In memory of
my dear friend
Willis Reed Hutcherson
URIAH SHERRILL ALLISON
AND
NANCY CLARK COX

THEIR ANCESTORS
AND
DESCENDANTS
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OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
"HE ONLY DESERVES TO BE REMEMBERED BY POSTERITY WHO TREASURES UP AND PRESERVES THE HISTORY OF HIS ANCESTORS." - Edmund Burke
This story about my ancestors would probably have never been
written but for the accidental finding of a letter, written one
hundred and forty-four years ago from a brother in Alabama to his
sister in Tennessee. This letter was found on the floor in the
attic of the old Roane County courthouse at Kingston, Tennessee,
by a friend of mine who with another co-worker was up there one
hot summer day trying to create order out of the chaos of old
county records. The letter had lain there all these years, stepped
upon, ignored among the cobwebs, and almost hidden amidst the debris.
The letter is copied below for you to read but, first, let me say
a little more about the old courthouse where it was found.

It is a beautiful building, built in 1855 with handmade brick
-- the lovely old pink kind -- that were made right there in the
Roane County area. Directly over the attic (where the letter was
found) is a remarkable room, a very small room with hardly space
for more than one person to stand. It has a small railing or fence
in the middle of which is a trap door that could be opened or
"dropped". This served as a hanging gallows on the top floor, and
when the trap door was dropped it brought into view suspended by a
rope the poor unfortunate who was being punished for some crime.

So far as could be ascertained, there was only one hanging on this
inside gallows and later hangings were all taken care of in the
courtyard. The courthouse has stately columns on three sides
reaching the full three stories, the fourth side facing the jail.
Let us hope it will remain there among its trees to remind us of
the past and of the historic days when our forefathers fought so
hard to preserve law and justice for their children, and their
children's children.

During the Civil War, fighting went on all around the old courthouse. Brothers fought brothers, some wearing the gray and some the blue because, as you may remember, Tennessee was strongly divided in its feelings during the War between the States; and the old Bethel Cemetery high on a hill above Kingston testifies sadly to this fact. Union soldiers and Confederate soldiers -- sometimes of the same family -- were buried side by side.

Now, back to the letter, which is quoted verbatim as follows:

"Brown's Ferry, 29 Aug. 1830
To: Mrs. Nancy Alison
Kingston, Tennessee

"Dear Sister:

"I have to communicate to you the melancholy news of the death of our father. He departed this life on the 21st inst. He had been sick for some time previous to his death. The balance of the Family was all in good health a few days since but very much distressed on account of our loss. My Family enjoys tolerable health at this time. We have had some sickness in the first part of this month but luckily all have recovered.

"Father made a will before he died and has left Mother all his property for her lifetime. He has left the property after her death to the heirs of J. Cox, Sarah, Catherine and Jane. Polly is left a life estate in part of it -- he has left Joe and the girl and child that you have, to be sold to pay his debts, and has left me Executor to his will. This is a business that I did not wish to have anything to do with the estate. I wish you to write me on the receipt of this and let me know if Joe is at your house and what he can be sold for in money. I should like to get the money for you by the time your land is to be paid for. I do not know how soon I can make sale of him at private sale or not. If I have to advertise him it will be sometime before sale can be made of him.

"Mrs. Nancy Alison
from Bartley Cox"

/s/ B. Cox"
The death of her Father was doubly hard on Nancy because only the year before, May 18, 1829, she had suddenly lost her husband, Colonel Uriah Alison whom she loved dearly, and was left with three little girls to care for.

Now you can see why I suddenly wanted to start tracing my ancestors. Nancy Alison, sometimes spelled Allison, was my great-grandmother.

1. The slaves mentioned in the letter were Joe, Harriet and Andy, one family.
2. See next page for Kingston, Roane County, Tennessee Courthouse, and hanging gallows.
Roane County Courthouse, Kingston, Tennessee, built in 1855

Hanging gallows in belfrey of Roane County Courthouse
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CHAPTER I

This is the story of my great-grandparents, NANCY CLARK COX and URIAH SHERRILL ALLISON who were residents of Roane County, Tennessee; but before telling you specifically about them, I shall take you back several generations and tell you something about their ancestors. Let us start first with NANCY'S background.

PATERNAL ANCESTORS OF NANCY CLARK COX

SECTION 1

Nancy's Great-Great-Great-Great-Grandparents on the Paternal Side.

WILLIAM COX, BURGESS. Married first, in 1636, Elizabeth (surname unknown), 1 second, Mary Elam, daughter of William Elam.

WILLIAM COX, BURGESS, the immigrant, was born in 1598 and died prior to 1656. He came to America from England on the ship "Goodspeed" in 1610. He had a grant in 1628 in Elizabeth City County, Virginia on the James River, two and one-half miles above Harroe Addocks, of 150 acres. In 1642 he bought 250 acres with Isaac Hutchins at Falling Creek of the James River, Virginia. In 1665, Thomas, son of William, sold one-half of this land. In 1685, JOHN COX, SR., son of WILLIAM COX, BURGESS, and Nancy's ancestor, deeded one-half of his land at Harroe Addocks to his son, William Cox. 1

1. Data on the Cox Family of Henrico County, Virginia, obtained from the Manuscript Section, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.
SECTION 2

Nancy's Great-Great-Great-Grandparents on the Paternal Side.

JOHN COX, SR. (Son of WILLIAM COX, BURGESS, The Immigrant) and MARY KENNON, second wife. (Name of first wife unknown by author.)

JOHN, SR. AND MARY (KENNON) COX'S children were:

- Son, John Cox, Jr.
- Son, William Cox, married Martha (surname unknown by author.)
  They had a daughter, Martha Cox, who married Henry Wood.²
  (His will is in possession of the author (photocopy) and it is dated February 9th, 1711.)
- Son, BARThOLOMEW COX (Nancy's ancestor. More about him later.)
- Son, Richard Cox, Sr. ³
- Son, Henry Cox
- Son, George Cox

WILL OF JOHN COX, SR., SON OF WILLIAM COX, BURGESS ⁴

"In the name of God Amen. February the 19th, 169½, I, John Cox, Henrico County in Virginia, Planter, being sick and weak in body but in perfect and sound memory; blessed and praises be Almighty God, therefore, I do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

"First: I bequeath my soul to God that gave it, hoping through the mercies and mediation of my ever blessed saviour, Jesus Christ, to obtain pardon and remission of all my sins and inherit life everlasting.

"I order my body to be decently buried at the charge of and discretion of my Executor, hereafter named, and for such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and dispose of in manner and form following. Viz:

² Data on the Cox Family of Henrico County, Virginia, obtained from the Manuscript Section, Tennessee State Library and Archives.
³ See copy of will of Richard Cox, Sr., Appendix 1.
⁴ Henrico County Wills, 1688 - 1697, original. Reel 5, page 678 and 679, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia.
"Item: I bequeath unto my son, John Cox, Jr. the plantation called by the name of 'New Plantation', beginning at a white oak on the river, being BARTHOLOMEW COX'S, so up the bottom to a slash at the head line, and along the head line down the William Cox line to Jarrett's Spring and so long to Captain Gardner's Cricky mouth, to him and his heirs forever.

"Item: I bequeath unto my son, BARTHOLOMEW COX, the plantation as he now liveth on, beginning at a white oak by the river at a bottom and so up the bottom to a welt (?) slash and so along my head line to Captain Davises', to him and his heirs forever.

"Item: I bequeath unto my son, Richard Cox, a negro called Robin, to him and his heirs forever.

"Item: I bequeath unto my son Henry Cox, the bed I lye on with all belonging to it as it stands and one negro child called Molley, to him and his heirs forever.

"Item: I bequeath unto my son, George Cox, the plantation I now live on and all the neck of land from Jarrett's Spring to the mouth of Captain Gardner's creek, running along the ponds and up the river to a hickory at Bow's Landing, and one bed with all as belongs to it standing in the best room, one negro woman called Betty and one chest and all that is in it, one chest of drawers and one cupboard and a great table as it stands, and two yoke of oxen and cart with spokewheels and ox chains, and plow irons, six leather chairs, four high and two low, to him and his heirs forever.

"It is my will and pleasure for Henry to live with George and he is to let Henry have ground to tend, and manure and housing for it, and Henry to repair the housing he makes use of, either with him or by himself, and George to be a help to him.

"Item: I bequeath to my wife, Mary Cox, one silver spoone.

"Item: I bequeath all other of my personal estate after my debts are paid to be equally divided between my six sons; John Cox, Jr., William Cox, BARTHOLOMEW COX, Richard Cox, Henry Cox, and George Cox.

"I hereby ordain, constitute and appoint my said son, George Cox, my Executor of this my last will and testament.

"Lastly, I hereby revoke forever all other former wills written
or verbal, by me at anytime hereto made, confirming this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

Signed: JOHN COX (His Mark: Cox)
Sealed with red wax.

Signed, sealed and published as his last will and testament in the presence of: John Ironmonger
Thomas Taylor
John Davis

"Henrico County, February 1st. 1696. Proved in open court by ye oath of John Davis and Thomas Taylor, two of the subscribing witnesses.
"Testator, James Cocke, Clerk of Court."

On page 679 in the same County Court Deed Book of Henrico County, Virginia, as the above will was probated, only ten months later, appears the following item, which was of interest:

"Mary Cox, Widow of John Cox, Sr., deceased, puts in her place and stead, Barth. Fowler, her attorney, in all causes and actions, which may hereafter depend in Henrico County Court. Witness my hand this 26th day of November 1696. Her
Signed: Mary X Cox
Mark

"Test: William Sloan
Henry Ayscough

"Duly recorded and acknowledged. /s/ J. A. Cocke, County Court Clerk."

One wonders if she resented being bequeathed by her husband in his will only "one silver spoone", as it was obvious that he was a Virginia planter of means. It would be interesting to know the outcome - but, how can we, when it happened nearly 300 years ago!
Nancy's Great-Great-Grandparents on the Paternal Side.

BARTHOLOMEW AND REBECKAH COX, (Rebeckah's surname unknown by author.)

BARTHOLOMEW AND REBECKAH COX'S children were:

Son, Frederick Cox

Son, JOHN COX (Nancy's Great-Grandfather, more about him later.)

There were undoubtedly more children than those named above, for instance, there must have been a daughter who married a Baugh, since in his will he names a grandson, William Baugh. However, the only ones listed are those mentioned in his will, which follows:

WILL OF BARTHOLOMEW COX

"In the name of God Amen. I, Bartholomew Cox of Gouchland County, being at this present writing in perfect sense and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth:

"Item: I give to my grandson, George Cox, one shilling sterling.

"Item: I give to my grandson, William Baugh, one shilling sterling.

"Item: I leave my son, Frederick Cox and my son, JOHN COX, and my loving wife, REBECKAH, whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this 14 day of January 1730-31. Signed and sealed in the presence of us: Test. Anthony Morgan

Test. Agnes A. Noulin (her Mark.)

Test. Rebecka Wood

/s/ BARTHOLOMEW COX (SEAL)

Mark
SECTION 4

Nanvy's Great-Grandparents on the Paternal Side.

JOHN COX, THE ELDER, AND MARY COX (Mary's maiden surname unknown.)

JOHN COX, THE ELDER, Lunenburg County, Parrish of St. James, Virginia. Where he was born the author is uncertain, but it is likely that it was Goochland County, Virginia, where his father, BARTHOLOMEW COX lived and died. (See above will.) His date of birth was about 1715. Approximately 1735, he married MARY and moved to Cecil County, Maryland, where his first son was born.

JOHN AND MARY COX'S children were:

Son, John Cox, Jr. Born in 1737, married in 1758 to Francina Bouldin whose father was Thomas Bouldin and mother was Nancy (Clark) Bouldin. Thomas Bouldin fought in the Revolution and his place of residence during that time was Charlotte County, Virginia. John Cox, Jr. also fought in the Revolution and his place of residence at that time was Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

Son, FREDERICK COX married MILDRED ESTES. (Nancy's Grandparents.)

Son, Bartley Cox. Moved to Georgia and was deceased before 1793.


Daughter, Mary Cox, married Micajah Smithson. His father was Francis Smithson. See copy of his will in Appendix 6.

Daughter, Edith Cox, married Joseph Minor, October 11, 1750, Lunenburg County, Virginia.

Daughter, Talitha Cox, married Isham Browder.

6. See copy of Will of John Cox, Jr., Appendix 2. Also Will of Francis Smithson.
7. See Daughters of American Revolution Application Paper No. 153051 for data on John Cox, Jr.
10. See copy of Will of Thomas Bouldin, Appendix 3.
11. See copy of Pension for Bartlett Cox, Appendix 4.
13. Some Virginia Marriages, 1700-1799, by Cecil D. McDonald, Jr.
"In the name of God Amen, this fifteenth day of July one thousand and seven hundred and sixty-four, I, John Cox, The Elder, of the County of Lunenbergh and Parrish of St. James being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory, thanks be given to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of the Almighty that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood, eight negroes (towit) Aaron, Judy, Peter, Beck, Shaper, Abraham, Amy and Fanny together with all my household furniture (except two beds and proportionable furniture and a desk) also three horses known by the names of Jenny, Pusy, Sunball, also the stock of cattle, sheep and hoggs, and at her decease or marriage, all the moveables of the said Estate to be left at the discretion of my son, John Cox, to be divided and distributed as he thinks proper amongst and between him, this said John Cox and my living issue.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Ann Shipp, a negro boy named George which she has now in her possession to the said Anne Shipp, and her heirs forever, also, a negro boy named Isaac to Nanny Shipp, daughter of the said Nancy Ann Shipp, to her and her heirs lawfully begotten forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Edith Minor, a negro boy named James, to her and her heirs forever, also to Letitia Minor, daughter of the said Edith, a negro child named Beck to her and her heirs lawfully begotten forever.
Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Cox a negro wench named Franky, and also a bed and furniture (to be disposed of by him for the use of my daughter Delita Chandler or her two children Rebekah and Keziah Chandler.)

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Smithson a negro girl named Lucy to her and her heirs forever, also to Keziah Smithson, daughter of the said Mary, one negro boy named Aaron to her and her heirs lawfully begotten forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Talitha Cox a negro girl named Jenny and a negro boy named Andrew to her and her heirs lawfully begotten forever, also a good horse and saddle and a feather bed and proportionable furniture and ten pounds cash to the said Talitha Cox and her heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my son, FREDERICK COX, a negro man named Matt and a negro boy named Harry during his natural life and then to return to his heirs lawfully begotten forever, also a negro boy named Peter to Franky Coleman Cox, daughter of the said FREDERICK, to her and her heirs lawfully begotten forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Bartley Cox the plantation and land and appurtenances thereunto belonging after the decease or marriage of my wife, Mary Cox, aforesaid, also three negroes (towit) Venture, Betty, and Bob, also a feather bed and proportionable furniture and a desk, also a large bay mare, known by the name of Jewel, and a small white horse to him the said Bartley Cox, his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Mary Cox, daughter of John Cox, a negro boy named Jerry to her this said Mary Cox and her heirs lawfully begotten forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Cox all and singular the residue of my whole estate both real and personal to him the said John Cox and his heirs forever.

Lastly, I appoint my wife, Mary Cox and my son, John Cox, Executors of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first above mentioned.

s/s JOHN COX (Seal)"
"Signed, sealed, and delivered
in the presence of:
Benjamin Clark
William Clark
William Nash
Thomas Taylor
Benjamin Whitehead, Jr.
"At a court held for Lunenburg County, 13th of September 1764.
"The last Will and Testament of John Cox, Gentleman, was exhibited
in court by John Cox, the younger one of the Executors therein
named and proved by the oaths of three of the witnesses thereto
subscribed and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the
said John Cox, the younger, (who made oath according to law
certificate) is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said
will in due form. He giving security whereupon he with security
entered into and acknowledged their bond for that purpose
according to laws. Reserving liberty to the Executrix therein
named to join in probate thereof when she shall think fit.

Test. William Taylor, Clerk of Lunenburg Court."
ROBERT ESTES, SR. (Wife's maiden surname unknown.)

ROBERT ESTES, SR. must have been born about 1720-1730 and married approximately 1750 (probably in Lunenburg County) because he mentions in his will which he wrote in 1775 that he had married children and his wife was deceased. His place of birth is unknown by the author.

ROBERT ESTES, SR.'s children were:

Son, Robert Estes, Jr. (See his will in Appendix 27.)
Son, Elisha Estes, born 1749, Virginia. Married Catherine.*
Son, George Estes
Son, Benjamin Estes
Son, Bartlett Estes
Son, Tachery Estes

Daughter, MILDRED (MILLEY) ESTES married FREDERICK COX.

WILL OF ROBERT ESTES, SR., FATHER OF MILDRED (MILLEY) (ESTES) COX

wife of FREDERICK COX

"In the name of God Amen, I, ROBERT ESTES of Lunenburg County being weak in body but of sound mind and perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the form and manner following, Imprimis: I leave my body to be buried in such decent Christian manner as my Executors hereafter to be named shall think suitable to my circumstances.

"Item: I desire my said Executors to pay all my just debts out of my estate for which purpose I desire they will sell upon a reasonable credit all my furniture and stock with my tools and plantation, utensils and every other commodity except so much as shall be thought necessary for the finishing the crops intended to be made this year with my negroes which crops I intend shall go towards paying my debts.

"Item: It is my will that my land whereon I now live and which is the same track whereon the Courthouse stands, be sold by my Executors on such credit as they shall deem most

advisable for commanding the best price and so much of the money arising from such sale as shall be necessary for the completing of the payment of my debts shall be applied that way, and the balance I leave to be equally divided amongst those to whom I give my negroes with the precaution I shall use regarding them, being well convinced for many years that my sons, Robert and Elisha, will take care of their living and that my sons George, Benjamin, Tachary, and Bartlett, and son-in-law FREDERICK COX who married my daughter, MILLEY, have had an excessive turn for spending their livings. To prevent my said last mentioned sons from wasting or spending that moderate estate under which Divine Providence I have got together by many years labour and frugallity, I do give and lend and divide my negroes and the money arising from the sale of my lands, goods, and cattle after paying my debts, in the following manner and form, viz: It is my will that my negroes with the negro boy Sam lent my son Robert and the negro woman and child lent MILLEY COX and the increase and the money left after pay my debts, be divided into as many equal parts as I had children at my wife's decease, that my sons Robert and Elisha have such of them an equal part to do with as seemeth best to them.

"Item: One equal part of said negroes and money I lend to my son George's wife and his children by her intending thereby that the said part of my estate shall be applied towards maintaining my said son George's wife, and the maintaining, supporting and bringing up such of the young children my said daughter-in-law shall have by my said son as shall stand in most need thereof and in case my said son shall die before his wife (meaning that he carried with him when he moved from Virginia not knowing at this time whether she be dead or not and of course whether my said son be married again, tho I do not believe his wife dead since she left these parts, and it is for her benefit I intend this will and another if she be dead) then the above mentioned
equal part of negroes and money be kept together for the above mentioned purpose till the youngest child my said daughter-in-law shall have by my said son, shall arrive to the age of eighteen years at which time it my will that the said part of my estate and increase shall be equally divided amongst my son George's children and his Widow, but in case she shall die before such child's coming of age, then it is my will that the said part of my estate shall be equally divided as soon as may be amongst the children of my son George as shall be then living, and, at all events I do not mean to leave any part of my estate in the power of my said son to spend but that his children have the entire benefit in case his wife as above meant shall be dead before him.

"Item: One equal part of my said negroes and money I give to my son Benjamin's wife and children in the same manner as that given to my son George's wife and children.

"Item: One equal part of my said negroes and money I give to my son Tachary's wife and children, in the same manner as I gave to my son George's wife and children.

"Item: One equal part of my said negroes and money I lend to my son Bartlett for which he must give security to my Executors for the return of it to be equally divided amongst my children or their representatives and in case he does not entirely refrain from drunkeness and gaming but upon such reformation appearing to my Executors or to the Court of this County, then I give the said part of my estate to my said son to do with as seemeth best to him.

"Item: To my daughter, MILLEY COX, I lend one equal part of my said negroes and money during life which said money and negroes I give to be equally divided at her decease amongst her children or their legal representatives, and my late wife's cloths and riding saddle I give to my said daughter. And do appoint my sons, Robert and Elisha and my neighbour, Thomas Tabb, Executors of this my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal this
15th day of March 1775.

/s/ ROBERT ESTES - SEAL

Teste: William Gordon,
William Crymes,
and Thomas Tabb.

"At a Court held for Lunenburg County the 13th of April 1775.
"The last will and testament of Robert Estes, deceased, was
exhibited in Court by Robert and Elisha Estes, two of the
Executors therein named, and was proved by the oaths of all the
witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded.
"And on the motion of the said Executors who made oath according
to law certificate is granted them for obtaining probate of the
said will in due form, they giving security, whereupon they
together with security entered into and acknowledged bond for
that purpose, and Thomas Tabb, the other Executor, refused
here in Court to join in probate.

Teste: Wm. Taylor, C.L.C

"Recorded: Will Book 2, pages 417-419, Lunenburg County,
Virginia."
FREDERICK AND MILDRED (ESTES) COX.

FREDERICK COX married MILDRED ESTES approximately 1760. FREDERICK was born about 1738 or 1739 but we have no firm proof of the exact date. He was probably born in Cecil County, Maryland, as that is where his older brother, John Cox, Jr. was born. He was a soldier in the Revolution and his death occurred in 1781. Because of the date of his death and the fact that pay for his service was paid by the government to his Administratrix, it is presumed that he must have been killed in action, though we have no proof that this is true. He left no will but the inventory of his estate was found in Surry County, North Carolina. Documents on the settlement of the Estate of FREDERICK COX are as follows:

"Surry County, November Court 1781:

"The within Inventory of the Estate of Frederick Cox, deceased, was returned to court by Milly Cox, Administratrix, which was ordered to be recorded. Recorded accordingly."

/s/ Jo Williams, C.C."

"Revolutionary War Pay Vouchers: From Treasurer's and Comptroller's Papers, North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina.

"State of North Carolina No. 243
Salisbury District

"This is to certify that the Estate of Frederick Cox, deceased, was allowed seven pounds sixteen shillings and four pence.

"Specie for public claims by the upper Board of Auditors, 11th day of June 1782.

/s/ Fraugott Bagge Auditors
/s/ James Hunter

By Order: Sam Henderson, C.B."
"State of North Carolina

Salisbury District

"This is to certify that Frederick Cox's Administratrix was allowed one pound eighteen shillings specie for public claims by the upper Board of Auditors 30th day of July 1782.

/s/ Charles Bruce
Auditors

/s/ James Hunter
Auditors

By Order
Sam Henderson, C.B." 17

FREDERICK AND MILDRED COX'S children were:

Daughter, Franky Coleman Cox. Married -- Anglin
Daughter, Mary Cox. Married -- Vernon
Daughter, Sarah Cox. Married Ivrn Simmons.
Son, John Cox. Married Mary Bryson. 19, 20
Son, ISHAM COX. Married CATHERINE COX (Nancy's parents whom we will discuss at length later.)
Daughter, Mildred Cox, Jr. Unmarried. 21
Granddaughter, Polly Simmons. Daughter of Sarah (Cox) and Ivrn Simmons.

17. See Appendix 6 for Land Grant of Frederick Cox, and Deed of Land.
19. Marriage bond of John Cox, Orange County, Virginia, Deed Book No. 17, 1782. However, there is no certain proof that this is the right John Cox.
20. See copy of pension in Appendix 7 for John Cox's service in Revolutionary War No. S21124.
21. See Appendix 8 for photocopy of will of Mildred Cox, Jr. Will Book 3, p. 91, Stokes County, North Carolina.
"In the name of God Amen. I, Mildred Cox of the County of Stokes and the State of North Carolina being now of sound mind and memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is once appointed for all the human family to die, have made, ordained and appointed this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

Item: I give my son, ISHAM COX, one dollar to him and his assigns forever.

Item: I give to my three daughters namely: Franky Anglin, Armin Boulding, and Mary Vernon, one dollar each to them and their heirs or assigns forever.

Item: I give to my granddaughter, Polly Simmons, one feather bed and furniture, one chickasaw mare called Nelly, to her and her heirs or assigns forever.

Item: I give to my son, John Cox, and my daughter, Sarah Simmons, all the residue of my estate both real and personal to be equally divided between them, theirs or assigns forever.

Item: I give to my two daughters, Franky Anglin, and Sarah Simmons, my wearing apparel to be equally divided between them with the acception (sic) of my every day wearing clothes, to be divided between my negro women and their children equally and the within named Mildred Cox do by that presents, constitute, ordain and appoint Ivrn Simmons, Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of August 1825.

Her

/s/ Mildred X Cox (Seal)
Mark

Test. Richard C. Ally, Jurat
Willm Joyce, Senior.

Stokes County September Sessions, 1827."

22. Photocopy of Will of Mildred Cox obtained from Will Book 3, p. 163, Stokes County, North Carolina.
It is obvious from the records that this John Cox mentioned in the will of MILDRED COX could have been the one living in Roane County, Tennessee at the same time as ISHAM COX (Nancy's father) and could have been his brother (no proof). They both appear in the Roane County Minute books around 1800. The father, FREDERICK COX, died in 1781 and MILDRED, FREDERICK'S wife, appears on the Salisbury District, Stokes County, North Carolina, 1790 Census as "Head of the Family." Perusal of county records, especially will books, makes it clear that movement of families often occurred immediately after the death of the father. In some cases, this was evidence of affection; in others it sprang from necessity because the father usually disposed of his lands among his faithful sons. Only by remaining until after probation of the will could the sons obtain the money necessary for buying the cheaper land to the South.
CHAPTER II

MATERNAL ANCESTORS OF NANCY CLARK COX.

SECTION I

Nancy's Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Grandparents on the Maternal Side (Seven Generations.)

RICHARD COX, BISHOP OF ELY (1500 - 1581.)

RICHARD COX was born at Whaddon in Buckinghamshire, England about 1500 and died on July 22, 1581.

Married: First wife's name unknown. Second wife was Jane Auder, daughter of George Auder, Alderman of Cambridge, and widow of William Turner, Dean of Wells. RICHARD COX and Jane Auder were married about 1568.

RICHARD COX's children by his first wife (name unknown) were:

Son, JOHN COX (Nancy's Ancestor, more about him in Section 2.)
Daughter, Joanna Cox.
Son, Roger Cox.
Son, Sir Richard of Brame, Ely.

SECTION 2

Nancy's Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Grandparents on the Maternal Side (Six Generations.)

JOHN COX, ELDEST SON OF RICHARD COX, BISHOP OF ELY.

JOHN COX was born about 1550. His wife's maiden name is unknown by the author but he was married about 1570 - 1575.

1. Dictionary of National Biography, Volume IV, Smith and Elder, London, 1908; also, As a Tree Grows by Verl F. Weight, September 1962
SECTION 3

Nancy's Great-Great-Great-Great-Grandparents on the Maternal Side
(Five Generations.)

MICHAEL COX, YOUNGEST SON OF JOHN COX.

MICHAEL COX WAS BORN ABOUT 1575. The Cox's were a respectable Wiltshire family seated at Kilworth, County Cork, Ireland. MICHAEL COX migrated into Ireland about 1620. The name of his wife is unknown by the author. He had issue of at least three sons, of these, the third son was RICHARD COX, Nancy's ancestor.

SECTION 4

Nancy's Great-Great-Great-Grandparents on the Maternal Side (Four Generations.)

RICHARD COX, THIRD SON OF MICHAEL COX, AND KATHERINE (BIRD) COX.

RICHARD COX, Captain in the King's Army, "A personage of great strength and courage", who fought under Charles I in General Jepson's Regiment of Horse, and later under Cromwell. CAPTAIN RICHARD COX married the widow of Captain Thomas Batten who was killed in 1642. She was KATHERINE BIRD, daughter of WALTER BIRD, ESQUIRE, of Cloghnakilty. CAPTAIN COX was killed in July 1671 as a result of being treacherously wounded by a fellow officer, leaving widow KATHERINE, who a few months later bore a son. This son was RICHARD COX, who later became Sir Richard, Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

KATHERINE (BIRD) COX died in the same year of her son's birth. The infant RICHARD, was reared in the home of his grandfather, WALTER BIRD,(another of Nancy's great-great-great-great-grandparents.) WALTER BIRD died in 1679.

2. Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire by John Burke, 1841.
Nancy's Great-Great-Grandparents on the Maternal Side.

SIR RICHARD COX, LORD CHANCELLOR OF IRELAND (1651 - 1733) AND MARY (BOURNE) COX.

SIR RICHARD COX was born at Bandon in 1651. He was married in Ireland, February 26, 1673, to MARY BOURNE, daughter of JOHN BOURNE, ESQUIRE. MARY was born in 1658 so was but 15 years old at the time of marriage.

SIR RICHARD COX first lived at Cloghnakilty for seven years, when he removed to Cork, in April 1701 he was appointed Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. In August 1703 he was made Lord Chancellor of Ireland. In 1733, at the age of 82 years, he was seized with a fit of apoplexy and died on May 3, following.

His wife, MARY, had died June 1, 1715.

SIR RICHARD AND MARY (BOURNE) COX'S children, from information furnished by the College of Arms, Dublin, were as follows:

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Son, Michael Cox 1691 1779
Daughter, Susannah Cox 1692
Son, JOHN COX. Married 1694 1747
MARY RANKIN
Daughter, Sarah Cox 1698

Fifteen children! It is interesting that after the death of the first Amy and John, they named two of their children that were born later Amy and John.

SECTION 6

Nancy's Great-Grandparents on the Maternal Side.

JOHN COX AND MARY (RANKIN) COX. ⁵

JOHN COX was the seventh and youngest son and 14th child of SIR RICHARD AND MARY (BOURNE) COX. He was born April 22, 1694 and died June 1747. He migrated to Pennsylvania and established his home near the present town of Greencastle.

He married MARY RANKIN, daughter of JOHN RANKIN. It may be that he was married before leaving Ireland.

JOHN AND MARY (RANKIN) COX'S children were:

Son, Richard Cox. ⁶ Born about 1726, died in 1810. Married Jane (maiden surname unknown to author.)
Son, JOSHUA COX, Nancy's grandfather. More about him later,
Daughter, Mary Cox. Born about 1728 and died after 1805.
Married John Craig. His will was proved in 1805, his widow, Mary, surviving. ⁷ ⁸ Mary and John Craig migrated to the Valley of Virginia with other members of the family in 1757 and settled in what is now Wythe County, Virginia. ⁹

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⁶ See copy of will of Richard Cox in Appendix 9.
⁷ History of Cumberland and Franklin Counties, Pennsylvania.
⁸ As a Tree Grows by Verl F. Weight, September 1962, p. 20.
Mary (Cox) Craig was the grandmother of Robert Craig, Congressmen from Southwest Virginia District about 1840.

Son, David Cox. Born about 1737 near McDowell's Mill, then moved to Lancaster County, now Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret McGowan, daughter of Francis and Margaret (Patterson) McGowan, about 1764, Augusta County, Virginia. David Cox died early in 1819 and his will was probated in May term of Court, 1819, Grayson County, Virginia.

Son, Captain John Cox, Jr. Born July 25, 1739, died December 24, 1818, Ashe County, North Carolina. Captain Cox married Margaret Davis who was born May 21, 1736 and died December 19, 1806. They had eight children:

Son, James Cox. Born 24 February, 1763, died 17 April 1842. Married 1st Mrs. Elizabeth Terrill, 15 May 1782, 2nd Sarah Fielder, 4 February 1815.


Son, Joshua Cox. Born 18 March 1773, died 1 January 1860. Married Nancy Richardson, 10 June 1793.


Daughter, Sarah (Sally) Cox. Born about 1780. Married Zacharah Baker (brother to James Baker.)


10. As a Tree Grows by Verl F. Weight, September 1962.
11. See photocopy of will of David Cox in Appendix 10.
WILL OF JOHN COX, SR.

"The last will and testament of JOHN COX, of Rathmullan Township, in Lancaster County and Province of Pensalvania is as followth:-

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, being at present under some indigression of body but in perfect use of my reason and knowing it is appointed for all men to die, I do make, this my last will and testament first, then I leave my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried where my friends think fit and as for my worldly goods I do dispose of them in the manner and form following:

"After paying my just debts and funeral charges, first then I bequeath and leave to my loving wife the bed whereon we have lain on and her saddle, her cloths and a young mare of three year old of a gray colour and the third of all my other goods. The other two thirds of my estate and goods I leave and bequeath to my children to be equally divided among them and if it be so ordered in Providence that any of whom dy then that one's share shall be equally divided among the rest. I do appoint that soon after my death that all my goods and estate be prised and the account taken and kept. If my wife shall think fit to marry again that, before she marry, that what I have left to my children be secured for them. There is a gun now in my house which was given to my son John in way of a gift which I acknowledge doth properly belong to him. There is also a young black mare of three years old given by Mr. Cochran to my daughter Mary that doth properly belong to her. I do appoint my beloved wife and my son Richard to be my executors to perform this, my last will and testament, I do appoint my neighbour John Holiday and my brother-in-law, William Rankin, to oversee and assist my wife as to this my last will.

/s/ JOHN COX (L.S.)

"This 22 of April 1747. Signed and sealed in the presence of: Robert Jordan and Andrew Donlap."

13. The above is a photocopy of the will of John Cox which was probated June 8, 1747. Filed in Rathmullen Township, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
In the fall of 1756, MARY (RANKIN) COX, the widow of JOHN COX, and her family migrated to the Valley of Virginia - North Carolina line. Two of her sons, John and David, held lands bounded on the south by the state line. Her daughter, Mary, and husband John Craig, settled in what is now Wythe County, Virginia.

JOSHUA COX and Richard Cox crossed the line from Virginia into North Carolina, then Rowan County, later Surry County, later Stokes County, North Carolina, where they lived and died. The time and place of their mother's (MARY (RANKIN) COX) death is unknown. It was probably in Augusta County, Virginia.

SECTION 6-A:

Nancy's Great-Grandparents, who were on the NEAL side of her Maternal Ancestors.

WILL OF THOMAS NEAL

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas Neal of Stokes County and State of North Carolina, being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory - blessed be God - do this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord 1808, make and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

"First: As my beloved wife, Mary Neal, by her industry and good conduct hath greatly contributed and assisted me in raising our family, I give and bequeath unto her all my possessions and estate both real and personal, that is my lands, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and farming utensils and all my household furniture of what kind soever, to be held and distributed at her discretion among my children as equally as may be and the circumstances of the family will admit when she may think proper, the same as if I was alive, and that she shall not be obligated to make any distribution as long as she lives unless she thinks proper, and after her decease, my will is that an equal distribution of all my estate

14. Photocopy of above will obtained, will Book 2, p. 93, Stokes County Courthouse, Danbury, North Carolina.
then remaining shall be made among all my children then alive, except those who have had some prerequisite already, to be charged with it and deducted out of their part or parts when my estate is divided.

"Item: I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife, MARY, my sole executrix of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I, the said Thomas Neal, have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

s/s THOMAS NEAL - Seal

"Signed, sealed, published and delivered in presence of us:

J. A. Martin
Nancy X Crawley (her mark).

"Probated Stokes County, North Carolina, June Tern 1808"

"QUEEN'S MUSEUM", Later Named "LIBERTY HALL ACADEMY." 15

"One of the most useful institutions of the Revolutionary period, and around which cluster many patriotic associations, was the College in Charlotte, known as "Queen's Museum." As the early fount of educational training in Mecklenburg, and the nursery of freemen, as well as of scholars, it should ever claim our warmest regard and veneration. A brief notice of its origin, progress and termination may be acceptable to the general reader.

"After the Revolution commenced, the Legislature of North Carolina granted a charter in 1777 to this institution under the name of "Liberty Hall Academy." The following persons were named as trustees, vis: Isaac Alexander, M.D., President; Thomas Polk, Abraham Alexander, THOMAS NEAL, Waughtstill Avery, Ephraim Brevard, John Simpson, John McKnitt Alexander, Adlai Osborn, and the Rev. Messrs. David Caldwell, James Edmonds, Thomas Reese, Samuel E. McCorkle, Thomas H. McCaule, and James Hall.

"Owing to the invasion of Carolinas by Cornwallis in the fall of

15. Sketches of Western North Carolina by Cyrus L. Hunter, (1877) pp 152-154. This sketch is included here because Thomas Neal (Nancy's Great-Grandfather) was closely associated with this institution.
1780, the operation of the Academy was suspended and not resumed during the remainder of the War. During the occupation of Charlotte by the British army under Lord Cornwallis, Liberty Hall Academy was used as a hospital and greatly defaced and injured."

