854. Their children were:

Francis Cobb Melson, born Jul. 9, 1843, married Matilda Putnam, Dec. 12, 1865.

Marria Melson, born Jul. 22, 1847, married Selden Doty, 1871.

Benner F. Melson, born Aug. 8, 1852, married S. D. Brown, Mar. 9, 1876.

John C. Melson, born Sep. 10, 1885, married L. M. Brown, Apr. 9, 1877.

Annie E. Melson, born Sep. 13, 1853, married Milton Hall, 1875.

"Chubby" Melson, born Jun. 27, 1861, died Sep. 8, 1864.

Minerva Bell Melson, born Feb. 24, 1865, married A. A. Stanley, 1885.

Sarah E. Melson, born Mar. 18, 1868, married W. A. Fox, 1886.
Benner Franklin Melson, the third child of Joseph and Mary Benner Melson, was the grandfather of Marion Melson, Wichita, Kansas. He was apparently born in Ohio, later lived in Iowa, Green City, MO, before settling near Burns, Chase County, Kansas in 1915. Marion Melson, who provided this information, lies at 5910 Hanover, Wichita, Kansas, 67220.

Mrs. Linda Melson Mulkey, 17710 3rd Place West, Bothell, WA, 98011 had provided the following information about Melsons in Ohio in the early 1800’s.

1820 Census of the US, Ohio
Melson, James Scioto County Green Township
  " , Joseph Ross " Paint "
  " , Samuel Ross " Paint "
  " , John Fayette " Green "

1830 Census of the US, Ohio
Melson, Kiziah Adams County 2 males under 5, 1 female under 5, 3 females 10-15, 1 female 30-40.
  " , Joseph Scioto " 1 male 20-30, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 40-50.
  " , Hiram Pike " 2 males 15-20, 1 male 3-40, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 40-50.

1840 Census of the US, Ohio
Melson, James Ross County 2 males under 5, 1 male 20-30, 1 female under 5, 1 female 20-30.
  " , James " 2 males under 5, 1 male 20-30, 1 female under 5, 1 female 20-30.
  " , Samuel " 2 males under 5, 1 male 20-30, 1 female under 5, 1 female 20-30.
  " , Joseph " 1 male under 5, 1 male 40-50, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 20-30.
  " , Thomas Melson " 1 female 15-20, 1 male 20-30, 1 male 70-80, 1 female 15-20, 1 female 60-70.
  " , William Melson " 1 male under 5, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 50-60, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 30-40.
  " , Jacob Melson " 2 males under 5, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 20-30, 2 females 5-10, 1 female 20-30.

1850 Census of the US, Ohio
Fayette County
Corard Township
  John Melson 30 Laborer
  Meoseq Melson 30 Laborer
Green Township
  Thomas Melson 35 Farmer
  Charlotte Melson 33
  Sarah F. Melson 6
  William Melson 4
Snijilive? 2
Marion Township
  Michael Melson 29 Farmer
  Margaret A. Melson 21
  Martha E. Melson 1
1850 Census of the US, Ohio (Continued).

Clinton County
  Clark Township
    Jacob Melson  30  Farmer
    Sarah        28
    Mary         12
    Malinda      9
    Emily        8
    John W.      7
    Samuel L.    2
    Mahala J.    2 mos.
  Liberty Township
    David Melson  24  Carpenter
    M.A.         24
    John         2

Pickaway County
  Washington Township
    Job Melson   50  Laborer
    Servir H.    19

Auglaize County
  Wayne Township
   Thomas Melson  44
   Margaret      41
   Muldy E.      21
   William       18
   Mary          17
   Samuel        13

Jefferson County
  Town of Mt. Pleasant
    David Melson  38
    Mary A.       37
    Annie M.      11
    Duncan        9
    William       7
    James         5
    Martha        3

Marriage Records, Highland County, Ohio - Seattle WA Library qR929.3771-M122M
David Melson married Susan Bragg 6 Aug. 1840 by Wm. Elliott JP.
Jacob Melson married Sarah Mays 15 Nov. 1838 by Joel Thurman.
Emily Melson married Jacob Pfister 23 Jan. 1863 by John M. Dorman.

1870 Census of the US, Ohio

Ross County,
  Buckskin Township
    Melson, Thomas  64  House Carpenter born Kentucky
    ,Sarah        53  Housekeeper
Note by Mrs. Mulkey- "I was told Thomas Melson, born 1806, KY, died 1874, Salem, Ross County, Ohio. Sarah Miller, born 1817, Ohio."
White Oak Cemetery, Fayette County, Ohio

Thomas Melson, died 28 April 1862, age 46 years 10 months 4 days.
Charlotte Melson, born 1817.
Sarah Melson, died 28 Oct. 1860, age 10
Laura Melson, died 2 Nov. 1860, age 3

Thomas Melson was the father of John Franklin Melson (great grandfather) of Linda Melson Mulkey.

Joe Cook's Family Line - Microfilm from Mormon Church, Salt Lake City, Utah for Coweta County, Georgia.

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Melson, Charles, b. 1751, died 3-2-1821, married Frances Shadoun, Pvt. VA.
Melson, Daniel, b. c1724, died 2-1797, m. Love, PFS, MD.
Melson, Drury, b. 1760, d. 10-14-1839, m. (2) Keren Bledsoe, Pvt. NC.
Melson, Ebeneezer, b. 10-11-1760, d. 1-6-184?, m. Dovie Walker, Pvt. NC.

"THEY WERE THERE," Georgia Genealogical Records.

Divorce: Susannah Melson from Elijah Melson, Dec. 27, 1826, Muscogee Co., GA.

"COWETA CO. CHRONICLE FOR 100 YEARS," James and Reynolds, 1928.

A.T. (Uncle Ladd) Melson died near Picton, Texas, age 88 years 8 mos. Moved there in 1855 from Coweta County, GA.

J.W. Melson owned land in Coweta County, GA. about 1850.

Annie Dent m. Leonida J. Melson, children were Elizabeth Melson, Annie Melson married J. Ives Barton, Christian Melson m. R. Erle Wynn, and Leonidas Melson Jr.

Fanny Lou Arnold, dau. of Hugh M. Arnold and Fannie Lizzie Sims, married Warren Melson, no children.

N.C. GENEALOGIST, 1965-Carteret County Wills, Will Book D 281, Edmund Melson Sr.

Planter, 20 Jun. 1794, prob. Aug. 1800. Land to Taylor Melson, son, pers. property to dau. Voilator, rest of estate to wife, Elizabeth, for life, then to all my children, Exors wife and Edmund Melson Jr.

Signed EDMUND MELSON (mark)
From the same reference, Mar. 1961:
page 771 Carteret County Tax List 1779 Dist. #1 page 3 - John Melson.
" 798 Carteret County Marriage Bonds 1799 - Major Melson and Eleanor Garner.

Second Census of the US for Kentucky 1800
page 199 Joseph Melson, Marion County, Tax List dated 8/25/1800.

Kentucky 1810 Census Index
MELSON, Peter, Cumberland County, page 171.

Caleb Melson and Catherine B. Vaughn 13 Dec. 1824.
James T. Melson and Susan E. Maslin 7 Mar. 1853.
Smith Melson and Esther Bell 4 Feb. 1804

"The Baylis Family of Virginia,"
Thomas Fearnley and Martha Melson were married at Crooked Run Meeting, VA.
on Dec. 12, 1770. This meeting place was in Frederick County, VA.

"Dames and Squires of Old Virginia," Evelyn Kinder Donaldson,
Frances Catherine Watson married Moses Wise, b. Dec. 27, 1823, d. Apr. 18, 1894,
then John Revell Melson, b. May 16, 1816, died Apr. 18, 1899.
Issue: John Sevan Wise
Edward Melson
John Melson

Same reference:
Samuel Melson married Olivia, b. Aug. 5, 1865
Issue: Levin Melson
Samuel Melson

Same reference:
John Carmine m Mary Melson
Philip Barret Twyford b. Aug. 8, 1906 m Susan Gray Melson, b. Mar. 7, 1907 on
Dec. 27, 1930.

"KINCHELOE, MCPHERSON AND RELATED FAMILIES," Lewis D. McPherson, 1951, pg. 205
Mary Ivah Reid married in Lawrence County, Alabama, William R. Melson, farmer,
born Nov. 23, 1902, on Feb. 3, 1924. Children (born in Lawrence Co., AL) were:
Calvin C. Melson, b. Nov. 17, 1924; Gilbert Reid Melson, b. Aug. 3, 1926; Dorothy Nadine
Melson, b. Jun. 8, 1928; Olean Melson, b. Aug. 18, 1929; Dee Ford Melson, b. Jul. 8, 1931;
Billy Russell Melson, b. Mar. 4, 1939; Calvin C. Melson married Barbara Jean

Anna E. Hanes married R.C. Melson, she was a daughter of Joseph T. Hanes born
in Ohio in 1843. She and Richard C. Melson were married in Belmont County,
Ohio in 1843. Richard C. Melson was a Private in Co. B, 15th. Ohio Volunteers
for 3 months in 1861. They lived at Martins Ferry, Ohio.
Children:
Ivah Reid Melson  born Martins Ferry, OH  21 Nov. 1867
Sarah Melson  "  Pease TNSHP, OH  13 Nov. 1869
Minnie Rose Melson  "  Martins Ferry, OH  8 Feb. 1871
Archy R. Melson  "  "  "  31 Jan. 1880
Jessie Melson  "  "  "  18 Jun. 1885
Bertram Charles Melson  "  "  "  28 Sep. 1887
plus others not listed.

Robert H. Melson, Wyomissing, PA. family information:
Thomas H. Melson, Jr. born 1888, Etton, Yorkshire, England, emigrated to the USA
in 1893 with his parents and brothers and sisters. He was Robert's father.
Mrs. Florence W. Patterson, 725 Hoover St., Shelbyville, TN. Records.

William Melson, born c1799, North Carolina. Moved to Lincoln County, TN before 1830, married Malinda, born c1810, died before 1852. Their children were believed to be:

- Charity Melson, born c1828, married Freeman Burrow, lived in Fayette County, TN.
- Peter Melson, born c1832.
- William Melson, born c1839.
- Amy Melson, born 1841.
- John Melson, born c1845.

A Matilda Melson, born c1819 could have been either a sister or a daughter of William Melson. She married Jarrell Burrow.

A Fannie Melson, again either a sister or daughter of William Melson, married Minos C. Jones. Their son, Thomas J. Jones was born Nov. 2, 1842.

Malinda Melson died c1852, William married again between 1852 and 1854 to Mary A. ____. They lived near Petersburg, Lincoln County, TN. William's will was written in 1866.

Mrs. Pauline Ray Brooks, 2409 Colonial, Waco, Texas Records:

Samuel Melson, Revolutionary War veteran on South Carolina Rolls, stated he was born in Connecticut in 1736. He was a resident of Greenville, SC age 96 at the time of his filing for a pension. He served in the South Carolina Forces.

Other data included:

- Mrs. Nancy Melson, born c1790, South Carolina
- R.K. Melson, born c1809, South Carolina
- Archibald Melson, born c1810, Alabama
- Susan Melson, born c1857, South Carolina
- John Melson, ?
- James Melson, ?
- Elijah Melson, ?
- Franklin Melson, ?

Mr. Virgil Melson Jr., St. Louis, MO. Melson Family Information

Virgil Melson Sr., born 1859 near Logansport, Indiana, married Levenia Alta Van Dusen. They had eleven children. Virgil Sr. had a brother, George Melson, who never married.

Mrs. John Melson, Poulsbo, WA. 98370 Family Records

Lars Melson, born c1830 in Denmark, emigrated to Nebraska in 1850-1860. A son was William J. Melson, born in Nebraska, c1870. His son was John Lawrence Julius Melson, born 1909. John and his family live in Poulsbo, WA.

A Cecil County, Maryland Inventory for the estate of Robert Cooke, appraised on Oct. 28, 1682 mentioned a payment to an Andrew Melson.

A Dorchester County, Maryland Inventory for the estate of Joseph Blades appraised Aug. 4, 1770 listed as a creditor a Michael Melson.

A Frederick County, Maryland was appraised on Mar. 22, 1769 for the estate of a Thomas Johnson Sr. by Arthur Melson.
Christopher Lewis Melson's Harrison Family Lineage.

Christopher's lineage from the Harrison family of Virginia extends back to Benjamin Harrison, born in England c.1600, died in Virginia 1648/9, who settled in Surry County, VA about 1631. He was the Clerk of Council, 1633-40 and a Member of the Virginia House of Burgesses for 1642. Benjamin received land grants along the James River in Surry County. He married Mary Stringer, date unknown. They had at least one child, a son also named Benjamin Harrison. Benjamin died and was buried at Jamestown, VA. Mary Harrison remarried, her second husband was Benjamin Sidway, also of Surry County, VA. She died in 1688.

Benjamin Harrison Jr. or II, was born Sep. 20, 1645 at Wakefield, Surry County, VA, the plantation built by his father. He married Hannah, born Feb.13, 1651/2, died Feb.16, 1698/9. Benjamin II was a Justice of Surry County in 1671, a Member of the House of Burgesses for 1680, 1682, 1692 and 1698. He became a Member of Council in 1698 and served until 1713. He was buried at Cabin Point, VA. He left three sons and three daughters.

Benjamin Harrison III was one of the children of Benjamin II and Hannah Harrison. He was born in 1673, died Apr. 10, 1710. He married Elizabeth Burwell, the second daughter of Col. Lewis Burwell, Jr., of Carter's Creek, Gloucester County, VA, and his first wife, Abigail Smith, a daughter of Anthony Smith of Colchester, VA. Benjamin Harrison III lived at the Berkeley Plantation, Charles City County, VA. He was the Clerk of Charles City in 1702, a Member of the House of Burgesses in 1704 and 1705 (Speaker), Treasurer of the Colony 1705-1710. He was buried in the Westover Churchyard. Benjamin III and Elizabeth Burwell Harrison had at least one son and one daughter.

Col. Benjamin Harrison IV, date of birth not known, was the son of Benjamin III and Elizabeth Burwell Harrison. He was educated at the William and Mary College. He married Anne Carter, a daughter of Col. Robert Carter of Corotoman, and his wife, Sarah, a daughter of Gabriel Ludow. He was a Member of the House of Burgesses for Charles City County 1736, 1742, 1744. He was killed along with two infant daughters when lightning struck his house on Jul. 12, 1745. He left five sons and four daughters. His oldest child, a son, had died earlier.

Benjamin Harrison V, the oldest surviving son of Col. Benjamin and Sarah Harrison, was born Apr. 5, 1726, died Apr. 24, 1791. He was born at Berkeley Plantation. He attended William and Mary College. He married Elizabeth Bassett in 1748. She was born Dec. 13, 1730 and Eltham, Kent County, VA, and died at Berkeley in 1792, a daughter of Col. William Bassett, Jr. of Eltham, and his wife, Elizabeth, a daughter of William Churchill. Benjamin V was elected to the House of Burgesses for Charles City County. He was twice elected Speaker. He was a Member of the Continental Congress, 1774-7, and on Jul. 4, 1776 reported as Chairman for the Whole House, the Declaration of Independence, of which, he was one of the signers. He was elected Governor of Virginia, serving 1781-1784. He was not in favor of the Federal Constitution when it was first proposed but after its adoption supported the formation of the United States of America. Benjamin V, known as the "Signer" had a large family. His third son, William Henry Harrison, became the Ninth President of the United States of America, and a great-grandson, Benjamin Harrison, was President, 1889-1893.

Ann(e) Harrison, a daughter of Benjamin V and Elizabeth Bassett Harrison, was born at Berkeley, May 21, 1753, died 1821. She married David Coupland, born Aug. 3, 1749, died 1821 or 1822, on Mar. 9, 1775, his second wife. He was a son of Wm. Coupland and Anne Apsley, daughter of David Apsley, the had 4 sons and six daughters.
Elizabeth Basset Coupland, born 1776, died 1844, was one of the daughters of David and Ann(e) Harrison Coupland. She married Stephen Woodson Trent, born 1769, died 1853, in 1794.

Dr. William Alexander Trent, born 1796, died Jan. 13, 1883, was a son of Stephen and Ann(e) Harrison Coupland. He married Eliza Sumner Deane, born Apr. 13, 1801, died Jan. 24, 1875 on May 9, 1826. She was his second wife.

Anna Harrison Trent, born 1838, she was still alive in 1913, was a daughter of William and Eliza Deane. She married Francis Browne Deane, born 1836, died 1903.

Eliza Deane, born 1867, still alive in 1913, was a daughter of Francis and Anna Trent Deane. She married Dr. William Henry Baker, born 1857, died 1898 on Nov. 19, 1889.

Katherine Baker, born c 1891, was a daughter of William and Eliza Deane Baker. She married Dr. Charles G. Craddock. Dr. Charles G. Craddock was a son of Katherine Baker Craddock of Lynchburg, VA. He married Hilah White. They have four children, Hilah, Katherine, Mary and Charles Jr. They live at 1149 Napoli Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA.

Katherine Deane Craddock, born Nov. 8, 1948, is the second daughter of Charles and Hilah White Craddock. She married Lewis Byron Melson, Jr. in Pacific Palisades, CA. on Sep. 2, 1967. See Page 6-3. They had one son, Christopher Lewis Melson, born at Eugene, Oregon on Feb. 25, 1968.

The information about the Harrison families is based upon these references:

The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vols. XXX-XLI (1922-3).
Katherine Baker's application for membership in the DAR, submitted Feb. 20, 1913, approved Mar. 5, 1913. National Number 99879. In this application, she referred to an earlier one, DAR #13246.
"MELSON FAMILY RECORDS," Lewis B. Melson, Sr., 1928 Pendennis Drive, Annapolis, MD. 21401.
References to Chapter NINE

1. LEAMON ACKLEY MELSON, 203 HARRISON AVE, WILLIAMSBURG, VA, "MELSON FAMILY RECORDS."
2. "MELSON RECORDS," JOHN MELSON, COLUMBIA, NC.
THE MELTON FAMILY

The first Meltons known to have landed in Colonial America were:

- Thomas Melton, in Virginia in 1628 (Ref.1).
- Henry Melton, age 23, arrived in Virginia in 1635 (Ref.2).
- Thomas Melton, arrived in Virginia in 1635 (Ref.2).
- Thomas Melton, and wife, Hannah, arrived in Virginia 1638 (Ref.3).
- John Melton, in Maryland in 1667 (Ref.4).
- Thomas Melton, in Maryland in 1673 (Ref.4).

Mrs. Lucy Fortune Ellis's, Rt.2 Box 590, Bostic, NC 28018-9765 records show William Melton, born 1647, possibly a son of Thomas and Hannah Melton, was the first known Melton of Katherine's line. In her chart for the Meltons, Mrs. Ellis listed:

- William Melton, born 1647.
- Richard Melton, son of William Melton, born 1670.
- William Melton, son of Richard Melton, died c1765, married Elizabeth. Their children were:
  - Joel Melton
  - William Melton, born c1720, died 1772, married c1743, Lettie White, born Jan. 27, 1735/36, died after 1785. Their children were:
    - Ruben Melton, born ?, died 1782.
    - John Melton, born 1747.
  - Sarah Melton, born 1749, died Feb. 27, 1836, married her first cousin, John Melton, son of Silas Melton. Their children:
    - Sarah Melton, born 1777, died c1813 - 1816, married William Fortune Jr.
    - Mary Melton, born 1779, died Oct. 15, 1858, married Isaac Grayson.
    - Silas Melton, born 1784, married Margaret McCurry.
    - Hannah Melton, born 1786, died Jan. 1, 1859, married Benjamin Grayson, their children were:
      - John Grayson, born Jun. 18, 1808, died Apr. 5, 1851, married Jan. 8, 1829, Mary (Polly) Melton, daughter of Daniel Melton and Elizabeth Norville, born 1808. Their children were:
        - Benjamin Grayson, born 1830.
        - Elizabeth Grayson, born 1834, married Sep. 2, 1858, A.W. Hunt.
        - Narcissa Emaline Grayson, born 1842, married Calvin Melton.
        - Columbus Grayson, born 1846.
        - Amanda Grayson, born 1851, married Elisha Hunt.
        - Samuel Grayson, born 1858.
  - Lettie Melton, born 1789, married May 12, 1812, James Crow.
William Norville Melton, born 1792, died Mar. 28, 1858, married Oct. 5, 1815, Zelphia Hogue.
Elizabeth Driver Melton, born May 5, 1794, died Apr. 13, 1877, married John B. Melton, Jr.
John Martin Melton, born Sep. 20, 1795, died May 3, 1877, married May 19, 1829, Lurany Deck.
Jesse Melton, no further information.
Mildred Melton, married James Eubanks.
Eli Melton, died 1823, married Sarah Barnett.
Daniel Melton, born Oct. 27, 1767, died 1848, married Elizabeth Norvell Mary Melton, married William Jones.
Silas Melton, born 1725, died May 17, 1753, married ?. Their children were:
John Melton, born 1749, died May 14, 1823, married his first cousin, Sarah Melton, daughter of William and Lettice White Melton. See listing of their children on page 10-1.
Benjamin Melton, married Dec. 21, 1787, Susannah Updegrave.
Cornelius Melton, died 1818/21, married Dicey Green.
Thomas Melton, no further information.
(Mrs. Ellis also lists as possible children of William and Elizabeth Melton, John Melton and Richard Melton)
During the 1790's, the Meltons settled in Rutherford County, North Carolina.
John Martin Melton, a son of William Norville Melton, born Oct. 4, 1817, died Nov. 29, 1890, married Oct. 21, 1835, Olivine Taylor, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Hunt Taylor, born 1818 in North Carolina, died Oct. 7, 1896. They were married Jan. 9, 1844. Shortly after their marriage, the Taylor family moved to Missouri.
The children of John Martin Melton and Olivine Taylor were:
William Landrum Melton, born Dec. 21, 1845, first married Belinda Long, then her sister, Susannah Long.
Calvin Melton, born May 11, 1848, married Narcissa Emaline Grayson, daughter of John M. Grayson and his wife, Mary (Polly) Melton, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Norville Melton. Mary Melton Grayson, after her husband's death, married William Hunt. John Grayson's parents were Benjamin Grayson and Hannah Melton, who was a sister of William Norville Melton. The children of Calvin and Narcissa Emaline Grayson Melton were:
Mary Olivine Melton
Sarah Elizabeth Melton
Joseph Samuel Melton.
James Elbert Melton, born 1850, married Elmira Long.
Lettia Eliza Melton, born Mar. 16, 1853, died Jul. 12, 1890, married John Franklin Houser.
Joseph Baxter Melton, born 1856, married in Maryland.
David Lawson Melton, born 1857, married Cynthia Lowery.
Jesse Deck Melton, born 1859, married Sarah Melton.
Julius Melton, born 1862, married Martha McCurry.
Calvin Melton farmed in the Sunshine District of Rutherford County north of Bostic, NC. In later years, he and his wife moved into Forest City, NC and ran a boarding house.
Joseph Samuel Melton, a son of Calvin Melton and Narcissa Emaline Grayson, was born 24 Jul. 1878, in Rutherford County, NC, died 19 Nov. 1940 at Thomson, GA. He married Mary Sue McFarland, a daughter of Dule Baty McFarland and Johnnie Almira Long, 28 Dec. 1905, at Forest City, NC. They had four daughters, the first two were born in Forest City and Katherine at Henrietta, NC. Margaret was born in Thomson, GA.

