

## ETHERIDGE

### 4. JOHN ETHERIDGE (William, Thomas I, Thomas II)

John Etheridge, son of Thomas II, was born ca. 1637/39 and died in Norfolk Co., Va. 1692. He married, probably ca. 1660/2 Elizabeth Nicholas, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Nicholas, who survived him. Elizabeth Nicholas (wife of John Etheridge) was born approximately 1640/42 since her father Andrew Nicholas was granted a certificate for 250 acres on Aug. 2, 1647 for the importation of himself, his wife Elizabeth, and his three children: Andrew, Elizabeth and William Nicholas (Norfolk Co. Bk. B, p. 52). There were two other daughters of Andrew and Elizabeth Nicholas: Sarah Nicholas "daughter of Andrew Nicholas" to whom Henry Nicholas, probably her uncle, made a deed of gift of cattle June 14, 1648 (Bk. C, p. 188), and Eleanor Nicholas.

The will of Andrew Nicholas, dated May 1, 1655, and probated in Norfolk County May 15, 1655 (Bk. C, p. 157), mentions his wife Elizabeth, son William, and daughters Elizabeth and Eleanor, both under age. For some reason the daughter Sarah is not mentioned, though she was a legatee in her mother's will. The will of Elizabeth Nicholas, dated Dec. 6, 1681 and probated June 16, 1684 (Bk. 4, p. 169) mentions her son William and his son Andrew, her grandson; also daughters Elizabeth Etheridge, Sarah Moore, and Eleanor Nicholas (the last-named still unmarried).

It has been mentioned that John Etheridge was sued in 1660, and was surveyor of highways in 1664, and that he was executor of his father's will in 1671. On March 1, 1668/9, Thomas Etheridge divided a patent of 430 acres granted him Nov. 6, 1665, with his son John (Bk. 4, p. 2). John Etheridge was a boatwright, perhaps a miller as well. On June 6, 1674, John Etheridge, boatwright, and Elizabeth his wife deeded half a mill to Richard Church (Bk. E, p. 170), and on June 15, 1674, he and his wife Elizabeth deeded to his brother Edward Etheridge 170 acres "between my brother Duke Etheridge and Edward Etheridge" (ibid). On the same date, John Etheridge boatwright, and Elizabeth, deeded 80 acres to "my brother Robert Watson", the latter having obviously married John's sister, Susannah Etheridge (Bk. E, p. 171)

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### 4. JOHN ETHERIDGE (CONT'D)

John, Marmaduke, and Edward Etheridge were paid as witnesses April 18, 1676 (O. Bk. 1675-86, unpaginated). On April 5, 1682, John Etheridge made deed of gift for love and affection to John Blandeville and Rose his wife during their lives, and during Rose's widowhood if John should die (Bk. 4, p. 127). This deed would perhaps indicate that Rose Blandeville was his daughter, although she is not mentioned in his will, which leaves all his property to his youngest sons, Edward and Henry, though the following deeds show that his other sons had already been provided for.

On May 10, 1686, Edward Etheridge and Elizabeth his wife deeded to his brother John Etheridge 100 acres that had been left to Edward by his father's will (Bk. 4, p. 228), and on Feb. 18, 1687/8, John Etheridge, Sr. and Elizabeth his wife deeded this land to their sons, John Etheridge, Jr. and Thomas Etheridge, John to have the upper plantation, and Thomas the lower. (Bk. 5, p. 131). On May 12, 1690, John Everidge Sr. made a deed of gift to his eldest son, Andrew Etheridge, of land given John by his father in 1670, and his wife Elizabeth signed the deed (Bk. 5, p. 127).

The will of John Etheridge Sr. dated Oct. 20, 1691 and probated May 17, 1692 (Bk. 5, p. 175), leaves to his son Edward the lower part of the plantation "on which I live", and to his son Henry "the upper part toward my brother Thomas"; he makes his wife executrix; and states "I bequeath my two sons, Edward and Henry, to live with my sons John and Thomas....until they come to be 18 years of age". The witnesses to the will were John Etheridge Jr. and Thomas Etheridge (the sons who had already been provided for). This will is incorrectly given in McIntosh, Vol. 1, p. 138, which states that it was the sons John and Thomas who were under 18. Elizabeth, relict of John Etheridge, was granted probate on his will May 16, 1692 (Bk. 5, Pg. 2 unpaginated).

Issue of John Etheridge (#4) and his wife Elizabeth Nicholas:

ROSE - wife of John Blandeville, perhaps, to whom John made a deed of gift in 1682. If she was his daughter, she was probably born ca. 1662-3.

ANDREW ETHERIDGE, b. probably ca. 1664-5 the eldest son mentioned in his grandfather's will in 1671.

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4. JOHN ETHERIDGE (CONTINUED)

#3. THOMAS ETHERIDGE, b. probably ca. 1668-9, also deeded land by his father in 1688.

EDWARD ETHERIDGE, b. probably ca. 1675-80 - under 18 in 1691.

HENRY ETHERIDGE, also b. probably ca. 1675-80 - under 18 in 1691.

5. THOMAS ETHERIDGE (John, Thomas II, Thomas I, William)

Thomas Etheridge was born probably ca. 1668/9 and died in Norfolk County in 1724. He married twice. The name of his first wife is not known. He married (2) Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ who survived him and was still living in Norfolk County in 1735.

On May 12, 1690 Edward Etheridge and Elizabeth his wife deeded to Thomas Etheridge "son of my brother John Etheridge" 50 acres, "formerly deeded to my brother John Etheridge" (Bk. 5, page 132). This was apparently to confirm the right of Thomas (#3) to the 50 acres which his father had deeded him in 1689.

In the 1704 Quitrent Roll of Norfolk County, Thomas Etheridge "B.R." (i.e. boatwright, the trade of his father) was listed with 50 acres in accordance with this deed (Va. Mag. of Hist. and Bio., Vol. 30, p. 23).

Thomas Etheridge died in Norfolk County in 1724, his widow (his second wife Elizabeth) signing his inventory Sept. 1, 1724 (Bk. F., p. 163). His inventory, Dec. 3, 1724 mentions nine orphans (ibid, p. 164a).

Thomas Etheridge had four children by his first wife (name unknown), i.e. Thomas, Lemuel, Charity and Moses. He had five children by his second wife, Elizabeth: Jeremiah, Paul, Dorcas, Christian, and Titus. This is shown by the following records:

Thomas Etheridge, apparently the eldest son, was, as "Thomas Etheridge, Jr." deeded 66 acres by Thomas Etheridge cooper on Nov. 19, 1724 (Bk. F. p. 158). This latter Thomas Etheridge, cooper, was the son of his uncle, William Etheridge. Thomas Etheridge, Jf. died unmarried in Norfolk County in 1753.

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5. THOMAS ETHERIDGE (CONTINUED)

The will of Thomas Etheridge (i.e. Jr.) dated May 8, 1752 and probated March 15, 1753 (Bk. 1, p. 303; McIntosh, Vol. II, p. 303) mentions his brother LEMUEL; sister CHARITY and her daughter ABIAH ETHERIDGE; half-brothers and half-sisters, JEREMIAH, PAUL, DORCAS BALLENTINE, and CHRISTIAN CREEKMUIR; and "the four children that my brother MOSES left after his death": Moses, Thomas, Mary and Margaret.

LEMUEL ETHERIDGE seems to have married late in life, a widow, Margaret, who survived him. He died in 1754 and apparently left no children. The will of the widow Margaret Etheridge, dated June 12, 1754 and probated in Norfolk Co. at the February Court, 1761 (W. Bk. 1, p. 56), leaves "to my daughter known as Mary Dougherty the plantation which my late husband, Lemuel Etheridge, left me"; in case of her death without heirs, to "my friend Mary Nash, wife of Thomas Nash"; and the land which Thomas Etheridge, dec., lived on to "my friend Seth Portlock". On Mar. 15, 1758, Margaret Etheridge deeded to William Odeon 66 acres "which formerly belonged to Thomas Etheridge, which he devised to his brother Lemuel, decd." (D. Bk. 18, p. 81). The appraisement of Margaret Etheridge, dated Feb. 19, 1761, was recorded at the February Court, 1762 (Appraisements I, p. 61), and her audit, which was not handed in until the June Court, 1772 (Audits I, p. 141), records the following items among others: (1) pd. Thomas Etheridge's gift to Moses Etheridge's children £ 5; (2) To cash to buy cloak for her daughter; (3) By Pd. to Mary Cuthrail her legacy by Margaret Etheridge herself.

The tithables of Norfolk County show the family of Thomas Etheridge (#3) as follows: (parentheses show when they were side by side)

1730: Moses Etheridge 1, (Thomas Etheridge 1, Jeremiah Etheridge 1, Elizabeth Etheridge and Paul Etheridge 1), Lemuel Etheridge 1.

1731: (Thomas 1, Moses 1), Lemuel 1, Elizabeth for Jeremiah and Paul 2.

1734: Moses 1, Jeremiah and Paul Etheridge, and Nathaniel and John Cuthrail 4, Lemuel 1, Thomas Jr. 1.

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5. THOMAS ETHERIDGE (CONTINUED)

Tithables (continued)

- 1735: Elizabeth Etheridge List, Titus Etheridge 1;  
Thomas 1, Lemuel 1, Moses 1, Jeremiah 1, Paul 1.
- 1736: Jeremiah 1, Paul 1, (Thomas Jr. 1, Lemuel 1),  
Moses 1.
- 1751: (From Ferry Point to Great Bridge):  
Thomas Jr. 1, Lemuel 1.  
Hollow Poplar to Upper Inhabitants: Jeremiah 1,  
Paul 1.
- 1754: Paul 1.

Issue of Thomas Etheridge by his first marriage:

THOMAS ETHERIDGE, b. approx. 1695, d. single 1753.

LEMUEL ETHERIDGE, b. approx. 1697, married Margaret \_\_\_\_\_  
(who died 1761), and died prior to June 1754 when  
Margaret's will was written. His inventory was returned  
on Dec. 19, 1754 (O. Bk. 1753-55 p. 98). Lemuel left  
no children. There was another Lemuel Etheridge in  
Norfolk County, apparently son of another Thomas Etheridge  
who was the son of the first Thomas Etheridge. This  
latter Lemuel was deeded land in 1722 and was called  
Lemuel Etheridge Jr. in the deed showing that he was  
younger than this "LEMUEL".