SECTION 7

Nancy's Grandparents on the Maternal Side.

JOSHUA AND MARY (NEAL) COX.

JOSHUA COX, the son of JOHN AND MARY (RANKIN) COX, was born about 1730, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He died October 1, 1821, Stokes County, North Carolina.

JOSHUA COX with his brothers fought in the Indian Wars, 1758-1763, and later was a soldier in the Revolution. 16

On May 7, 1769, JOSHUA COX married MARY NEAL, daughter of THOMAS AND MARY NEAL. The following is their marriage bond: 17

MARRIAGE BOND OF JOSHUA COX AND MARY NEAL.

"North Carolina

"Know all men by these present that we Joshua Cox, Adam Mitchel, Thomas Neal and Richard Cox, all of the County of Rowan, are held and firmly bound unto our Sovr. Lord the King in the just sum of two hundred pounds sterling to which payment well and truly to be made to our Sovr. Lord the King, his heirs and successors, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 7th of May 1769.

"The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bound Joshua Cox hath prayed and obtained his Majesty's

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16. See copy of Revolutionary pension for Joshua Cox, No. R2408, p. 26
17. Original marriage bond filed under Rowan County Marriage Bonds, Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina.
license for any lawful minister to marry him, the said Joshua Cox and Mary Neal should not have been so married then the above obligation is in full force but if not, it is to be void and no effect.

"Sealed, signed and acknowledged in presence of: John Duncan in presence of: Adam Mitchell
Witnesses present: William Bostisk s/s Thomas Neal, father
Samuel X Share (his mark) s/s Richard Cox, brother

JOSHUA AND MARY (NEAL) COX'S children were:
Son, Jesse Cox. Born 1776, Rowan County, North Carolina. Died 1851, Stokes County, North Carolina.
Daughter, Mary Cox. Born in Rowan County, North Carolina, date unknown by author. Died between 1837 - 1851. Married Daniel Holbert (or Halbert.)
Son, Joshua Cox, 3rd. or Jr. Born Rowan County, North Carolina. Died June 1836. 18
Daughter, CATHERINE COX. Married ISHAM COX. More about her later.
Son, John Cox. Date of birth unknown. Died between 1822 - 1831 in Stokes County, North Carolina.

JOSHUA COX, SR. was a large land owner. In Appendix 12 is a list of his land grants showing their location in North Carolina. They are filed in the North Carolina Land Grant Office, Secretary of State, Raleigh, North Carolina.

JOSHUA COX died intestate on October 1, 1821. His estate papers were found at the Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina. Among these papers was found a Dower provided for his widow, MARY (NEAL) COX, which is quoted verbatim as follows:

18. See photocopy of Will of Joshua Cox, Jr. in Appendix 11.
"State of North Carolina, Stokes County.

"In obedience to a writ of Dower issued from the worshipful court of the County aforesaid, I, Constantine L. Barmes, Sheriff of the said County on the 22 day of March 1822, attended by Edwin Hickman, Tyne Riddle, Thomas Jesop, Philip King, Christopher Eaton, John Forgeson, Joel Tilly, David Tilly, Richard White, Johnson King, Thomas Zimmerman, Matt R. Moor, Freeholders, unconnected with Mary Cox, Widow of the late Joshua Cox, Sr., deceased, or heirs or devisees of the said Joshua Cox, Sr., deceased, by affinity or consanguinity and entirely disinterested by me, duly summoned, come in proper person to a certain plantation whereof the said Joshua Cox, deceased, seized and possessed, mentioned in said writ and petition lying on the South Double Creek in the County aforesaid, containing one hundred ninety-one acres and two-thirds acres more or less, and the Freeholders aforesaid being duly sworn and required to allot and set off to her, the said Mary Cox, one-third of the plantation aforesaid; did allot and set off to her the said Mary Cox the part or portion of the aforesaid plantation included and comprised within the following limits and bounds (towit) beginning at a Black Oak then running South crossing the creek fifty-six chains and fifty links to a White Oak on the East side of a road thence West thirty-three chains to a stake - then North fifty-six chains and fifty links to a Pine, then East thirty chains to the beginning---------.

"Which being done, I, the said sheriff and Freeholders aforesaid put the said Mary Cox in possession of the premises. In witness whereof the said Freeholders have hereto set their respective hands and seals at said Mary Cox's in the County aforesaid, the day and year first above written."

19. Dower for Mary (Neal) Cox, found in the Department of Archives and History, Stokes County Estates, 1753 - 1931, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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"NORTH CAROLINA, STOKES COUNTY DECEMBER SESSIONS 1821.

"To the worshipful County Court, this petition of Mary Cox humbly showeth: That your petitioner is the widow of Joshua Cox late of the County aforesaid who departed this life intestate in the year 1821, seized and possessed of the following tract of land whereon he lived lying on South Double Creek in said County containing two hundred and ninety acres. That said Cox left the following heirs, him surviving, (towit) Joshua Cox, Jr., Jesse Cox, John Cox, Caty (Catherine) Cox, and her husband Isham Cox, Polly (Mary) intermarried with Daniel Holbert, Nancy intermarried with Stephen McKinney, all of whom join in this petition for Dower to the Widow. She prays that the Dower may be assigned agreeably to law.

/\s/  J. Martin, Justice (Seal)."

Proof that JOSHUA COX was a soldier in the Revolution was obtained by the Revolutionary Army Account No. 54, Volume I, page 110, Folio 4, Account No. 370, Volume V, page 34, Folio 3. Also, Treasurer's and Comptroller's Papers Revolutionary Pay Voucher No. 54, Surry County, State of North Carolina, dated September 24, 1781. All of the above were obtained from the Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Also, as proof of his service, the author has a photocopy of his Pension No. R2408, on file in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., General Services Department.

In 1851, JOSHUA COX'S son, Jesse Cox, when he was 75 years old, applied for a pension on his father's service in the Revolution. Following is quoted the Pension Application verbatim:
PENSION APPLICATION FOR JOSHUA COX SR.

"State of North Carolina, County of Stokes.

"On this 1st day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, and in and for the County and State aforesaid, Jesse Cox, a resident of Stokes County in the State of North Carolina, aged seventy-five years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed in the 4th day of July A.D. 1836. That he is the son and heir at law of Mary Cox who was the widow of Joshua Cox, deceased, and the said Joshua Cox was an officer in the War of the Revolution. Some part of the time he was a recruiting officer and the balance of the time he was a Captain, and served in said War as such, and further, that the said Joshua Cox served in said War as a private, refer to the proofs sent with this.) He further declares that he believes that his father was married to his mother, Mary Cox, in the A.D. seventeen hundred and seventy. That his father, Captain Joshua Cox died at his residence in Stokes County in the State aforesaid on the first day of October eighteen hundred and thirty-seven. That she was still the widow of the said Joshua Cox, and that she left three children who survived her, whose names are as follows: Joshua Cox, Jr., Jesse Cox and Mary Holbert, all this fact will more fully appear by reference to other proofs herewith presented. He makes this declaration for his brother and sister or their heirs as well as for himself, sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year first above written.

"s/s Jos. Pierson, Justice of Peace.

s/s Jesse Cox"
"STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

"That Joshua Cox left a widow, the said Mary Cox, him surviving, and that she did not again marry but continued the widow of the said Joshua Cox until the day of her death, and that she, the said Mary Cox, died at her residence in the County of Stokes in the State of North Carolina on the 1st day of February A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and that the said Mary Cox left four children her surviving, namely: Jesse Cox, Joshua Cox, Jr., Polly (Mary) Holbert, and CATHERINE COX, all of whom have since died except one son, namely, the aforesaid, Jesse Cox, who is now the applicant for the amount of pension that was due his mother aforesaid from the fourth of March A.D. 1831 to the day of her death, reference may be had to other proofs herewith presented. He makes this declaration for the heirs of his deceased brothers and sisters, as well as for himself, if they are entitled to a part of the pension, and requests that the certificate may issue in the name of himself and his deceased brothers and sisters, so that their legal representatives may draw what will be due their heirs.

/s/ Jesse Cox."

"STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, STOKES COUNTY SEPTEMBER TERM 1852.

"I, John Hill, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarters Sessions for Stokes County, certify that satisfactory proof has been exhibited before this court that Joshua Cox who is reputed to have been a soldier and an officer during the Revolutionary War, died at his residence in Stokes County in or about the day of January A.D. 1822. That he left a widow him surviving, namely, Mary Cox, whose maiden name was Mary Neal, who did not again marry but continued the widow of Joshua Cox aforesaid, until the day of her death which took place on the 1st day of February A.D. 1837. That the said Mary Cox left four children and only four her surviving, whose names are Jesse Cox, Joshua Cox, Jr., Polly (Mary) Holbert, and CATHERINE COX, that since the death of the said Mary Cox, three of the aforesaid children have died, namely, Joshua Cox, Jr., Polly Holbert, and CATHERINE, so that at this date there is only..."
one of her children living, namely, Jesse Cox, aforesaid. And I further certify that the foregoing declaration was duly sworn to in open court and approved by the same.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal of office and subscribed my name this 13th day of September 1852.

s/s John Hill"

"STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA   COUNTY OF STOKES

"On this the 13th day of September A.D. eighteen hundred and fifty-three, before me a Justice of Peace, in and for the County and aforesaid, personally appeared, James Nichelston, a pensioner of the United States for service in the Revolutionary War, aged eight-eight years, a resident of Stokes County in the State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement relative to the services of Joshua Cox in the Revolutionary War. He states that he knew Joshua Cox in time of the War, before he himself went to the War, and knows that the said Cox served in the War as a private and a Captain from what he saw and heard said Joshua Cox say about serving and other people said too, about Cox as a good soldier, he states that he lived in the same neighborhood with Mr. Joshua Cox aforesaid before he went to the War himself and knows, as he knows other neighborhood reports, said Cox was appointed Captain over a Company of men in Surry County, North Carolina, to keep down the Tories for they were very bad in that part of the County of Surry. Together with Captain Cloud, Colonels Jack and James Masters, Colonels Armstrong, Winston, Williams, together with many others, and he himself states that about two and a half years before the War closed, that he himself joined the Continental Army tho' under age. His father, Isaac Nichelston belonged to the same army and took him to the army tho' very young, and that after the War ended he came back to Surry and the said Captain Joshua Cox was still living in the same County of Surry and that was at said Cox's house many times, and heard him talk about the War. And further, he states that on a certain occasion, Captain Cox, in company with Colonel Martin in an engagement with the Tories, and perhaps some British, the said Cox had his horse
killed under him, and says this engagement took place near where he lived, and that he has no doubt but said Cox did much good service to his country in that War, but he can't tell how much. Certainly, and he states moreover, that the said Cox married into the Neal Family, and that they had several children of whom are all died but one son whose name is Jesse Cox, and further, this deponent sayeth not.

/s/ James X Michelston (his mark).

"STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF STOKES.

"On this the 14th day of September, eighteen hundred and fifty-three before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared William Moore, aged seventy-nine years, a resident of Stokes County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement concerning the services of Joshua Cox in the Revolutionary War. He states first that he knew said Cox in the time of said War, for he, Cox, lived near his father's and that he believed Cox done a good deal of service during the War, both as a private and as a Captain, for at his father's there was a kind of barracks where the officers trained their men for the War, for he recollects perfectly well to have seen them drilling at his father's for days together. Some were drilling on horseback and others on foot, and he thinks that these were militia companies ordered out by Colonels John Armstrong or Winston, he don't think that these men made very long trips before they would return, there were a great many Tories in Surry County and they had to fight them a great deal and no doubt but they fought the British when they were in North Carolina. And in particular, he states that he saw the said Joshua Cox among these men at his father's who were drilling, and a part of the time the said Cox was Captain, for he recollects very well to have seen him mustering his men at his father's until they got ready to start off, but how long was gone, or how long he served he can't say but he can say that he has good reasons to believe that the said Joshua Cox was a good soldier and done a good deal of service in that War for he
lived close by, Captain Cox, aforesaid, and knew him in time of the War and after the War and he was always considered as having rendered to his country much good service in that War and no one ever doubted that fact as he know of, and he knew him until the said Cox died. And moreover, he states that said Joshua Cox married one Miss Neal, and they had several children all of whom are dead, but one, whose name is Jesse Cox, and further this deponent sayeth not.

/s/ Wm. Moore

WILL OF MARY (NEAL) COX

"In the name of God Amen. I, Mary Cox of the County of Stokes and the State of North Carolina being of perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this 6th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following, viz:

"First: I give and bequeath to my three sons (towit) Joshua, Jessie and John Cox, all the negroes that I may be or shall be in possession of at my decease, to be equally divided on their valuation between the above named sons. Also, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Halbert, 21 four hundred dollars to be equally and jointly paid by my three sons provided she gives up to them all her right and title and claim to all the land her father was in possession of at his decease, and if she does not relinquish her right and claim to said lands then she is to receive two hundred dollars to be paid as above mentioned.

"Also, I give and bequeath to my daughter, CATHERINE COX, twenty shillings to be paid out of my estate after my decease, likewise I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy McKinney twenty shillings to be paid out of my estate.

20. Photocopy of the will of Mary (Neal) Cox obtained from Stokes County Courthouse, Danbury, North Carolina, Will Book 3, p. 317.
21. Notice the difference in spelling of "Holbert"and "Halbert".
"And lastly, I give and bequeath to my above mentioned three sons all my stock of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and every description, together with all my household furniture, working tools and farming utensils and all moneys, if I have any, to be equally divided between them after all just demands is satisfied.

"And further, I make and ordain my two sons (towit) Joshua Cox, and Jesse Cox, both of the County and State first mentioned, executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year first written.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of:

s/s MARY X COX (her mark).

"Joshua Cox, 3rd., William Hill, David Tilly, Alexander King,"

"NORTH CAROLINA, STOKES COUNTY."

"I, Mary Cox of the County and State aforesaid do make and ordain this sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, for this CODICIL to be taken as part of my last will and testament written August 6th, 1822. Whereas by the above mentioned will I have bequeathed to my son John Cox, now deceased, certain legacies which I do hereby revoke and make void said legacies, all to one dollar which I give him by this CODICIL. In witness whereof I have to this CODICIL annexed to my said will, set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

s/s MARY X COX (her mark)

"David Tilly, Joshua Cox, 3rd., Richard Case, Alex. King."

"March Term 1837.

"The execution of the last will and testament with the CODICIL annexed of Mary Cox, deceased, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open court by the oaths of David Tilly, and Alexander King, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

/s/ John Hill, C.C."

MARY (NEAL) COX, JOSHUA'S widow, never married again and lived on in the home in Stokes County until her death, which occurred on February 1, 1837.
CHAPTER III

NANCY'S FATHER AND MOTHER

ISHAM AND CATHERINE (COX) COX.

ISHAM COX married CATHERINE COX (same name but not related), approximately 1785. He is listed as "Head of the Family, Salisbury District, Stokes County, North Carolina, 1790 Census."

ISHAM COX, the son of FREDERICK AND MILDRED COX, was born, probably in 1765, Lunenburg County, Virginia, though our only proof of this is the will written by his grandfather, JOHN COX, THE ELDER, included verbatim in Chapter I, Section 4, page 7; the will of his uncle, John Cox, Jr, Appendix 2, and the will of his mother, MILDRED COX, Chapter I, Section 5, page 16.

ISHAM AND CATHERINE (COX) COX'S children were:

Son, Joshua Cox.

Son, Bartley Cox, sometimes called Bartlett. Married Eliza Jane Freeman. Bartley Cox died November 17, 1851, aged 59.

Son, William Cox.

Son, Isham Cox, Jr.

Daughter, Catherine Cox.

Daughter, Jane A. Cox.

Daughter, Sarah N. Cox.

Daughter, Mary (Polly) Cox.

Daughter, NANCY CLARK COX. (The author's great-grandmother and the subject of this story, discussed later in Chapter VII.

Son, John Cox.

"Five of the children had brown eyes, five had blue." ¹

¹ Old family letter in possession of the author. No date on letter.
It was probably sometime before 1800 that ISHAM COX left North Carolina and settled in Knox County, Tennessee. Later, he went to Roane County, Tennessee and bought land at a place on the Tennessee River, then called "Southwest Point" and near the "Garrison." As explained below, the garrison was a military post erected in the eighteenth century by General John Sevier, once governor of the ill-fated and short-lived State of Franklin, and the first Governor of Tennessee.

Later, on June 3, 1812, ISHAM bought 540 acres of land on Muddy Creek, formerly the old William Lampkin place. Part of said deed reads as follows: "From ISHAM COX, Roane County, to James L. Clowney, Blount County, 540 acres of land where ISHAM COX now resides, formerly the old 'Lampkin Place' on Muddy Creek, below the Meeting House." There were two separate tracts of land. The first, 400 acres, was sold to ISHAM COX, June 3, 1812, by William L. Sevier, Attorney in fact. The other contained 140 acres, conveyed to COX by Allen Bacon, August 18, 1818." ² ISHAM COX sold this land December 18, 1823.

Another transfer of land to ISHAM COX was as follows: "December 25, 1820. Deed sold to ISHAM COX by William Lampkin (who was URIAH'S half brother), of Madison County, Alabama, containing five acres and 28 poles, lying on Muddy Creek being balance of land purchased by me (Lampkin) from John Eldridge (called the Bacon Tract.) Recorded 21 day of August, 1824." ³

Other land that ISHAM COX bought was as follows: "County of Knox, from Ely and William Griffith to ISHAM COX, 300 acres on Clinch River, March 1, 1810. Lying and being across the County line of Knox and Roane. Recorded October Session 1810." ⁴

On order of William Blount, governor of the United States Territory South of the Ohio River, General Sevier erected a log blockhouse in 1792; and a body of United States troops was garrisoned there to protect the settlements against the raids of the Cherokee Indians.

². Deed Book F-1, p. 137, Roane County Courthouse, Kingston, Tennessee.
who were all about in the surrounding wilderness. General Sevier called this military outpost Southwest Point.

On October 23, 1799 the Tennessee Legislature passed an act establishing the town of Kingston, a mile from Southwest Point garrison. The Legislative act establishing Roane County was passed November 1, 1801. The County extended from Anderson and Knox Counties to the southern border of the state, but did not include any land south of the Holston and Tennessee Rivers. The first trustees of the County in 1802 included ISHAM COX SR. and he continued as a trustee and justice of the peace from this time until sometime in 1820. Kingston was a regular "stage coach" stop between Nashville and Washington, and between Washington and New Orleans.

The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions was organized at Kingston December 20, 1801, at the home of Hugh Beatie. The following qualified as magistrates: William White, Samuel Miller, Hugh Nelson, Paul Harelson, Zaccheus Ayers, George Preston, William Campbell, James Preston, ISHAM COX, William Barnett, George McPherson, and Abraham McClelland.

ISHAM COX operated one of the earliest taverns in Kingston and in one of the oldest minute books (Minute Book A, page 13) at the Kingston Courthouse, the author found the following, which seemed rather puzzling as he should have realized he was doing something illegal:

"Tuesday, March 16, 1802
"Isham Cox, charged with retailing spirits without a license.
Admitted. Fined $5.00."

The following abstract shows that this misdemeanor was hereafter corrected:
"State of Tennessee, Roane County. Know all men by these present that to Isham Cox and Thomas Coulter, are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency, John Sevier, Esquire, Governor, viz: In the just and full sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars to be paid to the said John Sevier, Esquire, and his successors in office or assigns, etc.--------
Sealed with our seals and dated this 19th day of December 1803.

Also, see Roane County Court Minutes for January 21, 1817, p. 122.
"The conditions of the above obligation is such that whereas the
above Coulter and ISHAM COX hath obtained a license to keep an
Ordinary at his house, if therefore the said ISHAM COX doth
constantly find and provide in his Ordinary good clean, and whole­
some diet, and lodging for travelers and stables, corn and fodder
and pasturage for their horses, for and during the term of one year
from the 19th of December 1803. Otherwise, this obligation to be
void, or otherwise to remain in full force and value."

s/s ISHAM COX - Seal
s/s Thomas Coulter - Seal

"Signed, sealed and ack. in
open Court. /s/ Henry Breazeal."

ISHAM COX had three sons who fought in the War of 1812 of which there is proof and the information summarized below. They were Joshua Cox, Bartlett (or Bartley) Cox, and Isham Cox, Jr.

Joshua Cox, his eldest son, was born in North Carolina. He served under Captain William White's Company of Mounted Volunteer Infantry, in the Regiment of Tennessee Militia commanded by General John Brown in the War of 1812, and was appointed Sergeant Major January 20, 1814. Sometime after the war he moved to Franklin County, Alabama and bought a large plantation. The census for that County August 1, 1830 shows that he had a total of eleven in the family at that time and was the owner of 29 slaves and a large tract of land. He was probably buried in Franklin County, Alabama.

Bartlett Cox (or Bartley, as he was sometimes called), was the son about whom we have the most information. He was the brother who wrote the letter to his sister, NANCY, about the death of their father, (See Prologue.) A soldier in the War of 1812, he was a private in Captain John Roper's Company, Colonel W. Lillard's 2nd Regiment, 7

East Tennessee Volunteers. Later he was in Colonel Samuel Wear's 1st Regiment, Captain John Underwood's Company, East Tennessee Militia at Hiwassie Garrison, October 13, 1813 - February 8, 1814. He was also in the war with Mexico in 1836. Bartley Cox was born in 1791 and died November 17, 1851, aged 59 years. He was married in 1824 to Eliza J. Freeman of Tuscumbia, Alabama. She was born in Warren County, North Carolina in 1800 and died in 1859. They had five children:

- Son, Robert I. Cox, born October 28, 1828, died April 10, 1847.
  (See tombstone in Cox Cemetery, page 41)
- Son, John B. Cox, born October 29, 1826, died November 1, 1836.
  (See tombstone in Cox cemetery, page 41.)
- Son, Thomas J. Cox, born in 1832. Married Elizabeth H. Tyus, July 1852. (See tombstone in Cox cemetery page 41.)
- Daughter, Mary A. Cox, born in 1838, died in 1838 while an infant.
  (See tombstone in Cox cemetery page 41.)
- Daughter, Eliza Jane Cox, born August 26, 1836, died November 1, 1836 while an infant. (See tombstone in Cox cemetery page 41.)

On March 28, 1820 Bartley Cox was commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel by the Governor of Alabama. He was evidently a man of wealth and owned a large amount of land. The Limestone County, Alabama, 1830 Census states that the value of real estate owned by him at that time was $22,000, that there were eight in the family and that he owned 28 slaves. It also states that he was born in North Carolina.

Bartley Cox owned a plantation where the Tennessee Valley Authority has built the Brown's Ferry Nuclear Power Plant. The TVA found his family cemetery on the plant site, in a very mutilated condition, and moved it and repaired all the gravestones. On page 41 is shown the graveyard before and after TVA had restored it.

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Cox Cemetery — Condition of monument of Col. Barley Cox.

Relocated Cox Cemetery.
On top of the large stone marking Bartley's grave is depicted a bible, open and with the following inscription from Isaiah, Chapter 42, 16th verse:

"I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not: I will lead them in paths that they have not known."

On the stone face was written: Col. Bartley Cox
Died November 17, 1851
Aged 59 years.

Isham Cox, Jr. was also in the War of 1812. He was a Sergeant under Captain James McKamy's Company of East Tennessee Mounted Gunmen of the Regiment commanded by General John Brown. The author has never found just where he died or was buried.

As for the other children of ISHAM AND CATHERINE COX, we have very little knowledge, except about NANCY, of course, who will be discussed at length in Chapter VII.

It was soon after 1828 that ISHAM AND CATHERINE COX moved with their family to Franklin County, Tuscumbia, Alabama, to be near their sons, Bartley and Joshua, who had large plantations near one another.

In 1830, on August 21, ISHAM COX died. He left a will of which a photocopy was obtained and is copied verbatim below:

WILL OF ISHAM COX, SR.

"In the name of God, I, Isham Cox of Tuscumbia, Alabama, being of sound mind and memory, blessed be God. I do on this seventeenth day of August, the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, make public this my last will and testament in the following manner:

"First, I give to my loving wife, Catherine Cox, the following negroes to have and to hold for and during her lifetime; my two men, Jack and Bob, and my two women, Agness and Cella and her children,

10. Isham Cox, Jr., Receipt No. 84427, National Archives and Records, Washington, D.C.
Caroline and Rhoda and all of their increase. Also, whatever slaves I may have coming to me from my Mother's estate in North Carolina. And at my Wife's death, I then will and bequeath the above property in the following manner:

"First, I set apart for the support of my daughter, Polly Cox, the two above named negroes, Bob and Agness, to support her her lifetime and then the balance of the negroes to be divided into four equal shares, and one share I give to the heirs of my son, Joshua Cox, one share to the heirs of my daughter Sarah N. Cox, one to the heirs of my daughter, Jane A. Cox, and at the death of my daughter, Polly, I give the negroes left for her support to the above described legatees and their heirs to be divided as the others. To my daughter, NANCY ALLISON I give one dollar, to my daughters, Sarah and Jane, I give each of them a feather bed and furniture and bedstead and a horse, bridle and saddle.

The balance of my horses, mules wagons, farming tools, household and kitchen furniture, I leave to my wife for the benefit of my family. I leave to my two grandsons, John B. and Robert I. a certain negro man by the name of Charles now in the possession of Bartley Cox of Limestone County, and I hereby make, ordain and appoint, Bartley Cox, Executor to this my last will, and do authorize and empower him to make sale to the following negroes and present crop; Joe, Harriet and their son Andy (see Appendix 24), for the purpose of paying my debts, in witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and do declare this to be my last will, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses:

William H. Whorton s/s ISHAM COX

John Haney"

"The State of Alabama, Franklin County.
Personally appeared before me, G. D. Stone, Judge of the court of said County, the 23 of February 1831, a William H. Whorton, who being first duly sworn, deposeth and sayeth that he saw ISHAM COX sign and seal this foregoing as his last will and testament in the presence of this deponent, that he signed his name thereto as a
witness, that he saw said John Haney sign his name thereto as witness in the presence of said decedent and in the presence of this deponent.

"Sworn to and subscribed before G. D. Stone, and recorded in the book of Wills page 32.

"The State of Alabama, County Court of Limestone County, March 28, 1832.

"This day Bartley Cox, Executor of the last will and testament of ISHAM COX, disqualified, and in open court refused to qualify as such and CATHERINE COX hereby applying for letters of Administrator with the will annexed of said ISHAM COX, deceased, that she give bond sufficient security with penal sum of five thousand dollars. Thereupon, the said CATHERINE, together with Bartley Cox and James K. Murrah, her securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penal sum of aforesaid conditioned as the law directs, said securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penal sum of aforesaid conditioned as the law directs, said CATHERINE COX having taken the oath required by law, it is ordered that a letter of administration be issued to her accordingly."

The following appeared in the newspaper, Knoxville, Register, Wednesday, September 8, 1830: "Died, on the 21 ultimo, in the neighborhood of Tuscumbia, Alabama, Mr. Isham Cox." 12

CATHERINE (COX) COX was born approximately in 1765. She died October 22, 1836. There seems to be very little of record about her life but quite a bit about her ancestors, which has been given in the foregoing chapters.

After the death of her husband, ISHAM COX, she went to live with her son, Joshua Cox, who owned a plantation nearby her home in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

12. Knoxville Register, Volume XV, Wednesday, September 8, 1830. Filed in the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee, on microfilm of that date.
However, with the distinguished ancestry that was her's, as related in the foregoing pages, and the fact that her father, JOSHUA COX, was a Captain in the Revolution, her husband, ISHAM COX, trustee of Roane County, Tennessee for twenty years, and three of her sons, Bartley, Joshua, and Isham, Jr., were all officers in the War of 1812, she must have died with a feeling of pride that members of her family had played their part in fighting for and preserving the new country for which the Frontier People (and she was one herself) had worked so hard. 13, 14

13. The marriage bond for Isham Cox and Catherine Cox was found at the courthouse in Surry County, North Carolina, but unfortunately it had no date on it. The Bond was for $5,000 and signed by John Martin.

14. In Montgomery, Alabama, at the State Archives, the author found the following: Orphans Court, Book 1835-1843, Limestone County, Alabama Records, p. 117: "October 22, 1836, Catherine Cox died intestate. Letters of Administration issued to Bartley Cox to appraise estate of Catherine Cox."
CHAPTER IV

PATERNAL ANCESTORS OF URIAH SHERRILL ALLISON

The ALLISONS are offshoots of the famous Clan MacAlister that lived in Argyleshire. ALISON comes from Alister or Alexander. MacAlister means, son or descendants of Alister, or Alexander, Chief of the MacAlisters. The names Alison or Allinson, and Elison, Ellyson, etc., are often used interchangeably. The name in early records was often spelled Ellison and Allison when referring to the same individual. Also, this was true in early records in the Carolinas. Bardsley says: "With regard to Alis and Ellis and Alison and Elison, recorded in Text I, the reader may be reminded that 'A' and 'E' were all but convertible----"

"Angus More (son of Donald, son of Ronald, son of Somerled) had two sons: Alexander or Alister; and Angus (the latter remained loyal to Robert The Bruce and received confiscated lands of his brother.)

"The son, Alexander or Alister of Loupe, married a daughter of John of Lorn, and they opposed Robert The Bruce. He was taken prisoner and died in 1309. He had sons -- the 2nd son, John MacAlister with his followers, fled for their lives to Sir Winter de Hamilton when they were driven from Loupe in Argyleshire by followers of Bruce. They then settled at Cairnduff, Parish of Avondale, County Lanark, Scotland and changed their name to the lowland name of ALLISON. As shown above, the original estate at Loupe went to the younger brother.

"During the period of persecutions against the Presbyterians, ministers were ejected from their pulpits and declared rebels, the moors and mountains of Scotland were scoured and all who refused to abjure the Covenant were slain by sword or gun. The Allisons lost their homes and were exiles. Even Cairnduff was lost to them and they were
later identified with Windyedge in Avondale, Lanarkshire. During the
following years, members of the family escaped to England and America.
One of the Allisons that left Scotland at the time of the Planting of
Ulster, had a daughter, Isabella, who was chained out in the sea
till the tide came in and when it was surging in her mouth, she was
asked, 'will you recant now, and kiss the Pope?' She and another
woman with her, held up their hands, saying, 'for Zion's King, and
Zion's cause, and Scotland's covenanted laws', and died.

"John Alison of Windyedge in Avondale, County Lanark, follower
and companion of Sir Robert Hamilton, married Ellin Hamilton and named
his eldest son Robert for Sir Robert Hamilton, it was at Windyedge
that Sir Robert Hamilton, the Allisons and others, were wont to meet
and discuss plans for war. The two families were also associated in
America, and South Carolina particularly. John Hamilton petitioned
the South Carolina Government for 200,000 acres of land to settle
a colony. It was this man's grandfather who was one of the most
important leaders of migration of Scots to Ireland." 1

In a paper written by Mrs. Margaret Ervin Ford, 2 she says,
quote: "Thomas Allison came over to America from England in the
ship called 'John's Adventure', June 14th, 1679. Three of his
grandsons or great-grandsons, Andrew, Robert and Thomas Allison fought
in the Revolution."

In the book, Carolina Cradle by Robert W. Ramsey, on settlement
of the Northwest Carolina Frontier 1747-1762, the author mentions a
settlement by the Allisons: Andrew, James, John, Robert, Thomas and
SAMUEL ALLISON. He says that they must have all been related because
they settled so closely together on the Catawba River, and all lived

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1. See History of the Lord of the Isles, and, Hotten's List of Quality
From Great Britain to American Plantations, p 230
2. Paper written by Mrs. Margaret Ervin Ford, Manuscript Division,
Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.
in the Irish Settlement which was later Rowan, Iredell and Lincoln Counties. They all probably came down the Shenandoah Valley through Virginia from Pennsylvania. The author has the wills of Andrew, James, and Thomas Allison which show therein that they were brothers. These wills are shown in Appendices because they might be of value to other researchers. Andrew, James and Thomas may have also been brothers of SAMUEL ALLISON, who was URIAH ALLISON'S grandfather but since he died at an early age and before the others mentioned, the author has been unable to obtain any absolute proof of this. Who their father was has also been impossible to establish.

The settlement of the Northwest Carolina Frontier was hastened for several reasons. The emigration from Pennsylvania was encouraged by distaste for authority and the high cost of consumer goods. Emigration from the Shenandoah Valley was accelerated by the Indians who had long considered the Valley their private preserve, with the result that frontier settlers were constantly being attacked.

"In 1749, James Allison and Mary, his wife, of Cecil County, Elkton, Maryland, sold land previously bought from one Hugh Lawson. Two years later James Allison and Mary, his wife, were granted 350 acres on the Carolina Frontier lying on both sides of Crane creek including the trading camps running up the path that goes to the Irish Settlement. On April 3, 1731, James Allison's brother Andrew, of Colerain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, recorded a land warrant for 640 acres on both sides of Fourth Creek."  

4. For Wills of Andrew, James and Thomas Allison see Appendix 13.
This is where we find the Allison family, James and Andrew as mentioned, Robert and Thomas Allison, who settled on the waters of Fourth Creek within two miles of Andrew Allison's house, and John and SAMUEL ALLISON, who was URIAH ALLISON'S grandfather. This Fourth Creek Settlement was in what is now Rowan County, North Carolina. SAMUEL ALLISON must have been a late arrival to the settlement because he is found to be living in Augusta County, Virginia, March 23, 1754; "Road ordered from Campbell's School House to Renix's Road---" he was one of the workers in building this road.

SECTION I

Uriah's Grandparents on the Paternal Side.

SAMUEL AND SUSANNAH (HOWARD) ALLISON.

The children of SAMUEL AND SUSANNAH (HOWARD) ALLISON were:

- Son, Samuel Allison, Jr., married Margaret Dickson, Tryon County, North Carolina, July 13, 1795. Died January 20, 1827. See Samuel Allison, Jr.'s Will on page 58.

- Son, ROBERT ALLISON Born November 4, 1753, Augusta County, Virginia. Died May 16, 1816, Roane County, Tennessee. Married JANE (MOORE) LAMPKIN. See Chapter VI, Section 1, for more about ROBERT ALLISON and wife, JANE.

In the Rowan County Court Minutes, Salisbury, North Carolina, we find the following:

"Tuesday, October 7, 1759. Ordered by the Court that SUSANNAH ALLISON have letters of Administration of the goods and chattels of SAMUEL ALLISON, deceased. Securities, William McCree and David Moffitt in the sum of 200 pounds, page 276."

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"An account allowed to Charles McClain, Administrator, against the estate of SAMUEL ALLISON, deceased, to the amount of 60 pounds, 17 shillings, 11 pence, by account filed, page 401."

"Friday, October 2, 1762. Ordered by the Court that Charles McClain and SUSANNAH his wife, do appear at our next Court to settle account for and comply with the rules of that Court concerning the estate of deceased, SAMUEL ALLISON."  

From the above Court Minutes, it is proved that SAMUEL ALLISON died about October 7, 1759. Also, that his widow, SUSANNAH ALLISON was married not later than October 2, 1762 to Charles McLean (or McClain). ROBERT ALLISON, URIAH'S father, was only six years old when his father died.

There is a tradition that SUSANNAH was the daughter of Dr. William Howard of Philadelphia and that when he refused her his permission to marry the man of her choice, she swore she would marry the first man who asked her after that. SAMUEL ALLISON was supposed to have overheard the remark and immediately "popped" the question and they eloped and went south to North Carolina. This tradition is probably groundless and based on a joke which was often told on her husband to explain how he happened to capture such a fine looking young woman.

The following is quoted from the book by C. W. Griffin, History of Old Tryon and Rutherford Counties, North Carolina, 9 pages 20-21:

"After the death of ROBERT ALLISON'S father, SUSANNAH (HOWARD) ALLISON married Charles McLean who was born about 1726, the son of John McLean, of Scotland, whose wife was a stepdaughter of Ephraim Moore, 10 apparently an Ulsterman. They came to near Philadelphia,

8. From Rowan County Court Minutes, 1755-1767, Court Session held 3rd Tuesday, April 1762, p. 401 (#385), Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina.
10. See Appendix 15 for more information concerning Ephraim Moore,
according to tradition, about 1748-50. We find Charles and his brother Ephraim McLean 11 in the Alamance Creek district of Guilford County, North Carolina, around 1760. Charles married in old Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in 1763, to Mrs. Susan Howard Allison, Widow, and daughter of Dr. Howard, of Philadelphia, and settled on lands on Fishing and Allison's Creek, where his two older children were born. He moved to what is now southern Gaston County in 1768.

