

PRESERVING THE PAST

VOLUME I

ROOTS, STEMS AND BRANCHES OF OUR FAMILY
BEARDEN/BURDEN AND WINN

RECORDS FOR UP TO FIFTEEN GENERATIONS

A HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF FAMILIES WHO SETTLED IN
THE COLONIES OF AMERICA
AND CONTINUE TO BE GOOD AMERICAN CITIZENS

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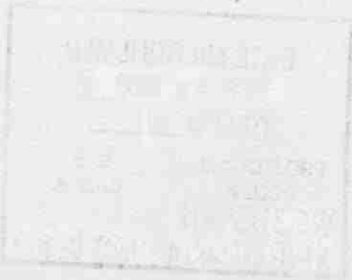
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The correspondence has been voluminous and there have been thousands of letters from as many letter-friends, plus close and distant relatives. Every correspondent has lent support generously and with an expressed desire to help. There has been comprehensive work on our ancestral lineage and even when there is not success, there is great pleasure in the amount of new information obtained from sources not previously known and the hordes of letter-friends it is a pleasure to know. These friends and cousins have, without exception, given love and insight into their own branches of OUR FAMILY. The contacts are a pleasure and a reward for the work involved.

I have not had the help of a paid researcher but there are no apologies as this has been given my best effort. The aim has been to document OUR FAMILY roots in America and to instill pride in the same. That pride has been found in each person contacted and for this and the generous contributions of time, shared knowledge and records, I would like each person to accept here my heartfelt appreciation. Without you this effort would not have been possible.

Representatives of some family branches have furnished more detailed information and records than others and a determined effort has been made to transcribe them with exactitude. Particular care has been taken to avoid errors by thoroughly checking courthouse records, insisting on certified copies, and going over proof sheets. Yet, the great magnitude of this work makes it virtually impossible to insure one hundred percent accuracy and some mistakes will undoubtedly be detected. It will be greatly appreciated if any reader who discovers mistakes will inform the writer, stating on what authority any change should be made; the reader's indulgence is also asked for any errors in grammar and repetition.

ALL of BEARDEN and allied descent have been kind and gracious, showing a fine sense of humor and a generous attitude of sharing. The present generation is widely scattered and there is little communication between the different branches. It has been stimulating and encouraging to find descendants who have been told the identical stories and to find that all are still, for the most part, members of the same church and of the same deeply fundamental religious belief.

FOREWORD (TO BE READ)

It has been said, "If we don't prize our heritage, we would amount to nothing", and "People will never look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors" (Edmond Burks). It is difficult, if not impossible, to overstate the importance of the written word. Whatever is recorded will survive and whatever is omitted will pass away.

This amateur writer and family historian looks back and tries to establish what has been, glean the materials to be composed in the present and then transmitted to the future. Whatever is preserved in writing will live and it is hoped that this record of OUR FAMILY will be a treasury of facts and images and not a best seller.

The Hebrews have derived racial strength from their recorded connection with the lives of their ancestors and events since the beginning. History is a record of the infinite variety of human experience plainly set forth and in that record there is found, for people and countries, both examples and warnings.

The concept of a family is with a father, mother and their children all living under the same roof. It is difficult, if not impossible, to overstate the importance which a family plays in the development of a human being and, therefore, of humanity as a whole. The writer believes the family unit, as it has been lived and as it is depicted in the Holy Bible, is being called into question in this generation.

It is not believed outrageous or an exaggeration to say at this point in time that the fate of civilization hangs in the balance because of a departure from the New Testament value system which our founding fathers, and, indeed, most of our own fathers and mothers lived by. Those who were brought up and nurtured by these values should work, pray, be church and civic minded and set an example with their lives to young people.

There has been a slow response to the massive assault on the family way of life. As a tidal wave of broken marriages, shattered lives and disillusionment has rocked the country, there is hardly a person who has not suffered from the effects of a divorce involving children, a close relative or extended family. People are systematically losing the old sense of values in these situations, and there is a dramatic need to teach in the spirit of Paul's admonition: "Older women (men) should train the younger women (men) to love their husbands (wives) and children."

This effort to perpetuate the old family surnames is an extension of the quest and the desire to teach the young people of OUR FAMILY to keep the family unit strong, the family structure supportive, responsible, and providing of assistance.

Each of us stands at the apex of a pyramid of life. Supporting us are our parents, the two people who gave us life; and supporting our parents are four people, their parents, and supporting them are the eight people who parented them. Supporting these eight people are the sixteen people who gave them life. Supporting these sixteen people are thirty-two people. In a mathematical progression, going back as much as fifteen generations, say to the sixteenth century, there are thirty-two thousand, seven hundred and sixty-eight (32,768) lives merging to bring each of us (or each person) into being.

Each spouse (or love-mate) furnishes a similar lineage and each of their children look back to the sixteenth century where 65,536 lives constitute their direct lineage. Almost always, long before that past period of time is reached, there is found duplication or one common ancestral figure and then another and another. In fact, our pyramidal structure shares a common base, confirming the brotherhood of the human race. In each of us there merges king and pauper, saint and sinner, and thousands more.

Each of us is also at the apex of another pyramid of life, this one unfolding into the future. Its lives, lines and geometry are less distinct and certain than those of the past, yet it is to that multitude this is written.

It has long been a dream to write a documented and historical record of OUR FAMILY. It is only the beginning; there is much more to be done. This beginning is meant to be a tool in achieving such a goal and to pass on to future generations the information thus far accumulated. The intention is to instill a desire to do more in finding and knowing current people and in finding, knowing and recording past ancestors.

The writing and publication of this work has been delayed simply because the more that is learned, the more it is realized how much is still unknown and how much more there is to learn; one clue is followed by others and they all fit into the whole puzzle. This will not be a finished work in the usual sense but is being prepared now because of the writer's age and health, and so that others interested in the same families will be able to benefit from the material that has been collected over a period of many years.

Much knowledge of our ancestors is lost because records were not kept in the early part of American life nor were the records and traditions recorded in writing by our forefathers. These were the pioneers who settled America and they did it with little education, without pen, paper, automobiles, freeways, television or welfare.

Research conditions are not favorable in some of the early colonies and the later states. People were not required by law to keep a record of births and deaths and the family Bible is about the only place these records are found in some areas. Yet there is a wealth of information for those willing to search into available records.

A great effort has been made to find trustworthy sources of information connected with direct ancestors and then finding their descendants. Fortunately there has been found and without a major break a connected body of information in many forms, including census lists, church records, wills and administrations, land records, inventories of estates, chattel mortgages, court records, testimonies, autobiographies, diaries and much more. More recently there have been letters, documented recollections and vital statistics of marriages, births and deaths have been officially recorded.

This information has been brought together into order and put in their settings of place and time. This hunt and coordination of facts have helped to reveal the life of a once hidden world of the past. OUR FAMILY has stood out as individual persons, moving and achieving amid surroundings, people, situations and problems of hard circumstances, impelled by their personal and group urges, under the hand of ever passing time. There have been discovered persons who lived many centuries ago and today they seem far removed. Many generations and great changes of circumstances have happened between then and now.

In America and before and soon after the Revolution, the Church of England was mostly "in power" and only the ordained ministers of that church were permitted to perform marriage ceremonies. Those who wished to marry and were affluent enough, could have their "banns" published or announced from the pulpit or they could buy a license. Those married by license had to furnish a fifty pound bond. Those old marriage bonds are full of genealogical information. The old parish records, kept by the priests, are filled with records of births, deaths and marriages. Some of these old records are found in the office of the state historical commission, although some are still in the offices of the county clerk or the county registrar of deeds. The state capitols' departments of history and archives have microfilmed copies of most of the county records.

The variety herein, in the spelling of names and the misspelling of words, are caused by the references being quoted verbatim. The census takers and the keepers of old records spelled the names as they sounded to them. The styles in language and penmanship have changed and errors have occurred over the years in trying to transcribe the early flourishes common at that time.

An attempt is made to bring individuals distant in time, space and place into a closer focus through giving each person a number, their vital statistics as known, and any surviving record found of their life. From the time of the middle nineteenth century (1850), when tintype photography came into general use, the persons themselves begin to appear directly as more lifelike human beings. (Because of the prolonged and extensive information, it has been decided to withdraw the photographs, etc. from this work).

DEDICATION

PRESERVING THE PAST is dedicated to the memory of the writer's parents, William Ira BEARDEN and his gracious wife, the mother of his children, Bessie Jewel (SHELL/SHELL) SMITH-BEARDEN-PRESLEY. These two honorable people have loved and taught ten children the valuable lessons of morality, dignity and the precepts of the Holy Bible.

To all future BEARDENS and their connections, it can be said we have been given a good and honorable name and we carry it proudly into the future. At this time in history, we carry it into the thirteenth known generation in America since the first BEARDEN (alternate spellings) came to these shores to start a new life. This and allied surnames have been perpetuated in this country for over three hundred and fifty years.

As a child, the writer was spellbound by her father's often repeated comment, "There is no more beautiful words in the human language than GOD, HOME, FAMILY and COUNTRY". At the knees of both parents and both grandmothers, stories were heard of their own youth, a time of struggles and of opportunity, some happening a century and a half before the birth of the writer.

For this author, there has been and is a fascination in old family legends, sagas, etc., derived in a great degree from her father, William Ira Bearden. There is a desire to live long enough to transform and transcribe some of them into the written word for the benefit of descendants. It is a belief that they will have that common need to feel they are in continuum. Preserving OUR FAMILY history is now more important, because families are being torn apart and are living further apart.

A wish is for the talent and the time to craft these nostalgic reminiscences of her parents and grandmothers (both grandfathers died before her birth) into that polished, colorful prose that descendants might enjoy, for the wisdom to picture the Beardens and related ancestors as the people they were, interesting and humorous; and to picture their struggles to survive in this new land of America.

William Ira and his wife, Bessie Jewel (Schell) Bearden, joined together as husband and wife on the 9th day of September in 1916 in Cooper, Delta County, Texas and perpetuated the Bearden surname with ten children. They have left us a legacy of love, honor, loyalty, morality and great dignity. Let us continue this fine tradition of Christianity, allegiance to our country, and bear our name with dignity, pride, courage and honor throughout time immortal.

EXPLANATORY

Many years ago interest was piqued and stimulated and the writer began to gather old family documents, artifacts, photographs, and to question older members of the related families. Subsequently, a vast amount of research was done; names, dates, and places were verified and documented. Much diligence has been used in obtaining as much data as possible. Not only was this found for several generations of direct ancestry, it has been advantageous to record other and collateral lines. Coupled with the direct ancestry, these collaterals have increased the quantity of this information immensely. The material soon became voluminous and a "system" for indexing and filing became an essential necessity.

Several file cabinets are filled with legal and other documents, old and new. Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of the records and the statements. Data has been checked and rechecked and then checked again!

Because of the love and interest for the persons of surname BEARDEN, SCHELL, WEATHERS, KELLER, MOORE, etc., and their immediate ascent and descent, this combination of a personal biography of the family and a serious genealogy is being written. Some omissions, errors and repetitions will likely occur, but a serious effort is made to document ALL statements. In addition to copies or abstracts of documents from which the information is taken, their locations in court records, family Bibles, church records, cemetery records and other sources, are duly noted. Where a theory is presented, an effort is made to be logical in the supporting evidence.

Numerous references are made to the books, "SOUTHERN LINEAGES, RECORDS OF THIRTEEN FAMILIES", compiled by a relative, Mrs. Adeline (EVANS) WINN, published 1925, reprinted last 1940, Atlanta, GA, by the author, "THE FROSTS AND RELATED FAMILIES OF BEDFORD COUNTY TENNESSEE", compiled by a relative, now deceased, Mr. Wright W. FROST whose wife was still living in 1985 in Knoxville, TN; "SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS, BACK-COUNTRY CHURCHES", compiled by Leah TOWNSEND, copy in writer's possession and in most genealogy libraries; and other sources too numerous to mention here but given in the body of this work, locations given where they have been found, in most major genealogy libraries.

This history of OUR FAMILY is not meant to be entertaining. There are hundreds of ancestors and descendants whose honors and dishonors have not been dealt with herein. The writer does not know and has not been informed of them nor does she have the expertise and the time to identify all of them and place them on the branches of the family tree. This work has taken many years of searching public records, meeting people and soliciting information, all of which have been rich in experience and genealogical lore.

The chronicles of OUR FAMILY will not be completed by the publication of these volumes. The aim is to compile further records and information as it becomes available. A hope and trust is that OUR FAMILY will regard the writer as the repository of modern and ancient records and information pertaining to OUR FAMILY.

The numbering system is being used where, if the necessary information is available, the first member of the family who is known to have come to America, will be identified as No. 1 (one). A number following a first name counts the generation that person is in, from the first of the family who has been identified. Example: No. 43 is Richard-5 Bearden, who is in the fifth generation (counting his father, No. 32, who is John-4 Bearden in the fourth generation; his grandfather who is No. 12, Benjamin-3 in the third generation; his great grandfather who is No. 9, Benjamin-2 in the second generation; and his speculated great-great grandfather who is No. 2, John-1 Bearden in the first generation to America).

Similarly, Richard-5 Bearden's children have the number "6" added to their names. Ideally, the first of the family to settle in America or the first member known in the "old country" is the one who has the number "1" (one).

The factual basis of information is shown in lists of sources at the close of a statement inside an enclosure thusly (); that is, an effort is made to give a reference or source for each fact stated in the early generations. Later, where state statistics of birth, marriage and deaths were kept and living relatives could be consulted, fewer references are used.

When an "*" precedes the number of a person in the list of their children (*John-4 Bearden in the list of the children of No. 12, Benjamin-3 Bearden), it indicates that person will be carried on in another generation and you can look for them there under that number, in this case No. 32, John-4 Bearden.

As many of these early families have intermarried, instead of repeating their lineage, a cross-reference system has been used. The same applies to the allied or their spouse's families.

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PROLOGUE

The early travels of the pioneer Americans westward from the eastern seaboard is part of the story of American history. The great flood of migration came after the close of the Revolutionary War in 1783. The British and French no longer interfered and the long Cherokee Indian War ended in 1761. In 1774, the Shawnee Indians were defeated at Point Pleasant on the Ohio River. Wayne defeated the Shawnee at Maumee Falls, Ohio and the Treaty of 1795 followed. The treaties that followed forced the native American Indians to give up their lands and their claims to land.

The Appalachian Mountains with their many parallel mountain ridges and stream valleys stood in the way of the white settlers path westward. The first barrier was the Blue Ridge which was called the Wall. The concern here is with a few of the men and their families who were part of that flow of population westward and the pioneer forefathers who followed the Indian's and before the Indians, the buffalo's trail west.

Even before 1700 the white settlers who had not landed in Virginia had scattered from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, etc., over the coastal plain, the Piedmont Plateau, and had crossed over the Blue Ridge Highlands and settled in the Valley of Virginia, with the Appalachians at their back. They had settled along the rivers and hundreds of miles from the coast line.

Large groups of Scotch-Irish departed from New Jersey and Pennsylvania down the Shenandoah Valley to settle in Virginia, many continuing on into North Carolina. These same men and their descendants continued to follow the migration westward for free land to South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama and later to Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and ever westward.

THE EARLY BEARDEN/BURDEN/BORDEN/BEARDING FAMILY

The use of surnames in England began about 1000 A.D. coming mainly from the Normans and becoming more common by the last of that century. They are found in the Domesday Book which is the survey of land-owners made by William the Conqueror in 1086. They were originally used chiefly by the English upper class and hereditary names were not common until about 1200 A.D. All names originally had a meaning, some still obvious, but the spelling of some have become so corrupted that the meaning has been lost.

Surnames could be taken from one's locality (hill, wood, brook, etc.); colors or characteristics (white, black, green, short, small, hardy, etc.); animals, birds or occupations (bird, cook, baker, smith, etc.); many present day names are associated with hunting, fishing, sports and the various areas for these pastimes (fisher, hunter, forest, chase, warren, forester, park, etc.).

An analysis of the BEARD/BEARDING/BEARDEN/BURDEN/BORDEN/BRADEN (and other alternate spellings, found in census, etc. for same persons) surname denotes our progenitors as bear hunters and/or as having a burden. The compiler and writer can well remember as a child in school being called "bear-den". In some instances, the surname was spelled as late as 1850 as BRADEN and BERDEN, although the same families might be on the previous or the following census as BEARDEN, BEARDING and BURDINE, etc.

It is a fact that most lineages have a history and there is a Bearden coat-of-arms. When it is realized that nearly 85 percent of all Americans can trace their heritage back to one of the British Commonwealth nations, that is to England, Scotland, Ireland or Wales, it can be imagined just how many people living in America are likely to have an authentic coat-of-arms somewhere in their background. Many coat-of-arms are circulating of recent innovation, but the interest here is in trying to discover if any ancestor had the rank or position in the old country that would have entitled them to own or use an official coat-of-arms.

The origin of the BEARDEN name in England was located in a place called BEARDEN, a small place in County Essex near Newport and Quendon. In correspondence with a letter-friend, the Vicar of the church there (Church of England), it is learned that BEARDEN is an older spelling for BERDEN which is still used to an extent. The place of BEARDEN is very old and is listed on William the Conqueror's Domesday survey of 1087. There was a Priory there during the Middle Ages (a Priory is a little lower than Abbey in importance).

The history of the place called BEARDEN is included in "The Victoria History of the County of Essex". Obviously, some people took their name from the place where they lived and on that assumption, we looked at the Calendar of the Charter, close and patent rolls, preserved in the Public Record Office, and the Encyclopedia Americana, XXVI, Pgs. 88, 89, 90, in London England, copies of which are in most genealogy libraries. The years covered are from Henry III (1216-1272) to Elizabeth I (1558-1603). The Calendars list all transactions for individuals and the Crown. The surname BERDEN/BEARDEN in various forms shows up throughout these years. In checking the different spellings, many interesting entries are found, some are recorded below. The year is listed in the left hand margin and the exact spelling, as used, is in each entry:

- 1287: Letters for Waleran de Rocheford, nominating John de BEARDEN his attorney in England for two years.
- 1314: Ralph de BERDEN of County Somerset and County Devon.
- 1287: Walrand de Rocheford, going to Ireland, nominates John de BERDEN.
- 1317: Robert de BERDEN, of County York.
- 1337: Phillip de BERDINE, land transactions, Henden, Fincheslee and Middlesex, England.
- 1348: Johne de BERDINE, "Ismonger!", London, England, pardoned for killing Thomas de Nynton, "barbour."
- 1352: John BERDEN and others appointed to arrest Nicholas Sargeant and others of County Essex.
- 1354: John de BERDEN appointed King's sergeant-at-arms to arrest several law breakers.
- 1355: John de BERDEN land case in Wokyngdon, Epicopal County, England.
- 1355: Pardon to Henry BEARDEN for outlawry in the County of Devon.
- 1359: Pardon to William de BIERDEN of outlawry, County Berkshire.
- 1361: John de BERDEN appointed sergeant-at-arms to arrest law breakers.
- 1361: Walter de BERDEN, appointed tax collector in County York.

- 1362: John BERDEN, land case of Wokyndon, England.
- 1363: John BERDEN complained against for poaching in County York.
- 1365: John de BERDEN and others bought land in County York.
- 1366: Thomas de BERDINE, late of Parish St. Sepulchre without Newgate in the suburb of London died without heirs.
- 1373: John BERDENE received payment of debt.
- 1374: Adam BIERDENE, Parson of St. Mary's Atte Hulle, London, gives lands, rents, County Hartford, to Sir John Deverose Knight.
- 1374: Sir Adam de BIERDENE, Rector of St. Mary's Atte Hulle, London, gives land, rents, etc. to John Fitznicholl, County Hertford and County Buckingham.
- 1375: Charter of Adam BERDEN, Rector of St. Mary's, gives land, etc. to Sobel Olney, Parish off St. Pancrace, London.
- 1375: John de BERDEN of York granted pension as Keeper of the Stank of Fossee.
- 1376: John de BERDEN witnessed in a case in Southwokynon, Berkshire, England.
- 1376: Certain escheats in suburb of London, Thomas de BERDENE.
- 1376: William BERDENE, case in Hartford.
- 1381: John de BERDEN, citizen of York, England.
- 1382: John de BERDEN complains that property was stolen, Leonardburton County, York, England.
- 1385: John de BERDEN appointed Justice of the Peace York County.
- 1385: Thomas De BERDEN appointed in London case.
- 1385: John De BEARDEN appointed Justice of the Peace in York.
- 1385: John de BEARDEN given commission to make improvements.
- 1389: John BIERDEN gives to John Deye, Chaplain, his heirs and assignees in Bristol, Eng., Wm. BIERDEN and wife Agnes named.
- 1389: Robert BERDEN, citizen of Fishmonger, London, 20 pounds.
- 1391: Robert BERDEN of Huntingdon, schoolmaster, is mentioned.
- 1392: John de BERDEN, appointed guardian of peace in County York.
- 1393: John de BERDEN to repair the water of Fossee in County York.
- 1395: John de BERDEN appointed Keeper of the Ringstank at Fossee.
- 1397: Robert BERDEN, citizen of Fishmonger, of London, England.
- 1406: Robert BERDEN named in case in County Essex.
- 1406: Denis de BERDEN, alias Denis de Garsyngton, in Craven, granted license to dwell within the realm.
- 1408: John BERDEN witness in case in Pretilwelle Abbey, near Baruse, Thunderleigh, Little Wakeryng.
- 1408: Pardon of Thomas BIERTON, alias BERITON, Esq.
- 1410: John BERIDEN and others in London case.
- 1415: Adam BERDEN, Parson of St. Mary's Atte Hall, London, England.
- 1416: John BERDENE, witness in County Essex.
- 1424: BERDENE (i.e. BERDEN) a place name in County York.
- 1433: Thomas BEERDEN, skinner, and citizen of London.
- 1435: John BIERDENE of Essex, and Elizabeth, his wife.
- 1436: William BERDON, Monk of the Cathedral Church of Coventry, to be made Abbott of Alyncestre.
- 1437: William BARDEN, the present Abbot of the Abbey of St. Mary, and St. John Baptist, Alyncestre, England.
- 1455: John BERDON of Stapilfords, County Essex.
- 1472: Nicholas BIERTON, Mayor of Sandwich, County Kent.
- 1550: Thomas BERDENE and Richard BERDENE of Rye, County Essex.
- 1552: BEARIDON, a place name in County Cornwall.
- 1554: Nicholas BYRDEN in Derby, England.
- 1555: Christopher BERITON of Ridding, County Berkshire, a vintor, sixty years old.

The Reverend Williams, a letter friend who recently retired from the post Vicar of Birdstowe in BEARDON, England, says in part:

"The place of BEARDON in England is east of Lydford and is in fact two places called Higher and Lower BEARDON; they are located in the Parish of Peter Tary and are set in extremely pleasant and extensive sur-

roundings near Blackdown on the western edge of Dartmoor. These are ancient settlements and an outgrowing of the Dartmoor Long House vicinity.

"During some alterations earlier this century, an old granite epitaph was unearthed, which referred to the family of Gill and was dated 1830. There are many other places by the name of BEARDOWN in Lydford Parish. There is BEARDOWN FARM, BEARDOWN TAR, BEARDOWN HILL, and BEARDOWN MAN which is a Bronze Age menhir, all a few miles north of Princetown, about eight miles east of Lydford. There is also a BEARDOWN (called BERDEN until after 1498) on Asseycombe Hill, a striking eminence between Southton and Okehampton where, according to legend, Bishop Boonescombe met the devil!

"The BEARDEN family came originally from the West Country. As a teacher, I taught some pupils by this name in Okehampton Comprehensive School. They are invariably charming people.

"There are ten BEARDEN families in the Okehampton telephone directory, a few from East Devon, but none in the Plymouth area and the Isles of Sally.

"There are also North Devon connections, the surname would undoubtedly have taken its name from a place rather than vice versa. The name of BERE is still a local term for a WOOD, and DUN is the local word for a HILL. The north country form used BURDON (BUREDON), a hilly fortification."

The Reverend Paul Masterson, from "The Vicarage, Mallows Green Road, Manuden, Bishop's Stratford, Harfordshire, CM23-1DG", wrote in a letter dated 4 July 1984:

"Greetings from the Vicar of BERDEN or BEARDEN. The origin of the name BERDEN presumably would be the same as your name BEAR, an Anglo-Saxon word meaning BARELY and DEN, an Anglo-Saxon word meaning VALLEY; thus VALLEY OF BARELY.

"Your surname means someone who comes from BEARDEN (our BERDEN), or some place that had a similar name. Today, I know of no other English village that has an identical name although that does not rule out a name with a similar origin. The spelling of BEARDEN is a definite alternative spelling but with the standardization of spellings it is obsolescent.

"I have in my possession the church registers as far back as 1813, marriage registers back to 1837, and throughout BERDEN has been the preferred spelling although there is the odd exception particularly on the page heading. Such registers that exist prior to 1813 or 1837 are kept at the Essex County Records Office in the County Hall at Chelmsford.

"There are four ancient monuments in the floor of the Church which in their inscriptions include the name BERDEN. These commemorate people buried in 1607, 1653, 1678 and 1739. The 1653 date has the spelling BEARDEN. The remainder are spelled BERDEN.

"Today BERDEN in the main is pronounced as it is now split with two "e"s -- BERDEN; however a different first syllable is sometimes easily detectable with older local people.

"Immediately after receiving your letter I did try this out on a group of such people at a gathering that happened to be taking place. Unfortunately, not only was the conclusion inconclusive, it would have to be said that in the main when people were asked, they self consciously tended to reply BERDEN. Nevertheless, some of them normally would pronounce it BEARDEN, with a lone "e" in the first syllable." (Written on the Vicarage stationery).

"Origins of the surname BEARDEN, BURDEN, BARDEN, BORDEN, BERDAN, BERDEN, BARTON, BURDINE, BEARDING, alternate spellings; basically all the spellings are English and related in meaning.

"BARDON (England) Dweller on Bardon Hill (barren hill) in Leicestershire, England.

"BEARDEN (England) dweller on the bare hill; on the hill where wood was obtained.

"BURDEN, BURDON, BORDEN, BERDEN (England) one who came from Burden (Valley with a cow barn, hill with a fort) with name of several places in England (closed 'u' looks like 'o' and makes name look like "BORDEN" instead of "Burden" in some old handwriting.

"BURDINE (England) one who came from BURDON (valley shed) in Durham. (Last paragraphs from Elsdon D. Smith's "New Dictionary of American Family Names", publ. Harper's Press, 1973).

"Other members of the Newse family also came to the Colony of Virginia. Sir William Newse had served against the Spanish at Kinsdale, and became one of the English Colonists in Ireland. In 1613 he is found at BAR-DON serving as mayor of that settlement, which later was called Newse Port, the modern day Newport News" (William and Mary Quarterly (2d. series) Vol. 3, Pg. 193).

The origin of the BEARDEN family in the Colony of Virginia in America is found in "Cavalier and Pioneer Abstracts of Virginia Land Grants and Patents, 1623-1666", by Nell M. Nugent. Pgs. 50, 56, 58, 63, 78, 88, 100, 374. It is evident from a close scrutiny of these early land grants, some of which were given for the transportation of certain persons to America, that there were only four people of the surname BURDEN who were transported this early to the New World. Later there are several variations of the spelling, such as BORDEN, BURDON, BERDEN, BURDINE, BEARDING, BEARDEN, etc.:

"John Gookins, Gent., 500 acres, 17 Oct. 1636 beginning at Mossy Point, West upon Nansemond River, East into the woods, and North adjoining the Gleaband. Trans. of 10 persons: Thomas Box Jr., Peter Norman, Mary Norman, John Butler, JOHN BURDEN, Robert Hodges, John Carpenter, Edward Morgan, John London, William Pinsent; note: The whole quantite renewed 18 Feb. 1638. Thomas Cooke, Cl." (Pg. 396, Cavaliers and Pioneers).

"Robert Taylor, 100 acres County of New Dorf, 8 Feb. 1637, being two necks of land in the W. Elizabeth Riv., bounded on the W. Matthew Howard, running Sly. in woods and Nly. upon the River. Trans. of 22 pers.: Thomas Smith, Peter H. (?), Wm. Lanfender, Tho. Moore, Susannah Middleton, Anne Sowell, John Bruce, Wm. Rading, James Lanless, Kath. Say, John Price, Eliz. Dempsey, Anne Gibson, Jacob Sherwood, John Solomon, Eliz. Savage, Wm. Clay, Mary Jones, Eliz. Horton, Eliz. Sanders, THO. BURDEN, Robert Brooke, Wm. Maning, Eliz. Endgate, Anne Cooper, Marg. Pattisson, Charles Farrell, Robt. Hughes, Magnes Crages, Wm. Taylor." (Pgs. 87-88).

"William Frye, 250 acres, James City County, 20 May, 1637, in Chickohominy Riv., about four miles above Claye bank, Ely, upon the river and N. W. into the woods. Trans. of five persons: JOHN BERDEN, Matthew Fordan, Leon. Chamberland, Frances Burnett, Ursula Smith; note: Renewed 29 Aug. 1643, & 150 acs. added. Test: Samill Abbott, Cl." (Pg. 421, Cavaliers and Pioneers).

"John Gookins, Gent., 350 acs. Up. County, of New Dorf, 23 May 1637, Pg. 427: Beg. at Mossy Point, West upon Nansemond River, East into the woods, and South adjoining the Gleab land. Trans. of 7 persons: Thom. Box, Junr., Peter Norman, Mary Norman, Jon Butler, JOHN BURDEN, Robert Hodges, Walter Carpenter."

"Bridges Freeman, 900 acres James City County, 11 Aug. 1637. On Ely side of Chickohominy Riv., opposite land granted to him and Francis Fowler, pointing N. E., upon the River, and N. W. along the creek up into the woods next adj. place commonly called Juring Point. Transfer of 13 pers.: David Minton, Wm. Wilshire, Jon Bridge, David Jones, William Nutt, Fr. Aldridge, Matthew Williamson, Katherine Leonard, Jeremy Stone, Eliza Hart (Hunt?), Richard Sanders, Tho. Smith, James Dedgison, Eliza Hodges, Mercy Seawell, JON BURDEN, Robt. Wood, William Elkton." (Pg. 447, Cavaliers and Pioneers).

"Daniel Gookins, Esq., 2500 acs. in Up. County of New Dorf, 29 Dec. 1637. Upon N. W. side of Nansemond Riv., beg. at N. E. side of a creek lying midway between the mouth of Chickatuck and the mouth of Nansemond, alias New Haven River. Granted by order of Ct., 25 Feb. 1634, and also due for transportation of 50 persons: Thom. Curtis, Jon Curtis, Wm. Smith, Wm. Madworth, Gilbert Whitfield, Hugh Jones, Jon Thomas, Henry Price, Wm. Richards, Jon Garner, Phill. Chapman, Wm. Hookes, Wm. Grainger, Jon Roe, Elihu Keeley, Griffin Murphin, Elias Griffin, Henry Casley, Jon Scott, JON BURDEN, Jon Buckland, Jon Cox, Joseph Mosley, EDW. BURDEN, Edward Morgan, Wm. Manet, Benj. Box, Tho. Browne, Austice Norman, Hen. Norman, Peter Norman, Anth. Elsworth, Ann Elsworth, Geo. White, Tho. Addison, Roger Walker, Roger Blanch, Wm. Long, Thom. Field, Robert Smith, Wm. Pensing, Morgan Phillips, Robert Jewell, Wm. Clarke, Danl. Hopkinson, Wm. Corney, Esay Delaware." (Pg. 511, Cavaliers and Pioneers).

"500 acs. on Chickohominy Riv., James City County, 10 Feb., 1638; begin. next to land of William Taylor, E. N. E. down to the river Ely., up the river and Ely. into the woods, opposite to neck of land belonging to Richard Pierce. Due for trans. of 30 pers: Thom. Warnes, his servants: Andre Emery, John Grant, Matthew Langley, William Carter, John Love, Frances Durish, ELIZ. BRADEN, Ann Waterman, Tho. Stephens, Wm. Grymes." (Pgs. 100 and 608, Cavaliers and Pioneers).

"BERDEN, John, patent to land 1 July, 1654; Richard Bennett to Martine Cole, sells land, 300 acres on south side G. W. River at head of a creek adj. land of Mr. Tho. Salisbury and Henry Hustle. S. E. on land of the Kedby. Cole sells above to JOHN BARDON 20 Sept. 1656, wit: Peter Knight, Rice Maddocke; JOHN BARDON assigns the patent to Tho. Hipkins and Tho. Bivins 22 Jan. 1656/7. Hipkins sells the land to Jno. Shaw 20 May 1657.

"Lieut. Col. Cad. Jones and Mr. David Jones, 14,114 acs., Stafford County, upon both sides of Accotynk & Pohick Rivers, upon Mr. Normansell's land, 29 Dec. 1677. Begin. in a valley about 4 miles from the Doeges Run on N. W. side, by an Indian path, to branch of Occaquon. Trans. of 222 pers.: Jon Dawson, Len Sheldon, Wm. Pierce, Fra. Terston, Ja. Pierce, Hum. Larkey, Elinor Duke, Wm. Mallory, Jno. Woodson, Wm. Watson, Cad.

Jones, Phill Buraways, Jona. Burasse, Wm. Bugg, Jno., Boyston, Nath. Dodson, Wm. Terry, Henry Burgine, Wm. Blear, Henry Bedison, (?) Amy, RICHARD BURDEN, Phill. Boway," etc. (Pg. 191, Patent Book No. 6, Pg. 663).

"John Browne, 220 acs. Low Parish of Isle of Wight County, N. side Kingsdale N. W.; adj. land of Jonathan Robinson; 29 Apr. 1692, Pg. 220, imp. of 5 pers.: James Amy, RICHD. BURDEN, Ph. Bowey, Richd. Caper (?), Thomas Crafoth." (Pg. 374, "Cavaliers and Pioneers".)

As stated, it is evident that there were only JOHN, EDWARD, THOMAS, ELIZABETH and RICHARD, rather than the eight persons named in the various grants. The Elizabeth BRADEN transported to America in 1637 is speculated to have been the wife of John/Jon BURDEN and the mother of "Tho. and Edw." and perhaps the later Richard BURDEN. These four men were named separately and John's name was repeated in several land grants for the transportation of immigrants to the New World and for the obvious purpose of obtaining free land.

Mr. Smith's "Immigrants to America", Pg. 296, lists NICHOLAS BARDIN of Southampton among a list of passengers on the VIRGIN, who had taken the oath of allegiance, 16 March 1639; same reference gives GEORGE BIRDEN, 24 years old, aboard the ABIGAIL, Robert Hackwell, Master. A certificate from the Minister of Stepney Parish certified to their conformity and that "they are no subsidy men".

"BARDON, BURDEN, BURTON, John (probably a Quaker) 3 March, 1656 having departed this county without paying levies of five persons, judgment against his estate for 350 pounds tobacco 21 Nov. 1659.

"BURDEN, John, witnesses agreement between Sarah Kingwell and John Essex, 20 Nov. 1656.

"BURDEN, Frances, lately deceased 21 Oct. 1658; also appears as BARTON, BARDON, and BURTON.

"BERDON, John, land adjoining Capt. John Whitley. (See entry Wm. Wildey, 15 May, 1661", Pgs. 224-229 as taken from the Northumbria Collectanea 1645-1720). Northumberland is the present day Northumberland County, Virginia. Found in the Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 6, Pg. 191; the Virginia Col. Abstracts, Vol. 19).

"ENGLISH DUPLICATES OF LOST VIRGINIA RECORDS", by Louis des Cognets Jr., 1958, Princeton, NJ, copied Oxford, NC Library, plus "THE VIRGINIA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, Vol. 29, 1921, Pg. 343): "FRENCH REFUGEES", 1700, Claud BARDON and wife".

From the same source, which includes "LIST OF HER MAJESTY'S RENTS IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT, VIRGINIA", "SHIP CAPTAINS TO SET SAIL FOR AMERICA", 20 JUNE 1701, William BRADEN. "LIST OF SHIPS CAPTAINS TO SET SAIL FOR ENGLAND", Wm. BRADEN, Richard SCOTT, Wm. SCOTT.

"LIST OF HER MAJESTY'S RENTS IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT, 1704", on the James River in Virginia: John BARDIN, 100 acr., Robert SCOTT, 300 acr., William HUNTER, 150 acr.; Jacob BURDEN, 500 acr. New Kent County: John BEERDING, 300 acr. James County: John BEERDING, 100 acr. King and Queen County: George BREEDING, 200 acr.

Professor I. Daniel Rupp's compilation titled "30,000 Names of Immigrants to America", by Genealogical Publishing Company, Pg. 362, lists JACOB BARDON, 20 Oct. 1724, from Rotterdam.

The American Genealogical-Biographical Index, Vol. II, Pgs. 75 through 80, publ. under the auspices of an advisory committee representing the cooperating subscribing libraries, by the Godfrey Memorial Library, Middletown, CT, 1955, over five pages of surname BEARD/BEARDEN (alt. spelling), who were in Colonial America.

BEARDING/BERDING, Nathaniel of Hartford, Connecticut whose will was dated on 7 Jan. 1673 and exhibited in court on 11 Nov. 1674 was a planter and in the will he provided for his wife, Abigail and his children: Son-in-law, Thomas SPENCER, the older, Samuel ANDREWS and his wife, Elizabeth who was the daughter of his wife, Abigail BERDING; other legatees were Sarah, Hannah, Mary, Martha SPENCER, daughters of Thomas SPENCER the older, and granddaughters of the testator, John and Thomas ANDREWS, sons of his wife; Jarrard SPENCER, grandson of the testator and the son of Thomas SPENCER, the older, Paul PECK and George GRAVES 40 acs. each, and made them overseers of the will, with Jarrard the sole executor. The inventory of his estate was made on 14 Sept. 1674, 282 pounds, 15s. 10d.

Abigail, widow of Nathaniel BERDING, died on 20 March 1682, and her will was probated in 1683. She gave her property to her daughter, Hester Spencer and her grandson Samuel Andrews, son of Samuel and her daughter Elizabeth.

Nathaniel BERDING was an early settler and original proprietor at Hartford and had six acres of land in the land division in 1639. He left no sons and the name seemingly became extinct in Connecticut. Nathaniel BEARDING, along with John MORRIS and William SPENCER, were appointed by the town of Hartford on 16 Feb. 1639, to say what every man's fence should be in the "Pine Woods by consent of the owners of such lands and be finished by the 7th day of April come twelfth month upon a forfeiture of five shillings a rod for all unfinished at that time" ("Genealogy of the Puritans". Pg. 167).

Other people by the surname of BURDEN/BORDEN settled early in New Jersey, giving their name to Bordentown in Monmouth County. Benjamin BORDEN, born on 6 April 1675 in Monmouth County, New Jersey, died 1743 near Winchester, Virginia; married his cousin, Zerwich/Zeruih WINTER, the daughter of William and Hannah (GROVER) Winter. Benjamin was the son of Benjamin BORDEN and his first wife, Abigail (GROVER/ GRAVES) BORDEN.

Benjamin BORDEN Jr. (so called) or the third, son of the second Benjamin was married about 1744 in Virginia to Magdalena (WOODS) McDOWELL, the widow of John McDowell. Magdalena married third on 4 Feb. 1754 to John BOWYER (Series 2, "Genealogical and Historical Magazine", by Dorothy Ford Wulfect, 51 Park Avenue, Naugatuck, Conn. 06770; and Albemarle County, VA records giving Benjamin's last name as both Borden and Burden).

Another version says the second Benjamin BORDEN who married "Zerwich" WINTER, came to Virginia from England before 1636 as an agent to Lord Halifax, the proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia. He, or his son, both of name Benjamin, went on a buffalo hunt with John LEWIS, another early settler, and the Lewis sons.

During the buffalo hunt, a young buffalo calf was captured by Benjamin BORDEN who carried the calf back to Williamsburg, Virginia and presented it to the then Governor Sir William Gooch, as a live trophy. Note the Bearden and Gooch connections under No. 36, Benjamin-5 Bearden, 1796 in Granville County, NC, Aug. Court Grand Jurors, Benjamin BEARDEN, Avery PARHAM, Elijah PARKER, Rowland GOOCH; same May Court, 1815, will of Sally GOOCH, dec'd, proved by Spears HARRIS and Charles BEARDEN, etc.

Pleased with this live trophy in Tidewater Virginia, the Governor gave Benjamin a patent for 500,000 acres of land situated on the Shenandoah or James River, and not to interfere with any previous land grants.

The patent by Governor Gooch had the further condition that Benjamin BURDEN/BORDEN would, within ten years, settle on the land with no less than one hundred families; that is, one thousand acres for every family settled or cabin built, with the privilege of purchasing an additional and adjacent one thousand acres at one shilling an acre.

Mr. BORDEN had selected one thousand acres in the fork of the James River, later known as "BURDEN'S GRANT", but he became lost, failing to find his way back to his land. He came upon the camp of Ephraim and John McDOWELL and James and Mary (McDOWELL) GREENLEE, located on Newell's Creek. John McDowell, being an excellent explorer and surveyor, accepted BORDEN's offer of one thousand acres of land to anyone who could guide him to his land. The McDowells, Greenlees and their friends and relatives settled there, as did Benjamin BURDON/BORDEN and his relatives until his death in 1743.

Benjamin Borden's will made and dated 1742, left his lands in the State of New Jersey and lands in the State of Virginia, located Bullshire, Smith's Creek, North Shanandore and James River, except 500 acres which he devised to his daughters, Abigail WORTHINGTON, Rebecca BRONSON, Debora, Lydia, and Eliza BORDEN; other legacies and devisees were his sons, Benjamin, John, Joseph BORDEN, and his wife, Zerwich. Another daughter as mentioned was May FEARNELEY, wife of William.

His son, Benjamin and his own wife Zerwich qualified as executors of his will but in May 1746, Zerwich Borden, because of "bodily infirmities" resigned and Benjamin took the whole estate. In April 1753 Benjamin, now called Junr., died and John and Joseph Burden conveyed their interests in their father's estate to William RUSSELL.

The latter Benjamin Burden (the third) had one known child, Martha, an infant in 1754 ('HISTORIC FAMILIES OF AMERICA', by Thomas Marshall Green, publ. 1889, Pgs. 6-7-8; will from Vol. 1, Chalkey's "RECORDS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA", Pg. 318).

On 1 November 1758, the settlement of the Benjamin Borden estate versus William RUSSELL was held.

There are many records in Vol. III of Chalkey's "RECORDS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA" in which Benjamin, called Junr., transferred land to many individuals in agreements made by Benj. BURDEN/BORDEN Senr. during his lifetime.

It was Benjamin Junr. or Benjamin III who married Magdalene (WOODS) McDOWELL, the widow of John McDowell who was killed on 25 Dec. 1742, in an Indian ambush near Lexington, Virginia. Benjamin's younger brothers are said to have lived with him or close by until his untimely death in March or April of 1753, from the deadly disease of smallpox. The younger sons then sold off their father's estate and went elsewhere.

Joseph Borden was born about 1724-1734, m. Jane (?) and d. 1803-1805, Iredell County, NC; his will was made and dated there, and is on record (Pg. 251, Chalkey's "RECORDS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA"; CIRCUIT WILL BOOK 2, Pg. 4 29 April, 1803), naming as devisees of land on the Greene River in Kentucky, his wife and sons, Levi and Benjamin Joseph Borden; grandchildren, Sally LANET, daughter of Richard and Rebecca; children of William SAUNDERS and his daughter, Mary; brother-in-law, Thomas BROMSON/BRONSON and sister, Deborah HENRY.

No record has been found which links the Reverend Benjamin BURDEN of Ohio and Butler Counties Kentucky to this Joseph who died in North Carolina and left land on the Greene River in Kentucky. Ohio and Butler Counties are on the Greene River and indicates that this is an accurate conclusion. This is probably the Benjamin BEARDEN whose name appears in the Court Minutes of Granville County, NC on 3 Sept. 1746 when his name is drawn from a list of jurors.

James BURDEN is listed in Bourbon County, KY in the first tax list of that state taken in 1790. He is probably the same James BURDEN who, with his son John, is listed in Nicholas County, KY on the "Second Census of Kentucky" taken in 1800. Mr. Green says that James BURDEN is likely the father of Reverend Benjamin BURDEN who married Elizabeth TULLY on 6 Nov. 1801 in Nicholas County, KY.

This Benjamin is listed in the 1810 census of Kentucky in Ohio County as Benjamin BURTON. After 1810, he is found in Butler County as Benjamin BURDEN, where he died in 1862. The appraisal and sale of his estate (Will Bk. D, Pg. 15), plus the 1850 and 1860 census of Kentucky, lists him and his wife Elizabeth, as having been born in Maryland. Elizabeth, who likely was a "Tally" instead of a "Tully", made her will which names nineteen children.

Before this group is left, the related BEVERLEY and LEWIS family information is given (Chalkey's "Records of Augusta County, VA", Vols. II-III, Pgs. 70-251, etc. and "Virginia Land Grants and Patents", Will Book 1, Pgs. 238-242-244-249-252-256-261-264-267-271-274-277 in Richmond, Augusta, Essex, Orange County, VA).

In 1670, Col. John CATLETT (see under the person compiled herein as No. 190, Marcus de Lafayette-7 BEARDEN who married Laura Smith CATLETT) was umpire, Robert BEVERLEY and John LEWIS arbitrators in a certain controversy involving boundaries of contiguous tracts of land (General Court Records, Richmond County, Pgs. 25-30; "A History of Two Virginia Families, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Carter Stubbs, Hill Mem. Library, Louisiana State University, Class 929.1, accession No. 73776). The descent of Col. John Catlett and of John Lewis continue to marry the descendants of Benjamin BORDEN/BURDEN/BEARDEN.

"15 May 1754, William Beverley sold to William Scott 125 acres in Beverley Manor. Cor. Ro. Coningham, John Black's line.

"14 May 1754, William Beverley sold to William Ramsey (transcribed and translated sometimes as RAMEY), 582 acres in Calf Pasture on Little River. Cor. of Alex Dunlop.

"10 Apr. 1754, Benjamin BORDEN'S executors to John Paul, 400 acres in BORDEN'S tract. Cor. to patent line on the northeast end of a hill by a small run that descends from the house where the said John McDowell and Benjamin BORDEN the younger, dwelt at the time of their decease.

"15 May 1754, same to Andrew Moore, orphan infant, only son of Samuel Moore late of Augusta County, deceased plantation owner by his uncle and guardian David Moore; contract by BORDEN to sell large tract to Jno. McDowell who sold this 700 acres to Andrew Moore the Elder, deeded in pursuance of a Chancery suit in County Court cor. William Moore, William Loughbridge's line; cor. David & Alex Moore.

"15 May 1754, same to David Moore, son of Andrew Moore, 200 acres cor. Nathaniel Evans in BORDEN'S patent line. Cor. Andrew Moore. Cor. Alex Moore. Delivered to William Moore, son of David Moore, 4 Jan. 1788.

"20 Apr. 1754, same to Abraham Brown; Benjamin BORDEN in his lifetime covenanted to sell 400 acres to Abraham; 480 acres cor. John Paxton's old survey, Cor. Alex. McCorkle; cor. Saml. McClure.

"(?) (?) 1754, same to Robert Reagh, carpenter and joyner, Covenant as above. 118 acres on Hay's Creek. Cor. Widow Smiley.

"15 May 1754, same to Alexander Moore, son of Andrew Moore. 250 acres as above; cor. William Moore, Andrew Moore and David Moore's line; cor. William Loughridge. Delivered: William Moore Sept. 21, 1798.

"15 May 1754, same to William Porter, planter, 200 acres in BORDEN'S tract on North branch of James River, John McKown's line. Delivered to Thomas Hill January 1757.

"15 May 1754, same to Thomas Hill, 50 acres in BORDEN'S tract, cor. to a tract which Thomas BEARD purchased of Samuel Dunlop, cor. said Thomas BAIRD and Patrick Hay's cor. said Thomas Hill's old survey. Delivered to Thomas Hill January 1757.

"25 Apr. 1754, John Peter Salling and Ann to Sampson Mathews, 180 acres on North Branch, James River, cor. Henry Fuller's land; cor. William Henderson's land."

Other entries mention, among others, the following surnames, identified with the BEARDEN, BORDEN, BEARDING, BERDEN, BEARD family of New Jersey, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama: GAY, WARD, JACKSON and JOHNSON.

The Orange County Virginia Tithable List for 1739, in John Michell's Precinct, lists RICHARD BIRDINE ("WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY", First Series, Vol. 27, Pg. 26).

In 1752, in Halifax County, Virginia, ARTHUR and WILLIAM BEARDING, were asked to survey the road from mouth of Snow Creek to Hicky Road and keep it in repair ("INDEX TO PLEAS", Pg. 278).

In 1764, ARTHUR BEARDING is in the tax records of Orange County (Pg. 391). BENJAMIN BEARDING is listed in the tax records of Halifax County, Virginia (Pg. 189). In 1765, WILLIAM BEARDING is listed in the tax records of Halifax County, Virginia (Pg. 392).

"Thursday, Nov. 28, 1753, a claim of William Hunter, assignee of John Bearding for taking up a runaway slave was presented to the House of Burgesses and received." (The Virginia Colony's General Assembly, House of Burgesses, "JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES OF VIRGINIA, 1619-1778, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA", by Col. Press, E. Waddy and Company, 1905-1915, 8 volumes, Vol. 8, 1752-1755-1756-1758, Pg. 143. This helps establish the fact that this particular JOHN BEARDING was probably not in Virginia as of this date.

Knowledge of the descent from the Virginia BEARDENS was discovered through statements of a correspondence between 1900 and 1925 to Mrs. Adeline (EVANS) WINN/WYNN (compiler and author of "SOUTHERN LINEAGES, RECORDS OF THIRTEEN FAMILIES"), the same being Miss Minnie Mourning-7 SMITH of Glenn Springs, Spartanburg County, SC whose grandmother was Mourning-5 (BEARDEN) Smith, wife of Captain, Major and Judge William Smith. Mourning-5 was the daughter of person compiled herein as No. 32, John-4 and Lettice (WINN) Bearden and a sister of both Mrs. Lettice-5 "Letty" (BEARDEN) GOWEN (the wife of Major John Gowen), and of Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden who is presumed to have married Sarah BENNETT.

The information by Miss Smith that her great grandparents came to North and South Carolina from an unknown county in Virginia has been substantiated through the 1850 census records which was the first United States Federal Census taken which gives every person's first name, state of birth, and the year of their birth.

The respective Revolutionary War pension statements of Persons compiled herein as Nos. 40 and 43, John-5 and Richard-5 Bearden, revealed their birthdates and birthplaces as 11 March 1744 and 6 July 1760 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia and Granville County, North Carolina respectively. This information directed attention to those counties as well as the ones from which Spotsylvania and Granville was formed. In 1720 Spotsylvania County was carved from the counties of Essex, King and Queen and King William in Virginia.

As Caroline County was formed in 1727 from the same area, attention was then directed to Caroline County. The fatal destruction of the Caroline County Court records has obscured the search there but in the few remaining records, substantial and simultaneous evidence of the Virginia origin of the BEARDEN, WYNN, RAMEY, SPENCER, BLASSINGAMES and others are found. These surnames with the same forenames persisting as they do through successive generations of BEARDENS is strong evidence of kinship.

Granville County, NC was carved in 1746 from the counties of Edgecombe and original Glasgow, Edgecombe County was formed in 1741 from Bertie County, North Carolina, Bertie being created in 1722 from the original counties of Chowan and Bath; Chowan County, North Carolina was created in 1670 from Prec. Albemarle which was settled about 1663 by settlers coming south from Virginia to occupy the section north of the Albemarle Sound.

On 9 April 1736, in Caroline County, Virginia, Francis BEARDING appointed Constable; again appointed Constable on 9 July 1736.

On 13 Aug. 1736, petition of John YARBOROUGH against Francis BEARDING is dismissed.

On 11 Nov. 1737, information by Francis BEARDING against Bryant EDMINDSON for "tending seconds" is dismissed ("Caroline County, Virginia Order Books, 1735-1744" John Frederick Dorman, Compiler, which are about the only extant records left in Caroline County for this period of time).

On 10 May 1737, action of trespass, Richard BEARDING by Francis BEARDING, his "next friend", against Charles WALDEN.

On 12 May 1738, action of trespass against Charles WALDEN dismissed by Richard and Francis Bearding.

On 8 Dec. 1738, Francis BEARDING and his wife, Sarah, failing to prosecute this action of trespass against WALDEN.

On 14 Dec. 1738, petition of William EVINS against Francis BEARDING. Judgment granted for 810 pounds tobacco.

On 13 Jun. 1740, ordered that John LATHAM pay Thomas FORTUNE and Francis BEARDING each 25 pounds tobacco for one days attendance against HOOMES ("Order Books 1737-1740").

On 14 Jan. 1742, Francis BEARDING deeds to Richard BEARDING.

On 8 Jun. 1744, Francis BEARDING ordered to pay John PRUETT, Sheldon RILEY and William PRUETT each 25 pounds tobacco for one days attendance as witness in evidence for him against HOOMES. ("Caroline County, Va. Order Books 1740-1744-1746, Parts 1 and 2").

On 17 Nov. 1744, at a court called, Francis BEARDING committed to Caroline County Jail for stealing 150 pounds tobacco from Benjamin M. HUBBARD where William HARGROVE was overseer. Bound over for trial before the Court of Oyer of Terminer, second Tuesday in Dec. next at the Capitol in Williamsburg, Virginia. Present: Thomas SMITH and Robert FARISH, Gent., sheriff.

On 14 Jun. 1745, Francis BEARDING and Sarah BEARDING his wife, deed of land indented to Joseph HOOMES, proved by Edward PENDLETON, Edmond TAYLOR and Bartholomew RAMSEY, Gent., witnesses thereto. ("Caroline County, Virginia Order Books, Part 3, 1744-1746").

"About 1744, an attempt to get rich quick led Francis Bearding to a life of crime. To secure capitol he broke into the warehouse of Benjamin Hubbard of Lower Drysdale Parish and carried away 350 lbs. of tobacco (sic 150?).

"The Caroline County magistrates had jurisdiction to try Bearding since neither the value of the goods nor the breaking and entering an outhouse during daylight were sufficient to constitute a felony. But they preferred not to exercise these rights and sent him to Williamsburg to stand trial for his life in the General Court, because in Colonial Virginia the theft of tobacco which was the basis of the economy was treated very much like the stealing of a horse at a later date in the American West. Hanging was none too good for the thief.

"With all the inducements an overseer's life was not an easy one. William Hargrove was the overseer for Benjamin Hubbard when Francis Bearding robbed the plantation of tobacco, and was being hung in Williamsburg for the crime. A segment of the public insisted that Bearding had inside help and Hargrove was investigated although no evidence turned up that he was an accessory to the crime."

"1735, JAMES BURDON takes poor debtors oath."

"1738, Slander, Assault, Battery by Francis Bearding and his wife, Sarah Bearding vs. Charles Walden, Tho. Smith, James Atkins".

"1744, Francis Bearding stole tobacco from Benjamin Hubbard and was tried in Court".

"1745, Debtors, James Burdon and Thomas Blassingame".

"1759, bound the children of Jane Bearding whose husband, Francis Bearding, was either hung or in prison for the theft of tobacco" ("Colonial Caroline", under "Welfare", Pg. 439).

"1780, allotments allowed while men were away in service, Sarah Burden and three sons, 15 pounds" ("Colonial Caroline", by T. E. Campbell, Pgs. 122, 377, 400, 441, 453, 461). Mr. Campbell's information is also from the Caroline County Order Books and he gives no source for his statement that "Francis Bearden was either hung or in prison in 1759".

On 31 July 1700, in Jamestown, Virginia, Claud BARDON and his wife are in a list of refugees. The Daniel ROY family are also among this group ("The Douglas Register", Pg. 378, a detailed record of births, marriages, and deaths, as kept by the Rev. William Douglas 1725-1797).

It was Daniel ROY's son, John ROY who married Dorothy (?) and it was his grandson, Thomas ROY who married Judith (BEVERLEY) KENNER/KEMPER, widow of the Rev. Rodham Kenner. It was this Thomas ROY who tried to help Francis BEARDING at his trial in Caroline County, Virginia in 1744. Indeed, it was two unlikely and dissimilar county residents, George HOOMES and Thomas ROY, who were involved with Francis BEARDING. Mr. Hoomes got the doomed man's property and Mr. Roy his debts for their trouble ("Colonial Caroline County, Virginia, A History of Caroline County", Pg. 119, by Mr. Campbell).

Oddly, it was an ancestor of Person No. 2020, as compiled in this family history, Hubert Stanley-10 Bearden (of Montgomery, AL), one Eusebs STONE who, along with William HARGROVE, William EUBANK, and George PENN, acknowledged themselves indebted to "Our Sovereign Lord King George in the sum of 50 lbs. Sterling to be levied of our lands, tenements, goods and chattels in case we do not appear at the Oyer and Terminer Court to be held the second Tuesday in December at the Capitol in Williamsburg to give evidence against Francis Bearding, a criminal, and do not depart until we be discharged." (Caroline County, Virginia Order Book 1740-1746. Pg. 336, 17 Nov. 1744).

The circumstances which led Francis BEARDING to commit a crime, if indeed he did, should be considered. It was during the controversial election in Caroline County in 1735, that is when Richard BUCKNER died in 1733, that Governor Gooch issued a writ for a special election of a Burgess from Caroline County but it was not held and the vacancy remained until the governor dissolved the House in 1735 and ordered new elections throughout the Colony. This election was one of the nasty incidents in a bunch of disorderly, illegal and scandalous incidents in a frontier country.

John MARTIN had powerful support from Benjamin ROBINSON the County Clerk, Henry ARMISTEAD, the County Lieutenant, and most of the King's magistrates. But these had little influence with the small homesteaders, who if they owned as much as twenty-five acres of land with a house on it, had a vote which counted the same as the vote of the rich and powerful CORBINS, TAYLORS and BATTALIES, who owned thousands of acres.

These small landowners, including Francis BEARDING, with his one hundred and twenty-five acres of land and Benjamin RENNOLDS, proceeded to organize. They enlisted the help and support of William BURDETTE, the assistant tax collector, and Thomas ROY, the tobacco inspector who was part owner of ROY'S chartered warehouse. Both are believed to have used their positions to exert pressure on the public through promises of favoritism, and/or threats of reprisals in their official capacity.

According to Mr. Campbell's version, both Mr. BURDETTE and Mr. ROY were believed to be unscrupulous and to have no qualms about exerting this pressure. Both Francis CONWAY and John ROY who owned Caroline County's two chartered warehouses, had recently died, and their sons had shady reputations. The widows, Rebecca CONWAY and Dorothy ROY, now owned the warehouses (Mr. Campbell in "Colonial Caroline County").

A full and descriptive record of the investigation of this scandalous election can be pieced together from the "Journal of the House of Burgesses" and from the Caroline County Order Books of the Caroline County Courts. The Burgesses found:

First, the greater number of votes was cast for the winner Mr. Jonathan GIBSON.

Second, the election was disorderly, people drank too much on election day, both before and during the taking of the polls.

Third, Thomas ROY, a tobacco inspector in Caroline County told scores of voters that if they did not vote for Gibson he was going to grade their tobacco as inferior quality when they brought their crop to him in the fall and that he would burn their tobacco stored in his warehouse at once.

Fourth, William BURDETTE, a tax collector and deputy sheriff of Caroline County, threatened to foreclose on all taxpayers who were in arrears in their taxes who he heard voted for John Martin.

Fifth, during the election Thomas ROY and William BURDETTE stood at the polls issuing threats and listening as each voter called the name of the candidate of their choice while casting their ballots.

Sixth, Mr. Gibson's partisans kept jugs of liquor at the polls treating the voters who supported Gibson.

Seventh, Thomas HARRISON and John DAVIS announced at the polls that they intended to vote for Mr. Martin, but before their votes could be tallied hoodlums got them drunk and they voted for Gibson.

Eighth, Mr. Gibson himself was innocent of misconduct.

Upon these findings the House of Burgess ordered:

First, a second election between Martin and Gibson for Caroline County's second seat in the House of Burgess.

Second, the Sergeant-at-Arms to arrest Thomas ROY and William BURDETTE and bring them to Williamsburg for trial.

Third, Caroline County magistrates make a full investigation.

The Caroline County Justices had a difficult time investigating the matter as voters refused to talk and because of these refusals the Court fined John BOUTWELL, Nicholas WARE, Robert KAY, Richard BUCKNER II, William LAWSON, Joseph RENNOLDS, Oliver TOWLES, Charles HOLLOWAY, John HOLLOWAY and Benjamin GRUBBS one hundred pounds of tobacco each for contempt. These fines failed to make them talk because, or else, they thought there was nothing to tell. The Court finally got some meager evidence but William ROBINSON, the Crown's attorney, refused to prosecute. The magistrates then petitioned the governor to remove Mr. Robinson and appoint Benjamin WALKER in his place.

Mr. Walker had little luck in prosecuting when William POWELL, John HOGG, Richard HILL, John MUNDAY, John ROBINSON and John GOODWIN went on trial for misconduct at the polls before a jury composed of John DOWNER, Joseph MARTIN, Michael GINNEY, David WOODRUFF, William HERNDON, William WATKINS, Anthony ARNOLD, George EASTHAM, Thomas WHITE, William EVINS, John ROGERS and William OLIVER.

Zachary LEWIS, the attorney for the defense, ably defended the accused and after a wild session of court during which John HENDERSON was fined five shillings for striking the sheriff, the jury brought in a verdict of one pound of tobacco, which would amount to about one cent today. Jonathan GIBSON and Benjamin RENNOLDS paid the costs of court and the attorney's fee, and thus ended the Caroline County Court's investigation of the matter.

In Williamsburg, the House of Burgesses reduced the charges against Thomas ROY from felony to misdemeanor and fined him three pounds of tobacco and seven pounds sterling.

The Sergeant-at-Arms did not arrest William BURDETTE, who lived in Caroline County to a ripe old age as a successful businessman.

Mr. Gibson and Mr. Martin waged a second political campaign for a seat in the House of Burgesses in 1736. William TALIAFERRO placed Thomas ROY under a one hundred pound bond to keep the peace and John MARTIN threatened to foreclose on all freeholders who were in debt to him if they voted for Mr. Gibson. In spite of this Gibson won handily with a larger majority than he had received in 1735. In revenge Martin foreclosed on thirty-three men who owed him money and who had voted against him.

All of these men lost their property and went to jail because they were unable to pay. They were John BROWN, John WILLIAMSON, John HUDSON, Henry POWELL, John SMITH, William WATSON, Henry WOOD, William POWELL, William PICKETT, Richard LONG, Thomas FOX, John JETER, John HOGG, Richard HILL, John CARTER, John GOUGH, Andrew HARRISON, Gabriel LONG, Henry SAMUEL, John ROBINSON, John MUNDAY, Eli GRIFFIN, William SAMUEL, John LEWIS, William BELL, John SCHOOLER, Edw. SWANSON, John GOODWIN, Thomas ROBINSON, Daniel BROWN, Richard LAND, and Samuel ROBINSON. These individuals are from some of the oldest and most reliable Virginia families.

The elections had focused the attention of the Royal Government in Williamsburg on Caroline County politics. An upstart from the poor homesteaders had challenged a crown-favored candidate and won hands down with a large majority of the votes, not only once but twice. The powers that governed for the king did not intend to let this happen again. Immediately after John Martin's first defeat in 1735, Governor Gooch forced the removal of Benjamin RENNOLDS and William BURDETTE as under sheriff and tax collector, suspended Thomas ROY as tobacco inspector and began packing the local courts with magistrates of proven loyalty to his regime.

In 1735, Governor Gooch made the unprecedented number of eight new magistrates and in 1739-1740 he named six more, the largest turnover in the personnel of the Caroline County Court during his twenty-two year rule. The homesteaders, not being educated or trained in affairs of state, defeated themselves. Jonathan Gibson was a poor leader and had no support from his fellow House of Burgess members.

The job of constable in Caroline County was not for the aristocrats and many substantial freeholders would not take on the responsibility. The enforcement of harsh laws made constables unpopular. There were many resignations and removals after the Martin-Gibson election scandal, the attempts to enforce the tobacco laws, the prosecution of dissenters, and the passage of the tax acts. Few constables served over three years. The court named a constable for each precinct to serve the magistrates in residence as bailiff to enforce the law and maintain order.

Constables served until they moved away, resigned, died, or were removed by the court. It was a position of high fatalities and Caroline County constables either resigned or were removed from office. Thomas BLASSINGAME was appointed Constable in the precinct in which Sherwood JAMES was presently constable in 1737 and again in 1738. Both he and Francis BEARDING served as constables during this period of time.

In 1744, in Caroline County, Virginia, Catherine JONES was left an orphan with independent means. Her guardian was Archibald and Elizabeth MACPHEARSON, Mr. Macphearson being a magistrate of the court. He ran through her estate, and after having squandered it, he had the court bind the girl to him and his wife. Similar cases were frequent but there was no recourse and no action was ever taken for these unfortunate people. In 1770, young Gowan CORBIN boldly told the Caroline Court that he did not want a guardian although he was under twenty-one years of age.

After Hugh NODEN's death, the custody of the BURDETTE children passed to his son, Charles Noden who tried to remove them from Virginia in order to keep them slaves after they reached the age of thirty-one. When Jane BEARDING's children were bound in 1759, her husband Francis Bearding, was "either hung or in prison for the theft of 350 (sic: 150?) pounds of tobacco from Benjamin Hubbard". (Author's note: One dollar and fifty cents today.)

Records of the trials in the General Court of the Colony of Virginia are now lost. The fate of most of the accused men who stood trial in Williamsburg remains shrouded in mystery. The Caroline County Order Books indicate what happened to a few of them, and we can discern that Francis BEARDING was tried for stealing tobacco and was sent to General Court in 1744.

The fact that the author of "Colonial Caroline County, Virginia", Pg. 439, says that Jane BEARDING'S orphans were bound, and Pg. 441 says that Jane BEARDING'S husband, Francis BEARDING, was either hung or in prison in 1759, does not necessarily make it true. The author does not give a source for the information and Francis BEARDING'S wife was SARAH in 1744 (Caroline County Order Book, Pg. 501 refers to Francis BEARDING with SARAH his wife).

Romance, as reported in the Caroline County Order Books, was rather mercenary. The Reverend Rodham KENNER of Drysdale Parish was hardly laid in his grave in 1733, when Dorothy ROY, the widow of John ROY, engineered the marriage of his widow, Judith (BEVERLEY) KENNER, to her son Thomas ROY, although Judith was ten years older than her husband. Judith had inherited a large amount of the vast Beverley fortune from her parents, Robert and Maria (CARTER) Beverley of "Blandville". Judith's grandparents were William and Elizabeth (BLAND) Beverley and she was the great granddaughter of Robert and Ursula (BYRD) Beverley of James City County, Virginia, the son of Robert and Mary (KEEBLE) Beverley.

No doubt the BEARDINGS and BEVERLEYS had known each other earlier in James City and other early counties of Virginia. (Chalkey's "Records of Augusta County, Virginia, Vol. 3, noted earlier for the relationship between the BORDEN and the BEVERLEY family on the James River). The relationship of the BARDON to the ROY family is proved in "The Douglas Register".

Judith (BEVERLEY) Kenner had a son by her first husband, young George Kenner, and Judith's second husband's attempt to rob George of his inheritance was circumvented by the clergy since George was a clergyman's son. Upon a parson's petition to the court, the property was transferred from George's mother's custody to his uncle, Hausen KENNER. There was a suit brought in Caroline County Chancery Court, 9 Feb. 1738, George HOOMES by Hausen KENNER, his guardian, against Thomas ROY and Judith his wife; the demurrer to the complainant's bill being argued was overruled (Caroline County Order Book, Pg. 520).

George HOOMES, who brought the bill of complaint against Francis and Richard BEARDING on 15 June 1744-1745 was under the custody and guardianship of Hauser KENNER, the former brother-in-law of Judith (BEVERLEY) Kenner-Roy who in 1733 became the wife of Thomas ROY; the same "George Hoomes who got the Francis BEARDING property and the Thomas ROY who got his debts" ("Colonial Caroline", Pg. 119.)

On 11 June, 1740, "Thomas Blassingame misbehaving himself to the Court, it is ordered he be taken into custody by the sheriff and put in stocks half an hour and then discharged paying fees" (Caroline County Order Books, Pg. 626).

10 May 1745, "John Smith, Gent., assignee of Augustine Moore Junr., Gent. against Francis Bearding. To renew a judgment granted 8 April 1743 for 9.14 current money and 134 pounds of tobacco for the costs. The writ being duly executed, it's considered by the Court that judgment be renewed. This judgment as to the costs is to be discharged on the payment of 4.17 current money with interest from 10 Dec. 1741 until the same is paid" (Caroline County Order Books, Pg. 479).

On 14 June 1745, "Francis BEARDING and SARAH BEARDING, his wife, deed of land indented to Joseph HOOMES, Gent." (Pg. 484).

The intermarriages of early Virginia, especially in Caroline County, are now mostly lost but the few records of some later transactions give the connections between the BEARDING/BEARDEN/S and the ROY, SMITH, BEVERLEY, WINN, FIELD, HAMPTON, BLACKBURN, MOORE, CATLIN, TAYLOR/TAYLOE/TALIAFERRO, HARRISON, SMITH, MINOR, LEE, COCHRAN, WITHERS, HARDY, DANIEL, RAMEY, FOWLER, GIBSON and others.

"William ROBINSON of Spotsylvania County, Virginia was born 1709, the son of John and Catherine (BEVERLEY) Robinson; Catherine was the daughter of Major Robert and Ursula (BYRD) Beverley of James City County, Virginia; Agatha Beverley married Robert Beverley of Spotsylvania County and married second to a Smith" ("Colonial Families of the Southern States of America", by Stella (PICKETT) Hardy, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1911, Library of Congress Catalogue Card No. 65-8785 and in writer's possession).

Agatha and Catherine Beverley were cousins of Judith (BEVERLEY) Kenner-Roy. One Judith Beverley married before 1675, Colonel John ARMISTEAD of Gloucester County, Virginia; and Hugh ROY of Caroline County married Elizabeth MARSHALL, daughter of William and Anne (McLEOD) Marshall. Anne McLeod was the daughter of Torquid McLeod, and the aunt of the famous explorer, George Rogers CLARK (see this writer's compilation of the WITHERS/WEATHERS FAMILY including the HUNTER-CLARKS as her great-great grandmother was Jane Clark).

Susan Roy married Colonel Thomas Hill CARTER of "Pampatike", King William County, Virginia; a daughter was Julia Carter who married as his second wife, Captain Robert E. LEE Jr., son of the imminent General, Robert E. LEE and his wife Mary Ann Randolph CUSTIS, of Arlington, Virginia. This places the Bearden/Bear-ding/Burdettes and their connections in same locality as these early Virginians.

The Account Book of AMBROSE MADISON in 1725-1726, lists FRANCIS BEARDIN. This establishes the fact that FRANCIS BEARDIN was a grown man on that date ("THE VIRGINIA GENEALOGIST", Vol. 19, 1975, Pg. 186).

Perhaps, as has been suggested, it was the disgrace of the Francis BEARDING trial and conviction in Williamsburg, Virginia that almost ALL persons of this surname and alternate spellings next appeared in Granville and other counties in North Carolina where several people of that name acquired large land grants.

Benjamin BEARDEN appears in the Court Minutes of Granville County, North Carolina when he was on a jury drawn for 3 Sept. 1746. Henry BEARDEN deeded property there in Aug. 1788 ("Records of Granville County, North Carolina", Zae Hargett Gwynn).

From Worth N. Ray's "Colonial Granville County and Its People", and "Colonial Soldiers of the South 1732-1774", a list of the earliest inhabitants and the militia of Granville County, North Carolina, includes AMBROSE BEARDEN in the Militia Muster Roll Regiment of Captain Sugar JONES, dated 8 Oct. 1754. Ambrose is again listed in Granville County in Captain SELLER's and Colonel William EATON's Company of Militia on the same date and from the same source. Ambrose ("Amberus") BEARDING married in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania on 1 Sept. 1762 to Sarah (KEENE) WATERS, who m. as her third husband in 1769, also in Pennsylvania, to John Samuel WOODBRIDGE ("Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1790").

Thomas BURDEN (sic BEARDEN) was the first of the family to acquire land in Granville County. On the 12th of March 1760, "Thomas Burden, planter, of Granville County, State of North Carolina", is granted a tract of land from Governor Earl Granville (Deed Book 7, Pg. 46).

"The Compendium of American Genealogy. First Families of America", lists Richard BEARDEN, b. 1770, North Carolina, to Knoxville, TN, d. 1845, m. Nancy Ann BENNETT" and some of their issue.

There is an account given in the Raleigh, North Carolina newspaper, dated 6 Oct. 1826, titled "Another Revolutionary Soldier Dies", by J. K. Rouse, Kannapolis, NC, found in the Genealogy Library, Scottsbluff, NB:

"In recording the death of this good man, it is a just tribute to the departed man to point out to his survivors those rare qualities that we should all endeavor to imitate. John Beardeaun was born in the Northern Neck of Virginia, in the year 1738, and moved to this state in the year 1755.

"By industry and hard life he was able to obtain an ample fortune to raise a large and respectable family. Here, reader, pause, and learn a lesson from life of a man who (if there ever was) a perfect example of Probity and correctness; the deceased united in a rare proportion of those amiable qualities, as any man who ever lived.

"He sat the philosopher in his family, teaching example by reason and precedent, and was beloved by those who knew him for universal goodness and honesty. He was a soldier of the Revolution and a devoted friend to liberty and self government."

The counties of James City, Stafford, Augusta, Frederick, Caroline, Spotsylvania and others in Virginia, sent their offspring further south through Granville, Person, Halifax, Iredell and Mecklenburg Counties, North Carolina to the upper districts of South Carolina. They have since moved into Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, and Alabama and beginning with the first of the 19th century, the BEARDEN progeny have moved into every state and district in the United States of America.

This history of the BEARDEN family is, and must of necessity be, full of many holes and gaps because of the destruction of so many records and the failure of our own to keep viable records. Much of the success achieved in tracing the writer's branch of the Bearden family is attributable in a large measure to the members of the Bearden family who still live in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Although in the beginning there was little proof to begin research on the Bearden lineage, this writer has accumulated a large variety of documents. These, combined with other sources, give clear evidence that the Borden/Burden/Bearding family of Connecticut, New Jersey and Virginia, are the same as the later Bearden/Burden/Berden (alternate spellings) of North and South Carolina, who now live in every state in the United States.

It might seem strange that some younger members of the same family would not know the full names of some of their older siblings. However, in the "olden days" when one family might be comprised of from ten to twenty children, it was not uncommon for the younger children in a family to be unfamiliar with the full names of the older children unless there had been some kind of record made listing all of them by their full first names.

With help from other descendants, combined with the extensive research in the records now available in every area of the United States, there has been built a family group for Benjamin-2 and Abigail (GROVER/GRAVES) BORDEN/BURDEN/BEARDEN/BEARDING and his son, Benjamin-3 and Zeriah (WINTER) BORDEN/BURDEN/BEARDEN, etc.

There has been found evidence that specifically states that the person compiled herein as No. 32, John-4 BEARDEN (BURDEN and BERDEN on the 1790 census, same people whose last name was later spelled BEARDEN and BEARDING in records and census) was a son of Benjamin-3 BORDEN/BURDEN/BEARDEN. There is a sizable accumulation of evidence in the 1742-1743 Winchester, Virginia will/division of the Benjamin-3 BORDEN property, in which sons, Benjamin-4, John-4 and Joseph-4 were named, combined with the proximity of the time, place and the same people between 1636 and 1998 in the United States of America.

TRACING THE AMERICAN BEARDEN/BORDEN/BURDEN FAMILY

John Burden came to the Colony of Virginia before 17 Oct. 1636, on which date John Gookin, Gent., was granted 500 acres in James "Citty" County, Virginia upon the Nansemond River, for the transportation to Virginia for certain persons, one of whom was John Burden. Anyone bringing new settlers to the "New World" was entitled by law to fifty acres for each settler, a "headright", and it applied alike to indentured servants, people who paid their own way, and each member of the new settler's family.

The different listings of the identical John Burden by Mr. Gookin, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Frye, the listing of "Edw." Burden, 25 Feb. 1634 and the listing of "Tho." Burden 8 Feb. 1637 indicate that perhaps Edward and Thomas were the sons or the brothers of John Burden. The later 29 Dec. 1677 and 29 April 1692 listing of Richard Burden in Stafford and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia places him with his kinsmen.

There is an old story that the first BEARDEN/BURDEN/BARDIN/BORDEN/BERDING/BRADENS in the colonies ("Edw.", John, "Tho.", Nathaniel, Nicholas and George BURDEN) came to America at very young ages and there are several versions, some of which give John's age as forty, and his sons as teenagers. This family was in America as early as 25 Feb. 1634 and although the first generation here is untraced, unidentified and no definite claims are made to them, a basic claim is made and substantiated from the second generation, BENJAMIN-2 BORDEN/BURDEN/BEARDEN forward. The previous are given as the possible and probable progenitors of the future generations in America.

Richard BURDEN was in Stafford County, Virginia before 29 Dec. 1677 when Lieutenant Cad. Jones and Mr. David Jones were granted 14,114 acres for the transportation of some two hundred and eighty-two persons, one of whom was Richard BURDEN (Cavaliers and Pioneers, Pg. 191 and Patent Book No. 6). On 29 April 1692, John Browne is assigned 220 acres in the Lower Parish, Isle of Wight, Virginia for the importation of five persons, one of whom was Richard Burden ("Cavaliers and Pioneers", Pg. 374).

There was a Richard BIRDINE in the Orange County, Virginia "Tithable List" in 1739. Orange County was formed in 1734 from Spotsylvania County which places Richard with his kinsmen (John-5 Bearden's Rev. War Pension application under Person No. 40).

The "reported" arrival of Richard in Virginia was in 1677 and 1692 but more than likely that was the date he showed up in Stafford and Isle of Wight counties respectively. Both a John and Francis BURDEN are found in James City County, Virginia 1654 to 1662. In 1704 there is found a John BARDON on the quit rent roll in the Isle of Wight, Virginia, and Francis BEARDEN is listed on 24 Aug. 1725 in "THE ACCOUNT BOOK OF AMBROSE MADISON", for whom, no doubt, Ambrose BEARDEN was named. Frances TAYLOR, who married Ambrose MADISON on 24 Aug. 1721, was the daughter of James T. and Martha (THOMPSON) Taylor, and the granddaughter of James T. Sr. and Mary (GREGORY) Taylor, the latter James T. who m. first to Frances (?) last name unknown, but it has been given as BEARDING, but without a reference or source. Ambrose Madison, grandfather of President James Madison was the son of John Madison Jr. and the grandson of John Madison, who settled in the Colony in 1653. (See under No. 29, Debora-4 BURDEN m. John HENRY; see also "COLONIAL FAMILIES OF AMERICA", Pg. 507; Raleigh Travers Green and Dr. Slaughter's "NOTES ON CULPEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA" and "ST. MARK'S PARISH", in writer's possession.).

Before leaving the BEARDEN connection to some of the old families of Virginia, it should be noted that the TAYLOR and MADISON families have many later connections to the BEARDEN family, and is researched and noted in the writer's KELLER-MOORE volume as these are her husband's ancestry, and will only be noted briefly herein:

The root of the TAYLOR family in Virginia (and as speculated, the BEARDEN FAMILY) was James TAYLOR who settled on the Chesapeake Bay and died in 1698. Some of his issue were:

- (1) Mary TAYLOR m. Henry PENDLETON (see PENDLETON HISTORY) and m. second Edward WATKINS.
- (2) John TAYLOR m. Catharine PENDLETON and they were the parents of (a) Edward who m. Anne LEWIS; (b) John TAYLOR who m. a Miss LYNE (see under No. 35, LYNE surname); (c) James TAYLOR m. Anne POLLARD; (d) Philip TAYLOR m. Mary WALKER; (e) William TAYLOR m. Miss ANDERSON; (f) Joseph m. Frances ANDERSON; (g) Mary m. Mr. PENN; (h) Isabella m. Samuel HOPKINS and they were the parents of Gen. Samuel of Henderson, KY; (i) Elizabeth TAYLOR who m. Mr. LEWIS, m. second Mr. BULLOCK.
- (3) James TAYLOR m. Martha THOMPSON and had (a) Frances who m. Ambrose MADISON; (b) Martha m. Thomas CHEW, son of Lark and Hannah ROY; (c) James TAYLOR m. Alice (THORNTON) CATLETT, m. second Elizabeth (McGRATH) LEWIS, his son, James, m. Ann HUBBARD, m. second Sarah TALIAFERRO, m. third Eliza CONWAY, had numerous progeny; (d) Zachary TAYLOR m. Elizabeth LEE, and their son, Zachary m. Alice CHEW; (e) Richard TAYLOR m. Sarah STROTHER and they were the parents of Zachary TAYLOR (U.S. President) whose daughter, Sarah Knox TAYLOR m. Jefferson DAVIS (President of Confederacy); (f) George TAYLOR m. Rachael GIBSON and had many sons, seven of whom were Rev. War officers; (g) Charles TAYLOR m. Sarah CONWAY (see WEATHERS FAMILY by writer) and fathered Harriett who m. Catlett CONWAY, Matilda m. William MOORE, Evelina m. George MORTON, etc. (h) Erasmus TAYLOR m. Jane MOORE (see KELLER-MOORE by writer).

Because of her own BEARDEN ancestry, this writer would have liked to present a complete story of the early ancestry of this family in America; however, exhaustive research has uncovered only rare glimpses of these people's early lives in our country and, therefore, has been abandoned because the documentation seems to be lacking. As stated, a considerable amount of work was done by a kinswoman, Mrs. Adeline (EVANS) WINN/WYNNE before she published "SOUTHERN LINEAGES; RECORDS OF THIRTEEN FAMILIES" in writer's possession,

found in the Library of Congress, the Salt Lake City Library, the NSDAR Library and the Cheyenne, WY Branch Library, No. 6C97W99S.

Between 1900 and 1925, Mrs. Winn had extensive correspondence, including writer's father, with descendants of the early families of the Virginia EVANS, HAMMOCK, CLEMENT, FITZPATRICK, FOSTER, GOWEN, BLASSINGAME, BEARDEN, WINN, HEARD/HURD, ROBINSON, WYATT and GRIGSBY. Her work presents the general trend of the Bearden family, without establishing a definite line of ascent or descent.

There is a traditional use of the same forenames in each branch of this family which suggests those names are duplicated and a kinship or common origin exists. Some records are submitted only in support of that theory. These identical forenames definitely belong simultaneously to early Virginia, Connecticut and New Jersey. They also belong to North Carolina and upper South Carolina, the records of each showing that BEARDEN families, resident in each, are of the same source, but sometimes without proof of the names of wives and children, as wills were not always left. Connections, therefore, cannot be definitely made.

From a study of the foregoing material it will be seen from whence this family reached first, James City County, Virginia, then Hartford in Connecticut, Monmouth County, New Jersey, some returning to Virginia about 1735, and in what direction branches of the family continued to migrate. In the traversitory period some settled in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama and continued their travels westward.

Not all branches of this surname can be included in this effort. As one descendant has said, "There are so many of us, it seems we must be coming out of the woodwork!" As stated, no attempt is made to identify the first generations to America. It should be kept in mind that they are speculation only but are based on pertinent fact which will be stated.

1. Edw.-1 Burden, parents unknown, in James City County, VA, 25 Feb. 1634 ("CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS", Pg. 511).
2. Jon/John-1 Burden, parents unknown, possibly the progenitor of the family in America, in James City County, VA, 17 Oct. 1636 ("CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS", Pgs. 396, 421, 427). There was an Elizabeth BRADEN who was transported to James City County, VA, on 10 Feb. 1638 ("CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS, Pgs. 100-608).
3. Tho.-1 Burden, in James City County, VA on 8 Feb. 1637 ("CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS", Pgs. 87-88).
4. Nicholas-1 Bardin 16 March 1639, IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA, Smith).
5. George-1 Burden, 1639 ("IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA" by Mr. Smith).
- *6. Nathaniel-1 Berding ("GENEALOGY OF THE PURITANS", Pg. 167).
7. Francis-1 Burden, deceased 21 Oct. 1658 (VIRGINIA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, Vol. 6, Pg. 191; VIRGINIA COLONIAL ABSTRACTS Vol. 19).

SECOND GENERATION:

8. Richard-2 Burden, in Stafford County, VA on 29 Dec. 1677 and in Isle of Wight, VA on 29 April 1692 ("ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND GRANTS AND PATENTS", Pgs. 191-374).
One Richard-2 BIRDINE, 1739 Orange County list of tithables WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY, First Series, Vol. 27, Pg. 26).
The knowledge of the early land grants leads to the belief that the Mr. Joneses and Mr. Browne claimed Richard in order to obtain free land and he came over to Stafford and Isle of Wight Counties from the James City County area or from New Jersey. Authentic records show the early settlers did extensive traveling between these areas. Tradition is that Richard-2 m. a DANIEL/McDANIEL of "Tranquillity", Stafford County, VA, which would account for his presence there in 1677.
- *9. Benjamin-2 Borden/Burden I, parentage unknown, perhaps John/Jon-1 and Elizabeth?, b. about 1640-1650 in James City County, VA and d. about 1700-1710, Monmouth County, NJ, m. Abigail GROVER/GRAVES (Series 2, GENEALOGY AND HISTORICAL MAGAZINE; "HISTORIC FAMILIES OF AMERICA", by T. M. Green, published 1889, Pgs. 6-7-8), copies of excerpts in the compiler and writer's possession).

10. John-2 Bardin, quit rent roll, Isle of Wight, VA, 1704 (VIRGINIA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, Vol. 29, 1921, Pg. 343).

6. **Nathaniel-1 BERDING**, b. about 1618 if he was at least twenty-one years of age on 16 Feb. 1739 when he, with John MORRIS and William SPENCER "are appointed by the town of Hartford to say what every man's fence should be in the 'Pine Woods', by consent of the owners of such lands and be finished by the 7th of April come twelfth month upon a forfeiture of five shillings a rod all unfinished at that time". He was "an early settler and original proprietor of Hartford, CT and had six acres in the land division". His will is dated 7 Jan. 1673 and exhibited in Court 11 Nov. 1674 in Hartford, in which he provided for his wife, Abigail, one daughter, five grandchildren and three stepchildren (children of his wife, Abigail), all of whom are named in his will and the later will of his widow. He left no sons and the name seemingly became extinct in Connecticut.

Abigail, widow of Nathaniel Berding, d. 20 March 1682 and her will was proved in 1683. She gave her property to her daughter, Hester SPENCER, and grandson, Samuel ANDREWS, son of Samuel. Stepchildren of Nathaniel BERDING, as named in the two wills, included Elizabeth ANDREWS who m. her cousin, Samuel Andrews, and John and Thomas Andrews.

Nathaniel-1 BERDING's relationship to his legatees, Paul PECK/PEEK and George GROVER/GRAVES is not known but in addition they were named by the testator as the overseer of his will.

Sampson Andrews, of early Virginia, on 25 Apr. 1754, purchased 180 acres on the north branch of James River, corner of Henry FULLER and William HENDERSON's land, which land belonged to Benjamin-3 BURDEN (CHALKEY'S "RECORDS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA", Vols. 1-3, Pgs. 70-251), etc. Later in this history the surnames FULLER and HENDERSON will figure in the BEARDEN family).

Nathaniel-1 had issue ("GENEALOGY OF THE PURITANS", Pg. 167):

- *11. **Hester-2 BERDING** m. Thomas SPENCER the elder, of whom more will be written later.

9. **Benjamin-2 BORDEN/BURDEN** (John-1/Elizabeth?), b. 1640-1650, James City County, VA or Monmouth County, NJ, d. 1700-1710, probably in Monmouth County, NJ, m. his cousin, Abigail GROVER/GRAVES (Series 2, GENEALOGY AND HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, by Dorothy Ford Wulfect, 51 Park Ave., Naugatuck, CT 06770; "HISTORIC FAMILIES OF AMERICA", by T. M. Green, published 1889, Pgs. 6-7-8, copy in possession of this writer and compiler). Benjamin-2 had known and speculated issue:

- *12. **Benjamin-3 BORDEN/BURDEN II**, b. 6 April 1675, prob. Monmouth County, NJ, d. 1743 near Winchester, VA, m. cousin, Zerwich/Zeruiah WINTER, the daughter of William and Hannah (Grover/Graves), which connects him with Nathaniel-3 BERDING of Hartford, CT.

- *13. **Claud-3 BARDON** and wife are listed in a group of French refugees who were in Jamestown, VA on 31 July 1700. Daniel ROY was also among this group and it was Thomas ROY who tried to help Francis-3 Bearding when he was being tried for stealing tobacco in Caroline County ("The DOUGLAS REGISTER", Pg. 378, a detailed Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths as kept by the Reverend Wm. Douglas 1750-1797; with Index of Goochland Wills; "Notes on the French Huguenot Refugees who lived Manakin Town", William McFarlane Jones, Genealogical Publ. Company, Baltimore, MD; "Colonial Caroline", Campbell, Pgs. 26-30; "English Duplicate of Lost Virginia Records", Louse des Cognets, etc.).

14. **Jacob-3 BARDON**, in Virginia on 20 Oct. 1724 ("Immigrants to America", by Prof. I. Daniel Rupp, Pg. 362).

- *15. **Francis-3 BEARDING** (Caroline County Order Books. 1735-1744).

16. Arthur-3 Bearding is on the Halifax County tax list in 1752 and helped survey and keep in repair the road from Snow Creek to Hicky Road; he is again noted in the tax list of 1764 ("INDEX TO PLEAS", Pgs. 278-392, Halifax County, VA).

17. Ansel/Ancel-3 Bearden, who had a large land grant in old District Ninety-Six, SC in 1766 and could not be the later two Ansel Beardens, b. 1774 and 1788 in North and South Carolina respectively (the two Ansel's compiled as Nos. 48 and 99).
18. William-3 Bearding (Same "INDEX TO PLEAS" and tax records as Person No. 16, Arthur-3 Bearding).
19. Ambrose-3 Bearding, in a list of early inhabitants of Granville County, NC and "REGISTER OF MILITIA ROLL", 8 Oct. 1754, Colonei William Eaton's Company, Captain John Glover (Vol. XXII, Pg. 378, No. 125). In addition he was listed as being on the Muster Roll of Captains Sugar Jones and Sellers (COLONIAL SOLDIERS OF THE SOUTH, 1732-1774, MUSTER ROLLS IN GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, Pg. 725; Worth N. Ray's COLONIAL GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND ITS PEOPLE. "Amberose" Beardjn, single, is listed on the 1755 tax list in Granville County (NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGY MAGAZINE, Vol. 2, Fall and Winter, Pg. 6; same source lists in 1721 John BARDIN, single with 200 acres in Chowan County, NC (Pg. 2557).

This is the same Ambrose Bearden who died before 1769 in Cumberland County, PA when his widow married third to John Samuel WOODBRIDGE. He married on 1 Sept. 1762 in Cumberland County, PA to Sarah (KEENE) WATERS ("PENNSYLVANIA MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1790". A deed was made in 1834, Rockingham County, NC from James H. WATERS to Richard HARRIS, latter who is the brother-in-law of Person No. 36, Benjamin-5 Bearden, tract of land adjoining HARRIS, STUBBLEFIELD and WITHERS). Sarah Keene, widow of a WATERS, was the daughter of William and Elizabeth (ROGERS) KEENE and the niece of Matthew KEENE whose sole issue was Elizabeth Keene who married James WITHERS/WEATHERS. (See WEATHERS FAMILY by this writer).

Sarah Keene's sibilngs were: (1) William; (2) John; (3) Hannah KEENE m. Colonel John BUSHROD of "Bushfield", Westmoreland County, Virginia, whose daughter Hannah BUSHROD m. John Augustine WASHINGTON and it was to their son, Bushrod WASHINGTON, that General/President George WASHINGTON left his home known as Mt. Vernon and his books and papers. Hannah m. second, Isaac ALLERTON II, m. third a COOPER (see WEATHERS FAMILY); (4) Elizabeth KEENE m. Charles LEE, reportedly youngest son of Richard LEE; (5) female KEENE m. Samuel SANFORD.

11. Hester-2 BERDING (Nathaniel-1), b. about 1638, as she had a child old enough in 1673 to execute his grandfather's will. Hester-2 m. about 1651 to Thomas SPENCER, called the elder in Nathaniel-1's will, no doubt the son of William who, with Nathaniel-1 BERDING was appointed by the town of Hartford on 16 Feb. 1639 "to say what every man's fence should be in the 'Pine Woods'. Hester-2 had five children on 7 Jan. 1673 when her father made his will. The will of her father, Nathaniel-1 BERDING, indicates that his grandchildren (Hester's children) were quite young. He named legatees George GRAVES and Paul PECK overseers, and his only grandson as the sole executor of his will ("GENEALOGY OF THE PURITANS", Pg. 167, compiler's possession). Hester-2 had issue as named in both Nathaniel-1 and his wife's will:

20. Jarrard-3 Spencer, b. before 1652 as he was no doubt at least twenty-one years old when his grandfather made his will which named him as the sole executor. Jarrard-3's issue, if any, is not traced. He is no doubt a relative of Nicholas Spencer, Esq. who d. in Westmoreland County, VA in 1689. A study of the Ramey/Rainey/Raney lineage (with whom BEARDEN intermarried) has disclosed that Jacques RAMEY de IVOY arrived in Virginia from France in 1654 as an "indentured servant" of Nicholas Spencer, who was the Secretary of State under several Virginia governors and was President of the Council in 1683. The second wife of "Jacob" RAMEY is said to have been Mary SPENCER, daughter of Nicholas (see under Person compiled herein as No. 353, James Jasper-7 BEARDEN who m. Mary J. RANEY). "Jacob" RAMEY purchased land in Westmoreland County in 1671 from William PIERCE (under Person No. 175, Benjamin Joseph-6 for connection to Benjamin-3 BORDEN). Stafford County was formed from Westmoreland.
21. Sarah-3 Spencer, unmarried when Nathaniel-1 made his will.
22. Hannah-3 Spencer was not married on 7 Jan. 1673.
23. Mary-3 Spencer was not married on 7 Jan. 1673.
24. Martha-3 Spencer was not married on 7 Jan. 1673.

12. **Benjamin-3 BORDEN/BURDEN II** (Benjamin-2, John-1?), of whom HISTORIC FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY, 1889", Pgs. 6, 7, 8 says:

"BORDEN, Benjamin, born on 6 April 1675, Monmouth County, NJ and died in 1743 near Winchester, Virginia, married his cousin, Zeruiah WINTER, daughter of William and Hannah Grover. He was the son of the first Benjamin and his first wife Abigail Grover."

"BORDEN, Benjamin Jr., son of Benjamin, married about 1744 to Magdalene (WOODS) McDOWELL, widow of John McDowell. She married third on 4 Feb. 1754 to John BOWYER.

"BURDEN, Benjamin Jr. See Borden. Albemarle County, Virginia, Pg. 355, gives Burden."

"This second Benjamin Burden who married Zeuriah Winter, came to Virginia from England before 1736, as an agent to Lord Halifax, the proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia" (Series I and II, Vol. 1, Pgs. 146, 149, 150, 223, 355, 474, GENEALOGY AND HISTORY MAGAZINE by Dorothy Ford Wulfect, 51 Park Avenue, Naugatuck, CT. The Wulfect Journal data says he came to Virginia from New Jersey).

Frederick County was carved in 1738-1743 from the counties of Orange and Augusta, which places Benjamin-3 in the same location as his kinsmen.

The indication is that both the first Benjamin BORDEN/BURDEN/BARDIN, and Nathaniel BERDING are sons of the first of the family of this name in James City County, VA 1634-1639, i.e. Edward, John, Thomas, Nicholas, George. This assumption is further substantiated by the other members of this family who traveled extensively in this period of time, especially between colonial Virginia and Monmouth County, New Jersey.

In 1742, Benjamin-3's will was made in Augusta County, state of VA and probated there in 1743 (Pg. 318 of Vol. 1, Chalkey's "RECORDS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA"). His wife, Zeruiah, son Benjamin-4 III and son-in-law, William FEARNLEY were named as executors; Fearnley refused and Zeruiah and Benjamin-4 III qualified.

In 1746, Zeruiah resigned on account of "bodily infirmities", Benjamin-4 III took the whole estate, "lands in New Jersey and lands in Bullshire, Smith's Creek, North Shenandore and James River in Virginia", except 500 acres, which Benjamin-3 had devised to his daughters, Abigail-4 WORTHINGTON, Rebecca-4 BRONSON, Debora-4 BORDEN (who later married John HENRY), Lydia-4 and Eliza-4 BORDEN. Other legacies and devisees are to sons, Benjamin-4, John-4, Joseph-4, May-4 FEARNLEY and his own wife Zeruiah BORDEN. Benjamin-3 had issue:

25. Benjamin-4 Borden/Burden III, b. about 1700-1710, probably in New Jersey; d. April 1753 near Winchester, Virginia; m. about 1744 to Magdalene (WOODS) McDOWELL, widow of John McDowell. Magdalene m. third on 4 Feb. 1754 to John BOWYER (Pg. 146, Series 1, GENEALOGY AND HISTORICAL MAGAZINE by Dorothy F. Wulfect).

"Nov. 1758 William RUSSELL versus Benjamin Borden: Benjamin Borden's will dated 1742. As Benjamin Borden Jr. died 1753, his brothers, John and Joseph Borden, conveyed their interests to Wm. Russell. Benj. Borden Jr. had one child, an infant daughter, when he died in 1753 (Division of Property, 1758, Augusta County VA, pg. 318, "CHALKEY'S RECORDS).

Benjamin-4 had known issue, Martha-5, b. 1744-1753.

26. May or Mary-4 Borden, m. Wm. FEARNLEY and probably stayed in NJ or CT.

27. Abigail-4 Borden b. in New Jersey, m. (?) WORTHINGTON, probably stayed in NJ.

28. Rebecca-4 Borden, New Jersey, m. Thomas BRONSON, may have stayed in NJ.

29. Debora-4 Borden, b. about 1700-1720; m. probably in Virginia John HENRY who was a Scotchman and close relative of Dr. William ROBERTSON, the historian, and a cousin of Lord BROUGHAM. Debora-4 is named as Deborah HENRY in her brother, Joseph-4's will. Debora-4's marriage connects her to some of the old Virginia families, the WINSTONS, RUSSELLS, BOWYERS, the MADISONS, FLOYDS, HAMPTONS, etc., who intermarried later with the BEARDEN family, after it was so spelled, in Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

If Debora-4 had issue they are untraced but they would be of same descent as was Patrick HENRY (Governor and orator) as one John HENRY m. second to Sarah (WINSTON) SYME, widow of John SYME and the daughter of Issac WINSTON, the emigrant to America and the sibling of Sara WINSTON who m. Dr. John WOODSON (SCHELL book by writer connects to WINSTON, BUNCH, ANDERSON, WOODSON, etc.). Sarah WINSTON who m. as her second husband to John HENRY, is credited with at least sixteen issue, only one by first marriage. To her second union there is said to have been born fifteen issue, the ninth being Patrick HENRY (one of this descent gives him as Sarah's fifth issue). Patrick m. first Sarah SHELTON and had five issue, m. second Dorothea DANDRIDGE and had three more issue.

Sarah (WINSTON) SYME-HENRY's fourth HENRY issue is given by descent as Susanna, who m. General Thomas MADISON and their descent are the BOWYERS and LEWIS/ES of Botetourt County, VA.

Sarah and John HENRY's fifth issue, Mary, m. Luke BOWYER. Their seventh child, Elizabeth HENRY m. Gen. William CAMPBELL and, interestingly, she m. second, Gen. William RUSSELL. Elizabeth's only child by first marriage was Sarah CAMPBELL who m. Francis PRESTON, their third child being Susanna who m. Gov. James McDOWELL; Susanna's sister, Sarah PRESTON m. Gov. John B. FLOYD; another sibling was Margaret PRESTON who m. Gen. Wade HAMPTON of South Carolina (see WINN FAMILY by writer, also Dr. SLAUGHTER's "ST. MARK'S PARISH" including "NOTES ON CULPEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, by Raleigh Travers Green, reprinted 1971 Baltimore Regional Publishing Company).

30. Lydia-4 Borden, unmarried 1742 when her father made his will.

31. Eliza-4 Borden, unmarried in 1742.

*32. John-4 Borden/Burden/Bearden, b. about 1717, m. 1738-1743 to Lettice WINN/WYNN, sometimes spelled in early records GWYNNE.

*33. Joseph-4 Borden, b. 1724-1734, will made and probated 1803, Iredell County, NC; m. about 1760 Jane (?).

15. Francis-3 Bearding (Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1690-1700, Monmouth County, NJ or Stafford County area, VA, d. 1759, Williamsburg, James City County, VA (same person discussed on Pgs. 9 through 14). He m. 1715-1720, Sarah Jane (BLASSINGAME/BLASSINGHAM?). Francis-3 is speculated by Mrs. Winn in "SOUTHERN LINEAGES" as being the progenitor of the Beardens of later Granville County, NC and Upper South Carolina. She may be partially right as nearly all people connected with the family of Caroline County in Virginia, during these years, including the Blassingames, later appear with them in NC and SC. Francis-3 had known and speculated issue, Bearden/Bearding:

34. Richard-4 Bearding, b. about 1723-1724, New Jersey or Winchester area, VA, not yet twenty-one years of age on 15 June 1744-1745 (Caroline County Order Books). Mrs. Winn gives his birthdate as about 1719. Richard-4 m. before 1760 to Martha W. (?), last name unknown. He obtained land in Granville County, NC, and in 1761, he and his wife are living there on Reedy Creek (Deed Bk. E, Pg. 51).

Aug. 1764, Richard-4 Bearden and his wife, Martha W. Bearden, of Bute County NC, deed land on Rocky Creek, Granville County, NC, recorded in Halifax County, NC (Deed Bk. 9, Pgs. 176-342). He is named in the Bute County tax list, dated on 19 Feb. 1773. He sells the land on Reedy Creek, 8 Nov. 1773, which he had acquired in 1761; his wife, Martha W. Bearding joins him in a deed to John Carlisle in Aug. 1765 (Deed Bk. IV, Pg. 257). Richard-4 would have been about fifty years of age in 1773, if he was less than twenty-one years old in 1744 in Caroline County, VA, when Francis-3 Bearding was tried for stealing tobacco.

No attempt is made to identify Richard-4 and Martha Bearden's lineage at this time. No doubt many of the unidentified, as well as the attempted identification of these early Beardens, are of the Richard-4 and Martha Bearden lineage.

35. Thomas-4 Burden (so spelled) was the first of the family of record to acquire land in Granville County, NC. On 12th of March 1760, "Thomas Burden, planter, of Granville County, State of North Carolina, is granted a tract of land from Governor Earl Granville" (Deed Bk. 7, Pg. 46).

Thomas-4 Burden died in Granville County, NC before November Court, 1789 and before Feb. 1790, the latter date when the inventory of his estate was made and presented in the Oxford Court, Granville County, by John William DANIEL.

In May 1791, his wife, Elizabeth Burden, was ordered to appear in the next court to render inventory of the Thomas Burden, deceased, estate.

In 1792, an account of the Elizabeth Burden, deceased, estate is given by her executor Henry LYNE, her will being proved by Henry LYNE (copies of wills of Thomas-4 and Elizabeth Burden in writer's possession, sent by the Granville County Register of Deeds who did not give their locations in the records; found also in Zae Hargett Gwynn's books on Granville County, NC, the Memphis, Tennessee Genealogical Library).

Thomas-4 Burden in his will names his wife Elizabeth, his son Thomas-5 Burden and the children-6 of his son Thomas-5, without giving their names. He names the children-6 of his son Abraham-5 Burden, deceased, without giving their names.

He names his "trusty friends Richard HENDERSON, William Gulumus SMITH and John Williams DANIEL, Executors of this my last will and testament", dated 2 April 1784 and witnessed by Richard HENDERSON, Gulilumus SMITH and Rueben DANIEL. The will was proved in the Nov. Court, 1789, by the oaths of (Gulielmus?) SMITH and Rueben DANIEL.

The will of Thomas-4 Burden's wife, Elizabeth Burden, was written in Granville County on 29 Sept. 1791 and mentions the same slaves as Thomas-4 names in his will, legatees are Henry LYNE, son of James, the Reverend Henry PATTILL, Mary PATTILL and James LYNE, the latter named as her executor, Henry LYNE and Edmund SMITH, witnesses.

The above places Edmund Smith and his wife, Mary Polly (LANGSTON) in Granville County, NC when their daughter, "Winny" was born, the wife of Person No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden.

The surnames of LYNE/LYON, DANIEL, SMITH and BURDEN/BEARDING/BEARDEN are synonymous in early Virginia, Granville County, North Carolina and upper South Carolina, residents in each, and suggests strongly the same origin.

James and Henry LYNE, legatees and Executor of Elizabeth Burden's will in Granville County in 1792, may be the son and the grandson of Dr. James LYON of James City County, VA. The James Lyon of Granville County married Henington WATKINS of James City County, VA. Their daughter, Henington Watkins LYON, m. as his third wife, Robert Eden SCOTT of Fauquier County, VA. This would account for the James SCOTT who witnessed deeds for the Bearden family in Granville County, NC (see SCOTT FAMILY by this writer).

The fact that Thomas-4 Burden left property to his living son and to the children of his two sons (Thomas-5 and Abraham-5), suggests that he was married before he married Elizabeth and perhaps she was of the Lyon/Lyne family or her first husband was a Lyne and she had Lyne issue.

Elizabeth did not devise any of her property to her husband's living son or to her husband's grandchildren. This series of events and legacies imply that she is a second wife and was not the mother of the Thomas-4 Burden/Bearden Sr. children.

Thomas-4 had issue (from his will):

- a. Abraham-5 Burden, d. before Thomas-4 Sr. made his will in 1786, Granville County, NC. Abraham-5 left unknown issue-6, named in their grandfather's will. Members of this family may be located later in same South Carolina area as their kinsmen. The 1790 federal census there included Susannah BEARDEN, Nathan and Samuel BURDINE in Newberry County, John BARDON in Claremont County, Matthew BURDEN in Edgefield County, and Dorothea BURDINE in Pendleton County.
- b. Thomas-5 Burden Jr. did not leave any traces of his life in Granville County and his issue is untraced unless he is the Thomas Bearden of Union County, SC (compiled Person No. 39).
- c. Henry-5 Burden (so spelled) deeded property in Granville County, NC in Aug. 1788 (Zae Hargett Gwynn/Wynne's "GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND IT'S PEOPLE). HENRY is a Lyne/Lyon family first name and Person No. 29, Debora-4 Borden/Burden married into the family of HENRY when she m. John Henry.

TWO GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 9, BENJAMIN-2 AND ABIGAIL (GROVER) BEARDEN

TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 12 BENJAMIN-3 AND ZERUIAH (WINTER) BEARDEN

32. John-4 Burden/Borden/Bearden (Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), spelled all three ways in legal transactions, and his brother, No. 33, Joseph-4, belonged to the family of NJ, CT and VA, and both were the sons of Person No. 12, Benjamin-3 and his wife Zeruiah WINTER/S. They are identified through

the 1742 will of Benjamin-3, and the legal transactions of Benjamin-4, plus other proof as noted herein. On the 1790 federal census, taken in the Spartanburg District of SC, which is the place of most interest at this time, John-4's name is spelled BURDEN.

John-4 was b. about 1717, Monmouth County, New Jersey or in the Winchester area of Virginia, which later became Spotsylvania, Orange, Augusta, Frederick and Caroline Counties. He died before 10 April 1797 as his estate settlement was made on that date in Spartanburg District of South Carolina.

John-4 was married about 1738-1740, as his first child was born about 1740 in the Frederick, Spotsylvania, Orange or Caroline County area of Virginia, to Lettice "Lettis" WINN/WYNNE/GWYNNE, the daughter of Minor and Margaret (O'CONNOR) Winn. The name and identity of John-4 Bearden's wife is taken from old deeds, old letters and old publications as referenced below, also long standing and accepted family tradition (see WINN FAMILY by writer, and "THE WINNS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, by Chappell, found South Carolinian University Library, Columbia, "Lettice Bearden of Spartanburg County was reportedly the sister of Colonels John, William and Richard Winn, the sons of Minor Winn of Caroline, Orange and Fauquier Counties, Virginia, who came to South Carolina prior to the Revolution").

Lettice died, probably when the last of her numerous progeny was born, about 1774-1775, as she was deceased before her father wrote his will, and before 1790, when the first federal census of the United States was taken in old Ninety-Six District of South Carolina, Spartanburg County after 1785 (again, see WINN FAMILY).

It is noted again that the early destruction of many old county records, plus the lack of record keeping and preservation of information by these early pioneers have badly obscured the search for conclusive proof for the descent of John-4 and his wife, Lettice. John-4's ascent is clearly determined through the wills left by his father and brother, defining his antecedents for two preceding generations.

There is no record of any other John Burden/Bearden/Bearding (alternate spelling) in either New Jersey or tidewater Virginia between 1717 and 1758, the latter year about the time this John went to Granville County in North Carolina.

It is determined, because of the almost total lack of records for this family in Virginia between 1636 and 1735, that most went to Connecticut and New Jersey for almost one hundred years, returning to Virginia only singly and briefly during that period of time.

"The family of BEARDEN, BEARDIN, BEARDING, BEARDON, BERDAN, BERDEEN, BERDEN, BERDIEN, BERDINE, BURDIN, BURDINE, BURDEN, BORDEN, etc. are almost all in Connecticut and New Jersey between 1634 and 1735" (THE AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL-BIOGRAPHICAL INDEX TO AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL-BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY MATERIALS, Vol. II).

John-4 probably left New Jersey with his parents about 1735 when he was about eighteen years old as his family was in early Virginia while Governor Gooch was in power at Williamsburg (T. M. GREEN's "HISTORIC FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY", 1889). He is said to have left Virginia soon after 1858 when his father's property was divided and after the time of the Bearden scandal in Caroline County, Virginia. The will of John-4's compiled father, Benjamin-3 Burden II was made in 1742 and recorded in Augusta County, Virginia (Persons No. 9 and 12, Benjamin-2 and Benjamin-3 Borden, Pg. 318, Vol 1, Chalkey's "RECORDS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA").

Benjamin-3 devised to sons Benjamin-4, John-4, Joseph-4, and to his wife Zeruah; to daughters May-4 FEARNLEY, wife of William; Abigail-4 WORTHINGTON, Rebecca-4 BRONSON, Debora-4, Lydia-4 and Eliza-4 BORDEN. His wife Zeruah, his son Benjamin-4 and William FEARNLEY qualified as Executors but Fearnley refused. In 1746, Zeruah, on account of "bodily infirmities", resigned and Benjamin-4 III took the whole estate; in April 1753 he died and in 1758, John-4 and Joseph-4 conveyed their interest to William RUSSELL.

In 1759 John BEARDING (so spelled) was evidently not in Virginia when he assigned William Hunter for a runaway slave (mentioned Vol. 1, Page 143, "JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES OF VIRGINIA 1619-1759", Vol. 1, Pgs. 58-154).

John-4 Bearden Sr. (so designated in Mecklenburg and Granville County, NC on 7 Feb. 1762), along with Thomas Burden, Humphrey, Richard and Benjamin Bearden, suddenly showed up for land grants from Governor Granville in Granville County, NC, the same dated 12 March 1760 to 20 March 1778.

1 Aug. 1762, "John-4 Bearden received a land grant from Lord Granville of seven hundred acres located on Lick Branch Creek, Granville County, North Carolina" (name so spelled, Deed Bk. F, Pg. 22-23), Halifax County, North Carolina (Deed Bk. G, Pg. 23).

7 Feb. 1764, "John Bearden Sr. and Lettess his wife of Granville County North Carolina deeds to Edmond Bearden of Granville County one hundred and fifty acres bounded by Henry Feagin's land", witnessed by Benjamin BEARDEN, James REED and John BEARDEN Jr., recorded in Nov. 1764 (Deed Bk. G, Pgs. 296-297).

14 Aug. 1764, "Edmond Bearden to John Bearden", witnessed by Benjamin Bearden and John Bearden, Jr. (Deed Book G, Pgs. 296-297).

4 May 1767, "John Bearding" (sic, so spelled) "and his wife Lettiss sell land in Granville County, North Carolina to Guy SMITH, of Mecklenburg County, Virginia" (Deed Bk. H, Pg. 297; and "KINFOLKS OF GRANVILLE COUNTY", Pg. 295).

Seventeen years later, when John-4 was sixty-seven years of age, on 15 Oct. 1784, he is living on the north side of Tiger/Tyger River, in Ninety-Six District of South Carolina (Columbia, South Carolina Archives, Land Grants, Book 3, Pg. 427). It is generally believed that John-4 Bearden's wife had already died on that date as she is not enumerated with him on the 1790 first census of the United States taken in Spartanburg District, SC, in which he is not listed as the head of household. In that year he is listed with his son, Richard-5 BERDEN (so spelled in the 1790 census), the latter born according to his own Revolutionary War declaration on 6 July 1760, and thirty years old in 1790. Richard-5 BERDEN had living in his household four males over sixteen, four males under sixteen and four females, which was the usual way of counting people in the early census. One of the males over sixteen and one female was himself and his wife. It's hardly possible that the other three males over sixteen had been born to him at the tender age of less than fourteen years of age. Three males had been born before 1774 and were over 16 in 1790.

The reasonable assumption is that the older males are Richard-5 Bearden's widowed father (John-4) and Richard-5's young brothers, especially as Richard-5 was the administrator of the John-4 Bearden estate in 1797. The Richard-5 Bearden family was likely living in his aged father's (John-4 Sr.) home in 1790 although Richard-5 is counted as the head of the family.

John-4 Bearden/Burden/Berden obviously did not make a will as his estate settlement is kept under glass at the South Carolina State Archives in Columbia and is found there in File No. 472, Will Book D, Pg. 110, Box. 4, Packet 38, copy in compiler's possession. His estate was administered by RICHARD BEARDEN, so spelled; bonds were given by RICHARD BEARDEN, BRITAIN WILLIFORD and THOMAS BETTERTON (note the name Brittain Williford, who will play a major role in the life of Richard-5 Bearden).

WILLIAM SMITH ESQ. gave the warrant of appraisement and BRITAIN WILLIFORD, THOMAS BETTERTON, THOMAS WILLIAMS and BAZEL TRAILL were appointed by the Court to be directed by RICHARD-5 BEARDEN, the administrator, to appraise the estate; witnessed by WILLIAM LANCASTER, Clerk of the Court. Buyers at the JOHN-4 BEARDEN estate sale held on 6 May 1797 at the RICHARD-5 BEARDEN home included BOYD CRUMPTON, JOHN WHITE TAYLOR, WILLIAM SMITH ESQ., AARON SMITH, RICHARD BEARDEN, JOHN BEARDEN Jr., RUTH BEARDEN and NANCY BEARDEN.

Before 6 July 1760, the John-4 Bearden family were in Granville County, NC, the birthdate and birthplace given by his son on his 1832 Revolutionary War pension declaration made in Giles and Wayne Counties, TN (see under No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden). The family removed briefly to Mecklenburg County in North Carolina and then on to upper South Carolina where both John-4 and Lettice (WINN) Bearden died.

John-4 and family were early members of the old "Tygar River" Baptist Church of Christ, his wife, Lettice, bringing that faith with her from her home in early Virginia. This place was so near Fairforest Baptist Church as to indicate a connection in their early history. This is said to be the early meeting place of both Fairforest and Thacker Vivian. Tygar River Baptist Church is said to have had its first meeting place about sixteen miles south-east of Spartanburg, SC.

Tygar River Baptist Church claims 1765 as its date of constitution ("HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH", Edwards, Crozier Ms., Pg. 38; "SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS, EARLY BACK COUNTRY CHURCHES, 1770-1805", by Leah Townsend, Pgs. 136 to 222; "SOUTHERN LINEAGES", Pgs. 342 (see foreword).

One of the many Revolutionary War soldier sons of John-4 and Lettice (WINN) Bearden referred in his pension statement to "my father's old Bible". This old Bible was no doubt used between 1765 and 1775 in constituting the old Tygar River Baptist Church which is located on the Tygar River where land transactions for this Bearden family are found.

The Revolutionary War pension statement of another son placed John-4 in this location between 1765 and his death in 1797 (Spartanburg County was created in 1785 from this part of Ninety-Six District).

Bearden church members and others, all later connected with the family in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Kentucky, as listed in the old Tygar River Baptist Church, by Leah Townsend and as taken from the original records included, among others:

Benjamin, Delilah, Isaac, John Sr., John Jr., Lettice, Mary, Rachel, Richard, and Sentius BEARDEN.

Abigail, Mary, John and Nancy BEARD.

James, Mary and Sarah BENNETT.

Mary, Mordecai and William FOWLER.

Frances and Mary GENTRY.

Aaron, Absolom, Agnes, Nancy, Nazareth, Peter, John LANCASTER.

John and Moses LANGSTON.

James LEE.

Elizabeth, James, Joseph, Nancy and Thomas MEADOWS.

Ida and Zacharias MOORE.

Christina, James, Joel, Mary, John, Joseph, Milly, Mourning, Nancy, Sarah, Isaac and William SMITH.

Brittain, Elizabeth, and Wiley WILLIFORD.

There were also YOUNGS, BURTONS, CLARKS, CROWS, WESTS, WRIGHTS, etc.

According to the writer's calculations, John-4 and Lettice Bearden furnished five sons to the Revolutionary War from South Carolina and one from North Carolina: Edmond-5, Thomas-5, William-5, John-5 (called Jr. until his father's death) and Richard-5 with Benjamin-5 from North Carolina called a Patriot.

John-4 and Lettice had at least two sons-in law and an uncounted number of grandsons and nephews in the first American War for Independence ("ROSTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA PATRIOTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION", by Bobby Gilmer Moss, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, Md., Pg. 56; A. S. Salley Jr.'s "STUB ENTRIES TO INDENTS ISSUED IN PAYMENT OF CLAIMS GROWING OUT OF THE REVOLUTION", 12 Vols., published by State Company, Columbia, SC, Pg. 99; ADJ. GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington, D.C.; NATIONAL ARCHIVES, Washington, D.C.; and the Patriotic Association, NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Supplement No. 678433 for this writer).

At least one of John-4 and Lettice Bearden's sons gave his life in that first major American War for Independence. Young William-5 Bearden who served with his brothers, Richard-5, Edmond-5, Thomas-5 and John-5 Jr., under their brother-in-law, Captain William SMITH and under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John Thomas, Jr. and General Sumpter as Light Dragoons, was listed as "killed in service about Nov. 1781" (A. S. Salley Jr.'s "STUB ENTRIES TO INDENTS ISSUED IN PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST SOUTH CAROLINA GROW-

ING OUT OF THE REVOLUTION", Pg. 99, published by State Company, Columbia, SC; and Bobby Gilmer Moss' "ROSTER" as listed above, Pg. 56, published 1983, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD).

John-4 Bearden did not make a will but his estate was administered and it is a fair assumption that Richard-5 BERDEN (so listed on 1790 census), with whom he lived in 1790 and who administered his estate in 1797 (spelled BEARDEN on estate papers), was his son. The other children of John-4 and Lettice (WINN) Bearden are taken from their proximity and their close association to John-4 and to their siblings. There is not the necessary information to prove each conclusively or to name them in the order of their birth:

- *36. Benjamin-5 Bearden, b. 1738-1748, will pr. Feb. Court, 1822; m. about 1769-1770, Granville County, to Molly HARRIS.
- *37. Edward/Edmond-5 Bearden, b. 1740-1750, d. 11 Nov. 1811; m. about 1765-1770, name of his wife given as Ann EASLEY.
- *38. Humphrey-5 Bearden, b. 1740-1750, d. after 1830; m. RAMEY/RAINEY?; m. second, 13 Aug. 1768, Ann FILCHER/FULCHER.
- *39. Thomas-5 Bearden (could be same person as compiled under No. 35, Thomas-4 Bearden, b. 1745-1755, d. after 1820; m. Abigail McILROY, m. second Sarah BLASSINGAME.
- *40. John-5 Bearden, called Jr., d. after 1836; m. Nancy "Ann", last name has been given by descent as both WINN and LANGSTON.
- *41. Lettice-5 Bearden, b. 1740-1750, d. before 1809; m. about 1760 to John GOWEN.
- 42. William-5 Bearden, b. about 1750-1759, Spotsylvania area, VA, or Granville County, NC. William has been listed in several publications as "killed in the Revolutionary War in Nov. 1781" (Ervin's "SOUTH CAROLINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION"). Some of the later Beardens may be his issue?
- *43. Richard-5 Bearden, b. 6 July 1760, d. 21 June 1860; m. Sarah "Sally" (BENNETT?).
- *44. Mourning-5 Bearden, b. 17 Jan. 1763, d. 2 Oct. 1842; m. about 1780 to Captain/Major/Judge William SMITH.
- *45. Isaac-5 Bearden, b. 1765-1770, will proved 1833; m. Sarah TRAIL.
- *46. Arthur-5 Bearden, b. 1772, d. after 1850; m. 23 Dec. 1794, Rebecca McCLENDON.
- *47. Benjamin-5 Bearden, known as "Benjamin the younger", b. 1770-1773, d. after 1860; m. 1792 to Elizabeth (WINN?).
- *48. Ansel-5 Bearden, b. 1774-1775, d. after 1860; may be the same Ansel Bearden who m. Abigail JOURDAN/JOURDAN (?).

33. Joseph-4 Borden (Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), the brother of John-4 (No. 32) was b. 1724-1734 Monmouth County, NJ (MD/VA?) and d. in 1803, Iredell County, NC, m. about 1755-1760 to Jane (?) whose last name is not known. His will names his wife Jane, his son Levi to have all land on Green River in Kentucky and his son Benjamin Joseph Borden; granddaughter Sally LASNETT (LANGSTON?), daughter of Richard and Rebecca, grandson Joseph LASNETT, granddaughter Mary LASNETT; grandchildren, the children of William SAUNDERS and Mary; brother-in-law Thomas BRONSON and sister Deborah HENRY (Chalkey's "RECORDS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA", Vol. III, Pg. 251; Circuit Court Will Book No. 2, Pg. 4, Will of Joseph Borden of Iredell County, NC, dated 29 April 1803).

This may be the Joseph Bearden listed on the 1790 census of South Carolina in Chester County which was carved in 1785 from Craven and Camden District. This would place Joseph-5 in the same area as his kinsmen and some of the unidentified persons there of same surname may be his issue.

Joseph-4 and Jane (?) had issue, Burden/Borden/Bearden as named in his will. Note also the James Burden as listed in Bourbon County on the first census of Kentucky in 1790, and likely the father of No. 50 below, the Rev. Benjamin Borden/Burden who m. Elizabeth Tully (?). (See Person compiled as No. 175, Benjamin Joseph-6 Borden/Burden - grandson instead of son? - this badly needs work!):

49. Levi-5 Borden.
 *50. Benjamin Joseph-5 Borden, m. Elizabeth Tully, of whom more will be said later.
 51. Rebecca-5 Borden, m. Richard LASNETT, and had issue as named in her father's will, Joseph-6, Sally-6, Mary-6 Lasnett.
 52. Mary-5 Bordan/Burden, m. William SAUNDERS.

THIRTEEN GRANDCHILDREN OF BENJAMIN-3 AND ZERUIAH (WINTER) BEARDEN

A. TWELVE CHILDREN OF NO. 32 JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN

36. Benjamin-5 Bearden (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), some descent give his birthdate as 1736 but the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) applicants and members give his birthdate as 1748. He was born in either Monmouth, NJ or the early tidewater area of Virginia (Spotsylvania, Caroline, Orange, Augusta County?). His will was made on 16 Feb. 1821 and probated in Feb. Court 1822, Granville County, NC (Will Bk. Vol. 9, Pg. 70).

Benjamin-5 m. 1769-1770 in Granville County to Molly HARRIS, b. 1755, daughter of Richard and Priscilla (MINOR) Harris. The will of Molly's father was proved 1805 in Granville County Court and named daughter, Molly Bearden, wife of Benjamin Bearden (Wills, Vol. II, Pg. 11; Deed Bk. S, Pg. 217).

The Benjamin Bearden who appeared first in the Granville County Court minutes as early as 3 Sept. 1746 on a list drawn for a jury could hardly be our subject. He was undoubtedly Benjamin-5's uncle, the third Benjamin-4 who married Magdalene (WOOD) McDOWELL, the widow of John McDowell (see under Person No. 25). Iredell County, NC was formed in 1788 from Rowan County and is in the area of Granville and Mecklenburg Counties where Bearden/Burden legal records are found in 1746 and into the twentieth century.

14 Aug. 1764, Edmond Bearden deeds to John Bearden, witnessed by Benjamin and John Bearden Jr. (Deed Book G, Pg. 296-297).

9 March 1771, Benjamin Bearden is joined in a deed by his wife Molly to Richard HARRIS, witnessed by John HARRIS (Deed Bk. O, Pg. 136, Granville County, NC).

6 May 1778, Benjamin Bearden enters a claim for 640 acres located on Cattail Creek bounded by Sherwood HARRIS, Alston JOHNSTON and Mr. NORMAN, also claimed by N. SNIPE, for patent and bond filed, compromised and dismissed by order of Snipe (No. 75W, Pg. 19, 1778-1785, NC Historical Commission; Land Entries 1778-1795, Pg. 16, NC Historical Commission).

22 May 1778, Benjamin Bearden, born 1748, died 1821 in Granville County North Carolina, married 1769 to Molly HARRIS, born 1753, died after 1821. Took the oath of allegiance to the State of North Carolina in the County Line District of Granville on this date before John YOUNG Esq., all persons being Quakers, Moravians, Menomists, Dunkards." ("NORTH CAROLINA STATE RECORDS", Vol. 22 Pg. 177, by Clark).

Benjamin-5 has been proven several times over as a Patriot of the American Revolution, applicants to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution giving this information ("MEMBERSHIP ROSTER OF SOLDIERS, TENNESSEE SOCIETY", by Whitley, Texas State Library, copy in writer's possession). Some descendants of Benjamin-5 Bearden and their National Nos. in the above patriotic association: Mrs. Annie (Bearden) SHUGART, No. 470527; Mrs. Virginia H. Simpson, No. 453153; Mrs. Ililene V. SIMPSON, No. 87625, C.A.R.; and Ililene (Bearden) HARRELL, No. 489193.

24 Sept. 1779, Deed to Benjamin BEARDEN for 615 acres describes the tract as being "on Harris line, crossing Harrisboro Road" (Deed Bk. 40, Pg. 217).

May 1786, Grand Jury consists of John SMITH, Jonathan KNIGHT and Benjamin BEARDEN; court convened with Jurymen Guililamie SMITH and Benjamin BEARDEN.

1787, Benjamin BEARDEN wit. deed of Edward ROWLAND and John MINOR for 213 acres.

1788 and Aug. 1788, Grand Jury with Benjamin BEARDEN, foreman; Henry BEARDEN deed to William HICKS 200 acres.

1790, Benjamin BEARDEN wit. deed from Edward NOLAND to Wm. JONES for 80 acres; John William Daniel inventory of Thomas BURDEN, deceased. Samuel Harris --- --- (unable to read).

August Term 1793, Benjamin BEARDEN on jury list. Deed proved will of Edward KNOWLIN, proved by Benjamin BEARDEN.

August Court 1796, Grand Jury selected included James SMITH and Benjamin BEARDEN.

1 May 1797, Benjamin-5 BEARDEN deeds to William-6 BEARDEN (Deed Bk. Q, Pg. 41, Granville County, NC).

1798, Jury paid and impaneled included Benjamin BEARDEN, Avery PARHAM, Elijah PARKER and Rowland GOOCH.

Feb. Court 1802, Grand Jury included James SMITH, John SPEARS and Benjamin BEARDEN.

Feb. 1805, Court appointed Benjamin BEARDEN as Bondsman.

17 Oct. 1805, Benjamin BEARDEN was the Executor and Priscilla HARRIS was the Executrix for the will and estate of Richard HARRIS, deceased; bill of sale to Jonathan KNIGHT of Franklin County, NC (Deed Bk. S, Pg. 217).

May Court 1815, Will of Sally GOOCH, deceased, proved by Spears HARRIS and Charles BEARDEN.

1 March 1820, Benjamin-5 BEARDEN Sr., deed to Charles-6 BEARDEN, (Deed Bk. 2, Pg. 161, Granville County, NC).

(All of above from "COURT MINUTES OF GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA 1746-1820", as abstracted by Z. H. Gwynn in "KINFOLKS OF GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA 1746-1820", Pgs. 2-5-6-15-19-69-84, 90, 93, 95, 98, 109, 124, 141-149, 151, 211-241-258 etc.)

Benjamin-5 Bearden is a proven resident of Granville County, NC throughout 1762 until his death before 16 Feb. 1822 when his will was probated. His farm is located on an old plat map (in writer's possession), on Little Shoal's Creek, a county line road of Granville and old Bute county, the latter county abolished in 1779.

A deed is found in Rockingham County, NC, dated 1844, from James H. WATERS to Richard HARRIS (Benjamin-5's brother-in-law), 186 acres adjoining land belonging to HARRIS, STUBBLEFIELD and WITHERS. Sarah (KEENE) WATERS m. Ambrose BEARDEN/BEARDING in 1762 (compiled herein as Person No. 19, Ambrose BEARDING).

The following is an abstract of the Benjamin-5 Bearden will (Will Vol. 9, Pg. 70, 1821-1822):

"In the name of God amen I know I am born to die and the time of my end I think not far off I therefore make this my last will and testament and leave my estate in the following manner that is to say --- I lend to my beloved wife Molly Bearden during her natural life Abram, Samuel and Milly and all the stock of hogs cattle that I now possess and may possess at my death together with all my household goods and kitchen furniture and after the death of my wife Molly Bearden as above stated then after her death whatever property may be left to be equally divided between Charles Bearden Benjamin Bearden and Thomas W. Parham and Lucy Tippet I also give to John Bearden one dollar to Edward Parham one dollar Richard Bearden one dollar to William Bearden Sally Freeman one dollar Lettice Knight one dollar to the heirs of Betsy Harris whose former name was Betsy Bearden one dollar I also leave the land I purchased of Louis Bennett to be sold to pay my just debts and if anything remains from the sale of said land after paying my debts let it be divided between Charles Bearden Benjamin Bearden and Thomas Parham. I also nominate and appoint Charles Bearden Benjamin Bearden Molly Bearden and Thomas W. Parham executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this sixteenth day of September 1821." Witnessed by Tabitha Minor and Samuel Harris.

Benjamin-5 and Molly (HARRIS) had issue as taken from his will, order of birth unknown, and from "GRANVILLE COUNTY MARRIAGES"):

*53. **John-6 Bearden**, b. 1765-1775, d. about 1835, his will made on 6 July 1837 in Sumner County, TN, m.

Nancy HARRIS, m. second 1809, Mary VAUGHN.

*54. **Richard-6 Bearden**, b. 1770, d. 1845, m. June 1793, Nancy Ann BENNETT.

- *55. **William-6 Bearden**, b. 1772, d. before 1830, m. 1790 to Nancy FREEMAN/FRAZIER, m. second about 1803 to Sarah BARTON.
- 56. Elizabeth-6 "Betsy" Bearden, b. about 1775-1780, d. before 4 Feb. 1815 when her husband remarried; m. on 5 Oct. 1795 to Samuel Spence/Spears HARRIS. "Betsy" had unknown issue, Harris, as proved by her father's will.
- *57. **Sarah-6 "Sally" Bearden**, m. 1798, Richardson FREEMAN/FRAZIER.
- 58. Lettice-6 Bearden, b. 1778, m. on 27 Dec. 1799, John R. KNIGHT. Her issue, if any, is untraced.
- *59. **Charles-6 Bearden**, b. 1775-1782, m. 1807 Frances "Fanny" PARHAM.
- 60. Mary Polly-6 Bearden, b. about 1786-1788; m. 22 July 1807 to Edmund/Edward PARHAM. Her issue, if any, is untraced.
- 61. Martha Patsey-6 Bearden, b. 1790; m. 20 Nov. 1804, William FREEMAN/FRAZIER, brother to Nancy and Richardson FREEMAN/FRAZIER. Her issue, if any, is untraced.
- *62. **Benjamin-6 Bearden Jr.**, b. 1791, d. 1852, m. 1814 to Elizabeth MINOR.
- *63. **Lucy-6 Bearden**, b. 1799-1803, d. before 1870, m. Jonathan TIPPETT/TRIPLETT Jr.

37. **Edmund/Edward/Edmond-5 Bearden** (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1740-1750 in early tidewater Virginia (Orange, Spotsylvania, Augusta, Frederick County area) and d. on 1 Nov. 1811, where Flynn's Fork joins the Tradewater River at the present day site of Dawson Springs, which is still located in Caldwell County, KY as of this date in 1998 (an old map showing the Bearden family location between 1809 and 1821 is located in the Marshall County Library at Benton, KY).

Edmund-5 m. 1765-1770, probably in North Carolina or Virginia and the name of his wife has been given as Annie EASLEY, first name taken from South Carolina legal transactions and the last name is from long standing tradition. Edmund-5's wife died between 1800 and 1810, probably in Kentucky.

The accepted tradition is that the old gentleman and the two children enumerated in the 1810 census of Caldwell County, KY (children born between 1800 and 1810), in the "Mourney" Bearden household is her father, Edmund-5 and his two younger children as "Mourney" was not as yet married and had no issue. More than likely it was Edmund-5's home but "Mourney"-6 is the oldest child at home and she is counted as the head of household.

The last marriage ceremony the Baptist minister, Edmund-5 Bearden, performed in Caldwell County was dated on 21 Aug. 1811. He did not perform the marriage dated on 25 Nov. 1811 for Mourning Bearden to Dunning BAKER. His deathdate as given by descent is assumed to be valid ("CALDWELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY MARRIAGE INDEX", copied 14 Aug. 1940, by this compiler's "kin", Mrs. W. T. and Mary FOWLER, Princeton, KY, Pgs. 268, 269, Scottsbluff, Nebraska Genealogy Library).

Mrs. Winn says in "SOUTHERN LINEAGES", Pgs. 342-343: "Edmund Bearden's land transactions cover counties in North and South Carolina and holds clues to the maternal Winn origin by their association in deeds with the Beardens bearing the forename 'Winn'. Edmund's migration can be traced in the following land conveyances:

"Edmund Bearden, land in Granville County, North Carolina, conveyed by John Gowan August 14, 1764.

"Edmond Bearden removed to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in 1767. He remained there - if he lived on the land at all - but a short time as in 1769 he sold the land granted him there, and in 1776 he is in Ninety-Six District, SC.

"January 27, 1767, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, deed to Edmund Bearding of Mecklenburg County, province of North Carolina, planter, 'in consideration of forty pounds proclamation money by the said Edmund Bearden to the said Honorable Henry Eustace McCullough, in hand paid, tract of land in Mecklenburg County'. Recorded July term, 1767, John Proback, John McK. Alexander, witnesses (Book B, Pgs. 10, 11).

"Edmund Bearden of Ninety-Six District, and province of South Carolina, to Benjamin Alexander of Mecklenburg County, in consideration of twenty-five pounds proclamation money of North Carolina in hand paid by Benjamin Alexander to said Edmund Bearden, land on Back Creek adjoining his own land -- 317 acres --

granted by patent to Edmund Bearden, bearing date December 16, 1769, Edmond Bearden and Anne Bearden, his wife. Mecklenburg County, North Carolina (Book 20, Pg. 49) Dec. 15, 1774. Recorded Jan. 6, 1776.

"December 28, 1769, Edmund Bearden of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to Benjamin Alexander, 220 acres, granted by a deed from Hon. Henry Eustace McCullough to Edmund Bearden, dated Jan. 17, 1767.

John Allen, James Scott, witnesses. Recorded Jan., 1770. (Book 22, Pg. 83; Book 20, Pg. 727, Land Office, Raleigh, NC).

"Edmund Bearden's first acquisition of land in South Carolina was on the south side of Tygar River, Craven County, August 11, 1774. It was bounded by John Spurgeon's and vacant lands (Book 32, Pg. 52, Land Office, Columbia, SC).

"Land described as 'on Beaver Dam of Tiger River', 640 acres was granted by the state to Edmund Bearden, Oct. 5, 1784. (Book 1, Pg. 166).

"May 10, 1786, another grant was made to Edmund Bearden in Ninety-Six District, 'both sides of George's Creek, Saluda River -- above old boundary line' (Book 9, Pg. 421).

"1792, 'land formerly belonging to Edmund Bearden' on George's Creek, south Saluda River, by John Gowen; Winn Bearden, witness."

Mrs. Winn continued with the premise that no further knowledge of Edmund Bearden had been revealed by an examination of South Carolina documents. However, a thorough examination of further legal transactions, plus the 1790-1810 federal census reports and the tax records have now revealed additional information:

14 Aug. 1764, John Bearden Sr. deeds to Edmund Bearden, both of Granville County, NC, "One hundred and fifty acres bounded by Henry Feagin's land", witnessed by Benjamin Bearden and John Bearden Junr., recorded Nov. 1764 (Deed Book G, 296, 297).

3 Nov. 1766, Edmund Bearden to James Chandler, both of Mecklenburg County VA, land in Granville County, NC.

7 Feb. 1764 (4 May 1767?), John Bearden and his wife "Lettis" Bearden sell land in Granville County, NC to Guy Smith of Mecklenburg County, John Bearden Jr. and Edmund Bearden and James Reed, witnesses (Deed Book 9).

16 Dec. 1769, Edmund Bearden gets 317 acres, Mecklenburg County, NC on the South fork of Back Creek, joining Bearden's own land and a Stony nap ("ABSTRACTS OF LAND PATENTS", Patent Book 20, No. 2177", Pg. 527; "THE COLONY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1765-1775", Vol. 2, Pg. 166, by Margaret M. Hoffman, found in Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama Library).

19 May 1772, Henry MITCHELL, 100 acres, Mecklenburg County, NC on the head of Back Creek, joining Mitchell's own land, Edmund BEARDEN and Robert ROBINSON (Patent Book No. 22, Pg. 44, Patent No. 3635; and "COLONY OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1765-1775", Pg. 167).

19 May 1772, on the same date Henry MITCHELL received his patent to land adjoining Edmund Bearden; Joseph HOBBS Jr. received patent to 150 acres in Mecklenburg County, NC "on the waters of McDowal's (sic) Creek, joining Charles MOORE, John McDOWAL, John MILLER and McCULLOH's Barroney Line". (Author's note: It is obvious that some of the Beardens, McDowells, McCulloughs and Moores are still together. Same sources as above, Patent Book 22, No. 3637, Pg. 44).

12 Jan. 1773, Edmund-5 Bearden is granted a tract of land containing four hundred and fifty acres, surveyed by him 15 Jan. 1769, and situated in District Ninety-Six (now Greenville County, SC), on the west branch of Reedy River ("SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PLATS", Vol. 1, Pg. 93).

The old and large plat map shows the Easleys as Edmund-5 Bearden's neighbors, but more importantly, the old map shows Richard-5 Bearden (Person No. 43) situated on one side of Edmund-5 and Nathan SMITH's land is bordering them (Richard-5 Bearden's son, No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden, married Nathan Smith's daughter).

On the other side of Richard-5 is Hugh LEWIS, and one Hugh LEWIS married in Livingston County, KY on 14 Nov. 1800 to Sarah-6 BEARDEN with Edmund-5 BEARDEN, minister, and Winn-6 BEARDEN, bondsman. The bondsman was usually a close relative.

The large plat map listing these early upper South Carolina settlers, shows the older Ansel Bearden with a tract of land containing three hundred and fifty acres, situated and lying on the south side of Tygar River, his grant dated 8 Feb. 1773. Both Ansel and Hugh Lewis are located in Craven County, created in 1683 and discontinued by

1769 when the province of South Carolina was divided into seven judicial districts, these lands surveyed before 1769 ("SOUTH CAROLINA COLONIAL GRANTS", Vol. 32, Pg. 52).

24 July 1781, Edmund-5 Bearden witnessed the will of Ralph SMITH (the writer's fourth great grandfather, Ralph SMITH, see sources under Person No. 96, Jacob-6 BEARDEN who m. Ralph Smith's granddaughter) in Abbeville District, SC, same probated 8 Oct. 1784, the father of William, Ralph, Nathan, and Zapher Smith. Ralph Smith was killed in the War of the Revolution at Cross Anchors, SC ("ABSTRACTS OF OLD NINETY-SIX AND ABBEVILLE DISTRICTS, WILLS AND BONDS" by Willie Paulene Young, Southern Historical Press, Emsley, SC, 1977; GEORGIA GENEALOGY MAGAZINE, 1975, Pg. 303, Ralph Smith's will).

Brittain Williford made the inventory of the Ralph Smith estate, the same person who helped make the bond in 1797, Spartanburg County, SC for the settlement of the estate of Person No. 32, John-4 Bearden, and the same person who in 1825 in Giles County, TN, signed an affidavit for the Revolutionary War pension statement of the person compiled herein as No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden. This is the same Richard-5 Bearden of the 1776-1802 Tygar River, later called Friendship, Baptist Church records.

The first federal census of the United States, taken in 1790 in District Ninety-Six, now Greenville County, SC (Pg. 68, "SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIRST CENSUS OF UNITED STATES", Scottsbluff, NE Genealogical Library), lists Edmund-5 Bearden as the head of household with two males 16X (over 16), four males -16 (under 16), four females and without slaves, listing eight children at home in 1790.

16 July 1790, in Ninety-Six District, SC (now Greenville County), Annie EASLEY, of same locality, sold to Edmund-5 Bearden of same district, for 150 sterling, two hundred acres on south side of Reedy River, part of two hundred and eighty-seven acres granted Anne Easley on 2 Jan. 1785 by Governor Guerard, land adjoining Isham CLAYTON's Branch, signed by Annie Easley and witnessed by Jno. GOWEN and Absolom THOMPSON, proved by the oath of Absolom Thompson, recorded 1 Jan. 1791 (Deed Book B, Pgs. 253-254).

1792, Edmund-5 BEARDEN and his wife, Anne sign deed to land on George's Creek, sold by John Gowen with Winn-6 Bearden assisting (Deed Book E, Pg. 352, Greenville District, South Carolina).

Edmund-5 Bearden, was a staunch member of the Baptist Church of Christ and freed his slaves as fast as the law allowed in that time period and location, helping them with their support.

A letter to the South Carolina State Archives in Columbia has brought eighteen pages containing maps of Edmund-5's early land plat and copies of the plats themselves, plus his Revolutionary War payroll indents which include two hundred and four days as a private in Captain Parson's Company, Colonel John Thomas Jr.'s Regiment, from 10 Dec. 1780 to 1 July 1781 (same regiment and time for Richard-5 Bearden).

He was at the Pacelot Station in the Upper Spartanburg Regiment under Colonel Henry White during Nov. 1781 and went against the Cherokees. He served in the militia under Colonel Roebuck after the fall of Charleston (Bobby Gilmer Moss in "ROSTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA PATRIOTS IN THE REVOLUTION", Baltimore Publishing Company, 1983, Pg. 56; Janie Revill's "COPY OF THE ORIGINAL INDEX BOOK OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR CLAIMS FILED IN SOUTH CAROLINA"; Audited Account Nos. A5387; Y1179; CS; 387.X3358; Claim or Return Nos. 75, 93, 104).

Between 1773 and 1791 Edmund-5 Bearden has an unblemished and honorable record as a Baptist minister in the early back country of upper South Carolina and especially in the Turkey Creek Baptist Church, which he helped organize in 1785. A center of religious activity, Turkey Creek frequently aided other congregations in their efforts to organize. Some of its branches included Little River, Poplar Springs, Reedy River, Mountain Creek, Bulltown, Coranica and others.

Turkey Creek's recorded membership was never over eighty-five to which figure it attained during a revival meeting between 1787 and 1790, from which there was a rapid decline and loss of membership, due in part to the constitution of separate congregations in this sparsely settled area.

The first branch dismissed from Edmund-5's home congregation of Turkey Creek met near the present site of Due West on Hogskin Creek, by which name it was known in 1790 (Hogskin Meeting House near Turkey Creek). Thirteen members were dismissed from Turkey Creek and a committee from there helped them constitute a church on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August 1791, the ministers present being, according to tradition, Edmund-5 Bearden, Joseph Redding and Moses Holland.

In the vicinity of Head of Enoree Church (Reedy River Church since 1841), a Second Reedy River Horse Neck Church existed in 1790 with forty members under Reverend Edmund-5 Bearden, probably the same group called Reedy River Church who sent its pastor, Reverend Edmund-5 Bearden and two delegates to join the Bethel Association in 1791, with a report of forty members. Although they reported an increase in membership in 1792, they were declared extinct as a church in 1793.

Early in that year, a new body was constituted under Reverend Edmund-5 Bearden with the name Head of Tygar River Church, which it retained although they entered the Bethel Association in August as Concord Church. After Reverend Edmund-5 Bearden's departure in 1794, their membership fell off, partly because of the separate constitution of the different branches (Leah Townsend's "SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS, EARLY BACK COUNTRY CHURCHES" Pgs. 136 to 223, Published by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1934, Cheyenne, WY Mormon Library).

Edmund-5 Bearden and his close associates mostly disappeared from Greenville District of South Carolina after 1793-1794 and soon after the sale of his land in 1792. He next appears in Davidson County, TN where two of his children are married, 1797 and 1798 respectively. He stopped off and undoubtedly lived there a short time, where he had kinsmen located, before going on to Christian County, KY. Edmond-5 and Winn-6 Bearden, his son appear next on the 1799 tax list of the latter county and state, John-6 Bearden joining them in 1800 in what became Livingston County, Ky in 1798-1800.

Christian County, KY is the parent county of Livingston County which was formed in 1798, Christian County created in 1796 from Logan County. The taxpayers, as listed in 1799 and 1800 on the east side of Livingston Creek in the new county, included only males over twenty-one years of age.

The 1790 and 1800 census schedules for the state of Kentucky are missing but a reconstructed list has been made from the tax payers list of this time period. Edmund-5 and his sons are missing from the 1800 list but are found in the 1799-1800 Order Books of Livingston County (Order Book A, Livingston County):

BEARDEN, John (1 male over 21); 4 horses and mares; 200 acres on Flynn's Fork of the Tradewater River.
 BEARDEN, Winn (1 male over 21); 1 horse; 200 acres on Flynn's Fork of the Tradewater River.
 BEARDEN, Edmund (1 male over 21); 1 horse; 400 acres, Flynn's Fork.

The 1802 tax list shows the same Bearden men in the same location but John now has 600 acres of land and Winn has 300 acres.

In 1809 the new county of Caldwell was formed from the parent county of Livingston and these Bearden men appear in the new county.

Taxpayer	Acres	Location	Landowner	White		
				Males	Slaves	Horses
1809 Silas *	254	Flynn's Fork	Edmond Bearden	2	0	1
John	3000	Flynn's Fork	Self	1	7	5
1810 John	3950	Flynn's Fork	Self	1	9	10
Silas	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	4
Edmond	254	Flynn's Fork	Taxes Exempt/Age	1	0	1
1811 Silas	100	Flynn's Fork	John Bearden	1	0	1
Edmond	254	Flynn's Fork	Taxes Exempt/Age	1	0	1
John	3850	Flynn's Fork	Self	1	9	9

1812	John	4150	Flynn's Fork	Self	1	11	4
	Silas	100	Flynn's Fork	John Bearden	1	0	4
1813	Silas	100	Flynn's Fork	John Bearden	1	0	4
	Thomas	0	Flynn's Fork	John Bearden	1	0	0
1814	Thomas	0	Flynn's Fork	John Bearden	1	0	0
	Richard	200	Flynn's Fork	John Bearden	1	0	2
	William	0	Flynn's Fork	John Bearden	1	0	2
1815	William	0	Flynn's Fork	John Bearden	1	0	2
	Silas	0	Flynn's Fork	John Bearden	1	0	2
1817	Edmond C.	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	2
	John	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	2
	Silas	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	3
1818	Silas	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	3
	John	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	3
1819	Silas	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	2
	Edmond C.	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	2
	John	400	Flynn's Fork	Self	1	1	2
1820	John	1163	Flynn's Fork	Self	1	1	2
	Silas	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	2
	William	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	0
1821	William	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	0
	John	563	Flynn's Fork	Self	1	0	3
	Silas	0	Flynn's Fork		1	0	2

*All surnamed Bearden

In 1822 and 1823 there are no Beardens in the tax list of Caldwell County, KY; in 1824 and 1825 there is only Edmund C.-6 with no land, still living on Flynn's Fork of the Tradewater River, with one white male over twenty-one (himself), no slaves and no horses. (Females are not listed on the tax list.)

The Caldwell County, KY marriage records, again as noted before, copied by Mrs. W. E. and Mary P. Fowler on 14 Aug. 1940 (published copy in writer's possession) has the record of many Bearden and allied family marriages, some early ones performed by the Reverend Edmund-5 Bearden, the latter dated between 10 Jan. 1809 and 21 Aug. 1811. Edmund-5 was then sixty-five to seventy-five years of age. The tax records help verify his date of death.

The 1810 Federal and Third Kentucky Census was copied from the census records on file in the Census Bureau, Washington D. C., by Annie Burns Bell and indexed by the Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City, UT in 1936. The 1810 census of Caldwell County, KY lists only three Bearden households:

John Bearden, age 20-30, with wife in same age bracket; one male and one female 10-15; one male and one female 5-10 and two males 0-5.

Mourney Bearden (so spelled), age 30-35; one male 45X (over 45 which was the usual way to list all older persons); one male and one female -10 (under ten years of age).

Silas Bearden, 20-25; one female 10-15.

Again, the accepted tradition is that the older man in the "Mourney" (sic) Bearden household in 1810 is her father, Edmund-5 Bearden. The last marriage ceremony he is recorded as having performed there is dated 21 Aug. 1811: James M. RUSSELL to Nancy BAILEY.

There is no absolute or authentic proof of the Edmund-5 Bearden issue. The 1790 federal census of Greenville District in South Carolina is the only extant census which lists him, with the exception of the older man in the "Mourney" Bearden household in 1810. In 1790 he is listed with five males and three female issue. Considering Edmund-5's age in the early deeds, there could be married children when the 1790 census was taken and at least two children attributed to him after 1800 could be grandchildren as his wife died between 1800 and 1810. Edmund-5 had speculated issue, Bearden:

- *64. **Winn/Wynn-6 Bearden**, b. about 1770, d. before Dec. 1809; m. 30 Dec. (9 March?) 1797, Mary Elizabeth McALLISTER.
- *65. **John-6 Bearden**, b. 1770-1780, d. about 1843; m. at an unknown time and place to Caty CLAYTON.
66. **Silas-6 Bearden**, b. 1785-1790, Greenville District, SC. The records indicate that Silas-6 died before 5 April 1819 in Caldwell County, KY when his widow married for the third time as "Nelly" or "Nulty" Bearden in Christian County, KY to John HARGIS/HARDIGE. Silas-6 appears on the 1810 census only but is still on the tax list in 1821. There is a record for the 1814 marriage in Jackson County, GA of Person No. 101, Rowland-6 Bearden to Elizabeth HARDIGE. Rowland-5 is compiled as the nephew of Edmund-5 and the cousin of Silas-6 Bearden. Silas-6 Bearden m. before the 1810 census was taken to "Mrs. Nulty/Nelly BEARDEN" (from IGA, Salt Lake City Mormon Library for marriage of Silas Bearden to Mrs. Nulty Bearden), whose first husband appears to have been Francis-6 BEARDEN, brother to Silas-6 and had speculated issue:
- William-7 Bearden married 6 Oct. 1828 in Trigg County, KY to Leibby BAKER.
 - Martha-7 Bearden married 8 Feb. 1826, Trigg County, KY to John MORRIS.
 - Nancy-7 Bearden married 15 July 1826, Ohio County, KY to William RICHARD.
 - Rebecca-7 Bearden married 24 Sept. 1828, Trigg County, KY to William S. YOUNG.
 - Frances "Fanny"-7 Bearden who married 13 Aug. 1822, Caldwell County, KY to Robert WOOD/WAIDE (it was not unusual for twelve year old females to marry, her mother had married at a very young age).
67. **Francis-6 Bearden**, under sixteen years of age on the 1790 census but over twenty-one in 1797 in Davidson County, TN. Francis-6 d. before 1810, in Livingston or Caldwell County, KY when his wife remarried to his brother. He married about 1800-1807 to Nulty/Nully/Nelly YOUNG, who, as "Mrs. Nulty/Nelly BEARDEN" married as her second husband, before the 1810 census was taken, to Silas-6 BEARDEN. Nulty/Nelly Bearden, wife of Silas-6 was under sixteen years of age on the 1810 census and there is no issue.
68. **Sarah-6 Bearden**, b. before 1790, in South Carolina; m. 14 Nov. 1800, Livingston County, Kentucky to Hugh LEWIS Jr. whose father, Hugh Lewis Sr. is shown on the old plat map (the early surveys in SC) as bordering Richard-5 and Edmund-5 Bearden.
- On 2 Jan. 1800, in Livingston County, KY, Earle LEWIS married Ceste McALLISTER, with Edmund-5 Bearden, minister and Winn-6 Bearden, bondsman (Marriages from "TRIGG COUNTY, KENTUCKY, GATEWAY TO THE JACKSON PURCHASE", by Eurie Pearl Neel, publ. 1961, Burton Hist. Coll., Detroit Public Library, Michigan. This large book contains records from Trigg and the counties from which Trigg was formed and almost all the early Kentucky marriages except Caldwell, Callaway and Marshall Counties, which were later formed, are taken from this source). Since the bondsman was almost always a relative, the conclusion is that the Winn-6 Bearden who was bondsman and who himself married Mary Elizabeth McALLISTER in Davidson County, TN is this same Winn-6 Bearden; and Nettie-6 Bearden who married in Davidson County, TN to John McALLISTER would be the second daughter of Edmund-5 Bearden as listed on the 1790 census report.
- Edmund-5's grandfather, Benjamin-3 BORDEN/BURDEN (No. 12), went buffalo hunting with John LEWIS and his sons in early Virginia and this is in all probability the same Lewis family.
69. **Nettie-6 Bearden**, m. on 9 March 1798 in Davidson County, TN to John McALLISTER, bond by Winn BEARDEN and John McALLISTER. The Enias and William McAllister families are on the 1799 tax list of Christian County KY with Edmond and Winn Bearden. Since folks always traveled together in groups, there is undoubtedly other connections.
70. **Mourning-6 Bearden**, b. about 1780 in upper South Carolina, m. on 25 Nov. 1811 in Caldwell County, KY to Dunning BAKER. Mourning-6 is enumerated as the head of household on the 1810 census of Caldwell County, KY and seemingly cared for her father in his last days.
71. **Thomas-6 Bearden**, m. 1 Aug. 1814 in Ohio County, KY to his cousin, Catherine BELL (see under Nos. 9, 12, 32, 33, 50 for Ohio and Butler County, KY locations for BORDEN/BURDENS).
72. **Martha-6 Bearden**, m. 26 June 1811 in Christian County, KY to Thomas YOUNG.
73. **Mary Polly-6 Bearden**, m. 26 June 1811, Christian County, KY to John YOUNG Jr.
74. **Edmund C.-6 Bearden**, youngest compiled issue of Edmund-5, is listed by the Mormons (Latter Day Saints Church) in Salt Lake City, UT as being the son of John-6 and Caty Bearden. This source also gives his year of birth as 1793 when in truth he was born 1802 according to the 1850 federal census of Caldwell County, KY (Pg. 397, Household No. 849, Edmund C. Bearden, age 48, shoemaker, b. TN).

The Salt Lake City source is often wrong and does not always give a reference for the conclusions, plus the census is sometimes inaccurate.

Edmund C.-6 is being compiled as the son of Edmund-5, the male child under age ten who was in the Mourning-5 Bearden household in 1810, b. about 1802 in Tennessee as the later census and tax records indicate.

Edmond C.-6 Bearden d. after 1850 in Caldwell County, KY. He m. there on 1 April 1818 (age 16) to Polly B. MITCHUSON, the daughter of Edward Mitchuson whose will was probated 1821 in Caldwell County, naming "my daughter, Polly Bearden" and expressly states, "my son-in-law, Edmund C. Bearden, is to get nothing". At Edw. MITCHUSON's estate sale Edmund C.-6 Bearden is the principal buyer, appearing as a buyer at several estate sales in Caldwell County between 1820 and 1823.

Edmund C.-6 Bearden appears first on the 1817 tax list of Caldwell County, but neither he or Silas-6 Bearden are listed on the 1820 or 1830 census of Kentucky.

Silas-6 is listed in 1810 only and Edmund C.-6 appears in the 1850 Caldwell County census only ("PIONEERS OF CALDWELL COUNTY KENTUCKY", Vol. 1; "WILLS, 1809-1854", by Eldred, Burton Historical Collection, Detroit, MI Public Library). Edmund C.-6 had speculated issue, Bearden.

a. Francis-7 Bearden, m. 18 June 1844, Caldwell County, KY to Jessee SATTERFIELD.

b. Robert C.-7 (initial may be P.) Bearden, age 11 (b. 1839), was the only person on the 1850 Kentucky census of Caldwell County with his father, Edmond C.-6 Bearden. He married 22 April 1859, Trigg County, KY, to Sara D. WADDINGTON, who was b. 1839 in Kentucky. They are listed on the 1860 U.S. census of Caldwell County, Robert C., age 22, shoemaker; significant and allied surnames in this part of Kentucky and the following marriages could be Robert-7 Bearden's descent:

Ethel Bearden m. John D. ROBERTSON, 17 May 1899, Trigg County, KY.

Ann Eliza Bearden m. James M. PEYTON, 19 Dec. 1872, Caldwell County, KY.

L. N. Bearden m. Mrs. Gade SIZEMORE, 22 March 1881, Caldwell County, KY;
m. second 24 June 1884, Gabrella E. GRUBBS.

George L. Bearden m. Sallie F. GRUBBS, 21 April 1881, Caldwell County, KY.

Almeda Bearden m. John HEADROCK, 10 Jan. 1892, Muhlenburg County, KY.

M. A. Bearden m. A. F. McCAIM, 17 Nov. 1892, Caldwell County, KY.

Nannie Bearden m. Oscar W. Dunning, 7 Dec. 1892, Caldwell County, KY.

Angelian Bearden m. Thomas A. TEEAR, 29 Nov. 1892, Caldwell County, KY.

Julia L. Bearden m. William L. TEEAR, 23 Jan. 1894, Caldwell County, KY.

38. Humphrey-5 Bearden (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), compiled as the third issue and son of John-4 and Lettice (WINN), b. about 1740-1742 in the Augusta/Spotsylvania County area of Virginia. The 1830 census of Clarke County, GA lists Humphrey-5 as being 80-90 years old. He died after that census was taken and is reported to have died about 1833-1835 in Cobb County, GA. He is said to have been married twice but the name of his first wife is unknown, reported by some descent to have been a RAINEY. He m. second on 13 Aug. 1768, Granville County, NC to Ann FILCHER/FULCHER (GRANVILLE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA MARRIAGES).

It's interesting to note that a granddaughter of Humphrey's compiled brother, Person No. 43, Richard P.-5 Bearden, that is Sarah-7 Clayton, m. on 2 Feb. 1836 in Calloway County, KY, to Phillip FULCHER, and William FULCHER married there on 20 May 1836 to Salina-7 CLAYTON (under Persons No. 65 and 105); and John T.-7 BEARDEN m. Mary Ann FULKERSON.

Humphrey-5 Bearden had an early land grant in Granville County, NC, made by Governor Lord Earl Granville on 28 July 1761, vacant lands on both sides of Shocco Creek, deed executed on 4 March 1763 in Halifax County, NC, Joseph Monfort, witness (Deed Book G, Pg. 83).

Recorded on 20 Sept. 1779 in Caswell County, NC, Humphrey Bearden is in list of petitioners for division of the county (NORTH CAROLINA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, Fall and Winter, Vol. 2, Pg. 2572).

Unfortunately, other records have not been found in Granville County concerning Humphrey-5 Bearden, but as early as 1773 settlers from North and South Carolina and other states came into Wilkes County in GA after the Cherokee and Creek Indian Cession.

Greene, Jackson and Clarke Counties were carved from this portion of Georgia. Humphrey-5 Bearden was in Greene County as early as 1788, where he had one poll in Captain Bishop's district.

The Indians had burned Greensboro in Georgia and Humphrey-5 and his compiled son, Richard-6 Bearden, are listed in "GEORGIA'S SUBSTITUTE FOR THE LOST 1790-1800 CENSUS", both having received compensation from the government for their losses from the Indians during the period of time covering January 1787 to July 1788 ("EARLY RECORDS OF GEORGIA", Vol. 2, Pg. 56).

Humphrey-5 received a land grant, dated 26 August 1788, for 222 acres of land which fell in Greene County on the Oconee River ("HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY, GEORGIA", Pg. 35, by Rice and Williams; "HEAD-RIGHTS GRANTED TO CITIZENS OF GREENE COUNTY, GEORGIA 1788", Pg. 35; THE GEORGIA LAND PLAT BOOK, Land Grant No. 378; all found in the GA Surveyor General's Office, State Archives, Atlanta, GA).

Humphrey-5 is established as a Revolutionary War soldier and this compiler has in her possession his Bounty Grant from the state of Georgia marked R. S. for Revolutionary Soldier. From the "AUTHENTIC LIST OF ALL LAND LOTTERY GRANTS MADE TO VETERANS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA", compiled by Alex M. Hitz, second edition 1966:

"Humphrey Bearden, residence in Clarke County, 1832 Land Lottery, Cherokee County; this land was claimed and fees paid on 6 Dec. 1836" (GEORGIA CHEROKEE LAND LOTTERY No. 249, drew Lot No. 148, located 20th District, Second Section, Cobb County, Barnett's District; State of Georgia Land Grant No. 378).

Mr. Stewart in "GONE TO GEORGIA", lists Humphrey-5 as a Revolutionary War soldier of Greene County, GA. In addition, he lists Richard-5 and John-5 Bearden of Jackson County, GA. Greene County was carved in 1786 from the counties of Wilkes, Washington and Oglethorpe. Clarke County was created in 1803 from the counties of Jackson and Greene.

Humphrey-5 Bearden, in addition to being listed in "THE LOST 1790 CENSUS OF GEORGIA", and "HEAD-RIGHT AND BOUNTY GRANTS OF GEORGIA", is listed as a soldier of the Revolution in "ROSTER OF THE REVOLUTION LAND LOTTERY GRANTS", Pg. 330, which gives certified copies of a list of Georgia citizens in the Revolutionary War, the list includes John Bearden, Sergeant.

The last and 1832 Cherokee Land Lottery made available for distribution and settlement that part of the Cherokee Nation which was still a part of Georgia. Revolutionary War veterans were given extra draws and were indicated by the letters "R. S." written after their names. The Georgia citizens participating in this final lottery had to take only an oral oath and consequently there are no written records as to what they may have said about themselves or their families.

Immediately after this last lottery of 1832 was held, the area of Cherokee County was divided into ten counties, i.e., Cass, renamed Bartow in 1861, Cherokee, Cobb, Floyd, Forsyth, Gilmer, Lumpkin, Murray, Paulding and Union Counties. Humphrey-5 Bearden's portion fell in Cobb County and the records of that county were destroyed in a courthouse fire during the Civil War.

Humphrey-5 Bearden is established as a Revolutionary War soldier living in Barnett's District, Clarke County GA, who drew 160 acres of land, Lot No. 248 (249?), 20th District in Cherokee County. Cobb County was formed in 1832 from Cherokee County and this land was said to have been given to Humphrey's heirs on 6 Dec. 1836. No proof exists in the civil records examined by this compiler of either Humphrey-5 Bearden's ascent or descent, but in conjunction with the census reports, they suggest kinship with the Bearden family of the adjoining counties.

"DOUGLAS COUNTY, GEORGIA FROM INDIAN TRAIL TO INTERSTATE", by Davis, 1987 (in possession of writer, extracts under Nos. 75 and 247): "The Bearden family migrated to Greene County, Georgia,

from South Carolina prior to 1800, settling in the Rose Creek-Oconee River area. Changing county lines placed them in Clarke County by 1810 (now Oconee County).

"During the Indian troubles of 1787-1788, Richard Bearden and kinsman, Humphrey Bearden suffered losses along with many other settlers in the area. Humphrey lost two houses; one person was killed in Richard's home." (Copy of complete article transcribed under Humphrey's speculated issue):

- *75. **Richard-6 Bearden**, census says b. 1750-1760, will pr. 7 Nov. 1831, wife not named and evidently had died previously and there is no extant record giving her name.
- 76. **Absalom-6 Bearden**, who was in the Revolutionary War from South Carolina (Bobby Gilmer Moss' "SOUTH CAROLINA ROSTER OF THE REVOLUTION"), served under Colonel Brandon after the fall of Charleston, listed in the "HEADRIGHT AND BOUNTY GRANTS OF GEORGIA" (Grant Book III, Pgs. 281, 200 acres in Wilkes County, 1785, proof only for Humphrey-5, Richard-6, Absalom-6 and John-6 in this area of Georgia before 1800; Absalom-6 may well be a brother or cousin to Humphrey-5 instead of a son. Curiously, Absalom THOMPSON of South Carolina is thought to have married a Bearden and there was an Absalom RAMEY in Wilkes, Jackson and Clarke Counties, Georgia from 1790 to 1815, who witnessed Bearden land grants (see RAINEY FAMILY). Absalom Ramey appointed guardian of the Presley Ramey orphans in same documents witnessed by Person No. 77, John-6, below.
- *77. **John H.-6 Bearden** was b. about 1760 in North Carolina and d. before 1 Sept. 1817, m. about 1780 to Sarah (GRANT?).

39. Thomas-5 Bearden (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?) -- could not be same Person as compiled under No. 35, or could he? Could be his son? -- a later census says b. 1755, he had only one male and two female issue at home on the 1790 census of Ninety-Six District in South Carolina (this area was later Pinckney District and Union County, SC in 1798), which suggests his marriage date as about 1780. On 10 April 1783 Thomas-5 was over 21 years old when he made the inventory and was a principal buyer for the estate of Samuel BYRD, sale on 12 May 1783 ("ABBEVILLE DISTRICT SOUTH CAROLINA WILLS AND BONDS", Pg. 29 by Young, Southern Historical Press; and Box 9, Packet 162, Columbia, SC; Pg. 93, "FIRST FEDERAL CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES TAKEN 1790", Scottsbluff Genealogy Library, Scottsbluff, NE).

The 1830 federal census of Putnam County, GA lists Thomas-5 as having been born before 1775, which was the usual way of listing older people in the old census schedules. This may be the Thomas-5 Bearden/Burden Jr. of the Thomas-4 Burden Sr. will, 1786-1790, Granville County, NC (under Person No. 35). The only authentic and available records suggest a close kinship to the North and South Carolina Beardens who were in Putnam County after 1815. Putnam County was created in 1807 from the county of Baldwin, that county formed in 1803 from the parent Creek Indian lands.

Thomas-5 Bearden is being compiled herein as the identical person of Union County, South Carolina, who m. about 1784 in area of Ninety-Six District (later Union County, SC) to Abigail McILROY, b. about 1760 in Virginia. Abigail died between Feb. 1808 and 8 June 1809, signing a deed with her husband on the former date and on the latter date John BLASSINGAME's will was probated in Union County SC, naming his daughter, Sarah Bearden, as the wife of Thomas-5 BEARDEN.

On 22 Sept. 1780, James McILROY made his will, the same probated 3 May 1783, naming as Executress wife Dinah McILROY, and his children Rachel and Frances BLASSINGHAM (so spelled) and Abigail BEARDEN (Abbeville Dist., SC, "WILLS AND BONDS", by Young, Southern Historical Press; Box 864, Pack 1529, SC Archives).

It must be concluded that Thomas-5 married second, between 1 Feb. 1808 and 8 June 1809, to Sarah BLASSINGAME/BLASSINGHAM, the young daughter of John Blassingame and his second wife, Rachel (McILROY). (All marriages, Deed Book 3, Pg. 375; Deed Bk. B, Pg. 331; Deed Bk. A, Pg. 488; Plat Book, Union County, SC, Pgs. 215-367; Deed Book G, Pg. 430; Plat Book, Pgs. 25, 38, SC Archives, Columbia, SC).

These deeds give the information that John Blassingame, called Junr. until his father's death, married first to Obedience (?) who died between 1789 and 1792 when on the latter date his second wife, Rachel Blassingame, joins him in deeds to land lying on Mitchell's Creek, Fair Forest, Pinckney District, SC (Union County after 1798). Rachel signs a deed with her husband in 1801 in the same locality.

There is no extant marriage or legal record in either Caroline County, VA, or in the state of SC which would substantiate the Blassingame and Bearden marriages, but the will of John Blassingame names his daughter as Sarah BEARDEN, who could NOT be the Sarah Bearden compiled under No. 77. Since the Episcopalian Church held full sway in the early days of the Colony of South Carolina, in 1706 an act was passed making the parishes its legislative units.

Regardless of a person's religious or church affiliations, all persons were required to register their vital statistics and marriages with the church officers. Needless to say, all people did not pay the fee and register with the Episcopalian Church and what few marriage bonds were kept from 1671 to 1911 are scarce as until 1911, no marriage bonds or licenses were required for marriages in SC and records were kept only for brief intervals.

John Blassingame received a grant of land by patent in Craven County, SC on 10 April, 1771, "200 acres on Sugar Creek, which is a branch of Fair Forest, waters of the Broad River, bounded by James McElroy and vacant lands" (Deed Book 23, Pg. 394, Land Office, Columbia, SC).

James McElroy/McIlroy, of Anson County, NC, was granted land on the north side of the Pee Dee River on 27 April 1756, the tract of land first granted by patent on 2 March 1754 to Jacob FALKENBURG. James McIlroy sold this tract on 10 June 1758 to Benjamin MARTIN, who then sold the land on 7 Aug. 1762 to William Moody of Anson County, with John LONG, John CUDNALL and Christopher HUNT, witnesses (Deed Book 3, Pg. 37; SCHELL-BUNCH/McCUISTION FAMILY for MARTIN and MOODY surnames).

John HAM of Craven County SC, to "William HANOVER of North Carolina, a tract of land beginning at a white oak on Pee Dee River, corner to John NEWBERRY's line, above Island Creek and NEWBERRY's line, corner to John McELROY" (sometimes translated and spelled McCOY; Deed Book 3, Pg. 203, 25 July 1765).

The above deeds are noted because of the later Bearden, McElroy, and Newberry/Nuburry legal transactions and marriages in Lumpkin and Gilmer Counties, GA.

On 18 Dec. 1788, Ninety-Six District, SC (later Pinckney District and Union County by 1798), John Blassingame and Thomas-5 Bearden join in a deed to 300 acres granted to John Blassingame Jr., John Blassingame's wife, Obedience Blassingame, joins him in deed, with Ralph JACKSON, Humphrey GRANT and William BLASSINGAME, Witnesses (Deed Book 3, Pg. 375, Union County, SC).

On 15 May 1793, Thomas Bearden of Ninety-Six District, SC, records a deed to property on the west side of Cowden's Creek, Robert ELDER's line, Ephraim HILL's line, "where Thomas Bearden now lives, being a part of a North Carolina grant", witnessed by Samuel MORROW, James LEE, Alexander ELDER, and Isaac BEARDEN (Spartanburg Dist., SC, M. C. Office, Book C, Pg. 206).

On 26 Feb. 1787, Thomas-5 Bearden deed, Ninety-Six District, SC, 899 acres of land surveyed for John Blassingame, 30 Aug. 1779, District Ninety-Six, Abbeville County, on Rocky River, deed signed by John Blassingame (Deed Book A, Pg. 488 and Plat Book, Pgs. 25, 38, South Carolina Land Office, Columbia, SC).

On 10 March 1803, Thomas-5 Bearden of Union County SC, records a deed to property to Benjamin NICHOLS, one hundred acres of land on the south side of Dutchman's Creek, Robert ELDER and Ephraim HILL's line, Benjamin NICHOL's corner, witnessed by Benjamin PEAK and James LEE (Spartanburg County, SC R. M. C. Office, Book K, Pgs. 124, 343).

On 14 March 1805, Thomas-5 Bearden records a deed from Benjamin NICHOLS, one hundred acres of land on the south side of Dutchman's Creek, Robert Elder and Ephraim Hill's line, witnessed by Isaac-5 and James-6 BEARDEN (Deed Book K, Pg. 343).

On 1 Feb. 1808, Thomas-5 Bearden deeds to Isaac-5 Bearden one hundred acre tract on south side of Dutchman's Creek. Abigail Bearden, wife of Thomas-5 Bearden, released her dower (official way of confirming wife's approval of jointly held property and especially if it's property devised to her by parents), to property on John MORROW and Hiram HARRELSON's line; on Samuel MORROW, Samuel WOFFORD, Benjamin PEAK's line; Witnessed by John and William MORROW (Spartanburg County R. M. C. Offc., Bk. L, Pg. 242).

Abigail died soon after the deed was made in 1808, as Thomas-5 Bearden's wife is named as Sarah Bearden in the 8 June 1809 will of her father, John Blassingame, called Junr. until his father died.

The Blassingame family records and tradition give the John Blassingame of the 1809 will in Union County, SC, as John Senr. after his own father's death. His will names his wife Rachel and the following issue: Phillip, John, Phoebe HAM, Sarah BEARDEN and Elizabeth BLASSINGAME (Will Book P, see under No. 43, Phillip Blassingame witnessed deeds).

The John Blassingame of the above will traditionally had issue by first wife, Obedience (?), who had already received their inheritance from their father's estate, namely: John, Thomas and James Blassingame.

Mrs. Adeline E. (EVANS) WINN, in her compilation "SOUTHERN LINEAGES" makes this statement: "Sarah Bearden, daughter of John and Rachel Blassingame, was the second wife of Thomas Bearden". The above deeds indicate that Mrs. Winn was correct in this statement.

The John Blassingame of the 1809 will in Union County, SC reportedly had a son by each wife (Obedience and Rachel) both of whom were called John Blassingame. The older of these is a half brother to Sarah (BLASSINGAME/BLASSINGHAM) Bearden, and the younger John Blassingame is her full brother.

It has not been substantially determined which of the John Blassingames was a soldier and captain in the Revolutionary War from Ninety-Six District, SC and who signed some Revolutionary War pay vouchers for Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden. Tradition is that the younger John Blassingame (son of John and Rachel) was a cousin to Thomas-5 Bearden, which indicates that the Rachel McILROY who m. the John Blassingame whose will was proved in 1809 in Union County, SC, was a Bearden relative. Richard-5 Bearden states in his 1825 Revolutionary War pension application made from Giles/Wayne Counties, TN: "John Blassingame now lives in Alabama".

It has been said, but not proven, that one of the John Blassingames, son of John and Obedience, married after her first husband died, the niece of Richard-5 and Thomas-5 Bearden who was Lettice-6 (GOWEN) THURSTON, known as "Letty", the daughter of John GOWEN and his wife, Lettice-5 Bearden, and the widow of THURSTON, all of Greenville County, SC (under Person No. 41, Lettice-5 BEARDEN).

Other connections are made, as two of the sisters of "Letty"-6 (GOWEN) THURSTON, Persons compiled herein as Nos. 89 and 93 respectively) are first, Elizabeth-6 Gowen who married Tucker WOODSON (see ANDERSON/WOODSON FAMILY by writer); and second, Mary-6 Gowen, who married James BLASSINGAME and lived in the upper end of Greenville County, SC. The will of the latter, Mary (GOWEN) BLASSINGAME, dated 31 Oct. 1835, probated on 2 Dec. 1836, listed children Margaret JORDAN, Margaret BEARDEN and Elizabeth SCOTT, "land on which I now reside, bounded by lands of David Whitman and others" ("ABBEVILLE DISTRICT WILLS AND BONDS", by Young).

In 1802, "Joseph Desha, Governor of Kentucky, by virtue of a certificate No. 534 (the state price paid without interest), granted by the county court of Warren County in 1802 agreeable to an act of the Assembly for selling and improving the vacant lands of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, there is granted the said Commonwealth unto John Blassingame a certain tract or parcel of land containing sixty acres by survey, lying and being in the county of Scottsdale, or Travellor's Fork", etc. ("KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS, LANDS SOUTH OF THE GREEN RIVER, SCOTTSDALE, ALLEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, 1782-1924", recorded in Frankfort, KY Historical Library, Land Grant Book No. 27, Pgs. 403, 404).

On 12 Dec. 1825, "In consideration of a Kentucky land office warrant, No. 13519, there was granted by the Commonwealth unto Benjamin SHACKELFORD, John DODGE, James McLAUGHLIN, John BEARDEN, Samuel S. CURD, William CURD, Fidelia C. SHARP, John H. PHELPS, Rueben ROWLAND, John BYRNE, and Constant A. WILSON, a certain tract of land, 100 acres, lying in County Caldwell, waters of Tennessee River, bounded by John MERCER", etc. (KENTUCKY LAND WARRANTS, 1816-1873, Book U, Pg. 96).

