WILLIAM CANNADAY
of Franklin County Virginia

Much of the information I have on this family comes from the research of Frieda Clark Cannaday who published a book on this family in 1988. Before I found her book, The Cannaday Family of Virginia and West Virginia, all I had was a single group sheet from the Yates Exchange on this William's grandson, Patrick Billie Cannaday done by a B. B. Hooper in 1985. There is also a section on Cannaday families in a book, The Akers Family of Franklin County, Virginia from which some more info was picked up. These are all about this particular branch of the Cannadays.

The Senior William Cannaday was in Virginia in the 1700s, and again was not the original immigrant. Some members of this family were Quakers, and I feel that this line and mine must be connected back about 1700 or earlier.

WILLIAM CANNADAY, SR.

There are only a few bits of recorded information on William. He bought land in Henry County, Virginia in 1779. This was probably in what is now Franklin County that was formed out of Henry in 1785. In 1786 and 1787, there are two other deeds in Franklin County. There is a 1792 deed in Franklin County and his death record in Franklin County in 1801. His estate settlement is dated November 18, 1801.

William was born around 1730 (in Kent County, Maryland, a son of John and Margaret Cannaday if my guess is correct), and was married by 1750. He died in Franklin County in 1801. Mrs. Cannaday gives his wife's name as Nancy. She states family tradition indicates the family came from Buckingham County or nearby in central Virginia. There is a reference in Buckingham County showing a William Kennaday owning lands next to Charles Macey. The Macey was undoubtedly Charles Macy from Nantucket, another prominent Quaker family.

From Mrs. Cannaday's work, I get the names of five children and I have added a sixth based on the estate settlement. In that settlement, four of the five children all agreed to sell their shares to William Cannaday, Junior.

This is the only mention I have of this William Junior, other than what appears to be his marriage record in Franklin County, Virginia.

James Cannaday
He was born about 1755, probably in Franklin County. He served in the Revolution under General Green. He married Elizabeth Raikes in 1775.

He must have died in late 1816 or early 1817 as his will was probated in Franklin County on February 9, 1817. This will lists his living children.

Elizabeth Cannaday died September 1, 1863 in Franklin County.

The children were:

**ELIZABETH CANNADAY** married Isaac Turner December 9, 1797.

**MARY 'POLLY' CANNADAY** born September 18, 1781. She married Pleasant Thomas on March 6, 1800. She died August 2, 1861. Their children were:
- **Charles Thomas**. He married a Cannaday and then Judith Thomas.
- **Pleasant C. Thomas**. He married Frances Kennett on November 11, 1839.
- **James Thomas**. He married Cynthia Thomas in November of 1843.
- **Richard Thomas**. He married an Elizabeth and moved to Illinois.
- **Judith Thomas** born in 1803 and died in 1902. She married John Young Short.

**WILLIAM CANNADAY** born about 1782. He moved to adjacent Patrick County in 1818 and was known as 'Patrick Billy'. Billy married Martha 'Patsy' Wright. They had some 24 children that I guess sent Patsy to her early grave as he married a widow, Nancy (Winfrey) Hill on September 11, 1857. Billy died at age ninety-three on July 11, 1874 in Patrick County near Danville, Virginia. The children were:
- **Nancy Cannaday** born December 8, 1808. She married Anderson Taylor and moved to Warren County, Tennessee.
- **Mary Cannaday** born June 5, 1810. She married John Randolph Hall.
- **James B. Cannaday** a twin born June 5, 1810. He married Charlotte Agnew on January 12, 1832 in Floyd County and died in Patrick County September 3, 1882.
- **Elizabeth Cannaday** was born in 1811 and married Reuben Rakes.
- **William Cannaday** was born in September 1812. He married Elizabeth Hylton on September 10, 1839 and died in Floyd County, Virginia March 1, 1862.
- **Delilah Cannaday** was born November 19, 1816 and married James Moran on October 1836.
- **Martha Cannaday** married John Moran on December 10, 1835.
- **Flemming Cannaday** was born February 2, 1816. He married Susan Thomas on January 15, 1839. He died in Raleigh County, West Virginia on June 15, 1903.
- **Joshua Cannaday** was born January 24, 1818. He married Lydia Shorr on January 21, 1839. He died in Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio on January 20, 1886. He seems to have preferred the month of January.
- **Constantine Cannaday** was born in 1820. He married Sarah Ball October 21, 1839 and then later married Elizabeth Martin. He died in Danville, Virginia.
- **Susannah Cannaday** was born about 1821. She married Lewis Burnette on September 28, 1839.
- **Jacob Burl Cannaday** was born July 27, 1822. He married Elenor Cannaday in October 1841. Elenor was a daughter of Pleasant and Elizabeth Cannaday. He died January 16, 1895 in Raleigh County, West Virginia.
Pleasant Cannaday was born in 1824. He married Deborah Hall on September 4, 1849.