"Their first child, Rebecca, married a Mr. White, and died soon afterwards, having a son, Charles McLean White, who was reared by his McLean grandparents. The second child, John McLean, served in the Revolutionary War with his half brothers, ROBERT and Samuel Allison, and died from the effects of his service. The third child, Ephraim, born in 1768, married in 1789, Elizabeth, a daughter of Captain Edward Byers, of near York, South Carolina.

"In 1770 Charles McLean and his brother Ephraim were commissioned Captains in the Tryon troops in the campaign against the Indians. Three years later he was appointed one of the justices of the peace for Tryon County. He also served as a colonel in the Tryon militia, and when Colonel Thomas Polk raised the second battalion of troops, Charles McLean served in it as Major and Lieutenant Colonel.

"His Legislative services in the Provincial Congresses were: Member from Tryon County in the House in 1776; Senator in 1777; Member of the House from Burke County in 1778. He evidently resided in Burke County only a short time. The State and Colonial Records of North Carolina show McLean on many important committees while in the state congresses, and he was a commissioner to build the Tryon County Courthouse. True to his ideals and oath he sacrificed the products of his farm, later his lands, to the support of the army. During the struggle with the mother country, McLean served as Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major and Private, and in the latter capacity participated in the historic battle of King's Mountain, where he was wounded.

11. See Daughters of the American Revolution Application Paper No. 537607 for information concerning Charles McLean's brother, also, see Appendix 14.
"Their only living child, Reverend Ephraim McLean (born 1768) was one of the four ministers who in 1810 founded the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Of Reverend Ephraim McLean's children, John, the eldest (born 1790) was first, Congressman, later, twice United States Senator from the new state of Illinois. McLean County, Illinois, was named in his honor. William Byers McLean, second son, gave name to McLeansboro, Illinois. Another son was Finis Ewing McLean, born in Kentucky in 1806, who served in the United States Congress and whose grandson is at present (1934) a rear admiral in the United States Navy. A daughter, Susan Howard McLean was the mother of United States Senator Walker, of Arkansas." (Correspondence of Ewing McLean, Greencastle, Indiana, in Historical and Genealogical Records, October 1933, Volume 2, No. 4, pp 35-36.)

The following is quoted from the book by C. L. Hunter, Sketches of Western North Carolina.

"At the Provincial Congress which met at Halifax on the 4th of April, 1776, Colonel James Johnston and Colonel Charles McLean were delegates from Tryon County. Colonel McLean was an early and devoted friend of liberty. He resided on the headwaters of Crowder's Creek in the present County of Gaston, and commanded the first regiment that marched from Lincoln County, North Carolina, against the Tories of Upper South Carolina. This Provincial Congress was one of the most important ever held in the state. The spirit of liberty was then in the ascendant, animating every patriotic bosom from the seacoast to the mountains. At this assembly the military organization of the state was completed, and the following patriotic resolution unanimously adopted:

'RESOLVED, that the delegates from this colony in the continental Congress be empowered to concur with delegates from the other colonies in declaring independence and forming foreign alliances, reserving to this colony the sole and exclusive right of forming a constitution and laws for this colony.'

In 1796, Colonel Charles McLean and his wife, SUSANNAH, his grandson, Charles McLean White, his son, Ephraim McLean and the latter's family, and his stepson, Samuel Allison, Jr. (ROBERT'S brother), all moved from their home near Crowder's Mountain to Logan County, Kentucky, west of Russellville. Charles McLean died in November 1800 and his wife, SUSANNAH (HOWARD) ALLISON MCLEAN, died twelve years later, May 1812.

Beginning on this page and continuing for several pages, are the wills of Charles McLean, SUSANNAH MCLEAN and Samuel Allison, Jr., her son by her first husband, SAMUEL ALLISON, SR.

WILL OF COLONEL CHARLES MCLEAN

"In the name of God Amen. I, Charles McLean of Logan County and State of Kentucky being of sound mind, memory and understanding, calling to mind the mortality of the body and that it is appointed for all men to die do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament commanding my soul to God who gave it and committing my body to the earth of which it was made to be buried in a decent manner by the directions of my Executors, my worldly estate that it has pleased God to bless me with; after paying all my lawful and just debts. I give and bequeath and desire in manner following, towit:

1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, SUSANNAH, all my lands and tenements whereon I now live, all my negro slaves I am possessed of, two horses with necessary farming utensils, ten head of meat cattle, six head of sheep and my stock of hogs for her use and support during her natural life. It is to be understood as my will and desire, that my wife have full power to sell and convey forever any or all of the slaves or stock devised to her, provided she secures to my
legatees or either of them, as good and valuable property of said sort as that she may have disposed of. But provided my grandson, Charles McLean White, comes and lives with his grandmother and aids and assists her in the management and occupation of her farm and care of the stock, it is my will and desire that he shall have and I do hereby give him, one equal moiety (sic) of all the profits of the farm and labour of the slaves devised to his grandmother. I also give to my wife to be at her absolute disposal by will or deed forever, the one half of the cattle, sheep, hogs, etc. here before devised to her for life and their increase and all of the kitchen, household and cupboard furniture not hereafter devised. And also, the old negro woman called Rachel.

"2ndly. I give and bequeath unto my grandson, Charles McLean White, my Cauld (?) mare and two year old sorrell colt, on condition that he gives to my grandson, Charles McLean the first colt the mare may have of her, he may become possessed of her, and after the decease of his grandmother, I give him my Road Waggon and all her gears, until then she is to be kept for her use, one plough, the other half of the above mentioned stock of cattle, sheep and hogs and their increase, the half of the kitchen and cupboard furniture, and my chest, one ax, one mattock, one hoe and a pair of wedges; and to his immediate use upon his coming to live with his grandmother, I give him my big coat, blue coat, and black waistcoat and breeches, six of my best shirts, saddle and bridle, my green hat, and one bed and furniture, and after the decease of his grandmother, I give to him and his heirs the following negroes (viz); Moses, Ginny and young Rachel, provided, however, that if the said Charles McLean White should not attain the age of twenty-one or have issue lawfully, legatees in the body of a beloved wife, then all the property devised to him of which he is to be possessed after the death of his grandmother, I will and bequeath to my son, Ephraim McLean and his heirs.

"3rdly. I give and bequeath unto Samuel Allison such part of my stock as he may choose and my wife can spare, to the amount of fifty dollars, and unto his son, Charles McLean Allison, I give and bequeath
my negro girl Prudence and her increase forever.

"4th. I give and bequeath unto my grandsons, Charles and Howard McLean, after the death of my wife, the lands whereon I now live, to them and their heirs, to be equally divided.

"5th. I give and bequeath to my son Ephraim and his heirs forever, all my estate not herebefore devised, real, personal or annexed.

"Reposing full trust and confidence in my friends, Reubin Ewing and David Walker, I request them to take upon themselves the execution of this my will, which I have subscribed with my hand and signed with my seal, this second day of November, in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred.

s /s CHARLES MCLEAN - SEAL

"Signed, sealed and published in the presence of:

George McLean

David Walker."

"I, Charles McLean, do make and ordain the following CODICIL TO be taken and considered as a part of my will of this day and date, hereby revoking such part thereof as this CODICIL shall otherwise dispose of, Viz: I make and devise of my lands to my grandsons after their grandmother's death, and give the said lands and tenements unto their father, Ephraim and his heirs forever, after the decease of his mother, sealed with my seal and dated the day and date above written.

s/s CHARLES MCLEAN-SEAL."

13. The above is a true copy of the original will of Charles McLean, Deed Book A-1, p. 339, Logan County Courthouse, Russellville, Kentucky. There was no record of probate of will. See Appendix 14 for more information concerning Colonel Charles McLean.
WILL OF SUSANNAH MCLEAN

"In the name of God Amen, I, Susannah McLean of the County of Logan and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory and calling to mind I must one day die, do dispose of my worldly property in the following manner, viz: I give unto my son, ROBERT ALLISON, one hundred dollars, I give unto my son, Samuel Allison, my fancy mare and seven yards of linnen, I give to my son Ephraim's daughter Susannah Howard McLean, all my wearing clothes and silver spoons, I give to William B. McLean my young bay horse, I give to son Ephraim's children equally all my bedsteads, beds, and bed cloths, with their appurfinances, I allow my cattle, hogs, sheep, cupboard and furniture, kitchen furniture, my sprightly mare and colt to be sold. I give fifty dollars to my grandson, Charles M. White, raised out of this property and money I give to my son Ephraim's three oldest sons, the remainder I give and bequeath to my own son, Ephraim McLean. I leave Samuel William and my son Ephraim McLean, Executors to this my last will and testament and set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

s/s SUSANNAH MCLEAN - SEAL

Witnesses present: John McLean
Elizabeth McLean

"At a Court held for said County at the Courthouse in Russellville on Monday the 18th day of May, 1812. The last will and testament of Susannah McLean, deceased, was exhibited in Court by Ephraim McLean, one of the Executors therein named and proven by the oaths of John McLean and Elizabeth McLean, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and the same stands of record in my office.

Teste. Armistead Morehead C.L.C.C."

Samuel Allison, Jr. was born sometime prior to 1759 (at which time the estate of his father, SAMUEL ALLISON SR. was settled) probably in Augusta County, Virginia, where his family was living in 1754. He is said to have served in the Revolution with his brother, ROBERT ALLISON (URIAH'S father) and his half brother, John McLean, who was wounded in the War and died as a consequence of these wounds. 15

In 1795 on July 13, in Lincolnton, North Carolina, he was married to Margaret (Peggy) Dickson. 16 As has been stated before, a short time after this, in 1796, he with his wife, his mother and stepfather, SUSANNAH ALLISON MCLEAN and Colonel Charles McLean, his half brother, Ephraim McLean and his family, moved to Logan County, Kentucky.

After a brief sojourn there, Samuel and his family removed to Muhlenberg County, Kentucky where the family lived until his death on January 20, 1827, and the death of his wife, Margaret, who died December 24, 1824. 17

(See list of Samuel, Jr. and Margaret Allison's children on next page.)

The children of Samuel Allison, Jr. and Margaret (Peggy) Allison were:


Son, Charles McLean Allison. Died following the Battle of New Orleans, where he served. He died in camp at New Orleans of swamp fever, three weeks after the battle was fought in 1815.

Son, William Dickson Allison, moved to Henderson County, Kentucky in 1822, and was County Clerk there from 1842 to 1860.

Son, Young Ewing Allison, Moved to Henderson County, Kentucky in 1824 to become his brother's deputy, became presiding justice and afterward County Judge, succeeded his brother as clerk and was in office fifty years.

Son, Samuel Henley Allison. Moved to Henderson County, Kentucky and was sheriff there for one term.

Son, John Adair Allison. Born February 3, 1803. Married Frances Watkins. John Adair Allison was the only one of the five sons who lived and died in Muhlenberg, Kentucky. He was one of the most prominent citizens in the Pond River County. He died near "Old Liberty" (Muhlenberg County) April 2, 1875. He and his wife, Frances (Watkins) Allison were the parents of five children, among whom was Finis McLean Allison, who was a State Senator and one of the best known men in the country.

WILL OF SAMUEL ALLISON, JR.

"I, Samuel Allison of the County of Muhlenberg, being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

"My will is that my funeral expenses and just debts be first paid out of my personal property.

19. Ibid. pp. 86-88
20. Ibid. pp. 86-88
21. Copy of original Will of Samuel Allison, Jr. obtained from Muhlenberg County Courthouse, Greenville, Kentucky, Will Book for 1826, pp. 403-404.
"I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Peggy Allison, two acres of land including the dwelling house whereon I now live and the other out houses and the use of a sufficiency of timber off the balance of my land for firewood and to keep up the fences around the house and land. All the feather beds and furniture except those hereafter devised and one negro woman named Prudence, during her widowhood, and I give to her absolutely two cows and calves and all the cupboard and kitchen furniture. I give and bequeath to my son William D. Allison, one feather bed and furniture.

"I give and bequeath to my son Young E. Allison, one feather bed and furniture.

"I give and bequeath to my two sons, John A. Allison and Samuel Hendley Allison, all my real estate to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my son John, one negro boy named Jim Allen and the negro woman willed to my wife, and her increase, after the widowhood or death of my wife.

"I give to my son Samuel Hendley Allison, two negro boys, one named Lewis, the other named Cato. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Nancy (Allison) Jackson, one negro boy named Jack.

"The balance of my personal property that remains undisposed of, my will is that it be equally divided between my two sons, John and Hendley.

"And my will is that my land be so divided as to give my son John half off of the west side including the house, and Samuel part of the east, so as to include the old barn.

"I do hereby appoint Ephraim M. Brank sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke all and every other will heretofore made by me in testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of August 1826.

s/s SAMUEL ALLISON (SEAL)

Teste: Alney McLean

Richard D. Reynolds."
"I do make the following as a CODICIL or alteration to my will. I leave to my wife the negro woman Prudence absolutely, to be disposed of as she may think proper.

"My will is that my son John A. Allison have my negro boy named Lewis. My son Samuel H. Allison, my negro boy named Jim Allen, and my son Young E. Allison, my negro boy named Cato, and my will is that the future increase of my negro woman Prudence at the death of my wife, be equally divided between my two sons, John and Samuel, and my daughter, Nancy Jackson. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of August 1826.

s/s SAMUEL ALLISON (SEAL)

Teste: Alney McLean

Richard D. Reynolds."
CHAPTER V

MATERNAL ANCESTORS OF URIAH SHERILL ALLISON

THE MOORE FAMILY:

According to tradition (no proof) the following are names of seven of the Moore family who were early immigrants to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Apparently they were all brothers and sisters:


2. Ephraim Moore, wife's name unknown. He had one child of whom we know the name, James Moore. We also have knowledge that one of his daughters, name unknown, married John McLean, and therefore, the following is of interest to this story.

John McLean and --- Moore had four children. The names of only two are known:

Son, Ephraim McLean, born 1730, died 1823, Greenville, Kentucky. Married in 1760 to Elizabeth Davidson. He was a Revolutionary soldier.

Son, Charles McLean. Married SUSANNAH (HOWARD) ALLISON, widow of SAMUEL ALLISON and, therefore, the mother of ROBERT ALLISON, father of URIAH. (See Chapter IV.)


2. See Appendix 15 for will of James Moore, son of Ephraim Moore, and will of Ephraim Moore, son of James.

3. See Appendix 16 for note about Ephraim Moore and his son-in-law, John McLean.

THE MOORE FAMILY (continued):


5. Catherine Moore. Married Andrew Barry of Cecil County, Maryland. One of their sons, Richard Barry, born in 1726, was one of the signers of "The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence" in 1775. He moved to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, with his brothers, Andrew, Hugh and William. Richard Barry died in 1801.


7. JAMES MOORE. The great-grandfather of URIAH ALLISON.

SECTION 1

URIAH'S Great-Grandparents on the Maternal Side were probably:

JAMES MOORE, SR. Born Drogheda, Ireland, emigrated to Pennsylvania about 1715 with the following family: (His wife's name is unknown by the Author.)

Son, Maurice Moore.

Son, James Moore, Jr., born in Ireland about 1712, married Rachel Black and had the following children: William, John, James, Jane, Rachel, Mary, Doctor Josiah, and Alexander Moore. 5,6

Son, Alfred Moore.

Daughter, Mary Moore, born about 1729, died 1819. Married Baron William Adair, 7 who was a patriot too old for active service in the Revolutionary War, but his sons; James, William and John served as soldiers. The Tories were about to hang him because his sons were in the army but released him upon learning that it was the mother who

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5. The Moore Family History by J. Montgomery Seaver, p 61. Published by American Historical-Genealogical Society, 2000 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (no date given.) Copy can be obtained from Genealogical Book Company, Baltimore, Maryland.

6. See Appendix 17 for note about James Moore and Rachel Black.

had urged them to their rebellious course. One of their sons, John Adair, was a general in the Revolutionary Army and the eighth governor of Kentucky (1820-1824.)

Quote: "John Adair, eighth governor of Kentucky was born in Chester County, South Carolina, January 9, 1757, son of Baron William Adair, a native of Scotland, whose wife was a Moore. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army and, being made a prisoner by the British, was subjected to many indignities and hardships. He was married in 1790 to Katherine Palmer. Adair County, Kentucky was named in his honor and a monument was erected to his memory over his remains in Frankfort. He died in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, May 19, 1840." 8, 9

JAMES MOORE, SR.'S children continued:

Son, William Moore.

Son, ALEXANDER MOORE, URIAH'S grandfather (No absolute proof.)

SECTION 2

ALEXANDER AND ROSIE (COWAN) MOORE. URIAH'S Grandparents on the Maternal Side.

Their children were: 9, 10

Daughter, JANE MOORE (URIAH'S mother. More concerning her later.)

Daughter, Peggy Moore. Married William Black. 9, 10, 11

Son, William Moore. 10

11. William Black was on the Greene County, Tennessee Tax List for 1783.
ALEXANDER AND ROSIE (COWAN) MOORE'S children (continued):

Daughter, Amy Moore, 12 married Matthew Leeper. She was born about 1760, died at Barren County, Kentucky, September 24, 1823. She was married to Matthew Leeper about 1780 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. Matthew Leeper was born about 1759, Augusta County, Virginia, and died in Barren County, Kentucky, October 21, 1806. The Author has a copy of the inventory of his estate which says: "Ordered to be recorded, November County Court 1806, Barren County, Kentucky, the inventory of the estate of Matthew Leeper, deceased." 12 He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and his place of residence at that time was Lincoln County, North Carolina, and Washington County, North Carolina. (Now Greene County, Tennessee.) He is on the Greene County, Tennessee Tax list for 1783. He and his family later moved to Kentucky where he died. The father and mother of Matthew Leeper were Andrew and Jean (Thompson) Leeper. Andrew Leeper was born in Augusta County, Virginia and died in Barren County, Kentucky at the home of his son. The grandparents of Matthew Leeper were James and Margaret Leeper. The grandfather died in Augusta County, Virginia sometime in 1763. The children of Amy (Moore) and Matthew Leeper were as follows: 12

Son, William Leeper, born 8 May, 1781.
Son, Robert Leeper, born 1 January 1783, married Julia Francis Summers.
Son, John Leeper, born 14 June, 1785, never married.
Daughter, Esther Leeper, born 12 October 1787, married John Smith.
Son, Alexander Leeper, born 21 January, 1789.
Daughter, Polly Leeper, born 20 March, 1792, married Lyons.

The children of Matthew and Amy (Moore) Leeper continued:

Son, James Leeper, born 24 March, 1794

Daughter, Jane Leeper, born 6 October, 1801. Married Joseph Codington.

Daughter, Elizabeth Leeper, born ---, married John Renfro.

The only proof of who the children of ALEXANDER AND ROSIE (COWAN) MOORE were, is a page of a diary written in 1850 by a grandson of JANE (MOORE) ALLISON. He was Robert Allison Brown, a son of JANE (MOORE) ALLISON'S daughter, Mary Moore Allison who married General John Brown of Kingston, Tennessee. It reads as follows:

"My grandmother was Jane Moore, daughter of William or "Elick" Moore. She had a sister Peggy who married William Black, one married McFarlan; one by the name of Amy who married Matthew Leeper, who went to Ky. and died. John Adair of Ky. was the son of William or "Elick"'s sister, Mary Moore, and cousin to my grandmother. My mother had two brothers, to wit, Colonel Uriah Allison - he married Nancy Cox in Roane County and had 3 daughters, the other brother, Robert Moore Allison, married Nancy Byrd in same County. She had several sisters - one Amy married James Craig, Jane who married James Preston, Margaret married Moses Preston and went to St. Clair County, Mo. Susan married Isaac Council."

Please notice in the letter above that URIAH'S grandfather is called WILLIAM or ELICK MOORE. This leads the Author to believe that he called himself "William" and sometimes "Alexander" and therefore his full name could have been William Alexander Moore.

WILLIAM or ALEXANDER MOORE and his wife were Scotch-Irish. Judging by the ages of his children (his oldest child, JANE MOORE, was born in 1753) he must have been born sometime between 1720 and 1730. He

13. Mrs. John Trotwood Moore, deceased, formerly of Nashville, Tennessee, owned the diary. Robert Allison Brown was her grandfather.
fought in the Revolutionary War and his place of residence during that time was in Virginia, according to Historical Register of Officers of The Continental Army by F. B. Heitman, page 298, from which the following is quoted verbatim:

"Moore, Alexander (Va.) 2nd Lieutenant 14th Virginia, - January 1777; 1st Lieutenant, 4th October, 1777; resigned 10th January 1778." 14

From the same source is the following about his brother, Maurice Moore:

"Moore, Maurice (N.C.) Ensign 1st North Carolina, 1st September, 1775; 2nd Lieutenant, 4th January 1776, killed 18th January, 1776 at ---." 15

The following excerpts were taken from Records of Augusta County, Virginia.

"William and Alexander Moore and Moses Trimble, testifying to a deed of land sale. 15 (Deed Book 13, Circuit Court Wills, page 270, 15 May 1767.)"

It was not long before Augusta County, Virginia and the surrounding territory became overcrowded and the settlers began a migration to the Northwestern frontier of North Carolina.

They never went in couples but usually in large numbers, due to the fear of Indian attacks along the way. In 1753, because of the coming of so many settlers, the northern portion of Anson County, North Carolina was formed into Rowan County. There was no limit to its westward extent.

There in 1750 and 1760, we find the names of many families that had previously been in Augusta County, Virginia, Cecil County, Maryland, and Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. To name a few: McDowell, Allison, Lawson, Wood, Sherrill, Black, Craig, Kerr, Trimble, McConnell, Moore, Cowan, etc. 16

Later, we find many of these families in Tryon County, North Carolina which was established in 1768, and then, in 1779, renamed Lincoln County, North Carolina. Tryon County was where we found URIAH'S mother, (JANE (MOORE) LAMPKIN at that time) settling the estate of her late husband, William Lampkin, in 1774. The security for this settlement was WILLIAM MOORE. This is almost proof that he was either her father or brother, and was there in Tryon County, later Lincoln County, at that time.

However, there were so many William and Alexander Moores in these counties of North Carolina at that time, all of which seem to have been Revolutionary soldiers, that it is hard for the Author to differentiate between them all and pinpoint the father of JANE and therefore, the grandfather of URIAH.

Several of the above mentioned families left North Carolina around 1780 and the Author has located the following names on the Washington County, Tennessee, (formerly North Carolina) Tax List for 1783: ROBERT ALLISON, WILLIAM MOORE, SR. and William Moore, Jr., William Black (who married WILLIAM MOORE'S daughter, Peggy), Matthew Leeper (who married WILLIAM MOORE'S daughter, Amy), William Lampkin, Jr., JANE'S son by her first marriage, who was raised principally in Washington County, Tennessee, and married Rosannah Wood, daughter of Michael Wood and his wife Margaret Trimble.

In Greene County, Tennessee was found a deed of conveyance of 300 acres of land on Meadow Creek from WILLIAM MOORE of Washington County, Tennessee to ROBERT ALLISON of the County of Greene, Tennessee, dated 4th of August 1789. This land was granted to WILLIAM MOORE Grant No. 544, and bearing the date of 20th of September 1787.

Also, found in Greene County, Tennessee, was a conveyance of 400 acres of land on Meadow Creek from Alexander Moore of Washington County, Tennessee to William Black. 19 (Near Samuel Sherrel's line) of Greene County, Tennessee, and being in Green County. According to a Grant No. 482, granted the said Alexander Moore bearing the date 20th of September 1787. 20

The above is strong evidence that the above WILLIAM MOORE and ALEXANDER MOORE were the brother and father of JANE (MOORE) LAMPKIN (or Lamkin) ALLISON and that on that date they were all living in Washington and Greene Counties, Tennessee.

Unfortunately, no will has been found for either WILLIAM or ALEXANDER MOORE, in Washington or Greene County, Tennessee.

So - was JANE (MOORE) LAMPKIN ALLISON'S father named Alexander or William, or both? The Author will keep searching for this absolute proof.

CHAPTER VI

URIAH SHERRILL ALLISON’S PARENTS

SECTION 1

ROBERT AND JANE (MOORE) LAMPKIN ALLISON

ROBERT ALLISON: Born November 4, 1753, Augusta County, Virginia. ¹
   (His father, SAMUEL ALLISON, was living in Augusta County,
   Virginia at this time.)

JANE (MOORE) LAMPKIN ALLISON: Born January 27, 1753.

The following is quoted verbatim from the Virginia Magazine of
History and Biography, Vol. LI-No. 4, October 1943 and Vol. LII
No. 1, January 1944, reprinted by Katie-Prince Ward (Mrs. Jerome
A. Esker): ²

"ROBERT ALLISON was born on 4 day of November, A.D. 1753.
JANE MOORE was born on the 27 day of January, A.D. 1953.
William Lamkin and Rosannah Wood were married on 4 day
of December A.D. 1798 by Reverend Samuel Doak in Washington
County, East Tennessee.
William Lamkin, 2nd. ³ was born on the 16 day of September A.D.
1773.

   by Lyman Chalkley (1912) (Reprint 1966) Augusta County Court
   Records, Order Book No. IV, August 14, 1753.

2. Copied from a footnote in the above mentioned booklet by Mrs.
   Esker: “Record from an old page, writing faded and long 's' used;
   from this fact and because of the particular items shown, it seems
   likely that this record was taken from the original bible of William
   and Rosannah Lamkin, by their daughter, Mary - Mrs. Elijah Hogan.”

3. William Lamkin 2nd was the son of Jane (Moore) Lampkin Allison by
   her 1st husband, William Lamkin, Sr. The name "Lamkin" was changed
to "Lampkin" in later records. Probably by William Lamkin, 2nd.
"ROBERT ALLISON died on Wednesday 16 May 1816, aged 63 years. JANE ALLISON died on Tuesday 4 June 1816, aged 63 years. William Lamkin 2nd and Rosannah Wood were principally raised in Washington County, Tennessee, and after marriage moved to Roane County, Tennessee, and settled by his mother and stepfather. Later, they moved to Madison County, Alabama where they raised a family of seven children."

JANE (MOORE) LAMPKIN ALLISON'S first husband William Lamkin, Sr. died in 1774. The following is proof where she is settling his estate:

"Raleigh: Historical Commission.
Secretary of State.
Return of Probates of Wills and Administrations granted.
Tryon County 1769 - 1779.
An account of Letters Testamentary and Administrations granted for Tryon County in the year one thousand and seven hundred and seventy-four.

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Names of Securities | Value of the Bond | At Which Court Taken
William Moore       | 200 Pounds        | July Court A.D. 1774"

ROBERT ALLISON must have married JANE (MOORE) LAMPKIN soon after the above settlement because their first child was born in 1777. Their children were:


4. Source: Secretary of State, S.S. 884, Returns of Probates of Wills and Administrations Granted, Tryon County, October 31, 1774. State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina. (The Author has a copy of the original Probate.)


Son, URIAH SHERILL ALLISON, born February 1, 1782, died May 18, 1829. Married NANCY CLARK COX, January 29, 1820, Kingston, Tennessee. (The Author has a copy of their marriage bond.)


Daughter, Jane (Ginny) Moore Allison, married James Preston, November 27, 1810, Kingston, Tennessee. (The Author has a copy of their marriage bond.) James Preston, after the death of Jane Moore Allison, married Elizabeth Willis McKamey, January 21, 1844.

Daughter, Margaret Allison, born October 21, 1792. Died December 31, 1857 at the age of 65 years, St. Clair County, Missouri. She married Moses Preston, May 18, 1815. Moses Preston was born March 21, 1793 and died 1885, at the age of 91 years, in Cedar County, Missouri.

Son, Robert Moore Allison, Sr., born March 3, 1800, Roane County, Tennessee and died November 15, 1879. He married Nancy Byrd, daughter of Jesse Byrd, April 5, 1821, Kingston, Tennessee. After the death of his first wife, Nancy Byrd, he was married a second time to Mary Kesiah (Gossett) Lowery, widow of Jacob Lowery, on June 24, 1848. Mary Kesiah (Gossett) Lowery was born 1810, and died March 2, 1884. The issue of Robert Moore and Nancy (Byrd) Allison was:

8. For age of Margaret (Allison) Preston, see 1850 Census for St. Clair County, Missouri, p 141, Record Group No. 29.
9. Above information about Moses Preston was furnished by the Preston family of Cedar County, Missouri.
10. Tombstone in Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee. Also see Appendix 22 for more about Robert Moore Allison.

Daughter, Louise (Lou) Allison. 13 Married William Worke, June 8, 1842. 14

Son, Jesse Byrd Allison, born 1827, Roane County, Kingston, Tennessee and died in 1907, Chattanooga, Tennessee. 13,15,16,17 Married Eliza Ann Hill, August 24, 1848 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was a steamboat man, running between Knoxville and Decatur, Tennessee. Eliza Ann (Hill) Allison was born in 1832, Knoxville, Tennessee, and died in 1900 while living at Chattanooga, Tennessee. 17

Son, Robert Moore Allison, Jr., born October 16, 1829 in North Carolina. 13,15 Died February 8, 1892, Kingston, Tennessee. Married Lucy C. Rear, March 26, 1854. Both buried Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee. See Appendix 23 for list of their children. He was a steamboat pilot. 17

Son, Rufus S. (Ruff) Allison, born 1835, North Carolina. 13,15 Married Martha Lowery, daughter of William P. and Susan M. Lowery, who are buried Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee. See Appendix 23 for list of their children. 14,17

Daughter, Rutha M. Allison, born 1837, North Carolina. 13,15

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The issue of Robert Moore and Nancy (Byrd) Allison (continued):

Son, Uriah Sherrill Allison, born January 31, 1842, Kingston, Tennessee. 18, 19, 20, 22 (This was the third son named Uriah Sherrill in the Allison family.)

He was 6 feet, 1 inch tall, with a fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair. 20 He married 1st Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Burnett, March 6, 1864, Kingston, Tennessee, who died June 29, 1901 and is buried in Bethal Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee. 21

They had four children: William, born December 17, 1865; Albert Henry, born April 25, 1868; Thomas Burk, born April 24, 1870; and Mary Elizabeth, born June 25, 1878 (See page 74).

He was married 2nd to Josephine C. Dunn, May 19, 1906, in Lexington, Kentucky. They had no children. Uriah Sherrill Allison was a steamboat pilot and also fought in the War Between the States under Colonel R. K. Byrd, 20 Company "F" and "B", 1st Tennessee Infantry. 20 He died in Guntersville, Alabama, date unknown by the Author. See Appendix 25 for more about Colonel R. K. Byrd.

Son, William Allison, born 1842, Kingston, Tennessee. 18, 19, 22

He was married to Bessie --- last name unknown to Author.


22. Author's note: The reason for giving data on Robert Moore and Nancy (Byrd) Allison's children and not the other children of Robert and Jane (Moore) Allison, was because there were so many "Robert Allisons" in Roane County, Tennessee in the early part of 1800. See picture of five sons of Robert Moore Allison, Sr. and Nancy (Byrd) Allison on page 207.
Colonel Charles McLean and his wife, SUSANNAH (HOWARD) ALLISON MCLEAN, the stepfather and the mother of ROBERT ALLISON, after they were married in 1782, settled on lands on Fishing Creek, in the extreme southeastern part of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, the part that was afterward in York County, South Carolina. ROBERT and his brother, Samuel Allison, Jr., lived there with them, ROBERT being only 9 years old at that time. Later they moved to Lincoln County, North Carolina and were neighbors of the Sherrills. Samuel Sherrill had a son named Uriah and a brother Uriah. There is no doubt that ROBERT ALLISON named his son, URIAH SHERRILL, after his friend, Uriah Sherrill. There may possibly have been some family connection here but no proof of such has been found by the Author.

URIAH SHERRILL ALLISON’S brother, Robert Moore Allison, Sr., named one of his sons after him. Below is given the invitation to the wedding of a daughter of Uriah Sherrill Allison (son of Robert Moore Allison, Sr.) which reads as follows:

"Capt. Uriah Sherrill Allison
announces the marriage of his daughter
Mary Elizabeth
to
Dr. Charles Bell Wylie
on Monday the twenty-fourth of April
Nineteen hundred and five
Memphis, Tennessee
At Home after the first of August, 415 Lindsay Street,
Chattanooga, Tennessee."

26. In the Author’s possession is the original invitation to the above wedding. See picture of Uriah Sherrill on p 207.
Robert Allison was in the Revolution and fought in the battle of King's Mountain. He entered the army as a private August 22, 1775 and was discharged in 1782.  

Found at the Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina, were three "Revolutionary Army Accounts" for Robert Allison, and a copy of a specie requisition for payment to Robert Allison, Salisbury District, North Carolina, of thirteen pounds for militia service in 1782, July 2.  

After Robert Allison was discharged from the army, there is every reason to believe that he had settled in Washington County, Tennessee (formerly the State of Franklin) which was later divided and Greene County was established. To further prove this, the Author found the Tax Lists for Washington County, 1787-1790, and there were four Robert Allisons listed. There are wills for three of these Robert Allisons in Washington County, the contents of which prove they were not the Author's ancestor. The fourth Robert Allison lived in the part that was cut off from Washington County and established as Greene County. He was Uriah's father. Also, listed on the same Tax Lists were the following: 


William Moore - who was probably Jane's father or brother. 

The following is quoted: "In the year 1783, a part of Washington County was sliced off and the lower part of it called 

27. For service record of Robert Allison, see Daughters of the American Revolution Application Papers Nos. 27939, 32714, 137014, 132955, and 227113. 


29. Salisbury District No. 598, Wake County, North Carolina. From Treasurer's and Comptroller's Papers, Revolutionary Pay Vouchers. 

30. D.A.R. Application Paper No. 428601 for Mathew Leeper, who was in the Revolution.
Greene County. This was done by the legislature of North Carolina. There was practically no lower end, and anything between Washington County, South, at that time may have been considered in Greene County. The following were members of the first Grand Jury of Greene County in 1783: Henry Conway, Joseph Carter, David Russell, Lanty Armstrong, Alexander Galbraith, Archibald Stone, Andrew Martin, James Rogers, Jeremiah Jack, Anthony Moore, George Martin, David Copeland, Richard Wood, ROBERT ALLISON." ROBERT ALLISON was the first on the Tax List for Greene County, 1801."

The Author has copies of four land grants for ROBERT ALLISON which are listed in sequence, the first, is the believe, was given to him for his services in the Revolution, the other three, he probably bought:

Granted to Robert Allison, 150 acres of land in Washington County on the North side of Watauga River, etc. Dated 23 October, 1782."

For and in consideration of the sum of fifty shillings for every hundred acres, hereby granted to Robert Alison, a tract of land containing 100 acres, lying and being in our County of Washington on the North side of Watauga River, etc. Dated 10, November 1784."

Granted to Robert Allison for the sum of Fifty shillings for every 100 acres, a tract of land containing 200 acres, lying in our County of Washington, on Middle Creek, the South side of Nolachucky River, etc. Dated 24 October 1782."

In consideration of the sum of fifty shillings for every hundred acres, we have hereby given and granted unto Robert Allison, a

32. Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, April 1919, p 199. Robert Allison’s name first on the 1801 Tax List for Greene County, Tennessee.
33. Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.
tract of land containing two hundred and ninety acres of land, lying and being in our County of Washington, on the South Fork of Big Limestone Creek, etc. Dated 23 October 1782."

"In 1785, Greene County became part of the State of Franklin. In 1790 the inhabitants of the State of Franklin wrote a petition to the State of North Carolina. The petitioners in this instrument sought to be released from all obligations to the State of North Carolina, which was still claiming the territory. Less than two years thereafter they became residents of the 'Territory South of the Ohio.' ROBERT ALLISON'S name is on the list of petitioners. No doubt this petition hastened the transition to Territorial Rule.