Richard-5 BEARDING (so spelled, Person No. 43) is counted on the 1810 census of Warren County, KY and his BORDEN/BURDEN cousins are on the Green River in Kentucky in 1800-1810. Allen County was carved in 1815 from the counties of Warren and Barren.

The family of Bearden is intermarried and connected with the early families of BLASSINGAME, GOWEN, TAYLOR, COMPTON, SMITH, JONES, WINN, etc. of early Virginia, North and South Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia and Alabama and it is impossible to attempt a history of any one of the families without also giving some details of the connecting surnames.

A tradition has been passed down by the descendants of Captain John Blassingame of Union County, SC relating to him being saved from hanging by the Tories during the Revolutionary War because his name meant BLES-SING".

The first information of the Blassingame/Blassingham location in Virginia is found partly in the following legal transactions:

"20 June 1727, James Blassingham, guardian of Thomas Shipp, orphan" (Essex County, Virginia Order Book, Pg. 203).

"James Blassingham, Thomas Hawkins, John Bell, bond to William Dangerfield" (Will Book 1720-1722, Essex County, Va.).

"James Blassingham to Thomas Blassingham" (Caroline County, VA Order Book, 1732). The Caroline County Order Books spell the name BLASSINGHAM throughout.

Forenames of the Blassinghams in the early records of VA are characteristic BEARDEN/BORDEN names. The Blassinghams lived in that part of Essex County from which Caroline County was formed in 1720. The few remaining records of the latter county (Order Books, 1732-44) contain more than forty references to James and Thomas Blassingham. The destruction of all the Will and Deed Books has badly obscured the search in this locality.

In 1732 in Caroline County, Thomas Blassingham and Frances, his wife, acknowledge a deed (Order Book 1732, Pg. 51). Frances died after this date as on 10 Feb. 1743, Thomas Blassingham and Katherine, his wife, acknowledge a deed and lease and release of land to Augustine MUSE (Book 2, Part 1, Pg. 57, Caroline County Order Book).

Thomas Blassingame, living in 1749 in Spotsylvania County, VA and probably without having moved his residence, figured in various court suits there. In 1748, Thomas Blassingham files claim for taking up a runaway slave ("JOURNAL", HOUSE OF BURGESSSES).

On 4 July 1749, Thomas Blassingham, Benjamin MARTIN and John GORDON Jr., guardians of Thomas ROY, orphan of James ROY; Thomas Blassingham with Benjamin MARTIN, guardian to Mary MELLEN, orphan of Daniel MARTIN ("VIRGINIA COUNTY RECORDS, SPOTTSYLVANIA COUNTY", Vol. 1, Pg. 71).

Thomas Blassingame/Blassingham is in Virginia until 1760 (Spotsylvania Order Book 1749-1755, Pgs. 396-524 and Minute Book, 1755-1765, Pgs. 3-5). He evidently migrated with the Bearden family from the same area of Virginia and at the same time to the Anson County area of North Carolina. There was then a general migration of Virginians to North Carolina. In 1760, Thomas Blassingame purchased land from John LONG on Cartledge's Creek, Anson County, NC.

On 16 June 1766, he sells the same back to John LONG, witnessed by John COLE, William MOODY, John CRAWFORD and William WATKINS (Deed Book 3, Pgs. 361-362-363, Anson County). Thomas Blassingame, having crossed the state border, describes himself as "Thomas Blassingame of the Province of South Carolina", which places him again with his Bearden kinsmen.

Thomas-5 Bearden is listed in 1790 as the head of household, Ninety-Six District, SC (now Union County), with one male born before 1774 and one male born after 1774 and two females.

By a combination of this, the foregoing deeds and the 1800 South Carolina census of Spartanburg County, the 1810 census of Newberry County (Census No. 123, no Twshp.), Thomas-5 Bearden is still a citizen of South Carolina as late as 1810; the 1800 census lists him and his wife as over forty-five years of age (b. before 1755).

No intermediate home for the Thomas-5 Beardens has been found, exception the tax list 1813 through 1816 in Kentucky, but there was a general migration of South Carolinians between 1790 and 1810 to Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia for the free land then available to citizens of those states. The Thomas-5 Beardens and related families are in that group. Thomas-5 next appears briefly in the 1813 and 1814 tax list with his kinsmen on Flynn's Fork of the Tradewater River, Caldwell County, KY where he lives on land owned by one of the many John Beardens.

Thomas-5 and his compiled brother, Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden, disappear from the Caldwell County tax list during 1815, appearing again in 1816 in Livingston County, KY. The tax records of Caldwell and Livingston Counties give the following concerning the three compiled Bearden brothers, Thomas-5, Richard-5 and Edmund-5 (Order Books, Livingston and Caldwell Counties, KY, under Person No. 37).

Between 1800 and 1804, Edmund-5 and his older sons, John-6 and Winn-6 Bearden, appear in Livingston County as landowners. In 1804, 1805, 1806, Edmund-5, John-6, Winn-6 and Richard-5 Bearden are listed there on Livingston Creek as landowners (Caldwell County created 1808-1809 from Livingston). Between 1807 and 1811, only Edmund-5 Bearden (of the brothers) appears on the tax records of Livingston/Caldwell Counties. Richard-5 BEARDING (so spelled) is the only one of the three brothers enumerated in the state of Kentucky as the head of household on the 1810 census of Warren County (the census taken every ten years only, starting in 1790, 1800, etc.). Interestingly, one John Blassingame was granted land in Warren County in 1802.

In 1813, of the three brothers (Edmund-5, Thomas-5 and Richard-5) only Thomas-5 appears in the tax list of Livingston and Caldwell Counties. Edmund-5 had died in 1811 and Richard-5 had returned to Georgia.

In 1814, of the three brothers, Thomas-5 and Richard-5 are on the tax list of Flynn's Fork, Caldwell County, KY, and they are living on two hundred acres of land owned by one of the many John Beardens.

In 1816, Thomas-5 and Richard-5 returned briefly as taxpayers to Livingston County KY, with no land owned.

On 19 May 1813, Thomas-5 Bearden signed the marriage bond for Richard-5's daughter, Rachel-6 Bearding, in Caldwell County, Kentucky, with Richard-5 signing the "consent for my daughter to marry James Clayton" (references under Nos. 43 and No. 105, Richard-5 and Rachel-6 Bearden). Since it was nearly always a close relative who signed these marriage bonds, the conclusion is that it was the older Thomas-5 Bearden who made the financial obligation for his niece's marriage.

In 1815 and 1816, it is apparent from the land transactions and the 1820 census in Jackson and Hall Counties GA, that Richard-5 Bearden returned to that locality before 15 June 1815. The records in Georgia indicate that Thomas-5 Bearden and possibly some of his sons had gone across the South Carolina state line into Georgia as early as the 1806-1807 land lottery in that state.

The "second or 1807 Land Lottery of Georgia", GA State Archives, Atlanta, GA, map shows the land allocated and to whom included grantees:

Arthur Bearden, Franklin County GA, Allen's Militia District, drew Lot No. 167, District No. 15, Baldwin County.

John Bearden, Greene County, GA, Armor's Militia District, drew Lot No. 13, District No. 16, Baldwin County, GA.

Richard Bearden, Jackson County, GA, Henderson's Militia District, grantee to Lot No. 5, District No. 6, Baldwin County, GA.

Ansel Bearden, Jackson County GA, Wright's Militia District, drew Lot No. 418, District No. 7, which fell in Wilkinson County, GA (see copy of this tract of land ceded by the Creek Indian Nation to the state of Georgia).

Henry BURDEN, Jackson County, GA, Henderson's Militia District, drew Lot No. 97, District No. 8, Baldwin County, possibly the same Henry BURDEN of the Aug. 1788, Granville County, NC deed.

William Bearden, warrant for land dated in Jackson County, GA on 4 Aug. 1800, surveyed 15 Sept. 1806.

Simon BARDEN, Jefferson County, GA, Hardwick's District, drew Lot No. 276, District 24, Wilkinson County, GA.

Alexander BEARD, Jackson County, GA, Johnson's Militia District, drew Lot No. 18, District No. 21, Wilkinson County, GA.

William BEARD, Jackson County, GA, Johnson's District, drew Lot No. 73, District 21, Wilkinson County.

The history of the state of Georgia is integral to the history of the early Bearden family. For more than one hundred and sixty years, England and Spain played a giant game with Georgia as the prize. This struggle lasted from 1540 to the early eighteenth century.

South Carolina became a royal province in 1732, the land between the Savannah and the St. Mary's Rivers being set aside for a new British colony. The practice in England at that time was to imprison any person or persons unable to pay their debts. This practice so badly irked an army officer and member of Parliament, one James Oglethorpe, that he made a plan and carried through with it. His plan was to rehabilitate these unfortunate people by taking them to the New World, giving them a tract of land and further assisting them in establishing homes. He used his influence with King George II of England to grant him and his friends the English territory south of the Savannah River.

James Oglethorpe, with thirty-five friends, arrived there in 1733, establishing a community at the mouth of the Savannah River, which they named for the river. Halfway between the mouth of the river and the southern border of South Carolina, they established Augusta, GA in 1734.

In the meantime, persecuted Christians in Europe had been invited to this colony. About 1738, Swiss, German, Italian, Scottish, Salzbuger and Moravian settlers had arrived in Georgia. In 1739, Frederico was established on the south of the Altamaha. Some of the Moravians had come from North Carolina to Spring Place and New Echata but were unsuccessful in converting the Indians to their faith. They then went to Pennsylvania and increased rapidly.

After Georgia became a royal province in 1732, the colony claimed all the land between North Carolina and Florida, and the Atlantic and the Mississippi. After the Revolutionary War, there was much conflict between the province of Georgia and the federal government over state's rights, which led to the passing of the eleventh amendment in 1798. Further misunderstandings arose when the federal legislature fraudulently sold state land to speculators.

Georgia set its present boundaries in 1802 but Indian claims to much of the territory persisted another hundred years. The first counties to be formed in Georgia in 1777 covered only a fraction of the land then claimed by the province. These first counties covered the section between the Savannah River and the Oconee and the Altamaha Rivers, including a strip about thirty-five miles wide extending from the Altamaha to the Florida border.

In 1790, there were eleven counties only. The territory of Mississippi was created from the western half of Georgia in 1798; later that territory was formed into the states of Mississippi and Alabama. Today Georgia has one hundred and fifty-nine counties and only nineteen states have a larger area.

In Georgia an act was passed in 1783 which allowed a person to take up two hundred acres of land upon his own headright, free from all charges except office fees for the survey and grant, each person was allowed an additional fifty acres upon the head of any or each member of his family, including slaves, up to one thousand acres.

The applicant for land had only to appear before the land court of the county in which he desired land, and after making an oath to size of his family, he then obtained a warrant of survey.

The county surveyor would then lay out his land, keep a copy of the plat of survey in his office, forwarding a copy to the surveyor-general. After the applicant or someone of his family lived on the land for a year cultivating at least three percent of the acreage, the settler would then apply to the Governor's office for his grant and pay the price due and all office fees. The grant was then issued and recorded. The bounty grants given to veterans of the Revolutionary, the Indian Wars and the War of 1812, were handled in the same manner.

The Bearden and their allied families in the Carolinas were attracted to Georgia by the early headright and bounty grants, as well as the early land lotteries. These early land lotteries included families who had lived in the territory for at least one year and were allowed to draw for acreages as large as four hundred acres. Such lotteries, the participant lists of which are now available in the office of the Secretary of State, Atlanta, GA, were held in 1803, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1819, 1827 and 1832.

Eight Bearden men are included in "Index To The Headright and Bounty Grants of Georgia, 1756-1909", published by Georgia Genealogy Reprints, authored by Reverend Silas E. Lucas, Vidalia, GA, 1970, Pg. 36 (copies of original grants in the compiler's possession):

- (1) BEARDEN, Humphrey (R. W. for Revolutionary War), Greene County, Georgia (Grant Book QQQ, Pg. 378, 222 acres in 1788).
- (2) BEARDEN, Jacob, soldier, Jackson County, Georgia (Book Q-5, Pg. 374, 340 acres, paid fees 1831).
- (3) BEARDEN, John, Clarke County, Georgia (Book L-5, Pg. 925, 200 acres, 1818).
- (4) BEARDEN, Richard, Jackson County, Georgia, (Book Q-5, Pg. 135, warrant for 450 acres; granted 228 acres, paid fees 1829).
- (5) BEARDEN, William, Jackson County, Georgia (Book F-5, Pg. 359, 337-1/2 acres, 1806); William sold this 337-1/2 acres of land on 9 Nov. 1807 to Abraham CRAWFORD, recorded in Jackson County, 10 March, 1808; witnesses illegible (Deed Book E, 1808-1812). This may be the William-6 Bearden who is counted on the 1820 Georgia census of Hall County, along with Richard-5, Jacob-6, Rowland-6 and Richard-6 Bearden Jr.
- (6) BEARDEN, Absalom, Wilkes County, Georgia (Grant Book 111, Pg. 281, 200 acres, 1785).
- (7) BEARDEN, Ansel, Jackson County, Georgia (Book 5, Pg. 17, 198 acres, 1823).
- (8) BARDING, John, Glynn County, Georgia, 200 acres, attested to 5 May 1800.

Jacob-6 and Richard-5 Bearden's original headright and bounty grants are both dated in Jackson County, GA on 15 June 1815, both warrants are witnessed by each other and both are registered in the identical same book (Jacob-6's is witnessed by Richard-5 and Richard-5's is witnessed by Jacob-6), both grants surveyed on 20 Dec. 1816 and executed on 27 Dec. 1816. Richard-5 and Jacob-6 Bearden's headright and bounty grants are recorded in the surveyor-general's office in Atlanta and the compiler has a copy of the originals (under Persons No. 43 and 96).

The second or 1805 Georgia land giveaway includes several Beardens, all of whom were entitled to two draws each because of the following qualifications:

"Every white male, age twenty-one years or older, a United States citizen; an inhabitant of the State of Georgia for twelve months immediately prior to the act of 11 May 1803 (or had paid taxes for the support of the state government); had a wife and/or legitimate child/children (at least one of the children under twenty-one years of age)" ("1805 GEORGIA LAND LOTTERY", indexed and transcribed by Virginia S. and Ralph V. Wood, Greenwood Press, 1964, Pg. 22, copies of original grants in writer's possession).

The results of a participant's draw or draws are indicated by the letters "P" and "B", to show whether a prize or a blank was drawn. The federal population schedules for Georgia prior to 1820 are now missing. The records of these registrants in this first or 1805 Georgia land lottery have been preserved and they are important as they substitute in part for the missing 1790 and 1800 census reports. Six land lotteries were held in Georgia between 1805 and 1832 but the 1805 is unique because names of ALL registrants have been preserved and not just the names of the ones who were fortunate enough to have a winning draw.

- (1) BEARDEN, Ansel, Draw No. 1306, 2 blanks, Jackson County, GA
- (2) BEARDEN, Arthur, Draw No. 1239, 2 blanks, Jackson County, GA
- (3) BEARDEN, John, Draw No. 2281, 2 blanks, Wilkes County, GA
- (4) BEARDEN, Richard, Draw No. 1305, 2 blanks, Jackson County, GA
- (5) BEARDEN, Richard, Draw No. 2282, 2 blanks, Wilkes County, GA
- (6) BEARDEN, William, Draw No. 317, 2 blanks, Clarke County, GA
- (7) BEARDIN, Hannah, Draw No. 896, 2 blanks, Greene County, GA
- (8) BEARDIN, Arthur, Draw No. 257, 2 blanks, Clarke County, GA
- (9) BEARDIN, George, Draw No. 282, 2 blanks, Clarke County, GA

Individuals or families of orphans who won lots in the 1805 Georgia land lottery were not allowed to participate in the land lottery of 1807. Each participant in the 1807 lottery had to be a citizen of the state of Georgia for three years prior to the act of 26 June 1806. Time spent outside the state of Georgia on lawful business counted toward meeting this residency requirement if the person was otherwise living in Georgia during the specified period. Each participant could qualify for a draw or draws in only one of the following categories:

Every free white male, twenty-one years of age or older, was entitled to one draw.

Every free white male, twenty-one years of age or older, with a wife and/or legitimate child/children under the age of twenty-one years was entitled to two draws.

Every widow was entitled to one draw.

Every free white female, unmarried and twenty-one years old or older was entitled to one draw.

Every family of orphans whose parents were dead were entitled to two draws to be registered in the county and district where the oldest orphan lived.

Every family of orphans under twenty-one years of age whose father was dead was entitled to one draw.

The first or 1805 land lottery settled original Wayne County, Georgia in the southeast corner of the state, and the first five land districts of original Baldwin and Wilkinson Counties. The 1807 land lottery completed the surveying and distribution of the land lots in Baldwin and Wilkinson Counties, namely land districts six through twenty in Baldwin and six through twenty-eight in Wilkinson County. This area was ceded by the Creek Indians to the United States for the use of Georgia, by a treaty made on 14 Nov. 1805 in Washington, D. C.

The second or 1807 land lottery, together with the one held in 1805, opened up for white settlers a vast oval area between the Oconee and Ocmulgee Rivers and the Indian frontier was moved back further west to the Ocmulgee. This land was good fertile ground and Georgia citizens availed themselves of this opportunity. They were now acquainted with the lottery method of allocating land and were more willing to participate. The latter land lottery gave away land encompassed in the counties of Baldwin and Wilkinson only, 202-1/2 acres to each winning draw in each county. The oral oaths made by the participants did not require a detailed statement as to kinship, ancestry or descent.

If, by chance, any such oath was written or transcribed, it could be found only in the Minutes of the Inferior Court of the county where it was made. There was, in the 1820, 1821 and 1827 Georgia land lotteries, no vital Bearden data found. The last or 1832 Georgia land lottery is covered under No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden.

The subject, Thomas-5 Bearden, has not been found by this compiler on any federal census schedule in the state of Kentucky but, as stated, he was found there on the 1813 through 1816 tax list of Livingston and Caldwell counties.

Over two hundred and forty-five years have elapsed since the life and times of these Bearden brothers and it is now difficult and sometimes virtually impossible to distinguish their exact kinship, as the brothers and their issue traveled together; therefore, the dates and places of their birth and death confuse the gathering of information and of the knowledge for each of them individually. If most left a will, or if there was a distribution of property, the information is now lost. Two of these brothers, as compiled, left a will. Person No. 36, Benjamin-5 Bearden's will was probated in 1821-1822, Granville County, NC; and Person No. 45, Isaac-5 Bearden's will was proved 1833 in Spartanburg County, SC.

Of these brothers, only Richard P.-5 and John-5 have substantial proof as the son of John-4 Bearden.

The subject, Thomas-5 Bearden, probably left unidentified and married issue in his native state of South Carolina, also in the Caldwell/Livingston County area of Kentucky, and in Georgia. He had tentative issue by his two wives, Abigail (McILROY/McCOY) and Sarah BLASSINGAME, many of whom are unknown:

*78. Thomas-6 Bearden Jr., b. 1788-1794, d. after 1850, m. Mary Polly COLE (more later).

79. George-6 Bearden, m. 16 July 1833, Lauderdale County, AL, to Phebe NEWMAN (barely 13 years old) who was the daughter of George-6's cousin, Person No. 237, Lettice-7 Bearden, who married on 1 Oct. 1819 in Caldwell County, KY, to Phebe's brother, Martin NEWMAN. These Newman's are the descent of Person No. 80 in WEATHERS FAMILY (by this writer), that is Hester/Esther MAUZY and her husband Abner NEWMAN.

George-6 was with the Thomas Bearden of Sevier County, TN, when he bought the land in Putnam County, GA, from Mr. McKissack, land which fell in Baldwin County, GA.

40. John-5 Bearden/Burden Jr. (John-4 Sr., Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. according to his own Revolutionary War pension deposition, on 11 March 1744 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia and d. about 1836 in Flat Creek, Bedford County, Tennessee, buried there in Flat Creek Cemetery. He married about 1770 to Nancy Ann LANGSTON (sometimes transcribed and misread "LANSETT". Some sources, without the authority of verification, give Nancy Ann's last name as WINN. She was known as "Ann" because of the frequency of the forename "Nancy" in the Bearden and Langston family.

Mrs. Winn, in "SOUTHERN LINEAGES", gives this John-5 Bearden's wife as Nancy WINN, whereas Ann's own descent, who have compiled records and applications for the Mormon Church and many patriotic associations, give her as Nancy Ann LANGSTON, neither source, as far as the writer can ascertain, giving an authority for their assertions.

The writer has found one authority only for Nancy Ann's last name: Richard BENNETT left a will dated 1764 in Bute County, NC (see under Person No. 54, Richard-6 Bearden) in which he named, among others, daughters Christian and Sarah BENNETT as the wives of Absolam and Solomon LANGSTON, and sons James and Peter BENNETT. Christian and Sarah LANGSTON, nee BENNETT, are the sisters of Peter BENNETT, son and Executor of his father's (Richard BENNETT) will. One daughter of Peter Bennett was Nancy Ann BENNETT who married Richard-6 BEARDEN (Person No. 54), the son of Person No. 36, Benjamin-5 BEARDEN and his wife Molly HARRIS, of Granville County, NC.

Peter, Christian and Sarah BENNETT's niece was Sarah Bennett, said to have been the daughter of James and Sarah (LANCASTER) BENNETT who married one of the many Richard-5 Beardens (Person No. 43).

The history of the Bennett and Langston families is integral to the history of the Bearden family, as there are many early intermarriages between these old Virginia families who traveled together to North and South Carolina.

In the middle eighteenth century, probably in the Granville area of North Carolina, Absolam LANGSTON married Christian BENNETT and they are the parents of the celebrated Reverend Nathan LANGSTON of South Carolina and of the Baptist faith. A sister of Christian is Sarah BENNETT who married Solomon LANGSTON, and Sarah and Solomon's nephew is the same Reverend Nathan Langston, b. on 10 Jan. 1762 in Granville County, NC. The will of Reverend Nathan LANGSTON, then of Cross Anchor in Union County SC, is proved there on 8th Feb. 1831 and plainly states, "my nephew JOHN BEARDEN is to be my Executor". He is buried there in the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery where he had preached for forty years.

Reverend Nathan LANGSTON's wife is Catherine SMITH, the daughter of one of the many of name William SMITH and his wife Anne, and the sister of Mary and Polly SMITH, who married Bennett and William LANGSTON. No attempt is being made by the writer to identify the kinship of these Smiths to Major William SMITH

who married the person compiled herein as No. 44, Mourning BEARDEN or to his half brothers, Nathan and Aaron SMITH, who married Mary Polly and Sarah LANGSTON (under Person No. 96, Jacob-6 BEARDEN m. Winifred SMITH).

It can readily be seen that Reverend Nathan LANGSTON's sister had married a Bearden as he named his nephew as JOHN BEARDEN who was to be the sole Executor of his will (family records in the possession of Maria Wilkins of Tulsa, OK, 1955, deceased in 1975, a descendant of Nathan LANGSTON through his son William, b. 2 Dec. 1787 at Cross Anchor, now Union County, SC and d. 20 Aug. 1859, Lillian, TX, buried there in the New Hope Cemetery. Some of Mrs. Wilkin's records come from the "FOUNDING HISTORY OF BAPTIST CHURCHES, UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, 1762-1812".

As a matter of record in Union County SC, one of Solomon and Sarah (BENNETT) LANGSTON's sons was James LANGSTON who was killed by a Tory neighbor during the Revolutionary War (old newspaper account, two pages in length, written by Claude SPARKS, Union County, SC; most sources from "HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA", by Morgan EDWARDS). William EDWARDS married Milly SMITH and was a brother-in-law to Bennett and Reverend Nathan LANGSTON. In 1787, Reverend Isaac EDWARDS was the minister at the Fairforest Baptist Church in Union County, SC.

A later family relationship between the BEARDEN, LANGSTON, SMITH, BENNETT, ROWLAND, etc. families include two cousins, both first cousins of the writer's father, who married the Baptist minister, Reverend Walter P. ROWLAND, whose mother was a LANGSTON and a probable descendant of Reverend Nathan LANGSTON of Cross Anchor, SC (see WEATHERS/WITHERS FAMILY by writer).

Mrs. Wilkin's ancestor, William LANGSTON, married Mary SMITH and Mrs. Wilkins had some proof of Nathan's parents being Absolam and Christian (BENNETT) LANGSTON, the main item being the will of Richard BENNETT which names his daughters as legatees and names them as the wives of Absolam and Solomon LANGSTON. Thus Absolam and Christian (BENNETT) LANGSTON are Reverend Nathan LANGSTON's parents, whereas Solomon and Sarah (BENNETT) LANGSTON are Nathan's uncle and aunt.

The documented LANGSTON records date back into the 1500s in England, beginning in 1637 in the colony of Virginia, most of which are taken from THE VALENTINE PAPERS. The first federal census, taken in 1790 in South Carolina, lists the name of Langston BACON and dates back into Virginia when John LANGSTON was "exiled" from New Kent County because he refused to capture and execute Nathaniel BACON or any of his adherents. The forenames of LANGSTON and SMITH are carried in the Bacon family of Virginia.

The LANGSTON family first owned land in North Carolina in 1723 and it was in November of 1739 that one John LANGSTON sold land in North Carolina, with Thomas, William, John LANGSTON JR. and Joseph VANN as witnesses. In 1744, one John LANGSTON bought 200 acres of land in Surry County, VA, on the north side of Black Swamp from Richard BENNETT. Bacon's Castle was located in Surry County, VA and some records are also located there for Matthew, Montfort, Thomas, James and Christopher LANGSTON.

Joseph VANN and his relative, one Darkis VANN, whose will was proved in Gates County, NC in 1793, named "my cousin Luke Langston, my sister Ann Langston, Judah Langston, the daughter of Isaac, Mary Langston", etc. with Isaac and Dempsey LANGSTON as Executors. Joseph LANGSTON and Joseph VANN both died in Georgia and were at least part American Indian and very wealthy. Their descendants and some others of the Langston family came into the Oklahoma Indian Territory and are on the Indian roll there.

John-5 Bearden has been proved many times over for patriotic associations, a Revolutionary War soldier from Union and Spartanburg Districts of SC (references under No. 293 Alfred-7 Bearden). His descent from Person No. 32, John-4 Bearden I (called Senr.) and brother to Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden, is fairly certain. He witnessed a deed for John-4 Bearden Sr. in 1769, Granville County, NC, signing his name as John Bearden Jr. He also signed an affidavit as "John Bearden" (Jr. or Sr., unreadable) in 1825, Giles County, TN, for the Richard-5 BEARDEN Revolutionary War pension deposition.

John-5's signature on his own Revolutionary War pension application is hard to read but he signs his name on that document as "John Bearden Senr.", which could only mean that his father was deceased and he himself had a son called John Junr. ("NSDAR Patriot Index", Pg. 47, "John Bearden, 3/11/44, married, Pvt., SC"; copy of pension application is available from National Archives and Records Service, Central Research, Washington, DC; copies of applications to NSDAR can be had from Treasurer General, NSDAR, 1776 D. St. N. W., Washington DC 20408).

John-5 BURDEN is listed on the 1790 first federal census of the United States, taken in Spartanburg District (old Ninety-Six District), SC, on same page as his compiled brother, Richard-5 BERDEN (both so spelled, microfilm No. 406, Pg. 87).

John-5 Bearden of Spartanburg County, SC, joined his wife "Ann", in a deed to land made to John SHANKS, "on north side of Tiger River, originally granted to John Bearden, 20 April 1790", John Smith and Samuel Smith, witnesses (Deed Book 3, Pg. 422; R. M. C. Office, Book B, Pg. 421).

John-5 Bearden's wife is called Nancy in the John-4 Bearden I (or Senr.) estate sale held 1797 in Spartanburg County, SC, where William SMITH Esq., Aaron SMITH, John-5 BEARDEN Junr., Richard-5 BEARDEN, Ruth-5 BEARDEN, Nancy BEARDEN, John White TAYLOR and Boyd COMPTON, are the principal buyers.

Both Mrs. Adeline WINN of "SOUTHERN LINEAGES", now deceased many years, and Mr. Wright W. FROST of Knoxville, TN in 1975 (Mr. Frost now deceased, widow living in 1985), have written and published comprehensive information concerning this John-5 Bearden II (or Junr.) and his family. Mr. Frost, because of his own Bearden ancestry and the prominence of the Bearden family in the affairs of Flat Creek in Bedford County, TN, made an exhaustive search for the origin of the Bearden family in the colonies of America. Mr. Frost was forced to abandon the research for the same reasons this writer has been forced to the same conclusion when looking, as Mr. Wright and Mrs. Winn did, for the spelling of BEARDEN/BEARDING/BAIRDEN.

Some documentation was presented by Mrs. Winn and Mr. Frost but neither they, nor this writer's own work, provide definite clues as to the ascent of this family and the first definite ancestor in America. Neither Mrs. Winn nor Mr. Frost were looking for the alternate spelling of BORDEN/BURDEN/BERDEN/BEARD, etc. but this writer has the advantage of the knowledge that the same persons were recorded in legal documents by these variant spellings. Quoting Mr. Frost in "FROSTS AND RELATED FAMILIES":

"In early records the family name has been spelled Bearden, Beardin, Beardan, Bearding, Birding, and Bairden. The earliest recorded date of Beardens in America which has been made available to the writer is March 11, 1744. In 1833 John Bearden of Flat Creek, Bedford County, Tennessee, gave this date for his birth in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

"No documentation has come to the attention of the writer which proves how this John Bearden, the grandfather of Manerva Bearden Hix, was related to other Beardens whose names are recorded in Caroline County, Virginia, in Granville County, North Carolina and in the upper districts of South Carolina. Both the frequency with which Beardens named their sons John and the preference of the Bearden males for wives named Nancy complicate the study of records for the purpose of identifying the lines of ascent and descent.

"It is obvious from the citation of records in Mrs. Winn's book there were at least three, and possibly six, other John Beardens who lived during the life span of the John Bearden who was born in VA 1744 and migrated from SC to Bedford County, Tennessee in 1824. It seems reasonable that all these John Beardens were related. Except for the record of his application for pension, none of the records quoted by Mrs. Winn seem to apply to the John Bearden who is the connecting link between the Beardens of Flat Creek, Tennessee and their ancestors.

"John Bearden's application for pension is a six-page document, photocopy of which can be obtained from the National Archives in Washington, D. C. Since it is the most revealing record of which the authenticity is not questioned, attention is directed to some of its most significant items. Aside from military considerations which make his descendants eligible to membership in patriotic societies, there are a number of other important events in John Bearden's life recorded in his application for pension.

"First, John Bearden, according to his own deposition, was born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, March 11, 1744.

"Second, in April, 1777, at the age of 33, John Bearden was a soldier of the Revolution in the Spartanburg District, South Carolina.

"Third, soon after August, 1778, between two separate periods of military service, John Bearden removed to Fairforest, Union District, South Carolina.

"Fourth, John Bearden saw in all not less than nineteen months of actual military service after which he remained a citizen of South Carolina until 1824.

"Fifth, during the year 1824, at the age of eighty, John Bearden removed to Bedford County, Tennessee, where he was living on May 15, 1833. On this date, at the age of 'Eighty-nine years two months and four days', John Bearden appeared before his neighbor, William Heaslett, a Justice of the Peace, in the Flat Creek Community, who took the deposition in application for the pension.

"Sixth, The deposition was signed by both John Bearden and William Heaslett, but it was written in the handwriting of neither. The first reference in the text of the application to the deponent was as 'John Bearden, Senr.' Thereafter in the deposition, he is referred to as 'the applicant' or 'the deponent'. His signature is less legible than the text of the deposition, but there was a suffix in the signature which appears to be 'Sr.', though it might possibly be 'Jr.'

"Seventh, the last paragraph of the deposition states that 'John Bearden ... is known to the Rev. William Martin and Jacob Fuller in his present neighborhood'."

In addition to Mr. Frost's information, John Bearden says his birthdate is "agreeable with my father's old Bible and family records". He served as a ranger and spy on the "frontier settlement on Tygar River". Bobby Gilmer Moss in "ROSTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA PATRIOTS IN THE REVOLUTION", Pg. 56, lists three John Bearden/Beardans:

First, "John Bearden served as a light dragoon under Captain William Smith, Lt. Col. John Thomas Jr. and General Sumpter during 1781", the same regiment and same officers in which Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden served (Sally's Documents, Pg. 99).

Second, "John Bearden Sr., b. 11 March, 1744, Spotsylvania County, Virginia. While residing in Spartanburg District, South Carolina, he volunteered to serve in a company of rangers or spies under Capt. Joseph Wofford and Lieut. D. Graham in April 1777 and operated out of Fort Prince. He spied on the Indians and the four Bates brothers and was discharged during January 1778.

"After February he joined a company of rangers under Captain John Gowen and was sent to a fort on the south fork of the Pacolet River. He helped capture Fanning and Smith. In August 1778 he was discharged.

"After moving to Union District, he was drafted and was at the siege of Ninety-Six. He was transferred from Capt. James Blassingham's company to a company of volunteers under Capt. John Putnam and was sent in search of Capt. Jessee Gray and his Tories; moved to Tennessee about 1824" (Revolutionary War Pension No. S2991).

Third, "John Bearden served in Roebuck's regiment after the fall of Charleston" (Audited Account Nos. 388, X3359, C.S.).

The "National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution", Vol. 12, lists these applicants among others: Mary Farrar HOLLAND, National No. 385126; Leo Gordon McINTOSH, No. 605922 and Mary Sherman PARKER, No. 31899.

There is no definite proof as to when John-5 Bearden moved from South Carolina to Tennessee. There was one John Bearden who was counted on the 1820 first census of Trigg County, KY. This John was 45X (over 45, b. before 1775) and older than the other John Beardens of this area and perhaps the subject joined his brothers and other kinsmen there before moving over into Tennessee. He was in Kentucky for this census only and had one male 20-25 (b. 1795-1800; one female 26-45 (b. 1775-1794); two females 15-20 (b. 1800-1805); one female 10-15 (b. 1805-1810).

Some of the Trigg County, KY marriages during this time may be for the John-5 Bearden issue (Trigg County marriages under Person No. 64, Winn-6 Bearden). This information suggests that John-5 Bearden's wife had died before 1820.

Mr. Frost has stated that it is inconceivable that a man eighty years old would have left a settled community in South Carolina to live under the pioneering conditions of Bedford County, Tennessee in 1824, unless it was to

accompany or join his close relatives. Bedford County is almost adjoining Davidson County where the Edmond-5 Bearden issue were married in 1797 and in 1798. Davidson County adjoins Robertson, Sumner, Montgomery and Stewart Counties, Tennessee, with Christian, Livingston and Caldwell Counties just across the state line in Kentucky and this was where John-5 Bearden's siblings settled between 1795 and 1800, etc.

It is noteworthy that the writer's McCUISTION and SCOTT ancestors were from Pennsylvania and Virginia to North Carolina, then to Williamson, Davidson and Bedford Counties in Tennessee at this time in history. Bedford County in the State of Tennessee is strategically located and actually just a few miles from Whitfield and Murray Counties in Georgia where No. 293, Alfred-6 Bearden, witnessed the will of No. 106, Richard-6 Bearden Jr. in 1859. Bedford County is also near the counties of Lincoln, Giles and Wayne in Tennessee where Richard-5, Benjamin-5 and Alfred-6 Bearden appear in the 1825 records and the 1830 census, some of these still here through the 1850 and 1860 census.

The subject, John-5 Burden (so spelled) is listed as head of household on the 1790 first federal census of the United States in Spartanburg County and the state of South Carolina. This information verifies that John-5 had issue other than those named or suggested herein but no documentation has been found for their identification. It may be some of his issue who presented a claim to the United States House of Representatives ("A LIST OF PRIVATE CLAIMS PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE FIRST TO THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS: Bearden, John, heirs, for Indemnity for property destroyed by U.S. Troops, Senate Bill No. 348, Pg. 361 in the United States Journal, 29 Feb. 1848 without amendment; passed 3 March 1849 by Act of Congress"). John-5 and Nancy Ann (LANGSTON) Bearden had known issue, born 96th District, SC:

***80. Eli M.-6 Bearden**, b. about 1780, d. after 1831, m. Nancy Ann (WINN/LANGSTON?).

81. Catherine-6 Bearden, who may be older than Eli M.-6, b. about 1770-1780 and d. between 1846 and 1850, m. her cousin, Person No. 117, William R.-6 SMITH, son of Person No. 44, Mourning-5 SMITH, nee BEARDEN. Catherine-6 had issue who were both the grandchildren of John-5 Bearden and, his sister, Mourning-5 (BEARDEN) Smith. The 1850 census of Bedford County, TN, lists the two widows Nancy Bearden (widow of Eli M.-6) and Mary-6 FULLER (widow of Jacob Fuller), both of whom have SMITH children in their households b. TN: Sarah SMITH, b. 1824 and Mary SMITH, b. 1846, living with Mary FULLER; James Smith b. 1839 living with Nancy Bearden. The relationship is obscure but one grandson of Mourning-5 Smith, nee BEARDEN, may be the son of Catherine-6 Bearden and her cousin, William-6 Smith. He is Robert-7 SMITH who m. the person compiled herein as No. 100, Cintha-6 Bearden, who is the sibling of No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden who m. Winifred SMITH. Robert-7 Smith was a Justice of the Peace 1835-1850 in Gilmer County, GA and he and some of his family are buried there where Winifred and her parents, Nathan and Mary Polly Smith, are buried in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, some with tombstones.

82. Mary-6 Bearden, b. 1782, known as a "native of South Carolina", living 1830 census as Mary-6 FULLER and near home of Eli "BIRDING", in household of Jacob FULLER, age 50-60 who she had seemingly m. as his second wife between 1820 and 1830. Living in the Fuller household in 1830 was a male, age 80-90. It is reasonable to assume that the old man was Mary-6's father, John-5 Bearden.

Jacob Fuller had purchased land there in 1813 (Bedford County Deed Book E, Pg. 8). Lending credence to the theory that Mary-6 had married before 1830 to Jacob Fuller is action taken by the Bedford County Court during the December term in 1850. Mary-6's brother, William-6 Bearden, was appointed administrator of the estate of Mary Fuller, who died at the age of sixty-eight and after the 1850 census was taken (Bedford County Court Minutes, 1848-1852, Pg. 255).

Mary-6 is assumed to be the "maiden sister" who lived before 1830 with her father in a little house built in the yard of Eli M.-6 Bearden.

***83. John-6 Bearden III**, b. 1784, Union/Spartanburg, SC, d. 1846, Spartanburg, SC, m. about 1810, Mary Polly LEE, m. second Rhoda MOORE.

***84. William-6 Bearden**, b. 3 Oct. 1786, Spartanburg County, SC; d. 14 Nov. 1876, Pea Ridge, TN, m. about 1810 to Patience POWERS.

***85. Enoch Pleasant-6 Bearden**, b. 1799, SC, d. 1902-1904 Greene County, MO, m. Avila Margaret MOORE.

41. Lettice-5 ("Letty") Bearden (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1740-1748, Spotsylvania County area, VA, d. before 1809, Greenville County, SC; m. before 1760 to John GOWEN, who was b. before 1740 in Virginia. Little is known of the life of Lettice-5 although she was prominent in the affairs of the Baptist Church and the community. A letter is existant from Miss Minnie Mourning Smith, Glenn Springs, SC to Mrs. Adeline (EVANS) Winn and published by Mrs. Winn in "SOUTHERN LINEAGES". Miss Smith had lived through the Civil War and a great debt is owed to both her and Mrs. Winn for the knowledge upon which much of the study of the Bearden, Winn, Smith and related families was begun. This knowledge has furnished many sources for much of the documentary evidence which has been found. The letter written by Miss Smith and as recorded by Mrs. Winn says in part (complete letter transcribed under Person No. 44, Mounring-5 Bearden: "Lettice Gowen was my Grandmother Smith's sister and my grandmother was Mourning Bearden Smith."

In 1785, John Gowen deed, 294 acres above the line of branches of Twelve-Mile River, Abbeville District, South Carolina (Deed Book B, Pg. 153).

In 1785, Letty Gowen, "citizen", is granted 256 acres in Abbeville County, South Carolina (Deed Book B, Pg. 153).

On 24 Jan. 1787, John Gowen, Ninety-Six District, South Carolina, deed to 342 acres (Deed Book 14, Pg. 137, Spartanburg District).

On 13 Dec. 1788, the land on Twelve-Mile Creek, then in Abbeville County, granted to Letty Gowen by letters patent, 1 May 1786, was sold by her with her husband John Gowen joining in the sale to Benjamin BARTON, of Greenville County, South Carolina; deed recorded Anderson County, South Carolina, witnessed by Allen Gowen (Deed Book KK, Pg. 446).

John and Letty-5 Gowen then lived on the Upland grant, between the south fork of the Pacelot River, and the west fork of the Tyger River. The village of Gowensville was named for these old pioneers and was the site of "Gowen's Fort" where Major John Gowen gathered soldiers who fought with him in the War of the Revolution, protecting the families of these patriots. Letty-5 and John Gowen were outstanding people in this section of South Carolina (Landrum's "HISTORY OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA", Public Library, Columbia, SC.

In 1778, John Gowen was a charter member of the exclusive club called "St. David's Society", with William and James Blassingame.

Mrs. Willie WYATT of Montgomery, AL, received the following letter about 1900 from H. E. COOK of Greenville, SC:

"I think the evidence is complete that James Blassingame not only lived on the Upper Pee Dee but that he also went to Greenville County, SC. In 1778 he was an original subscriber to what was called the St. David's Society to foster an Academy. They were living in the backwoods and the government at Charleston paid little attention to education except through the established church. The St. David Society met to pay for their own school house and a teacher.

"Tristram Thomas, who was a Major in the war, lived a little below Cheraw and on the east side of the river near Gardener's Bluff. Culp Gowen (Kolb was the right spelling) lived opposite Society Hill and was murdered by the Tories in April 1781. You cannot have any more certain evidence of the identity of James Blassingame than these documents by Tristram Thomas and the Minutes of the St. David's Society. The Blassingames were people who believed in schools and lived too far to attend, at least twenty miles.

"John Gowen was also listed in the Minutes of the St. David's Society in 1778 but after that year neither Blassingames or Gowens are in it. I judge that the two families were connected by marriage and moved together."

On 20 Feb. 1788, John and Allen Gowen witnessed a deed for John COMBS of Washington County SC, to John MELON (Deed Book A, Pg. 213, Greenville County). Allen Gowen later removed to Tennessee.

On 11 April 1791, John Gowen commissioned as the sheriff of Spartanburg County in South Carolina with William BENSON and Andrew THOMPSON giving bond (Book F, Pg. 178).

On 22 Jan. 1793, Major John Gowen, of the Revolutionary War, 1000 acres, Washington and Pinckney District, SC ("LAND RECORDS", Vol. 32, Pg. 142).

Quoting the John-5 Bearden Revolutionary War pension deposition: "The deponent states that he volunteered in Feb. 1778, in a company of spies and rangers under Captain John Gowen and marched to a Fort on the South Fork of the Pacelot River on the frontier settlement of the Tiger River."

Elias DILL in 1910 in the state of Georgia, and in his eighty-second year, wrote a letter to Mrs. Adeline Winn which she quoted in "SOUTHERN LINEAGES", Pgs. 329-333, his information from his father and father-in-law, Mr. HOWARD, who was a member of Major Gowen's command and had often related the story to him:

"Among those who pursued the Tories and traitors, the Bates men, during the Revolutionary War was Major 'Buck' Gowen. With a party of resolute men he overtook the Indians in their camp beyond the headwaters of the Tiger River, killed and captured some and routed the rest. Unfortunately he did not capture the Bates men, but he recaptured the Gilly children, who they had kidnapped.

"At the time Major Gowen's command was approaching the camp of Indians, the little Gilly boy was breaking sticks to make a fire. He recognized Major Gowen and joyfully ran to meet him. Among the Indians killed in Bates camp that day was an Indian woman with a baby in her arms.

"The surviving baby, called a "papoose" by the white people, was committed to the care of Edwin Harmon, a boy fifteen years old, whose parents were murdered by the Indians in 1776, the circumstances I have related elsewhere.

"Mr. Gowen was a true patriot and, but for his active exertions in getting together his militia, there is no telling to what extent Bates would have carried out his bloody work on the innocent and defenseless people.

"Mr. Gowen's place of residence was the present plantation of Mr. Baker Caldwell, on South Pacelot. Nothing remains of the old home place except a sunken place in the ground which was his cellar. The present village of Gowensville, but a short distance from where he resided, was named in honor of him."

John-5 Bearden, brother to "Letty"-5 (BEARDEN) Gowen, stated in his Revolutionary War declaration, "We were frequently out on spying and scouting expeditions against the Cherokee Indians and a Tory family by the name of Bates, four in number to wit, William, Harry, Isaac and their father, who were skulking about with the Indians committing murders on the frontier settlers" (Mr. Landrum, who wrote and published "THE COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA", Pgs. 361 and 362, source from a Mss. letter by the venerable Henry M. EARLE of Greenville, SC). "Letty" and John Gowen's son m. Miriam EARLE

One Revolutionary War statement for a pension made by Robert McDOWELL on 2 Feb. 1828, of DeKalb County, Georgia:

"Robert Henderson was a private under the command of Captain John Gowen of the American line in South Carolina. I knew him for the term of two years both under Captain Gowen's command as necessity required his services as a soldier in the Light Horse; they were engaged in the battle that was fought at the Pacelot River in South Carolina as they were engaged in guarding a company of prisoners from Spartanburg District SC, to Salisbury, NC and that both belonged to Col. White's Regiment." Statement also made by Robert Henderson (Mss., Pg. 303, Draper Collection, Wisconsin Historical Society).

Robert McDowell is of the family of Ephraim, John, James and Mary McDowell of James City County, Virginia, the same McDowells who met Benjamin-3 Borden (nee Bearden) after 1730. Benjamin-4 BORDEN married Magdalena (WOOD) McDowell, the widow of Capt. John McDowell. Benjamin-3 Borden is the compiled grandfather of Letty-5 (BEARDEN) Gowen and Benjamin-4 is her uncle. These early pioneers traveled together in groups and as families.

The Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War deposition, made 1825, from Giles and Wayne Counties, TN and in 1836 from McNairy County, TN, states in part: "I can prove by Captain John Henderson, now of McNairy County, that I was a soldier in the Revolutionary War."

An old letter, written by J. M. Gowen, Rt. 1, Paulene, South Carolina and dated 13 Dec. 1913, states in part:

"My grandfather Gowen came from Virginia but I don't know what part of Virginia. He came to South Carolina in Union County and served in the Revolutionary War.

"My oldest brother, John Gowen, moved from here to Arkansas before the Civil War. He died several years ago. He was quite young. My brother, George Gowen, married and raised a large family and died in Texas.

"I knew one Mr. Wynn Bearden who lived here in my community but he is now dead and leaves no trace of the Beardens or Wynns. He is buried at Friendship Baptist Church near here. I think he was a son of old Isaac Bearden and his wife, Sarah Trail."

The South Carolina Historical Society Special Collections, Furman University Library, Greenville, SC, published in 1976, the records are microfilmed and now in the South Carolina Archives in Columbia and says that the Friendship Baptist Church was formed in 1802 from the Tygar River Baptist Church, first created in 1766, and called Flat Rock Baptist Church. Charter members included those as named under No. 32, John-4 Bearden. This old Friendship Baptist Church is located ten miles south of the Spartanburg County Courthouse near Ott's Bridge on the Tyger River (Leah Townsend's "South Carolina Baptists, Early Back-Country Churches", Pg. 136).

John Gowen's will was made and proved in 1809, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and does not name his wife, which indicates her death before that date. His will names his children with the exception of two: Mary-6 Gowen had married and lived in the upper end of Greenville County, SC; and Sarah Gowen who had married and removed to Hickman County, KY (South Carolina Archives in Columbia, quoted as written):

"In the name of God amen. I John Gowen being afflicted by the hand of Almighty God and knowing it is once ordained all men to die do ordain constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other Wills by me made, excepting such property that is viz, as I have already bestowed to my children.

"I pray to God who gave it to take my soul my body to return from whence it came and to be buried in a Christian like manner by direction of my Executors herein named.

"First, I bequeath to my son Winn B. Gowen a tract of land lying and being in Greenville District on both sides of the middle Tyger River the land to begin at the mouth of a branch emptying into the same river on the north side below the mill - thence a direct line to the upper end of a big cove and the line of my land thence my line to the opposite to the beginning. Also the negroes called Zed and Spence together with a stock of cattle and hogs now on the premises before mentioned one bed and furniture also my part of a bay gelding he now rides.

"Second, I bequeath to my daughter Letty a plantation by Ann Easley's place three negro girls by the names Vina Ede and Harriot one bed and furniture and two cows and calves.

"Third, I bequeath to my daughter Manerva a tract of land lying on the south side of Saluda River where my son James Gowen attended two negroes named Cressa and Asa one bed and furniture \$100.00 to purchase a horse-beast two cows and calves and her mother's saddle.

"Fourth, I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Woodson a tract of land on Tyger River called Sulsias Place.

"Fifth, I bequeath to my son James Gowen 800 acres to begin at the ford of the river at South Pacelot now used between here and where he lives and thence a north course so to include the school house spring where Davis taught and round to a line made for John Roddy to the beginning so as to include the Jamison fields.

"Sixth, I give and bequeath to my grandson John Gowen son of William deceased all the lands between what I have given him and Lettie that I own also one girl Hannah to my granddaughter Mahulda a negro boy named Buck unto Matilda a negro boy named Sip a negro boy named Ben unto Letty my granddaughter.

"If any of these legatees die without lawful issue the property to be returned and divided equally between my children then living. I hereby appoint John and Winn Gowen my sons and James Blassingame and Street Thurston my sons-in-law to be my Executors."

The children and grandchildren of Lettice-5 (BEARDEN) Gowen bear Winn and Bearden forenames as mentioned in Landrum's "HISTORY OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA":

86. Winn Bearden-6 Gowen, first mentioned son in the John Gowen will, received his well-known forename from the maternal side of the family. He is said to have married an EASLEY. He qualified on 8 Jan. 1810 as Executor to his father's estate and his name last appears in connection with the estate on 21 Jan. 1813 when he is summoned to settle with the other legatees. If he had issue they are untraced.
87. Lettice-6 "Letty" Gowen, m. at an unknown time and place to Street THURSTON who was named as one of the John Gowen Executors. Her issue is untraced.
88. Minerva-6 Gowen, who was unmarried in 1814 when the inventory of her father's property was made. She is paid \$400.00 agreeable to the John Gowen will. She inherited land on the south side of the Saluda River.
89. Elizabeth-6 Gowen, who m. Tucker WOODSON (WOODSON FAMILY) and inherited from her father a tract of land located on Tiger River. Her husband has several land grants and deeds in South Carolina:

"Tucker Woodson, on 26 Aug. 1790, of Abbeville County, South Carolina, deeds to William Dessausure of Charleston, 200 acres in Pendleton District, forks of Kiowee and Tugaloo on both sides of Little Beaver Dam Creek, granted on 3 April 1786 to Tucker Woodson (Deed Book A, Pg. 50, Anderson County, SC; Book KK, Pg. 312, Secretary of State, Columbia, SC; the WOODSON FAMILY).

90. James-6 Gowen, received from his father's will a bequest of land located on the Pacelot River. He did not leave a will in Greenville County, SC but is listed there in the first census taken in 1790. In 1833, he deeds land in Spartanburg County, SC to William LOVELADY (Pg. 167, Spartanburg Court; Bearden/Lovelady marriages in Alabama under Persons No. 46 and 134).
91. William-6 "Buck" Gowen, b. about 1760-1770, Ninety-Six District, SC and died before his father made his will in 1809, a Revolutionary War soldier.
The records show that his estate was appraised and administered between 1804 and 1806 with his father John Gowen the administrator (Greenville County, SC, Warrant of Appraisal, etc.; inventory of estate returned 30 July 1804 with Mrs. Miriam Gowen a frequent purchaser).
 He m. on 28 Jan. 1796, Spartanburg County, SC, to Miriam EARLE, who was b. 24 Nov. 1775, the ninth issue of Bayless and Mary (PRINCE) Earle. William-6 had issue, named in father's will and Landrum's "History": Mahala-7; Matilda-7; John Winn-7; and Letitia-7 "Lettice" Gowen.
92. John Bearden-6 Gowen, who was not named as a legatee in his father's will but was named "my son" and one of the executors, his father having already given him his share of the estate. He d. after 1827; m. after 1790 to (Mary?) BENSON, a daughter of Prue Benson, the latter's will recorded on 1 Oct. 1821 in Greenville County, SC, naming "my son-in-law, John Gowen, son William Benson, daughter Jane", with John B. Gowen and William B. Benson named as Executors.
- *93. Mary-6 Gowen, b. before 1775, d. 1850, m. James BLASSINGAME.
- *94. Sarah-6 Gowen, b. 5 June 1774, d. 1852, m. William EASLEY.

CONTINUED GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 12, BENJAMIN-3 AND ZERUIAH (WINTER) BEARDEN

CONTINUED CHILDREN OF NO. 32, JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BERDEN/BEARDEN

43. Richard-5 Bearden (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was born, according to his Revolutionary War deposition, on 6 July 1760 in Granville County, NC. He died, according to the New Hope Baptist Church records, on 21 June 1860 in the Amicalola Creek District of Dawson County, GA and is buried in the old William Bearden Cemetery with a tombstone, now known as the Bearden cemetery, located on what was Bearden land in 1846 and later known as the WEHUNT Farm. Richard's descent married into the Wehunt family and this land was mostly owned by Bearden descent.

The tombstone was erected in 1983 and furnished through the efforts of the writer and the Veteran's Administration in Washington D.C. The oldest descendant who attended the dedication ceremony was Person No. 1492, Lindsey Boyd-9 Bearden, age 82 of Dawsonville who was himself deceased soon afterward. In 1995 the oldest known living descendant of Richard-5 and Sarah is Person No. 1354, Myrtle Lee-9 (SHOCKLEY) SCHELL, ninety-four years old. Person No. 1344, Thomas H.-9 Bearden, was ninety-two and would have celebrated his seventieth wedding anniversary if his wife had lived a few more months.

(Author's note: Myrtle L. deceased 1995; Thomas H.-9, deceased on 4 June 1991; Bessie J. (SCHELL) BEARDEN died 1992, at age 98, wife of Person No. 1339).

Richard-5 married, according to the birthdates and the place of birth for his issue, about 1778 at age 18, in Spartanburg District, SC, to Sarah "Sally" (BENNETT?), believed to be the daughter of James and Sarah (Lancaster) BENNETT, who was born, according to the Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War papers, plus the 1790 through 1850 census reports, about 1760-1770 in Granville County, NC and died, according to the New Hope Baptist Church records, on 25 May 1857 in the Amicalola Creek District of Dawson County, GA where she is buried beside her husband of about seventy-nine years.

The certified copy of the old New Hope Baptist Church records, dated on 2 June 1985 as written by Person No. 1896, Benjamin Earl-10 Chester, reads in part: "I, Benjamin Earl B. Chester, the clerk of the New Hope Baptist Church of Dawson County, Georgia, do declare under oath that I have in my possession the old New Hope Baptist Church records which have been kept and maintained by Bearden descendants from 1843 until the present date. These records are very old and fragile and cannot be handled. The custodian of these old records is now Clayton Chester. These records do contain the following information:

We grieved the death of old Sarah Bearden on 25 May 1857.

We grieved the death of old Richard Bearden on 21 June 1860."

Signed and notarized by Earl B. Chester, Notary Public, wit. by Clayton B. Chester and Rebecca N. Wilson (latter person wrote and published "THE HISTORY OF DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA"), and by the Reverend Roy H. Bailey, current minister of New Hope Baptist Church.

There is significant proof that the over one hundred year old Richard-5 and his wife, Sarah, known as "Sally", a nickname for Sarah, were married a total of seventy-nine years. His wife in the six census reports (1790 through 1850) and in his Revolutionary War pension statements, is of the same forename (1850 census gives wife's name) and approximate age as his wife in the New Hope Baptist Church records of Lumpkin/Dawson Counties, GA. It is inconceivable that Richard-5 would have married two identical women of the exact age and forename.

He named his wife as Sarah in his 1825 pension papers and her name is Sarah on the 1850 census, plus her death is recorded as "Old Sarah Bearden" in 1857 by the Clerk of the New Hope Baptist Church in Dawson County, GA (certified church records, now in possession of and through efforts of writer, on microfilm at the Georgia State Archives in Atlanta).

The name of his wife's parents has the authority of long and accepted family tradition only, Sarah (Lancaster) BENNETT being a descendant of old Sarah Lancaster, whose will was made in 1722, Isle of Wight County, Virginia and which names her granddaughters Sarah and Bridget Bennett, daughters of James Bennett.

Both the frequency with which the Bennetts and Beardens named their daughters Sarah, known as "Sally", and Nancy, sometimes called "Ann", plus the preference of the men for wives named the same, complicate the study of this family for the purpose of identifying from which line Richard-5 Bearden's wife came.

One Sarah Bennet married in Frederick County, Winyou Parish, VA to William SMITH, m. second in 1766 in Tyrell County, NC to Adams LANIER. One John Bennett married 1770, Isle of Wight County, VA to Sarah WELCH and had eight issue. One John Bennett married 1782, Fairfax County, VA to Sarah STONE. Hiram and Rebecca (ANDERSON) Bennett's daughter, Sarah Bennett, born 1778 in Virginia, m. Spartanburg County, SC to (?) MAYFIELD and d. 1819 in SC; one William Bennett married 1788 in Frederick County, VA to Sarah OGLESBY and lived 1840 in Georgia, etc.

Some later Smiths, Bennetts, Willifords, Lancasters and Beardens are early members of the old Flat Rock Baptist Church, later known as Tygar River and Friendship Church, of Spartanburg District in South Carolina. These old pioneer families of upper South Carolina saw each other once every week at church services, where they spent the day with "dinner on the ground". The Lord's Day was a special and a social event in their lives, and a result was that their children married each other.

The person compiled as Person No. 54 herein, Richard-6 Bearden, nephew to the subject, married in 1790, Person County, NC to Nancy Ann BENNETT, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (POMFRET) Bennett from Virginia. Nancy Ann's sister was Sarah BENNETT who married William HERALSON in Person County, NC, and Person No. 109 as compiled herein is Frances-6 BEARDEN who married William M. HERALSON. From the above, it can readily be seen from whence Sarah (BENNETT) Bearden, wife of Richard-5, got her forename.

The Brittain WILLIFORD who was so closely connected to the subject (Richard-5), was married to Lucy LANCASTER. The WILLIFORD surname figures strongly in the early family of BEARDEN, LANCASTER, SCOTT, SMITH, LANGSTON and BENNETT, all of Virginia and later in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. The same

Brittain Williford who was with Richard-5 Bearden in Spartanburg County helped Richard-5 make bond in 1797 for the John-4 Bearden estate settlement, and the identical Brittain Williford signed an affidavit in the same Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War pension deposition, made 1825 in Giles County, TN ("THE WILLIFORD STORY", in writer's possession).

The wife of the person compiled herein as No. 35, Thomas-5 BURDEN of early Granville County, NC, is Elizabeth BURDEN, who named as the Executor of her will one James LYON/LYNE, who may be the son of Dr. Thomas Lyon of Richmond, VA. The younger James Lyon married Hennington WATKINS and their daughter was Hennington Watkins LYON who married as his third wife to Robert Eden SCOTT of Warrenton, VA, the son of John and Elizabeth (PICKETT) Scott of "Oakwood". Robert E. Scott is the great grandson of Martin and Ann (BLACKWELL) Pickett and of Reverend John and Elizabeth (GORDON) Scott of "Gordondale", of Fauquier and Prince William Counties, VA.

James Scott witnessed deeds for the Beardens in Granville County, NC (see under Person No. 35 and Person No. 37 for source) and intermarried early with same families, the WITHERS, MITCHELL, McCUISTION, HARRISON, LEE, ALEXANDER, MOORE, COLE, JAMES, WILLIFORD, JONES, WINN, SMITH, TAYLOR, MINOR and the MAYFIELDS, among others.

A definite connection is made between Richard-5 Bearden and his parents, John-4 and Lettice (WINN) Bearden, as Richard-5 is named as the Administrator and helped make bond, along with Brittain WILLIFORD and John BETTERTON, for the John-4 Bearden estate settlement, made on 10 April 1797 in Spartanburg County, SC. More proof of Richard-5's origin is further verified by the first federal census of the United States ("HEADS OF FAMILIES IN 1790, SPARTANBURG DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA", Pg. 87, 2nd column, line 25, Microfilm Pg. No. 406: BERDEN, Richard (3) males 16X (over 16); (3) males -16 (under 16); (5) females; and (3) slaves).

Richard-5 was b. in 1760 as verified in his Revolutionary War pension statement and it would be virtually impossible for him to have several issue born before 1774. It is a reasonable assumption that he married at a young age and stayed on in his parents' home. His mother died when, or soon after, her last child was born about 1774. She was deceased before 1790 in Spartanburg County, SC. Richard-5 had siblings born before 1775 who were still at home when the first census was taken in 1790.

Richard-5 BERDEN, so spelled, is counted first as the head of household in 1790 and living in his household are two other males who were born before 1774. The two males over sixteen years of age in 1790, are born before Richard himself is fourteen years old and they are surely his widowed father and his young brother. He probably had at least one brother and one sister under 16 years of age.

By combining his Revolutionary War statements, the seventy years covering the census reports for him, his legal records and the ages of his children as shown on the 1850 and later census reports, plus their legal records, the assumption is that the three males under sixteen and three of the females in the Richard-5 BERDEN household in 1790 are his own issue. In 1790, at the age of thirty and having been married about twelve years, he had at least six children. It was the custom at that time in history for the Beardens to have a child about every two years.

Lending credence to the theory that Richard-5 BERDEN is enumerated in 1790 as the head of household in Spartanburg County, SC, but that his father and some siblings are living with him in the same household, is the fact that Richard-5 made bond and administered the estate of John-5 Bearden Senr. in same location (certified copy Administration papers 10-15 April 1797, SC Archives, Estate File No. 472, Will Book D, Pg. 110, Box 4, Packet 38).

There is a discrepancy in the time element as Richard-5 is tracked and the events in his life correlated via the census, legal records and his Revolutionary War pension statements. There is definite and verifiable proof that, aside from the military considerations which make his descendants eligible for membership in various patriotic societies, there are a number of other important events in Richard-5 Bearden's life, as recorded in his three applica-

tions for a pension. By combining the census and the legal records, he can readily be followed in his various travels and a rare account of his over one hundred years of life given.

The wills and estate settlements accurately substantiate Richard-5's lineage to Benjamin-2 Borden/Burden/Berden of early Virginia and New Jersey. Between the years 1770 and 1802, this Richard-5 BURDEN/BERDEN/BEARDING/BEARDEN (so spelled in census and legal records), born in April 1760 in Granville County, NC, is the sole and only adult Richard Bearden who is living in Ninety-Six District (later Spartanburg County, SC).

Richard-5's Revolutionary War pension declarations are several page documents and these, plus, as stated, the census, certified legal records and the Friendship, the Dewberry and the New Hope Baptist Church records of Spartanburg County, South Carolina and of Hall, Lumpkin and Dawson Counties, Georgia, cover the years 1760 through 1860 and give a complete picture of the travels and the life of this old pioneer family. Since these are the most revealing documents whose authenticity cannot be questioned, attention will be directed to them.

Richard-5 Bearden was never granted his due pension by the United States government in his lifetime as he had lost his honorable discharge papers. The most important documents now being used to prove his military service is his pay and muster rolls, copies of which are in the writer's possession from the South Carolina Archives, Columbia, plus the Comptroller General's Office:

"Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly passed 6 March 1783, we the Commissioners of the Treasury have this day delivered unto Mr. Richard Bearden, this our indented Certificate for the Treasury for the sum of forty pounds in — (unreadable), to him in hand paid as of Colonel Thomas Regiment, Sumpter's Brigade of State Troops the claims of the State of South Carolina —. The Commissioners for adjusting — said Richard Bearden, his Executors, Administrators, or Assignees, will be entitled to receive from this office, the sum of six shillings and eleven pence Sterling on the demand for one years interest in the Principal Sum of forty pounds and nineteen shillings and eight pence Sterling and the like interest paid annually", etc.

"The said Richard Bearden, his Executors, the Principal sum of forty pounds, Nineteen shillings and eight pence Sterling on the 4th May 1786. And the said Richard Bearden — for the true performance of the several Payments in manner above mentioned. The Public Treasury is made liable and Faith of the State by the aforesaid Act" (Rev. War Account No. 2408 audited for Richard-5 Bearden; microfilm code No. AA388-A, Roll No. 7, Pgs. No. 209-210-211, Comptroller General's Accounts; A. S. Sally Jr.'s "Stub Indents Issued in Payment of Claims Against South Carolina Growing Out of the Revolution", Pg. 99; Capt. William Smith's Troop of Light Dragoons, 18 April 1782, Gibbs Collection, Box 3, Folder 200, South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, SC).

"Given under our hand and seal for Richard Bearden at the Treasury Office in Charleston, this seventh day of May one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six." (Signed): Peter Boyers, Commissioner of the Treasury.

"419.8 Principal — (unreadable) annual interest to Richard Bearden" (No. 2024, Book D).

"Received 20th of March 1787 the Sum with interest on the Indent — of Richard Bearden — order of General Sumpter and of the Command for — Sumpter's Brigade" -- by Peter Boyers.

"Richard Bearden received on the above date from the Commissioner of the Treasury — full portion for this his Indent." Signed by John BLASSINGAME, who signed his pay indents twice.

In her compilation "SOUTH CAROLINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION", Sara Sullivan ERVIN lists Richard, John, Thomas and William BEARDEN in Captain William SMITH's Company, Colonel THOMAS Regiment of Light Dragoons, General Sumpter's Brigade. She lists Edmund and Absolom BEARDEN as South Carolina Revolutionary War soldiers.

Bobby Gilmer MOSS has compiled "ROSTER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PATRIOTS IN THE WAR OF THE REVOLUTION", published by Genealogical Publishing Company, which gives eight Bearden participants. Pages 56-65 states that (2) John, William, Absolom, (2) Edmund, (2) Richard and Thomas BEARDEN were in the Revolutionary War from South Carolina (John, Edmund, Richard counted twice because they each served in two different companies).

Without Minnie Mourning-7 Smith's letters which gives information that William and Richard Bearden were brothers of her own grandmother, Mourning (BEARDEN) SMITH, it's reasonable that they were. Of these val-

iant Revolutionary War soldiers, only John-5, then known as Jr., called John Sr. after 1797, and Richard-5 have been proved as the forefathers of members of the patriotic society, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution or NSDAR. It's a great honor that the Bearden family of South Carolina furnished at least seven men for the Revolutionary War, a great number for a family who had been called "Tories" by some neighbors and kinsmen. It is more than probable that the sympathy for the "cause of freedom" in the family of John-4 was chiefly caused by the influence of their maternal WINN family. The Bearden faction in South Carolina, about fifteen in number, who sided with the British and caused the bitterness mentioned by Miss Smith in her letters are found in the compilation "LOYALIST IN THE SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN", Vol. 1, Pg. 315.

Although Richard-5 Bearden's Revolutionary War pension was not denied, it was put on hold by the War Department for "lack of evidence". The writer believes this action was highly discriminatory as many old Revolutionary War soldiers received their due pensions with the same or even less clear and objective proof. Richard-5 Bearden's Revolutionary War service, plus some descent, has been clearly defined and established by the writer and the documentary evidence has been accepted by the Veteran's Administration, plus all patriotic associations (NSDAR No. 0678433, Bertha Irene (BEARDEN) KELLER, Person No. 1768 in this compilation).

There are a number of important events and travel movements recorded in Richard-5 Bearden's Revolutionary War pension applications and these, plus the eight census schedules which cover his adult life, plus various legal documents, give a clear picture of his life and movements:

"State of Tennessee, Wayne County, Court of Pleas and Quarter, March twenty nine, eighteen hundred and twenty five. On this twenty-ninth day of March eighteen hundred and twenty five personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County Richard Bearden aged 65 years last July resident in the County of Wayne and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit that he enlisted under Captain William Smith in Spartanburg District, State of South Carolina in the month of April, 1781 for the term of ten months, that he continued to serve under Captain Smith in the Fifth Regiment commanded by Colonel John Thomas of the South Carolina Line in the Continental establishment until discharged at Orangeburg, South Carolina by said Thomas about the last of March, 1782 having served twelve months or thereabouts which discharge he has long since lost, that he was in the battle of Eutaw Springs and at the taking of the Congaree and Orangeburg Forts in Sumpter's Brigade, that he has no other testimony in his power of his service at this time but his own oath but he hopes he can procure the affidavit of John Blasingame who knows of his said service and resides in the State of Alabama. That his family consists of himself aged and as aforesaid infirm and unable to support himself by labor and a farmer by occupation my wife Sarah aged 59 years very infirm and my son John aged 19 years able to work for his own living. That the reason he did not apply for a pension was because he was informed that none could draw except those who had served for three years and it was not until very lately that he was better informed. That he has not disposed of none of his property since the 12th day of March in the year 1818 except to buy provisions for my family. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 19th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift or in any manner disposed of any property as any part thereof with intent to thoroughly diminish it as to being myself within the provision of an act of Congress Entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and navy service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed the 18th day of March 1818. I have not nor has any person in fact for me disposed of any property as contract debts due to me nor have I any income except for the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

"Schedule

1 Horse 15 or 16 years old	\$20.00
2 Cows and Calves	\$20.00
2 Sows - 7 pigs & 10 Shoats	\$16.00
1 Spinning Wheel, 1 Falling	\$4.00
4 Chairs, 1 poled, 2 Peggins	\$1.75
3 -? 3-? 3-?	\$1.50
2 Plows	\$2.00
Total:	\$64.00

"I owe about fifty dollars and have about fifteen dollars owing to me."

(Signed): Richard Bearden

"Sworn to me and subscribed in open Court and the Court valued the property to be worth sixty four dollars twenty five cents this twenty ninth day of March 1825." (Signed): William Barrett, Clerk, by his Deputy James C. Aldersoul

"State of Tennessee

I William Barrett, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter for the County of Wayne do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the record of this Court and I do further certify that the whole amount of the property contained in the foregoing schedule was valued to sixty-four dollars & twenty-five cents by the said Court Benjamin Hardin, James Ellis, James May and James Lawson, presiding for testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of said Court at office this day. 31st day of March 1825." (Signed): William Barrett and James C. Aldersoul

"State of Tennessee

Giles County

"Personally came before me John Laird and John B. Armstong, Justices of the Peace in and for the aforesaid Court, John Bearden and Brittain Williford, being men to the best of our knowledge of probity and respectability, and made oath in due form that Richard Bearden was a regular soldier in the ten month service in the Revolutionary War, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one in General Sumpter's Brigade, Colonel John Thomas Regiment of Captain William Smith's Company and that the said Richard Bearden enlisted himself in the ten months Service called the State Troops of South Carolina, in the latter part of the winter or the first part of spring of the aforesaid date and that we have no hesitation in saying that they believe he is the same Richard Bearden who served the full term of ten months aforesaid and they know him to be the same Richard Bearden who did enlist, serve the full term of ten months and come out of the aforesaid service of ten months. Sworn to and subscribed to and before us this 8th day of September 1825." (Signed): John Laird, John Bearden, John Armstrong, Brittain Williford

"State of Tennessee

Giles County Court

"I, German Lester, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter held in and for the County of Giles aforesaid do hereby certify that John Laird and John B. Armstrong whose names are signed to the within certificates of Oaths residents of and at the time of signing the service certifying Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Giles as aforesaid and that due faith and credit one and ought to be given to all these official acts as such. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of said court at office in Pulaski this 9th date of September 1825." (Signed) German Lester, Clerk

"State of Tennessee

Giles County Court

"I, Henry Hughson, presiding Justice of the Court and Quarter ---- (?) sitting hath ---- (?) for this County aforesaid do certify that German Lester whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate is Clerk of the Court ---- (?) as such and that credit is due and ought to be given to his official acts and that his certificate is in due form ap---- (?) given under my hand as such this ninth day of September 1825". (Signed): H. Hughson [Seal]

"Secretary of War, Washington D. C.

Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

November 3, 1825

"Sir:

"The testimony of John Blassingame cannot be proven and it was ascertained that the within deponent's would answer the same purpose and their deposition. Respectively," (Signed:) William Davis

"William Davis Esq.

Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

"Sir:

"The claim of Richard Bearden to a pension on account of the Revolutionary War ---- ----(?) evidence has been examined. There is no evidence in this Department that Colonel John Thomas under whom he states to have served belonged to the South Carolina Continental Troops and as the law of the eighteenth of March 1818, under

which Mr. Bearden claimed, provides for those only who served on the Continental Establishment, his claim cannot be admitted. The papers in the case will remain in our files agreeably to the regulations of this Department." (Signed): S. L. E.

"Declaration of Richard Bearden in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832, being duly sworn to was ordered to be certified" (McNairy County Court Minute Book 1828-1834, Pg. 466, dated Wednesday, 9 Jan. 1833 and 6 June 1836:

"State of Tennessee

McNairy County

"On this the 6th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, Personally appeared and in open Court before the Justices of the County Court for said County now setting Richard Bearden a resident of McNairy County and State aforesaid aged seventy-six who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

"That he was born in Granville County, State of Virginia on the 6th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty. When I was six or seven years old my father moved from Granville to Mechenburg County, North Carolina. There we continued to reside until I was eleven or twelve years of age when I moved with my father and the balance of the family to Ninety-Six District South Carolina (this district having afterward been divided) I fell in the District called Spartanburg. There I resided until the year 1781 when I volunteered about the first of March in the Dragoon Service for the term of ten months under Captain William Smith. After the company was organized we joined Colonel John Thomas Regiment of Dragoons in Ninety-Six District in South Carolina. A few days after our junction with Colonel Thomas we marched down near the Congaree River. There we joined General Sumpter. From here we marched under General Sumpter to the Congaree Fort then in possession of the British. We lay around the Fort for about two weeks when Colonel Washington joined us with his troops. Then we made an attack on the Fort and took it with a number of prisoners. The Fort was taken as near as I can now recollect the last of April or the first of May 1781. From here a short time after the Fort was taken we marched across the Congaree and encamped at a place called Akoums. Here we lay around one month guarding prisoners (General Washington having parted with us after the taking of the Fort). From the place called Akoums we marched under General Sumpter to Ninety-Six District in South Carolina. We there joined General Greene's Army - in a few days after we joined General Greene I was attacked with the small-pox and was carried to the Camden Hospital. There I remained about one month before I recovered. From Camden I was sent with an express from Major Taylor then at Camden to General Greene on the Congaree River. Here I again joined my company under the command of General Greene. From here the whole army marched to Orangeburg South Carolina where the British had fortified. Some cannonading passed between the armies at this place. Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment and Colonel Thomas Regiment was ordered by General Greene to march down the Charleston road. At the ten-mile house we took some British prisoners. From here we marched to a place called the Quarles house five miles from Charleston. Here we had a severe engagement. The victory was ours and was on our side. Here we took a wagon loaded with arms and clothing. From here we marched to Nelson's Ferry on the Santee River - not far from the Eutaw Springs. From here we marched a very short distance and again enjoined General Greene's army then encamped on the high hills of Santee. Here we lay until we marched to meet the British at the Eutaw Springs which was in September 1781 as well as I can recall. At the battle of the Eutaw I was stationed with my Captain as an outguard so I was not in the heat of the battle. We stayed at this place only a short time after the battle when General Sumpter and the whole of his troops marched to Orangeburg South Carolina where we lay until sometime in the winter when we marched to a place called the four hole bridge on Edisto River. Here we lay some time then we marched back to Orangeburg when I was discharged having served ten months the time I volunteered for. I received a written discharge signed by Colonel Thomas but not believing that it would ever be of any use or of any benefit to me I used it so carelessly that it is now lost or destroyed. I have the record of my father's register of names and ages. I have no documentary evidence to prove my services nor does he know of any persons now living who he can prove said services by. But he can prove by Captain John Henderson now of McNairy County who was a Captain in the Revolutionary War that he was with General Sumpter and that he being acquainted with all the Officers above mentioned that history of my services mentioned in this Declaration did take place, said Henderson will further state that he has no doubt of my services from circumstances which I have mentioned to him concerning the campaigns which I served - Aaron Gage now of McNairy County and who served in

Colonel Hammond's Regiment in the Revolution will state in substance the same as Captain Henderson. I can prove my character for honesty, veracity and good moral demeanor by Parson Francis Beard and James Campbell of my neighborhood. They can also testify to their belief and the neighborhood belief generally of my being a soldier in the Revolution. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

"This applicant applied for a pension a short time after the passage of the law of 1832. The papers were returned for some formality. They have been lost so I cannot return them back to the War Office. After I was discharged I resided in Spartanburg District in South Carolina about twenty years. From there I moved to Warren County, Kentucky and lived there about three years. From there I moved to Livingston County, Kentucky and lived there two years. From there I moved to Giles County, Tennessee and lived there one year. From there I moved to Lauderdale County, Alabama and lived there about four years. From there to Wayne County, Tennessee and lived there for seven or eight years. From Wayne County to McNairy County where he now lives. Given under my hand the date above. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and date above." (Signed): Benjamin Jones, Clerk of Court and Richard Bearden

"We, Francis Beard a clergyman residing in McNairy County, Tennessee and James Campbell residing in the same County doth truly certify that we are well acquainted with Richard Bearden who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. That we believe him to be seventy-six years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he lives and resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid." (Signed): Benjamin Jones, Clerk of Court, Richard Bearden, James Campbell, F. Beard

"We, John Henderson and Aaron Gage both Revolutionary War soldiers do certify that we served in the Campaigns when the Battle of Eutaw Springs was fought - that we did not personally know this petitioner but from the circumstances --(?) marches --(?) which he has stated to us concerning the Revolution we have no doubt but what he served in the Campaigns dictated in his declaration. Sworn to me and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid." (Signed): Benjamin Jones, Clerk of Court, John Henderson, Aaron Gage

"And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that their investigation of the matter and after putting this in -----(?) presented by the War Department that the above applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he stated, and the Court further certifies that it appears to them that James Campbell, John Henderson and Aaron Gage who has signed the preceding certificates are residents of the County of McNairy and the State aforesaid. And that Francis Beard who has also signed the same is a resident of the same and is a clergyman. And that they are all responsible and credible persons and that their statements are entitled to credit. Given under our hand and seal the day and date above." (Signed): G. G. Adams, S. B. Pace, A. M. Brown

"I, Benjamin Jones, Clerk of the County Court of McNairy County, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Richard Bearden for a pension. On testimony whereof -- (?) I have hereunto set my seal of office in Purdy this sixth day of June 1836. (Signed): Benjamin Jones, Clerk of the County

"Purdy, McNairy County
16 June, 1836

" Sir:

"Enclosed you will receive the Declaration of Richard Bearden for a pension. Please examine the same as early as possible as ---- (?) old and very infirm and almost an object of charity. I hope his case may meet with a favorable decision. Let me hear from you. am your obt. St. Macklin Cross."

"War Department Pension Office
"Macklin Cross Esq.
Purdy, Tenn.
"Sir:

August 2, 1836

"The Declaration of Richard Bearden has been examined and filed on the suspended cases. Before a final decision can be had in this case he should" — (?) (author's note: a line is unreadable where the letter has been folded over one hundred and fifty years) "from Mr. Savel Esq. Comptroller General of the State of South Carolina at Columbia who has roll in his office of those who served in South Carolina. Some proof about can also be obtained from said office showing that there were - (?) engagements - (?) serving as Dragoons under Colonel Thomas for so long as ten months as alleged."

"Send record of Richard Bearden, No. R672 of South Carolina to: Mrs. N. B. Allen, 4301 Alabama Avenue, Chatanooga, Tennessee, 1919."

"The printed list of 1852 gives the reason of rejection as 'for further proof from the South Carolina Records'.

"Richard Bearden's date of enlistment: April 1781

"Length of service: 12 months

"Rank: Dragoons

"Captain: William Smith

"Colonel: John Thomas

"State: South Carolina

"Battles engaged in: Capture of Congaree; capture of Orangeburg Fort; an outguard at Eutaw Springs

"Resident of soldier at enlistment: Spartanburg District, South Carolina

"Residence at date of application: Wayne County, Tennessee

"Age at date of application: Born July 6, 1760, in Granville County, Virginia

"Remarks: In 1825 he stated his wife was Sarah, age 56 (sic, 59) years; son, John was 19 years old

"His claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish satisfactory proof of his alleged service

"The first rejection has no value as he had no legal title under Act of 1818, so the cause of rejection was lack of evidence when second claim was made.

"Suspended second day of August, eighteen hundred and thirty-six."

Richard-5 Bearden's application for a Revolutionary War pension was NOT rejected. It was suspended or put on hold and there it remains as of this date in 1998.

The Revolutionary War was fought and won by our brave forefathers under severe hardships and conditions. *Many of the battles were in the area where the soldiers lived; the cannonading could be heard from their homes.* There were few military supplies such as guns and ammunition and food was scarce. Sometimes, as in the later Civil War, it was neighbors and brothers against neighbors and brothers. Richard-5 was barely twenty-one years of age when he enlisted with his brother-in-law (Capt. William Smith) in Colonel John Thomas Regiment of General Sumpter's Light Dragoons.

It was at the battle of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina at which General Green was in command where Colonel William Henderson and the Captains John and Robert Henderson fought. The three Henderson brothers are from Union District, South Carolina. A friend was one John HAMES of Union District, who is later listed in Hall County, Georgia, and still later in Lumpkin County, Georgia.

Mr. Hames told some interesting stories of the battle for Eutaw Springs in the Revolution. He once carried the wounded Colonel William Henderson from the battle field on his back to General Green's camp. He was on a scouting expedition during the war with General Brandon. They joined General Marion near Granby and united, they followed and defeated a large body of Tories camped on the Pee Dee River, pursuing them down the Broad River which was to be crossed by a bridge. Previous to the passing over, General Marion ordered blankets to be spread on the bridge to prevent the Tories from hearing the tread of the horses.

Under the Act of Congress in 1818, only those old Revolutionary soldiers in the Continental service who were indigent or infirm were to receive a pension. It was intentional that Richard-5 Bearden did not tell the War Department that he had lived a period of time in Georgia. His statement was: "I have not sold property except to buy provisions for my family."

Of equal importance in the history of the Richard-5 Bearden family is the history of the early Baptist churches. The fact that Richard-5 and his parents were good Christians and faithful members of the early church is substantiated by the early records of the church in Ninety-Six District (later Spartanburg County) in South Carolina, still later in Hall, Gilmer, Lumpkin and Dawson Counties, GA. These early church minutes were kept by close associates of the Bearden family in their capacity as the Church Clerks and are revealing in identifying members of the Bearden family.

The importance of the Baptist Church records in the Bearden history cannot be overstated as some records go back to Richard-5 Bearden's grandparents and his uncles in early Virginia and especially in Fauquier County (see WINN/WYNNE FAMILY, by writer).

The charter members of the Dewberry I and Dewberry II Baptist Church of Hall County, GA. (split in the mid 1800's, Dewberry II keeping the records), the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Gilmer County, GA, the Goshen and New Hope Baptist Churches of Lumpkin/Dawson Counties, GA, included both Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden and their descendants. The early Baptist Churches of Alabama included members of this family through Richard-5's oldest son (James-6, twin to Jacob-6) and his younger brothers and their descendants.

The Goshen Baptist Church of Lumpkin and Dawson Counties, GA, was constituted in 1838 by Elders James WHITTON, John REVES and Robert O'BARR (the latter m. on 4 Dec. 1810 in Jackson County, GA to Person No. 342, Celia BEARDEN), earlier members of the Dewberry Baptist in Hall County. Other early members at Goshen included Benjamin and Patsy GAGE (it was Aaron Gage who signed the affidavit for the Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War pension declaration in 1836), William and Mary BURT (two daughters m. Richard-5's grandsons), Perry and Malicy GARMAN, Neeley DOBSON (witnessed Richard-5 Bearden deed in 1825 in Hall County, GA) and Nathaniel HARBIN.

Ansel-6 Bearden and his wife Jain, Richard-6 Jr. and Unas Bearden, compiled sons and granddaughter of Richard-5, were among the charter members of this early church. In 1848, Benjamin GOSS, who m. Teresa Ann-7 BEARDEN (daughter of No. 99, Ansel-6) "owned a 'colored' girl who was received in the church by letter".

The New Hope Baptist Church in Lumpkin County was established on 3 June 1846, the following members asking for their letters from the Goshen Church for this purpose and letters were granted to Ansel-6 and Jain BEARDEN, Nathaniel HARBIN, Moss McWHERTER, Abel and Elizabeth SHERIFF (son m. Richard-5's granddaughter). On that date, New Hope met for the first time and appointed William KIMSEY, Moderator, Benjamin HEAD was Pastor and Ansel-6 BEARDEN was Clerk.

The following men from the New Hope Baptist Church served in the Civil War: Rowland BEARDEN, Jake COCHRAN, Van COCHRAN, Charles FOSTER, Jackson FOSTER, Leander FOSTER, Richard C. and Perry GROGAN, Samuel, Jesse M., James and Tyre HARBIN. Silvey Harben is a descendant of Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden and in 1973 he organized a perpetual care fund to care for the church cemetery where many of the Richard-5 Bearden descendants are buried.

On 21 August 1888, Samuel Harben sold six acres to New Hope Church for six dollars. The deed was made to Perry J. Grogan, Ben F. Holtzclaw and John Dillbeck. In 1973 New Hope had a membership of around one hundred and ten (110). The clerk of the New Hope Baptist Church (in Dawson County, GA after 1857) has, mostly, remained either a descendant of Richard-5 Bearden or married to one of his descent, for over the last one hundred and fifty years (for reference, see under Person No. 1896, Benjamin Earl-10 Chester). Some of the older records as kept by Ansel-6 (Ancil) Bearden, Clerk of Goshen and the new congregation of New Hope included the following:

- "1 July 1843, Ansel and Jain Bearden by letter.
- "2 Sept. 1843, Richard and Sarah Bearden by experience.
- "2 Aug. 1844, Ansel Bearden by Standing Committee to arrange Purchasing.
- "29 Nov. 1844, took up case of Thomas Bearden against Patricia Martin. Satisfaction given.
- "2 Aug. 1845, Ann Bearden to write letter for Mary Patterson.

- "1 Nov. 1845, Ansel Bearden to the Association; three members to talk to Thomas Bearden and his wife Ann Bearden for the grievance of Brother Simmons.
- "6 Dec. 1845, Difficulty with Thomas Bearden settled.
- "1 Sept. 1846, Emily Bearden by experience.
- "5 Oct. 1846, Ansel Bearden to the Association.
- "1 Nov. 1846, Malissa Bearden by experience.
- "6 March 1847, Brother John Sheriff to be cited -? and Ansel Bearden.
- "1 May 1847, Elizabeth Bearden by experience.
- "3 July 1847, Ansel Bearden to Association.
- "5 Feb. 1848, Ansel Bearden to the Union.
- "1 Aug. 1848, Elizabeth Bearden by experience.
- "6 Jan. 1849, 2 Feb. 1849, 3 June 1849, Ansel Bearden, Association.
- "2 March 1850, 31 Sept. 1850, Ansel Bearden to the Union.
- "5 July 1851, Ansel Bearden to the Association at Cool Springs.
- "3 July 1852, Ansel Bearden to the Association at Mt. Pleasants, 6 miles north of Marietts (sic: Marietta).
- "2 July 1853, Ansel Bearden to the Association five miles west of Bethlehem at Cuming.
- "1 July 1854, Ansel Bearden to the Association.
- "38 June 1855, Ansel Bearden to the Association at Mt. Olive.
- "1 Nov. 1856, Malissa Bearden by experience.
- "1 Nov. 1856, Ansel Bearden to the Preaching Committee.
- "25 May, 1857, Grieved the death of old Sarah Bearden.
- "1 Aug. 1857, Elizabeth Bearden by experience.
- "1 May 1858, Rowland Bearden by experience.
- "3 July 1858, Ansel Bearden to the Association.
- "4 Sept. 1858, Letters to Brother Ansel, Sister Jain, Emily, Elizabeth, Malissa, and Elizabeth Bearden.
- "2 Aug. 1859, Frances Angeline Bearden by experience. (Author's note: m. 17 Dec. 1865 to Jackson FOSTER; a son was Ervin Foster.)
- "21 June 1860, grieved the death of old Richard Bearden.
- "1 Oct. 1865, Sealey Bearden by experience. Died 8 Sept. 1890.
- "7 Oct. 1866, Jane Bearden by experience.
- "8 Oct. 1866, James Bearden, Investigating Committee.
- "8 Oct. 1866, Jane Bearden by experience, Sun at the Water.
- "30 April 1867 (3 Aug. ?), John Bearden by experience. Lettered out 6 Aug. 1881." (Author's note: b. 1850, d. 1935, husband of Martha (SHEFFIELD) Bearden and son of John-6 and Fanny (FIELDS) Bearden, the same person who lived in the household with Richard-5 Bearden on the 1860 census and when he (Richard) died in 1860.)
- "3 Aug. 1867, Martha Bearden experience, lettered out 6 Aug. 1881.
- "7 Aug. 1867, Nelson F. Bearden by experience.
- "7 Aug. 1867, James Bearden by experience. Died 17 Aug. 1908.
- "29 Feb. 1868, James and John Bearden to the Union.
- "4 Sept. 1869, Richard Bearden by experience. Lettered out 6 May 1899; Catherine Bearden by experience. Lettered out 6 May 1899.
- "5 Feb. 1870, Richard Bearden appointed to see whether J. M. Blackwell will serve as pastor.
- "2 April 1870, Communion at Goshen Church by Nelson F. Bearden.
- "2 Sept. 1871, Commission appointed to investigate report of Joseph Anderson that J. W. Linglefelt has been abusing his cattle. Union Meeting at New Bethel Church.
- "4 Nov. 1871, Richard Bearden delegate to Goshen Church.
- "31 Aug. 1872, Richard Bearden to the Union.
- "3 April 1875, Richard Bearden to invite Mill Street Church.
- "5 April 1876, Grievance between James Bearden and his wife Jain and Richard Bearden and Emily Cain.
- "4 March 1876, Grievance settled by the church.
- "6 April 1878, James Bearden Communion at Mill Street Church.
- "3 Aug. 1878, James Bearden and wife are hurt with Rebecca Roper.
- "5 Oct. 1878, Evidence not sufficient to convict Rebecca Roper.
- "1 March 1879, Committee investigating Louise E. Maenous who was acquitted, James Bearden and Jain Bearden.

- "9 -? 1881, Deplore the death of our old sister Elizabeth Bearden.
- "5 Feb. 1881, Nelson F. Bearden, Committee to investigate report of member joining another faith and order.
- "6 Aug. 1881, John and Martha Bearden lettered out.
- "4 Nov. 1881, Richard Bearden elected to Council, Goshen Church.
- "1 April 1882, Nelson F. Bearden Communion at High Shoals Church.
- 3 Aug. 1883, N. F. Bearden, Union meeting.
- "30 March 1883, N. F. Bearden Union Meeting and elected to the Nomination Committee.
- "2 Oct. 1883, Fanny Bearden by experience.
- "6 Oct. 1883, Martha Bearden by experience. Died 14 Feb. 1891.
- "6 Dec. 1883, Richard Bearden to ordain Samuel Roper, Mill Creek Church.
- "4 May 1884, N. F. Bearden to hold Communion at High Shoals.
- "6 June 1884, Richard Bearden to ordain deacons at Mill Street.
- "5 July 1884, N. F. Bearden Association alternate.
- "4 April 1885, N. F. Bearden elected to represent the Union Meeting and to High Shoals.
- "6 Feb. 1885, James Bearden elected to committee to investigate Mary Simonds.
- "June 1886 to 26 June 1886, N. F. Bearden to the Association.
- "1 Jan. 1887, N. F. Bearden, committee to invite G. Burns to answer charge.
- "5 March 1887, N. F. Bearden elected to Preaching Committee.
- "31 March 1888, N. F. Bearden Communion at High Shoals.
- "2 April 1888, N. F. Bearden Communion at High Shoals.
- "4 Aug. 1888, Mary E. Bearden by experience.
- "6 April 1889, James Bearden Communion, Mill Street Church. N. F. Bearden Communion at High Shoals Church.
- "1 Feb. 1890, Nelson F. Bearden elected to Standing Investigating Committee.
- "5 March 1890, James Bearden Communion at Mill Street Church.
- "23 Oct. 1890, Nelson F. Bearden was 'kild' by George Burns.
- "6 Dec. 1890, James Bearden appointed to fill vacancy on Investigating Committee caused by death of N. F. Nelson.
- "3 Sept. 1892, Mary Bearden on Standing Committee to see about getting mission fund.
- "18 Aug. 1893, Naomi Bearden placed membership.
- "1 Sept. 1894, Rachel Bearden by experience.
- "1 Sept. 1894, Juline Bearden by experience.
- "6 April 1895, Juno and James Bearden, Communion.
- "1 June 1895, James Bearden holds Union Meeting.
- "3 April 1895, Richard Bearden, Communion at Mill Street Church.
- "4 June 1898, James Bearden, Union Meeting.
- "2 July 1893, James Bearden, Association alternate.
- "6 May 1899, Letters to Richard and Catherine Bearden.
- "3 June 1899, James Bearden fifth Sunday Union Meeting.
- "5 Aug. 1899, James Bearden and other brethren went to Goshen to help settle a difficulty.
- "1902, James, John and Rachel Bearden are ordering minutes."

The following events and time record in the life of Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and again in Georgia before 1837 and until his death in 1860, are of enormous importance to his descendants. Again, it is stated that his Revolutionary War pension applications are a revelation as to his extensive travels, considering the mode of traveling in that era of time:

6 July 1760, Richard-5 Bearden was born in Granville County in the state of North Carolina, this area known by the Beardens and their associated families as being in the state of Virginia. This conclusion was reached by them because of a successive series of events. The first permanent settlement in North Carolina territory was established in 1653 when groups of early settlers came south from Virginia to occupy the section north of the Albemarle Sound. The influx of new settlers was limited and in the next eighty years the population had increased only to 14,000. It was after 1691 that the province was called North Carolina and it was administered by deputy governors from South Carolina until 1715.

Prior to the Revolution, Highland Scotch immigrants were arriving in the North Carolina Territory. Most established themselves in the southeast section. In only a few years there were more than twenty thousand of them there. Large groups of Scotch-Irish departed from Pennsylvania down the Shenandoah Valley to settle in Virginia, many continuing on into NC. Some had been banished from Scotland because of strong Protestant views which irked the religious leaders. Thousands of them were transplanted into Ireland where they only remained until an opportunity to come to the New World. Many established homes in the western section of the state around the present region of Iredell County.

Before the Revolutionary War, the Church of England was in power in NC and only the ordained ministers of that church were permitted to perform marriage ceremonies. Those who had the financial means could have the "banns" published or announced from the pulpit or they could buy a license and those married by license had to furnish a fifty pound bond. Old marriage bonds are full of genealogical information and parish records kept by the priests include births, marriages and deaths.

The people without financial means committed themselves to each other and most of the time lived dedicated family lives without the benefit of a ceremony by the Church of England. There were also people who lived in isolated areas where the minister of their faith traveled through only occasionally and who, using the Bible, clandestinely said the marriage vows for them without the benefit of a license. These old pioneers were committed to each other and separation or divorce was hardly known.

After his birth Richard-5 continued to reside in Granville County with his parents until 1766-1767 when his parents moved to Mechlenburg County in North Carolina. There they resided until the year 1772 when he "moved with his father and the balance of the family to Ninety-Six District in South Carolina." This district was afterward divided and the John-4 Bearden family fell in Spartanburg District.

1772-1803, Richard-5 Bearden was a member of the Baptist Church, first known as "Flat Rock" and "Tygar River" and in 1801 known as "Friendship", which was located on Dutchman's Creek of the Tygar River. This old church was first organized in 1765 by Jacob Roberts near Ott's Shoal. Other members of the family and this old church were later in the states of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky with Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden. One was Brittain WILLIFORD who helped make bond for the John-4 Bearden estate settlement in 1797 in Spartanburg County and who signed an affidavit for the Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War pension statement in 1825, Giles County, Tennessee.

Lucy (LANCASTER), wife of Brittain WILLIFORD, was named in her father, Lawrence LANCASTER's, will which was probated 1792 in Warren County, NC ("THE WILLIFORD TREKS INTO AMERICA", Pg. 49, by Pearl, excerpts in writer's possession).

Willis Williford, Clerk of the old Friendship Baptist Church in Spartanburg County, SC, settled in Elbert Cty. GA before 1802, when he appointed John PAYNE to collect all property of Sarah WILLIFORD, formerly Sarah THOMSON, given to her by the will of her grandfather, Macksfield HENSLEE, formerly of Caswell County, NC.

Nathan Williford, father of Brittain, was b. 1717, Virginia, and d. 1780 in Warren County, NC, leaving issue as named in his will:

- (1) Dorender Williford, b. 1739, m. Benjamin WEST (see No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden's War of 1812 papers for Benjamin WEST).
- (2) BRITTAIN WILLIFORD, b. on 20 May 1742 in Southampton County, VA, d. Oct. 1836 in Giles County, TN, m. Lucy LANCASTER and before Jan. 1780 moved to South Carolina when he volunteered under Captain BENJAMIN WEST, Colonel John Thomas Regiment, and served as Orderly Sergeant for the six-month period of his first service. His pension papers are in the National Archives, Pension Claim No. S.1740. He is listed in the 1790 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC, with 3 males 16X (over 16); 2 males -16 (under 16); and 1 female. In 1815, he moved to Wilson County, TN and by late 1816 he was living in Giles County, TN where in 1825 he signed an affidavit for the Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War pension application. Brittain Williford had issue, among others:

- a. Wiley Williford, lived in Maury County, TN and in 1832 had the old family Bible with a record of all births and deaths.
 - b. Hardy Williford, lived in Giles County, TN in 1832 with his aged father.
 - c. Willis Williford, b. on 14 June 1773, settled in Calloway County, KY where the issue of Edmund-5 Bearden then lived. Willis stated he was present when his father was captured by the Tories in 1781.
- (3) Mary Williford, m. 1773 to Josiah GREEN.
 - (4) Nathan Williford Jr., of Madison County, GA, testator in 1808, Elbert County, GA for the will of Delilah COTTLE. His son, John Williford, m. on 15 Sept. 1818 in Madison County, GA to Judah CHRISTIAN, who was a widow before the 1830 census.
 - (5) Samuel Williford, purchaser at the estate sale of his father.

There are other associated surnames who were members of the old Friendship Baptist Church in Spartanburg County, SC, and these are of vital interest to the history of the Bearden family. Some of these are of the families WEST, OSBORN, FOWLER, LANCASTER, LANGSTON, MEADOWS, SHIRLEY, SHERIFF, ROGERS, WYNNE, CLAYTON, James and Sarah (Lancaster) BENNETT, Jabob GIBSON, the SMITHS, including William Smith Esq. and his wife, Mourning-5 (BEARDEN) Smith (Leah Townsend's "SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS, 1775-1805").

Others were No. 40, John-5 Bearden who m. Nancy A. LANGSTON (?), his son m. a MEADOWS, his daughter m. Jacob GIBSON, and his grandson, Willis-7 Bearden m. Mahala ROGERS in Bedford County, TN. The subject, Richard-5 Bearden's daughter, Person No. 105, Rachel-6 who m. 1813 in Caldwell County, Kentucky to James CLAYTON, his grandson, Person No. 354, William Newton-7 Bearden, who m. 1853 in Gilmer County, GA to Malinda FOWLER, and a granddaughter, Person No. 405, Cintha-7 Bearden who m. 1850 in north Georgia to James ROGERS. Others of Richard-5's descent married SHERIFFS; his sister and a son married SMITHS (sources herein).

Ms. Townsend states concerning the early South Carolina Baptist Church: "Many members removed their letters and were later affiliated with the Baptist Churches of North Georgia." Beardens are still affiliated with the same churches today in both South Carolina and in Georgia.

1778, Richard Bearden, age 18, married Sarah, known as "Sally" and her last name of BENNETT has come from long and accepted tradition, who was 12-14 years of age. The date can be nearly determined from the ages of their issue who are counted on the 1850 census, the first census that gives everyone's names, ages and state of birth.

1780, Richard-5 and Sarah had twin sons, b. in Spartanburg Dist., SC.

1781, Richard-5 Bearden, at the age of 21, volunteered for ten months Dragoon service, under his brother-in-law, Captain William Smith and Colonel John Thomas.

1782, Richard-5 Bearden, in the winter of 1781, discharged from Revolutionary War service after having served a term of over ten months and resided in Spartanburg District, SC another twenty years (pension application No. R672, Nat'l. Archives, Washington, D. C.).

4 MAY 1786, the Comptroller General of the state of South Carolina allowed Richard-5 Bearden his Revolutionary War pay.

7 AUG. 1786, a land grant was made to Richard-5 Bearden from Governor Moultrie for 458 acres of land, located in District Ninety-Six, State of South Carolina, lying on Clayton's Branch of the Reedy River ("SC State Grants", Vol. 12, Pg. 608; and Book 11, Pg. 72, Land Office, Columbia, SC; map, description, in writer's possession).

21 Feb. 1789, Deed of conveyance Richard-5 Bearden of Spartanburg District, South Carolina to Nathan and Mary Smith of Greenville County, SC. A tract of 458 acres, land situated in District 96th, waters of a branch of Reedy River. Original grant to Bearden on 7 Aug. 1786 by Governor Wm. Moultrie. Recorded 19 May 1789 (Deed Book B, Pgs. 39-40).

1790, Richard-5 BERDEN with his brother, John-5 BURDEN, is enumerated on the 1790 South Carolina census of Spartanburg County.

24 FEB. 1791, Richard-5 Bearden of Spartanburg County, SC, deed from Nathan and Mary Smith to tract of 200 acres of land in Spartanburg District of SC on a branch of Tiger River called Dutchman's Creek, crossing call-

ed Thomas Thornton's old ford; original grant to Ralph Smith on 11 Aug. 1774 by "His Excellency, William Bull Esq., this tract left to me by my father in his will", signed by Richard-5 Bearden and Nathan and Mary Smith, witnessed by Thomas Blassingame and Samuel and Larkin Lancaster (Vol. B, Pgs. 521-523; Microfilm Roll C, Page 597, SC Archives).

10 APRIL 1797, Richard-5 BEARDEN administered and Brittain WILLIFORD helped him make bond for the estate of Person No. 32, John-4 BEARDEN, and at the estate sale he was one of the principal buyers. Other purchasers, held on 6 May 1797, included William SMITH Esq., Aaron-6 SMITH, John-5 BEARDEN, Ruth and Nancy BEARDEN, Boyd COMPTON, and John White TAYLOR. Thomas WILLIAMS, Basil TRAILL and Brittain WILLIFORD are the appraisers at the estate sale.

1800, Richard BIEARDEN (so spelled) is enumerated as the head of household on 1800 census of Spartanburg County, SC (Gilbert's and also Teeple's, Household No. 1220): BIEARDEN, Richard 1 male and 1 female b. 1755-1774; 1 male 0-16, b. 1774-1790; 2 males -10, b. 1790-1800; 2 females 10-16, b. 1784-1790; and 2 females -10, b. 1790-1800. In 1800 at age 40 Richard-5 and Sarah had three males and four females still at home.

1 NOV. 1801, Richard-5 Bearden, of Spartanburg County, SC, deed from Edward/Edmund (called both in deed) SMITH "all that plantation, tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and forty-two acres on the small branch of Dutchman's Creek on the Tyger River, Grant's Road and Moses Prewett's line, Cason's land, Motlow's Branch." Mary SMITH, wife of Edmund SMITH, released her dower; affidavit signed by William SMITH Esq., Justice of the County and Mary SMITH, witnessed by Willis WILLIFORD and John HEWETT (Spartanburg County, SC Deeds No. 397, Vol. 1, Pgs. 370, 371, 372, 374; and Microfilm No. C, Pg. 602).

15 APRIL 1803, Richard-5 Bearden deeds to John BLASSINGAME of Union County, SC, 142 acres on Dutchman's Creek of Tyger River, Grant's Road, Moses Prewitt's line, Cason's (?) line, Motlow's Branch; witnessed by Phillip BLASSINGAME and Benjamin WOOTIN (Spartanburg County Deed Book I, Pgs. 370-371-372).

1803-1804, a son is born in Georgia to Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden, and in 1804, Richard-5 Bearden is listed on both the tax list of Jackson County in GA and Livingston County in KY. He is not listed on the tax list of either county from 1799 through 1803 (see under Person No. 37, Edmund-5 Bearden).

1805, Richard-5 Bearden, listed on tax list Livingston County in KY and twin daughters are born there about 1804-1805 (source, later census, plus records in possession of the descent of No. 108, Lettice-6). He is also a participant in the 1805 Georgia land lottery where he drew two blank tickets from Jackson County, GA, which means he did not win land; it does mean he had to be a resident or pay taxes in the state of Georgia for the one year previous to the drawing. He had moved at the age of about forty-three from Spartanburg County, SC where he had resided for a period of at least twenty to thirty-one years.

The federal population schedules for the state of Georgia prior to 1820 are now missing. Interest in the 1805 land lottery lists results from the fact that it substitutes in part for the lost 1800 and 1810 census schedules. Although there were six land lotteries held in Georgia between 1805 and 1832, the 1805 list is unique in that names of each and every registrant have been preserved, and not just the names of the fortunate drawers.

The counties formed by the drawing were Baldwin, Wayne and Wilkinson, Baldwin and Wilkinson with 202-1/2 acre lots and Wayne with 490 acre lots. Provisions of the act authorizing the 1805 land lottery are summarized below:

Persons entitled to draw: Free white male, bachelor, twenty-one years of age, or over, resident of Georgia for one year and a United States citizen.

Free white male, married with wife and legitimate child or children under twenty-one years of age, resident of Georgia for one year previous to the drawing.

Widow with minor child/children under twenty-one years of age; one years residence in Georgia.

Minor orphans or family of orphans under twenty-one years of age with father dead and mother dead or remarried. One year residence in Georgia.

The foregoing locates Richard-5 Bearden in Jackson County, GA the latter part of 1804 and the early part of 1805. Jackson County was organized in 1796 from the county of Franklin, which county was organized in 1794 from the parent Cherokee Indian Lands.

Beardens who were eligible and did draw in the first Georgia land lottery, none of whom drew winning tickets ("1805 Georgia Land Lottery", by Ralph and Virginia Wood, publ. 1964, by Greenwood Press, Cambridge):

NAME	NO.	COUNTY	DRAWS
BEARDEN, Ansel	1306	Jackson	Two Blanks
Bearden, John	2281	Jackson	Two Blanks
Bearden, <u>RICHARD-5</u>	1305	Jackson	Two Blanks
Bearden, Richard	2282	Wilkes	Two Blanks
Bearden, William	317	Clarke	Two Blanks
BEARDIN, HANNAH	896	Greene	Two Blanks

Richard -5's Revolutionary War pension statements place him in Warren and Livingston Counties, KY between 1802 and 1807. The legal records document the fact that he actually went from upper South Carolina in 1803 to Georgia; in 1804 and 1805 he was in Jackson County, GA, where he drew two blanks in the 1805 land lottery. Soon afterward, he went to Livingston and Warren Counties in Kentucky where he had kinsmen.

1806, Richard-5 Bearden is listed on the tax list of Livingston County in Kentucky. He is not there on the 1807 tax list.

1810 federal census of Warren County, KY, Pg. 265: BEARDING, Richard (so spelled): (1) male 45X (over 45); (1) female 26-45; (2) males 16-26 (b. 1784-1794); (1) male 10-16 (b. 1794-1800); (1) male -10 (b. 1800-1810); (1) female 16-26 (b. 1784-1794); (1) female 10-16 (b. 1794-1800); (2) females -10 (b. 1800-1810). Evidently there is married issue before 1800.

His pension statement accounts for the period of time covering 1802 to 1807 in Kentucky and is not in conjunction nor does it correlate with the 1810 census, the tax and legal records of Jackson and Hall Counties in GA and the tax and legal records of Warren, Livingston and Caldwell Counties, KY. The statement gives an account of eighteen years in the period of time between 1803 and 1836 and leaves a blank period of fifteen to eighteen years. The foregoing and following information gives the sources of the family of BURDEN/BEARDEN and their close associate, BLASSINGAME, in western Kentucky and northern and middle Georgia for this period of time.

1813-1814, Richard-5 Bearden listed in the Caldwell County, KY tax list (references under No. 37). Caldwell County was carved in 1808 from the County of Livingston.

19 MAY 1813, Richard-5 Bearden, in Caldwell County, KY, gives consent for his daughter's marriage (see under No. 105, Rachel-6 BEARDEN).

15 JUNE 1815, Richard-5 Bearden receives a headright warrant, plat and survey for 450 acres of land in Jackson County, GA, surveyed by Joseph Cunningham and executed 27 Dec. 1816. On the same date, in the same place and personally signed by the same people in the same book, Jacob-6 Bearden (Person No. 96) received a headright warrant, plat and survey for 340 acres of land. Both warrants are witnessed and signed by both Richard-5 and Jacob-6 Bearden.

Aside from the fact that this writer's grandfather Bearden knew personally some of the people who lived in the same household with Richard-5 Bearden in 1860, a documentary connection between these two old settlers is established by this evidence. Both Richard-5 of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama and Tennessee and Jacob-6 of South Carolina, Kentucky and Georgia are in Jackson County, GA on 15 June 1815 and on other dates.

The Georgia land lotteries and the headrights were for two different land systems and did not overlap. A lottery grant was so styled and the word "headright" was not used at all. Each lottery grant was issued individually because they were all numbered and registered in a numerical book. One might sell the land in a lump.

The clue to this is in "The Index to Headright and Bounty Grants" which does not list a 450 acre grant for a Richard Bearden. Once the lottery system started in 1803/1805, then land was not granted in any other way except to people already located in certain counties who found land there that no one owned or wanted.

A warrant and a grant are not the same thing. A warrant is for land an individual thought was there, or he thought it was 300 acres or so and the court or surveyor-general then sent a surveyor out and found it was more or less. This accounts for the acreage discrepancies in the warrants and the actual grants. A warrant was the paper

authorizing the survey. After the land was surveyed, then the surveyed plat was made and the grant flowed in that person's name.

The Land Court Minutes in Jackson County in the State of Georgia recorded both the warrants, survey plats and the grants to Richard-5 and Jacob-6 Bearden. The later dates of 1829 and 1831 just mean that someone picked up the coupons and went ahead and filed for the grants. He or his representative may even have thought that his warrant was a grant and therefore failed to finish up the paper work and it didn't get done until the later dates. The Jackson and Hall County records show Richard-5 and his compiled sons actually living and paying taxes on the land before they officially got the grants.

Richard-5 and Jacob-6 Bearden obtained their warrants and surveys for land in Jackson County, GA on the same dates and simply did not follow through until the later dates. Both did receive their headright grants, which fell in Hall County, but Richard-5's was not for the full 450 acres.

The headright and bounty grants were different in that in Georgia an act was passed in 1783 that allowed a man to take up 200 acres of land upon his own headright, free of any charge except office fees for the survey and grant, plus an additional 50 acres upon the head of each member of his family including slaves up to 1000 acres. The applicant for land would appear before the land court of the county where he desired land and after making oath as to the size of his family would obtain a warrant of survey. The county surveyor would then lay out his land, keep a copy of the plat of survey in his office and forward a copy to the surveyor-general. After living on the land for a year and cultivating at least three percent of the acreage, the settler would then apply to the Governor's office for his grant and pay all fees, including the office dues. The grant would then be issued and recorded.

The land grants after 1783 had a plat and this, especially if later in time, gives the neighbors. Both Richard-5 and Jacob-6's old land grants were bordered on the north by unknown lands, on the east and west by landmarks such as red oaks, pine oaks, maple trees, blackjacks, and Thompson's land; bounded on the south by Hardige's land (more later as Richard-5's son, Rowland-6 Bearden, married Elizabeth HARDIGE).

Richard-5 and Jacob-6 Bearden were grantees, Jackson County Georgia, surveyor-general's office, Atlanta, GA, certified copies of all warrants and grants in this writer's possession (Grant Book Q-5, Pgs. 133-134-135-374; "Index to the Headright and Bounty Grants of Georgia 1756-1909", Pg. 36, publ. 1970 by Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas; and "Land Court Minutes", Pg. 240, Jackson County, GA).

Both Richard-5 and Jacob-6 Bearden's headright grants had the later dates of 1829 and 1831 respectively, which means that they paid the fees on these dates and picked up their coupons. They had not paid the fees or done the paperwork until Richard-5 had sold his land.

The surveyor-general's office in Atlanta has generously furnished the correct warrants, plats and grants and there can be no doubt of their authenticity. This writer actually has in her possession a copy of the Richard-5 Bearden 450 acre grant that was not included in Mr. Lucas' work. This was secured from the Jackson County, Georgia "LAND COURT MINUTES" and from "THE LOOSE PAPER FILE" at the surveyor-general's office in Atlanta.

Richard-5 and Jacob-6 lived on, paid taxes, and worked the land before they actually and officially got their grants. Richard-5 sold his land before he had paid his fees but the sale was not recorded until 1831 in Hall County, GA.

In 1788, Humphrey-5 Bearden, Greene County, GA, had a headright grant for 222 acres; William Bearden in 1806 had a headright grant in Jackson County for 337-1/2 acres of land; Ansel-5 Bearden in 1823, Jackson County, had a headright grant for 198 acres; John-6 Bearden had a headright grant for 200 acres in Clarke County, and Absalom Bearden had a headright grant for 200 acres of land in Wilkes County, most marked "soldier", but not designating soldier of the Revolution or War of 1812.

1816-1817, Richard-5 Bearden is listed on the tax list of Livingston County, KY.

1817, he is on the tax list in Jackson County, GA.

1820, the connection between Richard-5 and Jacob-6 Bearden is further strengthened by association on the 1820 federal census, where both are listed as head of households in Hall County, GA, that county formed in 1818 from the parent county of Jackson. The Beardens and their connections, without having moved their places of residence, found themselves in the newly created county. This census in Hall County also lists the following Beardens: Ansel-6, Richard-6 Jr., Rolin-6 and William-6 Bearden. "Wiley"-6 is in Jasper County, Aquilla-6, John H-6, Thomas-6 and William-6 are in Putnam County.

1820, BEARDEN, Richard (1) male 45X (Richard, b. before 1775); (1) female 45X (Sarah); (1) male 16-26 (b. 1794-1804); (1) male 16-18 (b. 1802-1804, which was the way of listing males of military age); and (3) males 10-16 (b. 1804-1810); impossible to read for female issue (Pg. 129, no Twsp. or District listed).

The 1820 census of St. Clair County, AL lists James-6 (Jacob-6's twin). St. Clair County was created in 1818 from Shelby County, that county created in same year from Montgomery, that county formed in 1816 from Monroe, that county formed in 1814 from the original Creek Cession.

1820-1822, Richard-5 Bearden resided partially in Giles County, TN, one year per his pension papers.

11 MARCH 1823, Richard-5 Bearden Sr., deed from "Rebecca Shelby of Jones County and Harris District in Georgia, through her lawful attorney William Shelby of the county of Montgomery and state of Alabama, a tract of land lying now in Hall County, the state of Georgia in the Twelfth District known and distinguished as in the place -- (?), by the number twenty-five containing two hundred and fifty acres granted to Rebecca Shelby", deed witnessed by Nathaniel SMITH and Rowland-6 BEARDEN, signed by Rebecca Shelby and William Shelby, acting attorney, James Law, Clerk, recorded 1 April 1826 and 1831; recorded twice, copy of the original in writer's possession and the important feature linking Richard-5 Sr. with Nathan SMITH of South Carolina is the fact that below the Nathaniel Smith signature, in same handwriting, "State of South Carolina, Pendleton District" (Deed Book B, Pgs. 108-109; and Pgs. 307-308, Hall County, GA).

1821-1825, Richard-5 Bearden, in Lauderdale County, AL, per his pension deposition and marriage records for his issue, see under No. 109, etc.

29 MARCH 1825, Richard-5 Bearden makes his first Revolutionary War Pension Application from Wayne County, TN, stating he was 65 years old last July, in General Sumpter's Brigade, 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas; enlisted in Spartanburg District, SC under Capt. Wm. Smith; was discharged at Orangeburg, SC in March 1782; he hoped to obtain an affidavit from John BLASSINGAME now living in Alabama who knew of his service; he had a wife Sarah, age 55 (hard to read, may be 65) and a son John, age 19, etc.

8 MAY 1825, Richard Bearden of Hall County, GA conveyed to James Callie of Habersham County 250 acres, a tract of land located in Habersham County, Lot No. 138; John Starrett, Clerk, witnessed by Rowland-6 Bearden, J. P., and Elizabeth Bearden; executed 21 April 1826. Habersham County was created in 1818 from Cherokee Lands and Franklin County, GA (whether this was Richard-5 Sr. or Richard-6 Jr. is not designated; Deed Book P, Pgs. 25-26, Habersham County, GA).

8 AUG. 1825, Hall County, GA, Sherrod MALONE to Richard-5 Bearden Sr. all that lot or tract of land known and distinguished as lot number forty-eight in the Twelfth District of Hall County containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less; signed by Sherrod MALONE, James LAW, Clerk; witnessed by Jacob McCLENDON, J. P., and N. DOBSON; recorded 29 Oct. 1827 and 1831 (Hall County Deed Book B, Pg. 315).

8 SEPT. 1825, in Giles County, TN, those who wrote affidavits and made oaths as to Richard-5 Bearden's service in the Revolutionary War and his character were John-5 BEARDEN, Brittain WILLIFORD, John LAIRD, John B. ARMSTRONG, as witnessed by German LESTER, Clerk of the Court at Pulaski in Giles County, TN.

15 DEC. 1825, (1824?) recorded 2 May 1831 in Hall County, GA, deed from Richard-5 Bearden Sr. to Richard-6 Bearden Jr., lot number forty-eight, Twelfth District of Hall County, containing one hundred and fifty acres; deed signed by Richard-5 (his mark) Bearden (Sr. or Jr.?) and James Law, Clerk of the Court; witnessed by Ansel-6 BEARDEN and Rowland-6 BEARDEN, Justice of the Peace (Deeds and Mortgages Book C, Pgs. 305-306).

1828-1838,, "List of persons who have taken the prescribed oath according to law and are permitted to continue thereby, their residence in that part of the State of Georgia occupied by Cherokee Indians", Richard Bearden with wife and 6 issue, not stated whether Richard Bearden Sr. or Jr. ("Whites Among the Cherokees, Georgia 1828-1838", written by the participants, collected and edited by Mary B. Warren and Eve B. Weeks, Heritage Papers, Athens, GA).

Also 1830, Richard-5 Bearden Sr. is listed in the United States census of Wayne County, TN in the household of his daughter and his son-in-law, that is Frances-6 and her husband, William M. HERALSON (census transcrib-

ed and published by Byron Sistler, Vol. 1, Pg. 289): HERALSON, William (1) male 20-30 (William HERALSON, b. 1800-1810); (1) male 10-15 (b. 1815-1820); (1) male -5 (b. 1825-1830); (1) female 20-30 (Frances-6 (BEARDEN) Heralson, b. 1800-1810); (2) females -5 (b. 1825-1830); (1) male 60-70 (Richard-5 BEARDEN, b. 1760-1770); (1) female 60-70 (Sarah BENNETT, b. 1760-1770).

The 1830 census of Wayne County, TN (Pg. 299 by Byron Sistler), lists Richard-5 and Sarah's sons, Thomas-6 Bearden, head of household and living with him is his brother, John-6 Bearden, b. in 1806, per Richard-5's Revolutionary War pension statement.

Richard-5 and Sarah's daughter, Letty-6 (BEARDEN) RISENOR is living in 1830 in Shelby County, TN with her husband Valentine RISENOR.

1832, the State of Georgia held its last land lottery, known as the "Cherokee" and the "Cherokee Gold Lottery" and Richard BARDEN Sr. is a fortunate drawer, resides in Sec. 1, drew Lot No. 311, Dist. 3, first section in Cherokee County. He did not claim this and it reverted back to the state and was sold at auction on 6 Sept. 1845 to I. E. Park.

Richard-5 Sr. was a winner in the 1832 Gold Lottery for forty acres of land which he claimed in 1837. He drew Lot No. 169 in the second section, Fifteenth District of Cherokee County, which fell in Lumpkin County when that county was formed.

"Original Cherokee County, Georgia Winners in 1832 Gold Lottery" included Ansel-6, Roling-6, Rolin-6 (sic) and Richard-5 Bearden, Sr. His grant is registered and signed by Governor Schley on 23 March 1837, which places Richard-5 Sr. in this location on these dates. Ansel Bearden of Sec. 1 drew Lot No. 405, 17th District, Sec. 2; Roling and Rolin Bearden of Sec. 1, drew Lot Nos. 1227 and 166, 19th and 5th Districts, Sections 1 and 2. (Original Land Grants Volume in Surveyor General Department, Georgia Archives, Pg. No. 689, these entries checked against two published lists of fortunate drawers, Heritage Papers and Southwest Hist. Press, all certified copies in writer's possession). It should be noted that upper Georgia is a few miles from the Tennessee counties of Bedford, Wayne, Giles, Lawrence, McNairy and Lincoln.

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 1833, in Lawrence County, TN, Richard-5 Bearden presents his application for a Revolutionary War pension, which being sworn to was ordered to be certified. Others who filed their petitions at the same place and on the same date were Lewis MARKHAM, Abel WAKEFIELD and Wilson ROGERS. Richard-5 Bearden's name, among other Revolutionary War soldiers, is on a plaque in the Lawrence County Courthouse as of this date in 1998 (Lawrence County, TN County Court Minute Book 1828-1834, Pgs. 456-466).

Lawrence County, TN is located between Giles and Wayne Counties, TN. The Cypress Creek area of Wayne County where the Beardens are located on the 1830 census is across the state line from Lauderdale County, AL and Lawrence County, TN. Many times, not only the census taker but the settlers themselves, simply disregarded the state or county lines. Most of the settlers in the southern half of Wayne County conducted their business in Florence, AL, the county seat of Lauderdale County. Many of the old settlers moved first on their way westward to Lauderdale County, AL or Giles County, TN, and then on to southeast Tennessee or Mississippi. Some old deeds and legal records for Wayne County are recorded in Lawrence and Hickman Counties and some were never recorded at all.

Between 1890 and 1930 the legal books of Wayne County, TN, covering marriages, estate settlements, and various other legal proceedings, that is from 1817 through 1857 for marriages and 1848 for others, simply disappeared. The old legal books were stored in the belfry of the 1905 courthouse and about 1918 these old records were water damaged. Someone again left the trapdoor to the clock tower open and it rained in on the old records causing further damage. The historians of Wayne County have truly abhorred this destruction and these events in their history. The surviving records went up in flames when the old 1905 courthouse burned down in 1972. These old records had never been microfilmed and they are a total loss to family historians.

The first white people to Alabama was in 1525 when the Spanish explorers, De Narvaes and Cabeza de Vaca passed through here. The first permanent white settlers were in 1702. Those settlers in Georgia who sympathized with the British and did not wish participation in the Revolutionary War, moved westward into the Alabama section and were soon followed by settlers from the Carolinas, Virginia and other planters from Georgia. A group of Scotch-Irish from Tennessee settled in the rich Tennessee Valley portion of the northern part of Alabama.

In the early 19th century Carolinians and Virginians came into the central part of Alabama Territory and western portion along the Tombigbee and the Black Warrior Rivers.

In 1798, the territory now comprising Alabama was made part of the Territory of Mississippi, and on 3 March 1817, St. Stephens became the capitol of the newly created territory. In Nov. 1818, Cahaba, a community existing only in the blueprint stage, was made the capitol. It was not until the end of the War of 1812 that Alabama saw a big influx of settlers, when a huge migration resulted in statehood in 1819.

In 1800 a convention was held at Huntsville in Alabama, which was located between the Tennessee River and the southern boundary of the State of Tennessee. It is here the Richard-5 Bearden family lived for the years 1821 through 1833 and it is here he left some of his offspring.

Legal records from the Lauderdale County area in Alabama predate the formation of the state. This part was in Mississippi Territory for three years prior to the statehood of Alabama and was a part of Georgia before then. There are federal records here for this area because some of the treaties with the Indians for the cessation of the lands were made under federal auspices.

23 DEC. 1835, recorded on 29 JULY 1836, Richard Bearden of Lumpkin County, GA, deed from James POE of Benton County, AL, Wit. Elias TURNER, Ansel BEARDEN, J. P., with W. P. QUILLAN, Clerk in Lumpkin County (whether Richard-5 Sr. or Richard-6 Jr. not designated). In Georgia, Lumpkin County was formed in 1832 using a portion of Hall, Cherokee and Habersham Counties. Gilmer County was created the same year from the newly created county of Cherokee.

6 JUNE 1836, in McNairy County, TN, Richard-5 Bearden at age seventy-six, made his third and final declaration in his effort to be recognized and granted his due Revolutionary War pension.

He states that he was born in Granville County, Virginia (sic: North Carolina) on 6 July 1760. When he was six or seven his family moved him to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and when he was eleven or twelve they moved to Ninety-Six District, South Carolina. After he was discharged from the service, he resided in Spartanburg District for about twenty years.

From there he moved to Warren County, Kentucky for three years and then to Livingston County for two more years. Then he moved to Giles County, Tennessee for one year and afterwards to Lauderdale County, Alabama for four years. After that he lived in Wayne County, Tennessee for seven or eight years before moving to McNairy County, Tennessee where he now lives.

Those who came to court to swear to Richard-5 Bearden's recognition as an old Revolutionary War soldier, his integrity and veracity, were Francis BEARD, a clergyman and James CAMPBELL. Statements were given by John HENDERSON and Aaron GAGE, relating that they were in the Revolutionary War from South Carolina and fought near Richard-5 Bearden's regiment and that his story follows the war records of that area. Attesting and certifying all signatures is McNairy County Clerk, Benjamin JONES.

He accounts for about eighteen years between 1803 and 1836, giving an account of ten years before he moved to Wayne County, TN, where he makes his 1825 Revolutionary War pension declaration, plus he was there for the 1830 census. There is a discrepancy of some years in following him via the census and legal records and he was in the state of Georgia for those missing years.

2 AUG. 1836, the aged and almost blind Richard-5 BEARDEN, after failing to convince the War Department that he was indeed a Revolutionary War soldier, begins preparing for his final move to Georgia where he had left issue. It is inconceivable that a man of this age and "very infirm" would go from McNairy County, TN to Gilmer and Lumpkin Counties, GA, unless he had children there he wished to join.

29 Nov. 1836 and 28 Sept. 1846, Gilmer County in GA, Richard-5 Bearden Sr. or Richard-6 Jr. is Justice of the Peace in Gilmer County for Bearden deeds (under Person No. 96 and Person No. 107, Jacob-6 and Williby-6 Bearden).

24 DEC. 1836, one Richard BEARDEN sells his 80-1/2 acreage in Perry County, AL to Adam Zimmerman, "being in the district of lands subject to sale at Cahaba, Alabama", appearing there personally for this transaction before William W. Morrow. The United States had a land office in Cahaba where people bought land direct from the government often at \$1.25 an acre (Perry County, AL Deed Book C, Pg. 492, recorded 10 Nov. 1837, by J. B. NAVE, Registrar).

1838, the state legislature of Georgia had authorized the construction of a road and the act provided for three commissioners "to build a road from Dahlonga by way of Ellijay to the Federal Road in Murray County near the Summerour place". Samuel JONES and Isaiah CLAYTON of Gilmer County and Richard-5 BEARDEN of Lumpkin County served as the commissioners. Richard-5 Sr. is then 77 years old and this was probably his son Richard-6 Jr. ("The Annals of Upper Georgia Centered in Gilmer County", Pg. 260, George G. Ward, publ. 1965, found in the Mormon Library, Salt Lake City, Utah).

1840, Richard-5 Bearden is listed on the census of Gilmer County, GA (Census No. 006) in the household of his son, Thomas-6 Bearden, the same son who is listed on the 1830 Wayne County, TN census report (under Person No. 104). Sarah, wife of Richard-5, was missed on the 1840 Gilmer County, GA census. A person was missed if they were sick or visiting and simply were not visible to the census taker as these old pioneers were not in favor of the census.

The 1840 census of Gilmer County also lists Willoughby-6, Washington W.-7, Jacob-6 Bearden; adjoining Lumpkin County lists Rowland-6 and Nehemiah-7 Bearden; Wayne County, TN lists Valentine and Letty-6 (BEARDEN) Risenor and William M. and Frances-6 (BEARDEN) Heralson.

1844-1860, New Hope Church records, Lumpkin/Dawson County, GA.

2 NOV. 1846, Richard-5, Fanny and "Willabee" Bearden, Lumpkin County, GA, made \$1000.00 bond for the William-6 Bearden estate settlement (Inferior Court, Wills and Bonds Book, Pgs. 65-66).

27 Oct. 1848, Estate Sale, Minutes, Inventory, Appraisal of John HILL, buyers Richard, Nehemiah, Thomas and R. Bearden; Lewis Gaddin ("Lumpkin County Georgia History" by Mrs. Rebecca Wilson).

6 Feb. 1849, Richard-5 or Richard-6 Bearden appointed Special Jury to take special census of poor children in the District of Amicolola ("Lumpkin County Georgia History", by Wilson).

1850, Richard-5 Sr. and Sarah Bearden are living in their own household on the census report of Lumpkin County, GA (830th District, Pgs. 20-21, No. 11, taken 11 Nov.): BEARDEN, Richard, 92, farmer, birthplace unknown; Sally Bearden, 85, birthplace unknown. Living next door to Richard-5 is Ansel M.-7 Bearden.

The heads of households in Lumpkin County in 1850 included some BEARD and BRADEN families who are later identified there on the 1860-1880 census, plus the Richard-6 Jr. will, as spelling their surname BEARDEN.

The 1850 census of neighboring Gilmer County included Jacob-6, Williby-6, Washington W.-7, Edmund-7, Hannah and Alexander-8 Bearden, the latter two residing in the household of Nancy BARTLEY, and Thomas-7 Bearden, age 10, is in household of Jane POWELL.

The 1850 census of Wayne County, TN lists the daughters of Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden, Letty-6 (BEARDEN) RISENOR and Frances-6 (BEARDEN) HERALSON. The 1850 census of St. Clair County in Alabama, includes the household of James-6 Bearden (twin to Jacob-6), with Ansel-6 and Arthur-5 Bearden living in Jefferson and Perry Counties, AL. Living in Ansel-6's household is Ansel-5 Bearden.

25 MAY 1857, the death of "old Sarah Bearden" is recorded in the New Hope Baptist Church records, now in Dawson County, GA.

1860, RICHARD-5 BEARDEN, age 103 (age given by his daughter-in-law), listed in the federal census of the Amicalola District of Dawson County, GA., which county was created in 1857 from Lumpkin County, GA and is the last census which lists this old pioneer (Census No. 110, Pgs. 43-44, taken on 7 June 1860 by William F. (Barnett?). Richard-5 is by now a widower and almost totally blind and is living in the household of his two-fold daughter-in-law, who is Fanny (FIELDS) Dowda-Bearden, age 40, birthplace unknown.

The 1850 census of Lumpkin County also lists Richard-5's daughter-in-law as Fanny BRADEN, b. in North Carolina, with same and identical issue as Fanny BEARDEN has there on the 1860 census: Selah, 29; Sarah, 27; Richard, 22; William, 20; Angeline, 18; Fanny, 14; John, 10; and RICHARD BEARDEN, age 103, retired farmer, birthplace unknown. More than likely in 1860 it was Richard-5's home and Fanny and his grandchildren were living there with him. Fanny had been three times widowed before the 1850 census was taken and two of her husbands were sons of Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden. It is from Fanny and her sons that much first hand and eye witness information comes concerning this legendary ancestor.

The John-7 Bearden as listed on the 1860 census in the Fanny Bearden family is her seventh and youngest child. Fanny died on 25 March 1891 in Dawson County, GA and her son, John-7, died on 30 Dec. 1935 in Cobb County, GA, his certificate of death stating his place of birth and his parentage. The writer's grandfather Bearden

personally knew Fanny and her son, John-7 Bearden, having visited them in the home state of Georgia and he heard first hand the stories concerning the lives and times of Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden.

The 1860 census of Gilmer County, GA lists heads of households, Jacob-6, Williby-6 and Washington W.-7 BEARDEN. The 1860 census of Wayne County, TN lists Valentine and Letty-6 (BEARDEN) RISENOR; and the 1860 census of St. Clair County, AL lists James-6, Jacob P.-7, and James Jasper-7 BEARDEN.

21 JUNE 1860, the New Hope Baptist Church, Dawson County in Georgia records "the death of old Richard Bearden".

This concludes the information for Richard-5, beginning with his birth and ending with his death.

The stories and legends as passed down by each generation include the fact that there has been a Bearden ancestor in every war the United States has engaged in, including the Indian Wars, even though there is Indian blood intermingled with that of the Puritan Bearden forefathers.

Richard-5 Bearden of the Revolutionary War from District Ninety-Six is listed in the Fanny Bearden household on the 1860 census of Dawson County in the state of Georgia. The John W.-7 Bearden, son of John-6 and Fanny Bearden and in whose home Richard-5 Bearden died, was ten years old when "we grieved the death of old Richard Bearden" was recorded in the church minutes. John W.-7 Bearden passed down to his descendants, as did other branches of the family, the fact that Richard-5 Bearden, although almost blind, was a staunch and liberal supporter of the Baptist Church, quoting the Scriptures from memory and giving chapter and verse where they can be found.

The authority of long standing tradition, supported by the word of mouth from his daughter-in-law and from his grandsons, both who gave this information verbatim, say he was taught the Bible as a lad, in his own words "by my sainted mother, who was Letty Winn Bearden". This tradition has been passed down to each individual branch of his descent. Some of John W.-7 Bearden's grandchildren are living in upper and middle Georgia on this date. A debt of gratitude is owed to them and to the Georgia Department of Archives and History for the verification of much of this information.

There is today no absolute proof of some of the Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden issue. Their issue simply did not leave written records and, therefore, by association only, the following have been identified and tentatively identified as their issue and may not be listed in order of birth:

- *95. James-6 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1780-1781, d. after 1860 and before 1870, m. Mary (?).
- *96. Jacob-6 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1780-1781, d. 1867, m. Winifred SMITH.
- 97. Elizabeth-6 Bearden, b. about 1783-84 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina and d. after 1850 in Gilmer County, Georgia, m. before 1800 in SC to Jacob CANTRELL and left many issue there and in north Georgia, her issue as listed on the 1850 federal census of Gilmer County, GA, all b. in SC unless noted (Census No. 1387, by R. J. Taylor Foundation); left numerous progeny and to track them would be a tremendous task in itself:
 - a. Isaac-7 Cantrell, b. 1801, m. Mary (?), b. 1810 in SC.
 - b. Sarah-7 Cantrell, b. 1811.
 - c. Berry-7 Cantrell, b. 1816, m. Sarah (?), b. 1821 and had Jason-8, Martha-8, William-8, Rachel-8, b. 1836-1849 in SC.
 - d. Albert-7 Cantrell, b. 1821 in NC, m. Martha L. (?) and had issue in 1850: James A.-8, Moses-8, Aaron-8, Catherine-8 Cantrell, b. 1847-1850 in Georgia.
 - e. Aaron-7 Cantrell, b. 1824, m. Catherine (?), had issue: Fancer-8 and Mary Polly-8, b. 1848 and 1850 in GA.
 - f. Lewis-7 Cantrell, b. 1826, m. Anney (?) and had issue: Albert-8 and Jacob-8 Cantrell, b. 1848 and 1850 in GA.
 - g. Henry-7 Cantrell, b. 1829 in SC.
 - h. John-7 Cantrell (TWIN), b. 1832.

- i. Lovin-7 Cantrell (male) (TWIN), b. 1832.
 - j. Sarah Adeline-7 or 8 Cantrell, daughter or granddaughter of Person No. 97, Elizabeth-6 BEARDEN, and her husband Jacob CANTRELL, was b. about 1840-1843, m. in Gilmer County to her cousin, Person No. 417, Richard-7 BEARDEN, their issue listed under his number and name. Among descent is Person No. 958, Savannah-8 BEARDEN who m. John HOLT and had daughter, Lura Emmogene-9 HOLT, who m. her mother's cousin, Person No. 969, Johnny C. B.-8 BEARDEN.
 - k. Female-8 or 9 Cantrell, of the descent of Elizabeth-6 BEARDEN and Jacob CANTRELL, m. Richard-9 SHERIFF, son of John Henry-8 and Hamie (CHESTER), and grandson of Abel SHERIFF Jr. and his wife, No. 374, Jane-7 BEARDEN. Richard-9 SHERIFF and his CANTRELL wife had issue, among others, Opel-10 SHERIFF who m. the person compiled herein as No. 1897, Carl CHESTER (see also under No. 351, Mary Ann-7 BEARDEN).
 - l. Minnie-8 or 9 Cantrell, of descent of subject, Elizabeth-7 Bearden, m. Person No. 1427, James Park-9 BEARDEN.
 - m. Lillie-8 or 9 Cantrell m. William FINDLEY (son of John Webb FINDLEY, see under No. 355, A. Jackson-7 and No. 956, Sarah Josephine-8 BEARDEN) and had, among other issue, Ola Belle-10 FINDLEY who m. No. 1459, Crawford-9 BEARDEN. Ola Belle-10 and Crawford-9 had, among other issue, Thelma-10 or 11 BEARDEN who m. Person No. 1893, Joseph H.-11 CHESTER.
 - n. Mary Lula-9 or 10 Cantrell, descent of Elizabeth-6 Bearden and her husband, Jacob CANTRELL, m. about 1890 in Gilmer County, GA to Freeman Taylor CAGLE. They were the parents of Freeman-9 Cagle who m. Merle Leila-10 EDMONDSON, daughter of Dessie Rosalee-9 BURNETT (Person No. 1435) and her husband Clifford EDMONDSON; the granddaughter of Rosalee-8 BEARDEN (Person No. 967) and her husband James Willis BURNETT; and the great granddaughter of Rowland-7 Bearden (Person No. 418) and his wife Rebecca Ann MATHIAS. More information can be found under these numbers and names.
- * 98. Sarah-6 Bearden, b. about 1785 in Spartanburg County, SC and d. 1841-1850 in Gilmer County, GA, m. Ansel GREEN.
 - * 99. Ansel-6 Bearden, m. (first?) Abigail JOURDAN (?), m. (second?) Georgia LEMUEL and, m. (third?) Jain Jourdan.
- 100. Cintha-6 Bearden, b. 1793 in Spartanburg County, SC and d. 1860 in Gilmer County, GA, m. Robert-7 SMITH who may be the son of Person No. 117, William Robert-7 SMITH and his wife, Person No. 81 Catherine-6 BEARDEN. Robert-7 is Justice of the Peace 1838-1850 in Gilmer County and witnessed and signed Bearden deeds there; some descent is still there. The 1850 census there lists the following issue, b. Georgia: Andrew Jackson-7, b. 1832; Adeline J.-7, b. 1837; and Robert L.-7 Smith, b. 1839.
 - 101. Rowland-6 Bearden, b. 1790-1795, d. between 1840 and 1850, m. Elizabeth HARDIGE/HARGISS.
 - 102. Telitha-6 Bearden, b. about 1795 in South Carolina and d. after 1880 in Gilmer County, GA. She did not marry and in 1880 was living in Gilmer County, GA in household of her nephew, Person No. 352, Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden. Listed in the same family is her sister-in-law, Winifred Bearden, widow of Person No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden.
 - 103. Betsy-6 Bearden, b. about 1804, m. David Augustus EVINS in 1823. Due to late information which has come to this writer's attention, may not be the daughter of Richard-5. Please see Addendum No. 1.
 - * 104. Thomas-6 Bearden, m. Polly LITTLEJOHN?, m. second Anny EAST.
 - 105. Rachel-6 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1800-1802, South Carolina, Kentucky or Georgia, married with Richard-5 signing consent: "Sir, this is to inform you that I gave James Clayton leave to get license to marry my daughter, Rachel Bearden, this the 19th day of May 1813", signed by John H. Felph and Richard Bearden. James Clayton and Thomas-5 Bearden made a fifty pound bound for the marriage as the custom and law demanded at that time (Caldwell County, KY Marriage Book 1, Pg. 20, copy in writer's possession). John-6 Bearden, son of Person No. 37, Edmund-5, m. Caty CLAYTON and his son John H.-7 Bearden was the brother-in-law of Francis CLAYTON, co-founder with him of the town of Benton, KY, town seat of Marshall County. Rachel-6 had speculated descent:
 - a. Isaiah-7 Clayton, in 1838 helped build road from Dahlonga to Ellijay, GA, with Richard-5 or 6 Bearden and Samuel Jones (Annals of Upper Georgia", Page 260).
 - b. Sarah-7 Clayton (TWIN) m. 2 Feb 1836 in Calloway County, KY to Phillip FULCHER, no doubt related to Ann FULCHER/FILCHER who m. on 1 Aug 1768 in Granville County, NC to Humphrey-5 Bearden.

- c. Salina-7 Clayton (TWIN) m. on 20 May 1836 in Calloway County, KY to William FULCHER.
 d. Abner-7 Clayton (see under No. 48).
 e. W.D.-7 or 8 Clayton, m. 6 Sept. 1876 in Wayne County, TN to his cousin, Person No. 980, Nancy Emma-8 BREWER.
 f. E. Frank-7 or 8 Clayton, m. 14 March 1878, Wayne County, TN to his distant cousin, Celia Blaton BREWER.
 g. Rueben-7 Clayton m. Person No. 310(a), Elizabeth BLASSINGAME.
 h. Artenesis-7 Clayton, m. her cousin, No. 388, Marion-7 BEARDEN.
 Further descent of Rachel-6 BEARDEN:
 Jennie/Zennie-8 Clayton, m. on 25 July 1900, Gilmer County, GA, to Person No. 862, Pierson Bearden.
 Lindsey-8 Clayton who m. 1906 in Wayne County, TN to his distant cousin, Person No. 1467, Minnie S.-9 BREWER.
- *106. **Richard-6 Bearden** (TWIN), m. Unas/Unice (?), m. second Penelope Elizabeth (McILROY) PARKER?; m. third Phebe HUNT.
- *107. **Williby-6 Bearden**, b. about 1800-1804, d. after 1880, m. Sarah PEEK/PEAK.
- *108. **Lettice-6 Bearden** (TWIN), m. Valentine RISENOR/RISENER.
- *109. **Frances-6 Bearden** (TWIN), m. William M. HERELSON/HARALSON.
 110. Catherine-6 Bearden, m. on 4 Sept. 1825 in Lauderdale County, AL to Peter CRUM.
- *111. **John-6 Bearden**, b. about 1806, d. after 1849, m. Nancy LYLES?, m. second his brother's widow, Frances (FIELDS) DOWDA-BEARDEN.
- *112. **William H. or M.-6 Bearden**, b. 1800-1808, d. 1846, m. Louisiana BASS, m. second Frances (FIELDS) DOWDA.

CONTINUED GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 12 BENJAMIN-2 AND ZERUIAH (WINTER) BEARDEN

CONTINUED CHILDREN OF NO.32 JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN

44. **Mourning-5 Bearden** (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 17 June 1763 in Granville County, North Carolina, d. near Glenn Springs, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, m. about 1778 in Ninety-Six District, South Carolina, to Captain, Major and Judge William SMITH, who was born on 20 Sept. 1751 in Burks County, PA, died on 22 June 1837 in Spartanburg County SC, the son of Ralph SMITH (under Persons No. 43 and 96 as his granddaughter m. No. 96, Jacob-6 BEARDEN). Both Mourning-5 and William are buried in the old Smith cemetery located one and one-half miles south of Glenn Springs. "Virginia Ancestors and Adventurers" says Mourning-5 BEARDEN was b. on 15 June 1763 and d. on 2 Oct. 1842, Spartanburg District in South Carolina. There are records in the National Archives for three Captain William Smiths in the Revolutionary War and they have to be carefully scrutinized. The father-in-law of the subject of this sketch is the Ralph SMITH whose will was made in Union County, South Carolina and probated in Spartanburg County, South Carolina (Book C., Pg. 98; National Archives Military Records Pension No. 22272; Vol. 2, King's Mt. MSS. Draper Collection, Pg. 268, Wisconsin Historical Society, NSDAR Patriot List, Vol. 1, Pg. 630; pension application on microfilm at Burton's Detroit Library). These sources give William Smith's file, date and place of birth, date of marriage to Mourning-5, her birth and death dates. Pages from his old family Bible, as sent with his pension application, give their descent.

Bearden descendants continue to owe a debt of gratitude to Miss Minnie Mourning SMITH of Glenn Springs, SC, now long deceased, for the knowledge she generously imputed concerning her grandparents. Much of the information has been gleaned through letters written by Miss Smith, preserved by Mrs. Adeline (Evans) WINN/WYNNE in "SOUTHERN LINEAGES", a copy of which can be found in most major genealogical libraries and a copy in writer's possession. These old letters are rich in genealogical lore and are of such importance to descendants, it is now considered no breach of faith to either Miss SMITH or Mrs. WINN to pass this information on verbatim:

"Now my grandmother was Mourning Bearden, daughter of John and Lettice Winn Bearden. She was born June 15, 1763, as recorded in my grandfather William Smith's old Bible. Lettice Gowen was my grandmother Smith's sister. My Grandmother Smith was so annoyed by the Tories during the Revolutionary War that in her husband's absence, she had to leave home and live with her sister, Lettice Gowen, during the latter years of the war. This is where she lived when she married my grandfather.

"The Beardens were 'Loyalists' and bitter enemies of my Grandfather Smith and therefore, all intercourse between the Smiths and Beardens ceased for a long time. My father said the Winns and Beardens emigrated together from Virginia to South Carolina.

"Landrum's data for the 'History of Spartanburg County, South Carolina' was obtained from Cousin Mary Smith, wife of William J. Smith, and myself. Cousin Mary died several years ago. There is a village in the upper end of Spartanburg County called Gowensville, named I presume for the Gowens. My brother knows some of the Gowens who claim to be related to the Smiths, Winns and Beardens.

"There is, of course, between the Smiths and Millers a family connection, as you are a descendant of Mrs. Lettice Gowen, who was my great-aunt and my grandmother's sister.

"Dr. J. L. M. Curry, a descendant of John Winn, wrote a sketch of the family which you can obtain through the Virginia Historical Society. Minor Winn of Fauquier County, Virginia left five sons and three daughters. Colonel John Winn and his brothers, Colonels William and Richard, emigrated to SC and settled in Fairfield District. Mr. Fitzhugh McMasters address delivered at Mount Zion Academy, Winnsboro, South Carolina", etc. (See WINN FAMILY).

"To the younger members of the Winn family, the Beardens are not known, possibly because they were Tories. Two of the Beardens, Richard and William, however, were members of my Grandfather Smith's company. I am quite positive of my great grandmother being a sister of General Richard Winn, for I have heard my father, uncles and older cousins repeatedly say that she was. A leaf torn out of an old Bible and sent to the pension office, recording the birth and certificate of Mourning Bearden, gives the date of her birth.

"She and grandfather must have married while he was with Sumpter's Brigade in the upper part of the state, not long after the fall of Charleston in 1779 or 1780. Their first child was born in 1781. She had no child when she fled to Lettice Gowen for protection. The Tories had taken her riding horse. She went to Ferguson's Army, identified it, and was permitted to have it. She rode alone to her sister's home.

"The Blessingames and Smiths are related. I can't tell how but I do know that the families have always been intimate. Captain John Blessingame was one of my best friends. He died several years ago.

"Brother Minor Smith says the Gowens whom he knew were old men and have died since he left Spartanburg County. He says -- using his expression -- 'They were square in business dealings'. A descendant by the name of Page told him he had named a son Minor Winn. You see, they still cling to the name 'Winn'. I knew that I had Smith and Winn relatives in Virginia but had never met them.

"I saw the records of the old Friendship Baptist Church but can't recall that Lettice Bearden Gowen was a member. My grandmother, Mourning Bearden Smith, was a member of 'Old Friendship'. When my grandmother had to flee from the Tories, she went to her sister, Lettice Gowen in the upper part of the District, as it was then called. Some of the Gowens may have lived in North Carolina, my father never spoke of the Winns and Beardens as having lived there but always said they came from Virginia.

"My grandmother, Mourning Smith, married Captain, Major and Judge William Smith and she is buried in the Smith Graveyard, one and one-half miles south of Glenn Springs. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. She died October 2, 1842 and was seventy-nine years, three months and seventeen days old. She was the great grandmother of Perrien Smith who lives near where she is buried. I think he can give you a good bit of information about Mourning and Lettice Bearden and maybe something about the Winns."

"P. S. My grandfather was Major William Smith, a Congressman from Pinckney District. He and his wife are buried together. My Grandfather Smith died June 22, 1837. His widow survived until October 2, 1842. The latter was born 15 June 1763". (Signed by Minnie L. Mourning Smith, Glenn Springs, SC).

Captain and Major William Smith of the Revolutionary War had in his company his brothers-in-law, William-5, Richard-5 and John-5 Bearden (brothers of Mourning-5 Bearden); his own brothers, Nathan, Zapher, Aaron and Samuel Smith ("ROSTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA PATRIOTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION", Pg. 56, by Bobby Gilmer Moss, publ. by Baltimore Genealogical Publ. Company, 1983). Nathan Smith is this writer's ancestor, as stated under Person No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden.

The Smith family plays an important and integral part in the early BEARDEN/WINN/LANGSTON/BENNETT history, beginning as early as 1730-1740 in early Virginia. Captain Ralph SMITH was b. in Bucks (later Berks) County, PA about 1725 and died about 1781 at the Battle of the Cowpens, Cross Anchor, Union County, South Carolina, during the Revolutionary War. Two of his sons, Nathan and Lieutenant Aaron, married the sisters, Mary Polly and Sarah LANGSTON respectively.

An older son is Captain, Major and Judge William Smith who married Mourning-5 BEARDEN. Mourning-5 Bearden's brothers, John-5 Bearden Jr. or II, said to have married Nancy LANGSTON and Richard-5 Bearden's son Jacob-6 Bearden married Winifred SMITH, the daughter of Nathan and Mary Polly (LANGSTON) SMITH. In addition, some of Mourning-5's nieces married sons of William, Aaron, Samuel, Zapher and Nathan SMITH (information can be obtained from J. B. O. Landrum's "HISTORY OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA EMBRACING AN ACCOUNT OF MANY IMPORTANT EVENTS AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF STATESMEN, DIVINES, AND OTHER PUBLIC MEN, AND THE NAMES OF MANY OTHERS WORTHY OF RECORD IN THE HISTORY OF THEIR COUNTRY").

From Mr. H. W. BOYD of Indianapolis, Indiana, comes the following concerning his ancestors, the Smiths of Berks County, PA and Spartanburg County, SC:

"I have a portrait of my great-great grandmother, Sarah Smock (Richards) Ballew, born 1800 and died 1885. Her husband was Aaron Smith Ballew, born 1797 and died 1837 in what is now downtown Greenville, South Carolina, on land which his mother's people had acquired in 1783 upon moving from Spartanburg District of South Carolina. My great-great grandfather, Aaron Smith Ballew, was the first grandchild and was named for his maternal grandfather, Lieutenant Aaron Smith, born 1753 and died in 1781 in the battle of the Cowpens, Revolutionary War.

"Lieutenant Aaron Smith's widow, Sarah (Langston) Smith-Dodd-Anderson, was born 1762 and died 1844, married twice again and died in Union County, Kentucky, a short distance from where I was born.

"Lieutenant Aaron Smith was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania and came to Spartanburg District of South Carolina in 1765 with his father, Captain Ralph Smith who was b. 1725 and died also in the Revolutionary War, 1784, buried near Cross Anchor, South Carolina. Ralph Smith was married twice and Aaron had a half-brother, Nathan Smith, born in South Carolina in 1765. Nathan Smith married Mary Polly Langston, a sister to Lieutenant Aaron Smith's wife, Sarah Langston. My third great grandfather, Lieutenant Aaron Smith, had an older brother, in fact, he was the first son of Captain Ralph Smith and he was the Captain, Major and Judge William Smith, born 1751 and died 1837, who married 1776 to Mourning Bearden. It looks like my uncle married your aunt!"

An article was sent to the "Virginia Enquirer" and published by the Editor in 1930; this article was published again in the "Virginia Gazette" of Richmond, dated 2 Oct. 1953:

"BEARDEN-SMITH-GOWEN

"Polly Bearden married John Adair in Caldwell County, Kentucky, 1818. Polly was a descendant of John and Lettice (Winn) Bearden as their son, Edmund Bearden, a Baptist minister, moved from South Carolina to Kentucky and settled near Princeton in what was later Caldwell County, Kentucky. Lettice Winn was the daughter of Minor Winn Sr. of Virginia. The Enquirer has her daughter's name on record as Mourning (Bearden) Smith, shown as Mourning Lettice but there was also just a Mourning Bearden as she had a sister named Lettice who married John Gowen, the latter born before 1740 in Virginia who married before 1760 to Lettice Bearden, daughter of John and Lettice (Winn) Bearden.

"Children of Major John and Lettice (Bearden) Gowen were: Mary who married James Blassingame; Sarah who married John Easley; Winn Bearden Gowen; Letty Gowen; Minerva Gowen; James Gowen; Elizabeth (Gowen) Woodson; William; and John Gowen."

Mourning-5 Bearden had surviving issue in 1855, all of lawful age, as taken from the William Smith file: Isaac, Winn, Ralph, William, Eliphas, and Elias P. Smith. Her husband, William Smith, in his Revolutionary War pension application, referred to a sister without naming her.

There are pictures of the Mourning-5 (BEARDEN) Smith issue in Landrum's old "History of Spartanburg County, South Carolina". There are also pictures of this family hanging in the Archives and History portion of the Columbia, South Carolina Archives. These sons were handsome men.

The authority of the deeds in Spartanburg County connects the Smith and Bearden family, "deed to land originally granted to Ralph Smith and now sold by Nathan and Mary Polly Smith to Richard Bearden", dated 13 Feb. 1786, etc., witnessed and certified by William Smith, Esq.; and Deed of conveyance 21 Feb. 1789, Richard Bearden to Nathan Smith of Greenville County, SC for a tract of 450 acres of land situated in Dist. 96th Waters of a branch of Reedy River, original grant to Bearden 7 Aug. 1786 by Governor William Moultrie, rec'd. 19 May 1789.

There have been many publications concerning this illustrious Smith family. The story of their meeting and marriage during the Revolutionary War is their secret but at least three of Mourning-5 Bearden's brothers were in Captain William Smith's Regiment of Dragoons in the Revolutionary War.

The story is told that during the war the British raided the John-4 Bearden farm and confiscated all livestock, including Mourning-5 Bearden's favorite horse. Mourning-5 made her way to her older sister's home in Upper South Carolina and borrowed a horse. She rode after the British soldiers, demanding that her horse be returned to her and they gallantly obliged her. Several variations of the story have been told.

Mourning-5 had issue as taken from her husband's Revolutionary War pension papers, verified by page torn from his Bible and not necessarily in order of birth; some may be grandchildren (from Landrum's "History of Old Spartanburg County, South Carolina" and "Virginia Ancestors and Adventurers"):

113. Aaron-6 Smith (TWIN?), b. 12 Jan. 1781, Spartanburg District, SC, named for uncle who was killed in the Revolutionary War. He was with his father in 1797 when the John-4 Bearden estate was sold.
114. Lettice-6 Smith, named for Mourning-5's sister, Lettice (BEARDEN) GOWEN, b. 1 June (6 Jan.?) 1783, South Carolina.
115. Isaac Bearden-6 Smith, named for Mourning-5's young brother, Person No. 45, Isaac-5 BEARDEN, b. 31 Oct. 1784, South Carolina.
116. Dr. John Winn-6 Smith, legally had his name changed by an act of the state legislature to Winn Smith.
117. William Robert-6 Smith, as named in father's Revolutionary War pension application, lived probably in Bedford County, TN where some of his issue are living in households of Nancy BEARDEN and Mary-5 (BEARDEN) FULLER (under Persons No. 80, 81, 82), m. before 1790 in South Carolina to his cousin Catherine-6 BEARDEN (Person No. 81). One issue is purported to be the grandson of both Mourning-5 Bearden and her brother, Person No. 40, John-5 Bearden: Robert-7 Smith, b. 1791 in SC and m. Person No. 100, Cintha-6 BEARDEN.
118. (Dr.) Eber-6 Smith, b. Dec. 1787, m. Mary MOORE who was b. 19 Oct. 1788 at "Walnut Grove" in old 96th District, SC, d. there on 15 Sept. 1813, daughter of General Thomas J. Moore (d. 11 June 1822, 63 years old) and his wife Martha (PRICE) Moore (d. 25 Sept. 1808, 45 years), daughter of John Price (d. 1793 age 86). Records of birth and death for this family are found and have been copied from "Records of Nazareth or Walnut Grove Cemetery, Spartanburg County, South Carolina", Pg. 305, organized 1772. Close to a grave of Col. S. N. EVINS is the old grave of A. C. MOORE. Charles Moore Sr. d. 1805, 78 years old; Mary, wife of Charles C. Sr., d. 13 Sept. 1805, 74 years old.
Also copied from same source, "In the latter part of the Revolutionary War, mistaking a friend for a foe, General Thomas J. Moore killed Patrick CRAWFORD".
Eber-6 Smith's birth and family connections, plus the cemetery information are as stated in "VIRGINIA ANCESTORS AND ADVENTURERS", Georgia Archives 929.1H. under "RECORDS CONCERNING MOURNING BEARDEN SMITH'S APPLICATION TO RECEIVE BENEFITS ON CAPTAIN JOHN WILLIAM SMITH OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER".
119. Richard Elias Perrien-6 Smith, said to have been b. Dec. 1787 and if he was, he was a twin to Eber-6 as named in his father's Rev. War papers; in 1859 his descent is living near his cousins, No. 130, Giles-6 and Elizabeth (SMITH) Bearden at Glenn Springs, Spartanburg County, SC.
120. Ralph-6 Smith as named in father's Revolutionary War pension application.
121. Eliphas-6 Smith, as named in father's Revolution War pension papers and may be same person as No. 118, "Eber".
122. Elihu-6 Smith, may be same as "Elias", no information.
123. Massey Penquite-6 Smith, b. 29 April 1792, Spartanburg County, d. there 20 June 1852; m. 29 Oct. 1816 to Thomas Alexander BABB, b. 1792, d. 10 April 1840, and had issue among others: Eber Alexander-7 Babb, b. 8 Jan. 1823, Fairfield County, SC, d. there 12 Oct., m. 20 April 1853 to Martha Catherine ROBERTSON, who was b. 2 Sept. 1823, Fairfield County, SC, d. there 29 May 1895, had issue, among others:

Eber Alexander-8 Babb Jr., b. 25 Nov. 1855, Fairfield County SC, and d. there on 20 Sept. 1895, m. there on 27 Dec. 1883, Charleston, SC to Theodora KLINCK, b. 11 Sept. 1861, Charleston, d. 10 Jan. 1936, Winnsboro, Fairfield County, SC. Issue: Theodora-9 Klinck Babb, b. 6 Jan. 1885, Fairfield County, SC, d. 12 Dec. 1918, Winnsboro, SC, m. 12 Dec. 1912 to Lionel Dudley WELLS, b. 26 May 1884, Orangeburg, SC, d. 18 May 1849, Charleston. A daughter is Mrs. Marjorie-10 (WELLS) JAGAR, b. 19 May 1917, Fairfield County, SC, m. 12 Sept. 1945, Holly Hill, SC to E. L. JAGAR, lives in Charleston, SC.

124. Marsey Bearden-6 Smith.

125. Mary Polly-6 Smith.

126. Jane-6 Smith

127. Basil-6 Smith who may be a grandchild, b. 13 Sept. 1799, Spartanburg, SC, m. 1819 Martha HOOD, parents of fourteen children in Montgomery County, TN.

128. Minor F.-6 Smith who may be a grandchild.

FINIS DESCENDANTS OF NO. 44, MOURNING-5 BEARDEN AND WILLIAM SMITH

45. Issac-5 Bearden (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1765-1770, Ninety-Six District (later Spartanburg), SC. His will was made 31 Dec. 1833, Spartanburg County, proved 8 Sept. 1834, names his wife Sarah and four sons. Isaac-5's estate account given in Spartanburg County on 10 Oct. 1834, Winn-6 and Isaac-6 Bearden Jr. making bond for administration. On 31 Oct. 1834, a bill of sale and inventory of the Isaac-5 Bearden estate is given, Winn-6 Bearden selling the property, Isaac-5's nephew, Person No. 83, John-6 Bearden III is one of the appraisers.

Isaac-5 married Sarah TRAIL, daughter of Basil who in 1797 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, with Brittain WILLIFORD and Thomas Williams helped make the appraisal of property belonging to Person No. 32, John-4 BEARDEN. There is a very complicated relationship between the BEARDEN, SMITH and MOORE families of Spartanburg County, which will be further explained under the second son of Isaac-5, Person No. 130, Giles-6 Bearden.

Sarah TRAIL's close relative, also named Sarah and known as "Sallie" TRAIL, married one of the many William Smiths in Spartanburg County, and had three issue before William died; she married as her second husband to James MOORE (undoubtedly same family as Mary MOORE who m. Person No. 118, Dr. Eber SMITH).

"Sallie" had issue by first husband: (1) Elizabeth SMITH who m. the subject's son, Person No. 130, Giles-6 Bearden; (2) Barbara SMITH who m. the subject's grandson, Isaac-7 COMPTON (under Person No. 133); and (3) "Frankling" SMITH who m. a Smith cousin.

James Moore had at least one child by his first wife; this child was Rhoda MOORE who married as her first and only husband the Person compiled herein as No. 83, John-6 Bearden Jr. or III, whose first wife was Mary Polly LEE, and who appraised the Isaac-5 Bearden estate. John-6 Bearden III is one of the numerous grandsons of John-4 and his wife Lettice (Winn) Bearden.

Rhoda MOORE who m. as his second wife John-6 Bearden III, had two stepsisters and one stepbrother, Elizabeth, Barbara and "Frankling" SMITH, their relationship to the subject as explained above.

WILL OF ISAAC-5 BEARDEN (Will Book C, Pg. 55; Box 2, Pg. 1):

"State of South Carolina, District of Spartanburg; know all men by these presents that I Isaac Bearden of the State and District aforesaid and County, calling to mind the futility of mortality In the name of God amen. First of all I will that all my just debts be paid and funeral also ... and I will and devise or bequeath all my landed or real estate as follows: To my wife, Sarah Bearden and four sons, James Bearden, Giles Bearden, Isaac Bearden and Winn Bearden to dispose of as they see fit or think proper or best, investing the Whole and Sole rights to them after my death.

"Third I bequeath all my personal estate to my wife and four sons that is above named; let the same be more or less to divide by agreement or to be sold by a joint agreement by Sovereign Power vested in them as the heirs ent-

titled to the Sovereign Rights above devised. Signed, sealed and Delivered and Acknowledged in the Presents of us December 31st in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three and the Sovereignty of the United States of America the fifty-eighth." Signed: Isaac Bearden (Seal) Testators, Thomas PEAK, Samuel MORROW, and James HAMM.

15 May 1793, John ELDER to Thomas-5 BEARDEN, 200 acres Pinckney District, on ws. Cowdens Creek, Robert ELDER's line, Ephraim HILL's line, where Thomas BEARDEN now lives, being part of a North Carolina grant; witnessed by Isaac-5 BEARDEN, Sam MORROW, James LEE and Alexander ELDER (Spartanburg County RMC Office, Deed Book C, Pg. 206; Pinckney District was established in 1795 and later divided into York, Union and a part of Cherokee Counties).

1800, Isaac-5 BEIRDAN is listed as head of household in the census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

1790-1803, Isaac-5 Bearden, Richard-5, John-5, Benjamin-5 and others of the family, are named as charter members of the Friendship Baptist Church, Spartanburg County, originally organized in 1765-1772 by Jacob Roberts near Ott's Shoals on the Tiger River and was first called Jacob Robert's Church. John-5 and Richard-5 were members of that old church as early as 1775.

1803, Isaac-6 Jr. is born in the area of Livingston County, KY, which indicates a brief trip or move to that state by the Isaac-5 Bearden Sr. family. The Isaac-6 Bearden who was b. in 1803 and listed on the 1850 census of Lincoln County, Tennessee, could be the descendant of Person No. 40, John-5.

24 Dec. 1805, Benjamin NICHOLS to Thomas-5 BEARDEN, 100 acres on Dutchman's Creek, Robert ELDER's line, Ephraim HILL's line, Benjamin NICHOL's corner, witnessed by Isaac-5 and James-5 BEARDEN (Deed Book K, Pg. 343, Spartanburg County).

1808, Thomas-5 BEARDEN to Isaac-5 BEARDEN, 100 acres on Dutchman's Creek, John MORROW, Hiram HARRALSON's line, Sam MORROW's line, Sam WOFFORD and Benjamin PEAK's land, witnessed by John MORROW, William MORROW. Abigail BEARDEN, wife of Thomas-5 BEARDEN released her dower (Deed Book L, Pg. 242).

1 Jan. 1817, Isaac-5 BEARDEN was highest bidder at a court sale held for partition of the lands of Osborne WEST who lived in the vicinity of the BEARDEN and TRAIL families. Osborne's wife was Dorcas TRAIL (letter from Charles D. WEST of Spartanburg, SC, historian of Spartanburg County, Nov. 1974; RMC office, Spartanburg County, Book R, Pg. 196).

1840, "Isaac Bearden in life had 303 acres on Dutchman's Creek where he lived. In death he left it in his will to his widow one-third, the balance to his four sons, James, Giles, Isaac and Winn Bearden. Now Sarah, Giles, Isaac, James and Winn Bearden to John Morrow", witnessed by D. S. SMITH, Elias BEARDEN, Robert N. MORROW; Elizabeth BEARDEN signed as wife of Giles-6; Cassey BEARDEN as wife of James-6 BEARDEN; Frances BEARDEN signed as wife of Winn-6 BEARDEN; Mary BEARDEN as wife of Isaac-6 Jr. (Deed Book X, Pg. 351).

1840, "Isaac-5 Bearden in life had 290 acres on Dutchman's Creek where David Trail lived. Now James, Giles, Winn, and Sarah Bearden to Isaac Bearden where Isaac Jr. now lives, Hanna's land, Roger's land, Meadow's land, James' land, R. West's land." Same wives and witnesses as above (Book X, Pg. 354; X, 394 and X, 458).

Isaac-5 had issue, Bearden, b. Spartanburg County except one:

129. James-6 Bearden, b. on 20 Feb. 1796; m. Cassandra HAMM and deeds are signed with the first name of Cassandra. He is not the James Bearden of the deed between Isaac-5 and Thomas-5 Bearden in 1805 as he would not have been old enough at age nine to witness a deed. The testator in 1805 is probably the James-5 BURDEN/BORDEN of Bourbon County, KY in 1790 ("First Census of Kentucky"). This James-5 with an unidentified John-5 Burden, is listed in "The Second Census of Kentucky", 1800, in Nicholas County, KY and may be the father of Reverend Benjamin BURDEN who married there on 6 Nov. 1801 to Elizabeth TULLY (Marriages, Vol. A, Pg. 1), listed on the 1810 Kentucky census of Ohio County, after which he is found in Butler County, where he died in 1862.
- The subject, James-6 Bearden of Spartanburg County SC, deeded there in 1842 to Thomas PEAK, 115 acres on Dutchman's Creek where James "now lives, original grant to Ephraim HILL, being part of the land willed by Isaac Bearden to his heirs", witnessed by James and Thomas P. HAMM, signed by James-6 and his wife, Cassandra. One James and Isaac-5 Bearden witnessed the 1805 Thomas-5 Bearden deed in Spartanburg

County. The conclusion is that the James of this deed came from another location or married after 1800 as he is not found on the 1790-1800 South Carolina census.

*130. Giles-6 Bearden m. 1827, to Elizabeth SMITH, more later.

*131. Isaac-6 Bearden Jr., m. Maryann, Jane, or Maryann Jane?

132. Winn-6 Bearden, b. 15 April 1807 near Glenn Springs, Spartanburg County, m. Frances HUETT/HEWETT old letter dated 7 Sept. 19-- from the youngest issue of Elizabeth Jane-7 Bearden of Roebuck, SC in 19--,
"I am the granddaughter of Winn Bearden. My great grandfather was Isaac Bearden and he married Elizabeth Trail. Their children are James, Giles, Isaac, Winn and Sarah Bearden. Winn Bearden's children are Isaac, Eleonor, Elias, Eliza, Elizabeth Jane, Pinckney and Cebert Bearden. Isaac was killed at second Battle of Manassess, War between the States. Elizabeth Jane Bearden married Litison JAMES and these are my parents. Pinckney Bearden's children are Clarence and Albert."

From the above information, Winn-6 had issue, Bearden:

a. Isaac-7 Bearden III, killed in the War between the States.

b. Eleonor-7 Bearden.

c. Elias-7 Bearden, "SOUTHERN LINEAGES" by Mrs. Winn, b. on 3 Aug. 1818, Spartanburg, County, SC, and may be the identical Elias-7 Bearden of Greene County, MO, who married Laurens County, MS 28 Aug 1856 to Lucinda B. Leak; Military No. 58086-0, Civil War, obituary "National Standard", Green County, MO, Campbell Township; listed on 1850 census of Greene County.

d. Elizabeth Jane-7 Bearden who m. Litison JAMES (James family of Giles County, TN and Gilmer County, GA); had known issue: Nettie S.-8 James.

e. Pinckney-7 Bearden, had sons Clarence-8 and Albert-8.

f. Cebert-7 Bearden, youngest of Winn-6 and Frances (HEWETT).

133. Sarah-6 Bearden, given by Mrs. WINN in "SOUTHERN LINEAGES" as the daughter of Isaac-5 and her birthdate as 14 June 1820 in Spartanburg County, SC. Therefore, this writer can only assume that Mrs. Winn's calculations are inaccurate because her subject would be too young to be the mother of the Isaac-7 Compton who married Barbara Smith (see under Numbers 83 and 130, John-6 and Giles-6 Bearden). The Sarah Bearden mentioned by Mrs. Winn may be the daughter of No. 131, Isaac-6 Jr. who also went to Giles County, TN. It was Sarah-6 or 7 Bearden's son, Isaac-7 COMPTON, who m. Barbara SMITH, sibling of Elizabeth SMITH who married No. 130, Giles-6 BEARDEN, the stepsisters of Rhoda MOORE who married No. 83, John-6 BEARDEN, and the half sisters of the issue that their mother had by her second marriage to James Moore.

Sarah-6's son was Isaac-7 COMPTON who d. before the first Monday in October 1846, Giles County, TN, when his will was presented in court and in which he bequeaths to wife and children: Thomas C.-8; Jasper-8; Isaac-8; Zopher-8; Eber-8; John B.-8; Nancy-8 WILLIFORD as named in her father's will; Rachel-8, wife of H. W. THOMPSON, named in father's will; Lettice-8 WEIR as named in father's will; Sarah-8, named as wife of Martin FRY in father's will; and an unknown daughter, named in her father's will as the deceased wife of Willis B. HAMBRICK.

FINIS DESCENT OF NO. 45. ISAAC-5 AND SARAH (TRAIL) BEARDEN

46. Arthur-5 Bearden (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1772, Mechlenburg County, NC (the Beardens still thought of this area as being in Virginia), as stated on the 1850 census taken in Perry County, AL and where he died before 1860. He m. on 23 Dec. 1794 in Greene County, GA to Rebecca McCLENDON, a relative of Jacob McCLENDON who witnessed deeds 1823-1825 in Hall County, GA for No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden. In 1805 Arthur-5 is listed with Richard-5 and Ansel-5 Bearden, the three drawing two blanks from Jackson County, GA in the first Georgia land lottery, which means they were not winners of land. Arthur-5's draw was No. 1239; Ansel-5 and Richard-5 Bearden drew Nos. 1305 and 1306 and there was an Arthur BEARDING who drew two blanks from Clarke County, GA.

Arthur-5 participated in the 1807 Georgia land lottery from Jackson County, drawing Lot No. 167 in District 15 which fell in Baldwin County. In 1798 the territory of Mississippi was created from the western half of Georgia and all of what is now Alabama. Later that territory was formed into the states of Alabama and Mississippi. Ar-

thur-5 and Ansel-5 Bearden are next found in the state of Alabama, both of them being listed in that state's then existing Cotaco County. This area later became Monroe and Montgomery Counties and still later the counties of Shelby and Perry were formed. Arthur-5 Bearden is listed on the 1816 territorial census of Monroe County, which later became Perry County, AL. This census shows him with four male and five female issue (nine children).

Monroe County was formed in 1815 from the Creek cession and in 1816 included most all of the present state of AL which did not become a state until 1819. Montgomery County was created in 1816 from Monroe County, Shelby County was created in 1818 from Montgomery County, and Perry County was formed in 1819 from the Creek Cession.

The Bearden family of early Alabama is listed as living first in the sole Cotaco County in Alabama Territory, which in 1821 became fifteen counties and included Lauderdale, Monroe, Montgomery, Shelby, St. Clair and Marion Counties. They may not have moved at all because the county lines changed several times around these old pioneers. Some of the locations of the "old home places" as these people knew them, are within one mile of the present day county lines. Through a series of changes, Perry County was created in 1819 from the Creek Cession which in 1798 had become Mississippi Territory.

The 1840 federal census of Perry County in the state of Alabama lists Arthur-5 Bearden with seven (7) unmarried issue who are born before 1820 and one (1) who is born after that year: Arthur BEARDEN, age 60-70, b. 1770-1780, wife same with issue: 1 female 30-40, b. 1800-1810; 2 females 15-20, b. 1820-1825; 2 males 10-15, b. 1825-1830; 1 male 5-10, b. 1830-1835; 2 females 0-5, b. 1835-1840; eight unmarried issue, whereas the 1816 territorial census lists four males and five females who were gone from home before 1840. He had fifteen or sixteen issue before the 1840 census was taken.

Perry County, Alabama - 1850 Census

Arthur Bearden	78	Male	Farmer	Born in Virginia
Mary C. Bearden	55	Female		Born in Georgia
John C. Bearden	23	Male		Born in Alabama
William Bearden	21	Male		Born in Alabama
Thomas Bearden	15	Male		Born in Alabama
Franklin Bearden	12	Male		Born in Alabama
Rebecca Freel	29	Female		Born in Alabama
Nancy Freel	4	Female		Born in Alabama

The Beardens gave the information that both the counties of Granville and Mechlenburg in the state of North Carolina were in the state of Virginia. The Revolutionary War declaration of Richard-5 Bearden also said he was born in Granville County in the state of Virginia when in reality in 1760 it was in North Carolina. There was a Mechlenburg County in North Carolina created in 1762 and the parents of Arthur-5 as compiled, John-4 and Lettice (WINN) Bearden, lived there soon after. Legal records place this family between 1755 and 1774 in the counties of Granville and Mechlenburg in the state of North Carolina.

Arthur-5 was in the state of Alabama as early as 1816 for the territorial census and he was there for his daughter, Rebecca-6 (BEARDEN) FREEL's birth in 1821 and he was there after 1827. He was in that state and the county of Perry when Richard-5 (Person No. 43) joined him and sold land on his way back to North Georgia. In addition, the legal records of Jackson County in Georgia place Arthur-5, Ansel-5 and Richard-5 Bearden together in 1805. The 1825 Revolutionary War declaration of Richard-5 Bearden place them in the same location in Alabama between the years 1821 to 1824.

One descendant of Arthur-5 and Rebecca (McCLENDON) m. in Howard County, Arkansas to Ethel Mae STOKES who m. second Arthur Edward HUNTER, the latter a descendant of Hardy and Jane (CLARK) Hunter, whose daughter was Mary McCLENDON HUNTER and a maternal descendant of Benjamin and Mary (McCLENDON) Clark. The relationship between Arthur-5 Bearden's wife, Rebecca McCLENDON, and the wife of

Benjamin Clark has not been charted by this writer (see WEATHERS/HUNTER/CLARK-McCLENDON FAMILY by this writer).

The census schedules list Arthur-5 and Rebecca with at least fifteen children. Their issue has not been sufficiently identified by the Alabama Beardens nor have all the early Beardens from these prolific families. Arthur-5 had tentative issue, plus unidentified:

*134. William E.-6 Bearden, m. Beadie HARRIS, m. second Matilda HARRIS.

*135. Seaborn-6 Bearden, m. Catherine (?), b. 1810 in Tennessee.

136. Mary C.-6 Bearden, b. 1795-1800 in Georgia, at home with her parents in 1830-1840 and with her father on the 1850 census.

*137. Lovin-6 BEARDING, m. Person No. 358, Nancy-6 GREEN (?).

138. Unknown female-6 Bearden, married before 1850 census.

139. Unknown female-6 Bearden, married before 1850 census.

140. Unknown issue-6 Bearden.

141. Unknown issue-6 Bearden.

142. Unknown issue-6 Bearden.

143. Rebecca-6 Bearden, b. 1821 in AL, married a FREEL (?).

144. Robert M.-6 Bearden, b. about 1820-1825, m. on 19 Feb. 1852 in Shelby County, AL by Allen McDANIEL, to Margaret M. WHITFIELD.