Sarah Elizabeth Melton, born in 1906, died 28 Feb. 1907.

Johnnie Sue Melton, born 27 Nov. 1912, died 10 Aug. 1977. She married John Pound, 27 Oct. 1934 at Swainsboro, GA. They were divorced in 1942. Her second husband was Fox Burns of Terre Haute, IN. They were married in June 1953, and divorced in 1955. After this divorce she went to Kodiak, Alaska where she first worked for the Naval Station Supply Dept., then in the Contract Division, Seventeenth Naval District Public Works Command. In 1958, she transferred to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office in Anchorage, AK. Later she transferred to Redondo Beach, CA, then Norton Air Force Base Riverside, CA, and ultimately to the Minuteman Project, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama as the Deputy Director, Contracts Division. She'd planned on retiring 30 Dec. 1977 before her sudden death intervened. She had no children.

Mary Katherine Melton, born 27 Aug. 1914, married LT. Lewis Byron Melson, USNR at the First Methodist Church, Thomson, GA. 13 Jun. 1944, see Chapter Six.

Margaret Eva Melton, born 28 Jun. 1918, married Guy Milner Austin, born 21 Mar. 1894 at Lawrence, Massachusetts, died 4 Feb. 1971, at the First Methodist Church, Thomson, GA. Margaret was a graduate of the Georgia Teachers College and taught for 42 years in Camden County, GA. Margaret and Guy lived in St. Marys, GA, where he was the Maintenance Supt., St. Marys Paper Company. Guy went to St. Marys in 1940 as a construction foreman to build the paper mill and remained with it until his retirement in 1964. They had no children. Margaret remains at their home in St. Marys, GA.

Johnnie Almira Long's family genealogy was collected by a cousin, Thurman Baxter Long, of Forest City, NC. He traced their ancestors back into England and began his account in this manner:

'THE LONGS IN ENGLAND'

The records definitely establish the fact the Longs of North Carolina came from England, and they dwelt in Wiltshire, England before sailing for America.

The Longs of South Wraxel and Draycott whose pedigree is given in the Wiltshire Visitations for 1578 and 1623, Stokes Pedigree and others published show:

- **Coat of Arms**: Sable Semee of Cross-crosslats, a lion rampant argent.
- **Crest**: A crown with demi-lion rampant holding a glove in his mouth, granted in honor of them who fought with Henry VIII on the field of the Cloth of Gold.
- **Motto**: Originally 'Prieux Quique Preux' which may be translated as 'Pious altho Gallant,' some branches later used 'Fortune Soies Huereux' which may be translated 'Fortune Should Be Happy.'
Lineage:

Thomas Longe of Steeple Ashton, Semington, England. Will proved 1539, buried in Chapel of St. George with his ancestors.

John Long of Marston, in the Parish of Potterne, Wiltshire, who made his will and died 1597, married Anna, daughter of John Merrewether of Great Cheverall, and by her (who died in 1626) had six sons and three daughters.

John Longe, Jr. died 1630 (Burker's Gentry), married at St. Albans. His first wife was Dorothie Robbins, and his second wife was Elizabeth Simmons. Children: Thomas, Robert, John, Miles and Ann.

Samuel Long made several trips of America with William Penn. Samuel Long moved from Wiltshire to London and after trips to America it is reported he was appointed Governor-General of Bermuda by the King, also visited Jamaica on a government mission and returned to London in his later years. Sons: John and Edward.

Longs in Pennsylvania:

John Nicholas Long was a son of Samuel Long of London. Samuel Long came to Pennsylvania with William Penn, then returned to London. John Nicholas Long settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he purchased four tracts of land in 1736, he died in 1767.

Sons:
- Nicholas Long (N.C.) - Colonel, American Revolution
- Andrew Long (PA) - CAPTAIN 1st. Battalion of Miles, Penna. Rifles Regiment. Service April 6, 1776 to Oct. 14, 1776


Longs in North Carolina:

Col. Nicholas Long, born 1729, died 1797. NC Census Records.
Col. Long Sr. had six sons, seven daughters, 89 slaves. Sons: Nicholas Jr.; Gabriel, William; Miles; Andrew; John.

The records show Nicholas Long was ordered by George Washington to organize the military forces of North Carolina. He was Commanding General for all forces in North Carolina, (Ref. Page 729, First Families of America), Colonel of Minute Men, Commissary General 1775, Member Provincial Assembly 1776, Commissioner of Safety 1775, married Mary Reynolds.

Governor John D. Long, of Massachusetts, traced his ancestors to Miles Long, who came to Plymouth, Mass. from North Carolina about 1770.

William Long (Grandfather of Andrew Baxter Long) died 1830, tombstone in Brittain Parish Graveyard, Rutherford, NC reads- William T. Long, died 1830.
wife: Sara C. Long, died 1927, had 4 sons and 3 daughters.

William Long, Esq., moved from Eastern North Carolina and settled at new Brittain, Rutherford County. He fought in the Indian Wars. It is known that William Long made a truce with the Indians and they lived peacefully in Cane Creek Valley. He moved to Western North Carolina when a young man and for his service in the Indian Wars, he received a Land Grant from the King of England. Seven acres of this land was given to Brittain Church, now one of the oldest Presbyterian Churches in Western North Carolina.

John Long, 1766-1843 (Father of Andrew Baxter Long).
Tombstone at Brittain Church reads:
  John Long
  died August 23, 1843
  in 77th. year of his age.

wife: Isabella Long, born Jan. 20, 1772, married Aug. 16, 1792, and departed this life March 26, 1851, aged 89 years 2 months and 6 days.

children:
  John Long, born 1802, buried in Brittain Cemetery.
  Jane (Jincey) Long, born Nov. 14, 1792, married Daniel Watson, Feb. 27, 1812, died Jan. 18, 1848.
  William Long, married Sally Robinson.
  James Long, went west.
  Finley Long, lived in Haywood County near Waynesville, married a Ledbetter.
  Margaret Long, married a Groves, moved to Tennessee, had a son, Quillian Groves.

COLONEL Andrew Baxter Long, 1808-1891.
Was one of the leaders of his time in North Carolina. A large landholder in Rutherford County and Maxwell County. Active gold miner and a good politician. His influence extended over a wide area, including Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford Counties. His son, W. Lox Long, one of the leading merchants in Charlotte, aided him in his career. The title COLONEL was conferred upon him by Governor Vance. Draper's History of the Battle of Kings Mountain refers to him as a contributor of data to the book, and, as the 'Venerable COLONEL Andrew Baxter Long.' He also compiled a history of the Brittain Church.

His tombstone in the Brittain Church Graveyard reads:
  Born Nov. 13, 1808
  Died Jan. 11, 1901
  92 years 1 month and 28 days.
(Inscribed thereon) 'He served Brittain Church as an Elder for 58 years and Rutherford County as a public official many years.

Nancy Deck Long's tombstone, Brittain Church Graveyard reads:
  Nancy Deck Long
  wife of Andrew Baxter Long
  born April 4, 1816
  died March 19, 1901
  age 84 years 11 months and 15 days
(Inscribed thereon) 'None went away from her door empty handed.'
Children of Andrew Baxter Long and Myra Andrews (First wife):
Frank Long, moved to Stockton, CA, later to Sacramento, CA.
Mary P. Long, born 11 Apr. 1834, married a Guffey. A daughter Mrs. Mary Thompson, Rutherfordton, NC, died 5 Jan., 1947.
Isabella Long, married Frank Logan, moved to Terrell, Texas. Her daughter is Mrs. Clifford Easley Webb, Dallas, Texas, who attended Queens College, Charlotte, NC.

Nancy Deck Long was married to Miller Long before marrying Andrew Baxter Long. They had these children:
Mary D. Long, married Jose Fortune, brother of Pink.
Rainey Long, married Pink Fortune.
Susan O. Long, married John Cochrane, moved to Texas.

The children of Andrew Baxter Long and Nancy Deck (2nd wife):
Elmira E. Long, married John Brackett, Raton, New Mexico. Children: William, John, Margaret, Annie, Viola, Bates, Victor. (Elmira was one of the best known women in the Rocky Mountains, because of her charity).
Thurman Baxter Long.
Wallace Locksley Long, married Ethel Bowen, Radium Physicist, Rutherford Hospital for 25 years. Also with Rockefeller Foundation and N.C. State Board of Health. Children:
Mary Lockley Long, married Dr. Lytt Irving Gardner. Their children: Susan and Lytt II.
William B. Long, married Margaret Shytle, was Capt. USAC, WW II, served in South Pacific, won five medals.
Andrew Baxter Long, Jr., born 23 May 1853, died 1862.

Reviewing the Long Family, Col. Nicholas Long, born 1729, moved from Virginia to Halifax County, NC. His first wife was Mary Reynolds, they were married in 1752, she died in 1761. He married again the same year, Mary McKinney of Halifax County, NC.
Andrew Baxter Long, the father of Johnnie Almira Long, was the son of John Long Jr., born 1802, died 1831, and Frances Rhodes, born 7 Nov. 1806, died 2 Dec. 1856. He was a grandson of John Nicholas Long, Jr. of Halifax County, NC. He was born 9 Apr. 1831, died 17 May 1913, married Sarah Long, born 31 Oct. 1837, died 30 Jun. 1924, in Rutherford County, NC. She was a daughter of Miller Long and Nancy Deck, a daughter of Leonard Deck. Johnnie Almira Long was born 30 Sep. 1861, died 20 Dec. 1949. She married 10 Nov. 1881, Dule Baty McFarland, born 11 Jun. 1854, died 20 Apr. 1890. He farmed near Bostic, NC. After his death, she remarried c1897. Her second husband was Drury Dobbins (Dob) Fortune of Bostic, NC. They had twins, Eugene & Irene. She was born about 1901. Eugene married Effie Grayson. Their children were: Lucille Fortune married James Brown & Joyce Fortune, married Ed Yelton. Irene married 20 Sep. 1919, Robert Eugene Yelton, born Mar. 29, 1899, died Feb. 14, 1989. They had J.D. Yelton, Erva Yelton, and Elizabeth Yelton. Irene inherited her parents' farm. Dob Fortune had built the farmhouse for his second wife, Johnnie Almira Long McFarland, on a hill north of Bostic. Katherine and I visited this house in Sep. 1988. Unfortunately we missed seeing Gene Yelton, the day we visited. Katherine's mother, Mary Sue McFarland, grew up at this house. Irene Fortune Yelton died Sep. 12, 1986. After their father's death, Erva and Elizabeth Yelton sold the farm and everything in the house at an auction.

The Grayson family, of which Narcissa Emaline Grayson, who married Calvin McFarland belonged, extends back to Joseph Grayson Sr. born c1754, in Virginia. He settled in Rutherford County, NC, about 1790. He married his first wife, name unknown, c1777. They had five children:

- Benjamin Grayson, born c1782, married c1803, Hannah (Anna) Melton, a daughter of John and Sarah Melton. Hannah was born 1786, died 1 Jan. 1859.
- Isaac Grayson, born c1788, married 20 Aug. 1807, Mary (Polly) Melton, a sister of Hannah Melton. Mary was born either 1776 or 1786, died c1858.
- Susannah Grayson, married Robert Black Devinney.

Joseph Grayson Sr.'s second wife was Rachel VanZandt. They were married 17 Dec. 1807. She died c1828. (Ref. 5).

The children of Benjamin and Hannah Melton Grayson were:

- John M. Grayson, born 18 Jun. 1808, died 1851, married 8 Jan. 1829, Mary (Polly) Melton, born c1808, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Norville Melton. Their children were:
  - Benjamin Grayson, born 1830.
  - Elizabeth Grayson, born 1834, married A.W. Hunt.
  - Samuel Grayson, born 1838.
  - Narcissa Emaline Grayson, born 1845, married Calvin Melton.
  - Columbus Grayson, born 1846.
  - Amanda Grayson, born 1850, married Elisha Hunt. A descendent is Mrs. Carolyn Hunt Schiele, 16 Howland Dr, Asheville, NC, 28804.
- William Grayson, the third son of Benjamin and Hannah Melton Grayson, born 1814, married 28 Apr. 1835, Christina McCurry, born 1816, died 1879.

Another line begins with Benjamin Taylor, born c1760, who settled in Rutherford County before 1790. One son was Joseph Taylor, born 25 Jul. 1791, died 6 Mar. 1859, in Missouri. He married 25 Jul. 1816, Elizabeth Hunt, a daughter of William Hunt. She was born 17 Jun. 1795 in North Carolina, died 2 Jan. 1871 in Missouri. Their eleven children were:

- William Taylor, born 1817 (NC), married 21 Oct. 1835, Nancy Lowry, born 1820,
died between 1860-70, married (2) Marty Jacobs.
Olivine Taylor, born 15 Oct. 1819 (NC), died 7 Oct. 1896, married 9 Jan. 1844. John Martin Melton, a son of William Norville Melton and Zelpha Hogue. She was the only child of Joseph and Elizabeth Taylor to remain in North Carolina. (Ref. 5)
The McFarland line extends back to Patrick McFarland, born c1760, married Margaret Devinney, born c1765.
James McFarland, a son of Patrick and Margaret Devinney McFarland, was born in North Carolina in 1797. His wife was Mary Easley, also born in North Carolina in 1797. In the 1850 Census for Rutherford County, NC, they were shown as living in the Whiteside Settlement District where he was listed as a Farmer. The 1860 Census listed him as a Wagonmaker. Their children were:
Jane McFarland, married Fred Hash.
Elizabeth McFarland, married John McFarland,
John E. McFarland, born 1828, married c1853 (1) Hannah Sweezy, born 1836 died 1870. Their children were:
Dule Baty McFarland, born 11 Jun. 1854, died 20 Aug. 1890, married Johnnie Almira Long, daughter of Andrew Baxter Long, born 20 Sep. 1861, died 26 Dec. 1949, on 10 Nov. 1881. Their children were:
Claude McFarland, born 1882, died 1980, married Era Simmons. They had four daughters, Era McFarland, married Frank B. Law; Margaret McFarland Brooks; Martha McFarland Pressley; Mary McFarland Simmons. Claude and his family lived in Charlotte, NC.
Eva McFarland, born 26 Jan. 1884, died 30 Oct. 1950, married George Avant. Their sons were George Avant Jr, married Leila and lived in Forest City, and William Avant, married Daisy. They also live in Forest City, NC.
Alpha C. McFarland, born 1856.
James V. McFarland, born 1858.
Adelin McFarland, born 1867.
Adolfrey (Adolphus) McFarland, born 1867.
Sarah E. McFarland, born 1869.
Hannah Sweezy McFarland died shortly after the birth of her daughter, Sarah. John remarried c1875. His second wife was Elmira Magness, born 1854. Their children were:
Hannah McFarland, born 1876.
Belle McFarland, born 1877, married Henry Gettys.
John McFarland, born 1881, died 1941, married Rosa Nanny, born 1886.
Georgia McFarland, born c1887, married Joseph Lattimore.
The information about the John E. McFarland family was found in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 Census Reports and in the records of Mrs. Lucy Fortune Ellis, Bostic, NC.
References to CHAPTER TEN

1. NUGENT, "CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS,"VOLUME 1, PAGE 22.
2. TEPPER,"PASSENGERS TO AMERICA,"PAGE 106.
3. NUGENT,"CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS, VOL.1" PAGE 196.
5. RECORDS OF KATHERINE MELTON MELSON, MARGARET MELTON AUSTIN AND MRS. LUCY F. ELLIS, RT. 2, BOX 590, BOSTIC, NC. 28018.
Guy Austin, Johnnie-Sue Melton, Mary Sue Melson, Katherine Melson, Margaret Austin, Lewis Melson at Quarters T, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Xmas 1959.

Katherine, Johnnie-Sue and Margaret, 1600 Cedar Park Road, Annapolis, 4 July 1964.
Johnnie Almira Long McFarland Fortune
b. 30 Sep. 1861, d. 20 Dec. 1949
married (1) 10 Nov. 1881 Dule McFarland
(2) c1899 Drury Dobbins Fortune
children, rear row, Claude McFarland, Eva McFarland, Mary Sue McFarland
front row, Eugene Fortune, Irene Fortune, twins, b. 1901
Joseph Samuel Melton, b. 25 Jul. 1878, d. 18 Nov. 1940
Son of Calvin and Narcissa Emaline Grayson Melton
Husband of Mary Sue McFarland

Mary Sue McFarland, b. 3 Nov. 1887, d. 13 Jun. 1940
Daughter of Dule and Johnnie Almira Long McFarland
Wife of Joseph Samuel Melton
In assembling the information from which the preceding chapters were written, numerous documents and lists of data were found in archives and libraries together with records provided by correspondents and other sources that needed inclusion but did not fit into the narrative. Studies of many of these source documents provide additional information difficult to obtain otherwise. A good example being the Elijah Melson Diary that is engrossing by itself but too long to have been used in Chapter Four. This diary has been included among the appendices along with other useful information.

Sketches have been included showing in general detail many of the geographic areas mentioned throughout the earlier chapters. Oddly, no useful map was located that showed exactly where the farms and plantations were during the colonial times and shortly after the American Revolution.

Photographs of early ancestors have been added to preserve them, many relatives cooperated in providing these treasured mementos.

Excerpts from The Domesday book and the History of Yorkshire have been added. These historical records were located in the Central Technical Library of the City of Westminster, England. They provide background material concerning the small settlement of Melsonby, North Riding, Yorkshire, Great Britain.

Although Chapter Nine traced many of the unconnected branches of the Melson Family, other branch information that has never been correctly organized needed to be included and has been placed as appendices for use by those reading this book.
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(Leamon Ackley Melson Records)

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- Isaac Melson in 1798
- Smith Melson in 1786
- Daniel Melson in 1806
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OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, 1795 - 1865, MILLARD F. HUDSON, MSS.

(All marriage records of Worcester County, Maryland prior to 1795 were burned when the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland was destroyed in 1832.)

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Page 64  John Gordy married Hannah Jackson, Apr. 28, 1760.
Benjamin Melson married Milley Gordy, Apr. 1, 1798 (believe this should be 1796).
Hannah Jackson born Oct. 3, 1740.

Benjamin Melson born Aug. 13, 1777
John Gordy died Nov. 15, 1802.
Hannah Gordy died Nov. 24, 1813.
Elijah Melson, son of Benjamin Melson, drowned.
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Note: Where no date is shown under the heading "Proved," this usually meant the will was initially proved in another jurisdiction. Such as Daniel Melson, Sr. His will was probated originally in Sussex County, Delaware Dec. 4, 1798 with his son, Joseph, as Executor. The originals of the wills so filed are to be found in the records of their county of residence and merely this notation is shown in Worcester County. Daniel Melson, Sr. is the same Daniel Melson, Jr. shown immediately above.

Scale: 1" about 10 mi.
Sketch of Portions of Sussex County, Delaware; Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland based upon GRIFFITH'S MAP OF 1794 (MHR Maps Box 29 Fldr 2). The Delaware Hundred Boundaries are from F. SHALLUS' "DELAWARE AND EASTERN SHORE MARYLAND", 1801 (MHR Maps Box 5 Fldr 11).