CHARITY ETHERIDGE, b. probably ca. 1700-1705, had an  
illegitimate daughter, Abiah, mentioned in her brother  
Thomas's will. The child was born in 1726 (see reference  
on May 20, 1726 and July 15, 1726 in Wills and Orders  
1723-34, the part containing Orders being unpaginated).  
Charity Etheridge was still living in 1769 when she is  
mentioned in the audit of William Odeon's estate  
(Audits I, p. 133).

MOSES ETHERIDGE, also b. probably ca. 1700-05, and  
died prior to 1751.

Issue of Thomas Etheridge by his second wife ELIZABETH:

#6. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, b. probably ca. 1708-10.

PAUL ETHERIDGE, b. probably ca. 1710-1712.

DORCAS ETHERIDGE, b. probably ca. 1712-14.  
Married to a Ballentine by 1752.

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5. THOMAS ETHERIDGE (CONTINUED)

Issue of Thomas Etheridge by his 2nd wife ELIZABETH (continued).

CHRISTIAN ETHERIDGE, b. probably ca. 1715-17.  
Married to a Creekmuir by 1752.

TITUS ETHERIDGE, first a tithable to the family  
of his mother Elizabeth Etheridge in 1735, therefore  
b. ca. 1718-19. He never appears after this, so  
probably died young.

6. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE ( Thomas, John, Thomas II, Thomas I, William)

Jeremiah Etheridge was born probably ca. 1708-10 and died 1754  
in Norfolk Co., Va. He married SARAH \_\_\_\_\_ who survived him.

On Nov. 15, 1734 Adam Etheridge deeded to Jeremiah Etheridge  
34 acres that Benjamin Beck had sold him (D.B.12, p. 45), and  
on Mar. 15, 1743/4 JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, Cooper, sold this land  
to Adrigan Bartee (D.B. 13, p. 112). This deed was acknowl-  
edged by Jeremiah Etheridge and Sarah his wife on Mar. 16,  
1743/4 (O.B. 1742-6, p. 59).

The will of JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, dated Jan. 24, 1753/4 and  
probated at the March Court, 1753/4 (Bk. 1, p. 302; McIntosh  
Wills, Vol. II p. 302) mentions his sons Mathias, Jeremiah  
and Thomas, and his wife (name not given, but it was SARAH  
as shown above). The eldest son Mathias Etheridge was born  
at least as early as 1738, for Mrs. Sarah Etheridge was charged  
with him as a tithable in 1754. As Mathias is not shown in  
his father's family in 1751, he was born after 1735, so 1736-8  
is probably the correct date of birth.

The youngest son, Thomas Etheridge, "son of JEREMIAH and  
SARAH ETHERIDGE", was born Nov. 8, 1751 (James, Lower Norfolk  
Co. Antiquary, Vol. I, p. 10). On Oct. 18, 1765, it was  
ordered that the churchwardens should bind out Thomas  
Etheridge (Orders 1763-65, p. 284), a record which indicates  
that it was Jeremiah's son Thomas, as the latter was nearly  
14 at this date.

The second son, JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, is shown in the tithables  
of 1767 with 75 acres of land, which indicates that he was  
over 21, and probably born ca. 1740-45. A record dated  
May 17, 1765 states that "Jeremiah Etheridge is to be acquitted  
of the levy during his indisposition" (O.B. 1763-5, p. 218).

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6. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (CONTINUED)

Issue of Jeremiah Etheridge and his wife Sarah:

Mathias Etheridge, b. ca. 1736-8

#7. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, b. ca. 1740-45

Thomas Etheridge, b. Nov. 8, 1751

7 JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (II)

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (II) was born in Norfolk Co., Va. probably ca. 1740-45 and died in Nash Co., N. C. in 1809. The name of his wife is not known since she signed no deeds and appears in no will. She may have been a "BRIGHT" since his last land transaction in Norfolk Co. was to transfer his property to "COURTNEY BRIGHT" and he had a daughter named "COURTNEY".

On May 17, 1765, Jeremiah Etheridge was excused from levies "during his indisposition" (Norfolk Co. O.B. 1763-5, p. 218). He is shown in the tithables of 1767 with 75 acres of land which indicates he was over 21. Therefore, he was probably born ca. 1740-45.

The tithables of 1771 show JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE "for ASA" 1 tithable, but since "Asa" was obviously over 16 and would thus have been born by 1755 he could hardly have been a son of Jeremiah and was perhaps a slave.

On Nov. 8, 1771, Jeremiah Etheridge deeded 42 acres to Samuel Happer (D Bk. 25, p. 166) and on April 22, 1771 Francis Creedle, planter, deeded to Jeremiah Etheridge, planter, all Creedle's land on the south side of Jeremiah's house to a division between Creedle and John Etheridge, a lease for 10 years; test; Robert Etheridge et al (ibid p. 167).

On April 11, 1772, Jeremiah Etheridge deeded to Courtney Bright the land that Francis Creedle had leased him (ibid p. 204). This is the last mention of Jeremiah Etheridge in the land records of Norfolk Co. However, a Jeremiah Etheridge is shown in the personal taxes with 2 tithables in 1796 and with 1 tithable in 1798. This was probably his nephew - son of Mathias and is probably the same Jeremiah Etheridge that is named in the 1816 will of William Lurry in Currituck Co., N. C. as his son-in-law. This Jeremiah Etheridge died in 1858 in Currituck Co. and his will is recorded in Currituck Co. Will Book 4, pp 227-8.

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7. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (II) - (continued)

Jeremiah Etheridge (II) moved to Edgecombe Co., N. C. and obtained land there prior to Mar. 27, 1775. On March 25, 1775 he witnessed a deed transferring land from Newit Lane to Thomas Warren (DB 3-36). Also, a deed dated Mar. 27, 1775 from Thomas Warren to Thomas Warren, Jr. describes the land as being adjacent to that owned by Jeremiah Etheridge and John Etheridge.

Nash County was formed in 1777 from a portion of Edgecombe County and it appears that Jeremiah Etheridge's land lay within the confines of the newly-formed Nash County.

On Nov. 10, 1779, Jeremiah Etheridge obtained a State of North Carolina grant (#35) for 200 acres in Nash Co. This grant was issued to JEREMIAH ETHERAGE but when it was entered in the Nash County records in 1781 his name appears 4 times - the first time it is spelled "ETHEREDGE" and the last 3 times it is spelled "ETHERAGE" (D Book 3-216). The land was described as being on Sapony Creek adjoining Edward Pursell.

On Feb. 11, 1785, Jeremiah Etheridge purchased from Edward Pursell for 50 pds. specie 230 acres on the north side of Little Sapony Swamp - this being part of the tract granted to Newet Lane on Sept. 17, 1744 (DB 1-146).

On the same date, Feb. 11, 1785, Jeremiah Etheridge also purchased from the same Edward Pursell for 50 pds. specie 218 acres located on Sapony creek, Bear Branch and adjoined land owned by Pursell - this being part of a tract granted to William Vester on Aug. 10, 1762 (DB 3-302).

For some unknown reason, Jeremiah Etheridge does not appear in the 1782 tax list for Nash Co. but he does appear in the 1790 census with a family consisting of:

5 males over 15  
8 females  
3 free persons of color  
3 slaves

This indicates a very large family most of whom cannot be identified from the records of Nash Co. Possibly one or more of his children had married and were living in the same household.



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7. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (II) - (continued)

On May 12, 1795, Jeremiah Etheridge, SR, deeded 230 acres to JAROD ETHERIDGE (DB 6-87) and on May 19, 1795 he deeded 218 acres to JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE JR. This is the same land he bought in 1785 from Edward Pursell. Undoubtedly, both JAROD and JEREMIAH JR. were his sons.

In the 1790 census, adjacent to Jeremiah Etheridge's name, in PETER ETHERIDGE with 1 male over 15, 3 males age 10/15 and 4 females. The 1782 tax list for Nash Co. shows Peter Etheridge with 250 acres in Capt. Duvaughan's District. The 1800 census shows Peter as being age 45 and over which would place his birth date at 1755 or before and, therefore, could not be Jeremiah's son, but they were undoubtedly related. Possibly, he was a son of John Etheridge who was there in 1775 but does not appear in the 1790 census.

The 1800 census for Nash County lists:

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE	1 male over 44 1 female over 44 1 female 10 thru 15 1 female under 10
JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE JR.	1 male 26 thru 44 1 female 26 thru 44 1 male under 10 1 female 16 thru 25
JERROD ETHERIDGE	1 male 26 thru 44 1 female 26 thru 44 1 male under 10
PETER ETHERIDGE	1 male over 44 1 female 25 thru 44 1 male 16 thru 25 1 male 10 thru 15 1 female 10 thru 15
HENRY ETHERIDGE	1 male 16 thru 25 1 female 16 thru 25 1 female over 44

The 1810 census for Nash county lists no Jeremiah Etheridge and no Jerrod Etheridge but does list Henry and Matthew Etheridge (both 26/45) and 2 Peter Etheridge's - both over 45. But one Peter Etheridge was undoubtedly under 45 since neither of the male children of the 1800 census could have attained age 45 within the 10-year period. The relationship of Jeremiah to Henry, Matthew and the 2 Peter Etheridges have not been determined. Henry and Matthew may have been sons, but more likely they were sons of Peter Etheridge SR.

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7. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (II) - continued

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (II) died in Nash Co., N.C. in 1809. His will is dated Nov. 28, 1809 (no probate date) in which he leaves all property to his daughter, COURTNEY (Will Bk. I page 242) indicating that his wife had died previously. Sale of his inventory including 265 acres of land was held on Mar. 6, 1810 with his daughter, Courtney, one of the buyers.

Issue of JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (II):

8. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, JR. (III) b. 1772-74

Jarrold Etheridge b. 1770-1774

Courtney Etheridge (dau) b. 1785-1790

The census of 1800 shows 2 daughters but the name of the second one has not been identified. The large family of the 1790 census may have included the families of John Etheridge and Peter Etheridge, Sr. who seem to have been living in Nash County at the time but are not separately listed.

8. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, III

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (III) was born in Edgecomb Co., N. C. (later Nash Co.) 1772-74. The 1880 census for Lawrence Co., Ala. shows that both he and his wife, as the parents of ELIZABETH CARPENTER, were born in N. C. (Twp. 8, Range 9, p 9). He was at least 21 years of age when his father deeded him land on May 19, 1795. His father moved to Edgecomb Co., N.C. between 1772 and 1775. His wife was born in 1773, so he was probable born 1772/73.

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (III) married SARAH RACKLEY probably around 1791-1793. Sarah was the daughter of PARSONS RACKLEY who owned land adjacent to that which JEREMIAH obtained from his father on May 19, 1795 (DB 6-88). PARSONS RACKLEY died in 1814 and named 6 sons and 4 daughters in his will dated Oct. 18, 1814 - one of whom was SARAH ETHERIDGE (Will Book I). *Her mother was SARAH PARKER.*

We have seen that JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, JR. (III) obtained 218 acres of land from his father on May 19, 1795. On May 13, 1799 he sold 75 acres to Daniel Warren for 16 pds. 7 sh. 6 d. Virginia money (DB 6-433). The land lay on the south side of Little Creek adjoining that of Warren, Rackley and others. No other land sales of Jeremiah Etheridge, Jr. has been found.

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (III) was not listed in the 1810 federal census for Nash Co., N.C. (neither was his father listed). He had moved to Tennessee as shown by the following: On Mar. 22, 1798 he had witnessed a deed in which 25 acres of land was transferred from Elizabeth Pussell to Hardy Pussell. In the Nov. court of 1810, David Melton proved the handwriting of Jeremiah Etheridge who, the record shows, was in Tennessee.

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8. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, III (continued)

The census records of 1850 and 1870 for Lawrence Co., Ala. show that his daughter, ELIZABETH, was born in Tennessee in either 1803 or 1804. This would indicate that he moved to Tennessee between 1801 and 1803.

On Sept. 10, 1811, Mannering Brookshire sued Jeremiah ETHRIDGE in Lincoln Co., Tenn. for \$5.54 which he had collected as constable for said Brookshire. Jeremiah Ethridge was ordered to pay it. On the same date, Jeremiah Ethridge sued Thomas Sittin for \$1.64 and the court found for the defendant. (Lincoln Co., Tenn. Minute Docket Vol. 1811-12, items 107 and 109).

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE's name does not appear in any land records of Lincoln Co., Tenn. indicating he probably farmed some one else's land on a rental or crop-sharing basis.

The 1820 federal census for Lincoln County, Tenn. dated Feb. 3, 1820 lists:

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE	1 male 45 and over
	1 male 10 thru 15
	3 males under 10
	1 female 45 and over
	1 female 16 thru 25
	1 female 10 thru 15
ANN ETHERIDGE	1 female 26 thru 44
JARROD ETHERIDGE	1 male 45 and over
	1 male 10 thru 15
	3 males under 10
	1 female 26 thru 44
	1 female 10 thru 15

ANN ETHERIDGE was probably a widowed daughter-in-law of either Jeremiah or Jarrod since it is unlikely that a daughter of either would have set up her own household. Jarrod was undoubtedly his brother.

The 1830 census for Lincoln Co., Tenn. lists no ETHERIDGE's indicating that all had moved away. Jarrod Etheridge has not been located in the 1830 census - neither has Ann.

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8. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, III (continued)

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE (III) moved to Lawrence Co., Ala. before 1830. He appears in the 1830 census for that county as:

JEREMIAH ETHERAGE	1 male 50-60
	2 males 15-20
	1 male 10-15
	1 female 50-60
	1 female 15-20

In the 1850 census, his daughter, ELIZABETH CARPENTER, is shown with 9 children all born in Ala. - the oldest one being 25 years of age indicating that she was living there in 1825. Probably Jeremiah moved there around that date - possibly before.

On Aug. 30, 1833, Jeremiah ETHRIDGE purchased 39.89 acres in Lawrence Co., Ala. from the U. S. Land Office in Huntsville, Ala. for \$49.86 (\$1.25/acre) (Sale No. 6336, patented Sept. 4, 1835, Recorded Vol. 15 p. 31). The land is described as: South East 1/2 of South East 1/2 of Secgion 21, Township 5, Range 9 West.

In the 1840 census for Lawrence Co., Ala. he is listed as follows:

J. <u>ETHERIGE</u>	1 male 60-70
	1 male 20-30
	1 male under 5
	1 female 60-70
	1 female 20-30

This would indicate that one of his children had married and was living in<sup>h</sup> household with their young child (Jeremiah's grandchild). However, there is no Lawrence Co. marriage record of an ETHERIDGE that would indicate which son or daughter this might be. His two sons - JOHN and HILLIARD - who were 18 and 19 respectively at the time are not listed in his household - nor separately. They may have been living with another family possibly as hired hands.

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE does not appear in the 1850 census for Lawrence Co., Ala. indicating that he died between 1840/1850. However, his wife - SARAH ETHRIDGE age 77, b. N. C. was living in the home of B. Carpenter and Elizabeth Carpenter (age 47, b. Tenn.) with their 9 children. Undoubtedly Elizabeth Carpenter was her daughter. Sarah Ethridge died before the 1860 census.

JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE was commissioned Justice of the Peace in Lawrence Co. on Mar 31, 1841 and signed a \$1,000 bond on April 17 along with 2 sureties - Benjamin Carpenter (his son-in-law) and Robert Henderson. 49

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#### 8. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, III (continued)

Issue of Jeremiah and Sarah ETHERIDGE.

ELIZABETH. b. 1803/1804 Tenn. Married Benjamin Carpenter ca. 1824. Moved to Lawrence Co., Ala. 1825 or before. The 1850 census lists 9 children, oldest 25, all born in Ala. Elizabeth was 66 in 1870 (1870 Lawrence Co. census, Courtland and Town Creek #83). In the 1880 census (Twp. 8, Range 9, p. 9) Elizabeth Carpenter is shown as being 74, born in Tenn. and that both her father and mother were born in North Carolina. Her husband, Benjamin Carpenter, is shown as being age 76, born in Virginia and that both his father and mother were born in Virginia. Benjamin and Elizabeth Carpenter died after the 1880 census.

JACK. b. ca. 1805 probably Tenn. Married Martha Beavers ca. 1825. Killed next day. The incident is reported in the book "EARLY SETTLERS OF ALABAMA" by Col. James E. Saunders of Courtland, Ala. (1899). The JACK ETHRIDGE referred to was probably a son of Jeremiah ETHERIDGE since there were 4 sons listed in the 1820 Lincoln Co., Tenn. census and only 3 sons were listed in the 1830 Lawrence Co. census living in Jeremiah's household. Furthermore, no record has been found of another ETHERIDGE family living in Lawrence Co. or adjacent counties during the 1820/1830 time period.

Col. Saunders is discussing a Major Lewis D. Dillahunty who had been sent by President James Monroe to prepare the minds of the Indians south of the river for cession of their land (probably around 1817) and he became one of the earliest settlers of Courtland. He writes:

"Major Dillahunty lived 3 years at Courtland and then moved to the neighborhood of Mount Pleasant church. ....While Major Dillahunty lived at Mt. Pleasant occurred the first Masonic burial that ever took place in the county and Major Dillahunty who was then the highest Mason, performed the ceremony. It was that of JACK ETHRIDGE. He had been married one day to Martha Beavers and the next day he rode to Bainbridge (Ed. note: Bainbridge was then in Franklin Co., now in Colbert) with a friend and on returning they concluded to try the speed of their horses and ETHRIDGE was thrown against a tree and killed. I judge she became a widow earlier than any wife ever in the county."

The Courtland chapter of the Masonic Lodge was established in the early 1820s. So it may be assumed that this incident occurred ca. 1825. There are no Lawrence Co. marriage records before Nov. 1828.

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8. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, III (continued)

Issue of JEREMIAH and SARAH ETHERIDGE (continued)

GREENBERRY. b. ca. 1809 in Tennessee, d. early 1831.  
More next generation

(\_\_\_\_\_ daughter). b. ca. 1810 probably in  
Tenn. The 1820 census for Lincoln Co., Tenn. shows  
a daughter in the 10/15 yr. bracket. The 1830 census  
for Lawrence Co. shows a daughter in the 15/20 yr.  
bracket. She may have been the female age 20/30 living  
in her father's household in the 1840 census for  
Lawrence Co., Ala.

HILLIARD I. b. ca. 1811 in Tenn. Married Emily C.  
Hatton Aug. 8, 1850. Died 1857/1859. The 1850  
census for Lawrence Co. (Dist #7, #190) lists:

H. Ethridge	age 39	b. N.C.
E. C. " (f)	age 23	b. Ala.

The birthplace for H. Ethridge is probably an error  
because his older sister, Elizabeth, consistently showed  
her birthplace as Tenn. However, there is always the  
possibility that his mother went back to Nash Co., N.C.  
for a visit in 1811 and that he was born there (his  
mother's father, Parsons Rackley, was still living at  
that time.)

In the 1860 Lawrence Co. census (Courtland p. 10), we  
find the following listing:

Emily Ethridge	age 32	b. Va.
Wm. D.	age 6	b. Ala.
Hilliard	age 2	b. Ala.

Emily Ethridge does not appear in the 1870 census but  
she does appear in the 1880 census (ED166, p. 12 line 30)  
age 54 b. Va. living with her ~~relatives~~, Elizabeth Hatton.  
Neither Wm. D. nor Hilliard is listed - so they had  
either died or moved away.

JOHN WILEY. b. ca. 1812 in Tenn. is listed in the 1850  
census for Lawrence Co., Ala. in Dist #7, #29 as follows:

J. W. Ethridge	age 38	b. Tenn.
M. A. Ethridge (f)	age 27	b. Pa.
Susan " (f)	age 6	b. Ala.
G. B. (m)	age 4	b. Ala.
John B. (or H.) (m)	age 2	b. Ala.