The following deed was obtained from the Lincoln County Courthouse, Lincolnton, North Carolina. Due to the contents which will have bearing on the story, it is quoted verbatim:

"An indenture made this third day of January in the year of our Lord 1786, and in the tenth year of American Independence, between ROBERT ALLISON of the County of Greene in the State of Franklin, Planter, of the one part and John McGill of the County of Lincoln of the State of North Carolina of the other part, witnesseth that the said ROBERT ALLISON for and in consideration of the sum of twenty pounds lawful money of the State of North Carolina to him in hand paid at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath for himself and for his heirs, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released and confirmed, and by these present doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, release and confirm unto the said John McGill and his heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and eighty acres, be the same more or less lying and being in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina on the north fork of Crowder Creek above CHARLES MCLEAN'S land, up said creek including the mouth of mire branch and downwards, beginning at a post oak running

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35. Charles McLean was Robert Allison's stepfather.
thence with his line south 31E. 132 poles to a black oak in said McLean's line thence with his line south 31E. 160 poles to a post thence south 59W. 230 poles to a stake thence to the beginning; said land being granted unto the said ROBERT ALLISON by a state patent bearing date the 25th day of March in the 4th year of Independence and in the year of our Lord 1780, relation being thereunto had may more fully and at large appear, etc. And the reversion of reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profit of the premises and all estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever of him, the said ROBERT ALLISON and his heirs of, in and to the premises aforesaid, and of, in and to every part, parcel and member thereof TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract and parcel of land and premises and all and singular, the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said John McGill, his heirs and assigns forever free and clear from all incumbrances whatsoever, the quitrents to grow due and payable for and in respect of the premises only excepted, and the said ROBERT ALLISON for himself and his heirs, Ex. and Adm's. both hereby covenant and agree to and with the said John McGill, his heirs and assigns by these presents, he the said ROBERT ALLISON and his heirs, and the said tract or parcel of land above mentioned and intended to be bargained and sold and every part thereof against him, the said ROBERT ALLISON, his heirs and assigns and all other person or persons to the said John McGill, his heirs and assigns shall will, warrant and forever defend by these presents.

In witness whereof the said ROBERT ALLISON hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day, month and year first above written.

s/s ROBERT ALLISON - Seal

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of John Oats and Thomas White,

Lincoln County January Sessions 1786.

The within deed was proved in open court and ordered to be registered.

Witness: Jo. Dickson, C.C.

36. Source of Deed: Book 3, pp 15-16, Lincoln County Courthouse, Deeds, Lincolnton, North Carolina. This deed shows that Robert Allison at one time previous to moving to Greene County, Tennessee, lived and owned land in Lincoln County (formerly Tyron County.)

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"COMMITTEE FOR FIXING TAXES FOR THE STATE OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE."

"The dissent is because we deem the report of the committee (excluding that part of the 32nd article which fixes a tax upon certain articles, as indigo, tobacco, flour, etc.) to be the sense of a majority of the freemen of Franklin; and more agreeable to a republican government which report, so considered, we hold out for consideration of the people.


"Nineteen in all. (This is the report from the convention at Jonesboro in December 1784 and the Assembly of Franklin in August 1785, had recommended to the people to choose a convention for the purpose of adopting the proposed constitution or of altering it as they should instruct. Deputies were elected accordingly and met at Greeneville on the 14th of December 1785. They adhered strictly to the ground work (The Constitution of North Carolina.)"

Many Revolutionary soldiers flocked to and settled around Southwest Point, where a large Fort was established in 1792, as soon as lands there were available under the various Indian treaties. Among them was ROBERT ALLISON, from Greene County, Tennessee.

Roane County was established in 1801.

On August 26, 1802, ROBERT ALLISON bought three hundred and twenty acres of land for the sum of $1,241 located on "Muddy Creek" in Roane County. The Roane County, Tennessee, Court Minutes show him as being on the jury repeatedly until his death in 1816.

37. See Appendix 18 for deed of land sale filed Roane County Courthouse, Kingston, Tennessee.

38. Refer to Roane County Minute Book for July 1817, p 183, for reference to death of Robert Allison, Sr.
CHAPTER VII

URIAH SHERRILL AND NANCY CLARK (COX) ALLISON

SECTION 1

URIAH SHERRILL ALLISON

URIAH SHERRILL ALLISON, sometimes spelled Alison, was born in Tennessee, February 1, 1782. On August 26, 1802, we find URIAH'S father, ROBERT ALLISON, buying 320 acres of land on "Muddy Creek", Roane County, Tennessee. At that time it was Roane County, or maybe Knox County, but since then it has been changed and is now Loudon County, Tennessee, near Lenoir City in the Martel Community. URIAH was twenty years old at that time. In the September Sessions of Roane County, Tennessee, 1802, we find William Lampkin, Jr. (sometimes spelled Lamkin), half brother of URIAH'S and the son of URIAH'S mother, JANE (Moore) LAMPKIN ALLISON, by her first husband, William Lamkin, Sr., buying a tract of land of 100 acres from John Eldridge, for $500. This 100 acres was also on Muddy Creek and adjoining ROBERT ALLISON'S tract of land. William Lampkin, Jr., moved with his wife, Rosannah (Wood) Lampkin and their children from Washington County, Tennessee, in order to be near his Mother and Stepfather. ROBERT ALLISON, his Stepfather, was a witness to the deed. There is no doubt that there was a close family relationship and that his love for both of them prompted him to name one of his children "Robert Allison Lampkin."

2. Deed of Sale, Estate Book "A", p 37, Roane County Courthouse, Kingston, Tennessee. Also, see Appendix 18.
On June 3, 1812, William Lampkin, Jr. moved with his family to Madison County, Alabama, where he died August 30, 1822, at the age of 49 years. On December 25, 1820, he sold, while still living in Madison County, Alabama, five acres of this land above mentioned to Isham Cox for $50.

Nancy was only 10 years old when her father Isham Cox, on March 1, 1810 bought a tract of land of 300 acres from Eli and William Griffith. The land was lying and being across the county line of Knox and Roane. They resided there until December 18, 1823, at which time Isham Cox sold his land on Muddy Creek to James S. Clowney for $3,000.

The following was presented to the Tennessee State Library by the Tennessee Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Nashboro Chapter, and written by Miss Margaret Ervin (later Mrs. Charles Ford, who is now deceased.) I shall quote it verbatim:

"In many respects the victory of Sevier, Shelby and Campbell, over Ferguson at King's Mountain, and the victory of Jackson over Pakenham at the Battle of New Orleans are the most astonishing and signal victories recorded on the pages of history. The soldiers with whom these wonderful victories were achieved, the same men who stood between the women and children and the Indian's tomahawks for twenty-five years, were a people whose history must not die. With Sevier, Jackson and Robertson there were men equally as brave though not as great and the history of these men will inspire in the breast of the reader a glow of feeling and respect for the name of a man who lived before our day of colleges and universities.

"Thomas Allison came over to America from England in the ship called 'John's Adventure', June 14th, 1679. Three of his grandsons or great-grandsons, Thomas, Andrew and Robert Allison, fought in the Revolutionary War. Andrew Allison enlisted in 1776, was with Washington at 'Valley Forge' and recorded on the sick list there May 12, 1778. He served in the first North Carolina Regiment under Captain John Summers and Colonel Thomas Clark. (North Carolina Archives and State Records.) Thomas Allison served in the fifth regiment of North Carolina, in Darwall's Company and enlisted in 1777.

"Robert Allison (from whom the Tennessee branch of the family is descended) fought with distinction at the Battle of King's Mountain. He served through the Revolution, 3rd Company, first battalion, Chester County Militia. (North Carolina State Records.) Later he came from North Carolina and settled in Upper East Tennessee, Greene County. He married a widow, Mrs. Jane (Moore) Lampkin, daughter of William Alexander Moore and Rosie Cowan who were married in Ireland and came to America. First to Virginia, North Carolina, and then Upper East Tennessee. In possession of the family is the old flintlock pistol which Colonel Uriah Allison, son of Robert Allison, carried with him at the 'Battle of Tippecanoe'. It was presented to him by Captain Cox who had in turn received it from his father, Major Joshua Cox. Colonel Allison, who was not at that time an officer, was with General William Henry Harrison (later President of the United States) who was sent against the Prophet, brother of the north western tribes who had been aroused to war by the British. Near Tippecanoe on November 7, 1811, General Harrison with his brave force routed them. Because of this distinguished service, Colonel Allison received his first commission as Lieutenant and was given the assignment of recruiting in the vicinity of Kingston, Tennessee.

8. The Author has in her possession the old flintlock pistol referred to above.

Author's Note: Fifes, and especially drums, played an integral part in the military life of the period. They were used not only to lift the spirits and quicken the step but to transmit commands much as the bugle did in later years. In camp they would signal the start and end of day, meals, formations and activities. In the field their distinctive beats and rolls could be heard above the rattle of musket fire, communicating battlefield maneuvers.
"He conducted his recruiting party at Kingston, Madison, and other places and took one trip down the river from Knoxville to Fort Mason. I have before me his order or report book -- in it are recorded the names of recruits, their places of birth, bounty, (their pay was $8.00 per month) when enlisted, etc. The period of enlistment was at that time, for five years and eight months. The first date is July 24, 1812, and his letters are signed, 'Uriah Allison, Lieutenant of 8th United States Infantry.'"

Bravely he started out with his fifers and drummer boy. This was a day not of 'conscription' but 'volunteers' and never was there a day when conscription was needed in the old 'Volunteer State'. This little party marched through the streets of quaint and quiet old Kingston and the thrilling and alarming notes of the fifers raised the town to a high pitch of excitement. Every one there either remembered the horrors and hardships of the Revolutionary War, or had heard the harrowing tales of 'King's Mountain' or 'Valley Forge' from their fathers, who had had their part in that long and fearful struggle. The women came to their front porches and watched with a thrill of uncertainty tinged with anxiety. The men jubilantly followed the shrill notes of the fifers and the sound of the drummer. The men and boys gathered about the fifers and drummer who stood before the stately old Kingston courthouse.* The bright new United States silver dollars danced merrily upon the head of the drum. As was the custom of the day, every man who stepped up and took a dollar from the drum became a volunteer in the 'War of 1812'. First to take a dollar from the drum was Stephen Smith, 24 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, born in Duplin County, North Carolina. Then:

Nathan Fike Aged 19 5'11" Chatham County, N.C.
Joel McNutt 22 5'9" Marlboro County, S.C.
Abner Senter 25 5'4" Surry County, N.C.
Thomas Hibberts 23 6'2" Patrick County, Va.
Solomon Moore, Sgt. 21 6'2" Frederick County, Va.
William Curry 25 5'7½" Pa.

* Author's Note: This is in error. The courthouse was not built until 1855.
Henry D. Cooper  Aged 30  5'9"
Aquilla Churchwell  "  19  5'8\3/4"
Thomas White  "  32  5'8"
Thomas Margraves  "  22  5'5\1/2"
John Webber  "  18  5'6"
Hurd Price  "  40  5'9\1/2"
Daniel Wester  "  26  5'8\1/2"
Joseph Jenson  "  28  5'8\1/2"
John Ray  "  42  5'8\1/2"
Hugh Lackey  "  32  5'9"
Charles Morgan  "  29  5'9" (Deserted)
Elisha Pruet  "  20  5'11"
Elijah Pruet  "  15  5'5"
John Dunkin  "  27  5'8"
Alford Reynolds  "  21  5'8"
John Clanter  "  15  5'4\1/2"
Matthew Graham  "  32  5'8"
John Holt  "  21  5'8\1/2"
Andrew McDonough  "  24  5'5"
James McDonough  "  18  5'6"
John Hall  "  19  5'8\1/2"
Abraham Wadkins  "  22  5'7\1/2"
Whitmill Brogdon  "  19  5'10"
Jeremiah Jones  "  21  5'5"
William Graham  "  19  5'5"
William Queen  "  19  5'10"
John Henderson  "  19  5'9"
Henry Miller  "  17  5'9"
Joseph Bledsoe  "  35  6'1"
Aaron Bledsoe  "  15  5'11"

(Father and son)

Jeremiah Buchanan, Sr. Aged 45  5'5\1/2"
Moreulas Buchanan  "  16  5'11"
Moses Buchanan  "  14  5'2"
Jeremiah Buchanan, Jr.  "  12  4'9"

(Father and his three sons.)

Hanover County, Va.  
Cumberland County, N.C.  
Rockbridge County, Va.  
Goochland County, Va.  
Fairfield County, Conn.  
Edgecombe County, N.C.  
Chester County, England  
Halifax County, N.C.  
Orange County, N.C.  
Washington County, Va.  
Stokes County, N.C.  
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Pittsylvania County, Va.  
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Randolph County, N.C.  
Montgomery County, Va.  
Hawkins County, Tenn. 
N.C.  
Randolph County, N.C.  
Rockbridge County, Va.  
Pendleton, S.C.  
Lee County, Va.  
Pendleton, S.C.  
Burke County, N.C.  
Burke County, N.C.  
Augusta County, Va.  
Orange County, Va.  
Orange County, Va.  
Montgomery County, Va.  
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Montgomery County, Va.
"The extreme youth of the State of Tennessee is brought out at this time by the fact that of all the recruits only one was born on Tennessee soil though they were themselves quite young — one being twelve years old, another fourteen, three of them fifteen — sixteen in their teens and only seven above thirty, only four above thirty-two, only twelve above twenty-five.

"His fifers were paid ten or fifteen dollars per month, they were Williamson Ladd and Archibald McCabel. His drummer boy received ten dollars per month and his name was Almerine Holley. For 'vituding' and lodging nine recruits from Bledsoe County to Knoxville (100 miles) $13.75. Three from Maryville $1.12½. Prices for provisions have changed since those early days. To James Buchanon, for provisions furnished one fifer for eighteen days $2.52; for provisions furnished one drummer boy for 31 days $4.34. For provisions furnished drummer and fifer for 15 days $5.50, to Leonard Bowerman. To Matthew Nelson for 191 complete rations at 14 cents per ration for the recruits, $26.74, etc. Also, rent to John Ebelen for house for eighteen days for use of the recruits, $1.50. Substance for three weeks at $2.00 per week, $6.00. The list of supplies furnished the soldiers is of interest; 2½ point blanket, army pantaloons, trousers, stock and clasp, shirts, knapsack, frock jacket and shoes.

"In Colonel Allison's small neat handwriting in this note or order book, was found written the following:

'Our band is few but true and tried, our leaders frank and bold,
The British soldier trembles when Marion's name is told,
Our fortress is the good green wood, our tent the cypress tree,
We know the forest 'round as seamen know the sea.
We know its walks of thorny vines, its glades of reedy grasses,
Its safe and silent islands within the dark morasses.

Wm. Cullen Bryant.'

"This little verse gives the true reason that the patriots who without the great trains of supplies and equipment, etc. that are usually a part of a successful army, won their freedom by vanquishing
the well organized and long trained British soldier. It will be remembered that the American soldiers with Washington at 'Valley Forge' were without good clothing, with little food and with worn out shoes that left blood prints in the snow when they marched. The soldier of 1812 was but a little better equipped and when one was wounded, he usually died from want of proper medical aid.

"In 1812, Gideon Morgan had a store at Kingston, Tennessee. It is of interest to know that Gideon and Betsy Morgan were grandparents of the famous John Morgan of the 'Raiders' in the War Between the States.

"From Gideon Morgan, Colonel Allison bought articles for the recruits; one tin bucket, seventy-five cents, tin cup, thirty-seven and a half cents, tin pan, one dollar, gill measure, twelve and one-half cents. To the repairing of a drum, $2.12½ paid to James Buckanon.

"Following is given some of the orders and correspondence between the General, Colonel, Captains, etc. and Lieutenant Allison:

'War Department, March 15, 1812: 9
'You are hereby notified that you have been appointed a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the Army of the United States. On receipt of this letter, please to communicate to this department your acceptance or non-acceptance.

/s/ W. Eustes.'

'Southwest Point, Tennessee, 9th April, 1812.
Dear Sir: Yours of the fifteenth inst. is now before me and I have examined its contents and I hereby notify you that I do accept the appointment of Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the Army of the United States, subject to the orders of government.

Respectfully,

/s/ Uriah Allison.'

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'Headquarters, July 15, 1812
Sir: In case you have accepted the appointment of Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, you will repair to Knoxville, without delay and report yourself to me for the purpose of getting money orders and instructions to commence the recruiting service. I am with sincerity, John A. Rogers, Captain of Infantry, 8th Regiment, United States Army.'

'Rendezvous, Knoxville, Tennessee.
Sir: Your letter of 2nd instant to Captain Rogers was handed to me by that officer on the 4th instant. Should the contractor fail to furnish provisions, you will purchase what may be necessary for your recruits on the lowest terms in your power.
I am respectfully, Sir, your obedient servant,
/s/ Edmund P. Gaines, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Infantry, Commanding.'

'District Orders, District of East Tennessee, Rendezvous, Knoxville, August 3, 1812.
The officers of the 8th Regiment United States Infantry attached to the recruiting district of East Tennessee, in future report to Lieutenant Colonel Edmund P. Gaines at Knoxville. The Lieutenant Colonel feels persuaded that since our country has been compelled to raise the standard of war, a large portion of the worthy sons of Washington and Hambleton District will be gratified with the opportunity now afforded them of being enrolled with their western brethren in a regiment which will be honored with the sweetest fruits of the field of war. No men are by nature better calculated for honorable military service than these generous patriots of the mountains, none more able and active, and none more brave.
/s/ Edmund P. Gaines, Lieutenant Colonel United States Infantry, Commanding.'
General Orders, Nashville, Tennessee, 8th July 1812.
The crisis has arrived when it is imperatively required that all officers and soldiers should be at their posts. They will repair immediately to their respective corps with all possible expedition. The recruits are to be marched from time to time to the principle place of rendezvous in the respective districts in order that they may be prepared and ready to take the field without delay. The attention of the officers is particularly called to a former order relating to weekly reports. Its injunctions cannot be dispensed with. Lieutenant James Overton is appointed my Adjutant Aid de Camp and is to be respected and obeyed accordingly.

/s/ J. Winchester, Brigadier General, United States Army.

Rendezvous, Knoxville, 15th August, 1812.
Sir: Your letter of 9th instant was duly received. You can remain at Kingston until court or until further orders. In making your monthly account for the first Monday in every month, you will be pleased to observe that agreeable to the forms furnished you the one intended for 'Bounties and Premiums' is to embrace no other item whatever, the eight dollars paid to each recruit is to be charged in the order of the time in which you enlisted followed by the two dollar premiums paid to yourself. The contingent accounts will comprehend all other payments, such for instance as the hire of rooms, for provisions, when not furnished by the contractor, for forage, etc. You will perceive by your instructions that you are authorized in certain cases to purchase clothing for your recruits.

/s/ Edmund P. Gains, Lieutenant Colonel
United States Infantry, Commanding.

10. Allison War History, by Mrs. Margaret Ervin Ford, deceased.
Copy obtained from Manuscript Department, Tennessee State Archives and History, Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Ford was the Great-Granddaughter of Colonel Uriah S. Allison, and did have in her possession his Report Book.
The following is taken from URIAH S. ALLISON'S war record:

"ALLISON, URIAH, 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry, Regimental Commander, Colonel W. P. Anderson, Enlistment, March 14, 1812, Order Book 1813 to 1815, present at Camp Meigs.

September 3, 10, 15, 1813 - R.R. June, July, August, September, October, December 1814 and January 1815, Recruiting in Tennessee as Captain 2nd United States Rifles."

On March 14, 1812, URIAH enlisted in the United States 24th Infantry and fought under William Henry Harrison to help subdue Tecumseh and with this unit moved into Canada where it defeated the British at the "Battle of the Thames", Ontario, Canada, October 5, 1813. His war record shows that URIAH was present at Fort Meigs (Lake Erie) through September 13, 1813. Because of his distinguished service, he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant.

URIAH had only been in Kingston a short time when he was notified by the War Department that he was to start recruiting for volunteers in Tennessee again and was to report to Knoxville for instructions immediately. The Indians were harassing the people on the Frontier to such an extent that they were having to repair to the forts for protection. General Andrew Jackson was having a hard time and needed reinforcements. Judge Hugh Lawson White, a member of the Supreme Court, was so infused with the spirit of patriotism and with the necessity of sustaining Jackson in his hour of need, that "he left the bench and went to interview Jackson in the Wilderness; and having learned the situation at first hand, he went through the length and breadth of East Tennessee, preaching the sermon of patriotism and urging the people to take up their arms and hasten to the aid of General Jackson."

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12. From the Author's mother, who was a granddaughter of Uriah S. Allison, the commission was inherited, which was signed by President James Madison.
The Frontiersmen were so incensed over the battle at "Burnt Corn Creek", July 27, 1813, and the "Massacre at Fort Mims" on August 30, 1813, it was an easy enough matter to get enlistments.

The soldiers of the War of 1812 had to provide their own guns and horses. Three of NANCY(COX) ALLISON'S brothers, Joshua, Isham, Jr. and Bartley Cox all enlisted. 14,15,16

It was interesting to note that on their muster roll or tour of duty certificates, the allowance of pay for their horse was 40 cents per day whereas their pay was $8 per month! Joshus Cox was appointed sergeant major January 20, 1814, whereupon his monthly pay was increased to $12.

Having been reinforced by various contingents, Andrew Jackson felt he at last had an army of sufficient strength to terminate the Creek War with the Indians. On March 14, 1814, he crossed the Coosa River and on the 21st of March at the mouth of Cedar Creek, he located a fort called Fort Williams. On March 27, 1814, Jackson with his Tennessee Volunteers, attacked the Indians and fought the "Battle of Horseshoe Bend", and finally subdued them.

The following is an article contributed by Mrs. Ruth W. Burks of Alabama and, because of its historical interest, it is inserted verbatim:

FORT WILLIAMS CEMETERY, TALLADEGA COUNTY, ALABAMA

"This cemetery is located at the mouth of Cedar Creek on the Coosa River about five miles west of Fayetteville, Talladega County, Alabama. The Sylacauga Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution had a monument of rough Alabama marble erected and

grave markers put on the eighty graves. All the soldiers were from Tennessee. It is said there was a measles epidemic at the Fort, and women came from the surrounding area to help the sick, but many soldiers died and were buried here. The monument's inscription is:

'To the Memory of General Jackson and His Tennessee Volunteers while Camped Here, 1814. He fought the Battle of Horseshoe Bend and Discharged his Volunteers.'

There are individual War of 1812 marker inscriptions for:

**1 West Tennessee Militia**

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URIAH S. ALLISON was with the United States Army, so, after he had sent his militiamen home following their tour of duty, he was commissioned Captain of 2nd Regiment of United States Rifles, \(^{19}\) and through December 1814 he was recruiting in Tennessee. The British had not been defeated yet and the War of 1812 was still to be won. In January 1815, he joined Andrew Jackson again and went with him to New Orleans.

The "Battle of New Orleans" on January 8, 1815 ended in a terrible defeat for the British. More than half the British forces — 2,000 officers and men — were casualties. The American losses were 13 killed. The Battle of New Orleans had no military significance, for it was fought two weeks after the treaty of peace had been signed at Ghent, in French-ruled Belgium, December 24, 1814. But it did have great political and psychological importance. It was the only major victory that the American forces won on land during the War of 1812. It gave the Americans a reason to congratulate themselves that they had finished in a blaze of glory. And it made Jackson a national hero. This battle was the last ever fought between the United States and England.

After the War of 1812, URIAH resigned from the Army and returned to Roane County, Tennessee, and again resided at his home there, probably with his mother and father on Muddy Creek until their death in 1816. \(^{20}\)

Soon after URIAH'S return home, John Brown, the sheriff of Roane County, Tennessee, appointed him as his deputy, which office he held for several years. \(^{21}\)

All this time, NANCY COX was growing up, and in 1820, URIAH who had known her since she was a little girl 12 years old, asked her to marry him.

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21. Roane County, Tennessee, Court Minutes, October 21, 1817 - October 23, 1821, p 44 and p 214.
"STATE OF TENNESSEE, ROANE COUNTY" 22

"TO ANY REGULAR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL HAVING THE CURE OF SOULS
OR ANY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, FOR SAID COUNTY:

GREETING

"I, Henry Breazeale, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
of the County of Roane aforesaid, by virtue of the power in me
vested by law, do license you, or either of you, to celebrate the
rites of matrimony between Uriah Allison and Nancy Cox, by uniting
them together as husband and wife. Given at the Office in Kingston
the 29 day of January Anno Domini 1820 and of American Independence
the 44th.

/s/ Henry Breazeale
by his deputy, J. Purvis."

"KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT WE, URIAH ALLISON AND THOMAS
BROWN, ARE HELD AND FIRMLY BOUND UNTO Joseph McMinn, Esquire,
Governor of the State of Tennessee, and his successors in office,
in the sum of TWELVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS, to be void on
condition there be no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage from
being solemnized in the County of Roane between URIAH ALLISON AND
NANCY COX, witness our hands and seals this 29th day of January
ANNO DOMINI 1820,

/s/ URIAH ALLISON (SEAL)
THO. BROWN (SEAL)"

22. Marriage Bond, Roane County Courthouse, Kingston Tennessee,
for Uriah Allison and Nancy Cox. Marriage Book for 1802.
The Author has a copy of the original marriage bond.
And so --- URIAH and NANCY were married. A soldier of the world aged thirty-eight years, and a young girl of twenty from Muddy Creek, Tennessee. Perhaps through all these years when he was in the Army he was just waiting --- for NANCY to grow up!

URIAH wasn't satisfied to take his bride to Muddy Creek so far from Kingston to live. At this time the Government was selling land across the river from the old Garrison near Kingston, called "The Hiwassee District Grants", at $2.00 an acre. URIAH bought 617 1/2 acres and proceeded to build his beloved NANCY a home of her own. The land was on the Tennessee River at the Junction of the Clinch and Tennessee Rivers. URIAH built there a colonial home in full view of the rivers and called it "The Point Place." (See next page.)

The house was of hewn logs filled in between with chink and covered on the outside with weather-boarding, and had two large stone chimneys --- one at each end of the house. It had two large porches extending the entire length of the house, one upstairs and the other below, both front and back. It had six large pillows extending the full height of the house from the floor of the lower porch to the ceiling of the upper porch. He furnished it with furniture that was shipped in from the larger cities --- for example, a few of the things were: "1 press, 1 cupboard and ware, 2 half round tables, 1 cherry falling leaf table, 1 walnut table, 1 writing desk and books, 1 candle stand, 1 chest, 6 windsor chairs, 1 curtain bedstead, bed and furniture, 1 French post-bedstead and trundle bed, a looking glass, a silver tea service, 1 sewing table, etc." 24

On August 11, 1824, URIAH added to this land by buying 640 acres from Looney Riley, a native Cherokee Indian, for $2,000. The land had been given to Riley by the Cherokee Agency in 1817. 25

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23. Land Grant Office, Archives and Records Management, Nashville, Tennessee. Grants 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 444, 445. All Hiwassee District.
24. Settlement of Uriah Allison's Estate, October 1829, p 125, Roane County Courthouse, Court Minutes for October 29, 1829.
"THE POINT PLACE"
URIAH SHERRILL AND NANCY CLARK(COX) ALLISON'S children were:


Daughter, CATHERINE JANE ALLISON. Born December 31, 1822. Died September 28, 1864. Married, 2nd wife of DOCTOR JOHN WESLEY WESTER, August 8, 1844. DOCTOR WESTER was born January 2, 1805, died February 28, 1875.

Daughter, Mary B. Allison. Born 1826, died ?. Married Captain John L. Doss, the great Tennessee River Steamboat Master, December 31, 1840.

NANCY AND URIAH must have been very happy living in such a lovely spot. Unfortunately, this happiness was not to last. On May 18, 1829, URIAH died suddenly, leaving NANCY, at the age of 29, a widow with three little girls to care for, all under nine years of age.

The following tribute to his memory was found in an old newspaper filed at the Archives in Nashville, Tennessee. It speaks for itself, so a copy is given below exactly as it appeared:

OBITUARY OF URIAH S. ALLISON

"Died: - At his residence in Roane County, Tennessee, on the 18th inst. Col. Uriah S. Allison, in the 47th year of his age, formerly of the 24th Regiment U.S. Army. A man whose character as a patriot, a citizen, and a soldier, needs no eulogium. He was a native of Roane County in this State, entered the Army in 1812 as a Lieutenant, and was promoted to a Captaincy. He remained in the Army during the

26. Taken from the tombstone on Mariah Louise's grave, Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee.
29. Taken from the tombstone on Dr. Wester's grave, Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee.
war; and besides performing other important service, recruited at
different periods, and marched to the Canadian Frontier, two
companies of troops from his native state. As an officer, he was
loved and respected by his companions in arms, and as a discipli­
narian he may have had equals, but no superior. After the con­
clusion of the war, he resigned his commission; Military inactivity
did not comport with either his disposition or his genius, and he
returned to the circle of his friends. His remains were interred
at the Presbyterian Church in Kingston, on the 19th at 12 o'clock,
accompanied by his relatives, and a numerous concourse of friends.
He has left a wife and three female children to mourn his depart­
ure.

'Remembering toils he underwent,
With the departed brave,
How bright the tear, the patriot sheds
Upon the Soldiers Grave.'

Below is a picture of Uriah Sherrill Allison's grave, Bethal
Presbyterian Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee.

31. Reference: Knoxville Register, May 27, 1829, Wednesday, Volume
XIII, p 3. Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville,
Tennessee.
NANCY CLARK (COX) ALLISON

NANCY CLARK (COX) ALLISON was born in 1800,\(^{32}\) in what was then Knox County, Tennessee. She grew up on her father’s farm on Muddy Creek which was not very far from the Allison farm.

When she was twenty years old she married URIAH ALLISON (as has been told in the preceding Section.)

When URIAH died in 1829 he left no will so it most certainly was a sudden illness that caused his death. Otherwise, he would have taken the precaution of seeing that NANCY and the three little girls were provided for.

In 1829, at the time of his death, the law was that the widow inherited nothing unless so stated in a will by her husband, and if there was no will, everything had to be sold at auction.

On October 23, 1829 \(^{33}\) we find NANCY buying all her possessions back at public sale on a nine month credit basis. John Brown, who was sheriff and also her deceased husband’s brother-in-law, was appointed co-administrator with NANCY, of URIAH’S estate. NANCY was allowed a year’s support for herself and the three little girls by the court.

Poor, dear NANCY. She was left with no one to help her and the three little girls. She could have given up her home in Kingston, "The Point Place" \(^{34}\) as it was at that time called, and gone to Franklin County, Alabama, where her mother and father, ISHAM AND CATHERINE (COX) COX had moved sometime after 1828, and where she had two brothers, Joshua and Bartley Cox, both with large plantations, \(^{35}\) but NANCY was of "stronger timber" than this. Even though URIAH had seen that she had more than the average "frontier" family, she was still inherently a frontier woman and decided to work her plantation of 1,256 acres herself. So, in 1830 Census for Roane County, Tennessee, Hiwassie

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\(^{32}\) Checked for data in 1850 Census, Roane County, Tennessee.

\(^{33}\) Settlement of Uriah Allison's Estate, Estate Book for October 1829, pp 41-43. The Author has in her possession Nancy's sewing table, made of cherry, with two drawers.

\(^{34}\) See picture of "The Point Place" p 97, home of Uriah and Nancy.
District, page 2, NANCY is found as "Head of the Family", with three little "Female children under ten years of age", and with six slaves, two women and four men.

About this time, as discussed previously in the Prologue, she received the letter from her brother, Bartley, in Alabama, stating that her father had died and that three of the slaves she had must be sold to settle her father's estate. They were Harriet, Joe and their little boy, Andy. This little family of slaves had probably helped to rear NANCY and were almost like members of her family. 36

Losing her husband and father within three months of each other and now this! The task of living must have gotten harder and harder, with no man to help her carry the burden of such a large place. So it is not surprising that she should turn to someone that she had always thought of with kindness and one who had helped her to administer the estate after her husband had died.

On November 21, 1830 she was re-married to a man some 20 years older than she was, General John Brown. 37

John Brown was an extensive land owner and owned many slaves. 38 NANCY was his second wife. On January 12, 1805, 39 he was married to Mary Moore Allison (listed in marriage book as "Polly"), who was URIAH'S older sister. The Author does not know the date of her death.

General Brown and his first wife, Mary Moore (Allison) Brown, had the following children:

35. 1830 Census for Franklin County, and Limestone County, Alabama Microfilm, McClung Collection, Knoxville - Knox County Public Library, Knoxville, Tennessee, checked for data.
36. It is doubtful if this family of slaves was ever sold. The Author looked through all the estate books and court books at the Roane County Courthouse and could find no mention of their sale. Also, see Appendix 24 for mention of "Aunt Harriet".
38. According to the 1840 Census for Roane County, Tennessee, p 31, John Brown is listed as having 52 slaves.
The children of General John Brown and Mary Moore (Allison) Brown were as follows:

Son, Robert Allison Brown, Sr. Born 8 February, 1808, Roane County Tennessee. Died September 7, 1888. Married 27 October 1836, Rhea County, Dayton, Tennessee to Mary Jane Gillenwaters, born 30 December, 1819, Rhea County, Tennessee. The children of Robert Allison and Mary Jane (Gillenwaters) Brown were:

Son, William Gillenwaters Brown, born 11 April, 1838, in Rhea County, Tennessee. Died March 19, 1914. He was married to Elizabeth Glenn.

Son, John Brown, born 29 March, 1840, in Rhea County, Tennessee. Died March 4, 1864.

Son, Thomas Brown, born 20 March, 1843, in Rhea County, Tennessee. Died April 21, 1862.

Son, Robert Allison Brown, Jr., born 3 December, 1844, in Van Buren County (name changed to Cass County, February 19, 1849), Missouri. Married Mary Agnes Stephens, October 14, 1866.

Daughter, Mary Elizabeth Brown, born 25 October, 1847, in Van Buren County, Missouri. Married October 29, 1868 to Henry Clay Daniel. One of their daughters, Mary Brown Daniel was the 2nd wife of John Trotwood Moore.

Son, Samuel Eskridge Brown, born 1 February 1850, in Van Buren County, Missouri. Married December 3, 1870 to Zada Robinson.

Son, Walter Roddy Brown, born July 18, 1853, in Van Buren County, Missouri. Married Margaret Lisle.

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41. The Author has a copy of the original marriage bond of Robert Allison Brown and Mary Jane Gillenwaters. Also, see Appendix 26,
The children of General John and Mary (Polly) Moore Allison Brown,
(continued.)

    Married Edna Trowers.

Daughter, Sarah Tarver Brown. Born in 1811, Roane County, Tennessee. Married Nathaniel R. Jarrett, October 10, 1826. (She was only 15 years old.)

    Married Sarah Matlock.


Daughter, Mary Jane Brown. Born 1818, in Roane County, Tennessee. Married Doctor John Wesley Wester. She died in 1834 at the age of 18 years when having her first baby, Sarah Wester, who married Wiley W. Love in 1878.

Daughter, Susannah Howard Brown. Born 1824. Married Benjamine F. S. Davis. (See population schedule for 1850 for her age.)

John Brown was a great General and a good friend of Andrew Jackson's, went to his aid when he needed troops in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend and helped him win the battle. He was instrumental in stopping a duel between Jackson and John Sevier. It would have been a tragedy to have lost either of these great men.

However, NANCY's marriage to John Brown was not a solution to her problems. General Brown's jealousy of NANCY caused him in 1836 to take her and her children and move to the Old Dunlap Place", 12 miles from Kingston and therefore, far away from any neighbors and her friends. The Dunlap Place was located on the land where part of the town of Rockwood, Tennessee now stands and John Brown owned a large part of it. It was a complete wilderness, with the nearest church several miles away at Post Oak Springs. One of his sons by his first marriage, Robert Allison Brown, in a note which was found, stated that he "tried to repair the old Dunlap Place as best he could when he heard that his father was bringing NANCY there to live."

42. See daughters of the American Revolution Application Papers Nos. 27939 and 32714 for data on John Brown, William Brown, Alexander Moore and Robert Allison. All mentioned in the two papers.
John and NANCY (COX) ALLISON BROWN'S children were:

Son, Benjamine Tarver Brown. Born in 1832, married Sarah Ellis, December 10, 1854. He fought on the Confederate side in the War.

Issue:
Son, John Ellis Brown, born May 4, 1857.
Daughter, Carrie Meadors Brown, born April 1858.
Son, George Bartlett Brown, born April 1859.
Son, Thomas W. Brown, born December 5, 1860.
Son, Caleb Brown, born June 13, 1864.
Son, Ernest Brown.
Son, Wilbert Otho Brown, born in 1868.
Son, Charles Robert Brown, born in 1871.


Issue:
Daughter, Margaret (Maggie) Coleman, married Hugh McClung Morrow.
Daughter, Ella Coleman, married -- Hoyle.
Daughter, Addie Coleman, married W. S. Greer.
Son, James Coleman, married Rose Chamberlain.
Daughter, Mamie Coleman, married J. C. Grant.