Scale: one inch is about five miles
This sketch shows a portion of the Mason-Dixon Survey Line as taken from their report submitted to the Provincial Governors of Pennsylvania and Maryland in 1768. The boundary was surveyed to establish a legal boundary between the "Lower Counties Upon Delaware" and "Maryland." Jere Dixon, who drew the original, drafted a swath four miles in width on each side of the final line. This section shows the WEST LINE from Midpoint B eastwards almost to the Atlantic Ocean. The Zero Milepost was on Fenwick Island, while Midpoint B bisected the Delmarva Peninsula. The original map from which this was taken is on file at the Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland as Box 21 Folder 8.
The general location of sites along the Eastern Shore of Virginia-Maryland and Delaware of interest to the early history of the Melson Family.
Location of Shelby County, Missouri, the home of Benjamin Melson after emigration from Worcester County, Maryland in 1837. Although Samson Davis Melson moved away in 1864, descendents of his brother, Benjamin N. Melson remain there near Clarence today.
Location of the places of interest in the Melson Family History.

Wailatpu - the site of the Whitman Mission where Walter Marsh lost his life.

Heppner - birthplace of Samson Leroy(Roy S.) Melson

Salem - birthplace of all Roy S. Melson children, home of Samson Davis and James Asbury Melson families

Eugene - home of Lewis B. Melson, Jr. and Christopher Melson
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1837 - 1844

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JAN. 14, 1974
Thursday 13 Aug, about 4 o'clock. We parted about midnight and were at Vary's in the gale, which frightened us again, as long as we met all such sort of weather. We had long been delayed more and more; though till morning, we put off about 5 o'clock. Then about 7 or 8 o'clock, we crossed the light and bar, and it was about 12 noon. At 7 o'clock, we ordered the starboard watch to be changed the 2nd watch, and about 10 o'clock, it was ordered to be changed the 1st watch. About 10 o'clock, we got an anchor in 20 fathoms. We crossed the 1st watch and put about 20 till 20 dolars and made up our watch. Thursday, 13 Aug., 1791.
Monday, July 14th

Morning about 10 o'clock

Put up at Mrs. Dean's

7 o'clock and travel about 18 miles and put up at

Friday, 16th

Saturday, 17th

We started about 8 o'clock and traveled about 12 miles and put up at

Sunday, 18th

About 11 o'clock and traveled about 19 miles

Snowed about 2 o'clock

About 11 o'clock
April 1, 1702

Edward Hill. [Handwritten note: "Thursday, Dark, Windy."

The 1st of May we ran aground. About 11 o'clock A.M. and out of a part of the ship. About a part in 300 paces.

Gottlieb [handwritten, unclear]

Part of the mast broke.

Part of the ship.  [Handwritten, unclear]

Monday the 5th, [handwritten], 1702.

Some of the crew left.

About 5 o'clock in the evening we left.

About 8 o'clock.

About 12.
The [illegible] About 8 o'clock, I started. At 9 o'clock
I left the wagon and
traveled 30 miles, and
ate up at Mr.
Gutows's. Only by the
15th, I started About 6
o'clock, went about 5
miles, and got to Mr.
Parker's about 10 o'clock.
Lost the road and
spent the night
at Bill's.

Sunday, the 14th.
A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden
full of roses which remember
me Col. Peter Melon.

ABCD EFGH
IJKLMNOP

in the 20th 1832
October 26th, 1639

When this you see, let it
remind you of the
love of money, of the
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When this you see
Remember me to Edith
and tell
her that I am
very much
missing
her and pray
for me.
From
your
affectionate
sister
Patk
Hone

This was the
first verse of
Tune. The last part of
the main was
compos'd
which cried me to it

Extracted Text:

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first verse of
Tune. The last part of
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which cried me to it

Date: May 1837

Cost: 25 cts
Leonard's wife was taken sick about
20th and we left them at Mr. J. Broach's
in Cross town. 7th morning for
Baltimore.

L. H. Melon
with children
This hand and June 1839
Commend you may your son
David
L. H. Melon
Commend as you may to
your mind from 2. 8
8th June 1839.
"ELIJAH MELSON'S DIARY" - A literal translation of pertinent portions of his diary which is now in the possession of Ledrue Melson Lentner, Shelby County, Missouri. The narrative has been taken from a reproduction of a photostat of the diary. Certain pages from the photostat copy have been rearranged in this narrative for continuity and clarity. On several pages, Elijah practiced penmanship, no attempt has been made to recopy these exercises. Certain words and phrases are difficult to interpret, where the meaning is not clear, these will be underlined.

Page 7 shown on photostat 11
We started from Salisbury
Wednesday the 12 1837 (April)
We came in 9 georg todds and
Whites Vessel we got to
The Vessel about dark and
Tood about 8 miles that
Night we started next morning
About 9 oclock and passed white
Haven about ½ after 11 which
is about 7 oclock and about 2
We run aground but soon
got off
Elijah Melson his hand and pen

Page 7 shown on photostat 1
Thursday 13th about 8 oclock
we passed the lighthouse
And about midnight we had
A verry strong gale which
frightened us verry much and
us most all sick but it didn’t
last long Avery (Henry?) dropped(sic)
wiere and staled there till morning
(the must have meant the vessel anchored overnight)
we put off about 5 and about
9 we passed the lighthouse
near annapolis and about 15 min
Past 9 we passed annapolis
And about 10 oclock we
Had a verry strong gale which
Made all of us sick but
Henry and samson and about
5 min after 11 we got in
potaps co river and we

Page 3 continued
And left it ½ after 7
And got too Baltimore
About 10 oclock
At night Saturday 15th
We loaded and went too
Adamses tavern and put
up Sunday the 16th we started
Too wheeling about 9
Oclock and about ½ past
1 we passed all the Mills and
Went under the railroad
And we saw the steam car going and
we got 20 miles and put up at
Whalings tavern and started

Page 4
Next
Morning about ½ past 8
oclock and traveled 19½ miles
Put up at Mrs.Deans
Tavern tues Day the 18th
We started about ½ past 7 oclock
Traveled 20 miles and put
up at Mr. Maddoxes
Tavern Wednesday the 19th
We started about 8 oclock
And traveled 20 miles
And put up at Mr
Csnors Tavern thursday
The 20th we started
About ½ past 7 oclock
And traveled about 19 miles

Page 5
And put up at Mr
Broash tavern Friday the 21st
We started about ½ past
7 oclock and traveled about
18 Miles and put up at
Molkifiers tavern
Saturday the 22nd we
Started about 8 oclock
And traveled 19 Miles and put
Elijah Melson's Diary continued

Page 5 cont.
up at a tavern in cumber-
lin Sunday the 23eth
We started about 8 and
Traveled 14 miles and put up
About 8 oclock began to snow
at 8 oclock and snowed until 4 the
Snow was about shew deep

Page 30
Leonard Gordys wife
Was taken sick thursday
20th and we left them
at Mr Broashers:
Tavern 10 miles from
Baltimore(note-Elijah
meant 100 miles)
E Melson
Elijah Melson
This hand and pen 1837
Command you may your mind
From play
Elijah Melson
Command you may
Your mind from play
Elijah Melson

A gap exists in the diary at this
point. The entries were added to
the diary after they reached their
destination. Pages 6,7,8,9 are
missing.

Page 23
Patrick Henry is
the (word missing here,he
meant to write boat)
we went from
Wheeling to Louisville
and there got on another
by the name of avalanche
February 09th 1844
E Melson

Page 28
Patrick
Henry was the
Boat that we went
from Wheeling to Louisville
in and then took another
the name was avalanche
which cared(carried?) us to St.Louis

Page 10
Evansville And We
Started about Dark Monday the
8th we run aground About
4 oclock AM And got
of (off) A (at) ½ past 5 AM
About ½ past 11 we passed
Galeonda
About 7
Past 3 we past Smithland
This 8th of April(?) 1837
(note- Elijah must have meant May
rather than April)

Page 11
Monday the 8th (May,I assume) we
Got in the Mississippi
About Midnight
Wednesday the 10th
Got within 40 or 45 Miles
of st.Louis they broke
the coupling and they
had to go on one wheel
to St.Louis And we got
There Wednesday the 10th
About 8 oclock in the
Evening and started thursday
the 11th About 12
Oclocok
And we got to Alton
About 15 minits
past 3 and staid till ___ min of 4

Page 12
On Friday the 12th
We passed Seaford About
½ past 9 oclock
Which was within 7 Miles
of Hannabol
And we got to
Hannabol About
11 oclock Saturday
The 13th we started about 11 oclock from
Hannabol to Shelby-
vile and we traveled 18
Miles and put up with Mr
Cirsays
Sunday the 14th
Elijah Melson's Diary continuation

Page 13
We started About
8 oclock
And About 2 oclock
I left the waggon and
traveled 30 miles and
Put up at Mr
Eatons Mondy the
15th i started About 6
Oclock and traveled 5
Miles and got to James
Parkers About 8 Oclock
Elijah Melson
Hand and pen he may
Be good but god noes
When

Several other pages of this diary are included in the photostat. In addition to those shown above there are pages 14-15-17-18-19-22-26-27 which are filled with penmanship exercises and names of the family. The last date found in the diary may be seen on page 17, it was Feb.28th,1844. Elijah drowned later that spring, probably in the last week of June 1844.

Page 22 is interesting, it shows the names of family members, Elijah wrote his name eight times. Additionally there are the names of

Milley G Melson
Samson
B.N.Me (Benjamin N.Melson)
Benjamin Nelson, scratched out

There are two dates on this page, 1839 at the top and in the middle and 1844 at the bottom. Writing the name of his sister, Milley G Melson on this sheet in between the two 1839 dates implies she was married in Missouri. On the opposite page #23 in bold writing is the name of John R Coard, whom Milley married, this page also contains the date 1839. Page 16 is filled with the names John R Coard and Milley G Coard written alternately. This must have been done before the summer of 1840. By then John and Milley were married and so shown in the 1840 Shelby County census. They must have left Missouri for Maryland shortly after this count was take in June,1840. Their oldest child, Mary I Cord, is listed in the Worcester County, Maryland Census as being ten years old and born in Maryland.
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THE ORIGINS OF SURNAMES


"ADKINS" - A Medieval contraction of "ADAMS," meaning 'red earth.'
"CANNON," - Old English word for a clergyman, canon, or servant.
"FRANZ," - German for "FRANCIS," or man from France.
"GIBSON, GIPSON," - Middle English from "GILBERT".
"GILMORE," - Scots-Irish, 'devotee of Mary.'
"HARE " - Old English for "speedy."
"HILL," - English, 'a man living on a hill, or rise of ground.'
"JACKSON," - English, for son of 'Jack.'
"JONES," - Welsh, 'a son of 'J0NE," the Welsh name for JOHN.
"MARSH," - English, 'low wet ground.'
"MELTON," - Old English for 'mill.' The suffix means 'village.'
"PRATHER," - Welsh, 'a son of 'RHYDDERCH,' or 'RHUDDERUCH.'
"WELCH," - English for "WELSHMAN."
"WILSON," - English, 'son of WILL.'
"WILCOXON," - English, 'Son of WILL living on a dairy farm.'


"ABRAHAM," - Hebrew for 'father of a multitude.'
"ATKINSON," - Old English, 'son of 'ATKINS.'
"BURKE," - From "BURGH," 'fort/or manor,' Old English. BURKE usually Irish.
"CARY," - Keltic, 'pleasant stream.'
"CLARKSON," - Old English, 'son of a clergyman, secretary.'
"CRADDICK," - Welsh, 'amiable.'
"CHRISTOPHER," - Greek 'bearing Christ.'
"FERGUSON," - Scot-Irish, 'son of FERGUS,' 'man choice.'
"HUMPHREYS," - Normanized German - 'giant peace.'
"LONDON," - Middle English, name of city.
"PAINTER," - Old English, 'painter.'
"PRIEST," - Welsh, 'son of Richard.'
"SMITH," - Old English, 'a metal-worker.'
"WINGATE," - Old English, 'windy pass.'
"WELSH," - Keltic for a Briton foreigner in Wales.
"THE SURNAMES OF SCOTLAND"
Black

"MACFARLANE" - Scottish, "a son of PARMAN", Old Irish "PARTHOLAN", the MACFARLANE's in Gaelic are called "M'ALLANS" i.e. the posterity of ALLAN. MACFARLANE is a Clan. An Earl of LENNOX legend relates how PARTHOLAN or PARTHOLAN, the son of SEAR, took possession of Ireland 278 years after the flood. Patronymics are MACFARLAN, MACFARLAND, MACFARLIN, MACPARRIAN, MACPARRAND, MACPARRALE, MACPARLIN, MACPHARLAIN.

"DICTIONARY OF SURNAMES"
Reany

"MELSOM" - "MELSON, MELSEME, MELSON" variants of "MILLSON."

"MILES" - Latin for "soldier." Early English vernacular was "mile", which is the same form as modern French. Variations include MILLSON, MILLSON, MILBUN, MELSON, MELSEME, MELSON.

"PATRONYMICA BRITANNICA"
M.A. Lower

"MELSON" - perhaps the same as "MELLESON" which is conjectured to be "the son of MALLEY." "MALLEY", a Norman name derived from "mael", a ponderous iron mace. Patronymics are MALLETT, MELSON, MELISON.

"THE CONCISE OXFORD DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH PLACENAMES"
Eilert Ekwall,

"MELSON" - from "MELSONBY" Yorkshire (MALESENBEE), Domesday Book (MALESENBEE 1202 FF). Perhaps from "MAELSUITHAN'S BY". "MAELSUITHAN" is an Irish personal name. A Norse Viking settled in the North Riding of Yorkshire in the 8th. or 9th. Century after sojourning in Ireland. The suffixes "ebi" and "by" are ancient northern terms for "farmstead", "village", "town."

"ENGLISH SURNAMES: THEIR SOURCES AND SIGNIFICATIONS"
Charles Waring Bardsley

"MILES" - "MILES" came into England as "MILO", that being the form found in the Domesday Book of 1085-1086. The is the record of the great survey of English lands and people made at the order of William the Conqueror. It was already popular with the Normans and like all other names from this source, it is specially recorded in the diminutive shape or form as "MILLO" or "MILLET." Patronymics are MILLS, MILES, MILLSON, MILESON.
Melsonby is composed of the village of Melsonby and part of the township of East Layton. Its area is 2742 acres, of which 963 acres are arable, 1490 acres are permanent grass and 15 acres woods and plantations. The subsoil is Yoredale Rocks, the soil is principally limestone which was formerly quarried. The chief crops raised are wheat, barley, oats and turnips. 600 acres of common ground were inclosed in 1815.

The village lies clustered round the crossing of the four roads running south to Watling Street, north to Lucy Cross, east to Barton and west to the Staindrop Road. It consists mainly of two parallel streets separated by a water-course and bordered with stone houses with red pantile roofs. The church stands in a prominent position at the east end of the village, the 18th Century Rectory being opposite it on the south side. South of the rectory are vestiges of what might have been the "turriolum" granted by John de Carlberg to William de Marske and confirmed by John Abbott of Eastby. The only remains visible consist of a wall of doubtful origin with a shorter section joining it at right angles. In the field are numerous lines and mounds suggestion of other buildings.

MELSONBY MANOR belonged to Torphin before the Conquest and was afterwards part of the honour of Richmond. In 1086 it was held under Count Alan by Bodin from whom the mesne lordship passed to the FitzAlans. It was still held by their descendants in 1430 and probably continued to be so held. The lord of the adjacent manor of Middleton Tyas, Henry de Middleton, seems to have claimed the mesne lordship in 1268 for he had then established himself as custodian of the manor and of the under-tenant, a minor. Brian, son of Alan, however, came with many others to Melsonby, seized the ward and carried away goods and chattels of Henry de Middleton to the value of 20 Pounds. The FitzAlans inhabited the manor house of Melsonby during the 13th. and 14th. Centuries.

MELSONBY GAVE its name to a local family represented in the 12th. Century by Thomas de Melsonby. In 1202 Thomas de Middleton gave half a carucate to Roger de Melsonby, son of Thomas, and a 'vice-deacon' of Richmond. Julia, daughter of Roger exchanged tenements in Melsonby with Jervaulx Abbey. In 1246 Simon, son of this Roger, was a tenant of Adam de Narford in 1281. Simon must have died before the end of the century for in 1295-7 Geoffrey his son and heir was a minor in the custody of the lord of Richmond. In 1309 John de Stapleton lord of the manor complained Simon son of Simon hunted in his free warren and carried away hares, conies and partridges. Simon's son Robert, was a kinsman of John son of Geoffrey de Melsonby lord of Knaeton. Robert probably died without issue, for in 1366 Joan wife of William de Langley and Agnes daughter of Simon de Melsonby conveyed tenements in Melsonby to Robert Layton.

Perhaps it was on the occasion while the FitzAlans inhabited Melsonby Manor that Brian son of Alan that in 1205 he deprived his under-tenant Richard de Lyng of 12 carucates of land in Melsonby. Richard immediately obtained reinstatement from the Crown but three years later he came to an
arrangement with Brian by which they divided the 12 carucates with the demesnes, services and mill appurtenant. Brian keeping the capital messuage and the advowson of the church and Richard holding his share of Brian.

Alan de Lyng made a grant in Melsonby to Marrick Priory in the 12th Century, and as one of the several under-tenants of the FitzAlan's, the family of Lyng (Lines) continued to hold lands, though no longer the manor, in Melsonby for over a hundred years. They were last heard of there in 1316 when Roger de Lyng, at this time lord also of one of the manors of Patrick Brompton (q.v.) held tenements. Meanwhile St.Agatha's Abbey, which held the neighboring manor of Barton seems to have acquired the Lyng's fee in Melsonby, for Abbott William granted to Adam de Narford and his heirs all the land with the capital messuage in the vill of Melsonby which John son of Robert formerly held of the abbey and which escheated by reason of felony committed by John. The Abbey of St.Agatha is not again mentioned in connexion with Narford lands in Melsonby. Adam de Narford was the ward captured by Brian son of Alan in 1268. He was succeeded by his son Hugh and he by his son Adam who was lord in 1281. The last named Adam constantly attacked the rights of his under-tenants, and forced the parson to prove his right to haybote and housebote. In 1306-7 he granted the manor to John son of Nicholas de Stapleton, who received a grant of free warren in Melsonby in 1308 to himself and his heirs. John de Stapleton was lord in 1327-8 and Nicholas in 1331-3. This Nicholas was head of the family.

From this time on Melsonby descended with the Stapleton's (q.v) until Thomas Metham died seised in 1498-9, leaving a son and heir Thomas after which it seems to have come into the hands of another branch of the family.

In 1547 Edmund Metham settled half his manor of Melsonby on William Metham and Ann his wife, who in 1599 conveyed it to Ralph Gower. Roger Gower, Edward Gower, Robert Philippson and Anne, his wife, and Christopher Philippson in 1623 settled Melsonby by fine on Solomon Wyvill and his heirs and on John Robinson. This must have been the instrument by which Melsonby passed to Christopher Philippson who was lord in the following year. Christopher to the Royalist side in the Civil War but he pleaded in 1646 that though he was major of a foot regiment raised against Parliament, he had never marched out of his own parts, but had submitted at the first settlement of the militia and had taken the National Convention in 1644. He was later discovered to be secretly aiding the royal party but he compounded and in 1652 his estate was discharged. Robert Philippson, who succeeded Christopher, sold the manor in 1666 to Humphrey Wharton. The manor still belonged to the Wharton's of Skelton Castle (the lords of Gilling) in 1796 but in 1857 had come into the hands of Messrs Swan Clough & Co., bankers, 45 Amey St. York.

There is a mixed elementary school erected in 1857 and a second enlarged in 1899. South of the Wesleyan Chapel erected in 1866, Scots Dike appears. A mile south of the village the highest point of Gatherly Moor is reached, whence a wide view is obtained over the Gilling Valley to the Main line of hills and moors trending to the north-west. Gatherly Moor is partly in this parish and partly in those of Gilling and Middleton Tyas and is crossed from Melsonby to Watling Street by Jagger Lane. Now cultivated land, the moor was formerly famous in connexion with horse breeding.

There was a church and priest at Melsonby in 1086. Brian, son of Scotland, lord of Bedale (q.v.) is said to have confirmed the church to the monks of Castle Acre, but in 1208 it was held by Brian's successor, Brian FitzAlan, whose descendents, the lords of Bedale (q.v.) continued with some
interruptions until 1570-1. Occasionally rival claimants sprang up. In 1416 Alexander Metham is said to have died seised, and in 1427 Thomas, his son and heir, claimed the advowson at law against Brian Stapleton, heir of half of the FitzAlan estates.

In 1671 the Stapletons made their last assertion of a right of moiety by conveying it to William Brent and Christopher Adams. In 1692-3 Elizabeth Spooner conveyed the advowson to six trustees for University College, Oxford which has ever since been patron. The living is a rectory.

The registers of the church begin in 1658.

Note: The article from the quoted reference has been abridged.