145. John C.-6 Bearden, b. 1827, Perry County, AL.

146. William-6 Bearden, b. 1829, Alabama.

147. Thomas-6 Bearden, b. 1835, Alabama.

148. Franklin Reeves-6 Bearden, b. 1838, Alabama; m. 8 June 1856, Shelby County, AL to Elizabeth HORTON.

47. Benjamin the younger-5 Bearden (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b.

about 1773 in Ninety-Six District, SC which later fell in Spartanburg County and d. after 1850 and before the 1860 census report of Giles County, TN. Benjamin-5 m. 1790-1791 in Spartanburg area of South Carolina, his descent give his wife as Elizabeth WINN who was b. 1774 in Virginia and d. between the taking of the 1850 and 1860 census in Giles County, TN. The subject here is the younger Benjamin-5 and the second speculated son of John-4 Bearden and is forenamed Benjamin for his grandfather. The older one was married before this Benjamin-5 was born. It has been speculated that the second Benjamin is the son of No. 40, John-5, and the grandson of John-4 Bearden.

The younger Benjamin-5 Bearden is the Benjamin of the Friendship Baptist Church records in Spartanburg County between 1802 and 1824. Benjamin-5 and his wife Elizabeth joined this church in November of 1802 as charter members when it was organized from the original Tyger River Church. Friendship Church had its first meeting about sixteen miles southeast of the village of Spartanburg and claims 1765 as its date of constitution. This church was near the Fairforest Church and indicates a connection in their early history.

This church was a constituent member of the Bethel Association in 1789 and appears in the minutes under the same name until 1800. It was dismissed in the latter year to join the Broad River Association as one of the constituents. At this time, the church was also known as the Flat River Church and no pastor is mentioned until 1795-1801 when John WILLIAMS and Augustine CLAYTON held the position.

In June of 1801, Cedar Springs Baptist Church sent messengers to Tyger River Church to warn Rev. John WILLIAMS to "handle the doctrine of election more carefully" and to make inquiries with regard to rumors that he had "joined the freemasons". These alleged reports were found to be true and Rev. Williams was suspended. Rev. James FOWLER and Rev. Joseph CAMP represented him and Rev. Joshua PALMER and the eldership of Bethlehem Church represented Tyger River Church. The decision at the trial was against Reverend Williams and the case was again tried with the help of Upper Duncan Creek, Boiling Springs, Bethlehem, and Cedar Springs Churches.

ches. Afterward, Reverend Williams was excluded, and he may be the "disorderly minister" against whom the Broad River Association warned its churches.

Tyger River Church then called on Reverend Joshua PALMER for help in the ministry and in 1802 licensed Reverend George BREWTON to preach and arrange meetings. Mr. Brewton is ordained as the minister in June 1803. At the same time John BEARD and Joel SMITH are appointed as deacons. Wiley WILLIFORD was then appointed as the church clerk in February of 1804. The church conference in July 1803, agreed to build a new meeting house "near to Ausburn West". On August 6th, Mr. West gave two acres of land from his grant of 1792 on a small branch of the Dutchman Creek, to Flat Rock or Tyger River Church as it was then called.

Dutchman's Creek crosses the line between Spartanburg and Union Districts in South Carolina and it runs into Tyger River in Union. Fair Forest Creek runs into Tyger River in Union County. Tyger River crosses the line between Spartanburg and Union County and runs into Broad River of Union County. Glenn Springs, SC, where some of Mourning-5 (BEARDEN) SMITH's children and descent lived from 1780 to this present date (1998), is eleven miles from Spartanburg and three or four miles from Dutchman's Creek.

The building committee was not appointed until April 1804. The work was finished shortly and the keys turned over to Reverend George Brewton, who then delivered them to James BENNETT, who previously held a meeting of part of the church. The conference decided to ask for incorporation as "FRIENDSHIP CHURCH" and the act in 1804 names it "THE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST IN THE DISTRICT OF SPARTANBURG". In its dealings with members between 1801 and 1804, the church called up only a few members for discipline, one for joining the Freemasons, another for joining the Methodists, one for fraudulent horse trading, and one for intemperance.

As noted under Person No. 44, Mourning-5 (BEARDEN) SMITH, a note of liberality appears in the church receiving her by experience, "she having been baptized by the Methodists". This liberality was shown by Mourning-5's own relatives as they formed a big majority in this early church, the officers being closely connected. Another act of charity was exhibited in their decision to have no meeting during the time the Presbyterians were having a meeting. Their many camp meetings and steadily increasing membership testify to the effects of revival (Mrs. Leah Townsend's "SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS, EARLY BACK-COUNTRY CHURCHES", Pgs. 132-136).

Benjamin-5 Bearden is named as a charter member of this early church at the same time his compiled brothers and other relatives are named in 1800-1802. Benjamin-5, his wife Elizabeth and their daughters, Elizabeth-6 and Polly-6 Bearden, are given letters of dismissal in 1824 as they are then preparing to join some of his siblings and other relatives in Giles County, TN. Benjamin-5 is next found on the census and legal records of the latter state and county.

The 1800 South Carolina census of Spartanburg County is the first census which lists Benjamin-5 Bearden as the head of household (Household No. 1269): Benjamin Bjearden, 26-45 (b. 1755-1774); female 26-45, Elizabeth; 1 female (16-26); 3 females (-10, b. 1790-1800). Gilbert's 1810 federal census report of Spartanburg County, SC lists the Benjamin-5 Bearden family.

There are thirteen columns in the 1820 census, with either a number or a dot in the column. In some cases, dots are not put in the column and it was just left blank. The dot is to help keep the column straight. The columns are for males under 10; 10 and up to 16; 16 and up to 18; 18 and up to 26; 26 and up to 45; 45 X or over 45; and females under 10; 10 and up to 16; 16 and up to 26; 26 and up to 45; 45 X or over 45. The space for males 16 and up to 18 is for the purpose of determining the number of males in the household who might be available for use in the military if the need arose. Column No. 12 is for foreigners who are not naturalized. Column No. 13 is for the number of persons engaged in agriculture.

The 1820 census of Spartanburg County, SC lists Ben BEARDEN, age 45X (b. before 1775); 1 female 26-45 (Elizabeth, b. 1775-1794); and issue: 1 female 16-26; 1 male 16-18; 1 male 10-16; 1 female 10-16; and 3 females under 10.

By combining the census, Benjamin-5 had at least nine or ten issue before 1820. Of the females he had born before 1800, two were gone from home before 1820.

The Benjamin-5 Bearden family is next found on the 1830 Federal Census and legal records in the county of Giles and the state of Tennessee (Census Pg. 193). He is listed on the 1840 census in the same place (B. Bearden, Jackson and Teeples Accelerated Indexing System). The transcribed and published 1850 Federal Census shows him in the same place (Census Pg. 160, Household No. 834):

Benjamin	BEARDEN	77	Farmer	Born 1773 South Carolina
Elizabeth	BEARDEN	76		Born 1774 Virginia
William G.	BEARDEN	55	Farmer	Born 1795 South Carolina
Winn	BEARDEN	51	Farmer	Born 1799 South Carolina
Calperna C.	BEARDEN	12		Born 1838 Tennessee
Caroline	HOWARD	16		Born 1834 Tennessee

Benjamin-5 died before the 1860 census of Giles County, TN was taken. His daughter, Elizabeth-6, born about 1794, is listed as the head of household in that year (Byron Sistler's published Census No. 23/12). Benjamin-5's issue was born in SC before 1824 and after that date they are listed as having been born in TN.

Mrs. Frances WEST of Fayetteville, TN has been generous and gracious in sharing her knowledge of the Benjamin-5 BEARDEN family and his family tree has been constructed. This family is prominent in the counties of Giles and Lincoln and the state of Tennessee. There is a "Bearden Mill Road" and "Bearden Mill Dam" that at one time afforded the power for the town of Fayetteville in Tennessee. There was at one time a wire bridge across the Elk River right below the dam known as "Bearden Mill Bridge", which is now closed and condemned.

1 Nov. 1830, in Giles County, TN, Benjamin-5 Bearden Senr., deed from Thomas WORTHAM, both of Giles County, for a tract of land lying and being on the waters of Blue Creek of Richland Creek of Elk River, bounded by David KINCAID, William JAMES and (?) NELSON, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less, being a part of a grant of No. 116 to the "aforesaid Nelson for 5,000 acres from the State of North Carolina"; witnessed by London KINCAID, David W. KINCAID and William JAMES. The deed is witnessed and signed by Thomas WORTHAM (Seal) and German LESTER, Clerk (Deed Book H, Pg. 453, recorded 4 March 1841 by same clerk, same place for the Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War declaration in 1825).

10 Sept. 1833, Robert J. NELSON covenant, registered 7 Jan. 1835 in Giles County, Tennessee, to sell Winn Bearden a tract of land lying on the waters of Blue Creek adjoining said Bearden on the south and bounded by Bearden on the north, on the east by CAMPBELL, on the south by McGEE and others; on the west by McCALLUM, the said tract of land containing seven hundred and twelve acres, and better known as the Hickory Flats, it being a part of the 5,000 acre tract of land granted to John NELSON. The land was laid off to said Robert J. Nelson by D. C. MITCHELL and James LEETCH in a division between Thomas WORTHAM and the said R. J. NELSON, the said Bearden to become one-third part interested with said Nelson in the same and share alike for consideration of the sum of three hundred and thirty four dollars, etc., witnessed by John BEARDEN and William H. JAMES.

Benjamin-5 had known issue, Bearden:

149. Elizabeth-6 Bearden, born before 1794 in South Carolina and may be the Elizabeth Bearden dismissed by letter 1824 from the Friendship Baptist Church of Spartanburg County. She is living in the Albert M.-6 Bearden household on the 1850 census of Giles County, TN and in 1860 she is head of her own household.
150. Mary Polly-6 Bearden, born 1790-1800, SC, dismissed by letter from the Friendship Church in 1824.
151. Female-6, born 1794-1800; m. before 1820, (?) HOWARD and had daughter, Caroline-7 HOWARD, b. 1834 in Tennessee, listed on the 1850 census in the Benjamin-5 Bearden household.
152. William Giles-6 Bearden, born 1794-1800, SC, counted 1850 census in the Benjamin-5 Bearden household. Benjamin-5 did not have a male child in his household on the 1800 census of Spartanburg County SC, but there are inaccurate census enumerations. His oldest male child in 1820 is b. 1802-1804. One William Bearden m. on 7 Nov. 1839, Lincoln County, TN to Nancy HOBBS/HIBBS.

- *153. Enoch-6 Bearden, b. 1794-1800, SC, d. 1865-1870, near Clarksville in Red River County, TX, m. SC to Sarah HOLT.
154. Winn-6 Bearden, born 1799-1800 in South Carolina and living in parents' household in 1850, age fifty-one, did not marry. Winn-6 made the covenant in 1833 with Robert J. NELSON.
155. Unknown female-6, born 1804-1810 in South Carolina.
156. Francis McLin-6 Bearden, born 1802-1810 in North Carolina, which places his parents there on that date. He m. first, unknown and second 18 Nov. 1843, Lincoln County, TN to Lucinda BURROW, born 1806 in TN and they are listed on the 1850 census of Lincoln County, TN (Pg. 671, No. 309). The 1860 census of Lincoln County, TN (No. 140/124) lists F. (W.?) Bearden, age 46, b. South Carolina; Lucinda, age 43, b. TN. By combining these Francis-6 had issue:
- Eliphas-7 Bearden, b. 1828 in Tennessee and in 1860 he is living in the next household with Caroline, b. 1831, TN, Sarah-8, b. 1856; Mary-8 Bearden, b. 1859. "Lifus"-7 m. on 1 Feb. 1852 in Lincoln County, TN to Alsa Caroline CUNNINGHAM (Pg. 48, "Lincoln County, TN Marriages").
 - Ruth-7 Bearden, b. 1830-1837 in Tennessee.
 - Rufus-7 Bearden, b. 1832-1837 in Tennessee, third issue of Francis M.-6 on the 1850 Census, m. on 24 Aug. 1865 in Lincoln County, TN to Mary CUNNINGHAM, J. O. SULLIVAN, MG. Mary made a Civil War CSA widow's pension application on 1 Oct. 1909, giving her address as Bunker Hill, Rt. No 1 in Giles County, TN. She says she has five issue, one deceased and 1 male and three females living, b. between 1868 and 1882 (pension in Microfilm Roll No. 16, Tennessee State Library, Nashville, witnessed by (J. H. Pardue?) and N. N. WILLIAMS; copy of marriage license with application).
 - Robert-7 Bearden, b. 1838 in Tennessee.
 - Allison-7 Bearden, b. 1840 in Tennessee.
 - Winn-7 Bearden, b. 1842 in Tennessee.
 - Francis-7 Bearden, b. 1845 in Tennessee, married on 3 Jan. 1888, Lincoln County, to Mary A. Hughey.
 - Augustus-7 Bearden, b. 1847, age 12 in 1860.
 - William-7 Bearden, age 4 in 1860.
- *157. Benjamin Franklin-6 Bearden, born 1814 and died 1870, married on 20 Nov. 1841 to Susan Margaret BLAKE.
158. Unknown female-6 Bearden, b. 1810-1820.
159. Unknown female-6, b. 1810-1820.
160. Unknown female-6, b. 1810-1820.
161. John-6 Bearden, b. 1819 in Tennessee, listed on the 1850 Tennessee census of Lincoln County and may be a grandson of either Benjamin-5, Thomas-5 or John-5 Bearden. This John-6 Bearden married on 5 Jan. 1838 in Lincoln County to Mary Ann WARREN, who was b. 1822 in Tennessee. The John-6 Bearden household as listed on the 1850 census of Lincoln County, TN (Census No. 563/78), not listed in Tennessee in 1860, included William C. Bearden (nephew?), b. 1833 TN and following: Jackson M.-7, b. 1842, not on 1860 census, TN; Sarah-7, b. 1846, TN; Mary A.-7, b. 1845, TN; Margaret F.-7, b. 1847, TN; and Newton J.-7 Bearden, b. 1849, TN.
162. Albert M.-6 Bearden, b. 1820, Spartanburg County, SC, is on both the 1850 and 1860 census of Giles County, TN. He m. about 1842 to Margaret L. (?), b. 1827 in TN. Living in the Albert M.-6 Bearden household in 1850 is Elizabeth-6 Bearden, presumably his sister, b. (1792?) in South Carolina. Albert M.-6 Bearden had issue on 1850-1860 census, born Tennessee: Mary D.-7, b. 1845; Albert A.-7, b. 1855; Alonzo-7, b. 1857; Fanny D.-7, b. 1858; and Virginia-7 Bearden, b. 1860.
163. Daniel W.-6 Bearden, born 1824 in North Carolina which would suggest that the Benjamin-5 Beardens came from South Carolina by way of North Carolina and then on to Tennessee. Daniel-6 died after 1860 in Red River County, TX. He married on 9 Oct. 1849 in Lincoln County, TN, to Mary Ann (Ellen?) BLAKE, A. G. GIBSON, MG., sister to Susan M. BLAKE who married his brother, Benjamin Franklin-6 Bearden (Pg. 39, Lincoln County, TN Marriages). The Daniel-6 W. Bearden family, listed on the 1850 Tennessee census of Giles County as D. W. Bearden (Census No. 174/836), had no issue and he is not on the 1860 Tennessee census.
164. L. L.-6 Bearden, who married on 28 June 1855 in Lincoln County, TN to Martha ELYELLS\McELYEA?). She was "kin" to John McELYEA who married Ann HUGHS/HUGHEY. Ann's sister, Margaret HUGHS, married one of the many John BEARDENS of Livingston and Caldwell County, Kentucky.

According to a petition in the Livingston County, Kentucky Chancery Court, dated June 1826, Lydia HUGHS, John McELYEA, Anne McELYEA and Margaret BEARDEN, the widow of JOHN BEARDEN, are living in Hickman County, Kentucky in 1824-1829 (Livingston County Index Book F, 1821-1827, Pgs. 6-23-169-211-239-263-269; Chancery Court Pgs. 170-194-199-228-252-315-375-415, etc.). The McElyea (McIlroy?) family are intermarried and connected with the Bearden family in South Carolina, Kentucky and Georgia. Person No. 106, Richard-6 Bearden Jr., of Lumpkin County, GA is appointed power-of-attorney for Nathan McCALROY of Harris County, GA, to sell a tract of land located in Lumpkin County and convert the proceeds to his own use, legal power given to Richard Bearden on 24 Dec. 1836 and witnessed by Nathan PATTERSON and Rowland-6 BEARDEN (Deeds 1830-1840, Harris County, GA, Pg. 300).

165. Calperna C.-6 Bearden, b. 1838 Tennessee, living in Benjamin-5 Bearden household in 1850, may be Benjamin-5's granddaughter.

Marriages in this part of Tennessee (Lincoln County, TN Marriages 1838-1880, Pgs. 31 through 100):
 26 June 1852, Nancy B. Bearden/William STEELMAN, John Wagster, MG.
 24 Aug. 1865, L. A. E. Bearden/Cynthia W. WEBB, W. A. Gill, MG.
 16 July 1825, P. E. Bearden/J. H. REYNOLDS.

48. Ansel-5 Bearden (John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. in the year 1774-1775; later census schedules say Ansel-5 was born in Georgia. It was practical for these old pioneers to travel back and forth between upper South Carolina and north Georgia, there being only a short distance separating the two places. Ansel-5 died after the 1860 census was taken in Jefferson County, AL.

There were two Ansel Beardens in Georgia between 1800 and 1810 who were old enough to marry, one being this subject and the other who was his compiled nephew, No. 99, Ansel-6 Bearden. The subject had nine (9) issue in 1820 (see under No. 95 for census), 8 males and 1 female. He probably had twins or was married before if he is the Ansel who married at about age 31 on 14 Jan. 1806 in Jackson County, GA to Abigail JOURDAN who was b. 1790-1800 in SC. The subject, Ansel-5, was without a wife on the 1850 census in Jefferson County, AL. The descent of Ansel-5 have speculated that his wife was the Anna Bearden who is counted on the 1850 Alabama census in Marshall County, in family of their son, whence she had gone to help him care for his young children (under No. 170, Richard-6).

The Abigail JOURDAN/JORDAN who m. one of these Ansel Beardens is a close relative of both Jain and Celia JORDAN, the former who m. as his second (third?) wife to Person No. 99, Ansel-6 Bearden, and the latter who married No. 338, Elisha Turner-7 BEARDEN. Margaret BLASSINGAME also married a JORDAN (under No. 93, Mary-6 GOWEN m. James BLASSINGAME). If it was the subject who m. Abigail Jordan, then he probably m. second to Anna (?) who is counted in the household of Ansel-5's compiled son on the 1850 census.

There is an old plat map (copy in writer's possession), of the land grants in Spartanburg District of South Carolina, dated 1786, which shows the land plats of Richard-5, Edmund-5 and the older Ansel-4 Bearden. Richard-5 is located between the land plats of Edmund-5 and this Ansel-4 Bearden. The subject here is a later Ansel-5 Bearden according to the 1850 and 1860 census. He was too young to be the Ansel of the 1786 South Carolina land plat.

The forenames of Ansel and Arthur have been carried down to the present generation and denote a relationship to the older Ansel-4 and Arthur-4 Beardens. The compiled Bearden brothers, Arthur-5, Ansel-5 and Richard-5, are participants together in the 1805 Georgia land lottery in Jackson County, GA. Arthur-5 drew No. 1239, Ansel-5 is No. 1306, and Richard-5 is No. 1305, all having blank draws from Jackson County. John-6 Bearden and Richard-6 Bearden had blank draws from Wilkes County, GA; William-6 Bearden had two blank draws from Greene County, GA; Arthur-5 BEARDING drew two blanks from Clarke County and George-6 BEARDING drew one blank and one winning ticket.

The subject, Ansel-5 Bearden is in the area which became part of the state of AL by 1818, with his compiled brothers and one nephew, the persons compiled herein as Nos. 43, 46 and 95, Richard-5, Arthur-5 and James-6 Bearden. He is listed there on the 1820 census of St. Clair County with one male and one female over 21, 8 males and 1 female under 21; listed again in 1830 census of Shelby County, AL and again listed on the 1850 and 1860 census of Jefferson County, AL, the latter two reporting his children's places of birth as having been in Alabama after 1820.

1830 Alabama Census of Shelby County (Pg. 9):

BEARDEN, Ansel	Age 50-60	Farmer	Born 1770-1780
BEARDEN, Female	Age 30-40		Born 1790-1800
BEARDEN, Males (2)	Age 15-20		Born 1815-1829
BEARDEN, Males (2)	Age 5-10		Born 1820-1825
BEARDEN, Males (2)	Age -5		Born 1825-1830
BEARDEN, Females (2)	Age 5-10		Born 1820-1825

Ansel-5's wife was no more than sixteen years of age when they married and they had nine unmarried issue in 1820. As they had been married for many years, some of their issue were undoubtedly married. The 1850 federal census of Wood's Beat District in Jefferson County, AL lists Ansel-5 Bearden in son's household as follows :

BEARDEN, ANSEL Jr.	Age 35	Farmer	Born Alabama
BEARDEN, Lucinda	Age 34		Born Georgia
BEARDEN, Sarah A.	Age 12		Born Alabama
BEARDEN, Martha C.	Age 9		Born Alabama
BEARDEN, John C.	Age 6		Born Alabama
BEARDEN, Mary M.	Age 4		Born Alabama
BEARDEN, Catherine	Age 2		Born Alabama
BEARDEN, Hannah	Age 3-1/2		Born Alabama
BEARDEN, Ellen	Age 12		Born Alabama
BEARDEN, Ansel, Sr.	Age 75	<u>BLIND</u>	Born Georgia

The 1850 census of Jefferson County, AL also lists Amos BEARDEN, age 8 (b. 1842), in the household of the Reverend Abner CLAYTON. In 1814 in Caldwell County, KY, Person No 105, Rachel-6 Bearden married James CLAYTON, and her cousin, Ansel-6 Jr.'s wife is Lucinda O'BARR and closely related to Person No. 342, Celia-7 (BEARDEN) O'BARR.

The issue of the brothers Ansel-5 and Arthur-5 Bearden, as well as their nephew, Person No. 95, James-6, who was only five years older than the subject, Ansel-5, and also lived out his life and died in this area of Alabama, can not now be accurately differentiated between.

There is also the fact that in 1830, the federal census of Alabama in the county of Lauderdale listed Thomas-6 BEARDEN, born 1780-1790, with wife in the same age bracket. It was the older Thomas-5 Bearden of Spartanburg and Union Counties in South Carolina who traveled with his siblings, Richard-5 and Edmund-5, to Kentucky and whose two wives were Abigail McILROY and Sarah BLASSINGAME, the latter the daughter of John Blassingame who died in Alabama. The brother-in-law of Thomas-5 Bearden, John Blassingame, Jr., is reported in the Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War pension declaration to be living in Alabama in 1825. Richard-5 Bearden had descent living in northern Alabama in 1818 and as late as 1998.

A letter written by Ronald A.-10 BEARDEN of Crossville, Alabama, dated 2 May 1980, states in part:

"It is quite easy to be confused about these early Beardens of Alabama and Georgia, because there was more than one Ansel and Arthur Bearden during the same period of time. Also, it is important to note that although these Beardens are shown to be living in Shelby, St. Clair, Jefferson and Perry Counties, Alabama, they may not have moved at all because the county lines changed so much in those days and the county lines changed around them. Some of the locations of the "old home places" that are known to me are within one-fourth mile of the present day county lines.

"There were several Arthur and Ansel Beardens in South Carolina, later in Georgia and Alabama. Arthur No. 1 was born 1772 and he is the brother of Ansel No. 1. Arthur No. 1 is my fourth great uncle.

"Arthur No. 2 was born about 1820, according to the later census reports and is first listed as head of household in the 1850 census of Jefferson County, Alabama. His name is spelled 'Artur' in some records and there is more than one 'Artur' or Arthur Bearden during this time. Arthur No. 2 is the son of Ansel Bearden Sr., born 1774 and it is this Arthur Bearden who is my great-great grandfather.

"Arthur Bearden No. 3 is listed in the 1830 Shelby County, Alabama census, and he is again listed in the 1840 census of Perry County, Alabama. This man is not the same man as Arthur Bearden No. 2; I have checked the census lists closely and compared closely the different items and they are not the same man. A descendent of Arthur No. 3 is Mrs. Patsie Wallace of Shreveport, LA, who says that Arthur No. 3 was born in Kentucky and married Caroline Bagwell.

"There are two Ansel Beardens important to my lineage. Ansel Bearden Sr. or I, b. 1774-1775 in Georgia or South Carolina, is my third great grandfather and a brother to Arthur Bearden Sr or I. Ansel Bearden Sr. had a son he named Ansel, Jr. (No. 2), born in either Georgia or Alabama according to all census reports, about 1816. Ansel Bearden Jr. is a brother to Arthur Bearden Jr.

"My father's sister married an Owens and they knew when they married that they were distantly related. Her mother is Alice Owens and she will be one hundred years old in January of 1982.

"I have talked with her in an attempt to connect the Ansel and Arthur Beardens Senior or No. 1 (born 1772 and about 1774), and to connect Ansel Bearden Sr. or No. 1 with Ansel Bearden Jr. or No. 2. I had been told that the former two were brothers.

"Old Alice Owens did confirm that her great grandfather was Ansel Bearden called Senior, her grandfather was Ansel Bearden Jr., and her father was Duncan Bearden and she explained the relationship between herself and my own grandfather.

"After charting this out, I found her to be a second cousin to my own grandfather. Her father and my grandfather were first cousins. Their fathers, Ansel Bearden Jr. (No. 2) and Arthur Bearden (No. 2) were brothers and the sons of No. 1, Ansel Bearden Senior.

"The Bearden family of Jefferson and Shelby County area is unbelievably large. I have over forty first cousins and the rest is too numerous to count.

"There were other sons of Ansel Bearden Sr. and Arthur Bearden No. 2, but to name them at this point is mere speculation."

The obituary of the above named Alice (Bearden) Owen's mother was in "The Birmingham News, dated 6 Aug. 1937: "Mrs. D. G. Bearden, age 73; survivors are three daughters, Mrs. ALICE OWENS, Mrs. Eliza DUKE and Mrs. Mamie HENDRICKS; four sons, James, J. P., Henry and Ike Bearden. Burial at New Merkle Cemetery."

To name the many issue of Ansel-5 Bearden Sr., as is others herein, mere speculation, but the Beardens are a clannish family and by association on the census, the following are some of his speculated issue. The females are missing and any of these could well be the issue of Nos. 46 and/or 95, Arthur-5 and James-6 Bearden:

166. James-6 Bearden, listed on 1850 Alabama census, Marshall County, b. 1811, GA; wife Harriett, b. 1819; Jason M. b. 1836; *Richard-7 b. 1838; Elizabeth A.-7 b. 1840; Nancy C. b. 1845; James W.-7 b. 1843; Margaret C.-7 b. 1845; Mary J.-7 b. 1847; Sarah D.-7 b. 1848; and William N.-7 b. 1836.

*Probably same as listed by initials on the 1870 census, Jefferson County, AL: R. Bearden, b. 1835; M., b. 1835; D., b. 1853; S. M. b. 1854; M. C. b. 1856; Thos. b. 1857; ? b. 1858; M. b. 1860; ? b. 1861; C. b. 1865; F. A. b. 1867; and W. Bearden b. 1869.

167. John-6 Bearden, listed Alabama 1840 census, Marshall County with (2) males and (1) female under five years of age. Listed 1850 Alabama census, b. 1813; Mary b. 1813; Nancy Jane-7 b. 1837; Ansel-7 b. 1839; Ann. Y.-7 b. 1841; Visa E.-7 b. 1843; John Thomas-7 b. 1847; and Manerva C. and Nancy McCLENDON, b. 1836 and 1838.

*168. Ansel-6 Bearden Jr. or II (TWIN?), m. Lucinda-7 O'BARR.

*169. Arthur-6 Bearden II (TWIN?), m. on 10 Dec. 1840 in Shelby County, AL to Rebecca WHITFIELD.

*170. Richard-6 Bearden, b. 1817 in TN, m. Mary Ann (?)

171. Frazier Martin-6 Bearden, listed 1850 Alabama census in Marshall County, b. 1819, wife Sarah b. 1836, and John-7 Bearden, b. 1847.
172. Benjamin-6 Bearden (speculation, this person needs more work), b. 1825-1830, m. 28 Nov. 1852, Marshall County AL, Sophronia J. CRAIG (see Person No. 968, Benjamin Logan-8, for CRAIG surname); m. second Nettie (?) and served in the same company in the Civil War with Christopher Columbus-7 and William-6 Bearden who married Mary Jane BYARS and Passey GOODE respectively. Benjamin-6 and Nettie are buried from the Canterbury Methodist Church, Union Hill Cemetery, Jefferson County, AL.
173. Jacob-6 Bearden, who may be the grandson of Ansel-5, was b. 1828 in AL, m. about 1850, counted on 1850 census, Marshall County, Alabama with probable wife Caroline, b. 1832, AL.
- *174. William-6 Bearden, who surely is the grandson of one of the compiled sons of No. 32, John-4 Bearden, but is placed here because of his proximity on the census to Nos. 168 and 169 above, was b. 1838, d. Civil War, m. Passey A. GOODE.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 33. JOSEPH-4 BORDEN/BURDEN/BEARDEN

50. Benjamin Joseph-5 Burden/Bearden, as connected to James-5 or 6 Burden (Joseph-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1755, Augusta County area of Virginia and died in the area of Nicholas or Butler County, KY, name of wife or wives not known. His close connection, James-5 or 6 **BURDEN** is listed on the 1790 Kentucky tax list of Bourbon County, called the first census of Kentucky. James-5 or 6 and possibly his son, John-6 or 7 **BURDEN**, are listed on the 1800 tax list of Nicholas County in the second census of Kentucky ("HISTORICAL FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY", by Green, Pgs. 6-8).

A search of available records has not revealed a viable connection between the Reverend Benjamin-6 **BURDEN** and John-6 **BURDEN** of Ohio and Butler Counties KY, with the James-5 Burden of Nicholas and Bourbon Counties, or to the Richard-5 **BERDEN/BEARDEN** (No. 43) and James-6 **BEARDEN** of Warren County, KY, but the proximity indicates that this is a possibility. Benjamin Joseph-5 (or James-5?) had probable issue (above and under No. 33):

- *175. Benjamin Joseph-6 Burden/Bearden, b. about 1778, probably in the Iredell County area of North Carolina and d. 1862, Butler County, KY. He m. 6 Nov. 1801, Nicholas County, KY, to Elizabeth TULLY/TALLY, b. about 1785, in area of Maryland/New Jersey (Nicholas County, KY Marriage Book A, Pg. 1). One Benjamin **BURDEN** witnessed the will of Elizabeth (TULLY) **BURDEN** in 1869, Butler County, KY.
176. John-6 Bearden, possibly son of James-5 **BURDEN** as both are listed Bourbon County, KY in 1790 (first census of Kentucky).
177. James D.-6 Burden/Bearden, witnessed will of Elizabeth (TULLY) Burden in 1869.
178. Woodard-6 Burden, witnessed will of Elizabeth (TULLY) **BURDEN**.

I. FORTY GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 32 JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN

A. SEVEN CHILDREN OF NO. 36 BENJAMIN-5 AND MOLLY (HARRIS) BEARDEN

53. John-6 Bearden (Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1765-1775 in Hillsborough District, Granville County, NC; the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) applicants give John-6 Bearden's birthdate as 23 Sept. 1786. This information does not coordinate with the census reports. The applicants do not have the burden of proof except for their direct line. John-6's will was made on 6 July 1837 in Sumner County, TN and probated as John **BEARDUE** in the September Court of that same year (Will Book A, Pg. 221; "Sumner County, Tennessee Abstracts of Wills 1788-1842", Book 1 and 2, Pg. 221, by Edythe Whitley, Mormon Branch Genealogy Library, Cheyenne, WY, 929.3 T295S).

John-6 Bearden's first marriage is not recorded in the marriage book until several years after the fact, as often happened, and he had a child born before 1794. His marriage was recorded on 13 Dec. 1804 in Granville County

NC to his cousin, Nancy HARRIS (NSDAR applicants No. 470527 and No. 453155 give his wife as Nancy ADAMS, possibly a second wife or she was a widow), Bondsman William BEARDEN with Edmond W. PARHAM, witness ("Granville County Marriages 1753-1868, Pg. 22, by Brent Holcomb). He m. second or third on 6 Sept. 1809 in Granville County to Mary VAUGHN who probably died before he made his 1836 will as she was not named in it.

John-6 is the fifth devisee in the will of his father, Benjamin-5 Bearden (called Senr.), and for some unknown reason his father chose to give him and six other legatees only one dollar each. It is a reasonable assumption that their father had already given them their inheritance when they chose to go elsewhere to live, or this was his way of disinheriting them because they had left the home area and his influence. Some of John-6's siblings are in Knox and Montgomery Counties, TN as early as 1809.

John-6 Bearden is of the "lost state of Franklin" between North Carolina and Tennessee; North Carolina did not want it so the federal government assigned it to Tennessee about 1786. Sumner County in the state of TN is of this area and is one of the first counties formed out of Washington County in the state of North Carolina (Eastern Land Office, WV).

There are at least six John Beardens who lived in this period of time in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia and Alabama. One John Bearden did receive on 12 June 1783, in the Washington and Sullivan District of North Carolina, Revolutionary War pay voucher number 3441 and the officials have stated that many times the soldiers purchased something from farmers who were paid with a voucher. Revolutionary War records have not been located for this John-6 Bearden. He could be the John BEARDEAUN of the Raleigh, NC newspaper account who died in 1826 (Pg. 14, "ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER DIES").

Katherine K. Kendall's "PERSON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA TAX LISTS BY DISTRICTS, 1794, ST. JAMES DISTRICT": "JOHN BEARDEN, 100 acres, one white male over 21." Abstracts of Person County, North Carolina Record Books, Sept. 1795 List of Taxables, "John Bearden, St. James District and Richard Bearden, St. Lawrence District" and "Sales of the estate of John DUNWOODY, 29 Dec. 1796 by Thomas NEELEY, John Bearden purchaser."

John-6 Bearden is listed on the 1810 North Carolina census of Person County on the same page with No. 54, Richard-6 Bearden and some of his sisters (census Pg. 60, No. 205) and he was 26 to 45 years old. In 1810 he had five female issue and some children may have been born before his first marriage was registered in the old Granville County marriage book. According to the record, John-6 married, his first wife died, he remarried and had at least five children in the time period of six years.

He is next listed on the 1820 census of Sumner County, TN (Accelerated Indexing Systems, by Ronald V. Jackson and G. R. Teeple, Pg. 139): John BEARDING Sr. 45X (b. before 1775); Females 1 (26-45, b. 1775-1794); 1 (16-26, b. 1794-1804).

It is fairly certain that John-6 fathered more children than he named in his will. It is also reasonable that some daughters born 1800-1810 were married before 1820 as girls were considered to be marriageable at a very young age. When this writer was growing up, girls were almost considered "old maids" if they were not married by the young age of fifteen or sixteen.

John-6 built the first brick home in Sumner County which was located about a mile from Sulphur Springs, near Bledsoe Lick in Tennessee. This is near Belot Bend of the Cumberland River which was then a part of Washington County in North Carolina. This house was afterwards known as the Dr. Humphrey Bates house in Sumner County ("OLD SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE 1805-1816", Pg. 28).

John-6 Bearden is listed in "TENNESSEE COUSINS" as one of the first court clerks in the "lost state of Franklin" and one of the Watauga people there before the federal government assigned it to Tennessee in 1786. There is the following land deeds for John-6 Bearden in the new Sumner County, TN:

2 June, 1810, Charles CARTER deed to John BEARDEN, 208 acres., (Roll 109, Book 5, Pgs. 194-195); 1 March 1814, 118 acres, James BLACKMAN to John BEARDEN (Microfilm Roll 109, Book 6, Pgs. 435-436); Feb. 1819, 640 acres "sum in hand Eighteen Hundred Dollars, the county of Sumner, state of Tennessee laying along on the waters of Bledsoe Lick Creek being part of the original North Carolina land grant granted to Isaac BLEDSOE and Edward DOUGLAS; the heirs, Samuel and wife Sally GIBSON, William and wife Polly READ, Joseph and wife Peggy DESKA, Thomas and wife Catherine SCURRY, David and wife Clarissa LAUDERDALE, William BLEDSOE, etc."

John-6 names one daughter and four sons in his will: "My daughter Rebecca PARRISH the land she lives on, my sons John, Lambert Smith and Orange D. Bearden, my son Solomon Bearden's seven children." He appoints "friends Wm. HALL, Charley MORGAN and son, Orange D. BEARDEN as Executors". On 5 Sept. 1837, Orange D.-7 Bearden is placed under a \$40,000 bond to administer the property of John-6 Bearden, Sr. which was a lot of money in those days (Edythe R. Whiteley's "SUMNER COUNTY TENNESSEE ABSTRACT OF WILL BOOKS 1 and 2, 1788-1842", Pg. 64).

John-6 Bearden's descendants know little more of his life. He had known and speculated issue, not necessarily listed in order of birth, the first four not named in the John-6 Bearden will but as taken from the marriages in this area:

179. Jenny-7 Bearden, who m. on 13 Feb. 1809 in Wilson County, TN to John BAKER ("WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE BONDS"; "ANASEARCHIN' NEWS", Vol. 24, 1997, Pg. 73). The county of Wilson in Tennessee adjoins Sumner County. Person No. 70, Mourning-6 BEARDEN m. Dunning BAKER in Caldwell County, KY.
180. Nancy-7 Bearden, m. on 13 March 1812 in Wilson County, TN to James KIMBRO with James MITCHELL, Bondsman.
181. Frances-7 "Fanny" Bearden, m. on 6 March 1813 in Wilson County, TN to Thornton CLAYTON with John BENTLEY, Bondsman ("MARRIAGE RECORDS OF SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, 1787-1838"; "ANASEARCHIN' NEWS", Vol. 16, 1969, Pgs. 13, 70, 181). Person No. 105, Rachel-6 Bearden married James CLAYTON on 19 May 1813, Caldwell County KY, which is across the state line and only a few miles from Sumner County in Tennessee.
182. Henrietta-7 Bearden, sometimes called "Harriett": The will of William Proctor named the former Henrietta-7 Bearden as his last wife. He named his daughter by his first wife as Rebecca BEARDEN, the wife of his brother-in-law, John-7 BEARDEN. He then appointed another brother-in-law, Orange D.-7 BEARDEN, to take his two minor sons by Henrietta-7 Bearden to raise and educate. This series of legacies indicate that Henrietta-7 is the daughter of John-6 Bearden and the sister of Orange D.-7 Bearden. Henrietta-7 had issue, as named in the William Proctor will: William W.-8; Fannie S. C.-8; Presberry-8; George Washington-8; and Joseph F.-8 PROCTOR.
183. Rebecca-7 Bearden, first named child in her father's will, b. in North Carolina, m. (?) PARRISH as named in father's will.
184. John-7 Bearden, called John Jr. until his father's death and the first son named in his father's will. He is on the 1820 census of Sumner County as the head of household (Microfilm Pg. 144): John BEARDING Jr. 26-45, b. 1775-1794; 1 female, 45X, b. before 1775; 2 females, 16-26, b. 1794-1804. His father's first known marriage is registered in December of 1803 and the conclusion is that one of the females is Rebecca PROCTOR who John-7 Jr. married about 1820, the daughter of William who made his will in Sumner County, TN on 10 May 1837, the same proved in November of that year. In his will William Proctor named "my daughter Elizabeth the wife of James NOLAN, my daughter Rebecca Bearden wife of John BEARDEN my daughter Sally wife of Thomas HAMLET, my daughter Polly BASS wife of Gilford BASS, my daughter Patsy PARRISH wife of Henry PARRISH, and the five children which my last wife formerly Henrietta BEARDEN bore me children by name: Wm. W., Fannie S. L., Presberry, George W. and Joseph PROCTOR. The children of my last wife not yet of age; I Appoint Orange D. BEARDEN to take care of George and Joseph F., my youngest children, to raise and educate. I appoint George HORSELEY, Executor" ("SUMNER COUNTY WILL ABSTRACTS 1779-1842" Pg. 65, Edythe Whitley).
- *185. Lambert Smith-7 Bearden, b. 1800-1806 m. in IL to Nancy WARD.

*186. **Orange D.-7 Bearden**, b. about 1803, d. after 1856, m. on 30 April 1824 in Wilson County, TN to Margaret WOODVILL.

187. Solomon-6 Bearden, b. in North Carolina and m. on 30 Sept. 1818 in Sumner County, TN to Nancy MORRIS with John RIGGS, Bondsman, m. second on 12 June 1819 to Rebecca WOODRUM, John RIGGS, Bondsman. He had seven unnamed children when his father made his will in 1837. Solomon-6 is listed as head of household on the 1820 census of Sumner County in Tennessee (census Pg. 144, same Pg. with John-6 Bearden Jr.):

Solomon BEARDING (16-26, b. 1794-1804), Females 1 (16-26, b. 1794-1804), 1 (-10, b. 1810-1820).

Solomon-6 is the only BEARDEN (so spelled), or alternate spelling, exception BEARD, etc., who is left in Sumner County on the 1850 census (Pg. 314, Family No. 297, 1850, age 54, b. NC; and 52/179 in 1860, age 69, b. NC, no issue).

There is in Sumner County in 1860, Jerry BEARDEN, age 60, who could be Solomon-6's sibling. It was a custom at that time to give some children their inheritance when they married or not name those who had moved away.

54. **Richard-6 Bearden** (Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), named for his grandfather and uncle, Richard HARRIS, b. on 23 Sept. 1770 in Hillsborough District, Granville County, NC; d. on 16 June 1845 at "Bearden's Station" or as it was known, "Bearden's Farm", which is located on the Holston River overlooking Blount County, TN, eight miles west or below Knoxville, Knox County, TN, as shown by the codicil in his will made on 4 Oct. 1842. Richard-6 wrote his will on 16 June 1841 and made the codicil on the above date, the same probated in the January Court, 1846, Knox County, TN (Microfilm Roll 157, Will Book 9, Pgs. 162-167). He is buried with a tombstone in the old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville.

Richard-6 married on 23 June 1793 in Person County, NC to Nancy Ann BENNETT (marriage record in writer's possession without reference except "North Carolina Archives, No. 078, 1, 008, 000106649, Person County, North Carolina"; Virginia Lyle's "Person County, North Carolina Patchwork" which gives the marriage date as 7 Jan. 1793; "Tennessee Bible Records and Marriage Bonds", 1974, Pg. 179; Virkus, Vol. 4, Pg. 562; "Leaves from the Family Tree", by Penelope A. Johnson from "Chattanooga News", etc.).

The BENNETT surname figures heavily in the BEARDEN and LANGSTON family, see under No. 40, John-5 BEARDEN. Nancy Ann BENNETT who m. the subject, Richard-6 BEARDEN, is a first cousin to the wife of Person No. 43, Richard-5 BEARDEN who married Sarah, known as "Sally" BENNETT. Nancy Ann and Sarah BENNETT have long and proven pedigrees as Nancy Ann is the daughter of Captain/Major Peter BENNETT (Granville County Militia, Revolutionary War) and Elizabeth POMFRET, both of whom left wills or administration of property in Knox County, TN. Peter Bennett was b. in Virginia about 1752 and d. on 9 April 1822 in Knox County, TN. His property at the time of his death was administered and inventoried by his son on 8 Oct. 1822, Haywood G. BENNETT (Knox County, TN, Microfilm Roll No. 155, Book 3, Pg. 394).

Peter Bennett is enumerated on the 1800 census of Person County, NC (Pg. 208), age 45X (born before 1755), with wife in same age bracket; (3) males from age 10-26 (b. 1774-1790) and one female 10-16 (b. 1784-1790). In the same year William and John BENNETT are counted in the North Carolina census of Buncombe and Richmond Counties in Morgan's District (Roll No. 29, Pgs. 159-161; Roll 33, Pgs. 251-255-257-266). They are compiled as having children named both Peter and Richard BENNETT. A later James BENNETT m. on 13 Jan. 1886, Knox County, TN, to Mable E. LOVE.

Peter and James Bennett's parents are Richard and Anne (HUNT) Bennett from early Virginia to North and South Carolina. Anne is the daughter of James Hunt of Lynchburg, VA. The inventory and administration of the Richard BENNETT estate was made by his son, Peter Bennett, on 31 Jan. 1786 in Person County, NC. Peter Bennett gave his consent and a fifty pound bond for "my daughter Nancy Ann Bennett to marry Richard Bearden", the same signed by Peter Bennett and Richard-6 Bearden, with Clerk of the Court, William HERALSON.

Peter Bennett's daughter, Sarah Bennett (sister of Nancy Ann who m. Richard-6 Bearden of North Carolina and first cousin to Sarah Bennett who m. No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden of SC), married on 29 Aug. 1799 in Person County, NC to William HERALSON. It is this William and Sarah (BENNETT) HERALSON's son, William Marion HERALSON who married in 1824, Lauderdale County, AL to Person No. 109, Frances-6 BEARDEN, daughter of Richard-5 and "Sally" (BENNETT) Bearden.

Peter Bennett is both a captain and major in the Revolutionary War. Many descendants have proved this lineage for all patriotic associations (papers in Washington, D. C. and in this writer's possession). He served both as sheriff and justice of the peace in Person County, NC and before his death in Knox County, TN. His wife and the mother of his issue was Elizabeth POMFRET, who was b. on 15 Jan. 1753 in King William County, VA, and d. on 7 July 1845 in Knox County, TN. Her obituary is published in the "Knoxville Register" on 16 July 1845. Her will is written on 27 June 1845 and probated in the September Court. She named her Executors, Samuel WHITE and John Pomfret-7 BEARDEN, witnessed by Thomas D. PARHAM and William M. WHITE.

Old Bible records give Elizabeth's parents as John POMFRET, born 1718 in VA and d. 1814, NC. Her mother is Annie HUNT, b. 1723 and d. 1794 (from descendants; Virkus, Vol. 4, Pg. 562; "COLONIAL GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND ITS PEOPLE", by Worth Ray, Pg. 270, published 1965; the Haywood G. Bennett Bible; 1788 tax list, Goshen District, Granville County, NC).

It is interesting to all Bearden and Bennett descent that in the Feb. 1791 Court of Granville County in North Carolina, Peter Bennett, guardian, gave an account of the estate of John DANIEL, deceased; and Peter Bennett, in the August 1794 Court of Granville County in North Carolina, made the accounting due on the orphan of Martin DANIEL, deceased. John Daniel's wife is Susan WATKINS, both of Granville County and from Prince Edwards County, VA (under Person No. 39 for connections).

Nancy Ann BENNETT, wife of Richard-6 Bearden, died intestate at her home, located on the Holston River west of Knoxville, TN. Letters of administration and inventory for her estate are given in Knox County Court in July 1856 (Microfilm Roll No. 158, Book 12, Pgs. 266, 300, 301).

Richard-6 Bearden, named the seventh devisee in his father's will and is left "one dollar" only. Richard-6 was then (1821) living in Knox County, TN. He had left his father's home and influence before 1806 when he is found on the East Tennessee tax list, "EARLY TENNESSEE TAXPAYERS, KNOX COUNTY, 1806, CAPTAIN BOOTH'S Company, RICHARD BEARDEN", by Pollyanna Creekmore.

"Richard Bearden, born 1771; died 16 June 1845, a native of Granville County, North Carolina; removed to Tennessee in 1802; a Methodist; kept a tavern in Knoxville located on the site of the present Andrew Johnson Hotel" (EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS", No. 26, 1954; KNOXVILLE REGISTER, 18 June 1845).

In the 1791 Granville County Court, at the young age of 21, Richard Bearden was appointed sheriff. On 14 Nov. 1792, he was named as a constable to attend jury. In 1813 he and Joshua BELL paid as Grand Jurors ("COURT MINUTES" by Gwynne, Pgs. 95, 98, ?).

Because of the prominence of the Bearden family, there is a tremendous amount of published material concerning this branch and the Richard-6 Bearden descent of Knox County in Tennessee. Some information is taken from Lyle's "PERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA PATCHWORK"; "TENNESSEE BIBLE RECORDS AND MARRIAGE BONDS", Pg. 562, by Acklin; and "LEAVES FROM THE FAMILY TREE", by Penelope A. Johnson, Chattanooga, Tennessee News.

The 1790 census of Granville County, NC lists Richard-6 in his father's household (Pg. 91, Oxford District). The 1800 census of Person County, NC (Pg. 201), lists Richard-6 Bearden as the head of household, b. 1770-1780, his wife b. 1770-1780; one male and one female, both b. 1790-1800. The 1820 and 1830 census of Knox County (Pg. 316, 1830), lists Richard-6 Bearden, aged forty and fifty; in 1840 he had at home one male age 30-35 and one female 30-35.

He purchased a hotel and tavern in Knoxville during this period of time. The 1840 census of Knox County, TN (Pg. 70), lists Richard-6 Bearden Senr., age seventy to eighty, a wife same age bracket, fifteen slaves, total in household, seventeen persons. The 1850 census of Knox County, TN (Pg. 161, Household No. 1987, Family No. 464), lists ANN BEARDEN, (widow) age 75 (b. 1775).

An extract as taken from the "AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF REVEREND MARCUS BEARDEN DEWITT", by Reverend Marcus Bearden DEWITT, D. D. (born 8 March 1835 and died 25 Feb. 1901), copied from manuscripts written by him and found among his papers by his son, Judge John Hibbett DeWitt, the latter having possession of the old Acklin family Bible, George Mahon Library, Lubbock, TX; from "Tennessee Bible Records and Marriage Bonds". Reverend "Mark" Bearden DeWitt had this data typewritten before his death and Judge DeWitt generously shared the information:

"MY BIRTH AND PARENTAGE

"I was born at Paris, Tennessee, 8 March 1835. My father was Washington John DeWitt, and my mother was Mary Eliza Bearden. My father was born in Darlington District, South Carolina, September 23, 1799 and my mother first saw the light in Knoxville, Tennessee, Jan. 26, 1803. My father's father was Harris DeWitt, a South Carolina Patriot of the Revolutionary War, said to have been an officer in the State or Continental Service, and was with Colonel Benjamin Lincoln when that officer surrendered Charleston to the British in 1780, but escaped the enemies hands and sought the army of his patriotic countrymen.

"The information which tradition gives the descendants is that Harris DeWitt came from South Carolina about 1807 and settled in Cocke County, Tennessee. He had quite a family, Mary DeWitt, who became the wife of General Alexander Smith, a prominent citizen of his country, Richard and William DeWitt, two or more daughters and my father, who was the youngest child. One of my father's sisters married a man by the name of Thomas and lived in west Tennessee, some of whose children I knew personally as excellent people. My aunt Mary, uncle Richard and uncle William all resided in Cocke County, Tennessee, and I remember meeting them at their home when I was a small boy, carried there by my father and mother to visit, about 1847.

"Of these relatives, it is a pleasure to record that they were known as intelligent, moral, religious people in their communities, and valuable citizens of the country. I have but little knowledge of them personally, as my life has been almost entirely spent in places distant from their homes. I never saw either grandfather or grandmother DeWitt and I had no knowledge of the times and places of their deaths and burials, but I believe it to have been Newport, Tennessee.

"One of the most motherly and excellent old ladies I remember in my childhood was my Aunt Mary Smith, wife of General Alexander Smith, mother of General Alex Smith Jr., whom I met at his home on the Big Pigeon River near Newport in Cocke County, Tennessee."

Pg. 4: "The visit made to this home in 1847 was a most pleasant one. Before leaving this record of my early life, I may mention that my cousin, Alex Smith, was a man of wealth, culture and piety, and was a thoroughly southern man in his sympathies in the war between the States and is said to have taken thirty slaves out of east Tennessee at one time in the early part of the war, hoping to keep away from the Federal forces. His son, William Smith, is said to have been a Major in the Confederate Army, and a gallant soldier in the service of his State.

"I have the impression William became a preacher in the Baptist Denomination in his latter years. Uncle Richard, Aunt Mary and the Smiths were staunch Presbyterians. Another cousin of mine named Alexander DeWitt, came to my house in Madison County, Alabama, with my brother, Clinton DeWitt, in the fall of 1865, from Tennessee, and they soon went on to Texas where Alex remained awhile and then returned to east Tennessee.

"SOME EARLY EXPERIENCES

"My mother's father was Richard Bearden and her mother was Ann Bennett. From my first recollection, their home was in Knox County, Tennessee, eight miles below Knoxville on the Holston (now Tennessee) River. They were well-to-do people who had a fine farm, quite a number of slaves, orchards, barns and all the comforts of a prosperous life in those days fifty and more years ago. My father, being a physician with a large practice in Paris, Tennessee, my native town, often sought relief and rest, and took great pleasure in taking mother back to east Tennessee to visit her parents, brothers and other relatives. The first time they made this trip in my recollection was in 1842."

Pg. 10: "The remainder of the trip to my grandfather Bearden's was in a very different and more prosperous country than the mountain region."

GRANDFATHER BEARDEN'S FAMILY

"My Grandfather Bearden's home was situated on the north bank of the Holston River in Knox County, overlooking over into Blount County, Tennessee.

"Being in the south part of the county, we turned aside from the main Knoxville road only a few miles from that important town, and soon came first to my uncle's home, then on to grandfather's nearby. My uncle was John Pomfret Bearden, whose house we first reached and was my mother's younger brother, a most devout Christian and a preacher in the local Methodist Church. His wife, aunt Caroline (O'Dell) Bearden was a good woman, full of fun and life and must have been the delight of young people.

"They had quite a family, with the peculiarity of having long names, two of which I remember. The older boys were called William Theopolus Walter Fowler Bearden, and Richard Romulus DeWitt Campbell Bearden. The latter was named Richard for our grandfather Bearden, DeWitt for my father and Campbell for Thomas Jefferson Campbell, the husband of our aunt Sallie (Bearden) Campbell.

"I may as well say here that grandfather Bearden had four children, Sallie, Marcus de Lafayette, Mary Eliza and John P. Bearden. I never saw aunt Sallie, but she married a gifted man who was for some time the Clerk of the House of Representatives in Congress. He was a man gifted and of culture and influence. They had several children, of whom I know a part: Cousin Louise Anderson of Chattanooga, Thomas and Mary of Cleveland and Richard of Chattanooga. All these had families of which I had personal knowledge in later years of my life after I had become a preacher.

"My uncle Marcus Bearden, for whom I was named, was a popular and successful man of business, who lived in and also near Knoxville and had a considerable family. It is my recollection that he was president of a company which ran a line of steamboats from Knoxville to Chattanooga.

"I remember he was called Captain Bearden. I recollect his home only at Middlebrook, a small place on a beautiful stream of that name, five miles southwest from Knoxville where Hazen and Bearden owned and operated a paper mill in those days, which to my boyish eyes was a place of wonders.

"I had never seen such a place before, and I have a very distinct impression of the house and many of its parts today after fifty years have elapsed. My uncle lived in an excellent house near the mill and had a nice family. His daughter, Margaret Bearden, married the Reverend Mr. Carmen D. Smith, a Methodist Minister of education and intelligence.

"I remember uncle Marcus Bearden's sons, Richard, Josephus, Rufus and William Bearden. They had social and educational advantages which gave them the ability to exert and exercise influence in their community and some of them became valuable men to their country. My information is that they were all Southern men in the War, despite East Tennessee's Union proclivities. I think some of them were in the Confederate Army. I have mentioned uncle John P. Bearden's family."

Pg. 14: "My brother is Clinton DeWitt, who is more like our father. I am a type taken from the Beardens."

"Mark" is interrupted until the summer of 1896 and then gives a sketch of his mother as she herself gave it on 25 May 1870, Pg. 20:

"SKETCH OF MY MOTHER

"Of my mother's tenderness and love I could say much. Her parents were both probably born in North Carolina. The family was from that state and my grandmother was Ann Bennett, whose maternal grandfather was John Pomfret, whose name was perpetuated in some later branches of the family and their descendants, the Longs of Chattanooga, for example.

"My mother was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, and principally brought up on the farm in Knox County. My mother's grandparents were Benjamin Bearden and Molly Harris of North Carolina. My mother's maternal grandparents were Peter Bennett and Elizabeth Pomfret."

Reverend "Mark" B. DeWitt continues with the information of his great grandparent's birthdates and death-dates. He gives John Pomfret's birthdate and place as 1718 in Virginia; he married Anne HUNT and moved to Granville County, North Carolina.

He says one sister of Nancy Ann Bennett, who m. Richard-6 Bearden, is Jane Bennett, b. 26 Jan. 1781, Granville County, d. 10 Dec. 1859, Chattanooga, Tennessee, m. 1805, to William LONG, b. 19 Feb. 1775, Mechlen-

burg County, NC, and d. Nov. 1844. "THE HISTORY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE" has much information concerning this prestigious Long family of Chattanooga.

Richard-6 and Nancy Ann (BENNETT) had known issue, Bearden:

- *188. Sarah-7 "Sallie" L. Bearden, m. Thomas Jefferson CAMPBELL.
- *189. Nathaniel-7 Bearden, b. 1800-1810, m. 1831, to Joicy (?).
- *190. Marcus de Lafayette-7 Bearden, m. Eliza Amy COCKE, m. second Sarah Frances MORGAN, m. third Laura Smith CATLIN/CATLETT.
- 191. Evelyn-7 Bearden, birthdate unknown; m. Gordon L. COX (*Compendium of American Genealogy*, Pgs. 562-563; descendants proved for NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution). One John B. Cox is in the Marcus de Lafayette-7 Bearden household on the 1850 census, b. 1824 and was undoubtedly the son of Evelyn-7 Bearden (Census Pg. 43, Household No. 191).
- *192. Mary Eliza-7 Bearden, m. Dr. Washington John DEWITT.
- 193. John Pomfret-7 Bearden, b. about 1805-1808 in Knox County, TN; d. between the taking of the 1850 and 1860 census of Knox County, m. on 14 Sept. 1829 to Caroline O'DELL, who was b. in Maryland and d. 1849, the daughter of William ODELL/ODIL, which marriage is noted in the "TENNESSEE NATIONAL BANNER" on 3 Oct. 1829, marriage by William S. McCAMPBELL, J. P., B. M. WALLACE, Bondsman. John P.-7 had issue, b. in Knox County, TN (1850 Census No. 1988, Family No. 464; "autobiography" by the Reverend Marcus "Mark" Bearden-8 DeWitt:
 - a. Mary Polly-8 Bearden, b. 1827, in the John P.-7 Bearden household in 1850 as "Polly" MATHENA.
 - b. Caroline-8 Bearden, b. 1828-1829.
 - c. William Theopolus Walter Fowler-8 Bearden, b. 1831 and may be the William Bearden who m. on 10 Jan. 1854, Knox County, TN to Patsy RUSSELL (it was the Russells who the Benjamin-2 BURDEN estate was sold to in 1752-1759, early VA).
 - d. Richard Romulus DeWitt Campbell-8 Bearden, b. 1833, m. on 23 Dec. 1885, Knox County, to Louisa EMMITT.
 - e. Rachel A.-8 Bearden, b. 1835.
 - f. Ann Eliza-8 Bearden, m. on 4 Jan. 1849 in Knox County, TN to Francis KIRBY, John Pomfret BEARDEN, J. P., Bondsman, George W. HARRIS.
 - g. John Pomfret-8 Bearden Jr., b. 1837, m. on 13 July 1872, Knox County, to Clementine NEWCOMBE.
 - h. Mary E.-8 Bearden, b. 1839, m. on 11 Sept. 1854 in Knox County, TN, to William J. TAYLOR.
 - i. Elizabeth-8 Bearden, b. 1845, m. on 18 Oct. 1865 in Knox County, TN to L. A. GRATZ.
 - j. Francis-8 "Frank" Bearden, m. 13 Dec. 1883, Knox County, to Nannie BUCKWELL, James PARK, MG., John S. BROWN, Bondsman.
 - k. Marcus de Lafayette-8 Bearden, b. 1849 and d. young.
- 194. Richard-7 Bearden Jr., b. Knox County TN, m. on 19 Jan. 1832 in Knox County to Catherine SCOTT, Seth LEE, Bondsman, by G. BIRDWELL, MG., witnessed by Wm. SWAN ("Knoxville National Banner", copy in writer's possession; one Catherine SCOTT is the writer's great grandmother).
- 195. Charles-7 Bearden, b. 1811, Granville County, NC, m. unknown and m. second on 5 March 1846 in Knox County, TN to Sarah DAVIS, by John Barringer MG, Bondsman, Peter Cook. Sarah died before the 1850 census was taken. Charles-7 had in his household in 1850 and 1860 (letter "d" may be his grandchild) all b. Tennessee, (Census Nos. 1984/464 and 108/230):
 - a. Elizabeth-8 Bearden, born 1827.
 - b. Rufus Charles-8, b. 1847, TN, m. 19 Dec. 1877, Knox County to Charlotte BROWN by R. O. Ayres MG, Bondsman, John F. RICE.
 - c. Sarah-8 Bearden, b. 1848, Knox County and gone from Charles-7 Bearden's household before 1860, no marriage record for her in Knox County.
 - d. Nancy Bearden, b. 1884.
- 196. Maria-7 Bearden, m. 11 April 1831, Knox County to Seth LEE.

Taken from "Knox County Tennessee Marriages", probable issue or grandchildren of Richard-6 and Nancy Ann (Bennett) Bearden:

14 July 1833, Sarah Bearden/James CURRIER, Samuel WHITE, J. P., Bondsman SETH LEA.
 29 Jan. 1866, Matilda Bearden/Archie KARNS/CORNES.
 9 Nov. 1881, Malissa Bearden/Milton M. JOHNSON.
 5 March 1868, Andrew Bearden/Sarah CHILDS, Charles SMITH, MG.
 25 Dec. 1892, Andrew Bearden/Sarah TURNER, by Ch. W. McCLELLAN, MG.
 23 Sept. 1897, Andrew Bearden/Cornelia HAYS by Ch. W. McCLELLAN MG, Bondsman Arch HAYSE.
 17 May 1849, Eliza C. Bearden/James BARNES, John P. BEARDEN, J. P.
 26 Dec. 1860, Mahala J. Bearden to Hector SMITH.
 3 July 1845, Richard Bearden to Mary W. NEELEY by Matthew THOMPSON.
 5 Oct. 1898, Lizzie Crump Bearden to William PHILLIPS.

55. **William-6 Bearden** (Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. before 1775, Hillsborough, Granville County, NC; believed to have died between the taking of the 1820 and 1830 census of Montgomery County, TN, as all trace of him is lost after 1820. He m. on 4 Oct. 1790, Granville County, to Nancy FREEMAN/FRAZIER (transcribed in old records both ways), Jeremiah FRAZIER, Bondsman, Stephen SNEED, witness. William-6 and his sister, Sarah-6 Bearden, married sister and brother, Nancy and Richardson FRAZIER, issue of Jeremiah and Elizabeth FRAZIER. He married second on 24 Aug. 1804 in Granville County NC, to Sarah BARTON, daughter of William BARTON Sr., with Tyre HARRIS, Bondsman and Stephen SNEED, witness (marriages from "GRANVILLE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA MARRIAGES 1753-1868", by Brent Holcomb 1981).

William-6 is the second or third son of Benjamin-5 and Molly (Harris) Bearden and the eighth child as named in his father's will. On 1 May 1797, in Granville County, Benjamin-5 Bearden deeded land to William-6 Bearden ("GRANVILLE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA KINFOLKS 1765-1856", by Gwynne, Deed Book Q, Pg. 41).

William-6 Bearden was the first of his family in Montgomery County TN, arriving there before the birth of a son in 1806, along with his wife's BARTON relatives. Several overseers for roads then being built in that area in 1809 were named and they included William BARTON Sr., William MORROW, Joseph HARDEKIN, WILLIAM BEARDEN, John BARTON, Henry FRANK, Able MANN and Absolom TRIBBLE. These are "ordered to view the road heading from Absolom Tribble's Ferry to where it intersected the Davis Road". The men made their "report regarding the viewing of the road leading from Tribble's Ferry to where it intersected with the old Davis Road, at the foot of the bluff and thence running up the first holler so as to intersect the old road again near the cross roads leading from Joseph HARDICAN's to Jacob RUDOLPH's road" (Edythe Whitley's "RED RIVER SETTLERS", Pg. 132).

From Ursula Beach's "1798 PROPERTY LIST" and Ronald V. Jackson and G. R. Teeple's "1820 Census of Montgomery County, Tennessee", by "Accelerated Indexing Systems": William Bearden (45 X, b. before 1775); 1 female (Sarah, 45 X, b. before 1775); 1 male (0-16, Benjamin Barton, b. 1804-1810); 3 females, b. 1804-1810; 1 male and two females, b. 1810-1820. In 1820, there are five Bearden heads of household listed in Tennessee and proximity of the Beardens in Montgomery and Sumner County substantiates the theory that John-6 Bearden Sr., Charles-6 Bearden and William-6 Bearden are brothers, as named in their father's will.

The 1850 and later census in Tennessee verifies this theory as they show the older people of these two families as having been born in the state of North Carolina:

Heads of Families 1820 Tennessee Census:

BEARDING, William Sr. ---- Montgomery County, TN
 BEARDING, William Jr. ---- Montgomery County, TN
 BEARDING, Solomon ----- Sumner County, TN
 BEARDON, John Sr. ----- Sumner County, TN

Only the younger William-7 Bearden is listed on the 1830 census of Montgomery County in Tennessee. By 1840 he is gone from that area but he may be the William Bearden who is listed on the 1840 census of Hickman County, TN, witnessing a deed there when Robert WADE gets land on Beaver Dam Creek from Joseph ALEXANDER, dated 30 June 1829. It is this William's close kinsman, Joseph Bearden, who was indicted October Court, 1828 for murder in Hickman County and hanged in 1832 ("RIVER COUNTIES", by Jill Garrett, 1973, Pgs. 43, 61, 85, 131 and 1977, Pg. 75).

The 1830 census of Montgomery County TN, included the heads of households: Haywood Bearden, William Bearden (Jr.) and Benjamin B. Bearden. The 1840 census of Montgomery and surrounding counties lists the following Beardens: B. B. Bearden, Montgomery County (Benjamin Barton, son of William-6); Joseph Bearden, Humphreys County, (unidentified); Alfred Bearden, Montgomery County (son of Charles-6); Fany (sic) Bearden, Montgomery County (widow of Charles-6); Haywood Bearden, Montgomery County (son of Charles-6); Duncan Bearden, Montgomery County (son of William-6); Easter BURDEN, Humphreys County (unidentified); and John Burden, Robertson County (son of John-6?).

The 1850 census of Montgomery County, TN list these Beardens ("1850 Census", by Byron Sistler):
 BEARDEN, Benjamin B., 44, b. 1806, TN; E., 41, b. 1809, TN; J. M., 21, b. 1829; W. R., 17, b. 1833; J. F., 15, b. 1835; S. K., 12, b. 1838; B. N., 9, b. 1841.
 BEARDEN, Haywood, 41, b. 1809, NC; Elizabeth, 30, b. 1820, TN; Benjamin, 20, b. 1830; and Letty Bearden, 4, b. 1846, TN.
 BEARDEN, Isaac, 24, b. 1826 in NC; Elizabeth, 15, b. 1835, TN.
 BEARDEN, John, 36, b. 1824, TN; Prudence, 29, b. 1821 in TN; Richard, 8, b. 1842; Isham, 5, b. 1845; Haywood, 3, b. 1847; Zachariah, 1, b. 1849; all b. TN.
 BEARDEN, Thomas, 29, b. 1821, NC; Elizabeth, 24, b. 1826, TN; Charles, 4, b. 1846; John, 3, b. 1847; Mary, 1, b. 1849; Sally, 9/12, b. 1850; issue b. TN.
 BEARDEN, William, 35, b. 1815, NC; Sally, 22, b. 1828, TN; Martha, 2, b. 1848; Fanny, 1, b. 1849; issue b. TN.
 Sumner County: BEARDEN, Solomon, b. 1796, NC; Nancy V., b. 1805, NC.

Marriages from Montgomery County. Tennessee Genealogical Journal:
 FRAZIER, William, 20 Jan. 1840, to Harriet PINSON with Benjamin B. BEARDEN, security
 JOHNSON, W. C., 31 Mar. 1840, to Elizabeth BITER, bond Duncan BEARDEN
 BEARDUNE, Issac, 2 Sept. 1849, to Elizabeth SUTTON, bond Thomas BEARDEN

"Cemetery records of Montgomery County Tennessee", Anita Darnell:
 BEARDEN, Harve H. b. 25 Sept. 1853, d. 19 Aug. 1934, son of H. H. and Elizabeth BEARDEN
 BEARDEN, Addie L. (Addie KING), b. 9 April 1860, d. 16 Jan. 1928, wife of Harve H. BEARDEN
 BEARDEN, Verna H. b. 23 March 1869, d. 30 March 1908
 BEARDEN, infant daughter of H. H. and Addie L. BEARDEN, b. and d. 1879
 BEARDEN, H. N., 1892-1930, son of H. M. and Addie L. BEARDEN
 BEARDEN, infant, 11 May 1919-12 MAY 1919, son of George A. BEARDEN.

By combining the above sources William-6 had probable issue:

197. Joseph-7 Bearden, who may be the identical person who was hung for murder in 1832, Hickman County, TN. One Joseph Bearden, with William-7 Bearden Jr., is listed on 1840 census, Humphreys and Hickman Counties, TN.
198. William-7 Bearden Jr., b. about 1790, Granville County NC, the son of William-6 Sr. and his first wife Nancy FRAZIER (or FREEMAN), listed on the 1820 and 1830 census of Montgomery County, TN, as the head of household and again on the 1840 census of Hickman County (1820, Accelerated Indexing Systems, Pg. 11, by Jackson and Teeple):
 BEARDING, William, age 26-45 (b. 1775-1794); wife, age 16-26 (born 1794-1804). He is just married and is listed in 1820 consecutively on the same page with William-6 Bearden Sr. He has no issue in 1820 but in 1830, William-7 and his unknown wife has three children. One unidentified William-7 Bearden married in Trigg County, KY on 6 Oct. 1828, to Leibby BAKER. The Baker surname plays an integral part in the

Bearden history as Person No. 179, Jenny-6 Bearden m. 13 Feb. 1809 in Wilson County, TN, John BAKER, and Person No. 70, Mourning-6 Bearden m. on 25 Nov. 1811, Caldwell County, KY, Dunning BAKER. William Bearden of Trigg County was from South Carolina and his mother was of the STEARN family. The Kentucky counties of Trigg, Christian, Livingston and Caldwell are just over the state line from the TN counties of Montgomery, Stewart and Sumner, and some Bearden marriages in Kentucky are undoubtedly the issue of William-6, John-6 and Charles-6 Bearden from Granville County, NC.

- *199. Jeremiah-7 Bearden, m. 14 March 1812, Montgomery County to Rachel HAMILTON.
- 200. Sarah Barton-7 Bearden, first issue and daughter of William-6 Bearden by his second wife, b in 1804, Granville County, NC, on the 1820 census of Montgomery County in the state of TN.
- *201. Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden, m. on 21 Nov. 1827 in Montgomery County to Elizabeth MAJORS.
- *202. John Telemachus-7 Bearden, m. on 13 Dec. 1841 in Montgomery County, TN to Prudence MAJORS.
- *203. Duncan-7 Bearden, m. about 1835, Montgomery County, TN area to Nancy (?), last name unknown.

57. Sarah-6, known as "Sally" Bearden (Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1777 in Granville County, NC and died 27 April 1839 in Weakley County, TN, m. on 12 Sept. 1798 in Granville County, NC, with Beverley HARRIS, Bondsman, to Richardson FRAZIER (FREEMAN?). Richardson is the brother of both William and Nancy FRAZIER, the former marrying as his first wife to Sarah-6's sister, Martha Patsey-6 BEARDEN, and the latter marrying as her first husband to Sarah-6's brother, William-6 BEARDEN. Sarah-6 Bearden had known issue:

- 204. Mary-7 Frazier/Freeman, b. on 12 Sept. 1799, Granville County, NC, d. on 20 Feb. 1855 in Weakley County, TN, m. on 26 Aug. 1819 in Granville County to Jesse Morgan PASCHAL who was b. on 24 Oct. 1799 in Caswell County, NC and d. on 12 May 1872 in Weakley County, TN, the son of Alexander and Susanna (MORGAN) PASCHAL. It is Jesse M. Paschall who kept the family Bible and the old trunk which contained his mother-in-law's maiden name and the name of her parents and gave this information to his granddaughter.
- Mary-7 had issue, among others: Dr. Newton Julian-8 Paschall, b. on 21 May 1840 in Weakley County, TN, d. on 12 Oct. 1900 in Obion County, TN, m. on 17 July 1864 to Sarah Jane WILSON, daughter of James Rutledge and Elizabeth Johnson (HOLMAN) WILSON of Livingston and Ballard Counties, KY. Dr. Newton J.-8 had known issue: Mary Elizabeth-9 Paschall, b. 25 June 1865, Ballard County, KY, d. 16 Nov. 1943, Memphis, TN, m. Andrew Lee FOSTER, and had issue: Mary Elizabeth-10 "Betsy" Foster of Memphis, TN m. (?) WEST and has been the president of Memphis, Tennessee Genealogical and Historical Society and editor of "Anasearchin' News".

59. Charles-6 Bearden (Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1775-1782 in Granville County, NC. The Benjamin-5 Bearden NSDAR applicants give Charles-6's year of birth as 1782. His last known son is born in Granville County in 1826 and his widow, "Fany" Bearden, is listed as the head of household on the 1840 census of Montgomery County, TN. Charles-6 died after his father made his will in 1821 and before the 1840 census was taken in Tennessee. Charles-6 is in Granville County, NC in 1826 and he is the first legatee named in his father's will. He is not among the children left only one dollar by their father.

He married on 14 Feb. 1807 in Granville County with Thomas PARHAM, Bondsman and William M. SNEAD witness, to Frances "Fany" PARHAM ("Granville County Marriages 1753-1868", Pg. 22, by Brent Holcomb). "Fany" evidently died before the 1850 census was taken in Tennessee as she is not listed therein.

In May Court 1815, Charles-6 Bearden and Spears Harris proved the will of Sally GOOCH, deceased ("Court Minutes" of Granville County North Carolina 1746-1820", by Gwynn, Pg. 258).

Charles-6's brother, William-6 Bearden, is in Montgomery County, TN as early as 1809 and it's impossible to differentiate between their later issue as neither of these brothers were living when the 1850 census was taken in the state of Tennessee. The Beardens of Montgomery County who were born in Tennessee between 1809 and 1826

are the probable issue of William-6 Bearden. The Beardens listed there in 1850 who were born in NC in this period of time (1809-1826), are the probable issue of Charles-6 Bearden. Both had issue that are unknown and untraced.

Charles-6 is married for nineteen years before his death and his five compiled sons are gone from the state of Tennessee before the 1860 census is taken. His issue is taken from the 1840 and 1850 Census of Montgomery County, TN:

205. Haywood H-7 Bearden, b. 1809 in Granville County, NC (1850 TN census of Montgomery County, No. 235/299), m. about 1828 to Elizabeth (?), who, according to census, was only eleven years of age when her first child was born and who died before 6 June 1851 when Haywood-7 married second in Montgomery County to Elizabeth WEAKLEY by R. H. WEAKLEY, J. P. and James FIELD, Bondsman. Haywood H-7 Bearden is age 41 in 1850, born in NC; his wife, Elizabeth, age 30, born in TN and with issue, born in TN:
 - a. Benjamin-8 Bearden, born 1830.
 - b. Letty-8 Bearden, born 1834.
 - c. Augustus-8 Bearden, born 1835.
 - d. Nancy-8 Bearden, born 1838.
 - e. Sarah-8 Bearden, born 1846.
 - f. Harve Haywood-8 Bearden Jr. of the "Montgomery County, Tennessee Cemetery Records", by Anita Darnell, "born 25 Sept. 1853 and died 19 Aug. 1934, the son of Haywood H. and Elizabeth Bearden". Harve H-8 m. Addie L. KING, who was b. on 9 April 1860 and d. on 16 Jan. 1928 and had known issue, Verna H-9, b. on 23 March 1869, died on 30 March 1908; infant daughter-9, born and died in 1879; and H. N-9 Bearden, born 1892, died 1930 (cemetery inscriptions).
206. Alfred/Alford-7 Bearden, second son of Charles-6 and "Fany", b. about 1810 in Granville County, NC and m. on 11 March 1839 in Montgomery County, TN to Frances LITTLE, Joshua BROWN, Bondsman ("Montgomery County Tennessee Journal"). Alfred-7 is not listed on the 1850 or the 1860 census of TN.
207. William-7 Bearden, b. about 1815 in Granville County, NC, m. on 19 May 1846 in Montgomery County, TN to Sally FARMER, Thompson BIGGER, Bondsman ("Montgomery County Tennessee Journal"). Sally was b. 1828 in Tennessee and is the sister of Elizabeth FARMER who married William-7's brother. William-7 had issue (1850 census of Montgomery County, TN, Nos. 231/298, not listed on the 1860 TN census): Martha-8, b. 1848 in TN; and Fanny-8 Bearden, age 1 in 1850, b. in TN.
208. Thomas-7 Bearden, b. about 1821 in Granville County, NC, m. on 18 May 1843 in Montgomery County, TN to Elizabeth FARMER, S. G. ROBERTSON, Bondsman ("Montgomery County, Tennessee Journal"), m. second on 20 May 1845, Montgomery County, Elizabeth Mildred MADISON, Joseph A. YATES, Bondsman. Thomas-7 had issue in 1850, born in TN (Census No. 228/298): Charles-8, born 1846; John-8, born 1847; Mary-8, born 1848; and Sally-8 Bearden, born 1849.
209. Isaac-7 Bearden, youngest known issue of Charles-6 and "Fany", b. 1826 in Granville County, NC, m. on 2 Sept. 1849 in Montgomery County, TN to Elizabeth SUTTON, with Thomas-7 BEARDEN, Bondsman ("Montgomery County, Tennessee Journal"). They are without issue on the 1850 census of Montgomery County (Census No. 229/298) and are gone from there before the 1860 census is taken.

62. Benjamin-6 Bearden Jr. (Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 25 March 1791 in Granville County, NC, d. on 14 Sept. 1852, Knox County, TN, leaving a will. Benjamin-6's marriage wasn't recorded until 21 Nov. 1814 in Granville County, NC to Elizabeth MINOR, with Robert LONGMIRE, Bondsman, John C. SMITH, witness ("Granville Marriages", Pg. 22, by Brent Holcomb).

Elizabeth was b. on 25 March 1797 in the Granville County area of North Carolina, the daughter of John and Mary Polly (HAMPTON) MINOR and the granddaughter of old Colonel Wade HAMPTON of the Revolutionary War from South Carolina (source: descendants of Benjamin-6 and Elizabeth Bearden: Maud HOSTETTER of La Jara, Colorado and Matilda LEWIS of Idaho, in their capacity as "Latter Day Saints" and the Mormon rites of baptism, used old order books, old wills, the 1790 to 1880 census and other old records).

The surname and forename of MINOR has been perpetuated in the Bearden and Winn families since the seventeenth century (WINN FAMILY by writer). Tabitha MINOR and Samuel HARRIS of the state of North Carolina and the County of Granville, witnessed the will of Benjamin-5 Bearden Sr. on 16 Dec. 1821, in same state and county.

Benjamin-6 Bearden Jr. is the second named legatee in the Benjamin-5 Bearden will and Benjamin-5 Sr.'s property is to be equally divided between Charles-6 BEARDEN, Benjamin-6 BEARDEN Jr., Thomas W. PARHAM, Lucy-6 TIPPETT; whereas John-6 BEARDEN, Edward PARHAM, Richard-6 BEARDEN, William-6 BEARDEN, Sally-6 FREEMAN (sic FRAZIER), Lettice-6 KNIGHT and the heirs of Betsy-6 HARRIS are to receive a token portion of one dollar each; Executors, Benjamin-6 BEARDEN Jr., Molly BEARDEN, Charles-6 BEARDEN, Thomas W. PARHAM.

Benjamin-6 Bearden Jr. is not listed on the 1820 Tennessee census and it's evident from his father's will that he is still a resident of Granville County, NC in 1821. The Benjamin-6 Bearden Jr. family is listed on the 1830 census of Knox County, TN (Census No. 316), but is not found on the 1840 census. He is listed as head of household on the 1850 census of Knox County, TN, in the following manner (Census No. 1975/463):

Benjamin BEARDEN, 58, b. 1792, NC; Elizabeth, 53, b. 1797, NC; Benjamin F., 26, b. 1824, NC; Marcus de L., 20, b. 1830, TN; William H., 17, b. 1833, TN; Thomas, 16, b. 1834, TN; Nathaniel, 12, b. 1838, TN; Harriett, 9, b. 1841, TN; Caroline PRICE, 14, b. 1836, TN; Mary Ann PRICE, 13, b. 1837, TN, the latter two surnamed PRICE.

Benjamin-6 and Elizabeth had known and probable issue, Bearden:

- *210. John Minor-7 Bearden, b. on 25 July 1814 in Granville County, NC, m. on 10 Dec. 1840 to Margaret A. BEAN.
- 211. Unknown daughter-7, b. about 1815-1816 in Granville County, NC, d. before the 1850 census of Knox County, TN. This daughter married at an unknown time and place before 1836, to (?) PRICE. Her thirteen and fourteen year old daughters are living in household of their grandparents, Benjamin-6 and Elizabeth (MINOR) BEARDEN in 1850, viz: Caroline-8, b. 1836, Knox County, TN; Mary Ann-8, b. 1837, Knox County, and John F.-8 PRICE who is bondsman for the marriage on 19 Dec. 1877 in Knox County, of Rufus Charles-8 BEARDEN to Charlotte BROWN. Rufus C.-8 is the son of Charles-7 and Nancy BEARDEN, grandson of Richard-6 and Nancy Ann (BENNETT) BEARDEN, listed in the Charles-7 Bearden household on the 1850 census of Knox County, TN.
- 212. Mary Ann-7 Bearden, m. in Knox County on 14 March 1833 to John CURRIER, with John KNOX, Bondsman.
- 213. Caroline-7 Bearden, m. on 21 Nov. 1839 in Knox County, to Marcellus R. CAMP, by George M. WHITE, J. P. Marcellus R. Camp is the bondsman for the marriage on 10 Dec. 1840, Knox County, John Minor-7 Bearden to Margaret A. BEAN.
- 214. George-7 Bearden, b. on 11 Dec. 1820 in Granville County, NC, d. on 12 Nov. 1855, Knox County, TN.
- *215. Benjamin Franklin-7 Bearden, b. 6 May 1824, d. 8 April 1883, m. on 27 Jan. 1851 in Knox County, TN to Rebecca Jane SMITH.
- 216. Mary-7 Bearden, b. 1826 in Granville County, NC (Knox County, TN?), m. 9 May 1838, Knox County, to Jonathan COKER, by David B. TIPTON, I. P. COKER, Bondsman.
- 217. Marcus de Lafayette-7 Bearden, was b. on 31 March 1830 in Knox County, TN and d. there on 27 Sept. 1885. He m. on 29 Jan. 1851 in Knoxville, Knox County, to Dicey KIDD.
He was in the Union Army, Civil War, Captain of Company B., 6th Tennessee Infantry and took part in the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia, where Bearden men fighting for the Southern cause (CSA) were losing their lives. Afterward, he is in Knoxville, TN and on the committee to build a new jail, was elected mayor and to the Tennessee House of Representatives of the 44th General Assembly. He was president of the Knoxville and Carolina Railroad and used his influence to erect the East State Hospital at Lyon View. He donated land for the Second Methodist Episcopal Church. The town of Bearden, Tennessee, west of Knoxville, is named for him and has been incorporated into the city of Knoxville. The post office is now the

West Branch of the Knoxville Post Office but there are still businesses, churches and a high school bearing the name Bearden and there is a sign on Interstate 75 which points the way to Bearden.

This writer does not have the record of "Mark"-7's descendants but there is available information from "THE FRENCH BROAD HOLSTON COUNTY, A HISTORY OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE", by the Knox County Historical Committee, East Tennessee Historical Society, Mary U. Rothrock, Editor in 1946; and from "ANASEARCHIN' NEWS", Vol. 10, Pg. 63 (1963). Marcus de. L.-7 Bearden is listed on the 1860 census of Anderson County, TN (Census No. 54), age 30, with issue:

a. Susan R.-8 Bearden, b. 1853, m. 16 May 1872, Knox County, Joseph Levi YORK, Chief of Police in Knoxville.

b. John K.-8 Bearden, b. 1855 in Knox County, m. there on 20 Sept. 1874 to his cousin once removed, Bell WHITE, by J. R. PAYNE MG, J. L. TURNER, Bondsman.

*218. William H.-7 Bearden, m. on 18 July 1850 in Knox County, TN to his father's cousin. No. 566, Catherine J.-8 BEARDEN.

*219. Thomas J. C.-7 Bearden, m. 1850 to Margaret DEBUSK.

220. Nathaniel-7 Bearden, b. 18 Nov. 1838 in Knox County, TN, d. there unmarried on 7 April 1873.

*221. Harriett-7 Bearden, m. 25 March 1858, to George A. STEWART.

63. Lucy-6 Bearden (Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), youngest issue of Benjamin-5 and Molly (HARRIS) BEARDEN, b. 1799-1803 in Granville County, NC, d. before the 1870 census of Stewart County, TN, m. on 22 Sept. 1820 in Granville County, to Jonathan Wade TIPPETT/TRIPPLETT Jr. She is the fourth devisee as named in her father's will and is to inherit equally with her two brothers and her sister (Charles-6, Benjamin-6 Jr. and Patsey-6 Bearden "now the wife of Thomas W. Parham"). Martha Patsey-6 had married first to William FRAZIER/FREEMAN, the brother of Richardson and Nancy who married Patsey-6's sister and brother, Sarah-6 and William-6 Bearden.

In 1795, Benjamin-5 Bearden, called Sr. after his son Benjamin Jr. was born, witnessed the power of attorney from John TIPPETT Sr. to John TIPPETT Jr., both of Rowan County, NC. John Wade TIPPETT III, was born in 1799 in Granville County and died in Stewart County, TN between the taking of the 1860 and 1870 census. Lucy-6's husband is the son of John TIPPETT Sr. and his wife, Mary WADE, and is related to the illustrious General Wade HAMPTON of the Revolutionary War ("Stewart County, Tennessee History").

Lucy-6 Bearden's descendants are eligible for membership in all patriotic associations through both their maternal and paternal Bearden and Hampton/Wade ancestors. This includes Eleonor Ruth-9 Shepherd who applied to NSDAR under the auspices of No. 489193, Mrs. Iliene (Bearden) Harrell (Benjamin-5 Bearden, Patriot). Lucy-6 had issue, Tippet, born Granville County, NC unless otherwise noted:

222. Martha-7 A. Tippet, b. 1821, m. 19 Jan. 1841, to Amos NANNY.

223. Nancy-7 Tippet, b. 1823, m. on 4 June 1845, Granville County, NC to Major NICHOLSON.

224. Joseph-7 Tippet, b., d. and m. at Indian Mounds, Stewart County, TN, 25 Oct. 1828; 7 Nov. 1883; 6 July 1868 to Lucy Abney WILSON.

225. Letha-7 Tippet, b. on 10 Oct. 1830 at Indian Mounds, d. there on 28 Jan. 1889, m. there on 6 July 1868 to John O. HUNT and m. second Robert DARNELL.

226. John A.-7 Tippet IV, b. on 29 May 1834 at Oakwood, Montgomery County, TN, d. on 5 July 1905 at Indian Mounds, TN, m. there on 14 Oct. 1857 to Elizabeth RORIE. Both are buried in the Givens Cemetery close to Indian Mounds.

*227. Harriett-7 Tippet, b. 1836, d. 1914, m. on 12 March 1855 to Robert SMITH, m. second Eli SMITH, brother of Robert.

228. Marion-7 Tippet, b. 1840 at Oakwood, Montgomery County, TN, d. on 6 March 1862 at Camp Douglas, Cook County, IL, in a Union prison camp (CSA, Tennessee Infantry, Civil War).

*229. Dorothea-7 Tippet, m. on 11 Dec. 1869 to James SHEPHERD.

230. Lucy-7 Tippet, youngest issue of Lucy-6 Bearden and John W. Tippet Jr., b. 1845, Oakwood, TN, d. 1860 at Indian Mounds, Stewart County. She did not marry.

B. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 37 EDMUND-5 AND ANN (EASLEY?) BEARDEN

64. Winn/Wynn-6 Bearden (Edmund-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), first or second issue of Edmond-5, b. 1770-1780 in Ninety-Six District in what was later Greenville County, SC and died before 2 Dec. 1809, on Flynn's Fork of the Tradewater River in Caldwell County, KY, m. on 30 Dec. 1797 in Davidson County, TN to Mary Elizabeth McALLISTER, who was the sister of John McALLISTER who married on 7 March 1798 in Davidson County, TN, to Winn-6's sister, Nettie-6 Bearden.

Elizabeth Bearden, a widow on 20 Jan. 1823, is ordered by the Livingston County, KY court to appear and show why her minor children (under sixteen years) should not be bound out as apprentices. In the same year, Elizabeth Bearden married (?) WILLIAMS and in the next court session, the minor children of Elizabeth Williams are ordered bound out. Unfortunately, Elizabeth and her issue were the victims of a vicious law in what was then a crude society.

Some Edmund-5 Bearden descendants do not agree with the theory that Mary Elizabeth outlived her husband as she did not administer the Winn-6 Bearden estate and is not counted as the head of household on the 1810 Kentucky census/tax list. There has not been found another Bearden in this area with wife/widow named Elizabeth nor is the Elizabeth Bearden who had her children bound out accounted for, unless she is the widow of Winn-6 Bearden.

The first authentic record connecting Winn-6 Bearden and his father is found in a deed dated 1792 in Greenville County, SC, "land formerly belonging to Edmund Bearden on George's Creek, south side Saluda River, sold by John Gowen, Winn Bearden assisting, witness" ("SOUTHERN LINEAGES, RECORDS OF THIRTEEN FAMILIES", Pg. 343).

Winn-6 is next located in 1797 and 1798 in Davidson County, TN, which was created in 1783 from the original Washington County which covered the present state of Tennessee and from which the present counties were taken. Sumner County was created in 1786 from Davidson County. Winn-6 had uncles and cousins who had already settled this area of Tennessee.

Winn-6 and his father, Edmund-5, next appear on the 1799 tax list of Christian County, Kentucky; his brother, John-6, joins them there on the 1800 tax list (Livingston County, Kentucky Order Book A). It has been established that Christian County is the parent county of Livingston, which county was formed in 1798 and the taxpayers listed on the east side of Livingston Creek in 1800 included Winn-6 Bearden (one male over twenty-one, the tax list only shows the males over twenty-one).

He was the owner of two hundred acres on Flynn's Fork of the Tradewater River and is next listed as the owner of three hundred acres on the 1802 tax list of Livingston County, KY and in the same location. Flynn's Fork of the Tradewater River joins the river at the site of the present day Dawson Springs which is now located in Caldwell County, KY. An old map, showing the location of the BEARDENS and the CLAYTONS there in the early nineteenth century, is located in the Marshall County Library in Benton, Kentucky.

Winn-6 Bearden died before his estate was settled in the newly created county of Caldwell in Kentucky. Through a series of changes, the Beardens found themselves in three different counties in a period of less than ten years and without having moved their place of residence. On 2 Dec. 1809, in Caldwell County, KY, John-6 Bearden is appointed to sell the Winn-6 Bearden property. When the sale was held, Mourning-6 BEARDEN, John-6 BEARDEN, Silas-6 BEARDEN, Moses CLAYTON, James CLAYTON and William CLAYTON are the principal buyers (Will Book A, Pgs. 12-13). John-6 Bearden's wife is reportedly a Clayton and James Clayton married in 1813, Caldwell County, KY to Person No. 105, Rachel-6 Bearden, with consent of her father, Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden.

There is no extant documentary evidence substantiating the issue of Winn-6 and Mary Elizabeth (McAllister) Bearden. They were married in 1797 and some of the later Bearden marriages in the vicinity of Caldwell County, KY are undoubtedly their issue. His daughters, Kindness-7 and Letty-7 Bearden are married in Caldwell County, KY on 22 Aug. 1817 and 1 Oct. 1819 to Samuel BELL and Martin NEWMAN respectively, with the consent of John-6 Bearden, guardian. This certainly is an indication that these are the issue of John-6's deceased brother, Winn-6 Bearden, who had as many as six or seven issue, born between his marriage in Dec. of 1797 and his death before 2 Dec. 1809. His minor and orphaned children were bound out as apprentices in 1823 in Livingston and Trigg Counties, KY. Winn-6 and Elizabeth had speculated issue:

231. John-7 Bearden (TWIN), b. about 1799-1800 in Tennessee or Kentucky, m. as her probable fourth husband, on 24 July 1820 in Trigg County, KY to Nelly/Nulty (YOUNG) BEARDEN-BEARDEN-HARGISS/HARDIGE, who was the sister of John YOUNG Sr. who married Person No. 232, Elizabeth-7 BEARDEN; probable niece of No. 73, Mary Polly-6 BEARDEN who married John YOUNG, Jr.; Thomas Young who married No. 72, Martha-6 BEARDEN; and William S. YOUNG who married "d" under No. 66, Rebecca-7 BEARDEN. Interestingly, the person compiled herein as No. 342, Celia-6 (Liley?) Bearden, married Robert O'BARR/O'BAR, the latter who married as his second wife to Mary Polly YOUNG, the widow of John YOUNG Jr. Undoubtedly, some of the Trigg County, KY marriages are for the issue of Person No. 40, John-5 Bearden (brother of Edmund-5).
232. Elizabeth-7 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1799-1800 in Davidson County, TN (KY?), m. 13 March 1811, Christian County, KY to John YOUNG Sr.
233. Joseph-7 Bearden, b. about 1804 in Livingston County, KY, m. on 12 July 1824 in Christian County, KY to Martha HARDWICK. One Joseph Bearden was hung for murder in Hickman County, TN, as taken from "RIVER COUNTIES", 1973, Pg. 45-85: "State vs. Joseph Bearden, indicted for murder Oct. 1828, hanged 1832".
1840 Humphreys County, TN census, Joseph Bearden, Census Pg. 224; one person compiled as No. 197, Joseph-7 Bearden).
234. Susan-7 Bearden, b. about 1800-1806 (TWIN?), KY; married on 9 May 1816 in Christian County, Kentucky to Thomas WHITE.
235. Kindness-7 Bearden, b. 1800-1806 (TWIN?), Livingston/Christian County, KY, m. on 19 Aug. 1817 in Caldwell County, KY, consent of John-6 Bearden, guardian, to Samuel BELL, brother of Catherine BELL who married Thomas-6 Bearden.
236. Mary Polly-7 Bearden, b. 1808, Livingston County, KY, m. 6 April 1819, Christian County, KY, Thomas HARGIS/HARDIGE, brother to John Hargis who m. as her third husband to Nulty/Nelly (YOUNG) BEARDEN-BEARDEN. Nulty married as her first husband to Person No. 67, Francis-6 BEARDEN, married second to her brother-in-law, No. 66, Silas-6 BEARDEN, m. third John HARGIS and m. fourth to Mary Polly-7's brother, John-7 BEARDEN.
237. Lettice-7 "Letty" Bearden, b. 1800-1810 in Tennessee or Kentucky, m. on 1 Oct. 1819, Caldwell County, KY, consent of guardian, John-6 Bearden, to Martin NEWMAN, a descendant of Person No. 80 (Hester MAUZY NEWMAN) in the WEATHERS FAMILY by this writer). Lettice-7 had speculated descendants:
 - a. Phebe-8 (sic) NEWMAN, m. 16 July 1833, Lauderdale County, AL, her mother's cousin, George-7 Bearden (Person No. 79).
 - b. Julia Ann-8 NEWMAN (may be granddaughter to Lettice-7), m. in Rusk County, TX to her distant cousin, Gideon Augustine BOWER/S, Person No. 733 in the WEATHERS FAMILY, and their descendants are listed there.

65. John-6 (H.?) Bearden (Edmund-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1770-1780, in that part of South Carolina called District Ninety-Six which later became Greenville County. By an act ratified in 1769, the province of South Carolina was divided into seven judicial districts, including District Ninety-Six. In 1795, the districts of Pinckney and Washington were established, Washington embracing the present counties of Greenville, Pickens, Oconee and Anderson. In 1798, Washington District was formed into present districts/counties of Greenville and Pendleton.

John-6 died 1842-1843 and is buried in the old Bearden/Strow/Green Cemetery, located on what is now West 14th Street in downtown Benton, KY. He married where he was born, 1795-1800, Caty CLAYTON, last name has the authority of long standing and accepted tradition, and first name as taken from deeds in Caldwell County, Kentucky. The Clayton family lived near the Beardens on Clayton's branch of the Reedy River, Ninety-Six District, SC and the two families continued a close association and intermarriages in KY, AL, TN, and GA. The Claytons, as was the custom for family members, were the principal buyers at the estate sale of Winn-6 Bearden.

The 1790 South Carolina census of civil District Ninety-Six (Greenville) lists the Edmund-5 Bearden household with only one male child over 16 years (born before 1774). Neither John-6 nor his brother, Winn-6 Bearden, lived until the 1850 census was taken and there is no clear evidence which of these two older sons of the Baptist minister, Edmund-5 Bearden, was born first.

John-6 Bearden (spelled BARDIN on the 1800 tax list) joins Edmund-5 and Winn-6 Bearden as a taxpayer in 1800, District 1, Christian and Livingston Counties, Kentucky (Don Simmons "TAX LIST, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800", publ. 1974). Livingston County was formed 1798 from the parent county of Christian and John-6 Bearden paid taxes in the newly created county from 1800 to 1809, 6000 acres of land on the east side of Livingston Creek, on Flynn's and Eddy's Fork of the watercourse of the Tradewater River at and near the present day site of Dawson Springs.

Through a series of newly formed counties, the subject, John-6, his father Edmund-5 and his brother Winn-6 Bearden, without having moved their place of residence, found themselves living in three different counties in the space of less than ten years. When the new county of Caldwell was created in 1809, only the subject, John-6 and his young brother Silas-6 Bearden appear there as taxpayers. Their father, Edmund-5 Bearden, is now old and infirm and Silas-6, as the oldest son at home, is given as the taxpayer. Edmund-5 is alive in 1809 and is enumerated on the 1810 census of Caldwell County, KY (the male over 45 in the Mourning-6 Bearden household). He performed numerous marriages in that county in his capacity as a Baptist minister in 1810 and until 21 Aug. 1811.

The first tax list in the new county of Caldwell lists John-6 as the owner of 3000 acres of land and he owns an additional 950 acres in 1810. The 1811 tax list shows John-6 the owner of 5,850 acres, having deeded to Silas-6 Bearden 100 acres.

John-6 disappears from the tax list of Caldwell County until 1816 and again appears there in 1821, having moved westward. He appears in Calloway County, KY soon after that county is created in 1821 from Hickman County. John-6 Bearden, besides acquiring his brother's, bought this vast amount of land from his two brothers-in-law, Hugh LEWIS and John McALLISTER, as well as one of the John ADAIR/S (who had married No. 240), during the period of time between 1800 and 1816.

On 2 Dec. 1809, in Caldwell County, KY, John-6 Bearden is appointed to administer and sell the property of Winn-6 Bearden (Dec. Will Book A, Pgs. 12-13). On 16 Jan. 1810, "John-6 Bearden and Caty, his wife", sell 200 acres, located on Flynn's Fork of the Tradewater River, Caldwell County, KY, to William CROW for \$200 (Deed Book A, Pg. 162, Caldwell County). Interestingly, the Crow family is now (1980-1998) researching the Bearden family of Western Kentucky because they say their ancestor, William CROW, adopted some Bearden sons.

In 1809-1815, John-6 Bearden is appointed in Caldwell County to serve as high sheriff (Order Book A, Pgs. 193-223-256-422, etc.)

John-6's compiled uncle, Person No. 39, Thomas-5 Bearden is, in 1813, paying taxes on John-6 Bearden's land in Caldwell County. In 1814, Thomas-5, Person No. 43, Richard-5 and possibly Person No. 84, William-6 Bearden are Caldwell County taxpayers with the subject here, John-6 Bearden the landowner. William-6 may be the son of John-5 Bearden (Person No. 40), the John-5 Bearden who seems to have appeared here only briefly for the 1820 census of Trigg County, KY. No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden, first appears as a Kentucky taxpayer in Livingston County in 1804, 1805, and 1806.

The 1810 census of Caldwell County, KY, lists as heads of households the subject here John-6, his siblings Silas-6 and Mourning-6 Bearden. Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden, is listed on the 1810 census as head of a

household in Warren County, KY. The subject, John-6 Bearden, is counted on the Caldwell County third census of Kentucky taken in 1810 and copied from the census records on file in the Census Bureau, Washington, D. C., by Annie Burns Bell, indexed by the Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City, Utah in 1936. This record lists John-6 Bearden and his wife with four males and two female issue: John, 45X; f. (wife) 45X; 1 m. (16-26); 1 m. (10-16); 2 ms. (-10, under 10); 1 f. (16-26); 1 f. (10-16).

The fourth or 1820 census of Caldwell County, KY, counts John with six males and two female issue: John Bearden (45X or 45 plus which means age over 45); 3 males (16-18, military age); 1 male (10-16); (2) males (-10, which means under 10); 1 female (26-45); 1 female (10-16).

The female 10-16 and two of the males between the ages of 10-18 in 1820, are probably not the John-6 Bearden issue because they are not counted in 1810. The female and male could be the persons who are under 10 years and counted with Mourning-6 Bearden in 1810. This theory supposes that the father of John-6, Mourning-6 and Winn-6 Bearden (Edmund-5) died between 21 August 1811 and 25 Nov. 1811, Mourning-6 married, and John-6 took his three siblings (two brothers and a sister) to raise. This theory forgets that John-6 was the guardian for his brother, Winn-6's issue. The conclusion is that John-6's wife d. between 1820 and 1830.

The fifth or 1830 United States census of the newly formed Calloway County, KY, lists only two Bearden households, John-6 Bearden Sr. and John H.-7 Bearden Jr.: John Bearden, 50-60 (b. 1770-1780); female, 50-60 (b. 1770-1780); male, 15-20 (b. 1810-1815); male, 10-15 (b. 1815-1820). The conclusion is that the subject here, John-6 Bearden remarried before 1830 and the two males were his young sons by his first wife, George Madison-7 and Jefferson-7 Bearden.

The sixth or 1840 census of Calloway County, KY, finds John-6 Bearden in the household of son, George Madison-7 Bearden: George M. Bearden, 20-30 (b. 1810-1820); male, 5-10 (b. 1830-1835); males (2) -5 (b. 1835-1840); male, 60-70 (b. 1770-1780, John-6 Bearden). The conclusion has to be, as in 1840 there are no females in George M.-7 Bearden's household, both John-6 and George Madison-7 Bearden had lost their wives. Actually they each had lost two wives.

John H.-7 is the only Bearden who is listed on the 1843 tax list of Marshall County, which narrows John-6 Bearden's deathdate down to 1842-1843. John-6 had known and speculated issue, Bearden:

238. Phillip-7 Bearden, b. 1794-1804, listed on the 1820 and 1830 census of Livingston County, KY and on the 1819 to 1823 tax list of Caldwell County, again listed on the tax list of the latter county in 1826 to 1829.
- *239. John Harden-7 Bearden, m. 18 Feb. 1827, Margaret BOURLAND.
240. Mary Polly-7 Bearden, b. 1805-1806, KY, m. on 2 March 1818 in Caldwell County, KY to John ADAIR. Mary Polly's-6 father bought some of the John Adair Sr. land. Some of her descendants are in Gilmer County, GA in 1838 and listed through 1850 for Bearden deeds, plus they are listed on the census, some ROBESON and CARROLL surnames living in same household.
241. Erasmus-7 Bearden, b. 1800-1806 in SC according to the 1860 census taken in Floyd County, GA, P. O. McQuires Store (Dwelling No. 1048, Pg. 285). He m. in Calloway County, KY on 24 March 1828 to Dicey Ann BOURLAND, by William MILLIKEN, J. P., consent of father, Benjamin BOURLAND, witnessed by John BOURLAND and John GRIFFIN. Dicey Ann is a relative of Margaret and Elizabeth BOURLAND, who married Erasmus-7's brother (John Harden-7 BEARDEN) and Francis CLAYTON, respectively. Erasmus-7 is listed on the 1840 census of Spartanburg County, SC and made deeds there for that period of time. The 1840 census of Graves County, KY, lists Dicey BEARDEN as the head of family (census by Don Simmons, Pg. 11, with seven in household). Erasmus-7 was away from home when this census was taken, as he is surely the identical Erasmus-7 Bearden who is listed on the 1860 census of Floyd County, GA, b. 1800 in SC, with wife Ann, b. 1802; William L. E. (?), b. 1836, a "teacher"; John, b. 1836; William, b. 1838; Margaret, b. 1848; and Elizabeth Bearden, b. 1777, all listed as b. SC. The William Bearden in this family who was b. 1838 in SC may be the identical William Bearden who is compiled herein as No. 174 and who m. Passey Ann GOODE. Floyd County in GA is not that far from Graves and Calloway Counties in Kentucky, nor from the northern Alabama counties of Jackson, Marshall, Blount, etc.

242. Jefferson-7 Bearden, b. 1810-1812 in Caldwell County, KY. He was of legal age and m. on 18 March 1833 in Calloway County, KY to Lorena TYLER, consent of guardian, James BLAIR.
243. George Madison-7 Bearden, youngest known issue of John-6 and Caty, b. 1816 in Caldwell County, KY, m. on 30 Jan. 1836 in Calloway County, KY to Elizabeth KIRK, consent of fathers, John-6 Bearden and James Kirk, by James DARNELL, MG. Elizabeth died before 1839 after bearing two children and George Madison-7 Bearden (spelled Rearden on this record) m. second on 21 Feb. 1839 in Calloway County, KY to Mary FORD, by Thomas Ford, consent of father, David Ford.
- Mary d. soon after the marriage and George Madison-7 m. third on 22 March 1842 in Marshall County, KY to Elizabeth NICHOLS, daughter of Luke and Ann Nichols, and had three issue as listed on the 1850 and 1860 Kentucky census of Marshall County. He m. fourth on 1 May 1856 in Marshall County to Eliza Kelly BLALOCK, by whom he had two issue as taken from the 1860 census of Marshall County, KY. Eliza's family was in Fayette County, GA in 1850 (under Person No. 247, BLALOCK).
- George Madison-7 is listed as the head of household on the 1840 Kentucky census of Calloway County and in his household was his father, John-6 (H.) Bearden Sr. who died 1842-1843. He is listed on the 1850 and 1860 United States census in the state of Kentucky and the newly formed county of Marshall, having had issue, Bearden:
- a. Male child-8, b. 1837 and died before the 1850 census.
 - b. John-8 Bearden, b. 1838, and the identical person who is listed on the 1850 census of Caldwell County, KY in household of Martha BAKER, a widow. This could have been Mourning-6 Bearden, who married 1811, Caldwell County, KY to Dunning Baker and would have been this John-8 Bearden's great aunt.
 - c. Alonzo Benton-8 Bearden, b. 1843, Kentucky. In 1860 Alonzo B.-8 is listed in the household of Ross BAKER.
 - d. Luke M.-8 Bearden, b. 1848, Benton, Marshall County, KY, m. on 26 Dec. 1872 in Caldwell County, KY to Susan E. JEWELL. Susan's ancestors came to Virginia in 1636 with John-1 BURDEN and they are in Walton and Oglethorpe Counties, GA. in 1830s, having deeds there with the RAINEY family (under Person No. 353, James Jasper-7 Bearden).
 - e. Mary Ann-8 Bearden, b. 1850, counted in 1860 in household of her maternal grandfather, Luke NICHOLS, age 78 and his wife Nancy, age 65. She m. on 17 Nov. 1892 in Caldwell County to A. F. McCAIN.
 - f. Jane-8 Bearden, b. 1857 in Marshall County, KY.
 - g. Helen-8 Bearden, b. 1858 in Marshall County, KY; m. on 13 Dec. 1892 in Caldwell County, to T. J. PEARCE/PEARCY.

C. TWO SPECULATED ISSUE OF NO. 38 HUMPHREY-5 BEARDEN

75. Richard-6 Bearden (Humphrey-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), born 1750-1760, age 70-80 on the 1830 census of Clarke County, GA and listed same page as Humphrey-5 Bearden, age 80-90, who is alone in 1830. Richard-6 made his will on 17 June 1831 in Clarke County, GA and this is a three page document which names his children and one grandchild. He died before 7 Nov. 1831, the latter date when his will was probated in Clarke County, appointing Ethrel (SORRELL?), Gadiel FARNBROUGH and Reuben STEWART as the Trustees and Executors, duly sworn to and witnessed by Hartwell M. ELDER, Gadiel FARNBROUGH and Moab (TRAILS?).

A copy of the will is in writer's possession from the Clarke County Ordinary without book or Pg. No. as to location in their records. Unfortunately, Richard-6's many descendants have little information about this ancestor. The 1850 census of Fayette County, GA lists two of Richard-6's issue, Solomon-7 Bearden and Nancy-7 (BEARDEN) LIPHAM, as named in his will, shows the year and state of their birth as 1784 and 1788 in North Carolina. Richard-6 came to Georgia from the state of North Carolina during or soon after 1787.

The time nor the place of Richard-6's marriage is known nor the name of his wife who was not named in his will which indicates she had died previously. Humphrey-5 was still in North Carolina for the birth of a child in 1788 and his wife was probably not the Sarah BEARDEN who, on 4 July 1793 in Wilkes County, GA, witnessed the will of Daniel GRANT ("EARLY RECORDS OF GEORGIA", Pg. 56). There is only Humphrey-5 and John-6 Bearden in Georgia on this early date and Sarah would have probably been wife, daughter or daughter-in-law to one of these.

There has been much study and conjecture by many researchers in Georgia concerning this Richard-6 Bearden's ascent and descent. He was in Wilkes and Greene County, GA, as early as 1788 and 1790. The Indians had burned Greensboro in Greene County, GA, and those who sustained damages in June 1787 included the old pioneers, Humphrey-5 and Richard-6 Bearden. They received compensation for losses incurred by the Indians in that raid ("SUBSTITUTE FOR GEORGIA'S LOST 1790 CENSUS").

One John Bearden witnessed in 1793, Wilkes County, GA, the estate settlement of Presley RAMEY/RAINEY, which was also witnessed by John, Absalom and William RAMEY, with John and Judith RAMEY the administrators (see RAINEY FAMILY).

"The Index to Georgia Tax Digests, 1789-1799", Vol. 1, Reprint Company Publishers in 1987, Spartanburg County, SC, by and for the R. J. Taylor Foundation, found in the Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama Library, lists the following Beardens in Georgia (spelled as listed):

BEARDEN, Arthur	Jackson County	1799	District No. 025
BEARDEN, Ansel	Jackson County	1799	District No. 017
BEARDEN, Humphrey	Green County	1791	District No. 026
BEARDEN, John	Wilkes County	1791	District No. 015
BEARDEN, Richard	Wilkes County	1791	District No. 015
BEARDEN, Richard	Green County	1797	District No. 026
BEARDEN, Thomas	Jackson County	1799	District No. 017
BERDEN, Humphrey	Green County	1789	District No. 019

From "AN INDEX TO GEORGIA TAX DIGESTS, 1800-1802", Vol. II:

BEARDEN, John	Clarke County	1802	District No. 015
BEARDEN, Thomas	Clarke County	1802	District No. 013
BEARDEN, William	Clarke County	1802	District No. 013
BEARDIN, Artur	Elbert County	1801	District No. 190
BEARDIN, William	Jackson County	1801	District No. 033
BEARDIN, John	Jackson County	1801	District No. 022
BEARDING, Richard	Wilkes County	1801	District No. 022
BURDEN, Archa	Elbert County	1801	District No. 21

From "AN INDEX TO GEORGIA TAX DIGESTS 1804-1806", Vol. III:

BEARDEN, Arthur	Jackson County	1804	District No. 006
BEARDEN, Arthur?	Clarke County	1805	District No. 029
BEARDEN, John	Clarke County	1805	District No. 033
BEARDEN, John	Greene County	1805	District No. 056
BEARDEN, Richard	Clarke County	1805	District No. 029
BEARDEN, William	Clarke County	1805	District No. 029
BEARDING, Solomon	Clarke County	1805	District No. 031
BEARDON, Ancil	Jackson County	1804	District No. 006
BEARDON, Richard	Jackson County	1804	District No. 005
BARDEN, Gilbert	Greene County	1805	District No. 029
BARDEN, Simon	Jefferson County	1805	District No. 029
BARDEN, William	Columbia County	1806	District No. 015

From "AN INDEX TO GEORGIA TAX DIGESTS, 1809-1811", Vol. IV

BEARDEN, John	Morgan County	1810	District No. 037
BEARDEN, William	Jackson County	1810	District No. 030
BEARDEN, Jacob	Jackson County	1810	District No. 028
BEARDEN, James	Jackson County	1810	District No. 028
BEARDEN, Richard	Clarke County	1809	District No. 020
BEARDEN, Solomon	Clarke County	1809	District No. 020

From "AN INDEX TO GEORGIA TAX DIGESTS, 1814-1817", Vol V:

BEARDEN, Edward	Clarke County	1815	District No. 021
BEARDEN, John	Clarke County	1815	District No. 007
BEARDEN, Thomas	Putnam County	1815	District No. 071
BEARDEN, Richard	Clarke County	1815	District No. 021
BEARDEN, Richard	Jackson County	1817	District No. 062
BEARDEN, Solomon	Clarke County	1815	District No. 021
BARDEN, Simon	Pulaski County	1816	District No. 003
BARDIN, Branson	Pulaski County	1816	District No. 003
BEARDIN, William	Putnam County	1815	District No. 007
BURDEN, Archibald	Elbert County	1814	District No. 052
BURDEN, Emond	Elbert County	1814	District No. 053
BURDEN, Henry	Elbert County	1814	District No. 051
BURDEN, James	Elbert County	1814	District No. 042
BURDEN, William	Elbert County	1815	District No. 039

In 1793 Richard-6 Bearden served as a private in Captain Neal's Company, First Battalion, Second Regiment, Georgia Militia ("M.R., 1784-1815, WASHINGTON COUNTY, GEORGIA").

The land given out in 1805 was obtained on 16 June 1803 from the Creek Indians in a treaty at Ft. Wilkerson and included the land south of the Oconee and Altamaha Rivers. This territory was divided into three counties, Wayne, Wilkerson and Baldwin. The counties of Lauren, Telfair and Twiggs were formed from the parent county of Wilkerson and the counties of Jasper, Jones, Morgan and Putnam were formed from the parent county of Baldwin ("GEORGIA'S 1803-1805 LAND LOTTERY").

The 1803-1805 Georgia land lottery of Wilkes County lists John, Richard and Sarah Bearden, who drew two blanks each, meaning they did not draw a winning ticket for the free land. Humphrey-5 Bearden, in 1788, was granted 222 acres on the Oconee River ("THE HEADRIGHT AND BOUNTY GRANTS OF GEORGIA, HEADRIGHTS GRANTED TO CITIZENS OF GEORGIA"; and "HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY, GEORGIA", Pg. 35, by Rice and Williams, found in the Greene County Plat Book and in the "INDEX TO THE HEADRIGHT AND BOUNTY GRANTS OF GEORGIA 1756-1909", Pg. 378)).

Humphrey-5 was entitled to land as a Revolutionary soldier, land which fell in Cobb County when that county was formed in 1832 from Cherokee County, the latter county formed 1831 from Cherokee lands and from Hall and Habersham Counties ("1832 GEORGIA CHEROKEE LAND LOTTERY", Map Pg. 142-143: "Bearden, Humphrey, R. S. (Revolutionary Soldier), Barnett's District, Clarke County, GA, Lot No. 249").

In 1810 at Eatonton, Putnam County, GA, Richard-6 Bearden of Clarke County GA, witnesses the will of John CLEMENTS (Will Book B, Pg. 8). On 29 Dec. 1829, in Jackson County, GA, Richard-6 Bearden of Clarke County GA deeds to John WILSON of Jackson County a tract of land lying in the county of Jackson on the waters of the Oconee "where Wilson now lives", witnessed by James MONTGOMERY and John WINTERS with William BURN, J. P. and Edward ADAMS, Clerk. After Richard-6 died 1831, Clarke County, most of his children and grandchildren migrated to Fayette County, GA, which county was created in 1821 from Indian lands and Henry County, the latter county also created in 1821 from Indian lands and Walton County.

Although Richard-6, b. 1750-1760 and d. 1831, is practically the same age and has the same name as Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden, it's easy to differentiate between these two old Bearden pioneers. The subject is the Richard-6 Bearden whose will was probated 7 Nov. 1831 in Clarke County, GA, said will subscribed to by three reliable witnesses that he was then deceased. The other, Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden of South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama and Tennessee was still living and did between 1825 and 1836 make three Revolutionary War pension statements in Wayne, Lawrence and McNairy Counties, Tennessee and was counted on the 1840, 1850 and 1860 census of Gilmer, Lumpkin and Dawson Counties, Georgia in that order, dying in the latter county in 1860 as recorded in New Hope Baptist Church minutes.

"THE HISTORY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, GEORGIA FROM INDIAN TRAIL TO INTERSTATE 20", by Davis, 1987, includes "A BEARDEN HISTORY" (other quotes under Person No. 38, Humphrey-5 and No. 247, Edward-7): "Richard Bearden, born circa 1750-1760 and wife eventually owned a 1000-plus acre plantation in Clarke County which supported the growth of cotton, corn, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, oxen and poultry. Nine children were born to them. The mother died between 1820 and 1830; Richard died the latter part of 1831. He left a will bequeathing each of his children at least one slave along with a share of the plantation."

Richard-6 had issue as named in his will:

244. Solomon-7 Bearden, b. 1784 in NC (Humphrey-5 on 1761-1770 tax list in Halifax and Granville County, NC; Deed Bk. G, Pg. 83 and Bk. P). Solomon-7 is first listed in GA on the 1830 census as head of household in Clarke County, age 40-50 with a female b. 1790-1800 and no children which indicates he married shortly before the 1830 census was taken. He is listed in Fayette County in 1840 (Census Pg. 221), age 50-60, with a female (50-60), 1 male (10-15), 2 males (5-10), 1 female (10-15) and 1 female (-10). He had five children born between 1830 and 1840. He is on the 1850 census of Fayette County, GA, with ten (10) children, names of wife and children not researched.
245. Rachel-7 Bearden, b. about 1786-1788 in NC and is deceased when her father made his will in 1831. She m. in Clarke County, Georgia on 25 Feb. 1810 to Joseph SELF (Marriage Book A, 1805-1814). Rachel-7 Bearden's husband is named as "my son-law" in her father's will and is left the sum of one dollar. Rachel-7's son, Lovic-8 Self, is named a legatee and he is located as the head of household on the 1830 census of Clarke County, GA, after which all trace is lost.
246. Nancy-7 Bearden, named in her father's will as Lucy LIPHAM, b. about 1786-1790, NC, m. on 25 Oct. 1818 in Clarke County to Henry LIPHAM. The census indicates four issue, all trace lost after the 1850 census of Fayette County, GA.
- *247. Edward-7 Bearden, m. Martha WATSON, m. second Frances GILES.
248. John H.-7 Bearden, b. about 1794-1800, in Wilkes County, GA and is one of the many John H. Beardens of his era; lived in Oglethorpe, Putnam and Fayette Counties, GA and is listed first in 1820 as the head of household. He is listed on the 1830 census in Clarke County, with wife and three issue. The name of his first wife is unknown but he m. second on 16 Jan. 1823 in Clarke County, to Bathsheba HUDSON, m. third on 5 Nov. 1828 to Cynthia CALLIHAN and may be the John H.-7 Bearden who married again 2 June 1840 to Charlotte M. HUDSON. Irby HUDSON is one of the bondsmen for the John H.-6 Bearden (Person No. 77) estate settlement, Sept. Court, 1817, Putnam County GA.
- Interestingly, Winnie Frances (HUDSON) MARTIN made an approved application to the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1925 from DeKalb County, GA, stating she was the daughter of William Guy HUDSON and Mary Jackson HARALSON of Hall and DeKalb County, GA; granddaughter of William HARALSON and Elizabeth (MILLER) JACKSON; great granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson HARALSON and his second wife, Mary LOGAN; great-great granddaughter of William HARALSON and Sarah BENNETT, third great granddaughter of Peter BENNETT and Elizabeth POMFRET of VA, NC and Knox County, TN.
- The subject, John H.-7 BIRDING, is listed on the 1820 census of Oglethorpe County, GA, age 26-45 (b. 1775-1794) which narrows his birthdate down to 1794. His wife is 10-16 (b. 1804-1810) and they have issue, 2 males and 3 females, all under 10 years of age (b. 1810-1820). John H.-7 Bearden's wife had five children at age 16. He is again listed on the 1830 census of Clarke County, GA, age 30-40 (b. 1790-1800) and his wife is 20-30 (b. 1800-1810). John-7 is listed on the 1840 census of Fayette County, GA, same page

- as Elijah-7 Bearden (Household Nos. 220 and 221). John-7's wife is same age and they had six issue: 1 male (15-20); 2 males (-5); 2 females (5-10); 1 female (-5). The Martha Bearden, age 17, b. GA and living in residence of Thomas and Nancy C. HARRIS on 1850 census, Walton County, GA may be his issue.
249. Telitha-7 Bearden, named in her father's will as "Telithy" FINCH, b. about 1797 in Greene County, GA and married on 16 Dec. 1819 in Clarke County to William FINCH; listed on the 1830 census of Clarke County with husband and four issue.
250. Aaron-7 Bearden, b. before 1800 in Clarke County, GA, d. same location on 25 March 1847 and is buried south of Watkinsville in the old Bearden Cemetery. He made his will on 12 March 1847, the same entered for probate on 3 May 1847. It gives the name of one married daughter and her husband. Aaron-7 married on 25 March 1824 in Putnam County to Parthena G. HART. There is a note recorded in 1827, Walton County Court House, Aaron Bearden payable to Richard Bearden. He is the fifth issue as named in the 1831 Richard-6 Bearden will. He is first listed as the head of household on the 1830 census of Clarke County, GA, age 20-30 (b. 1800-1810); his wife is in the same age bracket and they have no issue. He is again listed on the 1840 Clarke County census, age 30-40 (b. 1800-1810); his wife is age 40-50 (b. 1790-1800) with 1 female (20-30); 1 female (15-20); 1 male (10-15); 1 male (5-10); and 3 males (-5, under 5). His issue not researched by writer.
251. Elijah-7 Bearden, named as the sixth issue in father's will, b. 1800 in Clarke County, GA and m. on 18 Dec. 1822 in Jackson County, GA to his distant cousin Agnes WINTERS. Listed first on the 1830 and 1840 census of Clarke County, GA, with last entry listing him with eight children; listed on the 1850 census of Walton County, GA, wife Agnes, b. 1805; Richard W., b. 1836; Robert A., b. 1840; and John H., b. 1842, all b. GA (Census No. 869, Pg. 61). All trace is lost after 1850 and his issue is not researched by writer. Person No. 77, John H.-7 Bearden Sr., had sons, Elijah-8 and Elisha-8.
252. Elizabeth E.-7 Bearden, Elizabeth GLASS in father's will, b. 1806 in Clarke County, m. there on 24 Dec. 1826, Thomas GLASS, m. second on 23 Feb. 1837 in Fayette County to Gabriel ADAMS.

77. John H.-6 Bearden (Humphrey-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1760-1770 in Granville or Halifax County, NC and is over twenty-one years in Sept. of 1794 in Wilkes County, GA, when he witnessed the estate settlement of Presley RAMEY/RAINEY, deceased (source, RAINY FAMILY). John H.-6 Bearden is named on 1 Sept. 1817 and gave bond in Putnam County, GA, as the second administrator for the John H.-7 Bearden Jr. estate settlement. His own estate was settled and inventoried 1827-1836 in Walton County, Georgia, by Mrs. Sarah BEARDEN and Benjamin HAMMACK, naming five minor daughters. One John Bearden, with Humphrey-5 Bearden, is listed as a soldier of the Revolution ("ROSTER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LAND LOTTERY GRANTS", Pg. 330, Georgia Archives, which gives a certified list of participants).

On 8 Oct. 1827, in Walton County, GA, Sarah BEARDEN and Benjamin HAMMACK are appointed administrators of the estate of the deceased John H.-6 Bearden (Applications Docket, 1820-1832, Pg. 38, Walton County, GA; "Early Records of Georgia", Vol. II, Pg. 13-18). Benjamin HAMMACK, Mrs. Sarah BEARDEN, Aquilla-7 BEARDEN, Richard-7 BEARDEN, made the bond for the administration of the John H.-6 Bearden estate settlement and the personal property of John H.-6 Bearden is sold 14-15 Dec. 1827, "Benjamin Hammack certifies to this", etc.

In Walton County, Georgia, "Mrs. Sarah Bearden applied for the guardianship of Nancy H., Ollie, Caroline, Margaret, and Susan Bearden, orphans of John H.-6 Bearden", granted on 12 Dec. 1836 (Application Dockets, 1820-1832, Pg. 191).

The note of Aaron-7 Bearden is made payable to Richard-6 Bearden and the note of Nancy Bearden to L. I. Whitfield are found in the above noted application dockets in Walton County. Benjamin Hammack, deed from Sarah Bearden in 1833, Walton County, GA (Deed Book K, Pg. 211).

According to long-standing and accepted tradition, John H.-6 Bearden's wife has been given as Sarah GRANT who may have married first to a RAINY/RAINEY and married second to John H.-6 BEARDEN, the sister of Daniel GRANT whose will she witnessed. The Sarah Bearden who witnessed the Presley Rainey/Ramey estate

settlement in 1794, Wilkes County, GA, was in Wilkes County on 4 July 1793 and is the probable identical person who is one of the testators for the Daniel GRANT will ("EARLY RECORDS OF WILKES COUNTY, GEORGIA", Pg. 56), verifying the fact that John H.-6 and Sarah Bearden are in Wilkes County as early as 1793.

Daniel Grant expressed "my belief that slavery is unjust and contrary to the Gospel and all my slaves are to be freed as soon as the law allows. In the meantime, a limit is to be set on their services, and they pay ten shillings annually to my son, Thomas Grant, for their protection". He left his slaves to his son, John Owen Grant, and asked that he teach the slaves to read and write. He devises one fifth of his property to the poor for the purpose of buying books and teaching both whites and negroes to read the scriptures.

Legatees are his son, as named, and daughters Amelia OWEN, Fanny GAFFORD, Isabel DAVIS and Anna WILKINSON. He mentions money from public certificates in North Carolina; son, Thomas GRANT, John CRUTCHFIELD and David MERIWETHER are named Executors; Alsey HARRIS, SARAH BEARDEN and Thomas DARROCOTT, Testators.

Humphrey GRANT, along with William BLASSINGAME and Ralph JACKSON, witnessed the deed to Thomas-5 Bearden and John Blassingame, dated 18 Dec. 1788 in Union County, SC. For the purpose of elucidating a branch of the Bearden family, the Grant family were contemporaries of the Winn/Wynne family in Caroline and Fauquier Counties, Virginia (see WINN FAMILY by writer). Susannah WINN, daughter of Minor and Margaret (O'CONNOR) Winn, sister to Lettice (WINN) BEARDEN, Colonels William, John, Richard and Minor WINN Jr., married Peter GRANT as proved by the Minor WINN will.

There are Winn and Jackson connections in Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee, as Lettice (WINN) Bearden's relative married General "Stonewall" Jackson (see WEATHERS FAMILY and WINN FAMILY), and General Richard WINN's sons, Minor and Richard Jr., were taught law by and lived in the Tennessee home of General/President Andrew JACKSON.

According to viable tradition and records, Presley Ramey's parents are John and Elizabeth (STEWART) RAMEY. Elizabeth STEWART is of the RAMEY, PRESLEY, HORD/HEARD, GRANT, WINN, MORTON, HAYNES, MOREHEAD, MORGAN, and NEALE families of Prince William, Spotsylvania and Pittsylvania area of Virginia and who went to North Carolina first, then to Wilkes County, Georgia before 1793. John Ramey Sr. is listed on the 1820 census of Clarke County, GA, his widow (Elizabeth) received bounty land in the 1827 Georgia land lottery, this land falling in Walton County, where the RAMEY family had settled. It is worthy of note that Person No. 221, Harriett-7 BEARDEN m. George A. STEWART, and their descent continued this trend of intermarrying with the same families (see under No. 635, William J.-8 STEWART, m. No. 1331, Bessie-9 BEARDEN).

As stated, in 1793, only Humphrey-5, Richard-6, and John-6 Bearden are on the tax list and records for the state of Georgia and all of the above transactions are significant in view of the traditional last names of both Elizabeth (STEWART) Ramey and Sarah (GRANT) Ramey/Rainey-Bearden, the former the wife of John RAMEY/RAINEY Sr. and the latter the wife of John H.-6 BEARDEN Sr. Sarah is one of the many women named Sarah BEARDEN and the wife of one of the many men named John BEARDEN.

The subject here, John H.-6 Bearden is listed in some documents as John Bearden but some exceptions are the bond given 1821 in Putnam County, Georgia, by William-7 Bearden and Moses PRESLEY, wherein James D.-8 Bearden is named as the orphan of John H.-7 Bearden, and all the Walton County estate and orphan applications which call him John "H." Bearden. He is named as John H. Bearden in Sept. 1817, Putnam County, GA, one of the administrators for the John H.-7 Bearden Jr. estate settlement.

William-7 Bearden, on 30 Sept. 1817, and on 3 Dec. 1821, along with Moses PRESLEY, gives bond for the estate and guardianship of the John H.-7 Bearden Jr. orphan, namely James D.-8 Bearden. The estate and guardianship of John H.-7 Bearden's orphan, Elijah-8 Bearden, is witnessed on 10 Jan. 1820, in Putnam County, GA, and given to Aquilla-7 Bearden with Charles WOOD signing the bond, C. PENDLETON clerk of the court. The estate/guardianship bond for John H.-7 Bearden's minor child, Elisha-8 Bearden, is granted on 5 Feb. 1821 in Put-

nam County, to Oren D. CARTAPHEN and John STURIVANT, Coleman PENDLETON, clerk of court (Miscellaneous Book Q, Pg. 35).

John-6 Bearden had two blank draws in the 1803-1805 Georgia land lottery and is listed by the GA Daughters of the American Revolution as a Revolutionary War Soldier ("ROSTER OF THE REVOLUTION CERTIFIED LIST OF GEORGIA TROOPS: *John Bearden, Sergeant*", Pg. 376. *John-6 Bearden had two draws in the 1807 Georgia land lottery, a grantee from Henderson's Military District, drawing Lot No. 5 in District No. 6, which fell in Baldwin County. Putnam County was formed in 1807 from parent county of Baldwin; John-6 Bearden of Clarke County in Georgia is listed with a grant of 200 acres in 1818 ("EARLY RECORDS OF GEORGIA", Vol. 1, 308; "THE HEADRIGHT AND BOUNTY GRANTS OF GEORGIA", etc.).*

The bonds and administration of property, plus dates, indicate that John H.-6 Bearden had older daughters who married Irby HUDSON, David LAWSON, Charles WOOD, Moses PRESLEY, Oren D. CARTASPHEN and John STURIVANT, named 1817 in Putnam County, GA as the administrators of the John H.-7 Bearden Jr. estate and helped John H.-6 Sr., William-7 Bearden and Aquilla-7 Bearden make the \$5000 bond to administer the estate. These six men helped with guardianship of James D.-8, Elijah-8 and Elisha-8 Bearden, orphans of John H.-7 Bearden.

Thomas and George Bearden of Sevier County, TN, buy land in Baldwin County, GA of Mr. McKissack, recorded 1822, Putnam County. One Thomas Bearden married on 21 March 1822 in Lauderdale County, AL to Polly LITTLEJOHN and George Bearden married there on 16 July 1833 to Phebe NEWMAN. Thomas Bearden and George Bearden belong to the Beardens of Baldwin, Putnam and Walton Counties, as do the following Georgia marriages (may be descendants of Persons No. 46 and 48, Arthur-5 and Ansel-5 Bearden):

BEARDEN, Sarah/John THROWER on 29 Jan. 1800, Warren County
 BEARDEN, Patsy/John PEAVY on 20 June 1801, Warren County
 BEARDEN, Willery/Polly PARRISH, on 9 Sept. 1817, Jasper County, "kin" of the PARRISH family of Sumner County, TN (under No. 53, John-6 Bearden)
 BEARDEN, Elizabeth/Jordan MILAM on 9 Aug. 1821, Jasper County (descent was John MILAM who m. 1880 in GA to writer's great aunt, Person No. 847, Martha C.-8 Bearden)
 BEARDEN, Luvic/William MANN on 13 Sept. 1821, Jasper County
 BEARDEN, William D./Martha DUBERRY on 6 Oct. 1839, Putnam County, a son, William D. Bearden Jr., b. 8 June 1849 and d. 6 Aug. 1923, buried in Putnam County Cemetery with tombstone
 BEARDEN, Dicey/William RAY on 26 July 1840, Jasper County
 BEARDEN, Jessee K./Jane Fort GANTT, 31 July 1849, Putnam County
 BEARDEN, John C./Lucy Ann WRIGHT on 1 Sept. 1840, Putnam County
 BEARDEN, William A./Frances A. DONAN, 5 Nov. 1846, Putnam County
 BEARDEN, John W./Sarah E. E. CLOUD, 1874, Macon County
 BEARDEN, Rena/Rubin D. EDWARDS, 23 Sept. 1847, Butts County
 BEARDEN, H. G./M. J. LANCASTER on 19 Dec. 1865, Butts County
 BEARDEN, J. G./E. R. SAUNDERS on 13 Dec. 1866, Butts County
 BEARDEN, John J./Mary Emma BENTON, 30 Nov. 1867, Butts County

There is not available to the writer any acceptable record which names all the issue of John H.-6, but as taken from the inventory of his property and his estate settlement in 1827-1836, plus the guardianship of his younger children (or grandchildren), he had probable issue:

253. John H.-7 Bearden Jr, b. about 1780-1790, Granville County area, NC, d. before 1 Feb. 1817 in Putnam County, GA, when his estate settlement was made and his orphans provided for, "that Nancy Bearden and John H. Bearden are hereby appointed administrators of the estate of John H. Bearden deceased" (Miscellaneous Book Q, Pg. 70, Putnam County, GA; John H.-7 Bearden m. Nancy PRESLEY (?), last name speculation. Nancy is named as the first administratrix of his estate. John H.-7 had known and speculated issue at the young age of about twenty-seven:

- a. John H.-8 Bearden 111, b. about 1794-1804, GA; m. on 9 June 1818 in Putnam County, GA to Sally BOND; listed on the 1820 census of Putnam County, age 16-26 (b. 1794-1804) with wife the same age and they have one male and one female under ten years of age (b. 1810-1820).
- b. James D.-8 Bearden, named in the 1817 Putnam County, GA estate settlement of John H.-7 Bearden and the bond for his orphans. William-7 BEARDEN and Moses PRESLEY, on 3 Dec. 1821, gave security of \$1,378.00 in Putnam County, for the William-7 Bearden guardianship of the John H.-7 Bearden orphan, James D.-8 Bearden.
- c. Elijah-8 Bearden, orphan of John H.-7 Bearden b. about 1806 in GA and m. on 12 Feb. 1829 in Butts County, GA, Harriett WRIGHT, may be the identical person of this name counted on 1850 census of Walton County, GA (Census No. 1016, Pg. 72) with Rhody Bearden, b. 1830, GA and John Bearden b. 1849. After his father's decease, Aquilla-7 BEARDEN and Charles WOOD gave bond for him to be under the guardianship of Aquilla-7 Bearden. One Elijah-7 Bearden is named in the Richard-6 Bearden will as a son and one of these Elijah-7 Beardens is on the 1840 census of Fayette County, GA, listed with John-8 Bearden. One of the Elijah Beardens of DeKalb County, GA is listed on the 1832 Georgia Cherokee land lottery and drew Lot No. 376, 11th District, 4th Section, which fell in Heard's Military District, Walker County, GA (Grant No. 55, Pg. 376).
- d. Elisha-8 Bearden, orphan of John H.-7 Bearden (estate/bond guardianship given by Oren D. CARTASPHEN and John STURIVANT).
254. William-7 Bearden, b. about 1788, Wilkes or Greene County, GA and d. after the 1850 census of Putnam County, GA. He made the bond for the 1817 Putnam County GA, John H.-6 Bearden estate settlement and the guardianship of the John H.-6 Bearden orphan, James D.-8 Bearden. He married in Putnam County on 7 April 1816 to Susannah COLE, sister to Mary COLE who married on 22 Oct. 1812 in Putnam County to Person No. 78, Thomas-6 Bearden. William-7 Bearden is listed on the 1850 census of Putnam County, GA, age 62, his wife Susan is age 42 and they have known issue, born in Georgia:
- a. Daniel-8, b. 1826, m. 27 Nov. 1844, Putnam County, Elizabeth BEVEL, b. 1826, had issue, b. there, James H.-9, b. 1845 and Joseph-9, b. Oct. 1849.
- b. Giles-8 Bearden, age 17 in 1850, born 1833.
255. Aquilla-7 Bearden, b. 1794-1804 in Georgia. On 10 Jan. 1820 in Putnam County, GA, Aquilla-7 gave \$1000.00 bond for the estate and guardianship of Elijah-8 Bearden, one of the orphans of John H.-7 Bearden. On 8 Oct. 1827, in Walton County, along with Benjamin HAMMACK, Richard-7 BEARDEN and Mrs. Sarah BEARDEN, Aquilla-7 BEARDEN made the bond for the estate and inventory of the estate settlement of John H.-6 BEARDEN Sr. Aquilla-7 m. 26 Aug. 1819, Putnam County, Nancy SHORES, listed as head of household on the 1820 census of Putnam County, age 16-26, wife same with one male, b. 1802-1804 (military age, Elijah-8 Bearden). One "Quiller" Bearden m. 1853, Gwinnett County, GA, Sara A. or F. FOWLER ("JURY LIST BEFORE MARRIAGE PRIOR TO 1860", records lost in fire 1871).
256. Richard P.-7 Bearden, b. 1804-1814 in Georgia. He is in Walton County, GA in 1827-1836 and helped make the bond for the John H.-6 Bearden Sr. estate settlement. Richard-7 is listed on the 1850 census of Walton County, GA (Division 88, Pg. 15, same place where the writer's great grandmother's relatives, Daniel RAINEY and his wife, Mary Polly (MORTON) are listed). Richard-7, b. 1814, his wife, Julia WARREN, b. 1822 with issue b. GA: Elizabeth-8, b. 1837; Mary A.-8, b. 1839; James P.-8, b. 1841; Emma J.-8, b. 1844 and William P.-8 Bearden, b. 1848.
- *257. Josephine-7 Bearden, mother of the wife of No. 353, James Jasper BEARDEN, m. William RAINEY (?).
258. Nancy H.-7 Bearden, named 1827 in Walton County as one of the John H.-6 Bearden orphans, guardian Mrs. Sarah Bearden; married on 4 Aug. 1831 in Fayette County, Seaborn SPRADLIN ("EARLY GEORGIA MARRIAGE ROUNDUP").
259. Olive-7 "Ollie" Bearden.
260. Caroline-7 Bearden.
261. Maragret-7 Bearden.
262. Susan-7 Bearden.

D. ONE CHILD OF NO. 39 THOMAS-5 AND ABIGAIL (McILROY/McELROY) BEARDEN

78. **Thomas-6 Bearden Jr.** (Thomas-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), b. about 1788-1794 in what is now Union County, SC. The 1820 Census, Putnam County, GA, lists "THOMAS BEARDINE", born before 1775, who could be the father of Thomas-6 Jr. The younger of these, the subject Thomas-6 Jr., died after the 1850 census was taken in Butts County, GA, which gives his age and the state of his birth and names his wife as "Mary". He m. on 22 Oct. 1812, Putnam County, to Mary Polly COLE/S who was b. in 1796, South Carolina, the daughter of Croney and Dorluska COLE and the sister of Susanna COLE who m. Person No. 254, William-7 BEARDEN.

Croney COLE made his will on 28 Feb. 1839 in Putnam County, GA, probated on 5 Dec. 1843, executed by Giles COLE, William CARTER and Hubbard (COZAIL?) (Will Book A, 1808-1842, Pg. 150), naming his wife and following issue: James, Giles, Anna, Elizabeth, William, Joshua and Martha COLE, Mary Polly BEARDEN and Susan BEARDEN.

Thomas-6 Bearden Jr., as has been noted, was counted in the 1820 census of Putnam County, GA (Pg. 91, Captain Stamper's District), age 16-26 (b. 1794-1804). The census sometimes is highly inaccurate and can vary as much as ten years either way for the same person. The 1850 census gives his age as sixty-two (62), so he was probably b. about 1788 and certainly born in South Carolina.

This may be the identical Thomas Bearden, who with George Bearden, "both formerly of Sevier County, TN bought land of Mr. McKissack", recorded 1822 in Putnam County, GA, land located in the adjoining County of Baldwin, Georgia. In 1822, Thomas-6 Jr. had cousins in the adjoining County of Knox, Tennessee (under Person No. 36, Benjamin-5). One Thomas Bearden m. on 1 Aug. 1814 in Ohio County, KY, to Catherine BELL; Person No. 235, Kindness-6 BEARDEN, m. on 19 Aug. 1817 in Caldwell County, KY, to Samuel BELL; and Person No. 329, Sarah-7 BEARDEN, m. James BELL.

As early as 1800 and as late as 1900 there were the Joseph-4 and Benjamin Joseph BORDEN/BURDEN (Nos. 33 and 50) families and their descent in the counties of Ohio and Butler, KY. The Bearden brothers, compiled as Nos. 37, 39, 40 and 43, Edmund-5, Thomas-5, John-5 and Richard P.-5, are in Warren, Livingston and Caldwell Counties in Kentucky during this period of time and this locates the kinsmen together.

The subject, Thomas-6 Bearden, Jr., on 25 Nov. 1829, in Butts County, GA, sold to O. P. CHEATHAM, sixty-seven and one half acres, part of Lot No. 13, 4th. Dist. in Monroe County, GA (now Butts County), wit. by R. C. CHAPMAN, with Edward WEAVER, J.P. (Butts County Deed Book B, Pg. 78).

The family of Thomas-6 Jr. and Mary Polly (COLE) BEARDEN is untraced except for the following concerning his descent, as extracted from "THE HISTORY OF STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA", Vol. II: "Thomas Bearden, born 1819 in Putnam County, Georgia, married there on 10 Dec. 1839 to Permelia HAWK." Thomas-7 and his wife Permelia are counted on the 1850 Census of Stewart County with one child, living in the Daniel STONE household: Susan-8 Bearden, b. 1844, GA. Daniel STONE, b. 1805, VA; his wife Nancy b. 1815, VA. Thomas-7 Bearden had issue in 1850: Susan-8 Bearden, b. 1844, GA. The same history of Stewart County mentions Amelia, B. L., Donna C., Catherine, Roxie, Thomas and William Y. BEARDEN.

The Providence Cemetery on the Lumpkin-Florence Road in Stewart County, has tombstones for Donna C. Bearden, b. 1 Sept. 1944, d. 2 Aug. 1960; Roxie Bearden, b. 19 March 1898, d. 12 Jan. 1934; and R. L. Bearden b. 1885, d. 1956.

FINIS DESCENT OF NO. 39 THOMAS-6 AND ABIGAIL (McILROY) BEARDEN

CONTINUED GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 32, JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDENE. FOUR CHILDREN OF NO. 40 JOHN-5 AND NANCY (LANGSTON?) BEARDEN

80. Eli M.-6 Bearden (John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1780, Union/Spartanburg District of South Carolina and d. after 1831 in the Flat Creek Community of Bedford County, TN. Both he and his wife are buried in the old Flat Creek Cemetery in Bedford County. He m. about 1800 in SC, according to information now available, to Nancy Ann (WINN or LANGSTON?), who may be the sister of Mary Polly and Sarah LANGSTON who married Nathan and Aaron SMITH, half-brothers of Captain and Judge William SMITH of Spartanburg County SC, the latter who married the person compiled herein as No. 44, Mourning-5 BEARDEN, the aunt of Eli-6 and the sister of, as compiled herein, John-5, Benjamin-5, Edmund-5, Humphrey-5, Thomas-5, Richard-5, Lettice-5, Isaac-5, Arthur-5, Ansel-5 and young Benjamin-5 Bearden.

Captain/Judge William Smith's half brother, Nathan Smith, is the writer's third great grandfather as Mary Polly SMITH, his daughter, m. the writer's great-great grandfather (No. 96 Jacob-6).

The writer is repetitious in stating that the genealogy of the Beardens is intertwined with the genealogy of the SMITH, LANGSTON, WINN and other families. Nancy A. (WINN or LANGSTON?), the wife of Eli M.-6 Bearden was born about 1789 in South Carolina, a relative of the Reverend Nathan and Catherine (SMITH) Langston. Nancy A., known as "Ann", died in the Flat Creek Community of Bedford County, TN about 1859 at the age of seventy (70). The approximate marriage date for Eli M.-6 and Nancy A. is figured in the usual way, if their first child was born within two to five years after the marriage. There are only a few extant marriage bonds in South Carolina for this time; no bond or license to marry was required there and only for brief intervals were such records kept.

The forename of Eli M.-6 Bearden's wife is taken from his estate settlement and division of property and from the 1850 and 1860 census of Bedford County, TN, plus the application of his descent, Mollie Sherman (REAGOR) PARKER to NSDAR membership, (National Nos. 31899, 385126 and 31899); John-5 Bearden's military service, Revolutionary War, which gives Eli-6 Bearden's wife as Nancy LANGSTON. Mrs. Parker surely knew her own grandmother's maiden name.

Legal records, as stored in the Tennessee Archives in Nashville, indicate that Eli-6 migrated from Spartanburg County, SC about 1815. The seven oldest of his fourteen issue are born in South Carolina and the younger issue are born in Tennessee after 1815. It is generally accepted as fact that his father appeared briefly in Kentucky where he was counted on the 1820 census of Trigg County, and was in Giles County TN in 1825 where he signed an affidavit for the Revolutionary War pension declaration of Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden.

Eli-6 Bearden received five land grants from the state of Tennessee, the first dated on 1 Sept. 1818 (Tennessee Land Grants, Book V, Pg. 772, TN State Archives; and Deed Book J, Pg. 76, 1819, etc). He is listed twice on the 1820 census of Bedford County, TN as Eli BAIRDEN, due to the fact that he owned land in two different civil districts. This often happened as overzealous census takers were being paid by the head and households counted.

Eli-6, in conjunction with the numerous land grants, purchased land from Richard HORN of Little Flat Creek on 5 April 1825 (Deed Book Q, Pg. 152, Bedford County, TN). This was near a 17-acre tract he received from the state on 13 Aug. 1823. His descendants owned this until about 1900. Eli-6 BIRDING (so spelled) is listed last as the head of household on the 1830 census of Bedford County, TN and his approximate deathdate is taken from the Chancery Court Minutes; tradition is that he died 1830 from "typhus fever and overwork".

Some changes had taken place in the sparsely settled area of Bedford County before the 1830 census was taken. This was still frontier country and the government was giving land grants to these early settlers. One of the neighbors of Eli-6 in the Flat Creek Community was William HEASLETT who witnessed the signature of Richard HORN to the above deed and also took the 1833 Revolutionary War pension deposition for John-5 Bearden. Will-

iam HEASLETT is a neighbor of Eli-6 on the 1830 census and in 1840 he is a neighbor of the widow of Eli-6, near them lived Jacob FULLER who is listed on the 1830 census, age 50-60, and counted in his household is his wife and a male, age 80-90 (John-5 Bearden, father of both Eli M.-6 and Mary-6 (BEARDEN) FULLER).

Another brother of Eli M.-6 and Mary-6 was William-6 Bearden, who was appointed to administer the estate of Mary-6 FULLER. All three were born in South Carolina. Mary-6 died after the 1850 census of Bedford County TN, age 68 (Bedford County Court Minutes, 1848-1852, Pg. 255, estate of Mary Fuller).

Eli-6 Bearden's widow, Nancy A. Bearden, is listed on the 1840 census of Bedford County, TN. In 1850 she is counted twice (23rd District, b. 1789, SC; and the 24th Civil District, enumerated in household of her son, Willis-7 Bearden, b. SC). Living near Nancy is her son, Wynn-7, and her brother-in-law, William-6 Bearden.

The two widows, Nancy BEARDEN and her sister-in-law, Mary-6 FULLER, each had SMITH children living in their households in 1850. Living with Nancy is Elizabeth-7 BEARDEN, age 21, Nancy-8 McGUIRE, age 12 and James-8 SMITH, age 11. Living in Mary-6 FULLER's household is Sarah and Mary SMITH, ages 26 and 4. The kinship to the SMITH family of South Carolina is further perpetuated by the fact that these Smiths are also associated to Person No. 44, Mourning-5 Bearden and her husband William Smith and closely "kin" and associated to Robert SMITH who m. No. 100, Cintha-6 BEARDEN, and to "Winny" SMITH who m. No. 96, Jacob-6 BEARDEN, etc.

Of the fourteen issue of Eli-6 Bearden, a number had married and one had died before his estate was divided on 26 June 1843. On that date a petition was filed and granted by the Bedford County Chancery Court to divide his estate into suitable tracts to sell (Chancery Court Records 1837-1845, Pg. 244). D. D. HIX was appointed by the court as the commissioner in the stead of Kindred PEARSON, the person first appointed, to buy off a dower for the widow of Eli-6 Bearden, and to sell the remaining land. Mr. Pearson was unable to serve because of ill health.

"That Eli Bearden departed this life about the year 1831, leaving Nancy Bearden, his widow, and Willis Bearden; Manerva Bearden, now the wife of William D. Hix; Nimrod Bearden; Charlotte Bearden, now the wife of James H. Claunch; John T. Bearden; Nathan Bearden; Nancy Bearden, now the wife of George T. Walsh (adult children and heirs of Eli Bearden); Wynn Bearden, Allen Bearden and Elizabeth Bearden, minor children of Eli Bearden" (Chancery Court Minutes, Pg. 263).

A later reference in the Chancery Court Minutes of Bedford County uses the name E. M. Bearden instead of Eli Bearden. The above petition, of course, does not contain the names of the children who had died previous to 1843. A complete list of the fourteen children of Eli-6 does exist and is found in the Philpott letter of 1899, written by the Reverend Allen Bearden PHILPOTT/PHILPUTT to his brother, James McBride PHILPOTT, both nationally known and recognized ministers of the Gospel. Allen Bearden Philpott held a meeting in Bedford County and wrote the letter while on a visit to his Tennessee kinsmen at Flat Creek. During this time, Allen B. made a special effort to gather and document information concerning his Bearden ancestors and their descent (under No. 40, John-5).

Eli M.-6 and Nancy Ann had issue, Bearden:

263. Sallie-7 Bearden, b. 1805 in South Carolina; reported by Reverend Allen Bearden Philpott to have died in 1840 at age 35, reported to have married a McGUIRE and it was her daughter who was in the home of Nancy Bearden on the 1850 census. Sallie-7's daughter, Nancy-8 McGUIRE, married David FINNEY. In 1947, the Gospel minister, E. R. STEAGULL, grandson of Manerva-7 (BEARDEN) HIX, reported that "Dave" and Nancy-8 had lived near Golconda, IL and had reared an unknown family of eight daughters and two sons.
- *264. Willis-7 Bearden, b.1810, d. 1892, m. Mahala CLAUNCH/ROGERS.
265. Richard-7 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1812, SC, reported by Reverend Philpott to have died young at the age of nineteen. He is probably the Richard Bearden counted on the 1830 census as the head of household in Bedford County, TN. This census lists him as 15-20; 1 f. 15-20; 1 f. 10-15; and 1 m. 5-10.

- *266. **Manerva-7 Bearden** (TWIN), b. 1812, d. 1895, m. William Penn HIX.
267. **Nimrod-7 Bearden**, b. 1813-1815 in SC, counted on the 1840 census of the 24th Civil District, Bedford County, TN, age 20-30, with wife same age, 2 males -5 and one male 5-10. He is not counted on the census in Tennessee after 1840 and is reported to have died in Texas about 1878.
268. **Charlotte-7 Bearden**, b. 1814 in South Carolina. According to the Chancery Court Minutes referred to earlier, she married James H. B. CLAUNCH/CLONTZ, probably the brother of Mahala Claunch who married her brother, Willis-7 Bearden. She is not on the 1850 Tennessee census and there is an old deed, dated 20 Dec. 1853, which was in the possession of Cecil M.-9 Bearden in 1960 that gives evidence that she and her husband were then living in McNairy County, TN where they sold land to her brother, Willis-7 Bearden, her share of the dowry in their father's estate in Bedford County. Thomas RIGGS, a Justice of the Peace in McNairy County TN, witnessed their signatures to the deed. "TENNESEEANS IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS IN 1850", included James B. CLAUNCH, M. D. (doctor) and his wife Charlotte, natives of Tennessee and South Carolina ("ANASEARCHIN' NEWS", 1977, Vol. 24, Pg. 115). One kinsman or issue is compiled under Person No. 412, Arminda C.-7 BEARDEN who m. second Sam Claunch.
- *269. **John T.-7 Bearden**, b. 1816, d. 1850, m. Nancy FLOYD.
270. **Nathan-7 Bearden**, b. 1818 in Tennessee, not on the 1850 census and reported by Reverend Philpott to have died at age twenty-seven, named in the 1843 Bedford County Chancery Court petition for a division of the Eli M.-6 Bearden property.
271. **Nancy-7 Bearden**, b. 1820 in Tennessee and d. after 1899 in Bedford County, m. about 1840, George T. WALSH/WELCH, reported on the 1850 census of Bedford County as having been b. 1819 in Tennessee. Mr. Frost, of "FROST AND RELATED FAMILIES", in his chapter, "BEARDENS OF BEDFORD COUNTY", says George T. Welch died after 1857 and before the 1860 census was taken. Nancy-7 was living in 1899 when the Philpott letter was written. Her descent have not been traced further than the 1850 census of Bedford County: George-8, Jane-8, Sarah-8, Marion-8, Elizabeth-8, Cordelia-8, Jane-8 WELCH.
272. **William-7 Bearden**, b. 1822 in Bedford County TN and d. at twenty years of age and is not mentioned as an heir in the petition for distribution of the Eli M.-6 Bearden property (Chancery Court petition, 26 June 1843).
- *273. **Wynn-7 Bearden**, b. 1823, d. 1903, m. Elizabeth Jane TRIBBLE.
- *274. **James Allan/Allen-7 Bearden**, b. 1825, d. 1899, m. his cousin Sarah-7 BEARDEN (Person No. 297), the daughter of No. 84, William-6.
275. **Elihu-7 Bearden**, b. 1825-1826, reported to have died at age nine in McNairy County, TN. In 1836, this places Eli M.-6 Bearden in the same location where his uncle, Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden lived, and where the latter made his third and last application for a Revolutionary War pension. One grandchild of Richard-5 Bearden is living there in 1900 and descent are still there as of this date in 1998.
- *276. **Elizabeth Cordelia-7 Bearden**, m. Barton Stone PHILPOTT.

83. **John-6 Bearden III** (John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), son of John-5 and his wife Nancy Ann (LANGSTON) Bearden, was b. on 18 March 1784 in Ninety-Six District, SC, that part which later became Union County. He died on 22 March 1846 in Spartanburg County, SC, his will made there and executed on 6 April 1846 (Will Bk. D, Pg. 110, Box 4, Packet 38) which names wife Rhoda and son Lecil Bearden, property to be sold to pay debts but personal property not to be sold until youngest child is 21, Rhoda and Lecil Bearden to execute will. Bill of sale for property dated 8 Dec. 1846, buyers John C. ZIMMERMAN, Dr.; Morris A. MOORE, Dr.; J. William SMITH, Dr.; Robert WEST, Dr.; Newt LANCASTER, Dr.; Berryman H. BEARDEN, Dr.; Eber BEARDEN, Dr.; Loury LANGFORD, Dr.; Gabriel MOORE, Dr.; James MOORE, Dr.; David M. SMITH; Noah SMITH; 4 Jan. 1847, R. BOWDEN, Court Clerk.

"First Acct. of Estate of John Bearden, Dec. 11, 1846, Pd. Rob. Coles; Dec. 8, Pd. Wm. Smith for coffin; Dec. 23, Pd. E. P. Smith Accounts and support of family. Debts of Estate, 4 Jan. 1841 to May 1848, Pd. John Wm. Smith medical acct; John Rochester, blacksmith acct; Eber Bearden, acct; James Moore, note with interest; R. Langford for Crying Sale, Pd. 19 May 1848. Separate petition from Rhoda and Lecil dated 1860 that the youngest child was 21 years old and the sale of personal property was going to be held. 2 Nov. 1860, buyers were Rhoda

BEARDEN, William SMITH, E. B. MITCHELL, W. S. BEARDEN, Eber BEARDEN, J. F. SMITH, Thomas TAYLOR, R. LANGFORD, N. MILLER."

John-6, known as John Junr. until his father's death 1836-1838 and called John Senr. afterward, married about 1804 in Spartanburg County area to Mary Polly LEE who was b. about 1790, SC, the daughter of Amos LEE and they had five issue; he married second about 1819-1820 to Rhoda MOORE, daughter of James and his unknown first wife.

Rhoda's father, James Moore, was six years old at the battle of Lexington in 1775. He probably m. first about 1795 and m. second as her second husband to Sarah (TRAIL) SMITH, known as "Sallie", a close relative of Basil Trail and whose close relative married Person No. 45, Isaac-5 Bearden. Basil Trail, in 1797, Spartanburg County SC, appraised the estate of Person No. 32, John-4 Bearden I or Senr.

"Sallie" Trail was the widow of one of the many William Smiths, this one dying in 1804, leaving her a widow with three issue, Elizabeth, Barbara and Franklin Smith. Elizabeth SMITH married the person compiled herein as No. 130, Giles-6 BEARDEN (the cousin of our subject, John-6 Bearden III) and they lived out their lives in Spartanburg County, SC. Barbara SMITH married the grandson of the person compiled herein as No. 45, Isaac-5 BEARDEN; that is, she married Isaac-7 COMPTON and they both died in Giles County, TN, leaving many issue there. Boyd COMPTON was one of the principal buyers at the 10 April 1797 estate sale of Person No. 32, John-4 Bearden I or Senr. Franklin SMITH married his cousin, Elizabeth "Betsy" SMITH and they lived in 1859 near Medium in Marshall County, TN.

The descendants of John-6 Bearden III are greatly indebted to his tenth issue for the vital information kept in the family Bible. Sarah-7, known as "Sallie" Bearden, b. on 16 Jan. 1828 in Spartanburg County SC, kept the records in this old and fragile Bible, which is in the possession of her grandniece, Rhoda-9 (BEARDEN) QUEEN. A copy was shared with the writer by John-6 III and Rhoda (MOORE) Bearden's descendant, Mrs. Ruby Pappas, now living near son in Temple, TX, and by Mrs. Brenda (STEWART) BURRELL of Greer, SC; also from old Bible kept by Ruby (SMITH) BEARDEN of Paulene, SC.

Mr. Lem COMPTON of Mt. Vernon, MO, has shown by the court records in Spartanburg County SC, that his great grandmother Barbara (SMITH) COMPTON is the daughter of "Sallie" (TRAIL) SMITH-MOORE, and that her father is William SMITH who died in 1804 leaving three issue, Barbara, Elizabeth and Franklin Smith. While a marriage record has not been found for Sarah (TRAIL) SMITH and James MOORE, there are letters from their granddaughter of High Point, NC, in which she states her father is Gabriel MOORE, son of James and his second wife, Sarah (TRAIL) SMITH-MOORE.

The will of Sarah (TRAIL) Smith-Moore names her children, the same children as named in the legal notice of the settlement of the estate of her husband, James Moore. The names of his heirs include the identical children as named by Sarah; that is, Nimrod, Gabriel, Lucinda (wife of James HANNA), Simeon, and David D. (L.?) MOORE. In addition, Sarah names her children by her first husband, Elizabeth BEARDEN, Barbara COMPTON and Franklin SMITH (Sarah MOORE's will, Spartanburg County, SC, Box 40, Package 38, references under No. 45, Isaac-5 Bearden). James and Sarah Moore's descendant m. Person No. 85, Enoch Pleasant-6 BEARDEN.

The 1860 census, Spartanburg County, SC (Pg. 71) Walnut Grove Post Office, lists Sarah MOORE, age 81, b. South Carolina, living with her son Simeon MOORE, age 50, b. South Carolina, farmer, value of her real estate is \$1,600.00, personal property is 10,500.00.

The old letter (referenced under Nos. 45 and 130, Isaac-5 and Giles-6 Bearden, uncle and cousin to John-6 Bearden III), plus another letter written by Franklin Smith in 1859 from Medium in Marshall County, TN to his sister, Barbara Compton, in Giles County, TN, is certified by two witnesses in 1935 in Pittsburg, KS. Franklin Smith in 1859 states that his wife has just died, his sons Robert and Benjamin have been ill and his daughter Julian has been sick, his daughter Jane has just lost a little daughter about a year old with the flux, his daughter Julia is buying cloth and hiring weaving done as she cannot do for them all.

There can be no doubt as to John-6 Bearden III's father as there is on record in Spartanburg County, after Person No. 32, John-4 Bearden I's death in 1797, documents with the signatures of both John Bearden Senr. and John Bearden Junr. (Deed of Thomas COMPTON to Basel COMPTON, 13 Oct. 1804, Spartanburg County, SC, witnessed by John BEARDEN and Aaron MOORE; will of Thomas COMPTON, dated 8 March 1817 and probated 24 Oct. 1817 (Will Book A, Pg. 122-123), by Wm. LANCASTER O.S.D., witnessed by William BEARDEN, James HAM Senr. and John BEARDEN Senr. of Spartanburg County; a list of buyers at the Thomas COMPTON estate sale include Isaac-5, John-5 Senr., John-6 Junr., William-6, Benjamin-5 and Pleasant-6 BEARDEN.

John-6 Bearden III is on record in the Old Friendship Baptist Church records in Spartanburg County, SC (Furman University, in possession of writer and Leah Townsend's "SOUTH CAROLINA BACK COUNTRY BAPTIST CHURCHES"), records which go back to 1801 with a sketch back to 1770. The Beardens, Isaac-5, Richard-5, Benjamin-5 and John-5 II, joined this old church by letters in 1802, former members of what was first called Jacob Robert's Church. John-5 Bearden II, now called John Sr. since his father died in 1797, and it may be him who is appointed to the deaconship in Feb. 1806. His son and our subject, John-6 Bearden Jr. or III, joined Friendship Baptist by experience in March 1803 and his death is recorded in the church minutes on 22 March 1846, this date agrees with Sallie-7 Bearden's old Bible. He is called "a good Christian" by the church clerk (records furnished on 21 Aug. 1920 by the church clerk, W. S. Williams).

Isaac-7 COMPTON who m. Barbara SMITH, was born in the Spartanburg District of South Carolina and d. on 12 Sept. 1846 in Giles County, TN, his parents being Basil COMPTON (b. on 2 Aug. 1776, Spartanburg County, SC), and his wife, Person No. 133, Sarah BEARDEN, the daughter of Person No. 45, Isaac-5 and his wife Sarah E. TRAIL. Isaac COMPTON left a will dated 6 May 1846 in Giles County, TN, probated on 24 Oct. 1846, names issue: Thomas C.; Jasper, Isaac; Zopher, Eber, John H.; Nancy WILLIFORD; Rachel THOMPSON; Lettice WEIR; Sarah, wife of Martin FRY; and the deceased daughter COMPTON, whose husband was Willis B. HAMBRICK.

Basil Compton was reared by Thomas Compton and his wife Rachel (SMITH?), the latter who made his will in 1817 in Spartanburg County, SC. On 10 March 1776, Rachel SMITH moved her membership in the Quaker Church to Bush River Meeting, located in Newberry, South Carolina. Twenty days later, on 30 March, she was removed from fellowship in the Quaker Church on the grounds she was "walking disorderly". She is still referred to as Rachel SMITH on these dates and her dismissal could have been for "marrying out of unity" or out of the church. She was a legatee and named "my wife" in the Thomas Compton will.

The first five issue of the subject, John-6 Bearden III, by his first wife, Mary Polly LEE, are the grandchildren of Amos LEE, petitions presented to the Union County, South Carolina Court on 6 May 1857 (File No. 2521, see under Person No. 280, Celia-7 (BEARDEN) SMITH). John-6 III Bearden had issue by his two marriages as copied from the old Bible, b. Spartanburg County, SC:

- 277. Leasel-7 Bearden, b. on 24 March 1807, m. Eleonor Dean BEARDEN, identification unknown ("NOTES ON THE BEARDEN FAMILY", by Ruby (SMITH) Bearden of Paulene, South Carolina).
- 278. James B.-7 Bearden, b. on 10 Dec. 1808 and m. Cassandra MEADERS/MEADOWS, Spartanburg deeds and church records.
- *279. Mitchell-7 Bearden, m. Ester MEADOWS, m. second Elizabeth STANTON, m. third Mary E. EMBRY.
- *280. Celia-7 Bearden, b. 1814, m. Manoah "Noah" Ham SMITH.
- 281. Eliza Jane-7 Bearden, b. on 27 Feb. 1817, m. before 6 May 1857 to William C. MILLER who was appointed her guardian.
- 282. Ebner-7 Bearden, first issue of John-6 Bearden III by second wife, Rhoda MOORE who was the half sister to Barbara (SMITH) COMPTON, Elizabeth (SMITH) BEARDEN, and Franklin SMITH, b. on 26 June 1821 and d. on 31 Jan. 1910 in Spartanburg County, SC, m. on 3 Aug. 1843 to Mary Polly WEST, who was b. on 5 Feb. 1826 and d. on 2 April 1913 (cemetery inscription says 1912) and is buried beside her husband in the Holly Springs Cemetery with markers. Ebner-7 was appointed the guardian of his half sister, Celia-7 Smith's orphans in 1857, Spartanburg County, SC. The name of his wife is as taken from the old Bible, plus

their cemetery inscriptions in the Holly Springs Cemetery where he and his issue are buried. Ebner-7 and Mary Polly (WEST) had known issue:

- a. Robert F.-8 Bearden, b. on 10 Dec. 1854 and d. on 3 Nov. 1920. He operated Bearden's Mill in Holly Springs, SC near where he is buried. Robert-8 had one known issue: Eugene-9 Bearden, who was the Chief of Police at Greer in Spartanburg County, South Carolina.
 - b. Martha A.-8 Bearden, b. on 29 Aug. 1859, d. 8 Feb. 1901.
 - c. Female-8 Bearden, m. T. R. NEWMAN.
 - d. Female-8 Bearden, m. D. F. GOLIGHTLY.
 - e. C. C. L.-8 Bearden.
 - f. T. B.-8 Bearden.
283. Edmond Franklin-7 Bearden, identical person claimed by the descent of No. 45, Isaac-5 Bearden; however his own sister, No. 286, Sarah-7 "Sallie" Bearden, should have known her own full brother who she recorded in the old Bible in the list of the children of John-6 III and his second wife, Rhoda (Moore). Edmond-7 as he was known, was b. on 9 Sept. 1822 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina and d. after 1880 in the area of Whitfield/Murray County, Georgia. He m. his cousin, Person No. 362, Mary-7 GREEN, the daughter of Person No. 98, Sarah-6 Bearden and her husband, Ansel GREEN. There is no doubt of the identity of Edmond F.-7 Bearden's wife. In addition to being recorded on the 1850 census of Gilmer County in Georgia, and consecutively with her father, Ansel GREEN (H/H No. 850), the 1880 census of Murray County in Georgia finds Edmond-7 and Mary-7 with the GREEN children in their household. In 1850 Edmond-7 and Mary-7 are listed next to the widower Ansel GREEN and his motherless children (Census Pg. No. 32, H/H No. 849, R. J. Taylor Jr. Foundation, Atlanta, Ga. 30334). Mary-7 Green is the sibling of Person No. 357, Jacob-7 GREEN of St. Clair County, AL, where this writer's grandfather Bearden was born. She and Jacob-7 are also the siblings of Nos. 358 through 367 and includes Nancy-7 GREEN who is said to have m. No. 137, Loving-7 Bearden; Daniel-8 and Tolliver-7 GREEN who m. their cousins, Nos. 344 and 350, Telitha-7 and Winny Ann-7 Bearden; and Martha J.-7 Green who m. Henry PEEBLES and these were the parents of Nancy Jane Peebles who m. No. 670, David R. WEATHERS in WEATHERS FAMILY by writer.
- *284. Berryman Hicks-7 Bearden, b. 1824, d. 1894, m. Harriett SMITH.
285. Diana-7 Bearden, b. 2 Feb. 1826, no information.
286. Sarah-7 "Sallie" Bearden, b. on 16 Jan. 1828 and d. on 17 May 1899 in same location, buried in the Holly Springs Cemetery. It is to "Sallie"-7 we are indebted for the old records in the family Bible and there is no record of her marriage. She would surely have recorded her own marriage.
287. Nancy-7 Bearden, b. on 25 Feb. 1830, d. on 1 Jan. 1910, buried in the Holly Springs Cemetery in Spartanburg County, SC, m. on 4 Dec. 1849 in Spartanburg County, to Mansel JENNINGS who was b. on 21 Nov. 1826 and d. on 29 May 1893.
288. Polly Perlene-7 Bearden, b. on 12 March 1832, d. on 5 Dec. 1884 and buried with a marker in the Holly Springs Cemetery. Polly-7 m. (?) MITCHELL, first name unknown.
289. John Calvin-7 Bearden, b. on 12 April 1834 and is said to have married (?) McELROY/McILROY, first name unknown.
290. William Smith-7 Bearden, b. on 20 April 1836, d. on 29 Dec. 1865, buried with a marker in the Holly Springs Cemetery.
291. Lucinda-7 Bearden, fifteenth and last issue of John-6 Bearden III by two marriages, was b. on 15 May 1839 and d. on 24 March 1894, m. Thomas MEADOWS (see RAINEY FAMILY for Meadows surname).

84. William-6 Bearden (John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known sometimes as John William and the son of John-5 II and his wife, Nancy (LANGSTON) Bearden, b. according to the NSDAR applicant Nat'l. No. 385126, Mary (FARRAR) HOLLAND (under Person No. 293, Alfred-7) and verified by census records, on 3 Oct. 1786 in Spartanburg County, SC and died on 14 Nov. 1876 at Pea Ridge, Bedford County, TN, buried Old Flat Creek Cemetery. He m. about 1808-1810 in South Carolina to Patience POWERS, b. 1786 in South Carolina and d. on 30 April 1855 in Tennessee. The authority of long standing and accepted tradition has it he m. second a STEPHEN/S and had other issue. Bearden researchers have found some proof that it was his son who married Winny STEPHENS.

William-6 is first found with his father, Person No. 40, John-5 II, Person No. 83, John-6 III, Person No. 45, Isaac-5 Bearden, Person No. 47, Benjamin-5 the younger, and Person No. 85, Enoch Pleasant-6 Bearden, as a witness and a principal buyer on 5 Dec. 1817 and on 22 Nov. 1821 in Spartanburg County, SC, for the will and estate sale of Thomas COMPTON, the latter date when Pleasant-7 Bearden bought one chair, one spade, 1 sheers and one spectral (sic) case.

William-6 came to Bedford County, TN after 1827 as his daughter is listed on several later census reports as having been born in that year in South Carolina. Both land and census records in Bedford County indicate that William-6 came there to live before 28 Dec. 1828, on which date he witnessed the signature of Abraham HANER of Lincoln County, TN, who sold land on the headwaters of Big Flat Creek to Pleasant-6 Bearden. In 1850 he was appointed administrator of the estate of Person No. 82, Mary-6 (BEARDEN) FULLER (Bedford County, TN Court Minutes 1848-1852, Pg. 255).

The subject here, William-6 Bearden, is the only person of this name and age in the state of Tennessee who is enumerated as the head of household on the 1850 federal census of Bedford County, TN (Census No. 180/504): William Bearden, age 64 and Patience, age 64, both b. in South Carolina. Issue in 1850: Mary, 32; Mourning, 23; and James, age 8. William Bearden is enumerated on the 1860 census of Bedford County (Census No. 2045/2045) in the household of Joshua and Nancy HORSELEY: William Bearden, 70; Mary, 30; Monroe, 17; Henry, 15; and William BEARDEN, age 14, all b. TN.

The 1870 census of Bedford County lists Person No. 274, James Allen-7 Bearden, with wife (who is Person No. 297, Sarah-7 BEARDEN, who is this subject's daughter) and living in their household is Sarah-7's father, WILLIAM-6 BEARDEN, age 83, b. TN (correct age but wrong state; it was bad to be born in South Carolina when reporting it in Tennessee after Civil War). William-6 Bearden is certain to have the following descent (some of the younger may be grandchildren and issue of James Allen-7 and his wife Sarah-7 BEARDEN:

- 292. William-7 Bearden Jr., was b. about 1810 in South Carolina and d. before 1838 in Bedford County, TN, m. before 1830 to Nancy TRIBBLE, who was b. about 1815 in North Carolina and d. after 1875 in Marion County, IL. Nancy m. second about 1840 to William-7's brother, John W.-7 BEARDEN and after John-7's death she is said to have married a third time to a COX and went to Illinois. If William-7 had issue they are untraced. The later Beardens of Tennessee are not believed to be his issue as his widow would have taken them to Illinois with her or they would have followed her there.
- *293. Alfred-7 Bearden, b. 1811, d. 1888, m. Margaret DOWNING.
- *294. John W.-7 Bearden, b. 1812-1815, d. before 1860, m. his brother's widow, Nancy (TRIBBLE) BEARDEN.
- 295. Mary Elizabeth-7 Bearden 1850 census says b. 1818; 1860 says b. 1830. Some descent claim she is the M. Bearden who m. William Jackson GLIDEWELL; however, "Mary" was still at home in 1860 and seemingly it was her sibling, Mourning-7, who had married Mr. Glidewell.
- *296. Eli-7 Bearden, b. 1819 in SC, m. Winny STEPHENS.
- 297. Sarah-7 Bearden, b. 1823, m. her cousin James Allen-7 BEARDEN (No. 274) and her issue can be found under his number and name.
- *298. Mourning-7 Bearden, 1850 census says b. 1827 in SC and she is gone from home before 1860, d. before July 1912. The writer is compiling her as the M. Bearden who m. in 1852 to William Jackson Glidewell. Some descent give Mary-7 as the sister who married Mr. Glidewell.
- 299. Nancy-7 Bearden, compiled as daughter of William-7 Bearden simply because he and some children are living in her household in 1860. She m. Joshua HORSELEY. George HORSELEY was appointed by William PROCTOR to execute his will in 1837, Sumner County, TN. William Proctor's daughter had married Person No. 184, John-7 BEARDEN Jr.
- 300. Benjamin Franklin-7 Bearden, b. 1829 in Bedford or Lincoln County, TN and listed in 1850 as a gunsmith with J. W.-7 BEARDEN and Michael TRIBBLE. He m. Louisa STEPHENS, b. 1830, died young, leaving one issue: Ellen-8, living with her uncle, Richard M. STEPHENS on 1870 census, Lynchburg, TN.
- 301. Silas-7 Bearden, b. 1828-1830, living in the Eli-7 and Winnie (STEPHENS) household in 1850.
- *302. James Monroe-7 Bearden, b. 1842, d. 1906, m. Sarah Catherine POLLOCK.
- 303. Jane-7 Bearden (TWIN?), b. 1845, living in Eli-7 Bearden household in 1850.

304. Henry Clay-7 Bearden (TWIN?), known as "Poney", b. 1845, living in the William-6 Bearden household in 1860 and migrated to Arkansas with Person No. 302 in 1882.
305. William-7 Bearden, b. 1846-1847 in Bedford County, TN, living in the William-6 Bearden household in 1860.

85. Enoch Pleasant-6 Bearden (John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 23 Feb. 1799 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and d. 1902-1904, over one hundred (100) years old in Greene County, MO ("EARLY PIONEERS AND SETTLERS OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI", Vol. 1, 1967). Some descendants say Pleasant-6 d. in Tishomingo County, MS, "right across the border from South Carolina" (author's note: How can state of Mississippi be across border from state of South Carolina?). Other descent say he d. Nov. 1876, Prentiss, MS; m. on 5 Dec. 1826 in SC to Avila Margaret MOORE, who was b. on 2 May 1807 and d. on 27 Oct. 1868, m. second to Matilda M. ANDREWS, who was b. on 1 Sept. 1809 and d. on 30 July 1888 in Oxford, MS.

One descendant says A. Margaret (MOORE) m. second an ANDERSON and in May 1861 lived in Wayne County, Patriot Postoffice; letter to her son in Missouri, addressed 10 Oct. 1868, signed "Your mother and father from Peter's Landing, Perry County, TN on Tennessee River, c/o Ayres and Buckner" and talked about Francis and Sarah in Arkansas, Caroline in Paducah, Kentucky and Jane "living near us".