Issue:
Son, Zollicoffer Martin. Married a widow, Belle (Wilson) Black.
Son, William Porter Martin.


44. See picture of Eliza Jane (Brown) Martin on page 105.

ELIZA JANE (BROWN) MARTIN, Daughter of Nancy Clark (Cox) Allison and General John Brown
NANCY'S life with General Brown was a stormy one. In 1837, with the baby, Eliza Jane in her arms, her two other babies, and the three little girls she had had by URIAH trailing after her, she left the Dunlap Place in Rockwood, --- "ran off", as General Brown said --- and went back to her home in Kingston where her friends were.

It was in November 1830 that NANCY had married General Brown and she decided she had undergone enough! Her brother-in-law, URIAH'S brother, Robert M. Allison, was renting the land at the Point Place, her old home, and this was where she went. General Brown was away attending court in Rhea County, Tennessee, when she left. Upon his return he sent for her to come back and she refused to comply, so he went after her himself. As the story goes, and as he stated himself, she still refused until after "frequent solicitations" on his part. In the latter part of June of the year 1837, she consented to return with him where she remained perhaps four weeks and then left again. It seems that this went on for some time --- NANCY leaving and the General going after her and bringing her back.

On August 8, 1839, 46 Maria Louise, NANCY'S oldest daughter by URIAH, at the age of nineteen, 47 was married to Captain George Nicholson in Kingston, Tennessee. At last NANCY had a man to look after her and URIAH'S little girls. Soon after this, the Roane County Court at Kingston appointed Captain Nicholson as guardian of the two minor children.

With George Nicholson's help, NANCY was able to send CATHERINE JANE, the second oldest of the little girls, to boarding school at "Salem Academy for Young Women" at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. 48

Finally, in the spring of 1840, NANCY took her youngest child, which was only a baby, and left General Brown and the old Dunlap Place for the last time. She never returned again, and on June 11, 1840, she filed suit for divorce; the following is her petition:

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47. Date of age ascertained by tombstone, Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee, where Maria Louise is buried.
48. Catherine Jane Allison was the Author's grandmother, who has in her possession Catherine's school book with her name, name of the school, and date January 5, 1839.
"TO THE HONORABLE EDWARD SCOTT, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROANE COUNTY."

"Humbly complaining showeth unto your Honor -- your Oratrix, Nancy (Cox) Allison Brown, that sometime in the year 1830 she inter-married with a certain John Brown of Roane County. At the time of her inter-marriage, your Oratrix was entitled to a dower interest in five hundred acres or upwards of valuable land in Roane County, with valuable improvements therein. Your Oratrix had also an interest in common with her three children of personal property consisting of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, household furniture. Your Oratrix had expected to find a friend and helpmate in the said John Brown when she inter-married with him but in this expectation your Oratrix has been grievously, sadly, and most painfully, disappointed. He has converted the whole of her property to his own use and has for the last four years almost entirely neglected to provide for the comfort and maintenance of her and her infant children, although he has ample means of his own, in addition to what she brought with her upon the inter-marriage.

"The said John Brown since the inter-marriage aforesaid, has treated your Oratrix with increasing and intolerable cruelty, neglecting to provide for her wants, her comfort, even her absolute necessities, frequently and incessantly abusing her with the harshest language, brutal in its terms, savage and shocking in the manner of its expulsion, he has even inflicted on your Oratrix with his own hands, the most degrading and humiliating violence in more than one instance and has finally banished your Oratrix from his house and her infant child which she had by him, and refuses to provide anything for her comfort and maintenance for herself and infant child at her breast, and in every way has violated his matrimonial duty as a husband. Your Oratrix further shows that she has at all times demeaned herself as a faithful, dutiful, and kind wife and done everything in her power to reconcile him to her but all to no purpose whatever."
"Your Oratrix and the said John Brown both reside in Roane County, Tennessee. The premises considered, your Oratrix prays that your Honor will grant her a divorce a mensa et thoro, and decree to your Oratrix her property and that a copy be issued to the said John Brown, and that your Honor would grant such other and further relief as circumstances of the case may demand, and as in duty bound, your Oratrix will ever pray &c.

/s/ Nancy Brown"

(Here follows affidavit as to truth of statements.)

"Jurat

11 day of June 1840

Henry Liggett, J.P."

According to the records, on August 31, 1840, John Brown wrote the following letter to Captain Nicholson, NANCY'S new son-in-law:

"Capt. George Nicholson:

"Sir: The unpleasant situation that Mrs. Brown has placed herself and friends in, all from her own seeking, calls for the sympathy of one to whom she once felt dear:-

"I wish her comfortably provided for until those painful difficulties are terminated. I expect she will be safer and better contented with her daughter, your Lady, than any where else. If you and her will accept of it as a free-will offering for her support and maintenance, you can have the rents and profits of the "Point Place" the present year, and as soon as Robert Allison's term expires and others that are on the place, which will be the first day of January next, you and Mrs. Brown can have the entire possession of the place and all the household furniture that is there, and all profits arising from the same until all these painful difficulties are adjusted, which I hope will be in the course of the next year, to be surrendered up at the termination of the suit as the court shall decree. I would prefer taking the youngest child, if Mrs. Brown would consentably give it up, but not against her will.

49. The Author has in her possession a photocopy of the above original document.
"Your written answer to this you will please give in the course of ten days, as it will afford me some pleasure, if pleasure I can have under the existing circumstances, to learn that her and her friends are satisfied and that she is not to suffer or want for a comfortable support until she can again take her destiny in her own hands.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ John Brown." 50

The answer he received from Captain Nicholson was not exactly the reply he wanted, after he felt he had made such a magnanimous offer - in his mind, but not in NANCY'S!

On November 4, 1840 the following article of agreement was made:

"Articles of agreement made and entered into this 4th day of November 1840 between George Nicholson and wife for themselves and George Nicholson as guardian for CATHERINE JANE ALLISON and Mary Allison, minor heirs of URIAH ALLISON, deceased, of the first part and John Brown and NANCY his wife, administrators of said ALLISON on the other part, witnesseth that whereas theretofore to wit on the 27th day of June 1839, George Nicholson and wife filed their bill in the Chancery Court at Kingston against the said John Brown and wife and minor heirs, CATHERINE and Mary, for their distributive share of the estate of said ALLISON, deceased, and whereas the said George Nicholson has heretofore to wit on the 2nd day of November 1840, been legally appointed and chosen guardian of the said CATHERINE and Mary, and whereas the said John Brown the Administrator for himself and in right of his wife, and George Nicholson for himself and in right of his wife and as guardian for CATHERINE JANE ALLISON

50. The Author has in her possession a photocopy of the original of the above article of agreement.

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and Mary B. Allison, have and do those present agree to compromise and finally settle all matters in dispute between the parties in the manner following to wit, John Brown as Administrator and in his own right for himself and wife, does hereby release all claim and interest that he has to any of the lands of the estate of URIAH ALLISON, deceased, to George Nicholson and wife, and CATHERINE J., and Mary B. Allison, minors as aforesaid except the right of dower in right of his wife which is hereby excepted, and also three fourths of the negro property with their increase or their equivalent in value, taking into the account those that have been sold, which are to be accounted for at the price for which they were sold for in the division of the negro property between the Administrators and the said George Nicholson and wife and as guardian. All the negros are to be valued and apportioned by George Nicholson and Thomas Brown within fifteen days from this date at which time the portion set apart for the heirs and children of the said URIAH ALLISON, deceased, is to be given up to George Nicholson for himself and wife and as guardian for the minors aforesaid ... and the said George Nicholson for himself and wife and as guardian of the minors aforesaid, does hereby promise to pay John Brown, Administrator of the said URIAH ALLISON, deceased, the sum of three hundred and fifty nine dollars and forty-two and 1/2 cents, which is in full for all monies paid by him or services rendered for the estate of URIAH ALLISON, deceased, hereby meaning and intending to close all matters in dispute between the parties, including rents, profits, etc., and all of the personal estate of the said URIAH ALLISON, deceased, that has or did come into the hands of the said Administrator, John Brown, is hereby adjusted and finally settled, and it is further agreed by the parties that the said George Nicholson is to dismiss his said bill and pay his costs and that John Brown pays his costs, in testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hand and seals the day and year first above mentioned. Signed and sealed in presence of: John Brown (Seal) Administrator for himself and wife. George Nicholson (Seal) for himself and wife and as Guardian for the minor heirs of URIAH ALLISON, deceased."

On December 31, 1840, Mary B. Allison, the youngest of NANCY and URIAH'S little girls, married Captain John L. Doss. She was 15 years old. Later, Captain Doss was to become famous as the great Tennessee River Steamboat Master.

On July 2, 1841 the following proceedings were held at the courthouse in Kingston, Tennessee, in relation to a dower for NANCY (COX) ALLISON BROWN:

"A COPY OF REPORTS OF DOWER PARTITION &c OF THE LAND OF URIAH ALLISON, DECEASED:

"State of Tennessee, Second Judicial Circuit. Be it remembered that at a Circuit Court opened and held for the County of Roane at the Courthouse in Kingston in the State and Circuit aforesaid, on the fourth Monday of June being the twenty-eighth day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, present the Honorable Edward Scott, commissioned and qualified to hold said Court. On the fifth day of said term being the 2nd day of July 1841, the following proceedings were had in relation to allotment of Dower and partition of the lands of URIAH ALLISON, deceased, towit: George Nicholson and wife and others petition for division of land as heirs of URIAH ALLISON, deceased, in pursuance of an order made at the last term of this Court on the application of the above named petitioners, the following reports were made, towit:

"State of Tennessee, Roane County: We, the undersigned who were summoned as a jury to lay off the dower of NANCY C. BROWN, wife of John Brown and late widow and relict of URIAH ALLISON, deceased, being unconnected with the parties either by affinity or consanguinity and entirely disinterested, met at the late residence of the said URIAH ALLISON on the 21st day of March 1841 and after

52. Roane County Marriage Bonds, Book for year 1840, p 37, Roane County Courthouse, Kingston, Tennessee.
being duly sworn by the sheriff of said county proceeded to allot and lay off the dower of the said NANCY C. BROWN in all the real estate mentioned in the petition and order from the Circuit Court of said County of the aforesaid URIAH ALLISON, deceased, and after having duly considered and fully understood the matter, do hereby assign to the said NANCY C. BROWN and John Brown, her husband, for her dower, the following described land including the dwelling house, ferry and other out buildings attached thereto vis:

A parcel of land on the south side of the Tennessee River immediately opposite Southwest Point, beginning on the south bank of the Tennessee River below the ferry landing on a sycamore and hackberry running thence parallel with the meridian line in the Hiwasse District South 3/0 degrees East a direct line to the river at the bluff, thence with the meanders of the river to the beginning supposed to contain one hundred acres. We also further allot the said NANCY C. BROWN and John Brown, her husband, the use of the spring at the head of the lane usually used as the spring of the dwelling house, giving the said NANCY C. BROWN and John Brown, not the exclusive right to the spring but an equal right to the use of the water with the heir who may draw that portion of the land on which said spring is situated which in our opinion constitutes one third of the real estate of the said URIAH ALLISON, deceased."  

NANCY had her beloved "Point Place" back in her possession again and life seemed calm and peaceful once more.

The land was divided so that NANCY received a third, and the rest was divided three ways, so that each of the three children of URIAH received one-third each. It is believed that the Nicholson and Doss families lived with NANCY at this time until they could build their own homes.

On August 8, 1844, CATHERINE JANE ALLISON, the 2nd daughter of NANCY AND URIAH, married DOCTOR JOHN WESLEY WESTER. She was 22 years old. DOCTOR WESTER had been married before to Mary Jane Brown, daughter of General John Brown by his first marriage to Mary Moore Allison, URIAH'S sister.

Mary Jane (Brown) Wester, DOCTOR WESTER'S first wife, had died in childbirth when only 18 years of age, and left one little girl, Sally, who was ten years old when DOCTOR WESTER married CATHERINE JANE ALLISON. His father, DANIEL WESTER, ran a tavern in Kingston and DOCTOR WESTER and CATHERINE JANE lived in town with him. DOCTOR WESTER was commissioned First Lieutenant of the Kingston Rifle Company in 1828. The commission was signed by Sam Houston, while he was Governor of Tennessee.

In August 1841, DOCTOR WESTER was elected to the House of Representatives of the Tennessee Legislature to serve for two years as representative of Roane and Knox Counties, Tennessee.

All three of the little girls that URIAH left when he died were married now and had homes of their own. Also, they had taken care of their mother and she was where she was happy again, in her home that URIAH built for her, "The Point Place."

56. See pictures of Catherine Jane Allison and Doctor John Wesley Wester on p 114.
58. The Author has the original Commission signed by Sam Houston.
59. For copy of will of Doctor John W. Wester, see Appendix 20.
60. See Appendix 21 for complete list of Members of the House of Representatives.
Note: For further reference for Roane County Marriage Bonds, see Roane County Tennessee Marriage Records 1801 - 1855, compiled by Mrs. Willis Hutcherson and Mrs. Marilyn McCluen, 1973. Same can be ordered by writing Mrs. Marilyn McCluen, P.O. Box 165, Rockwood, Tennessee 37854.
DOCTOR JOHN WESLEY AND CATHERINE JANE (ALLISON) WESTER, grandparents of the author of the maternal side. Catherine Jane was the daughter of Uriah and Nancy Clark (Cox) Allison.
General Brown died September, 1846 and there was settlement of his estate on Friday, April 7, 1848. The story is that he was instructing his servants in the use of a corn sheller, and his hand was caught in the wheel and crushed, causing blood poisoning which resulted in his death. As to the authenticity of this story, the Author is not certain. The divorce that NANCY had filed for had never been settled in court so at the death of General Brown, it was dropped from the court docket.

Sadness came to NANCY in 1850. On April 3rd, her oldest daughter, Maria Louise, died at the age of 30, leaving her husband, Captain George Nicholson, who was now a prosperous farmer with a large tract of rich river bottom land, and five small children. Mary, aged 10, Henry A., aged 8, Hugh, aged 6, Catherine, aged 4 and Anne M. aged 1.

George Nicholson still lived in the Hiwassie District on the farm next to NANCY, as also, did Captain John L. Doss and NANCY'S youngest daughter by URIAH, Mary B., Captain Doss' wife, and their four children: Margaret, aged 8, Eliza, aged 6, and Georgianna, aged 1, and Mary Kate, born in 1850.

In 1850, according to the Census, NANCY was still living in her home on the river and had with her the children she had by General Brown: Benjamin, 18 years old, Rachael Jackson, 16 years old, Eliza Jane, 14 years old, and George Bartlett, 11 years old. In this Census she was "Head of the Family", and still had her land valued at $2,000 at the "Point Place".

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63. Tombstone on Maria Louise's grave, Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee.
65. Ibid p 167, Family Group 1288. Also, see Appendix 23.
66. Ibid p 166, Family Group 1285. Also, see Appendix 23.
NANCY died November 1854. It has never been found where she was buried --- but let us hope it was near the place she loved --- her home on the bend where the rivers met.

After the death of NANCY, her daughter, CATHERINE JANE, who had married DOCTOR JOHN W. WESTER, moved into the old home at the Point. They had seven girls and one boy who died in infancy. DOCTOR WESTER was a Methodist Minister, a farmer, a politician, and practiced as a medical doctor.

DOCTOR JOHN WESLEY AND CATHERINE JANE (ALLISON) WESTER’S children were:

Son, Ephriam Foster Wester, born ?, died in infancy.
Daughter, Adelaide Victoria Wester, born 1853. Married Thomas King.
Daughter, Margaret Hamilton Wester, born 1860. Married Thomas C. Ervin.
Daughter, ANNE MAUDE WESTER, born 1861, died June 11, 1929. Married JOHN FLEMING MCNUTT, April 28, 1892. (Author’s parents.) He was the son of DOCTOR JAMES WHITE AND KATHERINE (HORSELEY) MCNUTT.

CATHERINE JANE (ALLISON) WESTER, as handed down in family history, died in 1864, leaving DOCTOR WESTER with the seven daughters to care for, some of them no more than babies.

67. Inventory of Estate of Nancy (Cox) Allison Brown, Estate Book “C”, pp 505-506, Roane County Courthouse, Kingston, Tennessee. Also, for more about the Wester and Lloyd families, see Appendix 24.
68. The Author has a copy of their wedding invitation, dated April 28, 1892. The wedding was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwood, Tennessee. See page 117 for their pictures.
69. There is a small tombstone in the Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery that has "Nancy Brown" written on it. This could be our Nancy but there is no positive proof.
JOHN FLEMMING McNUTT AND ANNE MAUDE (WESTER) McNUTT.
The author's mother and father. Mrs. McNUTT was the granddaughter of
Uriah Sherrill and Nancy Clark (Cox) Allison.
The following was a true occurrence, it has been said, and is therefore, passed on to the readers: 69

"During the big flood of March 8, 1867 Captain Woods Wilson was piloting his boat, The Cherokee, down the river when it suddenly arrived in the yard of DOCTOR WESTER at his home, The Point Place, in Kingston, Tennessee. DOCTOR WESTER, having a sense of humor and being well acquainted with the boatman, called out, 'Come in, Gentlemen, I am always happy to entertain my neighbors when they call.' Meanwhile, the boat's wheel was splashing water around his and his daughters feet while the bow was plowing a path through his orchard. The doctor had safeguarded against eventualities, however, for his ferry boat and yawl were securely hitched to the corner of the porch!"

If only NANCY could have been there! Seconding the Doctor's invitation with, "Do come in everybody, and have dinner with us and get warm, there is always a welcome and help at "The Point Place" for our friends!"

CHAPTER VIII

THE WESTER FAMILY

DANIEL WESTER

The following is quoted from Goodspeed's History of East Tennessee:

"John Fulgum Wester I was born in England about 1723. He came to America and settled near Tarboro, North Carolina. John Fulgum Wester II, born 1760 in North Carolina, died 1822, Jefferson County, Tennessee. In 1783 he married Edith Knolly in Edgecomb County, North Carolina, reared most of his family there and about 1815 moved to Jefferson County, Tennessee, where his death and also his wife's death occurred.

The children of John Fulgum and Edith(Knolly) Wester were:

Son, Daniel Wester, born December 23, 1786, died August 2, 1857. Was born in North Carolina, left home at the age of ten years, passing through the town of Kingston, Tennessee, and located on Duck River, in Middle Tennessee, and in his sixteenth year accompanied Captain Williams to Natchez on the expedition against the Spaniards (later on he was with General William H. Harrison in the Battle of Lake Erie.) He then returned to Bedford County on Duck River. In 1804 he married Elizabeth Loyd, then residing with her parents, John and Rachel Loyd, on Duck River.

"Daniel Wester, his wife and her parents, then moved to Jefferson County, Tennessee and after a couple of years, started back to Duck River, but stopped at a fort at Kingston, Tennessee, where Daniel soon became a Commissary officer, and was also
deputy sheriff under General Brown, which position he held twenty-two years. After serving here at the fort under General Brown, he became a local Methodist preacher, and also located on a farm eight miles below Kingston, where he resided until his death." (End quote.)

DANIEL WESTER was born in 1786 in Edgecomb County, North Carolina. He was 5 ft. 8½ inches tall. On April 30, 1804, he was united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony to ELIZABETH LOYD in Sumner County, Tennessee. The Bondsman was Joel Childress.2

His wife was the daughter of JOHN AND RACHEL (VAN DER VERE) LOYD. ELIZABETH was born December 5, 1789 at Guilford County, North Carolina, where her parents were living at that time.

Shortly after they were married, they moved to Green County, Tennessee where their first child JOHN WESLEY WESTER, was born, January 2, 1805.3 In 1810 they again moved, this time to Kingston, Roane County, Tennessee, there they remained until their death.

DANIEL WESTER fought in the War of 1812, enlisting August 30, 1812 and serving under Lieutenant URIAH ALLISON for 18 months.4

For many years DANIEL WESTER operated a tavern in Kingston, Tennessee. The following is quoted from the Court Minutes:

"JOHN LOYD AND DANIEL WESTER, license granted to keep an Ordinary or House of Entertainment, for term of one year, having taken an oath to prohibit gambling."

1. See p 84 for birthplace and description of Daniel Wester. Also, see Roane County, Tennessee Census for 1850, p 188, Family Group No. 1445, for his occupation, birthplace and land value.
2. The Author has in her possession a copy of the marriage record of Daniel and Elizabeth (Loyd) Wester. Recorded in Marriage Record Book 1787-1838, Roll No. 71, p 20, County Court Clerk's Office, Sumner County Courthouse, Gallentine, Tennessee.
3. See Appendix 21, p 195, for proof of John W. Wester's age.
4. 1812 War Record for Daniel Wester, Record Group No. 94, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
5. Roane County Court Minutes, April 22, 1822, p 113.
DANIEL WESTER also served as deputy sheriff and jailer under General John Brown who was sheriff. He was a Methodist Minister and farmer, acquiring a large area of land. He is listed in the 1850 Census of Roane County, Tennessee, as having land value of $7,450.

DANIEL AND ELIZABETH (LOYD) WESTER had the following children:


Issue:


Married 2nd Henry Crowder. Issue: Katherine, Ford, Tulley.


Daughter, Margaret Hamilton Wester, born 1860. Married Thomas C. Ervin, Sr. Issue: Maude, Robbie May, Thomas C, Jr., Margaret Hamilton, Josephine.

Daughter, ANNE MAUDE WESTER, born 1861, died June 11, 1929. Married: JOHN FLEMING MCNUTT, April 28, 1892. Rockwood, Tennessee. Issue: John Wester, Doremus, Margaret (Peggy).

6. Roane County Court Minutes, July 15, 1821, p 19.
8. Roane County Tennessee Marriage Records, 1801-1855, compiled by Willis Hutcherson and Marilyn McCluen.
DANIEL AND ELIZABETH (LOYD) WESTER'S children (continued):


11. Family History by Elizabeth Hamilton Hardage, youngest child of John and Rachel Loyd (Wester) Hamilton, written when she was in her eighties.
John and Rachel Loyd (Wester) Hamilton's Children:

Son, James Hamilton, born November 20, 1834, Kingston, Tennessee.

Daughter, Rachel Hamilton, Jr., born November 2, 1836, Married
William Green, December 20, 1860, Dalton, Georgia.

Son, Thomas Hamilton, born November 12, 1838, Kingston, Tennessee.

Son, William Hamilton, born December 17, 1840, Dalton, Georgia. Married Georgia Oliver, November 10, 1868.

Son, John Hamilton, Jr., born December 31, 1842, Dalton, Georgia. Died November 13, 1843, Dalton, Georgia. Age 10½ months.

Daughter, Sarah Hamilton, born May 2, 1844, Dalton, Georgia. Died September 13, 1852, Dalton, Georgia. Age 8 years.


Married Elizabeth Dysart Lucky, March 17, 1874. Born February 8, 1847 at Jonesboro, Tennessee. Died at Monteagle, Tennessee, August 18, 1922. Buried at Dalton, Georgia.

Issue: Jennie Hamilton
Elizabeth Hamilton
Seth Hamilton
George Washington Hamilton, Jr.
Neal Hamilton
Henry Hamilton
Cornelius Lucky Hamilton

Son, Henry Hamilton (twin of George) born March 22, 1857, Dalton, Georgia. Married Nannie West, November 18, 1873, Atlanta, Georgia.

Daughter, Margaret Hamilton, born February 3, 1849, Dalton, Georgia. Died August 21, 1850, Dalton, Georgia. Age 1½ years.

Daughter, Elizabeth Hamilton, born February 3, 1852. Was still living in 1939, age 87 years.

Married Thomas Hardage, October 20, 1886, Dalton, Georgia. 12

12. Family History by Elizabeth Hamilton Hardage.
The following is an article from "The Scotch-Irish Settlers and Statesmen of Georgia" by Colonel I. W. Avery of Atlanta, Georgia, printed 1892:

"Henry C. Hamilton of Dalton, Georgia, who has been clerk of the United States Court for Northern District of Georgia, comes of an old and pure Scotch-Irish blood. His grandfather came from the North of Ireland about the year 1800, and settled in Westchester County, New York, where his son, John Hamilton, the father of Henry, was born on August 17, 1803. John moved to East Tennessee about 1828 when he was twenty-five years old, and in that state married Miss Rachel Lloyd Wester in 1833. He moved to Dalton, Georgia in 1838 and settled at the beautiful spring on the edge of the town, which has borne his name and where the successful cotton factory has been built. He became one of the leading citizens of North Georgia and raised a large family who are the very best citizens of the state.

"John Hamilton died November 13, 1853 and his wife on June 21, 1876, leaving six children: James H., Thomas, George W. and Henry C. (twins), and two daughters, Mrs. Rachel H. Green and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hardage. James was a leader in mathematics at Oglethorpe University, Midway, Georgia, in 1852."

"Mount Rachel" is a little mountain right outside Dalton. It was owned by John Hamilton and he named it for his wife, Rachel Lloyd (Wester) Hamilton.

DANIEL AND ELIZABETH (LOYD) WESTER'S children (continued):

Son, George Washington Wester, born March 27, 1814.
Married Millie Delozier, April 27, 1833 and moved to Missouri before 1858.

Issue: 13 George Washington Wester, Jr., born 1834,
   Elizabeth J. Wester, born 1836.
   Rachel M. Wester, born 1838.
   Jane A. Wester, born 1839.
   John L. Wester, born 1842.
   Mary A. Wester, born 1847.

   p 170, Family Group No. 1313
DANIEL AND ELIZABETH (LOYD) WESTER'S children (continued):

Son, Daniel Loyd Wester, born November 30, 1816, died before 1850. (Not listed in 1850 Census for Roane County.)

Married Julinda Claiborn, September 17, 1835.

Issue:
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Son, John Loyd Wester, born 1837.

Son, William M. Wester, born 1843.

Daughter, Julinda Evaline Wester, born February 2, 1845, died August 2, 1861.*

Son, Henry C. Wester, born 1848.

Obituary of Julinda Evaline Wester

"Miss Julinda Evaline Wester, died at her residence in Rhea County, Tennessee, August 2nd, 1861 of fever terminating in acute gastritis. She was born in Roane County, Tennessee, February the 2nd, 1845, and was therefore in her 17th year. Those who knew not Miss Evaline Wester personally will never know her this side of the grave. She was a dutiful, obedient child, possessed a remarkably amiable disposition. She had received a good education having more than ordinary intellect, possessing a combination of attractions of person, mind and manners rarely met with on this earth. She delighted much in books, the Bible was always her main sheetanchor even from childhood. Her character was woven of graces which like jewels of rare work lent a lustre to her life. No discordant or jarring elements in her constitution of mind or soul, but always the same - kind, affectionate and noble. Her deportment in every relation in life was a continual display of blended virtues; a scene of practical religion, worthy the emulation of every Christian. Her humility and goodness recommended her everywhere, and secured to her the love of all. She professed religion and joined the M.E. Church in Roane County,


15. Cross Bill filed November 6, 1858, Roane County Courthouse, Kingston, Tennessee.
Tennessee, in the year A.D. 1857 of which she remained a faithful efficient member until she was called to leave the church militant to join the church triumphant. As the clock struck one on the night of the 2nd of August, she breathed her last calmly and serenely without a struggle or even a frown. By her own request her lifeless body was deposited in the cemetery in Roane County on the Tennessee River nine miles below Kingston (where she saw some of her nearest relatives laid) to remain until the morning of the resurrection. There was a large concourse of people at the burying. Many wept over her remains, for she had many friends. She has left a numerous host of friends together with a kind Mother and three brothers to mourn her absence."

DANIEL AND ELIZABETH (LOYD) WESTER'S Children (continued):

Daughter, Minerva Marion Wester, born June 8, 1819, Kingston, Tennessee. Married John Yandle, August 4, 1839, and moved to Missouri sometime before 1850. She died August 4, 1900.

Issue: Son, William H. Yandle, born probably about 1840.

Son, John W. Yandle, born February 7, 1843.


Daughter, Carrol B. Wester, born September 24, 1821.

Son, Lewis Marshall Wester, born June 28, 1823, died August 1, 1912, Kingston, Tennessee. "He remained with his parents until he was 18 years old then married Sarah Hamlett, a native of Roane County, Tennessee, by whom he had 1 son and 2 daughters and are surviving. The Captain has always made Kingston his home with the exception of one year when he resided in Texas. At the commencement of the Mexican War he volunteered at

16. Written by William R. Clack, Rhea County, Tennessee, October 15, 1861. The Author has a copy of the same.
Kingston in 'Company C', 4th Tennessee Regiment, being elected lieutenant at the organization. At the commencement of the late war (Civil) he enlisted in the 1st Tennessee Federal Infantry being elected Captain of Company G. His son, John Marshall Wester, enlisted in the same regiment and was at the organization elected 2nd lieutenant, he being 16 years of age. The Captain served two years then resigned on account of sickness. The son, after serving 2½ years received an appointment of cadet at West Point and withdrew to go there. The Captain has been in the Legislature three terms and State Senate once, and has been a justice of peace for 29 consecutive years, including the time he was in the army. He is now also County School Commissioner. At the age of 19 he was elected constable, serving two years and was a colonel in the Old State Militia. During his official duties in both wars he never placed a man of his under guard. He and family are Methodists."  

Lewis Marshall Wester was 18 years old when he married 1st Sarah Hamlott, October 22, 1841, Kingston, Tennessee.  

Issue:  


Son, John Marshall Wester, Sr., born April 8, 1845, died June 13, 1908, Kingston, Tennessee. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War. Married Josephine Mariah Wester, February 25, 1867, his cousin and daughter of Doctor JOHN WESLEY WESTER. She was born February 16, 1847, died July 15, 1904.  

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22. The Author has a copy of the marriage bond of Josephine Mariah Wester and John Marshall Wester. They were married in Kingston, Tennessee.
Issue of John Marshall Wester Sr. and Josephine Mariah Wester:

Son, John Marshall Wester, Jr., born December 25, 1867, died November 3, 1890, Kingston, Tennessee

The following was found in a newspaper, "The Clinton Gazette," 1890:

"DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT KINGSTON"

"On Monday evening, November 3, John M. Wester, Jr., the Marshal of Kingston, attempted to arrest James Edwards. When approached by the marshal, Edwards drew his pistol and fired, shooting Wester through the abdomen. At the same time, Wester shot Edwards through the head. Both men died immediately."

Son, Elmer E. Wester, born January 12, 1871, Kingston, Tennessee. Died October 19, 1900 on board United States Transport Sherman in San Francisco Harbor. Married Lillie Mae Chambers, Loudon, Tennessee, July 9, 1897. He served with the Union Army during the Civil War, Company H., 37 United States V.I., and is buried Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee.

Son, Thomas H. Wester, born January 12, 1873, Kingston, Tennessee.


Son, Marvin L. Wester, born December 3, 1878, died in Waterloo, Iowa. Date unknown by Author.


Lewis Marshall and Sarah (Hamlott) Wester (continued:)

Daughter, Sarah Wester, born 1847. 23

Lewis Marshall Wester married second, Catherine E. Yost on December 19, 1848. 24 She was born July 5, 1831 and died January 12, 1893. 25 His first wife, Sarah, died in 1848.

Issue:

Daughter, Mary (Mollie) Wester, born June 1853, died July 23, 1869. 23 She was only 16 years old.


Issue: Henry W. Wright. Born October 10, 1887, died May 23, 1889, only 9 days after his mother’s death.

Lewis Marshall Wester after the death of Catherine E. Yost, married Martha Brown Smith. There was no issue from this marriage.

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DANIEL AND ELIZABETH (LOYD) WESTER'S children (continued):

Son, Christopher Columbus Wester, born January 17, 1826. 26

Married 1st Mary A. Johnson, March 30, 1848. 27 She was born in 1830. 26

Issue: Son, Samuel Daniel Wester, born January 10, 1849. 26

Married Lelia A. Rice.
Son, James Marshall Wester, born July 4, 1850. 26
Son, John Wesley Wester, born January 4, 1852.
Son, William C. Wester, born November 17, 1854.

Married Mary Neil.
Daughter, Mary Kate Wester, born 1858.
Daughter, Rachel Arabell Wester, born 1859.

Christopher Columbus Wester married 2nd Elizabeth Roddy, March 5, 1878. Issue: Ellen May Wester. Never married.

Son, James A. Wester, born September 3, 1828.
Daughter, Elizabeth Jane Wester, born October 24, 1829. 26

Married Thomas B. Coleman, February 6, 1845, Millwright. 26, 27

Issue: Daughter, Sarah J. Coleman, born 1847. 26
Son, William Coleman, born 1849. 26
Son, John W. Coleman, born 1852. 26
Daughter, Mary A. Coleman, born 1857. 26
Son, Winfield Scott Coleman, born 1859. 26

27. Roane County, Tennessee, Marriage Records, 1801-1855.
After the death of his first wife, ELIZABETH (LOYD) WESTER, November 7, 1845, DANIEL WESTER married Mary Ann Breedlove, February 14, 1851. They had the following children:

Daughter, Margaret Louise Wester, born February 17, 1852. Married William Wann.

Son, Francis Asbury Wester, born January 20, 1854. Married Martha (?).

Son, Charles W. Wester.

DANIEL WESTER died August 2, 1857, Kingston, Tennessee, at the age of 71 years. He died intestate and the inventory of his estate can be found in Estate Book for December Term 1857, pp 125, 126, 127, and 128, Roane County Courthouse, Kingston, Tennessee. It was signed on December 5, 1857 by two of his sons JOHN WESLEY WESTER and Christopher Columbus Wester, Administrators of his estate. The inventory was taken September 25, 1857. He is buried Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery, Kingston, Tennessee. There is a private marker.

Among some old papers that had been kept by the Author's mother, ANNA MAUDE (WESTER) MCNUTT, was found the following note, written concisely and clearly in his own handwriting, by DOCTOR WESLEY WESTER, the Author's grandfather, and it would be appropriate to close the chapter on the WESTER Family by quoting it verbatim. It has no date but the signature denotes he was a doctor at the time he wrote it:

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29. Mentioned in a Cross Bill filed November 6, 1858, Roane County Courthouse, Kingston, Tennessee.

"My father, Daniel Wester, was the second son of Fulgim Wester of North Carolina. My grandfather, Fulgim Wester, was on the 'Whig' side in the Revolution and served his country well as a soldier. My father, Daniel Wester, joined a volunteer company and went to defend his country at the age of fifteen. After he left the service he came to Tennessee and married and settled in Greene County near Warringburgh. I was the first of their progeny, born 1805, and tradition says that I was put in a quart cup as a curiosity. My father moved to Roane in 1810.

"He had several children, but his country was invaded by a foreign power and again he joined a company under the command of W. H. Harrison, and in 1812 he braved the Northern storm, made bare his breast to the enemy and by the providence of God was returned to his family with an honorable discharge, but his patriotic ardor for his country never ceased, he always evinced a venerative regard for the Stars and Stripes.

/s/ Dr. J. W. Wester
Kingston, Tennessee."

* Please note the spelling of his grandfather's name as "Fulgim" Wester. Researchers of the Wester family have spelled it in various ways, as "Fulgum" or Fulgham" or Fulgam."
JOHN LOYD

THOMAS LOYD, our subjects father, came to Tennessee from Chester County, Pennsylvania and settled in what is now Hawkins County, Tennessee. At the time of his arrival it may have been Washington or Greene County.

The name of his wife and the mother of JOHN LOYD is unknown by the Author. However, after the death of THOMAS LOYD, she was remarried to a Mr. Peaycord and they had one son, Keland Peaycord.

THOMAS LOYD fought in the Revolution. He was enrolled as a private, Captain Abraham Beatty's First Company, Second Battalion, Chester County Militia, with the notation "Marched". According to the evidence of a return of the Four Last Classes Ordered on a Tour of Duty Immediately, commanded by Colonel Thomas Bull, dated September 24, 1781. Residence ascribed: Eastern East Nantmeal Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS LOYD had the following children, according to his will:
- Son, JOHN LOYD
- Son, Thomas Loyd, Jr.
- Daughter, Polly Loyd
- Son, Benjamin Loyd

WILL OF THOMAS LOYD

"I, Thomas Loyd, being in a poor state of health but in my senses, do cause this, my last will and testament, to be made and to be in the manner and form following, viz:

My beloved wife to retain all my property until her death, unless, in case any of the children marry, then it is to be as

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1. Authority: Military Accounts (Militia) Records of the Comptroller General, at the Division of Archives and Manuscripts, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
follows; upon John's marriage, or death of the mother, he is to have a cow called 'Good-Luck', with her calf, and in case of his mother's death, one half of the land I own equal in quality and improvements and under the same situation. Tom to have the other half the land and cow and calf. Polly in like case to have the muly headed cow and calf and an equal share of all my personal effects.