Certain of the words used in the description of Melsonby are not too familiar. Their definitions are included for better understanding:

- **advowson**: the right of presenting a nominee to a vacant ecclesiastical benefice. This right is included as a property right. Roman Catholics must surrender their rights to Oxford or Cambridge University.
- **carucate**: a measure of land in certain England counties equivalent to a **hide**, usually amounting to 120 acres but may vary from 60 to 180 acres.
- **compounded**: to forebear prosecution of an offense for a consideration.
- **demesne**: possession of lands in one’s own rights.
- **haybote**: the woods or thorns allowed to a tenant or commoner for repairing his hedge or fences, also, the right to take such material.
- **housebote**: wood allowed to a tenant for repairing a house.
- **mesne**: an intermediate such as a mesne lord who holds lands of a superior being tenant to the superior but lord to his own tenant.
- **messuage**: a dwelling house with adjacent buildings and curtilage and the adjoining lands.
- **moiety**: a half
- **(q.v.)**: quod vide - which see
- **seised**: in possession of
Benjamin Melson and his wife, Milley Gordy Melson, are probably buried in the cemetery on the Old Melson Farm, near Clarence, Shelby County, Missouri. There are six unidentified graves in this plot.

Samson Davis Melson, his wife Juliann Elizabeth Catherine Jones Melson, and their son Albert Jason Melson, are buried in the Melson Family Plot, #242, Pioneer Cemetery; South Commercial and Judson Streets, Salem, Oregon.

James Asbury Melson and his wife, Mary Amanda Gibson Melson, are buried in the Melson Family Plot, Pioneer Cemetery, South Commercial and Judson Sts., Salem, Oregon.

Roy S. (Samson LeRoy) Melson, his wife Hattie Etta Welch Melson, are buried in the Melson Family Plot, Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Oregon.

Major H. Jones, his daughter Duenna Jones Boon, her husband Henry Daniel Boon, several of their children, Major H. Jones’ other daughter, Melvina Jane Jones Brown, and her husband, William Harrison Brown, are buried in Plot #632, Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Oregon.

Peter Welch, his wife, Hannah Gilmore Welch, their sons Warren P. Welch and George Welch, together with other members of their families are buried in the Peter Welch Cemetery, Decatur Township House, Washington County Highway #111, three miles west of its intersection with Ohio State Highway #555, Ohio. This intersection is about five miles north of Belpre, Ohio, which is along the Ohio River.

Noah Welch and his wife, Alverda Hare Welch, their daughters Eva Welch and Alice Welch Marston, are buried in the Jason Lee Cemetery, on "D" Street, Salem, Oregon.

Joseph Samuel Melton and his wife, Mary Sue MacFarlane Melton, lie in the Thomson City Cemetery, Thomson, Georgia.
THE DOMESDAY BOOK

One source of the earliest references to the name 'Melson' was the great survey made of England during the early days of the Norman Conquest. The survey was ordered by William The Conqueror at his court in Winchester around Christmas 1083. The survey was completed some two years later. The book into which all the information was assembled was originally known as "Libris de Wintonia." This title apparently referring to its first place of deposit, which is now known as Winchester. When the Kings of England moved their court to Westminster, the book went with them. It was kept with the King's Seal until 1696 when it was finally deposited in the Chapter House.

The name, as it is known today, came from "Scriptura Thesauri Regis," being kept in the King's Treasury, which was in the Church of Westminster, in a place called 'Domus Dei' or 'God's House.' From this, the book became known as the Domus Dei or The Domesday Book. Shortly after it was deposited in the Chapter House at Westminster, work was started to translate the book into a more useful form. The work continued for more than seventy years. King George III became interested in the work and appointed a Royal Commission to assure its accuracy and completeness. Fifteen years were taken to agree on the style of type to be used. The printing of the first book took five years. A setback occurred in the mid 1790's when the Printery housing the type burned. King George in 1800 ordered the book to be made available to the public and in 1816 directed 1250 copies be printed. The work was completed in 1834.

"DOMESDAY BOOK
seu
Willeimi Primi
Regis Angliae"

This title is found on the flysheet to the first volume. The two succeeding volumes contain the survey and the fourth volume adds an Appendix which
adds the survey of the County of Durham taken at the same time by the Bishop Palatine for that region and housed in Archbishop Laud's Library at Oxford. The first volume has a lengthy explanation by the Royal Commission explaining what was done to translate the medieval records engrossed onto sheepskins, what some of the ancient terminology meant, a listing of the classes of people enumerated, and other facts about this amazing survey.

The copy reviewed was found in the Central Technical Library for the City of Westminster. The flyleaf states the book was printed for the Central Library of the Island of Jersey. There was no explanation appended to explain why the book was no longer on that island. It has been rebound and there are evidences throughout of abuse in handling. Even so, it remains a fascinating and somewhat frustrating book for a non-student of medieval Latin, Anglo-Saxon and Norman to read. No attempt was made in the translation during the 1700's to recouch any of the material into English.

King William I directed the survey to be based upon information collected and attested to by the oaths of the Sheriffs, the Lords of each Manor, the Presbyters of every church, the Reeves of every Hundred, the Bailiffs and Six Villains of every village. These were to inquire into:

- the name of the place
- who held it in the time of King Edward
- who is the present possessor
- how many hides in the Manor
- how many Carucates in demesne
- how many homages
- how many villans
- how many cotari
- how many servi
- what free men
- how many tenants in socage (socmen)
- what quantity of wood
- how many meadows and pasture
- what mills and fish ponds
how much added or taken away
what was the gross value in King Edward's time
what is the present value
how much each free man or sochman had or has.

When these questions asked in 1083 are compared with the few questions comprising the First Census of the United States in 1790, it is astounding the survey was completed in two years time. It was so well received, this book formed the basis for all taxation in England for centuries.

One of the peculiarities of those days was the rank of the persons enumerated. In general, according to the Royal Commission's explanation these were grouped in the following order:

- Bishops and Abbots
- Norman Barons
- Taini (Thanes) - the former Saxon Barons of various ranks.
- Vavassores - a Norman degree of Lord above the rank of a Knight.
- Aloorii - Tenants in Allodium (absolute possession of property without being subject to any taxation) hereditary.
- Milites - usually applied to soldiers, later to soldiers and their servants.
- Liberti Homines - Freeholders or freemen.
- Socmen (Sochmen) - privileged villans, they could not be deprived of their lands. 'Soc' means 'franchise', unlike freemen, socmen could not leave the estate without permission of the Lord.
- Rodmen - less free than socmen, they were believed to have served on horseback.
- Villani - serving in villanage, they went with the land.
- Bordarii - a cottager, less servile than a villan.
- Cescits - a cottager who paid rent for his holding.
- Bures - same as Coliberti - midway between servile and free, usually on a tenure basis.
- Servii - servants
- Ancilliæ - female servants
- Censarii - an occupier of land, not well defined.
- Porcarii - swineherds. Some were free and rented privileges for feeding pigs in the Woodland.
- Homines - all sorts of feudatory servants.
- Angli - under-tenants.

'Malsenebi' is mentioned three times in The Domesday Book. The first reference in found in the General Introduction-Indices, this is the first volume:
Villa Possessia genera Scire Hundred Lord Vol.
MALSENEBI M.Ecclia,p b r & c Eurvice WR,Halichelde Comes Alan 310 2 Wapentake

Volume I page 310 Column 2 EURVISIRE

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"In Malsenebi, Dirdreston ad gld xi carucate x car pofs eë. Ibi hê Torfin.
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ê. Toë.1. leû lg l.t. T.R.E.,uat xî fot. m.xxx. fot. In hac villa fuî ad gld.
III. carucate. de qb3 foca ptinet ad Ghellinges."

Volume I page 381 Col.II North Reding
Alan Comitis
"Xii.c
"In Malsenebi. In Dirdreston."

A fourth indirect reference is found just preceding the survey information shown on page 310 col.2. This one is on Page 309 of the same volume and is headed:

"Terra Alan Comites
In Ghellinges ------,"

The survey proceeds from this first entry under the Lands of Count Alan and Malsenebi is found on the succeeding page.

A partial translation of these entries may be made from the notes found in the General Instructions. The first reference lists the Villa being enumerated as Malsenebi. Possessia genera - M.Ecclia,p b r & c is not translated. Scire - Eurvice (Yorkshire) West Reding(Riding). Hundred - Halichelde Wapentake. Many of the older districts under the Saxon rule were termed Wapentakes. The precise meaning of this word remains debatable. One being it comprised the area where all men could be mustered within the some of a horn. Halichelde was a large wapentake for those days. Another reference, see page 11-32 "A History of Yorkshire-North Riding," states Halichelde possibly contained then all of
is today known as the Hallikeld, Hang and Gilling Wapentakes. These three were erected from the older one in 1275-6. Gilling was further subdivided into Gilling East and Gilling West in 1286-7. Melsonby (Malsenebi) lies in what became Gilling West. Under the column for Lord which listed the lands as belonging to Count Alan, no one today is certain which Count Alan. There were three of them serving King William I, Count Alan who led the rear of the Norman Army at the Battle of Hastings, his nephew, or another Count Alan Rufus. The heading Volume refers to the page and column under which the survey data may be found.

The survey description, in part tells us "In Malsenebi that Dirdreston was a Beruuit (Berwick). A Berwick was an outlying unattached holding. Taxes were paid 'ad gld xi carucate' on eleven carucates and there were ten plows and teams 'car' on these holdings. The Lord in the time of King Edward was Torfin. There was one manor in Malsenebi and the Lord of the Manor was Bodin. One carucate of land surrounded the manor, which also had 15 'uit's' whatever they were. Cottagers (bord) held seven carucates. There was a church (AEecla) and a Priest (ptor) in Malsenebi. The third line is almost completely untranslatable, although the last part implies the village paid 'fu/th' taxes on four carucates. All franchises (soca or foca) were received from Chellinges.

The Royal Commission in the explanation of the text went to great lengths to explain many of the abbreviations used by the scribes. They asserted care had to be taken to watch these signs as the meaning of abbreviations were changed by them. Some of those used in the survey for Malsenebi illustrate this point rather well:

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\begin{align*}
\text{car} & \quad \text{caruca} \quad \text{a plow and team.} \\
\text{car} & \quad \text{carucata} \quad \text{a measure of land. The amount was considered about as much as one plow and beasts belonging to it could manage in}
\end{align*}
\]
one year, taking into account the meadows, pastures and houses for
the householder and cattle. This was usually about fifty acres.
The amount varied widely, being as much as 100 to 130 acres in
some instances. The Carucata or Carucate was a measure intro­
ed by the Normans and was almost identical to the Saxon 'Hide.'
One hundred hides made a Hundred. A Wapentake, or Saxon District,
was also supposed to be the same, although they varied widely.

T.R.E. This abbreviation stood for "tempore Regis Edwardi," or "during
the time of Edward the Confessor." It was used to show the gross
value of the land and holdings during Edward's time.

A symbol used in those days to represent the word "and."

Redings "Redings" or "Ridings" were one-third units of the larger English
Counties. One reference lists Malsenebi as being in the West Rid­
ing, while another shows it in the North Riding. This is not to
great a problem as Count Alan held land in both ridings and the
boundaries then were fairly flexible.

One minor bit of additional Eleventh Century information of interest concern­
ed the measurements for lengths. A "Perca" or "Perch" was fifteen feet. It be­
came 15½ feet much later in the time of Edward III. A "Quarentina" which came
from the French "Quarente" which was the word meaning "Forty," was a unit of
length "Forty Perches long" or, as it became to be known, a "Furlong." A
"Lueca" or a "Luga" was a measurement or 480 Perches. This made it equivalent
to 1½ modern miles. Later these words fused into "League" which was assigned
a distance equal to three miles. "Acre," the Anglo-Saxon word meaning "field,"
was defined as an area of land 40 Perches wide by 4 perches long. This medi­
val acre was smaller than today's by 5120 sq. feet.
MELSON'S IN OHIO

1820 Census of the US, Ohio

Melson, James 132 Scioto County Green Township
Joseph 294 Ross Paint
Samuel 294 Ross Paint
John 016A Fayette Green

1830 Census of the US, Ohio

Melson, Kiziah Adams County
Joseph Scioto
Hiram Pike

1840 Census of the US, Ohio

page 314 James Melson, Ross County

1850 Census of the US, Ohio

Fayette County
Corand Township
John Melson 30 Laborer
Meoseq Melson 30 Laborer
Green Township
Thomas Melson 35 Farmer
Charlotte Melson 33 Farmer
Sarah F. 6
William 4
Sniilive ? 2
Marion Township
Michael Melson 29 Farmer
Margaret A. 21
Martha E. 1
Clinton County
Clark Township
Jacob Melson 30 Farmer
Sarah 28
Mary 12
Malinda 9

Emily 8
John W. 7
Samuel L. 2
Mahala J. 2/12
Clinton County
Liberty Township
David Melson 24 Carpenter
M.A. 24
John 2

Pickaway County
Washington Township
Job Melson 50 Laborer
Servir H. 19 Laborer

Auglaize County
Wayne Township
Thomas Melson 44
Margaret 41
Mulvy E. 21
William 18
Mary 17
Samuel 13

Jefferson County
Town of Mt. Pleasant
David Melson 38
Mary A. 37
Annie M. 11
Duncan 9
William 7
James 5
Martha 3

Marriage Records-Highland County, Ohio-Seattle Library qR929.3771-M122M

David Melson married Susan Bragg 6 Aug. 1840 by Wm. Elliott JP
Jacob Melson married Sarah Mays 15 Nov. 1838 by Joel Thurman
John Melson married Isabella Tuder 1 Oct 1807 by Samuel Littler
Emily Melson married Jacob Pfister 23 Jan 1863 by John M. Dorman
(is this the daughter of Jacob Melson Clinton County in the 1850 Census?)

1870 Census of the US, Ross County
Buskirk Township
Melson, Thomas 64 House Carpenter KY
" Sarah 53 Housekeeper KY

Note- I was told Thomas Melson b. 1806 KY died in 1874 S. Salem, Ross Cty, Oh.
Sarah Miller b. 1817 Ohio

White Oak Cemetery, Fayette County, Ohio
Thomas Melson d. 28 April 1862 age 46 y 10 m 4 days
Charlotte Melson b. 1817
Sarah Melson d. 28 Oct. 1860 age 10
Laura Melson d. 2 Nov. 1860 age 3

Thomas Melson was the father of John Franklin Melson (great grandfather of Linda Melson Mulkey)
Joe Cook's Family Line - Microfilm from Salt Lake City - Coweta County, GA.

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Melson, Charles, b. 1751, died 3-2-1821, married Frances Shadoun, Pvt. Va.
Melson, Daniel, b. c1724, died 2-1797, m. T. Love, PS, MD.
Melson, Drury, b. 1760, d. 10-14, 1839, m. (2) Karen Bledsoe, Pvt., N.C.
Melson, Ebenezer, b. 10-11-1760, d. 1-6-184?, m. Dovey Walker, Pvt., NC.

"THEY WERE THERE" Georgia Genealogical Records


"COWETA CO. CHRONICLE FOR 100 YEARS", James and Reynolds, 1928

929 A.T. (Uncle Ladd) Melson died near Picton, Texas, age 88 years
Cinti, OH. 8 mos. Moved there in 1855 from Coweta Co., Ga.
Annie Dent m. Leonidas J. Melson, children Elizabeth Melson,
Annie Melson m. J. Ives Barton, Christian Melson m. R. Erle
Wynn, and Leonidas J. Melson, Jr.
Fanny Lou Arnold, dau. of Hugh M. Arnold and Fannie Lizzie Sims,
moved to Warren Melson, no children.

N.C. Genealogist, 1965-Carteret County Wills, Will Book D 281, "Edmund Melson
property to dau. Voilator, rest of estate to wife, Elizabeth for life, then
to all my children. Exors wife and Edmund Melson, Jr."
Signed EDMUND MELSON (mark)
Direction sign on MD/DE Highway 54 three miles east of its intersection with US13 at Delmar, MD/DE. This highway straddles the West Line, the boundary between the two states. MELSON, MD is 3/4 miles south.
ELIJAH MELSON JR.
B. APR. 15, 1800
D. NOV. 12, 1868
M. ELIZA HASTINGS
Judge Elwood Franklin Melson, Sr.
b. Nov. 25, 1890, d. Nov. 20, 1980
Son of William Handy C. and Mary
Martha Dukes Melson. Father of
William P., John B., Elwood F. Jr.,
Donald H., and Mary Eileen Melson.
SAMSON DAVIS MELSON
Son of Benjamin and Milley Gordy Melson
Born Oct. 25, 1817 in Boguelenorton Hundred
Worcester County, Maryland. Died Jan. 1, 1894
in Salem, Oregon. Father of James A. Melson
Juliann Elizabeth Catherine (Jones) Melson
Daughter of Major H. and Minerva Wilcoxen Jones.
Born Nov. 6, 1824 in Kentucky. Died Nov. 4, 1895
in Salem, Oregon. Mother of James Asbury Melson


This picture was taken before 1902 when Mary Susan Nelson Davidson passed away. It was most likely taken in Salem, Oregon where most of the members of the family were living. Bennie Nelson, the only other living brother at that time, is not in the picture. He was a sailor and seldom visited Salem and his family.
JANE MELSON ROSS
Daughter of Benjamin and Milly Melson.
Born June __, 1812, Worcester Co., Maryland.
Died Feb. 8, 1892, age 79 years, 8 mos. in Lakeport, California. Sister of Samson Davis Melson.

JAMES ASBURY MELSON
Benjamin Nathan Melson, son of Benjamin and Milley Gordy Melson, born in Worcester County, Maryland, Jan 6, 1823, died Jul. 15, 1903 in Shelby County, Missouri.

Mary Jane Carman Melson, daughter of William Carman of Palmyra, Missouri, born Nov. 6, 1825, died Apr. 17, 1899 in Shelby County, Missouri.
W. P. Johnson, Artist.
Sarah Emma Nelson Planta, Sister of James A. Nelson, Dau. of Sampson D. Nelson

Mary Nelson Davidson, Sister of James A. Nelson, Dau. of Sampson D. Nelson
Ella Belle Melson McDowell
Major H. Jones

Thomas H. Wilson and Matilda F. Melson
Matilda was a daughter of Samson D. and Juliann E. C. Jones Melson. She was born Feb. 8, 1848 and died Dec. 8, 1916.
Samuel Park Garrigues
Born in 1849, Alliance, Ohio. Moved to Oregon as a young man, married Martha Josephine Melson. He was a businessman and rancher at Heppner, Oregon. Park and Jose had two children: Percy and Walter. After retiring, Park and Jose moved to Portland, OR, where this picture was taken, July 23, 1900.
Thomas Howard Wilson

Matilda Frances Wilson
Arthur Wilson
Son of Thomas Howard Wilson and Matilda Frances Wilson, born Nov. 17, 1867, died Jan. 24, 1933

Mabel Mortimer Wilson

Joseph Lincoln Gibson and Minnie Summers
Wedding picture: 1888
Lexington, Oregon

Capt. Joseph Lincoln Gibson,
Oregon Volunteers - c. 1898
Correspondence.
Mary Amanda Gibson Melson

Born Oct. 31, 1860, Petersburg, Ill., the daughter of Benj. N. Gibson and Amanda Marsh. Mary left Illinois in 1877 and moved to Oregon where she lived with her aunt, Mary Marsh-Casona, survivor of the Whitman Massacre until her marriage to James Asbury Melson, Jul 22, 1879. She was the mother of Roy S. and Etta Mae Melson.

ETTA MAE MELSON EYRE/HARRIS
Born Apr. 15, 1887 in Heppner, Oregon.
Died Aug. 7, 1960 in Salem, Oregon. Dau. of James Asbury and Mary Amanda Gibson Melson. Etta was the only other child in the James Melson family other than my father, Roy S. Melson, to survive infancy. She was the mother of Robert and Ralph Eyre.
Roy S. Melson

Born 19 Dec., 1883 in Heppner, Oregon, a son of James Asbury and Mary Amanda Gibson Nelson. He grew up in Heppner and Salem, Oregon. He married Etta Welch. During his life he was a banker, business and farmer. Retiring in 1940, he lived on his farm in the Keizer District, Salem, Oregon, where he died 24 July, 1955. Roy and Etta had four children, Lewis Byron, Ruth Lucille, Evelyn Josephine and David Leroy Melson.
LEWIS BYRON MELSON
Age TWO YEARS SEVEN MOS.
OCT, 1916
675 Statesman Street, Salem, Ore.

ETTA WELCH MELSON
With LEWIS BYRON MELSON and
RUTH LUCILLE MELSON
1917
Samson Leroy Melson
(Roy S. Melson)
Salem, Oregon, c1896

Roy S. Melson standing with his bicycle in front of the Colbath Grocery Store N. 17th. and Asylum Ave (Center St.), Salem, Oregon where he worked, c1900.
Roy and Etta Nelson with Lewis, Jr., Mary and Peggy. 30 April 1952, Mother's 63rd Birthday, Boston, Massachusetts.
NOAH WELCH
THE PETER WELCH FAMILY TAKEN AT A REUNION IN NOVEMBER 1903

Peter Welch, born Columbiana County, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1839, died Decaturville, Washington County, Ohio, Oct. 16, 1906. Married Hannah Gilmore, born 1834, died Jan. 31, 1922 in 1852. Peter was a son of Henry and Barbara Smith Welch and the
Mrs. William Alson Wright (Emma Agnes Welch, daughter of John Welch) of Leesburg, Ohio made the identification of the members of the Welch family from this photograph which was the property of Noah Welch and kept by his daughter, Etta Welch Melson. Mrs. Wright's identification was made in September, 1970.