Randolph Cannaday was born on December 27, 1827. He married Mary Jane Viers in January 1852 and died in Dickenson County, Virginia.

Marshall Patterson Cannaday was born January 29, 1830. He married Anna Sumpter September 15, 1856.

John Cannaday married Sally W. Bartlett in Patrick County on November 12, 1840.

Stephen Cannaday was born in 1831. He married Elizabeth Leapos or Lemon (?) on February 18, 1848.

Other Cannadays There were seven more children who died in infancy or at an early age. They were Granville, Thomas, Ira, Mahala, Hessie and two unnamed children.

JAMES CANNADAY born March 15, 1793. He married Sarah Young on February 22, 1813. His will was written in Franklin County on October 9, 1861. He died there on November 4, 1861. Their twelve children were:

- Peter Cannaday born in 1813 and died in 1893. He married Mildred Ann Turner.
- James Cannaday born 1815. He married Martha Turner.
- Isaac Cannaday born 1817. He married Mary Shelor.
- William Cannaday married Sarah Shelor.
- Caroline Cannaday married Andrew Sims.
- Elizabeth Cannaday married Thomas Banks.
- Stephen Cannaday was the Sheriff of Franklin County.
- David Cannaday born in 1828 and died before 1851.
- Mary Cannaday married Wiley Menifree.
- Sarah (Sallie) Cannaday married Valentine Byrd.
- Harriet Cannaday married Thomas Moseley.

JOHN CANNADAY married to Martha Susan Winfree on May 11, 1812. Their children were:

- Baily Cannaday born 1822 and died 1912. He married Mary Huff.
- Pleasant Cannaday
- Elizabeth Cannaday married Preston Howery on December 2, 1844.
- James Cannaday married Martha Huff.

DAVID CANNADAY was born in 1794 and was married to Jane Walker on August 2, 1819 and had seven children. David died November 25, 1839. His wife Jane was born in about 1800 and was a daughter of Joel Walker and Sarah Bowen. After David died Jane married a Radford. She was shown as a widow (Radford) in 1850 with her four youngest Cannaday kids still with her. Children were:

- George Cannaday born in 1822. He was a physician who died in 1861.
- Adaline Cannaday born July 22, 1821. She married to James Ingram Junior on March 24, 1841. She died in Raleigh, West Virginia.
- Elizabeth Cannaday born September 4, 1824. She married Peter S. Moore on June 29, 1846. She died in Simons, Texas August 31, 1876.
**Ferdinand Cannaday** born June 12, 1820 and died August 7, 1912 in Morgan County Kentucky. He married Elizabeth Beckelhimer December 15, 1853 in Montgomery County Virginia. She died in Morgan County in 1914. They had:

- **Alice Cannaday** 1854-1856.
- **Tabitha Cannaday** 1855- and married an Estep.
- **Allie Cannaday** 1855-1857.
- **Iolena Salinin Cannaday** 1857-
- **Elisha Anna Cannaday** 1858-
- **George William Cannaday** 1859-1928. He married Isabel Lett.
- **Peter William Cannaday** 1860-1870.
- **Mary Jane Cannaday** 1862-
- **Margaret Cannaday** 1864-
- **Caleah Cannaday** 1868-1962. She married Francis Marion Lewis.

**Fleming S. Cannaday** born June 30, 1834 in Raleigh County, (West Virginia) and died in Clarksville, Tennessee on February 17, 1862 of pneumonia. He was there fighting for the CSA. He married Clara Toney, born July 26, 1833 and died July 18, 1914.