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8. JEREMIAH ETHERIDGE, III (continued)

Issue of JEREMIAH and SARAH ETHERIDGE (continued)

JOHN WILEY (continued)

JOHN WILEY ETHERIDGE probably married ca. 1843 but there is no record of it since Lawrence Co. marriage records between Mar. 1841 and Aug. 1848 do not exist. Therefore, the name of his first wife is not known. She died before Dec. 1853. On Dec. 25, 1853, John W. Etheridge married Martha A. Irvin, widow of Howell P. Irvin whom she had married on Dec. 21, 1839 (her maiden name was Nicholson). The 1860 Lawrence Co. census lists in the Moulton Dist. p. 45, #488:

Martha Ethridge		age 40 b. Ala.
John	" (m)	age 19 b. Ala.
Jenkins	" (m)	age 16 b. Ala.
Cynthia	" (f)	age 14 b. Ala.
Ida	" (f)	age 5 b. Ala.

This indicates that John Wiley Etheridge had died before this census which was taken on 27 July 1860. John, Jenkins, and Cynthia were children of her prior marriage and should have been listed with surname "IRWIN". Ida was the daughter of John Wiley and Martha. In the 1870 census she is listed as:

Martha ETHERAGE	age 50 b. Ala.
John C. (orB)	age 21 b. Ala.
Ida	age 15 b. Ala.

In the 1880 census (SD1, ED172, p. 14 line 9) M. A. ETHRIDGE (age 60, b. Ala.) is listed as mother-in-law to J. B. Priddy whose wife is listed as "IDA L. PRIDDY" (her daughter). M. A. Etheridge's mother was born in Ga., her father in Ky.

It would appear that Susan and G. B. from John Wiley's first marriage died perhaps before 1860, and that John, from his first marriage died before 1880. There is no marriage record of either in Lawrence Co. There is, of course, the possibility that both moved to another county or state before 1880.

(Land and probate records of Lawrence Co. have not been searched for information on the children of Jeremiah Etheridge III)

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- 9 GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE (I) (Jeremiah III, Jeremiah II, Jeremiah I, Thomas, John, Thomas, Thomas, William)

GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE (I) was born ca. 1809 in Tennessee (1880 Lawrence Co. census SD1 ED166, p. 19, line 11). He married Sarah Masterson Nov. 25, 1830 in Lawrence Co., Ala. (Lawrence Co. marriage records), daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Masterson.

GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE (I) died early 1831 and is probably buried in the Masterson Cemetery near Wolf Springs. Family tradition has it that he died from being kicked in the head by a horse.

One son, GREENBERRY (II) was born Oct. 11, 1831 (after his death. This was their only child.

His widow, Sarah, married ARMSTRONG STEVENS Feb. 15, 1833 (Lawrence Co. marriage records). No further record of them has been found. Either both died before the 1840 census or, more likely, they moved to another county or state. But in the 1850 census for Lawrence Co. a Sarah Masterson, age 33, was living in the home of Thomas Masterson, Sr. It is possible that her second husband died before this date, that she assumed her maiden name, and that her age was incorrectly recorded since she was actually age 40 at that time.

MASTERSON - STINSON - COBB

Thomas Masterson, Sr. was born in South Carolina in 1799 (1850 and 1860 Lawrence Co. census) and died in Lawrence Co. Ala. Nov. 18, 1867 (tombstone). His wife, ELIZABETH (STINSON) MASTERSON was also born in South Carolina in 1789 (census records) and died in her 80th year near Avoca, Ala. (Lawrence Co.) on April 21, 1869 (Ala. Obituary Records Vol. 60, p. 26). \*

ELIZABETH STINSON was the daughter of ELIJAH BRAZILL STINSON (b. May 15, 1762, Va. - d. Mar. 21 or 23, 1835) and RACHEL COBB (b. June 26, 1765 - d. May 24, 1850) daughter of CAPT. SILAS COBB.

In the early 1800s, Thomas Masterson moved to Tennessee (location unknown) where his daughter SARAH, was born ca. 1810 (1880 Lawrence Co. census SD1, ED166, p. 19, line 11).

\*They were married 20 June 1807 in Roane Co., Tenn.



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9. GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE (I) - CONTINUED

MASTERSON - STINSON - COBB

Thomas Masterson, Sr. moved to Lauderdale Co., Ala. ca. 1818 and on 17 Sept. 1818 purchased from the U. S. Land Office in Huntsville, Ala. 159.42 acres in Lawrence Co. for \$318.84 (\$2.00/acre) paying \$79.71 down. On 5 Aug. 1821 the price was reduced to the amount of the down payment (\$79.71). The land is described as: NW quarter, Sec. 33, Twp. 5 Range 9W (Patented 1 May 1824, recorded vol. 7 p. 512).

Subsequently, he purchased:

Oct. 5, 1819 - 79.74 acres - \$39.37 - described as  $E\frac{1}{2} W\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 33 Twp 5, Range 9W (Patent No. 2502 May 20, 1829, recorded Vol. 22 p. 42).

Dec. 5, 1831 - 79.71 acres - \$99.64 - described as  $E\frac{1}{2} NE\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 33 Twp 5 Range 9W, Cert. of Purchase No. 4636 (Patented July 30, 1833 recorded Vol 10 p 479).

Feb. 16, 1833 - 40.23 acres - \$50.22 described as:  $SW\frac{1}{4} SE\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 9 Twp 6 Range 9W Certificate of Purchase No. 6056 (Patented Sept. 4, 1835, recorded Vol 14, p. 238).

In 1850 he had 5 male and 3 female slaves.

10. GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE (II) - (Greenberry (I), Jeremiah III, Jeremiah II, Jeremiah I, Thomas, John, Thomas).

GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE (II) was born on Oct. 11, 1831 (his tombstone erroneously shows 1832) - the only child of Greenberry (I) and Sarah (Masterson) Etheridge. As stated before, his father died before he was born and his mother married Armstrong Stevens on Feb. 15, 1833.

GREENBERRY (II) may have lived in the home of his paternal grandfather (Jeremiah) for a short time but the 1840 census does not show that he was there at that time. The 1840 census does show a male child age 5 thru 9 living in the home of Thomas Masterson (his maternal grandfather. It is most likely that this child was Greenberry (II)

In the 1850 Lawrence Co. census, Greenberry Etheridge (age 19) was living in the home of his uncle, B. O. Masterson (age 27) whose home was adjacent to that of his father, Thomas. The 1860 census shows Byron Masterson (age 37) as being a physician.

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10. GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE (II) - CONTINUED.

On March 19, 1855, GREEN B. ETHRIDGE of Lawrence Co., Ala. purchased from the U. S. Land Office, Huntsville, Ala. 39.73 acres of land in Lawrence Co. for \$4.97 (12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢/acre) described as SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  quarter of Section 23, Twp. No. 5, Range 9W. (Patented March 1, 1858, recorded Vol. 46, p. 71) On his affidavit, he signed his name "GREEN B. ETHRIDGE", and on other papers made out by others, the name was written ETHERIDGE, but the second "e" was crossed out by hand indicating that he preferred the "ETHRIDGE" spelling.

On January 15, 1856, GREENBERRY ETHRIDGE married SUSAN CATHERINE GRIMES, daughter of NICHOLAS TOPPI and ELIZABETH (FINNEY) GRIMES. Susan Catherine Grimes was born in Lawrence Co., Ala. on Feb. 14, 1832.

The 1860 census for Lawrence Co., Ala. (Courtland #162) lists:

G. B. Ethridge	age 28	b. Ala.	Farmer
Kate	"	age 27	b. Tenn.
Benj.	age 5/12	b. Ala.	
Raney Finney	age 70	b. S. C.	
Elizabeth Grimes	age 36	b. Ala.	

The listing of Tennessee as the birthplace of KATE (Catherine) is an error since the 1850, 1870 and 1880 censuses show she was born in Alabama which is also supported by the fact that her parents were married in Lawrence Co., Ala. Also her sister, Elizabeth, who was much older was listed as having been born in Alabama.

Following is an excerpt from the book "NOTABLE MEN OF ALABAMA - VOL. 2" by DuBose (1904);

"Greenberry B. Etheredge was born near Wolf Springs, Lawrence Co. in 1830 and was the only child of his parents. In his early days game was very plentiful and he was a noted hunter, said to be one of the best marksmen in Northern Alabama.

"Early in 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate service, being for some time in General Roddy's command and later under General Forrest. Near the close of the war he was captured at Huntsville by General Wilson in his notable raid, and held prisoner until the final surrender, when he was released. He is still living. For twenty years he was a school trustee, and a constable for thirty years.

"Dr. Etheredge's mother (i.e. Greenberry's wife) died on October 6, 1891 at the age of sixty-one years. In her girlhood she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and during her whole life was a consistent Christian".

GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE (II) - CONTINUED

The preceding excerpt appears to contain three errors: Greenberry was born in 1831 (not 1830); his wife, Catherine died on Nov. 9, 1891 according to her tombstone, and he enlisted in Tuscumbia as a private in Co. A. 4th Ala. Cavalry in 1864 (not 1861) and was honorably discharged in May 1865, according to his pension application dated July 15, 1902.

In the 1870 census for Lawrence Co., Ala. GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE is listed as living next door (or on the next farm) to B. O. MASTERSON, physician. This is significant in that Greenberry was living in his home 20 years earlier, and his oldest son, Benjamin, became a physician.

Before 1880 (possibly before 1870) Greenberry Etheridge II built a log home on land which is now at the intersection of Route #101 and Beaver's Cross (N.E. corner) where he lived until his death. In 1969, the writer inspected the house which was largely in ruins.

In his pension application to the State of Ala. dated July 15, 1902 he stated that he owned 115 acres of land (of which 15 to 20 acres was open land in cultivation) improved by a dwelling, 2 outhouses and a barn which was valued at \$115.00. His personal property was valued at \$114.00 and included 2 mules, 1 cow and calf, 1 sow and 3 pigs, sheep, 1 pistol, 1 clock, 1 old buggy and household and kitchen furniture. He claimed that during the war he was thrown from a horse in the fall of 1864 and had been lame since that time. He was granted a pension. His post office address at that time was Edmon, Ala.

On or about Mar. 12, 1893, he married SARAH ANN BURNEY, widow of Thomas E. Burney (whom she had married on June 9, 1878). Sarah Ann was born at Courtland June 8, 1853 the daughter of Hugh C. Bond who died Dec. 20, 1872 at Moulton. She had one son, James William Burney, with whom she lived after Greenberry's death. She was granted a pension upon his death and filed requests for reclassification on July 18, 1923 and July 20, 1933 at which time she was 80 years old. Greenberry had no children by Sarah Ann.

GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE (II) died at Wolf Springs on May 25, 1913 according to his widow's request for pension reclassification of July 20, 1933. Both he and his first wife, SUSAN CATHERINE, are buried in the Masterson cemetery in Lawrence Co.

ISSUE OF GREENBERRY and SUSAN CATHERINE ETHERIDGE:

SARAH ELIZABETH b. Oct. 3, 1856 d. Oct. 4, 1856

11. BENJAMIN THOMAS b. Sept. 3, 1856 d. July 29, 1915  
(more next generation).

GREENBERRY ("GREENE") b. Jan. 20, 1861 d. July 10, 1940  
m. (1) Martha Ann Brooks (1879) b. Sep 6, 1860 d Jul 29, 1902  
2 sons 1 daughter  
(2) Emma McGill m. ? b. Jul 6, 1881  
2 sons

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ISSUE OF GREENBERRY AND SUSAN CATHERINE ETHERIDGE (CONTINUED)

ELI~~AS~~ HUGH b. Feb. 23, 1862 d. July 24, 1932  
m. Frances Elizabeth Brooks Sept. 21, 1884  
b. Nov. 13, 1861 d. Oct. 18, 1921  
5 sons, 4 daughters

JOHN W. b. April 15, 1871 d. Feb. 19, 1950  
m. Anna Brackin date ?  
b. Feb. 26, 1873 d. Oct. 13, 1951  
7 sons, 3 daughters

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GRIMES - FINNEY - WATSON - ARMSTRONG

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SUSAN CATHERINE GRIMES was the daughter of NICHOLAS TOPPI and ELIZABETH (FINNEY) GRIMES.

NICHOLAS TOPPI GRIMES was born in Tennessee ca. 1800 (1850 Lawrence Co. census). He married ELIZABETH (FINNEY) TEASDALE in Lawrence Co., Ala. on Oct. 14, 1821, widow of Isaac Teasdale who had died ca. 1818 in South Carolina. She was granted administration of his estate in Abbeville District, S. C. in 1818 - Robert Finney (her father) bondsman. No record of children by her first marriage has been located.

NICHOLAS and ELIZABETH GRIMES had a large number of children. Recollections of Louis Lee Farr of El Paso, Texas (furnished the writer by Mrs. Hunter B. Andrew of San Angelo, Texas states they had 10 children but lists the names of only 5: Almerina, Elizabeth, Katherina, Houston, and Madison).

NICHOLAS T. GRIMES married ANNA JANE ROACH on 27 Jan. 1839 (Lawrence Co. marriage records) indicating that his first wife, ELIZABETH, died ca. 1838. No census record of a family of NICHOLAS T. GRIMES has been noted in the 1830 and 1840 census records for Lawrence Co., Ala. but a more careful search may indicate such listing. The 1850 census lists NICHOLAS T. GRIMES (age 50, b. Tenn.) and ANNA J. GRIMES, his second wife, with 11 children - 7 born 1838 or before (which would have been by ELIZABETH) and 4 between 1840 and 1848 (which would have been by his second wife ANNA). CATHERINE is listed as age 18.

ELIZABETH FINNEY was born in Columbia, S. C. ca. 1800 the daughter of ROBERT and ELIZABETH (WATSON) FINNEY. ELIZABETH WATSON was born in Virginia 1750/1760 and died in Lawrence Co., Ala. 1830/1840.

May 5, 1977

DATE

James B. Etheredge

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART

7106 Bells Mill Road

STREET ADDRESS

Bethesda, Md. 20034

CITY

STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ON CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

# PEDIGREE CHART

## 2 NICHOLAS TOPPI GRIMES

BORN ca. 1800  
WHERE Tenn.  
WHEN MARRIED Oct. 14, 1821 (1st)  
DIED Af. 1850  
WHERE Lawrence Co., Ala.

M. 2ND. ANNA JANE ROACH  
M. JAN. 27, 1839

## 1 SUSAN CATHERINE GRIMES

BORN Feb 14 1832  
WHERE Lawrence Co., Ala.  
WHEN MARRIED N Jan 15, 1856  
DIED Nov. 9, 1891  
WHERE Wolf Springs, Lawrence Co., Ala.

## GREENBERRY ETHERIDGE (II)

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

## 3 ELIZABETH FINNEY

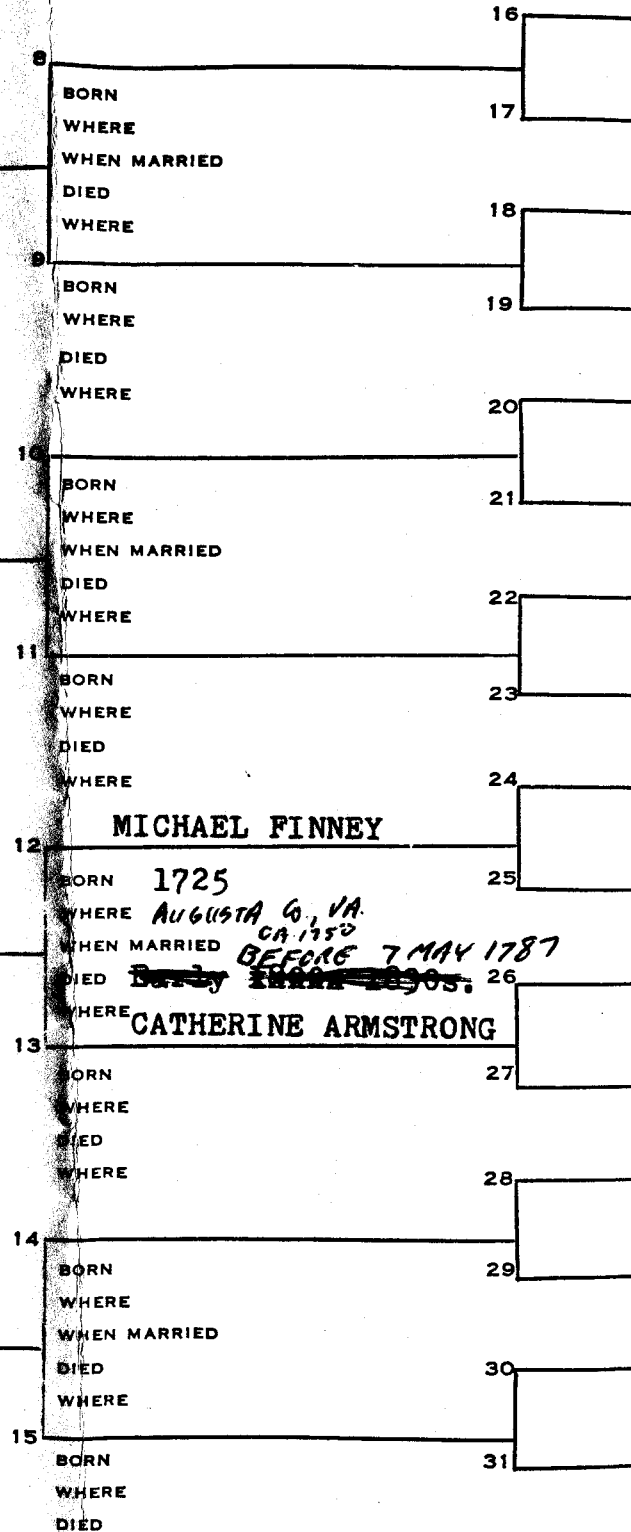
BORN ca. 1800  
WHERE Columbia, S.C.  
DIED 1838  
WHERE Lawrence Co., Ala.

## 6 ROBERT FINNEY

BORN Mar 1753  
WHERE Virginia  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED EARLY 1830S  
WHERE LAWRENCE Co., Ala

## 7 ELIZABETH WATSON

BORN 1750/1760  
WHERE VA.  
DIED 1830/1840  
WHERE LAWRENCE Co., Ala



GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES BY NUMBER.

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GRIMES - FINNEY - WATSON - ARMSTRONG

ROBERT FINNEY was born in Augusta Co., Virginia, March 1753, the son of MICHAEL and CATHERINE (ARMSTRONG) FINNEY. ROBERT FINNEY served in the Revolutionary War as a private in the 6th South Carolina Regiment commanded by Captain Samuel Taylor and Col. Thomas Sumpter. He enlisted Feb. 1, 1776 and was discharged June 10, 1777. On Jan. 30, 1828 he filed a claim for a pension with the Lawrence Co., Ala. open court, Moulton, Ala. (Peter W. Taylor, Judge) and was granted a pension of \$8.00 per month by the War Department beginning on 6 Feb. 1828. He appears in the 1830 census for Lawrence Co., Ala. but not in the 1840 census. He died in the early 1830s.

ISSUE OF ROBERT and ELIZABETH FINNEY:

JOHN - m. Amelia Stevens. They had 4 sons, 3 daus.

MICHAEL m. Elizabeth Craig. They had 2 sons, 5 daus.

LAWRENCE - died unmarried.

KATHERINE - m. Fielding Stevens. They had 2 sons, 3 daus.

SARAH m. Lewis Stevens. They had 3 sons, 3 daus.

ELIZABETH m. Nicholas T. Grimes (discussed above)

MICHAEL FINNEY was born in Augusta Co., Va. ca. 1725. He married CATHE RINE ARMSTRONG ca. 1750.

CATHERINE ARMSTRONG FINNEY and her infant son, JAMES, were named in her father's will (ROBERT ARMSTRONG) Nov. 10, 1754. (Abstracts from Records of Augusta Co., Va. by Lyman Chalkley, Vol 3 p 36).

MICHAEL and CATHERINE FINNEY transferred 106 acres in the Forks of the James River 14 Aug. 1750 - (ibid Vol 3, p 356 also Deed Book 8 p 164. Other land transactions are listed on pp 370, 408 and 414 same Vol. 3).

MICHAEL FINNEY served as Lieutenant in the Colonial War in Augusta Co., Va. and as a Corporal in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Joseph Worley's Company, 3rd Regiment, South Carolina, Continental Army commanded by Col. William Thomson, under General Marion. He is listed in Capt. Worley's payroll for Aug., Sept., and Oct. 1779.