1. Tom Matheny
2. Lucy Welch Matheny
3. Charley Weaver
4. Barbara Welch Weaver
5. Noah Welch
6. Estalla Burfield
7. Charley Burfield
8. Henry Welch (Peter's brother)
9. Mrs. Henry Welch
10. John Welch
11. Mrs. John Welch (Nancy Jane Garvin, John's second wife.
12. Martin Welch
13. Dow Welch (holding baby)
14. Mrs. Dow Welch
15. Warren Welch (holding baby)
16. Mrs. Warren Welch
17. Peter Welch (Noah's father, son of Henry)
18. Mrs. Peter Welch (Hannah Gilmore)
19. May Weaver
20. Isa Bell Welch Johnson (Mrs. Wright's sister)
23. Ernest Welch
24. Raymond Welch
25. Ellen Welch
26. Preston Welch
27. Gordon Welch
28. Emil Welch

Mrs. Wright, her sister Florence Jane Mel, and Charles Mel died in 1970.
Etta Welch
Picture taken the day she graduated from High School
Class of 1907

Alice, Noah, Mildred and Alverda Welch in background
Mr. and Mrs. N. Welch

request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Etta

in the presence of relatives and friends.

Rev. H. N. Avison performed the impressive ring ceremony in the presence of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Charles O. Wilson played Lohengrin's Wedding March when the bride and groom, who were unattended, took their places under a lover's knot of white satin ribbon, suspended from an arch of ferns and white carnations.

During the ceremony Mrs. Wilson softly played "Call Me Thine Own."

The bride wore a handsome gown of white empress satin, elaborated with rich lace and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses and white sweet peas.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the Welch residence, at which Misses Shirley Seip, Miss Mae Welch, Miss Alice Welch, and Mrs. Charles M. Fuller assisted in serving and receiving the guests.

Mr. Melson is employed by the Capital National Bank of this city, and is one of Salem's most promising young business men. The bride is well known here, where she has lived for many years.

After July first Mr. and Mrs. Melson will be at home at 675 Statesman street.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Welch

Wednesday evening, June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and thirteen eight o'clock at their residence

Salem, Oregon
VOTE 61X
Roy S. Melson
Republican Candidate for
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Eminently Qualified

FARMER
Owning and operating farms, one or which comprised 3000 acres. At present operating a farm of 35 acres in North Salem.

SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAN
Formerly associate owner in Commercial Book Store.
Formerly associate owner in Atlas Book Store.
Formerly proprietor Peter Pan Restaurant.
Graduate of Willamette Law School.
Graduate of Capitol Business College.

BANKER
Ten years association with First National Bank.
(Formerly Capitol National Bank of Salem.)

Member Pioneer Family, ancestors having settled in the Oregon country in the early 40's.
Resident of Marion county entire life.

PLEDGED TO ACTUAL REDUCTION IN TAXES BY EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY

ROY S. MELSON
Triumphantly re-elected to the Marion county district court by a majority of 3,000 over his opponent, Walter Keyes.

JUDGE L. H. McMAHAN

EARL R. ADAMS
Won the race for Constable of the Salem district, by defeating Herman Brown by about 400 votes.

HANNAH MARTIN
Re-elected as state Representative for Marion county.

FRANK MARSHALL
Becomes Alderman of Ward No. 2 in Salem, succeeding H. H. Olinger, who was serving by appointment.
This letter is written with the hope of enlisting your support in behalf of my candidacy for the Republican nomination for County Commissioner.

If elected, I will endeavor to the best of my ability to introduce into the administration of county affairs business principles and strict economy and will do my utmost to bring about close cooperation of all Tax Levying Bodies to adopt the economy program urged by our State Government.

Our tax burden has become so oppressive that it is reaching the point of confiscation. There must be immediate relief given the holders of real property, such as farmers and small home owners.

I feel that I am qualified for the position I seek, having graduated from Willamette School of Law, and was at one time employed by the First National Bank of Salem, Oregon for a period of 10 years. I own and live on a farm and have had considerable Mercantile, Farming and other business experience.

If you can see your way clear to approve the principles for which I stand, and will give me your support, I will appreciate it very, very much.

Very truly yours,
Alverda Hare Welch
Jan. 9, 1942, age 79

Deluney L. and Rebecca Burk Hare
Parents of Alverda Hare Welch

Alverda Hare Welch
Salem, Oregon

May Welch Stark and Alice Welch Marston
Sisters of Etta Welch Melson, about 1950
Lester Melson Davidson, the second child of Thomas Luther and Mary Susan Melson Davidson, of Indian Hills Farm, Salem, Oregon. Lester was born Jun. 9, 1887. This picture was taken at Salem, Oregon when he was 8 months old, i.e. about Feb. 1888. Lester died shortly afterwards.

Robert E. Eyre sent this picture to me 4 Oct. 1987. It was one given to our grandmother, Amanda Gibson Melson, and kept among her possessions by Etta Melson Eyre, then later by Bob until he sent it to me.
Pages from Julian E.C. Melson's Bible.
The earliest entries were written by her,
most of the latter ones by Josephine Melson
Garrigues, one of her daughters. These pages
were kept by Josephine among her records.
MARRIAGES.

Marie Emily Nelson and Alexander Wilson were married Nov. 25th, 1941.

Mary Susan Nelson Wilson departed this life — at Salem, Oregon.

James Arthur Wilson departed this life, March 18th, 1906, Salem, Oregon.

Maude Ellen Wilson died at Palo Alto, Calif., Dec. 8th, 1925.


Ella Belle Nelson McDowell died July 2nd, 1936 in San Jose, California, buried in Salem, Nov. 5th.

-BAPTISMS-

Hility Nelson departed this life January 17, 1853
father's sister

Ella Belle our 9th child
was born October 30th, 1850

Bennie our 10th child
was born February 16th, 1851,
3 months old when we left for Missouri for Oregon

Albert Jason our Eleventh Child was
Born January 24th, 1870

This is from the old Bible brought
across the plains in 1847 by father and mother,

S. O. & E. C. Nelson
from Josephine Nelson Ewing
Pioneers, 1847.
DEATHS.

America Melson departed this life September 14th, 1834 in Missouri.

Albert Jason our Eldest Child departed this life August 31st, 1870 in Oregon.

Lamison D. Melson departed this life January 1st, 1894 in Salem Oregon.

Julian F. C. Melson died in Oregon and departed this life in Burminton November 4th, 1890 in the 30th year of his age.
FAMILY RECORD.

John Gordy and Hannah Jackson were married together April the 28 day 1760

Jackson Gordy and Nelly Wilson were married together February 20th 1788

Benjamin Winton and Nelly Gordy were married together April the 4 day 1798

Rindal Jackson, eldest son of Jackson and Elizabeth wife, deceased January 17 day 1825

James Smiby, Mary J. Matthews and married together July 25th 1833

Mary Elizabeth Smiby, a daughter of James and Mary. This wife was born December 3rd day 1834

Jackson Gordy died December 18th 1835

Garry Gordy deceased January 7th 1837

Daly Gordy deceased March the 14th 1841

The text over below: Nelly Gordon died the 14th chapter 13 verse 16

Clynder Gordy deceased November 29th, 1843

Lavina A. Matthews was born to John Austin Smith, deceased after the 39th day of October 14th 1843.
Entries in John Gordy's Bible – Now in the possession of Mrs. Howard Gordy, Salisbury, Maryland.

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John Gordy and Hannah Jackson was married together April the 28th. Day 1760

Jackson Gordy and Nelly Wootton was Married together February 20th day 1788

January 7th, 1830 that Seth Gordy & Nancy Brewington was married

James Pusey & Mary Matthews was Married together July the 25th 1833

Nancy Elizabeth Pusey, a daughter of James and Mary his wife was born December the 8 Day 1834

Wingit G. Matthews & Mary E Caleway was Married together September the 30th day 1841

Sary M. Matthews a daughter of Wingit & Sary his wife was born October the 19, 1863

Lavina E. Matthews was born October the 14, 1843

Benjamin Melson and Milley Gordy was Married together April the 1st Day 1798

Kendle Gordy and Rebecca Wallace was married together February 19, 1825

Kendle Gordy a son of Jackson & Nelly his wife died January 17 Day 1834

Jackson Gordy died December 18, 1835

Poly Gordy deceased March the 14 day 1841

The text over Poly Gordy Revelations the 14 Chater 13 Verce

Elender Gordy deceased, age 73, the 8th. Day November 1843 (This is Nellie Wootton Gordy).

John Claton Pusey was born April the 29, 1843
John Gordy was born November the 25th day 1740
Hannah Jackson was born October the 3rd day 1740
Seth Gordy was born February the 1st day 1761
Thomas Gordy was born January the 1st day 1763
Richard Gordy was born May the 31st day 1765
October the 8th day 1774 Hannah Jackson was born
Elizabeth Gordy was born June the 4th day 1776
Abigail Gordy was born August the 16th day 1780
Hannah Jackson was born January the 12th day 1803
George Jackson Nelson was born March the 15th day 1805
Elizabeth Nelson was born November the 5th day 1807
Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock
before Day
John Nelson was born February the 16th day 1818
born
John Gordy son of Peter

John Gordy was Born November the 25th Day 1740

Hannah Jackson was Born October the 3rd Day 1740

Nathan Gordy was Born February the 1st Day 1761

Thomas Gordy was born January the 18th Day 1763

Jackson Gordy was born May the 31st Day 1765

October the 8th Day 1774 that Polley Gordy was born

Elijah Gordy was born June the 4th Day 1776

Milley Gordy was born June the 10th Day 1780

Hannah Gordy was born

Thomas Gordy died December the 9th Day 1845

Benjamin Melson was born August the 13th Day 1777

Milley Gordy was born June the 10th Day 1780

Lovey Cannon Melson was born November the 22nd Day 1798 Thursday night at 10 o'clock

Hannah Jackson Melson was born July the 16th Day 1800 Wednesday 10 o'clock in the morning

Polly Gordy Melson was born October the 14th Day 1803 Friday night at 8 o'clock

George Armstrong Melson was born November the 13th Day 1805 Wednesday morning 8 o'clock

Salley Melson was born November the 15th Day 1807 Tuesday morning about one hour before Day

John Melson was born February the 1st Day 1810 about Daybreak
Births

Mary Ellen was born to Mattha Gordy and John his wife was born June 16 May 1822

Elizabeth was born to Mattha Gordy and John his wife was born Nov 15 1802

Hannah Gordy died Nov 24 1803 in Jenner about 60 years

Winfred Gordy son of John and Mary died May 12 1818

James Matthew was born June 10 1839

Matthew was born June 16 1839
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Births

Mary Ellenor a Daughter of Nutter Gordy, Ann his wife was born June 10th Day 1828

Elender Ann a Daughter of Th. Cooper & Hetsey his wife was born November 22, 1822

Joseph Cooper a Son of Th. Cooper & Hetsey his wife was born June 18, 1824

Benjamin Cooper a son of Th. Cooper & Hetsey his wife was born February 21, 1827

Vorica Holt was born September 30, 1819

Nutter S. Matthews and Elizabeth H. Matthews July the 26 Day 1838

Margit Ann Matthews was borned August the 6 at 10 o'clock Tuesday night 1839

George William Matthews was born June 27 Day 1841 on the Sabeth about half past ten o'clock in the morning

Deaths

John Gordy Deceased November 15, 1802

Hannah Gordy deceased November the 24th Day 1813 It Being Wednesday Night about 10 o'clock

Nathaniel Gordy a Son of Jackson Gordy & his wife deceased September 23, 1817

Wingit Gordy a Son of Jackson Gordy & Nelly Deceased May 12, 1819

Elender Ann Deceased October 11, 182-, a daughter of Th. Cooper and Hetsy his wife

James (F?) Matthews was born the 10 of September the 1845

James Matthews deceased September the 2-, 1845

Carlotta Matthews deceased September 2 Day 1848
Jackson Gordy was born May 31, 1765

Nelley Woolton was born February 17, 1770

Charlotte Gordy was born December 9, 1788

Polley Gordy was born November 4, 1790

Thomas Jackson Gordy was born June 29, 1792

Isaac Gordy was born January 26, 1795

Nancy Gordy was born March 9, 1797

Kindele Gordy was born April 8, 1799

Hesten Gordy was born May 17, 1801

Jr. Gordy was born August 15, 1803

Uttine Gordy was born October 28, 1805

Wingit Gordy was born June 12, 1807

John Gordy was born September 5, 1809

 Nathaniel Gordy was born October 30, 1812

The eyes of James Matthews and Charlotte were:

Mary Jackson Matthews and the daughter of James Matthews were born in Texas, Dec. 24, 1817

Nancy Emilion, a daughter of James Matthews and Charlotte was born December 23, 1824
Jackson Gordy son of John

Jackson Gordy was born May 31st, 1765

Nelly Wootton was born February 17, 1770

Charlotta Gordy was born December 9th, 1788

Polley Gordy was born November 4th, 1790

Thomas Jackson Gordy was born June 29th, 1792

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John Gordy was born September 5th, 1809

Nathaniel Gordy was born October 30th, 1812

The Ages of James Matthews & Charlotta his wife's children

Mary Jackson Matthews a Daughter of James and Charlotta his wife was born January the 8th Day 1815

Wingate Gordy Matthews Son of James Matthews and Charlotta his wife Was born August 10th, 1820

Nancy Emilian a Daughter of James Matthews and Charlotta his wife was born December 23rd Day of 1824
The sixth annual Toy Soldier Show at Loews Annapolis Hotel attracted many enthusiasts this weekend, including the Melsons of Stevensville — Katie, 8, David, 10, and their father, Chuck. More than 100,000 toy soldiers were on display during the show, which attracted collectors from across the world. The event was sponsored by the Ship and Soldiers Shop on Maryland Avenue.

Major Charles D. Melson and children, Annapolis, MD.
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Variants of the name Melson

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Mealson
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Melsham
Melshamby
Mellison
Melsom
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Melsons in England before 1669

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Ackley Melson's listing of Melsons in London, England during the 1500-1625 era

Registry Book of the Parish of St. Christopher le Stacks, City of London, Volume I, published in 1882

Christenings
p13 January 14, 1620 - John the sonne of John Melson and Susan his wife.
p14 November 10, 1622 - Richard the sonne of John Melson and Susan his wife.
p15 March 28, 1624 - Judeth, the daughter of Richard Melson.
	September 7, 1675 - Christopher, the sonne of Richard Melson.

Burials
p38 March 24, 1620/21 - Thomas, the sonne of John Melson and of Susan his wife, was buried the 24 of March 1620.
p40 July 14, 1625 - Richard, the sonne of Richard Melson was buried in the Churchyard August 12, 1675.

Returns of Aliens in London, Part III

Cornelius Melson is found in Queenhithe Ward in London in the year 1600.
Melson Pelse, Dutchman and denison, and his wife were in Billingsgate Ward in 1567. They had been in England two years. In 1571, Melson Pelse and his wife, Jacmayn, are found in St. Botolphs Parish in Billingsgate Ward. Pelse was listed as a baker, and they were members of the Dutch Church.


William Melson was a member of the Salters Company in 1537.

The Marriage Register 1558-1623 of St. Clement Danes, Westminster, (Microfilm from the Mormon Church)

Baptisms
March 25, 1571 - John Melson, the sonne of John.
CHAPTER TWELVE

Life in Medieval England and Early Colonial Days

The lives of those living in England before our ancestors left for the American Colonies was either as an Earl or a Churl. Those who were Earls were entitled to possess land and chattels. Those who were Churls were chattels and were bound to the lands upon which they lived the same as livestock and buildings. The separation between the two classes began during the Dark Ages preceding the Anglo-Saxon invasion and continued in varied forms through the Fifteenth Century. The ties binding all Churls, or Esnes as they were called for centuries, loosened about 1500-1510 when the ruling classes found raising sheep far more profitable than producing grains and other livestock. Sheep needed extensive pasturage for feeding. To provide these, the peasants farming the lands favored by sheep growers, those portions of England north of the Thames, were cleared from the lands by the owners. Few hands were needed to serve as shepherds, all others were driven away. Most dispossessed peasants drifted south to work as harvesters and farm hands in Kent, Suffolk, and other other southern counties where agriculture including orcharding continued to be profitable. Farmhands were paid about 2 or 3 pence a day for their efforts as many unemployed clamored for whatever work was available. The market for wool became saturated after 1580 and gradually the northern lands were returned to agriculture mainly to raise grains such as wheat, oats and barley. This opened a small number of jobs for the homeless, but again during the 1640's the Civil Wars raged across the Midlands driving more people south to escape the warfare.

Living conditions for those not favored as land owners were primitive. Houses were mainly woven wattle plastered with clay to protect against the elements. Clothing was hand woven cloth. Possessions were few, most people had knives and a few spoons. Forks were yet to be invented.

To control the mobs of unemployed, harsh laws were enacted controlling those without jobs. Those wanderers caught were rudely jailed unless they could prove they were exempt such as harvesters going to or returning from farms where they worked. During the 1640's and 1650's, the demand for labor along the Chesapeake Bay increased sharply as more and more land was cleared for raising tobacco. The Colonies of Maryland and Virginia encouraged planters to import labor to work the plantations by offering "Headrights". Every person entering the colonies was entitled to a free grant of fifty acres of land. The laborers brought to the Colonies under the headright system were recruited in England mainly through the ports to which tobacco was exported. The bulk of the tobacco was sent to the Port of London, two other ports, Bristol and Hull, also were used to land tobacco. The Planters or their agents would recruit laborers by providing transportation to the colonies, meals and accommodations on board the ships, clothing and a grant of money for signing an Indenture, or contract, which specified the length of service required from each Indenturee after landing in the colonies to repay the Planter for his expenses. The usual terms were four years for skilled laborers and up to seven years for unskilled. During the height of the headright system use, 1640-1680, thousands of emigrants were transported. Seventy percent from the Thames, the remainder from Bristol, Hull and other scattered ports. Most indentures were single males between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one and unskilled. Women were also transported for working...
in the fields along with the men. Most women indenturees were in their early twenties when transported. The ratio of men transportees to women was six to one.

Ship masters participated in the recruitment of indenturees, acting either for themselves or as agents for planters, they would transport both men and women, then sell their contracts to the highest bidder upon arrival in the colonies.

A few immigrants paid for their own transportation, then worked out agreements with planters after arrival. These were mainly men with families and possessing skills needed in the colonies.

The "Headright" systems were abandoned after 1680. They were subject to abuse by the planters who profited from the liberal grants of land. Typical of one of the abuses is found in John Renny's transporting John Melson, Elizabeth Painter and two other indenturees into Somerset County, MD, in 1671. He'd already claimed fifty acres of free land for transporting them together with himself and his wife into Virginia. He then did the same thing by transporting them into Maryland. Cynically, in his request for his Maryland grants, in the same petition requesting the lands based upon all becoming Maryland citizens, he announced the sale of the warrant to another planter.

Our ancestors along with thousands of other agricultural workers in the northern and midland regions of England after centuries of being bound to the lands where they subsisted, were caught in the massive shift from agriculture to sheep raising and were forced south. Later, they were again buffeted by the fortunes of the opposing sides in the English Civil Wars. Records indicate in the early 1600's, two hundred or more Melsons lived in the southern counties bordering London. Only two Mel(1)sons during these years emigrated to the American colonies, the James Mellson who was transported in 1650 and John Melson who pops up in Somerset County Court records in 1671/2. How long their branches of the Melsons had been living in Kent and the other southern English counties is not known. It's doubtful if their migration from the North Riding of Yorkshire to Kent will ever be traced.

Once landed along the Chesapeake Bay, they found themselves in a strange world. Almost no settlements existed, plantations had been carved from the dense forested lands bordering the bay and along the streams feeding into it. Tobacco demanded the best and most fertile soils close to a navigable stream. No roads for transporting the tobacco existed. The lands had to be cleared of trees, then cultivated. Usually the trees were merely ringed and permitted to die. When dry, they were burned where they stood, opening the land for hand cultivation. The tobacco plants could be planted in holes poked into the soils by sticks. Corn, which grew well, and which could be bought from the Indian tribes living nearby, was also planted by the poked hole method. Hand labor was the only method used and the planter needed as many hands to help clear the lands, plant the tobacco and raise food as he could obtain. Originally, the planters and the Directors of the Colonies assumed Indians could be used for this work. This was not so, the Indians would not adapt to the constant backbreaking work required. An excellent book on this subject is "Colonial Chesapeake Society," Carr. Morgan and Russo, Univ. of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, NC, 1988. This book presents some of the papers read at a symposium for the 350th Anniversary of the founding of Maryland. These papers present the results of years of research into how these early settlers survived.

The Companies with Charters for the lands bordering the Chesapeake Bay had planned to exploit the region extracting easily obtained profits from their grants. These Companies were poorly managed and had grossly over-estimated the revenues that could be wrung from the grants. The Governors and their staffs
were inept and unskilled in the arts of creating new colonies from virgin forests. They initially tried to make profits from the fur trade. However, they failed to recruit successful fur traders and the Indians would not surrender their furs at low prices. When it was recognized tobacco was to become a profitable crop, the Governors again failed to recruit skilled planters. To raise tobacco, skilled workers are required to carefully prepare the lands, the seed beds, plant the seeds, transplant the seeds and eventually plant the seedlings in the fields, then keep the plants free from pests, properly cultivated, picked at the right time, dried and packed for shipment in such a way that the tobacco would not mold during shipment to the English markets. It took years for the planters who had received lands to develop these skills and to recruit the needed assistants who would work the lands with minimal pay.