"Benjamin, I mention last because he has had his share from me when he married, but notwithstanding, I bequeath him one cow and calf upon his demand. All this being my full desire I request it may be fulfilled. As witness my hand and seal this 14th day of April 1789.

Dennis Cannon, Test.
George Brooks, Test.

John Loyd was born in East Nantmeal, Chester County, Pennsylvania, approximately 1762, and died August 8, 1829, Kingston, Tennessee. He married Rachel Van de Vere, 8th June 1787, Guilford County, North Carolina. James Holland was the security.

Rachel Loyd was born approximately in 1768, and died in the early part of 1842, Kingston, Tennessee.

Issue: Daughter, Elizabeth Loyd, born December 5, 1789, Guilford County, North Carolina, died November 7, 1845, Kingston, Tennessee.

Married Daniel Wester, April 30, 1804, Sumner County, Tennessee. (See foregoing pages for data concerning their children.)

2. Will of Thomas Loyd, photostatic copy obtained from Book 1, p 305, Hawkins County Wills, Rogersville, Tennessee. No probate date could be obtained.

3. Photostatic copy of marriage bond for John and Rachel (Van de Vere) Loyd obtained from Guilford County Marriage Bonds, North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina.
JOHN AND RACHEL (VAN DE VERE) LOYD came to Middle Tennessee from Guilford County, North Carolina sometime before 1804 and settled on Duck River, Bedford County, Tennessee. Shortly after the marriage of their daughter, ELIZABETH, to DANIEL WESTER, JOHN LOYD, his wife, RACHEL, and DANIEL AND ELIZABETH WESTER, moved to Greene County, Tennessee. In 1810 they moved again, this time to Roane County, Tennessee, where he and his wife RACHEL lived the rest of their lives.

JOHN LOYD was in the Revolution. He was enrolled as a private in Fourth Class, Daniel Griffith's Second Company, Second Battalion, Chester County Militia, according to evidence of a Return of the First Four Classes dated August 12, 1780, commanded by Colonel Thomas Bull, who ordered a tour of duty. His Residence at that time was ascribed as East Nantmeal Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He and his father, THOMAS LOYD, were both under the command of Colonel Thomas Bull. He was approximately 18 years of age and his father must have been about 50 years old at that time.

On March 14, 1813, JOHN LOYD at the age of 50, enlisted in the War of 1812 and was a sergeant under the command of Captain William B. Neilson's Company, Colonel John Brown's Regiment.

JOHN LOYD received a license in 1812 to operate a tavern or Inn, and for many years he continued serving the travelers as they passed through Kingston, which was the regular "stage stop" between Nashville, Washington, and New Orleans.

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4. See letter written by Dr. J. W. Wester, p 132.
5. Authority: Military Accounts (Militia) Records of the Controller General at the Division of Archives and Manuscripts, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
WILL OF JOHN LOYD

"I, John Loyd of the State of Tennessee and County of Roane, being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous of, and do dispose of all such worldly substance as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in the manner following, that is to say I give my brother, Thomas Loyd, $5.00 in cash, also my half brother Keland Peaycoard $5.00.

"To John W. Wester, son of Daniel Wester, one sorrel horse, one feather bed, bedstead and furniture.

"To Rachel Wester, daughter of Daniel Wester, one small sorrel stud horse, one feather bed, one bedstead and furniture, one cow, one negro woman named Mariah.

"The residue of my real and personal property, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Rachel Loyd for and during her natural life, and after her decease, I give the same to Daniel Wester's wife and her children, except Rachel, and to be divided among them as near as possible without being sold.

"And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Rachel Loyd and Daniel Wester executors of this my last will and testament or testaments by me therefore made.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 27th February, 1827.

s/s JOHN LOYD (Seal)

Attest:

J. Byrd
L. W. Jordon
Ambrose Jones

"Signed, sealed and published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named John Loyd in presence of us who at his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.
"State of Tennessee, Roane County, County Court, October -
September 1829.

"Then was the foregoing last will and testament of John Loyd, deceased, duly proved in open court by the oaths of Joseph Byrd, Lewis W. Jordan, and Ambrose Jones, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Given under my hand the 26th day of October 1829.

/s/ Henry Breazeale, Clerk"  

OBITUARY OF JOHN LOYD

"Departed this life, at his own house in Kingston, Roane County, on Saturday the 8th inst., John Loyd. He had been for many years a citizen of the town and so demeaned himself as to command the respect and esteem of all his neighbors - he was honest, sober, and industrious, prudent and economical, attending at all times to his business and meddlesing not with other men's matters. He has left a disconsolate widow, a number of relatives and a long list of acquaintances and friends, who will sensibly feel that society has lost a worthy member."

/s/ Communicated."

After the death of her husband, RACHEL LOYD continued to live at the family home which was recorded on the city map of Kingston as Lots 7 and 10, facing Race Street, in the town of Kingston. She died 13 years after the death of her husband, and in the Roane County Census for Roane County for 1840, she is listed as living alone with seven slaves. She died in the early part of 1842, and the following is a copy of her estate settlement:


SETTLEMENT OF RACHEL LOYD'S ESTATE

"Whereas heretofore John Loyd of the County of Roane and State of Tennessee made and published his last will and testament which after his death was duly proved and recorded in the County aforesaid in which will among other things he divided to his wife Rachel Loyd all his real estate during her life and at her death to be equally divided between Daniel Wester's wife and her children except Rachel Wester, and whereas the said Rachel Loyd recently departed this life and whereas, I, Daniel Wester of the County aforesaid being the surviving Executor of the will of said John Loyd, have in pursuance of said will made a division of said estate among the persons aforesaid who took in remainder and in said division, I have assigned to John W. Wester one of Daniel Wester's wife's children, the following real estate, towit, one lot in the Town of Kingston and County aforesaid known in the plan of said Town as lot number seven joining lots Nos. 8 and 10 and fronting on third street which was conveyed by George W. Campbell to said John Loyd which may be seen by reference to the Registers offices of Roane County Book F, page 122. Also, part of lot number ten in said Town beginning on a stake on Race Street and Third Street then with Third Street S. 26 W. 8 poles etc.

"Now in consideration of said division and in consideration of a certain sum of money by the said John W. Wester secured to be paid so as to make the other children of Daniel Wester's wife equal and by the authority in me vested by said will, I do hereby convey and confirm unto him this said John W. Wester, his heirs, and assigns, all the right and title which the said John Loyd had to the said lots and land at the time of his death, hereby warranting and defending the title to the same to the said John W. Wester, his heirs, etc. against the title of the other children of my said wife and against all other persons so far as I, as executor, can, ought, or should warrant the same but no farther nor otherwise.

"Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of March 1842.

s/s DANIEL WESTER (Seal)

" Surviving executor of the last Will and Testament of John Loyd, deceased."
"Witnesses: Thomas Brown (s) and Henry Liggett (s)"

JOHN AND RACHEL (VAN DE VERE) LOYD were buried in the family
cemetery in the garden of their home, Kingston, Tennessee.

The Author has never ascertained the birthplace of RACHEL
LOYD, except that it was in Pennsylvania. In all probability it
was Chester County and they were neighbors - the LOYDS and VAN DE VERES.
Later, both families moving on to North Carolina, where we have record
of the marriage of RACHEL AND JOHN in Guilford County.

The following is a letter written by Josephine (Wester) Wester found among some old papers of the Author's mother:

"Grandfather John Loyd was from Pennsylvania. He was a soldier
in the Revolution and we have his old flintlock musket.
He married Rachel Van de Vere. They came to Tennessee around
1803 or 4. Their daughter, Elizabeth (only child), married
Daniel Wester 1804. I heard Pa say he remembered visiting his
great-grandmother Van de Vere. She was the neatest housekeeper
he ever heard of. She lived in Pennsylvania."

/s/ Josie Wester."
APPENDICES

Appendix 1

"At a court held for Henrico County, ye third day of February 1734, this will was presented by Joseph Ward and Henry Branch, Trustees thereon, Thomas Branch and William Branch. The witnesses thereto being first sworn, depose that the said will was signed before they came but that the testator showed them the same and declared it to be his last will and testament. Henry Moody, the other witness being first sworn, deposed that he saw the said testator sign, seal and declare the same to be his last will and testament, and that he was in his senses at the same time, whereupon it was admitted to record.

"Test. Bowler Cocke, Clerk of Court."

WILL OF RICHARD COX, SR.
(Son of John Cox, Sr.)

"In the name of God Amen.

"I, Richard Cox, Sr. of the Parish and County of Henrico being sick and weak but in perfect sense and memory, I thank almighty God for it, I do make this my last will in manner following, Imprimis:

"I give and bequeath to my son, John Cox and his heirs and assigns forever, all my outward land, it being one hundred and five acres, where he now liveth.

"Item: I give, devise and bequeath to my son, Henry Cox, all my land it lying and being on the North side of Cornelius Creek, containing four hundred acres, to the said Henry Cox and his heirs forever, only I give to my loving wife, Mary Cox, one hundred acres of it, during her life, where the home is.
"Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Hutchins, one pied cow and all her increase, to her and her heirs forever.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson, Hickenson Cox, one hundred and five acres of land where my son Richard Cox, Jr. now liveth, beginning upon Will Farmer and Michael Turpen lines, to him the said Hickenson and his heirs forever.

"I give and bequeath to my son, Richard Cox, Jr. one shilling sterling.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Obedience Perkins, one shilling.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Edith Whitloe my book and specttels.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my loving wife, Mary Cox, all my hoggs and sheep, and my mare, bridie and sadle, and all the rest of my estate, and lastly, constitute and appoint my loving wife, Mary Cox, my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, disannuling and making void all other wills hereunto by me made.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 13th day of July 1724. I also give to my said wife Mary, my negro man, Samuel, during her life and then to return to my son, John Cox.

His
s/s RICHARD X COX (Seal).

Mark

"In the presence of us: Michael Turpin, Michael Turpin, Jr., James I. Whitloe.

"At a Court held for Henrico County, Va., third day of February 1734, Mary Cox presented this will, upon oath and being, proved by the oaths of the Michael Turpins, thereto it was thereupon admitted to record.

"Test: Bowler Cocke, Clerk of Court


2. Richard Cox's wife was Mary Trent, daughter of Henry Trent and Elizabeth Shermon. His daughter, Elizabeth (Cox) Hutchins, was the wife of Strangeman Hutchins.
WILL OF MARY COX
(Wife of Richard Cox, Sr.)

"In the name of God, Amen, I Mary Cox of the Parish and County of Henrico, being of perfect mind and memory, praise be, do make and ordinance my last will and testament in manner following: I recommend my Soul into the merciful hands of God Almighty, assuredly believing I shall receive pardon and forgiveness for all my sins thro' the merits endentersition of my lord and only saviour, Jesus Christ. My body I desire may be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor, Executor hereafter named, my worldly goods I dispose of as followeth: I give, devise and bequeath to my loving son, Richard Cox, Jr. a sorrel mare, four sheep seven hoggs, three sows, and four barrors, a small stear, likewise two hundred and forty pounds of (?) due to me by my son, John Cox. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Obedience Perkins, two suits of my cloths, and to my granddaughter, Edith Whitloe, my spinning wheel and cords. I give and bequeath to my son Richard Cox, Jr. whom I make my hole, entire Executor, all my chattels, not to be appraised.

"Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:
Benjamin Burton, Sr. and Benjamin Burton, Jr.

Her
s/s MARY C. COX - (Seal)
Mark

I acknowledge this to be my last will and testament.

"At a Court held for Henrico County, the second day of February 1735, Richard Cox, Jr. presented this will upon oath and being proved by the oath of Benj. Burton and Benj. Burton, Jr., the witnesses thereto, was thereupon ordered to be recorded.

Test. Bowler Cocke, Clerk of Court".

1. Above is a photocopy of original, Henrico County Deeds, 1725-1737, Reel a, p 513. Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia.
Appendix 2

WILL OF JOHN COX, JR.
(Son of John Cox, The Elder.)

"In the name of God Amen, this 29th day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, I, John Cox, the Older, of the County of Mecklenburg, being very sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that 'tis appointed once for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in Christian burial at the descretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God - And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of in the following manner and form, towit:

"I give, devise and bequeath unto my sister, Ann Shipp, a full release of all the debt due me from her husband, Josiah Shipp, and also the sum of twenty shillings current money to be raised out of the residue of my father's estate after the death of my mother, MARY COX, to her the said Nancy Ann Shipp and her heirs forever.

"I give, devise and bequeath to my sister, Delicia Chandler, a full release of all the debt due me from her husband, William Chandler, and also the sum of twenty shillings current money to be raised out of the residue of my father's estate after the death of my mother, MARY COX, to the said Delicia Chandler and her heirs forever.

"I give, devise and bequeath unto my sister, Mary Smithson, a full release of all the debt due me from her husband, Micajah Smithson, and also the sum of twenty shillings current money to be raised out of the residue of my father's estate after the death of my mother, MARY COX, to her the said Mary Smithson and her heirs forever.
"I give, devise and bequeath unto my sister, Edith Minor, the sum of twenty shillings to be raised out of the estate of my father devised to me after the death of my mother, MARY COX, to her, the said Edith Minor and her heirs forever.

"I give, devise, unto the children of my brother, FREDERICK COX, a full release of all the debt due me from their father, the said FREDERICK COX, deceased, and also the sum of twenty shillings current money to be raised out of the residue of my father’s estate after the death of my mother, MARY COX, equally divided among them, to them the said children of my said brother FREDERICK, and their heirs forever.

"I give, devise, and bequeath unto the children of my brother, Bartley Cox, deceased, the mare called "Polley" and her colt, being part of the estate of my father, JOHN COX, SR., and carried away by their said father, Bartley when he removed to Georgia, equally to be divided among them the said children of my brother, Bartley and their heirs forever.

"I give, devise and bequeath unto my sister, Talitha Browder, a full release of all the debts due me from her and her late husband, Isham Browder, and also the sum of twenty shillings current money to be raised out of the residue of my father's estate after the death of my mother, MARY COX, equally to be divided among all her, the said Talitha's children in case she should die before me, to her or them, I give it and their heirs forever.

"I lend unto my Dear, Beloved Wife, Francenia Cox, all the rest and residue of my estate, real and personal that may remain at my death after paying the above mentioned legacies for and during the term of her natural life, and after her decease, I give, devise and bequeath the same to such of my living issue as she, the said Francenia shall by deed or will in writing appoint.
"I nominate, constitute and appoint my said wife, Francenia Cox, to be whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, desiring that no appraisement may be made of my estate and revoking all wills and testaments by me theretofore made.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

s/s JOHN COX (Seal).

"Sealed, published and declared in presence of:

Will Ellis
Thomas Ellis
Ellison Ellis
D. Stokes.

"At a court held for Mecklenburg the 9th day of June 1794, this will was proved by the oaths of Will Ellis, Thomas Ellis and David Stokes, Jr., witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Francenia Cox, the Executrix therein named who made oath thereto and together with David Stokes, Junior and Thompson Fowlkes, her securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds, conditioned as the law directs, certificate was granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste: /s/ John Brown, C.C."

WILL OF FRANCIS SMITHSON, Deceased.

(Father of Micajah Smithson who married Mary Cox)

"In the name of God, Amen, I, Francis Smithson of Lunenburg County, being all this time in perfect health and memory yet considering the uncertainty of life have thought fit to make and appoint this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth.

"Item: I give my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I give unto the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors which will be hereafter named.

"Item: I give unto my son, Micajah Smithson, and to his heirs and assigns one negro man named James which he hath already received.

"Item: Whereas I have a certain negro man named Ned which I have long intended to give to my son John Smithson and to his heirs but it hath so happened that my son John is now deceased before he had a lawful right to the above named Ned and by my son John's dying without a will his six youngest children are likely to be suffering and do therefore hereby will and appoint the said Ned to be disposed of in the following manner. In the first place I do appoint the produce of the said Ned's labor to be applied to the support and maintenance of the above six children whose names are Clemente, Charles, Nathaniel, Sally, Wade, John and Silvanus until the said Silvanus arrives to the age of fourteen years and then I do order the said Ned to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for current money of Virginia allowing twelve months credit the purchaser giving bond and good security, the bond to bare interest from the date and the money arising thereby both principal and interest to be equally divided amongst the above named children or so many of them as are then living and I do hereby appoint my sons William and Bartley Smithson trustees to manage the above affair for the above six (seven?) children.
"Item: I give to my son Wm. Smithson and to his heirs and assigns, one negro man named Jorke.

"Item: I give to my son Manoach Smithson and to his heirs and assigns two negroes Jamme and Luci together with his future increase.

"Item: I give to my son Charles Smithson and to his heirs and assigns one negro woman named Jude together with her present and future increase.

"Item: I give to my son Francis Smithson, two hundred acres of land to him and his heirs and assigns be the same more or less according to the bonds thereof it being the land I now live on and likewise give to my son Francis and to his heirs and assigns one negro woman named Hanna, together with her future increase.

"Item: I give to my son Francis Smithson twenty pounds current money of Virginia to be paid him out of my Estate.

"Item: I give to my son Bartley Smithson and to his heirs and assigns two hundred acres of land be the same more or less according to the bounds thereof it being the land the said Bartley now lives upon, I likewise give to my son Bartley and to his heirs and assigns one negro woman named Eade together with her future increase.

"Item: I give to my five youngest sons my whipp saw.

"Item: I give to my daughter Elizabeth Edwards and to her heirs and assigns two negroes, Jeffary and Mendor, together with her future increase.

"Item: I give to my daughter Millie Hobson and to her heirs and assigns two negroes Isaac and Hager, together with her present and future increase.

"Item: As I have given to each of my children a feather bed and furniture and beast and saddel and five head of meat cattle, I choose to mention it here in general without being at the trouble to mention it to each one in particular which said effects I do hereby allow to be their lawful property against any person claiming under any pretence right or title whatsoever.
"Item: I lend to my wife, Sare Smithson, during her natural life four negroes whose names are Tom and Jenne, his wife, Cloe and Harry, her brother and likewise lend to my wife during her natural life two feather beds and furniture, two riding beasts and her saddle, likewise eight he'd of sortable meat cattle, six head of sortable sheep, ten head of sortable hogs and iron pot and a frying pan and other trifling necessaries suitable to a woman of her years to keep house with, my wife living with my son Francis and tending part of the plantation for her own private use.

"Item: At my wife's decease I do hereby order and appoint the four negroes I have lent to my wife and their increase if any, together with every article I have lent to my wife and their increase to be sold at public sale to the highest bidder for ready current money of Virginia and the money arising thereby to be equally divided amongst all my children that are then living.

"Item: I do hereby order and appoint Beck and Tom his brother together with every article of my Estate that has not been allready perticker listed to be sold at public sale to the highest bidder within two months after my death for ready current money and the money arising thereby to be equally divided among all my children that are then living.

"Item: Whereas I have lawful right to the third part of five negroes in Hardin Burnley, Sr.'s possession ever since the year 1757 as well as I now remember and I have never received my satisfaction for them as yet, I do therefore order and appoint that if my Executors shall think fit upon advising with an able lawyer think fit to sue the said Burnley or if the said Burnley be dead to sue his Executors, and if they recover any money from Mr. Burnley or his Executors, I do hereby will and appoint the same to be equally divided among all my children that are then living.
"Item: I do hereby appoint my sons, William, Charles and Bartley Smithson my Executors of this my last will and testament in witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of June MDCCLXXXIII.

"Sealed and signed in the presence of Richard Jones
Samuel Estes
Joseph X Chackley (His Mark).

s/s FRANCIS SMITHSON

"At a Court held for Lunenburg County, the 9th day of December 1784, the within Last Will and Testament of Francis Smithson, deceased, was exhibited in Court by William and Bartley Smithson, two sons, the Executors therein named and was proved by the oaths of three of the witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Executors who made oath according to law, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form they given security, whereupon they together with security entered into and acknowledged bond for the purpose.

Teste: William Taylor, CLC."

THOMAS BOULDIN

"Thomas Bouldin, whose father was an Englishman, was born in Pennsylvania. He removed first to Maryland, thence to Lunenburg County, Virginia, in 1744. He married in Maryland, Nancy Clark, and one of their children was born on the Chesapeake Bay as they made their journey to Virginia. At the end of the water journey they had yet something more than a hundred miles of land travel before they reached their home in that part of Brunswick which is now Charlotte County. With her newborn babe, Mrs. Bouldin endured the hardships of the immigration with great fortitude but when she entered her log cabin home and found no place for her gold lace hat, for the first time, she wept. The old pioneer soothed her with promise of as comfortable a dwelling place as the one she left in Maryland, a promise which he redeemed by building the second frame house built in what is now the County of Charlotte. The completion of it was celebrated by a 'housewarming' on a notable scale, an interesting account of which is given by Powatan Bouldin, a descendant, in 'The Old Trunk.'

"Thomas Bouldin became a prominent and highly respected leader in the affairs of the section. He was a merchant and farmer at the same time, and at different times a sheriff, magistrate, and Colonel of the Militia. He was, besides, a most active and zealous member of the established church. Business was his forte, and the most distinctive trait of his character was his great moral and physical courage. He died in 1783, having lived in his adopted county thirty-nine years. He was buried by the side of his wife, at the old homestead, which has been in the family one hundred and forty-eight years.'

(This was written in 1888.) 'He was the father of Major Wood
Bouldin, an officer of the Revolution, the grandfather of the Hons. Thomas T., James W., and Louis C. Bouldin, great-grandfather of the late Judge Wood Bouldin of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, and the ancestor of many bearing his name now residing in various parts of the United States. Powhatan Bouldin records the interesting fact about the old Bouldin homestead, that Nancy Clark, the bride, brought with her from Maryland, a Damask rose, which now (1888) after the lapse of 144 years, blossoms and blooms on the old place belonging to Judge Thomas T. Bouldin, one of her descendants."

WILL OF THOMAS BOULDIN, ELDER, OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

"In the name of God, Amen, I, Thomas Bouldin, Elder, of Charlotte County, of perfect sense and memory, do make and constitute this my last will and testament, towit, first, I order and direct that my funeral expenses and just debts, be duly paid and discharged.

"2ndly. I give and bequeath to my son, James Bouldin, four hundred acres of land whereon he now lives, to him and his heirs forever, also the sum of thirty pounds current money, to be raised from my estate, and paid him at the end of three years from my death.

"3rdly. I give and bequeath to my daughter Francina, Wife of John Cox, the sum of fifty pounds current money, to be paid her at the end of three years from my death.

"4thly. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Bouldin, one negro man named Jacob, to him and his heirs forever, also the sum of thirty pounds current money to be paid him at the end of three years from my death.

"5thly. I give and bequeath to my son William Bouldin three hundred and ninety acres of land on Merrin River in this County, to him and his heirs forever, also one negro man named Pitt. Also the sum of five pounds current money."
"6thly. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Bouldin, seven hundred and sixty acres of land in Henry County, also one negro man named Sam, also five pounds current money.

"7thly. I give and bequeath to the children of my daughter, the sum of twenty pounds each to be paid them when they come of age or marry, and in the case of the death before that time, the money to be paid to the other.

"8thly. I order and direct that the remainder of my estate remain on the plantation whereon I now live, and that the business of my plantation and other affairs be carried on and transacted as they now are, I also order that the money arising from the sale of my lands, and all my other estate of every kind whatever be equally divided between my two son, Wood and Richard Bouldin, to them and them and their heirs forever, lastly I constitute and appoint my said two sons, Wood and Richard, to be my Executors. Charlotte County, May 1st. 1777.

s/s THOMAS BOULDIN, L. S.

"Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in presence of James Cuninghame, Sarah Colier, Abraham Vaughn, Ann Vaughn, Robert Gilliam, Thomas Cox.

"At a Court held for Charlotte County, Virginia, the second day of June 1783, this last will and testament of Thomas Bouldin, Sr. was exhibited in court by Wood Bouldin and Richard Bouldin, the Executors therein named and the same was proved by the oaths of Sarah Collier, Abraham Vaughn, Ann Vaughn, and Thomas Cox, and ordered to be recorded." ¹

¹ Thomas Bouldin Will recorded in Will Book I, p 334, Charlotte County Courthouse, Charlotte, Virginia.
The children of Thomas Bouldin and Nancy (Clark) Bouldin were as follows:


Son, Thomas Bouldin, Jr. Married Martha Moseley.

Son, Wood Bouldin. Married Joanna Tyler. Born in 1742. He was in the Revolutionary War. (See D.A.R. Application Paper No. 475888.)

Daughter, Mary Bouldin. Married Thomas Cox.

Son, Ephraim Bouldin.

Son, William Bouldin.

Daughter, Francina Bouldin. Born August 8, 1737, died December 25, 1811, married John Cox II who was in the Revolution. (See D.A.R. Application Paper No. 153051 for John Cox, II, the brother of FREDERICK COX.)

Son, Joseph Bouldin. Married Nancy Cheatham.

Son, Richard Bouldin. Married Betty Moseley. Born in 1744. He was in the Revolutionary War. (See D.A.R. Application Paper No. 475888.)

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Appendix 4

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION OF BARTLETT COX

"State of Virginia
Mecklenburg County. Towit:

"On this 8th day of October 1835, personally appeared before me John Hutcheson a justice of the peace in and for said county, Bartlett Cox, a resident of said county in the State aforesaid, aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the summer of the year 1779, with Captain Nathaniel Burwell and served, he believed, in the 10th Virginia Regiment under the following officers: Major Faulkner, Major Long, Colonel Munford, General Stevens, and others that he cannot now recollect. He served in Virginia near Petersburg in North and South Carolina, was near the Hanging Rock in South Carolina when General Blueford was defeated, and was under Captain Lucas in the Battle of Guilford, North Carolina, in which battle he was shot in the left leg. He was taken to the hospital where his leg was immediately cut off by Doctor Wallace. He stayed in the said hospital upwards of six months. He was discharged from the said hospital in October 1781.

"After the close of the War, sometime, a pension of five dollars per month was given him by the State of Virginia which pension was raised to eight dollars per month in the year 1823 and has been regularly paid to him by the Agent of the United States for paying pensions in Richmond, Virginia. That identical certificate of pension is now in his possession. The following is a true copy: 'War Department Invalid Pension. I certify that in conformity with the laws of the United States, Bartlett Cox, late a private in the Army of the United States is inscribed on the pension list roll of the Virginia Agency at the rate of eight
dollars per month, to commence on the day to which he was last paid. Given at the War Office of the United States this thirteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.'

(Endorsed on back) J. C. CALHOUN, SECRETARY OF WAR."

"Registered in Book "B", Volume 8, page 83 by Wm. Gordon, Clerk. Examined and countersigned by I. L. Edwards, that he is the identical person to whom the said certificate was issued, that he served in the Army of the Revolution as a private soldier, at least two years, for which he claims a pension. He was born in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of Virginia and has lived there ever since, except the time he was in the Army of the Revolution.

"He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and the one that he is now entitled to, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state except that of the Agency in the State of Virginia.

/s/ BARTLETT X COX (His Mark.)

"Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. /s/ JOHN HUTCHESON"

"I do further certify that owing to old age, the loss of a leg, a recent fall from his horse, and other bodily infirmities, that Bartlett Cox, the foregoing applicant for a pension, cannot with ease or convenience, attend the Court of the County in which he resides.

/s/ JOHN HUTCHESON"

Record: The above filed under Pension Number S-24964, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Note: The above Bartlett Cox seems to be the son of Bartley Cox who was an uncle of ISHAM COX (NANCY'S father.) He entered the Army at the age of 17 years and was wounded at the age of 19 and had to have his leg removed after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. He died December 25, 1845, at the age of 83. (Author's note.)
"William Marcus Shipp was named for the two best friends of his father, Bartlett Shipp. These gentlemen were William Julius Alexander, of Charlotte, and Marcus Erwin, of Morganton, both lawyers of great distinction. Bartlett Shipp, a native of Surry County, North Carolina, was a soldier of the War of 1812. He went to Charlotte to study law under his compatriot, the Hon. Joseph Wilson, the great lawyer and noted solicitor, who came from Stokes County, North Carolina, soon after the War of 1812. There Shipp became a member of the Wilson Household as a tutor to the children. After securing his law license, Mr. Shipp began practice in the courts of the district, going from place to place with Mr. Wilson and other lawyers, traveling on horseback, hundreds of miles.

"In 1818 he was married to Susan, daughter of General Peter Forney, of Lincoln County, North Carolina. Bartlett Shipp and his wife remained at the home of General Forney for a year or so, and it was there at Mount Welcome that their oldest child and only son was born. Shortly thereafter they moved to a property about a mile from Mount Welcome, where they spent nearly all the years of their married life.

"A few months before the death of Bartlett Shipp, in 1869, Judge Marcus Shipp moved his aged parents and his own young children to the town of Lincolnton, North Carolina. Bartlett Shipp was born in 1786 and was 83 years old at the time of his death. His father, Thomas Shipp, lived to be 96 years old; but both were outdone in longevity by the mother of Thomas Shipp, Mrs. Nancy (Cox) Shipp, who died, as learned from the family bible, in 1828 at the age of 104 years old. She was a daughter of JOHN COX, OF LUNENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA and the wife of Josiah Shipp, of Surry County, North Carolina. Her son, Thomas Shipp, was a soldier of the Revolution, and her
daughter, Nancy or Nanny, married Colonel John Martin, a leader of the patriotic forces in the surrounding country. (Adapted from Manuscript by the late Miss Kate Shipp.)"

1. Copied from History of Tryon and Old Rutherford Counties by Clarence W. Griffin. Footnote No. 9, page 241.
2. This JOHN COX OF LUNENBURG was the great-grandfather of NANCY CLARK (COX) ALLISON, the subject of our story.
DEED BETWEEN ISHAM COX AND ZACHARIAH SNEED
FOR FREDERICK COX LAND

"This indenture made this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, between ISHAM COX of the State of Tennessee, County of Knox of the one part and Zachariah Sneed of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina of the other part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, current money of the State of North Carolina, by the said Zachariah Sneed in hand paid to the said ISHAM COX, the right whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said ISHAM COX hath given, granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain and sell unto the said Zachariah Sneed, his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina, on both sides of crooked creek, containing two hundred and twelve acres, be the same more or less. Beginning at a poplar on Joseph Scale's line running south on said line one hundred and sixty eight poles, to a white oak on said line, thence west fifty two poles to a post oak, on the said Zachariah Sneed's own line, thence north fourteen poles to a stake, thence west along the said Sneed's line one hundred and sixty four poles to a walnut tree on Isaac Joyce's line, thence north one hundred and fifty four poles to a black oak on Alexander Joyce's line, thence east two hundred and sixteen poles to the first station. To have and to hold the said tract of land, with all the appurtenances, thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining to him, the said Zachariah Sneed, his heirs and assigns forever.

1. Above Deed Recorded: Deed Book 3, p 387, Stokes County Courthouse, Danbury, North Carolina. FREDERICK COX was the father of ISHAM COX.
"And the said ISHAM COX for himself, his heirs, executors,
and administrators and assigns doth covenant and agree to and with
the said Zachariah Sneed, his heirs, executors, and that he, the
said Zachariah, his heirs, executors, shall quietly and peaceably
possess and enjoy the aforesaid land and premises and he the said
ISHAM COX doth bind himself, his heirs, and executors, that he will
forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid
granted land and premises against the right, title, claim or claims
of all manner of persons whatever.

"To the said Zachariah Sneed, his heirs and assigns forever,
with this reservation and exception, that the aforesaid tract of
land being that part of a tract the said ISHAM COX'S father,
FREDERIC COX, died possessed of, and was assigned to his widow,
MILDRED COX for her dower; now it is distinctly understood by the
said ISHAM COX and Zachariah Sneed, that the said MILDRED hath a
life estate in the said tract of land being entitled to the same
as her dower.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
day and year above written.

s/s ISHAM COX (Seal)

"Sealed and delivered before Noah Scales and Thomas (Theophilus)
Lacy.

"Stokes County March Term 1801. Execution of the above deed was
duly proved in open court by the oath of Theophilus Lacy and
ordered to be registered.

/s/ Rob William, C.C.

"STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA: File No. 494.

"No. 493: Know ye that we have granted unto FREDERICK COX
six hundred and forty acres of land in Surry County on Crooked
Creek beginning on a white oak, Thomas Joyce's corner, coming
east with the County line fifty two chains, crossing said Creek
to Childer's corner on a red oak, then south one hundred and
twenty-three chains and nine links, to the first station bounded
on the west side by Thomas Jones and Benjamin Farmer, and on
the east side by John Childers and John Smith. To hold unto
the said FREDERICK COX, his heirs and assigns forever, dated 13
of October 1783.

/s/ Alex. Martin

/s/ J. Glasgow, Secretary

FREDERICK COX was on the 1771 and 1772 Tax List for Surry
County, North Carolina.

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"State of Tennessee, Roane County, Tennessee.

"On this 30th day of December 1833, personally appeared before me, John Roberts, one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Roane County, John Cox, a resident citizen of this County of Roane and State of Tennessee, aged 75 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 17th, 1832, that he volunteered in the year 1776 in Orange City, Virginia, under Captain John Scott, Lieutenant Head and attached to (?) Regiment, Colonel's name forgotten, General Nelson commanded the Brigade, marched from Orange to Little York, where he remained three months and was discharged. They were in no engagement at this time, his discharge has been lost or destroyed long since, from thence he returned back to Orange where he remained some time when in the year 1777, when he was drafted in Captain Head's Company and attached to the assignment commanded by Colonel Tool or Toal or Toul, in the Brigade commanded by General Wheaton, marched from Orange to Fredericksburg, Virginia where they remained some time but was in no battle. Was again discharged after serving three months, this discharge is lost also. From Fredericksburg he returned to Orange where he remained some time when he was again drafted in Captain Head's Company, marched to Potomack (sic) in order to guard the prisoners who had been taken at Bauguines (sic) defeat, marched from Potomack to Albemarle Barracks where they remained three months, when applicant was again discharged, this was in 1777, as well as recollected. This discharge has also been lost. From Albemarle he returned back to Orange, Virginia."
"From Orange, applicant went to North Carolina to see his
Brother, when he was taken prisoner by a Tory party commanded
by a certain Major Roberson and Colonel Lea, and detained some
days when applicant was discharged with orders not to fight in
the American Army during the War. Not long afterward this
applicant again volunteered under Captain White and attached to
the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland, remained in Wilks
County and Burke County until the 7th of October 1780 when they
attacked and defeated a body of the British and Tories at
King's Mountain under the celebrated Colonel Ferguson, when
this applicant again retired after serving five months he
received no discharge. He then returned to Burke County,
North Carolina. This applicant was in no engagement save the
one last mentioned, was out on different tours fourteen months.
He knows of no other living witness by whom he can prove his
service. He was born in the State of Virginia, Orange County,
but has no record of his age. He has stated where he lived
when called into service, he has lived in North Carolina ever
since the Revolutionary War until about 16 years since when he
moved to Roane County, Tennessee. He has stated the manner in
which he was called into service and also the names of his
officers, he received a discharge for every tour but the last
one from the captains under whom he served but they have been
lost. He states the names of the following persons residing in
his neighborhood who can certify as to his veracity, to wit,
Hugh Francis, William Crowder, John Watson, Martin Watson and
George White. Applicant also states that owing to bodily
infirmity, he is unable to travel to the place of holding
court. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or
annuity except this present and he declares that his name is
not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

/s/ John X Cox
Mark
"Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of December 1833, John Roberts, a Justice of the Peace for Roane County.

"We, Hugh Francis and John Watson, residing in the County of Roane and State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Cox who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 75 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. We also certify that there is no resident clergyman in his neighborhood. We also certify that owing to his bodily infirmity he is unable to travel to the place of holding court. Sworn to and subscribed to the 30th day of December 1833: /s/ Hugh Francis, John X Watson (his mark) and John Roberts, a Justice of the Peace for Roane County.

"And the said John Roberts, Justice as aforesaid, does hereby declare his opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations aforesaid by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

"And he further certified that it appears to him that Hugh Francis and John Watson, who has signed the above certificate are creditable persons and that their statement is entitled to credit. It also appears from their certificate, there is no resident clergyman in the neighborhood of applicant and that said applicant is unable to attend court.