**Margaret Cannaday** born in 1837 who married John Miller December 23, 1853 in Raleigh County, West Virginia.

**David Cannaday Junior** born about 1836 and died March 21, 1882 in West Virginia. He married Frances Booton.

**CHARLES CANNADAY** born March 15, 1793 and died July 29, 1853. He married Mary Ingram on April 6, 1822. Mary was born June 29, 1805 and died July 5, 1859. Their children were:

- **James H. Cannaday** born in 1827 and died in 1899. He moved to Texas.
- **Charles Cannaday**
- **John B. Cannaday** born 1833 and died 1897. He married Virginia Ingram.
- **Asa Cannaday** born 1836 and died 1907. He was a physician and member of the Virginia Legislature. He married Demaris Graham on April 13, 1857.
- **Giles B. Cannaday** born 1839 and died 1908. He married Sarah Cannaday, daughter of Isaac and Mary Shelor Cannaday.

**PLEASANT CANNADAY** born about 1801. He married Elizabeth (Betsy) Young on November 23, 1822. He died December 21, 1829. She remarried to Jacob Huff on February 1, 1847. Pleasant and Betsy had four children:

- **Isaac Young Cannaday** born October 15, 1825. He married Mary Rakes on December 26, 1843. He died February 11, 1875.
- **Elizabeth Cannaday** born in 1829 and died in 1911. She married Peter Snuffer on April 6, 1846 in Franklin County.
- **Sarah Cannaday** born about 1827. She married Jesse Brammer on August 26, 1844.
- **Ellender Cannaday** born about 1826 and died May 25, 1898 in Raleigh County, West Virginia. She married Jacob Burl Cannaday on October 11, 1841. Jacob was a son of William (Patrick Billie) Cannaday and Martha Wright.

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**Sarah Cannaday**
Sarah was born in the 1750s. She married John Radford.

**Misniah Cannaday**

She was born in the early 1750s and died in 1803. She married Samuel Underwood in about 1764. He was a next door neighbor and was a Quaker. He was dismissed from the Church for marrying out of unity.

Family tradition leans to the notion that Misniah might be part Indian. This creates a little intrigue here.

Samuel Underwood's father was a Quaker Minister. Samuel and Misniah moved to the Cane Creek Meeting in Orange County, North Carolina where the first 9 or 10 children were born. They must have returned to Franklin County as that is where Samuel Underwood's will was probated on June 6, 1803.

The children were:

- **HANNAH UNDERWOOD** born in 1765. She married John Heard in Franklin County January 24, 1788.
- **SAMUEL UNDERWOOD, 3RD** born in 1766. Will dated 1818.
- **JOSEPH UNDERWOOD** born in 1767. He married Ellen Justice and died in 1840.
- **MARY UNDERWOOD** born in 1769. She married James Roberts and then Mosby Vest.
- **JOHN UNDERWOOD** born in about 1770. He married Sarah Lemon.
- **SETH UNDERWOOD** born in 1771, and married Sarah Worley.
- **EMANUEL UNDERWOOD** born in 1773, died 1845. His spouse was Elizabeth.
- **JESSE UNDERWOOD** born 1790, died 1850. He married Elender Greer.
- **WILLIAM UNDERWOOD** married Celia Manning in 1808.
- **ELIZABETH UNDERWOOD** married Bird Cole October 21, 1818.
- **URSULA UNDERWOOD** married Edmund Moore in 1811.
- **JOANNA UNDERWOOD** born about 1794. She married Samuel Radford in 1818.
- **MARY UNDERWOOD** born about 1796.
- **ELLENDER UNDERWOOD** born in 1798.
John Cannaday

John was married to a Nancy according to the estate settlement in 1801.

Nancy Cannaday

Nancy was first married to John Ward. He was killed in 1792. She then married James Allen in 1793.

William Cannaday, Jr.

The only mention I have of William was in the 1801 agreement on his father's estate. He was to buy out the other children's shares of the estate.

Then based on a marriage record provided by Cheryl Knowles, it seems he had a daughter.

RHODA CANNADAY She married John Hennis in Franklin County, Virginia on September 9, 1787. That's all I have except that her daddy was William Cannady. This is from the marriage record found by Cheryl Knowles. She must have been a daughter of the younger William as she was not mentioned in the settlement of the older William's estate.

There is also a marriage record that I do not know where else to place except here.

WILLIAM CANADAY married to Mary Davity or Dounty, a daughter of Elizabeth Parker on May 23, 1798.

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