Tobacco became the main crop of the colonies during the 1630-1640 era. Most of the transportees were brought into the colonies between 1646-1652 and from 1658-1667. During the earlier years, the majority of the transportees were landed in Virginia; later the Maryland counties were favored as new lands were opened further up the Bay and as the Virginia indenturees became freed men and women and moved into Maryland to receive their grants of lands. An additional incentive for the freed indenturees to move out of Virginia was the campaign waged by the so-called Established Church to force all Virginians to submit to the tyranny of the Established Church. Maryland by 1650 was offering lands with no questions about religious preference.

The English settlers tried to adapt to the best of their abilities a mode of living similar to that known in England. While the Swedish and the Dutch in Delaware adapted the Swedish log cabin to their needs, the English refused anything as logical and wrestled with splitting planks from the trunks of the fallen trees so they could erect primitive 12' x 12' and 12' x 20' houses, most with only a single level, others with usable attics. These houses had a fireplace made of wattle and sticks at one end, with a ladder to reach the attic which was used either for storage and/or for sleeping. Almost no furniture was used. Cooking was done in kettles over the fire in the fireplace, everyone helped himself from the common pot with a carved wooden spoon if one was available, otherwise by using a hand to scoop out the stew. Some wooden trenchers were carved for use. There were no chairs, tables, chests or bedsteads during the earlier years. Blankets were thrown onto corn husks on the floor which were used as mattresses. Chunks of wood were used as chairs. Everyone had a knife which was the only tool available. Some settlers carved spoons and other implements. Forks did not arrive in the colonies until well into the late 1700's.

Most of the clothing was either that brought from England or leather made from the skins of the wild animals slaughtered both for food and for the leather. Looms for weaving cloth from cotton, flax and wool did not become common until well into the Eighteenth Century.

On succeeding pages, copies of inventories of the chattels of members of our ancestors will be shown. None extend back into the middle 1600's to provide clues as to what possessions they had, but several ranging from the early 1700's until the last quarter of that century are available. Although each specifies it is a true and accurate listing of the goods and chattels of the individuals who's estates were being inventoried, it is difficult to accept these statements as being absolutely correct. Reading them, it is apparent carved wooden bowls, eating implements and other tools were ignored. These inventories trace the adjustments made generation by generation into becoming Americans rather than remaining transported British.
Colonists and their servants during the first years along the Bay lived together in the tiny houses sleeping on the floor of the one room at night sitting on chunks of logs during the waking hours. In addition to the Indian corn, they ate cabbage, kale and another native vegetable, sweet potatoes. They hunted the game that abounded in the nearby woods, mainly box turtles, or the fish caught from the bay and streams. Oddly, fish and the other foods from those waters such as clams and oysters were not a major part of their diets. Few English farmers had ever learned to fish. The streams in England were reserved for the gentry. The early inventories are silent as to the decedent owning fish hooks until well into the late 1700's. Eighty percent of the meat they ate was from game, most of the remainder being salt pork. Swine were the preferred livestock of those early years. Some beef was eaten, but sheep played a negligible role until well after 1700. Before this, there were too few servants to act as shepherds protecting the flocks from the wolves.

Gradually conditions improved, the houses were built a bit larger with attics fitted for sleeping accommodations. Mattresses stuffed with corn husks and later down were available, bedsteads strung with cords raised the mattresses off the floors, the larger houses made it possible to subdivide the areas into rooms. The servants were built houses for themselves and later with kitchen spaces for cooking their own meals. Pewter knives and spoons were available to use, and looms permitted the cotton, flax and wool to be woven into clothing. Handmills became common to permit grinding the corn, replacing the mortar and pestles formerly used, that took almost an entire day's labor from a servant to grind enough corn into meal for cooking. Orchards had been planted and apples, pears, quince and other fruits were available. The apples were pressed into cider and barreled for later use. Many planters owned stills to process the cider even further to produce brandy.

Of all the lands abutting onto the Bay, those along the western shore were the most suitable for raising tobacco. They were heavier soils than those on the eastern side which were sandy loams. Of all the lands available, those in Somerset County, Maryland were the least suitable for intense cultivation with the exception of some along the bay proper. Of all the lands in Somerset County, those inland in what became Wicomico Hundred were the least suited for tobacco, they were exceptionally sandy with inconsistent patterns of rain. Tobacco required a constant amount of moisture. The planters of the Somerset County inventories and estate accounts were less affluent than those from the western shore counties. Despite the inability of the inland plantation of Somerset County to produce large yields of tobacco, the average worth of the planters living there was essentially the same as for the other counties bordering the Bay. This was accomplished by diversifying, orchards and livestock forming the basis for the diversified yields. Assets ranging less than 100 Pounds placed a planter in the lowest economic level, those around 250 Pounds were average in wealth, while those worth more than 400 Pounds were considered well to do.

Our ancestors, once they became planters and owned property, were found to be at least moderately wealthy. They were among the more prosperous in their communities. The following pages provide information of what they possessed in addition to their property holdings. They all arrived in the colonies as indentures, worked out their agreed periods of service, received their grants of land and founded responsible lines of descendants. Along with their contemporaries they overcame the difficulties of carving new lives from heavily forested lands and prospered.
The Inventories of the estates of residents of the colonial counties of Maryland are a source of information about how they lived. In legal jargon, these documents stated the appraisers made a perfect inventory of all the Goods and Chattels and Rights and Credits of the deceased. If this statement is absolutely correct, it is difficult to comprehend how many of our ancestors survived. No consistent listing for numerous household and farming implements are to be found. A browse through any antique shop featuring colonial articles reveals dozens of them that were handmade and found in almost every household. Few inventories listed any of them such as rolling pins, hand carved spoons, ladles, cups, plates, cutting boards, mortars, pestles and similar objects. Most inventories list a harrow or three harrow teeth. This is puzzling. Try to conceive of a harrow made with only three teeth. Old pictures of those periods of time in which farming tools and implements are shown feature harrows mostly with at least nine teeth. Some inventories list cart wheels, no axles, shafts or other fitting, no bodies, or gates. Does this mean no planter ever used a cart to transport crops, and that whatever purpose the cart wheels served, were they always dismantled after use? This is doubtful. And so it goes, the inventories are inconsistent, despite their statement they are true and perfect, this must be taken with a grain of salt. Regardless of these omissions, the inventories are worthy of study. Contrast those from the estates appraised during the early part of the 1700's with those from the latter part of the century. As time progressed, the planters became less dependent upon imported goods from Britain. The mention of looms is rare for the 1710 period, yet every estate had one or more as shown in the 1780 listings. The latter ones also show more pottery available for use as plates, cups, saucers, bowls and other household use. One researcher made a point of mentioning her concern that the early inventories failed to list any chamber pots, she wondered what they did when they had to visit some facility for relieving themselves at night. It's most likely, the pots were there, but the appraisers in a studied attempt to be polite listed them under the heading 'earthenware.' And so it went.

Reviewing these inventories reveal many terms used in those days are not found in today's vocabulary. Dictionaries have provided definitions for some, others remain undefined. Here is a listing of many words seldom seen or heard today:

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<td>corvine</td>
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<td>Dimity</td>
<td>a cotton fabric with raised stripes</td>
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<td>Druggett</td>
<td>a coarse cloth used for carpets and drapery</td>
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<td>father</td>
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<td>Fustian</td>
<td>cotton &amp; linen cloth such as Corduroy</td>
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<td>Gimblett</td>
<td>a boring tool</td>
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<td>Hackle</td>
<td>a comb used for cleaning flax</td>
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<td>Kersey</td>
<td>ribbed cotton cloth used for hose</td>
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<td>a small pail with a handle</td>
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<td>the oscillating part of a loom</td>
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<td>a portable beam for weighing</td>
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<td>a tenon saw</td>
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A true and perfect Inventory of the Estate of Adrian Gordy Late dece of Wickomaco in Somerset County taken the 12th of Janry appraised in money as followeth

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<td>7 lbs wool, logged Table &amp; grindstone</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 earthen Dish &amp; 2 wooden plates with some other Trifles</td>
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<td>5 young hoggs</td>
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<td>4 hides &amp; 1 koop</td>
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**Total** 19 12 2

12th Janry 1715/6

Appraised by

John Magoochill
Willaim Koobold
Maryland Hall of Records

Inventory Liber 25 folio 135

Inventory of the goods and chattels Rights and Credits of the Estate of Samuell Melson of Sommerset County, Deceased taken this 18th. day of April 1740

To Negroman Randall

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Inventory of the Estate of Samuell Melson, continued

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Taken by us the Subscribers

Joseph Melson                                  James Caldwell (seal)
mark                                            
his                                              
Samuel Melson                                   John Killim (seal)

Creditors

John Killim
John Hofing

May 16, 1740 came Isbell Melson, Executor of Estate of Samuel Melson of
Sommerset County and swore ---------------
MARYLAND HALL OF RECORDS

INVENTORY LIBER 83 FOLIO 70

An Inventory of all and Singular the Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits of William Melson, late of Worcester County, Deceased taken by the Subscribers Sworn Appraisers did Appraise in Current Money of Maryland this 27th Day of December 1764 as followeth viz:

to his wearing Apparel, one Ox and one cow and yearling 7 19 0 to Sundrys of Earthenware & some old Pewter 9 11 6
1 mare and colt, 1 hand mill 6 10 0 4 Chunk Bottles, some old Books, 1 Looking Glass 0 11 0
6 two year old Ox Yolks 10 6 1 mare and colt 10 6
1 hand mill 1 cart & wheels 6 10 0 Sundrys of Cutlery, Coffee Ink Powder & one Ink Glass 0 7 3
2 sows & 2 piggs, Seven Geese & 1 old Fiddle 1 4 0 510 gallons Cyder, 215 gallons of old Casks 5 19 0
3 fether Beds and furniture, 11 yards fulled cloth & 2 fore sheets & 1 hangar 9 0 0 5 Hogs, 30# old Iron & Lines & fishhooks 2 0 11
Large chest, one small chest 2 buckets, 1 Tubb and Sundry of Lumber 1 0 0 1 spr. Stilliards, Tanned old Leather, one Ax, & 1 Iron Wedge 1 2 0
2 chairs, 2 boxes, shoemaker tools, 1 Radle 1 7 6 20# old Pot Iron, 21# New Pot Iron 1 4 4
Pair Wool Cards, 3 bushels flax seed 0 12 8 Pair Pot Hooks, 1 old Barrel, ½ pair Sheep Shears 0 4 4
1 Linnen Wheel, 1 Brass Candlestick & Lumber 0 14 0 2 Turners chisels, 1 Gouge 0 4 0
Unbroke Flax, Cockstone Beans & Peas 0 10 0 His charge as Church Warden for Board and Wine & Sundays 1 3 6
Carpenter twinens & Joiner tools & 1 Sifter 1 15 6 Separate Debts
1 old Saddle, 2 Bridles, one powder horn, powder & shot gourds 0 12 0 John Lord, Alexander Bennett 1 13 9
Cash, 2 Rackoon skins 0 2 7 Total 66 14 0

A True and perfect Inventory taken by us

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<tr>
<th>Principal Creditors</th>
<th>Nearest Kin</th>
<th>Appraisers</th>
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<td>Joseph Melson</td>
<td>William Aydelett</td>
<td>Daniel Coe</td>
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<td>his + mark</td>
<td>Samuel Aydelett</td>
<td>Ag-1l Showell</td>
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March 8th, 1764 came Nannie Melson and made Oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God that the aforegoing Inventory is a Just and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the Goods and Chattels and Credits of William Melson, late of Worcester County

Sworn before
Benton Harris, Dpty Cmsr.
Worcester County, Maryland
Inventory of the Goods and chattels of the Estate of Samuel Melson, Somerset County, taken 4 March 1754

1 feather bed and furniture 2 10 0 1 rasor, 1 knife, Paper curry, 1 snuff box 1 4 6
1 small bed and furniture, bedstead, mattress and cord 0 17 0 4 Drumhooks 0 1 1
1 mare, 2 old cows, 1 horse 7 4 0 10 ½ bushels Corn, 1 Sifter, 1 Candlestick 0 18 6
2 yearlings, 13 hogs, 1 gun 4 13 0 15 ½ lb bacon, 24 lb beef, 3 old hoes 0 6 7
1 gun, 1 cupboard, 1 chest, 1 case bottles 2 6 6
25 yards cloth, 10 yds linen 2 12 0 3 old Tubs, 2 ½ Bushels salt, 1 Commow 0 10 0
22 putter, 2 ½ old putter, 1 barrel of fish 4 3 1 ¼ 2 Bookwes, 1 Chest, 1 bedstead, 2 tubs 0 10 6
2 looking glasses, 8 flint glasses 0 8 6 1 pair small shoe leather, 7 ½ gal Rum 1 4 0
10 Earthen plates, 14 earthen cups 0 7 0 Total 42 15 1 3/4
Earthen jugg, 1 Pot 0 5 5
some tinware, some knives and forks 0 6 0
Saddle and Bridle, 3/4 gal Rum 1 18 10 ½
2 gal Brandy, 1 frying pan, 2 axes 0 11 3
9 ½ yards Leather, 1 side Horse Leather 0 8 11
8 old chairs, 1 table, 31 lb old iron 0 15 9
1 pair tongs and Shovel, 1 hand saw, 1 skillett 0 8 0
1 hatchett, 13 3/4 lb tallow, 5 pieces earthen ware 0 8 10 ½
1 large skillett, some woodenware 0 3 0
some show (shoe) tools, 37 lb Pot iron 0 11 3
some waring cloth, 1 Bagg, 1 Wallett 4 2 3
1 silk handkerchief, 2 Deer skins, 6 yards Gatoring 0 9 0

Appraised by us the Subscribers this 4th Day of March 1754

Rob't Twilley
Thos. Acworth

Signed Greatest Creditors

Jos Rawle                         her
Henry Hooper Junr.

Signed nearest of kin
Sary Mias
mark

Came the 21st May 1754, Henry Graham and Ann his wife

Neahmiah King
Maryland Hall of Records

Inventory Liber 41 folio 423

Inventory of the goods and Chattels Rights and Credits of Joseph Melson, Somerset County, deceased, taken 23 Nov. 1749.

2 cows and calfs 5 0 0
1 cow and heifer 3 0 0
1 bull 1 10 0
1 woollen wheel 0 6 6
1 iron pot and 1 iron skillett 0 10 10
1 ax, 3 harrow teeth 0 13 8 1/2
1 plow 0 5 0
1 Bed 0 6 8 3/4
1 Rugg and 6 hives of bees 0 9 0
1 parcel of Light Wood 1 0 0
1 drawing knife and Leather dog 0 3 0
Total 14 19 3 3/4

Nearest Kin

Samuel Melson
Henry Graham

Greatest Creditor

Samuel Melson

Filed 23 Nov. 1749 by Samuel Melson

Nehemiah King.
Maryland Hall of Records

Inventory of the estate of John Christopher Jr., father of Hannah Christopher Gordy. John Christopher's will was filed for probate 29 Jan. 1749.

Inventory Liber folio dated 4 Jan. 1758

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<td>0 7 6</td>
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<td>6 1 6</td>
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<td>Bed &amp; Bolster, 1 quilt, blanket, old sheets</td>
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<td>0 11 0</td>
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<td>1 14 0</td>
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<td>Old linen wheel, 1 Loom, old chest</td>
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<td>1 14 6</td>
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<td>Old pine table, 550 gallons of old casks</td>
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<td>A debt from Louther Dashiel 0 3 6</td>
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<td>Frow, 1 old drawing knife, 2 pott hooks</td>
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1 old carpenter saw, 1 old box, 2 old pails, 6 1/2 pcs old pewter, 7 3/4# wrought iron, 1 old hoe, 1 pair shoes, 3 cows, 1 heiffer, 1 young steer, 6 sheep, 1 old hand saw, a few old wearing cloaths, 1 old razor, 1 Box Iron, 4 round bottles, 1 old kettle, 1 old hammer, 1 old knife & fork, 1 old knife, A debt from Louther Dashiel.

Nearest of Kin

Hannah Gordy
Grace Morris

Appraisers

Louther Dashiel
Thomas Dashiel

January the 21st, 1758 came Clement Christopher, Executor for the Estate of John Christopher and - - - Neahmiah King.

An additional Inventory of the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits of John Christopher of Somerset County, deceased. 1st. Day April 1761 by us the Subscribers

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| - | - | Tho Dashiel

Filed 14 April 1761 by Clement Christopher, Executor - - - Neahmiah King
Maryland Hall of Records

Inventory Liber 106 folio 364

Inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels Rights and Credits of Benjamin Melson late of Worcester County deceased, appraised by us the Subscribers in current money

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Appraised by           Robert Hopkins
Aug.7,1772            Peter Dolbee

Nearest Kin

Bartholomew Johnson
William Melson

Principal Creditors

Jos. Gibbons
Jonathan Boice

Came Joseph Melson, Executor for Benjamin Melson 7 Aug.1772 - - -

Burton Harris
Inventory of the Goods and Chattles of Peter Gordy late of Worcester County, deceased, 24th July 1775

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<td>5 cows and calves</td>
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<td>2 8 0</td>
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<td>1 Negro man named Major, 34 years Segesa</td>
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<td>20 smaller hoggs</td>
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<td>4 Carpenter Augors</td>
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<td>2 Lining Wheels</td>
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<td>1 Lining Wheel, 1 Woolen Wheel</td>
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<td>1 plow with Frame</td>
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<td>1 olde Still &amp; broken worm</td>
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<td>1 olde Still, Copper</td>
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<td>6 plows in Frames</td>
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<td>3 axx chane</td>
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<td>Grass stone, lumber in oles house</td>
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<td>Olde Corn Tub, 7 bushel Beans, 3 bushel Sault</td>
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<td>Lumber in daray house and some old yarn</td>
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<td>5 old work Bridles</td>
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<td>1 Weavers Loom and Furniture</td>
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<td>1 Bushel Wheat</td>
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<td>1 olde Chest and Sault Box</td>
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<td>1 Box Iron, 2 heaters of sheep</td>
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<td>1 Barkitts, 14½ lbs wool</td>
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<td>1 hammer, olde Yoke Iron</td>
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<td>Box Cobbler tools, 1 cut saw</td>
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<td>1 large puter dish, 3 bushels</td>
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<td>1 Cow bell, 2 small bells</td>
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<td>1 Looking glass, 1 peper box, tin cup</td>
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<td>35 lbs good pewter</td>
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<td>36 lbs olde puter, ½ paint pot</td>
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<td>2 cut Saw files, 2 Stem glasses</td>
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<td>1 pair Iron Spanels</td>
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Inventory of the Estate of Peter Gordy (continued)

2 Sows, 16 shoats 3 0 0 3 pcs. Earthen ware 0 1 0
1 Meal Bag, 2 wallets 0 2 6 15 Contra Leather Shoes 4 6 3
2 old Meal Sifters 0 1 0 1 pine Table, shirt & trousers 0 6 0
1 Iron pott 0 6 0 3 Contra Lining Shirts, 8 ½ yds
1 skillet 0 1 9 Lining 1 16 5
1 Large Iron Pot 0 2 4 3 Check Shirts, 3 pair Trousers 2 2 0
1 ' ' ' 0 9 0 2 pair Trousers, Vest with
1 ' ' ' 0 12 0 Sleeves 0 6 6
1 ' , 20 lbs hog fat 0 19 0 21 Vest, 1 Contra vest, 2 with
1 fatt tub, 50 lbs hog fatt 1 1 6 Sleeves 0 9 6
1½ lbs Sugar 0 1 3 ½ 1 Great Coat, 1 Small Coat, Vest
½ lb powder, 1 lb logwood 0 1 0 2 Piggins, old felt hat 0 7 6
13½ lbs Tallow, small Bagg 0 7 3 8½ yds Contra Lining 0 17 0
with cotton 1 Table Cloth, parcel of flax 0 17 6 4½ yds toe & tear Lining, 16½
 parcel of Trenchers, 6 pcs yds Stript 2 4 7½
olde Iron 0 2 6 20 yds toe & tear Lining 1 10 0
small parcel 0 1 2 2 pair old Leather Brithces 0 5 0
Carpenters Fro, Knives & forks 0 2 6 2 lbs Clean Cotton, 2 lbs
a few Trifells in Trunk, olde Cotton thread 0 13 6
Leather 0 3 0 1 3/4 lbs yarn, 4½ lbs flax 0 8 0
1 hand Mill, old parcel flax 1 1 0 1½ lbs Cotton cloth, ½ yd
1 pine Cubbard with legs 0 15 0 Cambric, 3/4 yds same 0 9 0
1 puter Still worm, copper 3 ozs Indigo, 6 sitting chairs 0 15 0
Still Cap 1 16 0 5 olde chairs, 1 large chest,
1 sheep skin, 4 ink bottles 0 3 0 one small chest 0 8 6
1 sheep share, 1 pair Woolen
Cards 0 3 0 1 olde Leather Trunk, 1 sheet,
1 pair wool cards, 1 flax
Hackle 0 2 0 1 Bed No. 1 with Furniture,
1 Prayer book, old Testament,
Taylors shares 0 2 6 1 Bed No. 2 with Furniture
1 large Milk pans, 1 fat pot, 1 bedstead 6 4 6
1 Jugg 0 3 8 1 Bed No. 3 with Furniture 6 6 3
Some top Fother, Combe Table
Cloth 0 2 0 Crop on hand clean of Expense 9 12 0
1 Gear Bench 0 1 0 1 half worn Bridles 1 small
Cash in sound Currency 95 13 0
Reduction of 1/5th 19 2 7½
Cash in Current Money 76 16 4½
Total 344 6 2 ½

List of Desperate Debtors due to the aforesaid deceased

Thomas Figs 0 5 6 Peter Hall 0 8 9 James Nethern 0 13 6
Samuel Hall 0 13 7½ Job Serman Jr. 0 0 9 Job Serman Sr. 0 2 6
John Williams Jr 1 0 0 Edward Ellis 0 3 0 John Parker 0 3 0
Sarah Hall 0 1 6 William Serman 0 1 6 Peter Gordy 0 13 9
Daniel Elliott 0 0 9 Peter Callaway 0 17 4 John Spear 0 3 0
Solomon Hastings 0 7 6 Noble Crapper 0 14 4 3/4
Total Pounds 8 2 1 3/4
Inventory of the Estate of Peter Gordy (Continued)

Appraisers

Edmund Northern Nelms
George Parsons Junr.