Avilla Margaret Moore's father could have been the James Moore whose second wife was Sarah (TRAIL) SMITH (under Person No. 83). In 1818 in Spartanburg County, SC, Basil COMPTON sold 150 acres to James MOORE for \$750.00. It was the son of Basil and his wife, Sarah-6 BEARDEN, Isaac-7 COMPTON who married the stepdaughter of James MOORE (daughter of Sarah TRAIL and her first husband, William SMITH). Isaac-7 COMPTON and wife Barbara (SMITH), sold land to James MOORE after Isaac-7 inherited it from his father.

Enoch Pleasant-6's wife was a relative of Thomas COMPTON and related to the SMITH and NELSON families (under No. 47, Benjamin the younger-5 for NELSON, also see SCOTT/McCUISTION FAMILY). It must be remembered that Boyd COMPTON, in 1797, Spartanburg County, SC, was a principal buyer at the estate sale of No. 32, John-4 Bearden I; and Enoch Pleasant-6 named his first son Elias Nelson-7 Bearden.

Pleasant-6 Bearden is one of the principal buyers in 1817, Spartanburg County SC, at the estate sale of Thomas COMPTON whose first wife is said to have been one of the many Sarah BEARDENS and his second wife was Rachel as named in his will. There was a Rachel Bearden, recorded 1802, in the Friendship Baptist Church minutes of Spartanburg County. It is supposed that Rachel was a SMITH and m. Thomas COMPTON.

Pleasant-6 is in the Flat Creek community of Bedford County, TN before 28 Dec. 1828, when William-6 Bearden witnesses the signature of Abraham HANER of Lincoln County, TN, who sold land to Pleasant-6 Bearden, land located on the headwaters of Big Flat Creek ("FROSTS AND RELATED FAMILIES", chapter titled, "BEARDEN ANCESTORS AND OTHER RELATIVES", Pg. 196).

Pleasant-6 appears as head of household on the 1830 and 1840 census schedule for the state of Tennessee, the county of Lincoln and District Seventeen (1830, Pg. 65 and Census No. 240): Pleasant age 30-40 (b. 1790-1800); 1 f. 30-40; 1 male 15-20; 1 f. -5. In 1840 he is 40-50 (b. 1790-1800), his wife is 30-40 and with issue: 1 male (15-20); 1 male (-5); 1 female (5-10); 1 female (-5). He is gone before the 1850 census and he appears in 1841 on the records of Greene County, MO, where descendants of Person No. 55, William-6 Bearden, of Granville County, NC and Montgomery County, TN appeared 1840 to 1880.

Pleasant-6 appears next in Tishomingo County, MS on the seventh county administration tax levy for 1848, which was fifty percent on state tax for county purposes. The board in Tishomingo County, Mississippi Territory, appointed the following school commissioner for the ensuing term: PLEASANT BEARDEN for third district. Tenth administration for Tishomingo County, at November election the following board of police was elected,

PLEASANT BEARDEN among the listing of local citizens being elected. Officers for the county for the years 1854-1855 for Board of Police included PLEASANT BEARDEN.

At the regular election held in Tishomingo County in Oct. 1858 for county officers, the following vote was polled, W. BEARDEN running for office of ranger and received 1065 votes; board of school commissioners, Tishomingo County, appointed the following gentlemen to act as trustees of common schools in their respective townships for two years, Range No. 8, Township No. 5, included P. BEARDEN.

The 1860 census of Tishomingo County, MS included PLEASANT BEARDEN, under age 60, 9 slaves; W. M. BEARDEN, under age 60, 1 slave ("TISHOMINGO COUNTY HISTORY", Pgs. 92-93-118-124-137-156-163-164, Huntsville, Alabama Library-H976.2).

Many of the old Beardens of South Carolina who settled in Tennessee, were gunsmiths by occupation and some of their craft and workmanship now hangs in the museum in Nashville, TN. Rifles and pistols, as well as houses, are said to have architecture. Both Pleasant-6 and his nephew, Alfred-7 Bearden, are known to have hand made out of iron several old rifles and pistols. Some of these old iron mounted rifles with the dished molding and unique features and work, such as iron thimbles, point to South Carolina and Georgia. Some are signed P. B. and A. B. (Pleasant and Alfred Bearden), while some are unsigned but the workmanship is identical. The initials are signed near the breech and are a mirror for each other (one piece strap), except some have a beaver tail cheek rest.

One collector, historian and writer of and about Kentucky rifles, leather shoulder bags and powder horns (such as David Crockett and Daniel Boone carried and which helped defeat the British in 1770-1781) is a BEARDEN descendant, Dan WALLACE of Cypress Inn, TN, the same spot where the Beardens made these old guns in 1830-1840s. They are now priceless and one is in a private collector's hands as of this date in 1998, J. A. Dowd of Arvada, CO (photographs in writer's possession).

The 1850 Bedford County, TN census listed three people as gunsmiths, J. W.-7 Bearden, b. 1824, SC; Benjamin-7 Bearden, b. 1829, TN; and Michael Tribble, b. 1831, TN; Benjamin-7 and Michael are working for and with J. W.-7 Bearden.

Pleasant-6's issue include the following, as given by descent:

*306. **Elias Nelson-7 Bearden**, b. 1819, m. Nancy Ann SHOCKLEY.

307. William-7 Bearden, the male child in the Pleasant-6 Bearden household in 1840, born 1820-1825. He may be the William Bearden who m. on 7 Nov. 1839 in Lincoln Count, TN to Nancy HOBBS/HIBBS; if so, he m. second on 10 Octo. 1848 in Lincoln County to Nancy GLIDEWELL, the sister of William Jackson GLIDEWELL, who m. Person No. 298, Mourning-7 or her sister, Mary-7 BEARDEN. Some sources give Pleasant-6 the following issue: Mary Ann-7, b. 3 July 1828, d. 16 Nov. 1836; Susan-7, b. 13 Dec. 1831, m. 13 Dec. 1849 Charles H. CARTER; William H-7, b. 14 Oct. 1834, m. 12 Feb. 1857 Mary C. CARTER; and Nancy-7 Bearden.

Some of the following marriages of Giles County in Tennessee ("ANASEARCHIN' NEWS 1954-1959") are undoubtedly for the Pleasant-6 Bearden issue as they are of marriageable age (contemporaries in Giles County are, Isaac-7-8 COMPTON, Richard-5, Benjamin-5, John-5 BEARDEN):

BEARDEN, Malissa Jane Bearden m. 11 June 1852, Mathias BRACKEN.

BEARDEN, J. H.-7 m. 28 Dec. 1851, A. L. ADKINS.

BEARDEN, S. E.-7 Bearden m. 26 Dec. 1851, E. M. DOGGETT.

BEARDEN, Sarah-7 Bearden m. 14 Nov. 1852, James T. PENNEY.

F. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 41 LETTICE-5 BEARDEN AND JOHN GOWEN

93. Mary-6 GOWEN (Lettice-5 BEARDEN, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), b. before 1775 in South Carolina, d. 1850 in the home of her son, William BLASSINGAME/BLASSINGHAM in Greenville County, SC; m. before 1790 to James BLASSINGAME of Revolutionary War fame, who was b. before 1765 and made his will on 3 Feb. 1821, which was executed on 23 June 1821 in Greenville County SC, naming his wife and issue (Will Book A, Pg. 200). James Blassingame was named as one of the Executors for his father-in-law's (John GOWEN) will. Mary-6 was not named per se in her father's will and had already received her fair share of his estate.

James Blassingame had land grants on Thompson's Creek in Chesterfield County, SC, one of which was dated on 2 May 1774. He later removed to Kentucky, where he received bounty land there as a reward for his services "to the American cause" ("SUB-ENTRIES TO INDENTS FOR THE REVOLUTION IN SOUTH CAROLINA", Vol. 4, by Sally; and "CLAIMS BOOK", N.W Historical Commission Secretary, South Carolina, says he was a Lieutenant and Captain, Revolutionary War).

James, Thomas, John and Philip Blassingame are listed on the first census in 1790, as heads of households in Ninety-Sixth District (later Spartanburg and Union Counties), and these witnessed deeds for Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden. James Blassingame who married Mary-6 GOWEN, is the probable sibling of General John Blassingame of Revolutionary War fame of this same area (see under No. 39, Thomas-5 BEARDEN m. Sarah BLASSINGAME; and No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden, who named John Blassingame in his Revolutionary War papers). Some of the issue of Mary-6 Gowen and her husband James BLASSINGAME immigrated to Perry County, Alabama with Captain, nee General John BLASSINGAME. The children of each called each other "cousin" and were associated there in church, domestic and social affairs.

Writing in 1842 from her home in Greenville County, South Carolina, Mary-6 (GOWEN) BLASSINGAME, then living with her son William-7 BLASSINGAME, mentions this and the death of a neighbor, Theron EARLE, also refers to a BEARDEN cousin, Dr. Eber SMITH (see "SOUTHERN LINEAGES", Pg. 304).

A deed dated 1805 in Spartanburg County, SC, states: "I, John Blassingame of Union District, plantation of 200 acres in Spartanburg District, both sides of Dutchman's Creek, part of land granted to Absolam Lancaster in 1788, Gowen's line bounding thereon."

"Lands south of Green River, Scottsdale, Allen County, Kentucky, Governor Desha of the state by virtue of a Certificate No. 534 (the state price paid without interest) granted by the County Court of Warren County in 1802 agreeable to an act of the assembly for selling and improving the vacant lands of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, there is granted the said Commonwealth unto John Blassingame a certain tract or parcel of land containing sixty acres by survey lying and being in the County of Scottsdale on Travellers's Fork, 14 December 1827, in the 36th year of the Commonwealth" (Book 27, Pgs. 403, 404, KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS, 1782-1924, Kentucky Historical Library, Frankfort, KY).

Joseph-4 BURDEN/BORDEN/BEARDEN, the youngest son of Benjamin-3 and Zeruah (WINTER), left a will dated 29 April 1803 in Iredell County, NC, in which he left land on the "Green River in Kentucky", which would include the counties of Allen, Barren, Warren, Ohio and Butler. Allen County was carved in 1815 from the counties of Barren and Warren, whereas Barren County was formed in 1798 from the counties of Green and Warren; Green County was formed in 1792 from the counties of Lincoln and Nelson; Warren County was carved in 1796 from the county of Logan, Ohio County was formed in 1798 from Hardin County, and Butler County was formed in 1810 from the counties of Logan and Ohio.

Interestingly, Person No. 43, Richard P.-5 BEARDEN, is located on the 1810 United States Census in Warren County, KY, his declaration for a Revolutionary War Pension also placing him there for this period of time.

The above documents, in conjunction with the 1790 census and the Benjamin-2 BORDEN will, links the BLASSINGAMES, GOWENS and the BEARDEN/BURDENS of North and South Carolina with the Joseph BURDEN of Augusta County, Virginia, Ninety-Sixth District, South Carolina, and Iredell County, North Carolina; and the Reverend Benjamin-5 BURDEN of Ohio and Butler Counties, Kentucky. Their location in the latter place and on the same date, that is on the Green River, also indicates this probability.

Mrs. Adeline (EVANS) WINN in "SOUTHERN LINEAGES", has written and published her extensive research on the BLASSINGAME FAMILY and, therefore, only limited reference will be made herein. Mary-6 Gowen and her husband, James BLASSINGAME, had issue as named in his will, b. Spartanburg and Greenville County, North Carolina and some buried with epitaphs in the cemetery at Marion in Perry County, Alabama:

308. Elizabeth-7 Blassingame, b. 1797, d. 1850, m. Martin ADAMS and removed to Dalton County, GA, where they both died. Descent includes the DENTON family of Dalton. Dr. John W. Denton and W. M. Denton are some of this family. Elizabeth-7 had known issue: Mary-8, m. John MORRISON; Martha-8; Emily-8, m (?) McCRAY; and Rhoda-8 ADAMS, m. her cousin (?) ADAMS, a descendant is Jim Adams of Oconee, TN in 1925 (source from Ava GOWEN, Chatsworth, GA).
309. Permelia-7 Blassingame, b. 6 June 1799, d. 6 Sept. 1835 in Marion, AL; m. George MILLER, b. on 28 Aug. 1790, Spartanburg County, SC, d. on 10 Jan. 1839 near Marion, AL; their issue as recorded in family Bible:
 - a. Mary Missouri-8 Miller, b. 8 July 1819, d. 1880, m. 8 July 1840, Marion, AL, to Johnson McCAULEY and had issue: (1) Ann-9 McCauley m. W. P. MARTIN and had issue: John-10 m. (?) WALTON; William-10 m. Sally Reid IRBY; Mary-10 m. D. J. PONCELOR; and Mittie-10 MARTIN m. Charles ROBINSON. (2) Margaret-9 McCauley m. Simeon FORD and had issue: Walter-10; Homer-10; Lula-10 m. a BARNES; and Lallie-10 FORD. (3) Sarah-9 McCauley m. A. Preston FORD and had issue: Willie-10 m. a WALTERS; Ada-10; and Annie-10 FORD. (4) Alice-9 McCauley, unmarried.
 - b. Ann Eliza-8 Miller, b. 22 Jan. 1822, d. on 12 March 1876, m. on 29 Feb. 1840 in Marion, AL, William Newton WYATT ("SOUTHERN LINEAGES", Pg. 307, Mrs. Eliza WYATT named in will of William HOUSTON of Marion, AL; and in estate settlement of Winn BLASSINGAME.)
 - c. John Henry-8 Miller, b. 7 Nov. 1825.
 - d. William Eber-8 Miller, b. 11 June 1829, d. 6 Sept. 1846 at Matamores, Mexico, while a soldier in Mexican War.
 - e. Caroline-8 Miller, youngest issue of Permelia-7 BLASSINGAME and her husband George MILLER, b. on 17 Sept. 1832, d. May 1895, m. unknown, m. second a WYCLIFFE, as named in parent's Bible.
310. William-7 Blassingame, b. 1801, d. 28 Nov. 1845 in his mother's home, Greenville County, SC, m. there in 1825 to Mary Earle PRINCE, who m. second a FOSTER and went to Arkansas where she died. William-7 and Mary had issue, b. SC (letter written 1842 from Mary-6 (GOWEN) BLASSINGAME to her children in Marion, AL; letter dated 28 Jan. 1886 from James W. BLASSINGAME to Col. JONES, found among William-7 Blassingame's estate papers at Greenville Courthouse; issue as named in will of brother, Winn-7 Blassingame, Marion, AL:
 - a. Elizabeth-8, m. her probable cousin, Reuben CLAYTON of Atlanta, GA (see under Person No. 105, Rachel-6 BEARDEN).
 - b. James W.-8 Blassingame of Hendersonville, NC.
 - c. Sarah "Sallie" Earle-8 Blassingame b. 1833, d. 1891, m. William Davis WHITTED, b. 1819, d. 1887 (epitaph in cemetery, Hendersonville, NC).
 - d. William-8 Blassingame of Versailles, MO.
 - e. Lydia A.-8 Blassingame m. Robert LYLES of Sandy Plains, Polk County, NC.
 - f. Thomas B.-8 Blassingame of Sandy Plains, NC.
 - g. John G. E.-8 Blassingame, of Atlanta, GA.
311. John Gowen-7 Blassingame d. 1834, named in father's will.
312. Winn-7 Blassingame, b. 18 Feb. 1804, d. 16 Nov. 1842 in Marion, AL, buried beside his sister, Permelia (Blassingame) MILLER; left a will which named his siblings and some nephews and nieces (Will Book F, Pgs. 618 and 475; Book T, Pg. 315). He m. Edmonia (?) and left no issue.
313. James-7 Blassingame Jr., b. 1810, d. 1846; the will of his brother, Winn, named "James Blassingame of Georgia and two other brothers of South Carolina".

314. Mary Benson-7 Blassingame, seventh and youngest issue of Mary-6 (GOWEN), b. on 25 Jan. 1812, d. on 10 July 1855 in Marion, AL; m. William HORNBUCKLE of SC and AL, as named in her father's and brother's will, and had issue:
- Elizabeth-8, m. Dr. R. D. ENGLAND, descendants still in Marion, AL.
 - Lydia-8, unmarried, d. about 1909, Marion, AL.
 - James W.-8, m. Bessie WAUGH of Union Springs.
 - John Blassingame-8 HORNBUCLE, unmarried.
 - Frank Benson-8 HORNBUCKLE, unmarried.
 - Eliza Wyatt-8 HORNBUCKLE, m. Gaines ROBERTS of Oxford, AL and had issue: Earle-9; Stella-9 m. (?) ORR; Gowen-9; Lila-9 m. Foster MELLON; and Roberta-9 ROBERTS m. Sam MELLON.

94. Sarah-6 GOWEN (Lettice-5 BEARDEN, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), the ninth and youngest issue of Lettice-5 Bearden and her husband John GOWEN, was not named in her father's will and had removed to Hickman County, KY. Sarah-6 was b. on 5 June 1774 and d. on 8 Oct. 1852; m. on 10 March 1785 in Spartanburg County, SC, to William EASLEY. The EASLEY connections include, among others, Ann and William GOWEN (siblings of John GOWEN who married Lettice-5 BEARDEN).

Ann GOWEN married John EASLEY and her brother William GOWEN married an EASLEY. Ann received a land grant on 28 May 1785, farmland located in Greenville District, SC (Deed Book B, Pg. 28). Ann EASLEY is listed in Greenville County, South Carolina on the 1790 United States Census as head of her own household. In 1786, she asks for the pay due her husband, John EASLEY, and her son Willington EASLEY, for their Revolutionary War service, stating that they are both dead. She asks that the money be paid to Captain John GOWEN.

The estate account of Willington EASLEY was made 1806 in Greenville County, SC, and names John BLASSINGAME, John GOWEN, "the widow EASLEY" and William, Elizabeth, Thomas, Robert, Pleasant, Betsy and John EASLEY.

In 1790, Ann EASLEY deeds to Edmond-5 BEARDEN the tract of land granted to her in 1785. Edmond-5 BEARDEN sold to Mr. Jamison land on both sides of George's Creek on the Saluda River, witnessed by Winn BEARDEN, which contained 340 acres located in Washington District, which was afterward granted to John GOWEN of Spartanburg District by Governor Pinckney. John GOWEN sells this land on 5 July 1792, James EASLEY and Jesse MOSS witnesses (Deed Book D, Pg. 3, Pendleton Dist., SC).

The families of BEARDEN, EASLEY, BLASSINGAME, ALLEN, FIELDS, GOWEN, MOSS, etc., are intermarried in early Virginia, in North and South Carolina and later in Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, etc. Samuel ALLEN of Cumberland County, VA, and later of Greenville District, SC, had issue: Obedience m. William TOWNES and had Mary who m. as his second wife to Robert EASLEY and had several issue: Nancy m. and had a son, John Allen EASLEY, who m. a KING whose son m. a SLOAN. In 1900-1925 there is two issue living in Greenville County, SC: John Allen EASLEY and Trace EASLEY, the latter Mrs. Thomas MAUDLIN of Greenville.

Elizabeth EASLEY, daughter of Robert EASLEY by his first wife who was a COLEMAN, married one of the many John BLASSINGAMES, and her half sister Nancy Ann EASLEY married Thomas BLASSINGAME. Samuel EASLEY married Mary Polly WESTFIELD and her brother, David WESTFIELD, b. 1786, a Quartermaster in War of 1812, came from Greenville County in South Carolina to Murray County in Georgia, by way of Tennessee. (Sources: signed letters written 1915, Mrs. Betty (McLAUGHLIN) ANDREWS, descendant of David WESTFIELD and his wife Claudia K. TOWNES; Martha (BLASSINGAME) HARRISON of Ft. Worth, Texas, granddaughter of William Easley BLASSINGAME and Eliza TOWNES, descent of David WESTERFIELD, John WESTERFIELD, and John BLASSINGAME, both granddaughters of William Easley BLASSINGAME and his wife Eliza TOWNES. Both say that David WESTFIELD called both Obedience (ALLEN) TOWNES and Obedience (BLASSINGAME) FIELDS "Cousin Biddie". Bond was made in 1820, Greenville County, SC, for the David WESTERFIELD estate settlement, see Persons compiled as Nos. 39 and 111, Thomas-5 and John-6; "SOUTHERN

LINEAGES", Pgs. 290-291; the old Bible and papers destroyed by fire when the David WESTERFIELD home burned down in Murray County, GA).

Sarah-6 Gowen and her husband William EASLEY had issue, b. Spartanburg and Greenville District, South Carolina, only sparse information available to the writer:

315. Wellington-7 Easley, b. 5 March 1790.
316. Kindness Bearden-7 Easley, b. on 24 Sept. 1792.
317. Matilda-7 Easley, b. on 1 March 1795.
318. John Gowen-7 Easley b. on 1 Jan. 1798.
319. Mahulda Allen-7 Easley, b. on 21 April 1800, Greenville District, SC, d. on 21 Oct. 1868, Tallahatchie County, MS, m. on 21 Oct. 1817 to Charles BOWEN, who was b. on 17 Feb. 1791, Pendleton Dist., SC, lived some time in Hickman County, TN, and d. on 13 May 1843 in Oxford, MS. Mahulda A.-7 had known issue: Mary Caroline-8 BOWEN, b. on 8 Oct. 1826 in Hickman County, TN, d. 30 Nov. 1902, Oxford, MS; m. 14 April 1846, William Smith NEILSON, b. 1813, d. 1892, had issue, among others: Louise-9, who evidently did not marry. Her niece, Mary Louise-10 NEILSON, had a family tree made about 1900ish by her aunt "Miss Lou Neilson of Oxford, MS", and a copy was given to Mrs. Adeline (EVANS) WINN of "SOUTHERN LINEAGES".
320. Lettice Gowen-7 Easley, b. on 5 Aug. 1802.
321. Elizabeth Gowen-7 Easley, b. on 23 Feb. 1805.
322. Mary Polly-7 Easley, b. on 6 Aug. 1807 and d. on 27 Feb. 1871 in Oxford, MS; m. Robert SKEEGOG, a native of North Ireland, b. 31 Aug. 1801, d. 27 Aug. 1860. Mary Polly-7 had issue:
 - a. William-8, b. 19 Aug. 1826, d. 3 Aug. 1830.
 - b. James Gowen-8 SKEEGOG (TWIN), b. 11 April 1836, Hickman County, (TN or KY?), d. 10 Aug. 1869.
 - c. Joella Pegues-8 SKEEGOG (TWIN), b. 11 Apr. 1836, d. 1840.
 - d. Anna Marie-8 SKEEGOG, b. 15 Oct. 1838, d. 10 Aug. 1855.
323. Minerva-7 Easley, b. 1 Jan. 1810 in Hickman County, TN.
324. Sarah Gowen-7 Easley, b. on 29 Aug. 1812, Hickman County, TN, m. William WILLIAMS and had known issue: Joshua-9 of Water Valley, MS.
325. William Benson-7 Easley, b. on 29 Oct. 1814.
326. Permelia-7 Easley, twelfth and youngest known issue of Sarah-6 Gowen and her husband William EASLEY, b. on 20 June 1817.

FINIS DESCENT OF PERSON NO. 41, LETTICE-5 BEARDEN AND JOHN GOWEN

FURTHER GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 32, JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN

G. TWELVE CHILDREN OF NO. 43 RICHARD-5 AND SARAH (BENNETT) BEARDEN

95. James-6 Bearden (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?) (TWIN), b. 1780-1781 according to his twin's grandson-8 and in conjunction with the 1850 and 1860 United States Census of St. Clair County, AL. His state of birth is South Carolina and his parent's place of residence in 1780 is Ninety-Six District (later Spartanburg County), SC. James-6 d. between the 1860 and 1870 census of St. Clair County, AL. He m. before 1800 in South Carolina to Mary whose last name has been given variously as BEARDEN, RAINEY, GREEN and BENNETT, etc. who was b. 1779-1780 in TN or SC and d. before the 1870 census of St. Clair County, AL. James-6 Bearden's wife's maiden name is speculation only.

The only substantiation for the theory that Mary is a BENNETT is the fact that James-6 Bearden lived near or on land in St. Clair County which was owned by Vincent Bennett who also owned the general store, post office and stage stop between Huntsville and Gadsden, AL. This place was called Bennetsville and this is the James-6 Bear-

den address before 1820 and until the date of his death in the 1860's. Vincent is a relative, as James-6's mother is traditionally a Bennett. James-6 is listed as paying taxes in 1810 in Jackson County, GA (under No. 75).

The "ALABAMA CENSUS RETURNS 1820, ST. CLAIR COUNTY", as copied from ALABAMA HISTORICAL QUARTERLY, Fall issue 1944, Pgs. 484 and 485, from the Alabama State Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Al, this and all following census data from Alabama Official Archives. The official census returns for the other counties for 1820 have not been located: James BEARDIN, one white male and one female over 21; 2 males and 5 females under 21, total in family 9 people.

In 1820 there is listed a total of four families with 25 Beardens in St. Clair County. There is also Ansel BEARDON, 1 male and 1 female over 21 with 8 males and 1 female under 21, total in family 11 people; Elizabeth BEARDIN, 1 female over 21, 2 males and 1 female under 21; total in family 4; and Charrety BEARDIN, 1 female over 21. This Ansel BEARDON is compiled herein as No. 48 but neither Elizabeth or Charrety have been placed and they may be the issue of No. 46, Arthur-5; No. 48, Ansel-5; or No. 95, James-6 Bearden; or they may be sisters to either one of these. Speculation is they were the half-orphaned siblings of Arthur-5 and Ansel-5 whose mother died about 1774-1775 when or soon after Ansel-5 was born. The fact that Ansel-5 and some of his siblings were reared in the home of the parents of James-6 (see 1790 census under No. 43, Richard-5), would account for the closeness between the subject, James-6, and his young uncle and aunts; that is, Ansel-5, Elizabeth and Charrety who were not much older than their nephew, James-6, and whose father's home they were at least partially reared in. They may be widows of Beardens. Their identity is plain speculation.

The 1830 census of St. Clair County Alabama (Pg. 241), lists James-6 Bearden (age 50-60); 1 female 50-60; 1 male 15-20; 1 male 10-15; 1 male 5-10; 1 female 15-20; 1 female 10-15 and 1 female 5-10, a total of six children still at home. It is probable there were married issue before 1820, and evident that James-6 had married issue before 1830. Some of the early marriages in Lauderdale County in Alabama and the state of Georgia may be for the issue of James-6 Bearden. The migration of James-6 parents to Lauderdale County soon after the 1820 census was taken in Hall County, GA, is due to the fact that James-6 had settled in this area of Alabama.

The 1840 federal census of St. Clair County, AL (Pg. 222, Line 14), lists James-6 Bearden, 60-70; female 50-60; 1 male 20-30; 1 male 15-20. All females are gone from home. In the same place (pg. 232) is Eleonor BEARDEN, b. 1790-1800, 1 male and 1 female, b. 1820-1815, 1 male and 1 female, b. 1830-1835, and 1 male and 1 female, b. 1835-1840; and Betty BEARDEN (Pg. 242, same as Elizabeth in 1820?), b. 1800-1810, 1 male and 1 female, b. 1820-1825, 2 male and 3 females, b. 1825-1830, and 3 females, b. 1835-1840.

The 1850 federal census of St. Clair County, AL (Pg. 168), lists James-6 Bearden, age 69, born South Carolina; Mary Bearden, age 71, born Tennessee (1860 says b. SC). All children are gone from home, but living in his family are two grandchildren, James C.-8 WHISENANT, age 15, and Charles-8 WHISENANT, age 12, both b. in AL.

The 1860 federal census of St. Clair County, AL (Township 12, Route 4E, Bennetsville, Alabama, Dwelling No. 223, Family No. 221), lists James-6 and Mary Bearden, both age 80 and both born South Carolina. Living at same address but enumerated two days later on 5 July 1860 (Dwelling 253, Family No. 251 and Dwelling No. 256/254): Person compiled herein as No. 352, Robert K.-7 BEARDEN; Person No. 346, Jacob P.-7 BEARDEN; and Person No 353, James Jasper-7 Bearden, these three b. in GA and the sons of James-6's twin brother, Person No. 96, Jacob-6, Bearden. The writers grandfather, Person No. 849, Ervin K.-8 Bearden, was born at this address on 29 March 1861.

This area was formed in 1800 from the Mississippi Territory which had been created in 1798 from the western half of GA and later into the states of AL and MS. The area was known as Cabela until 1819 when a portion of it became Cotoco County, which between 1818 and 1821 was formed into 15 counties, including St. Clair County.

By combining the 1820 through 1870 census and marriages of St. Clair County and the near area of Alabama, the James-6 Bearden family can be constructed as follows and not necessarily in order of birth, some of whom may be grandchildren:

327. Thomas-7 Bearden, b. before 1800, may be the identical Thomas Bearden who m. on 21 March 1822 in Lauderdale County, Alabama to Mary Polly LITTLEJOHN (several Littlejohns on the 1790-1800 census, Spartanburg County, SC). The subject probably m. (second?) Eleonor "Nelly", who was a widow before 1840 in St. Clair County, AL (above census information). This conclusion is reached because Eleonor is counted again on the 1850 census in St. Clair County with one issue, Mary-8 Bearden, b. 1837, AL. She had six unknown issue, b. 1820-1840.
328. Abner-7 Bearden, b. about 1803-1805 in Georgia, m. 1 Dec. 1823, St. Clair County, AL, with Obediah GIBSON, Bondsman, to Elizabeth DUNN, born 1800-1810; listed consecutively with parents on 1830 federal census of St. Clair County, had one female, b. 1820-1825 and one female, b. 1825-1830. He may be the Abner BEARD who is listed 1850 in Lauderdale County, AL.
329. Sarah-7 Bearden, m. 19 Aug. 1835 to her cousin, James BELL.
330. Sally-7 Bearden, m. 22 Nov. 1826, St. Clair County, Lewis SHIRLEY.
331. Nancy-7 Bearden m. on 17 Dec. 1828, to David COOPER/COPPER.
332. James-7 Bearden Jr., b. about 1811 in GA, m. 25 Dec. 1835, Cosigna Harriett WHISENANT. A relative of Cosigna and her brother Abner, the latter who m. James-7's sister, is Robert Coldwell WHISENANT whose daughter, Amanda Whisenant, m. first a MUNDAY and m. second in Collin County, TX as his third wife to Person No. 443, Simeon W. BEARDEN; under Person No. 872 for MUNDAY and BEARDEN connection in the state of Georgia. Simeon W. left soon after his father's 1846 death in Georgia and settled in Wood and Hunt Counties, TX in 1871, moving on to Cooke County, TX. (See under his name and number.)
333. Unise/Uncie-7 Bearden, m. on 25 Nov. 1840 in St. Clair County, William JOHNSON. One of identical name is speculated first wife of No. 106, Richard-6 Bearden Jr., recorded in 1821 as a charter member of the Dewberry Baptist Church in Hall County, GA and in 1835 she is dismissed by letter.
334. Sarah-7 Bearden, but surely there were not two of same name in this family! She m. before the 1850 census to Martin MURPHY, b. 1795, SC, lived St. Clair, Bibb, Chilton Counties, AL. In 1850 Sarah-7 and Martin had in their household William BEARDEN, b. 1832, AL. The Murphy family is prominent in the Haysop Baptist Church in Bibb County ("HAYSOP", by Charles E. Boyd, copy in writer's possession. Known connections are:
- (1) Elijah S.-8 Murphy, m. Elzie LOUVICKY and had descent: (1) Levi-9 Murphy, m. on 21 Nov. 1901 to Ada Leona-10 BATTLES; and (2) John J.J.S.F. Asbury M.S.-9 Murphy/Murphree, b. 2 Dec. 1882, AL, d. 24 May 1942, Winston County, AL, m. 24 Dec. 1903, Etowah County, AL to Maud Crump-10 BATTLES and issue can be found under Person No. 1289.
- (2) Mary-8 Murphree/Murphy, b. on 25 Nov. 1855 and d. 5 June 1935, m. No. 1020, George Washington-8 BEARDEN and their issue can be found under his number and name.
335. Matilda-7 Bearden, m. on 3 Feb. 1833 to Abner WHISENANT and had issue on the 1850 census of St. Clair County, AL, living with their grandparents: James C.-8 and Charles-8 Whisenant.
336. Mary-7 Bearden, m. on 16 Sept. 1834, to William BROTHERS.
- *337. Rolan/Roland-7 Bearden, m. on 26 May 1841 to Lucinda WHITE.
338. Elisha Turner-7 Bearden, b. 1828, AL, m. on 31 Aug. 1847 in St. Clair County to Celia JORDAN and in the 1850 census had in family John-8, b. 1849; and Marvin WATERS, b. 1840 in GA. Turner-7 is counted on the 1880 census of Blount County. Also in that county are the households of Pliney-8 Bearden and William-8 Bearden, Pliney-8 with children: James Jasper-9, b. 1875; Margaret Jane-9; and Louis-9 Bearden.
339. Louiza-7 Bearden, m. on 2 April 1840 to Nimrod BLACKWELL.
340. Mahala-7 "Mahaley" Bearden, m. on 30 March 1840 to John Wesley PARTLOW. Descendants of "Mahaley"-7 have contributed much to the success of the Steele Baptist Church which is now located close to Hunstville, AL ("History of St. Clair County, Alabama", by Mrs. Crowe).
341. Believed to belong to this family is John Thomas-7 Bearden, b. 1827-1828, St. Clair County, m. Rebecca (?), b. 1830, TN.

96. **Jacob-6 Bearden** (*Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?*) (TWIN), b. 1780-1781, Ninety-Six District, SC (1820 to 1860 census, Hall and Gilmer Counties, GA). Jacob-6's will was written on 21 August 1867 in Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA and probated there on 4 October 1867 (Will Book 1853-1914, Pgs. 43, 44, 45, 46, Probate Judge of Gilmer County, GA; Microfilm Drawer No. 103 A-8, Georgia State Archives, Atlanta; Microfilm No. 29369, "Wills of Gilmer County, Georgia", Genealogy Library, Salt Lake City, Utah). His marriage at a young age to Winifred "Winny" SMITH is almost certain to have taken place in South Carolina as their first child was born there. The state of Georgia kept a record of marriages from the start and they are available. The old settlers in the state of South Carolina were not required to post bond or have license to marry and only for brief intervals were records kept before 1778 and as late as 1911.

The first name of Jacob-6's wife is taken from (1) the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 federal census of Gilmer County, GA; (2) Jacob-6's will; and (3) the early Dewberry and Ebenezer Baptist Church records of both Hall and Gilmer Counties. She is "Winny" in all census reports, the Ebenezer Baptist Church records of Gilmer County, and Jacob-6's will, but she is "Winifred" in the 1821 to 1834 Dewberry Baptist Church Minutes, Hall County, GA (church minutes on microfilm, Georgia State Archives, Atlanta, copy in writer's possession).

"Winny's last name has the authority of long-standing and accepted tradition. She was born 1790-1791 in Granville County, NC, the daughter of Nathan and Mary Polly (LANGSTON) SMITH (see under Person No. 39, Thomas and Elizabeth BURDEN's will for the location of a sibling of Nathan SMITH in 1790-1792), the granddaughter of Ralph SMITH and the Reverend Nathan LANGSTON of early North and South Carolina. Nathan SMITH, his father and his brothers were in the Revolutionary War from Old Ninety-Six District in South Carolina. His father and one brother were killed in that war at the battle at Cross Anchor, now in Union County, SC.

The SMITH, LANGSTON and BEARDEN/BURDEN families had a proclivity to have twins or triplets which seems to run in certain families. Winifred (SMITH) Bearden had at least two sets of twins, one of whom was this writer's own great grandfather and there are several twin and triplet grandchildren. One set of twins are the BEARDEN brothers who married a set of SMITH twins (Persons No. 371 and 372, Leonard-7 and Nehemiah-7 Bearden).

Nathaniel SMITH and his wife, Mary Polly LANGSTON, are participants in deeds with the subject's father, Richard-5 BEARDEN, in Spartanburg County, SC in 1789 and in 1802, and there is the pertinent fact that from 1824 to 1834, Mary Polly SMITH attended and was a member of the same church at the same time and the same place as Winifred and her husband Jacob-6 BEARDEN. Other members included (1) the wife of Person No. 107, Sarah (PEAK) Bearden; (2) Person No. 342, Celia-6 (BEARDEN) O'Barr; (3) Unice-7 Bearden; and (4) Person No. 106, Richard-6 Bearden Jr., all of whom are listed in the Dewberry Baptist Church minutes in Hall County, GA. Mary Polly SMITH is dismissed by letter on 7 Dec. 1833; Jacob-6, Winifred and Richard-6 BEARDEN Jr. are dismissed by letter on 7 June 1834.

Nathan Smith witnessed a deed in 1825, Hall County, GA, for Richard-5 Bearden Sr., signing his signature "Nathaniel Smith, Craven County, South Carolina" (see under No. 43 for source, etc.).

Another Nathan Smith may be the brother of Winifred (SMITH) Bearden (see the 1818 estate settlement of one Nathan Smith below).

There is existent an old and rather large daybook, kept by storekeeper Coke A. ELLINGTON, whose store in 1835 is located near where the Ellijay, Georgia post office and the Waters Store of today are located. This old daybook was loaned to Mr. Lawrence L. STANLEY when he was researching for his publications, one of which is "A LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY". The first date posted in the daybook is 29 Aug. 1835; the posting ended in 1838 and was not continued until 1861. Nathan SMITH was the second customer Mr. Ellington recorded in 1835 (Pg. 11, "Little History of Gilmer County"). He was then about seventy years of age and said to have died in Gilmer County where he left children and grandchildren. He was not found on the 1850 Georgia Census but several of his descent are there.

The father of Nathan Smith was Ralph Smith and he was born 1725 in Burks County, PA and died 1784 as a soldier of the Revolution at Cross Anchor, Ninety-Six District, SC. His will was dated on 24 July 1781 and proved on 8 Oct. 1784 in Spartanburg District SC, in which he named sons, William, Nathan, Elias, Zapher, Samuel and the heirs of Aaron Smith, the latter who had also died in the Revolution. Person No. 37, Edmund-5 BEARDEN, and Brittain WILLIFORD witnessed his will and Brittain Williford made the inventory of his estate ("ABSTRACTS OF OLD NINETY-SIX AND ABBEVILLE DISTRICT, WILLS AND BONDS", by Willie Paulene Young, Southern Historical Press, Ensley, SC, 1977). The Smiths owned the land where the city of Greenville in South Carolina now stands.

Brittain Williford made bond on 10 April 1797 in Spartanburg County for the estate settlement of Person No. 32, John-4 Bearden, and he also signed the 1825 affidavit in Wayne County, TN for the Revolutionary War pension declaration of Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden.

The Bearden, Winn, Langston and Smith families are connected early in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey and Virginia. Mary Winn, daughter of Minor Sr. and Margaret Winn and compiled sister of Lettice (WINN) Bearden, married 1758 to Benjamin SMITH in Prince William County, VA (see WINN and WEATHERS FAMILY by writer). Her niece was Martha Winn, daughter of William Winn, who married in Fauquier County, VA on 25 Nov. 1771 to her cousin, the attorney Matthew SMITH.

The estate of one Nathan Smith was administered and settled in Jasper County, GA on 14 Dec. 1818, by Elias G. LINGAN; Bennett CRAWFORD, John W. COMPTON and Hiram GLAZIER, judges, who ordered that Elias G. LANGHAM be permitted to sell the land and negroes belonging to the estate of Nathan Smith, deceased (Jasper County, GA Ordinary Court Minutes, Pg. 144, Monday, December 14, 1818).

It should be explained that William WINN married first to Ann LINGHAN/LINGAN (so spelled in records) and married second to Rosa HAMPTON/HAMPDON, aunt of Revolutionary soldier General Wade Hampton who is the great grandfather of Person No. 190, Marcus de Lafayette-7 Bearden of Knox County, TN. One Margaret WINN m. John HAMPTON, brother of Wade Hampton (under Person No. 63, Lucy-6 Bearden who m. a grandson of General Wade Hampton).

William Winn's niece, Mourning-5 BEARDEN (Person No. 44), married Captain and Judge William SMITH, oldest son of Ralph Smith. The subject here, Jacob-6 Bearden, married his aunt's (Mourning-5) niece by marriage; that is, he married the niece of Captain and Judge William Smith.

Ralph Smith had one son by a first marriage, the William Smith who m. Mourning-5 BEARDEN. William's younger half-brothers are Nathan and Aaron and these are Mourning-5 (BEARDEN) Smith's brothers-in-law. Mourning-5's sisters-in law are Mary Polly LANGSTON (m. Nathan SMITH), Sarah LANGSTON (m. Aaron SMITH) and Nancy Ann LANGSTON (m. Mourning-5's brother, John-5 BEARDEN). It was the custom to marry into the same families at this time in history.

Nathan Smith had a land grant as early as 1784 in Washington County, GA, and he was in Wilkes County in 1795. He m. Mary Polly LANGSTON and lived in Granville County, NC, Spartanburg and Greenville District, SC, and in Hall and Gilmer Counties, GA. Sarah, Mary Polly and Nancy Langston are probable daughters of Reverend Nathan and Catherine (SMITH) Langston of Cross Anchor in Union County, SC, where Ralph and his son Aaron Smith gave their lives in the Revolution. A descendant of Aaron and Sarah (LANGSTON) Smith is Mr. H. W. BOYD, of Indianapolis, Indiana who is a well-known professional genealogist and historian and has all the family heirlooms plus fifty-five years of personal files, sources, etc.

Lieutenant Aaron Smith m. Sarah LANGSTON and was killed in the Battle of the Cowpens in the Revolutionary War after having one issue. Sarah m. second to a DODD and married third to an ANDERSON. After her second marriage, she moved from Greenville County, SC to Livingston and Caldwell Counties, KY, and d. in Union County, KY. Mr. Boyd's ancestress, Sarah SMITH, is the only daughter of Aaron and Sarah (LANGSTON) SMITH.

Sarah SMITH, only child of Aaron and Sarah (LANGSTON) SMITH, married (?) BELLEW, first name not divulged by Mr. Boyd. Their son, Aaron Smith BELLEW, was the first grandchild and was named for his grandfather, Lieutenant Aaron SMITH (b. 1753, d. 1781). Aaron Smith BELLEW was b. 1797 in what is now downtown Greenville, SC on land which his mother's people had acquired in 1783 upon moving from Spartanburg District. He d. in 1837 in Kentucky, m. Sarah Smock RICHARDS, b. 1800, South Carolina and died 1885, KY. Mr. Boyd has an excellent old portrait of his great-great grandmother, Sarah Smock (RICHARDS) BALLEW.

The story of the courtship of Jacob-6 BEARDEN and Winifred SMITH is their secret and might be an enthralling tale in itself. They knew each other through their mutual kinsfolk and married at an early age as their first child was born when Jacob-6 was less than twenty years of age and "Winny" was less than thirteen years old.

Jacob-6's gravesite is now in a beautiful, remote, overgrown and wooded area of what was then his own land in Gilmer County, GA. He chose this spot and meant for it to be the family graveyard. It is now located about two miles into the forest off Highway 52. His sons built a cairn-like cave from rocks and stones, carved his name, birthdate and deathdate on a big field stone at his head and buried him inside as he had requested. The cairn was accidentally torn down by timber cutters but was restored by Jacob-6's relatives and friends.

The farm was purchased from Jacob-6 Bearden's descendants in 1891 by the descendants of Jacob-6's brother (Person No. 107, Williby-6 Bearden) by whom it was owned until the 1950's, since when it has been a vast forest and is owned by lumbermen who use it for the timber available there. The present owner's attorney has assured the writer that the grave will not again be desecrated as long as it is in his possession, however it is for sale in 1985.

Some of Jacob-6 Bearden's descendants, as well as great nephews and nieces, are still living in this area of Gilmer County and they remember as youngsters their parents telling them to "hoe and mow the weeds around grandfather" (or "Uncle Jacob's grave"; a pet name was "Uncle Zakie"). John Cicero-8 Bearden owned Jacob-6's old home place on Tail's Creek, near the Ebenezer Baptist Church building. Jacob-6's land was purchased from his heirs in 1880-1891 by John Cicero-8's father, Person No. 417, Richard Granser-7 Bearden. John Cicero-8 was the grandson of old Williby-6 Bearden, and the great-nephew of the subject here, Jacob-6 Bearden.

Mr. Vernon-9 WEST, whose father and mother were both of Bearden descent (his mother is a descendant of Williby-6 BEARDEN), and Mr. Lawrence L. STANLEY, both of Ellijay in Gilmer County, GA, the latter's great aunt m. No. 792, Daniel James-7 BEARDEN, have graciously helped in erecting a Veteran's War of 1812 tombstone on the Veteran's Administration in Washington, DC, at Jacob-6's grave. A dedication service was held by Mr. Stanley who is a retired teacher, author and Boy Scout executive, and attended by the older Bearden descent in North Georgia.

The intention of Jacob-6 Bearden to establish a family cemetery on his own land in this most beautiful and secluded spot of North Georgia was circumvented by the hard times following the Civil War, which killed, maimed, scattered and made paupers of his children and grandchildren. Only two of his surviving sons and one daughter stayed in Gilmer County after the war and some of these left after their mother's death and after the 1880 census was taken. The old timers and Bearden descent of north Georgia and west Tennessee know the story of Jacob-6's lonely and beautifully located gravesite.

Exactly thirteen years after the date of Jacob-6's death, on 4 Oct. 1880 "Winny" died in the same spot where they had lived for sixty-three to sixty-seven years (death date and place from son's old Bible, address below). She was buried beside her parents and some issue in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery where she had been a faithful and chartered member for forty-three years.

The 1850 federal census of Gilmer County forward gives the year and state of birth for Jacob-6 and Winny's children as being between 1799 and 1835, the first one in SC and the rest in GA. The legal records give Jacob-6's county and state of residence from 1812 to 1818 as Jackson County in Georgia. In 1818 the new county of Hall was formed from the parent county of Jackson and in 1832 the new county of Lumpkin was created from portions of Hall, Habersham and the newly created Cherokee County. In that year the new county of Gilmer was formed

from Cherokee County. Through this series of changes, Beardens found themselves in four different counties over a period of twelve years and probably without having moved their place of residence that much, if at all.

Some of Jacob-6 Bearden's land in the state of Georgia was acquired by headright and bounty grant as early as 15 June 1815. Jacob-6 and Winny's homesite is located in a select spot of his land, close to the Tail's Creek Road and the old Licklog Post Office in the Alto District of Gilmer County, GA. The foundation of stones is standing and a beautiful spring of cold fresh water is there. A photocopy of Section No. Six of the old county lot map of Gilmer County shows the lots listed in the Jacob-6 Bearden will and ownership can be traced by the early Gilmer County deeds.

A first-hand account of Jacob-6 and Winny Bearden is given by their grandson, this writer's grandfather (Person No. 849, Ervin Kenneth-8 Bearden) who was six years old when his grandfather died and nineteen years old when his grandmother "Winny" died. He visited them in their home during the first nineteen years of his life. His grandfather, Jacob-6, saw his son, Person No. 353, James Jasper-7 Bearden (writer's great grandfather), after the Civil War although the latter was permanently crippled by that war.

Some stories of the war and the visits by Jacob-6 Bearden to his son's home in Tennessee, have been related to this writer by her father, who heard them from his father. This writer's grandfather was quite clear in stating that his grandparents visited them in Tennessee after the war and that his grandmother died in 1880 when he was nineteen years old. Before his own and his mother's migration in the same year to Texas and Arkansas, he went with his mother to see his grandmother in Georgia.

After the War of the Revolution, conflict between the state of Georgia and the federal government over states' rights led to the passage of the eleventh amendment in 1798. More confusion was caused when the federal legislature fraudulently sold state lands to speculators. Although Georgia set its present boundaries in 1802, Indian claims to much of its territory persisted, actually until the removal of the Indians to Oklahoma Territory.

The first counties of the state of Georgia were formed in 1777 and covered only a fraction of the land claimed by the state to the Florida border. In 1790 the eleven counties of Georgia included Franklin, a part now occupied by the present county of Jackson, which Jacob-6 helped settle in 1802; in 1798 the territory of Mississippi was created from western half of Georgia and later formed into the states of Alabama and Mississippi. Settlers in Virginia and the Carolinas were attracted to Georgia by early land grants and the land lotteries. Families were required to live in the territory for one year before they were permitted to draw for acreages as large as four hundred acres.

Although Jacob-6 was twenty-three years of age in 1803, he is not included among the participants in the first Georgia land lottery, perhaps because he was still in South Carolina or Kentucky. His issue, as constructed from the 1850 census and as named in his will, are born in Georgia between 1804 and 1835. His War of 1812 military/bounty land papers place him in Jackson County, Georgia in 1812-1818. He is included in the "Headright and Bounty Grants of Georgia 1756-1909", Pg. 36, by Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas Jr., Vidalia, Ga. 1970, publ. by Georgia Genealogy Reprint: "Jacob Bearden, soldier, Jackson County, No. Q-5, Pg. 374, 340 acres, granted 1831".

The date of 1831 simply means that Jacob-6 waited until 1831 to pick up his "coupons", pay the dues and file for his headright grant. Like other Georgia land grants, he simply kept his warrant and survey for the land, perhaps thinking it was a grant, or he did not have the financial wherewithal to file and finish up the paperwork and it didn't get done until the latter date, but he did begin paying the taxes in 1815.

Once the lottery system started in 1803, then the lands in Georgia were not granted any other way, except to people already located in certain counties who found there was land no one owned. The Revolutionary War bounty grants and other headrights after that War were exhausted by 1803-1805. The headright/bounty warrants for both Jacob-6 and his father, Richard-5, plus the surveyed plats, were held in Jackson County, Georgia and dated 5 June 1815, warrants signed by each other and land on which they paid taxes. A warrant is the paper authorizing the survey and after the survey is done, then a plat is made and the grant flowed and was made as soon as the settler

did the paperwork ("JACKSON COUNTY, GEORGIA LAND COURT MINUTES 1805-1835", Pg. 240, copies of actual warrants, plats and grants in writer's possession).

A careful study of the Georgia land grants reveals that as early as 1803, Jacob-6 was living on the bounty and headright land which was surveyed for him and Richard-5 BEARDEN before 5 June 1815 but did not receive the warrants and the survey or apply for the grants until that date when Jacob-6 had at least six (6) issue in his family, all of whom had been born in Georgia except the first one. In 1825, Jacob-6's father, Richard-5, had already sold the land in Hall County but it was not recorded until the fees were paid and the paperwork was done.

Jacob-6 did not pay his fees and finish up the paperwork until 1831. This sometimes accounts for some of the discrepancy in acreage. The land warrants and plats are not always for the same amount of acreages but the records of Jackson and Hall County state both Richard-5 and Jacob-6 actually paid taxes on this land for several years before they officially received their grants.

By combining the 1820 to 1880 census schedules of Hall and Gilmer Counties, Georgia, plus the available legal records there and those of Lumpkin and Gilmer County, and in conjunction with the old Dewberry Baptist Church minutes of Hall County, the Ebenezer Baptist Church records of Gilmer County and the traditions as passed down, a clear picture is formed of Jacob-6 and Winny (SMITH) Bearden's life.

Jacob-6 is a twin, he has two sets of twins and his issue continued this tradition, as have the Smiths and Langstons (one of Jacob-6's granddaughters had three sets of twins). Jacob-6 is born when his father is twenty years old and his mother is a mere thirteen to sixteen years of age. He is first found enumerated as head of household on the 1820 federal census of Hall County, GA, age 26-45, his wife the same age, and they have issue: 2 females, 10-16; 2 females, -10; 2 males -10. Jacob has married issue and six issue at home in 1820, those at home born between 1804 and 1820 (Captain Buffington's District, Microfilm Pg. No. 129, no township listed which means there was no census division on this page; published census found in the Little Rock, AR Public Library).

Jacob-6 is the only person of surname Bearden who is left as the head of household on the 1830 census report of Hall County in Georgia. He and his wife are age 40-50, with issue: 1 male 20-30; 2 females 20-30; 1 male 10-15; 2 females 10-15; 1 male 5-10; 2 females 5-10; 1 male -5; 2 females -5; (Microfilm Reel Pg. No. 127, Captain Botter's district). Jacob-6 had four male and eight female issue in 1830, a total of twelve children born between 1804 and 1830. The two males he had in 1820 are still at home and he now has two more males born since the 1820 census was taken. All females born after 1800 are at home plus four have been born in the last ten years.

Jacob-6 Bearden, soldier, is living in Whelchel's District of Hall County, Georgia and is a participant in the 1832 Cherokee Land Lottery, drawing Lot No. 124 in the Sixth District, First Section, which fell in Union and Lumpkin Counties. Union County was formed 1832 from Cherokee lands (Hall County Chestatee Regional Library, Gainesville, GA, # R.929.3S, "Cherokee County Land Lottery").

Jacob-6 is enumerated on the 1840 United States federal census of Gilmer County, Georgia, formed 1832 from Cherokee lands, age 50-60; his wife is in the same age bracket and they have issue at home: 1 male (15-20); 1 male (10-15); 3 males (5-10); 1 male (-5); 1 female (30-35); 2 females (20-30); and 1 female (10-15), 6 males and 4 females.

At least one of Jacob-6's male children is gone from home in 1840 and at least three male children had been born since the census was taken in 1830, making a total of fifteen children besides the females who were already married in 1820. Four of the females b. after 1804 are gone from home in 1840. Although there are some inaccuracies in the census, the twins, James Jasper-7 and William Newton-7, plus Andrew Jackson-7 Bearden, are born after the 1830 census is taken and before 1840 (1840 census, Microfilm Pg. 4, No. 007; Thomas-6 Bearden with Richard-5 in household is No. 006).

The Jacob-6 Bearden family is counted on the 1850 federal census of Gilmer County, GA, with Jacob-6, age 70, born in South Carolina; his wife, Winny is age 60, born in North Carolina. They have issue at home in 1850, born in Georgia: Kinsey/Kimsey, age 21 (b. 1829); Jasper, age 20 (b. 1830); Newton, age 20 (b. 1830); Elizabeth,

age 16 (b. 1834); Jackson, age 15 (b. 1835); Andrew, age 14 (b. 1836); Fanny, age 8 (b. 1842); and Frances, age 7 (b. 1843). Andrew, Fanny, Elizabeth and Frances are grandchildren as proved by marriage and census records (Household No. 1292, Line 30, Pg. 438, published 1978 by R. J. Taylor Foundation, Atlanta, GA).

Jacob-6 Bearden is counted as living alone and the head of household on the 1860 United States census of Gilmer County, GA: Jacob Bearden, age 77, male/farmer/\$2000 property/born South Carolina. Winny is not visible in 1860 and is not counted. She is living in 1860 since Jacob-6 wrote his will in 1867 in which he named her, plus the fact she is counted on the 1870 and 1880 federal census of Gilmer County, and a son gives her deathdate in the family Bible (1860 census, Household No. 1335/1164, Line 30).

The 1870 census of Gilmer County counts the Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden household, age 40, b. GA; Sementha, 39, b. SC; WINNY, 78, b. NC; Telitha-5, 76, b. SC (Census Pg. 21, Household No. 339).

On 10 Aug. 1845 in Lumpkin County, GA, recorded in Gilmer County, Jacob-6 Bearden of the county of Gilmer and the state of Georgia purchased from Uriah M. Gilder of Lumpkin County, a "tract of land lying and being in the Sixth District, Second Section Number Two Hundred and Forty-Two of originally Cherokee County, but now in Gilmer County", witnessed by R. A. CLAYTON and William P. THOMAS, J. P.; Ranson B. PERRY, Clk. (Deed Book F, Pgs. 265-266).

On 27 March 1846 in Gilmer County, GA, Jacob-6 Bearden sells to Freeman W. and Lucinda BLOUNT, one half of Lot No. Two Hundred and Seventy-eight, Sixth District and Second Section, containing eighty acres, the county of Cherokee originally, but now in Gilmer County, witnessed by Peter STROZER, W. H. P. ADAIR and R. B. PERRY.

On 25 July 1846 in Gilmer County, GA, Jacob-6 Bearden, soldier, purchased from Jacob P.-7 Bearden and Daniel-7 GREEN, the land purchased by Jacob P.-7 on 18 March 1843 from Emory HANCOCK, Lot Number Three Hundred and Twenty-Four in the Sixth District, Second Section, Gilmer County, containing one hundred and sixty acres, witnessed by J. D. CHASTAIN, Bennett JONES, Joseph PICKETT (Lot No. Two Hundred and Sixty-Three, and Lot No. Two Hundred and Sixty-Four, District Six, Deed Book H, Pgs. 14-15).

Jacob-6 and his wife are charter members of the old Dewberry Baptist Church in Hall County, GA (certified copies of these old Church minutes abstracted under Persons No. 43, 107 and 342). On 21 April 1821, Jacob-6 and Winifred, along with ten other people including four other Bearden family members, met and organized this church which is still in existence (1998). Jacob-6 and Winifred are dismissed from Dewberry Church by letter on 7 June 1834.

The Dewberry Baptist Church of Hall County split in 1885 and Dewberry II kept the old records. Largely through the efforts of the writer and the Hall County historian/author, Mrs. Sybil McRay, the old Church minutes are now on microfilm and can be researched or a copy purchased in the Georgia State Archives in Atlanta.

Jacob-6 and his wife are charter members of the first church constituted in Gilmer County, GA. Jacob-6, in 1838, presented the application and received from the Baptist governing board association of North Georgia, the charter for the Ebenezer Baptist Church, located close to "Tail's Creek" where Jacob-6 built his home. The church started meeting regularly in 1838. The Georgia Historical Society in conjunction with the church, has erected a large plaque in front of the new building.

GEORGIA
CONSTITUTION 1776
EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

THIS CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED AUGUST 24 1839 BY 7 PEOPLE SAMUEL B. WEST, HIS WIFE, NANCY; JACOB BEARDEN, HIS WIFE, WINNEY; WILLIAM KIMZEY, HIS WIFE, REBECCA; JOHN PETITT WHILE SOME INDIANS REMAINED IN THIS AREA. FIRST OFFICERS WERE: ABLE MILES, PASTOR; J. D. CHASTAIN, CLERK; ROBERT KINCAID, TREASURER; SAMUEL B. WEST, DEACON. ATTENDANCE WAS STRESSED. AT EACH SERVICE THE CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND ANY ABSENCE WAS CHECKED CAREFULLY FOR CAUSE. AMONG EARLY PASTORS WERE ABLE MILES, SAMUEL B. WEST, WILLIAM KIMZEY, J. D. CHASTAIN, JAMES ADAMS, JACOB CANTRELL, D. BLYTHE AND R. JORDAN.

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The old records have been in the possession of a good letter friend of this writer, Winney (RACKLEY) LOGAN of Ellijay, GA. These records started in 1836 and are too fragile to handle or to copy. Winney has generously shared the information and they are now on microfilm in the Georgia State Archives starting in 1866. Winney does not know why she was not asked for the older records when they were being microfilmed (Dept. of Archives and History, 330 Capitol Ave. S. E., Atlanta 30334).

It is of interest to all the descendants of the members of this old church in Gilmer County to know that the church minutes relate that the men sat on one side of the building and the women and children were seated on the other side. The men were rigorous and stern in enforcing discipline among their members.

Wheeler-7 Bearden, in 1880, was brought before the church for having a party in his home and is disfellowshipped for this offense. He is the grandson of No. 107, Williby-5 and m. in Gilmer County, GA, about 1875 to Sarah WEST. One prominent member of the church quit attending because "I refuse to listen to a dram-drinking Preacher".

Excerpts from many old letters are written into the Church minutes in these old church records. One includes the fact that "Mary J. Raney was received by letter on 16 July 1850". She married there to this writer's great grandfather, Person No. 353, James Jasper-7 BEARDEN, and they are her great grandparents.

The old Baptist Church minutes of District Ninety-Six (later Spartanburg County) in South Carolina and in north Georgia contain many of the same people and are a great source in constructing these early families. In 1842, Jacob-6's parents, brothers and two daughters helped in the organization and are included in the New Hope Baptist Church minutes of Lumpkin (later Dawson) County, GA.

An interesting and discerning factor of Jabob-6 Bearden's character is the fact that, living in an age when small change was the contribution for the church work, he usually contributed over two dollars each Sunday but he stipulated that his contribution be used for supplies and a building fund. He evidently did not believe in paying the minister although there were many ministers and preachers of the Gospel in his own family. He was often asked to chastise a member for "failing to attend services", "walking disorderly" or for "having a party".

Ebenezer Baptist Church was established no later than August 24, 1839, and was doubtless the first Baptist congregation in Gilmer County. It was constituted in the home of Jonathan Chastain, father of Reverend Joe Chastain and grandfather of the late Dr. W. C. Chastain of Ellijay. James Adams and William Kimzey assisted the group in forming the church. Isaac Johnson gave the church seven acres of land.

Ebenezer took a prominent part in forming other Baptist Churches. On the fourth Sunday in April 1841 it assisted in organizing Buckhorn Church nine miles north of Ellijay ("THE ANNALS OF UPPER GEORGIA CENTERED IN GILMER COUNTY", Pgs. 84-85, by George Gordon Ward, publ. 1965 and found in the Salt Lake City, Utah Mormon Library, 929.158).

Ebenezer Baptist Church continued to give aid to her sister congregations in north Georgia. On the second Sunday in July 1841, the men of the Ebenezer congregation gave aid to the Ellijay Baptist Church in the ordination of deacons. Ellijay is the Gilmer County seat and the place the Jacob-6 Bearden family transacted their business. On 17 July 1841, Ebenezer Church discussed and weighed a petition from Macedonia Church to meet there the following October. On 20 June 1840, Mountaintown Baptist Church also began keeping records.

Much civilizing influence is owed to these early churches and the faith brought by our forefathers to Virginia, to North and South Carolina, into Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and further west into Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, etc. The faith of our forefathers fed the soul of little known musical ability, taught the love of music and developed musical talent. Their faith strengthened sanity, moral fiber and good conscience, giving to them a puritanical way of life and an emphasis upon the value of standards of conduct.

The church affiliation of these settlers is one of the better trends and the results has positively improved lives. It is sad that much of the fine music of the early church has not been nurtured and is a very real cultural loss. Also, sadly, much of the moral fiber and standards of conduct have not been nurtured and they are a loss which is hurting families, God and country.

Mr. George Gordon Ward says in "Annals of Upper Georgia", Pg. 194: "Descendants of Mr. (W. C.) and Mrs. (later Mrs. M. V. Teem) Clark Bearden were Joseph and James Bearden (both became doctors), and Annie.

"Dr. James M. (born December 13, 1855) died October 7, 1919. Annie was born September 3, 1858, and died October 10, 1893.

"Williby Bearden, born about 1808, was an early settler. He lived about 13 miles east of Ellijay, where he remained until after the War Between the States. He then sold his property and moved back into a portion of the county where he had lived previously.

"Prior to 1880 he lost his wife, known as a good neighbor and a faithful wife and mother. Her hospitality toward visitors in her home was widely known. She was a Baptist, faithful in her attendance upon the services of her church.

"Williby Bearden, Democratic in politics, never joined any church. He had an older brother named Jacob who bought and settled a farm adjoining Williby but further down the stream on which the places were located. Both men came from Hall County.

"Jacob Bearden, who in his old age, was often referred to as "uncle" was a man of industry and thrift. He raised a large family, many of whose members have continued in the county until the present time. Both he and his wife were devoted in their church life and were members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church."

Jacob-6 Bearden's application for the War of 1812 bounty land is a several page document and does not give genealogical details. (Washington State Archives, Washington, D. C., copy in writer's possession). He was a private in Captain Nehemiah Garrison's Company of Infantry, 4th Regiment Georgia Militia and on the payroll from 2 Nov. 1814, soon after the burning of Washington by the British, until 26 May 1815. Application abstracted as follows:

"State of Georgia /
County of Gilmer /

"On this the eighteenth day of March A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for said County and State Jacob Bearden aged seventy years a resident of Gilmer County in the State of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical person and (sic) Souldries who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Nehemiah Garrison (the No. of regiment not recollectd) of Infantry commanded by General McIntosh in the War with Great Britain declared by the United States in the eighteenth day of June 1812 that he was drafted in Jackson County, Georgia, about the first of December A. D. 1814 for the term of (six?) months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of ---? months or near that time and was honorably discharged at Fort Hawkins on the 2nd day of May A.D. 1815 as will appear on his original certificate of discharge herewith presented. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty land to certain officers

and soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States." Signed: L. (F.?) Ambers (Combs?); Jacob Bearden (his mark).

"The 28th -- ? 1850

"Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written and I hereby certify that I believe the said Jacob Bearden to be the identical man who served as aforesaid and that he is of the age above stated." Signed: Robert Smith, J.P.

"To Commissioner of Pensions

"You will examine my clame (sic) and if allowed direct to Reid and Hunt, Ellijay, Gilmer County, Georgia." Signed: Jacob Bearden (his mark).

"State of Georgia: Ransom B. Perry, Clerk of the Superior Court, County of Gilmer, certifies that Robert Smith is Justice of the Peace in aforesaid State and County duly commissioned, qualified and creditable. Dated 31 March 1851."

"State of Georgia/County of Gilmer

"On this the 23rd day of March A.D. one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty-five personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the State and County aforesaid Jacob Bearden age seventy-five years a resident of the County of Gilmer and the State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Jacob Bearden who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Nehemiah Garrison in the Regiment of Infantry ---? commanded by Colonel ---? Booth -- in the late war with Great Britian declared by the United States in 1812 that he was drafted at Jefferson, Georgia about the eighth day of Nov. 1814 for the term of ---? months and was honorably discharged at Fort Hawkins State of Georgia on or about the 8th day of May A. D. 1815 as will more fully appear by reference to the Muster Roll of said Company. That he received a Certificate of Discharge which is on file in the Pension Office of the United States. He makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting additional bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States passed March 3, 1855. That he has received from the officers of the United States Government Eighty acres Bounty Land and now claims a Supplementary Bounty Land Warrant of Eighty acres never having received Bounty Land or made previous application only as above stated." Signed: Jacob Bearden (his mark); J. M. Johnson, J.P.

"Know all men by these presents that I Jacob Bearden of the County of Gilmer and the State of Georgia do hereby constitute and appoint William R. Perry and Henry H. Walker of Stock Hill, Georgia my true and lawful attornies for me and in my name and stead to prosecute --? for me to demand and receive from the officers of the United States Government the Bounty Land Warrants to which I am entitled under the Act of Congress passed March --? 1855. Hereby confirming all that my attornies may legally do in and about the premises above named. Witness my Hand and Seal this in presence of day and year above written." Signed: Jacob Bearden (his mark); J. M. Johnson, J.P.

"State of Georgia/County of Gilmer

"Before me personally appeared Benjamin C. West and Robert K. Bearden residents of the County and State aforesaid who I certify to be reputable and credible men and entitled to credit who being by me duly sworn say that they were present and saw Jacob Bearden make his mark to the foregoing declaration and they further swear that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with him that he is the identical person he presents himself to be and that they (deponents) reside in the County and State aforesaid and that they are disinterested." Signed: Benjamin C. West; Robert K. Bearden.

"Sworn to and subscribed before J. M. Johnson, J. P. and R. B. Perry, Clerk."

As a reward for his War of 1812 military service, Jacob-6 received two bounty land parcels of 80 acres, each which fell in Gilmer County (Bounty Land No. 13,597).

Jacob-6 Bearden's will is written after the Civil War when supplies are scarce in Georgia and all of the southern states are being ravaged and exploited by some of their own citizens and the unscrupulous carpetbaggers. Jacob-6 Bearden's will is one of the casualties of the times, being written with a poor pen and with diluted ink.

The Georgia State Archives in Atlanta made every attempt to make a legible copy and the copy is readable and on fine paper. His will, not unlike the documents of "olden days", has a lack of any punctuation marks and the capitol letters are mostly in the wrong places:

"State of Georgia/County of Gilmer/

"In the name of God amen I Jacob Bearden of said State and County being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing I must shortly depart this life Deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me I do therefore make this my last will and testament thereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore by me made.

"First I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suited to my circumstances and condition in Life My soul I trust will return to rest with God who gave it and hope for Salvation through the merits and atonements of the blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

"Secondly I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors here in after named and appointed.

"Thirdly to my beloved wife Winny Bearden to be supported and maintained out of my effects during her natural life.

"Fourthly I give bequeath and devise to my son Washington W. Bearden his heirs fifty dollars.

"Fifthly I give bequeath and devise to my son Jacob P. Bearden his heirs fifty dollars.

"Sixthly I give and bequeath and devise to my son James J. Bearden his heirs fifty dollars.

"I give bequeath and devise to my son William N. Bearden his heirs fifty dollars.

"Seventhly I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Catherine Sinyard her heirs fifty dollars.

"Eighthly I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Cochran her heirs ten dollars.

"Ninthly I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Louisa Colbert her heirs ten dollars.

"Tenth I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Telitha Green fifty dollars.

"Eleventh I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Mary Ann Sheriff her heirs ten dollars.

"Twelfth I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Winny Ann Green her heirs fifty dollars.

"Thirteenth I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Sarah Ann Haygood her heirs fifty dollars.

"Fourteenth I give bequeath and devise to my son Andrew J. Bearden his heirs half lot of land number Two hundred and Seventy eight in the Sixth District of Gilmer County Containing Eighty acres more or less with all the rights numbers and appertenances to said Lot in any wise belonging to forever in fee simple.

"Fifteenthly I give bequeath and devise to my son R. K. Bearden one Lot of land --? number two hundred and sixty three and Lot number two hundred and forty two and half lot number two hundred and sixty four all containing four hundred acres all in the sixth District of Gilmer County with all the rights numbers and appertenances to each of said lots of land in any wise belonging in fee simple.

"Sixteenthly I hereby constitute and appoint my sons R. K. Bearden and A. J. Bearden Executors of this my last will and testament this August 21st 1867.

"Signed sealed and delivered and Published by Jacob Bearden his last will and tesatment in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names here to in the presence of said testator at his special instant and Request and in the presents of each other this August 21st 1867." Signed: John Stone; Maxwell Chastain; William Southern (his mark).

"State of Georgia/Gilmer County

"Before me came on the 4th day of October 1867 at Chambers for the purpose of probating the last will and testament of Jacob Bearden in considered form the witness to said will to wit John Stone, Maxwell Chastain and William Southern the will having been brought before Probate ----? form by R. K. Bearden and A. J. Bearden Executors to said Will the said witnesses depose and on oath saith that they saw Jacob Bearden sign publish and declare the will as his last will and testament and that we witnesseth the same at his special Instant and request and in the presence of each other."

"Sworn to and subscribed this October 4, 1867". Signed: F. J. Stallings, Ordinary, John Stone; Maxwell Chastain; William Southern (his mark).

"Personally came before the undersigned Ordinary in and for said County R. K. Bearden and A. J. Bearden Executors for the last will and testament of Jacob Bearden who being duly sworn depose and saith that the will have un-

der went no change since it were published by said testator And that they will saith and truly demean themselves as Such Executors ought to do and in accordance to law saith and the law in such case ---? and provided Carry out the (effects?) of said will and will and Truly ---? to said legatees their distribution (sic) Shears as allotted in said will so far as the effects of said testator will permit of his property -----? By said testator."

"Sworn to and subscribed this October 4, 1867". Signed: F. J. Stallings, Ordy.; R. K. Bearden; A. J. Bearden

Soon after "Winny"'s death in 1880, recorded in 1891, R. K.-7 (Robert Kimsey) Bearden sold the land inherited from his father to his cousin, Richard Granser-7 Bearden (Person No. 417) and then went to Wayne County in Tennessee. On 14 Feb. 1891, in Gilmer County, Georgia, the tract of land left to A. J.-7 (Andrew Jackson) Bearden was also sold to Richard Granser-7 Bearden.

Mrs. Winney (RACKLEY) Logan, an "old-timer" in Gilmer County whose own family has intermarried with some of the Beardens of Gilmer County, has written many letters which have expanded this writer's knowledge of the Gilmer County area and its people. Some of her information is vital in placing the Beardens of Gilmer, Hall, Lumpkin, Dawson Counties and all of north Georgia. Excerpts from letters are given:

"Several of Williby and Jacob's descendants are still living in Gilmer County today. I have made personal contact with some of them for you and by so doing have learned that Jacob was buried on a select spot of his farm in the Alto District of Gilmer County.

"His home place was only three miles from Ebenezer Baptist Church where he and his wife were devoted members. Their names, among others, are listed by the Georgia Historical Society, on the large plaque at the entrance of the new structure that was built a few years ago.

"It was Jacob's request to be buried on his land in this wooded and beautiful spot of North Georgia for it was his plan to establish a family cemetery here. He rests there alone with a rock wall around his grave. Those I talked to told me that his wife Winny, who was devoted to the church until her death in 1880, is buried without a marker and beside her parents in the old Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery.

"There are several other Beardens buried there as well as at Mount Pleasant Baptist Cemetery (top of the Mountain Church) and in the old church yard at Tickenetely in upper Georgia.

"Park Bearden, grandson of Richard G. Bearden, son of the older Williby Bearden, told me they used to call Jacob "uncle Zakie" and that when he was a boy he mowed and hoed the weeds from around his grave.

"Park lives on a route between Copperhill, Tennessee and Mineral Bluff, Georgia. He also remembered his father telling of all the sons uncle Jacob lost in the War Between the States and one of his son's death from the wounds of that war.

"Mrs. Alma Forrester, another granddaughter of Richard G. Bearden, lives on the east side of Ellijay and I talked to her by phone.

"According to G. G. Ward's (now deceased), "Annals of Upper Georgia", which he researched for several years before it was published, Jacob was an older brother of Williby. Whoever gave Mr. Ward that information is most likely one of the older family members and they are now deceased. There is an age gap of twenty-four years between the brothers though that is customary in large families.

"Williby's descendants do not know much about Jacob's children although all of Jacob's land was purchased about 1890 by their grandfather Bearden.

"Park Bearden knew his cousin, Jackson Bearden, and had heard from his parents about some of Jackson's brothers who were Kimsey, Newton and Jasper Bearden.

"There was a younger Andrew Jackson Bearden for I knew of him in my time. I notice in the 1850 census of Gilmer County that Jasper and Newton were the same age. Were they twins?

"There is another 'Jim' Bearden besides the one you speak of as being murdered by his second wife. The later Jim and Jackson Bearden are both now deceased. Jim lived in Dawsonville, Georgia just across the County line from Gilmer County.

"Williby's son, John Bearden, married a Southern and went to Arkansas after 1900. Another son married a Cantrell and lived his days out in Gilmer County.

"Williby's older son, William Clark Bearden married Neatty Davis (later Mrs. Martin Van Teem, a prominent member of Ellijay society), younger sister of my little great grandmother, who was Mrs. Sophia (Davis) Holt. 'Netty', Sophia, Eliza Ann and John Davis were the children of Milton Davis and his wife Rebecca Burnett.

"William Clark Bearden was known as a well-to-do 49er before his death in the Civil War. He left his wife with twin sons, Joe Brown and James M. Bearden, both of whom were prominent doctors in Ellijay. They are buried here in the Ellijay City Cemetery. There was one daughter, Annie Bearden.

"William Clark had nieces and nephews, children of his brother, Richard Granser Bearden who were: (1) John Cicero who married Neatta J. Osborn and they are the parents of Alma Forrester, (2) Roxy who married Miles Southern; (3) Savannah who married John Holt, my mother's oldest brother, (4) Georgia married Joseph L. West; (5) Emma married Junie Chastain; and (6) James Clark Bearden married Lenora 'Nora' Ralston and they were the parents of Park Bearden.

"There were others and Alma Forrester could give you places and dates for them.

"I have known these families all of my life and lived close to them in the Cartecay District. Before coming to the First Baptist Church in Ellijay I was formerly a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

"My father ran a mercantile store at Cartecay for years before he ran and was elected sheriff of Gilmer County and that's what brought us into town. He was elected for two four year terms but died of a heart attack in 1938, leaving a two year unexpired term, which was filled by my younger twenty-one year old brother. At the time he was the youngest sheriff in the U.S.A. He resigned in 1942 to enlist in World War II.

"My maiden name was Rackley and I am only related to the Beardens through some marriages. My mother's oldest sister, Lura E. Holt married Johnny Bearden, oldest son of Bluford and Sarah Jane (Stone) Bearden and grandson of old Williby Bearden. My father was related to the Stone family.

"Bluford and Sarah had children:

- (1) Johnny Bearden who married my aunt, Lura E. Holt.
- (2) Rachel Bearden married a Cochran.
- (3) Ida Bearden married James Weaver.
- (4) Sarah Bearden married Marion Reece.
- (5) The other son, I can't think of his name, married Nettie Anderson.

"I rechecked the old Ebenezer Baptist Church Records and found where Mary J. Raney (sic: Rainey) was received into membership by letter July 16, 1850.

"Howard James is my friend and distant relative. He also says that Jacob Bearden's grave is out in a wooded section, an area which Jacob, his children, and Williby's children once cultivated and farmed. Mr. Vernon West lives close to this section on Route 2, Ellijay. His father's mother was Georgia Bearden who married Joe West. Georgia was a daughter of Richard G. Bearden and a granddaughter of Williby Bearden.

"For some time I have been planning to again read the old Ebenezer Church minutes and books. They are in my possession and I have read them backwards and forwards! I found many of our old ancestors.

"The charter included fifteen members besides your Jacob and Winney Bearden. Jacob Bearden was appointed to present their petition for administration (for whom or to where is not stated). I found this couple attending Saturday conferences and every Sunday service between 1838 and up until the year 1857, at which time Jacob was appointed to 'cite the former Reverend Kimsey for not attending church services'. That was December 11, 1857 when Jacob was seventy-seven years old.

"In 1855, Jacob was appointed Church Trustee to fill the vacancy left by the death of W. B. West (Trustee was keeper of the keys).

"Among other devoted and faithful members were Newton, Sarah and Jemima Bearden." (Note: Newton-7 married Malinda FOWLER; Sarah, wife of Williby-5 Sr.; Jemima, wife of Jacob P.-7 and daughter-in-law of Jacob-6 and Winny Bearden).

"On May 14, 1858, Cynthia Bearden joined the church by letter. This lady took her letter in and out three times.

"I did not find Williby in the records but his sons, Richard, Bluford and John were in them.

"It was just after no further mention of Jacob in the minutes that a motion was made at the conference 'to block and fence the cemetery'. It seems they had not given the cemetery much attention until then and perhaps that is why Jacob wanted to start one of his own. None of the older members seemed to have been buried there.

"Jacob always gave his church contribution for 'Minute supplies' and 'Church Building'. The donations averaged from ten to fifty cents but Jacob always gave fifty cents to over two dollars.

"The males sat on one side of the church building and the females and children on the other side.

"Jacob served on various committees, represented the church in the Association and ordinations in the sister churches.

"Kimsey Bearden paid minute dues from 1868 to 1872.

"Mary Ann Bearden joined the church by experience July 20, 1867.

"On Aug. 16, 1869, Sementha Bearden was received by letter.

"John Bearden is still a member in 1874 but in 1890's he requested a letter of dismissal saying he is moving to Arkansas."

(Note by writer: Robert Kimsey-7, known as "Kimsey" (son of Jacob-6 and Winny); Semantha, wife of R. Kimsey, Mary Ann, daughter-in-law of R. Kimsey-7, married 1867 in Gilmer County to James or John Wesley-8 Bearden, son of R. Kimsey-7 and Semantha Bearden (Marriage Book 2, Pg. 286). R. Kimsey-7 Bearden's descendants give this son as William Wesley-8 Bearden but the 1880 Georgia census of Gilmer County gives him as James Wesley-7 Bearden: Ed. 108, Sheet 11, Microfilm No. T-744-10, Code B-635).

"I found a Wheeler Bearden in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Minutes in 1889. He was brought up before the church for having a party in his home and finally turned out of the church for that offense.

"One prominent member of the church back in the days of Jacob Bearden, quit attending church because 'I refuse to listen to a dram-drinking preacher'. Ha! Excerpts from a letter he had written the church was written into the minutes.

"One of John Bearden's boys got into some kind of trouble and left Gilmer County, went to Arkansas and soon John and almost all his family followed him out there.

"His daughters were Estlina, Neatty and Loma; his sons were Charley, Harley and Robert. They all left Gilmer County about the latter part of the last century, that is before 1900 according to Alma Forrester who was a Bearden before she married.

"Alma is a widow and lives alone. She is seventy-two years old. She knows where Jacob's grave is for she used to live close by and helped keep the weeds mowed around the stone crypt where he is buried.

"Park Bearden is not a well man. He always lived in Gilmer County until a few years ago." (Note: letter written and dated 9 March 1980).

"You know that Williby and Jacob Bearden were early settlers here in Gilmer County. They lived about fourteen miles east of Ellijay where they both remained until after the War Between the States.

"Williby then sold his property and moved back into a portion of the county where he and Jacob had previously lived. Before 1880, Williby lost his good Christian wife.

"Sons of Williby were Richard G. Bearden who married Adeline Cantrell, Roland married Rebecca Mathis, Bluford married Sarah Jane Stone and John married Violet Southern.

"I told you that William Clark Bearden married Neatty C. Davis who was the aunt of my grandfather, Milton Holt.

"William Clark was killed in the terrible battle of Franklin, Tennessee during the Civil War. His brother-in-law, Peter FinCannon, was trying to retrieve his body when he was taken prisoner by the Union Army and was taken to a northern prison where he died more from mental agony and heartbreak than from disease and starvation.

"William Clark Bearden, called "Clark" and Peter married sisters of my great grandmother, who was Sophia Davis.

"My other grandfather, Isaac Webster Rackley, was also in the battle of Franklin, Tennessee and was wounded by a bullet through the shoulder that went down and penetrated and fragmented the breast bone. He spent a month in the hospital and then was sent to a Union prison in Ohio for the duration. That happened Nov. 7, 1864 and the war was over sometime in mid 1865 if I remember correctly.

"My grandfather Rackley saw Clark Bearden killed and Peter trying to get to his body.

"My father was William Edward Rackley and my mother was Rebecca Ann Holt. My two brothers, Edward and Roy, are now deceased. By the time my father was elected sheriff and we moved into town, my brother and I were sent to the Martha Berry School in Rome, Georgia which is about one hundred miles from Ellijay. Neither of my brothers ever married. Edd was killed in an automobile accident Jan. 5, 1966 and mama died Feb. 28, 1966, Roy dying of cancer June 19, 1977.

"The Ebenezer Baptist Church Minutes did not give names of the places or churches where letters were transferred from.

"I need to go to Pickens County, Georgia to get the names and dates of several old Beardens buried there in the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery.

"Here are a few of my related names: Rackley, Holt, Cantrell, Bailey, Davis, Prather, Cocheren/Cochran, Holden, Burnett, McCloud, Wills, Wilbanks, and Graham.

"The Rackleys came to Gilmer County from South Carolina. The Rackleys were English.

"The Baileys, Cocherens and Prathers were from North Carolina. The Prathers were Dutch, the Baileys one hundred per cent red-Irish. The Cocherens were part Cherokee Indian and so on.

"My great great grandmother Davis was born in England.

"My great great grandmother Bailey was Elizabeth McCloud, born in Tennessee. Her husband was Augustus Bailey born in Virginia.

"My greats on the Prather side went to Colorado, settling in the Denver area.

"The Cantrell and Rackley greats came from the Pickens County area of South Carolina.

"My great great great grandmother on the Rackley side was a Holden.

"If your Edmund Bearden was a Baptist minister in the Easley, South Carolina area, so was my Richard Wilbanks. These people lived close in on the Saluda River area.

"All of Aunt Savannah Bearden and Uncle John Holt's children are now dead. Their grandchildren are in Alabama. A granddaughter they raised now lives in Michigan.

"I remember when the younger Clark Bearden who married Nora Ralston died. Now the Clark Bearden who married Nora Ralston was the son of Richard G. who was a brother to Bluford and the older Clark who died in the Civil War.

"Remember, Richard, Bluford and the older Clark Bearden were the sons of old Williby Bearden.

"The old Ebenezer Baptist Church Book is too delicate to have copies of its pages made. It is almost to pieces, have to handle it with utmost care. I'm almost afraid to touch the pages.

"Lydia Bearden married John Holden who was the second oldest son of Uriah Holden's twin brother, Ozias Holden. The twins were born 1793-1795 and they were half brothers of my great grandfather, William Richard Rackley.

"The Holdens and Rackleys of South Carolina got to Gilmer County about 1833. The mother of the Holden twins and the three Rackley children came from Ireland and gaelic was her mother tongue. The twins had difficulty speaking English.

"Lydia was the daughter of Williby Bearden if I remember correctly. She married John Holden who was born 1822 and was only seven years younger than my great grandfather who was his half uncle. John Holden preached the Gospel for the Baptist Church in Gilmer County.

"Winnie Bearden could have been a Smith, West, Chastain or Evans. They were close to the Jacob Bearden family.

"The Evans family came from North Carolina as did Winnie Bearden and they all were prominent members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Gilmer County.

"The early Chastains were members of Macedonia Baptist Church in upper Gilmer County. Later on they lived on the High Shoals Mountain, four miles on past the Ebenezer Church.

"The Thomas Siniard or Sinyard family lived on Burnt Mountain. When I was a child living in the Cartecay and Alto Districts, I recall a family that lived on the Mountain by that name and also the Colberts. They were half Cherokee Indian. The twins, Mary and Martha Siniard, were rough and tough looking old ladies, went barefoot all summer, rain or shine.

"My grandma (Cantrell) Holt's brother was Hassell Cantrell who married Cynthia Jones in Gilmer County about 1858. They moved to McMinnville or Smithville, Tennessee in 1869, four years after the Civil War ended; they show in the 1870 census of DeKalb County, Georgia.

"Some of the Cochran I know are of the Hezekiah Cochran and Elizabeth Bearden family. There are several of them still in Gilmer County and I could ask them if they know more of your Jacob Bearden family.

"John Holden and his wife, Lydia Bearden, and Richard Rackley and his wife Jane (my great grandparents) are buried in their church cemetery and very close together.

"At one time a group of Baptists, including John and Lydia Holden and Richard and Jane Rackley, were accused of Calvinist leanings which conflicted with the doctrine of the Baptist General Assembly.

"This party of Baptists or group left in 1854 and built another building. John Holden was the minister and the new church was called New Liberty Church. Many of the Beardens are buried there.

"I've made quite a study on some of the Holdens as John Holden's father was my father's one half great-uncle and grandma Holden-Rackley had those twin sons, Uriah and Ozias Holden, by her first husband, before she married a Rackley, then she had three more Rackley sons.

"Richard Rackley, my great grandfather, was her oldest Rackley child, being born 1815 in South Carolina.

"Grandma Holden-Rackley was well up into the late thirties before she had the three Rackley children. Her twins were twenty years old when she married my grandfather. She was only fourteen years old when she married the first time. She died in this county between 1840 and 1850 and I'm sure she was buried in the old Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery. Her Holden husband must have died in South Carolina before she came to Gilmer County.

"Grandma Holden-Rackley was the mother of many fine descendants, many of them teachers, lawyers, doctors, state senators, representatives, etc.

"Old man Cicero Holden was her descendant and I used to know him. Homer Holden, son of Cicero, lives near me in Ellijay but he don't know much about his family history. Homer has a son, Hoyt Holden." (End of quotes from letters).

The noted Gilmer County and regional historian, author, teacher and Boy Scout executive, Mr. Lawrence L. Stanley of Ellijay, GA (Mr Stanley now deceased), has generously shared his information and sent old school group pictures of some of his former classmates in Gilmer County: Mae, Nola, Mary, Bart and Lester Bearden and of his kinswoman, Lillie Stanley who married Bart Bearden. Nola, Lester and Mary are living in 1985 near Ellijay and these are the issue of Daniel J.-8 and Nancy (FOX) Bearden, the grandchildren of Washington Wiley-7 and "Cintha" (BUTLER) Bearden and the great grandchildren of Jacob-6 and "Winnie" (SMITH) Bearden.

Mr. Stanley has written and had published "A LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY"; his last publication "SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN MEMORIES" came off the press in November of 1980. His first book, copyrighted in 1971, was "GHOST STORIES FROM THE SOUTHERN MOUNTAINS".

Mr. Stanley has shared the photograph of his own cousin, Nancy Fox, who married Daniel J.-7 ("Dan") Bearden and who is the mother of the five Bearden issue, as named above, and who Mr. Stanley went to school with in Gilmer County. Some excerpts as taken from Mr. Stanley's letters:

"I am a native of this county, my family coming from England to Virginia, then to North Carolina and Tennessee and then in 1832 to Gilmer County, Georgia.

"I am a retired teacher and Boy Scout executive. I have, as you know, authored many historical books concerning upper Georgia history.

"You know also my book "A Little History of Gilmer County" has a story about your Andrew Jackson Bearden, known as Jackson, who was involved in a shoot-out with a revenue officer in 1880, was convicted and went to prison for one year.

"His relative, Park Bearden, used to have a home near me and came to visit me every now and then.

"Park has worked for most of his life for the Tennessee Copper Company and its successor, Cities Service Company of today. He recently sold his mobile home close to my home here, that was on the land of Poley Chadwick, his brother-in-law.

"He lives and has a home in Fannin County, across the Oconee River which is the line from Copperhill, Tennessee. I have not seen Park since he sold the trailer home and I miss his visits. He is over seventy years of age and not very well any more.

"Although I cannot prove this, I'm reasonably certain that the Bearden family came to the Colonies of America from England, Scotland and Ireland.

"Dan Bearden talked in a peculiar way, according to my father, mother and my grandfathers. As an example, my grandfather Aaron had a nickname of "Bud". Dan said to him one time in the presence of a road working crew, "That air Bud", and many men of Irish descent in the southern mountains used this same expression.

"The "that air Bud" expression is used in a story in one of my books titled 'A Rough Road in a Good Land'.

"My father, who died here in 1972, was with Dan Bearden when he died as they were camping together.

"Dan's widow and children were our nearest neighbors when I was a small boy and started to school.

"In my book, "A Rough Road In A Good Land", copyrighted in 1972, there is a story about your Dan Bearden who died of an epileptic attack about 1902 about one mile from my boyhood home and about two miles from Ellijay. Dan and two of his children died of epilepsy.

"Dan married my grandfather's niece and their family consisted of Belle, Ida, Senna, Bart, Bert, Nola, Mae, Lester and Mary Bearden. Mae died only last week, age eighty-four, Nola, Lester and Mary are still living.

"Dan Bearden had some brothers, one of whom was Bents who died many years ago in Calhoun, Gordon County, Georgia and left no children. His brother John Bearden who worked for the L. and N. Railroad died at

Blue Ridge in Fannin County, Georgia and had quite a legacy for his heirs. Another brother was Bill Bearden who died at Resecca in Gordon County.

"I remember Dan's brother, Bents Bearden, who lived in Gordon County and remember him telling my father he had money in the Calhoun Bank. Dan's widow and her children had a small inheritance from his estate. He was a good business man in Calhoun and respected by everyone.

"Mary Bearden, who married Homer Free, is the youngest of Dan and Nancy (Fox) Bearden's children and was born three months after her father's death. Her address is Highway 5, Ellijay, Georgia.

"Her father died on Valentine's Day, 14 Feb. 1902.

"As I told you, Mary Bearden's father married my grandfather Aaron's niece.

"One of Dan and Nancy's children was Bartow Bearden who married my distant cousin, Lillie Stanley.

"Another one was Bert Bearden who was born in 1870 and died in 1970, one hundred years old. Bert married my cousin, Buelah Aaron.

"Another one was Nola Bearden who married my uncle Sanford Stanley.

"Mary (Bearden) Free went to New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery last week and came back very disturbed because she could not find her father, Dan Bearden's grave.

"Mary thinks her mother, Nancy (Fox) Bearden, who died in 1953 and fifty years after her husband's death, was ninety-two years and eleven months old. She was my grandfather Aaron's sister's daughter.

"Grandpa Aaron's sister married John Fox Sr., a soldier in the Civil War who was in the battle of Stone River, Murfreesboro, Tennessee in 1863.

"The Aaron house was between the battle lines and my grandfather Aaron was a witness to the battle of Stone River.

"John Fox Sr. must have married Martha Aaron in 1860-1865 or thereabouts.

"Therefore Nancy Fox could have been born about 1865 and could perhaps be the age Mary claims when she died. She was baptized into the Church of Christ and is buried near her son Bart Bearden, Mary's oldest brother, in the Macedonia Church of Christ Cemetery in Fannin County, about eighteen miles from my home.

"The Blue Ridge, Georgia you asked about is the county seat of Fannin County.

"When my own folks came to the Fannin County area in 1832, the Cherokee Indians were still here.

"Your great-great grandfather, the old settler Jacob Bearden, found himself living in Gilmer County when it was formed in 1832.

"My own folks helped build the town of Morganton which was the county seat of Fannin County until the L. and N. Railroad was built across North Georgia.

"In 1832 Gilmer County included all of the Fannin County of today and adjoined Polk County, Tennessee and Cherokee County, North Carolina on the north side.

"I have not found anyone who remembers hearing the story of Jasper Bearden being shot during the Civil War. However, both Yankee and Home Guard bands were active and roaming this county and many people were killed in the period from 1862 to 1866, some of them my own folks who tried to escape serving in either army.

"I believe you are right and the nephew of your James Jasper Bearden was the James Jasper Cochran of the Civil War and the son of Hezekiah Cochran who married Elizabeth Bearden, old Jacob's daughter.

"I have not been able to trace a connection with my Henry Cochran who married Caroline Ellis, my grandmother's sister.

"A George W. Cochran, 9th Tennessee Cavalry in the Civil War, is buried at Nimberville Cemetery in Lumpkin County. They are related to the Clayton and Bearden family in this county.

"After the War Between the States, a man named Captain Martin Van Teem came back to this county and married a Civil War widow whose name was Neatty (Davis) Bearden. Their son, Martin Van Teem Jr. lived in Ellijay and also married a Bearden. Neatty's two Bearden sons were prominent doctors in Ellijay in my father's day.

"W. C. 'Clark' Bearden, one of the Forty-Niners, married Neatty Davis, who was the daughter of the old Gilmer County pioneer, Milton Davis. Their children were Dr. James M. Bearden, born Dec. 13, 1855 and died 7 Oct. 1909; Dr. Joseph B. Bearden, twin to Dr. James M. Bearden, died in Ellijay but I do not have the date from his tombstone in the Ellijay City Cemetery where they are all buried. Then there was a sister to the twins, Annie Bearden, born 3 Sept. 1858 and died in Ellijay 10 Oct. 1893. She was quite prominent and a social leader of her time.

"W. C. 'Clark' Bearden died in the Civil War and his widow married Captain Martin Van Teem I, 10th Tennessee Cavalry, who was my grandfather's captain in the Civil War.

"I remember Captain Van Teem. Neatty (Davis) Bearden-Teem's father, Milton Davis spent his last years in Captain Teem's home.

"Richard G. Bearden, son of old Williby and his wife Sarah Bearden, served in the Confederate Army in the Civil War with his brother, Rowland, called "Roll" and they were in the 12th Division, First Brigade Georgia Militia.

"Joseph L. Bearden, Walton R. Bearden and Lawrence Bearden served in World War I from Gilmer County.

"I assisted and helped Mr. George Gordon Ward, who died in 1972, in the preparation of the history and book he wrote, 'The Annals of Upper Georgia Centered in Gilmer County', published the first time in 1965.

"Mr. Ward researched most of the old records here including the records of Ebenezer Baptist Church and he tells of the Williby Bearden family and his older brother, Jacob Bearden.

"In front of the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Highway 52 in this county, hangs a large historic sign and I will send you a picture. It gives the names of seven people who organized and were charter members of the church.

"The mutual ancestors you have with Dan, that is Jacob and Winny Bearden, are included.

"In the Ebenezer and New Hope Church cemeteries there are many Bearden graves. I will copy them for you.

"I have looked at every marker in the two cemeteries near the New Hope and the Ebenezer Baptist Church buildings. Ebenezer Baptist Church is the oldest organized church in Gilmer County and there are two buildings. One is called Little Ebenezer and was built in the past ten years because of a split in the church and of course the older building.

"The cemetery here is one of the largest in this area and there are a few markers that are just gray pieces of field stone or marble and of course there is no way now of telling who may be buried there.

"Most of the markers have names and dates engraved on them and I am sending photographs of the ones for Bearden who are buried here.

"Mr. Vernon West and I took a power saw, my camera, a rule and drove his jeep nearly three miles off Highway 52 which runs past the old Ebenezer Church building and the cemetery. Nearly two miles was through brush and tree tops where a lumber company had bought the land from Alma (Bearden) Forrester's father and cut the timber.

"Jacob Bearden's grave is nearly a mile the way we had to go from the old Cicero Bearden home place. This was the place where Jacob Bearden lived and died.

"There is nothing there now to mark the home place except some stones of the foundation and the big spring of cool mountain water running out of a hillside.

"Jacob's grave is located on a hill top that is now a dense forest although there are many people here who remember this hilltop when the land around Jacob's walled enclosure was farmed.

"A stone wall that stood about four feet high around the grave has been torn down except for the bottom course of stones, some of which are still two feet high and several feet in length.

"A poplar tree that my rule showed was two feet across had stood within the stone wall and the cutting of this tree by the lumbermen and pulling it out may have torn the wall down as you can see in the enclosed photographs.

"My rule shows that the enclosure was four feet wide and about seven feet long. There is room for only one grave inside and there is no sign of a grave or graves outside, since this was a cultivated field some years ago.

"The old-timers in this county say that Jacob Bearden selected this place to be buried as my own grandfather did in another area of Gilmer County. The site in both instances was on their own land and I was present when my grandfather was buried there.

"The enclosed photographs show the grave after we used the power saw to cut some trees and brush, one photo showing your cousin, Vernon West, standing inside the stone enclosure. The shade from the large trees made the photo a poor shot.

"The location of the Jacob Bearden grave is either Land Lot 263 or 264 in the Sixth District and the Second Section of Gilmer County.

"This land was sold by Andrew Jackson and his brother Robert Kimsey Bearden, to Richard G. Bearden about 1891 and Richard's heirs sold it in the 1950's to Homer and Glenn Reece who are lumbermen. They sold it after two years to the London Brothers." (Note by writer: Verner and Mylon London, P.O. Box 325, Cleveland, GA).

"They cut the timber and tore down part of the wall in removing the big tree in the grave enclosure. They may not have known this was a grave or they probably thought it was an old Indian grave of the 1820 period of the history of this county.

"So far as the record shows they still own the land. The stone wall had been standing there for one hundred and twenty years. The timber has all been cut around this spot and only brush remains close by.

"I found the Will Book in a vault in our courthouse and made a photostatic copy of Jacob's will but the original is so faded out, having been written with poor ink. Since it was written on August 21, 1867, that was when supplies were still scarce in our county after the War.

"Jacob apparently could not read or write since he signed his name with an 'X'. I wouldn't worry about that since half the people in this county could not read or write in his day.

"Dec. 17, 1980: I am enclosing the film proofs of the restored wall around the grave of Jacob Bearden.

"My Little History of Gilmer County contains the photostatic copies of the trial of Andrew Jackson Bearden and you will be at liberty to write your own story of this incident.

"Here is the information about the family of Samuel Jones, who was born August 11, 1796 and died September 7, 1870 and whose children married some of Jacob Bearden's children. He married Malissa Tate, who died on 7 August 1852 in Ellijay and is buried in the Jones plot in the Ellijay City Cemetery.

"In 1838, Samuel Jones was sheriff in Lumpkin County, came to Gilmer County and lived on the road between Ellijay and Dahlonega, which is the road by Ebenezer Church and my house today.

"Later, Samuel Jones moved to Murray and Gordon County, Georgia. He was one of three County Commissioners selected in 1838 to build the road, the other two being Isaiah CLAYTON and Richard BEARDEN of Lumpkin County.

"John C. Jones, brother of Samuel, was a Methodist preacher in Gilmer County.

"A man named Johnny Jones lived in the Boardtown area of this county. Bud and Henry Jones were his brothers.

"My neighbor now is Clyde Jones who was born in the Owltown Creek area near my home. There are many other Jones families in this area. See my books which includes some Jones history.

"Lewis and John Colbert lived on the old Colbert place near the Hard Slate Gap in Gilmer County. They were part Cherokee Indian and I knew them both when I was just a boy. Their home was about fourteen miles from Ebenezer Church. None of the Colberts are now left in this area.

"There are many, many Green families in this county and some have been quite prominent.

"The Haygood or Haywood family members are buried at Ebenezer Church Cemetery. Martha Patsy Southern, born July 25, 1830, died Dec. 10, 1912, married a Haygood.

"James L. Fowler's father was a Methodist minister in Gilmer County, taking the side of the Union in the Civil War. Lived his last days and died near Lawrenceville, Georgia. Lawrence Fowler, whom I knew, has many descendants living here now.

"Bill Cochran is buried in the Pisgah Cemetery and has many descendants here and buried in that cemetery. Henry Cochran, who married my grandmother's sister, Caroline Ellis, served with his father-in-law in the 10th Tennessee Cavalry in the Civil War. He is buried in Pickens County.

"George Cochran served in the Union Army and is buried at Nimberville Cemetery in Lumpkin County. There's Cochrans all over this area.

"A Sheriff family lived here in the long ago.

"The Simyard or Siniard family is not remembered by anyone I've talked to.

"The Veteran's Administration has delivered the monument you ordered to my house three miles out from Ellijay (delivered by the Atlanta Motor Line). It weighs 230 pounds and is made of marble and engraved.

"On Saturday, June 12, 1981, your cousin Vernon West and his son came here with their jeep and a truck and we loaded the marker, along with sand and cement and the necessary equipment for mixing cement.

"Vernon's son rode his motorcycle and we took the jeep, me walking ahead over a much broken down bridge over the creek about two and one half miles to Jacob Bearden's grave site.

"We used a weed eater to clear the area around the wall we had restored before at your expense. We dug a hole in the ground, set the block of marble in, beat up stones and mixed with the cement. We made a slab of stone and cement around the marker. Only a tractor would be able to push it over now.

"I went to Dawsonville and saw the marker you ordered for your third great grandfather, Richard Bearden's grave. Your cousin, Mrs. Earl Chester and I agreed that when it is put up, I will bring the photographer and go over there and then come back to Jacob's grave and make pictures at both places.

"We hope to have a newspaper story about both of these old pioneer settlers and soldiers.

"I had the opportunity to stand by and watch your cousin, Mr. Earl Chester, pour a ready mixed bag of cement around the marker for your third great grandfather, Richard P. Bearden's grave site in the old William M. Bearden Cemetery, one half mile from the old New Hope Baptist Church in Dawson County.

"I am satisfied that this old grave, which was marked by two big pieces of stone (until Saturday, Sept. 18, 1982) is the last resting place of this old soldier.

"On the right of this old grave is the marker for William M. Bearden 'born 1808 — died March 1846'. His wife, Fanny Bearden, in whose home the old soldier died, is on the right of her husband and her marker reads:

"Fanny Bearden born Nov. 11, 1812 — died March 25, 1891' (she d. 1894).

"Also a marker for their daughter, Celia Bearden: Ceilie Bearden - born March 25, 1830 - died 1890.

"Most of the other markers are unreadable and of fieldstones.

"I took a United States flag to the ceremony, there was a prayer, and I made a five minute presentation (enclosed).

"I am enclosing some photographs which were taken at the grave of your great-great-great grandfather (Richard P. Bearden) and at the grave of your great-great grandfather (Jacob Bearden) at one o'clock on this same day.

"Your cousin, Vernon West, could only take six people in his jeep to Jacob's grave site. He went over the day before and cut the weeds and grass. We all wish you could have been here since you done so much to make this possible".

Mr. Stanley's presentation, published in both the Ellijay "Times Courier" and the "Dawsonville News" follows:

"This story had it's beginning five years ago when a relative of the Bearden family in Gilmer County, wrote a letter to Mrs. Irene Bearden Keller in Minatare, Nebraska, suggesting to her that I might help her trace her Bearden family in this area of Georgia.

"Mrs. Keller wrote me a letter and at the same time she corresponded with Mrs. Earl Chester of Dawsonville, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chester have helped her find some of the North Georgia descendants of the two men whose grave markers are shown in the accompanying photographs that are a part of this story.

"Here is a brief story of these old soldiers and pioneer Georgia settlers:

"There lived in South Carolina in the long ago a man whose name was Thomas Sumpter. He was born in 1734 and died in 1832. He took the side of the Americans in the Revolutionary War and became a guerilla leader of a band of South Carolina militia known as the 'Carolina gamecocks'. Fort Sumpter in Charleston Harbor, which on December 20, 1860 saw the beginning of the War Between the States, was named for this man.

"The marker you see here was furnished to Mrs. Keller by the Veteran's Administration in Washington, and has been erected by Mr. Earl Chester, who is also a descendant of this old Revolutionary War soldier. Here it stands near the New Hope Baptist Church in Dawson County where Mr. Bearden and his wife were faithful members. The marker reads:

**RICHARD P. BEARDEN
SUMPTER BRIGADE
S.C. MILITIA
REVOLUTIONARY WAR
JULY 6, 1760 JUNE 20, 1860**

"Richard Bearden lived through this war, a soldier under General Thomas Sumpter and through the War of 1812 where his sons served, and died at age over one hundred after he had witnessed the beginning of the War Between the States. Richard Bearden's son was Jacob Bearden who outlived his father by only six or seven years and died at age eighty-seven.

"Jacob Bearden's name appears, with that of Winny his wife and a number of their kinsmen, on the historic marker in front of the old Ebenezer Baptist Church in Gilmer County.

"The tombstone for Jacob Bearden's grave site was shipped to my home in Gilmer County by the Veteran's Administration, picked up by Mr. Vernon and Randell West, descendants of Richard P. Bearden, and moved in a jeep about two miles into the forest off Highway 52 in Gilmer County to the lone grave site of Jacob Bearden.

"A stone wall around this grave was accidentally torn down by timber cutters and was restored by Vernon West and at the request of Mrs. Keller in far away Nebraska. This marker reads:

**JACOB BEARDEN
PRVT.
U.S. ARMY
WAR OF 1812
1780 1867**

"The people who attended the brief ceremony at the William M. Bearden Cemetery near the New Hope Church in Dawson County were as follows:

"Boyd Bearden, age eighty-two; his sisters, Gladys Bearden, age sixty-six and Ella Bearden, age sixty-eight; their brother, Silvey Bearden, age seventy-four; J. C. Bearden; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chester, Corene (Bearden) Kirk, her son Dempsey Bearden Kirk, his wife Connie and their children Meg and Andrew Kirk; Bertha (Bearden) Bishop, her granddaughter, Angie Bishop; William Ernest Jack Bearden, his wife Mable Norris (Pope) Bearden, his son Norman D. Bearden, his wife Diane (Bell) Bearden and their daughter, Precilla Bearden.

"Later in the afternoon of Sept. 18, 1982, a brief ceremony was held at the grave site of Jacob Bearden, near the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Gilmer County. Those who attended were as follows: "Vernon West, Randell West, his wife Martha (Edmondson) West, Alma (Bearden) Forrester, Willard Ralston; and the speaker/writer, all Bearden descendants.

"We were forced to ride in the jeep over a very poor logging road to reach this grave site.

"All of the people who attended these two ceremonies at these two grave sites on Saturday were descendants of the Revolutionary War soldier, Richard P. Bearden, and were interested in the relationship of these two old soldiers to Irene B. Bearden Keller, who from her home in Western Nebraska helped to make this event possible and here is the record:

GENERATION 1: Speculation is that the first ancestors to America were John and Elizabeth BURDEN who came in 1636 to James City, VA.

GENERATION 2: Benjamin BURDEN of Virginia, Connecticut, New Jersey, married to Abigail GROVER/GRAVES.

GENERATION 3: Benjamin BURDEN/BEARDEN, born 6 April 1675, Monmouth County, NJ; died 1742 near Winchester, VA; married his cousin Zeruiah WINTER, daughter of William and Hannah (GROVER) WINTER.

GENERATION 4: John Bearden, born about 1717, Monmouth County, NJ; died before 10 April 1797, Spartanburg County SC; married Lettice WINN, daughter of Minor and Margaret (O'CONNOR) WINN.

GENERATION 5: Richard P. BEARDEN, born 6 July 1760, Granville County, NC; died 20 June 1860, Dawson County GA; married Sarah BENNETT, probable daughter of James and Sarah (LANCASTER) BENNETT.

GENERATION 6: Jacob BEARDEN, born 1780, Spartanburg County, SC; died 14 October 1867, Gilmer County, GA; married Winny SMITH, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Polly (LANGSTON) SMITH.

GENERATION 7: James Jasper BEARDEN, born 1 July/August 1830, Hall County, GA; died 1870, Obion County, TN; married 17 April 1853, Gilmer County, GA, Mary J. RAINEY, daughter of William RAINEY and his probable wife who is also of Bearden descent, Josephine BEARDEN.

GENERATION 8: Ervin Kenneth Bearden, born 29 March 1861, St. Clair County, AL; died 18 October 1915, Red River County, TX; married Cora Bell WEATHERS, daughter of James Reason and Malissa Caroline (HUNTER) WEATHERS.

GENERATION 9: William Ira BEARDEN, born 4 August 1889, Erath County, TX; died 2 June 1947, Carter County, OK; married Bessie Jewel SHELL, daughter of Calvin Delevan David Melton and Alice Bell (BUNCH) SHELL.

GENERATION 10: Bertha Irene BEARDEN, born 4 January 1919, Red River County TX; married

John Herbert Franklin KELLER, son of Franklin Herman and Maggie L. (MOORE) KELLER.

GENERATION 11: Herbert Kenneth Keller, born 19 June 1937, Carter County, OK; living Dillon, CO; married Darlene Clare HULL, daughter of Clair and Rose (KRATOVIL); married second Kathleen WIEGERT; married third Linda L. RUDISILL, daughter of Maynard and Margaret (MITCHELL) RUDISIL.

GENERATION 12: Kevin Herbert KELLER, born 17 August 1957, Denver, CO; married Lorie Ann RIGGS, daughter of Franklin Howard and Sandra J. (KEENAN) RIGGS.

GENERATION 13: Ian Matthew KELLER (and many cousins) b. 17 August 1981, Scottsbluff, NE, living with father in Breckenridge, Colorado.

"One descendant of the Bearden family who is still living in Dawson County is the Earl Chester family and their Bearden history is as follows, the first five generations being the same as that of Mrs. Keller:

"Generation 5: Richard P. Bearden, 1760-1860.

"Generation 6: Rowland M. Bearden, 1790-1849.

"Generation 7: Nelson Franklin Bearden, 1838-1890.

"Generation 8: John Kimsey Bearden, 1860-?

"Generation 9: Rachel J. Bearden, 1891-1967.

"Generation 10: Earl Chester, b. 1916, living Dawsonville, GA

"Many of the descendants of this old Bearden family still live in Dawson and Gilmer Counties, GA in 1982, two hundred and twenty-two years after the old Revolutionary War soldier, Richard P. Bearden was born and I count it an honor to have been invited to have a part in these two ceremonies today." Signed: Lawrence L. Stanley, September 18, 1982

There are some discrepancies in the above inscription of the Richard-5 Bearden tombstone. One of Richard-5's Revolutionary War payroll papers had "Richard "D." or "P." Bearden. Readers of old handwriting think this is a "P." and tradition is right in that Richard-5's middle name was "Pleasant". The old New Hope Baptist Church minutes have been copied and certified for the writer and the Richard-5 Bearden death date is as inscribed on his tombstone.

Jacob-6 and "Winny" had at least 15 to 18 issue; the 1820 through 1880 census reports list them as parents of 18 children; however, at least one married before 1820. In 1850 their grandchildren are listed with them and one of their own, as named in his will, is visiting and counted in his brother's family (No. 107, Williby-6). Jacob-6 names 13 children in his will. Their issue are b. in GA in and after 1804 and are taken from census records as noted, his will and word of mouth of his descent:

*342. Celia/Seley-7 Bearden, b. about 1798-1800 in SC; d. 1852, AR; m. very young on 4 Sept. 1810, Jackson County, Ga, Robert O'BARR.

343. Temperence-7 "Tempy" Bearden: Jacob-6 had a female this age on 1820 census but she was not named in his 1867 will, born 1804-1810, married in Hall County, GA on 27 April 1821 to Joseph HUBANKS/EUBANKS. Jacob-6 had in 1820 two females born 1804-1810. By a comparison of the 1820 and 1830 census, there is a missing female in the Jacob-6 Bearden household who could not have been the Unise-7 Bearden who was recorded in the Dewberry Church minutes at same time and place as is Jacob-6 and his wife, Winifred, as she would have still been in the Jacob-6 Bearden family in 1830. If indeed "Tempy" is the missing female from the Jacob-6 household, she probably died without issue as she or her "heirs" are not named in the 1867 will of Jacob-6, in which he does name his living issue.

*344. Telitha-7 Bearden, b. 1804-1809 in Jackson County, GA, m. Ansel WRIGHT, m. second Daniel GREEN, more later.

- *345. **Washington Williby-7 Bearden**, born about 1810-1813, died after 1860, married 16 Nov. 1836, Hall County, Georgia to "Cintha" BUTLER.
- *346. **Jacob Pleasant-7 Bearden**, born 1815, killed in Civil War on 1 May 1862 at Holly Springs, MS, married second (?) to Jemima JONES.
- *347. **Catherine-7 Bearden**, b. 1816, Jackson County, GA, and d. after 1880 in Gilmer County, GA; m. on 1 Jan. 1837 in Gilmer County to Thomas SINIARD/SINYARD, more later.
- *348. **Elizabeth-7 Bearden** b. 1820, m. 1833 to Hezekiah COCHRAN.
- *349. **Luiza-7 Bearden (TWIN)** b. 1822 in the Dewberry community, Hall County, GA, m. 26 March 1848 to Rowland "Rolley" Colbert.
350. **Winnie Ann-7 Bearden (TWIN)**, eighth or ninth issue of Jacob-6 and "Winnie" Bearden, b. 1822 in Hall County, GA and m. on 9 Dec. 1841 in Gilmer County, GA to her cousin, Person No. 361, Tolliver-7 GREEN, who was b. 1817 in South Carolina, brother of Daniel-7 GREEN who married Winny A.-7's sister, Telitha-7 (Bearden) WRIGHT. Both are the sons of Ansel and No. 98, Sarah-5 (BEARDEN) GREEN, and all of these are the grandchildren of Richard-5 and Sarah (BENNETT) Bearden ("EARLY GEORGIA MARRIAGE ROUNDUP"). Number 364, Martha Jane-8 Green, b. 1828, is a sibling or at least a cousin of Daniel-7 and Tolliver-7. The 1852 sale of property in Gilmer County includes Tolliver-7 and Daniel-7 GREEN, Noah and N. B. SHERIFF. **Winnie Ann-7 had issue on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA (Census No. 691, Pg. 26), b. in that county and state:**
- Telitha-8 Green, b. 1843.
 - Daniel-8 Green, b. 1844.
 - Mary-8 Green, b. 1846.
 - Jacob-8 Green, b. 1849.
- *351. **Mary Ann-7 Bearden**, known as "Polly Ann", m. 1840, Manoaah "Noah" SHERIFF.
- *352. **Robert Kimsey/Kensey-7 Bearden**, b. 1 May 1829, d. 6 Feb. 1908, m. 13 July 1851 to Sementha JONES.
- *353. **James Jasper-7 Bearden (TWIN)**, identical forename as Nos. 409 and 818, and as listed under No. 338, the third son as named in his father's will, b. on 30 July 1830, d. within the year 1870, m. on 17 April 1853, Gilmer County, GA to Mary J. RANEY/RAINEY.
- *354. **William Newton-7 Bearden (TWIN to great grandfather of writer)**, d. Civil War, m. 15 July 1852, Malinda Caroline FOWLER.
- *355. **Andrew Jackson-7 Bearden**, youngest son of Jacob-6 and "Winnie" (SMITH) Bearden, b. 1834, d. 1888, m. Sarah Ann NEWBERRY.
356. **Sarah Ann-7 Bearden**, b. about 1837-1845 according to census and compiled as the youngest and fifteenth issue of Jacob-6 and "Winnie" Bearden because she is the last child named in her father's will, in which she is called "my daughter Sarah Ann Haygood". The Haygood/Haywood surname figures heavily in the family as well as in the Bennett and Winn families and the subject here, who married Benjamin HAYGOOD, is related to Mary Polly HAYGOOD who m. in 1816, Clark County, KY to Minor Winn (see WINN FAMILY). Benjamin Haygood is the son of the male HAYGOOD who m. on 25 July 1830 in Gilmer County to Martha Patsy SOUTHERN.
- Sarah Ann-7 is not listed with her parents on the 1850 census because she is "visiting" with her uncle, No. 107, Williby-6 Bearden where she is counted in his family. She is married before 1860 and counted on census as the wife of Benjamin HAYGOOD (b. 1834, SC) in Gilmer County, GA, b. 1837, GA, and one child, Sarah Ann HAYGOOD, one month old. Sarah Ann-7 is a widow before 1870 when she is counted on census in Gilmer County, b. 1840, keeping house for Mrs. M. BURRELL. In same family is Sarah A. HAYGOOD, b. 1860, GA, and Angeline HAYGOOD, b. 1864, GA. The 1880 census, taken in Gilmer County, GA, Cartecay District, G.M.D., Ed. 107, Sheet 18, No. 152/152, counts No. 107, Williby-6 Bearden, b. 1800, GA; Sarah Ann-7 Bearden, b. 1845, GA; and Mary A.-8 HAYGOOD, b. 1863, stepdaughter to head of household. Evidently Sarah Ann-7's first daughter was gone from home and this was the Mary Angeline-8 who was counted with her in 1870.
- The conclusion is that No. 107, Williby-6 Bearden, did not marry his niece, it was his son, Williby-7 Jr. who m. as his second wife and her second husband to his cousin, the subject, Sarah Ann-7 Bearden. Williby-7 died before 1880 when his widow is living with her child in his father's household, the latter being her own father's brother. Sarah Ann-7 was named for Williby-6 Sr.'s wife and the fact she was with his family on the 1850 census indicates she was a favorite niece who was also his daughter-in-law. After her husband and

her mother-in-law died, she went to keep house for her father-in-law. At any rate, she was again called Sarah A. Bearden in 1880 but her HAYGOOD child was living with her.

98. Sarah-6 Bearden (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1785, Spartanburg County, SC, d. 1841-1850, Gilmer County, GA, m. about 1800, Spartanburg County, SC to Ansel GREEN, b. 1786 in SC. Ansel Green, widower, is listed on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, Georgia (H/H No. 850). Sarah had fifteen issue, most of whom are unknown. She had known and speculated descendants:

- *357. **Jacob-7 Green**, b. 1804-1810 in SC and d. after 1860 in St. Clair County, AL, m. Frances ACRE.
- 358. **Nancy-7 Green**, b. 1800-1810 in SC, d. about 1849, Shelby County, AL, m. her mother's cousin, Person No. 137, **Lovin-6 BEARDEN**, see under his number and name for issue.
- 359. **John-7 Green**, b. 1807 in North Carolina and is in Gilmer County, GA before 1850, m. Mary (?).
- 360. **Daniel-7 Green**, b. 1810, SC, d. after 1880 in Whitfield County, GA, m. 1843 in Gilmer County, GA to his cousin as her second husband, Person No. 344, **Telitha -7 (BEARDEN) WRIGHT**.
- 361. **Tolliver-7 Green**, b. 1817, SC, m. on 9 Dec. 1841 in Gilmer County to his cousin, Person No. 350, **Winnie Ann-7 BEARDEN**. Tolliver-7's issue is listed under his wife.
- 362. **Mary-7 Green**, b. 1822 in Tennessee which places the family there at the same time Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden are there. Mary-7 m. before 1850 to her cousin, the person compiled herein as No. 283, **Edmund Franklin-7 BEARDEN**. There has been some controversy as to WHICH branch of the family Edmund F.-7 belongs; however, his own sister compiled him as her brother and the son of No. 83, **John-6 III** and his second wife, **Rhoda (MOORE) BEARDEN**. Perhaps Person No. 131, **Issac-6**, also had a son of this name, both of Spartanburg County, SC.
 Soon after their marriage, Mary-7 and Edmund F.-7 went to Gilmer County, Georgia, where they are counted consecutively with the widower, Ansel Green, on the 1850 census of Gilmer County GA (Household No. 849) and are enumerated on the 1880 census of Murray County, GA. In their household are their Civil War orphaned nieces and nephews of surname GREEN.
- 363. **Joseph-7 Green**, b. 1825, NC; in Gilmer County, GA 1850, m. Jane (?).
- 364. **Martha Jane-7 Green**, b. on 5 April 1828 in North Carolina and d. on 29 March 1892 in Cass County, TX, buried in a marked grave beside her husband, **Henry PEEBLES/PEOPLES** in the Corrinth Cemetery, who she m. on 8 March 1846 in Marion County, GA. They are the parents of **Nancy Jane-8 PEEBLES** who m. on 29 Jan. 1875 in Cass County, TX to **David R. WEATHERS** (Person No. 670 in WEATHERS FAMILY). The PEEBLES surname figures in the RAINEY/RANEY family as **Mary J. RANEY** m. Person No. 353, **James Jasper-7 BEARDEN**. A Mr. **Alexander RANEY** of Boynton, Mecklenburg County, VA m. on 10 Dec. 1812 to **Susanna HEATH**, b. 18 Jan. 1788, Prince George County, VA; after their marriage they were residents of Prince George County, he d. there on 14 March 1837. They had the following issue, among others: (1) **Alexander Henry RANEY**, b. 17 Feb. 1816, d. 1 July 1862, m. 1 March 1838 to his cousin, **Lily HEATH**, the widow of **BAIRD**, and had issue, among others: **Adelelia RANEY** who m. **Benjamin J. PEEBLES**, son of **William and Mary Baugh DAVIS**, and had son, **Benjamin William Alexander PEEBLES**. (2) **Louisa Jane RANEY**, m. **Robertson EPPES** of Prince George County, VA, and had among others: **Hester Jane EPPES**, who m. her cousin's widower, **Benjamin J. PEEBLES**, their issue intermarried with family of **BURROW, JORDAN, JONES, HONEYCUTT**, etc. associated with the **BEARDEN** family.
- 365. **Emily-7 Green**, b. 1832, South Carolina.
- 366. **George-7 Green**, b. 1835, North Carolina.
- 367. **Abner-7 Green**, b. 1838, North Carolina.
- 368. **Joanah-7 Green**, b. 1840 in North Carolina.
- 369. **Isaac Vincent-7 Green**, b. 1841 in North Carolina.

99. Ansel-6 Bearden (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), compiled as the fifth issue of Richard-5 and his wife, Sarah, b. 1788 (1840-1850 census, Lumpkin County, GA, tombstone says 1783) in Spartanburg District, SC and d. on 8 Aug. 1868 in Millsap, Parker County, TX, buried with a tombstone in the Gilbert Cemetery close to Weatherford, TX. His birthplace is verified by his father's land grant, deeds,

Revolutionary War pension declaration, the 1790 and 1800 federal census, plus the 1810 census of Warren County, KY.

Ansel-6 is supposed by some descent to be the identical person of this name who m. 1806 in Jackson County, GA to Abigail JOURDAN. If indeed it was the subject who m. first to Abigail JOURDAN when he was barely 18 years old, then he married again between 1810 and 1815 and no record has been found of this marriage. His first child, according to family records, plus later census lists, was b. 1810-1815 in Georgia and twin sons are b. there in 1818. The 1850 census of Lumpkin County, GA, according to later census reports, erroneously lists all his issue as being b. in South Carolina.

The name of Ansel-6 Bearden's first (or second?) wife is recorded in a descendant's old records as Georgia LEMUEL (a child of Ansel-6 is named Lemuel), born 1790-1800 in South Carolina and died 1823 in Hall County GA, when her last child was born. Ansel-6 married second (or third?) about 1825, according to the birthdate of his first child by Jain JOURDAN, who was born on 10 Nov. 1806 in South Carolina and died on 11 June 1885 in Mil-sap, Texas (cemetery inscription), buried beside her husband of forty-four years.

The relationship of Ansel-6 Bearden's second (or third?) wife to his first wife, or possibly as some descent claim to the wife of the older Ansel-5 Bearden (Person No. 48, b. 1774-1775, d. after 1850, Alabama), Abigail JOURDAN, has not been revealed but possibly they were sisters/aunts to Celia JOURDAN who m. on 31 Aug. 1847 in St. Clair County, Alabama to Elisha Turner-7 Bearden (Person No. 338).

The subject here is the Ansel-6 Bearden whose descent say is counted as head of household on the 1820 through the 1850 census in the state of GA. On 15 Dec. 1825, in Hall County, GA, he witnessed a deed between Richard-5 Bearden Sr. and Richard-6 Bearden Jr. (Deed Book C, Pg. 305). On 23 Dec. 1835 in Lumpkin County, GA, Ansel-6 Bearden, Justice of the Peace, and Elias TURNER witnessed a deed between Richard Bearden (Sr. or Jr. not stated) of the same state and county and James W. POE of the state of Alabama and the county of Benton (Xeroxed copy in writer's possession, failed to get book and page number).

The four Ansel Beardens in this period of time are, first, Ansel-4 or I, who in 1776, Spartanburg District, South Carolina, owned a sizable acreage; second, Ansel-5 or II (Person No. 48) who some descent claim is the Ansel Bearden who m. on 14 Jan. 1806 in Jackson County, Georgia to Abigail JOURDAN and won land which fell in Baldwin County, GA; third, the subject, Ansel-6 or III; and fourth, Ansel-6 or IV Bearden (Person No. 168).

The 1790, 1800 and 1810 United States census schedules for the state of Georgia were lost when the British burned Washington in 1814 (except Oglethorpe County) and there is no record for the subject, Ansel-6, before 1820, when he is counted on the census of Hall County, Georgia and in 1825, as stated, he witnessed a deed there between Richard-5 Bearden Sr. and Richard-6 Bearden Jr.

He is counted on the 1830 census of Habersham County, Georgia and was in Lumpkin County in 1835 to witness a deed for Richard-6 Bearden Jr. He is listed on the 1834 tax list of Lumpkin County with eleven persons in his household. He is again counted there on the 1840 and 1850 census and he is probably migrating to Texas before the 1860 census was taken in the newly created County of Dawson in Georgia.

The published 1820 census/Hall County/Georgia Lists Ansel-6, b. 1775-1794; female b. 1794-1804; 2 males and 1 female b. 1810-1820 (Little Rock, AR Public Library).

The 1830 census of Habersham County, GA (Pg. 42) lists Ansel-6 Bearden, b. 1790-1800, wife b. 1800-1810; 1 f. (15-20, b. 1810-1815); 2 f. 10-15, b. 1815-1820); 1 m. (10-15, b. 1815-1820); 1 m. (5-10, b. 1820-1825); 2 f. (-5, b. 1825-1830); 1 m. (-5, b. 1825-1830). Eight (8) children are counted for Ansel-6 in 1830.

The 1830 census of Habersham County, GA also lists heads of households, Williba-6, William H.-6, Thomas-6 and "Rolin"-6 Bearden, the two latter listed consecutively with Ansel-6 Bearden.

"Original Cherokee County, GA Winners in 1832 Gold Lottery", Hall County, GA Library: Ansel-6 Bearden; Richard-5 Bearden Sr. (won in both gold and regular lottery); Roling-6 Bearden; Richard-6 Bearden Jr.

The 1835 Georgia State census of Lumpkin County lists the following Bearden households (Georgia Genealogical Magazine, No. 87, Winter, 1985, listed as spelled): Ansel Bearden, total in family 11 (9 children); Thomas BERDEN, total in family 6 (4 children); William BERDEN, total in family 7 (5 children); Richard BERDEN, total in family 7 (5 children).

The 1840 census of Lumpkin County, GA gives only first names of heads of households, but the following heads of family are listed in the same house: Ansel-6 Bearden (40-50); f. (30-40); 2 m. (-5); 3 f. (-5); 2 f. (5-10); 1 f. (15-20); Leonard-7 Bearden (30-40, b. 1800-1810; and Nehemiah-7 Bearden (30-40, b. 1800-1810, twin to Leonard-7, later United States census lists him as born 1818).

The 1850 census of Amicalola District in Lumpkin County, GA lists the Ansel-6 Bearden family as having been born in South Carolina (Census No. 9, later federal census lists this family as having been born in Georgia):

NAME	AGE	BORN	PLACE BORN
BEARDEN, Ansel	62	1788	South Carolina
BEARDEN, Jain	46	1804	South Carolina
BEARDEN, Emily	25	1825	South Carolina
BEARDEN, Ansel M.	23	1827	South Carolina
BEARDEN, Elizabeth	21	1829	South Carolina
BEARDEN, William	19	1831	South Carolina
BEARDEN, John	15	1835	South Carolina
BEARDEN, Malissa	14	1836	South Carolina
BEARDEN, Hannah	12	1838	South Carolina
BEARDEN, Jane	10	1840	South Carolina
BEARDEN, Sarah	8	1842	South Carolina
BEARDEN, James	5	1845	South Carolina
BEARDEN, Joel	3	1847	South Carolina
BEARDEN, Elizabeth	3/12	1849	South Carolina

Ansel-6 lived in Lumpkin County (Dawson County after 1857 when this county was formed), on the old Shoal Creek road and near a little community known as McKee, which had a postoffice and country store, located three-fourth mile from what became later the Bethel Baptist Church in the Bethel community near the county seat of Dahlonega; later this family lived there in the Amicalola District. In 1832 the first group who started meeting here included charter members James and Sarah RICE/REESE, Ansel-6 and Jain BEARDEN, Richard-6 BEARDEN Jr., Unas BEARDEN, Elias and Sarah TURNER, Absolum WOFFORD and Selphia DOBSON.

On 1 Feb. 1834, Ansel-6 Bearden, family members and some Christian friends constituted the new Goshen Baptist Church of Christ in the Goshen community, located in or near the Amicalola Falls Creek District of Lumpkin County, Georgia. This group met and was constituted a church by Elders James WHITTEN, John REEVES, and Reverend Robert O'BARR (Robert O'Barr m. 1810, Jackson County, Georgia to Person No. 342, Celia/Seley Bearden and they are charter members for the 1821 constitution of the Dewberry Baptist Church in Hall County, GA). Benjamin GAGE (GOSS) is appointed a deacon and the names of the brethren in the constitution are Benjamin and Patsy GAGE, William and Mary BURT, Perry and Malicy GARMAN, Neeley DOBSON and Nathaniel HARBIN.

On 3 June 1846, the New Hope Baptist Church, located close to Dawsonville, county seat of later Dawson County, was established. In order to create a constitutional body to organize a church closer to their homes and in their own community, the following members asked for their letters from the Goshen Church for this purpose:

Ansel-6 BEARDEN, wife, Jain; Nathaniel HARBIN; Moss McWHERTER; Abel, Elizabeth and Abel SHERIFF Jr. (parents of Manoah Sheriff who m. Person No. 351, Mary Ann-7 "Polly" Bearden.

On the same date, New Hope Baptist Church met for the first time and appointed Brother William KIMSEY as moderator, Benjamin HEAD was pastor and Ansel-6 BEARDEN was appointed to the office of clerk, a position he held until September 1858 when he requested letters of dismissal from New Hope Church for himself, his wife Jain, and their daughters, Elizabeth-7, Jane-7 and Malissa-7 Bearden, announcing his plans to migrate to Texas (source, certified New Hope Baptist Church minutes). They stopped off in Alabama and it is presumed they are on the move to Texas when they are missed in the 1860 census.

Among the earliest names mentioned in the minutes of the New Hope Church are BEARDEN, BURRELL, BERRY, BURT, COCHRAN, DENNY, DARNEL, FOSTER, FRICK, GROGAN, HARBIN, HALL, HOLTZ-CLAW, PARKS. In 1973, Silvey HARBIN organized a monument to establish a perpetual care fund for New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. This movement met with great success and only the interest can be spent on the care of the cemetery.

On 21 Aug. 1888, Samuel HARBIN sold 6 acres more or less to New Hope Church for \$6.00. The deed was made to deacons of New Hope, Perry J. GROGAN, Benjamin F. HOLTZCLAW and John DILLBECK. The present building is now (1998) about 110 years old. Tyre HARBIN and Fletcher WATERS were the main carpenters, Tyre Harbin being the grandson of Nathaniel HARBIN who was born in 1770 (history and photographs of the Goshen and New Hope Baptist Churches of Dawson County from the Dawsonville newspaper on Saturday, 4 Dec. 1975).

The following men from the New Hope Church served in the Civil War: Rowland-7 BEARDEN; Jake and Van-7 COCHRAN; Charles JACKSON; Leander FOSTER; Richard C. and Perry James GARMAN; Samuel, John and Nathaniel BALSAN; Benjamin, Jessie M., James and Tyre HARBIN.

On 7 Aug. 1850 in Lumpkin County, GA, Ansel-6 Bearden appraised the estate of James Rice LUTE. On 14 Dec. 1850 he appraised the estate of Wm. E. DERRICK. On 2 Aug. 1853, Ansel-6 and Kinzey Bearden owed the estate of BLALOCK ("Lumpkin County History", Wilson).

Ansel-6 had known and speculated issue by two (three?) marriages:

370. John Richard-7 Bearden, not to be confused with Person No. 111, was b. 1816-1817 in South Carolina (GA?) and d. 1874 on Coon's Creek in Cherokee County, GA where he is buried. This may be the identical John R.-7 Bearden who m. on 20 Feb. 1838 in Hall County, GA to Nancy LILES/LYLES. The 1850 census of Cherokee County GA, lists one John R. Bearden, his wife, "Agnis", b. 1823, South Carolina. Living in his household are D. S. and Adeline SMITH, b. 1825 and 1828 in South Carolina, with Nancy R. SMITH, b. 1849 in Georgia. Living near are the following on the 1850 census of Cass County, GA (Cass County was abolished in 1861 and this area was then called Bartow County):

1. O. K. Bearden, age 26, born 1824 in Georgia; Elizabeth, age 21, born 1829 in Georgia; Wyly, age 4; and John, age 1 (Census No. 1194/1202).
2. Isaac Bearden (Census No. 1397/1310, see under No. 45, Isaac-5 Bearden Sr.).
3. Willey Bearden, age 60, born 1790 in Georgia; Mary, age 58, born in Georgia; William, age 19 and Hannah, age 19.

John R.-7 Bearden had issue in 1850, born in SC except the last child who was b. GA:

- a. Savilla Jane-8 Bearden, born 1841, m. 27 Jan. 1855, Cherokee County, GA to George W. FREEMAN (Marriage Book D).
- b. William-8 Bearden, b. 1843.
- c. Mary J.-8 Bearden, b. 1846.

*371. Leonard-7 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1818 in Jackson County, Georgia, d. Cherokee County, m. 6 Jan. 1836 to the twin Juliette SMITH.

- *372. **Nehemiah-7 Bearden** (TWIN), b. 1818, d. 1860, m. same date as his twin brother, to Cynthia Rebecca SMITH, the twin sister of Juliette who m. his twin brother.
373. **Lemuel-7 Bearden** (known as "Lem" and "Sans"), b. 1820 in Hall County, Georgia, m. 8 Jan. 1843 in Lumpkin County, Susanna COX.
374. **Jane/Jain-7 Bearden**, probably twin to "Lem"-7, as the 1850 census taken in Amicalola District, Lumpkin County, GA, where this family is listed, says Jane-7 was b. in 1820; she d. after the 1900 census in Palo Pinto County, TX, when she was living in the Joel T.-7 BEARDEN household. Her descent says she m. Abel SHERIFF Jr., the brother of Manoah SHERIFF who m. her cousin, Person No. 351, Mary Ann-7 BEARDEN ("FAITH OF THE PRAIRIES" by Pauline (CALLOWAY) SHERIFF, Hollis, OK). Abel Sheriff Jr. was b. 1818 in NC and his wife, Jane, b. 1820 in GA, had issue in 1850 who are the first cousins through their mother's BEARDEN family, to the issue of No. 351, Mary Ann-7 BEARDEN:
- Susanna-8 Sheriff, b. 1840, GA.
 - Mary-8 Sheriff, b. 1843, GA.
 - Malinda-8 Sheriff, b. 1845, GA.
 - Abel-8 Sheriff, as named in his grandfather Sheriff's will, b. 1848 in GA.
 - John Henry-8 Sheriff, b. 1849 in GA; m. Hamie CHESTER, sister of Silas, and these are the grandparents of Nos. 1896 and 1897, Benjamin Earl-10 and his brother, Carl-10 CHESTER. John Henry-8 and Hamie had issue, among others: Richard-9 SHERIFF who m. a CANTRELL, descent of No. 97, Elizabeth-5 BEARDEN and her husband Jacob CANTRELL. Richard-9 and his wife had, among other issue, Opel-10 SHERIFF who m. No. 1897, Carl-10 CHESTER, etc.
375. **Theresa Ann-7 Bearden**, known as "Thursa Ann/Thirseann", etc., "Kruska" on 1850 census, Lumpkin County, b. 1823, probably Hall County, d. before 1 June 1857 when her widower m. second in Lumpkin County to Elizabeth A. HAMPTON. Therese Ann-7 m. on 13 Oct. 1835 in Lumpkin County, to Benjamin GOSS, who was b. 1807 in Pendleton District, Pickens County, South Carolina, and d. before his estate papers were filed on 22 May 1873 in Dawson County, Georgia.
- Mr. Eugene R. PERRY of San Diego, CA has much information concerning his ancestors and the Benjamin GOSS and Therese Ann-7 BEARDEN family. Eugene is a descendant of Nathaniel Harbin GOSS, the brother of Benjamin Goss who married Therese Ann-7 Bearden. Benjamin and Nathaniel H. are the sons of Benjamin Goss Sr. and his wife Martha HARBIN and the grandsons of Thomas Goss and Mary "Patsy" PUTNAM and of Nathaniel HARBIN and Sarah PARKS, all of whom are "old-timers" in Lumpkin, Dawson and Gilmer Counties, GA.
- Benjamin GOSS who married Therese Ann-7 Bearden, had siblings who married into the ADAIR, KIMSEY, DOBSON, WHITTEN, O'BARR, TURNER, PUTNAM, GARMAN and DILLBECK families, all of whom had connections with the Bearden family. Therese Ann-7 had issue, the last two named as minors in the Benjamin Goss estate papers:
- Nancy Emily-8 Goss, b. on 20 Sept. 1836, buried in the Goshen Baptist Church Cemetery, Dawson County, m. on 2 Dec. 1855 in Lumpkin County to Richard Greenbury GROGAN.
 - Malinda-8 Goss, b. 1839, Lumpkin County, Georgia.
 - Jasper-8 Goss, b. 1844.
 - Benjamin Franklin-8 Goss (TWIN), b. 1847, Lumpkin County, GA (Mr. Park did not give B. F.'s twin).
 - Martha Ann-8 Goss, b. 1849, m. in Dawson County on 5 Nov. 1868 to Nancy L. PARKS.
 - Loucinda-8 Goss, b. 1852.
 - Theodocia-8 Goss, b. 1859.
 - Nathaniel-8 Goss, b. 1861.
376. **Emily-7 Bearden**, first issue of Ansel-6 Bearden by his second (third?) wife, was b. on 20 July 1825 in Hall or Habersham County, Georgia and is buried in the old Gilbert Cemetery beside her parents. She did not marry.
- *377. **Ansel Marion-7 Bearden**, m. Emily Frances BURT/BIRT.
378. **Elizabeth-7 "Betty" Bearden**, b. Aug. 1829 in Georgia, d. 1879 near Weatherford in Parker County, TX, did not marry and lived later life with sister, Elizabeth-7 (Bearden) GILBERT.
- *379. **William Newton-7 Bearden**, b. 1831, d. 1863, m. Lucinda Ann BURT.
- *380. **John M.-7 Bearden**, b. 1835, m. Mary Caroline BURT/BIRT.

- *381. **Malissa-7 Bearden**, b. 1836, d. 1881, m. William C. BRASHEAR who soon after her death m. as his second wife to her sister, below.
382. **Hannah-7 Bearden**, b. 1838 in Lumpkin County, GA, d. with tuberculosis and without issue and soon after her marriage in 1884 to her sister's widower, the Rev. William C. BRASHEAR.
383. **Sarah Frances-7 Bearden**, b. on 10 Sept. 1842 in Lumpkin County, GA and d. on 2 March 1912 in Palo Pinto County, TX, buried in the Gilbert Cemetery close to Millsap, Parker County, TX; m. in Dec. 1869 to James M. LITTLEFIELD who was b. 1848 and died in 1892. She was known as "moon-eyed", could not see in the daytime but good eye sight at night; had known issue: Leatha-8; Vinnie-8; Mollie-8; Edward-8 Littlefield.
384. **James Ansel-7 Bearden**, b. 1845 in Lumpkin County, GA. There is no record of him after 1850.
- *385. **Joel Dallas Tyson-7 Bearden**, m. Elizabeth "Betty" Jane LITTLEFIELD, m. second Nancy Elizabeth BELL.
- *386. **Elizabeth-7 Bearden II**, b. 1849, d. 1918, m. George Webster GILBERT.
- *387. **Rueben-7 Bearden**, eighteenth and youngest issue of Ansel-6 Bearden, b. 1852, d. 1921, m. 8 Jan. 1875, Theodocia NICHOLS.

(Author's Note: Inadvertently left out Jane-7, b. 1840, who came between 382 and 383).

101. Rowland-6 Bearden (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of Richard-5 and Sarah "Sally" (BENNETT) Bearden, b. about 1790-1795, Spartanburg County, SC, as his parents are enumerated there on the 1790 census and are there for deeds dated 1789 and 1802.

"BEARDEN, Rowland, War of 1812 Pension Application: W.O.#28606, W.C. #14821.B.L.W.#44222-80-50, canceled and contained in file. Reissue #22307-160-50; enlisted Captain Nehemiah Garrison's Company of Georgia Militia in Jackson County, Georgia; served 21 Nov. 1814 to 6 May 1815, mustered into Col. Foster's 2nd Regt. in Hall County, captain in the Seminole Indian War in 1836 and 1837, his discharge certificate from that service is in that file; married Elizabeth HARDAGE on 17 March 1817 in Jackson County. Soldier died 18 Feb. 1848 in Boardtown, Gilmer County, Georgia. This file contains letters from Richard BEARDEN, brother of Rowland; James W. WORLEY, lifelong friend of BEARDENS; and from George W. and James D. HARDAGE, brothers of Elizabeth. Elizabeth stated that they had lived in Jackson County until 1825, in Gilmer County until 1833, then in Lumpkin County until 1845, in Gilmer County until 1849, when she again lived in Lumpkin County until 1858, then to Dawson County, where she resided in 1878." (GEORGIA PENSIONERS, Vol. 2, Pg. 194, 1986. Also see under Peron No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden, whose captain in War of 1812 was also Nehemiah Garrison).

Some of Rowland-6 Bearden's descendants are members of the patriotic society, *Daughters of the Soldiers of the War of 1812* and the first application gives Rowland-6's deathdate and place as 15 Feb. 1849, Gilmer County.

On 5 June 1815, a land plat and map for the 340 acres of headright land that Jacob-6 Bearden received was bordered on the southeast by "Hardige's land" in Jackson County, GA.

An old letter, dated 1 June 1915, and now owned by Mrs. R. D. WHITE of Lilburn, Georgia is written by a granddaughter of Francis M. and Person No. 397, Elizabeth-7 "Betsy" (BEARDEN) COCHRAN. It is now old and almost deteriorated and it says in part as transcribed verbatim:

"You wanted me to give you the names of grandpa and grandma's parents. Well, grandma's mother's name was Elizabeth but called Betsy and she was a Hardige before she married and her father and mother's name we do not know.

"Grandma Cochran's father's name was Rollen and his father's name was Richard Bearden and that's as far back as I can find out about grandma's people and I reckon their occupation was farming that is as much as I can find out.

"Grandpa's father's name was Abraham and his mother's name was Rebecca Luthur before she married and her father's name was Godfrey and her mother's name I do not know. The father of Abraham Cochran was Jacob and they were farmers."

The above combined information confirms the maiden name of Rowland-6 ("Rollen") Bearden's wife and one of their daughters as a Bearden who married a COCHRAN. The writer of the letter is the daughter of Elizabeth-7 Bearden who married Francis M. Cochran. She is the granddaughter of "Rollen"-6 and Elizabeth, called "Betsy" (Hardige) Bearden, and of Abraham and Rebecca (Luthur) Cochran; the great granddaughter of Godfrey Luthur and of same descent as Martin Luthur, the eminent Bible scholar and religious leader of his time.

This writer in 1980 corresponded with the Georgia State Registrar General for Daughters of the War of 1812, who is Mrs. J. E. Wikle, Clarksville, Habersham County, GA. Mrs. Wilke states:

"I am State Registrar, Daughters of War of 1812. In looking through my files and records (over 1000) I find the following: Rowland Bearden enlisted in War of 1812 from White County, GA.

"Mrs. Joseph Asbury Sewell, born in Georgia on 18 Oct. 1869, joined NSUSD on 12th March 1927 and gave the following information: Ancestor: Roland Bearden; Father: John Kimsey Bearden; Mother: Missouri Bearden, born 3 Aug. 1830, d. 5 Nov. 1925; parents married Lumpkin County, Georgia 1 Feb. 1852; Grandfather: Roland Bearden of Jackson County, Georgia, b. unknown, d. Feb 15, 1849 in Gilmer County, Georgia; Grandmother: Elizabeth Hardige, b. 1798, d. 1882; married Jackson County, Georgia March 7, 1817. Other children:

- (1) Irene Bearden married a McKAY (author's note: probably spelled McKee as the McKee's are neighbors of the Beardens in Lumpkin County.
- (2) Louie (?) -- unreadable -- Bearden married Francis COCHRAN
- (3) Isabel Bearden married Alesha DENNY
- (4) Lucinda Bearden married John RICE
- (5) Rollan Bearden married Cauroll CHAUNCE
- (6) John Kimsey Bearden married Missouri WATERS
- (7) Marion Bearden married Artesis CLAYTON
- (8) Elizabeth Bearden married Francis COCHRAN
- (9) Nelson Bearden married Rachel STONE"

Rowland-6 "Rolin" Bearden is counted as the head of household on the 1820 census of Hall County, GA, along with Richard-5 Sr., Richard-6 Jr., Jacob-6 and William-6 Bearden. "Rolin"-6 is listed as being age 26-45 (b. 1775-1794); his wife is age 16-26 (b. 1794-1804) and they have issue: 2 males (-10, b. 1810-1820); 2 females, (0-10, b. 1810-1820); and 2 females (10-16, b. 1804-1810). The latter two are undoubtedly his siblings.

Mrs. Sewell stated on her Daughters of 1812 application that Rowland-6 was married in 1817. It is probable he had two sets of twins between 1817 and the time the census was taken in 1820. Unless he was married before Elizabeth, he could not have been the father of the two older females counted in his household in 1820. They may be his sisters, Temperance-6 "Tempy" Bearden, compiled as Person No. 343 but may be daughter of No. 43, and Telitha-6 Bearden who did not marry and who is found living with her sister-in-law and nephew, Person No. 352, Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden, on the 1880 census of Gilmer County, Georgia.

On 24 May 1825, Rowland-6 Bearden, Justice of the Peace, and his wife Elizabeth Bearden of Habersham County, GA, witness a deed in Hall County, GA, between Richard-6 Bearden of Hall County and James CALLIE of Habersham County, recorded in Habersham County on 21 April 1826. Richard-6 Bearden sells to James Callie a tract of land containing two hundred and fifty acres, Lot No. One Hundred and Thirty-eight (138) (Deed Book 1820-?, Pgs. 25-26).

15 Dec. 1825, recorded 2 May 1831, Hall County, GA, Richard Bearden, Sr. to Richard Bearden, Jr., for sum of \$400, parcel of land being part of Lot 48, in 12th District, 150 acres, witnessed by Ansel-6 Bearden and Rowland-6 Bearden (Deeds and Mortgages Book "C", Pg. 305).

"Rolin"-6 Bearden, age 30-40, b. 1790-1800, is enumerated on the 1830 census of Habersham County GA, his wife is 30-40, b. 1790-1800 and they have issue: 1 f. (10-15, b. 1815-1820); 2 f. (5-10, b. 1820-1825); 1 m. (-5, b.

1825-1830); 2 f. (-5, b. 1825-1830). Living in the "Rolin"-6 Bearden household in 1830 is 1 male (60-70, b. 1760-1770) who is probably the father of Elizabeth. In 1830, Rowland-6 had six children (Census No. 042, no Township).

1832-1841, "Roland Bearden is a witness against persons digging for gold in mines of Cherokee County" (Cherokee County Minutes of Superior Court 1832-1841, Pg. 18; also see Person No. 342). In 1836 he is listed in Feb. Court as a jury foreman in Lumpkin County, GA ("LUMPKIN COUNTY GEORGIA HISTORY" by Wilson).

On 26 Jan. 1835, in Lumpkin County, GA, Rowland-6 Bearden and Robert PATTERSON witnessed a deed transaction. On 24 Dec., 1836, in Harris County GA, Rowland-6 Bearden of Lumpkin County and Nathan PATTERSON witnessed the lawful appointment of power-of-attorney to Richard Bearden of Lumpkin County, from Nathan McCALROY (McILROY) of Harris County, recorded on 18 Oct. 1838 (references below).

On 6 Sept. 1838 in Lumpkin County Richard Bearden sold to Rowland-6 Bearden tracts of land in Lumpkin County, "Lots Nos. Five Hundred and Twenty-Seven and Five Hundred and Twenty-Nine, all in the fifteenth district of the first section of originally Cherokee County now Lumpkin County", etc., witnessed by Rueben DOTSON and Henry ADAMS, J. P., with M. P. Quillan, Clerk (the three above transactions in Lumpkin County Deed Book 1832-1852, Pg. 300, not stated whether Richard-5 Sr. or Richard-6 Jr.). Only one BEARDEN appears on the 1838 Georgia State Census in Lumpkin County as head of household "Rolin Bearden with eleven persons in family".

Rowland-6 Bearden is counted as the head of household on the 1840 census of Lumpkin County GA, formed 1832 from Cherokee, Habersham and Hall Counties (Census Pg. 254, Dist. 837; Pg. 253, 83rd District): Rowland Bearden (40-50, b. 1790-1800); female same age; 2 males (20-30, b. 1810-1820); 8 males (15-20, b. 1820-1825); 1 female (15-20, b. 1820-1825); 1 female (10-15, b. 1825-1830); 1 male (5-10, b. 1830-1835); 2 females (5-10, b. 1830-1835); 2 males (0-5, b. 1835-1840); 1 female (0-5, b. 1835-1840).

If the 1840 census is to be believed, Rowland-6 and Elizabeth were born between 1790 and 1800 and by the time they were 40-50 years old, they had eighteen children in their household, born between 1815 and 1840. They probably had twins but possibly they also had grandchildren in their household in 1840. The 1850 federal census taken in the state of Georgia does not list Rowland-6 Bearden and it is assumed that on 12 March 1927, when Mrs. Joseph Asbury Sewell presented her application to Daughters of the War of 1812, she knew when her own grandfather died.

The 1850 census of Lumpkin County, Georgia lists the widow of Rowland-6 Bearden as the head of household and although both she and his brother are listed in 1850 under the surname BEARD, they both have identical issue in their household in 1850 who are also listed with them on the 1860 and 1870 census in Dawson and Whitfield Counties, GA (Dawson County formed 1857 from Lumpkin) under the surname BEARDEN: BEARD, Elizabeth, age 54, born 1796 in SC; Lucinda, age 23; John, age 21; Rolin, age 15; Elizabeth, age 13 or 15 (unreadable); and Nelson, age 12 (1850 Census No. 254/145; another source says Pg. 105, 837th District, or Amacalola Creek District).

The 1870 census of Dawson County, GA, finds Elizabeth BEARDEN, age 77, invalid, born in Georgia (all other census lists her as born in SC), in the household of Francis and Elizabeth-7 COCHRAN (Amacalola Falls District, Census Nos. 518/96/90). The 1880 census of Dawson County, GA enumerates Elizabeth BEARDEN in the household of Nelson F.-7 Bearden, and in that year she is listed as 88 years old and born 1792 in South Carolina.

Elizabeth BEARDEN, wife of Rowland-6 "Rolin" Bearden, born 1792-1796 in South Carolina, has one of the oldest homemade fieldstone markers found in the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, near Dawsonville, beside the grave of her son, Nelson F.-7 Bearden, and the inscription reads:

**"SACRED
 TO THE MEMORY OF
 ELIZABETH BEARDEN
 CONSORT OF ROWLEAN BEARDEN
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE
 27TH DAY OF SEPT. 1881
 AGE 82 YEARS"**

Rowland-6 and Elizabeth had several children either deceased or married before the 1850 census of Lumpkin County, GA is taken, which is the first census which lists everyone's name and the year and state of birth. Rowland-6 Bearden (alternate spellings but spelled ROWLAND in most legal transactions) had known issue, Bearden:

388. Marion-7 Bearden (TWIN to an unknown), who, according to his niece, Mrs. Joseph Asbury Sewell, m. Artenesis CLAYTON. A connection can be made by the Clayton family researchers to the Rachel-6 Bearden (Person No. 105) who married in Caldwell County, KY to James CLAYTON, and to John H.-6 Bearden (Person No. 65), said to have m. before 1795 in South Carolina to Caty CLAYTON.
389. Isabel-7 Bearden, called "Ibby", b. about 1823 in Georgia; m. about 1850, in the Lumpkin County, GA area, Elijah ("Alesha" as spelled by Mrs. Sewell in 1927) DENNY of the Dawson County, GA family. It is a reasonable assumption that Mrs. Wilke transcribed some of these names wrong as the handwriting was almost illegible in the NSUSD records.
 Two of "Ibby"'s sisters, both Elizabeth-7 and Lydia-7 (or Celia), married Francis M. COCHRAN, Elizabeth-7 marrying her sister's widower.
 One of Francis M. Cochran's sisters was Mary Polly Cochran who married Isaac N. MINCEY. The daughter of Isaac N. and Mary Polly (COCHRAN) Mincey is Sarah Ann Mincey who married Person No. 933, John Kimsey-8 BEARDEN in 1879, the nephew of Isabel-7 Bearden and the grandson of Rowland-6 and Elizabeth (HARDIGE) Bearden. As one descendant has said, "these families are lots of kin!"
 Isabel-7 had one known issue, Denny: Armanda-8 Denny, b. on 9 March 1854 in Lumpkin County, GA, m. 1888 in Dawson County, GA to Frances M. MINCEY, who was b. on 18 Dec. 1857 in Dawson County, the son of Isaac N. and Mary Polly (COCHRAN) Mincey. Armanda-8 Denny had issue, b. Dawson County, Georgia:
- a. Connie-9 Mincey, born on 15 Jan. 1881.
 - b. Josie-9 Mincey, born on 19 Jan. 1883.
 - c. Bell-9 Mincey, born on 3 Dec. 1885.
 - d. Lillie-9 Mincey, b. on 15 May 1887, d. 19 Sept. 1961, Gordon County GA, buried Blackwood Cemetery.
 - e. Julian-9 Mincey, b. on 11 Sept. 1889, m. Beulah SMITH.
 - f. Gurtie-9 Mincey, b. on 4 Aug. 1893, m. James GARNER, lived Geraldine, Alabama.
 - g. Ora L.-9 Mincey, b. 25 Feb. 1897, choked to death, buried High Shoals Cemetery beside cousins, Lovina M.-9 and Rachel-9 Bearden, the latter m. a CHESTER.
390. Savannah-7 Bearden, b. 1823-1825 in GA and m. 3 Nov. 1840 in Lumpkin County, GA to David WHITTEN. Nathaniel Harbin GOSS m. on 4 Jan. 1820 in Hall County, Millicent WHITTEN and they are the ancestors of Eugene R. PERRY (under Person No. 375).
391. Irene-7 Bearden, listed by her niece, Mrs. Joseph Asbury SEWELL, as having married (?) McKAY.
392. Lydia-7 (or Celia) Bearden, known as "Louie" and "Lycia", b. 1826 in Hall County, GA and d. between 1850 and 1858 in Lumpkin/Dawson County, GA, m. on 30 March 1846 in Lumpkin County to Francis Marion COCHRAN, who was b. on 31 July 1826 in Hall County, GA and d. on 5 Feb. 1921 in Dawson County, GA, buried there in the Cochran Cemetery, the son of Abraham and Rebecca (LUTHUR) Cochran. Lydia-7 is said to have left two issue:
- a. Elizabeth-8 Cochran.
 - b. Rebecca-8 Cochran.
393. Lucinda-7 Bearden, b. 1827 in Georgia, m. on 11 Jan. 1852 in Whitfield County, GA to John RICE/REECE. She is the first issue listed with her mother on the 1850 census.
- *394. John Kimsey-7 Bearden, b. 1829, d. 1915, m. 28 Jan. 1852 in Lumpkin County to Mary Ann Missouri WATERS.

395. James-7 Bearden, b. on 5 Oct. 1835, d. on 17 Sept. 1908 in Dawson County, Georgia, m. Juney Elizabeth (?), unknown.
396. Rowland-7 Bearden Jr., b. 1835 (TWIN), according to the 1850 census of Lumpkin County, GA; m. at an unknown time and place but according to Mrs. Joseph Asbury Sewell's statement in 1927, he m. Cauroll CHAUNCE (spelled sometimes as CLAUNCH, KLONTZ). This is in all probability the "Roland" Bearden who tried to enlist from Dawson County on 16 May 1862 in the Civil War and was turned down by the examining surgeon because of his feet and traveling distance to battles.
397. Elizabeth-7 Bearden, b. on 3 July 1837 in Lumpkin County, GA and d. on 8 Jan. 1916 in Dawson County, GA, buried in the New Hope Church Cemetery with tombstone inscription near her parents. She m. on 11 April 1858 in Dawson County to her sister's widower, Francis Marion COCHRAN and had known issue: Francis-8 m. cousin, No. 971, Rachel C.-8 BEARDEN; John-8 m. cousin, No. 926, Theresa A. BEARDEN; and Caroline-8 as given by Mrs. Bruce*. One daughter is the writer of the old letter in possession of Mrs. R. D. White.
398. William-7 Bearden, b. on 8 Oct. 1839 in Lumpkin County, GA and d. on 22 Aug. 1906 in Dawson County, GA, buried in the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery; m. on 19 Oct. 1861 in Dawson County to Martha Jane WATERS, probable sister of Mary Ann Missouri Waters who married his brother, John Kimsey-7 Bearden, m. second Frances "Fanny" SATTERFIELD.
- *399. Nelson Franklin-7 Bearden, m. 24 March 1859, Rachel STONE.

*Mrs. Paul O. Bruce of Douglasville, GA has compiled an interesting account of "The Cochran Family": "Jacob Cochran married Mary ENGLISH and came to Georgia from Montgomery County, NC. He appears to be in the household of his son, Jacob Cochran Jr. on the 1820 census of Hall County, GA. Three other children of Jacob and Mary Cochran also settled in Georgia: Abraham Cochran (Abram) m. Rebecca LUTHER on Dec. 18, 1817 and had children:

- "(1) Elizabeth "Betsey" Cochran, b. Oct. 23, 1818, NC, d. Dec. 14, 1898, m. Joe CLAYTON (see under No. 105 for CLAYTON).
- "(2) Rachel Cochran, b. Nov. 23, 1820, NC, d. unmarried June 1882.
- "(3) John Russell Cochran, b. Nov. 25, 1822, NC, d. April 1910, m. Mary KIZER, b. 1820, NC.
- "(4) Arcadia (Catie) Cochran, b. Oct. 31, 1824, GA, d. June 29, 1899, m. Abner E. WATERS, b. Oct. 31, 1825, SC, d. May 24, 1907.
- "(5) Francis Marion Cochran, b. July 21, 1826, GA, d. Aug. 5, 1917, m. Terese BEARDEN on Mar. 31, 1846; she was b. 1826, GA. He m. second Elizabeth BEARDEN on April 11, 1858 who was b. July 3, 1827, d. Jan. 8, 1916." (Note by writer: Discrepancy here!)
- "(6) Margaret Matilda (Tildy) Cochran, b. May 10, 1828, GA and did not marry.
- "(7) George Washington Cochran, b. 1830, GA, m. Sarah HONEY, b. 1839, GA.
- "(8) James Mateson Cochran, b. Dec. 3, 1832, GA, m. Betty MATHIAS, b. 1840, GA.
- "(9) Polly J. Cochran (Mary E.), b. April 2, 1835, GA, d. April 8 1917, m. Isaac N. MINCEY on March 22, 1857, Lumpkin County, GA.
- "(10) Arminda (Mindy) Cochran, b. 1836, GA, did not marry.
- "(11) Abram Van Buren Cochran, b. 1838, GA, d. in the Civil War, did not marry.
- "(12) Jacob (Jake) Cochran, b. 1840, GA, d. in the Civil War, did not marry.
- "(13) James Alfred William Cochran, b. 1841, GA, m. Mary WILSON, b. 1852, GA.
- "Nos. 1, 5, and 9 birth and death dates from Caroline Cochran of Dahlonga, GA, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Bearden) Cochran; Nos. 7, 10, 13 from Lumpkin County census, 1850).
- "Note: The 1850 Lumpkin County, Georgia census, lists Lydia Bearden as the first wife of Francis M. Cochran. Lumpkin County marriage records show Sealey Bearden as his first wife. Mincey White says Terese Bearden was her name. The 1880 census, Dawson County, GA, High Shoals District: John and Mary Cochran; Alfred and Mary Cochran; James and Eliza Cochran; Francis and Elizabeth Cochran; George and Sarah Cochran (Rebecca, Mindy and Rachel are listed with Alfred and Mary). Nibleville District lists Catie (Arcadia) Cochran and husband, Abner E. Waters.

"Abraham (Abram) Cochran and his family are listed on the 1830 census of Hall County, GA. In 1840 and 1850 Abram Cochran is listed in Lumpkin County, GA and in 1860 Abram Cochran is listed in the Amicalola District of Dawson County, GA.

"Jacob Cochran Jr., m. Patsy POOL on 24 Jan. 1811 and had issue:

"(1) Jean Cochran, b. Feb. 15, 1812, NC, no record.

"(2) Polly Cochran, b. Dec. 25, 1813, NC, m. Moses SWOFFORD, b. 1797, SC.

"(3) Henry P. Cochran, b. Oct. 19, 1815, NC, m. Rebecca CAVENDER on 23 July 1846, Lumpkin County, GA, d. in Union County, GA in 1898.

"(4) Jacob Jackson Cochran, b. Aug. 17, 1817, NC, m. Nincey MANNING, b. 1824, NC.

"(5) Clarence Cochran, b. Jan. 12, 1820, GA, no record.

"(6) John Pinckney Cochran, b. Dec. 21, 1821, Hall County, GA, d. Aug. 22, 1897, Fannin County, GA, m. Margaret (Peggy) McCAY on 28 Nov. 1844; Margaret was b. 14 June 1824, GA, d. 15 Sept. 1875, Fannin County, GA.

"(7) Colwell Collins Washington Cochran, b. 28 May 1824, Hall County, Ga, m. Elizabeth EAFIN on 19 Aug. 1849, Lumpkin County, Ga, Elizabeth was b. in 1829, GA.

"(8) Rebecca Cochran, b. 29 May 1826, Hall County, GA, m. John THOMASON, b. 1828, GA.

"(9) Patsy Matilda Cochran, b. 25 March 1828, Hall County, GA, probably d. young, no record of her in the 1830 Hall County census, or any of the census schedules of Union County.

"(10) Nathan Mateson Cochran, b. 24 Aug. 1829, Hall County, GA, m. Eliza A. GADDIS, b. 1832, GA.

"The 1850 census of Union County, GA lists Jacob Cocerham and wife Patsy and son Nathan; John P. Cocerham and wife Margaret and family; Jacob Cocerham and wife Nincy and family; C. W. Cockerham, wife Elizabeth and daughter Sukey, 4 mos.; and H. P. COCKRUN, wife Rebecca and son John, age 1." (Note Person No. 348, Elizabeth-7 BEARDEN m. Hezekiah COCHRAN).

END OF COCHRANS

104. **Thomas-6 Bearden** (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1790-1800, according to the 1830 and 1840 census of Wayne County, TN and Gilmer County, GA respectively. He died or disappeared from Lumpkin and Gilmer Counties, GA before the 1850 federal census was taken and the year and place of his birth cannot be given. He and his wife Ann are charter members of New Hope Baptist Church in Lumpkin County and are lettered out on 6 Sept. 1845. Their seemingly orphaned son, Thomas-7 Bearden, is on the 1850 census of Gilmer County GA, age 10, born 1840 in Georgia, in the Jane POWELL, age 63 (born 1787 in NC), household. Living with them is John POWELL, age 28, born 1822 in SC.

There are various Thomas Beardens at this time in history and it's virtually impossible to identify them. This one could have been the identical Thomas-6 Bearden who m. on 1 August 1814 in Ohio County, KY to his cousin, Catherine BELL (compiled under Person No. 71, see also under Person No. 78) as he had a son born in 1816. One Thomas Bearden m. on 21 March 1822 in Lauderdale County, AL, to Polly LITTLEJOHN (Lauderdale County, Alabama Marriages, Book 6, Section 1, Pg. 43. See under No. 327, Thomas-7).

The subject here, Thomas-6's first wife died before 1825 as he had a son born in that year by his second marriage, which is not recorded until 6 May 1827 in Hall County GA, to Anny "Ann" EAST, John Head, J. P. (Hall County Marriages, Book 1).

Thomas-6 Bearden is listed in 1830 as the head of household on the census of Wayne County, TN (Pg. 299, Line 16, by Byron Sistler). The census also places his parents there on the same date. Person No. 43, Richard-5, made his Revolutionary War declaration there in 1825 and was living in the household of his son-in-law, William Manoah HARALSON and his wife Frances-6 BEARDEN (Person No. 109). The young brother of Thomas-6 and Frances-6 (compiled herein as No. 111), John-6 Bearden, is counted 1830 in the family of Thomas-6 Bearden:

Thomas-6 Bearden, age 30-40 (b. 1790-1800); wife, same age; 1 male (5-10, born 1820-1825) by first wife; 1 male (-5, born 1825-1830) probably by last wife. Living in same household in 1830 in Wayne County is a male,

age 20-30, born 1800-1810, the John-6 Bearden of the 1825 Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War pension statement made in Wayne County, TN: "I have a son John nineteen years old and able to work for his own living."

Thomas-6 BERDIN, Ansel-6 BERDEN, William-6 BERDEN and Richard-6 BERDEN (so spelled) are listed on the 1835 state census of Lumpkin County, GA. Thomas-6 has six people in his household; Ansel-6 has eleven people living with him; William has five people in his household; Richard-6 has seven in his household (Georgia Genealogy Magazine, No. 87, Winter 1985).

Thomas-6 Bearden and his wife "Ann", placed membership in the New Hope Baptist Church on 3 June 1843, then located in Lumpkin County, GA (this location in Dawson County, GA after 1857) and, as stated, are lettered out on 6 Sept. 1845. Both Thomas-6 and his wife, in the twenty-seven months they are members of this congregation, figured in several church episodes as recorded in the minutes by the clerk of the church, Ansel-6 Bearden.

The 1840 census of Gilmer County, GA (Census No. 006), lists as the head of household, Thomas-6 Bearden, age 40-50; female (40-50); 1 male and 1 female (10-15, born 1825-1830); 1 male (5-10, born 1830-1835); 2 males and 2 females (-5, born 1835-1840). Living with Thomas-6 Bearden in 1840 is a male, age 70-80 (his father, Richard-5 born 1760-1770). Thomas-6 had seven issue in 1840, no doubt some are already married as he m. first about 1814.

The 1840 census of McNairy County, TN (Jackson and Teeple's Accelerated Indexing System), lists Thomas-6 Bearden as the head of household, the status of all people the same as the Gilmer County, GA household with the exception of the old man who does not appear in the 1840 Thomas-6 Bearden household in McNairy County, TN.

The parents of Thomas-6 who are Richard-5 and Sarah had already gone to Gilmer County, GA by way of Alabama and it was probably they who established the 1840 Gilmer County household, but, as often happened, their son was counted as head of household. The conclusion is that Thomas-6 is enumerated twice in the 1840 census because he was in the process of moving from McNairy County, TN to Gilmer County, GA. Thomas-6 had the following speculated issue:

400. Thomas-7 Bearden, Jr., the older male issue listed with Thomas-6 in 1830, b. about 1815-1816 in Jackson County, GA and d. after 1870 in Whitfield County, GA, m. on 11 May 1848 in Murray County, GA to Hannah (BARTLEY) CUMMINS (widow of a Cummins), Hugh McDonald, J. P. Hannah was b. 1822 in GA. Hannah and their son, Alexander-8 Bearden, who was b. 1849 in Georgia, are listed on the 1850 census of Gilmer County in household of Nancy BARTLEY, b. 1778 in Virginia (Census No. 115, Pg. 7, by R. J. Taylor Foundation). Thomas-7 is listed as head of household in the 1860 and 1870 census of Whitfield County, GA as a wagon maker and a wheelwright (1860 Microfilm No. 177; 1870, 12th Land District/872 GMD, 5 July, Post Office, Dalton, GA.) Thomas-7 had known issue:
 - a. Alexander-8 Bearden, b. 1849 in Gilmer County, GA and listed with Hannah Bearden on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA.; listed in the Thomas-7 and Hannah Bearden household on the 1860 census of Whitfield County. "Alex" m. in Murray County, GA to Malinda E. EDWARDS (Marriage Book 1, 1860-1871, Pg. 311).
 - b. Adaline-8 Bearden, b. 1853 in Georgia.
 - c. Malinda-8 Bearden, b. 1855-1856 in Whitfield County, GA.
 - d. Tabitha-8 Bearden, b. 1858 in Whitfield County, GA and gone from home before the 1870 census was taken.
 - e. Alpha M.-8 Bearden, b. 1860-1862 in Whitfield County, GA.
 - f. John-8 Bearden, born 1863 in Whitfield County, GA.
401. Andrew A.-7 Bearden, b. before 1825 in Georgia or Tennessee and m. on 15 Sept. 1841 in Carroll County, GA to Jane HUCKABEE, m. second on 27 June 1858, Whitfield County, GA to Mary Ann McWHERTER (WEATHERS FAMILY for HUCKABEE; SCHELL-SCOTT-MCCUISTION FAMILY for McWHERTER).
402. Harrison-7 Bearden, first issue of Thomas-6 by his second wife, Anny EAST, b. about 1830 in Wayne County, TN and m. on 19 July 1850 in Gilmer County, GA to Lucretia MATTHIAS/MATTHEWS, recorded in the back of an old bond book as was the marriage of Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden (Book 1835-1852 Book 1, Pg. 55). He is not listed on 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA.

403. Rosa-7 Bearden, married on 1 Aug, 1847 in Gilmer County, GA to William C. CHANCEY/CHAUNCEY/CLAUNCH/ KLONTZ).
404. Thomas-7 or 8 Bearden the younger, one of the unidentified, who may be a grandson of Thomas-6, b. 1840 in Gilmer County, GA, listed 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA in family of Jane POWELL, born 1787 in NC, with John A. Powell, b. 1817 in SC. Abraham Powell and his wife Nancy are listed on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA, born 1790 and 1810 respectively in SC.

Inadvertently left out Stephen-7 Bearden, b. about 1837, GA, counted on 1860 census in Gilmer County, GA, Subdiv. 33, #1012/877, with wife Elizabeth, b. 1832, NC. Issue: William T.-8 b. 1855; John-8 b. 1857; and James-8 b. 1860. The 1870 Gilmer County census, Subdiv. 55, Ellijay, Page 258, No. 254/254, lists Stephen-7, and Elizabeth with issue: William Thomas-8 b. 1856; John D.-8 b. 1858; James D.-8 b. 1860; Franklin-8 b. 1862; Nancy V.-8 b. 1865 and Elender-8 b. 1869.

Stephen-7 Bearden enlisted in the Confederate Army as a Private on 23 July 1862, same company, regiment etc. as his cousin, Person No. 354, William Newton-7 Bearden. He was captured at Vicksburg, MS (same place his cousin in same company died) and was paroled there on 8 July 1863; listed absent without leave 31 Oct. 1863.

His son, James D.-8 Bearden, is listed on the 1900 census, Gilmer County, GA, Diamond District. He had m. Nancy LONG, b. Apr. 1864 and had issue in 1900: Isabella-9 b. Oct. 1884; William-9 b. May 1886; Ida-9 b. March 1887; Sina-9 (female) b. May 1889; Burt-9 b. June 1892; May-9 b. Sept. 1895; Nola-9 b. Oct. 1897; Caroline LONG, sister-in-law, b. 1881; and Sarah LONG, b. Nov. 1884. All were born in GA. The 1910 census, same place, lists James D.-8's widow, Nancy E., Bearden, b. in TN; mother b. GA; father b. TN. Living in her family was Ida C.-9 b. 1890; Walter B. b. 1892; Lela M. b. 1894; Magnolia b. 1897; Lester C.-9 b. 1900; and Mary E.-9 Bearden, b. 1902.

106. Richard-6 Bearden Jr. (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?) (TWIN), born 1794-1804 in Spartanburg County, SC, his will written on 28 Jan. 1858 in Whitfield County, GA, the same probated on 2 March in the same year. There has been much speculation about the wives of Richard-6 Jr. He m. first about 1818 in the area of Jackson/Hall County, GA, said to have been a Cherokee Indian girl, by whom he had at least six issue. One Unise Bearden is listed in the church minutes of Hall and Lumpkin Counties at the same time as Richard-6, and has been speculated as being his wife but she simply does not fit the sparse information; one reason is that she did not remove her church membership at the same time he did. One Unise Bearden is compiled as Person No. 333.

Simply by the process of elimination, Richard-6 is the probable identical person of this name who married as his second wife, on 31 Oct. 1829 in Green County, GA to Elizabeth PARKER ("40,000 EARLY GEORGIA MARRIAGE ROUNDUP AND RECORDS", Pg. 94, Joseph T. Maddox and Mary Carter), whose full name could be Penelope Elizabeth or Elizabeth Penelope PARKER as Richard-6 Jr.'s wife is listed on the 1850 census as Penelope.

There are three Richard Beardens in Georgia in 1829 who are old enough to marry: (1) Person No. 75, Richard-6 Bearden of Clarke County, listed on the 1830 census without a wife and made his will in 1831 without mention of a wife; (2) Person No. 256, Richard-7 Bearden, b. about 1812, m. Julia WARREN of Walton County, GA; and (3) the subject, Richard-6 Bearden Jr.

Richard-6 BEARDEN Jr. m. third (?) before 1850 to Penelope (?) or else his wife's full name was Penelope Elizabeth as she was named Penelope on the 1850 census of the Amicalola Creek District of Lumpkin County, GA. Speculation is that Richard-6's third wife was Penelope McALROY/McILROY, daughter of Nathan of Harris County, GA, who appointed Richard-6 as his attorney with the power to sell his land in Lumpkin County and use the proceeds for his own use. Penelope died after the 1850 census was taken and before 26 April 1857 when Richard-6 Jr. married (third or fourth?) on 26 April 1857 in Whitfield County, GA to Phebe HUNT (Marriage Book A, Pg. 117).

Elizabeth Parker, who Richard-6 Jr. married as his second wife, is a relative of Charles Parker of Bedford County, TN who married Mollie Sherman-9 REAGOR, the daughter of Martha Ann-8 Bearden and her husband, Elijah A. Reagor, the granddaughter of Willis-7 and Mahala (Rogers/Claunch) Bearden. Mollie-9 is the great granddaughter of Eli M.-6 and Nancy Bearden and the great great granddaughter of Person No. 40, John-5 and Nancy (LANGSTON) Bearden. Further connections can be made between the north Georgia and the Bedford County, TN Beardens (Bedford, Lincoln, McNairy, Lawrence and Giles Counties, TN are only a short distance from the upper Georgia counties of Whitfield, Murray, Gilmer, etc.):

First, the subject's father, Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden Sr., made his first Revolutionary War pension declaration in 1825, Wayne County, TN, affidavit written and signed by Person No. 40, John-5 BEARDEN, and Brittain WILLIFORD of Bedford and Giles County, TN respectively.

Second, the subject here, Richard-6 Bearden Jr., had a daughter who married James ROGERS, a relative of Mahala (CLAUNCH) ROGERS, wife of Person No. 264, Willis-7 Bearden, of Bedford County, TN. Person No. 43, Richard-5 BEARDEN Sr. and Wilson ROGERS presented their applications for a Revolutionary War pension on the same day, at the same time and in the same place (Court Minutes, 1828-1834, Box No., Lawrence County, TN).

Third, Person No. 293, Alfred-7 Bearden, of Bedford and Lincoln Counties, TN witnessed the will of the subject, Richard-6 Jr., in 1858 in Whitfield County, Georgia. Alfred-7 Bearden's own estate is administered on 29 Nov. 1888 in Lincoln County, TN, and in the same location, J. Lucious-7 Bearden m. on 28 June 1855 to Martha McCALROY/McELRELLS.