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### GRIMES - FINNEY - WATSON - ARMSTRONG

MICHAEL and CATHERINE FINNEY moved to Ninety Six District, Laurens Co., S.C. before 1787. Michael died after 7 May 1787. In the 1790 census, CATHERINE FINNEY is listed in Laurens Co., S.C. as head of a family. They had at least 2 sons: Robert and James.

JAMES FINNEY married MARY EDGEHILL ca. 1781, moved to Tennessee and died near Nashville ca. 1810.

ROBERT FINNEY, as has been noted, moved to Lawrence Co., AL. before 14 Oct. 1821 and died there in the early 1830s.

## ETHERIDGE

11. BENJAMIN THOMAS ETHEREDGE (Greenberry II, Greenberry I, Jeremiah III, Jeremiah II, Jeremiah I, Thomas, John, Thomas)

BENJAMIN THOMAS ETHEREDGE was born 3 Sep. 1859 - the oldest of 4 sons of GREENBERRY and SUSAN CATHERINE ETHRIDGE. While his father preferred to spell his name "ETHRIDGE", Benjamin Thomas and his 3 brothers consistently spelled theirs "ETHEREDGE" - the first generation to do so. All generations prior to Greenberry II seemed to prefer "ETHERIDGE" - but an occasional "ETHEREDGE" appears in early official records.

Following is an excerpt from an article appearing in the book "NOTABLE MEN OF ALABAMA" Vol 2 by DuBose (1904):

"BENJAMIN THOMAS ETHEREDGE, M. D., physician, merchant, planter and cotton factor of Town Creek, Ala. is a son of Greenberry B. and Martha C. (Grimes) Etheredge, both natives of Alabama.

"Dr. Etheredge was born on his father's farm near Wolf Springs, Sept. 3, 1859. After attending the common schools and the Moulton high school, he graduated in the class of 1886 from the Memphis Hospital Medical College with the degree of doctor of medicine. Soon after leaving college he began practicing at Wolf Springs, remaining there until May 1897 when he came to Town Creek.

"At both places he was one of the successful physicians of the locality. He has gone for weeks at a time with only four hours of sleep out of each twenty-four, and had almost lived in the saddle during the time.

"He is a member of the State Medical Association and of the Lawrence County Medical Society. In 1900 he was the Lawrence county delegate to the meeting of the State Medical Association at Montgomery.

11. BENJAMIN THOMAS ETHEREDGE, M. D. (CONT'D)

"He is an examiner for a number of the old established insurance companies; is city health officer; a member of the city board of health; a member of the firm of Etheredge Bros., druggists and general merchants, and since 1901 has been United States examining surgeon, his appointment to that position being one of the last official acts of President McKinley.

"During the smallpox epidemic of 1901 he was the only physician in the city who would render assistance either as physician, nurse, or carrier of supplies. In November of that year he had one hundred and eighty one cases, and not a single death was recorded among them.

"He has been a contributor to the medical literature of the day through the "BRIEF", the "MEDICAL WORLD" of Philadelphia, and the "MEMPHIS VALLEY NEWS".

"In education matters he takes a keen interest, and in August 1903, was elected trustee of the schools. Almost ever since coming to Town Creek he has been a member of the council, where he has distinguished himself as the friend of progress. He is likewise president of the State trustees of the Town Creek district school.

"He owns three large plantations, which receive part of his time and attention, and is one of the well-to-do men of Lawrence County.

"Dr. Etheredge is one of four brothers: Greenberry is an ex-sheriff of the county; Elihu is now postmaster at Town Creek; John W. is a planter at Wolf Springs. The four constitute the firm of Etheredge Bros., above mentioned.

"The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to the William B. Bankhead Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans at Courtland, Alabama.

"Dr. Etheredge in church matters is a member of the Universalists, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South".

"Dr. Etheredge was married Dec. 17, 1879 to Martha Clementine Sanderson, a daughter of John and Martha (Cameron) Sanderson of Lawrence Co. Nine children have come to this union. Ada Ola is now Mrs. Jackson Carruth of Town Creek and the mother of two children, Forrest and Benjamin; Thomas Miller is the manager of one of his father's plantations; Martha C. died in 1887 when but two years old; Madge; John B., a book-keeper and head clerk in the store of Etheredge Bros., Imogene Gertrude; Grant Blaine; Helen; and Sybil Gwendolen"



## ETHEREDGE

### 11. BENJAMIN THOMAS ETHEREDGE (CONT'D)

Dr. Etheredge was among the first citizens of Town Creek to own an automobile and, as the roads improved he gradually switched to it as his principal means of transportation to visit his patients. Additionally, he was among the first to have telephone service installed - both in his home and office.

Dr. Etheredge was an ardent hunter and kept several trained dogs at his home for this purpose.

He and his family lived in a large house in Town Creek which is still there. It stands on a corner lot and is enclosed on two sides by an iron fence. It had plumbing and running water which was obtained from a well and pumped into a tank mounted on a high support and water flowed by gravity into the house. Commercial electricity did not come to Town Creek during his life so he did not have that.

Dr. Etheredge died suddenly (probably of heart attack) on 29 Jul. 1915 (age 56) while visiting one of his patients. His funeral was held at his residence at 9:00 a.m. on 31 Jul. 1915 and he was buried the same day at 11:00 a.m. in the Strain cemetery 2 miles west of Town Creek.

Before his death, Dr. Etheredge had given farms to two of his sons: Grant Blaine and Thomas Miller - and a house in Town Creek on the same street as his own home to John Berry. Possibly he provided those daughters who were married with dowries but the writer has no knowledge of them.

His wife, Martha Clementine, lived in the home until her death on 6 Jan 1940 at the age of 78. She, too, was buried in the Strain cemetery alongside her husband. For a few years, before her death, her youngest daughter, Sybil, (who was 13 at the time of her father's death) lived with her mother, but after Sybil's marriage around 1920, Martha Clementine lived alone but in her late years one of her granddaughters would frequently spend the night with her. After her death, her grandson, Sidney Talliferro, bought the house from the estate, renovated it, and rented it. He still owned it in 1973.

Martha Clementine Etheredge was a lover of flowers and had the most beautiful flower garden on the street and possibly in the town. Two of her brothers, Calvin and Lute Sanderson, were business men in Town Creek and lived approximately as long as she.

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ISSUE OF BENJAMIN THOMAS and MARTHA CLEMENTINE ETHEREDGE;

ALDA OLA (8 Sep 1880 - 10 Nov 1946) m. 4 Apr 1900

m. Jackson CARRUTH (22 Sep 1875 - 3 Jun 1937)

Sons: Forrest Rupert, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Ferrell  
Roy Jackson, Charles Truman, Grady (twin of Grace).  
Daus: Mary Inez, Bennie Catherine, Grace (twin of Grady).

THOMAS MILLER (9 Jul 1883 - 18 Oct 1947) m. 18 Jan 1911

m. Ida Isabelle ETHEREDGE (30 Jul 1880 - 12 Mar 1966)

(first cousin - dau of Greene Etheredge)

Son: B. T.

Daus: Nellie Louise, Mary Clementine

JOHN BERRY (30 Mar 1887 - 4 Jan 1955) m. 20 Oct 1907

m. Maude Belle MORGAN (20 Oct 1888 - 7 Jun 1986)

Son: James Benjamin

Daus: Hazel Rea, Blanche Evelyn

MARTHA CLEMENTINE (8 Jul 1888 - 24 Jun 1889)

MADGE HYDSON (19 Mar 1889 - 2 Nov 1906)

IMOGENE GERTRUDE (28 May 1892 - Oct 1965)

m. Charles Clifton TALIFERRO 4 Apr 1914

Sons: Sydney Charles, Joseph Benjamin, Charles Clifton, Jr.

Daus: Euphia Martina, Demova Magdaline

GRANT BLAINE (13 Jun 1895 - 8 Apr 1944) m. 25 Oct 1914

m. Alice Catherine RUTHERFORD (12 Oct 1893 - 26 Jun 1965)

Sons: Grant Blaine, Jr., Larry Dale, Robert Blake

Daus: Gladys Virginia, Martha Lucille, Elizabeth Catherine

HELEN CLEMENTINE (18 Mar 1897 - 16 Apr 1968) m. 10 Nov 1915

m. Ivy T. UPTAIN (23 Sep 1888 - after 1971)

Sons: Ivy Charles, Joel Y.

Dau.: Martha Jane

SYBIL GWENDOLINE (28 Jun 1902 - 21 Oct 1939)

m, (1) John SARTAN

(2) Emmett BLAXTON

No children.

SANDERSON - CAMERON - THOMPSON - BILLS

Martha Clementine Sanderson was the daughter of JOHN and MARTHA ANN (CAMERON) SANDERSON.

John Sanderson was born in Smith Co., TN. 4 Sep 1824 - the son of Thomas and Matilda (Thompson) Sanderson. Around 1844, John Sanderson moved to Hatton in Lawrence Co. which was first called Sanderson Town. On 19 Nov 1845 he married Mary CAMERON by whom he had 3 children:

1. Minerva Ann b. 1847 m. James Henry Landers 13 Oct 1866.
2. Thomas Green b. 1849 m. Amanda Henry
3. Mary Pane b. 1851 m. John McNash Briley

Mary Cameron Sanderson died in 1851. On 11 Feb 1852, John married MARTHA ANN CAMERON (Mary's sister). They had 9 children:

4. John William b. 1854 m. (1) Samantha H. Beck 11 Oct 1873  
(2) Martha Kelley 23 Oct 1878
5. Frances Carolyn b. 1856 m. Dr. John R. Martin 13 Jan 1876
6. James M. b. 1858 m. Martha Carolyn Briley 15 Nov 1877
7. Martha Clementine b. ~~1826~~ m. Dr. B. T. Etheredge
8. Silas b. ca. 1865
9. Calvin ("CAL") N. b. 1865/66 m. Alice Hardin
10. Sarah Elizabeth b. 1870 died young around 1886
11. Luther ("LUTE") B. b. 1874 m. (1) Mary Graham  
(2) Jessie Sullivan
12. Ida b. 1877 m. John NeSmith (3) *Myrtle Carter*

MARY CAMERON was born ca. 1826. MARTHA ANN CAMERON was born 8 Jul 1836 in Lawrence Co., AL. Both were daughters of WILLIAM and LUCY (BILLS) CAMERON. William Cameron was born ca. 1810/15 in N. C. He married LUCY BILLS on 2 Nov 1834 in Lawrence Co., AL. Lucy Bills was born in Virginia ca. 1816. No "BILLS" family is listed in the 1830 or 1840 Lawrence Co. census.