Greatest Creditors

Moses Gordy
Moses Gordy

Oct. 25th. 1775

Came Peter Gordy, Executor of Peter Gordy late of Worcester County deceased and made oath.

Certified

BENTON HARRIS Dpty Comm.
The Inventory of the Estate of Peter Gordy of Worcester County, Maryland taken this 25th day of March 1788.

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<td>2 &quot; &quot; 1 cooper adze</td>
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<td>1 &quot; &quot; &quot; with hooks</td>
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<td>8 lbs hackled flax</td>
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<tr>
<td>1/2 lb spun Cotton</td>
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<td>2 1/2 lbs yarn</td>
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On 1st day of July 1788, then came Elinor Gordy and William Gordy ——
Before John Wise Registrar.

Inventory of the Estate of Peter Gordy, 25 March 1788 (continued) 12-18

1 lb wool
1 lbs cotton in the seed
3/4 lb picked cotton
3/4 lb spun cotton
2 lbs toe thread
3 cuts of yard, 1 old trunk
1 slate, 3 old shoes
5 hoes, 1 delph bowl
1 crust, 1 tumbler glass,
1 shugar dish, delph bowl and tea ware
1 button boat
1 Earthen pitcher
1 Sault Seler
2 white cups, cracked
1 pair candle molds
1 cotton gin
1 pine table
111/2 lbs old pewter
1 pair shoe, leather & buckle
1 pair wool cards
2 old cards, 1 funnell
2 Earthen pans
1 chest & small trunk
1 hackel, 1 old desk
8 3/4 lbs good pewter
2 3/4 lbs middling pewter
11 1/2 lbs old pewter
1 pair candle molds
3 1/2 lbs tallow
some dirty fatt
1 honey pot
1 cotton gin
2 1/2 gals honey
1 Runlet
2 loring wheels
2 old loring wheels
2 old ox chains
3 bridles
2 chains in chimney
1 hat, 1 great coat
1 pair leather britches
other wearing apperel
3 table cloths
2 towels
7 yards Cloath
5 yards lining
53 lbs Tobacco

1 bed, bedstead, furniture
1 " " " "
96 lbs hog lard
1 hone & Raisor
spoon mold, 5 old files
1 pair old Compasses
5 bushels beans
4 stacks father
3 lbs hog lard
1 Earthen Chamber Pott
4 old Shears
1 pot weighing 51 lbs
1 bag
3 bushels Potatoes
1 pine table
1 pot weighing 51 lbs
1 " " " 63 " 1 10
1 " " 32 1/2 " 10 9
1 " " 21 1/2 " 7 1
1 " " 13 " 4 4
2 broken pots, 1 frying pan
Cash in house
3 1/2 lbs yarn, 8 3/4 lbs toe
1 pair Spectacles
330 feet plank

Total 499 10 0

Next of kin Nathan Gordy
Creditors Robert Smyly
Appraisers Boaz Walston

John Gordy
Peterson Taylor
John Hall

On 1st day of July 1788, then came Elinor Gordy and William Gordy ——
Inventory of the Estate of Elinor Gordy, appraised 24th day of Nov. 1788

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<td>1 Still, tub &amp; Worm</td>
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<td>1 yoke oxen</td>
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<td>1 chain, 1 ox, 1 grubbing hoe</td>
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<td>1 Black mare</td>
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<td>1 Hoes, 2 Harrows</td>
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<td>1 case Bottals, 1 gun</td>
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<td>1 Chaffing Dish, 1 frying pan</td>
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<td>1 pair fire tongs and shovel</td>
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<td>Wearing apparel</td>
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<td>some feathers</td>
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<td>12 lbs Iron, geer bench</td>
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Negro man Casea, age 18 | Negro man George, age 13 | 1 Still, tub & Worm | 1 yoke oxen | 1 chain, 1 ox, 1 grubbing hoe | 1 Black mare | 1 Hoes, 2 Harrows | 1 case Bottals, 1 gun | 1 Chaffing Dish, 1 frying pan | 1 chest & trunk | 2 plows, 1 pot | 1 saddle, 2 chains | Bolt and Clevis | Knives and forks | 2 barrels, 8 casks | 1 anker, 1 small pitcher | 1 pair fire tongs and shovel | Wearing apparel | 1 Womans saddle | 2 old Spectacles | 2¼ lbs red wood | some bed furniture | some feathers | 12 lbs Iron, geer bench | 23 bushels beans | 1 bushel Pees | 1 old Book | Total |

Mearest of Kin
Daniel Melson
Sary King

Creditors
John Gordy
Nathan Gordy

Appraisers
Boaz Walston
John Hall

25th March 1789 came William Gordy administrator

Before John Wise, Registrar

(Note—I believe the clerk who copied this from the original Worcester County files inadvertently exchanged the names for Nearest of Kin and Creditors. John and Nathan Gordy should have been shown as Nearest of Kin, while Daniel Melson and Sary King should have been Creditors.)
An Inventory of the Goods Chattles of James Cannon Late of Dorchester County

to 22 Cows and calves 19 5 6 parcel Carpenter tools 1 2 0
3 heifers and calves 4 1 0 0 11 hoes 1 6 6
5 cows 7 1 5 0 1 good Square 1 1 6 0
6 Calves 1 1 6 0 6 axes, 3 hatchets 0 1 3 6
5 Broak Geldings 2 1 5 0 13 lbs nails 0 5 6
Mare and Colt 0 1 5 0 50 halfe corvine nails 0 1 6
horse 0 5 0 1 old chest 0 8 0
3 Ewes & Lambs 1 4 0 1 Mans Saddle with furniture 0 1 4 0
11 Sheep 3 6 0 1 Raccoon 'mach'? 0 4 0
3 Sows and 20 Shoats 3 1 8 0 2 pair Stilards 0 7 6
3 barrows and 1 Boar 1 1 0 1 2 chests 0 8 0
3 good guns 2 1 4 0 3 old Boxes 0 5 0
24 Sider barrels 1 1 0 1 1 small Brass Compass 0 1 6
10 pails 1 1 0 6 parcel of Trumpery 0 2 6
5 pigns 0 7 0 1 small Looking Glass 0 1 6
parcel of wooden ware 0 1 0 0 parcel of old books 0 1 2 0
43 glass bottles 0 4 4 9 Buck skins 2 0 0
3 good horse bells 0 1 9 0 7 Doe skins 0 1 7 0
1 old feather bed & furniture 2 1 6 6 1 large Chest, 1 small chest 0 1 2 0
1 feather bed & bedstead 4 1 2 0 6 yds halfe thick 0 7 6
1 5 5 0 4 yds Dimity 0 3 4
1 3 1 3 0 2½ yds Broad Cloth 0 1 8 9
1 5 0 0 4½ yds Kersey 0 1 5 3
1 mighty old feather bed & bedstead 1 1 6 0 8½ yds Serge 1 5 6
1 chest 0 7 0 10½ yds halfe thick 0 1 8 4
1 0 3 6 8 yards Serge 1 5 6
10 blankets 1 9 6 6 3/4 yds Druggett 0 1 9 9
2 old guns 0 4 6 6 old Coat Buttons 0 1 6
1 old feather bed & furniture 2 0 0 6 doz coat buttons 0 0 1 6
3 Linen wheels, 2 woolen wheels 1 1 2 6 4 hanks Mohair 0 1 0
4 Iron potts 1 8 6 9 old Mens Coats 3 1 0 0
27 lbs Brass 1 2 6 1 Draper Table Cloth and
1 dipping & 2 frying 0 8 0 6 Linen napkins 0 9 0
2 sets Fire Tongs & Gridiron 0 4 6 1 small Coat, 3 pair Britches 1 1 3 0
parcell of old potts 0 1 0 0 3 yds Callicoe 0 1 8
3 large Sprits 0 3 6 1 knife and fork 0 1 6
1 Smoothing Iron & 2 heaters 0 3 0 2 old Caster hatts 0 1 2 0
43 lbs pewter 1 1 5 0 3 Bed blankets 0 1 8 0
25 lbs hollow pewter 1 1 1 6 10 sides tanned Leathers &
2½ Doz pewter spoons 0 8 0 1 pair Sheep Sheers 0 1 0
4 oaken spoons 0 1 0 2 Sifters 0 1 6
1 old Couch 0 5 0 32 Cutts of Sipress 3 4 0
12 old Chairs 0 1 4 6 1 hand mill 1 1 0 0
parcel Shoe Makers tools 0 7 6 1 plow & harrow 1 0 0
2 Square Tables 0 1 0 0 1 old Tennat Saw, 1 whip 0 3 6
1 good Square Table 1 2 0 2 Grindstones 0 3 0
Inventory of the goods chattels of James Cannon Late of Dorchester County (cont)

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<td>pair Wool Cards &amp; toe</td>
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<td>7590 lbs Tobacco</td>
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<td>1 new Bagg</td>
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<td>1 pair Spectacles</td>
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<td>Parcel old Casks</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parcel good horse harness</td>
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<td>3 steers, one Bull</td>
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Appraised by
Livon Hicks
Charles Nutter

Kindred
John Watson
John Cannon

June 11, 1712
Inventory of the Estate of James Cannon deceased of Dorchester County, appraised May 6th 1719

2 cows and calves, 1 cow and Bull 5 2 0
1 2 yr old Stear, 1 3 yr old Bull 8 14 0
2 Sows and 11 piggs, 16 Shoats 1 16 0
6 old sheep, 3 lambs, 2 old bedsteads 1 16 0
2 old small feather beds, 4 old Blanketts 3 0 0
1 old ahnd mill, 30 lbs woos 1 5 5
30 lbs Flax, 2 Iron potts, 1 broken pott 1 2 0
142 Gal. Sider, 14 Cider Casks 4 0 6
1 Kersey Coat, one old Vest, 3 old Bowles, 1 Piggin 0 16 0
1 old Vest, 2 old Spinning wheels & old felt hat 0 7 6
1 old plow, 1 old table, 2 old chairs 0 13 6
1 old Gunn, 6 old hoes, 1 copper ads, 1 box Irons 0 12 6
1 old frying pan, 4 Glass Bottles, 1 old set Cart Wheels 0 3 6
2 Iron wedges, 1 pair pinchers, 1 tinn pott 0 4 6
4 old Tubbs, 11 pewter spoons, 1 old Testament 0 3 6
2 heaters, 1 old horse, 1 bridle 3 10 0
3 harrow teeth, 2 old hides, 1 calf skin, one pair Traces 0 6 6
1240 lbs Tobacco @ 12/6 per Hundred 7 15 0
Cash from William Deave 0 11 6
Cash from John Stafford 0 7 6
Total 35 11 6

Appraisers
Jno Robson
Morgan Adams

We the subscribers two of the Creditors and two of the next of kin doe certifie that we were proved at the appraisal.

6 May 1719

Jno Rumbly
Jno Willy
John Dehineyesser

This James Cannon was not the James Canon, the father of the John Cannon, whose son, Elijah Cannon, was the father of Lovey Cannon, who married Daniel Melson II. There was another Cannon family with tracts near today's Laurel, DE. This Cannon appears to have been of that line.
An Inventory of all and singular the goods and Chattels rights and credits of Joshua Jackson of Somerset County dec’d taken and appraised in Current Money of Maryland by us the subscribers this 12th day of April 1764

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<td>40 0 0  1 hone,1 shew knife,4 old ells 0 0 0</td>
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<td>negro girl called Thiry 45 yrs old</td>
<td>0 6 0  1 hand saw,1 Carpenter adze 0 8 0</td>
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<td>negro boy called Tito 12 yrs old</td>
<td>45 0 0  2 augurs,4 chisels,1 guage 0 6 6</td>
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<tr>
<td>negro boy called Robin 9 yrs old</td>
<td>35 0 0  2 drawing knife,1 old frow 0 4 0</td>
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<td>negro boy called Jacob 6 yrs old</td>
<td>30 0 0  1 Jointer,3 old planes,1 square 0 3 8</td>
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<tr>
<td>negro child called Betty 8 mos old</td>
<td>8 0 0  1 Old Gun,1 old rule,1 pr Com 0 14 0</td>
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<td>1 cow and yearling</td>
<td>6 5 0  1 old table,1 gridiron 0 4 0</td>
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<td>1 15 0  37 lbs old iron,1 pair Fire 0 16 0</td>
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<td>2 cows and calf</td>
<td>3 10 0  1 horse 0 3 6</td>
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<td>1 yearling</td>
<td>0 8 4  5 lbs Flax,5½ lbs Toe 0 11 2</td>
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<td>1 small mare 9 yrs old</td>
<td>4 0 0  1¼ lb Cotton,15 hooks &amp; lines 0 10 0</td>
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<td>1 5 0  2 qt bottles, 1 old mens saddle 0 3 6</td>
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<td>1 sow and 11 pigs</td>
<td>1 11 0  1 loom,4 geers,3 Slayes 1 12 0</td>
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<td>1 sow and 7 shoats</td>
<td>0 16 0  a parcel of hand leather 0 12 6</td>
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<td>3 year old hogs</td>
<td>0 16 0  a parcel of hand leather 0 12 6</td>
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<td>13 lb old pott iron</td>
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<td>2 frying pans</td>
<td>0 5 6  2 old Linnon wheels,1 old box 0 13 0</td>
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<td>1 feather bed &amp; furniture</td>
<td>2 16 6  2 stick baskets,1 old grindstone 0 2 0</td>
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<td>3 1 6  1 Collar, hames &amp; traces,4 old 0 3 6</td>
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<td>1 old hand mill</td>
<td>1 15 0  1 old hand mill 0 11 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 bedstead &amp; cords</td>
<td>0 2 0  4 busheell peese,3 raw hides 1 4 6</td>
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<td>11 lb old pewter,12 lb good pewter</td>
<td>1 9 6  2 pair Oyster tongs 0 3 0</td>
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<td>6 nettle spoons,4 earthen plates</td>
<td>0 4 0  3 weeding hoes,2 grubbing hoes 0 14 0</td>
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<td>A parcel of Earthen ware</td>
<td>0 7 2  2 small wedges,1 warping box &amp; cart 0 5 0</td>
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<td>1 fifty gallon Cask,5 thirys</td>
<td>1 0 0  1 Looking glass,1 old box iron 0 2 6</td>
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<td>5 old Casks with one head</td>
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<tr>
<td>9 old Chests,2 trenchers</td>
<td>0 2 8  1 rasor,2 bushells of corn 0 4 1</td>
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<td>1 small runlet,13 gal runlet</td>
<td>0 4 0  24 lb bacon 0 3 0</td>
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<td>1 old tub,2 old pales</td>
<td>0 3 0  1 old blanket,1 old bed 0 1 0</td>
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<td>1 set tea ware,5 earthen plates</td>
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<td>0 9 0  1 old Canoe,2 gallons Molasses 0 6 3</td>
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<td>0 4 6  2 lb Sugar, 1 old bag 0 1 6</td>
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<td>a parcel of wering clothes</td>
<td>0 4 18 3/4 lb powder,2 lb Shott 0 2 2</td>
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<td>2 pair shears,2 pair netting needles</td>
<td>0 0 2  2 pair knippers 0 0 4</td>
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<td>2 old hats,2 old chests</td>
<td>0 16 6  1½ lb Coffe 0 1 3</td>
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### Somerset County Inventory of the Estate of Joshua Jackson (Cont)

| Item Description                                              | Value  
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------
| Some unbroke flax                                             | 0 3 6  
| 18 bushels Potatoes                                           | 3 3 0  
| 25 bushels of Corn on farm of Samuel Jackson                 | 2 1 8  
| To a debt due from Samuel Jackson                            | 1 6 8  
| To a debt due from John Donohoe                              | 2 7 7  
| To a debt due from Wm. Longrell                             | 0 2 10 
| **Total**                                                     | 271 15 1  

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<td>George Cather</td>
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<td>Samuel Jackson</td>
<td>Thomas Dean</td>
<td>Dowty Collier</td>
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On the 6th. day of Aug. 1764 came Sarah Jackson Executrix of Joshua Jackson and

Thos. Holbrook, Dpty Cmsr'
A True Inventory of all & Singular ye Goods and Chattels of James Atkinson Dec'd Shown to us whose names are underwritten appraisers for that purpose. Appointed and Sworn this 28th Day of March 1722

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<td>12 lambs</td>
<td>2 8 0</td>
<td>juggs</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 working horses</td>
<td>10 0 0</td>
<td>1 cow bel, 1 horse bel</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 too year old Mair</td>
<td>2 0 0</td>
<td>1 pair Stillards</td>
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<td>1 Bed &amp; Bolster, 2 pillows</td>
<td>2 10 0</td>
<td>2 Iron Spitts</td>
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<td>1 6 0</td>
<td>1 hand saw</td>
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<td>2 blankets</td>
<td>1 6 0</td>
<td>1 very old sadle</td>
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<td>1 Bed Bolster, rug, 1 pr blankets</td>
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<td>1 pr Coopers adzes</td>
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<td>1 feather bed</td>
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<td>frying pans</td>
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<td>3 qtr's Juggs</td>
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<td>3 qtr's Huggs</td>
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<td>1 4 0</td>
<td>1 Large Table, 1 small one</td>
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<td>2 17 4</td>
<td>4 yearlings</td>
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<td>1 Stone mugg, cracked, 1 potte</td>
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Total: 97 13 8

Do approve this Inventory

William Giles

Nearest Kin
Jno Atkinson
Isaac Atkinson

No Creditors
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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Genealogies are never completed. The moment they are printed, additional important information becomes available rendering them obsolete. To keep them as complete and accurate as possible, constant revising is important.

This 1994 edition of the Melsons and their associated families provided all the information available to the author when prepared. Subsequent information of major importance cannot be denied publication. In lieu of attempting to prepare a new revision every time such information becomes available, Chapter Thirteen will provide an avenue by which this new information will be made available. Chronological and specific subject chapters will not be used, new data will be added as soon as it becomes available. This Chapter will have its own index to eliminate massive revisions.
John W. Prather, Jr. in 1987 published a study entitled "PRATERS IN WILTSHIRE, 1480-1670, Volume 1." In this volume, he traced the Prater family from its first identifiable member through the Seventeenth Century. A John Prater was born c1492 apparently in Oxfordshire, England. He married an Elene, born c1493 in c1515. Elene's will written in Latin was filed for probate 30 Aug. 1557. John and Elene Prater had three children, George, John and Jone. The date of John's death is not known.

George, the older son of John and Elene, was born c1516, in Wiltshire, England, he died before 15 Jan, 1564, when Letters of Administration for his Estate were awarded his wife. George married c1539, Jane Plott, a daughter of Richard Plott of Blewberye, Berkshire, England. She died after 17 Jan. 1578, this was the date she wrote her will. Their children were: Richard, Anthony, George Jr., John, Dorothy, Nicholas, Bartholomew, Alis, Margaret, and Elinor.

Anthony Prater, was the second son of George and Jane Prater. He was born c1545 at Latton Manor, Wiltshire, England. In c1566, he married Judith Ivy, date of birth not known, died 5 Feb. 1578/9. Their children were Thomas, William, Elizabeth, Fernandino, George and Thomas. The first Thomas died as a baby, and their fifth and youngest son was given the same name. Anthony and Judith lived in Wiltshire.

The youngest son of Anthony and Judith, was Thomas. He was born c1578. He married Margaret Quintyne. She was a daughter of Henry and Alice Quintyne. When her father, Henry died 12 April 1625, he was buried in St. Mary's Church, Marlboro, Wiltshire. His wife Alice was also buried there 2 Nov. 1628.