Fourth, the subject, Richard-6 Jr.'s, will is the same will as also witnessed by Richard-6's own nephews, Persons No. 354, 360 and 791; that is, William Newton-7 BEARDEN, Daniel-7 GREEN and Ansel-8 WRIGHT, the latter a great-nephew, and all are from Gilmer County, GA. It should be noted again that Ansel-8 WRIGHT, in addition to being the subject's great nephew, was the stepson of No. 360 Daniel-7 GREEN. To sum up, the will of Richard-6 Bearden Jr. is witnessed by a grandson of Person No. 40, John-5 of the Bedford County Tennessee Revolutionary War declaration; and by three grandsons of Person No. 43, Richard-5 Sr. of the Revolutionary War pension declarations made in Giles, Wayne and McNairy Counties, Tennessee.

Fifth, Person No. 412, who is Arminda C.-7 Bearden of Gilmer County, GA and the granddaughter of No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden Sr., married as her second husband on 21 Jan. 1847 in Gilmer County to Samuel CLAUNCH, a relative of Mahala (CLAUNCH) ROGERS who married in Bedford County, TN to Person No. 264, Willis-7 BEARDEN; Person No. 268, Charlotte-7 BEARDEN m. there to James B. CLAUNCH; and Person No. 403, Rosa-7 Bearden, married in Gilmer County, GA to William C. CLAUNCH.

Richard-6 Bearden Jr. is first listed as the head of household on the 1820 federal census of Hall County, GA, where his father and some siblings are listed (No. 139, no township or district listed): Richard Bearden (16-26, b. 1794-1804; two females (16-26). These females are in the same age bracket as Richard-6 Jr. and one is obviously a sister. He has one male child under 10, considering his age, born probably 1818-1820.

On 4 May 1825, in Habersham County, Richard Bearden (not stated Sr. or Jr.) of Hall County, grantor to tract of land containing 250 acres in Hall County to James CALLIE of Habersham County, witnessed by Rowland-6 Bearden, J. P. and Elizabeth Bearden (County Ordinary Office, Habersham County, GA, Deed Book 1822-1838, Pg. 25-26).

Listed in the 1830 census schedule of the Cherokee Nation Territory in the state of Georgia, Richard-6 Bearden, his wife and six children are living there by special permission. The Cherokee Nation then consisted of the Georgia counties of Habersham, Hall, Gwinnett, DeKalb and Carroll. Anyone living in these counties had to take the oath of allegiance "to the State of Georgia to defend this State against the Indians" (special publication by the Georgia Genealogical Society, No. 3, "Cherokee Indians").

In 1830 Richard-6 is not listed with the Habersham County Beardens and Person No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden, is the only Bearden who is still listed in Hall County. Richard-6 was in that part of Georgia then supposed to be

occupied by the Indians. The new county of Cherokee in the state of Georgia was formed in 1831 from the Cherokee lands and a portion of the counties of Habersham and Hall. Lumpkin County, GA was formed in 1832 from portions of the counties of Cherokee, Hall and Habersham. Richard-6 BERDEN (so spelled) is listed on the 1835 state census of Lumpkin County, GA (GEORGIA GENEALOGY MAGAZINE, No. 87, Winter 1985) with seven people in his household which means he had five children at home.

23 Dec. 1835, Lumpkin County, Richard Bearden purchased from Jas. W. POE "of the state of Alabama and the county of Benton the lot of land situated, lying and being in the fifth district and first section of originally Cherokee County, now Lumpkin County and known and distinguished in the plan of said District by No. five hundred and fifty eight containing forty acres more or less", wit. by Elias TURNER and Ansel BEARDEN, J. P.

24 Dec. 1836, "I Nathan McCalroy of the County of Harris and the state of Georgia do ordain constitute and appoint Richard Bearden Junr. of the county of Lumpkin and the state of Georgia my true and lawful attorney in fact to act for me and in my name so --- as to sell and convey titles in and to lot or --- No. 529 in the 15 --- of the first section of orig. Clarke County now Lumpkin County containing seventeen acres more or less and to convey the proceeds of said sale to his own purpose use and benefit", recorded 24 Dec. 1836, witnessed by Nathan PATTERSON and Rowland-6 BEARDEN.

6 Sept. 1838, Richard-6 Bearden of Lumpkin County, GA sells to Rowland-6 Bearden tracts of land Nos. 525, 527 and 529 in the 15th district of the 1st section, originally "of Cherokee County now in Lumpkin County", witnessed by R. DOTSON and Henry ADAMS, J. P. (Above deeds in Lumpkin County Deed Book, Pgs. 299-300, etc.).

The 1840 census of Lumpkin County, GA (Census No. 272) lists Richard-6 Bearden (30-40, b. 1800-1810); female (1800-1810); two males and five female children, born between 1820 and 1840.

He next appears as Richard BEARD on the 1850 federal census of the Amicalola Creek District, in the county of Lumpkin and the state of Georgia (Pg. 105), the first United States census listing every person's name, age and state of birth: Richard BEARD, age 51, born 1799; Penelope, age 51; William, age 21; Elizabeth, age 21; Nancy, age 19; Lucinda, age 16; James, age 16; and Mary, age 11.

In 1820, Richard-6 Jr. is head of household in Hall County, GA with one male issue; in the Cherokee Indian Nation in 1830 he had six issue; in 1835 he is counted with five issue; in Lumpkin County in 1840 he has seven issue; and he is still there in the 1850 census with six issue, born before 1840, which indicates his wife had died before 1840 and he had recently married Penelope. Before April 1857 he had removed to Whitfield County, GA, where he remarried, made his will and died before 2 March 1858.

The forenames of Richard-6's issue as listed on the 1850 census of Lumpkin County under the spelling of BEARD and as listed in his will is relevant because these two documents identify him as the same person. Richard-6 BEARDEN (so spelled) made his will on 3 Jan. 1858, the same probated on 2 March 1858 in Whitfield County, GA (Will Book A, Pg. 55) in which he names the identical children who he has in his household on the 1850 census of Lumpkin County, GA.

Richard-6 Bearden had issue, born 1820-1830, by his first wife who are gone from home before 1850 and are not named in his will and, therefore, are not identified. His will devises "to wife Feba and my six children to wit", five of the six identical children listed with him as Richard BEARD on the 1850 census of Lumpkin County, plus one who is married. ("Feba" Hunt, last wife of Richard-6 Jr.):

405. Cinthe-7 Bearden (named for Richard-6 Jr.'s sister, No. 100, Cintha (BEARDEN) SMITH, b. about 1829-1840 in the Cherokee Nation (Hall/Lumpkin Counties, GA area?). She is named as Cinthe ROGERS, first legatee and child in her father's will, married before the 1850 census was taken and although no marriage record has been found, she is believed to have married James ROGERS of Gilmer County, GA and Bedford County, TN.

406. William Clark-7 Bearden, b. 1829-1831 in the Cherokee Indian Nation, GA, the first child listed with Richard-6 on the 1850 census of Lumpkin County, the fifth legatee as named in the Richard-6 Bearden will, and is to receive all of the Richard-6 Bearden personal property, "given" notes and accounts. He is listed as the head of household on the 1860 census of Whitfield County, GA, named as William BEARD, age 21 on the 1850 census, named as William C. BEARDEN in the will and named as W. C. BEARDEN, age 29, on the 1860 census.
William Clark-7 m. on 14 Dec. 1848 in Hall County, GA, to Elizabeth SNOW, born 1832 in NC. He was married when the 1850 census was taken and he and his wife Elizabeth are listed in the household of Richard-6 BEARD on the 1850 census of Lumpkin County, GA. He had issue in 1860, b. in Georgia (Census No. 147): Martha-8, b. 1850; Sarah-8, b. 1854; Paramina-8, b. 1856; George W.-8, b. 1858; and Matilda J.-8 Bearden, b. 1859.
407. Nancy-7 Bearden, b. 1831-1832 in Georgia and named as Nancy AULT and the second legatee in her father's will. She married on 12 Nov. 1854 in Whitfield County, Georgia to William Robert AULT (Marriage Book A-1, Pg. 54, Milton SMITH, MG).
408. Lucinda-7 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1834 in Georgia and named as Lucinda Bearden in her father's will. One Lucinda-7 Bearden married in 1852 in Whitfield County to John RICE (sometimes spelled as REECE) and Mrs. Sewell, in 1927, gives her as the daughter of her ancestor, Person No. 101, Rowland-6 Bearden.
409. James Jasper-7 Bearden (TWIN), the identical first and middle name as the writer's great grandfather (Person No. 353, also under Nos. 338, 810 and 818), named as the fifth issue of Richard-6 Bearden Jr. on the 1850 census of Lumpkin County, GA and the sixth and last legatee as named in his father's will. He enlisted in the War of the Rebellion on 15 Sept. 1862 in Calhoun, Gordon County, GA, under Captain McDaniel, as a Private, Company F, 7th Regiment, Georgia Infantry and was never absent from his company, killed in the war on 1 June 1863 at Cold Harbor, VA (Archives and Records Center, Washington, DC, copies in writer's possession).
James Jasper-7 Bearden m. on 22 Sept. 1853 in Carroll County, GA to Frances "Fanny" DOUGHERTY ("Early Georgia Marriages", Marriage Book 4, Pg. 4, by Mary Carter), who was born 1838 in Georgia. "Fanny" married second, John W. JONES, who was born 1844 in Gilmer County, GA, who may be the brother of Semantha JONES who married Person No. 352, Robert Kimsey-7 BEARDEN, and the cousin of Jemima JONES who married Person No. 346, Jacob Pleasant-7 BEARDEN.
Frances "Fanny" Bearden applied for a Civil War widow's pay from Carroll County, GA on 25 Sept. 1863, stating she was the widow of James J. Bearden. She later applied for a Civil War pension as Frances (DOUGHERTY) Bearden-Jones (National Archives, Washington, DC, Clerk of the Court, Carroll County, GA).
410. Mary A.-7 Bearden, b. 1839 in Georgia, the last child as named on the 1850 census of Lumpkin County, GA and the fourth legatee as named in the Richard-7 Bearden will. Mary A.-7 Bearden was not married when her father made his will and no marriage has been found for her.

107. Williby/Willoby/Willoughby-6 Bearden (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. about 1800-1804 in Jackson County, GA; d. after 1880, Cartecay District in Gilmer County, GA and buried in the Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery beside his wife of fifty years. He m. before 9 Oct. 1824, area of Hall County, GA to Sarah PEAK/PEEK, born 1802-1805 in Franklin County, GA and died before 1880 in Gilmer County, GA, the daughter of Solomon and Rachel Peak who were charter members of the Dewberry Baptist Church of Hall County, along with Jacob-6 Bearden and his wife Winifred, Richard-6 Bearden Jr., Unice Bearden, the Reverend Robert O'Barr and his wife, Celia-6 (Bearden) O'Barr.

Sarah Bearden is received by experience in the church after her marriage. Her parents are dismissed by letter on 9 Oct. 1824 (Microfilm copy of the Dewberry Church minutes on deposit in the Georgia State Archives, Atlanta, copy in writer's possession).

Several years ago, due to letters sent to the Georgia State Archives by the writer and Sybil McRay, the latter a well-known historian, author and genealogy columnist of Gainesville in Hall County, workers from the Georgia Archives spent several days with Mrs. McRay at the Chesatee Regional Library in Gainesville, filming the church

records, local history and courthouse records of that area. The church records of the old Dewberry Baptist Church were brought in by the church clerk for microfilming and Mrs. McRay found they pertained directly to her own ancestors and these records were copied directly from the church minutes by Mrs. McRay since she was in charge of this project.

One hundred and eighty years after Williby-6 Bearden was born in this location, Mrs. McRay typed and sent to this writer a copy of these old church minutes, written on the Chesatee Regional Library stationary, and dated 5 July 1983. Because of the important role the wife of Williby-6 Bearden plays in the history of the Bearden family in the counties of Hall and Gilmer in North Georgia, some of these old church records are again given:

"April 21, 1821, we the Presbytery being truly called to constitute a church at Dewberry Meeting House of the Baptist faith and order having met agreeably to appointment and after": — — (illegible) "and set apart our beloved Brethren and Sisters, Solomon Peak, Robert O'Barr, Jacob Bearden, John Riffle, John Rollins, Jesse Dobbs; sisters Rachel Peak, Unice Bearden, Winifred Bearden, Seloch Obear (sic), Mary Ingraham, Rachel Level, twelve in number to organize a church in full power in all the requirements of the same as witness our hand the day and date above." Signed by James Ryle, Bartemus Reynolds and Solomon Peak.

"May 27, 1825, received Sarah Bearden for membership by experience.

"June 7, 1834, dismissed Jacob Bearden and his wife, Winifred by letter.

"June 7, 1834, dismissed Richard Bearden by letter.

"Oct. 9, 1834, dismissed Solomon Peak by letter.

The history of the Peak/Peek/Peck family is intertwined with the history of the Bearden family. There is a connection between the two families as far back as 7 Jan. 1673 in the Hartford, Connecticut will of Nathaniel BERDING wherein he names Paul PEAK (sometimes transcribed PECK) as a legatee and made him one of the overseers of his will ("GENEALOGY OF THE PURITANS", Pg. 167).

In 1805, Spartanburg County, SC, Thomas Bearden sold 100 acres on Dutchman's Creek to Benjamin NICHOLS, witnessed by Benjamin PEAK and James LEE (Deed Book K, Pg. 124).

In 1808 in Spartanburg County, SC, Thomas-5 Bearden sold to Isaac-5 Bearden 100 acres on Dutchman's Creek on lines of Hiram HARRALSON, John and Sam MORROW, Sam WOFFORD and Benjamin PEAK's land (Deed Book L, Pg. 242).

In 1842, Spartanburg County, SC, James Bearden sells to Thomas PEAK, 115 acres on Dutchman's Creek (Deed Book Y, Pg. 122).

Two of Sarah (PEAK) Bearden's siblings are Margaret Peak who married Nathan POOL, brother of Patsy Poolg who m. on 24 Jan. 1811 to Jacob COCHRAN and settled in Forsyth County, GA; and Nancy Peak who married Martin INGRAHAM and moved to Cherokee County, AL. Nathan Pool and Martin Ingraham witnessed deeds together in Hall County, GA.

Quoting from "THE HISTORY OF HART COUNTY, GEORGIA", by J. W. Baker, Pg. 281, publ. 1933:

"The Peaks are of English descent and the family can be traced back as far as the year 1284 to the reign of Edward I and the conquest of Wales. In 1598 in the reign of Elizabeth, we find the grant of their Coat of Arms.

"Sir Robert Peak was with Charles I in the Battle of Nasby, and Major Thomas Peak in the Calvary Services of Prince Rubert, nephew of the King.

"Sir John Peak was Lord Mayor of London in 1667 and Sir William Peak was filling that office in 1668. Although they were staunch royalists and churchmen, they doubted the right of the king to rule the church as well as the state and becoming disgusted with the revolution, the younger members began to migrate to America.

"The earliest known emigrant was Robert Peak who came to Virginia in the ship, Margaret; and John Peak in 1623, aged 23, settled in James City County. John was granted 1,600 acres of land in James City County for the transportation of thirty-two persons into the Colony of Virginia.

"The Land Patent Books in the Richmond, Virginia Land Office from 1623 to 1666 shows that the following were Peak immigrants who came to Virginia from England between the above dates: Thomas Peak to Accomack County, 1635; Matthew Peak and William Peake to the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1643, and James Peake, 1652.

"To which one of these men the Hart County Peaks descended we are not sure, but it points to Robert Peak because he patented or bought land all the way from James City County to Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Although an old man, he furnished supplies and guns to the Revolutionary War. He had several children and among them was William Peak who fought in the Revolution. William's wife was Miss Elizabeth Shockley. William moved from Virginia to Buncombe County, North Carolina about 1788. His children were David, James, Jesse, George, William Jr., Zachariah, Ruth, Judy and Lizzie....The son, William, of this family had a son named S. Walker Peak. From a book in the New York Library:

'In searching the annals of the family in this country we find no member of it occupying an enviable niche in the political world.'

"To use the words of an old Virginian of the family, George R. Peak of Richmond: 'I have followed the name Peak wherever it could be traced and have yet to find the first instance of crime to be charged against it or an arraignment in a court of justice for a violation of law. I have never known one ambitious of political fame, mean, cowardly, or tyrannical; none who ever lived by his wits; only one office-holder, Humphrey Peake, who was appointed Collector of Alexandria, Virginia, by General George Washington and who had that office until the time of President Jackson. The great merit of which the family can honorably boast is attending to their own affairs and demanding that every one else attend to theirs.'"

A summary of a report as made by Colonel William Wofford to Colonel Jonathan Meigs, agent to the Cherokee Indians, S. W. Point regarding the number of the settlers living in and near the "Wofford Settlement" on the Frontier of Georgia and the Cherokee Nation of Indians lying between the Currahee Mountain and the Headwaters of the Oconee River in 1804 included Joshua Darnigan's Settlers: Joshua Joseph Darnigan, James Cunningham, William Lawrence, Robert Montgomery, William Tansey, Ezekial and Isaiah Dunigan, Thomas Wafer, Joseph Wilson, and John and Solomon Peak (GEORGIA GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE, March 1967, Pg. 440).

This area has been identified as being in the corner of Franklin and Jackson Counties in Georgia and later became Hall County. In the 1805 Georgia land lottery, David, Solomon and John Peak are living in Jackson County and all drew for land located in Baldwin, Wayne and Wilkerson Counties. All three men drew blanks and did not receive land. Previous to 1818, Solomon Peak is named in the early 1800 returns of Jackson County and he is the minister of Timber Ridge Baptist Church, organized in that county about 1800.

Solomon Peak is named as one of the early settlers of Hall County, Georgia, created in 1818 from Jackson County (White's "HISTORY OF GEORGIA").

Solomon Peak is counted on the 1820 census of Hall County, Georgia, age 26-45, wife in same age bracket, 1 male (10-16); 1 male (-10); 1 female (15-20, Sarah who married Williby-6 Bearden); 3 females (-10); and two slaves.

From the Yellow Creek Baptist Church minutes, located near Murrayville: "The Baptist Church of Christ at Yellow Creek Meeting House in Hall County constituted 18th Jan. 1823 by James Riley and Solomon Peek consisting of twelve members then proceeded to ordain Jesse Dobbs and Peter Weaver as Deacons."

In Feb. 1825, Solomon Peak of Hall County, Georgia, purchased from Eliza HULSEY 125 acres, a part of the lot of land granted to Jonathan Canady, witnessed by John D. Wadkins, Jesse Dodd (Dobb?) and Vincent Hulsey, James Law, Clerk (Deeds and Mortgages, Book B, Pg. 26, Hall County, GA).

In 1826, Solomon Peak is listed as one of the ministers present for the organization of the Chatahoochie Baptist Association meeting, Hopewell Baptist Church in Hall County, GA. He is named as being the pastor of the Tesantee Baptist Church, then located in Habersham County, now located in White County, GA.

The lot of land purchased in 1825 by Solomon Peak, No. 61, District 12, Hall County, is now located on the Hall-White County lines on the old highway to Cleveland, GA. This is not far from the Tesantee Church building.

In the 1832 Cherokee land lottery, Solomon Peak, No. 263/292, Bower's District, Elbert County, GA, drew a lot of land located in the 7th district, 3rd section; and No. 211/240, John Peak, soldier, Hangness District, Newton County also drew land.

From the Cherokee Chapter NSDAR of Cherokee County, GA, deposited in the Georgia State Archives, Atlanta: "Fri. 19th of Sept. 1834. This day being set apart for the ordination of Bro. H. S. Rodes, the brethren: L. Robertson, J. Gresham, and Solomon Peak having attended agreeable to the request of the church. An appropriate sermon was delivered by Bro. Robertson. The Baptist Church of Bethlehem having set apart this day for the ordination of Bro. Heflin and S. Rodes for the ministry.....the Presbytery consisting of Luke Robertson, minister of the Gospel, and Solomon Peak, minister of the Gospel."

15 March 1834, Solomon Peak of Cherokee County, GA, sold a lot of land located in Hall County to John A. Bates of Hall County (Deed Book D, Pg. 318).

Solomon Peak is located on the 1820 and 1830 census of Hall County, GA and the 1840 and 1850 of Cherokee County, GA; Chatahoochie Baptist Church of Christ minutes list Solomon Peak as the pastor of the Hightower Church in Cherokee County in 1834 and 1835; minutes of the Boiling Springs Primitive Baptist Church near Crabapple in Cherokee County (now Fulton County) states that church was constituted Nov. 11, 1837, Solomon Peak pastor for nine years until 1846.

Solomon Peak Jr. married in Cherokee County on 27 July 1843 to Mary Ann TUCKER, daughter of Willis and Chloe Ann (BRYANT) Tucker. In 1836, Willis Tucker witnessed a deed in Union County, SC. Mary Ann Tucker's brother, Samuel Lewis Tucker, married Rachel PEAK, daughter of Lindsay and Ester (MADDOX) Peak and granddaughter of Solomon Sr. and Rachel Peak. Samuel Lewis Tucker's Civil War pension application papers say he was born 1838 in Spartanburg County, SC.

Samuel L. and Rachel (PEAK) Tucker are the parents of Bartow Jackson Tucker, born near Crabapple in Cherokee County, GA (this part of Cherokee County later became Milton County and is now Fulton County, GA). Bartow Jackson Tucker is the grandfather of Sybil McRay (see above) and is buried in the Providence Baptist Church Cemetery in Cherokee County. Sybil McRay's great grandparents, Samuel L. and Rachel (PEAK) Tucker, lived in Blount County, AL after 1870 and they both died after 1879 and are buried in the Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Blount County.

Nancy Peak m. on 25 Jan. 1817 in Franklin County, GA, to Martin INGRAM; Lucy Peak m. on 7 Aug. 1827 in Hall County to John WADE; Nancy Peak m. 11 Aug. 1843, Cherokee County to Alexander WILLIAMS.

Mr. George G. Ward, now deceased, a life long resident and historian of Gilmer County, GA, researched the upper Georgia area and its people for many years before he wrote and published in 1965 "THE ANNALS OF UPPER GEORGIA CENTERED IN GILMER COUNTY". Mr. Ward says in part on Pg. 194 (copy in writer's possession and in most genealogy libraries; see No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden, for Mr. Ward's complete article titled "Beardens"):

"Williby Bearden, born about 1808, was an early settler in Gilmer County. He first lived about 13 miles east of Ellijay where he remained until after the War Between the States. He then sold his property and moved back into a portion of the county where he had lived previously.

"Prior to 1880 he lost his wife known as a good neighbor and a faithful wife and mother. Her hospitality towards visitors in her home was widely known. She was a Baptist faithful in attendance upon the service of her church.

"Williby Bearden, Democratic in politics, never joined any church. He had an older brother named Jacob, who bought and settled a farm adjoining Williby but further down the stream on which the places were located. Both men came from Hall County.

"Jacob, who in his old age was often referred to as "uncle", was a man of industry and thrift. He raised a large family, many of whose members have continued in the county until the present time. Both he and his wife were devoted in their church life and were members of Ebenezer Baptist Church."

Sarah Peak, oldest child of the Baptist minister, Solomon Peak Sr. and his wife Rachel, married Williby-6 Bearden and was the object of Mr. Ward's "she was known as a good neighbor and a faithful wife and mother", etc.

The third Georgia land lottery, known as the 1820 lottery, held by the authority of the Act of 15 Dec. 1818, entitled the following persons to draw for land: Bachelor, 18 years or older, three years residence in Georgia, citizen of the United States; married man with wife and or minor son under age 18 or unmarried daughter, three years residence in Georgia, citizen of the United States.

Williby-6 Bearden of Robert's District, the county of Hall and the state of Georgia, age 18-19, drew Lot No. thirty-three (33), lying and situated in the sixth district of the county of Monroe in the state of Georgia, warrant dated 24 Jan. 1822 and registered 16 March 1822, signed by His Excellency, the Governor John CLARK and John BUNCH, S.E.D.

The county of Monroe was formed in 1821 from Indian lands. The 1830 census of Habersham County, Georgia lists "Wilaba" Beardin as the head of household, age 20-30, born 1800-1810; his wife is in the same age bracket and they have issue: 1 male (-10, b. 1820-1830); 1 male and 1 female (-5, b. 1825-1830), Census No. 41.

The 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA lists Willaby Bearden, age 47, born in Georgia; Sarah, age 45, born in Georgia and the following issue, all born in Georgia: William C., age 21; Rachel, age 19; Solomon, age 18; Richard age 16; Ralund, age 13; Bluford, age 11; Sarah, age 9; John, age 6; Suzy, age 4; and Willaby, age 2.

On 18 Feb. 1834 in Upson County, GA, recorded 7 May 1834 in Gilmer County, GA, Williby-6 Bearden, grantee from James R. COX, grantor to 160 acres, a tract of land in the sixth district and section of originally Cherokee County but now in Gilmer County, distinguished in the plan of said district by Lot No. Two Hundred and Ninety Nine, witnessed by James S. WHEATON and John B. LUMPKIN, J. P., H. H. Quillan, Clk. (Gilmer County, GA Deed Book A-B, Pgs. 91-92).

On 29 Nov. 1836 in Gwinnett County, GA, recorded 23 March 1838 in Gilmer County, James DOUGLAS sold to Williby-6 Bearden one hundred and sixty acres of land, originally in Cherokee County but now in Gilmer County, witnessed by Samuel (N?) Douglas and Richard BEARDEN, J. P. (Gilmer County, GA Deed Book C-D, Pgs. 114-115).

On 13 Nov. 1836 in Cherokee County, GA, recorded 18 May 1838 in Gilmer County, Martin (PREAST?) sold to Williby-6 Bearden, witnessed by Abney PHILLIPS and John T. LANDRUM, H. F. PRICE, Clk. (Gilmer County, GA Deed Book C-D, Pgs. 141-142).

On 28 Jan. 1845 in Gilmer County, GA, Francis W. ATHA of Walton County, sold to Williby-6 Bearden of Gilmer County, witnessed by James M. BEARDEN and R. B. Quillian, J. J. C., recorded 3 March 1845 by R. B. Perry, Clk. (Deed Book G, Pg. 130).

On 9 May 1846 in Gilmer County, GA, Joseph ANDERSON deed to Williby-6 Bearden, witnessed by W. M. MATTHEWS and William B. LOVEL, J. P.; recorded 3 Feb. 1847 by R. B. PERRY, Clk. (Deed Book H, Pgs. 121-122).

On 28 Sept. 1846 in Gilmer County, GA, James F. COOPER sold to Williby-6 Bearden, witnessed by Valentine HODGSON and Richard BEARDEN, J. P., recorded 3 Feb. 1847 by R. B. PERRY, Clk. (Deed Book H, Pgs. 120-121).

On 6 Oct. 1846 in Lumpkin County, GA, Williby-6 Bearden, Fannie Bearden and Richard-5 BEARDEN, administrators, made \$1000.00 bond for the administration and settlement of the estate of William Bearden, deceased, late of Lumpkin County (Ord. Court, Pgs. 65-66).

On 6 Dec. 1848 in Gilmer County GA, Enoch WEST deed to Williby-6 Bearden, witnessed by S. C. MULKEY, J. P. and M. P. MULKEY; recorded 12 April 1849 by R. B. PERRY, Clk. (Deed Book J, Pgs. 222-223).

Upson County in Georgia was created in 1824 from portions of the counties of Crawford and Pike, the latter county formed in 1822 from the county of Monroe. The land Williby-6 Bearden drew for and won in the 1822 Georgia land warrant fell in Monroe County and in 1824 it was in Upson County, where the first deed was made.

When the writer wrote to the Gilmer County Clerk of the Superior Court asking for help in the Bearden research in that county, she was not aware that this Gilmer County official was related to the Williby-6 Bearden

descent in Gilmer County. When the Veteran's Administration financed the Revolutionary and War of 1812 tombstones and they were erected for Richard-5 and Jacob-6 Bearden respectively (Willby-6's father and brother), Mr. Willard-9 Ralston, Clerk of the Superior Court, was one of the persons who attended this remembrance for these old soldiers and pioneer settlers of north Georgia.

Although Jacob-6's grave could only be reached by jeep, many fine Willby-6 Bearden descendants were there and they have kept his grave and his memory alive in Gilmer County.

Willby-6 and Sarah (PEAK) had issue, Bearden, as given by his descendants and in conjunction with the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA (by R. J. Taylor Jr. Foundation, Pg. 45/No. 1256, publ. 1978, copy in writer's possession):

411. James M.-7 (Manoah/Monroe/Milton?) Bearden, b. 1820-1830 in Upson or Monroe County, GA and the oldest child listed for Willby-6 and Sarah Bearden on the 1830 census of Habersham County, GA (under 10 years in 1830, so b. before 1825 as other issue is listed as under 5). James M.-7 was over twenty-one in January of 1845 in Gilmer County, GA, old enough on that date to witness a deed for Willby-6 Bearden, recorded 31 March 1845 (Deed Book G., Pg. 130-131). James M.-7 Bearden is not found on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA nor has there been found a marriage for him. One James M. Bearden's estate papers are found in the loose Gilmer County, Georgia estate records 1835-1940, J. M. and James M. Bearden, dated 1911 to 1919. This writer has not examined them and, therefore, does not know if they hold clues to his issue (see addenda, James M. BEARDEN).
412. Arminda Catherine-7 Bearden, b. 1825-1830 in Upson County, GA and m. on 21 Jan. 1847 in Gilmer County, GA to James H. KINCAID ("Early Georgia Marriages"), who was b. 1824 in North Carolina, son of Robert and Elizabeth Kincaid, born 1798 and 1786 in South Carolina, and the grandson of Susannah (?) Kincaid, born 1763 in South Carolina. Arminda-7 m. second on 13 Oct. 1870 in Gilmer County, GA to a distant cousin, Samuel-8 CLAUNCH, close relative and perhaps son of James K. and Person No. 268, Charlotte-7 (BEARDEN) CLAUNCH of Bedford and McNairy Counties, TN. Arminda C.-7 and Samuel Claunch probably had in common the same great and great-great grandfather respectively, that is, John-4 Bearden. London and David M. KINCAID from South Carolina, along with William JAMES, witnessed the 1 Nov. 1830, Giles County, Tennessee deed of Benjamin-5 Bearden, of Giles County, Tennessee: "Benjamin-5 Bearden Sr. grantee from Thomas WORTHAM, grantor of Maury County, Tennessee, a tract of land lying upon the waters of Blue Creek of Richland Creek of Elk River, containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less, butting the land of David M. KINCAID and William JAMES", etc. (Giles County, TN Deed Book H, Pg. 453). On 10 Sept. 1833, Winn-6 Bearden purchased from Robert J. NELSON a tract of land called the Hickory Flat tract, lying on the waters of Blue Creek in the county of Giles and the state of Tennessee adjoining said Bearden on the south and north, on the east by lands belonging to CAMPBELL, on the south partial by lands belonging to McGEE and others and on the west by lands belonging to McCALLUM, it being a part of the grant to John NELSON and laid off to Robert J. NELSON by D. C. MITCHELL and James LEETCH in a division between Thomas WORTHAM, etc.; witnessed by John-5 BEARDEN, William H. JAMES, German LESTER, Clk. (Deed Book L, Pg. 79). Arminda Catherine-7 had known issue taken from 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA (Cen. # 1266, Pg. 45, by R. J. Taylor Jr.): Sarah-8 Kincaid, born 1849 in Georgia.
- *413. William Clark-7 Bearden, m. on 22 June 1854 to Neatty C. (or A.) DAVIS.
- *414. Lydia-7 Bearden, b. 1830, m. 20 Dec. 1841 to John HOLDEN.
415. Rachel-7 Bearden, named for her maternal grandmother and her paternal aunt, b. 1831-1832, probably in Habersham County and is said to have died young. Rachel-7, age 19, is counted in the household of Willby-6 and Sarah Bearden on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, Georgia.
416. Solomon-7 Bearden, named for his maternal grandfather, b. 1833 in area of Upson or Cherokee County, Georgia, m. on 15 Feb. 1855 in Gilmer County to Mary SUTTON ("Early Georgia Marriages"). Solomon-7, age 18, is listed in the Willby-7 and Sarah Bearden household on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, Georgia.

- *417. **Richard Granser-7 Bearden**, m. 31 May 1860, Gilmer County, GA to Sarah Adeline-7 CANTRELL.
- *418. **Rowland-7 "Ralund"**, m. Rebecca Ann MATTHIS/MATTHEWS (some sources say Rebecca GARRETT; her grandchildren should know).
- *419. **Bluford-7 "Bluff" Bearden**, m. 24 Aug. 1865 to Sarah Jane STONE.
420. Sarah Ann-7 Bearden, b. 1837-1845 according to the 1850-1860-1870-1880 Gilmer County census. In 1850 she was "visiting" in the Williby-6 Bearden household and at first compiled as his daughter, although his grandchildren had no recollection or record for her. She is still compiled under him because of the numbering system being used by this writer. Williby-6's brother and neighbor, Jacob-6 Bearden, had a daughter of this name and who was named in his will as "my daughter Sarah Ann Haygood", but who was not counted with the Jacob-6 Bearden household in 1850. The conclusion is that the five to eight year old niece of Williby-6 Bearden was "visiting" in her uncle's household and enumerated in 1850 with his family. She has also been compiled where she belongs under No. 96 and as No. 356. Sarah-7 Ann m. Benjamin Haygood/Haywood and it is concluded that she m. second to her cousin, No. 423, Williby-7 Bearden Jr. (see under No. 356, Sarah Ann-7).
421. John-7 Bearden, b. 1844 in Gilmer County, Georgia and d. after 1910 in Arkansas, m. on 12 Jan. 1872 in Gilmer County to Violet Rosanna SOUTHERN, who was b. 1850 in Georgia, the daughter of Warren Southern (Marriage Book 2, Pg. 249). Some Beardens are buried on the Miles Southern farm in Gilmer County. The descendants of Williby-7 and Sarah say that all of John-7 and Rosanna's children are gone from Gilmer County by 1910 but some of them later returned to their native county. One of John-7's sons got in trouble in Gilmer County and went to Arkansas; John-7 and his family soon followed him. John-7, in 1864 and until the early 1900's, is a member in good standing of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Gilmer County. In 1910, he requests a letter of dismissal and goes to Arkansas. His issue are as taken from the memory of Mrs. Winney (RACKLEY) LOGAN and of Mrs. Alma (BEARDEN) FORRESTER, both of Ellijay, Gilmer County, Georgia who say John-7's issue were all born in Gilmer County, plus the 1880-1900-1910 census there, Cartecay District, No. 139/139; Alto District, No. 233/233; No. 177/177. The following may hold clues as to where John-7 Bearden's son went to in Missouri and Arkansas and where John-7 subsequently followed:
- Robert L.-8 Bearden, b. 1872.
 - Easterline-8 Bearden, b. 1874.
 - Violer-8 "Villa", Bearden, b. on 27 Sept. 1877 and m. Benjamin FINDLEY of Gilmer County, GA and Willow Springs, MO. Mr. G. G. Ward wrote in "THE ANNALS OF UPPER GEORGIA CENTERED IN GILMER COUNTY", Pg. 251, which covers a period between 1833 and 1965:
"Among those who migrated from Gilmer County was Mrs. Lavada (Holden) Findley, oldest of Ozias Holden's daughters, born in Cartecay district in 1828. She had married Rev. W. W. Fendley prior to moving to Willow Springs, Missouri about 1869."
Lavada (HOLDEN) FINDLEY wrote some letters back to her Gilmer County relatives, these old letters addressed from Willow Springs, Missouri to her sister, Mary D. (HOLDEN) HOLT of the Cartecay District in Gilmer County who had married John HOLT. Mr. Ward transcribes some of these old letters in his "Annals of Upper Georgia", Pg. 251-252. Mrs. W. B. (HOLDEN) JAMES of Gilmer County has shared some striking facts about related families who left Gilmer County and removed to Willow Springs, Missouri (Person No. 414, Lydia-7 Bearden, married John HOLDEN).
 - Harley Lester-8 Bearden, b. 1879-1880.
 - Martha-8 "Mattie" Bearden, b. 1885-1889 (census says Mary E.).
 - Charlie T.-8 Bearden, b. Jan. 1885-1889, m. Ola COBB in Gilmer County, Georgia and d. 24 Aug. 1967 in Madison County, Georgia, buried in the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery. One known daughter married (?) LONG, first name not known.
 - Loma-8 Bearden.
 - Neatty-8 Bearden, b. about 1894.
422. Elizabeth Ann-7 Bearden, called "Suzy" and "Luisy" on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, Georgia, and remembered by the Williby-6 Bearden descendants who are still living in Gilmer County in 1980s. "Suzy"-7 was b. on 24 Feb. 1846 in Gilmer County and d. on 13 Feb. 1891, buried in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery beside her husband, Lafayette Monroe "Fate" LOWMAN, also called P. M. Lowman, who she married in Gilmer County on 17 Dec. 1861 when she was a mere fifteen years of age (Gilmer County Mar-

riage Book 2, 1852-1875, Pg. 191). "Fate" Lowman outlived his wife, dying in Gilmer County at an unknown time. They had known issue, born Gilmer County and buried in the Ebenezer Church Cemetery unless stated otherwise:

- a. Morgan B.-8 Lowman, married Mary Elizabeth FORRESTER who died on 17 June 1952 in Alabama and who is a close relative of Marvin Forrester who married Person 1422, Alma-10 Bearden.
 - b. Lafayette B.-8 Lowman, b. 1863.
 - c. John Wheeler-8 Lowman, b. 1865.
 - d. James M.-8 Lowman, b. 1868.
 - e. Georgia-8 Lowman, b. 1871.
 - f. Sarah Lee-8 Lowman, b. 1874.
 - g. Benjamin Hill-8 Lowman, b. 1876.
 - h. Velva-8 or 9 LOWMAN, who may be a granddaughter and who m. Homer MATTHIAS and had issue: Mavis-9 or 10 Matthias who m. in Gilmer County to her distant cousin, Willard H.-9 EDMONDSON (under Person No. 1435 for surname Edmondson).
423. Willoby/Williby/Willoughby-7 Bearden Jr., the youngest issue as listed in the Williby-6 Bearden household on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, Georgia, was b. 1848 in Gilmer County and d. in Fulton County, Georgia at an unknown date but after 23 Dec. 1877 when he married second to his cousin, Person No. 356, Sarah Ann-7 (BEARDEN) HAYGOOD (Marriage Book 3, Pg. 18), daughter of Jacob-6 and Winny. Sarah Ann had m. first to her WINN cousin, Benjamin HAYGOOD. Williby-7 had married first to Martha "Mattie" CHATHAM and had known issue: Martha-8 "Mattie"; Newton-8; Geneva-8; Henson-8; Christene-8; Buren-8; William-8 Bearden, died in Cherokee County, GA and buried in the Hickory Flat Baptist Church Cemetery.

108. Lettice-6 "Letty" Bearden (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. about 1804 in the state of Kentucky and was a twin to Frances-6 Bearden who married William Manoah HARALSON. Letty-6 died after the 1860 census of Wayne County, TN was taken, married at an unknown time and place, but according to the birthdates of her issue, she married at the tender age of about 12 to 14, that is about 1816-1818, in the area of Shelby/Tipton/McNairy County, Tennessee to Valentine S. RESENER (alternate spellings), who was born 1799-1804 in North or South Carolina.

Letty-6's parents are located from 1804 until 1806 on the Livingston County, Kentucky tax list as landowners. Her father, Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden Sr., is listed as the head of household on the 1810 census of Warren County, KY (Census Pg. 265). This, combined with the Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War pension declarations, places him in Kentucky when Letty-6 and her sister Frances-6 were born. In addition to other issue in 1810, Richard-5 had two females under ten years of age.

The first name of this daughter of Richard-5 and Sarah is taken from old records owned by her grandson, and as traditionally passed down to her descendants, being verified through the association of time and place with her parents, and the 1820 to 1860 census taken in the states of GA and TN. The census is only taken every ten years and the later census schedules, plus the family records, give Letty-6 two issue born before 1820.

The John and William RISENOR households are found on the 1820 census of Giles County, TN, while Michael RISENER is found on the census of Floyd County, KY. The family of Valentine and "Letty" RISENOR is first listed on the 1830 census of Shelby County in Tennessee: V. S. Risenor, age 30-40; Letty, age 20-30; two males, five females, born 1815-1830. Shelby County is located in the southwest corner of the state of Tennessee and touches the states of Mississippi and Arkansas. It adjoins Tipton County and is a few miles from McNairy and Obion Counties in the state of Tennessee. This area and the neighboring counties are within what the pioneers considered walking and/or horse riding distance of northern Alabama, upper Georgia, the northeast corner of Missouri, the northeast corner of Arkansas, and the southwest corner of Kentucky.

It is amazing that the Beardens from North and South Carolina, in the life time of Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden (1760-1860) are only a few miles apart, that is the Beardens of north Georgia and Alabama and of the counties of Wayne, Giles, Lincoln, Bedford, Davidson, Williamson, Maury, Dickson, Sumner, Robertson, Mont-

gomery, Stewart, Weakley, McNairy, Lawrence, Obion, Tipton, Shelby, etc., in the state of Tennessee. It is even more amazing that the 1790 to 1998 Beardens in Tennessee from North and South Carolina, are only a few miles from the Beardens of Tishomingo, Prentiss, Pontotoc, Itawamba Counties of northeast Mississippi and the counties of Lauderdale, Limestone, St. Clair, Winston, Jefferson and the general northern part of Alabama.

They were almost within walking distance to the old pioneers of the counties of Greene, Clay, Mississippi, Lawrence, Independence and the other northeast counties of Arkansas; of Stoddard, Dunklin, Cape Girardeau Counties in southeast Missouri; Christian, Ballard, McCracken, Marshall, Hickman, Caldwell, Livingston and those counties lying in southwest Kentucky, of Whitfield, Murray, Fannin, Union, Gilmer, Dawson, Lumpkin and the northern counties of Georgia. Some of this family had spilled over the few miles it took to be in the states of Illinois and Indiana.

Letty-6's brother, Person No. 111, John-6 Bearden of Tipton County, Tennessee in 1832, sold land lying in McNairy County, deed recorded that year in the latter county. Richard-5 Bearden (Person No. 43) in 1836 made his third and final Revolutionary War pension application from the county of McNairy in the state of Tennessee.

The 1840 federal census of Wayne County, Tennessee (Pgs. 101/ 102, Dwelling No. 574) reports the household of Valentine Resener, age 40-50, born South Carolina; Letty, age 30-40 (b. 1800-1810), b. Kentucky, issue born in Tennessee: 1 female (15-20, b. 1820-1825); 2 females (5-10, b. 1830-1835); 1 female (-5, b. 1835-1840). In the same year and place, Jackson RISENOR and two John RISENERS are listed. The 1850 federal census of Wayne County, Tennessee (12th Civil District, No. 434/439) reports Valentine RISENOR, age 52, born NC; Letty, age 45, born KY, issue b. TN: Frances, 12; Elzada (Twin), 8; Nancy (Twin), 8; Susannah, 6.

The 1860 federal census of Wayne County, Tennessee (Civil District No. 11, No. 574) reports Valentine Resener, age 60, wagon maker, born South Carolina; Letty, age 57, born Kentucky; and Newton MAY, age 7, born Tennessee (see BUNCH FAMILY for surname MAY). Neither Valentine nor his wife, Letty-6, are reported on the 1880 Tennessee census, although some of their issue are still located in the counties of Wayne and Lawrence today (1998). These descendants say both Letty-6 and Valentine died during the Civil War. In addition to at least ten Bearden deaths in the Civil War, two of them her brothers, Letty-6 lost other close relatives in that period of time.

Her parents are in Wayne County, Tennessee in 1825 and in 1830, plus several Bearden/Bennett/Heralson/Risener relatives. Two of Letty-6's compiled brothers, Person No. 104, Thomas 5 and No. 111, John-6, are in Wayne County for the 1830 U. S. census and Letty-6's twin sister, Person No. 109, Frances-6 Bearden) Heralson, is in Wayne County in 1830 through 1850. Letty-6 had known issue, Resener, born in Tennessee:

- 424. Unknown female-7, b. 1815-1820.
- 425. Enoch Pleasant-7 Resener, b. 1815-1820, m. Sarah OWEN, m. second 25 Aug. 1885, Wayne County to B. J. BREWER.
- 426. Unknown female-7, b. 1825, m. (?) MAY and had known issue: Newton-8 MAY, b. 1853 in Wayne County, Tennessee.
- *427. Permelia-7 Resener, b. 1830, d. 1900, m. Henry George BREWER.
- 428. James Pleasant-7 Resener, b. 1828, first of Letty-6's issue born in Wayne County, Tennessee. He left Tennessee in 1860 and went to Arkansas or Missouri with the Frances-6 (Bearden) Heralson family. He m. 1848 to Elizabeth BREWER, sister of Henry G. BREWER who married his sister, Permelia-7 RESENER, m. second on 19 March 1859 in Wayne County to a cousin through the Gowens, who was Louisa EARLES and had known issue, one son: Solomon-8 Resener.
- 429. Unknown female-7.
- 430. Frances-7 Resener, b. 1838.
- 431. Eliza-7 Resener (TWIN), spelled Elzada on census, b. 1842, Cypress Creek, near Cypress Inn in Wayne County, Tennessee, m. on 3 Oct. 1858 in Wayne County, to Samuel C. BRYANT.
- 432. Nancy-7 Resener (TWIN), b. 1842, Wayne County, Tennessee.
- 433. Susannah-7 Resener, b. 1844, m. Wayne County, Josiah BREWER.

109. Frances-6 Bearden (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?),

TWIN to "Letty"-6 Bearden who married Valentine Resener, b. about 1804 in Livingston or Warren County, Kentucky. The 1850 federal census of Wayne County, Tennessee, lists both Frances-6 and Letty-6 as having been born in Kentucky. Frances-6 died before 1870 in the Boone County area of Arkansas. She married on 4 Jan. 1824 in Lauderdale County, Alabama, to William Manoah HERALSON/HARRELSON/HURLSON (Marriage Book 1, Pg. 138), who was born 1801 in Tennessee, the cousin of William and Sarah (BENNETT) Heralson of Person County, NC and Knox County, TN.

William Manoah Heralson is a mechanic by trade as reported on the 1850 census. The forename of Manoah "Noah" suggests a kinship to Abel and Manoah Sheriff of Gilmer County, GA and Limestone County, AL (Person No. 351, Mary Ann E.-7 Bearden m. Manoah Sheriff), and to Manoah ("Noah") Ham SMITH who m. No. 280, Celia-7 BEARDEN.

Frances-6 Bearden is listed with her parents on the 1810 federal census of Warren County, Kentucky (female, b. 1800-1810). The 1820 federal census of Hall County, Georgia is impossible to read for the female listing in the Richard-5 Bearden household.

Mr. Danny K. "Haralson" of Safford, Arizona has written and published "HARALSON/HARRELSON FAMILY HISTORY AND LINEAGE", which gives much informational background concerning the Haralson family in Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Mr. Haralson believes that Manoah Webster "Harralson" may be the father of William M. Haralson of Wayne County although "Noah" W. is not located on any census report or legal document.

Mr. Haralson further alleges that "Noah" Webster Haralson lived in the Chickasaw Cession of Mississippi with his youngest son, John Haywood Haralson and died about 1849 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. He states his belief that "Noah" Webster was the son of either James Jr. or William Haralson who both were on mounted infantry duty, 1788-1789, in Hawkins County, Tennessee.

Mr. Haralson further states: "This group of Haralsons migrated through Knox County, Tennessee as well as the Haralsons who lived in Habersham and Union Counties, Georgia. William Haralson, b. 2 Dec. 1774 in North Carolina (possibly Virginia) and married 1799 to Sarah "Sallie" Bennett, who was born 21 May 1778 in North Carolina and died 18 April 1857 in the home of a son, Thomas Haralson of Blairsville in Union County, Georgia. William had died 17 April 1841 in Tennessee.

"They were on the 1800 census of Person County, North Carolina, with one son under ten years of age which would be Peter Bennett Haralson. Sarah was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Pomfret) Bennett. William and Sarah 'Sallie' Haralson went to the Knox County, Tennessee area about 1805 with his wife's parents, where they lived until their move to the McMinn and Monroe area of Tennessee. After William Haralson died, Sallie lived with their son, Thomas J. Haralson, in Union County, Georgia."

Union County in the State of Georgia, was formed in 1832 from Cherokee lands, and from a portion of Lumpkin County.

If the Haralson and Bennett family historians are correct, then Sarah "Sallie" Bennett is the sister of Nancy Bennett who married Person No. 54, Richard-6 Bearden, and the cousin of Sarah Bennett, known as "Sally" who m. Richard-5 Bearden (Person No. 43). The latter two were the parents of this subject, Frances-6 Bearden, who m. William Manoah Heralson. At any rate, all have been placed, by the census, at the same time and in the same places.

The subject, Frances-6 Bearden married in Lauderdale County, Alabama and her father's Revolutionary War pension statement places him there from 1821 to 1824. Richard-5 lived there and some of his issue married there and are still in this area of Alabama and on Cypress Creek, near Cypress Inn, in Giles, Wayne and Lawrence Counties, Tennessee.

Richard-5 made his first pension application in 1825 from Wayne County, Tennessee and he is counted on the 1830 census of Wayne County, in the William and Frances-6 (Bearden) Heralson household. He made his second application for a pension in 1833 from Lawrence County, Tennessee and his third attempt to secure a pension is made in 1836 from McNairy County, Tennessee. He was in this location because he had witnesses near who could vouch for his Revolutionary War experience.

Frances-6 and William Haralson are listed on the 1830, 1840 and 1850 federal census of Wayne County, Tennessee. They disappear from the Wayne County records after 1853-1859, joining a son in Missouri at that time and later dying in the area of Boone County, Arkansas.

The 1830 federal census of Wayne County, Tennessee (Pg. 299, transcribed and indexed by Byron Sistler, Evanston, Ill, 1626 Washington St., 1971): William Heralson (20-30, b. 1800-1810); wife, Frances (Bearden) (20-30, b. 1800-1810); 1 male (10-15, b. 1815-1820); 1 male (-5, b. 1825-1830); 2 females (-5, b. 1825-1830). Living in the William Heralson household in 1830: 1 male (60-70, b. 1760-1770, Richard-5 Bearden, father of Frances-6 and father-in-law of William Heralson); 1 female (60-70, b. 1760-1770, Sarah (Bennett) Bearden, mother of Frances-6, and the mother-in-law of William Manoah Haralson as well as his father's cousin. Frances-6 m. in 1824 to William Manoah Heralson and had four issue in 1830, born between 1824 and 1830.

The 1830 federal census of Wayne County, Tennessee (Pg. 299 and listed just above William Heralson), lists the Thomas-6 Bearden household, age 30-40 (b. 1790-1800); his wife, Anny "Ann" (East), age 30-40; his brother, John-6 Bearden, age 20-30 (b. 1800-1810) as named in the 1825 Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War pension deposition, made from Wayne County, Tennessee: "My son John, age 19, and able to work for his own living." In addition to his wife and his brother, Thomas-6 Bearden has the following issue in 1830: 1 male and 1 female (5-10, b. 1820-1825); 1 male and 1 female (-5, b. 1825-1830).

The 1840 federal census of Wayne County, Tennessee (Pg. 102), reports the William M. Haralson household, b. 1800-1810; Frances-6 b. 1800-1810 in KY and they have seven issue, born 1824-1840.

The 1850 federal census of Wayne County, Tennessee records William Hurlson, b. 1801 in Tennessee, Frances-6 (Bearden), b. 1804 in Kentucky, with five female issue living at home, b. in Tennessee. The 1850 census gives neighbors of William and Frances-6 as J. G. Hurlson, born in 1826, TN, his wife Delia, born 1825 in TN (Person No. 434 below); Person No. 108, Letty-6 (BEARDEN) and Valentine Risenor, and James R. and Rachel Risenor, James age 70, born in South Carolina, and living in household of Joseph PRICHETT.

The following information is taken from the NSDAR application, made by Mrs. Winney Frances MARTIN in 1929 from Forsyth County, Georgia:

Captain Peter BENNETT, soldier of the American Revolution from North Carolina, b. 1750 in Virginia. A daughter is Sarah BENNETT, b. 21 May 1778 in North Carolina, d. 18 Apr. 1857, Union County, Georgia, m. 27 Aug. 1799, Person County, North Carolina to William HERALSON, b. 2 Dec. 1778 in North Carolina, d. 17 Sept. 1841, McMinn/Monroe County, Tennessee.

The son of Sarah (BENNETT) HERALSON is Thomas Jefferson HERALSON, b. 14 Jan. 1819, Monroe County, Tennessee, d. 19 Sept. 1899, Blairsville, Union County, Georgia, m. 24 Mar. 1841, Knox County, Tennessee to Betty MARLEY, m. second 19 May 1846 in Habersham County, Georgia to Mary A. LOGAN, daughter of Major Francis LOGAN Jr.

The son of Thomas Jefferson and Mary A. (LOGAN) HERALSON is William HERALSON, b. 4 June 1858, m. Elizabeth Miller JACKSON. A daughter of William and Elizabeth M. (JACKSON) HERALSON is Mary Jackson HERELSON who married in White County, Georgia to William Guy HUDSON.

A daughter of Mary Jackson (HERELSON) HUDSON is Winney Frances HUDSON who made the application and who married in Forsyth County, Georgia to the Reverend James H. MARTIN.

It should be again noted at this point, that Tempy Ruth MARTIN married on 15 July 1924 in Hall County, Georgia, to C. C. BURDEN (so spelled on license) of Bearden issue (Marriage Book 9, Pg. 339, original copy in writer's possession).

The subject here, Frances-6 Bearden had known issue, Haralson:

- *434. **Jefferson Green-7 Haralson**, b. 1825, d. after 1880 census of Boone County, Arkansas, m. Delila TENNISON.
- 435. Jane/Jain-7 Haralson, b. 1827, Lawrence County, Tennessee.
- 436. Sarah-7 Haralson, b. 1831, Wayne County, Tennessee.
- 437. Lavina/Lovina-7 Haralson, b. 1833, Wayne County, Tennessee.
- 438. Emily-7 Haralson, b. 1838, Wayne County, Tennessee.
- 439. Elizabeth-7 Haralson, b. 1841, Wayne County, Tennessee.

111. **John-6 Bearden** (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), the fourteenth or fifteenth issue of Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden, b. about 1806 in Livingston, Caldwell or Warren County, Kentucky according to the 1825 Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War statement which was made from Wayne County TN; b. in GA according to his son's certificate of death.

John-6's brother, William-6, may be the older as the 1825 Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War statement only names John-6 as still at home and "able to work for his own living". Both are deceased before 1850 and their exact year of birth cannot be determined as William-6 was married before 1825.

John-6 Bearden died after 1849 and before the 1850 federal census of Lumpkin County, Georgia was taken. He could have married first after 1825 and before 1840. One John-6 Bearden marriage is recorded on 28 Feb. 1838 in Hall County, Georgia to Nancy LILES/LYLES, by James Wilson, J. P. (Marriage Book A, No. 987). The Lyles are neighbors of the Beardens on the 1830 census of Wayne County, Tennessee. IF John-6 had a first wife, something happened to her before 1850 when he had issue by his brother's (William-6) widow, Frances "Fanny" (FIELDS) DOWDA-BEARDEN, who was b. on 11 Nov. 1812 in North Carolina and died on 25 March 1891 (1894?) in Dawson County, Georgia.

"Fanny" is the twin sister of Rueben Fields, who was b. on 11 Nov. 1812 in North Carolina. Rueben married Elizabeth JAMES from South Carolina, the daughter of William and Charlotte James, both b. 1766 in Virginia. William James is in Giles County, TN in 1833 and witnessed deeds for Benjamin-5 and Winn-6 Bearden (under Person No. 47 and 154). Charlotte is still living in 1850 and is counted on the census in the Rueben and Elizabeth (JAMES) FIELD household of Gilmer County, Georgia (Census Pg. No. 431, Pg. 18). Rueben and Elizabeth had a daughter named Frances and called "Fanny" Fields.

This is probably the John-6 BIRDEN (names often spelled as they sounded to census takers) who is first listed in 1840 as the head of household on the federal census of McNairy County in Tennessee, age 30-40, the only other person in his household being a female in the same age bracket.

Thomas-6 BEARDEN is listed in 1840 and in the same location of McNairy County, Tennessee (Census No. 043), age 40-50 with a wife in the same age bracket and he has issue in 1840: 1 male and 1 female, age 20-25; 1 male and 1 female, age 10-15; 2 males -10 and 2 males -5. Thomas-6 is again listed on the 1840 federal census of Gilmer County, Georgia (under Person No. 104, Thomas-6). He is moving over the state line and is counted in a civil district in both the state of Tennessee and the state of Georgia.

"8 March 1826, Commissioners of Tennessee to Assignee Reg. Western District, 25 acres, entered 30 June 1826 as occupant claim under Act of 1825 by No. 604, granted Benjamin Wright Assignee Reg. Ninth District, McNairy County on waters of Cypress Creek adjoining Entry No. 1797 Joseph H. Talbot Entry No. 1485 John Bearden" ("ANASEARCHIN' NEWS", Vol. 15, Pg. 86, 1968; "WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT LAND GRANTS", Book 1, Pg. 457, No. 553, recorded 8 June 1827, Certificate No. 3007).

John-6 Bearden of Tipton County, Tennessee, sold the above land located in McNairy County, deed dated 12 Dec. 1833, to Robert BURNEY (McNairy County, TN Deed Book A, Pgs. 397-398). Tipton County is located a

few miles from the state lines of Mississippi and Arkansas. The Richard-5 Beardens are in McNairy County before 1833 per his Revolutionary War declaration made from there in 1836.

The widow of William-6 Bearden, and her children are listed on the 4 Nov. 1850 federal census of the Amicalola Falls Creek District of Lumpkin County, Georgia (by W. P. Reid, Pg. 20). Person No. 43, Richard-5 and "Sally" are listed on Pg. 21, Household No. 11, Line 26: Fanny BRADEN (spelled as listed), age 37, b. North Carolina in 1813; Celia, age 20; Sarah, age 19; Jacob, age 17; James, age 15; Richard, age 14; William, age 11; Angeline, age 9; Fanny, age 6.

William-6 Bearden's widow, her issue and her father-in-law are listed on 7 June, on the 1860 federal census of the Amicalola Falls Creek District of Dawson County, Georgia, by William I. Barnett (Census No. 41/44, Pg. No. 110): Fanny BEARDEN (spelled as listed), age 40; Selah, 29; Sarah, 27; Richard, 22; William, 20; Angeline, 18; Fanny, 14; John, 10 who was born after the 1850 census was taken; RICHARD BEARDEN, AGE 103, RETIRED FARMER, birthplace unknown. The Beardens said "Granville County, Virginia" and "Mecklenburg County, Virginia" or "unknown" for this area which was a part of the state of North Carolina.

Speculation is that John-6 BIRDEN/BEARDEN could have married and his wife died between 1840 and 1849 but there is no indication that he had issue before 1850. By combining the Certificate of Death for his only known issue (the John-7 Bearden in Fanny Bearden's household in 1860) with the 1850 and 1860 federal census, one son is verified for John-6 by Fanny (Fields) Bearden.

This son and his twice widowed mother, Fanny (Fields) Dowda-Bearden, were known in upper Georgia by the writer's grandfather as a young man where he heard many old family stories. He passed some of these on to his oldest issue who has passed them on to his oldest issue (who is this writer). Some of John-6 Bearden's grandchildren are living in upper Georgia as of this date in 1998.

A story as passed down by the writer's grandfather and verified by the children of the north Georgia Beardens, is the fact that Richard-5 Bearden, after he was almost blind, quoted the scriptures verbatim, giving chapter and verse where found. This knowledge, in his own words, "was taught to me by my sainted mother, Lettice (Winn) Bearden, who learned them as a child in Virginia from her Winn parents".

Fanny (Fields) Bearden is related to the Blassingames, Allens and James families who are contemporaries of the Winns and Beardens before their migration to North and South Carolina. These early related families are in the records of the early Virginia counties of Rappahannock, Augusta, Northumberland and York from which the counties of Orange, Essex, Caroline and Spotsylvania are carved. These early records connect these surnames (Essex County Will Book 1720-1722; Ord. Book, Pg. 203; Caroline County Ord. Book 2, Pgs. 3-5; Vol. 1, Pg. 71, Spotsylvania County, VA; over 40 references to James and Thomas Blassingame in Caroline County). These families followed the general migration together to North and South Carolina.

In 1760, Thomas Blassingame bought land on Cartledge's Creek in Anson County, North Carolina and in 1766 a deed transfers this land and he describes himself as "Thomas Blassingame of the Province of South Carolina (see under Person No. 39, Thomas-5 Bearden).

Neighbors to Thomas Blassingame on the Pee Dee River in South Carolina included John COLE, William WATKINS, William MOODY, John CRAWFORD, John LONG, Christopher HUNT, Benjamin MARTIN, Jacob McFALKENBURG, James McILROY, John CUNDALL, Isaac JACKSON, John HAM, John THOMAS, John NEWBERRY, John and James BLASSINGAME, Samuel WINN, John BLAKE, John WESTFIELD, Peter BOUQUETT, Calvin SPENCER, James GILLESPIE, John KIMBROUGH, William BEDENFIELD, John TOMPKINS, John JAMES, etc. (McGrady's "History of South Carolina", Pg. 137).

Thomas Blassingame died soon after he became a citizen of South Carolina, his will dated on 6 March 1767 in Craven District (Will Book 1771-1774, Pg. 246, Charleston, South Carolina Probate Office, recorded 1772). He leaves to his wife Catherine, his daughter Phebe, his grandson James Blassingame, his son James Blassingame and "all my children" without naming them. His wife Catherine and William MOODY (see SCOTT FAMILY for

MOODY surname) are named as Executrix and Executor, witnessed by Joseph PARSONS, Charles and William HUNT, probated on 3 Jan. 1772 by a Dedimus of His Excellency, Lord and Governor Montague.

On 1 Aug. 1770, William Blassingame receives a land grant from the Crown on Goodman's Island, Westfield Creek on the Pee Dee River. In 1771, John Blassingame receives a land grant on Sugar Creek in Union District, South Carolina and in 1772, James Blassingame gets a land grant located on Sugar Creek, Chesterfield District, South Carolina (Land Grants, Columbia Land Office, SC).

On 2 Jan. 1785, Thomas Blassingame receives grants to land on Sally's Branch in Ninety-Six District, South Carolina. On 24 Dec. 1787; received 24 March 1787, Union District, South Carolina, Thomas Blassingame and Frances, his wife, to Daniel Palem "land on Sugar Creek, original grant to Thomas Blassingame, bounded by land of James Betterton (Land Office, Book 5, Pgs. 21, 23, Pgs. 213, 344, 354; Deed Book E, Pg. 147). James Betterton helped make the bond for the John-4 Bearden estate settlement in 1797, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

On 27 Sept. 1785, Thomas Blassingame witnessed deed for Archer SMITH (Deed Book A, Pg. 152, Union County, SC). On 28 March 1788, Thomas Blassingame of Union County, South Carolina, to James Betterton, lands adjoining tract granted to Thomas Blassingame (Deed Book B, Pg. 73).

The 1790 first federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina lists Thomas, Phillip, James and John Blassingame.

On 24 Feb. 1791, in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, Thomas and Phillip Blassingame witness to deed of Nathan and Mary Smith, grantee to person compiled herein as No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden (Deed Book B, Pgs. 521-522).

On 6 Aug. 1796, in Anderson County, SC, Thomas Blassingame III of Pickens County, SC, buys land in Pendleton County on branches of the Saluda Creek from James LINDSAY, witnessed by John Blassingame and Robert EASLEY (Deed Book D, Pg. 357).

On 5 Oct. 1842, Anderson County, SC, Thomas and Sarah Blassingame, land on Anderson Road, Saluda River (Deed Bk. Z, Pg. 572).

Thomas Blassingame III (IV?), b. 11 June 1771 and d. 10 Nov. 1859, is twice married, his first wife being Nancy EASLEY, daughter of Robert and Mary Polly (ALLEN) Easley of Virginia and South Carolina ("SOUTHERN LINEAGES", Pg. 287). His second wife is Sarah EDMUNDSON and the Edmundsons are next in Lumpkin and Gilmer Counties, Georgia.

Samuel Allen's will was made on 7 June 1774 in Cumberland County, Virginia and probated in that year on 22 Sept. (Will Book 2, Pg. 151), in which he names his wife, Martha, and his children: Samuel, Archer, Daniel and FIELD Allen; Mary Elizabeth JEFFRIES, Judah MURRAY, Polly FIELD, Obedience TOWNS, Frances ALLEN and son-in-law, William DANIEL, witnessed by Stephen and Lucy WOODSON, William TOWNS and George BAKER.

The Thomas Blassingame III (IV?) will was made on 29 July 1833 in Pickens County, South Carolina, in which he names his wife Sarah, his children, Obedience FIELD, Mary HARMAN, Elizabeth FIELD, Pertheny ARIEL, Jane WOODRUFF, John Easley, Robert, David, William, Carr, Franklin, J. Thomas, and Harrison BLASSINGAME.

Harrison Blassingame m. Sarah MERRITT and they both died in Mississippi. Thomas Blassingame III lived on the lower end of Anderson County in South Carolina on the Saluda River. A deed to his heirs states: "We, George W. Harman of Campbell County, Georgia; Robert E. Blassingame, Joseph A. Field, and William G. Field, of Old Pendleton District in South Carolina, being legal heirs and representatives of a deed of gift from Thomas Blassingame to his six children: Mary, Samuel, John, Robert E., Elizabeth and Obedience Blassingame, Samuel Blassingame deceased since execution of deed and division of slaves." Deed executed 20 Sept. 1811 (Deed Book A-1, Pgs. 388-389, Pendleton Dist., SC).

Thomas Blassingame III (IV?) had issue: Mary Allen Harrison who m. Samuel HARMAN; Obedience m. Joseph A. FIELD and their issue lived in Murray and Whitfield County, Georgia and later went to Texas; John Easley Blassingame married Mary BOWEN and their children married BOWENS, ALLGOODS and BROWNS, one son was Winn Gowen Blassingame who emigrated from Pickens County, South Carolina to Murray and Whitfield County, Georgia, m. Mary ANTHONY, daughter of Jacob (letters written by E. J. FIELD, Pickens County, SC to Mr. W. B. HARRISON of Ft. Worth, TX, dated 20 March 1920 and by Winn Gowen Blassingame of Sallisaw, OK, dated 30 Aug. 1921; the "FIELD GENEALOGY", Vol. 2, Pgs. 1122-1144-1155).

On 10 Jan. 1814, in Fauquier County, VA, John WINN and Isham O'BANNION, executors of the will of Minor WINN Jr., deeded property to William H. HAMPTON, a total of 532 acres. In 1855, Fauquier County, VA, Mr. Samuel FIELD bought the old Minor WINN home place from a Mr. Hutchinson (see WINN FAMILY). Mr. FIELD named the old home place "Graystone" and it was (1925) occupied by a grandson of Mr. FIELD, one FIELD Burgess ("SOUTHERN LINEAGES", letter written 1925 to Mr. Wayne Smith of Moscow, Idaho by Mrs. George H. FIELD of "Fieldhurst", The Plains, Fauquier County, VA).

Frances "Fanny" (FIELD) Dowda-Bearden may have m. as her third husband to John-7 Bearden. She had a twin brother, Rueben FIELD, and living in his household in 1850 is Charlotte JAMES, b. 1766 in VA. A letter written by Ms. Nettie JAMES of Roebuck, South Carolina in 1900 (1920?), states in part: "I am the granddaughter of Winn Bearden. My grandfather was Isaac Bearden who married Sarah Trail" (under Person No. 47 for William JAMES, witness to deeds for Benjamin-5 and Winn-6 Bearden in Giles County, TN).

John-6 had one known issue, Bearden:

*440. John Wesley-7 Bearden, b. on 12 May 1850; d. on 30 Dec. 1935 Marietta, GA; m. 29 Sept. 1869 to Martha Elizabeth SHEFFIELD.

112. William H. or M.-6 Bearden (Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), the 15th or 16th issue of Richard-5 and Sarah Bearden, b. about 1800-1808 in Georgia or perhaps in Livingston, Warren or Caldwell County, Kentucky and d. on 6 Oct. 1846 of influenza in the Amicalola Falls District of Lumpkin County, Georgia. He may be and is compiled as the William-6 Bearden who married about 1820 in the Tennessee/Georgia area, Louisiana BASS/BASYE, who may be a descendant of Nancy MAUZY and her husband, who was a Bass/Basye (Person No. 74 in WEATHERS FAMILY).

The 1830 census lists William-6 with issue who are not named as the issue of his second wife, who was Frances "Fanny" (FIELD) DOWDA, a young widow from Ballground, Georgia, who was born on 11 Nov. 1812 in Granville County, NC and died on 25 March 1891 (1894?) in the Amicalola Falls District which fell in Dawson County, Georgia after 1857 when that new county was created. "Fanny" had at least two issue by her first husband and these may be known later as the issue of William H. or M.-6 Bearden. "Fanny" m. third or at least he is named as the father of her issue on the latter's Certificate of Death, to her brother-in-law, John-6 BEARDEN, who died before the 1850 federal census of Lumpkin County, Georgia was taken.

William-6 and Fanny are buried with tombstone inscriptions in the William-6 Bearden Cemetery, one half mile from the New Hope Baptist Church near Dawsonville, Georgia. The person compiled herein as No. 43, Richard-5, his wife Sarah "Sally" Bearden and their son, John-6 Bearden, to whom Fanny bore a son, are also resting in this most beautiful spot in upper Georgia. The graves, with their markers and surrounding pine trees, are located in this spot the Beardens owned and which is later owned by the WEHUNT family, who intermarried with Richard-5 Bearden's descent (under No. 372, Nehemiah-7 Bearden).

This may be the William Bearden who is listed first as the head of household on the 1820 census of Hall County, Georgia, along with Richard-5, Rolin-6, Willoba-6, Thomas-6 and Ansel-6 Bearden (Census No. 41): William H.-6 Bearden, age 20-30, b. 1790-1800, wife in same age bracket and with 1 male and 1 female, age 0-5, b. 1815-1820.

The inventory and appraisal of the William-6 Bearden estate was made on 7 Oct. 1846 in Lumpkin County, Georgia, showing a note owed to Richard-5 Bearden for \$3.00 and a note owed to Richard-6 Bearden Jr. for \$3.37. On 10 Dec. 1846 in Lumpkin County the William-6 Bearden estate was settled by Fanny and Willoby-6 Bearden, Administrators, with Richard Bearden giving \$1000.00 bond (Probate Records 1846 Will and Bond Book, Pgs. 65-66-67).

Fanny (Fields) Dowda-Bearden is confirmed as the widow of William-6 by his estate settlement and she is buried beside him in the William-6 Bearden Cemetery. By combining the 1850 and 1860 federal census of Lumpkin and Dawson Counties with the 1935 Certificate of Death for her youngest son, she is confirmed as the mother of the issue of John-6 Bearden, the latter b. 1850 in Lumpkin County.

As already stated, Fanny BRADEN (so spelled) is enumerated on the 1850 federal census of Lumpkin County, Georgia as the head of household and in the identical location and with the identical children, she is listed on the 1860 census of Dawson County, Georgia as Fanny BEARDEN (references under Person No. 43, Richard-5); Richard-5 Bearden, 92 years old in 1850, and Richard-5 Bearden, 103 years old in 1860 (Census Pg. 21, No. 11; 1860 census, Pg. 43).

The Beardens said "birthplace unknown" or Virginia, when speaking of Granville County, North Carolina. Richard-5 Bearden's brother in Alabama in 1850 gave his birthplace as in the state of Virginia when, in reality, he was born in either Granville or Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. The Richard-5 Bearden Revolutionary War deposition, made in 1825 from Wayne and Giles Counties, Tennessee, gives his own birthdate and place as 6 April 1760 in the County of Granville and the State of Virginia. In reality, on that date, by legal transactions, Richard-5's parents are placed in Granville County in the state of NC.

The writer's grandfather, the person compiled herein as No. 849, Ervin Kenneth Bearden, was born on 29 March 1861 in St. Clair County, Alabama and personally knew his great aunt "Fanny" Bearden and most all of her issue, with the exception of Jacob-7, the one who was named for Ervin K.-8's own grandfather.

By combining the above, William H.-6 had known issue by two marriages, some of the older ones who may be Fanny's issue by her first marriage, first seven from "BIOGRAPHICAL SOUVENIR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS", by Seymore V. Conner, published 1889, F. A. Beatty and Company, Chicago, republished 1959, Austin, TX Library, Pgs. 66, 428; not necessarily in order of birth (birthdates do not agree for children of first and second marriages?):

- 441. Martha-7 Bearden, b. 1820-1825, Hall County, GA, m. James MANLY.
- 442. Garrett-7 Bearden, b. 1820-1825 in Georgia, said to have d. young.
- *443. Simeon William-7 Bearden, b. 1820-1829; d. aft. 1880, m. Martha CLARK; m. second (?) (WILSON) WARD; m. third Amanda (WHISENANT) MUNDAY.
- 444. Laurana-7 Bearden, m. Henry NIX.
- 445. Catherine-7 Bearden, b. about 1830 in Georgia, m. Tom MARTIN
- 446. Eliza Ann-7 Bearden, b. in Georgia, did not marry.
- 447. Sarah Jane-7 Bearden, b. 1820-1830 in Georgia and m. 10 April 1872 in Dawson County, Georgia to her cousin, Isaiah FIELD.
- 448. Emily-7 Bearden, b. in Georgia 1835, m. Frederick DUKES
- 449. Celia-7 Bearden, according to her homemade field stone inscription in the old William-6 Bearden Cemetery, b. 23 March 1830, d. 8 Sept. 1890, Dawson County. Celia-7 did not marry.
- 450. Jacob-7 Bearden (TWIN), who may be the first issue of William-6 by his second wife, b. 10 May (1835-1838?) in Lumpkin County, Georgia. In 1853 or the first part of 1854, Jacob-7 started for Texas to join his half-brother and spent the night with Fanny's relatives in Ballground, Georgia and then dropped from sight and his Georgia relatives never heard from him again. He may be the Jacob Bearden who fought in the Civil War, Company D, 8th Texas Inf., Pvt. His half-brother, Simeon William-7 Bearden, appeared in Wood County, Texas in 1853, thence to Hunt County and finally locating in Cooke County. "BIOGRAPHICAL

SOUVENIR" as listed above, plus descent, furnishes a complete picture of Simeon W.-7, the biography stating his father was William Bearden who died in Georgia about 1848 and his mother was Louisiana Bass.

- *451. James F.-7 Bearden, b. 1835-1838, d. 1909, m. on 1 Sept. 1857 to his probable cousin, Annie (Jane?) Elizabeth FIELD.
- 452. Richard-7 "Buck" Bearden (TWIN), b. 1839-1840 in Lumpkin County, m. Catherine (?), who was b. 1840 in Georgia. Both were lettered out of the New Hope Baptist Church in 1899.
- 453. William H.-7 Bearden Jr. (TWIN), b. 1839-1840.
- 454. Frances Angeline-7 Bearden, b. on 1 May 1845 in Lumpkin County, GA and d. unmarried on 14 Aug. 1906 in almost exact spot where she was born, the Amicolola Creek District of now Dawson County, GA, buried in the William Bearden Cemetery. In 1869, she "joined New Hope Baptist Church by experience".

FURTHER GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 32 JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN

H. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 45 ISSAC-5 AND SARAH (TRAIL) BEARDEN

130. Giles-6 Bearden (Isaac-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), b. on 20 Dec. 1797 (one descendant gives his birthdate as 1799) in Spartanburg County, SC, still living there as late as 1859 and d. there at an unknown time, buried Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. He married there on 25 Oct. 1827 to Elizabeth SMITH, the daughter of William and Sarah, latter known as "Sally" (TRAIL) SMITH-MOORE. Elizabeth SMITH was the stepdaughter of "Sally's" second husband, James MOORE, and the half sister of the MOORE children, except Rhoda MOORE, the latter who was James Moore's daughter by his first wife.

To further complicate the relationship of the children of the two brothers (Nos. 40 and 45, John-5 Bearden II and young Isaac-5 Bearden), Isaac-5 married one of the many by the name Sarah TRAIL, daughter of Basil, and their son is the subject Giles-6 Bearden who married Elizabeth SMITH. Elizabeth's mother was a close relative of Isaac-5 Bearden's wife and was also one of the many by the name Sarah TRAIL but known as "Sally", the latter who married first to William SMITH and had three SMITH issue and married second as his second wife to James MOORE.

Isaac-5's nephew, John-6 III (Person No. 83) is the first cousin of the subject, Giles-6 Bearden. John-6 III married Polly LEE and after her death he married as his second wife and her first husband to Rhoda MOORE who was the daughter of James MOORE and his first wife. Therefore, Rhoda is the stepdaughter of "Sally" (TRAIL) SMITH-MOORE and the stepsister of Sally's issue by her first husband.

Elizabeth SMITH, who married the subject Giles-6 Bearden, is the full sister of Barbara and Franklin SMITH, both b. Spartanburg County, SC, Barbara b. about 1797-1800, d. on 12 Aug. 1887 in Giles County, TN, m. in Spartanburg County to Isaac-7 COMPTON, b. there on 1 March 1797, d. on 1 Dec. 1845 in Giles County, TN, the son of Person No. 133, Sarah-6 BEARDEN and her husband Basil COMPTON, and the grandson of Person No. 45, Isaac-5 BEARDEN and his wife who was one of the many with the name of Sarah TRAIL.

This would make Giles-6 Bearden's nephew also his brother-in-law as Isaac-7 COMPTON and Giles-6 married sisters. Elizabeth and Barbara SMITH's only full brother, Franklin SMITH, m. a SMITH cousin and also d. in TN.

The BEARDEN FAMILY necessarily has to include some of the history of the connecting families, including the COMPTON and SMITH families (Person No. 44, Mourning-5 BEARDEN m. William SMITH and Mourning-5's niece, Winifred SMITH m. No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden, these latter the writer's second great grandparents.

Basil Compton's father was Thomas COMPTON who was in Spartanburg District in South Carolina as early as 1770. He married, perhaps as his second wife, to Rachel SMITH, and is generally not believed to have been the father of her first son, who went by Basil COMPTON, and who married one of the many Sarah BEARDENS (sister of the subject Giles-6 BEARDEN). Mrs. WINN in "SOUTHERN LINEAGES" gives Person No. 45, Isaac-5 Bearden a daughter named Sarah, giving her birthdate as 14 June 1820 in Spartanburg County, SC).

Basil COMPTON and his wife, Sarah-6 (BEARDEN) had a son, among others, Isaac-7 COMPTON who married Barbara SMITH, full sister of both Elizabeth, the wife of Giles-6 BEARDEN, and of Franklin SMITH.

On 19 March 1776 in Spartanburg District, SC, Rachel SMITH moved her membership in the Quaker Church to Bush River meeting, located in Newberry District, SC. On 30 March 1776, she was removed from the Quaker Church on the grounds that she had been "walking disorderly". Her first issue, Basil COMPTON, is born on 2 Aug. 1776 in Spartanburg District, SC, and she is known as Rachel SMITH as late as five months before his birth. She either has not married or her marriage is not recognized by the church. Her marriage "out of faith", or the expected birth of a child out of wedlock, are probably the grounds for her dismissal.

Thomas and Rachel reared Basil COMPTON, who married Sarah-6 BEARDEN. There is on record a deed and a will which is enlightening in distinguishing members of the COMPTON and BEARDEN family:

"The State of South Carolina and District of Spartanburg 'Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Compton of the State and District aforesaid, Planter, in Consideration of the sum of Two Hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by Basil Compton of the State and District aforesaid, Planter, have Granted, Bargained, Sold and Released and by these presents do Grant, Bargain, Sell and release unto the (said) Basil Compton all that tract, Plant situate lying and being in the District aforesaid on the Waters of Dutchman's Creek at and being part of a tract originally granted to Jeremiah Fowler by a grant bearing date the eleventh day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy four. Beginning and ending James Moores Corner of the other part of said Tract along various courses of said Moores line, unto the said Basil Compton his heirs and assigns forever. And I do hereby bind and ever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said Basil Compton his heirs and assigns against myself my heirs and assigns and all and Every other Person or persons lawfully Claiming or to Claim the same or any part thereof. Witness my hand and Seal this thirteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand and Eight Hundred and four, and in the twenty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America. Signed, Sealed and acknowledged by the presence of us, Aaron Moore, Thomas Compton, John Bearden."

"State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District I William Smith one of the Justices of the Quorum for said District, do certify to all to whom it may concern that Rachel Compton the wife of the within named Thomas Compton did this day appear before me and when being privately and separately Examined by me did depose that she now freely, voluntarily and without any compulsion dread or fear of any person or persons Whomsoever renounces releases and forever relinquishes unto the within named Basil Compton his heirs and Assigns all her interest and Estate and also all her right and Claim of Dower of — ? all and Singular the premises within mentioned and released. Given under my hand and Seal this 20th October 1804. Signed William Smith (SEAL); Rachel Compton (her mark)."

"Personally came before me Aaron Moore and duly made oath and saith that he saw Thomas Compton sign, seal and acknowledge the within deed at the same time he saw John Bearden set his name as a witness with him this deponent to the same. Sworn before me this 13th day of October 1804. Signed William Smith J.C., Aaron Moore."

Basil Compton sold the above property on 7 Nov. 1818, plus more, to James Moore, it being a part of a tract originally granted to Thomas THORNTON, witnessed by Samuel, Dorcas and James HAMM.

The last will and testament of Thomas COMPTON, deceased, recorded 24 Oct. 1817, Ordinary Office, Deed Book A, Pgs. 122-123, William LANCASTER C. S. D.:

"In the name of God amen I Thomas Compton of the State of South Carolina and District of Spartanburg being weak in body but sound in mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die do complete this my last will and testament and desire it may be received as such, imprimus I most humbly bequeath and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God beseeching his most Gracious acceptance of it and my body to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named as to worldly estate I will and positively order that all my Just debts be paid

"Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel Compton my house and all my land together with the husband utensils thereunto belonging during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I give unto my beloved Sons Thomas Compton and Matthew Compton my house and all my land to be Equally divided between them, Upon them paying James Compton and William Compton My Sons Fifty Dollars Each after the decease of their mother

"Item I give unto Son James Compton my Saddle.

"Item I give unto my Daughter Delilah Compton my bay Colt.

"Item it is my will and desire after the death of my beloved Wife that the balance of my personal property be Sold and the money arising from such Sale Should be equally divided between my Beloved Children William and James and Delilah Compton and Mary House.

"Lastly I nominate ordain and appoint my Beloved Wife and Son Thomas Compton Executix and Executor to this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others in Testimony whereof I have hereto Set my hand and Seal this 8th day of March Eighteen Hundred and Seventeen Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in presence of attest. William Bearden; James Hamm Senr.; John Bearden Senr.; Thomas Compton; Spartanburg District, South Carolina."

The Thomas Compton property and estate sale was held on 5 Dec. 1817, the principal buyers being John and Robert ARCHIBALD; Isaac BEARDEN; John BEARDEN Sr.; John BEARDEN Jr.; William BEARDEN; Benjamin BEARDEN; Pleasant BEARDEN; Delilah COMPTON; Thomas, William, James, Matthew and (?) (unreadable) COMPTON; Joseph BETTES; and William BENNITT.

Isaac Compton, husband of Barbara (SMITH), d. in the State of Tennessee and the County of Giles before the first Monday in October 1846, on which date his will was presented in court and proved as the law directs, with his sons, Isaac and Zopher Compton, Executors, giving the bond (see under Person No. 133, Sarah-6 (BEARDEN) COMPTON). It should be noted here that it was perhaps Basil and Sarah-6 (BEARDEN) COMPTON's grandson, James HAMBRICK, who m. Person No. 717 in WEATHERS FAMILY, Susannah Waller WEATHERS.

The will of Sarah "Sallie" (TRAIL) SMITH-MOORE names her children and the estate settlement of her husband, James MOORE, names his heirs, both documents naming some identical issue. "Sallie"'s will was made on 8 Nov. 1853 in Spartanburg County and proved there on 16 Dec. 1864 (Box 6, Package 8). She names first her son, Nimrod MOORE, then her children: Barbara COMPTON, Franklin SMITH, Elizabeth BEARDEN, Lucinda HANNA, David L. MOORE, Simeon MOORE, and Gabriel MOORE; witnesses were James HANNA, W. C. SHARHEST, Thomas P. HANNA; signed by Sarah MOORE, her mark.

From 1857 to 1860, "Sallie" had loaned money to her son-in-law, Giles-6 BEARDEN. She also made her mark to notes to William WHITE for \$40.60, with Simeon and Gabriel MOORE, witnesses.

The estate settlement of Sarah (TRAIL) SMITH-MOORE, deceased:

"In the Probate Court, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, To the Honorable George W. Nichols, Judge of Probate, The Petition of Barbara Compton respectfully shows: That Sarah Moore, deceased on -- (unreadable) leaving her last Will and Testament which was duly admitted to Probate in this Court and that Nimrod Moore qualified as the Executor and has had charge of said will and disposed of said Estate. That your petitioner is a legatee of said will but has never received any portion of her legacy and that the Executor has never made his returns as required by law.

"Wherefore your petitioner prays that said Executor may be cited before your honor and required to make a full and particular statement of actings and doings as such Executor. That he may be required to pay out whatever monies

shall be found to be due by him to your Petitioner and that your honor will grant such other and further relief as the circumstances may require and as your Honor shall soon meet and proper and your Petitioner shall ever pray.

"I. S. R. Thompson, Attorney for Petitioner.

"Filed Mar 4, 1878. Petition for Accounting etc. Citation made to Nimrod Moore June 7, 1878 By J. P. C. George W. Nichols, Judge of Probate Court."

The court records show that Sarah "Sallie" TRAIL married first to William SMITH, son of Charles and Catherine (RHODES) SMITH. By Mr. Smith, "Sallie" had three children, Barbara, Franklin and Elizabeth SMITH. Their father died in 1804 and while there are few marriage records available in South Carolina for this period of time, "Sallie" then married the widower, James MOORE. There are letters still available from their children and grandchildren, some of whom were as recently as 1950 living in High Point, NC. One granddaughter is the daughter of Gabriel MOORE.

The legal notice in Spartanburg County for the settlement of the estate of James MOORE and the names of his heirs includes the children of Sarah "Sallie", that is Nimrod and Gabriel MOORE, etc. The 1860 U. S. Census of Spartanburg County, Pg. 71, Walnut Grove P. O., lists Sarah MOORE, age eighty-one, b. in SC, living with her son, Simeon MOORE, age fifty, b. SC and a farmer. Sarah was considered a wealthy widow, the value of her property and real estate, \$1,600 and her personal property valued at \$6,500.

Mr. Lem COMPTON of Mt. Vernon, MO has in his possession letters written in 1859 by Elizabeth (SMITH) BEARDEN of Glenn Springs, SC (wife of Giles-6 BEARDEN) to her sister Barbara (SMITH) COMPTON of Linville, Giles County, TN. Mr. Compton has generously shared these letters and one is abstracted here exactly as written:

"June 17, 1859

"DEAR SISTER AND BROTHER:

"I know I take this privilege to let you know that we are all well at this time hoping that these lines when they reach you they will find you the same blessing. I have been over to see mama a day or two ago and they are all as well as common. Mama is getting very helpless and she is all nummed in one side. I can't hardly understand her sometimes what she says.

"I will now tell you something of our Children Eliphas he is building fine houses at Union Court house he was up to see us last month he had the measles and when he left his bowels fevered and wanted to run off but he stayed till he got better and went home. David and Edwin both down the country over seeing about 30 miles they don't cum up more than once a year William he is hear keeping a store here at Glenn Springs and Alvin is living with Tommy peak and rest here at home Columbus he is free but he never left us he is a weakly boy.

"We have eleven children ten boys and one girl I call her barbara. the last was still Born It would been ten years old if it had lived there is none of them married we are a living here in a half mile of old friendship meeting house on old grandfather trails place where father and mother got married when Mark Bennett bought it brought two hundred and fifty dollars when sold at his sale brought eleven hundred We have three years to pay it in one payment corn and cotton is a growing finely and wheat crops are good about here.

"If you could come back you would see great change in things and in people they are most all gone the way of all the earth since you left and the rising generations have succeeded and some of them are nursing their babys we have white painted meeting house with their lonesome grave yard arrayed in white marble stones. Elihu, Richard and Aaron Smith are all living here in sight of us.

"I must bring my letter to a close I could say many more things but I am out of practice I want you to let frankling see this letter and let him know he is not forgot the parted yet recollects call back days gone by I wrote you a letter two or three years ago and never got no answer when this reaches you dont forget to answer it you must excuse my bad letter as I am feeble mined and soon forgets and so no more but remains your sincere sister until Death." Signed "Glen Bearden" and addressed to: Barbara Compton, Linville T. C., Tennessee, Giles Cou."

The postscript written by Glen Bearden, the son of Giles and Elizabeth, mentions that his "uncle S. Moore had received a letter from "Dear Aunt Barbara Compton". In the body of the letter, Elizabeth tells her sister to let "frankling" see the letter. Franklin Smith is the only full brother of Elizabeth and Barbara SMITH. On 1 Aug.

1859, Franklin's address was Medium Postoffice, Marshall County, TN. It was from this location that he wrote his older sister, Barbara Compton, that "my dear wife Betsy has died".

If Mr. Lem Compton is right in his calculations, then Person No. 45, Isaac-5 BEARDEN, has a daughter Sarah-6 BEARDEN. There is also the relevant fact that at the 1797 estate sale in Spartanburg County of Isaac-5's father (Person No. 32, John-4), Boyd COMPTON is one of the buyers.

Nine of the ten sons of Giles-6 and Elizabeth (SMITH) BEARDEN went to the Civil War. Although Elizabeth boasted that she had ten sons, she only named six of them. These sons, born between 1827 and 1848, were all of military age when the Civil War broke out. Elizabeth says in the letter, "Alvin is living with Tommy peak", the latter may be one of the missing sons. Giles-6 and Elizabeth had known/speculated issue, b. near Glenn Springs, Spartanburg County, SC:

- 455. John-7 Bearden.
- 456. Eliphas-7 Bearden, named first in the letter, b. 1827-1830.
- 457. David-7 Bearden, b. 1830-1840.
- 458. Edwin-7 Bearden, b. 1830-1840.
- 459. William-7 Bearden, the storekeeper in Glenn Springs.
- 460. Alvin-7 Bearden, living with Tommy Peak in 1859.
- 461. Simeon S.-7 Bearden, ancestor of R. L.-8 Bearden of Paulene, SC in 1915. He had the old Bearden family Bible ("SOUTHERN LINEAGES", Pg. 343.).
- 462. Glenn-7 Bearden, b. 9 June 1840, Glenn Springs, SC; wrote the postscript in his mother's letter to her sister. He is one of the nine sons who went to the Civil War. A descendant may be Mrs. Brenda BURRELL of Greer, SC.
- 463. Unidentified male-7 Bearden, his mother spoke of "Thomas peak" and it might be supposed that he was her son.
- 464. Unidentified male-7 Bearden.
- 465. Barbara-7 Bearden, named for her aunt Barbara (SMITH) COMPTON.

131. Isaac-6 (Isaac-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), the third son of Isaac-5 and Sarah (TRAIL) BEARDEN, b. on 3 Aug. 1803, prob. in Christian or Livingston County, KY. This writer may be far off in her calculations on this person, but if he is the identical person who is listed on the 1850 census of Lincoln County, TN, then he married first to Maryann HAMM and m. second to Jane (?), or else his wife was Maryann Jane. The 1850 census gives his year of birth and the state he was born in. The name of his wife/wives is taken from the Spartanburg County Deed Book D, Pgs. 351-352-353-354 and from the 1850 census. Isaac-6 had speculated issue:

- 466. Rhoda-7 Bearden, b. 1833, Spartanburg County, SC.
- 467. Eliza-7 Bearden, b. 1836, Spartanburg County, SC.
- 468. Mary-7 Bearden, b. 1838, probably in TN.
- 469. Manerva-7 Bearden, b. 1841 in TN.
- 470. Martha-7 Bearden, b. 1844, TN or GA.

FINIS DESCENDANTS OF NO. 45. ISAAC-5 AND SARAH (TRAIL) BEARDEN

I. THREE CHILDREN OF NO. 46 ARTHUR-5 AND REBECCA (McCLENDON) BEARDEN

134. William Elexander-6 Bearden (Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known as William and "Pappy", whose hand-carved tombstone is located in the Smith Cemetery in the Oakmulgee Park area of what in 1868 became the new county of Chilton in the state of Alabama. The tombstone simply states,

"WILLIAM BEARDEN WAS BORN DEC. THE 25 ABOUT 1794 DIDE DEC. THE 19 1887". Nearby are graves made with identical stone and lettering which contain the remains of three of William E.-6 Bearden's grandchildren, the children of William Bradford-7 "Kurg" Bearden, and they state: "Savanna Bearden Was Born June The 4 1872 And Dide Jan. 1 1888"; "Ella Bearden Was Born Feb. The 8 1884 And Dide Jan. 1 1888"; "Suda Bearden Was Born Aug. The 25 1871 And Dide Jan. The 8 1888."

These three girls were sisters and the daughters of William Bradford-7 and Angeline (LOVELADY) Bearden. Savannah and Ella died on the same day and are buried in the same grave. This series of deaths, as well as the first wife of No. 474, Hardy-7 Bearden, was caused by eating Christmas candy which caused ptomaine poisoning.

There is a tombstone in the Chestnut Hill Cemetery, located near the Smith Cemetery, which appears to be of identical stone, lettering and workmanship as the stones mentioned above and states: "M. J. Bearden Was Born The 11 Day Of 1874 And Dide The 18 Day Of May 1879". The four stones are believed to have been carved and placed at the graves by William B.-7 Bearden, youngest issue of William-6 Bearden by his first wife, Beadie HARRIS.

William-6 Bearden's year and place of birth is further established by the 1860 census of Perry County, Alabama, which gives his age in that year as sixty-six and his state of birth as being in Georgia. He was born in Jackson County, Georgia and died in Perry County, Alabama at the grand old age of 90-93, having lived in Perry County since that county was created in 1819.

It is believed by this writer to be Person Number 43, Richard-5 Bearden of the 1825, 1833 and 1836 Wayne, Giles and McNairy Counties, Tennessee Revolutionary War declarations (b. 1760, d. 1860) who sold land in Perry County, Alabama in 1836. He had a great grandson who was named Alexander-8 Bearden, son of Thomas-7 and Hannah (BARTLEY) CUMMINS-BEARDEN. This again places Richard-5 in the same locality with the Alabama Beardens.

Jacob McCLENDON was the Justice of the Peace and on 8 Aug. 1825 in Hall County, Georgia, recorded 29 Oct. 1827, he witnessed the Richard-5 Bearden Senr. deed to Sherrod MALONE (Deed Book B, Pg. 307). No doubt Jacob was related to Rebecca McCLENDON who was William-6's mother, and to the WEATHERS/HUNTER/CLARK/McCLENDON's of this writer's WEATHERS FAMILY and related history.

William-6 married at an unknown time and place but the available census schedules indicate he married first about 1824 in the area of Bibb County, Alabama to Beadie HARRIS, who was born about 1805 in Alabama, the daughter of Claiborn Harris. Beadie died at the birth, or soon after, of her youngest child, who was born on 11 March 1849 in Alabama. William-6 married second on 13 Sept. 1849 in Perry County, Alabama to Beadie's sister, Matilda HARRIS. He married third about 1878 at the age of eighty-three to Nancy (FOX) KEY, who married after William-6's death to a Mr. YOUNG. One son stated that his father married Nancy whose maiden name was Fox and his father teased her by saying, "It takes a smart dog to catch a Fox!" (under Person No. 792 for Nancy Fox family connection in Georgia).

None of the wives of William-6 Bearden are buried in the old Smith Cemetery. Both Beadie and Matilda are buried in the Mt. Olive Cemetery near the Smith and Chestnut Hill Cemeteries. "Pappy" as he was known, is not buried beside his wives because the river and creeks were overflowing that December of 1887 which made travel impossible.

It is impossible to get a Xeroxed copy of the newspaper item on the death of William-6 Bearden, ancestor of hundreds of descendants which include Clarence C.-9 Bearden Jr of Montgomery, Alabama. These old newspapers are bound into large books with hardback covers and the copying machines in the Alabama State Archives in Montgomery are not capable of this. His death notice appeared in "The Marion Standard", Marion, Perry County, Alabama, dated 28 Dec. 1887, Pg. 8, Column 1:

"Letter from Museville, 24 Dec. 1887. Mr. Editor: Mr. William Bearden departed this life on the night of the nineteenth instant, aged about ninety or ninety three years and was interred without obsequies - the weather being

unfavorable - at the Christian Church, which is being constructed, nearly completed. He was a young man at the time of the War of 1812 with England but not subject to military service. He had been totally blind for several months." Signed by Jimmy Tee.

Descendants of "Pappy" do not believe it was a mere coincidence that he was living near Arthur-5 Bearden Sr. in 1830 to 1850 (under Person No. 46 for census information). His birthdate and place is further estimated from the 1830 to 1860 census of Perry County, Alabama which gives the information that he was born in Georgia in 1794, making him ninety-three years old when he "died". William-6 is named as one of the many sons of Arthur-5 and Rebecca Bearden, whose marriage record is dated on 23 Dec. 1794 in Greene County, Georgia.

The family that William-6 Bearden grew up in, that is "Artur" Bearden, is located on the 1816 Alabama Territorial census for Monroe County. Until 1816, this was Mississippi Territory, then it became Monroe County, Alabama. Montgomery County was carved in the same year from Monroe County and Perry County was formed in 1819 from Montgomery County. The records at this time are not too good as it takes a while for a territory to become civilized. This census lists "Artur" Bearden and his wife, both over 21, with four (4) males under 21, and five (5) females in household born AFTER 1794. As William-6 Bearden's birthdate is in December, he had not yet had his birthday when the 1816, 1830 to 1860 Alabama census reports, Shelby/Perry County were taken.

The date Arthur-5's marriage is recorded is simply not that accurate. Often the event was not recorded for several months or even years after the fact, or simply not recorded at all for various reasons; for example, the clerk could not write and he had to wait until someone would or could write it down in a book where records were kept, etc. It was a hard fact of life for these old pioneers that sometimes cash or property was required to post a bond for the marriage to take place. The event was sometimes postponed or never recorded because the cost was prohibitive. Sometimes an itinerant minister of the Gospel, and without a license to marry, said some words and a full commitment was made by the couple to each other.

The 1830 census of Shelby County, Alabama lists both the Arthur-5 and William-6 Bearden family (Census Pg. 8): Arthur Bearden (20-30, b. 1800-1810, brother or cousin of William -6); wife (20-30); 2 males (15-20); 1 male (5-10); 1 male (under 5); and 1 female (under 5); William Bearden born 1790-1800); wife (20-30); 1 male (20-30); 1 male -5 (under 5).

The 1830 census of the same county and state (Pg. 10), lists Lovin Bearden (20-30) and one female (20-30). The 1840 census of Perry County, Alabama lists the same Arthur (Pg. 8); William Bearden (Pg. 44); and the older Arthur Bearden:

- (1) Arthur Bearden (30-40); 1 female (20-30); 2 males (10-15); 1 male (under 10); 1 female (5-10); 2 males (under 5).
- (2) William Bearden (40-50); 1 female (30-40); 3 males (10-15); 1 male (5-10); 3 females (5-10); and 1 female (under 5).
- (3) Arthur BEARDINE (60-70, b. 1770-1780); female (60-70); 1 female (30-40, b. 1800-1810); 2 females (16-20); 2 males (15-20, b. 1820-1825); 1 male (5-10); 1 male (under 5); and 2 females (under 5).

The 1850 census for Perry County, Alabama lists Arthur Bearden, age 78, born 1772 in Virginia (the Bear- dens at this time in history thought that when they were born there, Granville and Mecklenberg Counties in North Carolina were a part of the state of Virginia (see also under Person No. 43): Mary Bearden, age 55, born 1795; John C. Bearden, age 23, born 1827, Alabama; William Bearden, age 21, born 1829; Thomas Bearden, age 15, born 1835; Franklin Bearden, age 12, born 1838; Rebecca FREEL, age 29, born 1821; and Nancy FREEL, age 4, born 1846. The 1850 census indicates that Arthur-5 Bearden's wife had died and the young males were his grandchildren, perhaps the issue of a deceased son or visiting as happens with grandchildren.

The 1860 census of Perry County, Alabama (Heard's Beat, household No. 212): William-6 Bearden, age 66, born in the state of Georgia, Real Estate \$1000.00, Personal Property valued at \$3,794; Matilda, age 45, born Georgia; Jane, age 19, born Alabama; Susan, age 16, born Alabama; Matilda A., age 14, born Alabama; William B., age 11, born Alabama; Buchanan, age 3, born Alabama.

Mrs. Edna (BEASLEY) MCGILLIARD of Weogufka, Alabama has compiled a comprehensive history titled, "WE BOUNTEOUS BEARDENS, DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BEARDEN", copies of which were available upon request at a small printing cost in 1975. Much of this writer's information is derived from this source.

It is said that William-6 Bearden was quite a wealthy man in Alabama but lost much of his fortune in a lawsuit in Jefferson County. There is on record in courthouses of Shelby and Jefferson Counties, on 25 Dec. 1839, deeds from William-6 and "Beady" Bearden, land sold to Mathias OBARR, witnessed by Thomas OBARR and Benjamin HARRIS. The lawsuit is said to be over the mineral rights involved and a coal mine operation was developed on the property (source in "WHAT'S MY LINE", by Betty Fuller, Pg. 15, compiler's possession).

Robert OBARR/O'BARR, who m. in 1810, Jackson County, Georgia to the person compiled as No. 342, Celia-6 BEARDEN, was involved in a controversy with Benjamin PARKS over the mineral rights to his land in Cherokee and Lumpkin Counties, Georgia, the first gold mine in the United States.

There is a long list of several Bearden men who fought with the Confederate Army in the Civil War and a short list of Bearden males who took the Union side. Many of the Confederate soldiers were Alabamians, one of whom was the writer's great grandfather.

William-6 Bearden was a giant among men and is said by descendants to have worn size 12 shoes and large overalls and to have been so tall that, when he rode a mule, his feet would drag the ground. He was the father of at least thirteen children, twelve by his first wife and one by his second wife. He had issue by two marriages, b, Perry and Shelby Counties area of Alabama:

- *471. Emsley-7 Bearden, m. 11 Jan. 1846, Perry County to Rohama FOWLER.
- *472. Alfred A.-7 Bearden, b.1828, d. 1910, m. Sophronia SMITH.
- 473. Leonard-7 Bearden, b. 1830, m. on 18 Feb. 1867, Perry County, to Elizabeth KINNEY/McKINNEY. He may have been married before as he was head of household on the 1860 census. His descent, Jollie McNutt, remembers an "Uncle Len", who went in the 1890's to Texarkana, Texas.
- *474. Hardy-7 Bearden, m. Arpy Samantha GAY, m. second, Mary E. (LOVELADY) SANDERS.
- *475. Elvina-7 Bearden, m. on 29 Sept. 1848, Thomas GRAVES/GROVER.
- 476. Jane-7 Bearden, b. 1833, m. Cyrus WALLACE and some descent still reside in Bibb and Perry Counties, Alabama:
 - a. Paralee-8, m. Lawrence CASEY and had known issue: Emmett-9, m. Junie ADAMS; Lee-9 m. Frances JOHNSON; Lola-9 m. Alonzo KELLEY; Zachary-9, m. Reba THREADGILLE.
 - b. Sally-8 Wallace, unmarried.
 - c. Tom-8 Wallace, m. Mary LAWRENCE.
 - d. Angie-8 Wallace, m. Bob HARRISON and had Essie-9 who m. Jessee CHAPMAN, Cleveland-9, Lily-9, and Julia-9 Harrison.
 - e. John-8 Wallace, last issue of Jane-7 (Bearden) Wallace.
- 477. Infant-7 female, listed on an early census.
- 478. Paralee-7 Bearden, b. about 1835, m. (?) INGRAM/INGRAHAM, from Georgia. The Ingrams are intermarried with the O'BARR/SHOCKLEY families of Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, some still living in area of Bibb and Perry Counties, AL.
- 479. Angeline-7 Bearden, b. 1837, m. 25 July 1858 in Perry County to Jabez F. BRASSELL/BRAZIL, a Baptist minister. Jabez was ordained by Pisgah Baptist Church of Perry County on the Saturday before the third Lord's Day of Jan. 1851, the Presbytery consisting of the Reverends John SALSING, George EVERETT and John S. FORD ("SOUTHWEST BAPTIST", 29 Jan. 1851). In 1856, J. F. BRAZIL, N. HAGGARD, J. G. WATSON and A. BRAZIL came to the Mulberry Baptist Association from the Shelby Association and in 1859, J. F. Brazil was on the Arrangement Committee. The same year he was chosen as an alternate to preach at the next meeting of the Mulberry Association, to be held 1860 with the Antioch Baptist Church. J. F. Brazil was a delegate from Providence Baptist Church, located eight miles south of Montevallo, 1857 through the year 1861. After 1861, there is no mention of Jabez F. in the minutes of the Mulberry Association. It is said that Reverend J. F. Brasell went to Tuscaloosa in the 1860's and pastored the Mt. Gilgad

church ("BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA", by Atchison, Pg. 100, Microfilm at the Howard College Library, Birmingham).

*480. Susan-7 Bearden, m. John N. LOVELADY.

*481. Matilda-7 Bearden, b. 1843, d. 1926, m. James David LOVELADY.

*482. William Bradford-7 Bearden, m. Dorothy Angeline LOVELADY.

483. Buchanan-7 Bearden, youngest and only child by second wife, b. 1857 in Perry County, Alabama, d. when he was ten years old.

135. Seaborn-6 Bearden (Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1795-1800 in Jackson County, Georgia and d. in 1859 "on the banks of the White River in Arkansas where he is buried with his wife and at least four children". Seaborn-6 m. about 1825 in the area of Perry/Shelby County, Alabama, Catherine (?), b. 1810, in Tennessee. A statement, in writing, was made to this writer in 1984 by Seaborn-6's descendant, Mrs. Sarah (HARRISON) WHITE of Austin, Texas:

"My great grandparents were Seaborn and Catherine Bearden but I do not know Catherine's last name before marriage. According to my mother, who was Jimmy Jane (BEARDEN) HARRISON, Seaborn was taking his family (minus the two oldest children) in a covered wagon to settle in Texas or Arkansas. They all took typhoid fever and died on the banks of the White River, except for my father, William Burke Bearden, who then drove the wagon back to Marietta, Mississippi, although he was only twelve years old. The 1850 census of Itawamba County in the state of Mississippi, says he was less than that as he is listed in that year as having been born in 1849. In the 1860 census, taken in the same place, he is listed as age eleven."

Seaborn-6 Bearden is found first as the head of household on the 1830 census of Perry County, Alabama, between 20-30 years old (b. 1800-1810), with a wife in the same age bracket. They have issue in 1830: 2 males and 1 female under 5, b. 1825-1830. His location suggests that he is one of the missing males found in the Monroe County, Alabama territorial census of 1816, in the household of Arthur-5 Bearden. Until 1816 this was Mississippi Territory, then it became Monroe County, Alabama. Montgomery County was formed in the same year, then Perry County was formed from Montgomery in 1819. The records there for this period in time are not good. The Beardens probably had not moved their place of residence but the new counties were being formed around them. When this writer was growing up in southern Oklahoma, her father and uncles said that their grandfather Bearden had died in 1870 in the Jefferson County area of Alabama, their great aunt saying he died in Tennessee or Kentucky.

Seaborn-6 is not found on the 1840 census in the state of Alabama but the following U. S. census in 1850 (the census is taken every ten years), shows him in the state of Mississippi as noted above and lists his children as born in the state of Alabama until 1849. It should be noted that Itawamba County, MS is just across the state line from McNairy County, TN: Seaborn Bearden, age 50, farmer, 200 acres, b. GA; Catherine, age 40, b. TN; Rebecca, age 18, b. AL; John, age 16, b. AL; David, age 14, b. AL; Amanda, age 12, b. AL; Mary, age 9, b. AL; Ellen, age 7, b. AL; Richard, age 5, b. AL; William Burke, age 1, b. MS.

The 1860 census of Itawamba County, Mississippi lists Seaborn-6's two oldest children (the ones who did not travel to Arkansas/Texas on the ill-fated trip with their parents in 1859): John-H.-7 Bearden as the head of household; and Rebecca (BEARDEN) BOWEN, listed in Marietta Township in the household of her husband, Loving BOWEN (a large family of Lovin/Loving and Bowens in Alabama and Georgia and these names crop up in the Bearden family):

John H. Bearden, age 26, farmer, \$4250.00, 320 acres, b. AL; Sarah, age 25, b. AL; Viola, age 5, b. TX; Andrew P., age 2, b. MS.

Loving Bowen, age 28, farmer, \$200.00, 300 acres, b. AL; Rebecca, age 28, b. AL; Mary BEARDEN, age 20, b. AL; William Burke BEARDEN, age 11, b. MS; and four small children, BOWEN.

By combining the 1830, 1850 and 1860 census, Seaborn-6 had the following issue, born in Perry/Shelby County, Alabama with the exception of the youngest child, William Burke-7 Bearden:

- 484. Rebecca-7 Bearden, b. 1832, m. 1852 in Mississippi to Loving BOWEN, names of her issue were not copied.
- 485. John H.-7 Bearden, b. 1834 and m. Sarah (?). William Burke-7 did not get along with his brother, the times were hard and rough. John H.-7 had issue in 1860: Viola-8, b. 1855 in Texas; and Andrew P.-8 Bearden, b. 1858 in MS.
- 486. David-7 Bearden, b. 1836, d. with typhoid fever in 1859 on the banks of the White River in Arkansas/Texas.
- 487. Amanda-7 Bearden, b. 1838, d. 1859, Arkansas/Texas.
- 488. Mary-7 Bearden, on 1860 census, Itawamba County, MS.
- 489. Ellen-7 Bearden, d. 1859, banks of the White River.
- 490. Richard-7 Bearden, d. 1859, banks of the White River.
- 491. William Burke-7 Bearden, b. 9 May 1849, Marietta Township, Itawamba County, Mississippi, d. 25 April 1900 in Tyler, Texas, m. America ARCHER and had known issue: Jimmy Jane-8 Bearden, b. 18 July 1871 in Sweetwater, Texas, d. on 23 Jan. 1962 in Waco, Texas, m. on 26 Sept. 1888 in Sweetwater, Texas to Ernest V. HARRISON of Cleves, Ohio. Jimmy Jane-8 had known issue: Sarah-9 Harrison, m. (?) WHITE of the above address.

137. **Lovin-6 Bearden/Bearding** (Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1796-1800, area of Jackson County, GA, d. before 3 Oct. 1844, Shelby County, AL when Valentine YOUNG, John PICKINS, and Charles M. (CARDEN?) gives \$1,000 bond and Valentine Young is appointed to administer his estate (Will Bk. E, Pg. 228; estate sale, Pgs. 403, 404, 405; Orphan's Court, Columbia, Shelby County, AL, Old Court House, Drawer 5, Packet 0003, 1843, George Harris, Attorney for Petitioner); principal buyers at estate sale, Nancy BEARDEN, Valentine BEARDING, Valentine YOUNG, Harrison GREEN and John SMITH. Lovin-6's heirs on 11 Aug. 1849 were five sons and two daughters, 3 of whom are over age 14 and under age 21, and 4 are under age 14 and "one Nancy, a married woman, wife of Israel Pickens".

Lovin-6's wife must have preceded him in death as she is not mentioned as an heir nor is she listed in his estate settlement. She is alleged to be Nancy-7 GREEN (Person No. 358), daughter of Ansel and Sarah-6 (Bearden) GREEN and the sister of Jacob-7 GREEN (Person No. 357) and related to the YOUNG family. Lovin-6 had issue named in his estate settlement, b. Perry/Shelby Counties, AL:

- *492. Valentine Green-7 Bearden, m. 14 Nov. 1850, Hetty MORRIS.
- 493. Reeves M.-7 Bearden, over the age of fourteen and under 21 on 11 Aug. 1849, when Valentine Young gave an accounting to the court for the orphans of Lovin-6 Bearden.
- 494. Rebecca-7 Bearden, over age 14 and under 21 in 1849.
- 495. Seaborn-7 Bearden, b. after 1829, under age 21 in 1849.
- 496. Arthur-7 Bearden, b. after 1829.
- 497. Jonathan-7 Bearden, b. after 1829.
- 498. Nancy A.-7 Bearden, b. after 1829, m. on 9 Sept. 1848 in Shelby County, Alabama Courthouse to Israel PICKENS.

J. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 47 BENJAMIN-5 THE YOUNGER AND ELIZABETH (WINN?) BEARDEN

153. **Enoch-6 Bearden** (Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1794-1800 in District Ninety-Six (Spartanburg), SC, d. 1865-1870 in Red River County, TX, m. about 1814-1820, Spartanburg County, SC to Sarah HOLT who was b. 1795, SC. Enoch-6 is one of the males enumerated on the 1800 census of Spartanburg County in the Benjamin-5 Bearden household (Census No. 1269, by Gilbert). He went with his parents to Giles County, Tennessee, where he resided for the birth of his issue who were b. in 1825 until 1855, some of whom are no doubt grandchildren.

The 1850 census of Giles County (Pg. 105, Byron Sistler), lists Enoch-6 and Sarah Bearden, b. SC, with issue b. in TN between 1831 and 1833. Mrs. Amilu (BEARDEN) O'DIL/O'DELL states in a letter, written on 23 July 1920 to Mrs. Adeline (EVANS) WINN: "Enoch Bearden came to Giles County, Tennessee and he was married to Sarah HOLT. He moved about 1855 to Texas with all of his family except my grandfather. His Postoffice was Clarksville, Texas."

William O'Dil of Spring Hill, TN in 1920, said, "Enoch Bearden's wife is Sarah Holt", and this is supported by the census, plus the BEARDEN, SCOTT and HOLT connections in Wayne and Giles Counties, TN. Mrs. O'Dil should have known her own aunt's maiden name. The children of Enoch-6 Bearden are given by Mrs. O'Dil and verified by Tennessee records, the 1828 deed in Bedford County, the 1830 census of Lincoln County, the 1840 and 1850 census of Giles County, plus later Texas census reports:

499. Edwin Berryman-7 (Berryman Edwin?) Bearden, b. on 21 Nov. 1822 in Spartanburg County, SC, d. on 25 Sept. 1857, Pulaski, Giles County, TN, m. on 16 April 1850 to Mary Frances MEEK, b. on 23 April 1827, d. on 31 Aug. 1877, daughter of Moses and Mary Birdsong (STRIBBLING) MEEK, granddaughter of Moses and Agnes (HOPE) MEEK and Sigismund and Nancy (BIRDSONG) STRIBBLING.
Edwin Berryman-7 had issue, b. Giles/Lincoln County, TN as given by his great granddaughter, Mrs. James W. RICHARDSON of Columbia, TN: Isola Jane-8, b. 1851; Edwin F.-8, b. Jan. 1852; Felix-8, b. 1854; Sarah E.-8, b. 1855; Ernest Meredith-8, b. 1856; and Thomas Bruce-8 Bearden, b. on 23 Feb. 1858 in Tuscaloosa, AL, d. on 21 Dec. 1929 in Franklin, TN, m. on 6 Jan. 1886 in Lincoln County, TN to Dan Ella BLACKBURN who was b. on 19 Nov. 1865 in Williamson County, TN and d. on 23 Aug. 1903 in Franklin, TN, daughter of John William and Leila Tennessee (NEELEY) BLACKBURN, granddaughter of Moses Bluford and Elizabeth (GRAY) BLACKBURN and Charles Lynch and Sarah Elizabeth (WELLES) NEELEY, great granddaughter of William and Anna (SAMPLES) BLACKBURN. There were others of the Bearden family intermarried with families of BLACKBURN and SAMPLES.
Thomas Bruce-8 had issue: Amilu-9 Bearden, b. on 4 Oct. 1886 in Franklin, TN and d. on 31 Oct. 1954 in Maury County, TN; m. on 11 Feb. 1908 in Franklin, TN to William F. O'DIL/O'DILL. It was Amilu-9 who gave the above information.
500. Deaton Winn-7 Bearden (TWIN), known as "Dee", was b. 1824 in Giles County, TN (NC?) and d. in Clarksville, Red River County, TX, m. Mary E. WILLIAMS, daughter of Clarinda (BEARDEN) WILLIAMS and had no issue in 1850. A known son, Franklin Winlock-8, b. 1858 in Giles County, TN, m. Lucy Matilda MACE, b. 1865 in NC and had issue: Elwanda-9, m. (?) SIMMONS and lives in Annona, TX and Grover Cleveland-9 Bearden, whose son is George Ray-10 Bearden and lives in Paducah, TX.
501. Daniel H.-7 (W.?) Bearden (TWIN), b. 1824 in North Carolina (TN?), d. Clarksville, Texas, m. on 9 Oct. 1849 in Lincoln County, TN to Mary Ann BLAKE.
502. William Franklin-7 Bearden, b. 1826 in South Carolina and if birthplace is correct, the Enoch-6 Beardens went back to South Carolina for this birth. He m. in 1847, Elizabeth (?), b. 1830, TN (1850 Giles County, TN, Census No. 162/834). This is the William Bearden who Mrs. Winn gives in "SOUTHERN LINE-AGES" as having married Nancy FRAZIER but the census, legal records and the will of the older Benjamin-5 Bearden correlates the William Bearden who married Nancy Frazier as the son of Person No. 36, Benjamin-5 Bearden of Granville County, NC. William F.-7 had issue in 1850: Malvin B.-8 Bearden, b. 1849 in Tennessee.
503. Mary-7 Bearden, m. before 1850, to (?) DAUGHETTE/DOGGETT.
504. Elizabeth-7 Bearden, b. 1831 in Tennessee, d. close to Clarksville, Red River County, Texas, m. to a Mr. WILLIAMS.
- *505. Benjamin Rush-7 Bearden, m. 22 Oct. 1857 to Sabriah WAGLEY.
506. Martha-7 Bearden, b. 1838 in Tennessee, m. (?) HONEYCUTT.

157. Benjamin Franklin-6 Bearden (Benjamin the Younger-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 6 May 1814 in Spartanburg County, SC, d. 1870, Petersburg, TN, administration and settlement of estate made there in 1872 by his son, Edwin R.-7 Bearden (1872 Will Book, Pgs. 105, 106, 108).

(Doctor) Benjamin Franklin-7 Bearden m. on 20 Nov. 1841 in Lincoln County, TN to Susan Margaret BLAKE, who was born 1820 and died 1875, sister of Mary Ann Blake who m. Daniel H.-6 Bearden.

Relationship is unknown between the STONE family of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and the Bearden/Blake families. On 27 Dec. 1842 in Petersburg, TN, William C. Blake deeded property to John H. STONE. The surname "Blake" is also spelled "Blakemore" in the same records and this deed says "The tanyard lot was sold to B. F. Bearden and John W. Hill and 19 Dec. 1850, they sold it to John F. PEAK for \$900. Situated and lying south of the road leading out east to the creek, with the creek south to the lot on which B. F. Bearden now resides, west with said lot to H. M. Blake's southeast corner", etc., witness, B. HAYES and W. R. SMITH.

Goodspeed's Tennessee History of Bedford County, published 1889, Biographical Appendix, Pg. 1128, says in part: "Dr. Benjamin Franklin Bearden was a native of South Carolina, but lived and died in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He was a man of great learning and breadth and was eminent in his profession of medicine. He died in 1870 and five years afterward his wife, Susan M. (Blake) died. He received a good education", etc.

B. F.-6 Bearden, besides his own issue, has listed in his household in 1850: Rufus SMITH, age 22 and Nancy M. JOHNSON, age 18 (Census No. 390/265, Lincoln County, TN). In 1920, Miss Mary Helen-9 Bearden of Shelbyville, Tennessee, wrote a sketch giving details of her grandfather's life as he was a physician of great worth in Petersburg.

The administration of the Benjamin F.-6 Bearden estate does not give his issue. By combining the 1850-1860 census and the sketch written by Miss Bearden, Benjamin Franklin-6 had the following issue:

507. Edwin R.-7 Bearden (TWIN), b. on 10 Jan. 1843 in Petersburg, Lincoln County, TN and d. there in 1881, m. Thelma TURNER, administered father's estate in 1872 (Administration Settlement Book 1872, B. F. Bearden, deceased, by Edwin R. Bearden).

*508. Walter Scott-7 Bearden (TWIN), m. Margaret Cooper WHITESIDE.

509. Clara Olivia-7 Bearden, b. 1845, died 1847, Petersburg, TN.

K. THREE CHILDREN OF NO. 48 ANSEL-5 AND UNKNOWN WIFE BEARDEN

168. Ansel-6 Bearden Jr. (Ansel-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1815 (the 1850 census says he was b. AL), d. after 1850 in Jefferson County, AL. He m. on 10 May 1838 in Marshall County, AL to Lucinda-7 O'BARR, as recorded in the Marshall County courthouse, a close relative and probable daughter of No. 342, Celia-7 BEARDEN and her husband Robert O'BARR. According to the census and the birthdates of their children, Lucinda-7 was born about 1816 in Kentucky or Georgia. It may be one of their issue, "Artur" or "Amos" BEARDEN, who is visiting on the 1850 Alabama census in the household of Lucinda-7's kinsman, who is Abner-7 CLAYTON. (See under Person No. 105, Rachel-6 BEARDEN, m. James CLAYTON, etc.).

On 28 Feb. 1855 and 27 March 1855, in Jefferson County, Alabama Ansel-6 and his wife, Lucinda-7, deed land to his brother who is Person No. 169, Arthur-6 Bearden (Deed Book 11, Pgs. 416 and 597). On 18 July 1862, in Jefferson County, Ansel-6 deeds land to Mary T. TALLY, wife of N. D. Tally (Deed Book 11, Pg. 557).

The last named person found in Ansel-6 Bearden Jr.'s household in 1850 is his father, Ansel-5 Bearden Sr. and lists the following issue for Ansel-6 and Lucinda, all b. AL (Cahaba Valley Beat, District 32, Pg. 182, No. 62/62, Jefferson County (under No. 48 for reference):

510. Sarah A.-7 Bearden (TWIN?), b. 1838-1839.

511. Ellen B.-7 Bearden (TWIN?).

512. Martha C.-7 Bearden, born 1841.

- *513. John Calvin-7 Bearden, m. about 1864 to Catherine (?).
- 514. Mary Margaret-7 Bearden, born about 1846.
- 515. Catherine-7 Bearden, born 1848.
- 516. Hannah-7 Bearden, born 1849-1850.
- *517. Duncan G.-7 "Dunkin" Bearden, b. 1853, d. 1927, m. Tesha McDANIEL.

169. Arthur-6 Bearden II (Ansel-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), born according to earlier census reports, 1815-1820 in Jackson County, GA (1880 Soundex says born 1825, Vol. 11, Ed. 72, Pg. 14, Line 23, Twp. 18, R-2). He d. on 25 July 1899, Wood's Beat District, Jefferson County, AL, married on 10 Dec. 1840 in District 32, Jefferson County, AL to Rebecca WHITFIELD, b. 1821 in Alabama and died 1859 in Jefferson County, AL. Arthur-6 m. second Nancy Ann BARTON; m. third Mary Ann BRASHER; m. fourth 1866-1871 to Sarah Jane WILLIAMS, b. 1846, who is listed with him in the 1880 Soundex; m. fifth L. E. JOHNSON. His issue by his first two and his fourth marriages are in family records belonging to Elwyn-12 Bearden of Helena, AL and Ronald A.-10 Bearden of Crossville, AL.

He is listed in his parent's household on the 1830 and 1840 census of Shelby and Jefferson Counties, AL respectively (1840, Pg. 9). He is listed first as the head of household on the 1850 census of Jefferson County, AL as "ARTUR" Bearden and there is more than one Arthur Bearden listed for this time and place in Alabama. The subject here is the great-great grandfather of the Ronald A.-10 Bearden who is referred to above.

Person No. 46, Arthur-5 Bearden, born 1772-1773, m. Rebecca McCLENDON; another person of identical name, Arthur Bearden, b. 1810, Kentucky, married Caroline BAGWELL and is listed on 1830 and 1840 census of Shelby and Perry Counties, AL and was once believed to be the same person as the subject, Arthur-6. After a comprehensive comparison study by some competent genealogists who have searched the Alabama census records, they are not the same. Arthur-7 Bearden is the ancestor of Patsie WALLACE, of Shreveport, LA and the writer has not investigated his connection with Arthur-5 and Arthur-6 of Alabama. Arthur-6 had known issue, b. Shelby and Jefferson Counties, Alabama, as taken from 1850, 1860 and later census; Woods Beat District 32, Jefferson County:

518. Wesley-7 Bearden, b. 1841-1842, m. Susie HENLEY,

519. John William-7 Bearden, b. 1843.

*520. Christopher Columbus-7 Bearden, m. Mary Jane BYARS.

521. Sarah M.-7 Bearden, first daughter of Arthur-6 II, b. 1849; m. N. J. SIMS.

522. Malinda-7 Bearden, b. 1849 (twin to Sarah).

523. Francis-7 Bearden, b. 1850, Wood's Beat, Jefferson County, m. William BAILEY.

524. Madison-7 Bearden b. 1851, Jefferson County, m. Mary E. MASSEY, b. 11 May 1853, d. 1918. Listed as the head of household on the 1880 census of Jefferson County, AL (Vol. II, Ed. 76, Pg. 31, Line 22, Beat No. 2); and listed in his household is Mary F. KING, age 13. He and Mary had issue: Amanda C.-8, b. 1872; William H.-8, b. 1874; Harriett A.-8, b. 1879; Ellen-8, b. 1882; Robert-8 b. 1885; Elisha-8, b. 1887; Katie, b. Aug. 1888; Josephine-8 b. 1890; Reuben F.-8, b. Feb. 1895, d. 18 June 1934; and Roland-8 Bearden, b. Feb. 1897.

525. Rebecca-7 Bearden, b. 1852-1853, m. Robert MASSEY.

526. Martha Jane-7 Bearden, b. 1865 and on the 1870 and 1880 census in the Arthur-6 Bearden household, m. (?) GOODWIN.

527. RosberryRasberry-7 Bearden, b. June 1866 in Jefferson County, obituary on 10 Oct. 1948 in "Birmingham News", lived Leeds, AL, burial in the Acton Memorial Cemetery. Survivors are three daughters not given and one sister, Mrs. Martha Jane GOODWIN, one half-brother, Zachariah Bearden of New Merkle He m. Atlas (?) and had issue: William-8, b. 1888; Mary E.-8, b. Jan. 1890; Margaret-8, b. Sept. 1892; and Alexander-8, b. 1898.

528. Betty-7 Bearden, b. 1867, d. young.

529. Zachariah-7 Bearden, b. 1871-1872, m. Susie JONES. His obituary is on 18 April 1956 in "Birmingham News", no survivors listed, buried New Merkle Cemetery. "Zach"-7 lived Route 2, Pinson, AL.

170. Richard-6 Bearden (Ansel-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), who may well be one of the sons of Person No. 95, James-6 Bearden as he was b. 1817 in the state of TN and the family of James-6 was then in TN. The subject, Richard-6, is located on the 1850 census in Marshall County, AL (household No. 275-294), and it is some of his family who are buried with some of Ansel-5's family in the Union Hill Cemetery in Jefferson County, AL.

In 1850 Richard-6 had in his family: Mary Ann Bearden, b. 1830, AL; another Mary Ann Bearden, b. 1845, AL; Richard Bearden, b. 1847; and Anna Bearden, b. 1787, NC. If, indeed, as his descent are convinced, he is the son of Ansel-5, then Anna is the probable mother of Ansel-5's issue, or it can be supposed that Ansel-5's first wife had died and he had remarried and it was Richard-6's stepmother who was counted with his family in 1850. Her aged and blind husband was being cared for by a son (Person No. 168, Ansel-6, Jr.; see census under No. 48, Ansel-5 Sr.)

Richard-6 and Mary Ann had issue on 1850 census:

530. Mary Ann-7 Bearden, said to have d. unmarried at age 16.

*531. Richard A.-7 Bearden Jr., m. about 1865, S. W. (?); m. second Florence DEAN.

174. William-6 Bearden (Ansel-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), who is compiled as one of the missing male issue of Ansel-5 but also could be the identical William Bearden who is found on the 1860 census of Floyd County, GA in the family of the person compiled herein as No. 241, Erasmus-7 Bearden. He also could be No. 794, William L.-8 Bearden, who lost his life in the Civil War and who was b. about this time in GA. At any rate, later newspaper clippings give his year of birth as 1838-1840 and his granddaughter's word of mouth gives his state of birth as Tennessee but this is questionable; he could have been b. in GA, KY or SC. He d. about Sept. 1862, killed in Civil War at Bardwell, KY.

He enlisted at age 24, together with Benjamin-6 Bearden and Christopher Columbus-6 Bearden in Feb. 1862, 28th Alabama Infantry, Company D (CSA), mustered in at old Elyton in Jefferson County, and the latter two came home together when the war was over. William-6 did not long survive in the war and left his widow with two small children. After the confederate soldiers or their widows were allowed to file for a pension, his widow did so from Jefferson County.

He m. on 11 Sept. 1860 in Jefferson County to Passey Ann GOODE, who was b. 27 Dec. 1842 in the Birmingham area of Alabama, daughter of Robert GOODE, b. 1816-1817, and his wife Nancy Drucilla WATKINS (1823-1891) in whose home she is counted as 8 years old on the 26 Dec. 1850 census at Elyton in Jefferson County, AL. After the death of her husband in the Civil War, Passey Ann took their two children and moved in with her grandparents, Daniel WATKINS and wife Drucilla BYARS. Later, she m. as her second husband to Thomas Jefferson RILEY and had several more children. She d. on 30 March 1873 at age 30, and is buried beside her second husband, from the Canterbury Methodist Church in what was then called the Union Hill Cemetery, now known as the Canterbury Cemetery (or vice versa) located at Mount Brook, which church and cemetery her first husband had helped found.

William-6 and Passey Ann had issue as given by a descendant, Angela MARKWALTER of Zephyrhills, FL; sources (1) Cemeteries of Jefferson County, AL, Vol. I, Marilyn Davis Hahn, 1982, Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham Genealogical Society; (2) Jefferson County list of property owners, 1921, Birmingham Public Library, Call #F332.J5; and (3) according to tombstones:

532. Nancy-7 "Nannie Bearden who is said to have m. a PARTAIN.

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*533. Robert William-7 Bearden, m. 15 Nov. 1882, No. 1103, Mary Jane-8 BEARDEN, daughter of No. 531.

II. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 33. JOSEPH-4 BURDEN/BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 50 BENJAMIN JOSEPH-5 OR JAMES-5-6 BURDEN/BEARDEN

175. Benjamin Joseph-6 or 7 Burden/Borden/Bearden (Benjamin Joseph-5 or James-5 or 6, Joseph-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), son or grandson of the first cousin to Persons No. 36 through No. 48. Joseph-4 and John-4 are compiled as brothers and this generation are their grandchildren. Benjamin J.-6 or 7 was born about 1778, census says in Maryland, died 1862 in Butler County area of Kentucky, married on 6 Nov. 1801 in Iredell County, NC to Elizabeth TULLY/TALLY, who was born about 1785 in Maryland (Marriages, Vol. A, Pg. 1, Nicholas County, KY).

"No record has been found that links Reverend Benjamin J. Burden of Ohio and Butler Counties, Kentucky, with the Joseph Burden who died in North Carolina in 1803, but the fact he left his lands on the Green River in Kentucky to his son, Levi Burden and the fact that both Ohio and Butler Counties are on the Green River, indicate that such might be the possibility" ("HISTORIC FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY, THE BORDEN FAMILY", by Thomas Marshall Green).

The Benjamin-6 BURTON listed on the 1810 census of Ohio County, Kentucky is probably the same individual as this Benjamin Joseph-6 or 7 BURDEN and after 1810 he lived in Butler County where he died. The appraisal and sale of his personal estate are recorded in that county and state (Record Will Book D, Pg. 65). The 1850 census of Butler County lists him and Elizabeth as being born in Maryland. Note that Butler and Ohio Counties in Kentucky adjoin Warren County where Person No. 43 was counted on the 1810 census).

Elizabeth BURDEN, the widow of Benjamin J.-6 or 7, made her will in Butler County on 24 Nov. 1866 (Will Book B, Pg. 51), the same probated and property sold on 26 Feb. 1869. Her will is remarkable and significant in that she names seventeen children, all of whom are living, witnessed by W. E. and M. A. BEESLEY/BEASLEY, both of whom either married or was closely related to the BEARDENS in north Alabama.

The Benjamin-6 and Elizabeth BURDEN property was sold to William E. Beesley on 26 Feb. 1869 in Butler County (Deed Book O, Pg. 272), witnessed by fifteen people, all of whom had an interest in the property: Benjamin F., James D., Woodard, J. T., Elizabeth and Benjamin BURDEN; Alfred D. HENDERSON, Van R. ROMANS, William M. SMITH, Elisha PAYTON, Finethy SMITH, Mary J. PAYTON, Elizabeth A. GILSTRAP, Daniel D. GILSTRAP and E. F. PEARCY.

The BURDEN, GREEN and PEARCE/PEARCY/PIERCE families were General and Church of Christ Baptists and saw each other regularly and several times each month at church services which resulted in several marriages between these families. There were at least six marriages between the Benjamin J.-6 or 7 BURDENS and the PEARCE family. This branch of the same family has stuck to the surname of "BURDEN" and "BORDON", although Joseph-4 BURDEN's brother (Person No. 32), John-4's name, after the 1790 census is generally spelled BERDEN, BEARDEN and BEARDING, etc. as it had been spelled in England.

Benjamin Joseph-6 had issue, as taken from the Elizabeth Burden will and Butler County marriages:

534. John Telemachus-7 Burden, b. on 30 July 1802, d. on 17 Feb. 1876, m. on 12 May 1823 to Mary Ann FULKERSON (Butler County, KY Marriages, Book A, Pg. 17). Person No. 38, Humphrey-5 Bearden m. Ann FILCHER/FULCHER, could be translated FULKERSON.

535. William A.-7 Burden m. Mariah PEARCE, daughter of Absalom Pearce, and had one son by this marriage. Mariah died young and William-7 m. second Matilda SMITH and had four issue. She d. 25 May 1854 and he m. third Catherine FINDLEY (Butler County, KY Marriages, Book A, Pg. 43). Issue by three marriages, 1850, 1860, 1870 census records: Lorenzo-8, b. 1832; David-8; John-8; Rhoda-8; Eli-8; Sarah J.-8; Mariah C.-8; and Sylvester-8.
536. Delilah-7 Burden, m. on 15 Nov. 1829 to Allen McCOY (Marriage Book A, Pg. 169, Ohio County, KY).
537. Cynthia Ann-7 Burden, b. 25 June 1833, m. William Harrison PEARCE, son of Absalom (Ohio County, KY Marriages, Book A, Pg. 138) and had several children, named in Green's "THE BORDEN FAMILY, "HISTORIC FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY". "Sintha" d. about 1850 and William Pearce m. second Sarah GREEN soon after and had issue as named in Kentucky Vital Statistics, b. 1852-1861.
538. Jemimah-7 Burden, m. 12 Sept. 1833, Ohio County, KY, John GREEN, step/adopted son of Absalom Pearce (Marriage Book A, Pg. 88), m. second (?) McCANDLOUS/McCANDLESS as given in mother's will.
539. Eli/Ely-7 Burden, m. on 8 July 1830 to Meriah MORRIS (Ohio County, KY Marriages, Book A, Pg. 83).
540. Isaiah-7, m. 19 Oct. 1837, Susan PEARCE who d. before 23 Nov. 1859, daughter of Absalom; m. second 23 Nov. 1859, Dorothea WALL (Butler County Marriages, Book A, Pgs. 12, 357), issue first wife:
- James W.-8, minister, m. 26 July 1868, Mariah E. WHITEHEAD (Marriage V. 5, Pg. 259).
 - Joseph A.-8, m. 3 Dec. 1877, Nancy EMBRY (Butler County, KY Marriages, V. 10, Pg. 212); Person 279, Mitchell-7 BEARDEN, m. as his third wife to Nancy's sister, Mary EMBRY. Joseph A.-8 had issue, Laurence-9 (female); Corbit-9; Elizabeth-9; Allison-9; Clarence-9 and Jessie-9 Burden.
 - Zachariah-8 Burden, m. Manerva Jane GIVENS. Some Alabama and Tennessee Beardens are buried in the Givens Cemetery.
 - Elizabeth-8 Burden, m. Daniel D. GILSTRAP.
 - Nancy-8 Burden, m. Thomas M. KEOWN.
 - Maragret-8 Burden, m. James P. GREEN.
541. Gabriel-7 Burden, m. 1 Jan. 1834, Martha Patsy McCOY.
542. Martha Patsy-7 Burden, b. 1817, m. Matthew DOUGHERTY and it was Frances "Fanny" DOUGHERTY, who m. in Murray County, GA to James Jasper-7 BEARDEN (under No. 106, Richard-6 Jr.). "Fanny" m. second John GREEN (see Person No. 359, John-7 Green).
543. Alfred D.-7 Bearden, b. 1823 in Kentucky, m. second on 26 June 1878 to Mrs. Mary PHARRIS/HARRIS.
544. Garrett Wayne-7 Bearden, b. 1824, m. on 7 Dec. 1859 to Mary McCANDLESS (Butler County, KY Marriages, Book 2, Pg. 363).
545. Harriett L.-7 Burden, b. 1825, m. Feb. 1845 Robert HENDERSON.
546. Benjamin Franklin-7 Burden, m. on 22 May 1854 to Martha J. WILSON, m. second on 30 May 1858 to Cassender Elizabeth BAIRD (Ohio County, KY Marriages, Book G, Pg. 65).
547. Elizabeth Ann-7 Burden, m. 14 May 1840 Phillip C. PEARCE, son of Absalom Pearce (Butler County, KY Marriages, Bk. A, Pg. 41).
548. America Jane-7 Burden, m. 10 July 1843 to Robert A. DOCKERY.
549. Mariah-7 Burden, m. 26 April 1846, John BEASLEY/BEESLEY, m. second John B. SMITH.
550. Ahassureed-7 Burden, did not marry.

FINIS DESCENT, AS KNOWN, OF NO. 33, JOSEPH-4 BURDEN/BORDEN ETC.

SEVENTH GENERATION BEARDEN

EIGHTY DESCENDANTS OF NO. 32 JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN

I. SEVENTEEN GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 36, BENJAMIN-5 AND MOLLY (HARRIS) BEARDEN

A. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 53 JOHN-6 AND NANCY (ADAMS/HARRIS/VAUGHN) BEARDEN

185. Lambert Smith-7 Bearden (John-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1800-1806 in Granville or Person County, NC and d. intestate in Sept. 1840, on the Sack River in Barry County, MO. Lambert-7, as he was known, married on 6 Oct. 1822 in Vandalia, Fayette County, IL to

Nancy Ann WARD, who was b. 1806, probably in Logan County, KY and d. before 6 October 1839, the daughter of John J. (known as "Jack") and Mary Polly (MODALE/MADOLE) WARD (Marriage Book A, Pg. 1, Fayette County, IL; "MADOLE AND WARD WITH ALLIED FAMILIES"). Lambert S.-7 married second to Ruelah (Buelah?) GORE, said to have been an Indian woman. Nancy Ward's father was born in 1769 in England and died 1811 in Logan County, KY (this is same location where some of the writer's MOREHEAD, MAUZEY, SULLIVAN and MORGAN families settled at same time). Her mother was born 1768 in Ireland and died between 1830 and 1840 in Macon County, IL..

In 1823 Lambert-7 and Nancy went to Macon County in Illinois and settled in the South Wheatland Township, known as "the Ward Settlement", located on the south side of the Sagamon River. He owned land and lived there until 1832 when he went to Missouri.

In 1831, in Macon County, IL, Lambert S.-7 was listed in the jury duty roster, along with his brother, Solomon-7 BEARDEN, and in the estate settlement of John WARD Jr. In 1832, he traveled to Missouri with other members of the Bearden and Ward family, settling near Springfield in Greene County. In 1835, Barry County was created from Greene County and this family then found themselves in the new county. In May 1838, Lambert S.-7 and Washington SMITH are appointed judges of the election for establishing Smith Township in Barry County, MO ("HISTORY OF BARRY COUNTY, MISSOURI").

Lambert Smith-7 died without having made a will (letters of administration in Barry County, MO, "1835-1855, Book A-40", Pgs. 40-41-42), the legal papers listing Washington SMITH as administrator of his estate and giving surety bond of eight thousand (\$8000.00) dollars and reads: "Heirs to wit Thomas Bearden, Mary Ann Bearden, Melinda Bearden, William Bearden, Lewis Bearden, Josephine Bearden, Washington Bearden, Joshua Bearden, all living in Barry County, Missouri on 'Waters of the Sack River', and Ruelah Gore, a relict of the deceased". The Sack River is located in the Springfield area of Missouri and in 1840 Barry County covered most of the southwest corner of Missouri.

One descendant of Lambert Smith-7 is Elsie (HATTON) WALKER of Wichita Falls, TX, and with the help and support of another descendant, Mr. Ralph Thurston WALL, they have compiled "BEARDEN KINFOLKS", covering the subject's parents, John-6 Bearden of North Carolina and Sumner County, Tennessee, whose will names his son, Lambert Smith-7 Bearden. It is probable that Lambert-7 and Nancy had more issue than the eight who the administration of his property names, these under eighteen years old when he died in 1840:

- *551. Thomas Ward-8 Bearden, m. Feb. 1844, Elvira Ann BLANKENSHIP.
- 552. Mary Ann-8 Bearden, m. William COLEMAN (court action 1844, MO).
- 553. Melinda-8 Bearden, m. William McDONALD (as taken from the 1844 court action).
- 554. William-8 Bearden.
- 555. Lewis Franklin-8 Bearden.
- 556. Josephine-8 Bearden.
- 557. Washington-8 Bearden.
- 558. Joshua-8 Bearden, b. about 1840 in Missouri, the 1850 census of Cedar Township, Cedar County, MO (Pg. 307, Line 16), lists Joshua-8 Bearden, age 10, born MO, in the home of Joseph ALLEN. Since Joshua-8 was the last issue of Lambert Smith-7 and was ten years old in 1850, he is the son of Lambert-7 and Buelah Gore and would be one-half Indian.

186. Orange D.-7 Bearden (John-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), b. about 1803 in NC, d. after 1856 in Carouse Twshp., Albany, Hempstead County, AR; m. 30 April 1824 in Wilson County, TN to Margaret WOODVILL, Bondsman Henry WOODVILL. Margaret was b. 1798 in NC ("WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE BONDS", publ. "ANASEARHIN' NEWS", Vol. 24, 1977, Pg. 73).

In the will of William PROCTOR (under No. 53, John-6 Bearden), proved November Court, 1837 in Sumner County, TN, Orange D.-7 Bearden was appointed guardian to raise and educate the minor children of Henrietta (sometimes called "Harriett") BEARDEN and her husband William PROCTOR. Orange D.-6 is obviously a person of intelligence and commands the respect of his family as he was named as one of the Executors of his father's will. In 1840 in Sumner County, TN, he is elected President of the Board at the Bledsoe Female Academy ("OLD SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE", Pg. 322, Edythe Whitley).

The 1850 Census of Carouse Twshp., Albany, AR, in Hempstead County, listed Orange D.-7 Bearden, Head of Household, age forty-seven (47), born in North Carolina and a teacher. His wife, Margaret is fifty-two, son James-8 is twenty-four, b. TN; son Orange D.-8 Jr. is seventeen, b. MO; living in family is Rebecca KIRBY or KING?, age 6, b. TN; and Eliza WOODVILLE, thirty-five, b. TN.

In 1855, Orange D.-7 Bearden and his wife Margaret are living in same location, Section No. 33, Twshp. 12, and sold one hundred acres of land for the sum of two hundred dollars. In 1856, same location, Township 13, Orange D.-7 and Margaret Bearden sold one hundred and fifty acres of land for one hundred dollars.

The 1850 U. S. Census lists the following BEARD/E families in Sumner County, Tennessee:
 BEARD, William, age 50, b. TN; Rachel, 48; Angeline, 18; Mary, 15; Jas., 28; George, 12; Rufus, 10; Wm., 8 (Cen. # 248/57).
 BEARDE, Jessey H., 27, b. TN; Mary, 24; Thomas, 18; Elizabeth, 15; William, 5; Frances, 3; Josiah, 1 (Cen. # 807/725).
 BEARDE, Josiah, 32 b. TN; Manerva, 32; Josiah, 20; Mary, 13; Jane, 6; Sarah, 4; Jessey, 1 (Cen. # 810/726).
 BEARDE, Mary, 42 b. VA; Jessey, 17; Wm., 18; Sarah, 15; Simeon, 10; Hannah, 8; Martha, 6 (Cen. # 906/737).

The 1860 U. S. Census lists the following BEARD families in Sumner County, TN:
 BEARD, William, 60, b. TN; Rachel, 53; George, 21; Rufus, 19; Wm., 17; Lucinda MARION, 11 (Lucinda's last name); Samuel SNODGRASS, 27; Robert B. SCOTT, 12 (Cen. # 97/159).
 BEARE, Joshua, 45, TN; Mary, 44; Frances, 20; Caroline, 18; Catherine, 16; Mark, 13; Columbus, 11; Nelson, 8 (Cen. # 66/106).

B. FOUR CHILDREN OF NO. 54 RICHARD-6 AND NANCY ANN (BENNETT) BEARDEN

188. Sarah L.-7 "Sallie" Bearden (Richard-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 9 Feb. 1796 in Person or Buncombe County, North Carolina and d. on 1 Nov. 1852 in Chatanooga, Hamilton County, TN, m. on 20 April 1817 in Knox County, TN to the eminent attorney, Thomas Jefferson CAMPBELL, who was b. on 22 Feb. 1793 in Knox County and d. on 13 April 1850 in Washington, DC, said to be buried Chatanooga, TN. Thomas J. Campbell was the son of Judge David Campbell Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth OUTLAW. David Campbell, b. 1750 in Augusta County, VA and d. 1812 in Washington, Rhea County, TN ("REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS BURIED IN TENNESSEE", Pg. 73). Another descendant is A. E. Campbell whose daughter, Ruby V. Campbell, m. Person No. 1025, John A. BEARDEN.

Thomas Jefferson Campbell was gifted and a man of culture and influence, elected to the 27th United States Congress, served as the Clerk of the National House of Representatives, 30th and 31st Congress. Information concerning the Campbell/Bearden and related families is taken from the following sources: "THE FRENCH-BROAD HOLSTON COUNTRY, A HISTORY OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE", by the Knox County History Committee, East Tennessee Historical Society, Mary U. Rothrock, Ed., publ. Knoxville in 1946; "NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (NSDAR) LINEAGE BOOK", Vol. 115, Pg. 13; CAMPBELL BIBLE, in possession of C. C. BLACKMAN, Longview, Texas; A. M. BLACKMAN of Clemmons, North Carolina; "NINETEENTH CENTURY TENNESSEE CHURCH RECORDS", Vol. I and II, by Byron Sister, 1979; VERTICAL FILE, McClung Library, Knoxville, TN; "KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGES" by D'Armand, Pgs. 163-165; "VIRKUS", Vol. 2, Pg. 228; BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF TENNESSEE

GENEALOGY ASSY.", Vol. 1, Pg. 16; "LEAVES FROM THE FAMILY TREE", Johnson; "AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF REVEREND MARCUS BEARDEN DeWITT D. D."; "CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS" etc).

The subject, "Sallie"-7 Bearden was reared in the home of her parents on a prosperous farm, located eight miles below Knoxville, TN, on the north bank of the Holston (later Tennessee River). She had issue:

559. Louise Penelope-8 Campbell, b. 20 Aug. 1818, Rhea County, TN, d. Aug. 1854, Adairsville, near Atlanta, GA; m. 20 March 1834 James Wood SMITH, m. second 13 Dec. 1842, William ANDERSON, called "Cousin Louise Anderson of Chatanooga" in "AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL DATA" by MARCUS BEARDEN DEWITT, D. D., Pg. 10.
560. Ann Eliza-8 Campbell, b. 2 Oct. 1820, Rhea County, d. 27 June 1839, Adairsville, GA, m. 1 Sept. 1836, Euclid WATERHOUSE.
- *561. Richard Bearden-8 Campbell, first son of Sarah L.-7 Bearden, was b. on 27 March 1822 in Rhea County, TN and d. on 11 Nov. 1883 in Chatanooga, TN, m. on 23 May 1843 in Athens, McMinn County, TN to Isabella Stearns BRIDGES.
562. Thomas Jefferson-8 Campbell Jr., b. 27 Feb. 1824, Rhea County TN, d. 16 May 1885 in Paris, Lamar County, TX; m. 11 June 1846, Frances E. BRIDGES, sister of his brother Richard-8's wife and both the daughters of James S. and Mary (McKIM) Bridges. Thomas J.-8 is referred to as "Thomas of Cleveland" in "AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL DATA".
563. Mary Letitia-8 "Letty" Campbell, b. on 22 Aug. 1826, Athens, McMinn County, TN, d. on 4 Oct. 1875 in Chatanooga, TN, m. 24 May 1843 to David Claborn McMILLAN. "AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL DATA" refers to her as "Mary of Cleveland".
564. Clinton-8 Campbell, b. on 12 Oct. 1828 and d. unmarried on 9 Sept. 1854 in Charleston, SC.

189. Nathaniel-7 Bearden (Richard-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), the son of Richard-6 and Nancy Ann (BENNETT) Bearden, b. 1800-1810 in Person County, North Carolina, per 1850 Tennessee census of Knox County (Census No. 1948/459), and disappeared from Knox County before 1860, m. at an unknown time and place, about 1831 in the area of Knox County, to Joicy (?), b. 1811, TN. There is little information concerning Nathaniel-7 or his wife; in all probability they had unknown issue married before the 1850 census report as people married young at that time. He is listed as head of household on the 1850 census of Knox County, TN, with the following issue, born Tennessee:

565. Harriett-8 Bearden, listed 1860 census Knox County, TN as Harriett CLARK, household of her sister, Person No. 566, below.
- *566. Catherine/Katherine J.-8 Bearden, m. her father's cousin, Person No. 218, William H.-7 BEARDEN.
567. Josephus-8 Bearden, b. 1843 in Knox County, TN and may be the "Joseph" Bearden who m. on 1 Dec. 1887 in Knox County, TN Minnie B. CLOUD, by O. L. Hailey, T. P. McDaniel, bondsman.
568. Mary E.-8 Bearden, b. 1848, Knox County, TN, may be the Mary Bearden who m. there on 25 April 1878 to Robert BRADLEY.

193. Marcus de Lafayette-7 Bearden (Richard-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), son of Richard-6 and Nancy Ann (BENNETT) Bearden, was b. on 18 Oct. 1799 in Buncombe County, NC and d. on 11 June 1854 in Knox County, TN, buried in the old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville, which is west of Center Drive and which he had founded and served as treasurer.

He m. on 25 July 1821 at Rutledge in Grainger County, TN to Eliza Amy COCKE, who was b. there on 22 April 1803 and d. on 20 March 1835 in Knox County, TN. Eliza has a long pedigree as given in "THE COCKE FAMILY", published 1929 in "VIRGINIA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE", Vol. 37, Pgs. 234 through 245, which gives the names of her parents, grandparents and great grandparents, plus the dates of her birth, marriage, death and the names of her six children. She is the daughter of John and Sarah (STRATTON) Cocke, who are first cou-

sins and the granddaughter of William and Sarah (MACHIN) Cocke. It's interesting to note that one of Eliza A.'s sisters was Sarah COCKE who m. Joseph ANDERSON of Hawkins County, TN and whose daughter, Amanda ANDERSON, m. Col. Samuel BUNCH (see BUNCH/ANDERSON FAMILY for writer's connections).

Marcus de L.-7 m. second, 13 July 1837 in Knox County to Sarah Frances MORGAN, b. 1818, TN, d. on 20 March 1847 in Knox County, the daughter of Colonel Rufus and Elizabeth (TRIGG) Morgan. Rufus Morgan was b. on 19 Feb. 1781 at Litchfield, CT and d. on 26 Aug. 1826 at Knoxville, TN, the son of Gideon and Patience (COGSWELL). Rufus and his brother Calvin Morgan are prominent in Knox County and are buried there in the Kingston Cemetery with their parents.

Sarah Frances is the sister of Rachel Kibbey Twigg Morgan, who became the first wife of Hugh Lawson McCLUNG, and of Rhoda Campbell Morgan, who m. John WILLIAMS and in whose home Sarah Frances died. Calvin Morgan is the father of Eliza Jane, who m. on 19 June 1802 in Knoxville to Matthew McCLUNG and they are the grandparents of Lee McClung who served as U. S. Treasurer, and of Calvin Morgan McClung of Knoxville, wholesale hardware merchant and collector of the historical materials which form the McClung Historical Collection of the Lawson McGhee Library. Much of the Bearden and other Tennessee records can be found in this source.

The notice of the death of Sarah Frances was dated on 25 March 1847 in the "KNOXVILLE REGISTER" and she is listed in "KNOXVILLE'S FIRST GRAVEYARD, 1800-1879", bottom of Pg. 13, published in 1965 by the East Tennessee Historical Society, Knoxville: "In memory of Sarah F. Bearden, daughter of Colonel Rufus Morgan and wife of Marcus D. Bearden, who departed this life March 20, 1847, in the 29th year of her age in hope of a blessed immortality. A member of the M. E. Church. Died on Wednesday the 24th at the home of Colonel John Williams, whither she had gone on a visit, after an illness of two days. Mrs. Sarah F. Bearden, consort of Major M. D. Bearden, her remains were deposited in the graveyard in the rear of the Presbyterian Church in Knoxville on the day following" ("THE EPISCOPALIAN", dated 31 March 1847).

Marcus D.-8 Bearden m. third on 1 Nov. 1849 in Knoxville to Laura Smith CATLETT, by Thomas Hume, Joseph H. Walker, bondsman. She was born 1826 and the 1850 census report says she was born in the state of Massachusetts. After the death of Marcus D.-7 in 1854, Laura married again on 11 Dec. 1857 to David RICHARDSON.

Laura S. Catlett's ancestors are compatriots and intermarried in early Virginia with the families of BEARDEN, WINN/WYNNE, MINOR, LEE, TAYLOR, STITH, MOORE, etc., and continued to intermarry with them. This writer's husband is of the MOORE/TAYLOR/LEE families and the writer is of BEARDEN/WINN/MINOR, etc.

Laura Smith Catlett is a probable descendant of John Catlett and Ann Walker CARTER, of "Timberneck", Gloucester County, Virginia, a distinguished lawyer and the son of John and Mary (EGGLESTON) Catlett of King William County, Virginia. Ann Walker Carter's sister was Lucy Landon CARTER who married General John MINOR of "Hazel Hill", Fredricksburg, Virginia, son of Major John and Elizabeth (COSBY) Minor of "Topping Castle", Caroline County, VA. Major John Minor served with distinction in the War of the Revolution and was present 1781 at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis.

John Fitzhugh, born 30 June 1727, "Bell Air", Stafford County, Virginia, married on 30 Oct. 1746 to Alice THORNTON, daughter of Rowland and Elizabeth (CATLETT) Thornton of "Crowes", King George County, Virginia, granddaughter of Francis and Alice (SAVAGE) Thornton and of Colonel John and Elizabeth (GAINES) Catlett of Essex County, Virginia. A son is Henry Fitzhugh of Stafford County who married on 23 Oct. 1777 to Elizabeth (STITH) Fitzhugh of "Fitzhughsburg" in Stafford County.

Matilda TALIAFERRO (orthography changed to TAYLOR/TAYLOE in some families), was born on 30 Sept. 1737 in Caroline County, Virginia, the daughter of Nicholas and Ann Taliaferro (cousins), later of Bracken County, Kentucky and granddaughter of William and Mary (BATTAILLE) Taliaferro of "Snow Creek", Spotsylvania

County, Virginia and great granddaughter of John and Mary (CATLETT) Taliaferro of Spotsylvania County, Virginia; and of Captain Nicholas and Mary (THORNTON) Battallie, of "Hay", Caroline County, Virginia.

Erasmus Taylor was b. on 5 Sept. 1715 in Orange County, VA, son of James and Martha (THOMPSON) Taylor and grandson of James and Frances (BEARDING/BURDEN?) Taylor. He m. Jane MOORE, who was b. on 22 Dec. 1728, daughter of John and Rebecca (CATLETT) CONWAY-MOORE. A niece of Erasmus and Jane is Frances TAYLOR (daughter of James TAYLOR and Martha THOMPSON), who m. on 24 Aug. 1721 to Ambrose MADISON, the latter who made the entries in his notebook concerning Francis BEARDING (Person No. 15 of this compilation) as listed in the account book of Ambrose MADISON (KELLER-MOORE volume by this writer).

Ambrose Madison was the son of John Madison Sr., who settled in 1653 on the York River in the Colony of Virginia.

One brother of Erasmus Taylor, Charles TAYLOR, m. Sarah CONWAY and they were the parents of Catlett CONWAY and of Matilda CONWAY who m. William MOORE. Another brother of Erasmus was Zachary TAYLOR, who m. Elizabeth LEE; another brother was Richard TAYLOR who m. Sarah STROTHER and they were the parents of "Zach" Taylor, 12th President of the United States, whose daughter, Sarah Knox TAYLOR, m. Jefferson DAVIS, President of the Confederate States.

Elizabeth Marye HUNTON of Fauquier County, Virginia, daughter of John Heath and Amanda (BUTCHER) Hunton of Loudoun County and the granddaughter of Eppa and Elizabeth Marye (BRENT) Hunton of Fauquier County, married 1820 to Charles CATLETT of Staunton, Virginia.

Colonel James Taylor, born about 1705, of Caroline County, VA, married Alice (THORNTON) CATLETT, widow of John CATLETT (all above from "CARTERS OF COROTOMAN", "THE TAYLOR FAMILY", as taken from "COLONIAL FAMILIES OF THE SOUTHERN STATES OF AMERICA", Pgs. 118-507 by Stella Hardy, a copy of which is in most genealogy libraries and in writer's possession; Robert T. Green's "GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL NOTES ON CULPEPPER COUNTY, VA, EMBRACING A REVISED AND ENLARGED EDITION OF DR. PHILIP SLAUGHTER'S HISTORY OF ST. MARK'S PARISH, Baltimore Regional Publishing Company, 1971, etc.).

The forename of "John Minor" has been carried down to Person No. 210, John Minor BEARDEN, in this Bearden history and the wife of Person No. No. 62, Benjamin-6 BEARDEN Jr. is Elizabeth MINOR.

The subject here, Marcus D.-7, had a sister who married a SMITH, two of his daughters married the Reverend Carmen D. SMITH and William Johnson TAYLOR respectively, the descent of these early Virginians.

Marcus D.-7 Bearden is listed in "INDEX TO GRANTEES AND LOCATORS IN GRAINGER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, 1824-1860": No. of Grant, 13895; Grantee: Marcus D. Bearden: Date: 31 Jan. 1827. No. of entry: 330". He is listed on the 1850 census of Knox County, TN with wife, Laura S., age 24, seven issue and Carman D. SMITH, John B. COX (sic, COCKE), age 26, and Charles W. CHARLTON, age 27.

Much of the foregoing and the following information is taken from the Bearden descent who still reside in Knox County, in conjunction with "THE COMPENDIUM OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY", Pgs. 562-563", excerpts in possession of writer, plus sources listed under Persons No. 54, 62, 188, Richard-6, Benjamin-6 and Sarah-7 Bearden.

Marcus D.-7 Bearden, the uncle of Marcus Bearden-8 DeWitt, who wrote "AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL DATA", was a popular and successful man of business. He was president and co-owner with a cousin, Hugh Andrew May WHITE, of a wholesale grocery and of a steamboat line from Knoxville to Chatanooga. He had a home in Middlebrook, a small place on a beautiful stream by that name, located five miles southwest of Knoxville, where he and another cousin, Gideon HAZEN, with whom he owned and operated the paper mill called "Bearden and Hazen". The highway still bears the name "Paper Mill Road". In 1836, Marcus D.-7 Bearden was appointed trustee of the East Tennessee College, now the University of Tennessee.

Marcus Bearden-8 DeWitt, in his "AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL DATA", says in part: "I remember my Uncle Marcus D. Bearden's sons, Richard, Josephus, Rufus, and William. They had educational and social advantages which gave them ability to exercise influence in the community and some of them became valuable men. In spite of east Tennessee's Union proclivity, some served in the Confederate Army."

Marcus D.-7 Bearden had six children by his first wife, Eliza Amy COCKE, and he had at least seven children by his second wife, Sarah Frances MORGAN. It is not believed he had issue by his third wife, Laura Smith CATLIN/CATLETT, who he married on 1 Nov. 1849, four years before he died. He had issue by two marriages:

***569. Sarah Ann-8 Bearden**, m. 22 Dec. 1840, William GOODRICH

570. Margaret Rebecca-8 Bearden, b. on 29 March 1824 in Knox County, TN, m. there on 21 Sept. 1847 to the Methodist minister Rev. Carmen D. SMITH, Rev. R. M. Stevens, James C. Walker, bondsman. Margaret R.-8 Smith, her husband and one child are listed on the 1850 census of Knox County TN, in the Marcus D.-7 Bearden household. By Reverend Marcus "Mark" Bearden-8 DeWitt: "My uncle Marcus D. Bearden's daughter Margaret married the Reverend Mr. Smith, a Methodist minister of education and intelligence." She had issue, Smith:
- a. Marcus Bearden-9 Smith, b. 1848, Knoxville, listed with grandparents, the Marcus D.-7 and Laura Smith (CATLET) household, on 1850 census of Knox County, TN (Census 43/191).
 - b. Ellen Drayton-9 Smith, b. 1851, Knox County, TN.
 - c. Charles Charlton-9 Smith, b. 1853, Knox County, TN.
 - d. Emma-9 Smith, b. 1858 in Franklin County, NC.
 - e. Thomas Taylor-9 Smith, b. 1859 in Franklin County, NC.
 - f. Mary-9 Smith, b. 1860 in Franklin County, NC.
 - g. Carman Vance-9 Smith, b. 1863 in Franklin County, NC.

***571. John Telemachus-8 Bearden**, m. Mrs. Frances (MEDLEY) STITH.

572. Richard Rufus-8 Bearden, was b. on 27 March 1828 in Knox County, TN and d. on 30 March 1879 in Suling, TX, m. on 30 May 1849 in Knoxville, TN to Martha A. GAINES, the daughter of Matthew Ambrose and Margaret (LUTTRELL) Gaines and had issue: Matthew Gaines-9 Bearden, b. 25 Jan. 1835 in Philadelphia, PA and m. on 12 Jan. 1871 in Hillside, MS to Alazama Elizabeth COOPER, daughter of John, Claiborne County, MS (see WEATHERS FAMILY, writer's great-aunt, Alazama Elizabeth (WEATHERS) SPEAK/ES). Matthew G.-9 Bearden had issue, b. in Knox County, TN: Richard Rufus-10 Bearden, b. 22 Aug. 1872; and Norman Cooper-10 Bearden, b. on 26 Feb. 1875.
573. Marcus Josephus-8 Bearden, b. on 23 April 1831 in Knox County, TN and is listed in his parent's h/h on the 1850 census of Knox County, TN, m. on 3 June 1850 in Asheville, NC to Amelia RANKIN, daughter of William D. Rankin and had issue: William Rankin-9, b. 6 Jan. 1865, Asheville, NC; Mary Elizabeth-9, b. 20 Dec. 1866, Greenville, SC; and Emogene Mary-9 Bearden, b. 25 Aug. 1867, Greenville, SC.
574. Mary Eliza-8 Bearden, youngest issue of Marcus D.-7 and Eliza Amy (COCKE) Bearden, b. on 9 Oct. 1834 in Grainger or Knox County, TN and m. on 11 Sept. 1854 in Knoxville, TN to William Johnson TAYLOR, b. 1825 in Kentucky, of the Virginia/Kentucky JOHNSON and TAYLOR families who intermarried with the WINN/JACKSON/MOORE families. Of Mary Eliza-8's TAYLOR descent is Francis Henry TAYLOR who, when "THE COMPENDIUM OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY" was published, is the director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, NY (THE FRENCH BROAD-HOUSTON COUNTRY, A HISTORY OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, by the Knox County Historical Committee, East Tennessee Historical Society, Knoxville, 1946). Mary E.-8 m. second Rufus Morgan McCLUNG and had one known issue. Known issue from two marriages:
- a. John Madison-9 Taylor, b. July 1856, Lancaster, PA, m. 15 Oct. 1879, St. Stephens Church, Philadelphia, PA, by Rev. Lewis, U. S. W. to Emily DAWSON, daughter of Dr. Henry. John Madison-9 had issue born in Philadelphia: Edith Moore-10, b. 10 Aug. 1880; Percy Drayton-10, b. 8 Sept. 1882; and Mabel Haywood-10 Taylor, b. 9 Nov. 1884.
 - b. Caroline Jane-9 Taylor, b. on 5 Aug. 1859 at Winchester Farm, Worcester County, MD, m. on 10 April 1879 at Philadelphia Episcopal Church by Reverend Richard NEWTON to James MONTGOMERY of

- Knoxville, TN and had issue: James-10, b. 6 Nov. 1881, Washington, D. C.; and Horace-10 Montgomery, b. 2 Dec. 1884.
- c. William Johnson-9 Taylor Jr., fourth and youngest issue of Mary Eliza-8 Bearden by her first husband, b. on 13 Oct. 1861 at Winchester Farm, Worcester, Maryland and m. on 29 April 1891 at Philadelphia Church of Our Savior, by Rev. Robert COLES to Emily NEWBOLD, daughter of John S. Newbold and had issue: Phoebe-10 Taylor.
- d. Rosalie-9 McClung, youngest and only issue of Mary Eliza-8 Bearden and her second husband, b. April 1873 in Knox County and m. (?) HEATON.
575. Rufus Morgan-8 Bearden, first issue of Marcus D.-7 Bearden by his second wife, Sarah Frances MORGAN, b. 1837 in Knox County, TN and d. 1872. He served as an Adjutant, Second Tennessee Cavalry (CSA, Civil War) and m. on 2 Nov. 1864 in Asheville, NC to Mary Moore GAINES, who d. before 4 Nov. 1891 when Rufus Morgan-8 m. second a widow, Anna Mae (GAINES) JOHNSON, sister of both his first wife and Martha A. Gaines, the wife of his half brother, Richard-8 Bearden.
576. William M.-8 Bearden, b. 1841 in Knoxville, Knox County, TN, m. Eliza M. ELLIS.
577. (Captain) Hugh McClung-8 Bearden, b. 1843 in Knox County, d. 1860's in Cynthiana, KY.
578. Elizabeth Trigg-8 Bearden, b. on 23 Feb. 1844 in Knoxville, TN and d. there on 2 July 1889, m. there on 18 Oct. 1865 to Major Louis Alexander GRATZ, who served as the first mayor of the corporation of North Knoxville, now a part of Knoxville. Elizabeth T.-8 had one known issue: Frances H.-9 Gratz, m. Horace Atlee MANN, attorney-at-law in Knoxville.
579. Francis C.-8 "Frank" Bearden, b. about 1845 and may be the "Frank" C. Bearden who m. on 13 Dec. 1883 to Nannie BUCKWELL, by James Park, PMG, John S. Brown, bondsman.
580. Unknown male child-8, youngest issue of Marcus D. L.-7 Bearden and his wife Sarah Frances MORGAN, d. young, perhaps his mother died 20 March 1847 in childbirth when he was born.

192. Mary Eliza-7 Bearden (Richard-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, (John-1?)), issue of Richard-6 and Nancy Ann (BENNETT) Bearden, was b. on 26 Jan. 1803 in Knox County, TN and d. on 7 May 1889 in Nashville, TN; m. on 2 April 1820 in Washington, Rhea County, TN to John Washington DEWITT, who was b. on 23 Sept. 1799 in the Darlington area of SC, the son of Harris DeWitt, a SC patriot of the Revolution in state or continental service under General Benjamin Lincoln when he surrendered Charleston to the British in 1780, but he escaped and joined his patriotic countrymen. Harris DeWitt moved from South Carolina about 1807 and settled in Cocke County, Tennessee (see under Person No. 54, Richard-6).

Marcus Bearden-8 DeWitt says of his parents: "My father, being a physician with a large practice in Paris, Tennessee, my native town, often sought relief and rest and took my mother to visit her parents, brothers, sisters and other relatives. The first time they made this trip in my recollection was in 1842. Of my mother, a son's tenderness and love could lead me to say much", etc. The writer has had access to only an extract from "AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL DATA" and, therefore, has very little information concerning Mary Eliza-7 Bearden's issue. A full copy is in the University of Texas Main Library in Austin and in the possession of Mrs. Jean Halden Walker of Austin, Texas.

Mary Eliza-7 married in 1820 and there is probably issue before the birth in 1835 of Marcus Bearden-8 DeWitt, but this writer is without knowledge, with the exception of the following:

581. Marcus Bearden-8 DeWitt, known as "Mark" who wrote "AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL DATA" was b. on 8 March 1835 at Paris, Henry County, TN where his father practiced his profession of medicine; d. on 25 Feb. 1901 in Madison County, AL. Only one son is known: Judge John-9 DeWitt, in 1925 had possession of the ACKLIN Family Bible and many court records.
582. Clinton-8 DeWitt, in "AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL DATA": "A cousin of mine named Alex DeWitt came to my house in Madison County, Alabama with my brother, Clinton DeWitt, in the fall of 1865, from Tennessee and they soon went on to Texas, where Alex remained awhile and then returned to east Tennessee. My brother, Clinton DeWitt, is more like our father while I am a type taken from the Beardens."

C. FOUR CHILDREN OF NO. 55 WILLIAM-6 AND SARAH (BARTON) BEARDEN

199. **Jeremiah-7 Bearden** (William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1792 in Granville County, NC area and d. on 15 May 1850 in Pike County, MS; m. on 13 March 1812 (20 March 1813?) in Montgomery County, TN to Rachel HAMILTON, who was b. Montgomery County area 1790-1792 and d. 1875 in Pike County, MS (ANASEARCHIN' NEWS; MISSISSIPPI GENEALOGICAL EXCHANGE, Vol. 8, Nos. 3-4, Pg. 51; copy of marriage record included in Rachel Bearden's pension papers), Jeremiah and Buckner KELLEBREW giving surety. Rachel was the probable descendant of the same Hamilton family as the Jonathan "John" Hamilton of Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, who m. on 7 April 1814 in Belmont County, Ohio to Keziah FORB/ES and one son was William Wilson HAMILTON, who m. Lucinda Brown SETTLE. The latter are the great grandparents of the writer's husband (KELLER KONNECTIONS by this writer which includes HAMILTON FAMILY).

"Jeremiah and John Bearden were under Colonel Sevier. Jeremiah located a land grant at Bearden Station in Knox County, Tennessee. John received a pension in the same county in 1833." The writer is told that one Jeremiah Bearden is listed in "REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS BURIED IN TENNESSEE" in "KING'S MOUNTAIN MEN", Pgs. 21 and 147, by Katherine Keogh White, Genealogical Publishing Company Baltimore, 1977.

The subject here is the Jeremiah-6 Bearden who served in the War of 1812 and who is buried in Mississippi. Jeremiah-7 Bearden, private, served from 28 Jan. 1814 until 25 May 1814 in Captain Abram ALLEN's Company of Tennessee Militia, under General JACKSON in the War with Great Britain and the Indian Wars with the Creek Indians of 1812-1815. His widow, Rachel Bearden, applied for a widow's War of 1812 pension on 3 July 1874 from Monticello in Lawrence County, MS, affidavits, sworn testimony and bounty land witnesses, given by Nancy RILEY, Hance HAMILTON and P. L. BARNES (Pension No. 331, 521, Widow's No. 10914, E. B. Waddell, Chancery Court, National Archives, Washington, DC, copy in writer's possession).

Mr. Hance Hamilton states he is a first cousin of Rachel Bearden, they were raised together in Montgomery County, Tennessee and he was present and personally saw Jeremiah Bearden and Rachel Hamilton "joined together in holy matrimony in the county of Montgomery in the state of Tennessee".

Jeremiah-7 and Rachel came from Tennessee to Mississippi soon after their first issue was born and is noted as one of the original settlers at Holmesville, MS. He and Reddick SPARKMAN built the first hotel there, known as the Bearden-Sparkman Hotel. He subsequently settled on Topisaw Creek in Pike County, MS. ("HISTORY OF PIKE COUNTY" by Luke Ward CONERLY; "RESOURCE RECORDS OF PIKE AND WALTHALL COUNTY 1798-1910", So. Historical Press; "CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS OF PIKE COUNTY", by Roy and June PARRISH). His known issue:

- *583. **Andrew Jackson-8 Bearden**, b. 1815, d. 1864, m. Emily SARTIN.
- *584. **Nancy-8 Bearden**, m. John BARNES; m. second Matthew James McEWEN (James W.?), m. third James RILEY.
- *585. **Delilah-8 Bearden**, b. 1828, d. 1866, m. Hugh Murray QUIN.
- *586. **Angeline Elizabeth-8 Bearden**, m. Robert Blackman LIGON.

201. **Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden** (William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), the son of William-6 and his second wife, Sarah (BARTON) Bearden, was b. on 8 Dec. 1805 in Montgomery County, TN. The date and place of his death have not been determined but he is not found in Tennessee after 1854 and could have died before the 1860 census was taken. He m. on 21 Nov. 1827 in Montgomery County to Elizabeth MAJORS, who was born in 1809 in Tennessee and reared in Montgomery County, the daugh-

ter of James and Sarah (WEAKLEY) Majors. James Majors taught school for a considerable number of years in Montgomery County. Benjamin B.-7 m. second on 24 Aug. 1853 in Montgomery County to Nancy MAXEY, John S. MAJORS, J. P., Peter S. RINEHEART, bondsman.

Most of the Benjamin B.-7 Bearden records are taken from the combined sources of an old King James version of the Holy Bible, published in 1830 and owned by Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden and one hundred years later in the possession of Mrs. Flossie POWELL of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, a great granddaughter of Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden; the published biography of the son of Benjamin Barton-7 (below); and from the 1808-1820 tax list and 1850 census of Montgomery County, Tennessee. The Bible record states:

- "Benjamin B. Bearden was born December 8, 1805
- "Elizabeth Major was born February 14, 1809
- "Elizabeth Bearden deceased this life July the 20th day 1850 aged 41 years 5 months 16 days
- "John N. Bearden was born February 1st day 1829
- "Robert W. Bearden was born January 1st day 1833
- "James F. Bearden was born January 4th day 1836
- "Susan K. Bearden was born December 4th day 1838
- "Benjamin N. Bearden was born October 29th 1841
- "B. N. Bearden and Nancy McFarline were married the 8th of February 1872
- "John W. Bearden was born December the 16th 1872
- "B. B. Bearden and Nancy Maxey was married the 25th day of August 1853
- "Nancy Maxey was born May the 12th 1824"

The biography of a son of the subject, William Robert-8 (Robert W. in Bible) is extracted from "TODD COUNTY, KENTUCKY BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES", Pg. 554, Editor J. H. Battles and Perrin, reprint by Southern Historical Press, 1945, by Rev. Silas Lucas Jr.:

"FAIRVIEW PRECINCT

"William R. Bearden, one of Todd Counties leading citizens, farmers, tobacco and stock traders, was born 1 Jan. 1833 in Montgomery County, Tennessee. He is the second of five children - four boys and one girl - four now living, born to Benjamin Bearden and Elizabeth Majors, both natives of Montgomery County, Tennessee and of English descent. The father is the son of William Bearden, born in England, the mother is the daughter of James and Sarah (Weakley) Majors who were reared in Montgomery County, Tennessee. Subject's early educational advantages were poor; he attended school about two years in all and has by his own efforts succeeded in getting a fair business education; his grandfather Bearden was a farmer, his grandfather Majors taught school for a considerable time. Subject was reared on the farm and lived with his parents until he obtained his majority when he engaged in farming himself.

"He was married April 20, 1858, to Miss Susan M. Norman, of Todd County, Ky., a native of Simpson County, Ky., daughter of William II and Dorothy (Turnel) Norman, natives of Simpson County, of English origin. Subject had born to him by this union, two children, both dead; one was named Henry. Mrs. Bearden died February, 1861. On February 2, 1865, subject married Dooha A. Patton, of Todd County, daughter of Robert and Emmaline (McKinney) Patton, natives of Virginia and Muhlenburg County, Kentucky respectively of English and Irish origin; to this union were born two children, Dorothea A. and Emma. In June 1870, Mr. Bearden was again left a widower. On November 18, 1874, he was married to Sarah Armstrong, of Todd County, the daughter of Charles and Eda (Stinnett) Armstrong."

There is a discrepancy in the above biography as the father of William Robert-8 (or Robert William as he was named by his parents), was not born in England, nor was his grandfather Bearden born in England according to the available legal records; however, it is the first definite clue as to the nationality of the Bearden/Borden/Burdens.

Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden is first listed as the head of household on the 1830 census of Montgomery County, Tennessee, along with Haywood-7 and William-7 Bearden (Census No. 9).