JOHN SANDERSON died 24 Jan 1889. His second wife, MARTHA ANN, died 11 Nov. 1892. Both he and his two wives are buried in the Sanderson cemetery, Lawrence Co., AL.

On 26 Oct 1854, JOHN SANDERSON purchased "for actual settlement and cultivation" from the U. S. Land Office, Huntsville, Ala. 79.14 acres for \$9.89 (12-1/2 cents/acre) described as N 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 7 Twp 5 Range 8W (Certificate 20219), recorded Vol 29 p 25 patented 12 Apr 1857). On 21 Jul 1856, he signed an affidavit stating that he had been residing on this property since 1 Mar 1855 and that he had good dwelling houses, smoke house, corn crib and stables and had 5 acres in cultivation.

On 4 Dec 1855, JOHN SANDERSON purchased from the same office 238.03 acres for \$29.76 (12-1/2 cents/acre) adjacent to the property previously purchased and described as S 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 7 and NW 1/4 Sec 18 Twp 5 Range 8W (Certificate 25839 recorded Vol 41 p 473 patented 2 Apr 1857).

SANDERSON - CAMERON - THOMPSON - BILLS

THOMAS SANDERSON, father of JOHN, was born ca. 1795 in N. C. - son of THOMAS and SUSANNAH SANDERSON. This family moved to Smith Co., TN. (date not determined) where THOMAS SANDERSON (II) married MATILDA THOMPSON ca. 1825. THOMAS II and MATILDA SANDERSON moved to Lawrence Co., AL. in the mid-1840s but are not listed in the 1850 census. However, they are listed there in the 1860 census living in the home of their son, S. B. Sanderson. Their ages are shown as 65 and 60 respectively.

MATILDA THOMPSON was born in Tenn. ca. 1800 daughter of RANDOLPH and ELIZABETH THOMPSON. Randolph Thompson died in Smith Co., TN. in 1818.

THOMAS SANDERSON (I) died 26 Oct 1862. His widow, MATILDA, died 6 Nov 1862. Both are buried in the Sanderson cemetery Lawrence Co., AL.

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WILLIAM CAMERON, father of Mary and Martha Ann Cameron, died before 1850. LUCY CAMERON is listed in the 1850 census (age 34, b. Va.) with 2 children: ROBERT N. (age 17) and MARTHA A. (age 15). Lucy died before 1860.

## ETHEREDGE

### 12. JOHN BERRY ETHEREDGE / MAUDE BELLE MORGAN

JOHN BERRY ETHEREDGE was born Mar 30, 1887 at his parent's home near Wolf Springs, Lawrence Co., AL. He was the second son (third child) of BENJAMIN THOMAS and MARTHA CLEMENTINE (SANDERSON) ETHEREDGE.

He probably attended public school for 3 or 4 years in, or near, Wolf Springs. His parents moved to Town Creek in May 1887 and he entered the public schools there that autumn and continued until about 1903. During this time the school occupied the first floor of the Masonic hall. The terms were short, irregular, and grade levels were ignored. By 1919 the school had 5 teachers and almost 200 students - when he attended it was much smaller.

(A new school was completed in 1919 at which time teachers were paid by the County for 7 months and school patrons paid for an additional 2 months. In 1923 it was changed from 11 grades to 12 and became state accredited in 1925. A separate high school was built in 1939 largely with federal funds.)

For approximately 6 months, John attended an academy - around 1903/04 - away from home (probably in Decatur) - after which he took over the operation of the drug store which his father had established in Town Creek.

MAUDE BELLE MORGAN was born on Oct 20, 1888 at her parent's home near Littleville, Colbert Co., AL. She was the 5th, and last, child of JAMES TALTON and SARAH (REA) MORGAN.

In 1892 or 1893, the family moved to a farm near Good Springs, Franklin Co., AL. about 5 miles north of Russellville. Around 1895, MAUDE entered the Siloam school about 2 miles from her home and continued in that school until 1905 or 1906 at which time the family moved back to Colbert county to a farm near LaGrange. That school, too, had short, irregular terms without grade levels.

During the civil war the economy of the South had been largely destroyed and the post-war period was one of "hard times" and especially so for the small farmer with little capital where the land fertility was marginal. Additionally JAMES TALTON had 4 daughters and only 1 son which did not provide the additional labor needed to attain any significant level of affluence. So, while food was plentiful, they lived at a low economic level. MAUDE recalled that a family visit to Russellville - 5 miles away - only happened once a year - in the fall - and was a big event in her life.

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12. JOHN BERRY ETHEREDGE / MAUDE BELLE MORGAN (CONT'D)

By 1906, MAUDE had completed all the education she could get at the local rural school. To continue her education she took up residence near Town Creek in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Will and Lula Ann Morgan, and entered the Town Creek public school. From time to time she had occasion to make purchases in the local drug store where she met JOHN. Their acquaintance developed into romance and when she returned home in the spring of 1907, JOHN became a frequent visitor. Engagement followed, and JOHN obtained a marriage license on Oct 14, 1907 from Oscar G. Simpson, Judge of Probate (Colbert Co., AL. Vol H Marriage Records p 159). The license included a \$200 bond which was signed by: JOHN B. ETHEREDGE, E. E. ETHEREDGE, and J. T. MORGAN (Maude's father). The bond portion reads in part:

"The Condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas a License to solemnize Marriage between MR. JOHN B. ETHEREDGE and MISS MAUDE B. MORGAN has this day been issued by the Probate Judge of said County, at \_\_\_\_\_ request: Now, therefore, if there is no lawful cause why such marriage should not be celebrated, then this obligation is to be void: otherwise it is to remain in full force."

The State of Alabama did not collect this \$200 bond for the wedding took place at the home of MAUDE's parents near LaGrange, AL. at 2:00 p.m. on Oct 20, 1907 - her 19th birthday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. C. Godbey. The "best man" was Edgar Emerson Etheredge who, together with JOHN, drove over to LaGrange from Town Creek on the morning of Oct 20.

JOHN and MAUDE resided briefly in the home of his parents pending completion of a house a hundred yards or so down Meredith street which was a gift of his father. For the next 16 years their life was quite comfortable and secure. Their 3 children were born in 1908, 1912, and 1916.

In the operation of the drug store, Dr. Benjamin T. Etheredge both wrote prescriptions and filled them. But after his death in 1915, the drug store had to be sold since JOHN could not render this service. Shortly after, JOHN purchased and installed a gasoline-driven grist mill on the main street of Town Creek which was used to grind corn into meal for farmers on a toll basis. He soon expanded the business to the buying of farm produce (eggs, chickens, hides, tallow, etc.) and shipping it to dealers elsewhere.

ETHEREDGE

12. JOHN BERRY ETHEREDGE / MAUDE BELLE MORGAN (CONT'D)

This business prospered from the beginning - and particularly during World War I when food prices rose and he bought and re-sold scrap iron which was in particularly heavy demand. Around that time he started to lend money to farmers which operation led to the loss of all of his money including the business during the panic of 1921. His security for money loaned was in the form of a mortgage on the crops grown which had been adequate when crop prices were high. But in 1921 the price of farm products dropped to a such a low point that the farmers could not pay their debts and the value of the crops was not sufficient to pay for the cost of harvesting them. This wiped out all his assets except his home.

In 1921, JOHN and MAUDE sold their home in Town Creek, moved to Sheffield, AL. and JOHN established a fruit store which also failed.

In 1922, the family moved to Russellville where JOHN found work temporarily as a section hand with the Northern Alabama Railroad @ \$2.08/day which was low even in that day. During that time, economic conditions were very depressed and work was intermittent and at low wages. MAUDE supplemented the income at times by taking in a boarder and by keeping a cow which provided the family with milk.

In 1925, JOHN obtained work as a carpenter and concrete form builder near Santallah, N. C. where Stone & Webster Co. was building a dam. This job paid fairly well but only lasted a few months. However the income gave the family sufficient feeling of affluence that they purchased a model "T" Ford touring car for \$515 on the instalment plan. Hazel, their oldest daughter, had graduated from high school in 1925 and had obtained a teaching position at a rural school which paid \$50/month - for 4 months.

In the summer of 1926, JOHN went to Detroit, MI. with MAUDE's adopted brother - Walter - who had obtained work there several years earlier and was back in Alabama for a visit. JOHN obtained work at Budd Wheel Co. @ \$6.00/day which was a high wage in those days. In Aug. 1926 MAUDE sold all the furniture and the family travelled to Berkley, MI. in the 1926 Model "T" Ford - taking 4 days en route. The family lived briefly with Walter Morgan who had left his family in Alabama.

ETHEREDGE

12. JOHN BERRY ETHEREDGE / MAUDE BELLE MORGAN (CONT'D)

While industrial activity was at a high level during 1926/28 employment for unskilled workers was intermittent. In 1928 JOHN was working for the Graham-Paige Motor Car Co. With the stock market crash of 1928 and 1929, the automobile manufacturing business declined rapidly - and so did business generally. In 1929, JOHN worked in the building of the Detroit Zoological Park at 10-mile Road and Woodward Ave., and in 1930 in the building of the palatial home of Senator James Couzens.

Around 1930, the family moved to Detroit, but as the depression deepened, work became almost non-existent. MAUDE, who was an excellent seamstress, work at home and, at times, in tailor shops to bring in income. In 1932, JOHN established a business on Hastings St. where he installed a grist mill, imported sorghum molasses from the South, bought and sold used clothing. But trade was at such a low ebb that income was meagre and more and more of the family income was provided by MAUDE.

About this time JOHN's health began to fail primarily from asthma which grew progressively worse. For awhile he worked as a night watchman for Hanley Dawson Chevrolet Agency. However, Hazel had married in 1927 and James had been largely self-supporting since 1929 - so family financial need had eased somewhat. James married in 1935 and Blanche in 1937.

With the advent of World War II, JOHN obtained work in a factory that manufactured war goods and from 1942/45 the family savings grew. With these savings, they bought in 1946 a large house at 2663 Myrtle St., Detroit, which provided an income from the rental of rooms. From this income and from saving, they bought the 2 houses adjacent to the first one and rented them.