Thomas Prater and his brother, William Prater had been bequeathed property called Staunton Bernard. On 2 Nov 1601, the brothers sold this to Thomas's father-in-law, Henry Quintyne of Cortonne, Wiltshire. Records indicate this was the last tract of land left to the Prater brothers. As far as known, Thomas and Margaret Quintyne Prater has two sons: Thomas and Richard.

John W. Prather, Jr.'s Volume II is entitled "PRATER, PRATHER, PRATOR, PRAYTOR IN AMERICA, 1620-1800". It was printed in 1994. In Volume II, John W. Prather continues with the family history.

Thomas Prater, the son of Thomas and Margaret Quintyne Prater, was born c1606 in Wiltshire, England. He was baptized at St. Mary's Church, Marlboro, Wiltshire 26 Dec. 1606 and his name was inscribed on the Parish Roster as a son of Thomas Prater, Gent. and Margaret, his wife.

Apparently in an attempt to help restore the family finances, Thomas Jr. sailed for Elizabeth City, Virginia aboard MARIE PROVIDENCE in 1622 with his passage paid by John Powell. Thomas Jr., at 17 years of age, as he was not a laborer or skilled craftsman, his period of service would have been for five years. At the expiration of his period of service to John Powell, he regained his freedom and received the customary grant of 50 acres of land.

Earlier, in a Muster of all inhabitants of Virginia ordered by King James I conducted between 20 Jan 1624/5 and 7 Feb. 1624/5, Thomas was listed under John Powell's name. On the Muster his name was written as "Peatar" on page 246, and as "Prater" in the Index. Powell reported he owned 100 acres of land in his name and 50 acres of land in the name of Thomas Practer or Proctor which he'd bought from Capt. Richard Sheppard, who'd come over in MARIE PROVIDENCE in 1623.

Once released from service, Thomas was married by c1629. The name of his wife is not known, but believed to have been Mary.
Thomas and Mary(?) had these children: Jonathan, William, Thomas and John. It is not known when Thomas died.

Jonathan Prather, the presumed oldest child of Thomas and Mary(?) Prater, was born c1631, most likely at Elizabeth City, VA. In c1658 married Jane __________. Her surname might have been McKay. Jonathan and his family were transported into Calvert County, Maryland by a George Mead. They remained there the rest of their lives. Their children were: Jonathan Jr., Jane, George, William, Thomas and John. Jonathan died shortly before 7 Aug. 1680, which was the day his wife, Jane, was granted Letters of Administration for his estate. After his death, Jane married c1682, John Smith, a Scottish plantation owner. They lived in Prince Georges County, along the Patuxent River. They had no issue.

Col. Thomas Prather Sr., the fourth oldest son of Jonathan and Jane Prather, was born in Calvert County, MD c1677. In c1698, he married in Prince Georges County, MD, Martha Sprigg, a daughter of Thomas Sprigg Sr. and Eleanor Nuthall. Martha was born c1677 in Calvert County, MD. Thomas Sprigg was a substantial plantation. In his will (Prince Georges County Wills Liber 3 folio 449), filed for probate 29 Dec, 1704, his dwelling plantation to his son Thomas Jr., and to Martha, his oldest daughter, one-third of one parcel of land containing 500 acres, the Manor of Collington, her portion being that on the side nearest the residence of William Prather. Her father also remembered in his will three other daughters: Elizabeth, Ann Gibbons and Ohear Nuthall.

Thomas's mother, Jane Prather Smith, mentioned him in her will written 27 Jul 1710.

Col. Thomas and Martha Prather had these children: Eleanor, Col. Thomas Jr., John Smith, Phillip, Richard and Aaron.

Aaron Prather Sr., the youngest of the children of Thomas and Martha Sprigg Prather's family, was born 10 Oct 1710 in Prince Georges County. He married his first cousin, Jane Prather, a daughter of Jonathan Prather Jr. and Elizabeth __________, in All Hallows Parish, Anne Arundel County, MD. Jane was born c1716 in Prince Georges County, MD. The ceremony on 10 Oct 1738 was performed by Rev. William Bragdon. The original bond is in the Diocesan Librory at Baltimore, MD. The license was issued by Governor Ogle. A manuscript copy of the marriages under Govers Sharpe and Ogle are in the Maryland Historical Society where Aaron's name is so poorly written it looks more like Allen than Aaron.

Jonathan Prather Jr., a son of Jonathan Prather Sr. and an older brother of Col. Thomas Prather Sr., and his wife Jane's children were: John, Thomas, Anne, Martha, Jonathan, Susanna, Jane, Sarah, and Elizabeth Ann.

Aaron and Jane raised their family in Montgomery County, and Frederick Counties, MD. The children were: Aaron Jr., Samuel, Basil, Baruch, Barbara, Ruth, Mary, Walter, Eliza, Zachariah, Verlinda. An Inventory & Account of his estate was once on file at the Montgomery County Courthouse. Dated 7 Mar 1777.
Prather Family In America (Cont).

Walter Prather Sr. was born c1751 in Frederick County, MD. He was a son of Aaron Prather Sr. and Jane Prather, daughter of Jonathan Prather Jr. and Elizabeth. He was married 9 Apr. 1778 in Montgomery County, MD, by Rev. Thomas Lucas to Ann Nancy Bercraft Higgins, a sister of Sarah Higgins who married Walter's brother, Baruch. Ann was born 1 July 1764 in Montgomery County, MD.

Walter signed an Oath Of Fidelity and Support, Montgomery County, MD, as shown on the Return of Joseph Wilson, 2 March 1778.

He was the Administrator of his father's estate and made an Accounting of the estate, 2 March 1778.


Walter and Ann Prather moved to Bourbon (Fleming) County, KY in 1806. Ann died there 10 Jun 1816, and Walter, who lived his last years with their daughter, Sarah, dying there probably about 18 Jan 1835.

Sarah Prather, the oldest daughter, of Walter and Ann Higgins Prather, was born in Prince Georges, MD, 26 Aug. 1781. She married Thomas H. Wilcoxen III, 20 Apr. 1798. Thomas III was a son of Thomas II Wilcoxen and Phoebe Osburne. Sarah and Thomas III moved to Fleming County, possibly at the same time her parents did. They remained there the remainder of their lives, see page 7-67.

In Prince Georges County, MD Wills, Liber 41 folio 164, the Will for Thomas Wilcoxen II or Jr., drawn 5 May 1775 and filed for probate 15 Jan. 1776:

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<td>Remainder of estate for life, then it to be divided between three daughters, Elizabeth, Ruth, Ann.</td>
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wife and son Thomas Executors.
the Iron or the whalemen when they brought it of Major Dyre / the pltfs produced the said Major Dyre Booke by w(hi)ch it appeared that the said Iron was delivered & sold to the for(a)id Company of whalemen, whereof Johnathan Baily was one, / Mary Dyre Attested that she heard her father, the said Major Dyre, in his Life time say to Johnathan Baily that he owed Alexander Moleston one barrell of oyle & Asked the said Baily if he would pay him & he said hee would if hee Could, & after further pleadings the Court sumed the matter up to the Jury whoe went out & Returned again & brought in their verdict in writing on the back side of the declaration in these words: wee of the Jury doe finde for the pltfs according to declaration w(i)th Costs of suit, Luke Wattson, Jun(ior), foreman

W(illia)m Burton & Tho(mas) Bagwell pltfs
Henry Streccher deft in an Action of Dept

The pltfs by their Attorney Aminedab Hanger declare for £16 due by by* bill Conditioned for the paym(en)t of £8 pounds / the deft Craved a Referance w(hi)ch by the Consent of Justice Clifteon, whose Appeared for the pltfs, the Court Grantued

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Justice John Hill pltf
Henry Skidmore deft in an Action of dept

The pltf declares for 500 pounds of good, Merchantable fresh Poarke & 460 pounds of good, sound, Merchantable tobacco in Casque due by two bills under the deits hands / Referred

Apalina Tailor pltf
Henry Streccher deft in an Action of dept

The pltf declares that the deft is Justly Indepeted unto her what Corne & Cloathes & other necessaries are due to her by the Custom of the Cuntry, shee haveing served the time of four years according to her Indenture / The deft is ordered to pay the pltf her Come & Cloaths according to the Custom of the Cuntry as the Law provides

John Dyer pltf
John Mellson deft in an Action of the Case

The pltf declares for forty y(ar)ds of osenbriggs Linin for w(hi)ch the deft Charged a noat upon Henry Boman w(hi)ch noat was protested by the said Boman; / The Jury being Called over & attested (the Jurors names: Babrist Newcomb, Tho(mas) Fisher, Arthur Starr, John Miers. Phillip Russell, Cornelius Willbanke, George Dod, Richard Coar. Tho(mas) Ouldman. Harculis
Shepherd, Nehemiah Field, John Touchberry) / The pltf to prove his declaration desi pleaded that hee had Lost the fores(aid) noat in Rehobath Inlet but desiered that Henry Boman might be attested, whose was attested & did declare that the deft did cum to him & shewed him a noat (hi)ch was Charged on him, this deponent, for foutry y(ar)ds of osenbriggs Linin but hee, this deponent, Refused to pay it, the s(aid) noat being Charged on this deponent by Mathue Scarborough of Sumarset County in Maryland, & that sumtime after, Thomas Jones Came to the deponent & toold him that hee was sent by John Dyer w(i)th a noate to know whethe hee would Accept it or not, / this deponent persevering the s(aid) noate knew it to be the same w(hi)ch was presented or shewed to him formerly by this deft, John Mellson, & did see that it was assigned by the s(aid) Mellson to John Dyer but Refused to Accept it / Tho(mas) Branscomb was Likewise attested & did declare that when John Dyer came from Nanticoke hee shewed this deponent a noat Charged by Mathue Scarborough upon Henry Boman to pay John Mellson, this deft, foutry y(ar)ds of osenbriggs & that the s(aid) noat was assigned by John Mellson unto John Dyer w(i)th witnessse to the Assignm(cn)t / the pltf pleaded that hee had sufficiently proved his declaration by the foregoinge Evidence & Craved Judgm(en)t for the ose­briggs declared for w(i)th Costs / Morrice Edwards as being the defts Attorney pleaded that the pltf had forsably taken the s(aid) noat from the deft at Nanticoke in Maryland by beating of him & that the deft had assigned the s(aid) noat to the pltf out of fear that the pltf would have killed him, to prove w(hi)ch hee produced the attest of John Smith of Maryland w(hi)ch was Read as followeth:

Do[set County in Maryland: The depo­sysation of John Smith, Aged fifty years or thereabouts / the deponent saith that John Dyer of Sussex County in the province of Pensilvenia came to his house about the Month of August 1688 / the s(aid) Dyer did Inquire for John Mellson & Jonc Wattson & this s(aid) de­ponent told the s(aid) Dyer & one Peeter Watson where the s(aid) Mellson ware, & John Dyer & one Peeter Watson thrcming what the s(aid) Mellson would doe to the s(aid) Mellson if they should Meet with him, the deponent, telling the s(aid) Dyer & Mellson that they Could doe nothing w(i)th Mellson except they had a war­rant from a Magistrate in that County where the s(aid) Mellson ware, / the s(aid) Dyer Replied that hee had a warrant from Mr Clarke & hee could Carry the s(aid) Mellson back again shewing the deponent sum paper for his warrant / the deponent having sum busenesse with the s(aid) Mellson went w(i)th the s(aid) John Dyer to the house of Mikell Simkins where the s(aid) Mellson then Lived, / the deponent further saith that when they came to the house of s(aid) Simkins there was John Mellson, John Dyer swaring meny bloody oaths att

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13. The clerk initially changed this to "perseving" but that was crossed out.
14. The clerk adds here: "turn over."
15. Mistake for "they."
16. Mistake for "Wattson."
17. The clerk originally began with "ab." probably beginning the word "about."
s(aid) Mellson, & s(aid) John Dyer falling a beating of s(aid) Mellson after a Moste sad Rate till his blood Came aboute very much, the s(aid) Mellson being sick & weke in body, & at the same time John Dyer demanded a bill of s(aid) Mellson that hee had for churty y(ar)ds of oosenbriggs & his horse, whic horse John Dyer went & Ketcht & tooke away in the sight of the deponent, & the deponent further saith not

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This 8th day of the 3d Month 1689

John Smith being duly Attested declared that the above written deposition was truth & nothing but the truth, Attested before Mcc John Walker

the arrest of Barbora Johnson was Likewise Read as followeth:

June the 3d 1689
Barbora Johnson, Aged fifty years or thereabouts, Came this day before mee & did attest that John Dyer did sum time in the month of August Last past Come to the house of Cornelius Johnson in Nanticoke River in the County of Sumarset & province of Maryland & did bring with him one gray horse & shee, this deponent, & her husband did aske the s(aid) Dyer how hee Came by the s(aid) horse / The pltf pleaded that hee did not forse the fors(aid) noate from the deft but that the deft did deliver & assigne the s(aid) noate unto & the s(aid) Dyer Replied that hee had given Mellson soar blowes & that hee thought hee would never be his owne man againe, & that the bridle & sadde Lay att Mikell Simkins doar & that hee Claped it upon the fors(aid) horse & brought him away signed by Henry Moleston, Justice of the peace

The pltf pleaded that hee did not forse the s(aid) noate from the deft but that the deft did deliver & assigne the s(aid) noate unto Peeter Wattson in Consideration of his Losse of time & Crop in cuming after the s(aid) Mellson, this deft, & that the s(aid) Wattson assigned the s(aid) noate, being for forty y(ar)ds of oosenbriggs as for the fors(aid) unto this pltf in Consideration of twenty five y(ar)ds that the s(aid) Wattson owed the pltf & twenty five y(ar)ds the pltf paid him att the Toun of Lewis & desired that Mikell Simkins attest might be read, the s(aid) Simkins therein declaring that hee heard the s(aid) Mellson proffer the fors(aid) Peeter Wattson a bill or noate of Mathue of Mathue* Scarborouhts for for* Linin in Consideration of his Losse of time & Crop in cuming after him, the s(aid) Mellson, & that the s(aid) Mellson went to his Comb Case & tooke out 17 [p. 38, Dover] paper by paper untill hee met w(i)th the s(aid) bill & delivered it to the s(aid) Wattson & assigned it to him & hee Accepted of it / the deft 'by his attorney' pleaded that hee had proved by two Evidences that the pltf had forsoed the s(aid) noate from the deft & therefore desired a nonsuit, saying but that deft 'a had a good Action against the pltf for the same, & after further pleadings on both sides the Cause was Left to the Jury whoe went out & in short time Returned in again & brought in their verdict in writing in these

17 The clerk adds here: "turne over."
words: wee of the Jury doe finde for the deft w(i)th Costs, Babtist Newcomb, foreman / The pltf Court past Judgm(en)t accordingly / The pltf Craved an appeale to be heard att the then next provincialll Court in Equerry, w(hi)ch the Court granted, hee putting in securarety according to Law

John Thurso pltf
Justice Albertus Jacobs deft in an Action of the Case
The pltf declares for ten pounds to be paid in goods as Cheape as they Could be bought for money at the Toune of Leuis & twenty shillings in silver money being due to the pltf from the deft for one years servis / the deft appearing & Francis Cornwell for the pltf, the matter was lefte to the Court, & the Court found no Cause of Action & ordered the pltf to pay Costs of suit

Thomas Clifton pltf
Henry Moleston deft in an Action of Replevin
No declaration Ficled

Richard Law pltf
Marke Mitchell deft in an action of dept
The pltf Declars for two pounds, ten shillings dew by bill / W(i)thdrawn by the pltfs order

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Moses Aboab pltf
Estate of John Millington deft in an Action of dept by attacm<en)t
The pltf declares for the sume of foure pounds due by bill & one pounds, two shillings & Eight pence due by account / The pltf by his Attorney W(illia)m Rodency proved his bill & account & the Court past Judgm(en)t against the Estate Atteachcd according to declaration

William Kenning pltf
the Estate of Edward Green in the hands of John Dyer deft in an Action of the Case by attacm<en)t
The pltf declares for thury v(ar)ds of osenbriiggs Lining & thury shillings in Money dew by an account / Withdrawn by the pltfs order

Charles Hains pltf
Tho(mas) Branscomb deft in an Action of the Case
Withdrawn by Consent, the Fees to be paid Equelly betwixt the pltf & deft

Justice Luke Wattson pltf
Babtist Newcomb, as administrator of
John Hadester, deceased, deft in an Action of the Case
The pltf declares for 453 pounds of poarke dew from the Estate of John
Province of Maryland Patent, Worcester County #1092, issued Aug. 9, 1745, on a Warrant issued 14 Jun. 1743 and surveyed with the Certificate numbered 611. The Patent for Daniel Melson's tract GOOD HOPE of 100 acres was backdated to Aug. 10, 1743.
I have received the sum of two pounds sterling for the within mentioned debt of eight shillings sterling for two yards and four hundred drams. This patent may therefore be signed with his royal approbation.

12th August 1745

scribe

A writ for County
This Power of Attorney was given by Daniel Melson II to his son, Daniel Melson III, on 25 April 1795. Daniel Melson III left Sussex County, DE on his way to Hancock County, GA, where it was filed with the County Clerk.

Power of Attorney given by Daniel Melson II to his son Daniel Melson III

State of Georgia, Hancock County Deed Book AB, Page 524-525

#27 # Know all men by these presents that I Daniel Melson of Sussex on Delaware, have made, ordained constituted & appointed and by these presents do constitute and appoint and in my place and stead, find and depute my beloved son Daniel Melson Jun. of the County of Sussex aforesaid my true and lawful attorney, and for my use to ask demand due for recover and receive all and all such sums & sums of money, unto debts, goods, wares, dues accompt. and other demands whatsoever which are or shall be due owing payable and belonging to me or detained from me in any manner of way or means whatsoever by any person or persons whatsoever within the County of Sussex aforesaid or else where, giving and granting unto my said atty by these presents my full and whole power strength and authority in and about the premises to have and take all lawful ways and means in my name for the recovery in the premises of recovery of all such Rents, debts, dues, sum or sums of money for me and in my name to so execute and perform as fully legally and amply to all intents and purposes as I myself might or could do if I were personally present, Ratifying allowing and holding for firm and effectual, all and whatsoever my said attorney shall lawfully do in and about the premises by virtue hereof—In witness whereof I the said Daniel have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal unto this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five—Sealed and delivered in presence of Daniel Melson Seal

Isaac Hall, the first Witness to the signature of Daniel Melson II, was the son-in-law of Daniel Melson III. Peter Gordy was either the eldest son of Peter Gordy SR and Hannah Christopher, or the Peter Gordy, son of Peter Gordy SR's brother, Moses Gordy.
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State of Ohio, Columbiana County Probate 1833-1841 Book For May 1834 Term Page 158 - 161.

Estate of Lewis Welch, Deceased

"The Last will and testament of Lewis B. Welch, deceased was brought into Court and the subscribing witnesses thereto being qualified say that they saw the testator sign such will, that they attested and subscribed the same as witnesses in presence of the testator, that the testator when he signed the same was of sound mind and memory of full age and not under any restraint: Whereupon said will is approved and ordered to be recorded with the proof now taken: Which will is in the words and figures following text: In the name of God, Amen I Lewis Welch of Madison Township Columbiana County and State of Ohio: Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, being of sound mind and memory blessed by Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catharine Welch all my household furniture such as beds bedding and every other article belonging to the house to be at her disposal and to the possession of the mansion house during her natural life free from any encumbrances or charge whatsoever and to keep one milch cow and four sheep in pasture and forage and to keep her in sufficiency of firewood and to pay the sum of twenty dollars yearly for her support during her life and to have one horse creature of the value of fifty dollars and keep and feed the same.

I also give and devise unto my two sons John Welch and James Welch their heirs and assigns all that measure of land lying and being in Madison Township Columbiana County and State of Ohio on which I now live and occupy being (a) part of the thirteenth Section, tenth township and Second range containing two hundred and ten acres be the same now on tip to be equally divided between the said John Welch and James Welch or their heirs. I also give and bequeath unto my oldest son Jacob Welch one hundred dollars also to my Son Lewis Welch one hundred dollars also to my son Peter Welch one hundred dollars also to my son Henry one hundred dollars also I give and bequeath unto my eldest Daughter Susan Welch now Susan Gilson the sum of fifty dollars, also to my second daughter Catharine Welch now Catharine Henderson one hundred dollars also to my third daughter Mary Welch now Mary Hillman one hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath unto my two sons John Welch and James Welch all my Chattle property such as horses and sheep and hogs and my farming utensils and said John Welch and James Welch is to pay all my legal debts. I also allow my two sons John Welch and James Welch their heirs or assigns to pay to the aforesaid heirs the aforesaid legacies in annual payments that is to say twenty dollars to each except my eldest daughter Susan Welch now Susan Gilson ten dollars annually. The time I allow the first payments to become due will be three years after my decease and to be paid yearly until all shall be paid. I hereby appoint John Queen and Noah Fredericks Sole Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one. Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Lewis Welch to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator. 

Test. William Creighton
Henry Creighton
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Bond require to be given in Two Hundred dollars, I.C. Williard and James McLanin, are accepted as Security. Daniel Crawford, John Smith & William Crawford as appointed appraisers of goods & etc. Executors duly sworn in Open Court.
And said Executors having given bond as required Letters Testamentary issued to them Which Letters are recorded in Book of Letters No.1 page 226.

C.D. Coffin Clk.