"And he further certifies that the foregoing contains the original proceedings in the matter of the application of John Cox for a pension. In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, December 30th, 1833.

/s/ John Roberts, J.P. (Seal)
A Justice of the Peace for Roane County."
"State of Tennessee, Roane County.

"I, Henry Breazeale, Clerk of County Court of said County, do certify that John Roberts before whom the foregoing declaration and certificates were taken, swore he is now and then was, an acting Justice of the Peace for said County and his signature hereto is in his own proper handwriting.

"Given under my hand and private seal, not having a seal at office in Kingston, the 31st day of December 1833.

s/s Henry Breazeale, Clerk." ¹

¹ Recorded: Pension No. S21124, General Services Administration, National Archives, Military Service Records, Washington, D.C.
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MILDRED COX, JUNIOR

"This, the twenty-ninth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-two. I, Mildred Cox, Junior, of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being sick but of a disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God for this mercy, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit:

"First: I recommend my soul to God, my creator and redeemer by whose mercies I hope to be saved and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my surviving friend.

"My will is that all my just debts shall be paid and that all my brothers and sisters shall have one dollar each, and firstly that Thomas Boulding's daughter, Jane G. Boulding, shall have and enjoy, her and her heirs and assigns, all the residue of my property, both real and personal. I do make, constitute and ordain William Joyce My executor of this, my last will and testament.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

s/s MILDRED X COX (Seal)
Mark

"Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the testator in presence of us:
Test: Reuben Hughes, Jurat, Sarah X Simmons (her mark), and William Joyce.

"Stokes County Term, December 1822: The execution of the last will and testament of Mildred Cox, deceased, was duly proven in open court by the oath of Reuben Hughes and ordered to be recorded.

/s/ M. R. Moore, C.C.C. By:
R. D. Golding, D.C.C.

Recorded: Stokes County Courthouse, Will Book 3, p 91, Danbury, North Carolina. (Her sister, Armine Cox married Thomas Boulding.)
Appendix 9

WILL OF RICHARD COX, BROTHER OF JOSHUA COX

"In the name of God Amen. I, Richard Cox of Stokes County and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed by God, do this 31st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine, make and publish this to be my last will and testament in the following manner, viz: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Jane, the tract of land and plantation whereon I dwell, also two small tracts of land containing 95 acres that lies near the aforesaid land and plantation, to have and to fully enjoy as long as she shall live and then for the above mentioned land and plantation to fall to my son Joshua, also I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Jane, all my plantation tools and stock such as is necessary and such as is not necessary may be sold. My smith tools I give to my son Joshua, but he is not to move them off the plantation, and all my stock and plantation tools and household furniture is to be equally divided between my eight children, at my wife's death, also I give to my beloved wife four negroes, namely: Seller, Sil, Aaron and Jacob, her lifetime and after her death to be equally divided between my eight children and all my other tracts of land besides the above mentioned land is to be equally divided between my seven daughters after my decease, also I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter, Sally, one negro boy by the name of Lewis and to my next eldest daughter, Polly, one negro girl by the name of Amy, and to my daughter, Caty, one negro girl by the name of Rebecca, and to my daughter, Agness, one negro girl by the name of Minny, also I give to my daughter, Nancy, one negro by the name Lampson, and to my daughter, Betsy, one negro boy by the name of Jans, which negroes is to be divided at my decease, also I give and bequeath to my son Joshua one negro man by the name of Bob. If any of these aforementioned negroes die before my children gets them into possession, they shall be made hole again out of the property that I gave my beloved wife at her death, also I give my daughter
Nancy one horse worth one hundred dollars, or if she can't get a horse worth that, she must have that much money to be raised out of my stock and money that I gave my beloved wife. I also give my daughter Nancy one bed and bed clothing and two cows and calves or yearlings. I also give my son Joshua one bed and bed clothing and two cows. I also give George Campbell, my son-in-law, what money is now in his hands. If any of my property should be left out of this will through mistake, my desire is that such property should be equally divided amongst my children and I hereby make and order John Whitlock and George Campbell and my son, Joshua Cox, all of the same county and state above mentioned, executors of this my last will and testament, I set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

s/s RICHARD COX - (Seal). ¹

"Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us:
James Cook
Tyne Riddle
James George."

¹ Will recorded, Will Book 2, p 106½, Stokes County Courthouse, Danbury, North Carolina. The above is a photocopy of same.
Appendix 10

In a Proclamation of the King, 1763, soldiers who served in the French and Indian Wars, on the frontiers of Virginia were declared eligible for land grants. Among those so listed is David Cox, together with his brothers, John and Joshua and his brother-in-law, Malcolm McCowan. This Proclamation is recorded in the Montgomery County Court Orders, and is quoted in Summer's Annals, pages 1415-1417.

David Cox died early in 1819, his will having been admitted to record at the May term of court, in that year. A copy of this will follows:

WILL OF DAVID COX

(Son of John and Mary (Rankin) Cox)

"In the name of God Amen. I, David Cox of the County of Grayson and State of Virginia, being very weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that give it and my Body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall recover the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

"First, I make and appoint my son, Samuel Cox and my daughter, Ann Cox, to be my executors and executrix of this my last will and testament, all my just debts to be paid in the first place and my estate to be divided as follows:
"To my daughter, Ann Cox, I give and bequeath a negro boy
named James, also to my daughter, Catherine Blevins, I give and
bequeath a negro boy named Ben, that she has now in her possession,
also, to my daughter Mary Phipps, I give and bequeath a negro girl
named Sarah, her natural life time and at her death the said
negro girl and her increase, if any, to be left to her children,
equal divided, also to my daughter, Margaret Douglass, I give and
bequeath a negro girl named Agnes, and not to be disposed of in
no manner by no persons nor persons in her natural lifetime, then
the said negro girl and her increase to be equally divided
amongst her children, also to seven of my sons, that is to say,
Joshua, John, Samuel, David, Andrew, Rankin and Alexander Cox,
I give and bequeath my four negroes, towit, Bett, Alse, Jacob, Pleasant,
to be sat up and sold amongst ourselves at the highest bidder, and
Alse and her Child, Pleasant, to be sat up together and sold and the
money to be equally divided amongst the above named sons, also
for my negro man Roger, for my son Samuel to take in his possession
my negro Roger and keep him at work for twelve years and then set him
free, and the said Samuel is to give him a piece of land his lifetime
and to be a guardian for said negro to see that he behaves himself, and
to see that he won't be misused without a cause, each of the legatees to
receive one hundred dollars and the said money to be paid yearly and to
be paid agreeable to age, that is to say, the oldest legatee first
and so until the twelve years is out. If the said negro Rogers dies
or gets unable to work for the time he lives, or is able to do good
work for each year one hundred dollars, that is to be equally divided
amongst the whole of the legatees. Also, to my son, Richard Cox, I
give and bequeath to him my Smith tools. He is not to move them from
the Shop till three years after my death. Also, to my son Alexander
Cox, I give and bequeath the land above the cross fence and from the
river as the fence runs to the top of the ridge, then along the top of the
ridge to the head of the rock hollow, then down the fence to his own
line, also, if he lives to have any lawful heir, then to have the whole of the land I now live on, also, I bequeath and give to my grandson, Haywood Cox, a son of Samuel Cox, the land I now live on, except my son, Alexander, has a lawful heir. Also, I give and bequeath unto my two granddaughters, Matilda and Mehala Douglass, one black mare come of Gigon, at my death the said mare and her increase to be sold and the money put to interest by my son Samuel till they come of age, and if one dies, the other to have the whole, also all stock of all kinds not mentioned in this, my will, and all tools and all household goods of all sorts, and everything not mentioned, to be discharged of at the highest bidder, also, my Still to be sold at the highest bidder, also, fifty acres of land lying in North Carolina, Rankin Cox land and Samuel Cox's, the land fifty acres, to be divided equal between Rankin Cox and Haywood Cox or Alexander Cox, also, to my daughter, Ann Cox, I give and bequeath one trunk and Watt's hymn book, also, to my daughter, Mary Phipps, my bible, also, to Margaret Douglass, to have (illegible) also, Rankin Cox to have the Confession of Faith, all other books for my son, Samuel Cox to have and to divide them if he thinks proper, to keep them, and if any of the legatees is dissatisfied with this, my last will, they are not to have anything more than what they have already got from me, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other form and testaments, wills, legacies bequeathed and executors by me or any wise before named, will and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

s /s DAVID COX (Seal)

"Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and delivered by the said David Cox as his last will and testament. In the presence of us who in his presence
and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names: John Reaves, George Douglass, Jesse Reaves (his mark), Grayson County, Virginia, April Court 1819.¹

Note: David Cox's wife was Margaret McGowan.

¹ Above will proved in May Term of Court 1819, Grayson County, Independence, Virginia. Also, see As a Tree Grows by Verl F. Weight, September 1962, pp 25-27.
WILL OF JOSHUA COX, JR.

"In the name of God Amen. I, Joshua Cox, Jun. of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina, taking into consideration the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, do make, ordain and publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form following:

"That is to say, FIRST: It is my will and desire that Lititia Watson have one hundred acres of land to be taken off of the lower end of my tract to run from outside to outside of said tract and that she hold the same in fee simple.

"SECONDLY: I will and bequeath all of my stock of cattle, hogs and one horse to James Watson.

"THIRDLY: It is my will and desire that my sister Nancy have twenty dollars out of my estate.

"FOURTHLY: It is my will and desire that the balance of my land be equally divided between my sisters now living and the heirs of those who have died. It is my desire that Richard Cox be constituted and appointed the executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of May 1836.

s/s JOSHUA COX (Seal)

"Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of: Mat R. Moore and Thomas Martin"

"May 23rd 1836: On reflection, some doubts are entertained as to the effect or distribution which may take place under the fourth item, to remove all doubt on this subject, it is further stated by way of explanation that to each of my sisters living, I bequeath one seventh part of said land and to the heirs of such of my sisters as are dead, I bequeath one seventh part of said land.

s/s JOSHUA COX (Seal)
"Mat R. Moore and Thomas Martin.

"June Term 1836: The execution of the last will and testament of Joshua Cos, Jun., deceased, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open court by the oath of Mathew R. Moore and Thomas Martin, Subs. Witnesses."

1. The above photocopy of Will of Joshua Cox, Jr. is recorded Will Book 3, p 305, Stokes County Courthouse, Danbury, North Carolina. Joshua Cox, Jr. was the son of JOSHUA COX, SR. AND MARY (NEAL) COX, NANCY'S grandparents on the maternal side.
Appendix 12

LAND GRANTS IN STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO

JOSHUA COX, SR.  

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1. Recorded: Secretary of State Office, Raleigh, North Carolina. (Land Grant Office.)
Appendix 13

WILL OF ANDREW ALLISON

"In the name of God Amen, this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty. I, Andrew Allison, of the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be unto God for the same, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and for my body, I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in manner and form following, that is to say in the first place, I give and bequeath to my loving son, Adam, my large bible and my best suit of wearing apparel, to him and his heirs forever. I likewise give and bequeath to my loving daughter Elizabeth, five shillings sterling money to her and her heirs forever. I likewise give and bequeath to my loving daughter, Sarah, one horse named Gilbert, and one negro girl named Sarah, to her and her heirs forever, I likewise give and bequeath to my loving son, Theophilus, five negroes (viz) Sambo, Jude, Ben, Hannah and George, to him and his heirs forever. I likewise give and bequeath to my son Adam's daughter, Ann, my bed and furniture, I likewise give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth's son, Andrew Oliphant, one two year old horse colt of a dark bay color. I likewise give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah's son, John, one young mare named Silver Heels and one grown cow, I further give and bequeath to my son, Theophilus, one-half of the remainder of all my estate to him and his heirs forever, I further give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah,
the other half of my estate which remains to be equally divided between her and her son John, to them and their heirs forever, and I do desire that, that part of my estate which is to be divided be not exposed to sale but be divided by the parties themselves or by indifferent persons chosen by them for that purpose.

"Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my son, Theophilus Allison, Executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby disannul and revoke all and every other former wills and testaments by me made and do publish, pronounce, and declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first above written, signed and sealed in the presence of the subscribers:

John Nesbit
s/s ANDREW ALLISON (Seal) ¹
Andrew Freeland
William Bard."

Note: Andrew Allison's wife, Margaret (McConnell) Allison, was deceased before the above will was written. She was the daughter of John McConnell. Andrew Allison came to North Carolina on April 3, 1751, and recorded a land warrant for 640 acres on both sides of Fourth Creek. He came to North Carolina from Colerain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. ² Andrew Allison was born in Ireland, approximately 1720. ³

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¹ Will of Andrew Allison is a true copy from the original, Rowan County Courthouse, Salisbury, North Carolina. It was probated 1780. For further information, write Mrs. Philip N. Peacock, Rowan County Researcher, 1420 Filbert Street, Salisbury, North Carolina.


³ Daughters of the American Revolution Application Paper No. 320165, for place of Andrew Allison's birth.
WILL OF JAMES ALISON

"In the name of God Amen, this twenty-fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty, I, James Alison of Rowan County in the Province of North Carolina, Freeholder, being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory. Thanks be given to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul to the hands of God who gave it and for my body, I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christen like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God and as touching same such worldly estate as it hath been pleased God to bless me with in this life.

"I bequeath to my well beloved wife, Mary Alison, the third part of my remaining estate, real and personal and the use of the Plantation during her widowhood or till the oldest son comes of age, in case she keeps and maintains the children of I, James Alison. AND in case of her marrying or the oldest son coming of age, the Plantation is to be sold, the oldest son having priviledge to purchase, if so inclined, and the money is to be equally divided amongst the children, including the child that she, the said Mary Alison, is great with at present, and put to interest for the use and behalf of said children together with their equal proportion of my personal estate.

"Lastly, I do hereby appoint, constitute and ordain, my well beloved brother, Andrew Alison, James Carson, and John Gardner of the county and province aforesaid, to be the Executors of this, my last will and testament, and I do hereby disallow, disannul and revoke all will or wills, testament or testaments or legacies, whatsoever, heretofore, bequeathed, willed or made
by me until the day of the date hereof, allowing these only to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have interchangeably set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, declared by the said James Alison to be his last will and testament in presence of: William McDowell, Samuel X Thornton (his mark) and John Kerr.

s/s JAMES ALISON (Seal) ¹

Note: "In 1749, James Allison and Mary, his wife, of Cecil County, sold land previously bought from one Hugh Lawson. Two years later, James Allison and Mary, his wife, were granted 350 acres on the Carolina Frontier lying on both sides of Crane Creek, including the trading Camps running up the path that goes to the Irish Settlement and an additional 320 acres adjoining Matthew Lock and John Brandon, Senior. On April 3, 1751, James Allison's brother, Andrew, of Colerain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, recorded a land warrant for 640 acres on both sides of Fourth Creek."

"James Allison was justice of the court." ²

"Hugh Bowman and William Watt were married to two of the daughters of James Allison, who died in the Cumberland Valley." ³

¹ James Alison’s Will, October Court 1760, transcribed into Book "A", p 1. Photocopy of the original obtained from Rowan County Wills (original), Volume I, p 24, Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina.


³ Ibid, p 82n. Also, Rowan County Court Minutes, North Carolina, Volume I, p 3-7.

WILL OF THOMAS ALLISON

"This being my last will and testament, being weak of body but of perfect memory.
FIRST: I bequeath to my beloved wife, Martha Allison, the third part of my whole estate, all household furniture, likewise a young bay mare free. Also, a negroe by name Peter, during her widowhood, afterwards to be sold and equally divided amongst the children. Also, to my two sons, Richard and Thomas Allison, all my lands to be equally divided between them, the entered land to be deeded out of the stock. To my two daughters I bequeath, that is to Naomi and Ann Allison, 1500 pounds each, the negroe wench and her children likewise, the stock, to be sold by public vendue and divided equally amongst the children. These particulars I pronounce to be my last will and testament before Mose Witney.
"This 12th day of February A.D. 1780.
"Executors: My nephews, Adam and Theophilus Allison (sons of brother Andrew Allison.)
"Witnesses: Mose Witney, James Finley and Theophilus Simenton.

s/s THOMAS ALLISON (Seal) ¹

Note: "There seems little doubt that Robert and Thomas Allison were close kin of Andrew, for both settled on the waters of Fourth Creek within two miles of his house. Their origin cannot be positively determined, but the evidence most strongly suggests that they went to North Carolina from London Britain Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, or from the waters of Octoraro Creek, on the border between Lancaster and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania." ²

¹ Will of Thomas Allison is copy of original, Rowan County Courthouse, Salisbury, North Carolina. The will was probated 1802, Will Book for 1800, p 119.
² Carolina Cradle by Robert W. Ramsey, pp 64-65. Also, Rowan County Deed Books, Office of Registrar of Deeds, Rowan County Courthouse, Salisbury, North Carolina.
Appendix 14

CHARLES AND EPHRAIM MCLEAN, BROTHERS BORN 1728 AND 1730.¹

"Whether born in Rowan County, North Carolina, or in Pennsylvania, or in Ulster, Ireland or in Scotland, not positively known.

"Their father, named either Charles or John, one of three or more brothers. Their mother was a daughter of old Ephraim Moore,² who lived to a great age and who married a second wife when he was 104 years old, danced a 'reel' at his second wedding, which is thought to have been in North Carolina or Virginia about 1760-1775.

"Colonel Charles McLean (1728-1800) married Mrs. Susan (Howard) Allison, widow, daughter of Dr. Howard of Philadelphia, about 1760-1762. They had three children:


2. Rebecca McLean. Married --- White, and left one son, Charles McLean White, raised by his grandparents. He went to Kentucky.

3. Ephraim McLean. Born about 1763 in western North Carolina. Died 1813 in Kentucky. He was instrumental in establishing the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Married Elizabeth Byers of York County, South Carolina. Went to Kentucky in 1796. Lived previously on Crowders Creek headwaters in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, where part of his ten children were born. Father of

¹ McCubbins' Collection. Excerpts from Court Records, Newspapers, correspondence. Collected by Mrs. J. F. McCubbins of Salisbury, North Carolina. It is now in the Salisbury Public Library, North Carolina. The above was a letter written to Mrs. McCubbins from Ewing McLean.

² See Appendix 15 for more about Ephraim Moore.
WILL OF JAMES MOORE

Son of Ephraim Moore who was one of the early immigrants to America:

"I, James Moor in the Province of Pennsylvania and County of Lancaster and Township of Hempfield, being in my perfect memory and judgement, tho under very much indisposition of body, I do comit my Soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently interred in the graveyard of Donegal and as for my worldly substance or estate, I bequeath it as followeth, viz:

"After all my debts are discharged, I will my wife, Elizabeth Moor, two cows more than the third and that my only son, Ephraim Moor should have the two thirds, all but the two forementioned cows, and if it should please God to call him off the Stage of Time unto Eternity, viz., my son, and my wife outlive him, she shall have the one third of his part and my sister's children the two thirds, and I will that the most part of the moveables be sold and purchase the land from the Proprieter and if my wife continues unmarried, that my son and her may enjoy the place together, but if my wife sees fit to marry, I will that the place be sold at Public Vendue, my sons part taken, and purchase two hundred acres of woodland or what it can purchase. This I leave as my last will and testament and leaves David Hess and Arthur Patterson Administrator or rather Executors, to see my will executed and the legacy distributed, and while my old father lives to oversee them, this I leave under my hand and seal as is forementioned as my last will and testament.

Signed and delivered in presence of Zachariss Moore, Andrew Stephen, Joseph Scott.

s/s JAMES MOOR - (Seal)

"Lancaster County, the thirteenth day of May A.D. 1736.

Then personally appeared Zachariss Moore and Joseph Scott, two of the witnesses to the within written will and on their solemn
affirmation according to law did declare they saw and heard James Moore the Testator with name signed, seal, publish, and declare the same will to be his last will and testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound mind, memory and understanding, to the best of their knowledge.

/s/ Blunston, Dep. Regist.

"BE IT remembered that on the 13th day of May A.D. 1736, the last will and testament of James Moor, deceased, was proved in due form of law and probate and letters testamentory were granted unto David Hess and Arthur Patterson, having first affirmed well and truly to administer the said deceased estate and bring an inventory thereof into the Registers Office in Lancaster County on or before the 13th day of June next and also to render an account when thereunto lawfully required. Given under the seal of this office.

/s/ Blunston, Dep. Regist."
WILL OF EPRAIM MOORE

Son of James Moor who was deceased 1736. (See will of same on previous page.)

"In the name of God, Amen, I, Ephraim Moore of the Township of Hempfield in Lancaster County, Pa. Forever being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in descent christian burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

"First, I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife, Eleanor, my bald-faced mare and saddle and bed and bedstead and furniture and her wearing apparel, likewise all the rents and profits of the plantation I now live on, providing my widow maintain all my children's school and clothe them out of the profits of said plantation 'till they arrive at the age of twenty-one or marry, or if said children will stay with her and work and help to maintain themselves and be subject to her lawful commands 'till the time that my youngest son, William, arrives at the age of twenty-one years.

"Next, I allow all my just debts to be paid intact.

"Item: I leave and bequeath to my daughter, Anna, one hundred and ten pounds to be paid when my lands up Susquehanna are sold, and to my daughter, Elizabeth, one hundred and ten pounds when she is of full age, and I leave and bequeath to each of my sons two hundred pounds: James two hundred pounds, Arthur
two hundred pounds, Samuel two hundred pounds, Ephraim, Jr. two
hundred pounds, William two hundred pounds, and as I suspect my
wife to be with child, if it is a boy, he is to have equal with
one of the boys, if a girl, to have equal with one of the girls.
I do hereby empower my Executors to sell all my lands that are
up the River Susquehanna when they think proper, granting to
them full power to release the same. And I empower my sons to
sell the plantation I live on when my son William is twenty-one
years of age, and when sold, the above legatees to be paid off
and after the legatees are paid off of what money remains of the
sales of the real and personal estate after paying all my just debts,
to be equally divided amongst my then surviving children, where my
widow shall be allowed after the sale of the last mentioned plantation,
a third part of the interest of the money that the said plantation is
sold for or equivalent thereto during her natural life. But if my
sons choose to keep the said plantation, when my son William comes of
age, they may keep it, but my sons and the Executors shall choose
three freeholders to appraise and value said plantation and when
valued to be void, and paid as is above described if sold. If any
of my sons die before they come of age, their portion is to be divided
amongst my sons, and if any of my daughters die before they are married,
their portion is to be divided amongst my daughters or daughter.

"I do likewise make, constitute and appoint my well beloved
wife, Eleanor, and my brother-in-law, James Patterson and Arthur
Patterson's son, Samuel Patterson, my soul Executors of this, my
last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and
disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legatees,
bequeaths and Executors by me in any wise before named, willed and
bequeathed, ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testa-
ment. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
ninth day of September in the year of our Lord 1776, repeat,
the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

s/s EPHRAIM MOORE - SEAL

"Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the
said Ephraim Moore as his last will and testament in the presence
of each other, have hereto subscribed our names:
/s/ Alexander Scott
/s/ Samuel Patterson
/s/ Samuel Rankin

the subscribing witnesses to the above will and upon their
coporal oaths did depose and say that they were present and saw
and heard Ephraim Moore, the testator above named, sign, seal,
publish, pronounce and declare the above and within writing as
his last will and testament, and that in the doing thereof he
was of sound and well disposing mind, memory and understanding
to the best of their knowledge, observation and belief.

/s/ Edward Shippen, D. Reg.

"Be it remembered that on the eleventh day of December A.D.
1776, the last will and testament of Ephraim Moore, late of
Hempfield Township in Lancaster County, Yeoman, deceased, was
proved in just form of law and letter testamentary, thereon
was granted to Eleanor Moore and James Patterson, two of the
Executors therein (Arthur Patterson, the remaining Executor
being a minor), they being first qualified well and truly to
administer the estate of the deceased and to exhibit a true and
perfect inventory thereof into the Register's Office at Lancaster
on or before the eleventh day of January next and to render a
true and just account of their administration on the estate of
the said decedent when thereto lawfully required, given under the
seal of the said offices by me.

/s/ Edward Shippen, D. Reg."

2. The above will is quoted verbatim from a photocopy obtained
from Will Book C-1, p 364, Lancaster County Courthouse,
Office of Register of Will, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
For Family Chart of Ephraim Moore, see Donegal Presbyterian
Church by J. L. Ziegler, A.M., M.D., p 59 (1902).
Appendix 16

From the *Virginia Genealogist*, page 158, 1959, we find the following concerning Ephraim Moore, the Immigrant:

"4th November 1741, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: At an Orphans Court upon the petition of Ephraim Moore of said County, Yeoman, that some time since, his son-in-law, John McLean, went into the Colony of Virginia and there dyed, leaving some effects which had been administered on in that Colony and that John McLean left four small children in Pennsylvania, ordered that William Dunlap of Lancaster County, uncle of the said children, be their guardian." ¹

¹ Brunswick County Deeds and Wills, p 511, 1732-1740, Brunswick County Courthouse, Lawrenceville, Virginia.
Appendix 17

JAMES MOORE AND HIS WIFE, RACHEL BLACK

"The above James Moore, Jr. settled in the extreme southeastern part of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, the part that was afterwards in York County, South Carolina, on Allison's Creek, and was a neighbor of the Allison Family, into which one of his brother's daughters married. On May 17, 1754, he patented lands there. By the year 1768 this James Moore was dead and his oldest son, William Moore, applied for and obtained the lands for himself and the other heirs." According to The Moore Family History, page 61, by J. Montgomery Seaver, he had the following children:

'Son, William Moore.
Son, John Moore.
Son, James Moore.
Daughter, Jane Moore.
Daughter, Rachel Moore.
Son, Dr. Josiah Moore.
Son, Alexander Moore.
Daughter, Mary Moore.'"
DEED BETWEEN ROBERT ALLISON AND JAMES WINTON

"This indenture made this twenty-sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, between James Winton of Roane County and State of Tennessee of the one part and ROBERT ALLISON of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, witnesseth that the said James Winton for and in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred and forty-one dollars to him in hand paid and receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, align in fee of and confirm unto the said ROBERT ALLISON, his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land containing three hundred and twenty acres lying and being in Roane County on the northeast side of Muddy Creek, beginning on a maple on Muddy Creek near Thomas Eldridge's spring thence up the meanders of said creek one hundred and eighty poles to a persimmon and cedar tree, corner to Abraham Goodpasture, thence north two hundred and eighty poles to a stake, thence east one hundred and eighty-eight poles to a stake, thence east one hundred and eighty-eight poles to a pine corner to John Winton's line from John Winton's corner a direct line to the beginning --. With all and singular the woods, water, water courses, profits, commodities, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said tract of land belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents and issues thereof and all the estate right title interest property claim and demand of him, the said James Winton, his heirs, etc., of, in and to, the same and every part or parcel thereof either in law or equity to have and to hold the said three hundred and twenty acres of land with the appurtenances unto the said ROBERT ALLISON, his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful title claim and demand of all and every person or persons whatsoever as an indefeasible right in fee simple in witness whereof the said James Winton has hereunto set his hand and
affixed his seal the day and year first above written and it is hereby distinctly understood that the said James Winton did reserve one acre of ground where the Meeting House and graveyard is now fixt, known by the name of the "Muddy Creek Meeting House" for the purpose of publick worship and graveyard.

B. The word 'House' was interlined before signed.

"Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us
s/s ISHAM COX
/s/ John Browder
s/s James Winton

"Roane County September Sessions 1802.
"This conveyance was proved in open court. Let it be registered.
/s/ Henry Breazeale, Clerk of Roane County.

"The within deed of conveyance is registered in the Registers Office of Roane County in Book 'A', page 37th. May twenty-fourth, one thousand eight hundred and three by me.

/s/ John Stone,
Register of Roane County."

1. The old "Muddy Creek Meeting House" is still standing (though not original structure) and is a few miles from Lenoir City, Tennessee. It is called now "The Martel Methodist Church" and is in the Martel Community. The old original graveyard is still there with some very, very old graveyards which were there from the beginning of the graveyard and when the church was the "Muddy Creek Meeting House."
"A DEED OF CONVEYANCE FROM LUNEY RILEY, A NATIVE INDIAN TO URIAH ALLISON FOR 640 ACRES OF LAND OPPOSITE SOUTHWEST POINT."

"This indenture made this 11th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and twenty-four between Looney Riley, a native of the Cherokee Nation of the one part and URIAH ALLISON of the County of Roane and State of Tennessee of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Luney Riley for and in consideration of two thousand dollars to him in hand paid and secured to be paid, hath and doth by these presents bargain and sell a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Roane County and on the South side of the Tennessee River opposite to the mouth of Clinch River being the same land as was reserved to and for the use and benefit of the said Looney Riley by the Articles of a Convention made and entered into at the City of Washington on the 27th day of February 1819 between the head men of the said Cherokee Nation of Indians and John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War, and agreeable to the provisions of said treaties, I, Looney Riley, have taken a reserve and have had it duly and properly registered in the office at the Agency of the Cherokee Nation, and do by these presents make further unchanging that should I obtain any other grant or release whatever from the State of Tennessee or the United States either by grants or otherwise then the same I hereby conveyed, transferred and set over unto him the said URIAH ALLISON, his heirs and assigns in as full and proper a manner as if the same had been done before the sealing of these presents hereby meaning to sell and convey all right and claim that I may have or hereafter may obtain to any land or lands by virtue of my said reservation or by virtue of any grant or grants either from the United States or the State of Tennessee to him the said URIAH ALLISON, his heirs and assigns and all persons claiming by, through or from
me in witness whereof I, Looney Riley, have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

s/s LUNEY RILEY

Registered: Deed Book "K", p 316, Roane County Courthouse, Kingston, Tennessee. (Author's note: Please notice different spelling of name, "Looney" and "Luney".)
Appendix 20

WILL OF JOHN W. WESTER

"John W. Wester, Deceased, April Term 1875.

"I, John W. Wester of Roane County, Tennessee, of sound mind and memory and full confidence in the grace of God but now admonished of temporal death by increasing age and physical frailty, do make and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any will by me heretofore made.

"First: I will and direct that my Executor presently named, to collect all debts due me and pay all by me owing.

"Secondly: As my children born of my deceased wife, Catherine, own that portion of land now in my possession which is derived through their mother and in which my daughter, Sarah S. Wester, has no interest, I will and direct that the ratable share of my said daughter, Sarah S. Wester, be so increased in all my real estate held by me in my own right wheresoever situated as to make her interest through me equal in value to that as each of my other children through their mother, so as to equalize their several interests, and when so done, then any remaining land of mine to be equally divided between all my children, share and share alike.

"Third: As my two younger children, Maggie H. and Anna M. are just beginning their education, it is my will that so much of my personal and mixed estate as may be necessary to maintain and educate them at Salem, North Carolina or at some school of equal or approximate grade, be retained and from time to time applied by my Executor to that purpose and end, for which I constitute him their testamentary guardian and if my personal property after payment of debts is not sufficient for this purpose, he may apply the proceeds of my land left over after equalizing my daughter Sarah S. Wester, as above promised till the end is accomplished but if the personal and mixed property be more than enough, any remainder will be equally divided between all my children.
"Fourth: I desire my children shall all continue together as one family as long as possible and cultivate their lands in common sharing the profits according to their interest, without division of the farm, but this is simply my desire and not my will, as I have no power to control the land descended through my deceased wife, Catherine, and if any one of them shall not regard my wish but sever the land as to one or all, then my daughter Sarah S. Wester is likewise privileged to sever hers. I simply requested it that my younger children may have one common home till grown up.

"Fifth: I nominate and appoint James Sevier Executor of this my last will and guardian of my children, Maggie H. and Ann M. Wester. I mean James Sevier of Roane County, Tennessee.

"In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal this 20th day of February 1875.

"Signed, sealed and published by the testator in our presence, C. C. Wester and H. Crumbliss."

"State of Tennessee Roane County, County Court April Term 1875.

"Then was the foregoing last will and testament with the codicil thereto of J. W. Wester, deceased, produced in open court and its execution and declaration duly proved in open court by the oaths of C. C. Wester and H. Crumbliss, the subscribing witnesses thereto and adjudged by the court to be the last will and testament of said testator and admitted to record and ordered to be certified and recorded.

"Witness my hand at office in Kingston this 5th day of April 1875. /s/ J. M. Sturges, Clerk."

"Codicil: In order to remove uncertainty, I make this as a codicil to the foregoing will and fix the amount to be retained by my Executor and applied to the education of Maggie and Anna at $750 each and if either die or fail to use amount of such, to be distributed equally out of my property as aforesaid interlinations
before signing.

"Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the testator at his request and in presence of each of the other date thereof:

   C. C. Wester and H. Crumbliss.

"In testimony of which witness my hand and seal this 20th day of February 1875.

   s/s J. M. Wester" ²

John Wesley Wester was buried in the old Bethal Presbyterian Cemetery at Kingston, Tennessee, in the Wester graveyard. There is one large stone with simply the name "Wester" inscribed on it, and surrounding this are different members of the Wester family. One large stone has the following inscription:

   "Dr. John W. Wester, aged 70 years, 1 month, 26 days.
   Died February 28, 1875.
   'None of us lives to himself and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lords.'

   Romans, Chapter 14, Verses 7 and 8."

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1. The Author's mother.
Appendix 21

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE

ELECTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1841. FIRST SESSION COMMENCED AT NASHVILLE ON THE 1ST MONDAY OF OCTOBER, 1841

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Stockley D. Mitchell, of Hawkins County, Principal Clerk.
Thomas A. Brown, of Roane County, First Assistant Clerk.
John Blevens, of Knox County, Second Assistant Clerk.
David J. Carr, of Washington County, Principal Door-Keeper. Pleasant M. Hornbeak, of Hickman County, Assistant Door-Keeper.
DEED: R. M. ALLISON AND WIFE TO BESSIE R. ALLISON.

"We, R. M. Allison, Senior, and his wife, Kizziah Allison, hereby sell and convey to Bessie R. Allison (wife of William Allison) and her heirs forever all of Lot Number Seventeen in the town of Kingston, County of Roane, State of Tennessee, and hereby warrant the title to the said Lot against the lawful claims of all other persons. It is understood and hereby agreed between the parties that the said R. M. Allison, Senior, and his wife, Kizziah aforesaid, are to have and occupy and use said property during their lives free of rent.

"Given under our hands this day of February 1874.

/s/ Mary K. X Allison (her mark.)
/s/ R. M. Allison, Senior.

"State of Tennessee, Roane County:
"Personally appeared before me, J. M. Sturges, Clerk of the County Court for said County and State, R. M. Allison, Sr. and his wife, Mary K. Allison, the bargainers named in the foregoing deed with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that they made and executed the same for the purposes therein contained, and Mary K., wife of the said R. M. Allison, having appeared before me privately and apart from her husband, the said, R. M. Allison, acknowledged the execution of the same to have been done by her freely, voluntarily and understandingly without any compulsion or constraint from her said husband and for the purposes therein expressed.

"Witness: J. M. Sturges, Clerk of the County Court of said County at Office in Kingston, this 23rd February, 1874.

/s/ J. M. Sturges, Clerk.

"The foregoing deed with the clerk's certificate thereon is duly noted in the Register's Office of Roane County in Note Book "A", page 120, at 5 o'clock p.m., February 23rd, 1874.

/s/ G. A. Guenther, Register for Roane Co."

Note: R. M. Allison was Robert Moore Allison, brother to URIAH ALLISON.
Appendix 23

THE DOSS FAMILY

Captain John L. Doss, born 1819, married Mary B. Allison
(youngest daughter of URIAH and NANCY (COX) ALLISON on December 31, 1840. Their children were:

Daughter, Margaret Doss, born 1842, married Standifer Peak.
Daughter, Eliza Doss, born 1844, married William Craighead.
Issue: Jack Craighead
William Alexander Craighead
Gillespie Craighead
James R. Craighead
Charles C. Craighead
Libbie Kate Craighead
Daughter, Georgianna Doss, born 1847.
Daughter, Mary Kate Doss, born 1850, married Tyler Crawford.

THE NICHOLSON FAMILY

George Nicholson, Sr. born 1809, married Maria Louise Allison
daughter of URIAH and NANCY (COX) ALLISON.
Their Children were:

Daughter, Mary Nicholson, born 1840, married --- Breckenridge.
Son, Henry A. Nicholson, born 1842.
Son, Hugh Nicholson, born 1844.
Daughter, Catherine Nicholson, born 1846.
Daughter, Annie Maude Nicholson, born 1849, married 1st Jacob Fritts. Issue: Elizabeth Fritts.
Married 2nd Thomas Gibson.