The 1840 "Index to Heads of Households, Montgomery County" (Jackson and Teeple's Accelerated Indexing System, 3346 So. Orchard Drive, Bountiful, Utah 84010) lists Benjamin B.-7 Bearden (Census No. 248/208); Alfred-7 Bearden (Census No. 248/250); "Fany" Bearden (Census No. 248/250, widow of Charles-6 Bearden); Haywood-7 Bearden (Census No. 248); and Duncan-7 Bearden (Census No. 247/230).

The 1850 census of Montgomery County TN, lists six Beardens as heads of households: Benjamin B.-7 (Census No. 106, Nos. 25/267); Hayward-7 Bearden (Census No. 235/200); Isaac-7 (No. 229/298); John-7 (No. 513/339); Thomas-7 (Census No. 228/298); and William-7 Bearden (Census No. 231/298). Four are listed as having been born in North Carolina, Haywood-7, Thomas-7, Isaac-7 and young William-7 Bearden. In 1850 Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden is age 44; Elizabeth, 41; J. M., 21; W. R., 17; J. F., 15; S. K., 12; and B. N., 9. The Bearden men there evidently were fond of young ladies by the forename of Elizabeth as four of them married wives by that name.

The 1860 census of Montgomery County Tennessee, lists only Duncan-7 Bearden. Benjamin Barton-7 is either deceased or had followed his brothers to Arkansas and Missouri but he is not found in that year on the United States census of those states.

Benjamin Barton-7 was the surety on 17 Jan. 1840 in Montgomery County for marriage of William FRAZIER to Harriett PINSON, by J. P. WILLIAMS ("MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL"). Benjamin Barton-7 had issue (Bible record with other sources):

587. John M.-8 (N.?) Bearden, b. 1 Feb. 1829, Montgomery County, TN, may be the John Bearden listed on the 1850 census of McNairy County, TN, age 22, b. TN; Rebecca (?), b. 1830; Leroy, b. 1848; and John, b. 1850; not listed on 1860 Tennessee census.
588. Robert William-8 Bearden as listed in the Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden Bible, and William R.-8 Bearden as recorded in "BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES", 1885, by J. H. Battles. He was born on 1 Jan. 1833 in Montgomery County and died after 1885 in Fairview Precinct, Todd County, Kentucky, married on 20 April 1858 to Susan M. NORMAN of Todd County, m. second on 2 Feb. 1865 in Todd County to Dooha H. PATTON, m. third on 18 Nov. 1874 to Sarah ARMSTRONG. Robert William-8 Bearden had issue taken from above biography: Unknown-9 child, deceased 1885; Henry-9, deceased in 1885; Dorothea A.-9; and Emma-9 Bearden.
589. James M.-8 Bearden, b. on 4 Jan. 1836 in Montgomery County, TN, listed as James F. in parents' household on the 1850 census of Montgomery County, not listed on 1860 census of TN.
590. Susan K.-8 Bearden, b. 4 Dec. 1838, Montgomery County, TN.
591. Benjamin Newton-8 Bearden, fifth and youngest issue of Benjamin Barton-7 and Elizabeth (MAJORS) Bearden, b. on 29 Oct. 1841 in Montgomery County and d. on 28 Oct. 1914, buried in the Allegre Cemetery, m. on 8 Feb. 1872 in Todd County, KY to Nancy E. McFARLAND/McFARLINE who was b. on 5 May 1846 in Kentucky or Tennessee and d. on 28 Jan. 1909 in Todd County, the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Martha E. (WINDER) McFarline; known issue: John William-9 Bearden, b. on 16 Dec. 1872 and d. on 15 Aug. 1915, m. on 17 Dec. 1893 in Kentucky to Lou Donnie McFARLAND (Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden family Bible and the Salt Lake City, Utah Library, L. D. S. Archives, Family Representative: William Ralph-10 McFarland of Belleville, IL).

202. John Telemachus-7 Bearden (William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), son of William-6 Bearden by his second wife, Sarah Barton, b. on 1 Feb. 1812 in Montgomery County, TN (family records but the census indicates 1814). John T.-7 d. on 8 May, 1888, at age 75, 3 months and 7 days, near Rector in Clay County, AR and is buried two and one half miles north of Rector in Clay County on a farm then owned by his oldest son, Richard-8 Bearden. He and his wife, Prudence have monuments standing in a wooded area on a hillside and in a field. The Bearden tombstones there are old but legible and clear.

John T.-7 married on 13 Dec. 1841 in Montgomery County, TN to Prudence MAJORS, Thompson BIGGER, security/bondsman, the minister's return is torn and the name unreadable. Prudence was born on 9 Jan. 1820 in Tennessee and died on 5 Aug. 1877 (cemetery inscription) in the little community of Blooming Grove in Clay County near Rector, AR. Prudence is believed to be the sister of Elizabeth Majors who married Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden (marriages from "THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL"). The same source gives the 1836 and 1841 tax list and on it is listed John-7 Bearden, 100 acres valued at \$300.00; Benjamin B.-7 Bearden, 69 acres valued at \$207.00; Haywood-7 Bearden, 50 acres valued at \$125.00; and Duncan-7 Bearden, no acreage mentioned.

John T.-7 Bearden is listed simply as John Bearden on the 1850 census of Montgomery County in the state of TN (Pg. 105, Nos. 513/539), age 36 (b. 1814), Prudence is age 29 (b. 1821), both born in TN and they have issue in 1850: Richard-8, age 8; Isham-8, age 5; Haywood-8, age 3 and Zachariah-8 Bearden, age 1.

Neither John T.-7 nor his brother, Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden, are found on the 1860 federal census for the state of Tennessee and family records state John T.-7 went to Greene County, AR in 1851 where a child is born to him in 1852. He is listed on the 1860 federal census of Greene County but some kinsmen had settled in the Oak Bluff district of Concord Township on the border of Randolph County and bordering the state of Missouri.

The 1860 census report of Greene County, AR, lists John T.-7 Bearden, age 46, born in TN (children b. in TN until 1852); Prudence Bearden, age 40; Richard E.-8 Bearden, b. 1843; Isham H.-8 Bearden, born 1845; Haywood-8 Bearden, born 1846; Zachariah-8 Bearden, born 1847; Samuel-8 Bearden, born 1852, AR; Susan-7 Bearden, born 1854, AR; William J.-8 Bearden, born 1858, AR, and Robert W.-8 Bearden, born 1860, AR.

The 1870 census of Greene County, AR (Cen. No. 71/104) lists John T.-7 Bearden, age 59, b. TN; Prudence Bearden, age 50, b. TN; Zachariah T.-8 Bearden, 20, b. TN; Samuel J.-8, 18, b. AR; Susan W.-8, 17, b. AR; William J.-8, 13, b. AR; Robert W.-8, 10, b. AR; Mary E.-8, 8, b. AR. Listed consecutively (Cen. No. 72/105) is Haywood-8 Bearden, age 23, b. TN and Mary E., age 17, b. AR.

In 1873, the John T.-7 Bearden family found themselves in the newly created county of Clay, that county being formed in that year from the counties of Greene, Randolph and Corning. Thereafter, all records of them are found in the new county of Clay and they and their descendants are enumerated there in the 1880 and 1900 federal census of that county. This portion of Greene County, AR was divided and changed names several times. Clay County was Greene County from 1833 to 1851, Randolph County in 1866, Clayton County 1873, then Clay County after 1873.

John T.-7 Bearden was treasurer of Clay County AR, starting in 1878 and ending in 1880, with an office in Boydsville, nine miles northwest of Rector which at that time was the county seat of Clay County. John T.-7 and his wife, Prudence, were faithful members of the Blooming Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Rector both before and at time of their deaths. They had issue:

592. Richard E.-8 Bearden, as he was known in the "CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS MEMOIRS", b. 1842 in Montgomery County, TN and d. at an unknown time in Texas, m. Sophronia (?) and had known issue, b. in Clay County, AR (by letter on 28 Dec. 1980 from Reverend Luthur A.-10 Bearden of Rector, AR): Alice-9; Maud-9; John-9; and Eunice/Unice-9 Bearden.
593. Isham H.-8 Bearden, was b. about 1845 in Montgomery County, TN and with the exception of the 1850, 1860 and 1870 census reports, and the "CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS MEMOIRS", there is no record found for him.
594. Judge Haywood-8 Bearden, b. 1847 in Montgomery County, TN, m. before the 1870 census of Greene County, AR to Mary E. (?), b. 1853, Arkansas. Judge Haywood-8 Bearden is located on the 1880 Soundex of Stoddard County, MO. He is the only Bearden head of household who was then living close to the William James-8 Bearden family (Person No. 598), also of Stoddard County in 1880. In "CLAY COUNTY MEMOIRS" there is mentioned Richard E.-8, Isham H.-8, and Judge H.-8 Bearden, which indicates that all three of them lived in Clay County at one time and that the "Judge" Bearden of

Stoddard County, MO is the identical person as "Haywood" Bearden, son of John T.-7 and Prudence Bearden, of Tennessee and Arkansas.

Wherever Judge Haywood-8 Bearden got his forename, it is indeed a family name. There was a famous jurist from North Carolina who went west to Tennessee, a Judge John HAYWOOD (1762-1826). The forename and surname of Haywood/Haygood is popular in the Bearden family. There are people with the surname of Haywood/Haygood who intermarried with the Beardens, Winns, and Bennetts. For example, Person No. 356 m. Benjamin HAYGOOD. There was Haywood G. BENNETT, who was b. on 10 April 1795 in Person County, NC and d. in Ripley County, Mo; m. on 13 Nov. 1816 in Maryville, TN to Esther Hettie HOUSTON and m. second Elizabeth "Betty" Clark. He was the son of Peter and Elizabeth (Pomfret) of King William County, VA, Granville County, NC and Knox County, TN and the sibling of Nancy Ann BENNETT who m. Person No. 54, Richard Bearden.

Peter Bennett died intestate on 9 April 1822, Knox County, TN. The administration and inventory of his property was made by Haywood G. Bennett. His wife, Elizabeth (POMFRET) Bennett, died 7 July 1845, Knox County, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richard-6 Bearden. Elizabeth Bennett left a will in which she named executors Samuel WHITE and John P.-7 BEARDEN, witnessed by Thomas D. PARHAM and William M. WHITE (obituary in "Knoxville Register", 16 July 1845).

The subject here, Judge Haywood-8 Bearden, had issue as listed on the 1880 census report of Castor Township, Stoddard County, MO (Vol. 43, Ed. 161, Sheet 27, Line 17): Flora-9, born 1872, AR; and Foster-9 Bearden, b. 1876, AR.

595. Zachariah Telemachus-8 Bearden, fourth son of John T.-7 and Prudence (MAJORS), b. on 29 Sept. 1849 in Montgomery County TN, d. Aug. 1899 in Blooming Grove, Clay County AR, m. on 2 Jan. 1873 in Clay County to Elizabeth HARBOR. He went to Greene County, AR with his parents when he was 2-3 years old and grew up there, where he was a successful business man and owned a mercantile store and cotton gin at age 21, later engaging in the mercantile business. He was of the Methodist faith and his family are buried with tombstones in the Willborn Cemetery, northeast of Rector. He had issue:
- a. Drury D.-9 Bearden.
 - b. George Ollie-9 Bearden, b. 1881, Rector, AR, d. 1943 same location, buried in the Woodlawn Heights Cemetery. He followed his father in the mercantile business in Rector for a number of years. He m. Bertha ALLEN, had no issue. They adopted an 18 month old boy by the name of Ervin JOHNSON, who married and had two sons who live Rector, AR.
 - c. John Samuel-9 Bearden, b. 1884 in Rector, AR and d. there in 1943, buried in the Woodland Heights Cemetery, m. Lena WINSTEAD and had issue Winstead-10, m. unknown and had a son and daughter who live in Piggott, Arkansas; and Virginia Lee-10 Bearden m. (?) WARD of Oak Ridge, TN.
596. Samuel J.-8 Bearden, b. about 1852 and the first child to be born in Greene County, AR. He is listed on the 1860 and 1870 census reports of Greene County, AR with his parents. The whole of the 1880 Arkansas and Missouri census has been checked but there has not been found many persons who resemble the men and women his issue would have been in 1880.
597. Susan N.-8 Bearden, b. 1853, Oak Bluff, Concord Twshp, Greene County, AR, counted as the sixth issue of John T.-7 and Prudence Bearden on the 1860 and 1870 census of Greene County, AR.
- *598. William James-8 Bearden, m. Mary Virginia TENNISON, m. second Sarah (?), last name unknown.
599. Robert William-8 Bearden, b. 1860, Greene County, Arkansas.
600. Mary E.-8 Bearden, b. 1862, Greene County, Arkansas.

203. Duncan-7 Bearden (William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of William-6 and his second wife, Sarah (BARTON) Bearden, b. 1814-1817, probably in Granville County, NC, and d. 1875 near Boydsville in Clay County, AR. The time and place of his marriage or the last name of his wife have not been revealed but he did marry, according to the birthdates and places of his children, about 1835-1840 in the area of Montgomery County, TN to Nancy (?), who was b. about 1820 in Tennessee and who is said to have been the sister or the cousin of Elizabeth and Prudence MAJORS who married his two brothers.

Duncan is a forename that was given to the Bearden issue by the Edmund-5 Beardens of North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and by the Ansel-5 Beardens of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. This Ansel-5 Bearden had a grandson, Person No. 517, Duncan-7 Bearden.

The subject Duncan-7 Bearden, along with John-7, Benjamin B.-7 and Haywood-7 Bearden, is listed on the 1836 tax list of Montgomery County, no acreage mentioned. He is listed again in 1841 as "Dunkin" Bearden ("MONTGOMERY COUNTY TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL"). On 31 March 1840, in Montgomery County, TN, Duncan-7 Bearden gave bond for the marriage of W. C. JOHNSON to Elizabeth BITER, by J. WILLIAMS, J. P.

Duncan-7, Benjamin B.-7 and John T.-7 Bearden are compiled as the issue of William-6 and Sarah (BARTON) Bearden, simply because William-6 Bearden was the only Bearden who is found in Montgomery County as early as the time of some of their births there. Charles-6, brother of William-6, the only other Bearden in Montgomery County, did not leave Granville County, NC until after his father's death in 1822-1823 (Persons No. 36 and 59 plus the will of Benjamin-5). There is also the biography of the son of Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden which names William-6 BEARDEN and Elizabeth MAJORS of Montgomery County, TN as Benjamin Barton-7 Bearden's parents and the grandparents of Robert William-8 Bearden.

The subject, Duncan-7 Bearden is first listed as the head of household on the 1840 census of Montgomery County, TN and he is located on the 1850 census of Christian County, KY. He is the only Bearden head of household found on the 1860 federal census of Montgomery County, TN (Census No. 119/51), all of his family b. in TN: Duncan-7 Bearden, age 43; Nancy, age 35; Lafayette, age 13; F. (male), age 11; M. (male), age 9; James, age 3; and Sarah, age 19.

He is next listed on the 1870 Census of Graves County, KY (compiled and published by Don Simmons, Pg. 286), age 56, b. NC; Nancy, 51, b. TN; Thomas F., 21, b. TN; Montgomery, 18, b. TN; Lourney, 12, b. IL; and Mildred LISONBY, 17, b. KY, a mulatto wash woman. Also in Graves COUNTY in 1880 is Wm. (D.?, unreadable) BEARDEN, age 52, parents b. Ky, Cleopatra P., 48, b. Ky, and Will WRIGHT, 17, b. KY.

Duncan-6 is next listed on the 1880 census of Clay County, AR (created from Greene County, AR), and like his brothers and other relatives, is in Arkansas to start a new life, age 66; Nancy is age 60 and a son is Louie-8 Bearden, age 21. The Duncan-7 Bearden family lived in a rural area near Boydsville in Clay County, AR, where his grandson, Charles Luthur-9 Bearden was born in 1877 and where his brother, John T.-7 Bearden lived close by. This brings them together on same date and from same place in Tennessee.

By a combination of the 1820 to 1880 federal census schedules, the approximate years and the states of birth for Duncan-7 Bearden, his wife and his six children are found. Undoubtedly there is unknown married issue in 1860. Duncan-7 had known issue:

- 601. Sarah-8 Bearden, b. about 1841 in Montgomery County, TN and gone from home before 1870 census.
- 602. Lafayette-8 Bearden, b. 1847, TN, gone from home before 1870.
- 603. Thomas Francis-8 Bearden, b. 1849, Montgomery County, TN.
- *604. Montgomery "Gum" Duncan-8 Bearden, m. Ester Virginia CATE.
- 605. James-8 Bearden, b. 1857, TN, d. before 1870.
- 606. Louis/Lewis-8 Bearden, called "Louie", b. 1859 in Montgomery County, listed on 1880 census of Clay County, AR with parents.

(Believed to belong to this family are Henry-10 Bearden of Benton, AR, whose father is John Wesley Bearden and grandfather is Humphrey Posey Bearden; the county judge, Jonesboro, AR, forty-four miles from Rector, is called "Red" Bearden; and Andrew Jackson Bearden, of Truman, AR, whose father is Thomas Jefferson Bearden).

D. FIVE CHILDREN OF NO. 62 BENJAMIN-6 JR. AND ELIZABETH (MINOR) BEARDEN

210. **John Minor-7 Bearden** (Benjamin-6 Jr., Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 25 July 1814 in Granville County, NC and d. at an unknown time after 1850 in Knox County, TN, m. there on 10 Dec. 1840 to Margaret BEAN, who was b. 1832 in Tennessee, the daughter of Henry A. Bean, bondsman Marcellus R. CAMP with A. LOONEY, J. P. Henry A. Bean was bondsman for the marriage on 21 Nov. 1839 in Knox County of Caroline-7 BEARDEN to Marcellus R. CAMP, George M. WHITE, J. P. The Beans are one of the richest, most influential and prominent families in Knox County, TN.

John Minor-7 Bearden carries the forename which has been passed down for many generations from Major John Minor, who fought in the Revolution and was present at the surrender of General and Lord Cornwallis in 1781, and who owned "Topping Castle" of Caroline County, VA, m. Elizabeth COSBY and their son, Major John Minor of "Hazel Hill", located in Fredricksburg, VA, b. 1761, m. Lucy Landon CARTER, daughter of Landon and Mildred (WILLIS) Carter, Landon Carter, half-brother of Ann Walker Carter, born 1764 who m. in 1780 to John CATLETT of "Timberneck", Gloucester County, VA, a distinguished lawyer.

The Minors, Hamptons, Taliaferros and Catletts continued to intermarry with the Beardens in Tennessee (Elizabeth Minor, mother of John Minor-8, was the daughter of John and Polly (HAMPTON) Minor and granddaughter of General Wade Hampton of the Revolutionary War).

John Minor-7 had issue, as listed on the 1850 and 1860 census of Knox and Anderson Counties, TN (Census No. 2172/489; and 1860, Census No. 43):

- 607. Marcus Josephus-8 Bearden, b. Sept. 1841-1842, listed as Josephus on the 1850 census and Marcey J. in 1860, apparently died during the Civil War, drummer for First Tennessee Infantry, Company K (Union); his mother filed for pension.
- 608. Sarah Elizaeth J.-8 Bearden, b. in July 1843-1844 in Knox County, TN, listed with parents on both the 1850 and 1860 census of Knox and Anderson Counties of Tennessee. Information is from descendant, Paula Via of Sugar Land, TX.
- 609. Benjamin Franklin-8 Bearden, b. 1845 in Anderson County, TN.
- 610. Harriett-8 Bearden, b. 1849 in Anderson County, TN.

215. **Benjamin Franklin-7 Bearden** (Benjamin-6 Jr., Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), third issue of Benjamin-6 Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth (MINOR) Bearden, b. on 6 May 1824 in Knox County, TN and d. there on 8 April 1883, buried near his wife in the old Gray Cemetery with markers where many older Beardens of Knox County are buried ("GRAY CEMETERY RECORDS"). He m. on 27 Jan. 1851 in Knox County to his cousin, Rebecca Jane SMITH, b. 1828 in Tennessee, D. W. NELSON bondsman ("KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGES", Pgs. 64-65, by D'Armand; listed in parent's household 1850 census of Knox County, age 26 (Census No. 1975/463).

Maud (McDANIEL) HOSTETTER of La Jara, CO (deceased before 1985 and a dear letter friend of this writer before her death), descendant of Benjamin-5 and Molly (HARRIS) Bearden through their son Benjamin-6 Jr. and his wife Elizabeth (MINOR) Bearden, whose daughter Harriett-7 Bearden (Person No. 221) married George Alexander STEWART, did extensive work for the Salt Lake City Temple and Library Archives (Mormon Family Group Sheets). The Benjamin F.-7 Bearden family is listed on the 1880 census of Knox County, TN (19th District, 48459, Pt. 7999).

Benjamin F.-7 Bearden is listed first as head of household on the 1860 census of Knox County, TN (Census No. 4/206), age 36; Rebecca J. is age 30 and they have issue in 1860, 1870 and 1880; marriages speculation and as taken from the marriages of Knox County:

611. Emma-8 Bearden, b. 1852 in Knox County, d. there 16 Nov. 1931, m. there 1 Nov. 1877 to Albert Lewis BARRETT.
612. Nancy-8 Bearden, b. 1856 and d. young before 1860.
613. Mary Belle-8 Bearden, age 3 on the 1860 census, b. 1857, m. 8 Sept. 1875, Knox County, Isaac E. BARRY Jr., by John KNOX.
614. Martha R.-8 Bearden, known as "Mattie", enumerated in her parents' household on the 1870 and 1880 census of Knox County, TN, b. 16 May 1862 in Knox County and d. there 22 Dec. 1910; m. there on 30 April 1882 to James T. ROUNDTREE. One "Mattie" Bearden m. there on 28 March 1889 to John H. MULL-HOLLAND. Many Martha Beardens in this period of time are called "Matt" and "Mattie". The writer's great aunt, No. 847, Martha C. (BEARDEN) MILAM of the states of Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee married John MILAM and was called "Mattie" and "Matt".
615. Harriett-8 Bearden, b. about 1865 in Knox County, TN and m. there on 23 March 1882 to James SMITH.
616. Cora-8 Bearden, b. about 1866 in Knox County and m. there on 23 Sept. 1880 to George JETT.
617. Eliza-8 Bearden, m. 25 Oct. 1877, Knox County to Owens WALKER. One Eliza Bearden m. there 28 Feb. 1878 to Gaston ARMSTRONG.
618. Menissa Ann-8 Bearden, m. 7 May 1890 in Knox County, TN to James A. LUSBY.
619. Thomas D.-8 Bearden, m. 27 Jan. 1897 in Knox County to Lillie B. BROWN with M. O. CURRIER, J. P., W. F. GIBBS, bondsman.
620. Malissa-8 Bearden, who may be the tenth and youngest issue of Benjamin F.-7 and Rebecca Jane (SMITH), m. on 9 Nov. 1881 in Knox County, TN to Milton M. JOHNSON.

218. William H.-7 Bearden (Benjamin-6 Jr., Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth issue and fifth son of Benjamin-6 Jr. and his wife Elizabeth MINOR, b. 17 Sept. 1833 in Knox County, m. there on 18 July 1854 to his father's first cousin, Person No. 566, Catherine/Katherine J.-8 BEARDEN, m. by their cousin, John Pomfret-7 Bearden, J.P, bondsman Archibald Rudder. Catherine J.-8 was b. in 1833 in Knox County, TN, and d. there before 2 Aug. 1883 when William H.-7 m. second Telitha McFEE.

"William H.-7 Bearden, age 50, born in Knox County, Tennessee, reared on Muddy Creek in Loudon County, Tennessee, farmer, married on 2 Aug. 1883 in Knox County to Telitha McFee, age 32, born Buncombe County, North Carolina, reared in Knox County, Tennessee, married by M. A. Rule, MG, witnessed by W. T. McFee of Concord, Tennessee, bondsman T. P. McDaniel."

One William Bearden m. on 10 Jan. 1854 in Knox County to Patsy RUSSELL, David NELSON, J. P., Edmund N. PARHAM bondsman. Edmund N. Parham had married on 22 July 1807 in Granville County, NC to Mary Polly-6 BEARDEN, the daughter of Benjamin-5 and Molly (HARRIS) Bearden.

The subject, William H.-7 Bearden, who m. Catherine J.-8 Bearden, is the grandson of his wife's great grandparents, Person No. 36, Benjamin-5 and his wife, Molly HARRIS. Catherine J.-8 is the granddaughter of Person No. 54, Richard-6 and Nancy Ann (BENNETT).

William H.-7 Bearden is listed twice on the 1850 census of Knox County, being counted identically in his parents' household (Census No. 1975/463, Benjamin-6 Jr.) and in the household of his cousin, Nathan-7 Bearden (Census No. 1948/459), whose daughter, Catherine J.-8 Bearden, he married within the year 1850. The 1860 census of Knox County (Census No. 109/231) lists William H.-7 Bearden, age 27; Catherine J.-8 Bearden, age 27; living in their household is the mother and the sister of William H.-7 Bearden, Elizabeth (Minor) Bearden and Harriett-7 (BEARDEN) CLARK, age 21. William H.-7 and Catherine J.-8 had issue in 1860, b. Knox County:

621. George Washington-8 and 9 Bearden, age 9, b. 1 June 1851.
622. Eliza Jane-8 and 9 Bearden, age 7, b. 1853.
623. James Nathaniel-8 and 9 Bearden, b. 1856, m. 24 Sept. 1878 in Knox County to Maria BARGER, by J. P. Davis with Stephen COBB bondsman. One James Bearden m. 18 July 1866 in Knox County, TN to Sally

CRAWFORD by M. THOMPSON, J. P. One James Bearden age 21, a puddler by trade, Rolling Mills, m. on 29 March 1883 in Knox County, Susan WILSON, age 16, by Samuel SHERMAN, MG, Rev. D. W. WELLS, Aaron YOUNG, Henderson JONES, Talbert HAMILTON, Rachel SHERMAN witnesses, W. A. NELSON, bondsman.

624. Rachel Eliza-8 and 9 Bearden, b. 1858 and may be the Eliza Bearden who m. 25 Oct. 1877, Knox County, TN to Owens WALKER.

219. Thomas J. C.-7 Bearden (Benjamin-6 Jr., Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), sixth issue and son of Benjamin-6 Jr. and Elizabeth (MINOR) Bearden, b. 1833 in Knox County, TN and d. there. He m. there, 25 Aug. 1850, Margaret R. DEBUSK, Wiley B. HAWKE, bondsman. Margaret was b. 1831, TN. Thomas J. C.-7 is counted on the 1850 census in his parents' household (Knox County Census No. 1975/463). He and Margaret had issue, all b. Knox County, TN, as taken from 1860 and 1870 census of Knox County (Census No. 96/224 in 1860; and "KNOX COUNTY MARRIAGES"):

625. Leannah Amanda-8 Bearden, b. 1854, m. 30 April 1868 in Knox County to Aaron HUNTER, probably same person who m. there on 2 March 1883, as "Lennie" A. Bearden to George W. MARINE.

626. Annie Eliza-8 Bearden, b. 1858 and m. 2 April 1876 in Knox County to B. B. BUTLER.

627. James W.-8 Bearden, b. 1860 and m. on 12 Feb. 1885 in Knox County to Florence P. HARVEY with R. K. BOYD, MG and T. P. McDANIEL bondsman.

628. Thomas J. C.-8 Bearden Jr., b. 1862 and m. on 16 Dec. 1890 in Knox County to Myrtle REECE/RICE, daughter of William Brown Reece Jr., lawyer and trustee of East Tennessee University (now Tennessee University), officer in the Confederate Army, granddaughter of William B. Sr. and Sarah M. (COCKE) Reece; great granddaughter of James Reece. William Brown Reece Sr. attended Blount College, admitted to the bar in 1817, Chancellor of the East Tennessee Division, unanimously chosen Judge of the Supreme Court in 1835, defeated by John Bell for the Senate in 1847, President of East Tennessee University and President of East Tennessee Historical and Antiquarian Society in 1830 to 1859, Director of East Tennessee-Georgia Railroad.

629. John C.-8 Bearden, m. 16 Dec. 1890 in Knox County, TN to Rosa Lee MARKWOOD, James C. Robinette, MG, bond F. H. McDANIEL.

630. Allie-8 Bearden, m. 23 Jan. 1894, Knox County, John T. NELSON.

631. Jennie A.-8 Bearden, m. 1 July 1881, Knox County, Isaac HALL.

632. Elizabeth Crump-8 Bearden, m. 5 Oct. 1898, William PHILLIPS.

633. Mary-8 Bearden, m. 2 Sept. 1892, Knox County, William JACKSON.

634. Parthenia-8 Bearden, tenth and youngest issue of Thomas J. C.-7 and Margaret (DEBUSK) Bearden, m. 19 Dec. 1895 in Knox County, TN to her cousin William V. TAYLOR.

221. Harriett-7 Bearden (Benjamin-6 Jr., Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), tenth and youngest issue of Benjamin-6 Jr. and Elizabeth (MINOR) Bearden, b. on 10 Dec. 1841 in Knox County, TN and d. on 5 Dec. 1908 in central east Texas or Oregon. She m. on 25 March 1858 in Knox County, TN to George Alexander STEWART. Harriett-7 Bearden (age 9) is listed on the 1850 census of Knox County, TN in household of her parents (Census No. 1975/463). She had two issue who are known to writer, b. Knox County, TN:

635. William Jackson-8 Stewart, b. about 1870 and d. at an unknown time in Oregon or Washington. He m. on 23 Oct. 1899 in Erath County, TX to Person No. 1331, Bessie-9 BEARDEN, the daughter of Person No. 845, William J.-8 Bearden (Marriage Book H, Pg 70). The subject and his wife, Bessie-9 Bearden, are the descent of identical second great and third great grandparents respectively. William J.-8 STEWART is the grandson of Person No. 62, Benjamin-6 Jr. and Elizabeth (MINOR) Bearden; the great grandson of Person No. 36, Benjamin-5 and Molly (HARRIS) Bearden; and the second great grandson of Person No. 32, John-4 Bearden and his wife, Lettice (WINN).

Bessie-9 BEARDEN who m. the subject, William J.-8 STEWART, is the granddaughter of Persons No. 353 and 667, James Jasper-7 BEARDEN and his wife, Mary Josephine-8 (RAINEY) BEARDEN; the great granddaughter of Person No. 96, Jacob-6 and Winifred (SMITH) Bearden; the second great granddaughter of Person No. 43, Richard-5 BEARDEN and his wife, Sarah (BENNETT?) Bearden; and the third great granddaughter of Person No. 32, John-4 and Lettice (WINN) Bearden.

Of the William J.-8 STEWART and his wife, Bessie-9 BEARDEN descent: Albert C.-9 and 10 STEWART (now deceased in California), b. 12 June 1905 Honey Grove, TX, m. unknown, m. second to Person No. 1861, Opal-10 DAVES, and granddaughter of Person No. 886, Abbie Louise-8 BEARDEN and her husband, Harrison W. DAVES.

636. Elizabeth-8 Stewart, b. 1860-1870, Knox County, TN; m. there to Thomas Pinckney McDANIEL, the son of Thomas Pinckney Sr. and Elizabeth (STEWART) McDaniel. Elizabeth-8 had known issue: William Jackson-9 McDaniel who had known issue: Maud-10 McDaniel, granddaughter of, Harriett-7 BEARDEN and her husband, George Alexander STEWART, m. (?) HOSTETTER, her husband deceased before 1970 and she is deceased soon after 1985, had unknown issue. In 1985, she lived La Jara, CO, aged and poor health but had enormous court and family records as a Latter Day Saint (Mormon).

The McDaniel family has been connected with the BEARDEN and BENNETT families for many generations: First, the inventory of the Thomas-4 BURDEN estate was made Feb. 1790 in Granville County, NC and presented to the Oxford Court by John William DANIEL and duly proven by Rueben DANIEL. Second, Peter BENNETT, father and uncle respectively of Nancy Ann and Sarah BENNETT who married the two Richard-5 and 6 BEARDENS (Persons No. 43 and 54), was appointed guardian of Martin DANIEL Jr. in Granville County, NC, giving account to court in 1791 for the estate of John DANIEL, deceased. In August Court 1794, Peter BENNETT gave account for one of the orphans of Martin DANIEL, deceased.

E. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 63 LUCY-6 BEARDEN AND JOHN TIPPETT/TRIPLET

227. Harriett-7 TIPPETT (Lucy-6 BEARDEN, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?) was b. 29 May 1834 in Oakwood, Montgomery County, TN, d. there on 24 Dec. 1914. She m. on 12 March 1855 in Indian Mound, Stewart County, TN, Robert SMITH, reportedly the son of Jessee and Unise SMITH and the grandson of Franklin SMITH (under Persons No. 45, 83 and 130, Isaac-5, John-6 and Giles-6). Harriett-7 m. second to Robert's brother, Eli SMITH and these three are buried in the Smith family cemetery now located in the Ft. Campbell Military Reservation in Christian County, KY.

Harriett-7 Tippet had issue (gravestone inscriptions; 1840 through 1910 census; Montgomery County Will Book No. 47; newspaper obituaries; "Stewart County, Tennessee History"; Montgomery/Stewart County Marriage Records; family Bibles; and Harriett-7 (TIPPETT) Smith's grandson, Leonard Wayne-9 SMITH of Indian Mound, TN):

637. Franklin-8 Smith, was b. 1856, Oxford, Montgomery County, TN and d. there 1916, m. there on 19 Oct. 1884 to Armenia BARBEE.
*638. Robert Bud-8 Smith, m. 20 Dec. 1883 to Arvila Ann HARRISON.

229. Dorothea-7 TIPPETT (Lucy-6 BEARDEN, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known as "Dolly", the eighth issue of Lucy-6 BEARDEN and her husband, John Tippet Jr., was b. on 3 Oct. 1832 near Oakwood in Montgomery County, TN and d. on 19 March 1926 at Aide near Indian Mound in Stewart County, TN, buried beside her husband in the Austin-Smith Cemetery located in the old Ft. Campbell Military Reservation in Christian County, KY.

"Dolly"-7 m. 11 Dec. 1869 at Indian Mound, Stewart County, to James SHEPHERD, b. 12 Dec. 1836 in Stewart County, d. 3 April 1904 Indian Mound, the son of Spencer Thornberry and Moles Ann (PERRY) Shepherd

(certificates of death; family Bible; marriage records; newspaper obituaries; Mrs. Eleanor Ruth (Shepherd) WILLIAMS of Ashland, TN written records). Dorothea-7 Tippet had issue:

639. Drew Spencer-8 Shepherd, b. 1871 near Oakwood in Montgomery County, TN and d. there in 1850, m. Nancy "Nannie" GIVENS and it is the Givens Cemetery where many Beardens are buried.
640. Leona-8 Shepherd, b. 16 July 1873 in Indian Mound, Stewart County, TN, d. 17 Dec. 1954 in Erin, Stewart County, TN, m. William ABNEY.
- *641. James-8 Shepherd Jr., b. 17 Feb. 1876, d. 22 Oct. 1946, m. 23 Dec. 1903 to Manie Florence EDWARDS.
642. Manerva S.-8 Shepherd, b. 1 July 1879, Indian Mound, TN and d. there, m. there to O. C. TERRELL.
643. Lucy Ethel-8 Shepherd, fifth and youngest issue of Dorothea-7 Tippet and her husband, James Shepherd, was b. on 2 Oct. 1888 at Indian Mound in Stewart County and d. on 8 Feb. 1957 in Robertson County, TN, buried in the Fairview Redtop Cemetery in Stewart County, TN. She m. on 22 Dec. 1907 in Stewart County to Charles Lee CHESTER (see under Person No. 1412, Rachel June-9 BEARDEN m. LaFayette Chester).

II ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 37 EDMUND-5 AND ANN (EASLEY?) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 65 JOHN H.-6 AND CATY (CLAYTON) BEARDEN

239. John Harden-7 Bearden (John H.-6, Edmund-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1804 in Livingston County, KY and d. 1842-1848 before the taking of the 1850 census of Marshall County, KY, which would be revealing as to his date and place of birth. He is buried in an unmarked grave in the old Bearden-Strow/Green Cemetery on West Fourteenth Street in Benton, the county seat of Marshall County, KY. The newly created county of Marshall was carved in 1842 from Calloway County, the new county of Calloway being created in 1821 from Hickman County. Hickman County was formed in 1821 from the counties of Caldwell and Livingston.

Through this series of changes, John Harden-7 Bearden found himself living in four different counties in the period of twenty-one years and probably without having moved his place of residence that far. He was still living on some of the vast acreage his father paid taxes on in Livingston and Caldwell Counties.

He m. on 18 Jan. 1827 in Calloway County, KY to Margaret BOURLAND (Margaret MOSS on marriage record), consent of her father William MOSS, A. H. DAVIS, J. P. Either William MOSS or J. E. BOURLAND was her stepfather as Margaret's certificate of death in 1861, Marshall County, Kentucky (Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, "VITAL STATISTICS 1852-1862") states that she was "the widow of John H. Bearden and the daughter of J. E. and L. Bourland". Her age at death is fifty-six. John Harden-7's brother, Erasmus-7 Bearden, married Dicey Ann BOURLAND who may be the sister of Margaret and Elizabeth BOURLAND, who married John H.-7 Bearden and Francis CLAYTON respectively.

John Harden-7 was an associate judge and a co-founder with his brother-in-law, Francis CLAYTON, of the town of Benton in Marshall County where he died. The history of the town of Benton and the county of Marshall in KY plays an integral and interesting part in the lives of John H.-7 Bearden, his brother, George Madison-7, and their mother's people, the Claytons.

The fifth or 1830 census of the United States in Calloway County, KY lists John H.-7 Bearden as the head of household: John H. Bearden, 20-30 (born 1800-1810); Female, 20-30 (b. 1800-1810); Female, -5 (b. 1825-1830).

The sixth or 1840 census of Calloway County, KY: John H. Bearden, 30-40 (born 1800-1810); Female, 30-40; Male, 5-10; Males (2) -5; Females (2) 5-10; Female -5.

The seventh or 1850 census of Marshall County, Kentucky, lists the following Beardens and related families: (1) Margaret Bearden, age 45, b. SC; George W., 15, b. KY; Mildred, 13; Marquis B. (later known as Marcus B.),

all b. KY. (2) Francis H. Clayton, age 47, b. KY; Elizabeth, 42, b. SC.; Ambrose G., 18, b. KY; Ira C., 16, b. KY; William B., 14; Francis H., 14; Lynn B., 9; Martha A., 12; Orpha J., 8; Buenanista, 4/12; Kindness, 51 (all b. KY); Anney BOURLAND, 77, b. VA, mother-in-law.

One male child of John H.-7 and Margaret Bearden probably died between 1840 and 1850 as he was too young to have married before 1850 (born 1835-1840). Two females were gone from home before the 1850 census was taken.

Tradition may be correct in giving John H.-7's deathdate as in 1848. He was the only Bearden listed in the first tax record of the new county of Marshall in 1843. He is listed in that year in the western district, paying taxes on eighty-three acres on the fork of the Clark River, value \$249.00, four horses, three mules and Lot No. 20 in the new town of Benton in the state of Kentucky. The tax list there in 1843 has John H.-7 Bearden: 1 male over 21 and 4 issue, aged 7-17, b. 1826-1836 His brother-in-law, Francis Clayton, paid taxes in 1843, Marshall County, KY, on 225 acres in the west district, the east fork of the Clark River and on three lots in the newly established town of Benton, 8 horses/mares and 15 head of cattle ("MARSHALL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FIRST TAX LIST IN 1843", by Elvira B. Lewis, 1981).

Francis H. Clayton is the co-founder with John H.-7 and the other "father" of the town of Benton which is the seat of government for Marshall County. Quoting from "The HISTORY OF MARSHALL COUNTY, KENTUCKY", Pgs. 164-165, by Freeland and Olds, found in the Marshall County Library in Benton, Kentucky:

"The land for the town site of Benton was furnished by Francis Clayton and John H. Bearden who have given their names to two of the principal streets. Thirty acres were furnished by Mr. Clayton and fifty acres by Mr. Bearden."

"Francis Clayton, legal age, married 18 Aug. 1825, Calloway County, Kentucky, to Elizabeth Bourland, consent of Miles Bourland with A. J. Davis, J. P."

"Miles Bourland, legal age, married 2 Feb. 1826, Calloway County, to Artincey Clayton, by A. H. Harris, J. P." ("CALLOWAY COUNTY, KENTUCKY MARRIAGES 1823-1846", Pg. 90 & 105, by Mr. Don Simmons).

It is clear that John H.-7 Bearden and Francis Clayton had already given the 80 acres of land for the town of Benton in Kentucky as the west district adjoined the northwest portion of Calloway County from which the county of Marshall was formed. A more thorough investigation would no doubt reveal their previous and 1842 ownership of land in the adjoining counties.

A letter written by the Marshall County historian, Mrs. Elvira (Charles) Lewis, of Benton, KY dated 26 Aug. 1980, states in part:

"The present Olive Street in the town of Benton was originally named BEARDEN STREET as late as 1965 when the bank bought everything from Main and Tenth through to Olive Street, the deed calling it BEARDEN STREET. The present Poplar Street was first called CLAYTON STREET. The dividing line was Main Street and the town ran from about Tenth Street on the north to the town creek on the south.

"It's hard to prove some things as the old map is a little 'off' scale. John H. Bearden died before Benton was incorporated and it's hard to get concrete evidence about him and Francis Clayton moved to Illinois just after that."

Quoting from "MARSHALL COUNTY CEMETERY RECORDS" (Vol. 1, Pg. 2, Publ. 1970 by Elvira Lewis):

"The Strow-Bearden-Green Cemetery is located on West Fourteenth Street in the town of Benton and facing Benton City Cemetery. Local tradition holds there were originally six cedar trees, each marking a Strow grave. The remains of these trees show that they were some distance apart and experience suggests that they did indeed mark the six oldest graves but possibly for more than one family. They seem to mark more than one row of graves.

"As best as can be determined by the available records, both what they now call Strow Cemetery and the Benton Cemetery, were included in the John Allison military survey.

"Thomas Ford who administered the John H. Bearden estate, reported to the circuit court that the land sold to Dillon Ford and to Blount and Robert Hodge in 1841 was then sold, about 1842, to John H. Bearden and James Green who were partners.

"The land is mentioned again in the James Green division of property in 1863 (part conveyed by John H. Bearden, Deed Book 50, Pgs. 104-105). This land was later purchased by Willis Strow and it's possible that there were already graves here, although it is known by his name now.

"The Oakwood addition of 121 lots has been developed by W. M. Reeder, E. C. Phelps, C. B. Cox and B. L. Myre.

"Tradition gives this old cemetery as the final resting place for John H. Bearden, co-founder of the town of Benton, born about 1794, died 1842-1848, who was the first grown person buried here. The newspaper obituaries call this 'The Green Cemetery'.

"There is a lone Bearden grave just off Sycamore Street in the town of Benton and Mr. Clarence Fiser remembers the deaths of two Bearden children, Mary and Henry Bearden, children of Marcus B. and Nancy H. (Pace) Bearden. If the reported single grave of a girl is correct, little Henry Bearden may be buried in the Strow Cemetery near his parents.

"The land where this lone grave is located was first patented to William Lander, then acquired in 1835 by George Madison Bearden, brother to John H. Bearden. Clarence Fiser is the son of Lenora Ethyl Bearden who was the sister of Marcus B. Bearden and the granddaughter of John H. Bearden."

The "REGISTER OF VETERAN'S GRAVES" lists these Bearden names as veterans buried in the old cemetery which is now called both Strow and Green Cemetery: "M. B. Bearden, born 1843, died 1890" (Marcus B.-8 Bearden); and "Nancy H. Bearden, 1845-1931, daughter of Thomas Pace".

John H.-7 Bearden had known issue (Marshall and Calloway Counties, KY marriages and census reports, latter giving his son's (Marcus D.-8 Bearden) birthdate, place of birth, and the birthplace of his parents as Kentucky, family records in possession of Laura (BEARDEN) KELLY of Wyandotte, Michigan, records the birth of Marcus D.-8 Bearden (No. 7 child) and gives the names of his parents; and the "STROW CEMETERY RECORDS", source above):

644. Milloby-8 Bearden, b. about 1828 in Calloway County, KY; marriage license No. 944 purchased on 1 June 1844 in Marshall County, KY, but not completed, to "John CARROLL, age 32, born Carroll County, TN, Milloby Bearden, age 19, born Marshall County", surety by John CARROLL (Marriage Book 4, Pg. 209). Milloby-8 was probably younger than the 19 years as given on the application. The writer's own license to marry in 1936 at the age of 17, lists her age as 19, as the law was that a girl had to be 18 years old to marry and licenses were secured by stretching the truth about ages.

645. Martha Jane-8 Bearden, b. 1830-1831 in Calloway County, KY, d. after 1870 in Marshall County, KY, m. on 8 Feb. 1848 in Marshall County to her cousin, William S. BOURLAND, License No. 256, by H. GILBERT, MG. Martha Jane-8 had known issue: Elbert-9 (TWIN), b. 1849, listed with parents on the 1850 census of Marshall County, KY; and Albert-9 Bourland (TWIN).

646. Unknown males and females-8 as listed with parents.

647. George W.-8 (Washington?) Bearden, b. 1835, Calloway County, KY, d. on 17 Aug. 1894 at Benton in Marshall County, KY, certificate of death recorded there saying he was the son of John-7 and Margaret (BOURLAND) Bearden. He is counted on the 1850 census of Marshall County, KY in the Margaret Bearden household (his mother).

George W.-8 Bearden's obituary is recorded in the "Benton News": "George W. Bearden was laid to rest in the Bearden-Green Cemetery next to his brother, Marcus B. Bearden who died in 1890", etc. George W.-8 Bearden m. on 9 April 1862 in Marshall County, to Mary G. THOMPSON, by J. M. STEPHENS in home of James THOMPSON, verbal consent of father, surety W. S. BOURLAND, wit. W. S. BOURLAND and Nathan McCLENDON.

He had known issue, from the 1870 and 1880 census of Marshall County, KY: Alfred L.-9, b. 1864; Marcus A.-9, b. 1865; Elbert-9, b. 1867; Simeon L.-9, b. 1868; William W.-9, b. 1870; and Daniel B.-9 Bearden, b. 1877.

648. Mildred-8 Bearden, b. 1837 in Calloway County, KY as counted in 1850 on the Kentucky census of Marshall County in the household of her mother, Margaret (BOURLAND) Bearden.

649. William T.-8 Bearden, b. 1838, Calloway County KY, d. after 1880. William T., age 21, m. 31 March 1859 in Illinois to Eliza A. SATTERFIELD, age 19, b. Marshall County, KY.
- *650. Marcus Barnett-8 Bearden, b. 1843, d. 1890, m. Nancy Holland PACE.

III. TWO GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 38 HUMPHREY-5 AND UNKNOWN WIFE BEARDEN

A. ONE CHILD OF NO. 75 RICHARD-6 AND UNKNOWN WIFE BEARDEN

247. Edward-7 Bearden (Richard-6, Humphrey-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1793-1795 in Greene/Wilkes County area of Georgia and d. intestate 1847 in Fayette County, GA. The inventory and settlement of his estate was made in that year and place, his orphans ordered by the court to be taken care of (Docket Court of the Ordinary, Fayette County, Pg. 25). William BLALOCK was named the guardian of "said orphans of Edward Bearden, now deceased", security bond given by William J. RUSSELL, William BLALOCK, court term August 1852, returns court term of 1853-1854.

Edward-7 m. about 1810-1815 to Martha WATSON and had nine issue before her death in 1831 in childbirth, m. second on 2 Jan. 1834 in Fayette County, GA to Frances "Fanny" GILES and they had eight more issue. Frances m. second on 12 June 1879 in Douglas County, GA to Samuel PARSONS. Edward-7 appears first as head of household on the 1820 and 1830 census of Clarke County, GA and again 1840 in Fayette County, GA. "Fanny" Bearden appears alone as head of household on the 1850 census of Fayette County. One unidentified EDWARD BEARDEN m. on 1 Oct. 1856 in Carroll County, GA to Elizabeth BOATRIGHT.

Quoting from "DOUGLAS COUNTY, GEORGIA FROM INDIAN TRAIL TO INTERSTATE 20, A BEARDEN HISTORY", by Davis, 1987 (under Persons No. 38 and 75), which gives Edward-7's issue and many of his grandchildren:

"Edward Bearden, born circa 1780-1790, was married with eight children when the move was made to Fayette County. Tradition says that his wife's maiden name was Watson. Their children were William, Winn, Solomon, Aaron, Susan, Cynthia, Martha, Louisa Elizabeth and Washington. The mother died in the early 1830s. Descendants of some of these live in neighboring counties today.

"Edward married (second) on January 2, 1834 to Frances (Fanny) Giles in Fayette County. She was the daughter of Joseph and Sisley Mabry Giles. Their seven children were Marshall Jefferson (Jeff), born September 1834 (Bible record); Quiller, Vicy, Larkin V., Parthenia (Thancy), Asa Ilas, born March 1844, and Sarah Ann.

"With the help of the slaves the family grew cotton and other crops on 355 acres of land which borders on Peachtree City today.

"Edward Bearden died circa 1846 in Fayette County, his burial place remains a mystery. His estate inventory lists tools, a cotton gin, oxen and cart, sheep, geese, hogs, cattle, one pair steelyards, grind stone, bee stands, spinning wheels, one mirror and books. The slave named Jordan who was given to Edward by his father Richard was also mentioned in the estate records.

"Frances and the children remained on the farm for many years after Edward's death. Two sons, Larkin and Quiller, were both married and living in Marshall County, Alabama when the Civil War began. Larkin enlisted with the 49th Alabama and on 10th November 1864 was killed near the Tennessee River in Alabama. Tradition says that his wife, his oldest son who was five years old, and his brother picked up his body from the battlefield and carried him home for burial.

"Marshall Jefferson enlisted with the 30th Georgia and fought in the battle of Atlanta. He was wounded in the battle of Jonesboro and sent home. Jeff had married Sisley Ann Collier before the war. Their children were Sarah F., Mary J., Hester A., Emley E., Charles J., William W. (Bill) who married Roxey Brown, Ausker, Ophelia who married E. G. Dorsett, Olin who married Silla Dukes and Evey who married John Brown (brother of Roxey Brown).

"Jeff and his family moved to Douglas County in the early 1800s, settling in the Bill Arp area. Sisley Ann died 14 February 1908; Jeff died November 27, 1909. Both are buried in Prays Mill Cemetery. The property he owned was called 'the old Jeff Bearden farm' for many years thereafter.

"Asa Ilas Bearden enlisted with the 10th Georgia at an early age without informing his mother. She was sitting on her porch in Fayette County when the train passed and she saw Ilas on it. She fainted. His service spanned almost the entire war, tradition says that he was the flag-bearer.

"Ilas returned to Fayette County and married Mary Elizabeth Farr on October 11, 1866. It is said that her ancestors came to America with General Oglethorpe on the Good Ship Anne. Ilas and Mary moved to Campbell County (Douglas) where five children were born: Edward "Ned" born June 18, 1867, married Theodosia Taylor; Elizabeth (Bet) born November 10, 1868, married Will W. Hamil; Thomas Jefferson (Tom) born August 23, 1871, married Della Manning; and George Washington (Wash) born February 12, 1873, married in Texas, moved to Oklahoma and died there.

"Aaron Aquilla Bearden, one of the ten children of Edward (Ned) and "Docie" Bearden, lives in Douglas County. Aaron's brother Thomas Jefferson (Tom) died in 1969; his wife Ruth Pinnell Bearden lives in Cobb County.

"The surviving children of Elizabeth Bearden Hamil are Mrs. Pearl Flannigan, Mrs. Minnie Lee Nalley, Norcross, Georgia, and Mrs. Fannie Lou Carter, Clarksville, Georgia.

"Frances Giles Bearden lived with her son Ilas and Mary in Campbell County for a time and then married Samuel Parsons in Douglas County on June 12, 1879. She was a very energetic person, even in her old age. Her death date and burial place is not known. Mary Elizabeth Farr Bearden died in Douglas County in 1874. It was said she was taken to Fayette County for burial.

"Ilas Bearden married (second) to Narcissa Allen on May 17, 1874. She was the daughter of William M. and Permia E. Allen of Douglas County. Seven children were born to this union; five lived to be adults. They are Robert, born April 19, 1877, married Louella (Ella) Moon; Larkin A., born November 20, 1876, married Annie Caroline York; Algin, born February 14, 1881, married Ida Watkins; Earl, b. May 17, 1883, married Eva Stanley; Alice, born May 10, 1885, married (first) Charles Kennedy and (second) Alvin Green in Texas.

"Robert and Ella's daughter, Gertrude Thomas, who lives in Douglas County, is their only surviving child.

"Narcissa Allen Bearden died April 24, 1900. Ilas married (third) on May 21, 1904 to Mrs. Elliott Richardson. Ilas died February 9, 1926 and is buried at Prays Mill with his second wife. Alice and Earl are buried there. Robert and Ella are buried in the Beulah Cemetery; Larkin and Annie in the Bright Star Cemetery.

"Larkin and Annie had five children: Polly Harris, born November 28, 1898, died February 13 1899 with pneumonia; Ottis T., born December 20, 1899, married Thelma Shadix; Hill H., born August 3, 1902, married Edna Simpson; L. A. V., born July 8, 1905; and Hoke S., born January 24, 1907, married Nina Moody. Ottis T. died November 10, 1982.

"Larkin was a farmer, planting his own acreage on Highway 5 and renting more. He was elected tax collector of Douglas County in 1908 but died before he could serve. Annie lived until January 18, 1968. After Larkin's death on January 16, 1909, Annie and her young boys continued to farm, swapping work with her parents, Joseph and Decy Rice York who lived nearby. Most of the children attended school at Yeager Elementary which included grades one through nine. The boys grew up to be largely self-sufficient, establishing farms of their own.

"Ottis T. and Thelma raised eight children; Hill H. and Edna raised seven and Hoke and Nina raised two sons.

"Ottis T. and Thelma's farm grew vegetables for the market. Ottis was also talented for veterinary work, earning his diploma from a correspondence school. He saved the lives of many animals in the county; the loss of a cow meant the loss of milk and butter for the family's needs. Sick ones were treated with various mixtures such as bicarbonate of soda, Epsom Salts and water to drink. One cow Ottis T. treated died and was found to have rabies. He was given the painful shots for disease prevention.

"Hill's farm grew cotton, corn, pimento peppers and other crops. He also operated a sawmill with his brother, L. A.'s help.

"He used his own trees to build his house and barn and also sawed logs brought to the mill by others. The mill was powered by a motor from a Buick automobile and was featured on TV-5's Phil Flynn's program in 1974.

"When REA provided electricity to Douglas County, Hill wired a number of houses for neighbors. The road on which Hill and Edna have lived for more than 40 years (Bearden Lane) was named for him. A portion of it follows the old settlement road through the area.

"During the 1960s and 70s, Hill served with the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service and also with the Farmer's Home Administration. He developed a water system from a natural spring which supplies water

to three families today. The Indians and early settlers obtained water from it. Nearby is the site of an old Indian hunting camp where numerous arrow points have been found.

"A very old maple tree still lives which bore the carving of a snake left there by the Indians; time and forest fires have erased most of the carving.

"Hill purchased his property, located on Highway 5, in 1925, from Col. Joe James who had previously built a cabin, at one time occupied by a family of Henleys. Another early settler was the Holbrook family, a child's grave is all that remains from that homestead.

"Hoke S. was also a farmer until in November 1948 when he was appointed to a position with the State Revenue Department by his good friend Governor Herman Talmadge. He worked with the state until his retirement in 1969. Hoke also served on the staffs of Governors Herman Talmadge, Marvin Griffin, Ernest Vandiver, and Lester Maddox. His wife, Nina, was employed with Arrow Shirts in East Point for a number of years until her retirement.

"The Bearden family is a large one, consisting of many descendants who live in Douglas and surrounding counties. Hopefully, the family history will continue to be written."

Edward-7 had issue, as given by the above, plus descendants:

651. Washington Wiley-8 Bearden, b. 1810-1815, Clarke County, Georgia, m. 15 Dec. 1832 to Nancy SPRADLIN.
652. William Winn-8 Bearden, b. 10 March 1817, Clarke County, m. second, 1840, Fayette County to Elizabeth HEAD.
653. Solomon-8 Bearden, born 1819, Clarke County, m. on 7 Feb. 1847 in Carroll County, Georgia to Elizabeth Ann COCKWELL.
654. Aaron-8 Bearden, b. 1822, Clarke County, m. on 20 April 1851 in Fayette County to Adeline BOONE.
655. Martha-8 Bearden, b. 1824, Clarke County, m. on 25 Jan. 1848 in Fayette County to Thomas J. HEAD.
656. Susan-8 Bearden, b. 1820-1830, Clarke County, m. on 6 Dec. 1838 in Fayette County to Walter J. CAMPBELL.
657. Cynthia-8 Bearden, b. 1829, Clarke County, m. on 21 Dec. 1841 in Fayette County to Thomas E. CAMPBELL.
658. Louisa Elizabeth-8 Bearden, b. about 1830 in Clarke County and m. on 25 Oct. 1855 in Fayette County to John S. COCHRAN (the Gilmer/Lumpkin County Beardens intermarried with Cochrans).
659. Vacey-8 Bearden, b. about 1831 in Fayette County, GA and m. on 4 May 1854 to Joshua I. BRADLEY.
660. Marshall Jefferson-8 Bearden, known as "Jeff", first named orphan in the Fayette County orphans' settlement (Docket Court of Ordinary, Pg. 25, court term Aug. 1852; returns made court 1853-1854, William F. BLALOCK, guardian; security bond made by William J. RUSSELL and William BLALOCK). Jeff-8 was b. on 12 Aug. 1834 (Bible record) in Clarke County, died on 27 Nov. 1909 in Fayette County, m. Sisley A. COLLIER and had issue as named in "DOUGLAS COUNTY, GEORGIA": Sarah F.-9; Mary J.-9; Hester A.-9; Emley E.-9; Charles J.-9; William W.-9, m. Roxey BROWN; Ausker-9; Ophelia-9, m. E. G. DORSETT; Olin-9, m. Silla DUKES; and Evey-9 Bearden, m. John BROWN, brother of Roxey Brown.
661. Aaron Aquilla-8 "Quiller" Bearden, b. about 1836 in Fayette County, GA, m. and had issue in Marshall County, AL when the Civil War broke out and where he d. after the Civil War.
662. Larkin V.-8 Bearden, b. 1842 in Fayette County, m. and living Marshall County, Alabama when war broke out, enlisted there in the 49th Alabama (same regiment as No. 353, James Jasper-7 BEARDEN and others of family), killed in Civil War on 10 Nov. 1864 near the Tennessee River in Alabama.
663. Partheny-8 "Thancy" Bearden, b. 1843 in Fayette County, GA.
- *664. Asa Illiance-8 "Ilas" Bearden, m. Mary Elizabeth FARR/FARRAR.
665. Sarah Ann-8 Bearden, the fifteenth and youngest issue of Edward-7 Bearden, b. about 1846 in Fayette County and d. there, unmarried, on 11 Dec. 1860.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 77 JOHN H.-6 AND SARAH (GRANT?) BEARDEN

257. **Josephine-7 Bearden** (John H.-6, Humphrey-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), her origin and even her name is speculation only and needs much firming up, research is ongoing. She was born about 1815 in SC and probably d. in Gilmer County, GA before 15 Aug. 1855 when her widower's first child was born by his second marriage to Martha (?). She m. about 1830 to young William RAINEY/RANEY who was born, according to the census, in 1812 (in Chester County area?), SC and who was closely related to John G. and Sarah (GOZA) Rainey.

John G. Rainey, b. about 1790, will probated 1852 in Cherokee County, GA; named "my eight sons" in his will and the names are not separated by commas and are easily misread, viz: Oliver George John Thomas William R. Martin James Birdine (putting commas between each name and as the 1850 census finds them: Oliver, George, John, Thomas, William, R. Martin, James, Birdine). Birdine is a family name, Goza line and a descendant of John G. and Sarah (Goza) Rainey is Emily (RAINEY) FARR of Simsonville, SC.

The John G. Rainey family went to DeKalb County, GA in the 1830's and later removed to Cherokee County. John G. died in California in 1852 where he had gone for the 1849 gold rush. Sarah died 1876 and is buried with a tombstone in Bartow County, GA. Sarah's widow's declaration for a War of 1812 pension gives John's deathdate and place and that is why he is not buried beside her. Another Rainey family migrated to DeKalb County, GA with the John G. Rainey's and they had sons named Bennett, Charles and Thomas Rainey. Bennett was a witness to John G. Rainey's will.

Gilmer County in Georgia first holds clues to the William Rainey's when on 5 July 1833 in Coweta County, GA, recorded 8 May 1834 in Gilmer County, GA, William Rainey purchased from Benton WALTON, both of Coweta County, Lot No. 70, originally in Cherokee County but now in Gilmer County, 160 acres of land, witnessed by H. J. WINFISH? and Willis KENYON, J. P. (Deed Book A-B, PGs. 92-93).

On 12 May 1850, in Gilmer County, GA, Katherine E. RANEY/REMEY m. Jessee Berry RACKLEY; and on 16 July 1850, Mary J.-8 RANEY was received by letter into the Ebenezer Baptist Church (see below).

This identical William Rainey family has not been located on the 1850 census and, therefore, his issue are mostly unknown and untraced as some are married and gone from home before the 1860 census locates him in Subdivision 33, Gilmer County, GA (Household No. 1015), b. 1812 in SC. Located here with William is Goodwin F. RANEY b. 1820 in VA. Oddly, Goodwin F. is listed on the 1850 census of Lawrence County, Lebanon Twp. in Arkansas (Census No. 147), with identical age, initial and birthplace, listed with Edwin RANEY, age 38, b. VA.

Goodwin F. m. Martha Ann ELLINGTON of the Gilmer County, GA family and later m. second Susan WILLIAMS and lived in Hot Springs County, AR, going after 1880 to Webster County, MO and is buried there in Taney County. This again places him in identical location with one of William and Josephine-7 (BEARDEN) Rainey's issue, who is Mary J.-8 (RAINEY) Bearden (Person No. 667) and who d. 1898 in Hot Springs, AR area. A descendant of Goodwin F. Rainey is Lee RANEY, of Morris, IL.

There are no persons of surname RANEY or alternate spellings listed on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA, and Mary J.-8 has not been located in the William Rainey household in 1850, although the 1860, 1870, 1880 census in AL, TN and KY respectively, list her as having been born 1834-1836 in SC and the William Rainey's are in SC for the birth of children as late as 1849. Before 1855, William is in Gilmer County, GA for the birth of the next child.

The estate of Isaac RANEY was administered in the December term of 1861 in Court of Ordinary in Gilmer County, GA, by Abraham CHAMPION, Joseph T. CHASTAIN, Clk. (Minute Bk. 1, 1856-1877). The Abraham CHAMPION family is listed on the 1850 Gilmer County, Georgia Census: Abraham Champion, b. 1802, SC,

Louisa, b. 1825, SC; Harriett, b. 1842, NC; Richard, b. 1844, GA; Houston, b. 1846, GA; and Emaline, b. 1849, GA.

Josephine-7 and William Rainey, had speculated issue, most of those who are married before 1860 are still missing:

666. Katherine E.-8 Rainey (cousin to Mary J.-8 instead of sister?), b. about 1828-1830 in GA (1850 census says 1825) and married on 10 Oct. 1850 in Gilmer County, GA to Jesse Berry RACKLEY, who was a first cousin to Richard Rackley whose wife was Jane HOLDEN, and these are the grandparents of Winney RACKLEY) LOGAN of Ellijay, GA with whom Jesse B. Rackley's father, old Jesse Rackley and his wife Dicey, came to Gilmer County from Pickens County, SC. This family removed from Gilmer County about 1879 to points in Missouri.

Jessee and Dicey Rackley had sons: (1) James M. Rackley; (2) William R., whose old Bible is in the Oklahoma State Archives, from which he continued to teach and preach in Missouri until his death in 1911; and (3) Jesse Berry RACKLEY who m. Katherine E.-7 RAINEY.

Young Jesse B. liked his drinks and was constantly in trouble with the church. He would make acknowledgment and be reinstated into membership. His descendants who still live in Gilmer County are considered fine citizens. His oldest son was Isaac-9 RACKLEY who m. Nancy J. PRATHER. After this family went to Missouri, Isaac was thrown from a horse and killed. Nancy was so unhappy there she loaded her three children and belongings on a wagon and set out for Georgia where they settled in Paulding County.

Isaac-9 and Nancy's son, Henry-10 Rackley, lived Centersville, GA, all of his children now deceased, some settled in Texas.

*667. Mary Josephine-8 Rainey was b. on 20 Oct. 1834-1836 in SC and d. on 21 May 1898 near Hot Springs, AR, m. 17 April 1853 in Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA to James Jasper-7 BEARDEN (Person No. 353) and her issue can be found under that number and name. She was in Gilmer County, GA as early as 16 July 1850 when she was received by letter into membership in the Ebenezer Baptist Church where Jacob-6 and "Winny" (SMITH) Bearden are charter members as early as 1836 (see under No. 353 for Rainey data).

668. Martha-8 Rainey, b. 1847 in SC.

669. Adaline-8 Rainey, b. 1849, SC.

(If above speculation is correct, William Rainey had known issue by his second wife, Martha (who could be his daughter instead of his wife, b. 1828, SC, when he was 16 years old?), who are not known or supposed Bearden descendants but who are half-siblings to the writer's great grandmother: Emilene, b. 1855; and William L. Rainey, b. 1858 in Gilmer County, GA).

IV. FIFTEEN GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 40 JOHN-5 AND NANCY (LANGSTON) BEARDEN

A. SIX CHILDREN OF NO. 82 ELI M.-6 AND NANCY (WINN?) BEARDEN

264. Willis-7 Bearden (Eli M.-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 2 Jan. 1810 in Spartanburg County, SC and d. on 4 June 1892 in the Flat Creek Community, Bedford County, TN, buried in the Flat Creek Cemetery (cemetery inscriptions). He m. on an unknown date and at an unknown place to Mahala, last name given as both CLAUNCH and ROGERS, who was b. 1805 in Kentucky and d. on 1 Aug. 1899, buried beside her husband.

When Mary Sherman-9 (REAGOR) PARKER, known as "Mollie", applied to the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR No. 31899), she gave her grandparents' names as Willis BEARDEN and his wife, Mahala CLAUNCH. "Mollie" should have known her own grandmother's maiden name. The controversy concerning Mahala's last name may be an indication of a prior marriage by either Willis-7 or by his wife.

This may be the same family as is Samuel CLAUNCH, who married as her second husband on 13 Oct. 1870 in Gilmer County, GA to Person No. 412, Arminda C.-7 BEARDEN, who m. first on 21 Jan. 1847 in Gilmer County,

GA to James H. KINCAID. Arminda C.-7 was the granddaughter of Person No. 43, Richard-5. One sister of Willis-7, Charlotte-7 Bearden, married in Bedford County to Dr. James B. or K. CLAUNCH (below).

In 1859 in Whitfield County, GA, Person No. 106, Richard-6 Bearden Jr.'s last will and testament was probated and named his daughter, Leeta-7 ROGERS as a legatee, witnessed by the following: (1) Person No. 293, Alfred-7 Bearden; (2) Person No. 354, William Newton-7 Bearden; (3) Person No. 360, Daniel-7 Green; and (4) Person No. 791, Ansel-8 Wright.

The 1850 census of Bedford County, TN (Family No. 59/514) lists Willis-7 Bearden as the head of household but completely misses his wife, Mahala, unless the census taker wrongfully recorded her date of birth: Willis Bearden, born 1808, SC; "Mahaley" Bearden, born 1832, TN; Elizabeth Bearden, born 1834, TN; Richard, born 1836, TN; Mary Bearden, born 1839, TN; Martha Bearden, born 1841, TN; William Bearden, born 1845, TN; James Bearden, born 1848, TN; and Nancy Bearden, born 1777, SC (the latter person counted twice, in her own household and in her son's household, Willis-7 Bearden).

The 1860 census of Bedford County lists the Willis-7 Bearden family (Cen. No. 152): Willis Bearden, age 50 (born 1810); Mahaley, age 50; Jane, age 27; Elizabeth, age 21; Ann, age 18; Louisa, age 16; William, age 17; and James, age 4.

Willis-7 had issue, b. Flat Creek, Bedford County, TN (combining the 1850-1860 census and information of Mr. Wright W. Frost (deceased before 1985) of Knoxville, TN, wife living there 1986):

670. Mahala Jane-8 Bearden, "Mahaley" on the 1850 census and "Jane" on the 1860 census, b. Nov. 1832 and d. on 16 Oct. 1906, Flat Creek, Bedford County and buried in the Flat Creek Cemetery beside her parents. Mr. Frost has compiled her as Elizabeth Jane-8, which does not fit the 1850/1860 census.
- *671. Richard Calvin-8 Bearden, m. 1859, Emily Catherine REAGOR.
- *672. Mary Elizabeth-8 Bearden, m. her cousin David Wesley-7 EVINS.
673. Martha Ann-8 Bearden, b. on 7 April 1839 in Flat Creek, Bedford County, TN and d. there on 16 July 1919, buried beside her husband in the Rosebank Cemetery where their tombstone inscriptions furnish the dates of their births and deaths. Martha Ann-8 m. according to the Reagor family records to Elijah Anthony REAGOR who was b. on 9 Dec. 1836 in Bedford County and d. on 25 July 1904, the brother of Emily Catherine Reagor who married Richard Calvin-8 Bearden.
- *674. William Eli-8 Bearden, m. his cousin, Person No. 742, Victoria-8 BEARDEN, the daughter of Person No. 294, John W.-7 and Nancy (TRIBBLE) Bearden.
675. James C.-8 Bearden, b. on 24 Jan. 1845 at Flat Creek in Bedford County and killed while in the service of the Union Army during the Civil War. There is a tombstone for him in the Old Flat Creek Cemetery with the following inscription: "Corp'l. J. C. Bearden, Company C, 10th Tenn. Infantry".
676. Nancy Louisa-8 Bearden, seventh and youngest issue of Willis-7 and Mahala Bearden, b. on 11 Sept. 1848 in Bedford County and d. on 30 Dec. 1901, buried beside her husband in the Rosebank Cemetery, m. at an unknown place and time to John BRYANT of the Confederate Army, who was b. on 10 Dec. 1843 and d. on 29 June 1929, living all of their lives in the Flat Creek Community. They had issue, Bryant: Florence-9, m. Louis PEARSON; Etta-9, did not marry; James C.-9, m. Myrtle MOTLOW; Margaret-9 "Maggie", second wife of James D. REAGOR; Addie-9, m. Hilbert KEITH; Emily-9 "Emma", m. W. D. GREEN; Grace-9, m. Karl BRADLEY; John-9 "Johnnie", m. David CLARK; Walton-9, m. Bessie TILMAN; and Jessee-9 Bryant, did not marry.

266. Manerva-7 Bearden (Eli M.-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 8 July 1812 at Flat Creek in Bedford County, TN, d. there 2 March 1895, buried in the Flat Creek Cemetery near her husband, William Penn HIX who she m. 1833, b. 20 May 1811 in Bedford County, d. 16 June 1893, son of John Hix Jr. and his wife, Millie KEY. Manerva-7's issue b. Bedford County TN:

677. John W.-8 Hix, b. on 8 June 1834, did not marry.

678. Nancy Catherine-8 Hix, b. on 8 Nov. 1835, d. on 10 Aug. 1910 in Golconda, IL, m. 5 Jan. 1854, James Raybourne STEGALL.
679. Elizabeth J.-8 Hix, b. on 18 Sept. 1837, d. on 23 Aug. 1922 in Franklin County, TN, m. Randolph RIDDLE.
680. Sarah Caroline-8 Hix, b. on 28 Feb. 1839 in Bedford County, d. there on 9 June 1904, m. John RIDDLE, m. second William STONE.
681. Mary M.-8 Hix, b. on 7 Aug. 1841 in Bedford County, d. on 8 Sept. 1888 in Moore County, TN, m. Elisah GORE.
682. James M.-8 Hix, b. on 7 Feb. 1844, d. 1855, unmarried.
683. Louisa Charlotte-8 Hix, b. on 19 Sept. 1846, d. on 4 May 1910, m. on 1 June 1866 to Thomas Jefferson STEPHENS, the great grandparents of Patricia-10 TRASK of Visalia, CA. Charlotte-8's issue is b. in Bedford County, TN:
- a. William Barnett-9 Stephens, b. on 25 May 1867, d. on 27 Sept. 1927, buried Flat Creek cemetery in Bedford County, m. on 8 Dec. 1891 in Bedford County to Dora Ball ENOCHS.
 - b. Amos Milton-9 Stephens, b. on 29 Nov. 1869, d. on 31 July 1941, buried Flat Creek, m. on 20 Oct. 1895, Eliza BYRON.
 - c. Thomas Edgar-9 Stephens, b. on 4 Nov. 1872 and d. on 29 Nov. 1961, buried Bedford County.
 - d. Laura Elizabeth-9 Stephens, b. on 18 Dec. 1876 and d. on 27 Nov. 1955, Visalia, Tulare County, CA, m. on 7 Sept. 1902 in Bedford County to James Sterling ERVIN. These are the grandparents of the above named Pat-11 Trask.
 - e. Theodosia Ernest-9 Stephens, b. on 31 July 1878 and died on 14 Nov. 1959 in Roswell, NM, m. on 28 May 1899 in Bedford County to William WATSON.
 - f. John Oliver-9 Stephens, b. on 15 Jan. 1882, d. on 16 Nov. 1884 in Bedford County, TN.
 - g. Myrtle Louisa-9 Stephens, b. on 14 Feb. 1885 at Flat Creek in Bedford County, TN, d. there on 23 Oct. 1973, m. there on 29 Dec. 1904 to Glosson GORDON.
 - h. Eula May-9 Stephens, b. on 25 Nov. 1887 in Bedford County, d. there on 1 April 1978, m. 26 Sep. 19--., J. Will BOMAR.
684. William Taylor-8 Hix, b. on 31 Jan. 1847 in Bedford County, d. on 11 Nov. 1891 at Viola, Warren County, TN; m. 1870, Bedford County, to Mary Isabella HUDSON.
685. Elifus Columbus-8 Hix, b. on 30 June 1852, d. on 23 Jan. 1909 in Moore County, TN; m. on 17 Aug. 1873 in Bedford County to Julia STEPHENS, m. second Elizabeth GORE.
686. Joshua Wilson-8 Hix, b. 7 Nov. 1854, d. 1 May 1902, Moore County, TN, m. 20 Aug. 1873, Bedford County, Elizabeth Porter HOLT.

269. John Telemachus-7 Bearden (Eli M.-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), seventh issue of Eli M.-6 and Nancy Bearden, died before the 1850 Tennessee census of Bedford County was taken. His estate was administered jointly by his brother, Winn-7 Bearden and his wife's brother, Watson FLOYD (Bedford County Court Minutes 1848-1852, Pg. 188).

He m. in 1838 to Jane FLOYD, who was b. 1818 in Tennessee, the daughter of Elijah and Sallie (WATSON) Floyd and the granddaughter of David FLOYD, a Revolutionary War soldier. Jane was a sister to Elizabeth Floyd who m. (?) BOONE, first name unknown. Jane m. second Joshua COLEMAN who was b. 1823 in Tennessee and d. 1883, a widower with a number of children by his first wife, who was Sarah BIRD/BYRD, b. 1825 in Tennessee and d. 16 June 1850 in Bedford County, TN (see BUNCH-PUGH FAMILY by writer).

Joshua and Sarah had one son as known by compiler, William Samuel COLEMAN, who was b. on 28 Dec. 1848 in Center, TN and d. on 20 June 1898 in Texas. William S. married Sarah Ann BOONE, who was b. on 10 Sept. 1855 in Tennessee and d. on 15 May 1944 in Texas. A daughter is Center Tennessee Coleman, who was b. on 29 Sept. 1875 in Texas and d. on 22 Feb. 1899 in Texas. She m. Joseph Abner WREN, who was b. on 8 May 1875 and d. on 14 Oct. 1927. A daughter is Mable Coleman Wren, who was b. on 16 April 1900 and m. Luster Evans HALL, who was b. on 30 Sept. 1888 and d. on 13 Dec. 1977. Mable had issue: Mrs. Irma Mae (HALL) MORELAND, who was b. on 21 June 1933, lives Ft. Worth, TX.

Joshua Coleman, stepfather to John T.-7 Bearden's orphans, was appointed their guardian, all of whom were b. Bedford County, TN:

- 687. Rilda-8 Bearden, m. William Marion STEPHENS.
- 688. Argile-8 Bearden (could be same who m. Mary BURROWS).
- 689. Hugh Lawson White-8 Bearden, b. 1842, Flat Creek, Bedford County, m. Mary GADDIS.
- 690. Sarah Caroline-8 Bearden, b. 1845, Bedford County, m. James B. HIX, son of DeMarquis Dews and Malinda (STEWART) Hix (further information in "FROSTS AND RELATED FAMILIES", source above).

273. Wynn/Winn-7 Bearden (Eli M.-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), 11th issue of Eli M.-6 and Nancy Bearden, b. on 19 Oct. 1823, near the community of Flat Creek in Bedford County, TN, d. on 27 March 1903 in same location. On an unknown date but presumably a year or two before the birth of their first child, he m. Elizabeth Jane TRIBBLE, the daughter of James Tribble and probable sister of Nancy Tribble, who m. Persons No. 292 and 294, William-7 and John W.-7 Bearden. Wynn-7's will was made in Bedford County 24 Sept. 1898, pro. 7 April 1903 (Will Book 2, Pgs. 148-149, Administration Settlement Book E, Pg. 212).

By a combination of the 1850 through the 1880 census of Bedford County, and Wynn-7's will and property settlement, the names of his children and their spouses can be determined. There is no record or family tradition for the unexplained residence of Susan HUDSON, age 53, and the Hudson issue who are living in the Wynn-7 Bearden household on the 1850 census. The Beardens intermarried with the Hudson family in north and middle Georgia and Tabitha M. Bearden, b. 1834 in Georgia, is listed as the head of household on the 1850 Franklin County, TN census (Census No. 891) and living in same residence is Joshua and Elizabeth HUDSON, b. 1770 and 1775 in NC.

Wynn-7 had issue, b. Flat Creek, Bedford County, TN. (additional information can be found in Mr. Frost's chapter, "THE CHILDREN OF WYNN BEARDEN AND ELIZABETH JANE TRIBBLE"):

- 691. John O.-8 Bearden, b. on 5 March 1847 and d. on 4 July 1898, buried in the Pisgah cemetery beside his wife, located half way between Flat Creek and Singleton, m. on 25 Sept. 1867 in Bedford County, TN to Sarah A. SNELL, the daughter of A. G. and Cassander Snell. Before June 1864, Sarah's father was dead and her future father-in-law was made her guardian. The 1870 census of Bedford County TN, lists John O.-8 and Sarah A. Bearden, age 19, in the household of Mrs. Cassander Snell. On 15 May 1873, John O.-8 and his wife, Sarah A., acknowledged the receipt of \$159.29, the amount due from Wynn-7 Bearden as the guardian of Sarah A. Bearden (Guardian Book 2, Pg. 217). John O.-8 had issue, b. Pisgah, Bedford County: Addie-9, Albert-9, Clarence-9, Mary-9, and William-9 Bearden.
- 692. James M.-8 Bearden, b. 5 Oct. 1848 and d. age 16, April 1865 in the Civil War (Union), St. Louis, MO, buried Veteran's National Cemetery, a casualty of the war in which he fought.
- 693. Arnetta-8 Bearden, first daughter and third issue of Wynn-7 and Elizabeth, b. on 6 Sept. 1850 and d. on 11 Feb. 1938, buried in the Winchester, TN cemetery beside her husband, James M. FINNEY, who was b. 1848 in TN and d. on 17 June 1896. They had issue, b. in Bedford County: Oliver F.-9, Hattie-9, Eythel-9, Emily-9, Edgar-9 and Elma-9 Finney.
- 694. Harvey M.-8 Bearden, b. on 6 Nov. 1852. One Harvey Bearden d. on 23 Dec. 1917 in Bessemer, Jefferson County, AL and m. on 20 Sept. 1891 to Mary Elizabeth GUNN, who d. on 6 June 1956, both buried Bessemer, AL.
- 695. Malissa Elizabeth-8 Bearden, b. on 9 Oct. 1855 in Bedford County, TN and d. there on 22 July 1910, buried there in the Rosebank cemetery near the graves of her parents. She had not married when her father made his will on 24 Sept. 1898, but by the time his estate was settled on 27 March 1903, she had become the second wife of William G. SMILEY who was b. on 1 April 1833 and d. on 5 Jan. 1915, buried in the Wilmot cemetery near the grave of his daughter, Otha (Smiley) Hix, the wife of John R. Hix.
- 696. Josephine B.-8 Bearden, b. on 5 March 1857 in Bedford County and d. there on 17 July 1945, buried in the Rosebank cemetery near the graves of her parents and her husband. Like her sister, "Josie"-8 married at a

- later age, on 21 Aug. 1900 at Flat Creek, TN to William A. WILLIAMS, who was b. on 12 May 1852 and died on 30 March 1912. Also like her sister, "Josie"-8 had no issue.
697. William Newman-8 Bearden, seventh issue of Wynn-7 and Elizabeth (Tribble) Bearden, b. on 11 Feb. 1859 at Flat Creek in Bedford County, TN and d. on 19 June 1936, m. on 24 Sept. 1887 to Mary Elizabeth ("Mollie") HIX, who was b. on 12 June 1863 and d. on 3 May 1953, the daughter of William S. "Bull" and Martha Ann (WORD) Hix. Both are buried in the Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville, TN. William Newman-8's issue were b. at Flat Creek, TN (additional information from Chapter XIII, Mr. Frost's "THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM S. 'BULL' AND MARTHA (WORD) HIX", source above.
698. Edward B.-8 Bearden, b. on 2 April 1861 in Bedford County and d. there on 30 Sept. 1932, m. there on 31 Aug. 1884, Ellen C. WILLIAMS, b. on 22 Jan. 1867 and d. on 19 June 1939, buried in the Willow Mount Cemetery, Shelbyville, TN. Edward-8 had issue: Eula-9, Hubert A.-9, and Gladys-9 Bearden.
699. Laura D.-8 Bearden, b. on 22 April 1865 and lived a little over two months.
700. Oscar Elmo-8 Bearden, b. on 18 July 1866 in Bedford County and d. there on 16 June 1932, both he and his wife are buried in the Rosebank Cemetery where their tombstones record their birth and death dates. He m. on 14 Dec. 1893 in Bedford County to Susie E. HARRISON, born 1865 in Tennessee, died 1922. He was a rural mail carrier while Flat Creek still had a post office and two rural routes. No other information.
701. Allen/Allan McBride-8 Bearden (called "Mack"), eleventh and last issue of Wynn-7 and Elizabeth Bearden, b. on 6 Feb. 1871 near Flat Creek, Bedford County, d. on 13 Feb. 1940 in Wellington, KS, m. Ellie R. BOMAR, who was b. on 21 Nov. 1876 and d. on 21 Aug. 1943 in Wellington, KS, where they are both buried. They had no issue.

274. James Allen-7 Bearden (Eli M.-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), the twelfth issue of Eli M.-6 and Nancy Bearden, according to the 1899 Philpott/Philputt letter, was b. 1825 in Tennessee and d. after 1899 in Texas. He m. his cousin, Person No. 297, Sarah-7 BEARDEN. James Allen-7 is not found listed as head of household in Tennessee before 1870, when in that year he is 45 years of age, his wife Sarah is 47 and living with them is Margaret BEARDEN, age 20; Lozenso H. Bearden, age 10; and the old man, William-6 Bearden, age 83 (Sarah-7's father).

It is supposed that Margaret is the issue of the deceased William-7 Bearden Jr., while Lozenso is the issue of the now married James Allen-7 and Sarah-7 (BEARDEN) BEARDEN. Both would be the old William-6 Bearden's grandchildren. Margaret-7 is the probable niece of James Allen-7 and Sarah-7 but it can also be supposed that Margaret is the last issue of the old William-6 Bearden and Lozenso H. is his issue by his second wife, or is Lorenzo and Margaret the issue of James Allen-7 and his wife, Sarah Bearden? There is much supposition and no sufficient proof of the James Allen-7 and Sarah (BEARDEN) Bearden issue.

276. Elizabeth Cordelia-7 Bearden (Eli M.-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fourteenth and youngest issue of Eli M.-6 and Nancy Bearden, b. on 9 Oct. 1829 at Flat Creek, Bedford County, TN and d. on 14 April 1871 in Livonia, IN, buried in Livonia City Cemetery where the dates of their birth and death can be obtained from their tombstones. "Betty"-7, as she is known, m. on 1 May 1852 in Bedford County to Barton PHILPUTT/PHILPOTT, who was born on 25 March 1825 in Henry County, VA and died on 3 April 1879 in Livonia, IN after a second marriage in 1875 to Tirzah RICHARDSON who survived him.

By Nov. of 1850, in Bedford County, TN, "Betty"-7 had reached twenty-one years of age and her guardian, J. L. COUCH, had made a settlement for her share in her father's estate (Bedford County Court Minutes, 1848-1852, Pg. 252).

When the Civil War broke out, most of the people in the Flat Creek area of Tennessee were in sympathy with the cause of the Confederacy. Barton Philpott and some of the Beardens supported the Union but the need for soldiers was acute and family responsibility failed to help in avoiding military service. It was the lack of sympathy for

either cause which led Barton to refuse to fight against his neighbors, his kinsmen and his friends. He rented his farm out and fled to Livonia in Indiana where he worked as a saddler until the war was over.

When the war was safely behind them he brought his family back to his farm near the Flat Creek Community in Bedford County. After three years of rigorous living under what was so nobly called the "Reconstruction Days" in the south, Barton and "Betty"-7 decided to sell the farm and return to Livonia, where their children might have the advantages of a better education and of learning the brotherhood of all of mankind. It was at this time that the spelling of the name was changed to Philpott.

Elizabeth Cordelia-7 Bearden had issue, born at Flat Creek in Bedford County, TN unless otherwise noted and as given to Mr. Frost by her granddaughter, Mrs. Grace (PHILPOTT) YOUNG, daughter of Allen Bearden-9 Philpott of the often mentioned Philpott letter of 1899, which furnished Mr. Frost much of his information concerning the Eli M.-6 Bearden family:

702. Elizabeth Cordelia-8 Philpott, b. in May 1854 and d. at the age of two from typhoid fever.
703. Allan Bearden-8 Philpott, born on 6 May 1856, the same day his young sister died and "Betty"-7 gave him the name of her youngest brother, Allan-7 Bearden. This first child to survive became an outstanding minister of the Gospel and student of the scriptures, working for thirty years with the Central Christian Church of Indianapolis, IN. It was he who wrote the 1899 letter to his brother, James McBride-9 Philpott, also an outstanding and famous minister of the Gospel who served twenty-five years with the Christian and Church of Christ in New York City as well as some other assignments. Allan Bearden-8 Philpott held a Gospel meeting in 1899 at the Church of Christ in the Flat Creek community of Bedford County, TN, and while there he researched his Bearden "roots" and wrote the famous Philpott letter to his brother which outlined their mother's Bearden background. It was during the period of sadness and loneliness following his mother's death that the fifteen year old Allan B.-8 decided to devote his life to God, his fellow man and to a study of the scriptures. His resolution led to an outstanding service to the Lord and to the Lord's church which he served. Allan B.-8 m. unknown and had issue: Grace-9 Philpott, m. (?) YOUNG and did not leave descendants.
704. Nancy Ann-8 Philpott, born 1858 and died just before her brother's birth on 17 Sept. 1860. Her tragic death was caused by a fall into an open fireplace.
705. James McBride-8 Philpott, b. on 17 Sept. 1860 and it is his autobiography, "That They May All Be One", which has provided much interesting family history and the background for the information given under Person No. 80, Eli M.-6 Bearden.
706. Aurelia Josephine-8 Philpott, fifth issue and first daughter who lived, of "Betty"-7 Bearden and Barton Philpott, b. 1863, Livonia, IN, m. there to the Reverend Peter Commodore CAUBLE. Aurelia-8 had known issue: Helen-9, married (?) ROGERS, lived in Bloomington, IN and did not leave descent; and Charles Allan-9 Cauble, died before 1965 in Phoenix, AZ and descendants are there in 1970.
707. Charles Wynn-8 Philpott, who grew to a mature age.
708. Mary Elizabeth-8 Philpott, b. 1870, lived to maturity.

B1. THREE CHILDREN OF NO. 83 JOHN-6 III AND FIRST WIFE, MARY "POLLY" (LEE) BEARDEN

279. Mitchell-7 Bearden (John-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), the son of John-6 and his first wife, Mary Polly LEE and the stepson of Rhoda (MOORE) BEARDEN, b. on 2 June 1811 in Spartanburg County, SC and d. before 9 Nov. 1868 in Tishomingo, MS, m. 1832 to Ellender, known as "Ester" MEADOWS, who was b. 1811 and d. 1850 in North Carolina.

He m. second on 29 July 1858 in Tishomingo County, MS, Elizabeth M. (?) STANTON, who was born 1828 in Tennessee and had two issue. Elizabeth died before 4 Nov. 1863 when Mitchell-7 m. third Mary E. EMBRY from South Carolina, by whom he had no issue. Elizabeth already had issue by first husband: Sarah, b. 1846, MS;

Mary, b. 1848, MS; Mourning, b. 1853, MS; and Andrew STANTON, b. 1855 in Arkansas (1860 Census, Tishomingo County, MS).

Mitchell-7 in 1832, at age twenty-two, joined the old Friendship Baptist Church by experience, where his parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins had worshipped as early as 1776. He and his wife "Ester" are dismissed from Friendship Church by letter in Oct. 1845 (Ester in church records, recorded in old John-7 Bearden Bible as Ellender MEADOWS).

Mitchell-7's will was made on 5 Nov. 1867 in Tishomingo County, MS and probated there on 9 Nov. 1868 (Will Book A, Pg. 222), which names his third wife and eight children. Tishomingo County is across the state line from McNairy County, Tennessee. Mitchell-7 had issue (will, estate papers, and descent, below):

709. Mary A.-8 Bearden, b. 31 Aug. 1834, Spartanburg County, SC, d. 10 Dec. 1904, Kaufman County, TX, buried College Mound Cemetery, m. 2 Aug. 1855, Tishomingo County, MS, Kindred Gibson MASSEY.
710. Amos Lee-8 Bearden, named for his maternal grandfather, b. on 17 June 1836 in Spartanburg County, SC, d. on 29 July 1918 in Young County, TX, buried in Olney Cemetery No. 2, Olney, TX, m. on 8 Jan. 1864 in Tishomingo County, MS to Annie ROBINSON.
711. Jane-8 Bearden, b. April 1838 in Spartanburg County, SC and d. after the 1900 census of Fannin County TX was taken in the home of her son-in-law, James "Jim" McBEE/McABEE. She m. 1860 in MS to Laborn MASSEY; m. second, 1878, Wilson WALDEN.
712. Ellender-8 Bearden, b. 1841 in South Carolina, d. on 18 July 1929 in Fannin County, TX, buried Spring Creek Cemetery at Bailey, Fannin County, m. on 3 April 1861 in Tishomingo County, MS to Reden Cannie STANTON.
- *713. Rhoda-8 Bearden, b. 1846, d. 1918, m. 3 Nov. 1869, Edmund D. QUEEN.
714. Catherine-8 Bearden, b. 1845-1847, Georgia or North Carolina, m. to H. (?) GAHAGEN.
715. Prince Albert-8 Bearden, b. 1848 in Georgia which is proof that this family was in Georgia, d. 1902 in Prentice County, MS, m. about 1870 to Sarah Ada LIVINGSTON, who was b. 1849, Mississippi, parents born in South Carolina.
The George Livingston will is dated on 14 May 1798 in Spartanburg County, SC, recorded there on 11 June 1798, executed by daughter Catherine GREEN, son-in-law Robert GREEN; wit. by Saml. GREEN, Saml. PATTERSON, Jonathan WOODS; wife Jane LEVISTON, grandson George Leviston GREEN; inventory 9 July 1798 by Francis CARLILE, Benj. TERRY, Thomas RAMSEY (name written as Livingston and Leviston).
Jane Livingston's will was made on 4 Sept. 1813, Abbeville District., SC, recorded on 25 Sept. 1813, executed by John CLARK, Duke BELL, wit. by Thomas and John L. FINDLEY, named Sarah and Esther CLARK, sisters; nephews, John and Benjamin BOYD; and Catherine GREEN, daughter, inventory on 3 Jan. 1814 by Thomas FINDLEY, John SIMPSON and Jos. SIMONS.
Prince Albert-8 Bearden is listed on the 1880 census of Prentiss County, MS, parents b. SC with the following people in his household: William H.-9 Bearden, b. 1872; Charles M.-9 Bearden, b. 1873; Mary F.-9 Bearden, b. 1875; Prince Albert-9 Bearden, b. 1878; Laden MASSEY, nephew, b. 1864, all b. MS, parents b. SC.
716. Sarah Alice-8 Bearden, b. on 9 June 1850 in Georgia or North Carolina, d. on 25 Nov. 1933 in Abbeville, MS, m. on 29 Jan. 1870 in Tishomingo County, MS to William Franklin LIVINGSTON, who was b. 1852 in NC, parents born NC. Alice-8 had issue in 1880, Prentice County, MS: Benjamin Franklin-9 Livingston, b. 1871 in Mississippi.
717. Susan Victoria-8 Bearden, first issue of Mitchell-7 by his second marriage to Elizabeth M. (?) STANTON, b. 1859, MS.
718. Emily Adelaide-8 Bearden, tenth and last child of Mitchell-7 by two marriages, b. 1860 Tishomingo County, MS, m. Thomas CALVERY.

Also listed on the 1880 census of Prentiss County, MS: W. B. BEARDEN, 28, b. MS, parents b. GA.; America Bearden, 26, b. GA, parents b. GA and TN.; Jennie L. Bearden, 8; Minnie B. Bearden, 5; Willie O.

Bearden, 3; issue all born in MS. In this family is Archer and Nancy WILLIAMS, 80 and 79, b. VA, parents b. VA; and Jane WILLIAMS, b. VA.

280. Celia-7 Bearden (John-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of John-6 and his first wife, Mary "Polly" (LEE) Bearden, b. on 12 Dec. 1814 in Spartanburg County, SC and d. before 6 May 1857 when her brother, Ebner-7 Bearden, presented a petition to the Spartanburg County Court for the care of her minor orphans. Celia-7 m. Manoah "Noah" Ham SMITH, who was born on 3 May 1811 in Spartanburg County, son of Elijah and Diana (HAM) Smith (File No. 2521-Rv.: Minor children of Noah H. and Celia Bearden Smith):

"The petition of Ebner Bearden showeth that William Smith, Berryman Smith, Mourning Smith, Tabitha Smith, Cetoria Smith, and Victoria Smith are minor children of Celia Smith, deceased, and under the age of choice. That they are entitled to a small distribution share of the estate of Amos Lee, deceased, the entire value of whose estate does not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars. Your petitioner prays that he may be appointed guardian in chief for said children upon the usual terms and he will ever pray" etc., dated May sixth 1857 and signed by Ebner BEARDEN.

"The humble petition of the undersigned showeth that they are Minor Children of Celia Smith, deceased, over the age of choice. That they are entitled to a small distribution share in the estate of their late grandfather, Amos Lee, deceased, and the whole value of whose estate does not exceed three thousand dollars. That they have no guardian to superintend their interest in the matter and pray that the following may be appointed guardian for them upon the usual term and conditions they will ever pray", etc. Signed by John B. SMITH, Leacil B. SMITH, and Elizabeth J. SMITH.

"The humble petition of the undersigned showeth that she is a Minor above the age of choice that she is entitled to a small distribution share of her late grandfather, Amos Lee, deceased, the value of whose estate does not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars. That to protect the interest of your said petitioner she therefore prays that William C. T. Miller may be appointed her guardian in chief and she will as in duty bound ever pray", etc. Signed, Eliza Jane SMITH and W. T. MILLER.

"Return of E. Bearden, guardian of the minor children of Celia Smith, deceased, records of D. (Goredelock?) Comm. for Union District \$33.22 to be divided among them."

Celia-7 had issue, Smith, per the Administration and distribution of property):

- 719. Mary-8 Smith m. (?) PARKER, first name unknown.
- 720. Diana-8 Smith m. Manoah "Noah" MEADOWS/MEADORS.
- 721. J. B.-8 Smith d. in the Civil War.
- 722. Lecil-8 Smith d. in the Civil War.
- 723. Jane-8 Smith.
- 724. William James-8 Smith m. Mary O'SHIELDS.
- 725. Ebner Bearden-8 Smith m. Janet JENNINGS.
- *726. Mourning Catherine-8 Smith, m. 1867 to William Perrion GWIN.
- 727. Tabitha-8 ("Talula") Smith m. Stephen FARRIS.
- 728. Cetaria-8 Smith (TWIN), b. 7 Oct. 1853 in Spartanburg County, SC, and m. on 28 March 1880, to Arealous Josephus PHILLIPS.
- 729. Victoria-8 Smith (TWIN) m. Francis HENRY (descent of No. 28?), m. second John A. RAY.

B2. ONE CHILD OF NO. 83 JOHN-6 III AND SECOND WIFE RHODA (MOORE) BEARDEN

284. **Berryman Hicks-7 Bearden** (John-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 1 March 1824 in Spartanburg County, SC, d. on 19 Dec. 1894 at Solgohachia in Conway County, AR and buried there in the Friendship Cemetery, m. Harriett SMITH, the daughter of James and Mary (?) SMITH. Information is taken from his son's obituary as published in "The Morrillton Democrat" on 22 Oct. 1942:

"PIONEER SOLGOHACHIA CITIZEN CALLED BY DEATH

"Conway lost one of its oldest citizens last Friday, Oct. 22, 1942, when John William Bearden, 85, died at his home in Solgohachia, following an illness of only a few hours.

"Mr. Bearden was born at Solgohachia July 26, 1858, the son of Reverend Berryman Hicks Bearden and Harriett Smith who had come to Conway County from Spartanburg County, SC in 1844, locating on a farm to which the deed was signed by President Buchanan. This farm remained the property of Mr. Bearden throughout his life. With the exception of three years during childhood, Mr. Bearden spent his entire life at Solgohachia.

"Mr. Bearden was married Jan. 20, 1884 to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Haynes who survives him. To this union was born eleven children, eight of who survive. They are Lieutenant Colonel Fred Bearden, Bleckville, Ohio; Will Bearden, Oakland, California; Ruby Bearden, Morrillton, Arkansas; Luthur Bearden, Batesville, Arkansas; Mrs. E. F. Gist, Solgohachia, Arkansas; Mrs. M. D. King, Conway, Arkansas; Mrs. G. A. Dodson, Smackover, Arkansas; and Mrs. Paul Morton, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas.

"Mr. Bearden joined the church early in life and at the age of twenty-five he became a Deacon in the Solgohachia Baptist Church. He remained a leader in the church until his death. He had served as Justice of the Peace since 1884. Besides his wife and children, he is survived by twenty-eight grandchildren, four of whom are in the service of the Armed Forces and eleven great grandchildren.

"In a tribute to Mr. Bearden, Justice R. W. Morgan who was his close friend for the last fifty years, said Wednesday:

'He was an outstanding friend and neighbor, always ready to lend a helping hand to the poor and distressed of his community.

"He spent his entire life on a farm where he was successful in accumulating his share of the world's goods. He was a hard worker, never discouraged by droughts and floods or pests that destroyed his crops. He always said that if man done his part that the good Lord would do the balance. He was Justice of the Peace for fifty years and never ran for office. His friends put his name on the ticket.

"For many years he financed both white and colored. When times were hard and money was hard to borrow he would always help his friends and neighbors that they might make a crop. He was willing, able and ready to help in time of need. He has told me that he has never lost anything because they would pay him. He was a useful man in his community, county and state and it is useless to say he will be missed by his family, friends and neighbors. The weather never got too cold or the roads too bad for him to help humanity.

"He was a friend indeed to his neighbors, friends and to mankind. I have known him over fifty years. I would say to his fine sons and daughters to try to live the life your father lived and you will be useful in this war torn troubled world.'

"Funeral services were at Friendship Cemetery at Solgohachia Sunday afternoon by Reverend James F. Brewer Jr., of Morrillton. Pallbearers were G. G. Hewen, Emmett Nation, Capt. Cliff Atkinson, C. V. Webb, Paul Gordon, and Monroe Martin."

Berryman Hicks-7 and Harriett Smith had known issue, Bearden:

730. John William-8 Bearden, b. 1867 in Conway County, AR, d. Friday, 22 Oct. 1942 in Solgohachia, Conway County, AR, m. Margaret Elizabeth HAYNES and had issue (his obituary):
- a. Fred Homer-9 Bearden, Lieut. Colonel, Bleckville, Ohio.
 - b. William-9 Bearden Jr. of Oakland, California.
 - c. Ruby-9 Bearden of Morrillton, Arkansas.
 - d. Luthur Robie-9 Bearden of Batesville, Arkansas.

- e. Dora-9 Bearden-9, b. 1900, m. Edward Franklin GIST, b. 1883 near Solgahachia, AR, s/o Francis Eugene and Mary Catherine (COBB) Gist, who d. at Berwyn (now Gene Autry) in Carter County, OK, sibling of (1) Josie Bell who m. Herbert WOODS; (2) Frederick Elmo, m. Viola KELSO; (3) Myrtle, m. Joe B. HARRIS; (4) Earl, m. Lee CARTER; (5) Sallie Eugene, m. Dale SAMPLEY; (6) Ernest, m. Loeta Livona HOLLEY; (7) Worrell Gist m. Gladys NORTH; (8) William Wayne, m. Evelyn SHAFFNER; and (9) Harold GIST.

Oddly, when the writer was growing up in the little community of Baum in Carter County, OK, she "went with" Ernest GIST or "Arkansas" as he was known, who was visiting his sister, the Sampleys and decided to stay and now (1998) lives in Ardmore, OK.

- f. Inez-9 Bearden married M. D. KING of Conway, Ark.
 g. Bonnie-9 Bearden married G. A. DODSON, Smackover, Ark.
 h. Johnnie-9 Bearden married Paul MORTON, Mammoth Springs, AR.

C. FIVE CHILDREN OF NO. 84 WILLIAM-6 AND PATIENCE (POWERS) BEARDEN

293. Alfred-7 Bearden (William-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 16 Feb. 1811 in Spartanburg County, SC and d. on 14 Dec. 1888 in Pea Ridge, Lincoln or Bedford County, TN, buried with tombstone inscription in the old Bearden Cemetery, located near Fayetteville, Taft Road No. 33. Alfred-7 m. on 24 Feb. 1831 in Petersburg, Lincoln County, TN to Margaret DOWNING, by Constant SMITH. Margaret was b. on 3 July 1807 in Williamson County, TN and d. on 20 June 1890 in Lincoln County, TN, the daughter of James and Mary (GARDNER) Downing, the latter two b. on 24 June 1772 and 20 Aug. 1772 in South Carolina. Mary and Sarah Downing are listed on the 1850 census, Lincoln County, TN in family of Alfred-7 and Margaret Bearden; Mary b. 1774 and Sarah b. 1832.

Margaret d. on 20 June 1890 in Lincoln County, buried beside her husband and their issue with a tombstone inscription. The Bearden Cemetery was copied for the writer on 11 Oct. 1983, by Mrs. Frances West of Fayetteville, TN, and gives the birth and death dates.

The will of Alfred-7 Bearden was probated on 29 Nov. 1888 in Petersburg, Lincoln County, TN and names his wife, four daughters and thirty-five grandchildren without giving the latter's names. He appoints son, Matthew M.-8 Bearden as executor (copy of will from loose papers in Archives, Lincoln County, TN, signed "ALFRED BEARDEN" and dated on 29 Nov. 1888, filed for probate in Dec. 1888, wit. by Thea. HARRIS and W. H. BURREWS).

Alfred-7 Bearden's grandfather, Person No. 40, John-5 Bearden signed the 1825 affidavit for Person No 43, Richard-5 Bearden's Revolutionary War pension application from Giles County, TN. Another connection can be made between Alfred-7 and his Georgia and South Carolina Bearden contemporaries as he, in conjunction with his Georgia cousins who were Persons No. 354, 360 and 791, William Newton-7 BEARDEN, Daniel-7 GREEN and Ansel-8 WRIGHT (grandsons and great grandson of Person No. 43, Richard BEARDEN), witnessed the 1859 will in Whitfield County, Georgia of Person No. 106, Richard-6 Bearden Jr.

The Bearden family owned "Bearden Mill Road", "Bearden Mill Bridge" and "Bearden Mill Dam", the latter once afforded the power for the town of Fayetteville in Lincoln County. There was a wire bridge across the Elk River below "Bearden Mill Bridge", which is now closed and condemned. Alfred-7 and his father's cousin, Dr. Benjamin F.-6 Bearden (Person No. 157), settled early in the Tennessee counties of Giles and Lincoln and both were prominent there.

Alfred-7 partially made his living as a gunsmith, the rifles and old pistols made from iron. Some of his work is exhibited in the Tennessee Museum at Nashville and a few rare and priceless pieces are owned by private collectors, with his initials stamped near the breech, some having a beaver tail cheek rest. He made by hand a rare sword

for his son before the latter left for the Civil War and it is now owned and exhibited at the University of the South in Tennessee, with the following caption, written in 1947 by a descendant, Mary Delia-9 (FARRAR) HOLLAND:

"THE TRUE STORY OF CAPTAIN N. M. BEARDEN'S SWORD

"The Captain N. M. Bearden sword was made in 1862 by Alfred Bearden Sr., a gun and sword smith who lived on Pea Ridge, Lincoln County, Tennessee, eleven miles from Fayetteville, on the old Fort Hampton Road.

"Mr. Bearden engraved the initials N. M. B. on the hilt before presenting the hand-carved sword to his son, who enlisted in the War Between the States in 1862. Captain N. M. Bearden commanded the Eighth Tennessee Regiment.

"During the battle of Stone's River, Murfreesborough, Tennessee, on Dec. 31, 1862, and Jan. 1, 1863, as Captain N. M. Bearden held his sword high while giving a command, his right leg was struck and shattered by a 'minnieball'. His sword could never be found on the battlefield and was given up as lost.

"In 1883, twenty years later, an Eighth Tennessee soldier heard a man in Atlanta describing a beautiful sword he owned and said: 'That's my Captain's sword, look and you'll find his initials on the hilt.' The other soldier then wrote a letter to Alfred offering to sell him the sword. One of Alfred's other sons, Matt, then went to Atlanta at once and paid the man twenty dollars for his dead brother's sword. In a few weeks, Matt received a letter from the Georgian asking ten dollars more for the sword. Matt sent the ten dollars, making the cost thirty dollars in all.

"Upon the advice of his father, Matt sent both the sword and the scabbard to a reliable jeweler in Nashville, who replated both of them, Matt paying the jeweler thirty dollars for the work. As a result, the sword and scabbard cost Matt sixty dollars in money.

"He left them, a precious, historical heirloom, to his two sons Thomas and Ellis Bearden, who are the only relatives who carry the Bearden name. During the Nashville Centennial, beginning June 1, 1897 (delayed for one year), the Tennessee Historical Committee asked permission to exhibit the sword and the scabbard together with the Bearden history of the sword and scabbard. It lay in a glass case in the museum, where it was appreciated and commented upon by thousands of admirers.

"For several years the sword and scabbard have been carefully preserved in the museum at Swanee, Tennessee, School of the South, where Major Ellis Miller Bearden, who has been Chaplain for the past thirty years, the only Bearden by name of that large family of eleven children, forty-two grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren, and today, 1947, several great-great-great grandchildren. Of that vast number, Chaplain Ellis Miller Bearden, School of the South at Swanee, TN, is the only one to be able to register 'BEARDEN.'" (Photographs of 4 rifles, 3 pistols made by Alfred in writer's possession).

Alfred-7's descendant, Margaret SULLIVAN of Lincoln County, TN, had her mother's old Bible and published "BEARDEN GENEALOGY" in "LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE PIONEERS", Vol. II, No. 3, Pg. 66. The old Bible included the birth and death dates for James and Mary (GARDENER) DOWNING, William and Patience (POWERS) BEARDEN and the marriage date for James and Mary (Gardener) Downing. This old family record includes a notation beside Margaret (Downing) Bearden: "There will be many stars in her crown."

Mrs. Sullivan's Bearden history included the following, some of which has been proven otherwise by other family researchers:

"OUR AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR JOHN WILLIAM BEARDEN

"His record as a Revolutionary soldier is found in several volumes of Daughters of the Revolution record books in the State Library located in the State Capitol Building in Nashville, Tennessee on Capitol Hill: D. A. R. Lineage Book, Vol. 32, Page 333; and in Vol. 31, Page 899, as follows:

"John William Bearden was born in 1744, in Spartanburg District, South Carolina. He enlisted in a company of Rangers of Spartanburg District in 1777 and served against the Cherokee Indians. He was in the 'Battle of Ninety Six'. He was placed on the pension roll of TN in 1833, for nineteen months service as Private, South Carolina Line. He enlisted in South Carolina where he lived until 1824. He removed to Flat Creek, Bedford County, Tennessee, where he lived with his two old sons, William and Eli Bearden, until he died.

"The Early Settlement of Flat Creek, written by Charlie Gowen and dictated to him by his uncle, William Floyd, who was then 86 years old, says: 'Two old brothers, William and Eli Bearden were among the first families to settle in Flat Creek, Bedford County, Middle Tennessee. The father of William and Eli Bearden was a Revolutionary soldier from South Carolina.'

"After the war he came to Flat Creek to live with his two sons. He died and is buried in the old graveyard on the hill at Flat Creek. Men were sent from Washington to place a Revolutionary marker on his grave, but they went back to Washington and said they could not find his grave.

"William Bearden, his son, father of Alfred Bearden Sr., died Nov. 14, 1876, at the age of 90 years, 1 month and 11 days. Soon after, Eli, the other son, died and was buried on the right of his father, John William Bearden; William, the other son having been buried on the left of his father. There are three long boxed in graves of stone side by side.

"On January 23, 1947, Phebe Shafner Ream, Foster Farrar and I found these three graves in the old, neglected, overgrown graveyard high on the hill at Flat Creek -- a quiet, restful, shady place for one to sleep the last sleep.

"We of the fourth generation know that John William Bearden is our great-great grandfather, that William Bearden is our great grandfather, and that Alfred Bearden Sr. is our grandfather, while to that vast number of fifth generation (including Phoebe), John William Bearden is their great-great-great Grandfather, William Bearden is their great-great grandfather and Alfred Bearden Sr. is their great grandfather, and on and on to those of Bearden blood yet unborn.

"What a heritage is ours and theirs -- a heritage greater far than that of titles, land or money -- God-Fearing, law-abiding, honest, respected Southerners of 'The Deep South'. Let's keep the name worthy of our ancestors."
Signed Mary Delia (Farrar) Holland - December 1947.

A complete list of Alfred-7 Bearden's issue is furnished by combining his will, the 1850 and 1860 census (Census Nos. 180/504; 83/165) and the marriage records, plus the tombstone inscriptions, b. in Lincoln County, TN:

731. L. A. Eliphas-8 Bearden, b. 31 May 1832, d. 22 Nov. 1899, m. 9 July 1852, Celia CUNNINGHAM; m. second, 28 Oct. 1855 to Martha WELLS, m. third 24 July 1865 to Cynthia H. WEBB, m. fourth 17 Oct. 1886 to Mary SANDERS. He was a skilled gunsmith, having learned from his father. Known issue: Martha-9 Bearden, m. Rufus KOONCE.
732. Mariah P. Josephine-8 ("Mary") Bearden, b. 10 Dec. 1833 and d. 16 Sept. 1870, m. in July 1851 to James KIRKPATRICK, who d. 18 April 1877 and had issue as taken from the old Bible record:
- a. Henrietta-9 Kirkpatrick, b. 22 April 1852, d. 23 June 1882, m. 20 Dec. 1871, Robert WILSON, d. 28 Sept. 1904.
 - b. Emma-9 Kirkpatrick, b. 1854, d. July 1865.
 - c. Thomas-9 Kirkpatrick, b. 1856.
 - d. Willie-9 Kirkpatrick, b. 1857, d. 3 April 1880.
 - e. Mollie-9 Kirkpatrick, b. 9 Oct. 1858, m. 11 Oct. 1877, Dill PARRILL, m. second 2 May 1896, Drew WADE.
 - f. Robert-9 Kirkpatrick, b. 3 July 1862, m. 24 Dec. 1889, Lillian WORRELL.
733. Letitia Calpernia C.-8 Bearden, b. 20 Sept. 1835, d. 7 Aug. 1900, m. 3 May 1855 to Brown PARKISON, m. second 12 Feb. 1868 to Isaac B. MOORE and had issue:
- a. Rufus C.-9 Parkison, b. 29 Feb. 1856, d. 4 Nov. 1895, m. Lawrence County, TN to Dora RAYMOND.
 - b. Thomas W.-9 Parkison, b. 14 Sept. 1857, m. Mary SLOAN.
 - c. Alfred B.-9 Parkison, b. 7 Sept. 1859, m. Lucy Emma KENTHLEY/KEATHLEY.
 - d. Eliphas M.-9 PARKISON, b. 22 Sept. 1861, m. Olivia SLOAN.
 - e. Emma Josephine-9 MOORE, first issue by second marriage, b. 14 Sept. 1869, d. 1901, m. 28 April 1892 to Hiram SANDLIN.
 - f. David Cowan-9 Moore, b. 22 Jan. 1871, d. Feb. 1926, m. 9 Nov. 1896, Emma WHEELER, m. second, 9 Nov. 1896, Addah PARKISON, m. third, 18 July 1917, Gracie Irene Spray GRAY.
 - g. William H.-9 Moore, b. 15 Dec. 1872, d. 22 June 1879.
 - h. Minnie M.-9 Moore, b. 9 March 1875, d. 1 Jan. 1958, m. 7 July 1897 to James SHEFFIELD.
 - i. Maude Bearden-9 Moore, b. 6 May 1877, d. 8 Jan. 1959, m. Horace Eddie GREEN. m. second, 12 Dec. 1906, Lon COLE.
734. Napoleon Monroe-8 Bearden, b. in Marshall County, TN, buried Bearden Cemetery, Taft Road No. 33, Lincoln County with inscription: "Captain N. Monroe Bearden - Son of Alfred and Margaret - Born Feb. 8, 1837 - Died Jan 22, 1863 - Died from wounds received at the Battle of Stones River - Company E 8th Tenn.

CSA." The old Bible records his birth and death dates, plus "Captain N. Monroe Bearden, killed at Murfreesborough, Tenn. Jan. 22, 1863 - Killed second day of battle - 26 years of age."

735. Mary E. V.-8 Bearden, b. Marshall County, TN, m. on 26 Nov. 1858 to Robinson M. BROWN, by A. S. SLOAN (Lincoln County, TN Marriages, Pg. 72). Their cemetery inscriptions:

Mary E. V. Brown
 Daughter of Alfred and Margaret Bearden
 Mother of Lileon M. and Margaret Brown
 Born March 21, 1839 Died Sept. 11, 1864
 Robinson M. Brown
 1837-1864
 Killed at the Battle of Atlanta
 Company E 8th Tenn. CSA

Mary E. V.-8's death is recorded in the Bible as 1862 and says "Robinson Brown did die between Atlanta and Griffin, Ga. July 24, 1864."

Mary E. V.-8 had issue: Lileon May-9, b. 22 April 1860, d. 8 Nov. 1930, m. 12 Feb. 1878 William WILSON; and Margaret Emma-9 Brown, b. 16 Feb. 1863, m. 6 Jan. 1881 to Tommie COLE.

736. Adelia Ormacinda-8 Bearden, "Dealla", listed on 1860 census, Lincoln County, TN, b. on 13 Dec. 1840 in Fayetteville, TN, d. 9 July 1876 in Blanche, TN, m. 13 Dec. 1866 to Samuel E. FARRAR, who was b. on 3 Feb. 1832 and d. on 11 April 1911 at Blanche, TN. Adelia O.-8 Bearden had issue:
- Infant female-9 Farrar, b. and d. 1867.
 - Mary Delia-9 Farrar, b. on 21 Oct. 1872 and d. on 18 Dec. 1959 in Columbus, TX, m. on 1 Aug. 1900 at Huntsville, AL to William Allen HOLLAND. She made an approved application to the Patriotic Society of The Daughters of The American Revolution (NSDAR) as descendant of the old Revolutionary soldier, John-5 Bearden (Person No. 40). Her DAR National No. 385126, John Everett Chapter, Columbus, Texas, was accepted under the auspices of the NSDAR papers of Mary Sherman-8 (REAGOR) PARKER, also one of the descendants of John-5 and Nancy (LANGSTON) Bearden.
737. Joan Madeline-8 Bearden (A. Madeline?), b. 1 March 1843 at Pea Ridge, Lincoln County, TN and d. 21 Feb. 1926, m. 3 Dec. 1868, John J. RAWLS, who was named as one of the executors for his father-in-law, Alfred-7 Bearden. She had issue:
- Blanche-9 Rawls, b. 15 Oct. 1869, d. 20 Jan. 1946, m. 20 Feb. 1890, James TONEY.
 - Lizzie G.-9 Rawls, b. 12 Dec. 1870, d. 15 March 1947, m. 26 Oct. 1899, Bruce WALLACE.
 - Maggie A.-8 Rawls, b. 10 May 1872, d. 30 Jan. 1953, m. 14 Nov. 1895, Alex AUSTIN.
 - Thomas A.-9 Rawls, b. 10 Dec. 1873, m. 23 Jan. 1904, Mary CLERBERGER.
738. Parthenia E.-8 Bearden, b. 6 April 1845 at Pea Ridge, Lincoln County, TN and d. 14 Sept. 1919, m. 16 July 1865, Lincoln County to J. Henry REYNOLDS and had issue:
- Mae-9 Reynolds, b. 9 Nov. 1866, m. 9 Nov. 1899, George PUTNAM.
 - Lula-9 Reynolds, b. 23 July 1868, m. 12 Aug. 1886, Ollie BLAND.
 - Monroe-9 Reynolds, b. 7 March 1870, d. 12 Dec. 1947, m. Dula TUCKER.
 - Maggie-9 Reynolds, b. 1 Sept. 1872, d. 2 Nov. 1873.
 - Fannie-9 Reynolds, b. 18 Nov. 1874.
 - Matthew "Matt"-9 Reynolds, b. 27 Jan. 1877.
 - Robert-9 Reynolds, b. 29 Sept. 1879, m. 6 May 1900, Susie MOORE.
 - Delia-9 Reynolds, b. 16 March 1883.
 - Daisy-9 Reynolds, b. 31 March 1886, d. 8 April 1886.
739. Matthew Marshall-8 Bearden, b. 7 July 1847, d. before Oct. 1906, will probated 27 Feb. 1906, Lincoln County, m. 14 Dec. 1876 to Susan WOODS; named as the executor of his father's will. He is in his parent's household on both the 1850 and 1860 census of Lincoln County, TN. He and Susie had issue, b. Lincoln County, TN:
- Mattie Miles-9 Bearden, b. 27 Oct. 1877, d. 19 Oct. 1893.
 - Alfred Woods-9 Bearden, b. 30 July 1879, d. 1 Jan. 1892.
 - Thomas-9 Bearden, b. 7 Feb. 1883.
 - Ellis Miller-9 Bearden, b. 12 June 1890, d. after 1947.
740. Margaret C.-8 Bearden, known and called "Maggie" in father's will, b. 11 June 1849 at Pea Ridge and d. 12 Aug. 1886, m. 26 Nov. 1868, James B. HILL, who d. 29 March 1892, and had issue:

- a. Charlie B.-9 Hill, b. 1 Sept. 1869, m. 5 July 1894, Edna JONES.
 - b. Mary B.-9 Hill, b. 17 April 1871, m. 17 Jan. 1893, Joe C. HIGGINS.
 - c. Alfred Ebbie-9 Hill, b. before August 1873, m. Rosa (?).
 - d. Maggie B.-9 Hill, b. 12 Sept. 1879, d. Jan. 1951, m. 8 Feb. 1901, Forest SHAFNER.
 - e. Emily Hough-9 Hill, b. 4 Feb. 1882, d. 15 April 1967, m. 1906, Holman MILHOUS.
741. Alfred-8 Bearden Jr., eleventh and youngest issue of Alfred-7 and Margaret Bearden, was b. 29 July 1852 and d. 17 Nov. 1852.

294. John W. (William?)-7 Bearden (William-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), son of William-6 and Patience (POWERS) Bearden, b. 1812-1815, Spartanburg County, SC, d. 1860, Bedford County, TN, m. about 1850 to his brother's widow, Nancy (TRIBBLE) BEARDEN and had issue:

742. Victoria-8 Bearden, b. about 1852-1854, d. 1924 in Bedford County, TN, m. 25 Aug. 1872 in Marion County, IL to her cousin, Person No. 674, William Eli-8 BEARDEN (see under his number and name for issue).

296. Eli/Ely-7 Bearden (William-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), born according to 1850 through 1870 census of Bedford and Lincoln Counties in Tennessee, in 1819, State of South Carolina; married in Tennessee to Winnie STEPHENS, b. 1821, d. 17 Jan. 1903 in Flat Creek, Bedford County, TN, buried Pisgah Cemetery between Flatcreek and Raus, daughter of Erwin and sibling of Louisa STEPHENS who m. Benjamin Franklin-7 BEARDEN.

The 1870 census in Bedford County lists a son of the older Eli M.-6 Bearden, Person No. 274, James Allen-7 Bearden, who married his first cousin Sarah-7 BEARDEN (Person No. 297), the daughter of old William-6 Bearden (Person No. 84), the latter age 83 in 1870 and living in household of James Allen-7 and Sarah-7 (BEARDEN) BEARDEN.

Eli-7 Bearden, the son of old William-6 and his wife Patience POWERS, is listed in 1860 as head of household in Bedford County, TN (Census No. 166/502) and in 1870 he is listed in Lincoln County, TN (Census No. 88/21). In 1880 his widow, Winnie Bearden, is listed as head of household and living next door to Person No. 302, James Monroe-7 Bearden, who was b. 1842 and is the identical person who is listed in the William-6 Bearden household in 1850. In 1880, Eli-7's cousin, Frank-7 Bearden, is working with James Allen-7 as a wagon maker, which is a trade the Beardens were proficient in and which certainly denotes relationship with the South Carolina and Georgia Beardens.

Living with Eli-7 in 1850 is Sila and Jane Bearden, b. 1829 and 1835, who are too old to be the issue of Eli-7 and are no doubt either his siblings or his niece and nephew. Eli-7 and Winnie had issue, 1850 through 1880 census (unidentified, may be Frank-8; Georgia-8 b. IL; Finus R.-8, b. TN, m. WALKER):

- 743. Alfred-8 Bearden, b. 1847-1848.
- 744. Benjamin Franklin-8 Bearden, b. 1849.
- 745. James C.-8 Bearden, b. 1853, d. 1908, buried Willow Mount Cemetery, Shelbyville, TN.
- 746. Sarah-8 Bearden, b. 1855.
- 747. Catherine-8 Bearden, b. 1857.
- 748. Richard-8 Bearden, b. 1860.

298. Mourning-7 Bearden (William-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), b. 1827 in Bedford County, and d. before 1 July 1912, buried Old Flat Creek Cemetery, Bedford County, TN. The writer believes she is the younger of the siblings, Mary E.-7 and Mourning-7 Bearden, both of whom are

counted in their parents' household in 1850 (Bedford County, TN), Mary-7 age 32 and Mourning-7 age 23. The 1860 census lists Mary-7 as still with her father in Bedford County and in the Joshua HORSELEY household, (Census No. 173), while Mourning-7 is gone and it seems reasonable that she was the M. Bearden who m. in 1852 to William Jackson GLIDEWELL.

William J. Glidewell's relative, William W. Glidewell m. on 28 Sept. 1851 in Hardeman County, TN to Jane COSBY, daughter of John P. Cosby, by Willie FORT, William and Robert BEVILL paid the bond. William and Jane are listed first as head of household on the 1860 census of Madison County, TN (Census No. 89/106, by Byron Sistler, Pg. 304): William Glidewell, age 28, Jane, age 30, James, age 8 and John, age 6. Deed Book T, Pg. 306, Hardeman County, Power of Attorney from W. W. and Jane Glidewell to Abijah CRAIN empowering him to act for them in settlement of estate left by John P. COSBY, father of Jane Glidewell and Ellender Crain.

The Saline County, Arkansas 1880 census, family number 182/187, lists Thomas GLIDEWELL, age 60 b. 1820, NC, father b. VA, mother b. NC; Susan (RANEY) GLIDEWELL, 35, b. 1845, TN, father b. SC, mother b. KY; Henry, b. 1872, AR; Finis, b. 1877, AR; Nellie, b. 1879, AR (see under No. 353, Mary J. RANEY m. J. J. BEARDEN).

The following is taken from William J. Glidewell's obituary as published Thursday, 25 July 1912 in the Fayetteville "TENNESSEE OBSERVER":

"IN MEMORIAM, William Jackson Glidewell was born on the old Glidewell Homestead, 'Glidewell's Ridge', Lincoln County, Tennessee on February 9, 1832, and fell asleep on July 1, 1912, having attained his fourscore years. He was descended from Dutch-Huguenot ancestry, who came to America and settled in Virginia and North Carolina that they might enjoy religious and civil freedom.

"His father, Thomas Glidewell, served in the Indian Wars that occurred while he was yet a young man living in Virginia, from which state he came to Tennessee in the early part of the Nineteenth Century.

"Mr. Glidewell was married in 1852 to Miss M. Bearden, daughter of William Bearden and granddaughter of John Bearden, who was a Revolutionary War Soldier from Spartanburg County, South Carolina. There came to bless this union eight children, five of which, with twenty grandchildren are living to mourn the loss of mother and father: J. W. Glidewell of Tampa, Florida; Benjamin F. Glidewell of Huntsville, Alabama; Alfred Glidewell, Fayetteville, Tennessee; William Bearden Glidewell of Lakeland, Florida; Mrs. Benjamin E. McLin, of Tallahassee, Florida.

"There are many friends in Lake County, Florida, where Mr. Glidewell lived from 1886 to 1901, who will join with those in Tennessee who knew and loved him as a true friend and kindly neighbor. He was a fine conversationalist and many were the tales of adventure and pioneer happenings he could relate of 'Ye olden days', when the only train that traversed the 'sunny hills of Tennessee' was the stagecoach, whose bugle call", etc.

Mourning-7 (or Mary-7 -?) Bearden had known issue:

749. James W.-8 Glidewell, b. 1852 in Bedford County, TN.

750. John Wayne-8 Glidewell, b. 14 Oct. 1855, Fayetteville, Lincoln County, TN, d. 3 May 1921, age 65; wife unknown by writer but he had issue, as taken from the Bible of Samuel McR. CALLAWAY and published in "Lincoln County, Tennessee Bible Records, Vol. 2, by Tucker and Waller, 1972 (this writer is missing a page): Female-9 Glidewell, who m. (?) WARD, first name unknown by compiler, and had issue:

a. William Weir-10 Ward b. 27 Jan. 1887, d. 13 Dec. 1918, age 31.

b. Martin Luthur-10 Ward, b. 27 Jan. 1889, d. 13 Dec. 1964, age 75.

c. Alberta-10 Ward, b. 29 June 1890, d. 25 Sept. 1895.

d. Grace Malvino-10 Ward, b. 24 March 1892.

e. Josephine-10 Ward, b. 31 March 1895.

f. John Hugh-10 Ward, b. 28 Aug. 1896, d. 13 Feb. 1955.

g. Henrietta Elizabeth-10 WARD, m. Samuel McR. CALLAWAY and had Shelly Louise-11; Michael Wayne-11, b. 17 March 1949, d. 18 May 1954.

751. Benjamin F.-8 Glidewell, of Huntsville, Alabama, b. 1857, d. 1938, buried Old Flat Creek Cemetery, Bedford County, TN.

752. Alfred-8 Glidewell of Lincoln County, Tennessee.

753. William Bearden-8 Glidewell, of Lakeland, Florida.
 754. Female-8, m. Benjamin E. McLIN of Tallahassee, Florida.
 (One missing may be B. E.-8 GLIDEWELL, m. a McLIN.

302. James Monroe-7 Bearden (William-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), the youngest issue listed with William-6 and his wife Patience (POWERS) Bearden on the 1850 census of Bedford County, TN, was b. on 19 March 1842 in Bedford County and d. on 14 June 1906, where he had settled around Dierks in Blue Ridge Township, Howard County, AR, m. on 16 Aug. 1865, Bedford County, TN, Sarah Jane Catherine Matilda POLLACK (pronounced PROGUE), who was b. 3 Nov. 1846 in Tennessee, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah. Both James M.-7 and Sarah are buried Liberty Hill Cemetery.

James M.-7 Bearden served in the Civil War, CSA, a Private and Corp. in Company C, 23rd Tennessee Infantry, Newman's Battalion. A widow's application for pension on James Monroe-7 Bearden was filed in Howard County, State of Arkansas, on 6 July 1918, which states her own birth date and the death date of her husband. Charles C. Bearden signs for proof of service and states he is living in Texas in 1918 and writes:

"My own memory of James Monroe Bearden enlisting, going away, his letters to us at home during his service and that he returned immediately after the surrender of Lee and married app—? and that she is a widow now living in Howard County, Arkansas." He 'sends proof of him (Charley) being family. The enclosed Muster Rolls showing he was in 23rd Tennessee Battalion."

There are in existence letters of correspondence between Sam-8 Bearden and his great niece Virginia-10 (Bearden), which identifies Sam-8 as the son of James Monroe-7 and Sarah-7 Bearden. When his mother Sarah (POLLACK) Bearden died, Sam-8 was living with her and afterward he locked everything up and left. His nephew, Colde-9 Bearden, says his father, Buffalo-8 Bearden, one day found the old family Bible outside in the weather and vandals had broken in and destroyed things. These are just letters and the information should be considered as hearsay. Sam-8 Bearden says this information came from his uncle Charlie C.-7 Bearden:

"My own father was James Monroe Bearden, who was born at Flatbush, Tennessee and my own brothers and sisters were Ellen, William, Henry, Cad, Elizabeth ("Betty") and Sam Bearden. I have never been able to locate such a place in Tennessee but I'm pretty sure it was in Bedford County. I think you are on the right track to decide on William Bearden as the family from Bedford County you are researching. The Tennessee census gives his age as 64 in 1850.

"James Monroe Bearden (my father and your ancestor), was born in 1842 and that would make him 8 years old in 1850 when he is in William Bearden's household.

"Uncle Charley also said my own great grandmother was Mary Elizabeth Bearden but he does not mention our great grandfather. I recall my father talking of his grandfather Bearden, who died at age 98. At that he was still able to read his newspapers without glasses. Also that he used to rub pepper in his eyes and that in his younger days he could jump 22 feet.

"Back in June our son, James Monroe Bearden, stopped in Lynchburg, TN and picked up a brochure which gave the Beardens as early settlers in Bedford County.

"Somewhere, I have been told that Richard Bearden and Buck Bearden are the only Beardens that ever came to this country (I think grandma Bearden used to tell me that).

"Then there was a Bearden family living at Umpire, AR. This man always argued that he was a relative, but my grandfather always told him there was no relationship.

"The Bearden genealogy as far as I have it: James Monroe Bearden, born 1842, had two known brothers, Charlie C. Bearden and Henry Clay Bearden (known as "Poney"). He married Sarah Catherine Pollack, who was b. 3 Nov. 1846-1848, the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Pollack and had issue, the older ones born in Tennessee" (copied as given in letter):

755. Frances Aelen-8 Bearden, b. on 29 May 1866 in Bedford County, TN, m. 18 Sep. 1892 in Howard County, AR, George B. CARTER.

756. William B.-8 "Bill" Bearden, b. 16 July 1868, m. 19 Feb. 1893, Howard County, AR, A. M. CARTER.
757. J. C.-8 Bearden, b. 11 Oct. 1870 in Bedford County, TN.
758. James Monroe-8 Bearden Jr., b. 19 Jan. 1872 in TN, d. 16 Feb. 1955 at Dierks, Howard County, AR, m. there on 17 Dec. 1892 to Sarah Jane WAKELEY/WEAKLEY and had issue:
- Monroe Benton-9 Bearden, born 20 Feb. 1895, deceased 1979.
 - Lee Iceseme Bearden, born 1 April 1897.
 - Sam Urseley Bearden, b. 24 Feb. 1899.
 - Bessie Morgan-9 Bearden, b. 16 April 1902, living in Texas 1979. "Uncle Sam" wrote in 1979 "Bessie wrote me that Lee fell and broke his hip - that's all I have heard about him. Bessie also wrote she has no information as to Woodrow's whereabouts. He was living at 3802 22nd Place, Lubbock, Texas. I sent him a Xmas card after the tornado hit that city 6 or 7 years ago, it was returned marked 'Moved, No Forwarding Address'. As Aleck and Randy are going to Texas Tech in Lubbock maybe we could get them to check up on Woodrow. His daughter went to Texas Tech and was teaching school the last I heard of her."
 - Theodore Roosevelt-9 Bearden, known as "Thedus", b. 1907, deceased soon after 1979. "Uncle Sam" wrote in 1979 "Sorry to hear that Thedus is in a Nursing Home, she wrote a few times after Monroe passed away."
 - Dollie May-9 Bearden, b. 23 March 1909.
 - William Wesley-9 Bearden, b. 31 Jan. 1911, d. before 1979.
 - Woodrow Wilson-9 Bearden, b. 12 Feb. 1913 (under "d").
 - Lawrence Honeycutt-9 Bearden, b. 26 Dec. 1916.
 - Alfred John-9 Bearden, no information.
759. Cad Trunk-8 Bearden, b. 6 Nov. 1875 in TN, d. 1933 in Howard County, AR, buried there Burg Cemetery, m. 5 Feb. 1899 in Howard County, Mary Bell A. TRIPLETT.
- *760. Thomas Henry-8 Bearden, m. 24 Dec. 1900, Nora JOHNSTON.
761. Charles Wynn-8 Bearden, was b. on 22 Feb. 1880 in Lincoln County, TN and said to have died young.
762. Mary Elizabeth-8 Bearden, b. on 2 Oct. 1882 near Nashville, Howard County, AR and did not marry.
763. Samuel Jones-8 Bearden, the youngest issue of James Monroe-7 and Sarah C. (POLLACK) Bearden, was b. on 26 April 1885 near Nashville, Howard County, AR and d. there in 1951, buried Liberty Hill Cemetery. He married in middle age, as her second husband, to Gertrude (CHAMBERS) WILLIS, the daughter of Andrew W. and Mary Etta (SEALS) Chambers, the latter who were m. on 7 July 1890 in Howard County, AR. Gertrude is of the HUNTER descent (see WEATHERS-HUNTER FAMILY by writer). Gertrude CHAMBERS was the sibling of John and Travis Chambers. John Chambers m. Artie Bell AUSTIN and Travis Chambers m. Elaney BARKER. In 1991, Gertrude is living in Lubbock, TX, with a son, Amon-9 Bearden. It was from Samuel J.-8 Bearden that much of the information contained in the old letters is derived. Samuel J.-8 and Gertrude had issue: Bloomis Willis-9 Bearden; Willie Mae-9 Bearden; Amon-9 Bearden, lives Lubbock, Texas; George-9 Bearden.

D. ONE CHILD OF NO. 85 ENOCH P.-6 AND AVILA M. (MOORE) BEARDEN

306. Elias Nelson-7 Bearden (Enoch Pleasant-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 18 Feb. 1819 in Spartanburg County, SC and d. on 19 May 1895 in Springfield, Greene County, MO, m. on 5 Aug. 1841 in Giles County, TN to Nancy Adeline SHOCKLEY, who was b. on 20 Nov. 1823 in Giles County and d. on 13 Jan. 1888 at the family farm, Campbell Twshp., Springfield, MO, the daughter of Benjamin and Liley (BEAL) Shockley. Benjamin Shockley was b. 1798 in Greene County, GA and d. 1869-1870 in Greene County, MO. Liley (BEAL) Shockley was b. 1801-02 in Chatham County, NC and d. 1879 in Missouri. Much SHOCKLEY information is taken from "SHOCKLEY", compiled by Miss Nancy Miller of Dallas, TX.

Benjamin and Liley had issue: Presley, Jonathan L.; Benjamin Jr.; Marion; Nancy A. who married Elias N.-7 Bearden; Eliza; Whitfield; John; DeWitt who m. Clarissa BROWN; Marcus Boyd who m. Giralee (?); Frances M.; James; and Fannie Armor Shockley.

This Shockley family was reared in Lincoln County, TN, coming there by way of Hall County, GA, NC and SC, their ancestors coming from England in 1671. Liley was the daughter of Presley and Nancy A. BEAL, born in Ireland of Scotch-Irish parentage. The lineage of Nancy A. Shockley who married Elias N.-7 Bearden is the same as the Richard "Dick" Shockley who married two of this writer's great aunts. Both Josephine-8 BEARDEN and her young sibling, Annyer E.-8 BEARDEN married Richard "Dick" Shockley from Greene County, MO. Annyer Eugenia-8 BEARDEN married her sister's widower (under Person No. 353, James Jasper-7 Bearden).

One Elias Bearden, Sergeant, is listed in "Men In Gray", Company F, 14th Regt., SC Volunteers, Confederate Army, "Elias Bearden, age 45, discharged on account of death and his age in March 1862".

Sources for the subject is as taken from "MISSOURI PIONEERS, EARLY PIONEERS AND SETTLERS OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI", Vol. I, published 1967; and from descendants, Mrs. Marie Olson of Charleston, SC; Mrs. M. J. Aylwood of Lakewood, OH; Bruce E. Bearden of Ukiah, CA; and Miss Nancy Miller of Dallas, TX who compiled SHOCKLEY a history of the family, published 1987 by Henington Publishing Company, 1 Main St., Wolf City, TX.

Elias N.-7 had issue, born and reared near Springfield, MO:

- 764. Elizabeth Celia-8 Bearden, b. on 6 July 1842 and d. on 13 Oct. 1892, m. on 23 July 1865 to William W. DONHAM.
- 765. Eliza Hamilton-8 Bearden, known as "Hammie", b. on 14 Feb. 1844, d. on 24 Nov. 1928, m. 23 April 1865 to Stillman BEACH.
- 766. Thomas Jefferson-8 Bearden, b. on 9 July 1846 and d. on 10 Dec. 1940, m. on 23 Aug. 1865 to Isabella SEYMORE/SEYMOUR.
- 767. Jonathan Leonard-8 Bearden, known as "Lonnie", b. on 1 Sept. 1848, d. on 1 July 1893, m. 13 June 1872, Sarah Jane SOLEY.
- 768. Benjamin Franklin-8 Bearden, b. on 13 Jan. 1851, d. on 3 Oct. 1914, m. on 4 Nov. 1885 to Janevive HARRIS.
- *769. Samuel Presley-8 Bearden, also known as Simeon Presley or Samuel Prescott, b. 1852, d. 1925, m. Mary E. WILLIAMS.
- 770. Simphronius Frances-8 Bearden, b. on 14 Nov. 1854 and d. on 30 Oct. 1892, did not marry, said to be retarded.
- 771. Bentley Owen-8 Bearden, b. on 26 Dec. 1856 and d. on 6 March 1933, m. on 25 Dec. 1881 to Elizabeth GOWEN/McGOWEN.
- 772. Liley Arvile-8 Bearden, b. 26 Jan. 1859, d. age six months.
- 773. Robert Rogers-8 Bearden, b. on 21 June 1860 and d. on 9 May 1951, m. on 30 May 1883 to Ella Rose GRISHAM/GRESHAM of the Giles/Lincoln County, Tennessee Greshams. Ella Rose is the sister of the grandmother of Marie Olson of above location.
- 774. Minnie Adeline-8 Bearden, b. on 11 April 1863 and d. on 25 Feb. 1950, m. on 23 Dec. 1879 to Matthew THEIS/THIES.
- 775. Mary Ellen-8 Bearden, b. on 19 March 1865 and d. on 7 June 1954, m. on 11 Feb. 1890 to William A. HORNING.
- 776. William-8 Bearden, lived to be over one hundred, m. Helen or Ellen GARRETT and is the connection Mrs. Olson has searched.

FURTHER SEVENTH GENERATION BEARDEN**CONTINUED DESCENT OF NO. 32, JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN****IV. THIRTY-FOUR GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 43 RICHARD-5 AND SARAH (BENNETT) BEARDEN****A. ONE CHILD OF NO. 95 JAMES-6 AND MARY (?) BEARDEN**

337. Rowland-7 Bearden (James-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), listed as "Rolan" Bearden on the 1850 AL Census of St. Clair County (138th District in index, 40th District on microfilm, Pg. 138, household No. 400). He was b. about 1810 probably in KY but census says AL; listed 1860 and 1870 in St. Clair County; listed 1880 in DeKalb County, Alabama (Vol. 18, Ed. 58, Pg. 41). He m. on 26 May 1841 in St. Clair County to Lucinda White, b. 1825, AL, still living in 1900 in son's family (No. 786 below). Rowland-7 is a Justice of the Peace in St. Clair County and performed the marriage ceremonies for his cousins once removed: 31 Aug. 1831, Person No. 803, Samuel Vincent Bennett-8 Bearden to Susan M. LEE; and for Samuel V.-8's sister, Person No. 802, Frances Susan-8 Bearden who m. on 26 Dec. 1858 to John Washburn.

Rowland-7 had issue as taken from the 1850 and 1880 census, b. St. Clair County, AL:

777. William M.-8 Bearden, b. 1843.

778. Orval J.-8 Bearden, b. 1844-1845, listed in parents' family 1850; listed in his own household on 1880 Alabama census in DeKalb County, AL (Vol. 18, Ed. 58, Pg. 54); listed same place 1900, Lathansville, AL, Pg. 5. He m. Susan F. (?), b. 1850; and m. second before 1900 to Frances M., b. 1861, GA. Issue as taken from census, b. St. Clair and DeKalb County, AL:

a. General R.-9 Bearden, b. Oct. 1867, m. Alice E. (?), b. Nov. 1868 in GA. General R.-9 is listed in parents' household in 1880 and is listed in his own household in 1900 with issue: Lydia-10, b. Dec. 1893, AL.

b. John M.-9 Bearden, b. Feb. 1871, m. about 1892 to Martha, known as "Matt", b. Jan. 1872 in GA. Issue: Tilbert M.-10, b. Feb. 1892; and Hattie L.-10, b. Dec. 1893.

c. Mary E.-9 Bearden.

d. Martha E.-9 Bearden.

e. Georgian/Georgia A.-9 Bearden, in parents' household before 1900; listed in household of Samuel LIPSCOMB in 1900, DeKalb County, AL, b. March 1881.

f. Laura-7-9 Bearden.

g. Roland T. M.-9 Bearden, b. Dec. 1882.

h. William B.-9 Bearden, b. Oct. 1892.

i. Missouri R.-9 Bearden, b. April 1893.

j. James S.-9, b. Nov. 1897.

779. Lucinda A.-8 Bearden, b. 1844-1850.

780. Mary Jane-8 Bearden, b. 1847.

781. Matilanda-8 Bearden (female), b. 1849.

782. Margaret L.-8 Bearden, b. 1859.

783. John C.-8 Bearden, b. March 1860, m. 1884, Susan C. (?), b. Jan. 1862. Listed 1880 in parents' household; listed as head of household in 1900 with issue: Nasa P.-9, b. July 1886; and Maudine-9 Bearden, b. Jan. 1897.

784. Frances D.-8 Bearden, b. 1862.

785. Nancy E.-8 Bearden, b. 1865.

786. Franklin P.-8 Bearden, b. Aug. 1872; listed 1880 in parents' household; listed 1900 as head of household; m. Anny P., b. Jan. 1879. Issue in 1900: Perry W.-9, b. Dec. 1897. Lucinda Bearden, b. 1825 (mother of Franklin P.-8) is living in household.

B. TWELVE CHILDREN OF NO. 96 JACOB-6 AND WINIFRED (SMITH) BEARDEN

342. Celia-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known as "Seley" and "Liley" (Lemuel in old handwriting is often confused with Samuel and vice versa), who may be the missing female born about 1798-1800 in the state of South Carolina to Jacob-6 and his wife, "Winny". Jacob-6 did not name her in his 1867 will, which could only mean that she was then deceased. Celia-7's descent say she d. in 1852 in Pulaski County, AR. She m. on 4 Sept. 1810 in Jackson County, GA to Robert O'BARR/OBEAR Jr., a Baptist minister of the gospel, b.1790 in Georgia, d. after 1860 in Pulaski County, AR, son of Thomas or Robert O'Barr, Sr., Robert a Revolutionary War soldier from South Carolina. Robert O'Barr was the grandson of Michael O'Barr from Donegal, Ireland.

Robert O'Barr married second in Pulaski County, AR to Celia-7's father's first cousin, Person No. 73, Mary Polly-6 (BEARDEN) YOUNG, who had married first on 26 June 1811 in Christian County, KY to John YOUNG Jr. In the same place and on the same date Martha-7 BEARDEN married Thomas YOUNG. Person No. 67, Francis-6 BEARDEN, m. as her first husband to Nulty/Nelly YOUNG who m. as her second husband to Francis' sibling, Person No. 66, Silas-6 BEARDEN; Nulty/Nelly m. third and fourth to John HARGISS and No. 231, John-7 BEARDEN. On 24 Sept. 1828 in Trigg County, KY, Rebecca-7 BEARDEN m. William S. Young, and in 1842, Shelby County, AL, Valentine YOUNG administered the estate of Person No. 137, Lovin-6 BEARDEN.

The various Beardens of Christian, Calloway and Trigg Counties, KY have been compiled for the most part as the descendants of Edmund-5 Bearden, who would be Celia-7's great uncle.

On 21 April 1821, in Hall County GA, the Dewberry Baptist Church was organized as follows: "We the Presbytery being truly called to constitute a church at Dewberry meeting house of the Baptist faith and order having met agreeably to appointment and after" (illegible) "and set apart our beloved Brethren and sisters, Solomon Peek, Robert Obar, Jacob Bearden, John Riffle, John Rollins, Jesse Dobbs, sister Rachel Peek, Unice Bearden, Winifred Bearden, Seloch (sic 'Celia') Obar, Mary Ingraham, Rachel Level, 12 in number to organize a church in full power in all the requirements of the same as witness our hand and seal the day and date above." Signed: James Ryle, Bartimus Reynolds and Solomon Peek. (Spelled Obar and Obear.)

"9 October 1824, Solomon Peek dismissed by letter.

"7 June 1834, Jacob Bearden and his wife, Winifred Bearden, and Richard Bearden, dismissed by letter.

"11 April 1835, Unice Bearden dismissed by letter" (copied personally from the Dewberry II Church Minutes, Hall County, GA in June 1980, copy made 5 July 1983 on the Chestatee Regional Library stationary, Gainesville, Hall County GA by the Hall County author and historian Mrs. Sybil McRay, N. P. and by joint effort, a microfilm copy of the minutes is on deposit in the Georgia State Archives, Atlanta, GA).

18 Jan. 1823, minutes of the Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Hall County, GA, constituted with twelve members:

"19 April 1823, received by experience and letter, Claybourn Castleberry and Sealey O'Barr.

"19 July 1823, agreed to send Robert O'Barr and Thomas Putman as delegates to the Association.

"20 March 1824, to send Robert and Christopher O'Barr to cite man to next meeting.

"17 July 1824, granted letters of dismission to Robert and Selah O'Barr."

"1828-1831, Robert O'Barr, Baptist preacher with wife and eight children of Hall County GA, took oath as persons living in Cherokee Indian Land."

Robert O'Barr is said to have been a Georgia state senator from Lumpkin County, 1835-1838 and judge of the inferior court, Cherokee County, GA, 1832-1833 (the writer cannot find a reference for this).

On 1 Sept. 1838, at Kimsey Creek Baptist Church in Lumpkin County, Robert O'Barr preached the first sermon (church minutes in conjunction with descendants as listed below and Mrs. Patrick LOVETT, Birmingham, AL, age 83, letter dated 24 April 1985).

Robert and Clelia-7 O'Barr are counted on the 1820 census of Hall County, GA with three males under ten years of age. His wife was 16-26 (b. 1794-1804); counted on the 1830 census of Habersham County, GA with two males under 15 and his wife is 20-30. This would make her born 1800-1810 and if this is correct, she married before she was eleven years old, not unusual at this time in history. The 1840 census of Lumpkin County, GA finds this family with three males and one female, and it is obvious that they have married issue.

On 27 Oct. 1828 (his birthday), a neighbor to Robert and Celia-6, one Benjamin PARKS, of the Yellow Creek Community discovered gold accidentally while hunting deer on the property of Robert and Celia-6. Robert agreed to a forty-year lease, dated 12 Sept. 1829 and said that Parks could have three-fourths of all gold mined. This was the very first discovery of gold in the United States.

On 4 Dec. 1831, Robert O'Barr, MG., performed the marriage of Melisa PUTMAN and Perry G. GORMAN, (HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA MARRIAGES", Pg. 71, No. 640) recorded 26 Nov. 1832 by George HAWPE, C.C.O.

On 6 Feb. 1832, Robert O'Barr cast his ballot at an election held at the home of Ambrose HARDIGE in the county of Cherokee, state of Georgia (now Pickens County), for various county officers; he was elected one of the justices of the inferior court.

From the "HISTORY OF LUMPKIN COUNTY, GEORGIA", by Andrew W. Cain, 1932, Chapter VI:

"GOLD IN THE HISTORY OF LUMPKIN COUNTY

"It is claimed by the people of Lumpkin County that the first gold discovered in Georgia was found early in the year 1828 on the property so well known now as the Calhoun mine, by Mr. Benjamin Parks, who, when I saw and conversed with him in the early summer of 1894, had reached the advanced age of 94 years.

"The story of the discovery of gold, as related by Mr. Parks to Mr. P. J. Morgan of the Atlanta Constitution, is by courtesy of this gentleman, taken from one of his newspaper articles on Lumpkin County and published in the Constitution in 1894 and republished 1896 by the State Geological Survey, Bulletin No. 4-A.

"The gold, Mr. Parks mused, yes I will come to that. It was just by accident that I came across it; the site is now that of the Calhoun mine. I was deer hunting one day when I kicked up something that caught my eye. I examined it and decided that it was gold. The place belonged to the Reverend Mr. Obarr, who, though a preacher, was a hard man and very desperate. I went to him and told him that I thought I could find gold on his place if he would give me a lease of it.

"He laughed as though he did not believe me and consented. So, a lease for forty years was written out, the consideration of which was that I was to give him one-fourth of the gold mined. I took into partnership a friend in whom I had confidence. I went over to the spot with a pan and turning some earth it looked like the yellow of an egg. It was more than my eyes could believe.

"The news got abroad and such excitement you never saw. It seemed within a few days as if the whole world must have heard of it for men came from every state I had ever heard of. They came afoot, on horseback and in wagons, acting more like crazy men than anything else. All the way from where Dahlonega now stands to Nuckollsville, there were men panning out of the branches and making holes in the hillsides.

"The saddest man in the county was preacher Obarr from whom I had leased the land. He thought the lease was a joke but now he found out that it was in earnest. One day he came to me and said:

" 'Mr. Parks I want your lease.'

" 'But I will not sell it to you', I replied.

" 'Why not?' he asked.

" 'Well', I answered, 'even if I were willing it is now out of my power for I have taken a partner and I know he would never consent to it. I have given him my word and I will keep it.'

" 'You will suffer for this yet', said Obarr menacingly as he walked away.

"Two weeks later I saw a party of two men and two women approaching. I knew it was Obarr's family intent upon trouble. Knowing Obarr's fondness for litigation I warned my men to hold their own but to take no offensive step.

"'Mr. Parks' were Obarr's first words, 'I want the mine'.

"'If you were to pay me ten times its value', I replied, 'I would not sell it to you'.

"'Well, the longest pole will knock off the persimmon', he said threateningly.

"At that moment, Mrs. Obarr broke the sluice-gates to let out the water. A laborer was in the ditch and the woman threw rocks in the water in order to splash him. Failing to make him aggressive, she burst into tears when her son advanced to attack him. I caught him by the collar and flung him back. Then the party went off and swore out warrants against us and had us all arrested. All this was done for intimidation but it failed to work. The next thing I heard, Obarr had sold the place to Judge Underwood, who in turn, sold it to Senator John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, and then I lost a fortune.

"'How was that?'

"'Senator Calhoun wanted to buy my lease and I sold it for what I thought was a good price. The very first month after the sale he took out 24,000 pennyweights of gold and then I was inclined to be mad with him as Obarr had been with me. But that is the peculiarity of gold mining. You will go day after day exhausting your means and your strength until you give it up. Then the first man who touches the spot finds the gold the first opening he makes. It is just like gambling, all luck.' "

Celia-6 Bearden had known issue as given by her descendants; she had others who are unknown to this writer:

787. Ashley-8 O'Barr, b. at an unknown time and d. 1839, Lumpkin County GA; m. on 16 Feb. 1831 in Hall County GA to his cousin, Malinda-8 GOSS with Thomas M. KIMSEY, MG (Hall County Marriages), daughter of Benjamin GOSS and his first wife Theresa Ann-7 BEARDEN; granddaughter of Benjamin GOSS Sr., and of person compiled herein as No. 99, Ansel-6 BEARDEN and his first (second?) wife. Ashley-8 had known issue, who are double Bearden descendants through two grandmothers, the subject, Celia-7 (BEARDEN) O'Barr and Celia-7's cousin, Therese Ann-7 Bearden, some of issue missing:
 a. Mary Ann-9 O'Barr,
 b. Robert Wilson-9 O'Barr, b. on 19 Nov. 1835 in Georgia. A descendant is Mr. Eugene R. Perry, of San Diego, CA who has much information.
 c. Benjamin Ashley-8 O'Barr, b. 21 Oct. 1837, Lumpkin County, GA.
788. Rowland-8 O'Barr, b. in Georgia at an unknown time; he was a school teacher in a private school in Pulaski County AR near Little Rock. One son was Roland Thomas-9 O'Barr, whose daughter is the Ollie Belle-10 (O'BARR) HUDSON who died in Houston, Texas on 26 April 1975. "Ollie"-10 sent her extensive family records to Mrs. John E.-11 SALLIS of Texarkana, TX.
789. Lucinda-8 O'Barr, b. 1815-1816 in Jackson County, GA. One Lucinda O'BARR m. on 10 May 1838 in Marshall Co. AL to Person No 168, Ansel-6 BEARDEN Jr.
790. Michael-8 O'Barr, b. on 30 Aug. 1819 in Hall County GA and d. on 15 Oct. 1852 in Jackson County, AR, m. Nancy GRIGGS and lived in Cherokee County GA, Cherokee County, AL and LaFayette County, MS before moving to AR. Michael-8 made his living as a hatter. He is living in Lumpkin County, GA on the 1834 state census, along with Ira, Robert and "Ashle" O'BARR (could this be where the writer's father got his first name of "Ira" as his grandfather was a cousin of Michael-8?). Listed consecutively is Neeley DOBSON who m. Zilpah GOSS; and Malissa (GOSS) PUTMAN, widow of Wilson PUTMAN who m. P.G. GORMAN. Nathaniel GOSS was the above Eugene R. Perry's great grandfather, the son of Benjamin GOSS. Elisha KIMSEY m. Elizabeth GOSS and John TURNER m. Anna Irene GOSS. Riley GOSS helped discover the gold on the Robert O'BARR place.
 Michael-8, Roland-8 and Robert-8 O'Barr are on the 1850 Mississippi census of Oxford, LaFayette County: Michael, age 30, b. GA; wife, Nancy, 30, b. GA; Celia, b. 1837; Ashley, b. 1839; Mary, b. 1842; Robert, b. 1844; Michael, b. 1846, all b. GA; and Sarah Ann O'BARR, b. 1848 in AL.

Hall County, Georgia Marriages, Vol. AP, Pgs. 41, 42, 68, 82, 235, etc.:

O'BARR, Mary/John WATSON, 5 June 1827, P. Alexander Crafford, JP.

O'BARR, Nancy/John MASSEY, 16-22 July 1827, John Whelchel, JP.

O'BARR, Mary/Nehemiah THOMPSON, 7 Nov. 1832, James Gaily, JP.

O'BARR, Rachel/Joshua NICHOLSON, 23 Aug. 1831, James Russle, JP.

O'BARR, Elizabeth/Chas. H. ALEXANDER, 13 Jan. 1864, Floyd County, GA.

344. Telitha-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), b. 1804-1809 in Jackson County, GA, as Jacob-6 and "Winny" had two daughters who were born between 1804 and 1810. Telitha-7 m. before 1835 to Ansel WRIGHT Sr., the probable son of Jesse WRIGHT, Jesse b. 1768 in North Carolina. Ansel probably d. before the 1840 census was taken as Telitha-7 is counted that year in her parents' household. She is counted on the 1850 census of Gilmer County as the wife of her cousin, Person No. 360, Daniel-7 GREEN, the son of Ansel and Person No. 98, Sarah-6 (BEARDEN) GREEN.

Telitha-7's issue is related to the WRIGHT family of early Virginia and South Carolina, who also intermarried with the WINN family. John WINN, brother-in-law of Person No. 32, John-4 BEARDEN Sr. (1717-1796), m. Dorothea WRIGHT, daughter of Francis and Ann (WASHINGTON) WRIGHT and granddaughter of Gen. John WASHINGTON. Dorothea (WRIGHT) WINN died during the Revolution while Cornwallis and his troops were quartered at their home in Winnsboro, Fairfield County, SC. John Winn m. second Penelope KIRKLAND (see WINN FAMILY sketch by writer).

Telitha-7 is named as Telitha Green in her father's 1867 will made and probated in Gilmer County, GA. Her second husband, Daniel-7 Green figured in several land transactions in Gilmer County. In 1842, Telitha-7's brother, Person No. 345, Washington "Wiley"-7 Bearden sold land to another brother, Person No. 346, Jacob P.-7 Bearden, and to his cousin who is also his brother-in-law, Person No. 360, Daniel-7 Green, witnessed by John and Samuel STONE (Deed Book F, Pg. 38, Gilmer County, GA).

On 25 July 1846, Jacob P.-7 Bearden sold land to Daniel-7 Green, witnessed by J. D. CHASTAIN (Deed Book H, Pg. 115).

Telitha-7 Bearden had one known issue as taken from the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA (Census No. 1204, by R. J. Taylor Jr. Foundation, 1978, Atlanta, Pg. 43):

791. Ansel-8 Wright Jr., b. 1837, Gilmer County, GA, listed with his mother and stepfather on the 1850 census. He, along with his stepfather, No. 360, Daniel-7 GREEN, his uncle, No. 354, William Newton-6 Bearden, and cousin, Person No. 293, Alfred-7 Bearden, witnessed on 2 March 1858, Whitfield County, GA, the will of Person No. 106, Richard-6 Bearden Jr. (Will Book A, Pg. 55). Ansel-8 Wright Jr. had probable issue: Robert-9 Wright, m. Visa BLACK of Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA and had issue: Thomas-10 Wright, m. his father's cousin, Cindie-9 COCHRAN (see under Person No. 818, James Jasper-8 COCHRAN for Person No. 1295, Cindie-9 (COCHRAN) WRIGHT).

345. Washington Williby-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known as "Wiley", the first male issue and the first person named in the Jacob-6 Bearden will, was b. about 1810-1813 in the Dewberry community in Jackson County, GA, this area, by a series of changes, after 1818 in Hall County and after 1832 in Gilmer County, GA. "Wiley"-7 d. on an unknown date after 1870 near the Licklog Post Office and in the same area where he had lived out his life, located after 1832 in Gilmer County, GA and he is buried there beside his wife and family in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery where his wife was a faithful member.

Licklog is located two miles east of the present day Ebenezer Church and Cemetery on Highway 52 in Gilmer County, and near the old Alto school. Licklog is named for Licklog Creek which took its name from a tree trunk. The trunk had been hewn with an axe into the form of a wooden trough into which the early settlers put salt for the cattle and deer to lick.

"Wiley"-7 m. on 16 Nov. 1836 in Hall County, GA to Sintha (sic) BUTLER (Marriage Book A, Pg. 106), who was b. 1816 in NC and d. after the 1880 census was taken in Whitfield County, GA, where she is counted in her son's household.

Cintha's descendants can be proud of their heritage as she has a distinguished pedigree from England and America, being a descendant of John Butler of "Osborne" in Prince George County, VA, whose daughter Martha (BUTLER) ROGERS, widow of Captain Thomas Rogers, m. 17 March 1761, as her second husband, to Peter JOHNSTON/JOHNSON of "Chiney Grove" in Prince Edward County, VA. A son of this union was Captain Peter Johnston Jr., a distinguished lawyer and judge of the circuit court. He served in Lee's Company, Revolutionary War, and as a member of the 1790 Convention. He m. Mary WOOD, daughter of Valentine and Lucy (HENRY) Wood of Goochland County, VA. Mary Wood is a niece of Honorable Patrick Henry and the granddaughter of John and Sarah (WINSTON) Henry and of Henry and Martha (COCKE) Wood (see under Persons No. 29, 33 and 190 for Henry and Cocke family connections).

The first issue of Peter and Mary (WOOD) Johnston was John Warfield who m. Louisa BOWEN. Their son was John Warfield Johnston Jr. who m. Letitia FLOYD of Prince Edward County, VA (Person No. 269 John Tel-emachus-7 Bearden for FLOYD connection). John Warfield Johnston Sr.'s sister is Jane Wood Johnston who m. Harvey MITCHELL.

Charles Johnston, third son of Peter Johnston Sr. and his wife Martha (BUTLER) Rogers of "Chiney Grove", was a merchant in Richmond, VA, of the firm Pinckney, Pollard and Johnston. He married Letitia PICKETT, daughter of Colonel Martin and Ann (BLACKWELL) Pickett of "Paradise" in Fauquier County, VA, married second Elizabeth Prentiss STEPHOE, daughter of James and Frances (CALLOWAY) Stephoe of Bedford County, VA. His son by a first marriage is Edward Johnston, of Fauquier County, VA, born 1798 and died 1893, married Ann Smith CHILTON, daughter of Joseph and Ann (SMITH) of Fauquier County.

The Johnston/Johnson's of Prince Edward and Fauquier Counties, VA continued to intermarry with the WINN, SMITH and GREEN family of the same area and this may be where Letitia (shortened to "Lettice" and "Letty") WINN who married John-4 BEARDEN got her first name.

A connection can be made with the Washington family which is no doubt where many of the Bearden family got the forename of "Washington": Augustine Washington of Bridges Creek, Washington Parish, Westmoreland County, VA and "Wakefield" in same county, was born 1694 and died 12 April 1743, on the Rappahannock River in Stafford County. He was the son of Lawrence and Mildred (WARNER) Washington, the grandson of Lieut. Col. John and Anne (POPE) Washington, the great grandson of Reverend Lawrence and Amphilis (RHODES) Washington and the great-great grandson of Lawrence and Margaret (BUTLER) Washington of "Sulgrave" and "Brighton" in Northampton, England, who married on 13 Aug. 1636 at Ashton, England, to the daughter of William BUTLER, of "Tighes", Sussex County, England.

Lawrence Washington, born 1659, son of Lieutenant-Colonel John Washington and his first wife Anne (Pope) Washington, married Mildred WARNER, and was the brother of Anne Washington who married Francis Wright, the latter two being the parents of Dorothea WRIGHT, who married Person No. 5 in WINN FAMILY, John WINN, brother of the wife of Person No. 32, John-4 BEARDEN (Fauquier County Historical Bulletin, Pg. 377; Tyler's Quarterly L. V., Pg. 210, etc.).

Augustine Washington, born 1694, died 1743, purchased the estate in Fairfax County, VA, later known as "Mount Vernon". He married first to Jane BUTLER, who died on 24 Nov. 1728 at Bridges Creek in Westmoreland County, the daughter of Caleb BUTLER of Westmoreland County. Augustine married second to Mary BALL, daughter of Joseph and Mary (MONTAGUE) JOHNSTON-BALL (WEATHERS/WITHERS/McCLENDON FAMILY for the BALL family connection).

Augustine Washington is the uncle of Catherine Washington (daughter of Major John and Catherine (WHITING) Washington), who married 1746 to Colonel Fielding LEWIS of "Kenmore", Spotsylvania County, VA, son of

Colonel John and Frances (FIELDING) of "Warner Hall" (Lewis brothers who went on the buffalo hunt with Benjamin-2 BORDEN/BURDEN, 1730's early Virginia and married to MOORE family.

The third issue of Augustine and Jane (BUTLER) Washington and the first to live past infancy was Major Lawrence Washington of "Mount Vernon", Fairfax County, VA, born 1718 and died 26 July 1762. He married on 10 July 1743, to Anne FAIRFAX, daughter of Governor William and Sarah (WALKER) Fairfax of the Bahamas and later of Virginia (see CLARK FAMILY). His widow married second to George LEE, of Westmoreland County, VA, son of Colonel Richard and Letitia "Lettice" (CORBIN) Lee and the grandson of Colonel Richard and Ann (OWENS) Lee of Essex County, England and Gloucester and Westmoreland County, VA; and of Henry and Alice (ELTONHEAD) Corbin of "Buckingham House", Middlesex County, VA.

Major Lawrence Washington died without issue and left his estate to his half-brother, General George Washington, the eldest son of Augustine Washington by his second wife, who was Mary BALL. General Washington was Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, first President of the United States, and a liberal supporter of the Episcopal Church. He married on 6 Jan. 1756 to Martha (DANDRIDGE) CUSTIS, widow of Colonel Daniel Park Custis and daughter of Colonel John and Frances (JONES) Dandridge of "Chestnut Grove" in New Kent County, VA. They had no issue.

The third son and the fourth issue of Augustine and Jane (BUTLER) Washington, of Bridges Creek, Washington Parish, Westmoreland County, is Augustine Washington Jr., born 1720, who married Ann AYLETT, daughter of William and Ann (ASHTON) Aylett. A daughter is Elizabeth Washington who married General Alexander SPOTSWOOD, son of John and Mary (DANDRIDGE) Spotswood.

Other daughters of Augustine Jr. and Ann (AYLETT) Washington are Jane Washington who married Colonel John THORNTON of "Thornton Hill", Madison County, VA, son of Colonel Francis and Frances (GREGORY) Thornton of "Fall Hill", Spotsylvania County, VA; Jane and Elizabeth's sister is Anne Washington, who was born on 2 April 1752, died on 3 June 1777, married on 19 Dec. 1768 to Burdett ASHTON of "Chestnut Hill", King George County, VA, son of Charles and Sarah (BURDETT) Ashton.

William Augustine Washington was the first, only son, and the youngest issue to live of Augustine and Ann (AYLETT) Washington, of Bridges Creek in Westmoreland County, VA, the brother of Jane, Elizabeth, and Anne Washington. He married his cousin, Jane WASHINGTON, daughter of John Augustine and Hannah (BUSHROD) Washington; he married second to Mary LEE, daughter of Richard Henry and Anne (AYLETT) Lee, of "Chantilly". He married third Sarah TAYLOE/ TAYLOR, daughter of John and Rebecca (PLATER) of "Mount Airy", Richmond, VA (see TAYLOR/MOORE/LEE FAMILY in connection with THE KELLER KONNECTION, plus the WEATHERS/WITHERS FAMILY, by writer).

A daughter of William Augustine and his third wife is Sarah Tayloe Washington, who married her cousin, Lawrence WASHINGTON of Spotsylvania County, VA, son of Henry and Sarah (ASHTON) Washington.

General and President George Washington's full brother and the second son of Augustine and Mary (BALL) Washington, was Colonel Samuel Washington, of "Harewood", Berkeley County, WV, born on 16 Nov. 1734 at "Wakefield". He married Jane CHAMP and married second Mildred THORNTON, daughter of John and Mildred (GREGORY) Thornton of Caroline County, VA. Colonel Samuel Washington married third to Lucy CHAPMAN, daughter of Nathaniel and Constantia (PEARSON); he married fourth Annie (STEPHOE) ALLERTON, widow of Willoughby Allerton and daughter of Colonel James and Hannah (ASHTON) Stephoe of "Hominy Hall", Westmoreland County, VA. He married fifth to Mrs. PERRIN.

One son of Colonel Samuel Washington by his fourth marriage was Major George Stephoe Washington, born 1775, and died 1850's in Augusta, GA. He married Lucy PAYNE, daughter of John and Mary (COLE) Payne. His widow married second to Judge Thomas TODD, a widower, whose first wife was Elizabeth HARRIS (KELLER KONNECTION for the COLE/MOORE/TODD family).

Colonel John Augustine Washington, third son of Augustine by his second wife, Mary (BALL), born on 13 Jan. 1736 at "Wakefield", VA, married Hannah BUSHROD and had issue among others: Mildred Washington who married Thomas LEE of Prince William County, VA, son of Richard Henry and Ann (AYLETT) Lee.

Bushrod Washington, son of Col. John and Hannah (BUSHROD), of "Claymont Court", Jefferson County, WV, born on 5 June 1762 in Westmoreland County and died on 26 Nov. 1829 in Philadelphia, PA, married 1785 to Julia Ann BLACKBURN, who was born 1769 and died on 9 Nov. 1829, the daughter of Colonel Thomas and Christian (SCOTT) Blackburn of "Ripon Lodge" (SCOTT/BLACKBURN FAMILY).

Bushrod Washington served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, a member of the House of Delegates, a member of the State Convention in 1788, Associate Justice of the United States in 1798. He inherited "Mount Vernon" by the will of his uncle, General and President George Washington, which he in turn willed to his nephew, John Augustine Washington, son of John Augustine and Jane Charlotte (BLACKBURN) Washington and the grandson of Corbin and Hannah (LEE) Washington. Another son of Corbin and Hannah (LEE) Washington, Thomas Blackburn Washington, married 1840, Rebecca Janet CUNNINGHAM, the daughter of James and Catherine (CAMPBELL) Cunningham of "Richlands" in Frederick County, MD.

John Augustine Washington, son of Corbin and Hannah (LEE) Washington, born 1792 and died in June 1832, married 1814 to Jane Charlotte BLACKBURN, daughter of Captain Richard Scott and Judith (BALL) Blackburn and the granddaughter of Colonel Thomas and Christian (SCOTT) Blackburn and of John and Mary (BALL) Ball (cousins) of Fauquier County, VA.

John Augustine Washington, born 1820, the son of John Augustine and Jane Charlotte (BLACKBURN) Washington, inherited "Mt. Vernon" from his uncle, Bushrod Washington and resided there until 1860, when he sold the George Washington estate to the "Mount Vernon Ladies Association" and removed to "Waveland" in Fauquier County.

Colonel Charles Washington, son of Augustine Washington by his second wife, Mary BALL, and full brother to George, Samuel, John Augustine and Elizabeth Washington (Elizabeth married Fielding LEWIS), was born on 2 May 1738 and married Mildred THORNTON, daughter of Francis and Mildred (GREGORY) Thornton of "Fall Hill", Spotsylvania County, VA.

Robert GREEN, son of Robert and Eleanor (Dunn) Green, of King George and Culpepper Counties, VA, married Pattie BALL, daughter of Samuel and Ann (TAYLOE/TAYLOR) Ball of Northumberland and later of Culpepper County. They had issue: Duff Green of Fauquier County, VA who married Miss BARBOUR/BARBEE, married second Ann WALLER, married third Ann WILLIS, daughter of Colonel Henry and Mildred WASHINGTON-GREGORY of "Willis Hill" (see WEATHERS FAMILY, the "Duff" forename still being used).

Duff Green had issue by third marriage to Ann Willis: Willis Green, of Lincoln County, VA, served as Lieutenant in Grayson's Regiment, Revolutionary War, resigned in 1778 and went to Jefferson County, KY where he represented that county in the Virginia Assembly in 1783; he was appointed clerk of Lincoln County, KY (which at that time embraced one third of all Kentucky). He held that office until Kentucky became a state and afterwards until 1814. He served as deputy registrar of the Virginia Land Office for Kentucky from 1783 to 1792, a member of the first Convention held in Kentucky, which formed the First and Second Constitution of Kentucky, 1785 and 1788. He married Sarah REED, daughter of Colonel John Reed.

One son of Willis and Sarah (REED) Green is John Green, born on 4 Jan. 1786 in early Virginia, died on 30 Sept. 1838 at "Waveland", in Boyle County, KY. He was a distinguished lawyer, judge and senator from Lincoln County, KY. He married Sarah A. FRY, daughter of Joshua and Peachy (WALKER) Fry, married second Mary Keith (MARSHALL) PAXTON, widow of James A. Paxton and daughter of Thomas and Frances (KEENAN) Marshall.

A son of John Green by his second marriage, is Colonel Marshall Green of "Anchorage" in Maysville, KY, born on 12 March 1837 at "Waveland" in Boyle County, KY; married first on 27 April 1860 to Anne BUTLER,

who was born on 20 July 1840 and died on 11 June 1882, the daughter of Pierce and Eliza Sarah (ALLEN) BUTLER and the granddaughter of Captain Pierce and Mildred (HAWKINS) BUTLER and of Colonel John and Jane (LOGAN) ALLEN; married second on 17 April 1883, Pattie E. CRAIG.

Colonel John Green, the fourth son of Robert and Eleonor (DUNN) Green and the brother of Robert Green who married Pattie BALL, born 1730, Culpepper County, VA, married Susannah BLACKWELL, daughter of William and Elizabeth (CRUM/CRUMP) Blackwell of Fauquier County VA. One son was Lieut. Robert Green of Culpepper County who died in 1791, married in Aug. 1787 to Frances EDMUNDS, daughter of Capt. William and Elizabeth (BLACKWELL) Edmunds of Fauquier County.

Major Moses Green, CSA, (Confederate) married on 6 Nov. 1850 to Mary (COCKE) CARTER, granddaughter of Edward and Mary Randolph (LEWIS) Carter. William Green, son of Colonel John and Susannah (BLACKWELL) Green of Culpepper County, VA, married Lucy WILLIAMS, daughter of William and Lucy (CLAYTON) Williams. Their first issue is John Williams Green, born on 9 Nov. 1781 and died on 4 Feb. 1834, served in the War of 1812 and as chancellor and judge of the Supreme Court of Virginia. He married on 24 Dec. 1805 to Mary BROWN, daughter of John and Hannah Ball (COOKE) Brown of Stafford County, VA; married second on 9 Oct. 1817 to Million COOKE, who was born on 23 Aug. 1785 and died on 11 Oct. 1842, daughter of John and (?) (LONG) Cooke.

Colonel John Green of Culpepper County, VA, son of Robert and Eleonor (DUNN) Green, brother of William Green who married Miss COLEMAN of Caroline County, VA; Robert Green of Culpepper County, VA married Pattie BALL; Duff Green of Fauquier County, VA married Miss BARBOUR, married second Ann WALLER and married third Ann WILLIS; Nicholas Green of Fauquier County married Elizabeth PRICE/PIERCE; James Green of Culpepper County, VA married Elizabeth JONES, daughter of Gabriel Jones. It was Colonel (called General by the Beardens) John Green of Culpepper County who Richard-5 Bearden (Person No. 43) delivered the message to during the Revolutionary War and who he calls "General Green" in his Revolutionary War papers.

Gabriel Green of Green River, KY, served as an Ensign in the 6th Virginia, and later as First Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. He married Sarah GRANT who is a probable sister of Peter GRANT who married Person No. 11 in WINN FAMILY, Susannah WINN, the latter who is the sister of Lettice WINN who married John-4 BEARDEN/BURDEN (Person No. 32).

There are further Washington family connections in WINN, WEATHERS and KELLER FAMILY (information from "Colonial Families of the Southern States of America, Washington and Green Family", by Stella (Pickett) Hardy, published 1911 and found in most genealogy libraries, copy in writer's possession and to be researched further).

One uncle of the subject, Washington Wiley-7 Bearden, was Person No. 106, Richard-6 Bearden Jr., who is the probable identical person of this name who married in 1829, Greene County, GA, to Elizabeth PARKER. "Wiley"-7's relative is Mollie Sherman-8 REAGOR who married about 1860, Bedford County, TN, to Charles George PARKER (under No. 40, John-6). Wiley-7's aunt was Catherine-6 Bearden (Person No. 110) who m. 1825 in Lauderdale County, AL, to Peter CRUM. Earlier, Jonathan and Susannah (HARRISON) GIBSON's daughter, Ann Grayson GIBSON, had married in Fauquier County, VA, to Colonel Joseph BLACKWELL of "Elk Run", the fifth born of Colonel William and Elizabeth (CRUM) Blackwell.

There are numerous connections to the families into which the Beardens have continued to intermarry as late as 1955. The husband of the writer has ancestors by surname MOORE, TAYLOR/TALIAFERRO/ TAYLOE, BALL, LEWIS, COOKE/COCKE, JOHNSTON, WOOD, LEE, BUSHROD, etc.

Cintha BUTLER, who married the subject, Washington "Wiley"-7 Bearden, placed her membership by experience in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Gilmer County, GA and continued to remove her membership; that is, she was admitted and readmitted into fellowship with that body of Christians between the years 1838 and 1880. She removed her membership for minor reasons, was never disfellowshipped for any reason and died a faithful member of that church.