In April 1952, JOHN began collecting Social Security and in Nov. 1953 MAUDE began collecting it based upon her own earnings. This income plus that from roomers and house rentals provided an income well beyond their needs for the first time since 1921 and they built up sufficient savings to provide for their financial independence.

JOHN's asthmatic attacks became more frequent and increasingly severe and on Jan 4, 1955 at 8:20 p.m. his heart failed and he died at home. The funeral was held on Jan 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the William R. Hamilton Funeral Home, 3975 Cass Ave., Detroit and on the same day he was buried at Roselawn cemetery located at 12 Mile Road and Woodward Ave., Berkley, Michigan. The grave is located in Sec 20. Lot 26.



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12. JOHN BERRY ETHEREDGE / MAUDE BELLE MORGAN (CONT'D)

The death certificate shows JOHN's birth date incorrectly as Mar 30, 1886 - the correct year was 1887 (Detroit Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Local File No. 204, Jan 7, 1955).

MAUDE continued to live at 2663 Myrtle St. which area had deteriorated into a slum. But in the 1960s, a Redevelopment Agency was formed by governmental authorities which eventually bought all of the property in the area and from the proceeds MAUDE bought in the late 1960s a house at 15079 Bentler in the Redford section of Detroit where she lived for the rest of her life. During her final years, her daughter and son-in-law (Blanche and Stewart Morrison), who lived only about 6 blocks away, took care of her house maintenance and looked after her physical needs. MAUDE died Jun 7, 1986, age 97 yrs. 7 mos. 18 days. She had lived longer than her parents, her brother and all of her sisters.

Her funeral was held Jun 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Ross B. Northrop Funeral home - officiating Rev. William York. Internment Roselawn Park Cemetery, Berkley, MI Sec 20 Lot 26 Grave 6.

ISSUE OF JOHN BERRY ETHEREDGE and MAUDE BELLE MORGAN

HAZEL REA b. Dec 5, 1908 Town Creek, AL.  
m. Harold Janes Aug 18, 1927 Toledo, OH.  
4 children - Margaret, Harold Jr., Gladys,  
Ruth Ann  
d. Jul 7, 1987

JAMES BENJAMIN b. Apr 13, 1912 Town Creek, AL.  
m. Ruth Evelyn Noyes Jul 3, 1935 Detroit, MI  
2 children - Lynn Morgan Lloyd Stanley  
d. \_\_\_\_\_

BLANCHE EVELYN b. Nov 22, 1916 Town Creek, AL.  
m. Stewart Morrison May 28, 1937 Detroit, MI  
1 child: Beverly Jean  
d. MAY 9, 1990

## ETHEREDGE

### 13. JAMES BENJAMIN ETHEREDGE / RUTH EVELYN NOYES

JAMES was born Apr 13, 1912 on Vine St. in Town Creek, (Lawrence Co.) AL. the only son of JOHN BERRY and MAUDE BELLE (MORGAN) ETHEREDGE. His older sister, Hazel taught him to read and write early and in the fall of 1918, at the age of 6, he entered the 2nd grade of Town Creek Elementary School. After completing the 4th grade in 1921, his family moved to Sheffield, AL. where, in the fall, he entered the 5th grade.

During the summer of 1922, the family moved to Russellville, (Franklin Co.) AL. and James entered the 6th grade there. The 7th, 8th, and 9th grades were completed in the Franklin Co. Junior High School which was located in the same building as the high school.

In the summer of 1926, the family moved to Berkley, (Oakland Co.) MI. and in the fall James entered the 10th grade of Berkley High School. He skipped the 11th grade and graduated in June 1928 in the second class to graduate from that school.

During the summer of 1928, he worked about 9 weeks at the Graham-Paige Motor Car Co. in Detroit. In the fall, he enrolled in a stenographic course at The Business Institute, Detroit, completed it in April 1929 and quickly secured a job as stenographer at Greer Steel Co. on Beaufait St. (near Gratiot) Detroit. This paid \$100/month and, within a few months, \$125/month.

In 1930, the family moved from Berkley to Detroit. By September he had saved about \$1,000 and he entered the Engineering College, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor where he successfully completed the freshman year at a cost of about \$600. He obtained summer employment at Triangle Manufacturing Co. on Beaufait St., Detroit which paid 50 cents per hour but the earnings were insufficient to carry him through another year at the University of Michigan. The depression was deepening - so he transferred to the College of the City of Detroit (later Wayne University, now Wayne State University) where he could live at home and continue part time work at Triangle Mfg. Co. (about 16 hrs. a week @ 50 cents per hour). This income - together with full time during summers - enabled him to complete an additional 3 years of undergraduate work and he received a B.S. in Ch.E. in June 1934. Jobs were almost nonexistent, but during the summer he obtained unskilled work with the Detroit City Gas Co. and in the fall a stenographic position with the Aluminum Co. of America, Extrusion Plant, in Detroit which paid \$20/week (50 cents/hr. for 40 hrs.)

In Sep 1934 he took a job as purchasing and shipping clerk with Cement Mill Equipment Co. in the Curtis Building, Detroit.

On Dec 3, 1933, he had met Ruth Evelyn Noyes, daughter of Lynn Ray Noyes, who had graduated from Ohio State University and was living with her father and stepmother (Wilhelmina) at 5558 Whitfield, Detroit.

## ETHEREDGE

### 13. JAMES BENJAMIN ETHEREDGE / RUTH EVELYN NOYES (CONT'D)

In the spring of 1934 James proposed marriage and Ruth accepted - but the wedding had to wait until James could get a job that looked reasonably secure. By Jul 1935, his salary had advanced to \$105/mo. - and in the evening of Wednesday, Jul 3, 1935 the wedding took place the at Ruth's home, Rev. E. C. Nicholson officiating.

After a 4-day honeymoon trip of the lower peninsular of Michigan the couple settled in an apartment at 8532 Northfield, Detroit. At that time, Ruth was the head teacher in a federally-financed nursery school at Dwyer School in Hamtramck, MI. (within Detroit city limits).

In Jan 1936, James moved back to Greer Steel Co. which had plans for setting up a metallurgical laboratory in Dover, OH. and he was to be put in charge of it - but it never materialized. In Jan 1937, he moved to the Bigelow-Liptak Corp., 2842 W. Grand Blvd. (Curtis Building) as Head of the Service Department. This company designed and furnished materials for refractory suspended walls and arches for boilers, furnaces and oil stills and was the closest that James ever got to the engineering profession.

In the fall of 1934, James entered the Graduate School of Wayne University where, by taking night and Saturday courses over a 5-year period, he obtained a Master of Science degree. In Jun 1939 Ruth was awarded a Master of Arts degree at the same time. She had obtained a teaching assignment earlier at the Merrill-Palmer Institute where she was able to accumulate enough credits from there and from Wayne University to qualify for the degree.

In 1938, they purchased a 60-foot lot in Huntington Woods, Oakland Co., MI. (lot 490 and E. 20 ft. of lot 489 McGovern-Haldeman's Huntington Woods Manor) and in 1940 had a house built on it. In Dec 1940 they moved into the house at 13128 Balfour Ave.

In Apr 1946, James accepted a job as script writer with the Jam Handy Organization, 2821 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, which was beginning to get contracts for training slide films from the Navy. The work was much more interesting and the pay higher - \$200/mo. to start and quickly raised to \$250/mo. and in 1943 to \$360/mo. With the U. S. entry into World War II on Dec 7, 1941 Jam Handy's contracts expanded tremendously. Airborne radar was new and the rapid training of large numbers in its operation and maintenance was a high priority. James concentrated on this subject while he was with that company.

On Nov 6, 1943, James was commissioned Lieutenant (junior grade) in the U. S. Naval Reserve - was called to active duty on Nov 11, 1943 and assigned to the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Dept., Washington, D. C. His assignment was Project Officer in the Training Film Secton of the Photographic Branch.

ETHEREDGE

13. JAMES BENJAMIN ETHEREDGE / RUTH EVELYN NOYES (CONT'D)

In Dec 1943, they moved into an apartment at 4640 S. 31st Rd., Arlington, Va.- having rented their house in Huntington Woods, MI.

James served in the Navy throughout the war period and on May 30, 1946 was returned to inactive duty with the grade of Lieutenant, and immediately accepted a civil service position with the Navy as Film Production Supervisor at the CAF-12 level which then paid \$5,180/yr.

Twin sons, Lloyd and Lynn, were born on May 31, 1946 at the Columbia Hospital for Women in Washington, D. C. In 1947 they sold their house in Huntington Woods, MI. and on Feb 11, 1948 purchased one at 2000 Dayton St., Silver Spring, Md. (Lot 1, Square 11, Glenview Estates recorded Mar 28, 1948 Liber 1138 Folio 338 Montgomery Co. land records).

James transferred from Navy Department to the Headquarters, U. S. Air Force on Aug 1, 1956 where he served as Administrative Officer (Motion Picture and TV Productions) until Mar 10, 1962 at which time he transferred to Headquarters, National Aeronautics and Space Administration where he served as Chief, Motion Picture Productions, Office of Public Affairs until his retirement on Jun 30, 1973.

James remained active in the Naval Reserve and on Jan 29, 1952 he was advanced to the grade of Lieutenant Commander and on Apr 27, 1956 to the grade of Commander. He transferred to the Retired Reserve on Oct 1, 1966 and on Apr 13, 1972 was placed on the Retired List with pay. His Navy serial number was 325089. His social security number was 362 01 0806.

On Apr 21, 1958 they sold their house at 2000 Dayton St., Silver Spring and on Apr 23, 1958 purchased a house at 7106 Bells Mill Rd., Bethesda, MD. (Lot #3 Blk "8" Wildwood Hills Subdivision, recorded in Montgomery Co. land records Liber G.W.K No. 2452 Folio 123) and moved into in June.

In Sep 1961, Ruth returned to the teaching profession (kindergarten) and was first assigned to the Monocacy Elementary School, Barnesville, Md., and later transferred to Georgetown Hill Elementary School, Seven Locks Road, Rockville, Md. She retired Jun 30, 1974.

After retirement, James engaged in free-lance writing of motion picture scripts for several years. In 1976, he became a docent at the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., became active in assisting senior citizens in income tax preparation, expanded his interest in gardening, etc.