After the death of his first wife, Maria Louise, George was married again, to Margaret McConnell, on October 11, 1851, and they had the following children: John, George and Elizabeth.

2. Roane County, Tennessee Marriage Records 1801-1855, McCluen and Hutcherson.
"DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN."

"Captain George Nicholson died on the 18th inst. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gibson, in Meigs County, of paralysis, aged 84. Captain Nicholson was one of the pioneer steamboat men in this section, and for nearly half a century followed steamboating, not only on the Tennessee, but on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Some years ago he retired from the river business and settled on a farm near Kingston, where he lived for a number of years or until failing health and increasing infirmity induced him to retire, and he has since been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Gibson, in Meigs County. He was a good citizen, strictly upright and honest in all his dealings, and respected and esteemed for his integrity of character.

"Some seventeen years ago Captain Nicholson united with the Methodist church, and has since been a consistent active Christian, and we learn died in full hope of a blessed immortality through the merits of a redeeming saviour."
ROBERT MOORE ALLISON, JR. FAMILY

ROBERT MOORE ALLISON, SON OF ROBERT MOORE ALLISON, SR.

Born October 16, 1829. ³, ⁶, ⁷ (See pages 72 and 207).
Died: Date of death unknown by Author.
Married: Lucy C. Rear, March 26, 1854. ⁵
    Born: October 19, 1836. ⁷
    Died: March 30, 1910. ⁷

Their children were:

Daughter, Lida (or Liza) J. Allison.
    Born December 29, 1854, died October 14, 1888. ⁴
Daughter, Emma A. Allison.
    Born December 29, 1854. ³
Son, James R. Allison.
    Born March 4, 1860, died in 1952 at Miami, Florida. ³, ⁷
Son, Willis W. Allison.
    Born September 21, 1864, died September 15, 1865. ⁴
Son, Edward Christian Allison. (See next page.)
    Born July 1, 1868, died January 25, 1928, Knoxville, Tennessee.
    Married: Launiah Sampson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Sampson. She was born near Nashville, Tennessee in 1870 and died May 9, 1947. Edward and wife both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee. ⁷
Son, Robert S. (Big Bob) Allison.
    Born January 13, 1870, died March 16, 1931. ⁷
Son, Uriah Sherrill Allison.
    Born May 16, died in 1955 at Chattanooga, Tennessee.
    This was the 3rd Allison named Uriah Sherrill.
Daughter, Lucy A. Allison.
    Born January 11, 1876, died September 17, 1878. ⁴
Son, Jesse W. Allison.
    Born 1879, died in Alcoa, Tennessee, date unknown by Author.
The children of Edward Christian and Launiah (Sampson) Allison were:

Son, Earl Allison, born (date unknown), died in 1949.
  Buried in Becks Chapel Cemetery near Maryville, Tennessee.

Son, Richard Allison. Died very young and buried at Kingston, Tennessee.

  Married: 1st Ressie Stout.
    Issue: Francis Allison.
    James Edward Allison (deceased).
    Paul Allison.
    Kenneth Allison.

  Died in 1968.
  Married: Grace Simpson, October 1, 1922, Knoxville, Tennessee.
    She died December 3, 1960, Knoxville, Tennessee.
    Issue: Bobby Allison.

Son, Herman Allison. Born in the year 1906. Lives at this date, 1975, in Rockford, Tennessee.
  Married: Catherine Dallas, deceased.
    Issue: Gail Allison, married David Vaughn.
    Gordon Allison.

  Married: Harold Miller, deceased.
  Issue: Eugene Miller, married Jean Hayes,
    Issue: Patricia, Paula, Pamla.
    Dolores Miller, Married James Hurst.
    Issue: Katherine (Kathy).
THE RUFUS STEPHEN ALLISON FAMILY

Rufus Stephen Allison, son of Robert M. Allison, Sr.
Born in 1835, North Carolina. (See pages 72 and 207).
Date of death unknown by author.
Married: Martha Jane Lowery, born 1843.
Their children were:
   Son, Charles Patterson Allison. Married Maggie Tennessee Eblen.
   Daughter, Margaret (Maggie) Lucy Allison.
      Born March 10, 1861, died March 11, 1908.
      Married Thomas Franklin Ingram, born 1860.
      Son, James Melton Ingram. Married Henrietta Waller.
      No children.

THE CHARLES PATTERSON ALLISON FAMILY
(Son of Rufus Stephen Allison)

Charles Patterson Allison and Maggie T. (Eblen) Allison had the following children:
   Son, Herbert Rufus Allison, born February 23, 1890.
      Living at present time (1975) in Bozeman, Montana.
      Unmarried. *
      Issue: Sara Fay Kitrell.
   Son, Frank Anderson Allison, born October 9, 1894.
      Issue:
         Daughter, Martha Jane Allison, born September 23, 1936.

* On October 29, 1975, Herbert Allison was killed in an automobile accident. He was buried in Bozeman, Montana.
Picture of five sons of Robert Moore Allison, Sr. and Nancy (Byrd) Allison. The famous Allison brothers who won their fame by operating many of the early steamboats up and down the Tennessee River during the middle of the 19th century. Left to right standing: URIAH SHERRILL ALLISON, II, JESSIE BYRD ALLISON. Seated left to right: WILLIAM ALLISON, ROBERT MOORE ALLISON, JR., RUFUS STEPHEN ALLISON.
THE CHILDREN OF CHARLES AND MAGGIE (EBLEN) ALLISON (continued):

Son, Orlan Eblen Allison, born April 1898. (Deceased).
Was unmarried.

Daughter, Ethel Mae Allison, living on this date, 1975, at Kingston, Tennessee.
Married 1st Phillip Polumpus. 2nd David Franklin Bates who is deceased. No children.

Son, Raymond Clifford Allison, born September 1904, died July 1942. Was unmarried.

Daughter, Ada Fay Allison.
Married 1st F. C. Adolph Meyer (deceased).
2nd Alexander Pekarek. No children.

Issue: Daughter, Harriet Ann Pickel.
Son, Edward Pickel.

5. Roane County Tennessee Marriage Records 1801-1855 by McCluen and Hutcherson.
7. For more information concerning Edward Christian Allison and his family, see article written by Rev. Ragon Allison, August 7, 1962, and published in the Roane County News, October 21, 1974 issue, page 6, which was published during Kingston's celebration of its 175 Anniversary.
Picture of RUFUS STEPHEN ALLISON
(Son of Robert Moore Allison, Sr.)
"During the 'War Between the States' in the winter of 1865-6 while the Confederate soldiers were encamped a month or two near Kingston, Tennessee, General Forest, then in command, with his wife and son spent their time there in Doctor John W. Wester's home. When they broke encampment and started to retire from that section as the Federals were moving toward that town, Mrs. Wester, (CATHERINE JANE ALLISON), one morning found her slaves and horses gone. General Forest had marched them to the river where they were about to cross the ferry. Mounting an old mule that had been left behind, she rode down to the river. Seeking out General Forest, she said, 'General Forest, is this the way that you repay my hospitality!'----'Well, Mrs. Wester,' he replied, 'the yankees will put guns in the hands of your slaves to fight us with.' 'No', she said, 'we have been so good to our boys that they will remain with us.' 'Very well', he answered and turned over to her, her slaves and horses. So, up the hill and back to her home they all went.

"The next day, however, the Federals had arrived in the night, and when Mrs. Wester arose she found the women slaves making the fires. 'Aunt Harriet' she said 'where are the boys?' 'Lord, Miss Catherine, desdone gone and runned away and jined dem Yankees!'

"In justice to the women slaves, however, it should be stated that some of them remained with their kind mistress for years - one, Laura, actually remained in service of the family for fifteen years after she was freed." 1

1. Copied from an article prepared by Mrs. Margaret (Ervin) Ford, Tennessee State Archives and History, Manuscript Section, Nashville, Tennessee.
Appendix 25

COLONEL ROBERT K. BYRD

"Robert K. Byrd was born in Roane County where he was the most active and leading Union man, before, during and immediately after the War. Although a slave holder, himself, he denounced secession boldly and uncompromisingly. After Tennessee seceded he left home secretly and went to Kentucky where he enlisted men for the Federal Army, especially refugees from East Tennessee. Soon he was made colonel of the First Tennessee Infantry, being the first colonel of the thirty-one regiments which Tennessee furnished the Federal government. He engaged in many battles up to August 1864, when he left the army.

"Colonel Byrd married the daughter of Dr. James W. Lee, a woman of heroic spirit, who was arrested by the Confederates as a dangerous enemy in 1862. In 1885, Robert Byrd died, mourned by his friends who appreciated his bold, fearless and martial spirit."

"Robert Allison Brown, oldest son of General John Brown and his wife, Mary Moore (Allison) Brown, was born in Roane County, Tennessee, February 8, 1808. He was educated at Rittenhouse Academy, Kingston, Tennessee, and was married in 1836, by Rev. John Henniger, to Mary Jane Roddy Gillenwaters, of Rhea County, Tennessee. Three sons were born of this union: William Gillenwaters Brown, Thomas Brown and John Brown.

"In 1842, Robert Allison Brown moved with his little family, to Van Buren, now Cass County, Missouri, being among the first Settlers in that locality. They made the trip, Mrs. Brown and the three small children riding with her parents in an old fashioned barouche with folding steps, while Mr. Brown rode horseback, leading his thirty-odd servants.

"On reaching Missouri, he entered about 160 acres of land 3 miles northwest of Harrisonville, later accumulating 2,300 acres on which he built a handsome brick colonial home where they lived to old people, rearing all their children to be grown men and women. In the new home were born, Robert Allison Brown, Jr., Mary Elizabeth Gillenwaters Brown, Samuel Eskridge Brown and Walter Roddy Brown.

"Being situated only 12 miles from the border line during the Civil War, the home of Mr. Brown was several times robbed by the Red Legs and Jaw Hawkers from Kansas. The old front door and walls today show bullet holes made in attempts to kill Mr. Brown during those raids. His eldest son, William Gillenwaters Brown, born in Rhea County in 1838, was a Confederate soldier and fought through the entire Civil War. He was a member of Company E, 10th Regiment, Missouri Cavalry, Marmaduke Division. He was a man of sterling character, was a successful farmer, living on an adjoining farm near the old home place. Thomas Brown, third son, was also a Confederate soldier, wounded and captured at the battle
of Pea Ridge, and died in prison at Alton, Illinois, April 21, 1862. He was a young man of lofty ideals, gentle, refined and spiritual. The second son, John Brown, died in Dallas, Texas, in 1864, as the result of an accident when his horse ran away with him. It was a coincidence in this family that three generations of this family named John Brown, should have died as a result of accidents. The first, Captain John Brown, great-grandfather, was shot through the window of his home by a Tory in North Carolina, just after the Revolutionary War. The second, and his son, General John Brown, had his hand caught in the wheel of a corn sheller and died of blood poison from this accident.

"In 1860, Robert Allison Brown was a delegate to the State Convention at St. Louis to determine whether or not the state of Missouri should secede from the Union. He was one of those who voted that it should remain in the Union, which it did.

"After the Civil War, Mr. Brown entered the Real Estate business in connection with his farming interests. He was very successful. His character for integrity and honesty was such that the entire community relied on his sound judgement and accepted his decisions in all matters. He was generous almost to a fault, of a jovial disposition, wrote many of the best editorials that appeared in his county paper, was interested in all civic upbuilding of his community, held many positions of trust, was a Methodist, a Democrat and an exceptional example of the Christian gentleman of the Old South. He died September 7, 1888, and was buried in the family cemetery on his home place."
Appendix 27

WILL OF ROBERT ESTES, DECEASED.

[Brother of MILDRED (MILLEY) (ESTES) COX, Wife of FREDERICK COX.

"In the name of God Amen, I, Robert Estes, Jr. of the County of Lunenbourg and Parrish of Cumberland being in perfect mind and memory knowing it is ordained for all men once to die, I do recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body I request may be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as touching my worldly goods wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in manner and form as followeth viz:

"Item: I give unto my son Benjamin Estes one cow and calf to him and his heirs forever.

"Item: I give unto my son Abraham Estes one feather bed and furniture. One cow and calf and three head of sheep, to him and his heirs forever.

"Item: I give unto my son Matthew Estes one saddle and bridle, one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf and three head of sheep, to him and his heirs forever.

"Item: I give unto my daughter Sarah Estes, one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf and three head of sheep, to her and her heirs forever.

"Item: I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Estes, one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf and three head of sheep, to her and her heirs forever.

"Item: I give unto my daughter Martha Estes, one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf and three head of sheep, to her and her heirs forever.

"Item: I give unto my loving wife Kissiah Estes during her life all the remainder of my estate, real and personal (except such
part of the stock and household goods as may not be useful to her
which I desire may be sold and equally divided between all my
children or their heirs as also after the decease of my wife my
desire is that the estate so lent her may be sold and the money
equally divided between my children though in case any of them
should die without issue, my will is that such part as would have
fallen to them may be divided among the survivors. I do appoint
my sons, Bartlett, Samuel and Benjamin my Executors of this my
last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this twenty-seventh day of October one thousand
seven hundred and eighty-two.

s/s ROBERT ESTES JR. (SEAL)

Signed and acknowledged in the
presence of: Jane Patterson, William Stokes, William Dowsing,
Joseph Tatome.

"At a court held for Lunenburg County the 13th day of January
1791, the last will and testament of Robert Estes, Jr., deceased,
was exhibited in court by Benjamin Estes, Jr., one of the Executors
therein named and was proved by the oaths of two of the witnesses
thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion
of the said Executor (who made oath according to law,) certificate
is granted him for obtaining probate of the said will in due form,
he having given bond and security whereupon he together with
William Dowsing, William Parrott and Jonathan Patterson, his
security entered into and acknowledged bond according to law,
reserving liberty to the other Executors therein named to join
in probate thereof when they shall think fit.

/s/ Teste: William Taylor, CLC.

Recorded: Will Book 3, pp 387-388, Lunenburg County Circuit
Court, Lunenburg, Virginia.
WILL OF BENJAMIN ESTES  
(Son of Robert Estes, Jr.)

"In the name of God, Amen, I, Benjamin Estes of the County of Lunenburg, being of perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, revoking all others in manner and form following, viz:

"Imprimis: I lend unto my loving wife, Jincey Estes, one equal third part of my whole estate during her natural life and at her decease to be equally divided between my two loving daughters, Nancy Estes and Patsey Estes, to be lent them, my said two daughters, during their natural lives, and at their decease, I give and bequeath their proportion of the property so lent to the lawful heirs of their body at the time of their decease that may then be living, and their heirs forever.

"Item: I lend unto my loving daughter Nancy Estes, one equal third part of my whole estate during her natural life, and at her decease, I give and bequeath the one third part of my estate so lent to my said loving daughter, Nancy, to the lawful heirs of her body, that may then be living, and their heirs forever.

"Item: I lend unto my loving daughter Patsey Estes, one equal third part of my whole estate during her natural life and at her decease, I give and bequeath the one third part of my estate so lent to my said loving daughter, Patsey, to the lawful heirs of her body that may then be living and their heirs forever.

"Item: It is my will and desire that Tract or Parcel of land, whereon I now live in the said County of Lunenburg which was conveyed in a deed to my brother Matt (Matthew) Estes, and myself should remain undivided, until my executors and my said brother Matt Estes, should be of opinion it would be most advisable to sell the said land as before mentioned for the best price that can be got and the money arising from such sale of said land (one-half of said sum being my proportionable part), it is my desire that the said sum of my money should be laid out to the best advantage
in the purchase of another Tract of land for the benefit of my said loving wife Jincey Estes, and my two loving daughters, Nancy Estes and Patsey Estes, in the following manner, that is for my said loving wife Jincey Estes, to have the privilege in remaining on and enjoying one equal third part of said Tract of land as may be so purchased during her natural life and at her decease I lend the said land so enjoyed by my loving wife Jincey Estes, unto my two loving daughters Nancy and Patsey Estes, to be equally divided during their natural lives, and at their decease I give and bequeath the said land as lent above to the lawful heirs of their body as may then be living and their heirs forever.

"It is my will and desire as long as my said wife Jincey Estes should remain unmarried and my widow that she shall enjoy the profits of my whole estate in the same manner as she now doth and my whole estate kept together during my said loving wife Jincey remaining my widow and my two loving daughters, Nancy and Patsey Estes being under age and unmarried, and whenever either of the above takes place, for a division to take place and the said land whereon I now live belonging to my said brother Matt. Estes and myself while it remains unsold its my wish that the negroes of my said brother Matt. Estes and my own, work the said land as they have heretofore done.

"Item: Its my will and desire that my Executors should make. sale of such perishable property that may be useless in the best manner that they may conceive best.

"Lastly, I appoint my two loving brothers, Abrahm Estes and Matt. Estes my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of February 1800.

s/s Benjamine Estes (Seal)

"Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of: Peter Lamkin, John Hawkins, Jr., Sharp Lamkin.
"At a court held for Lunenburg County the 11th day of September 1800, the last will and testament of Benjamin Estes, deceased, was exhibited in court by the Executors therein named and the same was proved by the oaths of the witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said Executors who having made oath according to law, certificates were granted them for obtaining probate of the said will in due form. Whereupon they gave bond with approved security conditioned as the law directs.

Teste: William Taylor, CLC.

For years the following story has been handed down in the family, so as to its authenticity there should be little doubt. Mrs. E. J. Martin, late of Kingston, Tennessee, who heard it in her youth, told it to a member of the family in 1949 when she was 87 years old.

It seems very fitting that the history of the life of URIAH and NANCY (COX) ALLISON should end with the re-telling of this story:

"Colonel Allison's young wife,¹ a fair-haired woman of some beauty and grace, looked from her white pillared porch across the river to see, if perhaps, her husband might come riding home along the shady river road from Kingston.

"Sighing a bit, as women do when he cometh not, she turned and observed an Indian girl standing at the gate.

"Indians, especially the amiable Cherokees, who brought game, fish and berries to sell, or merely stopped to rest and eat, were so plentiful that the lady thought nothing of the matter. Indians were never repulsed there and often camped in the field. Later, Mrs. Allison saw the girl, apparently waiting, and spoke to her: 'Have you anything to sell?' she asked. 'No', was the low-spoken answer, but the appeal in the dark eyes caused the lady to speak again. 'Do you want anything?' 'No', half-whispered the girl, and Mrs. Allison passed on, forgetting the girl until she found her in the chilly dusk, sitting on the porch floor.

"Remembering her gentle look, Mrs. Allison called her in and bade her sit by the fire, and the girl crouched by the comfortable blaze. But when Mrs. Allison asked her name she only turned mournful eyes on her questioner, and shook her head.

¹. Colonel Uriah and Nancy (Cox) Allison, the subject of our book.
So she was given a cot in a little porch room kept for such wanderers.

"The next morning Mary, a little two year-old daughter of the house, was playing under a great tree in the yard, attended by her Negro nurse. Against the tree leaned the Indian girl, her dark eyes following the child's gay movements.

"Mary ran close to the girl, who sank to her knees, speaking softly and holding out her hands, and Mrs. Allison saw with surprise that Mary listened and went willingly into the embrace.

Then it was the mother decided to let the colored girl go to other duties and employ the Indian girl as nurse. But first she insisted on the girl's history.

"'At least you must tell me your name,' but as before, the girl's eyes implored, and her lips were mute. Autumn leaves were flying in the air; a bright red one danced and frolicked over their heads, dropping and rising again in the gusty air.

"'Oh, see that flying leaf!' cried Mrs. Allison, and at the words it fell at Mary's feet and she pounced upon it, shouting. The Indian girl looked shyly at the lady. 'Flying Leaf, that one,' she said, and from that day she was Flying Leaf to all but Mary, who called her some invention of her own out of which the Negroes made 'Katie'.

As the time passed, Mrs. Allison was more and more satisfied with her new servitor; Mary adored her 'Katie', and the house Negroes approved of her. She had her meals with Mary, and slept beside the child's bed, and all went well until one forenoon Flying Leaf disappeared.

"Mary wept and the servants sought vainly for 'Katie'.

'Your Leaf has flown,' smiled the Colonel.

"Presently Indians with game to sell appeared and, having eaten and traded, departed. Bedtime for the baby arrived and Mary raged for her beloved nurse, and no other would do, not

2. Mary B. Allison who married Captain John L. Doss, the famous steamboat captain.
even her lady mother. Suddenly and soundlessly, Flying Leaf knelt by
the angry baby and all was well.

"But when the mistress would probe the cause of her absence,
she was met by deprecating looks only. Time developed the fact that
Flying Leaf always disappeared before Indians came; 'Katie's gone,
Indians come,' said the Negroes.

"Four years Flying Leaf spent beneath the kindly Allison roof
tree, doing her duty perfectly, and apparently happy, but the reason
and manner of her evasion of Indians remained a mystery. Perhaps
the great attic provided a hiding place.

"When Mary was four years old, someone asked Mrs. Allison if
she knew the Indian girl took her out in the river every day. Rather
startled she admitted she did not but that one day she accompanied
them on their daily walk, and was astonished to see her little daughter,
in the careful hands of her nurse, perform, it seemed to the watching
mother, miracles of floating and paddling.

"So careful and expert seemed the nurse that full permission
was given for the exercise to continue, which it did until the
catastrophe—-

"This took place when Mary was six and Flying Leaf had for four
years been her constant attendant.

"Some important social event, either a wedding or all day meeting
drew the Allisons to town for the day, leaving Mary with her nurse and
the servants. When the master and mistress returned at sunset, a
collection of perturbed Negroes met them at the ferry landing, with
Mary calling tearfully for 'Katie'.

"A party of Indians, they learned, had appeared suddenly at the
house and seized the girl, who for the first time, had failed to
foresee their arrival; she broke from them and ran desperately, but
was captured and borne sobbing away across the fields toward the big
river, as the Tennessee was called after its junction with the Clinch.
"Boys fishing on the bank reported that the Indians had canoes waiting, into one of which Flying Leaf was forced, and the whole party went silently, for no words were spoken during the entire episode, and poor Flying Leaf went as she came, shrouded in mystery."
The Author has decided that due to the fact that the ROBERT ALLISON who was the father of URIAH ALLISON, the subject of this story, was in Washington County, Tennessee at the same time that three other Robert Allisons lived there in the same county, it would give conclusive evidence as to the heritage of URIAH ALLISON and at the same time perhaps help some ancestor searchers to establish their line of descendants who were not from the same lineage that has been traced in the foregoing data, (but were perhaps cousins), to give a copy of the wills of the three other Robert Allisons. Heretofore it has confused many genealogists. Let us hope that the following wills might be of interest for that reason:

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBERT ALLISON, DECEASED APRIL 30TH, 1792

"In the name of God Amen.

On the twenty sixth day of Aprile in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, I, Robert Allison of the County of Washington in the Territory of the United States of America South of the River Ohio, being sick and weak in body but sound in mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and ordain this my last will and testament: That is to say, principaly and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and as to my body I recommend it to the dust to be buryed in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the last day of resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as to such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bestow upon me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the manner and form following, to wit - In the first place:
"I do make and ordain my beloved wife, Ann Allison, with the assistance of my son Robert, to be sole Executor of the estate and that she is to have her living on the plantation with her son Robert during her widowhood and also an equal divide of the remainder of the estate when every one's particular share herein mentioned is taken out, to wit, the remainder is to be divided between her and my two youngest daughters, Jean and Polly and my son Robert equally, likewise I allow to my daughter Ann all that is now called her own about the house, to be and abide hers, in the first place two cows and calves, one four year old horse colt, her own cloths, bed and bed cloths. "Likewise, I will and bequeath unto my youngest son Robert Allison the plantation and one mare and two year old horse colt as also the wagon and all implements belonging to the farm. "I likewise leave to each of my married children the sum of six shillings, and further enjoin that they be helpful in assisting to make an equal divide of the whole estate amongst the legatees agreeable to this my will and I do hereby disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former will, testaments, legacies, requests and executors by me before this time in any ways named, willed or bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above mentioned. "Signed, sealed, witnessed, pronounced and declared in presence of us, the subscribers, that is to say:

His
s/s ROBERT K ALLISON
Mark

(Illegible)
John Anderson
George Bell."

Copy of original will obtained from Washington County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Tennessee. No probate found, but "Deceased April 30th, 1792" was written at the top of original will.
THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBERT ALLISON DECEASED APRIL 19, 1819.
(Son of the Robert Allison who was deceased April 30th, 1792, page 223)

"In the name of God, I, Robert Allison of the County Washington and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory calling to mind that I am born to die and for the natural affection that I bear to my children I do make this my last will and testament, that is to say, after my body is laid in the ground in a becoming manner and all my lawful debts is paid, I give and bequeath as follows:

"I give my daughter Hannah Carmichael that track of land known by the 'Wood's Place' and half of the Robinson track as far as the arbitration line.

"I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel Tompson that track of land adjoining Joseph Duncan and others whereon Joseph Archer now lives.

"I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Duncan that track of land called the 'Shank Place', also my right and interest to the 'Ralston' place. Also, my negro boy called George.

"I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Tompson one half of that track of land known by the name of the 'Gillis Place' which is in partners between me and Jonathan Barsacraft and one half of the Noleson track as far as the arbitration line.

"And as for Emon, my wish is that he should be sold and his price and all the money in hand or due to me by notes or in any other way belonging to me, I wish it to be equally divided between my four daughters; Hannah, Rachel, Polly and Ann.

"And as for the stock on hand after Joseph Duncan's third is taken out, it is my wish that the four hundred dollars for which I hold a note should be made out of the stock and the money divided as the above.

"And as for my bed and furniture, I give to my granddaughter, Pollyanna Allison.
"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal in the year of our Lord, March the 9th, 1819.

His
s/s ROBERT X ALLISON
Mark

And I appoint as my Executors:
John Steveson, Esq.
Joseph Duncan, my son-in-law.

"State of Tennessee, Washington County: Know all men by these presents, that in Joseph Duncan, Thomas King, William Carmichal are held and firmly bound unto Joseph McMinn, Governor for the time being as his successors in the just and full sum, four thousand dollars, well and truly to be paid to the said Governor his successors, we lend ourselves and each of heirs, executors, etc., jointly, severally, firmly, by these present, sealed with our seals and dated the 19th day of April, 1819.

"The conditions of the above obligation is such that whereas Robert Allison hath appointed Joseph Duncan, Executor, of his last will and testament. Now if the said Joseph Duncan shall, will and truly execute all the duties enjoined on him by the said will agreeable to the full meaning thereof by paying all legacies that may be given by the same, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Testified: James Sevier s/s
Present: Joseph Duncan s/s
Thomas King s/s
William Carmichal s/s"

The above Robert Allison was the father of the Robert Allison whose will is shown on page 227. He died after his son did.

Will obtained from the Washington County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Tennessee.
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBERT ALLISON III

(Son of the Robert Allison who was deceased April 19, 1819, page 225.)

"In the name of God Amen. I, Robert Allison of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being sick and weak of body, but of sound mind and disposing (for which I thank God) and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous do dispose of all such worldly substance as it hath pleased God to bless me with; I give and bequeath the same in manner following, that is to say:

"In the first place I desire my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my personal estate, and also desire that all my personal property be sold and divided as follows: In the first place I desire that a note that my father, Robert Allison, Sr. has on me for four hundred dollars be paid before any division of amount of the sales of the stock be made, afterwards the said Robert Allison, Senior to have one half of the balance of the sales of stock and farming utensils.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my wife, Jane Allison, the plantation which I bought from Henry Shields, also the plantation which I bought from William Gwin and a negro woman named Dilly with her youngest child, also a negro boy named Tom. Also, the whole balance of the stock amount of sales of the personal estate, also the whole of the household furniture. I also desire that the profits arising from the place that I bought from James Dunwoody and Willets as trust until my daughter Nancy comes of the age of eighteen, and one half of the profits still to continue until my daughter, Rachel, arrives at eighteen. Also I desire that the profits arising from the plantation on which I now live (after the death of my father) go for the maintenance and schooling of the children.

1. See page 225 for mention of note.
"Item: I give and bequeath to my daughters Nancy and Rachel that plantation which I bought from Dunwoody and Willets to be equally divided between them when they arrive at eighteen. I also give to my daughter Nancy a negro girl named Rhoda—and I give to my daughter Rachel a negro girl named Winny to be delivered to them when they arrive at eighteen.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my two daughters PollyAnna and Hannah Eliza the plantation on which I now live including an entry upon which Edward Million now lives, also an entry of one hundred and seventy-five acres on the west side of the place together with forty acres which my father bought from Henry Shields to be equally divided between them when they arrive at eighteen. Should my father be living when they arrive at eighteen they are not to get possession until his death. Also, Robert Allison, Senior is to have my interest in a tract of land which Jonathan Baracraft and myself bought at sherrif's sale formerly the property of Thomas Gillis, together with two entries which said Baracraft and myself made in partnership, also a negro boy named Emon.

"It is further my desire that my wife, Jane Allison, should after the decease of my father have a reasonable support off the place that I now live on during her natural life or widowhood. The right vested by this will in my two daughters, PollyAnna and Hannah Eliza, is not to be construed as to debar my wife, Jane Allison, from her living off the place.

"And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife, Jane Allison, Executrix and John Stephenson and Joseph Duncan, Jun. Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments, by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

s/s ROBERT ALLISON
"Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above Robert Allison, Junior, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same:

William Walker
George Shirk
Elizabeth Mitchell"

Above will obtained from the Washington County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Tennessee.
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JANE (THOMPSON) ALLISON  JULY 5, 1838
(Wife of Robert Allison, Junior or III. (See page 227.)

"I, Jane Allison of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Believing it a duty to dispose of the property with which providence has kindly blessed me, I make, ordain and appoint the disposal of my estate in the following manner:

"Item 1st: I give and bequeath to my two daughters, Polly Ann Conley and Hannah E. Thompson, whatever money may be in the hands of Duncan and Blairs and in the hands of John F. Deadrick at the time of my death, to be equally divided between.

"Item 2nd: The residue of my estate of every description after paying my just debts and funeral expenses, my will and desire is that it be equally divided between my two daughters Polly Ann Conley, Hannah E. Thompson, and my three grand children, Amanda Jane Russell, Harriet Russell, and Robert A. Russell, to be divided among the five named, share and share alike. But should any of my grand children named, die before they arrive at the age to receive their proportions without issue, then and in that case, the estate is to be equally divided between the survivors, all the legatees sharing alike.

"My will and desire is that the portions left to my grand children shall remain in the hands of my executors, hereafter to be named, until they arrive at the following ages; towit, Amanda Jane and Harriet Russell at eighteen, and Robert A. Russell at the age of twenty-one years.

"And further, my will and desire is that where as at the death of my daughters, Nancy Russell and Rachell Russell some articles that had been given to them, again fell into my hands. It is now considered that by the legacees left their children and my grand children named in this will, they are indemnified and no other notice to be taken of such articles.
"And lastly, I nominate and appoint my two sons-in-law, Robert A. Thompson and Josiah Conley, Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills heretofore by me made. And it is my will that they be exempt from giving security for the performance of the duties now imposed on them. "In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of July 1838.

/s/ JANE ALLISON - SEAL

"Signed and sealed in the presence of the undersigned who witnessed the same at the request of the Testatrix in her presence and in the presence of each other as her last will and testament.
John Stephenson
Tho. C. McAdams
Allison Cassey"

Above will obtained from Washington County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Tennessee.
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GENERAL JOHN BROWN, famous as a soldier in the war of 1812. He married first, Mary Moore Allison, second Nancy Clark (Cox) Allison, the sister and widow of Uriah Allison.
Wedding picture of RACHEL JACKSON BROWN AND JOHN HICKEY COLEMAN May 6, 1856. She was the daughter of General John and Nancy Clark (Cox) Allison Brown.
MAMIE (COLEMAN) GRANT, granddaughter of General John Brown and Nancy (Cox) Allison Brown.

The Old Rittenhouse Academy. Originally built in 1801

JUDGE JAMES SEVIER who once taught at the academy
The Wester Graveyard located in the Old Bethel Presbyterian Cemetery, Roane County, Kingston, Tennessee. (Photos by Bill Hall)

THE BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY, KINGSTON, TENNESSEE. This cemetery is known to have a veteran from every war in which the United States has been involved. Gideon Morgan from the Revolutionary War, Colonel Uriah Allison from the War of 1812, and numerous veterans from the other wars, especially the War Between the States. (Photos by Bill Hall).
GRANDDAUGHTERS OF URIAH AND NANCY (COX) ALLISON:

Group, left to right: MAY WESTER, MARGARET (WESTER) ERVIN, ANNA MAUDE (WESTER) McNutt.

Great-Granddaughter of Uriah and Nancy (Cox) Allison, MARGARET (ERVIN) FORD.

CATHERINE (WESTER) HATHAWAY
Dr. James White and Catherine (Horsely) McNutt, the Author's grandparents on the paternal side. His grandfather, George McNutt was a Revolutionary soldier. Dr. McNutt bought the old Gideon Morgan House from J. I. Dail and lived there for years and until his death December 1, 1881. The house was built in 1810 and still stands directly across from the

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old courthouse. (See next page). During the War Between the States, he and his wife with their house servants would go across the street to the old courthouse (which had been temporarily turned into a hospital) and doctor and nurse the wounded — the Grey and the Blue alike.
THE OLD EXCHANGE HOTEL

The hotel or tavern, as it was originally called, stood on the corner of Race and 2nd Street in Kingston for 130 years. It was built by Alexander Carmichael in 1799. "It consisted of two log pens twenty-five feet square and twenty-five feet space between which was converted into a middle room. It was a two story building; three rooms below and the upper story divided into small rooms by log partitions, all chinked and daubed. The East room below was used for a kitchen, the center one for a dining room and the corner room was the sitting room, or office."¹ When Doctor John W. Wester bought it in 1846, he remodeled it as shown in the picture below. He removed the old log structure and renamed it 'Wester's Tavern'. It bore this name up until 1878 when he sold it. The name was then changed to 'The Exchange Hotel'. Doctor Wester moved to the old Allison home at Southwest Point. It housed many presidents and notables stopping off there on their way to Nashville, and other points.

The hotel burned on the night of January 5, 1928. The old tavern, like its builders is gone, but its history and theirs will live as a cherished memory through many long years to come.

¹ Description written by Captain W. E. McElwee.
"A SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT COUSIN ROB'S"

Picture taken approximately 1916 on lawn of Mrs. Robbie (Kindrick) Clack's. Picnic given for the Martins from Texas who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. McNutt: Standing, left to right; Captain Robert Brown, Aunt Susan Brown, Dr. John Morgan Clack, Mrs. Robbie (Kindrick) Clack. Seated, left to right; Mrs. Robert Wilson (Mary Lizzie Kimbrough), Dr. Kimbrough, Captain McElwee, Mrs. William Craighead (Eliza Doss, daughter of Mary B. Allison) and John Doss, granddaughter of URIAH AND NANCY (COX) ALLISON, Morgan Clack, Jr., Mrs. William Martin (Eliza Jane Brown, daughter of General John Brown and Nancy (Cox) Allison Brown, born 1835, lived in Texas. Bobbie Winkleman, Maude (Ervin) Winkleman, Mr. Tedder, Zollie Martin (son of Aunt Jane Brown Martin), Doremus McNutt, Mrs. Thomas Ervin (Margaret Wester, daughter of John W. Wester and granddaughter of Uriah and Nancy (Cox) Allison, Miss Lida Martin (daughter of Aunt Jane Brown Martin), Mrs. John F. McNutt (Maude A. Wester, daughter of John W. Wester and granddaughter of Uriah and Nancy (Cox) Allison. Seated in front: Margaret Wilson (daughter of Mrs. Robert Wilson), Guy Martin (adopted son of Aunt Jane) "Peggy" McNutt (Mrs. Roy J. Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. McNutt, and the Author of the following compiled book).
The Author, with her husband, Roy J. Morton, in costume for the Rockwood Centennial celebrated in 1968. The house in the background is the Author's home and was built by her father Colonel John F. McNutt in 1892.
Doctor Margaret Hicks Davis (Mrs. Keith) the Author's daughter, and great-great-granddaughter of Uriah and Nancy (Cox) Allison.
And her children: In back, Byron Kent, front, left to right, Margaret Karen and Gregory Keith Davis. They are great-great-great-grandchildren of Uriah and Nancy.