In 1842, "Wiley"-7 Bearden and his brother, Jacob Pleasant-7 Bearden, purchased land in Gilmer County, GA from their cousin who was also their brother-in-law, Daniel-7 GREEN, son of Ansel and Person No. 98, Sarah-6 (BEARDEN) Green (Deed Book F, Pg. 38).

On 20 March 1847, "Wiley"-7 Bearden purchased more land in Gilmer County from Thomas GIBSON (Deed Book H, Pgs. 374-375), witnessed by Jacob-6 BEARDEN and William PARKER, with his cousin Robert-7 SMITH, J. P.

The "Wiley"-7 Bearden Household is listed on the 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 census of Gilmer County, GA, microfilmed copies in writer's possession:

1840, Gilmer County, Georgia, Pg. 007: Washington Wiley BEARDEN (20-30), born 1810-1820; 1 female (20-30, Cintha) 1 male and 1 female (0-5), born 1835-1840.

1850 Gilmer County, Georgia Census, No. 1290, Pg. 46, R. J. Taylor Foundation 1978: Washington W. Bearden, age 37, born GA; Cintha, age 34, born NC; Daniel A. (J?), 13, born GA; Martha, 11, born GA; William L. (H?), 9, born GA; Jacob N., 6, born GA; Telitha, 4, born GA; Cynthia, 2, born GA.

Washington Wiley-7 and Cintha (BUTLER) had issue, Bearden:

*792. Daniel James-8 Bearden, m. probably 1860s, Jane (?), m. second Nancy FOX.

793. Martha-8 Bearden, b. 1839-1840 in Gilmer County, GA, married on 15 Feb. 1866 in Fannin County, GA to Christopher E. HEAD, with Henry BRINDLE, MG. (1864-1894 Marriage Book B). One Martha Bearden married on 20 July 1894 in Fannin County to William WALDROOP.

794. William L.-8 Bearden, b. 1838-1844 in Gilmer County, GA and served in the Civil War from Gilmer County and believed to have died in that war. There is no further record for him after the 1850 and 1860 United States census where he is found in the Washington W.-7 and Cintha Bearden household in Gilmer County, GA.

795. Jacob Newton-8 Bearden, b. about 1844 in Gilmer County, GA, m. 1875-1880 to Ana A. ATKINSON, who was b. March 1863 in Georgia. He is counted as the head of household on the 1900 census of Whitfield County, GA, which lists him as born in August 1843. Living in his household is his mother-in-law, Martha ATKINSON, born 1837; his wife, Ana A. Bearden and several issue:

a. Vincent Bennett-9 ("Vince") Bearden, b. 1880.

b. Lizzie-9 Bearden, b. March 1883.

c. Monroe J.-9 Bearden, b. Aug. 1884.

d. Clifford-9 Bearden, b. Sept. 1886.

e. Cayer E.-9, b. Oct. 1888.

f. Pearl R.-9, b. March 1890.

g. Andrew S.-9 Bearden, b. Jan. 1892.

h. Robert-9 Bearden, b. Jan. 1895.

i. Lelia-9 Bearden, b. March 1896.

796. Telitha-8 Bearden, b. 1846-1847 in Gilmer County, GA and m. there on 3 Jan. 1863 to James A. LANGSTON ("Georgia Marriage Roundup"; see under Person No. 40 for LANGSTON FAMILY).

797. Cynthia-8 Bearden, b. 1849 in Gilmer County, GA.

798. Benton Washington-8 "Bents" Bearden, b. 1855 in Gilmer County, d. unmarried in Gordon County and is remembered in Gilmer County as being the son of "Wiley"-7 Bearden and a brother of Daniel J.-8 Bearden, to whose heirs he left a considerable estate.

799. John Kimsey-8 Bearden, b. 1853-1858 in Gilmer County, GA and d. after 1900 at Blue Ridge in Fannin County, GA; he worked for the L. and N. Railroad and had money saved when he died. He is listed on the 1860 Gilmer County, GA census with his parents and is remembered by Mr. Lawrence Stanley as a son of "Wiley"-7 Bearden and the brother of Daniel James-8 who married Mr. Stanley's kinswoman.

John-8 is listed on the 1880 census, Fannin County, GA (census Pgs. 9, 10, No. 84, 5 June 1880, Morganton District), in the Nancy FOX household: Nancy FOX, age 66, b. 1814, NC, parents b. NC; Rebecca Fox, age

22, daughter of head of household, b. GA, parents b. NC; Lucinda Fox, age 14, granddaughter of head of household, b. GA, parents b. NC; Hamilton Fox, age 5, grandson, b. GA, parents b. NC; William D. Fox, age 3, grandson, b. GA, parents b. NC; Martha J. Fox, age 1, granddaughter, b. GA, parents b. NC.

Appearing in same household, Cen. No. 85: John and Siddle BEARDEN, age 22 and 20, son-in-law and daughter of head of household, both b. GA, John's parent's b. GA; Siddle's parents b. NC.

800. Lorena-8 Bearden (looks like Louvena on 1860 census), b. 1857-1859 in Gilmer County, GA, listed on the 1860 census with her parents, d. Resacca, Gordon County, GA.

801. Washington Wiley-8 Bearden Jr., an infant on the 1860 census of Gilmer County, GA, b. in that year and known as "Bud". He m. on 23 Nov. 1890 in Fannin County, GA, to Retta ORTEN, by J. R. KINCAID, J. P.

346. Jacob Pleasant-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known as "Pleasant", issue of Jacob-6 and his wife, Winifred (SMITH) Bearden, named as "my son" in the Jacob-5 Bearden will, b. about 1815 (1860 census says 1820) in Jackson County, GA and d. in the Civil War on 1 May 1862 in Holly Springs, MS. He is one of the many who include two sons, many grandsons and nephews, who Jacob-6 and Winny lost in the devastating War of the Rebellion. Among others who lost their lives in that war was Pleasant-7's son, Person No. 803, Samuel Vincent Bennett-8 Bearden.

Pleasant-7 was evidently married twice but no record has been found for either marriage. He had a daughter who was living in her grandparent's household on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA and in that year, Pleasant-7 has not been found in the census. His daughter, "Fanny" Bearden is living in the Jacob-6 and Winny Bearden household, her marriage consent signed, "I give consent for my daughter to marry", by Jacob P. Bearden. The theory that Pleasant-7 was married twice is arrived at because of two facts: First, on the 1860 census, there are no children born between the year 1843 and the year 1852; and second, he left his young daughter in the household of his parents as taken from the 1850 census.

Jacob Pleasant-7 Bearden's wife in 1860 is Jemima JONES, born 1827 in SC, the daughter of Samuel and Malissa or Narcissa (TATE/TATUM) JONES of SC and Gilmer County, GA. Jemima is the sister of John JONES who married the Civil War widow of one of the many James Jasper-7 Beardens (Person No. 409), that is John JONES married as her second husband to Frances (DOUGHERTY) BEARDEN. This James Jasper-7 Bearden is the first cousin of the subject "Pleasant"-7, whose younger brother is also named James Jasper-7 Bearden (Person No. 353). Brothers and cousins had a fondness for naming their children identical forenames. Jemima and John Jones are the cousins of Sementha JONES who married Person No. 352, Robert Kimsey-7 BEARDEN, the brother of the subject J. Pleasant-7 and of Person No. 353, James Jasper-7 Bearden.

The maiden name of Pleasant-7 Bearden's second wife is taken, first, from her Confederate War Department application made in Gilmer County in the state of Georgia for the back pay owed to her deceased husband; and second, from her widow's Civil War pension application, filed in Etowah County in the state of Alabama (can be obtained from the Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36130). Confederate soldiers and their widows, unlike the Union soldiers, were not eligible and could not apply for pensions for the first thirty-five years after the war ended.

Jemima, widow of Pleasant-7 Bearden, is a member in good standing of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Gilmer County where she placed her membership after the war ended and remained a member until 1880 (records of pension applications and church in writer's possession). The new county of Etowah in Alabama was carved in 1868 from portions of the counties of Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, DeKalb, Marshall and St. Clair, Jemima Bearden finding herself in the new county, and probably in the same location where she lived with her husband before the start of the Civil War (St. Clair County, AL).

Samuel Jones, father-in-law of Pleasant-7 Bearden, was a pioneer settler in North and South Carolina and later in Tennessee and Georgia. He was b. 11 Aug. 1796 in South Carolina and d. on 7 Sept. 1870 in Gordon County, GA, m. about 1820 in South Carolina or Georgia to Narcissa, sometimes known as "Malissa" TATE/

TATUM. The Samuel Jones travel pattern places him in the same locations and at the same time with the Beardens. He had several brothers, one of whom was Aires Jones who married Susan (?) and they were the parents of Sementha Jones who married Person No. 352, Robert Kimsey-7 BEARDEN.

A probable sibling was Benjamin Jones who married a WILLIFORD and went to Tennessee. It was Brittain WILLIFORD who helped Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden, make bond for the estate settlement of Person No. 32, John-4 Bearden, plus he helped Richard-5 Bearden with his Revolutionary War pension papers (see RAINEY/JONES FAMILY). They were closely related to William Jones who married Jemima (?) and who came to Gilmer County, GA in the 1830's from South Carolina by way of North Carolina.

Samuel-7 Jones was early in the northern area of Georgia. Some would have him coming directly from Buncombe County, NC. Quoting Mr. George Gordon Ward in "THE ANNALS OF UPPER GEORGIA CENTERED IN GILMER COUNTY", Pgs. 260-261, published 1965 (the Mr. Quillan quoted by Mr. Ward is early in Gilmer County and one Quillan was the clerk of the court in Gilmer County, GA 1840-18--:

"Samuel Jones must have come by way of Tennessee and then to Habersham County, Georgia. An old settler in Gilmer County, B. B. Quillan says Samuel Jones first settled on the Chatahoochie River in Habersham County. It was here that Mr. Quillan says he first met Samuel Jones on March 14, 1821, when Clemons Quillan was moving from Franklin to Habersham County. Jones remained here several years then sold his possessions again. His next move was to the west side of the county to a section called Frogtown. When the Cherokee country was laid out into counties, the Frogtown community was in a portion of Habersham that was included in Lumpkin County.

"When the first election of county officers in Lumpkin County was held in March 1833, Samuel Jones was elected sheriff which office he held for one term only. Soon after the expiration of his term he moved to Gilmer County, settling on the place up Boardtown Road known as the Pierce Roberts place. This place was long afterwards known as the Jones place. Arriving presumably in 1835, he remained here 16 to 18 years. He kept a number of slaves who cleared up, in large part, this place and then cultivated it. He continued to keep slaves until the end of the Civil War. After coming to Gilmer County, he married a Miss Tate, related to the widely known Tate family of Pickens County.

"Though Jones was limited in education, he was proficient in business. Not long after his arrival here, he was appointed to sell at public sale the stock and property belonging to the Indians, and forward the money to them at their new home west of the Mississippi. After this, he assumed a new responsibility. The legislature of Georgia authorized the construction of a road from Dahlonega, by way of Ellijay, to the Federal road in Murray County near the Summerour place. The act provided for three commissioners to lay the road out and complete its construction. Samuel Jones and Isaiah Clayton, both of Gilmer County and Richard Bearden of Lumpkin County served on the commission to build it.

"The exact amount of the appropriation was not generally known, all was reported to have been spent, part of it to little purpose as the part on Chatahoochie Mountain was later abandoned. The construction benefited generally because let by sections.

"Later Mr. Jones was elected sheriff of Gilmer County, and was said to have made an excellent officer. He also represented the county in the lower branch of the legislature several times. He was also, according to contemporaries, a good man there. Characterized by good common sense, he was a success generally, it was said. A Democrat of the old school, he was a man of influence which he usually wielded for his political ally. He was never a member of any church. Before the Civil War, he left Gilmer County and moved to Gordon County.

"He lost all his investment in slaves, finally becoming poor. His wife, Narcissa, died Aug. 7, 1852, apparently at Ellijay, at the age of 53. She is buried in the old Jones burial plot in Ellijay Cemetery. Just which other members of the family are interred in the plot it is no longer possible to tell, as their tombstones are badly weathered. But it is safe to say a number of them were--Samuel included.

"John C. Jones, a brother to Samuel, came from Lumpkin County soon after the migration of his brother, Samuel. John C. was a minister in the Methodist Church. He settled in the Clear Creek community, where he remained many years. He too, however, finally emigrated to Gordon County, where his 'saintly and devoted wife' died apparently before he died. Mr. Jones made quite a reputation in Gilmer County through his church interests. A singer by natural gift, he much enjoyed that participation in religious assemblies. One of his friends remarked, 'I have known him to sing all night at camp meetings and still seem fresh in the morning'. He seems never to grow

tired in the discharge of his religious duty, and as he grew older he seemed more devoted to such activities. Quilman says he enjoyed a peaceful life and a happy end.

"Another man of this name known as 'Johnny' lived in Boardtown district, less than a mile northeast of the Bud Jones place. This place has been occupied by John D. Nelson, George Davenport, Posey Watkins and others. The house is a little off the Boardtown Road east of it. This man was from Buncombe County, NC. At least most of the Jones living in upper Gilmer County at the present time descended from John Jones, who once kept Santa Luca Post Office in Boardtown and lived on the former Mang Fain place. From him descended Bud Jones and Henry Jones and perhaps other children. Mort Jones, son of Bud, lives up that way, so do several more children of Bud's or their descendants."

Mr. Ward, in 1960-1965, did not have access to the 1850 published census report and, therefore, is wrong in at least one of his observations as Samuel Jones married Narcissa Tate before coming to GA, that is between 1820 and 1825. The census reports of 1850 and later say that one daughter was born 1827 in South Carolina, although all children were born in Georgia after 1830. This family did not migrate from South Carolina to Habersham and Gilmer Counties, GA until 1827 (1850 Census No. 481).

On the 5th day of Jan. in the year 1842, in the county of Gilmer and the state of Georgia, Washington Wiley-7 Bearden sold to his brother, Jacob P.-7 Bearden and to his cousin who was also his brother-in-law, Daniel-7 Green, "one hundred and sixty acres of land lying and being in the Sixth District and Second Section of originally Cherokee now Gilmer County in the State of Georgia known by Lot No. 263", etc., witnessed by Samuel R. and John STONE, J. P. (Deed Book F, Pgs. 38-39, Gilmer County, GA).

On the 18th day of March in the year 1843, "in the County of Gilmer and the State of Georgia, Emery HANCOCK of the County of Walker and the State aforesaid of the one part sold to Jacob P.-7 Bearden of the other part, Lot No. 325 in the Sixth District and Second Section, containing one hundred and sixty acres", witnessed by Bennett JONES, C. T. WHITTEN (Deed Book F, Pgs. 43-44).

On the 25th day of July 1846, in Gilmer County, Georgia, Jacob P.-7 Bearden and Daniel-7 Green of the one part, sold to Jacob-6 Bearden of the other part, all of Gilmer County, "one hundred and sixty acres lying and being in the Sixth District and Second Section of originally Cherokee now Gilmer County, known by Lot No. 263", etc., witnessed by J. D. CHASTAIN, C. T. WHITTEN, J. P.; R. B. PERRY, Clerk, Reg. 4 Aug. 1846 (Deed Book H, Pgs. 14-15).

It was after the sale of his Gilmer County land and before the 1850 census was taken that J. Pleasant-7 Bearden went to Alabama. His issue, probably by a first wife, is born in Georgia until 1842. He is next located with his father's twin brother as well as two of his own brothers (Persons No. 95, 352 and 353), and numerous cousins, one of whom was Person No. 357, Jacob-7 Green, in St. Clair County, Alabama in the little village of Bennetsville where his kinsman, Vincent Bennett, operated the general store, post office and stage stop. One of the brothers of J. Pleasant-7 Bearden, and who shared the same address in 1860, is this writer's great grandfather (see under No. 353, James Jasper-7):

1860 Census, St. Clair County, Route 4, Bennetsville, Alabama, 5 July 1860, Dwelling No. 253/Family No. 251: Jacob P. BEARDEN, age 40, male, farmer, born GA, 1820; Jemima, 33, female, b. SC, 1827; V. B., 17, male, b. GA, 1843; William J., 8, male, b. GA, 1852.

When the Civil War broke out, Pleasant-7 and the other young men of the Bearden family who were then living between Huntsville and Gadsden, Alabama, were caught up in the excitement of war and fighting for a cause they believed in. For them it was a matter of state's rights versus what they considered federal dictatorship. For this family of southern people it was never a matter of fighting over slavery, as most of the Beardens because of their religious beliefs had long before freed their slaves.

On the 4th of Oct. 1861, Jacob Pleasant-7 Bearden, along with his brother and other kinsmen, Person No. 353, James Jasper-7, G. M.-7, J. M.-7, Larkin-7 and Quillar-7 Bearden, joined the Confederate Army at Huntsville, the 49th Alabama Infantry for a period of three years. Pleasant-7 later transferred to Company E, 19th Alabama Regi-

ment for a period of three years, Captain Rhea's enlistment. Still later he was promoted to Corporal in Company C, 19th Alabama Regiment, wounded at the Battle of Shiloh in early April 1862, and died from his wounds, date and place as given above. There is an interesting letter in his CSA file which says in part:

"I certify that Jacob P. Bearden, a corporal in Captain Rufus B. Rhea's Company F, 19th Alabama Volunteers, age 45 years, born in the state of Georgia, 5 feet and five inches tall, dark complexion, yellow eyes, dark hair, by occupation when enlisted a farmer", etc. Signed by Lieutenant W. F. Deshaza.

Jacob P.-7 Bearden's widow, Jemima Bearden's Civil War application for her husband's back pay and a widow's pension, is a several page document, a photocopy of which can be obtained from the National Archives in Washington, DC, or the latter from the Alabama Archives in Montgomery. Jemima did an extensive correspondence with the government which is in the Jacob P.-7 Bearden government files, showing that she was eligible and did collect his back pay in 1864. She gives her maiden name as JONES and she is found as Jemima Bearden as late as 1880 in the Ebenezer Baptist Church records of Gilmer County, GA. Jacob Pleasant-7 had known issue, born in Gilmer County, GA:

802. Frances Susan-8 Bearden, known as "Fanny" and named for her aunt by marriage, "Fanny" (FIELDS) Bearden, the wife of Persons No. 112 and 111, John-6 and William-6 Bearden. Fanny was b.1842-1843 as enumerated in her grandparents' household on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA (Census No. 1292, Jacob-6 and "Winnie" Bearden). She m. on 26 Dec. 1858 in St. Clair County, AL, consent of father, Jacob P.-7 Bearden, by his cousin, Person No. 337, Rowland/Rolen-7 Bearden, Justice of the Peace, to John WASHBURN, consent signed by Edward WASHBURN (photocopy sent to writer by the judge of probate, Ashville, AL without Book or Pg. No.). One descendant is Oliver-9 Washburn, known as "Ollie", who m. his cousin, Person No. 1367, Sintha Caroline-9 BEARDEN.
- *803. Samuel Vincent Bennett-8 Bearden, m. 1861 to Susan M. LEE.
804. William J.-8 Bearden, b. about 1852-1855, and the 1860 census of St. Clair County, AL says he was born in Georgia.

347. Catherine/Katherine-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), spelled "Katherine" on her marriage license, b. 1816 in Jackson County, GA, d. after 1880 in Gilmer County, GA; m. on 10 Jan. 1837 in Gilmer County to Thomas SINIARD/SINYARD b. 1803 in SC, who was half Cherokee or Choctaw Indian (Marriage Book 1834-1837, Pg. 103, recorded 12 Jan. 1837). On 18 Sept. 1850 in Gilmer County, GA, Thomas Sinyard sold a tract of land to his brother-in-law, Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden, witnessed by Robert LANE and Augustine HARRIS (Deed Book J, Pg. 505).

Catherine-7 had issue, b. Gilmer County, GA, as taken from the 1850 census and from Mrs. Winney (RACKLEY) LOGAN of Ellijay, GA:

805. Jane-8 Siniard, b. 1831 and remembered by Winnie Logan's parents as well as this writer's own Bearden grandfather.
806. Andrew Jackson-8 Siniard, b. 1834, and the identical person counted in the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA, as Andrew BEARDEN in the Person No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden family (census family # 1292, Pg. 46 by R. J. Taylor Foundation, Atlanta, GA).
807. Henry-8 Siniard, b. 1838.
808. Mary "Polly Ann"-8 Siniard (TWIN), b. 1840, who was the "Mary" of the following extraction: "The twins, Mary and Martha Siniard were rough and tough looking old ladies who went barefoot all summer, rain or shine. They were good old ladies, tending to their own business and they wanted you to tend to your own business and just leave them alone. I am not sure but what they were moonshiners. That is about the only way some of the backwoods people were able to exist."
- The remainder of the Siniard family then lived on Burnt Mountain in Gilmer County. Mary-8 is called "Polly Ann" on the 1850 census. These "rough and tough old ladies" as they were known by Mrs. Logan as a child, are the first cousins of this writer's own "Grandpa Bearden" (No. 849).

809. Narcissa-8 Siniard, b. 1840 (TWIN), known as "Martha".
 810. James Jasper-8 Siniard, b. 1844 and named for this writer's great grandfather Bearden (No. 353).
 811. Thomas H.-8 Siniard, b. 1847.
 812. William L.-8 Siniard, b. 1849.
 813. Luiza-8 Siniard, known as "Lue", was b. about 1853 and d. unmarried in McNairy County, TN, where she is buried in the Mount Vinson Methodist Church Cemetery, near where her uncle and aunt Robert Kimsey-7 (No. 352) and Semantha (JONES) and some of their family is buried. (Others born after 1850 but they are unknown).

348. Elizabeth-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), about the seventh to tenth issue of Jacob-6 and "Winny" (SMITH) Bearden and named as "my daughter" in the Jacob-6 Bearden will, b. 1818-1820, and the first child born in the new county of Hall after that county was created from Jackson County, GA. Elizabeth-7 d. on an unknown date, her brother said she d. Adamsville, McNairy County, TN; she and some of her family are buried there in the Mt. Vinson Methodist Cemetery (under Person No. 352). She m. about 1830-1832, Lumpkin County area of Georgia, to Hezekiah COCHRAN, b. 1803, SC, the son of James and Elizabeth C. Cochran (family records kept by Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden; 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA; and the Jacob-6 Bearden will).

Elizabeth-7 had issue, b. Gilmer County, GA as taken from 1850 census of the state of Georgia and the county of Gilmer (Census No. 1267 by Taylor Foundation), more issue after 1850 but no record of them by this writer (one of Elizabeth-7's descent is named under Person No. 791, Ansel-8 WRIGHT, that is Person No. 1295, Cindie-9 Cochran, who m. her second cousin, Thomas E.-9 WRIGHT, grandson of Elizabeth-7's sister, Person No. 344, Telitha-7 (BEARDEN) WRIGHT-GREEN:

814. William-8 Cochran, b. 1833.
 815. Elizabeth-8 Cochran, b. 1834-1836, counted in the household of her grandparents, Jacob-6 and Winny Bearden, and called Elizabeth "Bearden" on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA (Census Family No. 1292). Elizabeth-8 Cochran was again counted in that year in her own parents' household which is only an indication that she was present and visible when the census was taken in the Jacob-6 Bearden household.
 816. Jacob-8 Cochran, b. 1838.
 817. John-8 Cochran, b. 1840.
 *818. James Jasper-8 Cochran, b. 1842, d. 1897, m. second Mary UNDERWOOD.
 819. Nansey-8 Cochran, b. 1844.
 820. Mary-8 Cochran, b. 1848.

349. Luiza-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), (TWIN) eighth to eleventh issue as compiled of Jacob-6 and "Winny" (SMITH) BEARDEN, b. 1822 in the Dewberry community of Hall County, GA, and d. at an unknown time on Burnt Mountain in Gilmer County, GA; m. on 26 March 1848 in Gilmer County to Rowland "Rolley" COLBERT, b. 1822 in SC, a full blood American Choctaw (or Cherokee?) Indian ("EARLY GEORGIA MARRIAGE ROUNDUP").

"Rolley" and his descent are a reminder of the Cherokee and Choctaw Indian occupation when the 1832 Cherokee Land Lottery was held in Georgia. When the first census was taken of the Cherokee Indian country of north Georgia in 1835, only the names of heads of family or groups were recorded and over the years there has been a loss of at least one page of this first census. This report was signed by C. H. NELSON and Harry CRITTENDON as interpreter. Some of the Indians by 1835 had adopted the names and mannerisms of the white people and in Georgia there were already twenty-eight white people connected with the Cherokees by marriage.

It is a strange and sad comment on the integrity and veracity of these early white settlers during this period, that the original inhabitants of North Georgia, including Gilmer County, are pictured as savages and the white people who came here and took the country away from them are pictured as Good Samaritans. Somewhere in be-

tween must lie the truth and the story of man's greed and inhumanity to each other. This country can be proud of its Indian heritage, Indian friends and Indian kinsmen.

This writer grew up with and played with a family of full blood and one-half blood Choctaw Indians by surname COLBERT in the community of Baum in southern OK. This is a reminder of the "five civilized tribes" removal from Georgia to what was then Indian Territory (Oklahoma), and the "trail of tears" for them as they had first been removed to Georgia from North and South Carolina.

The following is the status of this family as counted on the 1850 U. S. Census of Gilmer County, GA (Pg. 6, Family No. 1295) as given by Mrs. Winney Logan. They lived at a place known as Hard Slate Gap in Gilmer County and were all b. in that county:

- 821. William Newton-8 Colbert, b. 1849 and named for his young uncle, Person No. 354.
- 822. Lewis H.-8 Colbert, b. 1850, m. his cousin, Person No. 828, Mary Ann-7 "Polly" SHERIFF, who d. in northern Alabama.
- 823. John-8 Colbert, and perhaps others b. after 1850; Mr. Stanley specifically remembers these as old men when he was quite young in Gilmer County, GA.

351. Mary Ann-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), called Mary Ann SHERIFF in her father's will, called "Polly" SHERIFF on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA and known as Mary Elizabeth by her descendants, issue of Jacob-6 and "Winny" (SMITH) Bearden, was b. 1825, Dewberry, Hall County, GA, d. 1897, Pleasant Point, Limestone County, AL where she is buried beside her husband, Manoah "Noah" SHERIFF who she married 1841 in the area of Gilmer County (Manoah on the 1850 census and called "Noah" in his father's will).

There is no record of "Polly"-7's marriage but she is found on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA as the wife of Manoah Sheriff (census family no. 692). She married the brother of her first cousin's husband; that is, cousins married brothers (see under No. 374, Jane-7 BEARDEN m. Abel SHERIFF Jr.). "Noah" Sheriff was born 1831, NC, d. 1891 (1897?), Limestone County, AL., son of Abel Sr. and Elizabeth G. (COCHRAN) Sheriff, the latter made his will, dated 8 May 1853 in Gilmer County, witnessed by William S. WATERS and Henry SHEFFIELD, John SEITZ, J. P., naming his wife, his living issue, and grandsons named for him (Will Book 1853-1914, Pgs. 12 to 14, same book as for Person No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden whose will is on Pgs. 43 to 46):

"My estate to be equally divided between my seven children" (nine but two already had their share of his property):

- (1) Susan (SHERIFF) BROWN; and Abel Brown, son of Susan Brown.
- (2) Aaron M. Sheriff, named second in his father's will.
- (3) Abel Sheriff Jr. b. 1818 in NC, as named in his father's will and listed on the 1850 census of the Amicalola Falls District in Lumpkin County in GA, with wife Jane, b. 1820. The Sheriff descent claim Abel m. Person No. 374, Jane/Jain-7 BEARDEN, and the 1850 census finds them in the above location. COUSINS BY THE DOZENS!!, BEARDEN, SHERIFF, CHESTER, COCHRANS, JONES, SMITH, etc. all cousins!
- (4) Noah Sheriff and son, Abel C. (J?) Sheriff, both named in the will of Abel Sheriff Sr.
- (5) Beth Ann (SHERIFF) TATUM, relative of Narcissa TATUM/TATE who m. Samuel JONES, father of Jemima Jones who m. Jacob P.-7 BEARDEN.
- (6) Malinda Sheriff, property left by her father "in trust for her two children, John Alexander and Sarah Ann and not subject to be disposed of by said Malinda or any future husband she may marry" as stated in the Abel Sheriff Sr. will.
- (7) Pleasant Burrell Sheriff, Executor of his father's will, only child at home in the Abel Sheriff Sr. household on the 1850 census in Lumpkin County, GA.
- (8) Elizabeth G. (SHERIFF) LITTLETON, had already receipted for her share of her father's estate.
- (9) Mary C. (SHERIFF) MAULDIN, had already receipted for her full share of her father's estate.

Manoah ("Noah" Sheriff, fourth issue of Abel SHERIFF Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth G. COCHRAN, as named in his will, married the subject, Mary Ann-7 BEARDEN, and had issue:

- 824. William W.-8 Sheriff, b. 1842, Gilmer County, GA and d. unmarried on 25 Aug. 1862 in the Civil War, Liberty Hill, VA.
- 825. Winney Telitha-8 Sheriff, b. 6 Feb. 1844, Gilmer County, GA, d. 29 May 1922 (23 Sep. 1918?), Limestone County, AL; m. on 16 Feb. 1861, St. Clair County, AL to John WEBB. Descendants are: William Neeley-9 Webb, b. 1867, d. 1912 whose son: James Porter-10 Webb, b. 1892, d. 1975 whose son: Ulyless Raymond-11 Webb, b. 1923, d. 1974 whose daughter: Brenda Kay-12 Webb, b. 1946, lives Athens, AL whose daughter: Kimberley Jo-13 Webb, b. 1969, m. (?) IVEY and lives in Athens, AL.
- 826. Sarah Mc-8 Sheriff, known as "Sally", b. 1847-1848, Gilmer County, GA, d. 29 May 1929, AL; m. on 9 May 1872 in Limestone, AL to Charlie EAKES.
- 827. Abel C.-8 Sheriff, as named in his grandfather, Abel Sheriff's will, b. 1850, Gilmer County. The 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA says he was an infant, four months old when that census was taken. He m. on 12 April 1871 (9 May 1872?) Lincoln County, TN, to Frances J. SHELTON.
- 828. Mary Ann-8 Sheriff, b. 20 Oct. 1852, Gilmer County, GA, d. July 1932; m. on 17 Aug. 1879 in Lincoln County, TN to her cousin, Person No. 822, Lewis H.-8 COLBERT, half Indian, son of Rolley and Luiza-7 (BEARDEN) Colbert.
- 829. Nancy Jane-8 Sheriff, b. 1854, Gilmer County, d. there July 1932; m. 17 Aug. 1879, Limestone County, AL, R. B. JOHNSON.
- 830. Noah Jasper-8 Sheriff, b. 1857, Gilmer County, GA, d. young.
- 831. Rebecca Ann-8 Sheriff, b. 1859, St. Clair County, AL; m. 13 July 1887 (7 Aug. 1887?) Limestone, AL, George A. WILLIAMS.
- 832. Minerva-8 Sheriff, b. 1862 (1856?), St. Clair County, AL, died young.
- 833. Catherine-8 Sheriff, b. 1863, AL, m. Thomas C. HARRIS.
- 834. Celia-8 Sheriff, b. 1864, Limestone County, AL, m. 10 Feb. 1884 in Limestone County to J. B. SIMS.
- *835. Robert Jacob-8 SHERIFF, m. 1888, Maggie Mahala WEATHERFORD.
- 836. Josephine Ann-8 Sheriff, thirteenth and youngest issue of Mary Ann-7, b. 1868, Lincoln County TN, d. unmarried on 26 July 1885, Alabama.

352. Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), tenth to thirteenth issue as compiled of Jacob-6 and "Winny" (SMITH) Bearden, and known as "Kimsey", was b. on 1 May 1829 in the Dewberry Community, Hall County, GA; d. on 6 Feb. 1908 at Mt. Vinson, between Adamsville and Stantonville in McNairy County, TN, buried with tombstone inscription in the Mt. Vinson Methodist Church Cemetery (photograph of his granddaughter standing by tombstone in writer's possession).

Kimsey-7 m. as Robert K. BURDEN on 6 July 1851, recorded 13 July 1851, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA (Book 1, Pg. 123, 1835-1852, in back of old Bond Book, Clerk's office, Ellijay, GA), to Sementha JONES who was b. on 11 Oct. 1828 in South Carolina, d. 12 Sept. 1894, Cypress Inn in Wayne County, TN, the daughter of Aires and Susan Jones who are counted on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA with "Sementha" the oldest issue still at home (Census Family No. 481, by Taylor Foundation).

Robert Kimsey-7 is listed on the 1830 census of Hall County in the state of Georgia in his parent's home (Jacob-6 and "Winny") and they are, in 1830, the only Bearden family left in that county. Most of the Beardens and their contemporaries who were in Hall County in 1820 drew land in the 1832 Cherokee land lottery and when the Cherokee country was laid out into new counties, these old settlers found themselves in the Frogtown Community, a portion of Habersham County that was included in Lumpkin County when that county was formed in 1832 (under Person No. 96 for 1830 census of Jacob-6 Bearden household listing Robert K.-7 (male under 5).

The 1840 census of Gilmer County, GA (Census Family No. 007) lists Jacob-6 Bearden as the head of household and he has six male children, one of whom was age 10-15, that is born 1825-1830. The 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA (Cen. No. 438, Subdivision No. 33, 14 Dec.), lists Jacob-6 Bearden as the head of household and

this being the first census where every person's first name was given as well as the age and the state of each person's birth, Robert Kimsey-7 was listed as the oldest of the Jacob-6 and Winny Bearden issue still at home in that year.

Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden purchased land in Gilmer County, deed dated 18 Sept. 1850 from his brother-in-law Thompson SINYARD (Deed Book J., Pg. 505). He is next found on the 1860 census, Bennettsville, St. Clair County, AL (Route 4 E, Dwelling # 327, Family # 325):

Robert K. BEARDEN, age 26, m., farmer, born GA 1834?; Samentha Bearden, age 29, f., keeping house, b. SC; William W. Bearden, age 6, m., b. GA; Minerva T. Bearden, age 6, f., b. GA; and Zillah I. Bearden, age 1, f., b. AL.

Robert Kimsey-7 is in St. Clair County, AL for the birth of a child in 1859, as were his brothers, uncle (his father's twin) and numerous cousins. Persons No. 353, James Jasper-7; No. 346, Jacob P.-7; No. 95, James-6; and the subject, Robert Kimsey-7 who shared the same mailbox with these in 1860.

Robert Kimsey-7 was back in Gilmer County, GA before 12 April 1862, when he enlisted in the Civil War at Ellijay, GA: Private, Company G, 39th Infantry Regiment of Georgia Volunteers, Captain (B. J.?) BROWN, paid by Captain COX, 1 March 1863, after that he was absent without leave.

R. K. Bearden, same Company and Regt., appears 4 July 1863 (1865?) on a roll of prisoners of war, paroled at Vicksburg, MS, according to the terms of capitulation entered into by commanding generals of the United States and Confederate forces; Roll dated 8 July 1863 (1865?, hard to read), Headquarters U. S. Paroling Office, Vicksburg, MS; paroled at Vicksburg, MS 8 July 1865; captured Vicksburg 4 July 1863. Appears on a list of men, 39th Georgia Regiment, at Enterprise, MS, records say furloughed about 22 July, 1865.

A photocopy of Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden's military service can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Archives and History from microfilm of "Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers from Georgia", the Tennessee State Library at Nashville and Microfilm No. 266, National Archives, Washington, DC 20408.

Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden's father, (Jacob-6 Bearden), dated his will on 14 Oct. 1867, naming his sons Robert Kimsey-7 and Andrew Jackson-7 Bearden his Executors, the same exhibited and probated by said sons on 21 Oct. 1867 in Gilmer County. The 1870 census of Gilmer County, GA for this family is as listed below (Pg. 21, Household No. 29, Subdivision 55, Ellijay Post Office, dated 16 June; the 1880 census can be found under No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden):

R. K. BEARDEN, age 40, male, farmer, value \$450-\$550, b. GA 1830; Semanthia Bearden, age 39, female, keeping house; b. SC; William W. Bearden, age 15, male, b. GA; Telitha Bearden, age 73, female, b. 1797 GA; Robert J. Bearden, age 9, male, b. GA; Samantha Bearden, age 7, female, b. GA; Winnie R. Bearden female, age 4, b. GA; Winney Bearden, age 78, female (mother), b. 1792, NC. His father was born in SC.

Robert Kimsey-7 promised his father, Jacob-6 Bearden, that he would take care of "my beloved wife, Winny Bearden", for as long as she lived and Jacob-6 left him the bulk of his property. When Winny died on 4 Oct. 1880, in almost the same location where she had lived since before 1812, only then did the Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden family go to Cypress Creek in Wayne County, TN, the same location where his grandfather, Richard-5 Bearden, had made his 1825 Revolutionary War pension application. They left some older issue in Gilmer County, GA and descendants reside there in 1998.

He made a soldier's application to the Tennessee Board of Pension Examiners at Nashville, dated 12 Feb. 1906, from Stantonville in McNairy County TN, where he had moved soon after the year 1900 and where he was again located in same place where his grandfather, Richard-5 Bearden, in 1836, made his third and final Revolutionary War pension application. Robert Kimsey-7 was seventy-six years old when he made his pension appli-

cation and by a coincidence that was the same age and the same place where Richard-5 Bearden made the 1836 pension application. Robert Kimsey-7's pension application was accepted on 3 April 1907 (Application No. 7934).

Robert Kimsey-7 always signed his name R. K. or Robert K. Bearden, just as his brother, who was the writer's great grandfather, always signed his name as J. J. or James J. Bearden, although he was known as "Jasper" Bearden. This writer's grandfather Bearden always signed his name either E. K. or Ervin K. Bearden and this writer's father (William Ira) signed his name either W. I. or William I. Bearden, although he was called "Ira", that is, by his middle name.

Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden's photograph, original in the possession of his great granddaughter, named below, shows a striking person of great poise and personality, almost six feet tall, black hair, dark eyes, very handsome in his uniform with a sword strapped on his side, and as a young man going off to war or already taking part in that war as the case may be. Luckily, this was before his eye was injured in the war and he is one of the Beardens who returned from that tragic war. Later pictures show his bad eye and he was not without wounds incurred in the war, from which he suffered for the rest of his life.

He was one of the brothers who helped fashion a home made wheel chair for his brother, Person No. 353, James Jasper-7 Bearden who was so severely wounded in the war that he did not walk again.

Robert Kimsey-7's pension declaration is a several page document and gives some information valuable to his many descendants:

"I, R. K. Bearden, Second Lieutenant, a native of the State of Georgia, and now a citizen of Tennessee, residing at Stantonville, in the County of McNairy, was a soldier from the State of Georgia in the War between the United States and the Confederate States, and in applying for a pension under the Act of the General Assembly, do solemnly swear that I was a member of Company A, Ralston's Battalion Georgia Cavalry", etc.

Robert Kimsey-7 makes statements in a question and answer series in his pension papers: He was born 1829 in Gilmer County, GA, enlisted 1861 in Company D, 6th. GA Calvary, Capt. Ralston's Company, Col. Hart commanding Regt., was elected 2nd Lieut. in Company A, Capt. Clonch commanding Company, Col. Ralston's Battalion Georgia Cavalry. He lost his right eye by a limb striking him and he suffers from chronic rheumatism. He was thereafter incapacitated to some extent although he was not then discharged from service.

He was paroled out of service at Kingston, GA about May 12, 1865. He did not take the oath of allegiance to the United States government. He has been married. His children are all married and gone from home. His wife is now dead. He has three sons and four daughters who are all married. His children are not able to support him. He has been a farmer. He is very poor. He does not use intoxicants. He has resided in the state of Tennessee for nineteen years. Witnessed by E. Gerry Souders, physician, and by J. A. Bearden and J. H. M. West, signed in very shaky handwriting by R. K.-7 Bearden, notarized by C. C. Steele of McNairy County, TN, notary public. Dr. Souders says: "I have carefully examined the said R. K. Bearden and find that he is totally blind in right eye and left eye the vision is very dim and also suffering with chronic rheumatism, has a chronic stomach trouble. And is very old."

L. B. Chastain, a justice of the peace in Gilmer County, J. A. Bearden, and J. F. M. West, all of Gilmer County, made oath that they served in the Confederate Army, Company and Regiment with said applicant, R. K. Bearden and that he was a good and faithful soldier and that he was paroled out at Kingston, Georgia May 12th 1865.

R. K.-7 Bearden sends a statement from Stantonville, TN, in which he encloses a paroled prisoners pass from Kingston, GA, he thinks this will prove that J. A. Bearden was present when "we were paroled at Kingston, GA." The photocopy of the pass says in part: "Kingston, GA, May 12, 1865, The bearer, 2nd Lieut. R. K. Bearden of Company (? , unreadable), Ralston's Battalion Georgia Cavalry, a paroled prisoner of the army of northern Georgia, has permission to go to his home, and there remain undisturbed. By order of H. M. Judah (unreadable) Lieutenant Colonel and Inspector."

The discrepancy in the R. K.-7 Bearden military papers and the pension application means that Robert Kimsey-7 was first a private in Company G, 39th Confederate Infantry but later he enlisted or joined Company A, Ralston's Battalion of Georgia Cavalry where he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. His cousin had married by that time to one of the Ralston family.

There was no other R. K. Bearden in Gilmer County at this time in history and the identical person of these two documents is substantiated by the fact that his descendants have pictures of him before the Civil War and afterward, the latter showing the blind right eye he received in the War between the States. Some of his descendants are buried in the same Mt. Vinson Cemetery and some of them still live at Stantonville in McNairy County where he made his pension application. The writer has many old photographs of R. K.-7 and of his many descendants. He was this writer's great-great uncle, brother of her great grandfather.

Mr. Lawrence Stanley, in "A Little History of Gilmer County, Georgia", tells the story and shows the picture of the old farm house where David Ralston lived during the Civil War. The following excerpt is of a lady with spunk who married a Ralston:

"One evening just at sunset, a band of home guards came to this house to arrest or kill Ralston. He was hidden in the house and when some members of the band tried to come in the door, Mrs. Ralston knocked two of them off the steps and out into the yard. One of them threw a stone at her and hit the ceiling above her head, making a dent in the wood that remained for years.

"One of the band fired his gun through the door that she had slammed in their faces. Three or four bullets were fired through the door, one of them went through Mrs. Ralston's arm. She opened the door and ran screaming, with the blood pouring from the bullet hole in her arm. They retreated a little way from Mrs. Ralston, which gave her husband a chance to run out of the house and head for the woods. The home guard band saw him when he was nearly to the woods. They fired their guns at him and he fell as though dead. They did not investigate but mounted their horses and rode away. Mr. Ralston escaped to the woods unharmed. The door to the house has been kept in a building on this farm and the bullet holes show plainly today."

The young people, who have not heard the Civil War stories, do not understand the term "home guard". During the Civil War it could mean Union sympathizers and/or older men and young boys who had not gone off to war. Unscrupulous men used this to sometimes prey on the little food or property the southern families could keep in their homes or hide in the woods. The "home guard" sometimes punished or killed men who, from sheer desperation, heartbreak, and worry over their family, returned to their homes from what they felt was a hopeless war. The home guard could partly consist of men who had returned home for different reasons.

R. K.-7 Bearden, his wife, Semantha, and their children are listed in the Ebenezer Baptist Church minutes as being faithful members of that body of Christians between the years 1865 and 1880 when on the latter date they received letters in preparation for their move to Wayne County, TN.

Robert Kimsey-7 and Semantha (Jones) had issue (the Robert Kimsey-7 Bible, possession of a descendant, named below, 1880 census listing under No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden):

837. Robert Kimsey-8 Bearden Jr., b. 13 July 1852, Gilmer County, GA. There is no authority for his existence except that his name and birthdate is recorded as the first child of Robert Kimsey-7 and "Semanthy" (JONES) Bearden in the old Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden Bible now in the possession of Mrs. Artie-10 (BO-SHART) WYATT of Pittsburg Ldg., McNairy County, TN. He is not listed with his parents on the 1860 or the 1870 Alabama/Georgia census of St. Clair and Gilmer Counties respectively, nor does the R. K.-7 Bearden descendants recall a memory of him. The assumption is that he died before 1860.
838. William Wesley-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 13 May 1854, Tail's Creek, Gilmer County, GA and d. after 1900 in Texas, m. 23 Dec. 1870 (date hard to read, Marriage Book 2, Pg. 286, Gilmer County GA), to Mary Ann HOLLOWAY, who was b. 1849, GA. Mary Ann was received by experience in the Ebenezer Baptist Church soon after her marriage. For some unknown reason, William Wesley-8 sometimes gave his name or it was copied as John or James Wesley. He is no doubt the identical person who is listed thus on the 1880 Soundex of Gilmer County, GA (Ed. 108, Sheet and Pg. No. 11, Code B-635). He is reported by Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden's descendants as having gone to Texas soon after 1900 where his wife soon died. He

- visited his siblings, Mrs. Ansel TEEMS of Gilmer County, Georgia, and Robert Jefferson-8 BEARDEN of Wayne and McNairy Counties in Tennessee, and is remembered by people living there in 1900 to 1980. Proof of his existence is found in his parents' household on the 1860 and 1870 Alabama and Georgia census, which lists him as age 6 and 15 in those respective years, plus the 1880 Gilmer County Soundex. William Wesley-8 had probable issue as taken from 1880 Soundex and marriages in Gilmer County, GA:
- a. Marcena Mandy-9 Bearden, b. 1871, m. 27 Jan. 1892 to John LONG (Marriage Book 3, Pg. 540).
 - b. Arty E.-9 Bearden, b. 1873, m. 6 Jan. 1899 to Joseph THOMPSON (Marriage Book 4, Pg. 137).
 - c. Louisa J.-9 Bearden, b. 1878, m. 22 July 1902 to J. W. JONES (Marriage Book 4, Pg. 218).
 - d. John Wesley-9 Bearden, b. 1879, m. 15 May 1895 to Retta JONES (Marriage Book 4, Pg. 53).
839. Minerva Telitha-8 Bearden (TWIN), spelled "Thelithy" in the old Bible, b. 27 March 1857 according to the Bible but the 1860 census of St. Clair County, AL gives her birth year as 1854, the same year her brother was born which would make them twins. She d. after 1910 in the Hollow Rock area of Gilmer County, GA. She m. after 1880 in Gilmer County to young Ansel TEEMS/TEAMS, son of Martin Van Buren and Neatty A. or C. (DAVIS) BEARDEN-TEEMS. Neatty C.'s first husband was William Clark-7 BEARDEN who was killed in the Civil War (under Person No. 413, William Clark-7 Bearden). Minerva-8 and Ansel still have untraced descent in Gilmer County, GA (1998).
840. Zilla Isophena-8 Bearden, (middle name was really Josephine as she was named for her aunt, wife of No. 353, known as "Aunt Sissy" by nephews and nieces, one of whom was the writer's grandfather (Person No. 849), was b. on 25 March 1859 in St. Clair County, AL (1860 census there says b. AL; 1870 census in Gilmer County says b. GA) and d. 1946 near Stantonville in McNairy County, TN and buried beside her husband and parents in the Mt. Vinson Methodist Cemetery. She m. her cousin, Robert James Frank ROGERS who was b. 1854 and d. 1919 in McNairy County. Their issue are mostly there and are untraced by writer.
- *841. Robert Jefferson-8 Bearden, was b. 1861, d. 1915, m. the niece of this writer's great grandfather (James SCOTT, see SCOTT FAMILY by writer), who was Martha Jane SCOTT (more later under this No.).
842. Samantha Laurel-8 ("Lorinda") Bearden, spelled Sementhy in Bible, b. on 4 Jan. 1864 in Gilmer County, GA and d. unmarried on 15 April 1895 in Wayne County, TN.
- *843. Winney Rosetta-8 Bearden, b. 1866, d. 1931, m. James R. BOSHART.
- *844. James Jackson-8 Bearden, the eighth and youngest issue of Robert Kimsey-7 and Sementa (JONES), m. Betty STORY; m. second Lita Frances TAYLOR.

353. James Jasper-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), 11th to 14th issue of Jacob-6 Bearden, known and recorded in his son's Bible as "Jasper", was b. on 10th of July or August 1830 in the small community known as Dewberry in Hall County, Georgia, and was reared there on Tail's Creek and near the later Licklog Post Office in what, in 1832, would become Gilmer County, Georgia. He died from his Civil War wounds soon after the 1870 United States census was taken in the Hayes District of Obion County in Tennessee.

He m. on 17 April 1853 in Gilmer County, Georgia to who is believed to be his cousin's daughter, Person No. 667, Mary Josephine-8 RAINEY/RANEY (look for Mary J.-8's statistics under her number and name); married by Moses GREEN, judge of ordinary court, solemnized by James K. FINDLEY, J. P. (Marriage Book 2, Pg. 23). Mary J.-8's surname spelled "RANEY" on marriage license and spelled "RAINEY" on speculated father's 1860 census record; said to have been the daughter of William RAINEY and his first wife, Josephine-7 BEARDEN, which information needs more firming up as this writer has found no documentary proof, excepting the 1860 census of Gilmer County in Georgia.

James Jasper-7 Bearden was first listed, at age 10, on the 1840 United States census in his parent's household in Gilmer County, GA. He is listed second and again in Gilmer County, on the 1850 census, which is the first year each person is named with their year and state of birth (under Person No. 96, Jacob-6). James Jasper-7 is listed first as head of household on the 1860 United States census of St. Clair County, AL, dated 5 July 1860, Bennetsville, AL, Route 4 E, Dwelling No. 256, Family No. 254, sharing an address with No. 95 and 346, James-6 and Jacob P.-7 Bearden: James Jasper BEARDEN, age 28, farmer, b. GA 1832; Mary J. Bearden, age 23, keeping

house, b. SC 1837?; William J. Bearden, age 6, b. GA; James P. Bearden, age 5, b. GA; Martha C. Bearden, age 3, b. GA; and Emily Bearden, age 1, b. AL.

The writer has read and heard stories of the Civil War, especially as it affected the people of Gilmer County in Georgia and St. Clair County in Alabama. The following is from memories of the observation and writing of many people, too numerous to name.

In AL in 1861, like every other state in the Union, war clouds were gathering, brother was turning against brother and neighbor against neighbor. Alabama, like her neighboring states, was almost solidly for "states rights" and believed in the "cause" of the southern states. The citizens of both St. Clair County, AL and Gilmer County, GA, had about as many attitudes and problems developed just before, during and after the Civil War, as any other counties in the southern states. Both were so close to the battle lines that in the 1920's, when this writer first heard the tragic stories by the survivors, the old citizens remembered the roar of the cannons and were still terrified by some of their experiences.

The writer's grandparents, parents and their contemporaries always had sad faces and the women nearly always cried when mention of the war was made, especially when they talked of grandfathers, uncles, cousins and friends who never came home. The despair and loss was in the heart and souls of almost all Alabama and Georgia people even over one hundred years after the end of the war and for some the bitterness has never ended.

The writer's father and his older relatives discussed endlessly some of the Confederate Generals and the retreat ahead of the Union Army under General William Tecumseh Sherman. They were proud that Robert E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnson, both of whom were considered kinsmen of the Beardens, were Virginians, and that William Joseph Hardee was a Georgian and that all three were West Point Military Academy graduates. John Bell Hood, who succeeded Joseph E. Johnson in front of Atlanta was a Kentuckian.

General Braxton Bragg, who on 27 June 1863, fought General Rosecrans of the Union Army in the battle of Chickamauga at Dalton, GA, and many were the stories the Beardens and their friends told and passed down concerning kinsmen who were killed or wounded here and in the battle for Atlanta.

General Johnston, age fifty-four, took over command of Bragg's Army at Dalton, GA and General John Bell Hood took command from General Johnston in front of Atlanta. General Hood had lost a leg in battle and had lost the use of one arm. He had to be lifted on a horse. When General Sherman started the march through Georgia with 110,000 men, General Johnston had less than half that number, but these gallant and brave men were determined, and they did protect their country and their beliefs with their life's blood.

Georgians and Alabamians had a share of the horror stories to tell about the fighting and were still passing them on to their descendants in the 1920's. It was told that one kinsman from Georgia gripped the spokes of a cannon wheel after his head was blown off. One was gripping the ropes used to pull the cannon, with his body cut in two pieces where a cannonball had hit him.

So desperate was the need for man power that the governor of Georgia said, "I require all male citizens to come to the aid of Georgia, no matter about age or jobs".

This writer's cousin now lives below Kennesaw Mountain where the battle for Atlanta was fought and over one hundred and thirty years later and after perhaps thousands of souvenir hunters, some old relics of this battle can still be found. There were 2000 Union and 500 Confederate soldiers killed in one charge at Kennesaw Mountain. It was said by one Confederate, "Every man in our regiment killed from one to five score of men in this battle". The guns were so hot they fired as they were being loaded.

The New Hope Baptist Church, just below Kennesaw Mountain, was the scene of some fighting and Union soldiers here called from the trenches, "Hey Reb, how far is it to Atlanta?" and had the reply, "Too far for you to ever get there!"

One southern soldier who knew his family was starving at home, went with his shotgun to shoot ducks for food on the Chatahoochie River above Atlanta. He was captured, told he would be shot, and as a humane gesture, handed a piece of cloth to cover his eyes. He pushed it away saying, "A soldier can face death without a blind". He looked directly into the muzzle of the gun that killed him.

These stories of the war were discussed sadly and endlessly and the writer's older family members were still saddened but proud, too, that battles had occurred like Shiloh in Tennessee where 100,000 men were engaged in one battle, and Fredericksville in Virginia where 200,000 men fought each other all day in battle.

1,000,000 Confederate soldiers faced 2,000,000 Union soldiers in the period between 1861 to 1865. Of this number, 618,000 men died in battle, from wounds and disease as a result of this most terrible of civil conflicts. Mr. Lawrence L. Stanley of Gilmer County, GA has said in "A LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA": "This figure exceeds by 12,000 men, all the soldiers who have died in all the battles of all the other wars waged by the United States from the first day of the American Revolution until the end of the Korean War."

A governor of one of the southern states has said that, from 1820 to 1840, the new state of Oklahoma was settled by the so-called civilized tribes of Indians; that is, the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole, and with the exception of the Seminole, all of these tribes had been at peace for one hundred years. In 1860, these tribes joined in the Civil conflict and in all the annals of warfare, no more senseless act was ever recorded than the participation of these tribes in a war in which they had everything to lose and nothing to gain. The culture of the Cherokee Indians had reached the status of all the eastern part of the United States and was destroyed in this war, their best educated and greatest leaders were either killed in battle or assassinated.

The Bearden family, like thousands of others all over the south, were brought to poverty and hunger, men were murdered and wounded for no reason, people fled from their homes never to return. There is still a wall between certain groups of people. In this most beautiful country section of North Georgia and Alabama, as Mr. Stanley has said, "Like the Indians of Oklahoma, there was no gain, in any sense of the word, by the people of these counties participating in the war. But, most tragic of all, there was no way for these people to avoid participation in this, the bloodiest of all wars".

This writer, over fifty years after her father's death, still feels a prick of heart and conscience as she remembers the sad faces and the tears of the old survivors of this dreadful era of this country's history. Both southern and northern farm boys like the subject here, James Jasper-7 Bearden, his brothers, cousins, nephews, etc., were the human mettle and the fodder for the bloody battles that were fought in this useless and losing cause.

The one time the writer asked her father about his own grandfather, who is the subject, James Jasper-7 Bearden, it was a quiet time between two people, a man of forty-two years and a curious child of eleven years, his oldest daughter. The memory of his reaction and his effort to give a calm and unemotional answer is still vivid and real to the writer. His face was sad and still and it was the only time this writer saw tears in her father's eyes.

It was also the one and only time her father spoke of his grandparents to her. The story he told his young daughter that quiet evening in 1930 was a story of great love between his grandparents and for their family, and the many hardships and deprivations they faced and overcame after the tragic war between the North and South, in a country where they loved the Union but felt compelled to fight for what they considered the south's "constitutional and state's rights".

This quiet and good man told his daughter of the darkest hour of American history, of young men like his own grandfather who were pitted against each other in this most bloody and tragic war to embroil this country, each man viewing their cause as sacred.

The story was of his parents and grandparents childhood in Georgia, Alabama and later in Tennessee, states that were then just words on the map to his listener. "Grandpa Jasper" enlisted first, at the beginning of the war, at Gadsden, near Huntsville, AL, in the 49th Alabama Infantry and was later assigned to the 48th, then to the 65th

Alabama. He left his young wife, "Grandma Mary" and five children, to fight in the Civil War and saw hundreds of soldiers on both sides slaughtered and wounded in the over two years he was gone from his family.

He soon realized it was a hopeless cause, the Confederates could not get supplies, the soldiers were hungry, without decent shoes, clothing in tatters and their families starving at home. His company was back home in Alabama and had mostly dispersed there and in Georgia, where the fighting was then taking place, and he could not find anyone he knew. He returned to his home and family as many hopeless men were then doing.

He found his wife and young children without food, everyone was hungry, there had been no money or no source for seed to grow food, the stock had been eaten or stolen by the Union troops and even by some of their own people. It was a desperate time for the people of Alabama, Georgia and their neighboring states. There was no law enforcement and it was a dangerous time for women alone and for the helpless. There was rape and degradation of the southern women on their farms and plantations while the men were away in the war, not only by the bands of lawless Union soldiers without a leader, but by outlaw bands of their own southern men.

Grandpa Jasper-7 Bearden still had his shotgun, which he had taken to the woods to try to shoot some kind of wild game for his hungry family. When not far from home, he was mistaken for a southern deserter and was shot in the back by someone of his own, that is, someone from the south. The bands of men roving around shot a man because they wanted to think he had deserted, even though most companies were not then active or existent.

"Grandpa Jasper" never walked again. "Grandma Mary" and their young children, the youngest was the narrator's own father at age four, carried him to his home and tried to nurse him back to some semblance of health. He had lost the use of his legs and five years later he died from the wounds and after fathering three more children.

The writer's father could not leave the subject of the Civil War without paying tribute to the best and truest soldier of the war, the women of the south, including his own grandmother. The story of the mothers of the soldiers, the wives, sweethearts and the dear old loving aunts, their hard and cruel times and the encouragement they gave to fight on for a just and good cause, in which they were all enlisted. His grandmother, the mother of four sons and four daughters, died in the faith and never quit believing in the cause of the south.

When he was just a little younger than his listener, the only time the narrator saw his own father cry was when he had received the news from his sister that his mother, Mary J.-8 (RAINEY) Bearden, had died at her home in Arkansas and was already buried. The narrator's father went outside, leaned against the house, and sobbed aloud in his anguish and sorrow that he would never again in this life see his own mother.

Soon after the war was officially over, Jasper-7 and Mary-8, still very much in love, took their family back to Gilmer County, GA, where his surviving brothers fashioned a wheelchair of sorts, in which Jasper-7's children remembered pushing him up to the table where he bathed the baby, changed diapers and tried to help his wife and family with the household chores.

There was nothing for them in north Georgia, except the sadness of aging parents and lost brothers, cousins and nephews. After his own father's death in 1867, they had a chance to sharecrop for a relative in the Obion County, TN area, across the state line from Hickman County, KY, Stoddard County, MO and a few miles from where Jasper-7's grandfather had made his 1825, 1833 and 1836 Revolutionary War pension applications. Jasper-7 and Mary-8 went there where he died within the year 1870 and he is buried in this location without a tombstone or marker.

This unknown relative in the Obion County, TN area had a young son who fell in love with Jasper-7 and Mary-8's elder daughter and wanted to marry her. Because of their tender ages and perhaps because of Martha's (known as "Matt") station in life, permission was refused by his father. By then, Jasper-7 was deceased and to add to his widow's desperation and heartbreak at this sad time in their lives, Martha did bear a child out of wedlock, a true disgrace at this time in history. One of her young brothers left home afterwards, never to return, it is said because of the disgrace. He would have been only ten years of age in 1875 when this child was born. Tradition is that he later became a Baptist minister of the gospel.

"Grandma Mary" had a hard time making a living, both during and after the war. There was nothing a woman could do in those days to earn a living. She went, with her older boys, to the field and tried to plant crops. She did not have even the crudest tools, very little seed was available and no funds to pay for them. Finally, an old and rusty hoe was arranged, no way to sharpen it, with which she tried to plant and cultivate. All farm tools had been stolen or destroyed by the Union troops in an effort to starve the people, or by roving bands without a leader.

It was a story of much love and courage shared by the members of this young family. Mary J.-8 (RAINEY) Bearden had, besides her beloved husband, lost many loved ones in the losing cause of the south. One such soldier was her cousin, Isaac Nelson "Nelse" Rainey, of the Confederate 7th Tennessee Cavalry, who enlisted 20 March 1863 in Columbia, TN, and on 11 May 1865, he was issued a parole No. 52, giving him safe passage to his home and the right to keep a horse.

The parole gave his occupation as student and his residence as Columbia, TN. He was just a few days short of his 18th birthday when he left his home near Columbia to ride with General William H. "Red" Jackson's Cavalry. For the duration of the war, he remained with Jackson, acting as special escort and bearing messages for the general. He fought in the 1863 Vicksburg campaign where the brother-in-law of Mary J.-8 (RAINEY), young Jacob Pleasant-7 Bearden, lost his life at Holly Springs; he was also in the battle for Atlanta.

"Nelse" Rainey's memoirs were discovered by two North Harris County, Texas college professors, James T. Moore and Vernon Williams. The memoirs were brought to the professors by the great granddaughter of "Nelse" Rainey, Mrs. Ann Peavy, because of their historic value. Nelse had written them for his grandchildren and his manuscript contains important first hand accounts of the campaigns and operations of his company. More importantly, to the Rainey descendants, he tells of his family in detail and it is how one family dealt with the questions of war, slavery, society in general and the home.

The professors were working on a study of the Civil War. I. N. "Nelse" Rainey wrote a stirring account and his memoirs are a tribute to his family. They are found in TEXAS MAGAZINE of the HOUSTON CHRONICLE, Houston, TX, dated 14 Aug. 1983. Mr. Vernon Williams, historian at North Harris College, is currently working on a book that includes the editing of the Civil War memoirs of I. N. Rainey, whose account spans the period during the war to well within the twentieth century. His picture was included, taken on his 65th birthday and in his regulation Confederate uniform.

I. N. "Nelse" Rainey and his cousins, William Rainey and Jasper-7 Bearden, were the sons of upper-class farmers, Nelse living near Columbia, TN and his cousins being reared near Ellijay, GA. These families represented the best of the southern family traditions, high ideals and a firm sense of mission. They shared their parents' ideas about slavery, the difference being that the Bearden family had already freed their slaves as the law allowed.

Nelse's parents had each brought slaves to the marriage; even though Mrs. Rainey was against slavery, she believed in their "right" to own them. Jasper-7 Bearden and his wife, Mary J.-8 (RAINEY), shared their parents' view that slavery was immoral and that they should be freed, with help in reorganizing their lives.

Most southerners were slave owners. They firmly held their "constitutional" right to own those slaves. There were other southerners, who either did not own or questioned the morality of slavery. Both views were typical of their neighbors and their attitudes appear to have remained unchanged throughout the life of their generation as well as the lives of their children.

The family in which Nelse Rainey was reared owned some 25 slaves, more than they could use on their farm. Nelse, in his memoirs, called them "family negroes", because his father would never sell or buy a slave. He neglects to discuss the question of how they were originally acquired by his grandparents. "Nelse" said in his memoirs:

"Our negroes were devoted to their 'white folks' and several refused to leave. The younger ones settled around Columbia and today their second generation, if in trouble, appeal to the Raineys for help and counsel and are sure to get sympathy."

Nelse accepted the responsibility of the role of guidance for their former slaves descendants and the continued paternal role for the white survivors of the old south and believed that the new black generations should remain fixed in the old pattern of racial subordination.

These beliefs represented justification for owning slaves and the motivation for a war to uphold their "constitutional" right to own those slaves and against northern oppression. These attitudes were the basis for the southern way of life for most of the white population. At the end of their lives, both Jasper-7 Bearden and I. N. "Nelse" Rainey accepted defeat but they still viewed the black people in a pre-civil war context.

These southern and middle class attitudes are part of the story of the Civil War conflict and indeed it was this group who shouldered the burden for fighting the war. It was not the sons of the wealthy or of the plantation owners who provided the courage and the human mettle for the bloody battles fought in a losing cause, but it was farm boys like Jasper-7 Bearden, his brothers (two killed in war), and his and his wife's cousins, like I. N. "Nelse" Rainey, who made up the rank of the Confederate Army.

Both the subject of this sketch, J. Jasper-7 (J. J.) Bearden, and his wife's cousin, Nelse Rainey, survived the war, but Jasper-7 died of his wounds long before the death of "Nelse" who lived to don his regulation Confederate uniform on his 65th birthday for a photograph and to write his memoirs. While Jasper-7 and his kinsmen were fighting and some were dying in battle, Nelse Rainey, as stated above, enlisted on 20 March 1863 at Columbia, Tennessee, Confederate 7th Tennessee Cavalry, and he was just short of his 18th birthday when he rode away with General William H. "Red" Jackson's Cavalry. He remained with Jackson for the duration of the war and served as a special escort and messenger.

He managed to stay close to his hero, General Jackson, during several decisive battles and on one occasion near Vicksburg, General Forrest ordered Jackson to return Nelse's company for duty on the line and Rainey's account gives Jackson's reply, "I can't spare my company! There's not a man in it I would not trust with a verbal message the same as I would a staff officer!"

Nelse Rainey knew and loved General Jackson, with whom he spent the duration of the war. His company spent several weeks operating out of Jackson, MS, raiding the Union flanks and providing intelligence on their movements. The last days at Jackson were spent in bloody battle with General William T. Sherman. General Johnston, the master of the strategic withdrawal, vacated the city the night before Sherman's troops intended massive assault. Nelse Rainey's story is that just as Sherman's troops came over the Confederate breastworks, "We left by the only open side of the ford", Jackson and his escort being the last to leave. Jackson's brigade followed Sherman's march through Mississippi and harassed his movements. Throughout the fall of 1863 and into early spring of 1864, Nelse Rainey continued with Jackson's troops in the Meridian, Canton and Jackson areas.

When the final assault on the industrial base of the southern Confederacy began in the Atlanta campaign, Nelse Rainey found himself faced to do battle with Sherman and a strong Union army that would lay waste to the very heart of the south. In June of 1864, General Sherman was poised at Big Shanty in a position opposing the southern fortifications along the Kennesaw, Pine and Lost Mountain line. He began the attack on 27 June and as soon as the guns stopped, he sent his infantry in against General Johnston's line. As soon as they were within range, they were met by a solid mass of gunfire, artillery and anything the Rebels could throw at them. The Union troops faltered, trying to make their way to the Confederate trenches over the bodies of their own soldiers. The Confederates were firing as fast as they could reload.

The gun fire was so intense that many pockets of the Union troops decided to stay rather than try a withdrawal. Johnston's position was soon clogged with federal prisoners and the battlefield had large numbers of the dead and badly wounded. With the strong earthworks and fortifications, General Johnston could have staved off General Sherman's suicidal attack indefinitely but Sherman resorted to a strategy of threatening Johnston's rear, forcing the Confederates to withdraw their positions in favor of a position further south.

Nelse Rainey was standing with a group of officers who were watching a certain Union battery which was bombarding the hill from a distance of perhaps a mile. There, Sherman accomplished a feat which before had been thought impossible for field guns. He elevated his guns at an angle which enabled him to fire over the mountain, an elevation of perhaps six hundred feet. The shells burst over the heads of the men on top of the mountain and they saw the flash and then the report from the guns was heard.

Nelse Rainey continued with General Jackson throughout the battle and the war was lost as the Union troops moved further south in pursuit of the retreating Confederates. At Jonesboro, the two armies again engaged in bloody combat and Nelse Rainey was there and later described the results:

"The next day our general, with his staff, rode over the battle field. It was a dreadful and ghastly sight. I believe there was a thousand bodies in sight. Our dead had been collected and deposited in one place for burial, put in piles like railroad ties. Long, shallow, flat-bottomed ditches about three feet deep and fifty feet long were dug, in which the bodies were laid as close together as possible. On another part of the battlefield, squads in blue were performing the same office for their dead and caring for their wounded."

General Jackson and his cavalry followed the defeated Confederate Infantry west across Georgia, Alabama and back into the state of Tennessee. General John Bell Hood had replaced General Johnston just before the fall of Atlanta and he intended to go on the offensive. He intended a probe back in Tennessee against Union forces there. Jackson followed to protect their rear from Sherman. It was a disaster for Hood as he met with defeat in all battles. Nelse Rainey spent routine duty with General Jackson in Tennessee and in early 1865, in Alabama. Not unlike his Bearden cousins, he describes the end in sober, sad and intense tones:

"Four-fifths of the soldiers objected to the surrender and to giving up. I saw many big bearded fellows actually crying with vexation. Many a gun and pistol was smashed against a tree. Many left without their paroles. Some mounted their horses and made for Mexico to join McMillian because the United States was threatening his expulsion. We lay in camp without much show of discipline, restless and almost desperate."

Nelse Rainey was issued his parole and he returned to his home near Columbia and stayed for one year. In 1866 he went to Memphis where he lived until 15 Dec. 1915.

As stated, the subject, J. Jasper-7 Bearden, his twin brother, his older brother, his nephew and some cousins, enlisted in the Confederate Army on 10 May 1862 at Gadsden, AL, near Huntsville, under Captain Moragne's Alabama Volunteers. On 21 July 1862, he appears on the Register of the Confederate CSA General Hospital at Charlottesville, VA; 9 Aug. 1862, absent, sick from Cedar Run; 11 August 1862, sent to General Hospital in Lynchburg; 12 Oct. 1862, admitted to the General Hospital in Richmond, VA; 12 Nov. 1862, furloughed out for 30 days; 13 Dec. 1862, to Fredericksburg, VA; 3 May 1863, absent without leave from Suffolk to end of war, same date he appears on the Company Muster Roll last on 3 May 1863, Private 2nd. Company G, 48th Alabama Infantry Regiment; and on 6 Aug. 1863, he appears on the Register of General Hospital, Howard's Grove, Richmond, VA.

His papers state he was born in Georgia, a farmer by occupation, residence near Gadsden, AL, thirty-one years old when he enlisted. The information is taken from the record roll, by the authority of the statement of Captain W. B. Beeson, May 27, 1910, (45 years after the end of the war, Confederate Military Record, Company G, 49th Alabama Volunteers).

After exhaustive research, there are two James Bearden's who enlisted at the same time and at the same place. They had different middle initials and were James M.-7 and his cousin, James J.-7 Bearden. The former was b. in Alabama and the latter was b. in Georgia and they are almost of an identical age. James M.-7 Bearden's widow filed a claim in 1912 for a CSA pension from Etowah County, Alabama (1850 through 1870 Alabama census; state of Alabama Department of Archives and History CSA Military Records, Montgomery, see Addendum 2 at end of BEARDEN FAMILY).

There was never a record made for some soldiers of the Confederacy as there was poor organization, especially toward the end of the war. The James J.-7 Bearden military record is a belated effort by the 1910 survivors to get a

roster of this company from some fragments of written records. The Forty-Eighth and Forty-Ninth Alabama was organized in May 1862 and went into the war with overflowing ranks. It was sent to Virginia and first brigaded under General Taliaferro, Stonewall Jackson's division, with the Forty-seventh, from which it was never separated. The three Virginia regiments which were originally in the brigade were afterward exchanged for the Fourth, Fifteenth and Forty-Fourth Alabama. In January 1863, the brigade was commanded by general law and the organization remained intact until the closing scenes of the war and the story of the Forty-Eighth is the story of the Forty-Seventh.

The first battle in which Jasper-7 Bearden participated with the regiment was at Cedar Run on 9 Aug. 1862 where its loss was heavy and where he lost at least one cousin. The din of the dreadful battle at Gettysburg had scarcely passed when the Forty-Eighth Alabama Infantry was sent with Longstreet's Corps to General Bragg to take part in the terrible conflict at Chickamauga on 20th September in Lookout Valley and Knoxville, wintering in Tennessee. The regiment then returned to the scene of its early encounters and fought unremittingly at the Wilderness on 5th and 6th of May 1864; Spotsylvania on 7th to 12th of May; Hanover Junction, Second Cold Harbor, Burmuda Hundred, Petersburg, Fussell's Mill, Fort Harrison, Darbytown Road, Williamsburg Road, Farmville, and then finally surrendered at Appomattox in Perry's Brigade with the other Alabama regiments with which it had served so long.

Person No. 346, Jacob Pleasant-7 Bearden (older brother of James Jasper-7), enlisted on 4 Oct. 1861 at Huntsville, Alabama in the 19th Alabama, Company F., which later merged with the 47th, 48th and 49th, and died about the time J. Jasper-7 enlisted, after being wounded in the battle of Shiloh ("CONFEDERATE MILITARY HISTORY", Alabama Archives).

J. Jasper-7 Bearden, known as James, J. J. and called Jasper, did not live to be counted on the 1880 tenth census of the United States and the story passed down by his children and grandchildren has been that he died of his Civil War wounds in 1870 soon after his last child was born. His tragic death after much suffering was at age forty, leaving his wife with eight young children to provide for.

After the war, James Jasper-7 Bearden is listed as the head of household on the 1870 Tennessee census in the county of Obion (Pg. 51, Civil District 1, P. O. Harris Station): BEARDEN, J.J., age 40, b. GA 1830, no real estate; \$500 personal property; Mary J., age 34, b. SC 1836; William J., age 17, b. GA 1853; James P., age 15, b. GA 1855; Martha, age 14, b. GA 1856; Emma, age 12, b. AL 1858; Ervin, age 10, b. AL 1860; Marcus L., age 6, b. TN 1864; and Annah E., age two months, b. TN 1870.

The 1880 United States census of Hayes District in Hickman County, KY (Family Nos. 208 and 209), located just across the state line from District 1 in Obion County, TN, lists the following: (1) BEARDEN, M. J., age 48, widow (b. SC 1832) parents b. SC; William J., age 25, son, b. GA, father b. GA, mother b. SC; Mattie, age 23, b. GA, father b. GA, mother b. SC; Emma M., age 21, daughter, b. AL, father b. GA, mother b. SC; Ervin K. age 19, son, b. AL, father b. GA, mother b. SC; Marcus L., age 15, son, b. TN, father b. GA, mother b. SC; Josephine, age 12, daughter, b. TN, father b. GA, mother b. SC; Annie E., age 10, daughter, b. TN, father b. GA, mother b. SC; and Eskes L., age 5, grandson of head of household, b. TN, parents b. SC. (2) BEARDEN, J. P. age 25, farmer, b. GA, parents b. SC; Martha C., age 30, wife, b. TN, parents b. TN; Willie J, age 2, daughter, b. TN; and Charles L., age 1, son, b. TN.

James Jasper-7 Bearden, born 1830 in Hall County, GA, d. 1870 in Obion County, TN and is buried there on the Harris place in an unmarked grave. He m. on 17 Aug. 1853 in Gilmer County, Georgia to Mary Josephine-8 RAINEY/RANEY and had issue:

- *845. William J.-8 (Jacob or Jackson?) Bearden (TWIN), b. 1855, d. after 1925, m. within the year 1880 to Nancy "Nanny" WALTON.
- *846. James Pleasant-8 "Jim" Bearden (TWIN), b. 1855, said to have died before 1900; m. about 1875 to Martha C., whose last name has been given by a niece as HARRIS.

- *847. **Martha Catherine-8 Bearden**, b. 1857, d. about or after 1926; m. about 1880-1881, to John MILAM from Georgia.
848. Emily-8 ("Emma") Bearden, b. 1859 and the first issue of J. Jasper-7 Bearden to be born at Bennetsville in St. Clair County, AL. "Emma"-8 died after 1920 in the state of Arkansas or Texas. She married about 1882 in Arkansas to John CHOOK/COOK, who is said to have been a German boy. If Emma-8 had issue they are not traced. The writer's father recalled "Aunt Emma" bringing her husband to her brother, Ervin K.-8 Bearden's home in Texas, when he himself was a lad of about ten years. John Cook was a hard worker and well liked. Emma-8 Bearden's descendants are said to be some of the Cooks of Arkansas.
- *849. **Ervin Kenneth-8 Bearden**, b. 1861, d. 1915, m. Cora Bell WEATHERS.
850. Robert Marcus Lafayette-8 Bearden, called "Uncle Robert" by nieces and nephews, b. 1864-1865, Obion County, TN and said to have left home at a young age and became a Baptist minister.
851. Norma Josephine-8 Bearden, known as Josephine and called "Aunt Jo" by her nieces and nephews, one of whom was this writer's father, was b. 1867 in Obion County, TN and died in childbirth about 1884 in the area of Ft. Smith, AR. She m. about 1880-1881 to Richard S. SHOCKLEY who m. (third or fourth) after her death, to her younger sister, Annyer Eugenia-8 BEARDEN.
- *852. **Annyer Eugenia-8 Bearden**, b. 1870, d. 1916, m. her sister's widower, Richard S. SHOCKLEY.

354. William Newton-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), TWIN to writer's great grandfather, Person No. 353, James Jasper-7 Bearden. William Newton-7 was b. on 30 July or Aug. 1830 in Hall County, GA, one of the sons of Jacob-6 and "Winny" (SMITH) Bearden, who lost his life in the Civil War (CSA, see below), death occurring on 23 May 1863 in the hospital at Vicksburg, MS.

He applied for license to marry on 15 July 1852 in Gilmer County, GA, to Malinda Caroline FOWLER, marriage performed on 15 Aug. 1852 by Rev. Isaac SANDS of the Methodist Church (Marriage Book 2, 1852-1875, Pg. 13). Malinda was b. 1834 in SC, the daughter of William and Elizabeth FOWLER, both born in South Carolina. Her brother was William J. FOWLER, a Methodist Minister of the Gospel, who was b. 1832 in SC and who took the side of the Union in the Civil War, dying for his convictions at Laurenceville, GA. Both Malinda C. and William J. are enumerated in their parent's family on the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA.

William N.-7 Bearden first enlisted as a private on 4 May 1862 in the Confederate States Army, Company G, 39th Regt., GA Volunteers infantry, known as the "Gilmer County Lions". His cousin, Stephen-7 Bearden enlisted with him in Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA, for a period of three years or the duration of the war. William N.-7 appeared on 1 March 1862 on the payroll of Capt. B. J. BROWN, at Camp McDaniel, received pay later for reenlisting and was last paid by Capt. COX on 1 March 1863. The Adjutant-Inspector General, CSA, made a report of his death on 15 Oct. 1864, saying he was a private under Captain Benjamin J. JONES (note the many times both Benjamin and Samuel Jones appear in the BEARDEN/RAINEY FAMILIES: One, the 1836 Revolutionary War Declarations of Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden; second, the RAINEY/WILLIFORD FAMILIES).

The following letter is on file with William Newton-7 Bearden's military papers in Washington, D. C., as well as in the Gilmer County Courthouse in Georgia:

"State of Georgia/Gilmer County

"On this day 23 day of November 1863 in person came before me an acting Justice of the Peace within and for said County Malinda C. Bearden who after being duly sworn according to law a ----- (unreadable) and saith that she is the widow of William N. Beardin" (so spelled) "deceased who was a soldier of Captain B. J. Brown's Company 39th Regiment Georgia Volunteer Cavalry ----- (unreadable) McConnell in the Confederate Service in the present War with the United States that the said William N. Beardin entered said service on or about the 18th day of March 1862 and in said County and died at Vicksburg, Mississippi on or about 25 May 1863 that she makes this deposition for the purpose of obtaining from the Government of the Confederate States whatever may have been due the said William N. Bearden at the time of his death for pay bounty or other allowance for his services as a soldier as aforesaid. Sworn to and subscribed before me David Evins, Justice of the Peace."

"And on the same day and year aforesaid also came before me a Justice of the Peace as David Evins who is well known to me and whom I certify to be a person of veracity and credibility who by me being duly sworn saith on oath that he is well acquainted with Malinda C. Bearden the claimant and also well known for years to William N. Bearden the deceased soldier ——— (unreadable) and that the statements made under oath by the said Malinda C. Bearden the claimant as to her relationship to the said deceased soldier is true in every particular to the best of his knowledge and belief and that he is not interested in the least in this claim. Sworn to and subscribed before me Western Welch, Justice of the Peace."

It is worth while to note here that William N.-7 Bearden's relative was Person No. 103, Elizabeth-6 Bearden, who married on 13 Jan. 1823 in Lauderdale County, AL, to DAVID EVINS. No. 672, Mary Elizabeth-8 Bearden, married in Bedford County, TN, to WESLEY EVINS. Mary Elizabeth 8's aunt, Nancy-7 Bearden, married GEO-RGE T. WELCH, probable relative of Western WELCH, J. P. in Gilmer County, GA.

William Newton-7 Bearden, counted in his parents' household on the 1850 U. S. Census in Gilmer County, GA. In 1858 in Whitfield County, GA, he witnessed the will of his uncle, Person No. 106, Richard-5 Bearden Jr., along with his brother-in-law who was also his cousin, and with his nephew and cousin, that is with Daniel-7 GREEN, Ansel-8 WRIGHT, and Alfred-7 BEARDEN respectively. William Newton-7 is enumerated as head of household on 20 Aug. 1860 census, Gilmer County, GA (Pg. 165, No. 1334/1163), b. 1831 GA; wife Caroline, b. 1838, SC; and Sarah J.-8 Bearden, b. 1854, GA.

355. Andrew Jackson-7 Bearden (Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known as "Jackson", probable thirteenth to sixteenth and youngest issue of Jacob-6 and his wife, Winifred "Winny" (SMITH) Bearden, was b. 1834-1835 on Tail's Creek in the community of Lickfork, near Ebenezer Baptist Church in Gilmer County, GA and died on 14 Sept. 1888 on the line between Fannin and Gilmer Counties, GA but in Fannin County. He married in 1858, probably in Fannin County, to Sarah Ann NEWBURY/NEWBERRY, who was b. on 1 June 1842 in the Tickenetley District of Gilmer County and died on 16 June 1906 in Fannin County, buried beside her husband in the New Liberty Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, located on the county line between Fannin and Gilmer Counties, daughter of Joseph E. and Mary Jane Newberry from Spartanburg County SC, the granddaughter of Joseph H. Newberry.

Jackson-7 was never out of this area of Gilmer and Fannin Counties by choice. He served in the War of the Rebellion, Company G, 39th Georgia Infantry, CSA, a copy of his military service can be obtained from National Archives and Trust Fund Board, Washington, DC. He is one of the executors of his father's will on 21 Oct. 1867 in Gilmer County and he sold some of the Jacob-6 Bearden property just before he died in 1888 and his son, Andrew J.-9 Bearden, sold the rest in 1891 to a son of Person No. 107, Williby-6 Bearden.

Andrew Jackson-7 was first counted as head of household on the 1860 Gilmer County census (Subdivision 33, Pg. 165, No. 1333/1162), b. 1834, GA; Sarah b. 1842; Joseph M. b. 1860. In 1870 (Subdivision 55, Pg. 17B, No. 241/241, he has William H. b. 1862; Washington C. b. 1864; Andrew J. b. 1866; and Elizabeth J. Bearden b. 1868.

It was Jackson-7 who was involved in one of the longest court cases in the history of either Fannin or Gilmer County. The legal proceedings throw an interesting light on their occupations, acquisitiveness in business and intermarriages with families of local and nearby communities. The current generation of the family should not be shocked that a revered patriarch may have distributed in his family the profits from a still of alcoholic beverages. As one distinguished member of the family has said, "We must neither hide nor blush at the mistakes of our ancestors. They did very well on an average when compared with others of their own time".

To be as brief as possible, the problem of cash income has never been solved in some areas of the United States. It goes back in time to these backwoods frontiersmen and farmers and still exists for some of these mountainous and woody areas. In fact, the problem that these people face is precisely the same dilemma that had its beginning in the 1770s. The seaboard farmers have always had an advantage over backwoodsmen and the highlanders and during the American Revolution they got rich from scarcity and high prices.

There were not any roads into the mountains and backwoods, just trails. These hilly and mountainous farms have never been heavy producers and there has been (and still is in some places) no way to get what they did produce to market. A horse could carry only so much and if these poor farmers made a few bushels of grain into liquor in a little homemade still on their own land, the same horse or mule could carry at least sixteen gallons of whiskey, which would double or treble their profit. These people simply could not figure out any other way to get even a subsistence income.

After the American Revolution, the treasury of the new nation was broke, so the Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton, over the sharp protests of Thomas Jefferson and others, pushed through a stiff excise tax on liquor, to replenish the coffers. The Colonies had never had that tax before, and of all forms of taxation, the excise has always been most hated by the English, Scots, and the Irish. To the highlanders and backwoods people, it seemed grossly unfair as the seaboard farmers could go on taking their grain and produce to market without one cent of tax, while in effect, the excise levied a heavy tax on the mountaineer and backwoodsmen, so in 1794, they protested and that protest is known as the first "Whiskey Rebellion".

This writer can well remember the discussions as a youngster while growing up in the early twentieth century, and trying to understand their point of view. The descent of these highland and woody farmers didn't see anything criminal about a little homemade brew. The know-how has been handed down for centuries and during all this time, liquor has been used as their most common drug to doctor everything from colds, snake bite, heart trouble and surgery. They grew the grain, got together a few pieces of copper tubing, some odds and ends and put together a contraption to make whiskey on their own land. To them it was no more wrong than making pickles or tomato ketchup in their own kitchens. Liquor, for the most part, was only used for medicinal purposes.

In the backwoods and hilly country of North Georgia, both before and after the prohibition, laws were passed but the people carried on as usual and some of them survived on the profits of their backwoods stills. After the excise tax and prohibition, the government hired officers from some of their neighbors to spy on them and the old-timers then moved their stills back into the woods further and carried on as usual. When a neighbor or so-called friend, working undercover for the government, caught one in the nefarious act of manufacturing alcoholic beverages, this caused bitterness and hard feelings between people who had been friends.

On 1 Feb. 1865, Robert P. Woody of Gilmer and Fannin Counties, Georgia, was commissioned a First Lt., Company H., 5th Tennessee Infantry, mustered out of the Union Army on 15 July 1865 at Chatanooga, TN. He filed a claim for a pension on 7 Oct. 1878, having served in both the Confederate and Union Armies, as was the case with many soldiers in Georgia and Tennessee. He enlisted on 4 Aug. 1862 at Loudon, TN in Company B, 65th Georgia Infantry, which was a volunteer company. Many southern men were forced to join companies such as this in the Civil War. It should be recognized that the "Rebels", that is the southern soldiers of the Confederate Army, were not allowed to apply for or receive a pension until after 1894 when a law was passed which allowed them a pension under certain circumstances.

The record of Robert P. Woody's service in the Confederate Army was used against him and his name was dropped from the Union pension rolls in 1890. This was during the time he served as the postmaster at Dial in Georgia, where he died on 28 Oct. 1901. He was born in 1838 at Sugar Hill, McDowell County, NC and married on 23 Dec. 1866 in Fannin County, GA, to a Bearden connection, Elizabeth FORRESTER. The family he was born into is listed on the 1860 federal census in Gilmer County, GA: John WOODY, age 64, b. NC; Martha, 50, b. NC; Elizabeth A., 25, NC; Robert P., 22, NC; Harriet M. 19, NC, m. William David SPARKS, served in Union Army, postmaster at Pisgah in Georgia for twenty-five years; Sarah C., 15, GA; and Willis C. Woody, 9, b. GA.

The following is a transcript of the court record, in part, and quoted verbatim as it appears in the photostatic copy, the original owned by Mrs. Geneva LaFrance, who lives in Fannin County and who worked as a nurse in the Watkins Memorial Hospital in Ellijay in 1947. Mrs. LaFrance is a granddaughter of William David and Harriett M. (WOODY) Sparks. The court record is the longest and one of the most noted in the annals of Gilmer and Fannin Counties in Georgia (quoted from Mr. Stanley's "LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY", Pgs. 138 through 143, copy in writer's possession and all used with author's permission):

"Complaint:

"On March 20, 1887, a letter was directed to the Commissioner of Pensions from Van Zandt's Store and Post-office in Fannin County, Georgia, purporting to be signed by Walter Webb Findley but his name was spelled Finnelly by the party who wrote the letter for Findley.

"The letter was sent to R. C. Getchell, Special Examiner For the Bureau of Pensions in Chatanooga and he was ordered to make an investigation, the instructions to him bearing date of April 26, 1887.

"Getchell came to Fannin County and adjoining territory in May 1887 and took numerous depositions and when he returned to Chatanooga on May 14, 1887, he reported to the Commissioner that the claim of Robert P. Woody was fraudulent and recommended that he be dropped from the pension rolls.

"But it was not until January 20, 1890 that General Green B. Raum, Commissioner of Pensions, approved this recommendation.

"It appears that this complaint of Findley's against Woody, was grounded in certain events taking place in Fannin and Gilmer Counties, Georgia, in the former on the 6th of April, 1880 and in the latter on Sunday, September 28, 1884, as follows:

"John A. Stuart, late First Lieutenant, Company H, 11th Tennessee Cavalry, Union Army, was a Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the United States Treasury in the Second — (unreadable) District of Georgia working under the direction of the Collector in and for the District of Georgia, with headquarters in Atlanta.

"That said Stuart had located, some days before April 6, 1880, fourteen illegal and illicit blockade distilleries, being operated in Fannin, Union and Towns Counties and adjoining territory, in violation of the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States.

"That said Stuart, thereupon, seized, cut up and otherwise destroyed these Moonshine stills since none of them had an owner who was licensed to make and distill spirits, upon which a tax was levied and collected by the United States Government.

"The Government subsequently charged that twenty men came to the house of Stuart in Fannin County, Georgia, in the early hours of — April 6, 1880, setting fire to Stuart's storehouse and barn and firing numerous shots into the house of Stuart, slightly wounding his son in the hand.

"Six days later, Stuart wrote a letter to the Knoxville Pension Agent regarding John D. Fricks (late private, Companies F and I, 3rd Tennessee Cavalry, Union Army) in which he charged Fricks with arson and attempting to shoot him on April 6, 1880, in company with some 15 or 20 others.

"UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE, Deputy Collector's Office, 2 District Georgia, Morganton, Georgia, April 12, 1880, D. L. Boyanton Pension Agent, Knoxville, Tennessee

"Dear Sir, I take the liberty of Given you sum facts relativ to John D. Fricks who is an invalead pensioner on the Pension Rools at your office Said Frick in company with sum 15 or twenty others came to my house about one oclock Last Wednesday mooring and set fire to my stoare house and stabel and burnt them boath down to ashes destroying about twenty five hundred Dollars worth of property. Alsow that sum fifteen or twenty men shot at me and my son slitley wounding my son I opened fire on them as soon as I could get my armes when they all broak to run. John D. Frick was one of the men that had hid him self behind the fence to shoot at me when I opened my Doare I seen him playingly by the Lite of the Burning houses and new him well had been with him all day the day before he is now a fugative from Justice I have a warint in the hand of the Sheriff of our county for him.

"I taken the track the next morning and tracked them wher they had come and went to the Big Road for eleven miles each way making 22 miles that he had walked the knight to Kill me and burn my house so I think that he is abel to work for his living I pursued them tell I overtaken and arrested one of them who plead guilty befor the comitting court I alsow have one of the Leaders of the Gang and have got them boath in Jail at this writing But am looking for them to be broken out before I can git them to a saf Jail they alsow set fire to the stabel of two absent boys and burnt it up with a lot of foder & a 2 year old colt in it and shot through another house near Morganton.

"So I hope you will see that Frick has to work for his living here after alsow that if you cand find his wher about that you will let me know it so that I can git him alsow One Martha Bradley who is a pensioner in this County the facts in her case is about this. Her husband substituted in the Rebel Army to John B. Dickey of this county then Runaway and joined the federell army after which his wife Martha Bradley sued for a Divorce in the Superior Court of Fannin County Georgia. Since a law passed by the Rebel Legislatur of Georgia allowing divorces to woman whear they husbins was gone to the federll Army. Then after her husban died she filed claim for pension and obtained it by purgery to herself and others of like carractor for furthur evidence of these facts you can

call on J. B. Dickey and the Clerk can find the Record of suit for Divorce. Yours Respectfully, John A. Stuart
Dept. Collector.

"The Commissioner of Pensions, upon receiving Stuart's letter from D. L. Boynton, the Pension Agent at Knoxville, took no action in the matter, filing the letter with notation that none was necessary. (Under Pension Laws).

"But the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia at Atlanta, submitted Stuart's complaint to a Federal Grand Jury and on September 24, 1880, an indictment was returned endorsed A True Bill by S. A. Darnell, Assistant United States Attorney and J. C. Reynolds, Foreman of the Grand Jury.

"The indictment charged twenty defendants with conspiracy to intimidate and obstruct an officer of the United States in the performance of his lawful duties on or about April 6, 1880 in Fannin County, Georgia, by the use of force and arms, etc. Benjamin M. Tilley, Jasper Long, John D. Fricks, Charles Smith, S. J. Simmons, Walter W. Findley, Cub Newberry, Jackson Bearden, J. W. Vandergriff, R. V. Hughes, Bud Hill, Bud Roberts, F. Bingham, George Sparks.

"The Government elected to first try the defendants Walter Webb Findley, his son James Findley, Andrew Jackson Bearden, and George W. Sparks before Federal Judge H. K. McCay and a jury.

"The defendants were, it appears from the record, ably represented by competent attorneys and the trial lasted several days.

"On October 14, 1882, the jury returned a verdict of guilty in the cases of Walter W. Findley, James Findley, Andrew J. Bearden, finding George W. Sparks not guilty.

"It also appears that Walter Webb Findley and his son carried their pistols into the Federal Court Room in Atlanta and when the jury found them guilty, the Judge said he would not sentence them immediately because they were necessary witnesses in the case against Benjamin M. Tilley and John D. Fricks.

"The United States Marshall, Major John Longstreet, ignoring a warning from R. E. Boyd, Deputy Clerk of the Court, who had observed that the elder Findley was armed, allowed both Findleys to escape, their pistols in their hands, but the elder Findley was recaptured, he being unable to run as swiftly as his son, due to an injured hip. His son escaped and was still at large in 1884, two years later.

"Tilley and John D. Fricks were tried at the February term 1883 and a mistrial was declared, the jury being unable to reach a verdict.

"On February 10, 1883, Federal Judge McCay sentenced Findley and Bearden to serve two years in the Erie County Penitentiary at Buffalo, New York. At the day of sentence, they had been held for 119 days in the Atlanta Jail, whether Government or defense witnesses, not shown.

"In July, 1883, less than six months after the prisoners Findley and Bearden had been received at the Erie County Penitentiary at Buffalo, New York, an application for a pardon was made to the President of the United States.

"Petitions for pardon had been circulated in Fannin, Gilmer, Union and Towns Counties, Georgia and had been signed by numerous persons.

"Robert P. Woody got up a petition to keep Findley and Bearden in jail and he was the first one to sign it and some fifty others signed, including church members, Preachers and the Sheriff of Fannin County.

"This petition to President Chester A. Arthur stated that Findley and Bearden's conduct had been such that they were disloyal to the United States; that they were discreditable and disreputable citizens, and were violators of State and Federal laws and urged the President to withhold pardon.

"Woody also wrote the President urging him not to exercise executive clemency and then he wrote the Attorney General along the same lines.

"In a letter to the President from Potell, Fannin County, Georgia, on April 16, 1883, Robert P. Woody referred to the Union Army service of John A. Stuart and his loyalty to the United States during the Rebellion and urged the President not to pardon Findley and Bearden who had been convicted of burning his buildings and shooting at him with firearms.

"James R. Garrett of Diamond, Gilmer County, Georgia, said that his name signed to the petition for pardon, was unauthorized by him and to let Bearden and Findley stay in jail!

"The Pardon Clerk of the Department of Justice, James L. Stanton in a long memorandum to the Attorney General, set forth in detail the facts as they appeared in the case, as follows:

"No immediate action was taken by President Arthur on the application for pardon but it appears that both Georgia Senators, Joseph C. Brown and Alfred H. Colquitt, joined by Congressman A. D. Candler, urged the

President to pardon Bearden and Findley and the President, despite the adverse recommendation of the Attorney General, pardoned both on June 9, 1884.

"The President was, no doubt, influenced by the favorable recommendation of the trial Judge and the new United States Attorney, who both recommended pardon, since their sentences would expire anyway, in October 1884, or in about four months.

"It appears that Walter Webb Findley, returning to Fannin County, Georgia, from Buffalo, New York, stopped off in Washington and learned of the contents of the Robert P. Woody letters, regarding him. Findley and Woody, 'good friends' before the burning of John Stuart's storehouse and barn, met at the Mt. Pleasant Church almost on the line dividing Fannin and Gilmer Counties on Sunday morning, September 28, 1884.

"Woody came to church in a light wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen and as Woody assisted his wife to the ground, Findley is said to have remarked:

'By God, roll her out Woody'

"Woody is reported to have said: 'By God, I'll roll you down' and drawing his pistol, began firing at Findley who returned the fire, shooting Woody in the stomach and hand.

"A bystander, William Kimsey, attempted to get out of the line of fire between Woody and Findley but was almost instantly killed and both Woody and Findley were indicted in Gilmer County for murder. Woody was also indicted for assault with intent to murder Findley. Woody was tried at the September Term 1885 and was found guilty on this charge, being sentenced to serve one year in the Georgia Penitentiary at Oakdale, Fulton County. At the October Term 1887, both Woody and Findley were tried for the murder of William Kimsey but were found not guilty.

"It also appears that Walter W. Findley was indicted by a Grand Jury in Superior Court of Fannin County on a charge of assault, with intent to murder, one Leander Sluder.

"In May 1887, Dr. Gilbert E. L. Fall of Morganton who attended professionally Robert P. Woody on September 28, 1884, dressing his wounds, etc., obtained permission to leave the State and go to Cole Hill, Arkansas, but the Court made Dr. Falls give bond for his return, since Dr. Falls was an important witness in the coming trial of Findley and Woody for the murder of Kimsey. The Special Pension Examiner in making his enquiry and investigation in May 1887, seems to have become confused because Findley was not indicted for assault with intent to murder Woody, as reported by Special Pension Agent Catchell."

Jackson-7 Bearden was forty-eight years old in 1882 when he was sentenced to the federal penitentiary in Buffalo, Erie County, New York and had never before been out of north Georgia except the short time in the Confederate service during the War of the Rebellion. His health was not good and he lived just four years after being pardoned by President Arthur and died at age fifty-two. Whatever A. Jackson-7 Bearden's faults or strengths, he paid heavily for his faults. He was a proud and a good family man and had a great love for freedom and loyalty to his portion of north Georgia. Tradition has been that his health failed before and after he returned to his home in Fannin County.

Andrew Jackson-7 had known issue, some of whom may be grandchildren (1870 census, Gilmer County, GA, Pg. 34, No. 241; 1880-1900 census, Fannin County, GA; plus the memory of Andrew Jackson-7's son):

853. Joseph M.-8 Bearden, b. March 1860, d. before 1870, not counted with family on 1870 census.

854. William Newton-8 Bearden, b. Jan. 1862, Gilmer County, GA, d. 8 Dec. 1944, Fannin County, dates from tombstone in Tickenetley Baptist Church; m. on 3 Jan. 1888 in Gilmer County, to Cordelia Ann RALSTON (Marriage Book 3, Pg. 342), b. on 20 Nov. 1868 in Gilmer County, d. 1960, buried near husband, dates from marker in Tickenetley Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery (listed on the 1900 census, Tickenetley District, Vol. 32, Sheet 2, No. 39/39). The following are listed on the 1900 census or cemetery markers with William N.-8 and Cordelia, b. GA: William A.-9 Bearden, b. Oct. 1888, d. 1977, served 122nd Infantry, Company 1, World War I; Jackson Lawson-9 Bearden, b. Sept. 1890, d. 1936, served 122nd Infantry, Company 1, World War I; Joseph L.-9 Bearden, b. 1891; Olive Pearl-9 Bearden, b. 24 May 1895, d. 29 Dec. 1899; Ruth N.-9 Bearden, b. 4 June 1901, d. 4 Aug. 1918; Sarah R.-9 Bearden, b. 1902; and Velva N.-9 Bearden, b. 2 May 1906, d. 10 July 1908. All are buried near William Newton-8 and Cordelia Ann Bearden.

855. Washington Cicero-8 Bearden, b. 1864-1866, Gilmer County, GA, d. before 8 Nov. 1890, when his widow remarried. He m. on 21 July 1883, Gilmer County, Georgia (Marriage Book 3, Pg. 203), to Nancy J. JOHNSON who married as her second husband, on the above date, to Abner ORTEN, J. C. Cutcher, MG.
856. Andrew Jackson-8 Bearden Jr., b. 22 Feb. 1866, Gilmer County, Georgia, d. 9 Nov. 1930, Fannin County, GA; m. 14 Feb. 1891, Gilmer County, GA (married as A. J. BURDEN, Marriage Book 3, 1877-1892, Pg. 367), to Mary L. SOUTHERN, who was born on 20 Aug. 1875 and died on 31 Dec. 1951 (dates of births and deaths are as taken from the Epworth Methodist Church Cemetery in Epworth, Fannin County, GA). Mary L. Southern is a granddaughter of Miles Southern, b. 1798, and his wife, Jane "Jennie" BROWN, b. 1811, both b. SC and in Hall and then Gilmer Counties, GA before 1825 ("SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN MEMORIES", by Lawrence L. Stanley). The second daughter of Miles and Jennie (BROWN), Mary L. Southern, married a REECE.

It was this grandson of Person No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden who, in 1892, Gilmer County, GA, sold the land left to his father (Andrew Jackson-7 Sr.), to a son of Williby-6 Bearden. Williby-6 was the younger brother of Jacob-6 Bearden and it was his grandchildren who remember keeping the weeds mowed around their "Uncle Jacob" Bearden's grave. It is to them the credit is due for their dedication to his memory and for their work in keeping up the Jacob-6 Bearden grave in its wooded and secluded location.

Andrew J.-8 and Mary are listed on the 1900 census of Gilmer County, GA, Tickenetley District, with Emma-9, b. March 1895; and Grover-9, b. March 1898.

Another son as taken from his tombstone in the Epworth Methodist Church Cemetery, Fannin County, GA, is M. Everett-9 Bearden, b. 12 April 1906, Fannin County, GA, d. in same location, 5 April 1965.

857. Elizabeth Josia-8 Bearden, b. 1868-1869, Gilmer County, GA; m. 30 Sept. 1887, Gilmer County, to John C. GARRETT, Diamond community in Gilmer County (Book 3, Pg. 352), relationship unknown to James R. Garrett of Diamond, who said that his name signed to the petition for the pardon of A. Jackson-8 Sr. and Walter Webb Findley, was unauthorized by him. There are several marriages in the late 19th century in Gilmer County between the Beardens, Findleys and Garretts. Josia-8, as she was known, m. second, 9 Jan. 1888, Gilmer County, J. W. FINDLEY, the son of Walter Webb Findley.
858. William B.-8 Bearden, b. about 1870-1871; m. Jan. 1891, Gilmer County, to Lovles HOLT (Book 3, Pg. 469).
859. Ruffus Floyd-8 Bearden (some sources give Walter Floyd), b. 1872-1874 in Fannin County, GA, d. in the 1960's when he was over ninety years old, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA. "Floyd"-8, as he was known, m. as her second husband, on 9 Jan. 1899, Gilmer County, GA (Marriage Book 4, Pg. 141), to Nancy Elle (GREENAWAY) JOHNSON, who had already been married and widowed at age sixteen. The Georgia family says that "Elle", as she was known, was the sister of Wesley, Johnnie Lee, Ina and Marion W. GREENAWAY:
- (1) Wesley GREENAWAY m. Minda LONG, one daughter is Inell who m. as his first wife to Person No. 1896, Benjamin Earl CHESTER.
 - (2) Johnnie Lee GREENAWAY m. No. 1462, Roy Bud-9 BEARDEN, son of No. 969, Johnnie C. B.-8 BEARDEN and his wife, Lura Emogene (HOLT).
 - (3) Ina GREENAWAY m. Person No. 1416, Lawrence-9 BEARDEN.
 - (4) Marion W. GREENAWAY m. Person No. 1425, Artie-9 BEARDEN.
- The 1900 census lists Nancy Elle (GREENAWAY) BEARDEN as 16 years old. It is regretted that more information was not gathered and recorded when the opportunity existed. Floyd-8 had a grocery store in the rural Blue Ridge area, a very scenic part of north Georgia and south Tennessee; however, this writer's interest was in finding out if Floyd-8 remembered her own great grandfather, No. 353, James Jasper-7 Bearden, who died at age forty about the time Floyd-8 was born. Floyd-8 did compare the fact that his father had lost two brothers in the Civil War and another brother was so severely crippled that he never walked again. The comparison of the events following the Civil War has been interesting and stimulating with this old citizen, grandson and great grandson of the first settlers in the state of Georgia and the county of Gilmer in that state.
860. William M.-8 Bearden, known as "Willie", b. 1874-1875, Gilmer or Fannin County, GA; m. Mary Ann Elizabeth (?).
861. Julana Rosia-8 Bearden, b. 1876, Fannin County, GA; m. 4 Sept. 1891, Gilmer County, GA (Book 3, Pg. 507) to Miles SOUTHERN III, brother to Mary L. Southern who married Julana-8's brother, Andrew Jackson-8 BEARDEN Jr.

862. Pierson-8 Bearden, b. 1879, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA; m. 25 July 1900, Gilmer County (Marriage Book 4, Pg. 172) to Zennie or Jennie CLAYTON, who was born on 14 July 1889 in Georgia, of the James and Rachel-6 (BEARDEN) Claytons (Person No. 105). Zennie (Jennie?) celebrated her one hundredth birthday on 14 July 1989, Birmingham, Alabama with four of her five issue present, seventeen grandchildren, thirty-nine greats, and seven great-great grandchildren. Zennie was born in Georgia, moving to Alabama with her husband about 1903, where Pierson-8 worked at the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company until his retirement. This report was sent to the "BEARDEN NEWSLETTER" by her daughter: Geneva-9 (BEARDEN) WASHINGTON.
863. Margaret A.-8 "Mellie" Bearden, who is probably a granddaughter, b. 1881, Fannin County, GA; m. 3 Jan. 1891, Gilmer County, D. M. McClure (Marr. Bk. 3, 512).
864. Jackson M.-8 Bearden, b. 1884, Fannin County, GA, probably a grandson.
865. Joseph-8 Bearden, b. 1887, Fannin County, GA, probably a grandson.
866. Witty M.-8 Bearden, b. May 1888, Fannin County, GA, probably a grandson.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 98 SARAH-6 BEARDEN AND ANSEL GREEN

357. **Jacob-7 Green** (Sarah-6 Bearden, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1800-1810 in North or South Carolina, d. after 1860, Greensport, St. Clair County, AL; m. about 1820-1825 to Frances, known as "Fanny", ACRE of AL. At least one of Jacob-7 Green's uncles (Sarah-6 Bearden's brother, Person No. 95, James-6 Bearden) and several nephews, cousins and their descent lived near him from before 1820 until this date in 1998. This writer's own grandfather Bearden (Person No. 849, Ervin Kenneth-8 Bearden) was born here on 29 March 1861.

The courthouse at Asheville in St. Clair County, AL, has an old tract book showing that Jacob-7 Green entered land in T 13 and T 14 in 1820, between Ashville and Bennetsville. A two-story log house was built for him here by the master builder, Richard Crow. William Crow married 17 Feb. 1827, Caldwell County, KY to Eliza LINDSEY and John H.-6 Bearden sold land to him in Caldwell County KY. Moreover, William Crow is said to have married a Bearden and he did adopt some orphaned Bearden children in Caldwell County (see "WHAT'S MY LINE", by Betty (BEARDEN) FULLER for LINDSEY connections).

Near the log house built by Jacob-7 Green, there is still a fine spring of freestone water. This fine water and the proximity of the road were important reasons for selecting this spot for his first home. Jacob-7 sent two ox wagons to Georgia for bricks used in the foundation and in the two chimneys. Later he covered the house with weather boarding which still covers the log structure.

In 1832, Jacob-7 sold this home and moved further down the valley to the Coosa River where he built an outstanding and beautiful home. He operated Green's Ferry here and this was the beginning of the town of Greensport. This settlement has an exciting history about the early steamboats and the not so famous steamboat men who helped open up this land for the early settlers. This part of the county is now under water as a result of the H. Neeley Henry Dam but the home owned by Jacob-7 was still owned and occupied by the Greens as late as 1968 when the dam was built.

The first Jacob-7 Green home still stands, its "porch" or verandah gone and the windows boarded up. The bricks have an excitement for the writer and the fact that her kinsmen brought them from the state of Georgia is an added intrigue, with their soft purplish tone. This old home was once used as the stagecoach stop and is noted as follows in the "ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ALABAMA HISTORY", by Mrs. Crowe (copy in writer's possession):

"Just as there is romance in old houses, there is bound to be romance in old roads. When white men first came to make their homes here they traveled by river or old Indian trails. The Creek Indians had developed a network of paths which connected their many settlements. These trails usually followed the watershed between two streams and Jacob Green's house was built on one of these old Indian trails.

"The red men had a native engineering skill and these trails pursued a course that encountered the fewest obstructions. These numerous trails were widened into roads by the white men and the roads played an important part in the settlement of the county.

"The road known today as old No. 11 and leading out of Ashville into Etowah County follows almost precisely such an Indian trail. Over this road, first marked by the hoofs of wild animals and soft moccasined feet, there traveled men on horseback, moth-eaten mules between the mended shaft of rattletrap wagons, mud-spattered buggies, ox carts and, prince of them all, the mighty stagecoach, drawn by four sleek, spanking horses."

The Jacob-7 and "Fanny" Green issue is not traced by the writer but Harrison GREEN is one of the principal buyers at the 1842-1849 Shelby County, AL estate sale of Lovin-6 Bearden and it is speculated that perhaps Lovin-6's wife, Nancy, was a Green. Valentine YOUNG administered Lovin-6 Bearden's estate and Lovin-6 named a son Valentine (Person No. 137, Lovin-6 Bearden).

C. NINE CHILDREN OF NO. 99 ANSEL-6 BEARDEN AND (THREE?) WIVES
(ABIGAIL JOURDAN (?), GEORGIA LEMUEL AND JAIN JORDAN

371. Leonard-7 Bearden (Ansel-6, Richard-5, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), (TWIN), issue of Ansel-6 and Georgia (LEMUEL) BEARDEN (or was his first wife Abigail Jourdan?), b. 1818 in Jackson County, GA, d. at an unknown date in Cherokee County, GA; m. on 6 Jan. 1836 in Lumpkin County, GA (Lumpkin County Marriages; Georgia Marriage Roundup), to Juliette SMITH, twin sister of Cynthia R. SMITH who married his twin brother, Person No. 372, Nehemiah-7 BEARDEN. Both Juliette and Cynthia SMITH are the descent of Ralph SMITH, the father of Nathan SMITH who m. Mary Polly LANGSTON, as is "Winny" SMITH who m. Person No. 96, Jacob-6 BEARDEN. They are the great nieces of William SMITH who married Person No. 44, Mourning-5 BEARDEN, etc.

The 1860 U. S. Census of Amicalola Creek District in Dawson County, GA, lists Leonard-7 and "Julia" Bearden, age 42, b. in GA, with the following issue: Noah, 21; Sarah J., 20; Mary M., 16; Ansel A., 14; and Harriett A., age 8.

The "HISTORY OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA", by Marlin states: "Leonard Bearden married Julia Smith, and both he and his son, William Milton were in the Civil War from Cherokee County (CSA). William Milton married Elmyra 'Elmira' Fitzsimmons, daughter of Robert Fitzsimmons, who was from Ireland. Their son was William A. Bearden who was born in Pickens County, Georgia in 1867. William A. Bearden married Alice Timmons, daughter of William J. and Malinda (Taylor) Timmons and the granddaughter of John F. and Mary Polly (Ward) Timmons.

"Robert Fitzsimmons cut the first marble in Georgia. William A. and Alice Bearden both taught school near Marble Hill in Pickens County and came to Waleska in 1899, where they opened a store and farmed in Cherokee County, a member of the Board of Education for twenty years."

The Wills and Bonds of Dawson County in Georgia, Pg. 36, contain the following: "We William M. Bearden and Leonard Bearden bound unto Court of Ordinary and Successors \$1000.00, 12 March 1860 condition that William M. Bearden appt. guardian to Patrick W. Fitzsimmons, orphan of Henry Fitzsimmons William M. Bearden, L. S., Leonard Bearden, L. S., H. Hope, J. E. Talley..... approved John W. Hughes, Ord." (GEORGIA GENELOGICAL MAGAZINE, No. 92, 1984).

Leonard-7 had known issue:

867. William Milton-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1838-1839 probably Lumpkin County, GA, d. unknown; m. 1858 in Dawson County, GA, to Almyra Victoria FITZSIMMONS, b. 1837 in Cherokee County, GA, daughter of Robert Fitzsimmons who d. 1848 in Cherokee County, leaving the following orphaned issue: Almyra, Roxany A., Patrick, Torrance, Emmett and Mary Catherine FITZSIMMONS. Almyra MUNDAY was

appointed their guardians (see under Persons No. 332, 335 and 443 for BEARDEN connections to family of MUNDAY and WHISENANT).

The 1860 U. S. Census of the Amicalola District, Dawson County, GA, lists William M.-8 and Victoria Bearden, age 23, born in GA, with one issue, Leonard, age 1. William M.-8 had known issue:

- a. Leonard-9 Bearden, b. 1859, Dawson County, GA.
 - b. William A.-9 Bearden m. Alice TIMMONS, both dying in Waleska, Cherokee County, GA; some issue are living, in 1984, and several grandchildren. Daughter is Leo-10 Bearden who lived in Atlanta, GA; son is Dewey-10 Bearden who graduated from Mercer University and served with the Merchant Marines in World War II. He died many years ago in Waleska. His son is Dewey-11 Bearden who lived in Marietta, GA, and was the owner of his father's old family Bible.
868. Manoah "Noah"-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1838-1839, Lumpkin County, GA; found only on the 1850 census Lumpkin County, GA.
869. Sarah J.-8 Bearden, b. 1840-1843, Lumpkin County, GA.
870. Mary M.-8 Bearden, b. 1843-1844, Lumpkin County, GA.
871. Ansel A.-8 Bearden, b. 1846-1850, Lumpkin County, GA.
872. Harriett N.-8 Bearden, b. 1852-1855, Lumpkin County, GA.
873. John Wesley-8 Bearden, b. 1857, probably Lumpkin County, GA, m. on 30 March 1882 in Cherokee County, GA, to Henrietta KING.

372. Nehemiah-7 Bearden (Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-4, Benjamin-2, John-1?), second issue and twin son of Ansel-6, b. about 1818 and is on record as noted under his father, Person No. 99, Ansel-6 Bearden. Nehemiah-7 Bearden's descendants say he died after 1860 in Winston County, AL where he went after the 1860 census of Dawson County, GA. Winston County was carved in 1850 from Walker County, which county was formed in 1823 from the counties of Marion and Tuscaloosa.

Nehemiah-7 married on 6 Jan. 1836 in Lumpkin County, GA, to Cynthia Rebecca SMITH ("EARLY GEORGIA MARRIAGE ROUNDUP", by Joseph T. Maddox and Mary Carter, Pg. 338), born 1817-1818, Spartanburg County, SC, the probable sister or niece of Winifred SMITH who m. Person No. 96, Jacob-6 BEARDEN. Cynthia is the twin sister of Juliette SMITH who married Nehemiah-7 Bearden's twin brother, Leonard-7 BEARDEN (Lumpkin County, GA Marriage Book 1832-1852, Pg. 103). Cynthia and Juliette Smith (twins m. twins) are said by one descendant to be the daughters of the director of the old United States Mint at Dahlonega, GA, who owned a gold mine there.

The 1834 Georgia State census of Lumpkin County, lists Ansel-6 BERDEN with eleven white people in his household. He had nine children in that year, two of whom was Nehemiah-7 and his twin, Leonard-7 Bearden. Nehemiah-7, Leonard-7, Richard-6 Jr., and Ansel-6 Bearden are listed as head of family on the 1840 federal census in the Amicalola Falls Creek District of Lumpkin County: Nehemiah-7 (20-30, born 1810-1820); Cynthia (20-30). They have issue in 1840: One male and one female under 5, born 1835-1840.

Nehemiah-7 is listed on the 1860 census of the Amicalola Falls District of Dawson County (Census No. 47/394/342), age 42, born in GA; his wife is Cynthia, age 47, born in SC and they have issue in 1860: Minerva, Malinda, Mary, Martha, Milton, Morena, Malena and Malissa, b. 1837 to 1860, all first names starting with "M". Dawson County was formed in 1857 from Lumpkin and Gilmer Counties, GA (1860, Lumpkin County, GA Census Nos. 47/394/342; 1870, Dawson County GA Census, Pg. 112, Line 8, Nos. 160/151). Nehemiah-7 had known issue:

874. Emelene Minerva-8 Bearden (called Winona in some reports), b. 9 Oct. 1837, Amicalola Falls District, Lumpkin County, GA; m. 9 Oct. 1857, Dahlonega, Lumpkin County, Emanuel RUDISILL. Mrs. Rebeccah Wilson, historian and author, Lumpkin/Dawson Counties, GA, has written and published a history of that area, titled "OUR COUNTRY, OUR HERITAGE, OUR PEOPLE", in which she gives the following information:

"Emanuel Rudisill

"No marriages were found in now Dawson County for the surname of Rudisill but some were found in Cherokee County. Emanuel Rudisill, born 1838 in South Carolina was in the Shoal Creek District in 1870. In 1876 he is involved with settling estates for Rufus Rudisill and also Wilford. It was thought by a descendant, Lenora Ginn of Barnesville that perhaps his father was Frederick J.

"Emanuel had married in Lumpkin County, 9 Oct. 1857 Emelene Minerva Bearden, born 1837. The children were: (1) Malinda C., born 1858; (2) William M., born 1860; (3) Andrew J., born 1863; and (4) Martha E., born 1866.

"Emanuel filed a homestead in Jan. of 1873 and stated he had a wife and four children. His property included Lots 1173, 1174, 1207 and 1208 in 5-1.

"John Rudecil was living in the Amicalola District in 1860. He was born 1820 in South Carolina as were all his household. His wife Allis was born 1820. The children were: (1) Mary, born 1841; (2) Columbus, born 1845; (3) Jefferson, born 1846; (4) Phillip, born 1848; (5) James, born 1851; and (6) Sarah Rudecil, born 1853."

875. Malinda-8 Bearden, b. 1842-1843, Lumpkin County, GA.

876. Mary-8 Bearden, b. 1843-1844, Lumpkin County, GA.

877. Martha-8 Bearden, b. 1845-1846, Lumpkin County, GA.

*878. William Milton-8 Bearden, b. 19 April 1848, d. on 5 March 1922; m. on 5 Sept. 1868 to Martha Louise BLACKBURN.

879. Marcina-8 Bearden, b. on 7 July 1851 in Lumpkin County, GA, d. on 4 Dec. 1899 in Ashridge, Winston County, AL, m. on 29 July 1875 in Lumpkin County, GA to Reverend Hockenull McPherson GOBER who was b. on 25 May 1854 in Forsyth County, GA, d. on 23 July 1834 in Ashridge, Winston County AL, both buried in the Ashridge Cemetery, the son of John W. and Temperance B. (CHASTAIN) Gober. Hockenull M. Gober m. second Nancy Jane-9 BEARDEN, oldest daughter of William Milton-8 and Martha Louise (BLACKBURN) Bearden. Marcina-8 had issue, (b. High Shoals Creek, Dawson County (Mrs. Stella Shew, of above address has information): Carrie Deborah-9, b. 12 June 1876; Arrila Jane-9, b. 21 Oct. 1877; Vinley T.-9, b. 19 Dec. 1879; d. 19 Jan. 1913; Arthur Wickliff-9, d. 31 Dec. 1937; Lydia Sophonia-9, b. 24 Jan. 1884, d. 4 Sept. 1918; Lillie Clementine-9, b. 14 March 1886, d. 31 Aug. 1919; Victor Hugo-9, b. 30 Aug. 1888; Lisbon McPherson-9, b. 31 Aug. 1890, d. 4 April 1965; and Marquis Aquilla-9 Gober, b. 2 April 1893, d. Feb. 1973.

880. Malena-8 Bearden, sixth issue of Nehemiah-7 and Cynthia (SMITH) Bearden, b. 1853, Lumpkin County, GA and died young.

881. Malissa-8 Bearden, b. 1860, Dawson County, GA.

377. Ansel Marion-7 Bearden (Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1827, Habersham County GA, 1850 census says b. SC but the Ansel-6 Bearden family seems to have been in Georgia from 1820 through 1850's. Ansel M.-7 died in 1896, Santos, Palo Pinto County, TX, and is buried there in the East Side Cemetery. He married in Oct. 1849 (some sources give 14 July 1850) in Lumpkin County GA, to Emily Frances BIRT/BURT who was born on 21 April 1832 in Spartanburg County, SC and died on 2 Dec. 1864 in Milsap, Parker County, TX, daughter of James Jefferson and Dicey (GLAZE) Birt of Dawson County, buried in the Soda Springs Cemetery with a tombstone inscription.

Mrs. Grace (GILBERT) SMITH has written a comprehensive history of the Ansel-6 Bearden family of South Carolina, Georgia, and Texas, titled "THE BEARDENS FROM GEORGIA", corrected by Mrs. Opal (DAVES) STEWART, in writer's possession.

Ansel M.-7 is named first as the head of household on the 1850 federal census of the Amicalola Creek District, Lumpkin County, GA (Household No. 10, listed consecutively with Ansel-6 Bearden, Household No. 9 and Richard-5 Sr., Household No. 11). In 1850, Ansel M.-8 is 23 years old, his wife, Emily, is nineteen years old, both born in South Carolina. Ansel M.-7 and all of the Ansel-6 Bearden family by his second (third?) wife, are gone from Georgia before the 1860 census is taken. They stopped off in Alabama and were probably missed on the 1860 census. Ansel Marion-7 had issue, Bearden:

882. Elizabeth-8 Bearden, b. 1 Aug. 1850, Amicalola Creek District, Lumpkin County, GA, d. unmarried 3 Jan. 1879 in Milsap, Parker County, TX, buried Soda Springs Cemetery with inscription.
- *883. James Ansel-8 Bearden, m. 1884 to Zilla Jane "Kate" GILBERT.
884. Dicey-8 Bearden, b. 1855, GA, d. 1896, Parker County, TX, m. Ike McCOMMIS who descendants say was murdered about 1880 in Texas by Dave White. Dicey-8 had issue: James-9, m. Dessie HOMES and lived Idalou, TX; Rosa-9, m. (?) WOOD/S; Sally-9, m. (?) WRIGHT; and Emily Frances-9 McCommis, m. Frank BROWN and lived Greenville, Hunt County, TX.
885. William Moses-8 Bearden, fourth issue and second son of Ansel Marion-7 Bearden, b. 5 May 1857, Cobb County, GA, d. Weatherford, Parker County, TX, m. Mary (?) last name unknown.
- *886. Abbie Louise-8 Bearden, m. 1879, Harrison Woodberry DAVES.
887. Johnnie-8 Bearden, b. 1861 in Parker County, TX, m. William BRITTON and had four females and two males, one was Jessee Earl-9 who m. Mamie PULLEY and had Jesse Homer-10 Britton, b. 4 June 1911, m. 25 Dec. 1934, Medicine Lodge, KS, Dorothy MOORE (see KELLER KONNECTIONS; MOORE FAMILY by writer for issue).
888. George Ann-8 Bearden, b. 1862, Weatherford, Parker County, TX, d. 1936, Peacock, TX, m. Tom McFADDEN, m. second Charlie RIGGS, issue by last marriage: Charlie-9 m. Indian girl, World War I; Edith-9, m. Pinkney HALFORD; Jessee-9 killed by lightning, 1936, Double Mountain, close to Peacock, TX.
889. John Marion-8 Bearden, eighth and last issue of record for Ansel M.-7 Bearden, b. 23 Nov. 1864, Soda Springs, Parker County, TX, d. 11 Feb. 1931, Ft. Worth, Tarrant County TX, buried East Side Cemetery, Palo Pinto, TX, m. about 1895 to Eliza Cal Pervia DAVES who was b. 26 April 1880 in Texas and d. 30 May 1966, Palo Pinto County, TX, daughter of James Loving and Margaret (CARTER) DAVES and sister of H. Woodberry Daves who married John M.-8's sister, Person No. 886, Abbie Louise-8 BEARDEN. John Marion-8 had issue, Bearden:
- Alford-9 Bearden, b. 12 Feb. 1898, m. Irene AUTRY.
 - Sylvester-9 Bearden (TWIN) b. and d. 13 and 21 Jan. 1900.
 - Sylvia-9 Bearden (TWIN), b. and d. 13 and 21 Jan. 1900.
 - Ansel-9 Bearden, b. 1 Feb. 1901, m. 8 May 1934 to Nona MADOOZIE and had issue: Joann-10, b. 5 March 1936; and James or John Ansel-10 Bearden, b. 15 Feb. 1945.
 - Essie-9 Bearden, fifth issue of John M.-8 and Eliza C. P. Daves, b. 15 Dec. 1902, m. Clarence Van BUSKIRK.
 - Elmer-9 Bearden, b. 20 May 1906, d. 3 Sept. 1954, murdered by his stepson. Elmer-9 m. first to Viola DUNN, information for his second marriage is lacking.
 - Ruby Lee-9 Bearden, b. 18 Oct. 1908, d. June 1911.
 - John Wesley-9 Bearden, b. 20 Sept. 1910, m. Irene GRIFFITH and had issue: Calpernia Sue-10; and John Wesley-10 Bearden Jr.
 - Frances-9 Bearden, ninth and youngest child of John Marion-8 Bearden, b. 24 May 1914, m. Bennett McHAFFEY.

379. William Newton-7 Bearden (Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), same first name as Person No. 354 and numerous other Beardens, the fourth issue and second son of Ansel-6 Bearden by his second (or third?) wife, Jain JORDAN, b. 30 Nov. 1831, Habersham County, GA, d. at age thirty-two on 10 Oct. 1863, General Hospital, Beaumont, Hardin County, TX, of Civil War wound, complicated with yellow fever, buried there in the Confederate Cemetery.

Beaumont historians say there was an old government hospital and cemetery on Spindle-Top Hill above Beaumont. The building fell apart after the Civil War and was mostly carted off. There were tombstones lying all around. During the Depression days of the 1930's, W. P. A. employees cleared the hill top and built a park there (Works Progress Administration by the government to give men jobs).

There were several battles fought around Beaumont and an outbreak of yellow fever in the hospital during the Civil War. Lots of Confederate and a few Union soldiers died from wounds and fever and are buried on Spindle-Top Hill.

William N.-7 m. on 14 Feb. 1856 in Lumpkin County, Lucinna Ann BIRT/BURT, born 2 Oct. 1840 in McKee, Shoals Creek District, Lumpkin County, GA and died 6 July 1868, Gordon, Parker County, TX, the daughter of Rueben Thornton and Mary Caroline (MEERS) Birt, cousin to Emily Frances Birt/Burt who married William N.-7 Bearden's brother, Ansel Marion-7 Bearden. Rueben Thornton Burt was born on 25 July 1815 in Georgia and died on 6 Aug. 1881 in Dawson County, GA. Mary C. (MEERS) Burt died on 20 Sept. 1891 in Dawson County, GA. James Jefferson Burt, father of Emily Frances, was born on 23 Jan. 1811 in Georgia and died on 19 Nov. 1890 in Dawson County, GA.

There is in existence some old letters written by William N.-7, his wife, Lucinna Ann Bearden, and by Lucinda Ann's sister, who was Linda (BURT/BIRT) McKEE. These old letters give an insight into the life and character of William N.-7 Bearden, son of Ansel-6 and grandson of the old Revolutionary War soldier, Richard-5 Bearden. These letters are in the possession of a descendent, Mrs. Minnie Vervean-10 (BEARDEN) WATSON of Hale Center, Texas and copies of the originals have been made by her. These old letters have been moved around the country from Texas to California and back to Oklahoma, then to Texas again, by covered wagon and later by car. The letters were once in a flood and the paper is now so brittle it is coming apart at the folds. Direct quotes from the letters:

"General Hospital

"August 21st. 1863

"Mrs. Leseaney Ann Bearden

"My dear wife, my health is improving and my request is for you to come after me. I think I will be able to travel by the time you get here. I want you to get Mr. Johney Right or --- Simpson two horse hack and come yourself if you can. And if not send some trusty hand after me and fetch a feather bed with you this is the Drs. advice. If you have not got money enough to bear your expenses sell whatever you can or please to get it.

"Try to get as much as \$50.00 and if you cannot get that much get all you can. I will have money enough to take me home after you get here.

"Tell father I want him to insist you in getting you off. Write when you get this and let me know what time you think you will get off.

"I will come to alose (sic) I will remain your beloved husband till death, From William Bearden to Leaseany Ann Bearden.

"This way bill for you to travel by "Buckhanon; Milford; Fairfield; Butler, This is the best I can make; Sumter; Woodwell; Concord; Beaumont."

"Oct. The 12 1863

"Mrs. Seany Ann Bearden

"Dear Friend, I take this opportunity to inform you of the death of your husband William Bearden. He died on the 10th of this month.

"He had been down sick for near four months. He was closely attended to by the Drs. also the nurses attended to him close all the time.

"I had been a regular nurse for some time before he died. I can assure you that he did not lack for any attention whatever. He had become --- ducad" --- (half of this line unreadable where it was folded) "is made.

"He wanted you to dispose of your property and take such currency as would take you back to Georgia to your father and that he did not want you to live in the house with your people But have you a house clost by them and live to yourself you and your children and he wanted you to school your children as good as you can.

"There is some money coming to you which I will send to you the first good chance I get. His things he left in my care. I will send them the first good chance I have."

The following letter, written by the sister of Lucinna Ann, is a copy from the original letter written to Ocias Adonis-8 Bearden, son of William-7 and Lucinna Ann (Burt) Bearden. It was written after the death of their mother. The Darkey Ann she refers to is Person No. 891, Dorkie Ann-8 (BEARDEN) BRASHEARS:

"Office Of
J. H. McKee
Staple Groceries and Fancy Dry Goods
Full Stock of General Merchandise

"McKee, Ga. Sept. 29 1891

"Mr. Adonis Bearden:

"Dear Nephew

"Brother James wrote you a week ago. But I did not think he addressed his letter right and for fear you dont get it I will right again.

"He wrote you of the death of our dear Mother and your grandma, Mary C. Burt. She died the 20th of Sept. and was buried the 21st.

"She suffered bad for three weeks. Dropsy, heart disease, and Consumption was her trouble. Us children stayed with her day and night and waited on her. She was perfectly resigned and willing to die. Said tell her children and grandchildren to meet her in Heaven. She talked often of Heaven and the angels. And would try to sing good songs and raise up in bed and shout the praise of God.

"Oh Children I want you all to live so you can meet your Dear Grandmother and Grandfather in Heaven. For that was her desire.

"There is only four of us children here, James, Rilla, Rova and myself. Six of the heirs are in distant lands. There is hardly anything left except the land. Which ought to bring 15 hundred dollars When sold. The times are very hard here this year, the rent corn and fodder will be to sell this fall. The crops on her land this year are not near so good as last year. There is very little personal property.

"She was not in debt any except doctor bill made during her sickness and burial expences and some on Dr. bills. Dont know yet what it will all come to.

"I must close. Would like to hear from you. I will answer any questions. Where is Darkey Ann? Your Aunt Linda McKee.

"Direct mail to H. M. McKee P. O. Dawson County Ga."

William Newton-7 and Lucinna Ann had issue, Bearden:

*890. **Ocias Adonis-8 Bearden**, m. 21 Nov. 1878, Rebecca Ann DAVES.

891. Dorkie Ann-8 Bearden, b. 4 April 1861, Milsap, Parker County, TX, d. 1882 in Texas, m. Houston BRA-SHEAR. The forename of Dorkie Ann is said to be a translation of "Thirseann" or "Therese Ann" and Ansel-6 had a daughter by first wife named Therese Ann (see Nos. 375 and 926, "Thursa Ann", etc.). Dorkie Ann-8 was weak after the birth of her only issue and fell in an open fire and burned to death. She had issue, one: Joseph-9 Brashear, b. 1882, Texas, d. 1968, Eastland County, TX. He had one issue: Elsie-10 Brashear, no information.

380. **John M.-7 Bearden** (Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1835, Amicalola Creek District, Lumpkin County, GA, d. at an unknown time in the Terrell Hospital, Terrell, TX. He m. on 16 Aug. 1857, Amicalola Creek District of Lumpkin County, GA to Mary Caroline BURT/BIRT who was b. on 7 April 1842 in Lumpkin County, GA and d. in March 1924, Santos, Palo Pinto County, TX, buried with cemetery inscription in the East Side Cemetery. Mary Caroline was the daughter of James Jefferson and Dicey (GLAZE) Burt and the sister of Emily Frances who married Ansel M.-7 Bearden, both of whom were cousins of Lucinna Ann Burt who m. William N.-7 Bearden. John M.-8 and his wife Mary Caroline had issue:

*892. **Martha-8 Bearden**, b. on 15 June 1857, d. 18 May 1903, m. about 1875, to Singleton Sylvester Littlefield.

893. Joseph Singleton-8 Bearden, b. 1860, Alabama or Texas, d. 1937, Palo Pinto County TX, buried East Side Cemetery, m. Cora E. JOHNSTON, b. 1868, d. 1940 and had issue, Bearden:
a. Joseph Leslie-9 Bearden, m. Ada ROGERS.

- b. Claude-9 Bearden, b. Lipan, TX, d. 1968, Ranger, TX, buried Calloway Cemetery, m. Emma WHEAT, b. 22 Dec. 1890 in Texas and had: Frankie Nell-10 Bearden.
- c. Albert-9 Bearden, b. 18 June 1885 in Texas, d. 13 Nov. 1913 from the heat, working Acme Brick Company, Bennett, TX. Albert-8 m. Bertha (?) last name unknown.
- d. Walter-9 Bearden, b. 14 June 1887, Parker County, TX, d. unmarried on 20 May 1964, Santos, Palo Pinto County, TX.
- e. Herman-9 Bearden, b. 3 Jan. 1896, Texas, d. 2 Aug. 1968, Ranger, TX.
- f. Dale-9 Bearden m. Helen (?).
- g. Earl-9 Bearden.
- h. Nolie-9 Bearden m. J. T. GREEN.
- i. Ellen-9 Bearden m. Grady GOODMAN.
- j. Jewel-9 Bearden m. Allie THOMPSON.
894. B. T.-8 "Sol" Bearden, third issue of John M.-7 and Mary Caroline, b. 1871, Texas, d. unmarried 1936 in Santos, Texas.
895. Lovie-8 Bearden, born 28 Feb. 1874, Parker County, TX and died unmarried on 5 Aug. 1902, Palo Pinto County, TX.
896. Luthur C.-8 Bearden, born 1877 in Parker County, TX, d. in a car wreck on 8 June 1950, close to Midland, TX, married Allie McHANEY. His death is noted in the Mineral Wells, TX newspaper, dated 9 June 1950, Pg. 2:
- "Midland, June 8 (Spl.) Luthur C. Bearden, 78, Mineral Wells barber, was killed, and four persons were injured, none seriously, when Bearden's car and a bus collided seven miles east of Midland Thursday morning on Highway 80.
- "Bearden, who had been in ill health the last four or five years, was believed to have suffered a heart attack and lost control of his car.
- "The bus was occupied by four passengers, three of them women. They and the driver, Clinton C. Roberts of Lamesa, who has a possible concussion of the brain, were under treatment in a hospital here.
- "The women were Mrs. Gertrude Phillips of Lubbock, shock and abrasions; Mrs. Vina Beal of Midland, fractured ankle and Mrs. W. H. Wilson of Midland, broken right leg. Howard T. Bosworth of Dallas, the fourth passenger, was unhurt.
- "The bus, headed west, was en route to Lamesa. It was on the right side of the road when struck.
- "H. F. Simpson of Big Springs who was driving behind Bearden, said Bearden was traveling about forty miles an hour when his car ran off the right shoulder of the highway, then swerved back sharply into the path of the bus. The speedometer of his car was locked at forty miles. The auto was telescoped by the impact.
- "Bearden had been visiting relatives in west Texas. He made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ples Massie at Mineral Wells after the death of his wife in 1944. He was born at Santo, where he operated a store before moving to Mineral Wells in 1912.
- "Survivors include a brother, Reuben Bearden of Sweetwater, a sister, Mrs. Roxie Meadows of Pecos; four nieces, Mmes. C. E. Dupree and Jewel Thompson of Ranger; Iva Barker of Dallas and Bertha Bradford of Odessa; and three nephews, Claud and Herman Bearden of Ranger, and J. L. Bearden of 3435 West Vickery, Ft. Worth.
- "In his car was found the graduation notice of Frankie Nell Bearden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bearden, a Ranger High School senior this year."
897. Boot-8 Bearden, lived Santos, Palo Pinto County, TX, married Mellie BLEVINS and had issue, two: Irene-9; and Alene-9 Bearden, m. Ray SPILLERS, lives Sweetwater in 1975.
898. J. L.-8 "Doc" Bearden, b. 28 Feb. 1881, Parker County, TX, d. unmarried on 8 May 1946, Palo Pinto County, TX, buried East Side Cemetery.
899. Roxanne-8 "Roxie" Bearden, b. 20 Oct. 1883, Santo, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 24 Feb. 1964, Pecos, TX, m. John MEADOWS.
900. Robert-8 Bearden, m. unknown and had issue: J. C.-9 Bearden m. Nona Bell MADDUX and had issue: Peggy-10, m. Donald SMITH; James-10, m. (?) HUGHES; and Cubby-10 Bearden.
901. Violet-8 Bearden m. James AGUENEW.
902. Clarisse-8 Bearden m. Cecil HENDERSON and had issue: Jewel-9; Dennis-9; and C. J. T.-9 Henderson.
903. Reuben-8 Bearden of Sweetwater, TX.

381. Malissa-7 Bearden (Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1836, Amicalola Creek District, Lumpkin County, GA, d. 14 Feb. 1881 at Brock, Parker County, TX; m. about 1864 in Texas, as his first wife, to Reverend William C. BRASHEAR who was b. 8 June 1837 and d. 23 May 1923, both are buried in the Brashear Cemetery, Brock, TX.

Mr. Brashear married second to Malissa-7's younger sister, Person No. 382, Hannah-7 BEARDEN and had no known issue. They gave a home to four orphaned girls, Dora SMITH-OLIVER, Rosa McCOMMIS, Effie BACCUS (m. Charley WARDEN) and Josie CANADY. Malissa-7 had issue, Brashear:

904. *Drusilla Jane-8 Brashear*, b. on 12 March 1869 in Parker County, TX, d. 2 Feb. 1948 in Brock, Parker County, TX, m. John HALL who was b. on 30 Sept. 1860 and d. on 22 Feb. 1921 in Parker County, TX. Drucilla Jane-8 had issue, Hall:
- a. William-9 Hall, b. 1886, Parker County, TX, died young, Yuma, AZ.
 - b. John-9 Hall Jr., b. Oct. 1887 in Texas, d. 1962 in Anthony, NM, m. Leona HUDSON and had issue: Jean-10, m. (?) BERRIER; Hudson-10, m. Elvira (?), son Jerry-11 Hall.
 - c. Milton S.-9 Hall, b. 23 Dec. 1889 and d. 22 July 1965 (suicide), m. Hattie CARDWELL and had: Onita-10, d. 1960, Citrus Heights, CA, married Henry HARPER; and J. D.-10 Hall.
 - d. Myrtle-9 Hall, b. 1890, Brock, Parker County, TX, d. 13 Jan. 1962, Lubbock, TX, m. Walter MARTIN and had issue: Lillian-10, m. (?) WEATHERS, s/o Mike; and Joe Frank-10 Martin.
 - e. Jessee-9 Hall, b. 1891 in Texas, d. July 1864, Weatherford, Parker County, TX, m. Rhoda MUSGROVE who d. in May 1970, Parker County, TX. Jessee-9 had issue:
 - (1) John Allen-10, m. Shirley (?) and had issue, John Allen-11 Jr., Jean-11, and Merrell-11 Hall.
 - (2) Elmer D.-10 Hall, m. Eileen (?) and had issue, Roma-11, m. William Lemuel VAN HOOSIER; Melinda-11, m. Larry MAHAN; and Gary Patrick-11 Hall.
 - (3) Jessee E.-10 Hall Jr.
 - (4) G. W.-10 Hall, killed in plane crash, 1 unknown issue.
 - f. Mable-9 Hall, b. 5 June 1894, lives Long Beach, CA 1985, m. Freeman ROBERTS who d. in 1937, had issue:
 - (1) Hollis-10, m. Manon WELTY, lives McFarland, CA in 1975 with issue: Betty-11 Welty, m. Zane SMITH; and Hollis Jason-11 Welty.
 - (2) Mytress-10 Roberts, b. 1913 in Texas, m. Carl WALKER and had issue, Carl-11, Barbara-11, and Diane-11 Walker.
 - g. Ann-9 Hall was b. on 21 Dec. 1895 and d. in Bakersfield, CA, m. Al CHOATE, no issue.
 - h. Edd-9 Hall, b. 9 March 1901, d. 14 July 1956, Bakersfield, CA, m. Beulah NEVILA and had issue: William-10, b. 5 March 1927; and Jack-10 Hall, b. 20 March 1929, lives in Alaska, he married Judy STONEBARGER.
 - i. Clyde-9 Hall, b. 29 March 1909, d. April 1965, Bakersfield, CA, m. Onnie HAYLE, had issue: Kathy S.-10; James-10 Hall.
905. Samuel R.-8 Brashear, first son of Malissa-7 Bearden, b. 9 Jan. 1872, Brock, Parker County, TX, d. 16 Nov. 1955 in Texas, m. Annie BAKER, b. 1876, Texas, d. 1970. Issue, Brashear:
- a. William-9 Brashear, b. 1899 in Texas, lives San Francisco, CA, has one unknown daughter.
 - b. Albert Sidney-9 Brashear, b. 11 April 1901, Parker County, d. 7 April 1962, m. 2 April 1922, Annie Marzell JONES:
 - (1) Daniel Ousley-10 Brashear b. 14 Feb. 1926, m. Dorothy Lee ATWELL, b. 1922, issue, two adopted: Daniel Lee-11, b. 12 July 1966; and William-11 "Billy" Brashear, b. 17 April 1968.
 - (2) Margaret Ann-10, b. 9 April 1933, m. 2 Feb. 1952, Richard VAN DURAN (div.), b. 2 July 1926, had issue, Richard Howard-11, b. 11 Dec. 1952 and Danice-11 Van Duran, b. 24 Oct. 1955.
 - (3) Robert Albert-10 Brashear, b. 10 Dec. 1935, m. Paula Jean HUCKABY, b. 6 Nov. 1934, had Lee Ann-11, b. 26 Aug. 1962 and Robert Albert-11 Brashear Jr., b. 2 March 1967.
 - c. Ola-9 Brashear, m. Homer ROBERTS, had seven unknown issue.
 - d. Ethel-9 Brashear, m. C. A. MACHEMEKL, Bellville, TX, 1975.

- e. George-9 Brashear, b. 1866, d. 1916 in Texas, m. 11 March 1888 Sarah Alice MADDUX who was b. 1872, d. 1947, issue:
- (1) John W.-10, b. 1889, Texas, d. Las Vegas, NV, m. Lessie SHIELDS who was b. 1889, d. 1952, Wichita Falls, TX, a son James William-11 Brashear, born 1917.
 - (2) Cora Jane-10 Brashear, b. 1890, d. 1952, m. 1908 to Jube DOLLIHITE who was b. 1887 and d. 1968, had Joseph-11 Dollihite, b. 1909, m. Mary WHITESIDE, b. 1920; and Reuben-11 Dollihite, b. 1912, m. 1947, Cloda BODIFORD, b. 1914.
 - (3) Drusilla Jane-10 Brashear, b. 1891, m. 1908 to Robert FLEMING, b. 1888, d. 1937, m. second Forrest MADDUX and had Anna Maude-11 Fleming, b. 1920, m. 1947 to William Richard WATKINS, b. 1905; and Adell-11 Fleming.
 - (4) Maude-10 Brashear, b. 1894, Parker County, d. 12 June 1975 in Brock, Parker County, m. Travis Luthur ROBERTS.
 - (5) James Frank-10 Brashear, b. 1900, Parker County, TX, killed in car accident in 1957, m. 1923, Ella KUBOSH, no issue.
 - (6) Jesse Virgil-10 Brashear, b. 1902, Texas, d. 1938, m. Ila ROBERTS, b. 1904 and had issue: Betty Jo.-11, m. Noel Charles NIMITZ, b. 1921.
- f. Noel-9 Brashear, sixth and youngest issue of Samuel R.-8 and Annie (BAKER) Brashear, d. Wichita Falls, TX, m. Marietta (?), and had two unknown issue.

385. Joel Dallas Tyson-7 Bearden (Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), eleventh issue of Ansel-6 Bearden by his second (or third?) wife, Jain JORDAN and about his sixteenth issue, b. on 26 July 1847 in the Amicalola Creek District of Lumpkin County, GA and d. on 22 Jan. 1923 in Santos, Palo Pinto County, TX, buried there in the East Side Cemetery. Joel Dallas T.-7 Bearden m. first on 22 May 1870 in Parker County, TX to Betty Jane LITTLEFIELD who was b. 1850 in Alabama, daughter of Samuel and Mary J., m. second, 8 June 1879 to Nancy Elizabeth BELL, b. 1856, d. 1924, no issue second marriage. He was 12 years of age when his parents traveled from Dawson County, GA by way of Alabama, to Parker County in Texas where he was reared near Weatherford. He started, owned and operated the first general/mercantile store in Sinton, now Santo, Texas. He had known issue:

906. Giles-8 Bearden, b. 8 Sept. 1871, Santo, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 24 July 1887. Giles m. at a tender age and had issue: Mary-9 Bearden, no information.
907. Lorinda-8 Bearden, b. 26 Jan. 1877 (tombstone, 1 Jan.), Palo Pinto County, TX, d. age 16, on 19 Nov. 1893, Santo, TX, buried there East side Cemetery, m. John KARLEY and had at least one unknown son, b. 6 Oct. 1893, d. 23 Nov. 1893.

386. Elizabeth-7 Bearden II (Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), twelfth issue and last daughter of Ansel-6 Bearden by his second (or third?) wife, Jain JORDAN/JOURDAN), b. 15 Feb. 1849, Amicalola Falls District, Lumpkin County, GA, d. 27 Jan. 1918 in Milsap, Parker County, TX, buried in the old Gilbert Cemetery located three miles east of Milsap in edge of a field owned later by Jacob "Jake" Young. Elizabeth-7 m. on 25 Dec. 1869 in Parker County to George Webster GILBERT who was b. 11 March 1849, d. 17 June 1892 in Milsap, TX, buried in Gilbert Cemetery, son of Samuel Gilbert. Elizabeth-7 II was known as "Betsy" because Ansel-6 and Jain had an older daughter named Elizabeth-7 (b. 1829, died 1879). She had issue, Gilbert:

908. James Webster-8 Gilbert, b. 18 Dec. 1870 in Parker County, d. 26 Sept. 1936, buried Gilbert Cemetery, m. 19 May 1896 Sarah Itura IRVIN, b. 24 Sept. 1870, d. July 1943, buried Brock Cemetery, had issue, Clarence-9, Floyd-9, Virgil-9, Eula Mae-9 Gilbert.
909. Hannah Elizabeth Jane-8 Gilbert, b. 16 Feb. 1873, Parker County, TX, d. 1940 without issue, m. Frank PIESTER who died 12 Feb. 1935, buried Fairview Cemetery east of Milsap, TX.
910. Singleton Sylvester-8 Gilbert, b. 11 March 1874, Parker County, d. 6 March 1940, buried Ford-Gilbert Cemetery, m. Melinda Bell JUSTICE, b. 24 March 1880, d. age 23, 11 Sept. 1903 leaving 3 issue; married

- second Norma McKINNEY, b. 3 Jan. 1885, d. 9 Feb. 1933, had five issue: Elizabeth-9; Laura-9; Gladdis-9; Lester-9; Rayburn-9; Wilson-9; Malcom-9; and Winola-9 Gilbert.
911. Martha Linnie-8 Gilbert, b. 3 Jan. 1875, d. 22 Aug. 1934 in Palo Pinto County, buried Soda Springs Cemetery, m. Quincey IRVIN, b. 1865, d. March 1946, had issue: Inez-9; Louis-9; Elmo-9; Frank-9; and Elizabeth-9 Irwin.
912. Reuben Franklin-8 Gilbert, b. 27 June 1877, d. 25 Nov. 1941, buried Poe Prairie Cemetery, m. Cornealie STEPHENS from GA.
913. Thomas Taylor-8 Gilbert, b. 12 Dec. 1878, d. 28 Feb. 1959, buried Fairview Cemetery, southeast of Milsap; m. 24 June 1900 Conner Allie ROBERTS, b. 13 Nov. 1884, d. 28 Sept. 1968, had issue: Grace-9, who wrote "THE BEARDENS FROM GEORGIA", from which much of this information is taken, m. (?) SMITH. Grace-9's siblings are: Pauline-9; Allie Irene-9; Thomas Louis-9; Velma Mae-9; George Leonard-9; Oscar Leadmore-9; and Jessee Lee-9 Gilbert.
914. Rosa-8 Gilbert, b. 1880, d. 21 May 1881.
915. Joel Almoth-8 Gilbert, b. 24 March 1882, d. 29 May 1950, buried Gilbert Cemetery, m. Dora WALKER from Georgia who d. 14 July 1936, issue: Odie Franklin-9; Sylvester-9; and Almoth Hudson-9 Gilbert.
916. Melissa-8 Gilbert, b. 10 Oct. 1883, d. 1897.
917. Newton-8 Gilbert, b. 10 Oct. 1885, d. 1888.
918. Lora Ann-8 Gilbert, b. 11 March 1887, d. 16 May 1935, Dobb's Valley, buried Dobb's Valley South Cemetery, south of Mineral Wells; m. 18 Oct. 1903, Lavel Buck PIESTER, b. 14 Jan. 1880, d. 4 May 1956, buried beside wife; had issue: Banna-9; Theopa-9; DeLavel-9; J. B.-9; Benjamin-9; Mary Lee-9; Daniel B-9; Lucille-9; and Gloria Ann-9 Piester.
919. Rhoda-8 Gilbert, b. 7 June 1889 in Parker County, TX, d. there Jan. 1931, m. James STACY, b. 8 Jan. 1877, d. 21 Oct. 1931, buried Gilbert Cemetery, Milsap, TX, issue: Homer-9; Howard-9; Dorothy-9; Jessee-9; Willard-9; Marjorie Lee-9 and Robert Mitchell-9 Stacy.

387. Reuben-7 Bearden (Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2

John-1?), seventeenth and youngest issue by his two (or three) wives, and thirteenth issue by his last marriage to Jain JORDAN/JOURDAN, b. 25 Feb. 1852, Amicalola Creek District, Lumpkin County, GA, d. 17 Feb. 1921, buried East Side Cemetery, Santo, Palo Pinto County, TX. Reuben-7 m. 8 Dec. 1875 to Theodocia NICHOLS, b. 5 July 1857, d. 9 Oct. 1904, buried East Side Cemetery with Beardens in Santo, TX. Reuben-7 had known issue:

920. Margaret-8 Bearden b. 1870, Parker County, TX, m. Charley ABBOTT.
921. Edward-8 Bearden, b. about 1871, m. Emmett COX.
922. Rosa-8 Bearden, b. about 1873, m. Mark LANGLEY.
923. Thomas Pinkney-8 Bearden, b. 1875-1880, Parker County, TX. His wife is unknown but he had known issue: Fabian Pinckney-9; Frank Fabian-9; and Taber-9 Bearden.
924. Joel Albert Tyson-8 Bearden, fifth and possibly youngest issue of Reuben-7 and his wife, Theodocia (NICHOLS), b. 21 April 1884, Santo, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 15 Jan. 1919 in Duran, NM, railroad accident, buried East Side Cemetery, Santo, TX. Joel A. T.-8 worked for the railroad and after a tragic accident, he stayed and helped get trapped people out. He got wet as it was raining and cold and he caught pneumonia and died from it. He m. 1913, probably in Santo, TX to Eva Mae HICKS, born 1897, Elizabethton, KY and died 1957 in childbirth, in MS, the daughter of John Hicks. Joel Albert Tyson-8 had known issue: Joel Albert Tyson-9 Jr., b. 22 June 1914, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 16 Oct. 1984 at Palm Harbor, Pinellos County, FL, buried Sandy Springs, Fulton County, GA, m. 20 Oct. 1931, Cordele, Crisp County, GA to Buna Hope WATSON, b. 14 Oct. 1911, Florence, SC, living in Fulton County, GA in 1988, the daughter of Samuel Messer and Margaret (SMITH) WATSON. Joel A. T.-9 was an engineer by occupation and a member of the Baptist Church. He often took his family to north Georgia for vacations in the same area where his grandparents had migrated from in 1859-1860. He had known issue: Buna Joel-10 Bearden, b. 7 Nov. 1934, Cordele, Crisp County, GA, m. 24 June 1954, Atlanta, GA to Ronald Joseph MALOOF, b. 29 Aug. 1934, Sisversville, WV, the son of John Ackle and Helen Joyce (CASSIS) Maloof, members of the Episcopalian Church. Buna Joel-10 was a teacher before marriage while Ronald

served in the U. S. Army and now is an engineer, living in Acworth, Georgia. Buna Joel-10 and Ronald had issue:

- a. Mark Albert-11 Maloof, b. 27 Dec. 1955, Atlanta, Fulton County, GA, m. 18 Aug. 1978, Cullman, AL to Cynthia Claire RICHARD who was b. on 18 Aug. 1958 in Cullman, AL.
- b. Melissa Annicia-11 Maloof, was b. on 24 Dec. 1964 in Atlanta, GA and works there for a television station.

D. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 101 ROWLAND-6 AND ELIZABETH (HARDIGE) BEARDEN

394. John Kimsey/Kinsey-7 Bearden (Rowland-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), same first name which has been carried down in this family, Person No. 1305 for example. Subject was known as Reverend "Kim" and was b. on 7 Oct. 1829. Mrs. Sewell of Daughters of 1812, Georgia State Registrar General, says John Kimsey-7 was born 11 April 1829, Habersham County, GA and died on 22 March 1915. He is buried beside his wife who he m. on 28 Jan. 1852 in Lumpkin County, GA, Mary Ann Missouri WATERS, who was born on 3 Aug. 1830 and died on 5 Nov. 1925, buried in the Waters section of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Dawsonville, Dawson County, GA.

The forename of Kimsey, used frequently in the Bearden family, denotes a connection to the early Kimsey family of Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia. This forename is found in the Bearden family as early as the first federal census of the United States taken 1790 in South Carolina and is found with continued frequency in north Georgia.

John K.-7 served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, Company F., 65th Regiment. His military and pension files can be obtained from the National Archives, Military Service Branch (NNMS), Washington, DC 20408. John Kimsey-7 had issue, all born in Dawson County, GA (Mrs. Joseph Asbury (Bearden) Sewell's Daughters of 1812 application as copied by the Georgia State Registrar General, Mrs. J. E. Wilke, Clarksville, GA, application approved 12 March 1927):

925. Asbury-8 Bearden, b. 1859, Dawson County, GA, single and living there in Houser Hotel on 1880 United States census.
926. Theresa Ann-8 Bearden, known as "Thursa" Ann, b. 1861, reported to have married her cousin, John-8 COCHRAN, son of No. 397, Elizabeth-7 BEARDEN, the latter who married as his second wife to Francis M. COCHRAN.
927. William B.-8 Bearden, b. 1862.
928. Julia-8 Bearden, b. 1865, m. 23 April 1888, Dawson County, GA to J. B. MELARD.
929. Martha-8 Bearden, called "Mattie", b. about 1866-1870, d. 12 Sept. 1936, buried with tombstone inscription, Holly Springs Cemetery, Cobb County, GA, m. 2 Sept. 1886, Dawson County, to Charley L. SOMMER-OUR. No issue.
930. Missouri Adeline-8 Bearden, b. according to her Daughters of 1812 application, in 1875 in Dawson County, GA (application made 1927 from Dawson County, GA), the date and place of her death unknown. She married 12 Dec. 1887, Dawson County, to Reverend Joseph Asbury SEWELL/SEWALL (Sewell family under Person No. 1020, George Washington-8 Bearden).
931. Amilda Hannah-8 Bearden, b. about 1875-1880, m. 29 Oct. 1899, Dawson County, to J. Porter "Jap" CHESTER. *There are many Bearden marriages in north Georgia with the Chester family.*
932. Florida-8 Bearden, m. as his second wife, 5 Oct. 1877, Dawson County, to Daniel FOWLER, b. 24 Sept. 1836, d. 5 Dec. 1896. Florida-8 had one known issue: Daniel-9 Fowler Jr., m. Eula GROGAN and had one unknown son who lives in the old home place near Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, Dawsonville, GA.

399. Nelson Franklin-7 Bearden (Rowland-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), b. on 23 May 1838, Amicalola Creek District, Lumpkin County, GA, d. on 23 Oct. 1890,

Dawson County, murdered in Nimberville, by George Burns. Nelson-7 m. on 24 March 1859, Gilmer County, to Rachel STONE, who was born on 31 Jan. 1844, Gilmer County, GA, died on 8 Feb. 1929, Dawson County, the daughter of John and Nancy (CHASTAIN) Stone (Marriage Book 2, Pg. 158). Rachel is the daughter of John Stone, of the Jacob-6 Bearden will, and the granddaughter of Jonathan Chastain, both of Gilmer County, the latter owning Cartecay Valley from the Samuel D. Allen place up stream, and gave the land where Ebenezer Baptist Church now stands. Rachel (STONE) Bearden and her brother, Benjamin C. Stone, are listed in their parents' household on the 1850 census of Gilmer County. Benjamin C. Stone and his wife, Louisa Isebel Stone, the latter born 1852 and died 1929, are both buried in the Ebenezer Church Cemetery with the Beardens.

The New Hope Baptist Church records (under Persons No. 43 and 99), which is near Dawsonville in Dawson County, GA, says Nelson F.-8 Bearden was "kild by George Burns" (so spelled) and the older people of Gilmer and Dawson County have verified this information. Nelson F.-7 Bearden was called on to chastise George Burns, this verified by the church minutes where he is written up as active from 1860 through 1889. Nelson Franklin-7 had known issue:

- *933. John Kimsey-8 Bearden, b. 1860, m. Sarah Ann MINCEY.
- 934. Samuel-8 Bearden, b. 1862, m. Martha "Mattie" BENNETT.
- 935. Nelson Franklin-8 Bearden Jr., b. 31 Oct. 1864, Dawson County, d. 26 Jan. 1897, buried New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, m. Julianne HARBON/HARBEN.
- 936. Rowland Cicero-8 Bearden, b. 15 March 1868 (some sources give 15 April 1869), d. 11 Dec. 1933, buried Dawsonville City Cemetery with cemetery inscription. He married at an unknown time and place to Etta G. GILLELAND and had issue, born in Dawson County, GA:
 - a. Maude Ruth-9 Bearden, b. 10 July 1898, m. 1917 to Millard PARK/S.
 - b. Rachel M.-9 Bearden, b. 20 Oct. 1900, married 1920, to Walter J. PARK/S. Rachel M.-9 is reported to be the retired postmistress of Dawsonville, Georgia and was still living in 1983.
 - c. Emma L.-9 Bearden, b. 18 Aug. 1902, m. Dallas R. HALL.
 - d. Joseph R.-9 Bearden, b. 4 Jan. 1904, d. 4 Dec. 1948, Dawsonville, Dawson County, GA, m. Maggie LOOPER.
 - e. James Andrew-9 Bearden, b. 20 May 1905, d. 9 Oct. 1966, Dawsonville, GA, m. Helen STEEL and the Beardens there say their historic home stands across from the post office in Dawsonville.
 - f. Raymond Peter-9 Bearden, b. 30 May 1910, d. 24 Sept. 1974 of cancer, Dawsonville, GA, m. Wynell CRAWFORD, a widow.
 - g. Infant-9 Bearden, b. 21 Sept. 1911, d. 30 Sept. 1911.
 - h. Edna J.-9 Bearden, b. 24 Sept. 1912, d. 30 May 1976 of cancer, Dawsonville, GA.
 - i. Lamar B.-9 Bearden, b. 20 Nov. 1914, d. 15 Nov. 1941, Dawsonville, GA.
 - j. Aline-9 Bearden, b. 5 Dec. 1918, living 1985, m. 1947 to James HULSEY. One grandson-11 married Balinda CHESTER, daughter of Lafayette B. Chester Jr. and his wife Susie ARRENDALE.
- 937. William Joseph-8 Bearden, fifth issue of Nelson F.-7 and his wife Rachel (Stone) Bearden, b. 17 Dec. 1871, d. 26 Sept. 1911, Dawson County, GA, m. Ezalier SATTERFIELD (m. second Ezalier RIDER?).
- 938. James Monroe-8 Bearden, b. 31 Oct. 1874, d. 30 July 1950, Dawson County, GA, buried Dawsonville City Cemetery, m. 12 Nov. 1899, Dawson County to Ruth L. WEAVER, b. 2 March 1881, Dawson County, d. 16 March 1963, Dawsonville, GA. Issue, Bearden, born Dawson County, GA:
 - a. Sarah-9 Bearden, b. 1 Sept. 1900, m. 1922, Clarence REECE, divorced, no children.
 - b. Flora-9 Bearden, b. 8 April 1903, m. 1927 to Silvey HARBEN/HARBIN.
 - c. Lula-9 Bearden, b. 15 April 1905, m. Sherman HARBIN, brother to Silvey.
 - d. Benjamin Franklin-9 Bearden, b. 2 Aug. 1907, d. 15 Oct. 1977, Dawsonville, GA, m. Lela (Trammel) Christian, b. 1909, widow of (?) Christian, had issue: Benjamin Franklin-10 Bearden Jr., married Teresa A.-11 CHESTER, b. 28 March 1949, Dawson County, GA, daughter of Benjamin Earl-10 and Inell (GREENAWAY) Chester (under Person No. 1896, Benjamin Earl-10). Benjamin F.-10 Jr. had known issue: Brent-11 and Bryan-11 Bearden who own and operate a grocery store in Forsyth County, GA.
 - e. Artie-9 Bearden, b. 8 July 1909, m. Earnest BURT/BIRT.
 - f. Bunyan-9 Bearden, b. 17 Dec. 1911, m. Ila Mae TRAMMELL, sister of Lela who married his brother, Benjamin F.-9 Bearden, one unknown daughter.

- g. Vonetta-9 Bearden, b. 28 March 1914, m. Grady PARK/S.
 h. Milton Samuel-9 Bearden, b. 17 March 1917, d. 2 Nov. 1940, Dawson County, GA (car accident).
 i. Paulene-9 Bearden, b. 2 Nov. 1919, m. Lloyd YOUNG and had an unknown son and daughter. Paulene-9 and her family are well known gospel singers in the Dawson County area of Georgia.
 j. Malcom-9 Bearden, b. 19 Oct. 1922, m. Gladys ROWLAND and had no issue.
 939. Coleman-8 Bearden, b. 10 Nov. 1876, d. unmarried on 13 Feb. 1897, buried Dawsonville City Cemetery.
 940. Newton-8 Bearden, b. 8 Jan. 1879, d. 10 Oct. 1950, buried Dawsonville City Cemetery.
 941. Eliza-8 Bearden married Kenyon MINCEY, unknown.

E. FIVE CHILDREN OF NO. 107 WILLIBY-6 AND SARAH (PEAK/PEEK) BEARDEN

413. William Clark-7 Bearden (Williby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of Williby-6 and Sarah (Peak) Bearden, b. 1829, Hall County, GA, d. in the 1863 Civil War battle of Franklin County, TN (CSA, 6th Georgia Cav.); m. 22 June 1854, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA (Marriage Book 2, 1852-1875, Pg. 53), to Neatty Adeline DAVIS (niece gives middle initial as "C.") who was b. on 18 May 1836 in Gilmer County, GA and d. there after 1900, buried in the Ellijay City Cemetery. Neatty is the daughter of Milton (lived with Neatty's family in 1880, age 95, b. SC) and Rebecca (BURNETT) Davis and the sister of Sophia Davis who married before 1840 to Seaborn HOLT and they are the great grandparents of Winney (RACKLEY) LOGAN (under Person No. 96). Neatty and Sophia are the siblings of Eliza Ann who married Peter FINCANNON; of Miles, John W, and Elizabeth DAVIS who married William Minster MATHIAS.

Neatty married second, Martin Van Buren TEAM/TEEM, b. 5 June 1842 and d. 19 Feb. 1907, buried Ellijay City Cemetery, the son of Israel and Jemima (Allen). Martin fought in the Civil War. After Neatty's death, Martin m. second to Alice V. REDMOND who d. on 20 March 1929. Martin was a prominent businessman in Ellijay where he owned and operated the Central Hotel. He and Neatty had issue, b. Ellijay, GA:

- (1) Jemima Team, b. 1868.
- (2) William M. Team, prominent doctor of Ellijay, GA.
- (3) Israel Martin Van Buren Team.
- (4) Neatty Rosa Team who died young.
- (5) Hershhal V. Team, killed in World War I.
- (6) Ansel Team may be the oldest child of Neatty and Mr. Team, married Person No. 839, Manerva Telitha-8 ("Telethy") BEARDEN.
- (7) Ina Team, a prominent citizen of Ellijay, GA.

Seaborn HOLT who married Sophia DAVIS, older sister of Neatty A. Davis, is listed as the head of household on the 1850 federal census of Gilmer County, GA, born 1806 and Sophia b. 1823, both b. in SC. The relationship of Seaborn HOLT to Sarah HOLT of SC, who married there in 1820 to Person No. 153, Enoch-6 BEARDEN, has not been researched by the writer.

William Davis, relationship not searched, wrote the letter in 1836 from McNairy County, TN, to the Pension Department in Washington, DC, on behalf of Person No. 43, Richard P.-5 Bearden.

Seaborn and Sophia (DAVIS) HOLT had issue:

- (1) Hassell Cantrell Holt, born 1830, married Cynthia JONES and they are listed on the 1870 Census of DeKalb Tennessee.
- (2) William Holt.
- (3) James Holt.
- (4) Rebecca Ann Holt, born 1838, Gilmer County, GA, m. William Edward RACKLEY and they are the parents of Winney (RACKLEY) Logan of Ellijay, GA (under Person No. 96).

- (5) John M. Holt was born in 1840 and married Person No. 958, Savannah-8 BEARDEN, granddaughter of both Person No. 107, Williby-6 and Sarah (PEEK) Bearden, and of Williby-6's older sister, Person No. 97, Elizabeth-5 BEARDEN and her husband, Jacob CANTRELL.
Savanna-8 and her husband, John M. Holt, had known issue, among others: Lura Imogene-9 HOLT who m. the person compiled herein as No. 969, Johnny C. Brackett-8 BEARDEN.
- (6) Miles Holt, sixth issue of Seaborn and Sophia HOLT.
- (7) Milton Holt, b. 1860-1870 in Gilmer County, GA.

Winney (RACKLEY) is also the granddaughter of Isaac Webster Rackley, who was a nephew of Neatty Adeline (C.?) (DAVIS) BEARDEN-TEEM. Winney often heard her grandfather, Isaac Webster Rackley, who was in the Civil War with the subject, William Clark-7 Bearden and his brother-in-law, Peter FinCannon, tell the story of the terrible battle of Franklin, Tennessee in which Isaac W. Rackley was injured by a bullet through his shoulder which went down and penetrated and fragmented his breast bone and put him out of commission for the rest of the war.

He was captured, spent some time in the hospital and then sent to a prisoner-of-war camp in Ohio for the duration. He had an eye witness view and told of the tragic deaths of his young uncles by marriage, William Clark-7 Bearden and Peter FinCannon. William Clark-7 was killed on 7 Nov. 1864, in that terrible battle, in a heroic effort to retrieve the wounded body of his brother-in-law, Peter FinCannon, who was then captured by the Union soldiers and died in a Union prisoner-of-war camp in Ohio, more from heartbreak than from his wounds.

Neatty A. (DAVIS) Bearden, within the year 1864, is appointed guardian of the minor children of William Clark-7 Bearden, late of Gilmer County, GA (Gilmer County Court Minutes, Ordinary Book 1, 1856-1877, Pg. 179), who in life was called a "forty-niner" because he made lots of money and accumulated vast properties in his short thirty-four years of life before the Civil War broke out. He had issue (buried from the Church of God, Ellijay, GA):

942. Joseph Brown-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 13 Dec. 1855, Ellijay, GA, d. 7 Oct. 1909, Ellijay, GA where he was a prominent physician. Joseph-8 m. on 17 Nov. 1894 (Marriage Book 4, Pg. 47, 1893-1907), Ellijay, GA to Myra FELL/FALL, b. 1874, d. 1942, may be the daughter of Dr. Gilbert E. L. Fall of Morganton, Fannin County (tombstone inscriptions, Ellijay City Cemetery). Listed 1900 census, Gilmer County, GA, married six years, with issue Annie L., b. Apr. 1897. In 1910 they have Annie and Melaneis, b. 1897 and 1901.
943. James M.-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 13 Dec. 1855, Ellijay, GA, d. about 1910 in Ellijay where he was a prominent, distinguished physician and a good citizen. He m. 31 March, 1899 in Ellijay to Ester WILBANKS (Marriage Book 4, 1893-1907, Pg. 148), b. 1877, d. 1943, both buried Ellijay Cemetery with inscriptions. Listed 1900 census, Ellijay, GA, married two years, with issue Elsie, b. Jan. 1900. In 1910 his widow, Ester Bearden, has five children: H. Elsie, b. 1900; Katie A, b. 1901; Charles J., b. 1903; Susan Ruth, b. 1906; and John G., b. 1910.
944. Rebecca Annie-8 Bearden, b. 3 Sept. 1858, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA, d. 10 Oct. 1893, Ellijay, GA, buried City Cemetery with inscription. Annie-8 was a prominent leader of society and a good citizen of Gilmer County. She m. 27 Oct. 1881, Ellijay, Georgia, to S. F. McLAIN (Book 3, Pg. 137).

414. Lydia-7 Bearden (Williby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of Williby-6 and Sarah (Peak) Bearden, b. 1825-1830 in Hall/Habersham County, GA, d. after 1900 in the Diamond District of Gilmer County, GA. Lydia-7 married on 20 Dec. 1841 in Gilmer County, GA to John HOLDEN who was born 1822 (1828?), reported to have been born in Hall County, GA and died in the Diamond District of Gilmer County, GA ("EARLY GEORGIA MARRIAGE ROUNDUP"). John was the son of Uriah and Rhoda Holden, Uriah the twin brother of Ozias Holden, both born 1796-1798 in South Carolina. They were in Hall County, Georgia before 1822 and are called "natives of Gilmer County, Georgia".

Ozias Holden settled in the Cartecay District of Gilmer County about 1831, his home site overlooking the Cartecay River. His home is the second house from the river toward Ellijay. He was across the river from John ELL-

INGTON. On 16 July 1842, he "joined" the Ebenezer Baptist Church and lived and worshipped in this location until after the Civil War. He and his family were widely admired for their hospitality and good citizenship. His first wife was Mary (?) and he married second a Mrs. NEAL who survived her husband by many years as did their son, Robert Holden.

Both Uriah and his twin brother, Ozias Holden, are listed on the 1850 federal census of Gilmer County, GA (Census Nos. 918 and 402, by Taylor Foundation as noted). Uriah has issue in 1850: Andrew, Asbury and Nelson Holden, born 1829 to 1837 in Georgia. Living in his household is Cecelia WRIGHT, born 1842 in Georgia. Ozias Holden had issue in 1850: Lavada M. Holden, b. 1829 in Georgia. "Vada" married Reverend W. W. (Walter Webb Sr.?) FINDLEY prior to 1860 but after 1850. This family migrated from Gilmer County prior to 1870, going to Willow Springs, MO with a party consisting of eleven families in twenty wagons and others on horseback. Some of the experiences on this trek across country are related in an old letter written more than one hundred and thirty years ago. This letter is addressed to Lavada Holden's sister, as revealed by its contents and lay forgotten in an old trunk for many generations in the Diamond District of Gilmer County.

The writer is greatly indebted to Mrs. W. B. JAMES, whose maiden name was HOLDEN, and her daughter, Miss Frances JAMES of Gilmer County, and to Mr. George Gordon WARD who has transcribed this letter verbatim in "ANNALS OF UPPER GEORGIA CENTERED IN GILMER COUNTY", Pgs. 252-253. It is not felt a breach of faith to pass this genuine information on to the many descendants of this family:

"April 24, 1870

"Sim Valley

"Howell County, Missouri

"To Mary D. Holt

"Dear Sister,

"I take my pen in hand to let you know I am still in the land of the living, though many miles from you. Sis, I traveled 60 days. I crossed mountains, hills, rocks, large rivers, creeks, and branches. I came through towns and cities. I had snow, rain, hail and sleet more or less all the way here.

"I camped one week in this state on Creek. It rained on us all the time we stayed there. Water and mud were shoe-mouth deep. I came on to Mr. Williams in this State. I stayed in my tent for three days in the rain and snow. We were aiming to go to the Indian Nation or to Nebraska. We thought we would stop until spring, so Mr. Findley looked about and got a school house. We started to it through the snow, eight miles. There we stayed four weeks. Mr. Findley found a place that suited him. He went and bought it. He was gone two weeks. Sis, I slept and ate on the ground and floor over three months.

"Sis, I cannot tell you much about the country. I have been here four months. I have not been out of sight of my house but one time since I have been here. From what I can see and learn, the land is good and productive as anyone need to want. It lies in hills and valleys. The hills are rocky and covered with grass and black jack. There is some other timber.

"The valleys are the good land. Running water is scarce. There are several good springs at the head of this valley.

"I came through Tennessee, Kentucky, and Illinois to Howell County in this State. I think I like here better than any place I have been since I left Georgia. When I first got here, I thought it was no place for me. I think I will be satisfied if we can have our health.

"People look well here, and they tell us it is healthy here. We have good well water. It washes well. I don't think I will lack for water. Some have to haul water in summer here. They are careless about their wells in this country. They will dig one and throw some poles over it and let it stand for years. There is a better chance to get a good home here than in Georgia. Land is cheaper and a chance to enter a homestead.

"Sis, our place is bad out of fix. There is a heap of work to do. The land is not much to clear, shrubs off the largest bushes and hitch two or three yoke of oxen to a large plow and tear it all to smash. We have a good chance for a crop. It was dry here last year. The drought was from Georgia here.

"Sis, I want you to write to me what kind of weather you had on Saturday before Easter Sunday. It snowed all day here and was very cold. Our fruit is all killed here.

"Sis, I must tell something about my children. I have got a pretty baby as you ever saw. It is seven weeks old. Its name is Alfred Webb. The rest is all well and growing fast. Sam has grown and is as well as I ever saw him at this season of the year. They send you howdy. I am not very stout, though improving.

"Sis, I want you to read this letter to all the rest of my brothers and sisters. I want you all to go to old Ebenezer Church to Meeting and to visit those graves. Look at my baby's for me, as I never saw it. I never shall forget that place. Notice my little cedars and write to me how they all look.

"Ann, I want you and Jim to write. John, you and Lou write. Bob, I want you to write how you are getting along and what you have done with the Neals. Tell Taylor and Columbus to write. Now don't fail. It is all the pleasure I ever expect to enjoy in this life with any of you without a mere accident. Sis, read it to all the connections of Ticanetly. I want them all to write. Give me all the news of your country. Give my love to all enquiring friends. Now Sis, I want you and John to write. Don't fail. I have not heard a word from you since I left. So I close. Farewell to Mary D. Holt and John. Lavada M. Findley".

"John Holt, Esq.

"Dear Brother and Sister,

"This leaves us all well; hope you all are the same. This is Vady's letter. You will have enough to do to read it. I want you all to write. Give my love to all enquiring friends. Tell them I am well satisfied with my new country. I have a good chance for a crop of corn. Write soon and often, tell all connections to write.

"Your brother and sister till death. Farewell. Rev. W. W. Findley and Lavada M. F."

Reverend W. W. (Walter Webb) Findley is a relative of Walter Webb Findley of "The Fight at Double Head Gap: A Court Case", 1870-1890, Fannin and Gilmer County, where Walter Webb and Person No. 355, Andrew Jackson-7 Bearden are involved together. Rev. W. W. and Lavada (HOLDEN) Findley, named one son Alfred WEBB Findley.

William Holden is the second issue of Ozias and Mary Holden, born 1830 in Alabama; John Holden, third issue of Ozias, born 1831, Georgia, married Lou (?); Sarah A. Holden, born 1836; James Holden, born 1838; Lewis Holden, born 1842; Mary A. D. Holden, seventh or eighth issue of Ozias and Mary Holden was born 1844 in Gilmer County, GA and married John HOLT, who was born 1840 in Gilmer County, son of Seaborn and Sophia (DAVIS) Holt, great grandparents of Winney (RACKLEY) Logan (under Person No. 96).

The writer is repetitious in an explanation of the intermarriages as Seaborn and Sophia (DAVIS) Holt's issue included Rebecca Ann HOLT who married William Edward RACKLEY, the parents of Winney (RACKLEY) Logan and John M. Holt who married Person No. 958, Savannah-8 BEARDEN. John M. and Savannah-8 (BEARDEN) HOLT had, among other issue, Lura Imogene-9 HOLT who married Person No. 969, John C. B.-8 BEARDEN. COUSINS BY THE DOZENS!!!

Robert A. Holden was the eighth or ninth issue of Ozias and Mary Holden, born 1848 Gilmer County, GA, one of the survivors of his father's death there. Mr. Ward says his children included Lester, B. S., and Fletcher Holden, the latter once a teacher in Gilmer County.

Back to the subject, Lydia-7 BEARDEN who married John HOLDEN who was a minister of the Gospel in 1854 for the Tickanetley and New Liberty Baptist Churches of Gilmer County. John and Lydia-7 are listed first in their own household on the 1850 and 1860 federal census of Gilmer County with the following issue, all born Gilmer County, GA:

945. Uriah-8 Holden, b. 1844.

946. Elizabeth-8 Holden, b. 1845.

947. Rhoda-8 Holden, b. 1846.

948. Lydia-8 Holden, b. 1848.

949. Richard-8 Holden, b. 1850's.

950. Cicero-8 Holden, b. 1850's.

951. Andrew Jackson-8 Holden, b. 1850's.

952. Willard-8 C. Holden, b. 1860's, d. 23 April, 1960, Gilmer County, GA (Mr. Ward "ANNALS OF UPPER GEORGIA", Pg. 251).

417. Richard Granser-7 Bearden (Williby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth issue of Williby-6 and Sarah (PEAK) Bearden, b. 9 Nov., 1835, Tail's Creek, Gilmer County, GA, d. 27 Dec. 1891 on almost identical spot where he was born; m. 31 May 1860, Ellijay, Gilmer County, to his cousin, Sarah Adeline-7 CANTRELL, daughter of Person No. 97, Elizabeth-6 BEARDEN and her husband Jacob CANTRELL (Marriage Book 2, Pg. 172). Both are buried with tombstones in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery in Gilmer County.

Richard G.-7 served in the Civil War (CSA) and is the ancestor of many of the family who are still in Gilmer County. Two of his grandchildren are Alma (BEARDEN) FORRESTER of Ellijay, GA; and Vernon WEST who lives near Ebenezer Baptist Church in Gilmer County, both of whom attended the dedication services when the tombstones were erected for the old soldiers of the Revolutionary and the War of 1812 in Dawson and Gilmer Counties, GA respectively (Person No. 43, Richard-5 BEARDEN and Person No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden).

Richard G.-7 and Sarah Adeline-7 are first cousins and their children are the double descent of No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden (people often married their cousins). Richard G.-7 Bearden is listed 1860 census, Gilmer County, GA, subdivision 33, Pg. 120, No. 259/844, Ellijay, 1870 census, subdivision 55, No. 189/189, Ellijay, 1880 census Cartecay District, G.M.D. 932, No. 138/138. His widow is listed 1900, Gilmer County, Alto District, No. 224/224 with eleven children, nine living, parents b. SC. They had issue, born Gilmer County, GA, as given by descent and not in order:

953. William Barton-8 Bearden, b. 1861, d. 3 Jan. 1875, (drowned).

*954. John Cicero-8 Bearden, m. 22 Nov. 1886, Neatta Joann OSBORN.

955. Georgia C.-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 27 April 1866, Licklog, Gilmer County, GA, d. 13 June 1948, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA; m. 19 March 1884, Gilmer County, to Joseph L. WEST (Marriage Book 3, Pg. 220). The Licklog Post Office was located about two miles east of the present day Ebenezer Baptist Church on Highway 52. The first postmaster and postmistress here were Joseph L. and Georgia C. (BEARDEN) West. There was a school named Alto next door to the Licklog Post Office.

Mr. Lawrence L. Stanley, who researched, wrote and published "A LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA", remembers some of the issue of Georgia C.-8 BEARDEN: Western-9, Effie-9, Emma-9 and Ben-9 WEST who lived in the vicinity of this old post office and the Alto School.

Vernon-10 West of a rural route near Ellijay is the grandson of Georgia-9 and Joe West. Vernon-10 took his jeep into the now timbered and rugged country where Jacob-6 Bearden's (Person No. 96) grave is located and helped restore the stone wall around the grave. The lumbermen had torn some of it down. Alma-9 (BEARDEN) Forrester has distinct memories as a child of her father and grandfather farming the old Jacob-6 Bearden "home place", until it was sold in the 1950's. She was taught to respect her Uncle Jacob's (known as "Uncle Zackie") final resting place and kept the weeds and grass mowed from around the old stone wall which enclosed his remains.

956. Sarah Josephine-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 27 April 1866, d. 20 March 1943, buried in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, m. on 1 Feb. 1888 in Gilmer County to John Webb FINDLEY. Her issue is untraced with exception of: William-9 Findley who m. his cousin Lillie-9 CANTRELL (under Person No. 97, Elizabeth-6 Bearden).

*957. James Clark-8 Bearden, b. 1 March 1870, d. 6 Sept. 1932, m. 10 Oct. 1891, Lenora E. "Nora" RALSTON.

958. Savannah L.-8 Bearden, b. 1868-1872, m. 11 Dec. 1886 in Gilmer County to John M. HOLT (Marriage Book 3, Pg. 303), sibling of Rebecca Ann HOLT who married William Edward RACKLEY, these latter who were the parents of Winnie (RACKLEY) Logan. Savannah-8's issue is untraced with exception of: Lura Emmogene-9 HOLT who m. Person No. 969, Johnny Chastain Brackett-8 BEARDEN.

959. Roxanne L.-8 "Roxey" Bearden, b. 1 May 1874, d. 31 Sept. 1959, buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, m. 4 Sept. 1891, Ellijay, GA to Miles SOUTHERN III or IV, born 15 Oct. 1868, Gilmer County (Marriage

Book 3, Pg. 507), brother or close relative to Mary L. SOUTHERN who married Person No. 856 Andrew Jackson-8 BEARDEN Jr. "Roxey"-8 d. on 31 March 1949, buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, having had issue:

a. Mance-9 SOUTHERN.

b. Price-9 SOUTHERN.

c. Casper-9 SOUTHERN, m. and had daughter, Murrill-10 who m. Clyde CHESTER who was killed in an automobile accident in Dawson County, leaving three issue. Murrill m. second her cousin, Mastene-9 BEARDEN and has children in Dawson County.

d. Lonnie-9 SOUTHERN.

960. Elizabeth E.-8 "Lizzie" Bearden (TWIN), b. 4 Oct. 1876 (1874 in census), m. 21 Feb. 1891, Gilmer County, GA, to Don A. MATTHIS/MATTHEWS (Marriage Book 3, Pg. 482).

961. Emma J.-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 4 Oct. 1876 (1878 in census), d. 7 Oct. 1963, buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, m. Junie Willis CHASTAIN.

962. Bartow-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1878, d. 1880, buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery.

963. Brownlow-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1878, d. 1889.

964. Lee Price-8 Bearden, b. Aug. 1883, d. 1952; m. 8 April 1914 in Ellijay, GA to Hattie SOUTHERN, of the Miles Southern III family (Marriage Book 5, Pg. 184, Gilmer County, GA). He served in World War II from Gilmer County and is buried with tombstone inscription in the Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery.

The 1880 census also lists a William F.-8, b. April 1880.

418. Rowland-7 Bearden (Williby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), William Rowland on tombstone but his descent say the tombstone was erected belatedly and his name was never given that way before. He was known as "Roll" and "Roll Hill", b. 1837-1843 on Tail's Creek in Gilmer County, GA, d. there on 15 Aug. 1897 and buried beside his wife in the New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery (Company E, 8th Batt'n. Georgia Infantry, Civil War, CSA).

The story of "Roll"'s death varies, according to who it is heard from in Gilmer County. After hearing several variations, this writer supposes there was a very real controversy, maybe in doctrine, when the New Liberty Baptist Church was organized by "Roll"-7's brother-in-law, the minister of the Gospel, John HOLDEN.

Mr. Jesse Ambrose LOCKABY had married Sarah Frances WADDELL and had numerous daughters, one of whom was Alice who had married "Roll"-7's son, Benjamin Logan-8 BEARDEN. Mr. Lockaby was much opposed to his wife and daughters attending the New Liberty Church, saying, "I will go to any of the community churches with you but I will not go to New Liberty, for my enemies are there".

After this, Mrs. Lockaby and two of the daughters went to New Liberty and "joined" the church. They had no clothes there for baptism, so "Roll"-7 and his son, B. Logan-8 Bearden went to the Lockaby home where a fight took place. B. Logan-8 Bearden told his children that he and his father "Roll", were getting the best of Mr. Lockaby, who had a government still of whiskey on his place, when Mr. Lockaby pulled his pocket knife and made one stroke at "Roll", hitting his jugular vein, and consequently "Roll" fell and bled to death in a matter of minutes. Benjamin Logan-8 was only 24 years old and strong enough that he proceeded to try to revenge his father. After being knocked to the ground several times, Mr. Lockaby ran for the mountains behind his house. B. Logan-8 picked up the largest and roughest rock he could find and when Mr. Lockaby looked back, the rock struck him in the face, breaking his jaw.

Another version was told and taped in 1983 by Mr. Arthur CLAYTON, a 98 year old man and an old-timer in Gilmer County, who was born there in 1885. Mr. Clayton said, "Roll and his boy Logan was hitting Lockaby with rocks, you could see the bones in his face. Roll and Logan backed him into a corner and Roll came close enough that Lockaby took his knife and cut his throat. I saw the law bringing Mr. Lockaby down the road in a hack. His face was cut up and blood all in his long beard. School turned out for Roll's funeral and the hill at church was covered with people."

So it is that to this day, some of "Roll's" grandchildren tell the story of how their maternal grandfather killed their paternal grandfather, with whiskey no doubt playing a role.

Mr. Lockaby was not convicted because they were on his property but lawyers took all his worldly goods defending him. He died in 1904, attempting to retrieve a man who had passed out from gas in a newly dug well. He succeeded in saving the man but was so overcome by the gas that he died in the well.

"Roll"-7 married Rebecca Ann MATHIS/MATTHIAS/MATTHEWS, who was b. 1844 in Gilmer County and d. 15 Jan. 1891 near the New Liberty Church and Cemetery, located on the line between Gilmer and Fannin Counties. Rebecca Ann is the close relative of Sophia Davis who married Seaborn HOLT, Neatty A. Davis who married William Clark-7 BEARDEN and Eliza Ann Davis who married Peter FINCANNON, and all the descent of William Minter and Elizabeth (DAVIS) MATTHIS/MATTHEWS and grandchildren of Milton and Rebecca (BURNETT) Davis.

The New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery is located near the Post Office and country store called Protection, Georgia. This store was owned by Nelse Cochran who was the postmaster there for several years. Nelse Cochran's death was caused when he was shot to death in the doorway of the post office by his son-in-law. His son, Riley Cochran, became the postmaster and served for more than twenty years ("A LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY", Pg. 27).

Rowland-7 had issue from 1860-1900 census, Gilmer County GA (copies of all in possession of writer):

965. Jefferson Davis-8 Bearden, b. March 1860-1861, m. 29 March 1884, Gilmer County, Cordelia BURRELL (Marr. Book 3, p. 218), b. 13 Nov. 1866, both buried Noonday Cemetery, Cobb County, GA. Jefferson Davis-8 had issue in 1900: Allie A.-9 b. March 1886; Clinton-9 b. Nov. 1888; Roland-9 b. Oct. 1892; Clifford-9 b. Oct. 1893; Bartley-9 b. Dec. 1897; and Cuthbert-9 b. Feb. 1900.
966. John Wheeler-8 Bearden, b. 1 Oct. 1865, Gilmer County, m. 1886 to Sarah WEST (Marriage Book 3, Pg. 301, Gilmer County GA), b. 1866, Gilmer County, J. Wheeler-8 d. 29 Dec. 1937, Bartow County, GA, buried Wofford Crossroads Church. Wheeler-8 was reared in the belief and practice of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, but in 1889, he was brought before the church and chastised for having a party in his home (church minutes, in possession of Winney LOGAN, Gilmer County, GA).
- *967. Rosalie "Rose"-8 Bearden, m. 3 Oct. 1884, James Willis "Dock" BURNETT/E, more later.
- *968. Benjamin Logan-8 Bearden, m. 22 Feb. 1892, Alice Tina LOCKABY and had twelve issue; m. second July 1917, Mary Suzanne CRAIG and had seven more issue.

419. Bluford F.-7 "Bluff" Bearden (Williby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 10 May 1839-1842 on Tail's Creek, Gilmer County, GA, d. there 10 Dec. 1889 (20 Dec. on tombstone), buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, m. 24 Aug. 1865 in Gilmer County, Sarah Jane STONE (Marriage Bk. 2, Pg. 200), b. 10 Oct. 1845, Gilmer County, d. 21 March 1937, buried beside her husband, daughter of John and Nancy (CHASTAIN) Stone and the sister of Rachel Stone who m. Person No. 399, Nelson Franklin-7 BEARDEN, both siblings of Benjamin Chastain Stone and his wife, Louisa Isebel (?), all buried with inscriptions in the Ebenezer Cemetery.

John Stone and his wife, Nancy (CHASTAIN), are in Gilmer County as early as 1837 (Mr. Stanley's "LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA", Pg. 11). John is listed on the 1840 and 1850 census of Gilmer County as the head of household with following issue: Rachel, Sarah J., Benjamin C. and Mary, b. 1844-1849 in GA. This family figures strongly in the Bearden history.

Thomas-7 Bearden and his wife, Permelia (HAWKE) are on the 1850 census of Stewart County, GA, listed in the home of Daniel and Nancy STONE, b. 1805 and 1815, VA.

Bluford-7 is head of household on 1870 census, Gilmer County, GA, Ellijay, Pg. 14, No. 188/188; 1880 census, Cartecay District, No. 152/153. In 1900 census Bluford's widow is listed in Alto District, No. 184/184, with eight children, five listed.

Bluford-7 and Sarah J. had issue as given by descent and found on census:

- *969. Johnny C. B.-8 Bearden, m. his cousin's daughter, Lura Emmogene-9 HOLT (listed under No. 958, Savannah-8 Bearden).
- 970. Sarah Elizabeth-8 Bearden, b. 1868, Gilmer County, GA; m. 6 April 1889 in Gilmer County to Marion Henry REECE/RICE, b. 7 Nov. 1861 (Marriage Book 3, Pg. 503).
- 971. Rachel C.-8 Bearden, b. 1870-1880, m. 26 Sept. 1905, Gilmer County, to Francis COCHRAN (Marriage Book 4, 1893-1907, Pg. 348) and both are buried in the Ebenezer Church Cemetery in Gilmer County. Francis is a descendant of Person No. 397, Elizabeth-7 BEARDEN, who married as his second wife to Francis M. Cochran.
- 972. Ida-8 Bearden m. 16 Dec. 1903, James WEAVER (Marriage Book 4, Pg. 278), both buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery.
- 973. Virgil R.-8 Bearden, b. 10 Dec. 1882, Gilmer County, d. there 13 March 1925, buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, m. there 14 April 1905, Nette ANDERSON (Marriage Book 4, Pg. 361). (A grandson of Bluford-7 is Crawford-9 BEARDEN whose daughter m. a HALL).

Inadvertently left out Ida A.-8, b. July 1888.

F. ONE CHILD OF NO. 108 LETTICE-6 BEARDEN AND VALENTINE RISENER

427. **Permelia-7 RISENER** (Lettice-6 BEARDEN, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 10 March 1823 in census (1830 on tombstone) in Shelby County, TN and d. on 4 April 1906 in Wayne County, TN, buried in the McGlamery Cemetery beside her husband, Henry George BREWER, who she m. 1846 in Wayne County, TN. Henry G. Brewer was b. on 1 March 1823 in Lawrence County, TN and d. on 8 Aug. 1884 in Wayne County, TN, the son of Wiley and Margaret (COCKMAN) Brewer (tombstone inscriptions; 1850 through 1900 census, Wayne County, family records in possession of John Edward-10 Brewer of Wayne and Lawrence Counties, TN). Permelia-7 had issue as taken from census and records, two unknowns died young:

- 974. Sarah E. J.-8 Brewer, b. 22 Oct. 1847, Wayne County, TN, d. 30 March 1926, Wayne County, buried McGlamery Cemetery, m. 8 Jan. 1861, Wayne County to Samuel STRICKLIN.
- 975. Wiley Valentine-8 Brewer, b. 22 June 1850, Wayne County, d. 7 Aug. 1920, buried McGlamery Cemetery, m. 29 Oct. 1866 to Sarah F. SMITH, m. second 27 June 1870, Wayne County, Sarah F. DANIEL/S, both wives buried in the McGlamery Cemetery.
- 976. Susannah C.-8 Brewer, b. March 1851, Wayne County, TN, d. there when?; m. 16 Oct. 1870, Wayne County, Taylor MARTIN.
- 977. Rial-8 Brewer, b. 2 Jan. 1853, Wayne County, TN, d. 10 Sept. 1882, Wayne County, buried McGlamery Cemetery, m. 18 Sept. 1870, Wayne County, to Narcissa DANIEL/S, b. 20 May 1855, d. 28 July, year not stated.
- *978. **James Lewis Calvin-8 Brewer**, b. 24 Aug. 1855, d. 12 Dec. 1914, m. 28 Feb. 1875, Wayne County, to Mary Elizabeth RINKS.
- 979. John Valentine Richard-8 Brewer, b. 28 Jan. 1858, Wayne County, TN, d. there 25 Feb. 1919, buried McGlamery Cemetery, m. 28 Oct. 1876, Wayne County, to his cousin, Sarah Ann-8 "Sally" BREWER, b. 17 Dec. 1863, d. 13 July 1936, Wayne County, TN, buried beside husband.
- 980. Nancy Emma-8 Brewer, b. April 1861, Wayne County, d. there; m. there 6 Sept. 1876, W. D.-8 CLAYTON, descent of Person No. 105, Rachel-6 Bearden and her husband, James Clayton.
- 981. Celia Bleaton-8 Brewer, b. May 1862, Wayne County, TN, d. Wayne County, m. 14 March 1878, Wayne County to E. Frank-8 CLAYTON, brother of W. D. Clayton-8.

982. Henry Josiah-8 Brewer, b. Aug. 1865 in Wayne County, TN and m. there on 30 Dec. 1883 to Mary A. LINDSEY.
983. Dora Cordelia-8 Brewer, b. in July 1869 in Wayne County, TN and m. there on 24 Jan. 1886 to Levy O. LINDSEY.
984. Josephine P.-8 Brewer, youngest issue of Permelia-7 Risener, b. in March 1872 in Wayne County, TN and d. there 1960; m. there on 7 Oct. 1891 to Daniel ADAMS.

*A descendant of Permelia-6 Risener and her husband, Henry George Brewer is Alice BREWER who married Henry Oscar JONES whose son is Charis JONES who married on 27 Aug. 1942 in Baum, Carter County, OK to the writer's sister, Person No. 1771, Ona Mae (BEARDEN) Jones.

G. ONE CHILD OF NO. 109 FRANCES-6 BEARDEN AND WILLIAM MANOAH HARALSON

434. Jefferson Green-7 HARALSON/HERALSON (Frances-6 BEARDEN, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. 1825 in Wayne County, TN and d. after 1880 in area of Boone County, AR. He m. Delila TENNISON, who was b. 1825 in TN and a close relative of the wife of Person No. 598, William James-8 Bearden, who was Mary Virginia TENNISON. They are in Missouri before 1850, and in Arkansas before 1863. Like his father, Jeff-8 was a mechanic and farmer by trade. He had issue, b. Wayne County until 1856 ("HARRALSON FAMILY HISTORY", by Danny K. Haralson in writer's possession, source as already noted):

985. Mary F.-8 Heralson, b. 1846.
986. John H.-8 Heralson, b. 1847.
987. William Thomas-8 Heralson, b. 2 Jan. 1848, Wayne County, TN, d. 14 March 1912, AR; m. his cousin, Emily TENNISON. He m. second Minnie (?) and had issue first marriage:
- a. William Jefferson-9 Heralson, b. 6 Dec. 1870, Arkansas.
 - b. Michael Zeneath-9 Heralson, b. 9 Oct. 1874, Dunklin County, MO, m. Annaliza GORDON in Baster County, AR, m. second Buelah PARKER and m. third Mara BANTA, having issue: Flora May-10, b. 1894 in MO/AR; Roy Clarence-10, b. 1896; Leslie -10, b. 1901, d. 1916; Coy D.-10, b. 1903; Virgil Euuel-10 Heralson, b. 1905; Josephine-10 "Josie" (TWIN), b. 1912; Jodie-10 (TWIN), b. 1912; Ethel-10, b. 1922; and Catherine-10 Heralson, b. 1926.
988. Samuel-8 Heralson, b. 1850, Wayne County, Tennessee.
989. Paul-8 Heralson, b. about. 1856, Missouri.
990. Adkin-8 Heralson.
991. Lucy-8 Heralson, b. 1858 in Missouri.
992. Sanders L.-8 Heralson, b. 1863 in Boone County, AR.
993. King S.-8 Heralson, b. 1870, AR.
994. Sarah J.-8 Heralson, b. 1873 in Missouri.

H. ONE CHILD OF NO. 111 JOHN-6 AND FRANCES (FIELD/S) BEARDEN

440. John Wesley-7 Bearden (John-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 12 May 1850 in Lumpkin County, GA and d. 30 Dec. 1935 in New Salem, Cobb County, GA, buried in New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery on land once owned by the Beardens. He m. on 29 Sept. 1869 in Dawsonville, GA to Martha Elizabeth SHEFFIELD, who was b. 29 Oct. 1829 in Lumpkin County and d. on 9 Aug. 1910 in Kennesaw, Cobb County, GA, the daughter of John and Lucinda (BERRY) Sheffield. His certificate of death (No. 34170), states his full name; his address as Marietta, Cobb County, GA, Route 1; male; white; widower; his date of birth, his age is eighty-five (85) seven months and eight days; he is a farmer, his parents are John Bearden and his mother's maiden name is Fannie FIELDS, both born in Georgia; informant: W. P. Bearden, Marietta,

Route 1. He is buried on 1 Jan. 1936, in the New Salem Cemetery near Marietta; undertaker is Moses Ward, Marietta; date of death, 30 Dec. 1935, 7:30 p.m.; Dr. J. W. Ellis of Kennesaw, certifies he attended the deceased from 3 Dec. 1935 until 26 Dec. 1935 for lobar pneumonia and complications due to a home accident, "got burnt", certified to by J. B. Bearden of Marietta (almost blind and fell on the cook stove and was badly burned, especially on his legs. He could not recover from the pneumonia and the burns at his age).

John Wesley-7 is on the 1860 census in his mother's household and in the same family is his grandfather, No. 43, Richard -5 BEARDEN. His father, John-6 Bearden, is the subject mentioned as being "nineteen years old and able to make his own living", in the 1825 Revolutionary War pension application, made by Richard-5 Bearden from Wayne and Giles Counties, TN.

On 6 Aug. 1881, John W.-7 and Martha E. Bearden are lettered out of the New Hope Baptist Church, near to Dawsonville, going to Cobb County where they spent the rest of their lives.

One grandchild of John W.-7 Bearden has a painting in her home of the old home where John-7 and Martha E. lived out their lives at the foot of Kennesaw Mountain in exact spot where this grandchild has reared her own family. There are still relics there on this beautiful and peaceful slope of Kennesaw Mountain, where the awful battle for Atlanta was fought during the Civil War.

John Wesley-7 had issue, Bearden:

995. Lucinda Sarah Jane-8 Bearden, b. 18 June 1870 in Dawson County, GA, d. 13 Dec. 1964 in Cobb County, GA; m. 22 Nov. 1888, Cobb County to George Washington KEELING and had issue: Effie-9; Ruby-9; Leonard-9 and George-9 Keeling.
996. Millery Aveline-8 Bearden, b. 14 Dec. 1873 Dawson County, GA, m. 6 Dec. 1891 in Cobb County to David Harrison ELROD, had issue:
- a. Lillie-9 Elrod, b. 30 Dec. 1897 in Cobb County and d. in an automobile accident on 18 Nov. 1983 near Atlanta, GA; m. on 26 May 1917 to Henry FRASURE who d. 1945. They had ten issue, eight of whom survived her, unknown.
 - b. John Guy-9 Elrod, b. 30 Oct. 1901, Cobb County, GA, d. April 1984. One granddaughter is Carol Ann-11 ETHERIDGE who did a 45 RPM record at age thirteen and a LP record at age sixteen. She wrote the title song for the album, "I'm Gonna Sing". After finishing school in Marietta, Carol Ann-11 went to Nashville where she is writing Gospel and country music and singing "demos" for other writers as well as her own songs. She has six songs published in 1984 and has appeared on WSM-TV. She is a talented young lady.
- *997. **John Berry-8 Bearden**, b. 6 Feb. 1875, d. Dec. 1966; m. 25 Dec. 1899, Forsyth County, GA to Margaret Jane HAWKINS.
- *998. **William Posey-8 Bearden** m. Ada GOSWICK, (2) Dixie L. BARNETT.
- *999. **Floyd McClendon-8 Bearden**, b. 18 Feb. 1879, d. 12 March 1969; m. 18 Feb. 1906 to Maude Bell SPENCE.
1000. James Edwin-8 Bearden, b. on 7 May 1881 in Dawson County, GA and d. on 30 May 1956 in Forsyth County, GA, buried beside his wife in the Midway United Methodist Cemetery at Atphretta GA. He m. 1905 to Savannah GREEN, who d. in Nov. 1948 in Forsyth County. One child is buried beside them ("CEMETERIES OF FORSYTH COUNTY", by Donna Parish): Blanche-9 Bearden, b. May 1907, d. Feb. 1928; m. (?) HOOPER. Other Bearden cemetery inscriptions in Forsyth County, Friendship Cemetery: Bartley M. Bearden, b. 6 June 1881, d. 31 Jan. 1947; Broughton Bearden, b. 20 March 1945, d. 6 June 1953; Grady Bearden, b. 24 Jan. 1927, d. 5 Aug. 1967; Missouri Bearden, wife of Bartley, b. 8 Sept. 1892, d. 21 March 1927. Mt. Pisgah Cemetery: Fannie Mae Bearden, wife of W. J., b. 7 Jan. 1918, d. 19 June 1960; Marcus C. Bearden, b. 16 July 1950, d. 14 Sept. 1968; and Willie J. Bearden, b. 29 Nov. 1914.

**L. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 112 WILLIAM-6 AND TWO WIVES, LOUISIANA (BASS)
AND FRANCES (FIELD/S) BEARDEN**

443. Simeon William-7 Bearden (William-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?) whose parentage needs firming up, not proved to satisfaction of this writer) his biography is included in "BIOGRAPHICAL SOUVENIRS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS", Pg. 66, found in the Cooke County, TX library, published 1889 by F. A. Battey and Company, Chicago:

"Simeon W. Bearden, a well-to-do farmer, residing in Custer City, Cooke County, was born in May 1829 and at the age of twenty-four years came to Texas, locating first in Wood County in 1853, thence moving to Hunt County and settling in Cooke County in 1871.

"William Bearden, father of Simeon W., was also a native of Georgia, and died in that state in 1848. He had married Louisiana Bass, born in the same state, and to that union were born the following children: Martha (married to James Manly), Garrett, Simeon W., Elizabeth, Lauana (married to Henry Nix), Catherine (married to Tom Martin), Eliza Anne and Emily (married to Frederick Dukes). Elizabeth and Eliza Anne were never married.

"Simeon W. has been four times married, the first time to Martha, daughter of William Clark of Georgia, and to this union was born a daughter and a son, Mary J., who was married to J. W. Goolsby, and James E. The second Mrs. Bearden was a daughter of John Wilson, of Louisiana, and a widow of E. J. Ward, and to this union was also born a daughter and a son, to wit Rausa, who was married to William Holmark, and William. The third marriage of Mr. Bearden was to a widow, Amanda Monday, the daughter of (?) Whisenant, who bore him three children, Malinda, Matilda A. and Caleb. The fourth and last marriage was to Mary J., daughter of Jackson Click of Tennessee, widow of William Douty, and mother of seven children by her first marriage, but of none by Mr. Bearden.

"S. W. Bearden engaged in Business by buying ponies from the Indians in the Indian Territory, driving them east and making a good profit.

"In 1859 he was captured by the wild Indians, in company with a civilized Indian by the name of Nale, and carried before the chief of the tribe, expecting to be put to death; the Indian Nale was recognized by the chief, they having met in 1849; they had been captured, and had become attached to each other, the Indian Nale having accommodated the chief and given him meat and food. The chief could talk broken English only. When they recognized each other they fell upon their knees and hands and scratched the ground with their fingers and hugged each other, and if ever S. W. Bearden felt relieved it was at that time.

"The chief gave all the information and pleasure that he could. Bearden then opened his saddle bags and taking out two plugs of tobacco handed them to the tribe and motioned to pass it around, and that completed the treaty; they then shook hands with the chief and his wife and went off in peace.

"During the late war between the states Mr. Bearden served in Company E, Bates regiment, Confederate army, doing duty mostly along the coast of Texas, scouting and looking after deserters, prisoners and serving until the final surrender. Mr. Bearden is a worthy Free Mason, and is held in high esteem by his neighbors."

The third wife of Simeon W.-7 Bearden was Amanda (WHISENANT) McWHERTER-MUNDAY, whose first husband was a McWHERTER (see SCOTT/ McCUSTION/McWHERTER FAMILY, by this writer, who were in Texas before 1832), second husband was a MUNDAY from Georgia. Amanda was the daughter of Robert Coldwell WHISENANT (under Persons No. 332 and 335 for WHISENANT surname; and under Person No. 867 for Almyra MUNDAY in the State of Georgia).

"Robert C. Whisenant was reported by Barksdale in 1844 as a family man living in the Cross Timbers in old Fannin County, Texas. He was issued a certificate for land by Ward in 1850 and patented 640 acres in Collin County (Fannin County Third Class No. 1554). He is listed on the 1850 census (Collin County, Family No. 244) as a 39 year old farmer with seven children. Born in Georgia, he apparently moved to Arkansas, then to Missouri and then to Texas." ("THE PETERS COLONY OF TEXAS", by Seymour V. Conner, Pg. 428, Publ. 1959, found in the Austin, TX library).

Robert C. Whisenaunt, b. 1811 in GA, was granted 640 acres of land, certificate No. 135, issued to him from the Peters Colony 6 April 1830, situated in Collin County, TX, on waters of Rolletts Creek. He m. unknown and m. second Matilda ROSENBERG, b. in TN on 5 Dec. 1837 and d. 1855-1860 in Allen County, TX (DRT Membership No. 9297S). He had issue by first wife: Mary E., William Hugh and Martha; by second wife, Nancy Sue, Robert Benton, John Wesley, AMANDA JANE, Margaret Isabell and Matthew Mark WHISENAUNT. Amanda Jane was b. on 17 Jan. 1847 in Collin County, Texas and m. a man by surname McWHERTER, and had a son who died young, m. second a man by surname MUNDAY, by whom she had son, Frank, and two daughters, Sarilda married Oscar MAGUIRE, Malinda married Charlie COLLINS and had daughter Doma Collins.

Amanda Jane (WHISENANT) McWHERTER-MUNDAY married third on 22 July 1877 in Cooke County, TX to Simeon W.-7 BEARDEN and had three more issue. Simeon W.-7 had issue by two marriages:

1001. Mary Jane-8 Bearden, m. J. W. GOOLSBY and had: Marshall-9, d. 1962 in Fruitvale, Van Zandt County, TX, m. Mary MOORE and had issue: Oattie-10, Ina-10 and Owen-10 Goolsby.
1002. James Erwin-8 Bearden, b. 3 May 1857 in GA and d. 30 May 1947 at IOOF Home in Ennis, Ellis County, TX, 91 years, 1 month and 27 days. He m. Tiny MARR, who was one-half Cherokee Indian, b. 21 April 1860 in TX or OK, d. 25 April 1925 in Lindale, Smith County, TX. James E.-8 had issue:
 - a. Effie Lena-9 Bearden, b. 8 Aug. 1881 in Rains County, TX, m. 27 Dec. 1909 in Paducah, TX to Lillis Albert STROUD, b. 1881 in Ellis County, TX, son of Thomas and Mary (WHEAT) Stroud of GA and TX. Effie L.-9 had known issue: Texie Mae-10 Stroud, b. 9 Dec. 1910, Van Zandt County, TX, d. 7 April 1945, Stephenville, Erath County, TX, buried East End Cemetery, m. 12 May 1930 in Paducah, TX to John Edgar GOODGAME, b. 6 July 1904, Limestone County, TX, d. 7 March 1932, Cottle County, TX, the son of James Robert and Leola. She m. second 17 Nov. 1935, Robert Henry YEATES, three issue by this union:
 - (1) John Edward-11, b. 7 Feb. 1931, Delwin, Cottle County, TX, m. 8 July 1951, Shelton, Mason County, WA to Betty Joan CULVER, b. 13 July 1933, Chanute, Neosha County, KS and had issue: Kurt-12, b. 14 March 1952, Kitsup County, WA; Barbara Joan-12, b. 12 May 1955, San Diego, CA, m. 15 March 1970, Reno, NV to Carl Lynn MULLIGAN; and Pamela Mae-12 Goodgame, b. 19 Dec. 1954, San Diego, CA.
 - (2) Mary Edna-11 Yeates, m. Norman CLINER and had 3 issue, Shirley Lynn-12, Connie Wynn-12 and Randy Dale-12 Cliner, b. TX and San Diego, CA.
 - (3) Martha Lois Yeates-11, m. Rayford SAVAGE, had Gerald Ray-12 and Karen-12 Savage.
 - (4) Dorothy Lee-11 Yeates, m. Michael CASTEEL, had Eric Scott-12 Casteel, b. 1968, Dallas, TX.
 - b. William Neil-9 Bearden, second issue of James Erwin-8 b. Van Zandt County, TX and d. 31 Oct. 1966, Edgewood, Van Zandt County, m. unknown and had daughter Sybil-10 Bearden, m. O. D. ACORNS.
 - c. Albert-9 Bearden, b. 14 April 1900, Fruitdale, Van Zandt County, TX, d. 30 April 1969, Wichita, KS, m. 1 May 1945 in Dallas to Lorene Bell PAPPEN, who d. 15 May 1967 in Hutchinson, KS. Albert-9 had issue: Glenda Deane-10 Bearden, b. 17 April 1948, KS, m. 29 Nov. 1967, Gary T. KINCY. She is related to Charles Curtis, and to Indian Chief White Plume; her great grandfather, Louis Pappen, was a French Canadian fur trader.
1003. Rausa-8 Bearden, first issue of Simeon W.-7 Bearden by his second wife, m. William HOLBROOK.
1004. William-8 Bearden, no information beyond father's biography.
1005. Malinda-8 Bearden, first issue of Simeon W.-7 by his third marriage, b. 21 May 1878, Cooke County, TX, m. Zach PROFFER.
1006. Matilda Ann-8 Bearden, b. 8 March 1880 in Cooke County, TX and m. there on 31 May 1896 to Piersen "Bud" HONEYCUTT, had eight issue. Their descendants are well represented in Cooke County, one is Mrs. Gladys-9 (HONEYCUTT) BALLEW of Gainsville, TX, a member of Daughters of the Confederacy through her grandfather, Simeon W.-7 Bearden, featured in the Gainsville Daily Register, Tuesday, 21 March 1989, Pg. 2).
1007. Caleb-8 Bearden, b. 15 Dec. 1881 in Cooke County, TX, d. without warning on 27 April 1947, at the wheel of his car south of Throckmorton, TX, a resident of Vernon, TX, and was interred in the Hollis, OK Cemetery. He m. Evelyn Frances BOLTON in Greer County, now Hollis County, OK, and had seven issue. His

obituary in the Vernon newspaper states he was a member of the Church of Christ and the Masonic Lodge, survived by 5 sons, 2 daughters.

Other relatives at funeral included Mr. and Mrs. J. J. ANDERSON, Blackwell, OK; Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. FOUTZ, Burkburnett; Mrs. Alma CARRELL, Lubbock; Mrs. L. H. STOCKTON, Mrs. Ben ABERNATHY and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. BUTLER of Hollis, OK; Mrs. Gladys BALLEW and father, P. HONEYCUTT, Gainesville; B. F. MUNDAY, Wilson, OK; Mrs. Denona HONEYCUTT, Iowa Park; Mr. and Mrs. James ABERNATHY, Ralls; J. H. SCRUGGS, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. SCRUGGS, Seminole, OK; Mr. and Mrs. Elwood SHELTON, Lubbock.

Caleb-8 had issue: Clarence-9; Ray-9; Willard-9; James C.-9; Francis-9; Jewel-9 (Bearden) HARRIS; and Bessie-9 Bearden, m. Roy SIMPSON. Oddly, when this writer was growing up in southern Oklahoma, one neighbor was the grandson of Caleb-8 Bearden and they had named a daughter Bessie, her last name being Simpson.

451. James F.-7 Bearden (William-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of William-6 and his second wife, Fanny (FIELD) Bearden, b. 10 May 1835-1838, probably Habersham County, GA, d. 17 Aug. 1909, Dawson County, buried New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, m. 1 Sept. 1857 to his cousin, Jane Elizabeth FIELDS (Juney E., tombstone, New Hope Cemetery), b. 20 Sept. 1839, Wilkes County, GA. He served in the Civil War, CSA, Company F, 65th Georgia Regiment, lost first and middle fingers on left hand in the 20 Sept. 1864 battle of Chickohominy, and had issue, b. Dawson County, GA:

- 1008. Mary Elizabeth-8 Bearden, b. 23 July 1858, d. on 29 June 1937, Dawson County, GA, buried New Hope Baptist Cemetery, placed membership in New Hope Church.
- 1009. James Blanton-8 Bearden, b. 2 June 1860, d. Dawson County, GA; m. 5 Sept. 1879 to Ary S. MOORE.
- 1010. Franklin-8 Bearden, b. 31 Oct. 1864, m. Juline L. (?), b. 30 July 1872, d. 24 May 1926.
- *1011. **John Henderson-8 Bearden**, b. 1867, d. 1928, m. Sarah Malinda FOUTS.
- 1012. Coleman-8 Bearden, b. 10 Nov. 1876, d. 13 Feb. 1879, buried New Hope Cemetery.
- 1013. Frances Naomi-8 Bearden, b. 13 March 1877, d. 31 July 1949, buried Friendship Baptist Church, Forsyth County, GA; m. 18 Oct. 1894 to Samuel ROUSE.
- 1014. William McBartlie-8 Bearden, b. 6 June 1881, Dawsonville, GA, buried there New Hope Baptist Cemetery, m. Missouri WATKINS.
- 1015. John Wesley-8 Bearden, the eighth and youngest issue of James F.-7 and Jane E. (FIELDS), was b. on 18 Nov. 1886.

FURTHER SEVENTH GENERATION BEARDEN

CONTINUED DESCENT OF NO. 32, JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN

VI. EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 46 ARTHUR-5 AND REBECCA (McCLENDON) BEARDEN

A. SEVEN CHILDREN OF NO. 134 WILLIAM E.-6 AND BEADIE (HARRIS) BEARDEN

471. Emsley-7 Bearden (William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1826, Perry or Shelby County, AL, d. 20 May 1863 in Suffolk, VA of wounds incurred in battle on 3 May 1863 (Civil War); m. 11 Jan. 1846 in Perry County, AL to Rohama FOWLER, b. 1824 in Alabama, daughter of Lawson FOWLER (Person No. 354 m. Malinda C. FOWLER). One Emsley Bearden m. on 28 May 1881 in McNairy County, TN to Elizabeth PITTS (Marr. Bk. H, 475).

Emsley-7 enlisted on 28 March 1862 in Bibb County, AL, Company F, Alabama Infantry as a private, stating he was a farmer of Randolph County. His widow filed a claim on 4 Aug. 1864, stating she was the widow of a deceased soldier. Emsley-7 had issue:

1016. Frances J.-8 Bearden, b. 2 Jan. 1847 (1850-1860 census, Perry County, AL; descendant, Hazel-10 WALLACE), d. 20 May 1937, age 90, buried beside her husband in the Shady Grove Cemetery, Perry County, m. John WALLACE who was crippled. Frances-8 would pick him up in her arms and carry him where ever they went. He repaired shoes, Frances-8 doing the hard farm work. In addition to rearing their own ten children, they reared Ward and Arthur PILKINGTON, sons of Harris and Dovie Pilkington, who went by the Wallace name.
Frances J.-8 Bearden had one known issue: Gus-9 Wallace, married Girt-9 BEARDEN, daughter of No. 1020, George Washington-8. Girt-9 left church services one night and ran off and married Gus-9 WALLACE; no issue.
- *1017. William-8 "Bill" Bearden, b. 2 Aug. 1847, d. 14 Nov. 1919; m. 3 Jan. 1867, Bibb County, AL to Margaret MOORE.
1018. Henry Clay-8 Bearden, b. 25 Aug. 1849, Perry County, AL, d. 14 Nov. 1919; m. 27 Nov. 1873, Chilton County, AL to Paralee SMITHERMAN, sister to Lou Ann who m. Elijah-8 Bearden. Henry Clay-8 had issue:
- a. Lula-9 Bearden, m. (?) McCARTY.
 - b. Shepherd-9 Bearden, m. Beatrice GRIFFIN.
 - c. Evie-9 Bearden, m. (?) COCHRAN of the Georgia Cochrans.
 - d. Maud-9 Bearden, m. (?) CLEMENTS, from GA.
 - e. Eunice/Unas-9 Bearden, m. (?) FUSSELL.
 - f. May-9 Bearden, m. (?) COX, from GA and TN.
 - g. Jessie-9 Bearden m. first to John A. WILLIAMS and m. second George GILLESPIE. John A. Williams obituary appeared in the "Southwest Baptist", forerunner of the "Alabama Baptist", dated 9 Aug. 1860, Pg. 3: "John A. Williams died at residence of Emsley Bearden in Perry County. The deceased was born in Dallas County on Feb. 14, 1833, and moved to Perry County five or six years ago and became a member of the Friendship Church to which he belonged when he met his violent death.
"Mr. Williams, in company with three others, went on a fishing excursion to a pond on Okmulgee Creek. While in the pond he received his death wound from a moccasin snake. He survived about twenty-four hours. He leaves a wife and child."
Jessie-9 (BEARDEN) Williams-Gillespie's obituary appeared in "The Union Banner", publ. April 1967, Clanton, AL:
"Mrs. Jessie Bearden Gillespie, 71, of Maplesville, died at hospital Tuesday, April 25th. Services were held at Maplesville Methodist Church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Reverend Mitchell Zirlott, Martin in charge of funeral arrangements. Pallbearers were: Billy Dennis, Lonnie Evans, C. M. Foshee Jr., Edward Fuqua, Jack Hampton, and Van P. Potts.
"Three daughters survive, Mrs. Katheryn W. GOFF of Maplesville, Mrs. Colleen WHISENANT of Birmingham, and Mrs. Margaret LOVINGOOD of Detroit, Michigan; son, Thomas R. WILLIAMS, Jr., of Kansas City, Missouri; three sisters, Mrs. Evie COCHRAN and Mrs. Mae COX of Maplesville, and Mrs. Eunice FUSSELL of Prichard; two grandchildren and six step grandchildren.
"A native of Chilton County, she was a daughter of Henry Clay Bearden and Paralee Smitherman Bearden. Her husband was the late George Gillespie."
 - h. Francis-9 Bearden, no information.
 - i. George-9 Bearden, ninth and youngest issue of Henry Clay-8 and Paralee (SMITHERMAN) Bearden, m. Marion (?).
1019. John S.-8 Bearden, fourth issue of Emsley-7 and Rohama, b. 1853 in Perry County, AL and d. 1935; m. Rutha BRASELLE who was b. 1859 and d. 1935. Issue:
- a. Charlie-9 Bearden, m. 28 Jan. 1916, Bibb County, AL to Dee FRITH.
 - b. Evie Jane-9 Bearden, d. 17 Dec. 1967, her obituary stating: "Lived on Route 1, Lawley, Alabama, age 86, died Dec. 17 at County Hospital. She has not married. Funeral services were held Tuesday Dec. 19th at 3:30 p.m. at Pleasant Grove No. 2, Lawley, Alabama; survived by two sisters, Mrs. Buelah FOWLER of Fayette and Mrs. Litha GARNER of Lawley."
 - c. Litha-9 Bearden m. (?) GARNER.
 - d. Buelah-9 Bearden, m. (?) FOWLER.

e. Lillie-9 Bearden, married her cousin's son, Jennings NICHOLS, the son of Mollie-8 Bearden and William Nichols.

*1020. George Washington-8 Bearden, b. 1859, d. 1939; m. his cousin, Mary MURPHY.

472. Alfred A.-7 Bearden (William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), second issue and son of William E.-6 and Beadie (Harris) Bearden, b. May 1828, Perry County, AL, d. 26 Feb. 1910, Shelby County, AL; m. Sophonia SMITH, b. about 1832, d. 19 May 1898, the daughter of Bryant and Elizabeth (AUTRY) Smith of Alabama. Both Alfred-7 and Sophonia are buried in the Salem Cemetery near Montevallo, AL. Bryant Smith is located on the 1850 census of Perry County, AL, b. 1800, NC. His wife, Elizabeth, b. 1810, GA, which indicates a relationship to Nathan and Mary Polly (LANGSTON) Smith, parents of Winifred Smith who m. Person No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden.

Listed on the 1850 census in the Bryant Smith household is the following people of SMITH surname, all born in Alabama: (1) Elizabeth, b. 1832; (2) Jane, b. 1834, m (?) HONEYSUCKLE; (3) Elvira, b. 1837, m (?) BARNETT; (4) Mary, b. 1840; (5) Thomas, b. 1842, m. Matilda-8 BEARDEN and they are buried in the Smith Cemetery in Oakmulgee Park area, near their graves is the grave of their son, Elbert Smith, b. 14 May 1876, d. 13 Dec. 1954; (6) Matilda Smith, b. 20 May, 1845, d. 19 June 1927, buried Smith Cemetery, and (7) Rebecca Smith, b. 1849.

Another child of Bryant and Elizabeth (AUTRY) Smith is Sophia Smith, b. 1851 who m. No. 1036, Daniel-8 GRAVES.

One Bryant Smith was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and lived in Madison County, AL. Another Bryant Smith lived in Coosa County, AL in 1850. Of these three, only the one of Perry County had a wife named Elizabeth. Edna-10 (BEASLEY) McGilliard's grandmother, Amey Elizabeth-8 (BEARDEN), has stated that she had her Grandmother Autry's feather bed that was brought all the way across South Carolina in an ox cart.

Alfred A.-7 Bearden enlisted in the Confederate Army on 4 Sept. 1862 at Selma, AL, giving his address as Dogwood in Shelby County. He was a private in Company A, 8th Alabama Regiment and served until the close of the war when he was honorably discharged on 25 April 1865. He drew a pension and one military record for one Alfred A.-7 Bearden says he enlisted in the Perry County guards on 10 April 1862. This home guard was composed mostly of old, disabled men and young boys. These records are seemingly for the identical person as there is no other person in this locality of the identical name of Alfred A. Bearden.

Sophononia and their children had a hard life while Alfred-7 was away in the war. She would hide the best farm animals in the backwoods for fear the Union soldiers (Yankees) would steal them. Once after the Yankee soldiers had left their camp, Sophonia and the children gathered the corn scattered on the ground for their horses, washed it, and carried it miles to the grist mill to be ground into cornmeal for the hungry children. They chewed green pine needles in an effort to draw their stomach and kill the hunger pains (same as told by the issue of No. 353).

The day Alfred-7 returned from the war, he took his gun and little dog and went squirrel hunting. He shot a squirrel and leaned his gun against a stump while he went to pick up the squirrel. The dog jumped about in his excitement and caused the gun to discharge, shooting Alfred-7 in the side. He, like his cousin (No. 353, James Jasper-7), was wounded AFTER the war in an effort to get food for his family, and also like his cousin, he was bedridden for a full year. Unlike his cousin, his wife was able to nurse him back to a semblance of health. When he died he still carried some of the shot in his side which could be felt through the skin. Robert-9 Bearden, son of Jackson Monroe-8, said that Alfred-7 told him of this accident more than once.

Alfred-7 lived with Jackson Monroe-8, his youngest son, at the time of his death. Robert-9, grandson of Alfred-7, was given his grandfather's old vest to his Sunday dress suit. The vest, still in his possession, has a medal pinned to it and awarded to Alfred-7 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for his service. Alfred A.-7 Bearden's grave was unmarked until Mrs. Edna-10 McGilliard, above, filed a claim through the Department of

Veterans Affairs with a request for a Confederate marker. The marker was placed at the grave in August of 1962 by Alfred-7's great grandsons, William-9 Beasley and Peddy-8 Bearden of Montevallo, Alabama.

Alfred A.-7 and Sophonia (Smith) had issue, Bearden:

- *1021. **Jane Paralee-8 Bearden**, m. Joseph BRADFORD.
1022. Beadie-8 Bearden, d. unmarried in the spring of 1920.
- *1023. **Elijah-8 Bearden**, m. 28 Nov. 1876, Lou Ann SMITHERMAN, sister of Paralee Smitherman who m. Henry Clay-8 Bearden.
1024. James-8 Bearden d. unmarried about 1900.
- *1025. **John A.-8 Bearden**, b. 1859, m. Ruby V. CAMPBELL, m. second Mary (?).
1026. Adeline-8 Bearden, d. unmarried, age nineteen.
- *1027. **Amey Elizabeth-8 Bearden**, b. June 1866, d. 19 Sept. 1949; m. 9 Aug. 1888, Chilton County, Alabama to John Henry BEASLEY.
- *1028. **Thomas Alfred-8 Bearden**, b. 1862, d. 1944 m. Sarah Elizabeth LAWLEY.
1029. Bird-8 Bearden, m. Nannie LOVELADY, daughter of William S. and Mary (HOLSOMBACK). Bird-8 had known issue: Bertha-9, m. Jerry WILLIAMS who d. as the result of an accident at Marvel Mines. Bertha-9 m. second (?) VERNON, first name unknown. Her known issue:
a. Otis C.-10 Williams who married and has unknown issue.
b. Geraldine-10 Williams m. (?) PETERS.
- *1030. **Jackson Monroe-8 Bearden**, last issue of Alfred A.-7 and Sophonia (SMITH) Bearden, b. 1872, d. March 1956; m. Anna LAWLEY, b. 17 July 1876, d. 29 Aug. 1957, Bessemer, Alabama. Both are buried in the Dogwood Grove Cemetery near Underwood.

474. **Hardy-7 Bearden** (William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1831 in Perry County, AL, d. there about 1903 by taking his own life, probably because of ill health. He m. Arpy Samantha GAY, b. 1837 in Selma, AL, d. 1888, said from eating Christmas candy. After Arpy's death, Hardy-7 m. second Mary E. LOVELADY, b. 1846 in Alabama, the widow of Benjamin "Bennie" SANDERS and the daughter of William and Sarah (FULTON) Lovelady. Arpy S. was the mother of Hardy-7's children and he and Mary reared their children together. Two of Hardy-7's sons married two of Mary's daughters.

Hardy-7 Bearden served in the Civil War, Company F, Alabama's 44th Infantry, enlisted 12 May 1862 at Selma, AL. He received wounds in the face and in the foot during the war. His granddaughter, Ernestine-9 HOPPER, remembers him walking stooped over because of his injuries in the Civil War. Hardy-7 had issue:

- *1031. **Emily Lou Tishie-8 Bearden**, m. George Washington HARRISON.
1032. Joseph-8 Bearden, b. 1859, Perry County, Alabama; m. Fannie SANDERS, daughter of Benjamin and Mary E. (LOVELADY) Sanders.
1033. Wiley-8 Bearden, died young.
- 1034. Edward-8 Bearden, b. in Perry County, AL, m. Samantha ATCHINSON who d. 26 Jan. 1905 when her last child was born. Edward-8 m. second Roxie COOLEY. He had issue by both marriages but the issue of second marriage is unknown:
 - a. Jabe-9 Bearden, m. 14 Sept. 1913, Bibb County, AL, to Pearl HUBBARD.
 - b. Sam-9 Bearden, m. Cora HUBBARD and had known issue: L. B.-10, m. 30 Dec. 1958, Bibb County, Ann DONALDSON.
 - c. Winfred-9 Bearden.
 - d. Ruby-9 Bearden, died young.
 - e. Arpy Samantha-9 Bearden, died young.
 - f. Willie-9 Bearden, died young.
- g. George-9 Bearden, b. 26 Jan. 1905. He was adopted by William and Susan (ATCHISON) Lovelady and went by the surname of Lovelady. He m. Vivian Frances CROCKER, b. 12 March 1917, the daughter of John A. and Meg Nora (HARRISON) Crocker. Issue, Bearden, nee Lovelady: Vivian Muriel-10, b. 18 Aug. 1934, m. 9 March 1957, William R. DANCIUNAS, b. 3 Oct. 1934; and George-10 Bearden Jr., b.

23 Oct. 1941, m. Roxie ELLSWORTH, b. 29 May 1946, one issue in 1969, Paul Allen-11 Bearden (nee Lovelady) b. 4 May 1965.

*1035. Clayton Hardy-8 Bearden, m. Marguerite "Maggie" SANDERS.

475. Elvina-7 Bearden (William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), oldest daughter of William E.-6 and Beadie (HARRIS) Bearden, b. about 1832, Perry County area in Alabama, believed to have died after 1870 in Tupelo, MS. Elvina-7, known as "Vina", m. about 29 Sept. 1848 as that was the date the marriage license was issued in Perry County, consent of her father, William-6 Bearden, to Thomas GRAVES (has been transcribed as GROVES and GROVER), b. 1823 in Alabama. Thomas Graves died before the 1866 state census of Bibb County, AL when Elvina-7 was enumerated as head of household, age 30-40. Living with her was 1 male (-10), 2 males (10-20), 1 female (-10), 2 females (10-20). She stated in 1866 that one member of the household had died that year of sickness.

Thomas Graves is said to have been a large and robust man, often traveling with slave traders. They insisted that Thomas sleep with their gold under his head so he could guard it. His grandson, Pearce-9 Graves, stated he thought Thomas and Elvina-7 both went to Mississippi. Since she is listed on the 1866 state census as the head of household, Thomas surely had died. One of this descent has stated that "Aunt Vina" is buried in the old Antioch Cemetery in Bibb County, AL. Elvina-7 had known issue:

*1036. Daniel-8 Graves, b. 26 April 1851, married Sophia SMITH.

1037. Wesley-8 Graves, b. in Perry or Bibb County, AL.

1038. Sudie-8 Graves, m (?) MORRIS; m. second to a Mr. ATCHISON. She had unknown issue with the exception of Von-9 Morris, deceased in 1969.

480. Susan-7 Bearden (William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), tenth issue of William E.-6 and Beadie (HARRIS) Bearden, b. 1843, d. 19 July 1908; m. at the age of 23 to John N. LOVELADY, b. 26 Nov. 1848, Bibb County, AL, d. 28 Jan. 1891, the son of William and Sarah (FULTON) Lovelady and brother of Mary E. (LOVELADY) Sanders who married as her second husband to Person No. 474, Hardy-7 Bearden as his second wife. Both Susan-7 and her husband are buried in the Chestnut Hill Cemetery in the Oakmulgee Park area of Chilton County, AL. Susan-7 had issue:

1039. William David-8 Lovelady, b. 11 Aug. 1868, Perry County, AL and d. 27 Dec. 1924; m. Susan "Susie" ATCHISON, b. 1872, d. 1965. Both are buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Chilton County. It is important to know that Chilton County was formed in 1868 from portions of Bibb, Perry and Shelby Counties. Bibb County was created in 1818 from Monroe and Montgomery Counties; Perry County was formed in 1819 from Montgomery County; Shelby County was formed in 1818 from Montgomery County, and St. Clair County was formed in 1818 from Shelby County.

The writer was told that her own Bearden grandfather (Person No. 849, Ervin Kenneth-8) was born in 1861 near Birmingham, AL. After a close examination of all records plus the 1860 through the 1900 census for this family, it is determined that he was born in the little village of Bennetsville in St. Clair County where his kinsman, Vincent Bennett, had a general store, post office, and stage stop between Attalia and Huntsville and where his kinsmen were located.

William David-8 had issue: Myrtle-9, b. 1889, AL, m. James "Jim" LOVELADY; Leila-9, b. 1895, m. Lenton GANDY; Annie-9, b. 1900, m. T. B. McFARLAND; Mae-9, b. 1902, m. Barney MIZZELL; Erma-9, b. 1904, m. Ernest ROMINGER; Willie Dee-9, b. 1907, m. Jessee THOMAS and had Willie Frances-10, b. May 1932, d. 31 Dec. 1945; Hattie Belle-9, b. 1910, m. Walter FUQUA; Raleigh-9 LOVE-LADY, b. 1913, d. 1919, buried Pleasant Grove Cemetery, and George-9 Bearden, son of Edward-9 and Samantha (ATCHISON) Bearden was adopted by William David-8 and his wife, "Susie" (ATCHISON) Lovelady.

1040. Beadie-8 Lovelady, b. 16 April 1870, m. George HAMBRICK (perhaps descent of Basil COMPTON and his wife, Sarah-6 BEARDEN whose son-in-law was Willis Bearden HAMBRICK (under Persons No. 45 and 130, Isaac-5 and Giles-6 Bearden).
- *1041. James Richard-8 Lovelady, m. 2 Feb. 1893, Willie E. ONEAL.
1042. Marshall-8 Lovelady, b. 4 May 1874, Perry County, d. 22 Dec. 1948 and buried Plantersville, AL; m. Mary NICHOLS who d. 1907, daughter of Marian and Bessie Ann Nichols. Mary is buried in the Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Chilton County. Marshall-8 m. second Lula GRAY, no issue; had issue first marriage: Monroe-9 b. 17 June 1899, d. 6 June 1961, m. Luvela CROCKER; Fannie-9, b. 23 March 1901, m. Clifton KEENER; V. O.-9, b. 17 April 1902, m. Flossie CHANDLER; Parilee-9 "Pearlie", b. 17 Nov. 1903, m. Lum KEENER, m. second Charlie KANIFE; J. D.-9, b. 5 June 1912, m. Ila Bell OOSLEY; and M. C.-9 Lovelady, b. 24 June 1914, m. Pauline HERMAN.
1043. Jeneary-8 Lovelady, b. 4 Sept. 1876, d. 10 July 1879.
- *1044. Sallie E.-8 Lovelady, m. 17 Nov. 1900, John Wesley CARTER.
1045. Duffield-8 Lovelady, b. 24 Feb. 1881, d. 26 July 1904.
1046. Martha-8 "Mattie" Lovelady, b. 12 April 1883, d. 28 Nov. 1918; m. Elbert SMITH, b. 14 May 1876, d. 13 Dec. 1954, son of Elijah Smith. Both Martha-8 and Elbert are buried in the Smith Cemetery in Chilton County.
1047. Lester-8 "Lessie" Lovelady, youngest issue of Susan-7 Bearden and John N. Lovelady, b. 16 Oct. 1885, Chilton County, AL, d. 16 Nov. 1918, Perry County, AL, m. Dec. 1900, Chilton County, to James D. McFARLAND, b. 13 Oct. 1880, d. 29 April 1957 in Dallas County, AL, son of Jack and Ella (POPE), both are buried in the Mt. Olive Cemetery in Perry County. "Lessie"-8 had issue, McFarland:
- Teddy J.-9 McFarland, b. 1 March 1902, d. May 1956 at Opelika, AL. He m. Maceeda BARNETT.
 - Bonnie-9 McFarland, b. 10 Nov. 1904; m. Dec. 1922, Perry County, to W. L. LATHAM.
 - Cecil-9 McFarland, b. 14 May 1908; m. 3 March 1922, to Robert LATHAM.
 - Jim Jack-9 McFarland, b. 24 Nov. 1909; m. Rosie Lee MORRIS.
 - Lemma Lester-9 McFarland, b. 15 July 1912; m. 30 July 1932, Perry County, to Dennis PUGH.
 - Ella Sue-9 McFarland, b. 26 Aug. 1915; m. 30 Oct. 1936, Perry County, to James "Jimmy" GREEN.
 - Lester E.-9 McFarland, b. 7 Nov. 1918; m. 3 July 1939, Dallas County, to Grace McLEAN.

481. Matilda-7 Bearden (William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), last issue and youngest daughter of William E.-6 and Beadie (HARRIS) Bearden, b. 12 May 1843, Perry County, AL, d. 7 Aug. 1926; m. James David LOVELADY, b. 24 Feb. 1853, d. 4 Oct. 1924, son of William and Sarah (FULTON) Lovelady and brother of Mary E. (LOVELADY) Sanders, who m. as her second husband, Hardy-7 BEARDEN; and to John N. Lovelady who m. Susan-7 BEARDEN. Matilda-7, called "Dit", and her husband are buried in the Chestnut Hill Cemetery near Stanton. Matilda-7's issue:

- *1048. Mary-8 "Mollie Lovelady, m. 1899, Charles Melvin-8 BEARDEN.
1049. Ella-8 Lovelady, b. about 1882; d. Oct. 1900.
1050. Sarah Lou Della-8 Lovelady, b. 9 May 1883, Plantersville, d. 30 Dec. 1950, m. William Edward HAIGLER, birthdate same. Issue:
- Ruthie Delene-9 Haigler, b. 12 Oct. 1907, Stanton, AL, m. 16 April 1937, Maplesville, AL to Carl David HOUTTON, deceased in 1969 without issue.
 - William Crawford-9 Haigler, b. 7 July 1909; married and a veteran of World War II, now deceased.
 - Claude Edward-9 Haigler, b. 4 Sept. 1914, Stanton, AL; m. Ernestine MULL and had issue: (1) Carl Edward-10, b. 5 Nov. 1938, Maplesville, AL, m. 5 Aug. 1960, Crystal River, FL, Jo Anne BERTINE, had: Carla Gail-11, b. 13 Aug. 1959, Inverness, FL; and Carl Edward-11, b. 13 Oct. 1961, Brooksville. (2) Jerry Robert-10, b. 11 Aug. 1943, Maplesville, AL, m. 22 Aug. 1965, Ocala, FL Margaret Ann WILSON, had Jerry Robert-11 Jr., b. 21 Aug. 1966, Ocala, FL. (3) Mary Ann-10 Haigler, b. 16 May 1944, Maplesville, AL, m. 19 May 1961, Brooksville, Orville Eugene HOLTON and had born there William Chester-11 b. 20 Oct. 1964.

d. Hasting Calvin-9 Haigler, fourth and last issue of Sarah Lou Della-8 Lovelady, b. 28 June 1919, m. at Maplesville, 8 Oct. 1952 to Jewel O. V. WILLIAMS and had issue: Beverley Jewel-10, b. 8 April 1955, Prattville, AL; Sarah Katherine-10, b. 15 April 1956; Karen Janet-10 Haigler, b. 1 Aug. 1961, Prattville.

1051. Annie-8 Lovelady, born and died the same day.

1052. Buddy-8 Lovelady died in infancy.

*1053. William Morgan-8 Lovelady, m. Sarah Beulah NICHOLS.

482. William Bradford-7 Bearden (William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), called "Kurg", twelfth and youngest issue of William E.-7 Bearden by his first wife, Beadie (HARRIS), b. 11 March 1849 in Perry County, AL, d. in March 1931 at Bokchito, OK. He m. at an unknown time, about 1865, in the Perry/Chilton Counties area of Alabama, to Dorothy Angeline LOVELADY, who was b. 7 Oct. 1851 in Alabama and died 13 Feb. 1912 in Athens, Howard County, AR. Dorothy Angeline is the daughter of William and Sarah (FULTON) Lovelady and the sister of Mary E., John N. and James David Lovelady who married Hardy-7, Susan-7 and Matilda-7 Bearden, respectively, that is four of William and Sarah (Fulton) Lovelady's issue married four of the William E.-7 and Beadie (HARRIS) Bearden issue.

The mother of William Bradford-7 Bearden died when he was born and he was wet-nursed by a black woman with whom he lived for the first few months of his life. His father visited him there one day and found his living conditions to be deplorable. He was under the bed and the house was filled with flies. The black mammy said she was trying to keep them off the baby. William E.-6 was outraged for his infant son and he took him home on horseback and fed him on boiled salt pork until he had teeth and could eat (this story from "WHAT'S MY LINE", 1959, by Betty FULLER of Modesto, California and in the writer's possession). William Bradford-7 was only a few months old when his father married again to Beadie's sister, his sister-in-law, who was Matilda Harris.

William Bradford-7 had issue, b. Perry County, AL and the Howard/Sevier County area of Arkansas:

1054. William Columbus-8 Bearden, b. 1869 and d. 1937, Bokchito, OK; m. Buelah MITCHELL, born Birmingham, the daughter of Tom and Sophia (GRIFFIN) Mitchell. Issue:

a. Margie-9 Bearden, b. Birmingham, AL, d. before 1965; m. her second cousin, who was a DAVIS.

b. William Howard-9 Bearden, b. Birmingham, d. Sept. 1966; m. Lessie HOBSON.

c. William Clarence-9 Bearden, the first issue to be born in Arkansas, b. 10 July 1899 in Howard County; m. Betty HOBSON who d. in 1965, m. second Earline (FINCHER) McLAREY and had issue: William Reese-10, b. 24 Oct. 1924, Nashville, AR, m. Ruth (?) and had issue, William Bryant-11 Bearden, b. 1943; and unknown female-11 b. 1943 and in 1968 she was engaged to be married on 28 June 1968, taught school in New York, husband-to-be a native of Pennsylvania, attended Harding University at Searcy, AR until 1970. The writer's granddaughter graduated from the same university and is teaching third grade school in Hillsborough, NC, as of 1991-1995.

1055. Sarah Emma-8 Bearden, second issue and first daughter of William Bradford-7 and Dorothy A. (LOVELADY) Bearden, b. 1870 in Alabama and d. 1945 in Arkansas, m. Bob SEALE.

1056. Savannah-8 Bearden, known as "Bud", b. 4 June 1873, d. 1 Jan. 1888, just a few days after the death of her grandfather, William Elexander-6 Bearden. She was buried in the Smith Cemetery located in the Oakmulgee National Forest Area of Chilton County. Both Savannah-8 and her younger sister, Ella-8 Bearden, died on the same date and they are buried in the same grave. Another sister is Susan Jane-8 and she survived her sisters just a few days. The deaths are thought to have been caused by eating Christmas candy which caused ptomaine poisoning. The first wife of No. 474, Hardy-7 Bearden, Arpy Samantha (GAY) is said to have died from eating the candy.

1057. Susan Jane-8 Bearden, b. 25 Aug. 1871, d. 8 Jan. 1888, buried beside her sisters in the Smith Cemetery.

1058. Mary Callie-8 Bearden, b. 1876, d. 1949; m. Henry TOWNSEND and said to have gone to Arkansas and later to Texas.

*1059. Abner Alexander-8 Bearden, m. Ida Jane PARSONS, more later.

1060. Wiley-8 Bearden, issue of William Bradford-7 and Dorothy A. (LOVELADY) Bearden, b. 1880, d. 1938; m. Ester McCAVLEY.

1061. Delia-8 Bearden, b. 1882, d. 10 Jan. 1900; m. Mack PLUNKET.

1062. Ellen-8 "Ella" Bearden, b. 2 Aug. 1884, d. 1 Jan. 1888. She was buried in the same grave with her sister, Savannah-8.

*1063. Walter Jackson-8 Bearden, m. after move to AR, Ethel STOKES.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 137 LOVIN-6 AND NANCY (GREEN?) BEARDEN

492. Valentine Green-7 Bearden (Lovin-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1829, Perry or Shelby County, AL, d. in the battle for Atlanta and buried there; m. on 14 Nov. 1850 in Shelby County, AL to Hetty MORRIS. Hetty had a hard life, both before and after her husband was killed during the Civil War. She married second, because she could not support her children alone, on 4 June 1865 in Shelby County, to Thomas J. BATES and was known by her Bearden grandchildren as "Grandma Bates".

In 1848, Valentine-7 and his bro.-in-law, Israel PICKENS, are chosen from the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Shelby County to be messengers to the Mulberry Association. Bethlehem Church is located near the river on Spring Creek ("SOUTHWEST BAPTIST MINUTES MULBERRY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION").

On 22 Oct. 1849, when the Lovin-6 Bearden estate was settled, Valentine-7 was under age twenty (20) and over age fourteen (14). He was living out of the state of Alabama but he was one of the principal buyers at the estate sale of his father. He is listed first as the head of household, on the 1860 census of Shelby County, AL (Pg. 95, Dwelling/Family No. 617), age 30, born in the state of Alabama; his wife is Hitty, age 30, born in Alabama and they have issue: Tillie and Jno., age 6 and 4, b. in Alabama:

1064. Tillie-8 Bearden, b. 1854 in Shelby County, AL.

*1065. John McClanahan-8 Bearden, m. Rebecca Jane SIMS.

1066. Bamma-8 Bearden (female), b. 1858 -1860, Alabama.

Valentine G.-7's grandchildren say their father had cousins, Jim-9 Bearden of Coosa County and Jason-9 Bearden of Talladega County in Alabama.

VII. TWO GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 47 BENJAMIN-5 THE YOUNGER AND ELIZABETH (WINN?) BEARDEN

A. ONE CHILD OF NO. 153 ENOCH-6 AND SARAH (HOLT) BEARDEN

505. Benjamin Rush-7 Bearden (Enoch-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 5 Feb. 1834, Petersburg, Giles County, TN, d. 6 Aug. 1892, Annona, Red River County, TX (same place the writer was born in 1919). He m. 22 Oct. 1857 in Annona, Red River County to Sabriah (Sabira) Louisa WAGLEY, b. 18 Jan. 1833, Annona, d. there 2 Jan. 1927, the daughter of Joseph (b. 1804, Burke County, NC) and Martha STARK (b. 1809, England). Martha's will is dated and executed in 1861 January Court, Red River County (S.Q.U.A.H. TEXAS GENEALOGY MAGAZINE).

Benjamin R.-7 is enumerated in his parents' household on the 1850 census of Giles County, TN, age sixteen. His parents had moved him to Texas before the 1860 census was taken and, afterward, his issue is b. near Annona, Red River County, TX:

1067. Florence-8 Bearden, b. 1849, m. George HILTON; m. second Harvey JONES.

1068. Marion-8 Bearden, b. 1861, m. Edd KARN/ES/CORN/ES and their close relatives (may be granddaughters) are Betty Marie and Hazel Jane Corn/es, who m. Persons No. 1342 and 1344, Alvin Lee-9 and Thomas H.-9 BEARDEN respectively.
1069. Benjamin Rush-8 Jr., b. 1863, m. Lilly KNIGHT.
1070. Rodney-8 Bearden, b. 1 Aug. 1865, Annona, Red River County, TX, d. 13 June 1929, Hillsboro, Hill County, TX, buried Ridge Park Cemetery, m. Martha A. MOORE, called "Mattie", b. 15 Dec. 1869 in Texas, d. there 16 June 1930. "Mattie" is the daughter of Ausburn Rowland Moore and his wife Nancy YOUNG of Giles County, TN (m. 1861), the great granddaughter of Ausburn Rogers Moore and his wife Nancy CHILES of Giles County; the great-great granddaughter of James and Susannah (EPPERSON) Moore of Anderson County, TN, NC and VA (a descendant is Mrs. Juanita MOORE of Dallas, TX).
- *1071. Arthur Cumbly-8 Bearden, m. 27 Oct. 1892, Henrietta MOORE.
- *1072. Adolphus Ward-8 Bearden, known as Artemis Ward and "Art", b. 6 May 1872, d. 5 Oct. 1965; m. Sallie Fleming TITUS.
1073. Ludie/Lido/Lidie-8 Bearden, b. 1875, Red River County, TX, m. George HILTON.
1074. Esmond-8 Bearden, b. 1877, Red River County,; m. Harvey JONES.
1075. Guey-8 Bearden m. Eddie TITUS, m. second Bessie JOHNSON, Clifton, TX.

**B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 157 DR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN-6
AND SUSAN MARGARET (BLAKE) BEARDEN**

508. (Judge) Walter Scott-7 Bearden (Benjamin F.-6, Benjamin-5 the Younger, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John -1?) (TWIN), b. 10 Jan. 1843, Petersburg, Lincoln County, TN, d. 1919, Shelbyville, TN; m. 15 Dec. 1874 to Margaret Cooper WHITESIDE, b. 1840 in TN and d. 1919, Shelbyville, the daughter of old Colonel T. C. and Margaret (COOPER) Whiteside, and the granddaughter of Joseph Cooper. Information is as taken from Goodspeed's "BIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX, TENNESSEE HISTORY OF BEDFORD COUNTY", Pg. 1128, published 1880's, found in most genealogy libraries, copy in possession of writer:

"Walter S. Bearden, a prominent attorney at Shelbyville, was born in Lincoln County, January 10, 1843, being one of two children (twins), born to the marriage of Dr. B. F. Bearden and Susan M. Blake. His father was a native of South Carolina, but lived and died in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He was a man of great learning and breadth, and was eminent in the profession of medicine. He died in 1870 and five years afterward the mother died.

"He received a good education and at the age of fifteen began teaching as an assistant in an academy. He entered the Embury and Henry College of Virginia and was in that school when the war broke out. He enlisted in Company E, Forty-First Tennessee as a second lieutenant, and remained in service throughout the war. He was elected second lieutenant of the company upon its second organization and he commanded the company the last year of the war. He received three wounds, one of which was serious.

"Returning from service, he began the study of law and in 1866, he began the practice of his profession in Shelbyville where he was a leading member of the bar.

"He has never aspired to political honor til this year (1886) when he was announced as candidate for chancellor of his district.

"He was married Feb. 17, 1874, to Margaret C. Whiteside, daughter of Colonel T. C. Whiteside. He has a family of four children by this marriage.

"Politically, he was reared a Whig, but is now a Democrat. Himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a Knight Templar Mason and at one time was the youngest High Priest in Royal Arch Masonry of the state. As a citizen he is well known and highly respected."

(Judge) Walter Scott-7 had issue as taken from "SOUTHERN LINEAGES", by Adeline (EVANS) Winn, 1900-1940, plus sources as noted:

1076. Edwin Whiteside-8 Bearden, b. 1875, Shelbyville, TN, d. there in 1938; m. Judith RYALL/ROYAL and had issue:
- Edwin Royall-9 Bearden, m. Thelma TURNER and had issue: Edwin Royall-10 Jr.; John-10; Susan-10 "Sue" (TWIN); and Sarah-10 "Sallie" Bearden (TWIN).
 - Julian Blake-9 Bearden, m. Margaret KERR and had issue: Julian Blake-10; and Carol-10 Bearden.
 - Frances-9 Bearden, m. Harry SCOTT of the Williamson, Bedford, Wayne and Maury County, TN Scotts, a descendant of same family as found under Person No. 841, and the James SCOTT who m. Lavinia Jane McCUISTION in Bedford County, TN, and went to McCracken County, KY about 1848 (see SCOTT/BUNCH McCUISTION FAMILY by writer). Frances-9 Bearden had issue: Juliett-10; Sarah-10, known as "Sallie" (TWIN); and Susan-10 SCOTT.
 - Margaret-9 Bearden, b. 1915-20, m. 1937, R. M. CHRISTIAN.
1077. Margie-8 Bearden, b. about 1876, Bedford/Lincoln Counties, TN, and d. 1881 in Shelbyville, Bedford County, TN.
1078. Mary Helen-8 Bearden, b. 1878, Shelbyville, TN and it was from her that Mrs. Winn got much of her early information.
1079. Walter Scott-8 Bearden II, b. 1880, Shelbyville, TN, m. 1905 to Elizabeth THOMAS and had known issue: Walter Scott-9 III, m. 1934, Frances BIVINGTON; and Mary Louise-9 Bearden.
1080. Susan-8 Bearden, b. 1882, Shelbyville, TN, d. in 1928 without issue; m. 1913 to Hans GIBERS.

VIII. TWO GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 48 ANSEL-5 AND UNKNOWN WIFE BEARDEN

A. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 168 ANSEL-6 JR. OR II AND LUCINDA (O'BARR) BEARDEN

513. John Calvin-7 Bearden (Ansel-6 Jr., Ansel-5 Sr., John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1842 in AL, known as "Arter", and looks like "Amos" on the 1850 census of Jefferson County, AL, when he was visiting and counted in the household of Abner CLAYTON (perhaps Arthur was his middle name). He m. about 1862-1865 to Catherine (?), b. 1842-1844, AL. This family is counted on the 1880 census of Jefferson County as Arter C. Bearden, b. 1843; Catherine, b. 1844; George W., b. 1866; Alford, b. 1868; Albert, b. 1868; and Jas., b. 1877. From the census, plus newspaper clippings, "Arter" and Catherine had the following issue:

1081. George W.-8 Bearden, b. March 1866, m. Sarah E. (?), b. Oct. 1870 and had issue: John C.-9, b. Jan. 1889; Maggie-8, b. July 1890; and William-9, b. Sept. 1893.
1082. Alfred F.-8 Bearden, b. 1868, his obituary in Birmingham News dated 16 Feb. 1953: "Alfred F. Bearden, age 85, a pioneer resident of Birmingham, died at his home in New Merkle on Sunday. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bearden; four daughters, Mrs. A. D. Newsome, Mrs. R. C. Acton, Mrs. L. A. Murphree, Mrs. Oscar Britt; one son, Percy V. Bearden; three brothers, Jim, Andy, Will Bearden, funeral at New Merkle, burial at Elmwood Cemetery."
1083. Albert B.-8 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1868, m. Amanda (?) and perhaps second, Leila ACTON, the following obituaries as copied from Birmingham News:
- "BEARDEN TWINS NOTED IN CONSTRUCTION WORK SEPARATED BY DEATH**
 "12 Dec. 1943: A. B. Bearden, age 75, one of a pair of twins who, until death claimed Albert last Saturday, were almost inseparable throughout their lives. Alfred F. Bearden, the surviving twin, is left to carry on the brick and stone masonry business. In the 1880's Albert became a brick mason and Alfred learned the trade, forming a partnership which began with quarrying stone from Red Mountain and moving it by ox cart to city building sites. Barrett School is a product of their work and now three generations of their descent are learning their three "R's" there. Albert Bearden was a lifetime member of the Protestant Methodist Church. He was survived by his widow and two sons, Arnold A. and John Louis of Beaumont, Texas."

"6 Sept. 1949: Mrs. Leila E. Bearden (nee Leila Acton), widow of Albert B. Bearden, survived by son, Louie Bearden of Beaumont, Texas. Burial Forest Hill Cemetery. A long time resident and business woman of Birmingham, owner of a downtown rummage shop".

Albert B.-8 had known issue, the daughters as given by descent: Orena-9, b. May 1891; Stella-9, b. Sept. 1893; Rubie-9, b. Sept. 1895; Beatrice-9, b. Feb. 1898; Arnold A.-8 and John Louis-9 Bearden, sons from his obituary.

1084. James -8 Bearden, known as "Jim", b. 1877.

1085. Charles L-8 Bearden, b. about 1879, his obituary in Birmingham News dated 10 Oct. 1948: Charlie L. Bearden, age 69, of Route 2, Birmingham; survivors, wife, Mrs. Susie Elizabeth Bearden; eight sons, Jessee, Edd, Fred, Richard, Charlie, Marion, Carl and Lee; four brothers, Jim, Alfred, Andy, William, all of Birmingham. Funeral and burial New Merkle."

1086. Andrew-8 Bearden, known as "Andy", b. Aug. 1881.

1087. William-8 Bearden, b. May 1885.

517. Duncan George-7 Bearden (Ansel-6 Jr., Ansel-5 Sr., John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 25 Dec. 1853 in Jefferson County, AL, and d. on 4 June 1927; m. at an unknown time to Tesha McDANIEL, her obituary in the "Birmingham News" on 6 Aug. 1937, without giving parents or her maiden name: "Mrs. Duncan G. Bearden, age 73, survived by three daughters and four sons, Mrs. Alice Owens, Mrs. Eliza Dukes, Mrs. Mamie Hendricks, James Bearden, J. P. Bearden, Henry Bearden and Ike Bearden, burial at new Merkle."

The information concerning Duncan G.-7 is given by his daughter, Mrs. Alice OWENS, plus the obituary of his wife which names his living issue in 1937:

1088. Jason Poole-8 Bearden (named as J. P. in mother's obituary), b. 16 Feb. 1880, d. 26 April 1968, m. Mary GENTRY, b. 1880, d. 14 Oct. 1968.

1089. Mary Alice-8 Bearden, b. 29 July 1882, living 1980, Birmingham, m. (?) OWENS and named as Mrs. Alice Owens in her mother's obituary.

1090. Jessee T.-8 Bearden, b. 29 April 1885, d. 28 Sept. 1910, m. Abye HOWARD.

1091. James-8 Bearden, b. 4 July 1888, m. Ada WELDON.

1092. Henry Clay-8 Bearden, named in mother's obituary, b. 31 Jan. 1891, d. 23 Jan. 1971, m. about 1908 to Sarah Elizabeth HOWARD and had at least five issue. There is an article in the "Birmingham News", dated 28 June 1955, which says in part:

"Henry Bearden and wife of New Merkle, parents of five sons who settled nearby: J. D. and Willie T. Bearden work at TCI in Waonah, Robert Eugene works as an auto painter, Clifford also works for TCI and lives in Pelham. Roy is with the Mt. Brook Fire Department. Henry Bearden has been employed by the Cahaba pumping station since 1901 at age ten. He married Elizabeth Howard after a seven year courtship."

1093. John Issac-8 Bearden, b. 12 June 1893, m. Emily Mable BEARD.

1094. Ida Jo Elsie Bell-8 Bearden (named as Mrs. Eliza DUKES in mother's obituary), m. William Howell DUKE.

1095. Roy-8 Bearden, b. 4 Sept. 1898, d. 14 Aug. 1906.

1096. Mamie Lou-8 Bearden, named as Mrs. Mamie HENDRICKS in mother's obituary but her husband given as Nash B. OBENCHAN by Bearden descent, probably married twice.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 169 ARTHUR-6 II AND REBECCA (WHITFIELD) BEARDEN

520. Christopher Columbus-7 Bearden (Arthur-6 II, Ansel-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of Arthur-6 II and his wife, Rebecca WHITFIELD, known as and called "Lum", was b. 2 April 1845, Shelby or Jefferson County, AL, d. in Jefferson County 4 June 1917; m. after the Civil War on 14 Nov. 1876, Jefferson County to Mary Jane BYARS, b. 22 Feb. 1852, AL, d. 11 March 1911 (one descent says d. 28

Dec. 1915), Elyton, Jefferson County, daughter of H. V. Byars and a direct descendant of Nathaniel "Nathan" Byars of the Revolutionary War, b. 1749, d. 1846, Granville County, NC.

Christopher Columbus-7 enlisted in the Civil War in 1862 at Elyton, Jefferson County, AL, Company C, 28th Alabama Infantry, same company and same time with Persons No. 172 and 174, Benjamin-7 and William-7 Bearden, and was captured and taken prisoner by the Union Army for the duration. William-7 had m. on 11 April 1860, Jefferson County to Passey GOODE.

Christopher Columbus-7 and William-7 Bearden are co-founders of the Union Hill Methodist Church and cemetery, now known as the Canterbury Methodist Church (BEARDEN NAME FILE, ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, Birmingham, AL; obituary of son, 26 June 1962, "Birmingham News"). Christopher Columbus-7 had known issue:

1097. Washington Mahon-8 Bearden, b. 11 Sept. 1877, d. 17 June 1944, m. Alma WHITLEY who d. 23 Nov. 1966.
1098. Columbus Allen-8 Bearden, b. 10 April 1880, Route 1, Chelsea, Shelby County, AL, d. there 13 Nov. 1955 (8 Nov.?), buried New Merkle Cemetery, Jefferson County, m. Mattie JONES, b. 28 Feb. 1881, d. 30 Nov. 1915, had 3 issue; m. second on 7 Oct. 1919 to Annie Marie KERR, b. 19 June 1893-1895, Wolf City, TX (obituary, "Birmingham News", 13 Nov. 1955) and had issue. Allen-8, as he was known, was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. Allen-8 had issue:
- a. Annie Mae-9 b. 1 May 1910, m. Sam LaSALLE.
 - b. Vera Bell-9, b. 6 July 1912, m. Willie BEARDEN, b. 30 Jan. 1909.
 - c. Mary Gladys-9 Bearden, b. 20 May 1914, m. Philemon Edward WORRALL.
 - d. Infant-9 Bearden.
 - e. James Edward-9 of New Merkle, first issue by second marriage, b. 2 Dec. 1920, d. 30 Nov. 1997, m. Doris Mildred GLASS.
 - f. Woodrow-9 Bearden of Birmingham, b. 4 Nov. 1922, m. Louise RAY.
 - g. Columbus Allen-9 Bearden Jr., b. 1 Dec. 1924, Jefferson County, d. 8 Nov. 1955; m. 27 Oct. 1951 to Rosa Lucille JENKINS, b. 17 June 1922, St. Clair County AL, d. 27 Jan. 1997, had issue: *(1) Ronald Allen-10 Bearden, b. 13 Feb. 1953, m. 26 June 1982, Janet Carol COLVIN, b. 20 March 1954, had issue: Ashley Crystal-11 and Benjamin Allen-11 BEARDEN. (2) Kenneth Erwin-10 Bearden, b. 6 Nov. 1954, m. Julie Ann OFFETT, had Anna Ruth-11 and Jacob Abraham-11 BEARDEN. (3) Anita Gail-10 Bearden, b. 20 Oct. 1958, m. Andrew Justin MARTIN, had April Michelle-11. (4) Randal Edward-10, b. 7 June 1962, m. Donna Louise MURPHY, had Amanda Renee-11 and Jerrod Allen-11 BEARDEN, b. 1 Aug. 1992.
- *Ronald Allen-10 of Crossville, AL personally interviewed the aged Person No. 1089, Mrs. Alice (BEARDEN) OWENS.
- h. Helen Jean-9 Bearden, b. 2 Feb. 1926, m. Billie Strand MARQUIS and had issue.
 - i. Charles Herbert-9 Bearden of LaFayette, IN, b. 17 Oct. 1928, m. Norma Lorraine GHERE and had issue.
 - j. Doris Jean-9 Bearden, b. 2 Feb. 1931, m. Charles Richard OWENS, Sr. and had issue.
 - k. Acy Wade-9 Bearden in Japan when his father died in 1955, b. 23 April 1936, m. Doris Jean NICHOLS and had issue.
 - l. Henry-9 Bearden (TWIN), b. 16 March 1938, m. Martha Ann THOMPSON and had issue.
 - m. Herchel -9 Bearden (TWIN) of Chelsea, AL in 1955, b. 16 March 1938, m. Fay Nell BLACKERBY and had issue.
 - n. Robert-9 Bearden of Chelsea, AL in 1955, b. 6 July 1941, m. Patricia Ann Lane and had issue.
1099. Harriett Eva-8 Bearden of Birmingham, named as a survivor in the obituary of her brother, Joel Byars-8 Sr. and her brother, Columbus Allen-8 Bearden, b. 6 Dec. 1882, m. Cassie Marlow RIGGINS and had issue.
1100. Annie Kelly-8 BEARDEN, b. 5 Feb. 1885, d. 3 Dec. 1935, m. Oscar Witt LEWIS and had issue.
1101. Joel Byars-8 Bearden, b. 16 July 1888, Jefferson County, AL. d. 27 June 1962, m. Nettie MORRIS, b. 9 Dec. 1888, d. 27 Oct. 1913 and had issue; m. second Ada Frances JONES, b. 1892, d. 26 Dec. 1970 and had issue. His obituary in "Birmingham News", dated 26 June 1962: "Age 73, 2534 Rocky Ridge Rd., Birmingham. Died 26 June 1962, owner of Bearden Dairy located at Mt. Brook. Son of a founder of the Union Hill Methodist Church, now known as Canterbury Methodist Church."

"He was a member of the Rocky Ridge Baptist Church where he served as the minister. Survivors included his wife, Ada (JONES) Bearden, five daughters" (as named below), "five sons" (as named below), "one sister, Mrs. Harriett RIGGINS and twenty-four grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. Burial at Patton's Chapel."

Joel Byars-8 had issue as named in his obituary:

- a. Flora-9 HOWTON.
- b. Mrs.-9 Leon WOOTEN.
- c. Mrs.-9 G. A. GORMAN.
- d. Mary-9 Bearden, not married in 1962 when father died.
- e. Mrs. Irene-9 BEASLEY of Gardendale, Alabama.
- f. M. L.-9 Bearden (male), of Birmingham.
- g. Wade-9 Bearden of Birmingham.
- h. Joel Byars-9 Jr. of Birmingham.
- i. Joel Elwyn-9 Bearden, of Helena, AL. Joel Elwyn-9 had one known son: John Leonard-10 Bearden, b. 24 May 1933, d. 17 Feb. 1968 in a small plane crash, had known issue, David Elwyn-11 Bearden of Helena, AL, who has been helpful in compiling his Bearden family.
- j. Herbert-9 Bearden, youngest issue of Joel Byars-8 Bearden, of West Point, MS in 1962.

C. ONE CHILD OF NO. 170 RICHARD-6 AND MARY ANN (?) BEARDEN

531. **Richard A.-7 Bearden** (Richard-6, Ansel-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known as Richard Jr. and this writer first compiled his father as one of the sons of No. 95, James-6 Bearden because he was b. 1817 in TN and James-6 was in TN at that time; however, some AL family believe the Richard-6 Bearden (b. 1817, TN), is the son of No. 48, Ansel-5 Bearden Sr. The writer is not entirely convinced and perhaps some clue will finally give him an identity. The family has always been very clannish and live in groups in the same area.

Richard A.-7 was b. about 1847 in Marshall County, AL and d. on 10 March 1809 as recorded in his granddaughter's scrapbook and believed to have d. in Jefferson County, AL, as his daughter and her family are buried there in the Union Hill Cemetery. He is listed in Marshall County in his parents' household on the 1850 Alabama census as age 3 (Family No. 375/394, Richard-6, b. 1817 and Mary Ann, b. 1830). He is listed as head of his own household on the 1870 Alabama census in Jefferson County (Family No. 706/712). He had m. about 1860-1865 to S. W. (?), who may be a Bearden cousin, b. about 1838 and is nine years older than her husband. After S. W.'s death, Richard Jr.-7 m. second on 27 March 1897 in Jefferson County to a much younger woman, Florence DEAN, b. 1869 in Attalia, AL and d. 25 March 1929 (memorial card in possession of Mrs. Angela Markwalter of Zephyrhills, FL). The 1900 census of Jefferson County, AL indicates they have been married three years.

The memorial card says Florence's pall bearers were William, Arthur and Edd Bearden and J. W. POOLE. This make sense as her stepdaughter was Mary Jane-7 Bearden, mother of the Bearden boys who were listed as pall bearers and who were Florence's step grandchildren; and Mary Jane-7's sister had m. Walter POOLE.

At some point before 1860, perhaps because he m. a Bearden relative of that area, Richard A.-7 moved his family to Jefferson County, AL. He and his first wife had known issue as given by Mrs. Markwalter:

1102. Frances-8 Bearden, b. about 1865 after the move to Jefferson County, probably d. in Jefferson County.
1103. Mary Jane-8 Bearden, b. about 1867, Jefferson County, AL. Her obituary on 9 Nov. 1953 in BIRMINGHAM NEWS stated: "Mrs. Mary Jane Bearden died, age 76, of No. 1 Overbrook Road. Survivors, one daughter, Mrs. J. P. Rule; seven sons, Joe, Fred, Arthur, Lorean, Edd, Elvin and Robert Bearden. Funeral services at Canterbury Methodist Church, burial in the Union Hill Cemetery". Her tombstone with inscription stands with the other Beardens. She m. on 15 Nov. 1882, Shades Valley, Jefferson County, AL, to Person No. 533, Robert William-7 Bearden, see under his number and name for issue.

1104. Amanda-8 Bearden, b. about 1869 in Jefferson County, AL, d. there, her tombstone stands in the Union Hill Cemetery near that of his sister, Mary Jane-9 (BEARDEN) BEARDEN. She m. Walter W. Poole.
1105. Male-8 issue who may have not survived until adulthood.

D. ONE CHILD OF NO. 174 WILLIAM-6 AND PASSEY ANN (GOODE) BEARDEN

533. Robert William-7 Bearden (William-6, Ansel-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 9 Feb. 1861, Elyton, Jefferson County, AL, d. 11 Jan. 1937. Both he and his wife's obituaries as taken from the "Birmingham News":

"13 Jan. 1937: Robert William Bearden, 75, died at residence on No. 1 Overbrook Road, burial Union Hill Cemetery. He was a member of Canterbury Methodist Church, a pioneer resident of Jefferson County. He is survived by his widow, Mary Jane Bearden and sons Joe and Edwin of Washington, Robert of Louisville, Fred, Edward, Arthur and Lorean of Birmingham. Pallbearers include Albert B. and Alfred F. Bearden, twins of New Merkle."

Robert-7 m. on 15 Nov. 1882 at Shades Valley, AL, to his distant cousin, Mary Jane-8 BEARDEN, b. about 1867, Marshall County, AL, d. 1943. Her descent, using the 1850 census of Marshall County, AL and the 1870 census of Jefferson County, AL, think she is the daughter of the person compiled herein as No. 531, Richard A.-7 Bearden. Mary Jane-8 would then be the great granddaughter of Robert-7's grandfather.

Robert-7 and Mary Jane-8 owned extensive property in Shades Valley in the neighborhood of Colonial Hills and Mountain Brook, some of their land where Canterbury Mountain Brook Methodist Church is today. Riley Green, the associate minister at First Methodist, was originally at Canterbury.

The subject had at least two sons who did not survive him. His survivors as listed in his obituary are his widow, one daughter and seven sons:

1106. Passie Ann-8 Bearden, b. 15 Dec. 1883, Jefferson County, AL, m. 18 Sept. 1901, J. D. Grant NORMAN, m. second 1912, James P. RULE.
1107. William-8 Bearden, b. 21 March 1885, Birmingham, AL, d. 14 Feb. 1924, buried Union Hill Cemetery, m. 24 Dec. 1909 in home of Rev. BAILEY to Lottie Lee JAMES. This is not the same person whose obituary was in the "Birmingham News" dated 5 Oct. 1936: "William Alfred Bearden, age 42, Route 4, of Birmingham. Services at New Bethel Church, burial in adjoining cemetery. Survivors, widow (not named) and 1 daughter, Mrs. Ollie Sprayberry. Bearers, William Bearden, Alfred Bearden, Andrew Bearden, Albert Bearden, Charlie Bearden, Jim Bearden."
1108. Joseph-8 Bearden of Washington, DC, b. 28 Sept. 1888, m. 15 Aug. 1915, Birmingham, to Georgie NEWELL, living in 1957.
1109. Fred-8 Bearden, b. 12 Sept. 1890, m. Sarah "Sennie" PAYNE; his obituary dated 6 Oct. 1957, "Birmingham News", shows his age as 67 and that he is survived by wife Mrs. Sarah (Payne) and six brothers, Edd C., Robert, D., Arthur, Lorean and O. C. Bearden. He is buried Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham.
1110. Edwin Cross-8 Bearden, b. 27 Oct. 1892, d. 14 April 1974, m. 21 July 1917, Alice Grace LILES, living in 1957.
1111. Walter-8 Bearden, b. 23 Nov. 1894, d. 21 Sept. 1918 at Chateau Thierry, France, World War I, his body brought home for burial on 9 Jan. 1921 in the Union Hill Cemetery which his grandfather had established and given the land for. An article in "Birmingham News" dated 1 Oct. 1918 reads: "Private Walter Bearden of Shades Valley was wounded in action. He was the son of Robert William Bearden and the great grandson of Daniel Watkins who fought with Andrew Jackson and settled in this area in 1818. His two grandfathers, William Bearden and Robert Goode fought in the Civil War."
1112. Robert Daniel-8 Bearden, b. 4 Dec. 1896, in Louisville 1957.

1113. Arthur Lee-8 Bearden, b. 6 Jan. 1899, AL, m. Aida RENEGAR, living in 1957.
 1114. Oscar Lorean-8 Bearden, b. 28 June 1902, AL, d. 19 Aug. 1982, burial Union Hill Cemetery, m. Ethel Mae SHAFFIELD and these are the ancestors of Angela B. MARKWALTER of Zephyrhills, FL.
 1115. Elvin D.-8 Bearden, b. 13 Aug. 1904, living Birmingham in 1957.

Abstracts from "Birmingham News":

"18 Feb. 1957, Mrs. Mary Jane BEARDEN died, age 76, of Birmingham, burial New Merkle Cemetery, survivors: son, A. L. Bearden and one brother, Faulk JONES.

"8 June 1935: "Reuben F. Bearden, age 40, shot at home of H. V. Byars last Saturday night. Services held at Hopewell Baptist Church, Reverend E. S. Gable in charge. Burial at Hopewell Cemetery. Byars is in jail, said Bearden threatened his life and he shot him with a shotgun. Bearden is survived by his widow, Mrs. Flora C. Bearden; son, V. H. Bearden; father, M. T. Bearden; four brothers, William, Elisha, Robert, Roland Bearden; four sisters".

"10 Oct. 1948: Roseberry Bearden, 82, Leeds, Alabama. Survivors, 3 daughters, 1 sister, Mrs. Martha James Goodwin, 1 half-brother, Zack Bearden of New Merkle, burial Acton Memorial Cemetery."

"20 Aug. 1951: Died, Frank Bearden, age 57 of New Merkle, survivors widow and son Mrs. Annie and David T. Bearden, 2 daughters".

James Franklin Bearden married the Mal Nettie BEARDEN whose obituary is published in the "Montgomery Advertiser", dated 2 June 1947, and names her survivors: husband, J. F. Bearden, son of William; four daughters, Mrs. Alice JULIAN of Selma, Mrs. Sallie SMITHERMAN of Prattville, Mrs. Lula Smith of Prattville, Mrs. Bertha GLASS of Key West, FL; and two sons, Chancey of Stanton and Lum A. of Selma, AL.

FINIS DESCENDANTS OF NO. 48. ANSEL-5 BEARDEN AND UNKNOWN WIFE

THE EIGHTH GENERATION BEARDEN

THIRTEEN DESCENDANTS OF NO. 36 BENJAMIN-5 AND MOLLY (HARRIS) BEARDEN

I. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 53 JOHN-6 AND NANCY (HARRIS/ADAMS/VAUGHN) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 185 LAMBERT SMITH-7 AND NANCY (WARD) BEARDEN

551. Thomas Ward-8 Bearden (Lambert Smith-7, John-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), of Sumner County, TN, Macon County, IL, Barry County, MO, Quachita County, AR, Hunt County, TX, etc., b. 20 Dec. 1824, in Macon County, IL and d. 22 Feb. 1908 near Sulphur Springs, Hunt County, TX, buried 23 Feb. in the Brashear/Brasher Cemetery, Hopkins County, TX. He m. on 7 Feb. 1844 in Quachita County, AR to Elvira BLANKENSHIP who was born on 2 Nov. 1824 in Virginia, parents born VA, d. on 12 Sept. 1903, near Sulphur Springs, TX, the daughter of William and Harriett Blankenship, listed on the 1850 census, Jefferson Township, Quachita County, AR.

The Thomas Ward-8 Bearden lineage is taken by permission from "BEARDEN KINFOLKS", by Elsie-11 (HATTON) WALKER of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Ralph Thurston WALL of Mississippi. Both have more information concerning the ascent and descent of Thomas W.-8 and Elvira Bearden.

One grandchild told the story that, at birth, Thomas W.-8 had no anus opening and the midwife took a sharp knife and cut an X opening. No corrective surgery was ever performed and his later life was particularly painful and burdensome.

Thomas W.-8 lived from 1850 to 1898 in Jefferson Township, Quachita County, AR (1880 census). The 1900 census lists him in Hot Springs, AR and he was in Texas before 1902. He was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion (Civil War, CSA), although no proof has been found of his military service. The Veteran's Administration furnished him with glasses in his later life after he was almost blind. Thomas-8 and Elvira were members in good standing of the Piney Grove Methodist Church in Quachita County.

On 3 May 1858, Thomas W.-8 Bearden purchased 80 acres of land in Quachita County, SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 4 and NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Section 9, T14S, R19W sold at Champagnolle, AR (Patent 4853, Vol. 9, Pg. 370, Order 1129F).

On 1 Sept. 1860, Thomas W.-8 Bearden bought 80 acres of land E 1/2 of SE 1/4 Section 5, T14S, R19W, sold at Champagnolle, AR (Patent 10848, Vol. 20, Pg. 146, Order 1129F).

On 1 June 1875, Thomas-8 Bearden was granted 40 acres of land NW 1/4 Section 4T14s, claimed at Camden in Quachita County, AR (Patent HD 227, Vol 1, Pg. 210, Order 1129F).

Thomas W.-8 Bearden's grandchildren remembered some of the stories told to them about his life both before and after the War. He made shoes for the Confederate Army, reportedly at Hodges Tanning Yard, twenty-three miles west of Camden. The Confederate Government shipped cowhides there for tanning and the making of shoes and boots. Squirrel, deer and coon hides were used for dress shoes. A granddaughter still owns the thimble Thomas W.-8 used in making the shoes.

One grandson remembers him telling the story of how he was taken prisoner during the war and how he made his escape and went home. The Yankee soldiers came after him and he hid in a hollow tree until they were gone.

Between 1898 and 1902, Thomas W.-8 Bearden was in Lincoln Township, Garland County, AR, near Hot Springs, living with his youngest child, who was Cicero C.-9 Bearden. They had moved there to be near Elvira's sister, Virginia, who then moved on to Sulphur Springs, TX. In 1902, the Thomas W.-8 Bearden family again packed their earthly possessions and moved by train to Hunt County, TX, to be near Elvira's sister.

One story by a granddaughter was that "Grandma Elvira said, 'There may not be enough toilets on the train for nine kids, we better take some buckets'. One child carried a 'toe sack' full of buckets and Elvira carried her black gum toothbrush and her snuff box. Thomas brought his dog, Queenie, his plug of home twist tobacco, and had to ride in the baggage coach. The children clutched homemade cookies, hard biscuits and a few cherished toys."

In Texas, there was the now almost blind Thomas W.-8 Bearden, his wife, Elvira, his son Cicero and his wife Rocia with nine children, all living in a small house. The night Elvira died, Thomas W.-8, unable to see, thought he heard someone breaking into the house. The excitement so scared Elvira that she ran crying to her son, Cicero-9 Bearden, and dropped dead in his arms.

Both Thomas W.-8 and Elvira's graves are marked by a beautiful pink granite double tombstone. A granddaughter, as named below, prepared and had processed a delayed Certificate of Death and had it recorded in Sulphur Springs and with the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Austin, TX.

Tradition is that Thomas W.-8 Bearden was part Indian and he did live with his Indian stepmother and her tribe after his father's death in 1840. It is said that she was devoted to her husband's white children. Thomas W.-8 had issue Bearden, ten:

***1116. William Lambert-9 Bearden**, m. about 1869, Mary Susan GRIFFIN.

1117. Fieland T.-9 Bearden, b. 16 July 1847 in Missouri, probably Greene County, d. unmarried in May 1865.

1118. Jeannette M.-9 Bearden, b. 12 Jan. 1850, Barry County, MO, d. Dec. 1886, m. (?) FOSTER.
1119. Francis Melzie-9 Bearden, b. 25 Sept. 1852, Barry County, MO, d. 29 Aug. 1948 in TX; m. about 1869 in AR to Florence Virginia BLANKENSHIP. Issue, Bearden:
- a. Emma-10 Bearden, b. 15 Jan. 1891, Quachita County, AR; m. 14 Nov. 1906, to William Walter PARRISH, had issue: Virgil Ray-11, b. 14 Jan. 1908, died young; Verda Mae-11, b. 23 Nov. 1909, m. 7 July 1928, Robert Alvis BAKER, had Jackie-12 and Donna-12 Baker, Linnie Beatrice-11, b. 3 June 1911, m. 3 Jan. 1931, Lawrence DELOZIER and had Gay-12 DeLozier and Imogene-11 Parrish, b. 28 March 1923, m. 28 Aug. 1940 to J. W. HINDS and had Sharon-12, Jerry-12 and Linda-12 HINDS.
 - b. Edward-10 Bearden.
 - c. Elmer-10 Bearden.
 - d. Horace-10 Bearden.
 - e. Opal-10 Bearden, youngest of record for Francis M.-9 Bearden.
1120. Cora A.-9 Bearden, b. 1854-1858 in AR; m. 5 Feb. 1880 to Elijah HERRON.
1121. Jasper Burr-9 Bearden, b. 7 Feb. 1856, AR, d. 5 April 1940 in TX; m. 18 Oct. 1877 to Saphronia Mackie Victoria HERRON who was the mother of the following ten children. Descendants say he ran off and m. second in Texas, to Agnes ADAMS and had seven more children who are unknown. Winnie-11 (BEARDEN) STONE has contributed to the assembly of Jasper B.-9's Arkansas family and Pearl-11 (BEARDEN) HAMMONDS now deceased, gave an early outline of the Jasper B.-9 Bearden family:
- a. Jackson Perry-10 Bearden, b. 27 Dec. 1879, TX, d. 21 March 1935; m. 14 Feb. 1901, Ida Mae PURIFOY and had Everett-11; Alma-11; Dollie-11; Minnie-11; Ila-11; Audrey-11 Bearden.
 - b. Minnie Elvira-10 Bearden, b. 12 July 1881, d. on 14 Jan. 1936, m. on 12 Jan. 1899 to Samuel N. ADAMS, had issue: Buelah-11, Etta-11, Estelle-11, Lawrence-11, Albert-11, Gladys-11 and Mildred-11 Adams.
 - c. Lou Ellen-10 Bearden, b. 24 Aug. 1883, m. Stephen Arnold ZIMMERLEY, had issue: Ruth-11, Arnold-11, Llewellen-11, Constance-11 Zimmerley.
 - d. Grover Cleveland-10 Bearden, b. 21 Sept. 1885, d. 7 July 1914, m. Eliza THOMAS, had issue: Virgil-11, Lillie-11 and Ruby-11 Bearden.
 - e. Jasper Rowland-10 "Rolen" Bearden, b. 21 Oct. 1887, AR, m. 16 July 1911 to Nettie Lou Vesta PRINCE, had issue: Jeter-11, Walter-11, Roy-11, Maggie-11, Henry-11 and Annie-11 Bearden.
 - f. Saphronia May Belle-10 Bearden, b. 3 Oct. 1889, m. William Edward NEWBORN and had Carl-11, Bernice-11, Victoria-11, Annie-11, Minnie-11, Grover-11, Amanda-11, and William-11.
 - g. James Marshall-10 Bearden (TWIN), b. 18 Jan. 1892; m. 1 Dec. 1944, to Bessie A. RICE/REIS/REECE and had issue: James-11, Vance-11 and Evelyn-11 Bearden.
 - h. John Spencer-10 Bearden (TWIN), b. 18 Jan. 1892, AR, m. Essie STEAD, had issue: Daryl-11 Bearden.
 - i. Franklin Halton-10 Bearden, b. 3 July 1894 in Quachita County, AR, m. Ada LAMPKIN and had issue: Glenn-11, Zell-11 and Opal-11 Bearden.
 - j. Pearl Lillian-10 Bearden, was b. on 24 Aug. 1896, m. George Washington HAMMOND/S, had issue: Ruby-11, Jinx-11, and George-11 Hammond.
1122. Thomas H.-9 Bearden, b. 12 Nov. 1858, AR; m. 27 Dec. 1882 to M. A. BURRIS and had one unknown issue; m. second 18 Feb. 1885, to Ellen BURRIS and had no issue.
1123. John E.-9 Bearden, b. 22 Jan. 1861, AR, d. 4 May 1920; m. 1887 to Mary REYNOLDS. One unknown issue.
1124. Mary Harriett-9 Bearden, b. 7 Feb. 1863, d. 1865.
1125. Cicero C.-9 Bearden, youngest issue of Thomas Ward-8 and Elvira (Blankenship), b. 26 April 1866, d. 16 April 1943; m. 14 July 1889, Rocia Blanch SMITH and had nine unknown issue.

II. FOUR GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 54 RICHARD-6 AND NANCY (BENNETT) BEARDENA. ONE CHILD OF NO. 188 SARAH L.-7 BEARDEN AND THOMAS J. CAMPBELL

561. **Richard Bearden-8 CAMPBELL** (Sarah L.-7 BEARDEN, Richard-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), first son and third issue of Sarah L.-7 Bearden, called "Sallie" and her husband, Thomas Jefferson Campbell, b. on 27 March 1822 in Rhea County, TN and d. on 11 Nov. 1883 in Chatanooga, TN; m. on 23 May 1843 in Athens, McMinn County, TN to Isabella Stearns BRIDGES, who was b. on 19 Oct. 1823 in McMinn County, TN, the daughter of James S. and Mary (McKIM) Bridges of McMinn County.

The ascent and descent of this Bearden and Campbell family is taken from the records of the Twenty-Seventh, Twenty-Eighth, Twenty-Ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-First United States Congress, Thomas Jefferson Campbell, Clerk of the National House of Representatives; THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (NSDAR) LINEAGE BOOK, Vol. 15, Pg. 13; letter from Mrs. Geraldine (HENDERSON) WILKEY, dated 10 Jan. 1940; Campbell Bible in possession of C. C. Blackman of Longview, TX, and A. M. Blackman of Clemmons, NC; "NINETEENTH CENTURY TENNESSEE CHURCH RECORDS", by Byron Sistler, published 1979, Vol. 1 and Vol. II; vertical file, McClung Library in Knoxville, TN; "KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGES", by D'Armand, published 1970, Pg. 228; "BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF TENNESSEE GENEALOGY", Vol. 1, Pg. 116; Virkus "AMERICAN COMPENDIUM OF GENEALOGY", Vol. 2, Pg. 228; and "LEAVES FROM THE FAMILY TREE", by Johnson, etc. Richard B.-8 and Isabella Stearns (BRIDGES) Campbell had issue:

1126. James Reeder-9 Campbell, b. 13 April 1844, LaFayette, GA and died young there on 26 Aug. 1859.
1127. Thomas Jefferson-9 Campbell b. 25 Sept. 1846, LaFayette, GA, d. 23 March 1876, Fulton County, GA; m. 27 July 1869, Mary Jane BROWN.
1128. Clinton-9 Campbell, b. 30 Dec. 1848, Walker County, GA, d. 12 June 1901, San Antonio, Bexar County, TX; m. 1 Oct. 1874 Lauderdale County, AL, Frances E. COFFEE, b. and d. there 6 Sept. 1854 and 14 Dec. 1881, daughter of John C. and Rebecca (WILLIAMS); m. second 16 Feb. 1882, Gustavia Colman Coffee; issue first wife:
- a. John-10 Campbell, b. 15 June 1875, Lauderdale County, AL, d. 1 Nov. 1938, Austin, Travis County, TX; m. Martha LYNN.
 - b. Thomas Jefferson-10 Campbell, b. 11 May 1876, Lauderdale County, AL and lived New Orleans, LA.
 - c. Clinton-10 Campbell Jr., b. 31 Oct. 1877, Lauderdale County, AL, d. there on 10 Sept. 1881.
 - d. Marcus Williams-10 Campbell, b. 4 June 1878 in Lauderdale County, AL and d. there on 17 Nov. 1880.
 - e. Frances Gustavia-10 Campbell, b. 17 Nov. 1880, Lauderdale County, AL and d. 29 Nov. 1930 in Austin, Travers County, TX; m. 30 Dec. 1903 in Athens, Limestone County, AL to Albert Morris BLACKMAN, who was b. 11 Nov. 1876 in Maury County, TN and d. 1947 in Travers County, TX, the son of William Rufus and Eliza W. (EICHBAUM) Blackman. Francis G.-10 had issue:
 - (1) Albert Morris-11 Blackman Jr., who was b. 18 Jan. 1905, San Antonio, TX and d. there on 15 Nov. 1942, m. on 25 Aug. 1929 at Giddings, Lee County, TX, to Clara Esther BROWDER, b. 22 Jan. 1905, Lexington, Lee County, TX, d. 10 Dec. 1975 at Kingsville, Kleburg County, TX, the daughter of Joseph Daniel and Kate Helen (BARBEE) Browder. Albert Morris-11 Jr. had issue: Albert Morris-12 Blackman III of the above address, b. 23 Aug. 1930 in Austin, TX, m. 24 Aug. 1951 in Jacksonville, Duval County, FL, to Shirley Ann THEIS.
 - (2) Clinton-11 Blackman, 2nd and youngest issue of Frances G.-10, b. 8 Jan. 1908, Lancaster, TX, d. Austin, TX, m. 12 Aug. 1930, Austin, TX to Minerva F. CUNNINGHAM.
 - f. Richard Bearden-10 Campbell, b. 4 Dec. 1881, Lauderdale County, AL, d. there on 8 Dec. 1881.
1129. Clairborne McMillan-9 Campbell, b. 12 Jan. 1851, Walker County, GA, d. Gaston County, NC; m. 12 Dec. 1872, Katy ASHCRAFT.
1130. Richard Bearden-9 Campbell Jr., b. 23 Sept. 1852, Chatanooga, d. 29 Nov. 1881; m. 24 Sept. 1874 to Texas A. WATKINS.

1131. Sallie C.-9 Campbell, b. 9 Oct. 1854, Chatanooga, Hamilton County, TN, d. 11 Aug. 1883; m. 21 Nov. 1877, Frank DICKSON.
1132. Mary Louise-9 Campbell, b. 7 Nov. 1860, Chatanooga, TN, m. there on 12 April 1881 to Eugene W. BEALL.
1133. Isabella Bridges-9 Campbell, ninth and youngest issue of Richard Bearden-8 and his wife Isabella Stearns (BRIDGES) Campbell, b. 7 Oct. 1862 in Chatanooga, TN, d. there 30 June 1931; m. there 21 Sept. 1880 to Walter Clyde WILKEY.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 189 NATHANIEL-7 AND JOICY (?) BEARDEN

566. Catherine J.-8 Bearden (Nathaniel-7, Richard-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1833 in Knox County, TN and d. before 2 Aug. 1883 when her widower remarried. She m. 18 July 1850, with John Pomfret-8 BEARDEN, J. P., Archibald A. RUDDER, Bondsman ("KNOX COUNTY MARRIAGES", by D'Armand), as his first wife, to her father's first cousin, William H.-7 BEARDEN (Person No. 218) and her issue can be found under his number and name. Catherine J.-8 and William H.-7 Bearden have mutual great grandparents and grandparents; that is, Catherine J.-8 Bearden's great grandparents are her husband's grandparents.

Nathaniel-7 Bearden is listed as head of household on the 1850 census of Knox County, TN (Census and Family No. 1948/459), with three issue, including the seventeen year old Catherine J.-8 Bearden and counted in same household is Nathaniel-7's first cousin, William H.-7 Bearden who is also counted in the household of his parents, Person No. 62, Benjamin-6 and Elizabeth (MINOR) Bearden (census family No. 1975/463). This indicates that the eighteen year old William H.-7 Bearden and the seventeen year old Catherine J.-8 Bearden are not yet married when the census is taken, or their parents are not yet informed.

The mother of William H.-7 Bearden, Elizabeth (MINOR) Bearden, age 63 (b. 1787) is a widow before 1860. She is enumerated in that year in the household of her son, William H.-7 and his wife, Catherine J.-8 (BEARDEN) Bearden. The 1860 census of Knox County, TN lists head of household William H.-7, age 27; Catherine J.-8, same age and four issue. In addition to his mother, living in the William H.-7 Bearden household in 1860 is the identical sister listed on the 1850 census of Knox County in the household of Benjamin-6 Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth (MINOR) Bearden: Harriett E.-7 Bearden, b. 1839-1841, who married before 1860 to (?) CLARK.

C. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 190 MARCUS D. L.-7 AND ELIZA A. (COCKE) BEARDEN

569. Sarah Ann-8 Bearden (Marcus de Lafayette-7, Richard-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), first daughter of Marcus D. L.-7 and his first wife, Eliza Amy (COCKE) Bearden, b. 13 April 1822, Knox County, TN, d. at an unknown time in Philadelphia, PA; m. 22 Dec. 1840 in Knox County to William GOODRICH, who d. in Philadelphia. The marriage was performed by the Reverend William M. Campbell of Connecticut. Sarah Ann-8 had issue, Goodrich:

1134. James-9 Goodrich, b. 10 Oct. 1842, Knox County, d. 19 March 1882, Philadelphia, PA, m. 15 Dec. 1869, Scobio, MS to Sallie LOCKETT, daughter of David and Tabitha (CATLIN/CATLETT) LOCKETT.
1135. William-9 Goodrich, b. 12 Jan. 1845, New Haven, CT, d. in Philadelphia; m. 29 Sept. 1875, St. Paul's P. E. Church, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia by the Reverend J. Andrew Harris, D. D., to Helen CAUBLE, daughter of Anthony of Philadelphia.
1136. Caspar Frederick-9 Goodrich, b. 7 Aug. 1846, Knoxville, Knox County, TN, d. in New Jersey where he was a Naval officer; m. 4 Sept. 1873, Naversink, All Soul's Memorial Chapel, Highland, New Jersey by the Right Reverend W. H. Odenheimer, Bishop of New Jersey, to Eleonor MILNER, daughter of Charles of New York City. Caspar F.-9 had issue:

- a. Eleonor-10, b. 19 Oct. 1876, Yokahama, Japan.
 - b. Milnor-10, b. 20 Dec. 1878, Newport, RI, d. 29 Oct. 1879.
 - c. Casper Frederick-10 Jr., b. 1881, Florence, Italy.
 - d. Garnett Woolsey-10, b. 22 Oct. 1882, died young Venice, Italy.
 - e. Gladys-10 Goodrich b. 14 Jan. 1886, Washington D. C.
1137. Henry Whitney-9 Goodrich, b. 1 Nov. 1848 in Philadelphia, PA and d. there on 22 June 1849.
1138. Joseph King-9 Goodrich, b. 13 Jan. 1850 in Philadelphia, m. 17 April 1882 in Boston, MA, by Rev. Bernard Carpenter to the widow, Hattie Ella (WINGATE) LOVEJOY, who d. 30 March 1893, St. Luke's Hospital, Vancouver, British Columbia.
1139. Sarah Ann-9 Goodrich, sixth issue of Sarah Ann -8 Bearden, b. 8 June 1852, Philadelphia, PA; m. 26 Sept. 1871, Philadelphia, by Reverend Henry A. Boardman to William EARP, and had issue: Ellen Forbes-10 Earp b. 26 Feb. 1872, Philadelphia.
1140. Hattie Whitney-9 Goodrich, youngest issue of Sarah A.-8, b. 27 Feb. 1858, Newstow, CT; m. 13 Feb. 1888 Philadelphia Christ Church Chapel, to William F. KIRK and had issue:
- a. Alan-10 Kirk, b. 30 Oct. 1888, Philadelphia, the Naval officer in charge and command of the invasion of Normandy in World War II.
 - b. Dorothy-10 Kirk, b. 10 Feb. 1891, Philadelphia.

571. John Telemachus-8 Bearden (Marcus D. L.-7, Richard-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of Marcus de Lafayette-7 and his first wife, Eliza Amy (COCKE) Bearden, b. 18 Aug. 1826 in Knox County, TN and d. after 1880 in Los Angeles, CA; m. in Sept. 1859 in Camden, AR to Frances (MEDLEY) STITH, the widow of the eminent jurist, Judge Abner Aurelius Stith of Virginia, Warren County, MS and Camden, AR ("VIRGINIA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY", Vol. 37; Mrs. W. W. Winkler of Charlottesville, VA, a descendent of the Cockes, Medleys, Bollings and Stiths, a great niece of Judge Abner A. Stith and a descendant of John Drury Stith of Prince George and Brunswick Counties, VA.

John D. Stith's daughter was Anne who m. as his second wife in 1681 to Robert Bolling of "Kippax", sometimes known as "Farmingdale". Robert Bolling's first wife was Jane ROLFE who d. in 1676, the daughter of Colonel John Rolfe and his wife, (Princess) POCAHONTAS REBECCA, who was the daughter of POWHATON, the Indian Chief, the latter the great Werowac and ruler of all the Indian tribes who at the advent of the English inhabited the Colony of Virginia.

Judge Abner A. Stith was b. in VA, m. in Warren County, MS and moved on to Camden in Quachito County, AR where he was the circuit court judge and where he died in 1857, leaving a widow and four children. His widow married his successor, who is the subject of this sketch, John Telemachus-8 BEARDEN.

John T.-8 is listed first on the 1850 census of Quachito County, AR in the household of his renowned kinsman and jurist, Isaac L. H. RAINEY (Census and Family No. 26, copy in possession of writer), where he had gone to study law under Isaac Rainey, who was b. 1818 in TN. Living in same household in 1850 was R. A. HARPER, stable man, b. 1823 in TN.

Judge John Telemachus-8 Bearden was the attorney for the Southwestern Improvement Association, the Railway Land Company in 1882, Quachito County. The little town of Bearden, close to Camden, is named for him ("THE SAGA OF BEARDEN, ARKANSAS", in writer's possession). There is an old and new post office, Bearden Fire Station and a Bearden High School with an athletic team called the Bears.

John Telemachus-8 and Frances (MEDLEY) Stith-Bearden had issue, b. in Camden, Quachita County, AR:

- 1141. Lula-9 Bearden, d. 1874, age 14 in same location she was born.
- 1142. Ella-9 Bearden, b. 4 Jan. 1861, m. Andrew H. JENNINGS, lived and died in Los Angeles, CA.
- 1143. Laura-9 Bearden, b. 13 July 1863, d. in CA; m. William M. WHITMORE who d. in CA.

III. SIX GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 55 WILLIAM-6 AND NANCY (FRAZIER) BEARDEN**A. FOUR CHILDREN OF NO. 199 JERIMIAH-7 AND RACHEL (HAMILTON) BEARDEN**

583. Andrew Jackson-8 Bearden (Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 4 March 1815 in Montgomery County, TN and d. on 11 Dec. 1864 in Pike County, MS, buried Bearden Cemetery, Walthall, MS; m. Emily SARTIN, daughter of John and Margaret (BARNES) Sartin. Descendants have sent little information for "Jack", a farmer and a Baptist in his religion. "Jack"-8 had issue, b. in Pike County, MS:

*1144. **Delilah Ann-9 Bearden**, b. about 1847, m. Needham HOLMES.

1145. **Josephus J.-9 "Cephas" Bearden**, b. 4 Oct. 1848, d. 8 Feb. 1907; m. Caroline STOVALL, b. 12 Jan. 1846, d. 13 Oct. 1910. "Cephas"-9 had issue:

a. **Robert Lee-10 Bearden**, b. 23 Dec. 1869, d. 27 Nov. 1888.

b. **Jackson T.-10 Bearden**, b. 30 March 1872, d. 1 Nov. 1909.

c. **Ester-9 Bearden**, b. 1 Jan. 1888, d. 1966, m. 21 Dec. 1902, John Monroe BOONE, b. 13 Nov. 1880, d. 1947, had: (1) **Beatrice-10**, b. 5 May 1904, m. Harry McGUFFEE, had Ada Emily-11, b. 19 Sept. 1923, d. 26 Aug. 1924; **Maxwell-11**, b. 19 Oct. 1924, m. Violet HINSON; **Vernon Alford-11**, b. 27 Oct. 1927, m. Mary GRAVES; **Alton David-11**, b. 9 Feb. 1929, m. Caroline JACKSON; **Lindell-11**, m. Louis VEDEAR; and **Olice-11 McGuffee**, m. Hughey WINGATE. (2) **Audrey Marie-10**, b. 1 Aug. 1906. (3) **Roy Monroe-10 Boone**, b. 29 March 1909, m. 21 Sept. 1925 to Ruth LAMBERT and had Maxine-11; Sarah Ruth-11; Estus-11; and Tommie-11 Boone.

1146. **James W.-9 Bearden**, b. 30 April 1849-1850, d. 4 Feb. 1904; m. 12 March 1874 to Minerva STOVALL, b. 12 March 1854, d. 19 Oct. 1918 and had issue: **Murray W.-10**, b. 14 Jan. 1877, d. 11 May 1940; **Thomas Jackson-10**, 11 May 1880-6 March 1967; **James S.-10**, b. 19 April 1895, d. 13 March 1968, m. (?) OWENS and had two issue, a daughter who m. a CARTER and an unknown; **Estelle-10**, m. Pearl ALLEN; and **Emma-10 Bearden**, youngest issue of James W. and Minerva (STOVALL), unmarried.

*1147. **Elmore H.-9 Bearden**, b. 1852, d. 1919, m. Cathern COTHERN.

*1148. **Laura D.-9 Bearden**, b. 1855, m. Levi SANDIFER.

*1149. **Noah E.-9 Bearden**, b. 1856 and d. 1934, m. Amanda COTHERN/CATHERN.

1150. **Hugh B.-9 Bearden**, b. 1859, d. 1918.

*1151. **William Jackson-9 Bearden**, b. 1861, d. 1932, m. Lula Lavola STOVALL.

584. Nancy-8 Bearden (Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), second issue and first daughter of Jeremiah-7 and his wife Rachel HAMILTON, was b. on 1 Jan. 1817 in Pike County, MS (Montgomery County, TN?), d. 1 Oct. 1894, buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, McEwen section, Summit, MS; m. John BARNES and had three issue, m. second James Matthew (James W.?) McEWEN, who was b. 9 June 1815, d. 25 Dec. 1851 and had five issue, m. third James RILEY, no issue. Nancy-8 Riley was a witness for her mother-in-law, Rachel (HAMILTON) Bearden on pension and bounty land papers. She had issue (1850 Pike County Census; McEwen Cemetery; family Bible kept by No. 5 issue; Lenoir Cemetery; "HISTORY OF PIKE COUNTY", Luke Conerley, "CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS, PIKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI 1750-1978", Ray and June Parrish):

1152. **Pinckney L.-9 "Pink" Barnes**, b. 1836, d. unmarried, witnessed for grandmother Rachel Bearden for pension and bounty land.

1153. **Emily-9 Barnes**, b. 6 Nov. 1838, d. 9 June 1906; m. Augustine Sanders WALKER.

1154. **William Clinton-9 Barnes**, b. 15 Nov. 1839, d. 26 April 1904, buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Summit, MS, m. Eliza E. (?).

*1155. **Martha Ann-9 McEwen**, b. 2 Feb. 1843, d. 3 Sept. 1917; m. William Oliver GARNER, b. 27 Dec. 1839, d. 30 March 1921.

1156. Monroe Rufus-9 McEwen, b. 12 Sept. 1845, Pike County, MS, d. 23 July 1906, buried Felder's Cemetery, Pike County, MS; m. Manerva FELDER, b. 6 June 1848, d. 9 July 1924, had issue:
- a. George Clifton-10, b. 11 June 1871, d. 8 Nov. 1954, m. 19 Nov. 1903, Sarah BARNES.
 - b. Mary Susan-10, b. 26 July 1873, d. 1 March 1935.
 - c. John Felder-10 McEwen, b. 19 March 1875, d. 20 Oct. 1946, m. 30 Jan. 1901, Netterville M. McCULLOUGH, both buried Shady Grove Cemetery, Lincoln County, MS.
 - d. Ada Jane-10, b. 10 Aug. 1877, d. 21 April 1965, m. 23 Dec. 1908, Ernest W. NELSON, buried Felder's Cemetery.
 - e. James Monroe-10, b. 19 Oct. 1879, d. 16 May 1884.
 - f. Chancey Clinton-10, b. 6 Sept. 1882, d. 2 July 1959, m. 11 Dec. 1916, Mary Elizabeth AINSWORTH, buried Felder's Cemetery, Pike County, MS.
 - g. Robert Maurice-10, b. 30 April 1885, d. 28 Oct. 1970, buried Felder's Cemetery.
 - h. Hilda Evelyn-10, b. 24 Dec. 1887, d. 13 Oct. 1967, buried Felder's Cemetery.
 - i. Claude Raynor-10 McEwen, b. 21 Feb. 1893, d. 3 May 1976, buried Felder's Cemetery, Pike County, MS.
1157. Henrietta A.-9 McEwen, b. 3 May 1847 in Topisaw, Pike County, MS, d. 21 Jan. 18--, buried McEwen Cemetery, m. George E. BELFOUR, who was b. 2 Nov. 1849, d. 1882.
1158. George Matthew-9 McEwen, b. 22 Nov. 1849, Pike County, MS, d. there 6 Sept. 1909, buried Lenoir Cemetery, m. 18 Dec. 1871, Mary Frances LENOIR, b. 8 Jan. 1850, d. 20 Oct. 1907; issue:
- a. Sarah Nancy-10 McEwen, b. 12 Sept. 1872, d. 24 May 1954, m. 20 Dec. 1894, Redic Taylor FERGUSON.
 - b. Robert Monroe-10 McEwen, b. 29 Nov. 1874, d. 26 Feb. 1950, m. 14 Oct. 1896, Rosa Belle ANDREWS.
 - c. Emma Florence-10 McEwen, b. 3 April 1877, m. 16 Dec. 1896, James Thomas ABNEY.
 - d. Wallace Dudley-10 McEwen, b. 2 March 1879, m. 2 Sept. 1902, Sara Lula CARROLL.
 - e. George Edgar-10 McEwen, b. 28 Feb. 1881, d. unmarried 22 June 1930, buried Lenoir Cemetery, Pike County, MS.
 - f. James Hoover-10 McEwen, b. 29 Feb. 1883, d. 4 July 1884.
 - g. Alva-10 McEwen, b. 14 March 1885, d. 28 Aug. 1955, m. 19 May 1913, Eva HOOPER (b. 7 April 1884, d. 21 July 1963), had issue: Katherine M.-11, b. 24 Oct. 1922, m. Henry Fred NIEMEYER Sr. of McComb, MS, and is public service librarian at the Amite-Walthall Pike County Library in McComb, MS. Katherine-11 had known issue: Henry Fred-12 Jr. and Linden-12 NIEMEYER. An announcement in the McComb Enterprise Journal revealed that Catherine Elsie-13 Niemeyer was b. 13 June 1988 in Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola, FL, parents were Linford and Cathy (LUNDEN) Niemeyer, grandparents were Gary and Gene LUNDEN and Henry and Katherine NIEMEYER, McComb, MS.
 - h. Mary Louise-10 McEwen, b. 6 Aug. 1887, d. 26 Dec. 1973, m. 19 March 1912, Edward C. ELLZEY, buried Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, MS.
 - i. Ethel Ruby-10 McEwen, b. 9 Nov. 1889, d. 2 May 1890.
1159. James N.-9 McEwen, youngest issue of Nancy-8 Bearden by two marriages, b. 23 June 1852, d. 30 July 1929, m. Sarah J. ANDREWS, both buried McEwen Cemetery in Pike County, MS.

585. Delilah Ann-8 Bearden (Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1 Jan. 1827-1828, d. 19 Oct. 1866 and buried Holmesville Cemetery, Pike County, MS; m. Judge Hugh Murray QUIN/GWIN, who was b. 22 Feb. 1819, d. 1 March 1900, buried beside first wife, the son of Peter Jr. and Martha Catherine (MOORE) Quin. Judge Quin m. first, Nancy SUMRALL of Capioh County, MS and had two issue: Henry N., who graduated from Jackson Commercial College in 1890 and was a bookkeeper in Poplarville, MS; and Ina M. Quin, graduated from Edward McGaha College in Woodville, MS.

Delilah-Ann-8 and her husband (Judge) Hugh M. Quin had 13 issue, the first four buried Holmesville Cemetery in Pike County, MS (Luke Ward Conerly, "PIKE COUNTY HISTORY"; 1860 Pike County Census; Fugler Madge Quin's "THE FAMILY OF PETER QUIN"):

1160. Charles Josephus-9 Quin, b. 28 May 1843, d. 6 June 1843.

1161. (Dr.) Lucious Murray-9 Quin, b. 15 Aug. 1844, d. 4 Nov. 1909, m. Courtney A. MAGEE.
 1162. Charles Edward-9 Quin, b. 10 Oct. 1846, d. 10 March 1858.
 1163. Unnamed son-9, b. 8 Dec. 1848, d. at 12 hours.
 1164. Wesley Wallace-9 Quin, b. 18 Oct. 1849, d. 19 May 1938, buried Summit, MS, m. 15 Feb. 1873, Cornelia WILLIAMS.
 1165. Emma Emline-9 Quin, b. 17 Feb. 1852, d. 12 Nov. 1867, m. Luke Ward CONERLY who wrote and published the history of Pike County, MS.
 1166. George Murray-9 Quin, b. April 1854, m. 1874, Alla D. ERVIN.
 1167. Lula-9 Quin, b. 17 April 1856, m. Charles H. ROWAN.
 1168. Ada-9 Quin, b. 11 April 1858, d. 16 Aug. 1858.
 1169. Clinton DeWitt-9 Quin, b. 12 Aug. 1860, d. 26 Sept. 1866.
 1170. Lillie Mattie-9 Quin, b. 28 March 1863, d. 30 July 1865.
 1171. Franklin Bridges-9 Quin, b. 5 Nov. 1864, d. July 1867.
 1172. Delilah Bearden-9 Quin, b. 16 Sept. 1866, d. 29 Oct. 1866.

586. Angeline Elizabeth-8 Bearden (Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 12 March 1826, Montgomery County, TN or Pike County, MS, d. 14 March 1860, two days after her last issue was born, buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Summit, Pike County, MS (LA?); m. 11 Feb. 1841, Pike County, Robert Blackman LIGON, b. 1820, Covington, LA, d. 1868 Springfield, LA, the son of William Blackman and Elizabeth Ann (LAWN) Ligon. Robert B. m. second unknown and had at least one more issue, Jessie, b. Livingston, LA and m. John Z. GODBILL, m. second Jasper HOLMES. Before the war Robert B. owned and operated "The Southern Newspaper" in Summit, MS and the same hotel in which his father-in-law had an interest.

Angeline-8 had issue, b. Summit, Pike County, MS ("THE LIGON FAMILY", William D. Ligon; "SUMMIT CEMETERY"; U. S. census 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880; marriage records; "HISTORY OF PIKE COUNTY", Connerly):

1173. Walter N.-9 Ligon, b. 1842, d. 1846.
 1174. John Rodolph-9 Ligon, b. 12 Aug. 1844, d. 17 April 1899, TX, m. first unknown, second Letitia Eliza REED, b. 12 May 1855, TX.
 1175. William Orlando-9 Ligon, b. April 1846, Summit, Pike County, MS, d. 1929 Gloster, Amite County, MS, m. 7 Jan. 1875, Liberty, Amite County to Cathella Elizabeth DAVIS, b. 1856, Liberty, d. 24 Oct. 1878, Gloster, MS, the daughter of Elijah McCoy and Sarah Ann Wiley (LATTEMORE) Davis. William O.-9 m. second 31 July 1879, Jane D. FAUST, no issue. He had issue from first marriage:
 a. Lattimore Bryant-10, b. 20 Feb. 1877, Gloster, MS, d. 9 Aug. 1957, New Orleans, m. 1910, Gertrude BATCHELOR, had Madeline-11, m. W. D. McDONALD; Elizabeth-11, m. S. G. KLEINSMITH; Col. Walter H.-11; and William Lattemore-11 Ligon.
 b. William Orlando-10 Jr., b. July 1880, Gloster, MS.
 c. Charles Ray-10, b. April 1882.
 d. Robert-10, b. July 1884.
 e. Percy Edward-10, b. Feb. 1886.
 f. Emmons Nathan-10 LIGON, b. Sept. 1888.
 1176. Robert B.-9 Ligon, b. 1848 and d. 16 April 1874, m. Mary Ann CONVERSE.
 *1177. **Elizabeth Angeline-9 Ligon**, m. James Ernest Walker DAVIS.
 *1178. **Delilah Ann-9 Ligon**, m. 27 Jan. 1873, John Bogan MERRITT.
 1179. Charles-9 Ligon, b. 1853.
 1180. Martha Louise Ligon, b. 1855, m. 25 Feb. 1874, Joseph GRAY.
 1181. Thomas Albert Ligon, b. 12 March 1860 and d. two days later when his mother died.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 202 JOHN TELEMACHUS-7 AND PRUDENCE (MAJORS) BEARDEN

598. **William James-8 Bearden** (John Telemachus-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), b. 1858 in Greene County, AR and d. 1915 near Boydsville in Clay County, AR, buried in the Blooming Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, united with the Blooming Grove Baptist Church in 1887 where he preached and was called "Reverend" Bearden. He was moderator for the church in 1887 and 1888 (church, census records and cemetery inscription).

William James-8 m. on 13 Jan. 1877 in Lawrenceville, Lawrence County, TN to Mary Virginia TENNISON, the daughter of William and Mary (WASSON) Tennison who had lived in Giles County, TN, granddaughter of Abraham Tennison, b. 1801 in Rowan County, NC, and his wife, Permelia (?), b. 1806, NC, listed on the 1850 census of Lawrence County, TN. Abraham died there before 1860 when Permelia is listed with the James Tennison family in Greene County, AR.

William Tennison, father of Mary V., and also the father of Emily and "Sally" Tennison, stayed in Lawrence County, TN where he died before the 1860 census was taken when his wife, Mary, was listed with the rest of the Tennison family of Greene County, AR. William's brother, James Tennison, was the first of the family to move from Giles and Lawrence County in TN to Greene County AR.

Mary V. Tennison had siblings, Emily and "Sally" TENNISON, Emily m. in Wayne County, TN to William Thomas-8 HERALSON, son of Person No. 434, Jefferson Green-7 and his wife, Delila TENNISON. Jefferson Green-7, was the son of Person No. 109, Frances-6 Bearden, and her husband, William HERALSON/HARRALSON. "Sally" TENNISON m. in Paragould, Greene County, AR to George MILLER.

There is a series listed in "ANASEARCHIN' NEWS", Vol. 14, 1967, No. 3, Pg. 166: "Giles County, Tennessee, petition Oct. 5, 1819, to Tennessee Senator Edmundson and Representative Clark for land warrants", signed "Zachariah Tennison", among others.

William James-8 Bearden is listed in his parents' household on the 1860 and 1870 census of Greene County, AR and before 1880, Clay County was formed from that portion of Greene County. The John T.-7 and Prudence (MAJORS) Bearden family found themselves in the new county without having moved their place of residence.

William James-8 met his future wife when she was visiting her uncle James Tennison in Greene County, AR. Mary Virginia Tennison had close relatives and some cousins from the Heralson family in this area and at this time in history. William James-8 went to Lawrence County, TN where her parents lived for their marriage. Mary V. died after 1894 and before the year 1895 was finished, when William James-8 m. second to Sarah (?), buried beside him in the Blooming Grove Cemetery in Clay County, AR.

Information for the William James-8 Bearden family is taken from the 1860 and 1870 census of Paragould, Greene County, AR, where he is found in parents' household, and from the 1880 and 1900 census of Stoddard County, across the state line from Greene and Clay Counties and in the state of Missouri. William J.-8's parents died in Clay County, AR 1877 and 1888 respectively. William James-8 and Mary V. had known issue:

- 1182. Ponica-9 Bearden, died 1877 in Clay County, AR.
- 1183. Otie Mary-9 Bearden, b. 1877, Lawrence County, TN (1880 Stoddard County, MO federal census).
- 1184. Egar/Egan/Agar-9 (Edgar but hard to read on census), b. about 1880, Stoddard County, MO (six months old on 1880 census).
- 1185. Elizabeth-9 Bearden, b. 1881, Stoddard County, MO, d. in AL; m. before 1900, Dunklin County, MO to William SAMPLES and had issue, deceased before 1985: Herbert-10, b. about 1907; Hester-10, b. 1910, AL; "Doc"-10, b. 1913; and Dolly-10 Samples, b. 1915.
- 1186. Unknown male-9 (TWIN), b. 1883 in Missouri, killed in a mine accident in Tennessee.

1187. Unknown male-9 (TWIN), b. 1883, Missouri, killed with his brother in a mine accident in the state of Tennessee.
1188. Almer Theodocia-9 Bearden, seventh known issue of William James-8 and his wife, Mary V. (TENNISON) Bearden, b. in June 1886, Stoddard County, MO or Clay County, AR, d. 1918, Dunklin County, MO; m. about 1900, George SAMPLES, brother of William who m. Elizabeth-9 Bearden. There are two known issue for Almer Theodocia-9 Bearden: Mable-10, b. 1907 in Dunklin County, MO, m. (?) STULTZ, lived and died Dunklin County, MO; and Everett-10 Samples, b. 1910, Dunklin County, MO, m. there in 1931 to Beatrice WRIGHT who died in 1965. He lived in 1988 in Dunklin County with known issue, Wen-cell-10; Brenda-10; Darmeyer-10 Samples.
1189. Earnest-9 Bearden, born 1887-1888, died and buried in the Blooming Grove Cemetery, Clay County, AR.
1190. Horace James-9 Bearden, b. in March 1890, Stoddard County, MO, d. 1977, MO, m. 1908, Demitria DEMENTS and had one known son: James Cator-10 Bearden, b. 1913, MO, d. 1977, Kalamazoo, MI, m. Verla (?). James Cator-10, cousin to Homer Russell-10 Bearden (listed below), lived in Kalamazoo, MI, with issue: Rayburn-11, m. Barbara (?) and had issue: Scott-12 and Timothy-12 Bearden; and Larry-11 Bearden, m. Angie (?) and had issue, Amy-12, Kathleen-12 and Jacqueline-12 Bearden.
1191. William Homer-9 Bearden, b. Feb. 1891, Blooming Grove, Clay County, AR, d. 15 June 1974, Trenton, NJ; m. 1915, Trenton, NJ to Teresa CLARK, who died there in 1971. Both William H.-9 and his brother, Horace J.-9 Bearden, were orphaned at an early age, that is their mother died and they lived in various places and homes of relatives. At the early age of fourteen, in 1905, William Homer-9 left Missouri and Arkansas and headed west to Texas and Oklahoma where he worked on various ranches. In April 1914, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and saw action in World War I on the U.S.S. Arkansas at Vera Cruz, Mexico. He was then stationed in the Philadelphia, PA area where he met and married Teresa CLARK. After living in Philadelphia a few years they went to Trenton, NJ where their children were born. Without the benefit of much education, William Homer-9 worked forty-four years as a fireman and an engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He had issue:
- Homer Russell-10 Bearden, b. 1915, m. Edith KIMBACH and had issue: Richard Homer-11, b. 1956, m. Michael CLEPLOWICZ; Robert Russell-11, b. 1960, NJ; and Raymond-11 Bearden, b. 1962, NJ.
 - Dorothy-10 Bearden, b. 1918, Trenton, m. Delbert COX, had: Carolyn-11, b. 1950, m. Richard MORGAN; and Jane M.-11.
 - Carolyn-10 Bearden, b. 1920, m. Arthur HOMMELL, had issue: Susan-11, b. 1956; and David-11 Hommell, b. 1960, NJ.
 - Richard Leroy-10 Bearden, fourth and youngest issue of William Homer-9 and his wife, Teresa (CLARK) Bearden, b. 4 Nov. 1924, Trenton, Mercer County, NJ, m. Marie Sylvia MINCHER and had issue: William Leroy-11 Bearden of Bronx, NY, b. 1952, Mercer County, NJ. William-11 works at the Fordham University in New York as the head of the Acquisitions Department in the University library, studying and taking courses in the interim (this information 1984).
1192. John Telemachus-9 Bearden, tenth and youngest issue of William J.-8 and Mary V. (TENNISON) Bearden, b. and d. 1894, buried Blooming Grove Cemetery, Clay County, AR.
(Buried in Rest Cemetery in Lawrence County, TN: Oscar William Bearden, b. 15 July 1888; Julia Emeline Bearden, b. 27 Oct. 1889 and d. 7 Nov. 1954).

C. ONE CHILD OF NO. 203 DUNCAN-7 AND NANCY (?) BEARDEN

604. Montgomery Duncan-8 Bearden (Duncan-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), third issue of Duncan-8 and his wife, Nancy (?) Bearden, b. about Jan. of 1851-1854 in Montgomery County, TN and d. 1879 near Boydsville and nine miles west of Rector, AR, buried in the Johnson Chapel Cemetery in Boydsville. Montgomery D.-8, known as "Gum", accidentally killed himself while loading a shotgun when his first issue was just two years old and his second issue was yet unborn. His widow, with a small son and expecting another child, returned to her parents' home, also in Clay County, where she reared her two sons. "Gum"-8 m. 1876 in Clay County, AR to Ester Virginia CATE, who was b. 1857 in Greene

County, AR, d. 1889, buried Fox Cemetery near Pollard, AR, the daughter of Richard Wesley and Lucy (?) Cate. "Gum"-8 went with his parents in 1860's, to Greene County, AR where they joined the family already there.

"Gum"-8's parent, Duncan-7 Bearden, as listed on the 1860 census of Montgomery County, TN and on the 1880 census of Clay County, AR, is the identical person who, like others of his family, came to Arkansas to start a new life. Duncan-7's third son as listed in 1860, is the subject, Montgomery D.-8 ("Gum") Bearden. The 1860 census lists Duncan-7 as forty-three years old and his wife, Nancy, is thirty-five years old. Their son and the subject, "Gum" is nine years old in 1860. The 1880 census of Clay County, lists Duncan-7, age sixty-six and Nancy, sixty. Louie-8 is twenty-one years of age and the other children are married by then.

"Gum"-8 Bearden lived on a place near Boydsville, where his children were born, with a deed made to his father, Duncan-7 Bearden. John Telemachus-7 Bearden (brother to Duncan-7 and "Gum"-8's uncle) and his wife, Prudence (MAJORS), lived near Boydsville on the same dates and he was the Treasurer of Clay County for the years 1878-1880. "Gum"-8, had issue:

***1193. Charles Luthur-9 Bearden, m. April 1899, Addie Mae WALLACE.**

1194. Arthur Montgomery-9 Bearden, b. 24 Aug. 1879 near Boydsville in Clay County, AR and d. 3 March 1950 in Piggott, AR, buried in the Piggott Cemetery in Greene County, AR; m. 23 April 1903 in Clay County to Ethel Birdie DALE, had issue:

- a. Albert Lafayette-10 Bearden, b. 11 Sept. 1908, m. 14 Nov. 1934 to Etta GROSS and had known issue: Ralph Dean-11, b. 12 Sept. 1935, m. Leda Faye TYLER.
- b. Inez-10 Bearden, b. 26 April 1910 in Clay County and m. Robert FERNIMAN: Sheila-11 Ferniman, b. 24 April 1945.
- c. Leona-10 Bearden, b. 26 Oct. 1912, m. 25 Oct. 1930 to William Amos LATTA and had issue: Myrtle Jannette-11, b. 10 Jan. 1932, m. 12 April 1948 Clifton HILL; Barbara Deloris-11, b. 11 Dec. 1935; William F.-11, b. 14 Sept. 1937, m. 1 Jan. 1964 to Lola E. COLE; Patsy June-11, b. 29 June 1939, m. 11 May 1957 to Clifton HAYES; Donald Dewain-11, b. 4 May 1942; Darrell Gene-11, b. 20 June 1948; and Ricky Lynn-11 LATTA, b. 1 Feb. 1951, m. Tammy DAFFRON.
- d. George-10 Bearden, b. 22 Feb. 1921, Boydsville, AR, d. 21 July 1982, m. 25 July 1943 to Reginald HOGARD/HAGGARD and had one known daughter, Francine-11 Bearden.
- e. Alvie Cleo-10 Bearden, b. 31 March 1923, d. 9 Nov. 1961, m. 8 April 1945 Laneda Faye JINKINS, issue: Sondra Bernadette-11, b. 28 Jan. 1951; and Theresa Faye-11 Bearden, b. 1 Sept. 1955, m. 29 March 1980 to Michael Joseph RETTGER.
- f. Edgar-10 Bearden, b. 8 March 1925 and d. 17 Aug. 1983, m. 1 Jan. 1948 to Agnes DOCHENETZ and had issue: Roger Allen-11, b. 29 Aug. 1952; and Deborah Lynn-11 Bearden, b. 9 April 1955.
- g. Audene-10 Bearden, m. (?) MITZ, m. second (?) LANE and had James-11; Michael-11; and Susan-11 Mitz.

IV. TWO GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 63 LUCY-6 BEARDEN AND JOHN TIPPETT

A. ONE CHILD OF NO. 227 HARRIETT-7 TIPPETT AND ROBERT SMITH

638. Robert Bud-8 SMITH (Harriett-7 TIPPETT, Lucy-6 BEARDEN, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 8 April 1860 in Oakwood, Montgomery County, TN and d. on 3 May 1928, Indian Mound, Stewart County, TN, buried Austin-Smith Cemetery, m. on 20 Dec. 1883 in Stewart County, TN, Avie Ann HARRISON, who was b. on 8 Jan. 1860 near Oakwood, Montgomery County, TN and d. on 5 Jan. 1948, Indian Mound, buried beside her husband. Robert Bud-8 had issue, b. Indian Mound, Stewart County, TN (gravestone inscriptions; 1840 to 1910 census; Montgomery County, TN Will Book No. 47; newspaper obituaries; "STEWART COUNTY, TENNESSEE HISTORY", Stewart County, TN Marriages; Certificates of Death):

1195. Robert Harvey-9 Smith, b. 5 Oct. 1886, d. 1 June 1927, Indian Mound, buried Austin-Smith Cemetery; m. 11 June 1905, Stewart County, TN to Ivie OLIVER; m. second Dovie SHELBY.
- *1196. Alvin Birch-9 Smith (TWIN), b. 29 June 1888 and d. 8 Sept. 1927 in Indian Mound, buried Austin-Smith Cemetery (Christian County, KY?), m. 1 Jan. 1911 to Etta Jane GIBBS.
1197. Calvin Terry-9 Smith, b. 29 June 1888 and d. 8 Oct. 1949, Oakwood, Montgomery County, TN, buried Austin-Smith Cemetery, m. 21 Oct. 1906, Stewart County, Annie Goldie GIBBS.
1198. Bessie-9 Smith, b. 17 Jan. 1891 and d. 27 Jan. 1923, Indian Mound in Stewart County, TN, buried Austin-Smith Cemetery. Bessie-9 m. 28 Feb. 1907 to William West GIBBS.
1199. Lucy-9 Smith, b. 19 Feb. 1894, d. 1 Dec. 1972, Clarksville in Montgomery County, TN; m. James Hampton COOK.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 229 DOROTHA TIPPETT-7 AND JAMES SHEPHERD SR.

641. James-8 SHEPHERD (Dorotha-7 TIPPETT, Lucy-6 BEARDEN, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), third issue of Dorotha-7 Tippett and her husband, James Shepherd, b. 17 Feb. 1876, Indian Mound, Stewart County, TN, d. 22 Oct. 1946, Indian Mound, buried Redtop Cemetery; m. 23 Dec. 1903, Indian Mound, to Manie Florence EDWARDS and had four issue. Manie Florence was b. 15 June 1878, Indian Mound, and d. there 6 Oct. 1909, buried Austin-Smith Cemetery, now Ft. Campbell in Christian County, KY, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and his wife, Anna (GRIFFIN) Edwards. After his wife's death, James-8 Shepherd Jr. m. second to Tommie Joel HUNT and had four more issue, b. Indian Mound, Stewart County, TN:
1200. William Barney-9 Shepherd, b. 18 Nov. 1904, d. 22 Feb. 1968, buried Fairview, Stewart County, m. 1928, Eleonor NORFLEET.
1201. James Edward-9 Shepherd, b. 23 Feb. 1906, d. 24 Aug. 1979, Hopkinsville, KY, m. 12 Aug. 1928, Montgomery County to Lynn Jasmine TAYLOR, b. 6 Jan. 1902, Stewart County, d. 25 Feb. 1979, Clarksville, Montgomery County, TN, buried Greenwood Cemetery, daughter of Charles Morgan and Helen (COBB) Taylor, granddaughter of Humphrey Taylor from Culpepper County, VA, lived Big Rock, TN and owned/operated a restaurant. Issue:
- a. Eleonor Ruth-10 Shepherd, b. 23 May 1931, m. 25 Dec. 1948, Clarksville to Frank Patton GRACEY, two issue, m. second James Warren WILLIAMS III, no issue by second marriage, lives in Ashland City, TN had issue: (1) Eleonor Gayle-11, b. 11 Dec. 1951, m. on 10 Oct. 1970 to Harry Lee WILLIAMS and had issue: Wade Warren-12, b. 10 May 1974 and Jacob Lee-12 WILLIAMS, b. 4 Feb. 1976. (2) Donna Patricia-11 Gracey, b. 7 Sept. 1954.
- b. James Morgan-10 Shepherd, b. 15 March 1935, m. 5 Sept. 1958, Page County, VA, Blanche Ramona VARNER, b. 21 Nov. 1936, Harrisburg, VA; issue: James Blake-11, b. 17 March 1961, Misawi, Japan; and David Edward-11 Shepherd, b. 27 Aug. 1962, Dayton, OH.
1202. Myrtre Merle-9 Shepherd, b. 28 Jan. 1908, m. William THREATT.
1203. Unknown female-9, b. 29 Aug. 1909, d. same date.
1204. Mable Dorothea-9 Shepherd, first issue of James-8 Shepherd Jr. by his 2nd wife, b. 13 Oct. 1913, m. Walter PASSON.
1205. Alma Aileen-9 Shepherd, b. 9 Dec. 1915, m. Ralph COOK.
1206. Lawrence-9 Shepherd, b. 2 Jan. 1917, m. unknown.
1207. Cecil Leon-9 Shepherd, b. 30 March 1924, m. Margaret E. GREEN.

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 37, EDMUND-5 AND ANN (EASLEY?) BEARDENONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 65 JOHN H.-6 AND CATY (CLAYTON?) BEARDENONE CHILD OF NO. 239 JOHN HARDEN-7 AND MARGARET (BOURLAND/MOSS) BEARDEN

650. **Marcus Barnett-8 Bearden** (John H.-7, John H.-6, Edmund-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), born 21 Sept. 1843 in the new town of Benton, in the new county of Marshall, in the state of Kentucky and died in almost the exact location where he was born on 13 March 1890. He is buried with the Beardens in the old Bearden/Strow/Green Cemetery in Benton, KY. Marcus Barnett-8 married on 23 Jan. 1867 in Benton, Marshall County, KY to Nancy Holland PACE, b. 21 March 1842 in Marshall County, d. 26 March 1931 in Benton and buried beside her husband in the same Cemetery. Nancy H. is the daughter of John T. and Lucy B. (SHELTON) Pace, John Pace b. 1805 in Virginia, the son of William and Leventica Pace of Pittsylvania County, VA. Lucy B. Shelton was b. 1808 in KY.

Marcus Barnett-8 is listed on the 1850 and 1860 census of Marshall County in the household of his mother, Margaret Bearden, and as the head of household in 1870 and 1880 in same location. He told his children that his father was John Harden-7 Bearden, son of John H.-6, the co-founder and donator of the land for the town of Benton, the county seat of Marshall County, verified by Elvira Lewis in "THE HISTORY OF MARSHALL COUNTY, KY".

Marcus Barnett-8 served in the Civil War, Company H, 12th Kentucky Cavalry, CSA, and came home unscathed. His grave is listed in "THE REGISTER OF VETERAN'S GRAVES": "Marcus B. Bearden, b. 1843, d. 1890. — And Nancy H. Bearden, b. 1845-d. 1931."

The dates for the births, deaths, and marriages in the Marcus Barnett-8 family are as taken from his old records, now in the possession of Laura-9 (Bearden) Kelly of Wyandotte, MI, all born Benton in Marshall County, KY:

1208. Clint-9 Bearden, b. 1867, and died young.

1209. Lenora Ethyl-9 Bearden, b. 10 Sept. 1868, Benton, KY, d. same place on 8 Jan. 1956; m. Daniel FISER and lived out her life in Benton. The compilation of "MARSHALL COUNTY, KENTUCKY CEMETERIES", Vol. 1, published 1981 by Elvira B. Lewis of Benton, KY, says in part: "There is a lone grave off Sycamore Street in Benton, between two cedar trees. Clarence Fiser of the Bearden family remembers the deaths of two children, Mary or Marie and Henry Bearden, the children of Marcus Barnett and his wife, Nancy (PACE). If the single grave of a girl child is correct, then Henry Bearden may be buried in the old Bearden-Strow-Green Cemetery near his parents, who died later. The land for this cemetery was first patented by William Landers and then in 1835 it was acquired by George Madison Bearden, brother to Marcus Barnett Bearden."

This writer has concluded that Mr. Fiser is wrong in stating that George Madison-7 is the brother of Marcus Barnett-8 Bearden. He is the brother of John H.-7 Bearden and the uncle of Marcus B.-8 Bearden. The latter person and the subject, Marcus B.-8 Bearden, had a brother who was also named George-8, but his middle initial was "W".

Lenora E.-9 had issue taken from the 1900 census of Benton, Marshall County, KY:

a. Clarence-10, b. Jan. 1889 of Benton.

b. Barnett-10, b. July 1890.

c. Clayton-10 FISER b. Aug. 1892.

d. Albert-10 FISER, b. Aug. 1897.

1210. Henry O.-9 Bearden, issue of Marcus B.-8, b. 1870, d. 1871.

1211. Mary Gustavo-9 Bearden, b. 1871 and d. 1871.

1212. Lucy Catherine-9 Bearden, b. 4 Sept. 1874, d. 21 Sept. 1918, buried Bearden-Strow-Green Cemetery with the other Beardens of this locality; m. on 28 May 1898 in Marshall County to George Christopher EDWARDS, a close relative of George EDWARDS who m. Juliana MOREHEAD of Muhlenburg County, KY. Her issue is unknown with exception of cemetery record: Donald M.-10 Edwards, b. 12 July 1917, d. 19 Nov. 1918.
1213. Myrtle Avery-9 Bearden, b. 22 Nov. 1876 in Benton, KY and d. there on 14 Aug. 1948, m. John BRANDON, a descendant of the South Carolina Brandons.
- *1214. John Harden-9 Bearden III, b. 1879 and d. 1962, m. Laura Amera KELLEY.

TWO DESCENDANTS OF NO. 38, HUMPHREY-5 AND UNKNOWN WIFE, BEARDEN

I. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 75 RICHARD-6 BEARDEN AND UNKNOWN WIFE

A. ONE CHILD OF NO. 247 EDWARD-7 AND FRANCES (GILES) BEARDEN

664. Asa Illiance-8 Bearden (Edward-7, Richard-6, Humphrey-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), "Ilas", was born 1844 in Fayette County, GA, d. 1926 in Douglasville, Douglas County, m. 11 Oct. 1866, Fayette County, Mary Elizabeth FARR/FARRAR who d. 1 Jan. 1874 and buried Pray's Mill Baptist Church Cemetery. "Ilas"-8 m. second, 17 May 1874, Narcissa ALLEN who d. 24 April 1900, Douglas County and buried beside her husband; m. third, Mrs. Elliott RICHARDSON and had no issue. His issue by two marriages:

- *1215. Edward-9, "Ned" Bearden, m. Theodocia "Docie" TAYLOR.
1216. Elizabeth-9 Bearden.
1217. Thomas-9 Bearden.
1218. Infant son-9, d. in infancy.
1219. George Washington-9 Bearden, b. about 1870-1873.
1220. M. A.-9 Bearden.
1221. Robert-9 Bearden, first issue of "Ilas"-8 by his second wife, Narcissa ALLEN, b. 1875, Fayette County area, GA.
1222. Larkin-9 Bearden, b. 20 Nov. 1876, m. 1897 to Anna Caroline YORK who d. in 1968. Larkin-9 had issue:
- a. Mary Polly Harris-10, b. 24 Nov. 1898, d. 13 Feb. 1899.
- b. Otis Tell-10 Bearden, b. 20 Dec. 1899, m. Thelma SHADIX.
- c. Hill Hall-10 Bearden, b. 3 Aug. 1902, Douglas County, GA, m. there on 4 June 1932 to Mary Edna SIMPSON and they celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary on 4 June 1982 in Fulton County with seven children and fourteen grandchildren. Hill Hall-10 had issue, Betty Norene-11; Alice Carolyn-11 of Douglasville, GA, b. 19 Oct. 1936, m. 7 March 1964, Russell TURNER, Georgia State Highway Engineer, Robert Neil-11; Raymond Eric-11; Myra Catherine-11; Jean Yvonne-11; and Allen Doyle-11 Bearden.
- e. L. A.-10 Bearden, youngest issue of Larkin-9 Bearden.
1223. John-9 Bearden, third issue by second wife, died young.
1224. Lovett-9 Bearden, d. as an infant.
1225. Earl-9 Bearden.
1226. Alice-9 Bearden.
1227. Milton-9 Bearden, the thirteenth and youngest issue of "Ilas"-8 and his seventh issue by his second wife, Narcissa (ALLEN) Bearden, d. as an infant.

II. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 77 JOHN H.-6 AND SARAH (GRANT?) BEARDEN**B. ONE SPECULATED CHILD OF NO. 257 JOSEPHINE-7 BEARDEN AND WILLIAM RAINEY**

667. **Mary Josephine-8 Rainey/Raney/Ramey** (Josephine-7 BEARDEN, John H.-6, Humphrey-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), m. Person No. 353 James Jasper-7 BEARDEN. For information and complete list of descent, see under her husband.

SIX DESCENDANTS OF NO. 40 JOHN-5 AND NANCY (LANGSTON) BEARDEN**L. THREE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 80 ELI M.-6 AND NANCY (WINN?) BEARDEN****THREE CHILDREN OF NO. 264 WILLIS-7 AND MAHALA (CLAUNCH/ROGERS) BEARDEN**

671. **Richard Calvin-8 Bearden** (Willis-7, Eli M.-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 14 Jan. 1835 in the community of Big Flat Creek, Bedford County, TN and d. there on 26 March 1893, buried Rosebank Cemetery. He m. there on 8 Dec. 1859 to Emily Catherine REAGOR who was b. on 28 Feb. 1835 in Bedford County and d. on 17 July 1911, buried beside her husband, the daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (LACY) Reagor and the sister of Elijah Anthony Reagor who married the sister of Richard Calvin-8. Richard C.-8 and Emily C. had issue, b. and d. Flat Creek, Bedford County, TN unless noted:

1228. Henry Clay-9 Bearden, b. 3 Oct. 1860, d. 24 Jan. 1923; m. 1 Oct. 1885, Bettie SHOFNER and had issue, b. and d. Flat Creek, Bedford County, TN:
 a. Leland-10, died young as a lad.
 b. James Lonnie-10 Bearden Sr., who m. Lillian FROST, the mother of the author of "FROST AND RELATED FAMILIES", with a chapter titled, "THE BEARDENS, ANCESTORS AND OTHER RELATIVES" (source under Person No. 40, John-5 Bearden).
1229. Cora Ann-9 Bearden, b. 5 Jan. 1862, d. 23 May 1925, buried Flat Creek Cemetery, m. 4 Sept. 1884, Jefferson Davis GARDNER, b. 11 Aug. 1861, d. 27 Jan. 1930, had issue: Frank-10; Clyde Watson-10; Arlene-10; Allie B.-10; Florice-10; Kelley Reagor-10 ("FROST AND RELATED FAMILIES, THE CHILDREN OF JAMES BROCK AND ELIZABETH (COVEY) REAGOR").
1230. George Alexander-9 Bearden, b. 18 Aug. 1863, Bedford County, TN, d. 5 June 1949 in Oklahoma; m. 26 Jan. 1888, Bedford County, Susan GRUBBS, m. second Lena WOLL. Issue: Grace Arvin-10, George DeWitt-10 and Lillie W.-10 Bearden.
1231. Robert Lacy-9 Bearden, b. 21 Feb. 1865, d. 13 June 1945, buried in the Rosebank Cemetery, Flat Creek Community, m. 17 Sept. 1893, Flat Creek, Bedford County, to Neoma HIX/HICKS, the daughter of Christopher and Lucinda (STANFIELD) Hix. Issue: Richard Christopher-10 and Ross Hix-10 BEARDEN.
1232. James Matthew-9 Bearden, b. 12 Feb. 1867; m. 8 May 1892, Bedford County, Ida WOOLSEY, both living 1960, with issue: Rowland-10; Clifford-10; and James Calvin-10 Bearden.
1233. Carrie M.-9 Bearden, b. 2 Feb. 1869. In 1911, Carrie M.-9 m. Jesse L. HIBBS/HOBBS. They had no issue.
1234. Samuel Reagor-9 Bearden, b. 10 July 1871, m. 6 Sept. 1906, Bedford County, TN to Ida MARTIN and had issue: Robert-10; and Samuel R.-10 Bearden Jr.
1235. Elizabeth Edna-9 Bearden, called "Betsy", eighth and youngest issue of Richard Calvin-8, b. 13 July 1873; m. 18 Jan. 1905 in Bedford County, to William LACY and had Wallace-10 and Wayne-10 Lacy.

672. **Mary Elizabeth-8 Bearden** (Willis-7, Eli M.-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), third issue of Willis-7 and Mahala (ROGERS/CLAUNCH) Bearden, b. 14 March 1837, d. 3

Aug. 1921, according to her tombstone inscription near the graves of her parents in Old Flat Creek Cemetery. She m. Wesley-7 EVINS, known as "Western" who, according to her daughter, Margie (EVINS) GORDON, d. in March 1884 and is buried in the Flat Creek Cemetery.

The issue of Mary Elizabeth-8 may be double descendants of John-4 Bearden and his wife, Lettice (WINN/WYNNE) as Wesley-7 Evins is connected to David A. EVINS who m. on 15 Jan. 1823 in Lauderdale County, AL, to Person No. 103, Betsy Bearden. Mary E.-8 had issue:

- 1236. Gertie-9 Evins, b. 31 Dec. 1875, d. 6 April 1951; m. Walter C. DILLINGHAM, b. on 25 Jan. 1869, d. from an appendectomy on 26 April 1901. Many years after Walter's death, Gertie-9 m. second Watt RAY whose first wife was Betty DILLINGHAM, sister of Walter. Gertie-9 had Walter-10 and Inness-10 Dillingham.
- 1237. Samuel A.-9 Evins, m. Rosannah HIX in Bedford County and had Mary Lou-10; Douglas-10; and Sarah-10 Evins.
- 1238. Myrtle Mahala-9 Evins, m. John A. HARRISON and had issue: Hazel H.-10; Hilda-10; Berry-10; and Walton W.-10 Harrison.
- 1239. Margie-9 Evins, fourth and youngest issue of Mary E.-8 Bearden and her husband, Wesley-7 Evins, m. William "Will" GORDON, son of Richard and Callie (BURROW) and had issue (this family moved to California in 1923): Cecil-10; Lacy-10; Leo-10; Felix-10; and Hoyle-10 Gordon.

674. William Eli-8 Bearden (Willis-7, Eli M.-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of Willis-7 and his wife, Mahala (CLAUNCH-ROGERS) Bearden, b. 3 Feb. 1842, Flat Creek, Bedford County, TN, d. 17 March 1923, buried in the Rosebank Cemetery, located about one mile south of the home where he reared ten children. He m. on 25 Aug. 1872, Marion County, IL, to his cousin Person No. 742, Victoria-8 BEARDEN.

William Eli-8 was known in the Flat Creek Community as "W. E." and "Will" Bearden. He served in the Union army during the Civil War and as a Justice of the Peace in the Twenty-Fourth District of Bedford County. Except for the short visit to Marion County, IL, he lived in the Flat Creek Community all of his life. William Eli-8 had issue, b. and d. in the Flat Creek community of Bedford County, TN, family records furnished by son, Cecil-9 Bearden, "FROST AND RELATED FAMILIES", Chapter VIII):

- 1240. Inez-9 Bearden, b. 5 April 1874, d. 31 Jan. 1889.
- 1241. Walter Emmett-9 Bearden, b. 6 Nov. 1875, m. Zula PARKER.
- 1242. Ura-9 Bearden, b. 15 March 1877, m. Alpha WILLIAMS.
- 1243. Floyd-9 Bearden, b. 27 Sept. 1878, m. Ada REAGOR, daughter of James D. and Laura (BOBO); issue: Floyd-10 Jr., Inez-10, William Wilson-10, Raus Winn-10 and James Alton-10 Bearden.
- 1244. Elma-9 Bearden, b. 19 Aug. 1880, m. Michael "Mike" WOMACK.
- 1245. Laura-9 Bearden, b. 28 Aug. 1882, m. Edward S. LONG.
- 1246. Cora A.-9 Bearden, b. 5 Aug. 1884, m. Jessee JONES.
- 1247. Ruby-9 Bearden, b. 6 Oct. 1888, m. Y. B. LECRORY.
- 1248. Roscoe-9 Bearden, b. 16 Nov. 1890, m. Grace MAYS.
- 1249. Cecil-9 Bearden, youngest issue of William Eli-8 and Victoria-8 (BEARDEN) Bearden, b. 20 June 1892, m. Alta Mai RUDD, daughter of Frank and Hattie (Campbell). Cecil-9 furnished much information for "BEARDENS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE".

II. TWO GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 83 JOHN-6 III AND RHODA (MOORE) BEARDEN

A. ONE CHILD OF NO. 279 MITCHELL-7 AND HARRIETT (SMITH) BEARDEN

713. **Rhoda-8 Bearden** (Mitchell-7, John-6 III, John-5 II, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 5 Oct. 1846 Prentiss County, MS (Bible but tombstone says 1847, Certificate of Death says 1845); d. 27 April 1918, Washita County, OK and is buried in the Port Cemetery near Sayre, OK; m. 3 Nov. 1869 in Tishomingo County, MS to Edmond D. QUEEN who was b. 30 April 1850 in MS and d. 27 Oct. 1921 in Beckham County, OK where he had lived for forty years. He is buried beside his wife of fifty-three years. Edmond D. Queen is the son of John and Oma (HOLLEY) and was reared by his aunt and uncle, Julius and Sarah (HOLLEY) Queen (1850-1870 census, Tishomingo, MS; 1880 census, Prentiss County, MS; 1900 Oklahoma Territorial census, Washita County, etc.). One grandson of Rhoda-8 is Vernon C.-10 MERRIFIELD of Ponca City, OK who has access to the old "Sallie"-7 Bearden Bible (No. 286, Sallie-7, aunt of subject). Rhoda-8 had issue, Queen:

- 1250. Lee Reed-9 Queen, b. 1870, Booneville in Prentiss County, MS and d. in Cordell, OK, buried in the Cordell Longview Cemetery, m. Sarah Ada (?), last name unknown.
- 1251. Mary Ida-9 Queen, called "Mollie", b. 28 Dec. 1871, Prentiss County, MS, d. 30 April 1957 near Sayre, OK, buried in the Port Cemetery, m. 6 Aug. 1891, Montague County, TX, to Andrew Fieldon MERRIFIELD. It was Mary Ida-9's home where her parents died in 1918 and in 1921 respectively. She had one known issue: Cecil-10, whose son is: Vernon C.-11 Merrifield, mentioned above, m. Wanza BARKER.
- 1252. Edmond Duffey-9 Queen, b. 5 April 1874, Booneville, MS, d. 17 Jan. 1944, Oklahoma City, OK, m. 3 Dec. 1899, Washita County, OK to Dora STUBBLEFIELD (see WEATHERS FAMILY for STUBBLEFIELD).
- 1253. Martha Jane-9 Queen, b. Aug. 1877, Prentiss County, MS, d. Cordell, OK, buried in Cordell Longview Cemetery, m. (?) STILLWELL, m. second to Emmett K. BRACE.
- 1254. Julia Lee-9 Queen, b. 8 Oct. 1879, Booneville, Prentess County, MS, d. 17 June 1920 in the home of "Mollie" Merrifield in Washita County, OK, buried Port Cemetery, near Sayre, OK; m. 4 Nov. 1806, Indian Territory, Grandy, OK to Nealus McMANUS. One descendant is: Ronald-10 McManus of Garland, TX.
- 1255. Sadie Mae-9 Queen, b. Feb. 1887 in TX, m. Lynn BECKHAM.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 280 CELIA-7 BEARDEN AND MANOAH HAM SMITH

726. **Mourning Catherine-8 SMITH** (Celia-7 BEARDEN, John-6 III, John-5 II, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 12 Jan. 1848 in Spartanburg County, SC and died 17 Sept. 1903 in Conway County, AR; m. 25 July 1867 in Spartanburg to William Perrion GWIN/QUIN who was b. 1 Jan. 1846 in Spartanburg County and d. 22 Nov. 1904 in Conway County, AR. Mourning C.-8 Smith's birthdate is recorded in the old John-6 Bearden III family Bible, by her aunt, No. 286 Sarah-7 "Sally" Bearden.

Mourning Catherine-8 Smith lost two brothers in the Civil War from Spartanburg County, SC (J. B.-8 and Lecil-8 Smith), the same area which gave several Smith and Bearden lives to the American cause in the War of the Revolution between 1774 and 1784.

Mourning C.-8's issue, b. Spartanburg County SC and Conway, AR:

- 1256. Manoah "Noah" Thomas-9 Gwin, b. 29 May 1868, d. 27 Oct. 1882.
- 1257. William Smith-9 Gwin, b. 11 Dec. 1869, d. 25 Sept. 1873.
- 1258. John Berryman-9 Gwin, b. 24 May 1872, d. 25 Sept. 1873.
- 1259. Ida Elizabeth-9 Gwin, b. 5 July 1874, d. 6 March 1944; m. Isaac Wesley BRAUDAWAY.
- 1260. Monroe Franklin-9 Gwin (TWIN), b. 18 Dec. 1876, d. 12 Sept. 1879.
- 1261. Marion Frances-9 Gwin (TWIN), b. 18 Dec. 1876, d. 5 July 1957; m. Ida COOK.
- 1262. Marry Jane-9 Gwin, b. 22 Jan. 1879, d. 27 Jan. 1882.
- 1263. James Perrion-9 Gwin, b. 5 Dec. 1880, d. 12 May 1970.

1264. Ira Eugene-9 Gwin, b. 27 Aug. 1882, d. 7 Sept. 1965; m. 1907, to Ethel GILES.
 1265. Daniel Morgan-9 Gwin, b. 23 Sept. 1885 and d. 18 Feb. 1956.
 1266. Robert Wesley-9 Gwin, b. 21 June 1888 and d. 28 Sept. 1889.
 *1267. Edna Irene-9 Gwin, m. 29 Sep. 1907, James William CAREY.

III. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 84 WILLIAM-6 AND PATIENCE (POWERS) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 302 JAMES MONROE-7 AND SARAH C. (POLLACK) BEARDEN

760. **Thomas Henry-8 Bearden** (James Monroe-7, William-6, John-5 II, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1) was b. on 18 March 1878, Bedford/Lincoln County, TN, d. on 31 Dec. 1955, buried Wynnewood, Garvin County, OK; m. on 24 Dec. 1900 in Howard County, AR, Nora JOHNSTON, b. on 24 April 1880 in AL, d. 19 June 1930 in Howard County, AR, buried there Dierks Cemetery, daughter of Tom H. and Maggie (FOWLER). Thomas H.-8 and Nora had issue, b. Dierks, Howard County, AR:

1268. Lonnie Alford-9 Bearden, b. on 16 May 1903, m. 26 June 1922, Naomi Tennessee JACKSON, b. 5 Jan. 1902, Howard County, daughter of Jaromy and Mary Lavina (ARNOLD); Lonnie-9 and Naomi had issue:
 a. Mary Verdell-10 Bearden, b. 22 Sep. 1923, McCurtain County, OK; m. 3 April 1943, Oakland, CA, Herbert HIGH.
 b. Lonnie Odell-10 Bearden b. 15 Sep. 1926, m. Violet HARRIS.
 c. Chesla Alford-10 Bearden, b. 23 April 1932, Wynnewood, OK, m. 24 March 1960, Maria Agnes Barbara Margreta HEHS, b. 4 Dec. 1931, W. Germany, had issue:
 (1) Randy Alford-11 Bearden of Ashdown, AR, who has generously shared information, b. 18 Dec. 1960, McCurtain County, OK; m. 22 Jan. 1982, DeQueen, Sevier County, AR, Carole Jean McWILLIAMS, b. 9 May 1958, Leadville, CO, daughter of Clayborn H. and Jacqueline Raye (McGUIRE), had Zachary Jeremiah-12, b. 14 March 1988, Lamar County, TX; and Chelsea Nicole-12 Bearden, b. 14 Aug. 1990, Red River County, TX.
 (2) Rocky Friedrich-11 Bearden, b. 4 March 1963, McCurtain County, OK, m. Oct. 1981, Howard County, Frieda PENNINGTON.
 (3) Belinda Maria-11 Bearden, b. 5 July 1965, Sevier County, AR, m. there 31 Oct. 1986, David HUSTON.
1269. Rena Mae-9 Bearden b. 10 Feb. 1906 m. 17 Feb. 1921, Richard Farris LAIL.
 1270. Delia Ann-9 Bearden, b. 13 Sep. 1908, m. Vernon HARRIS.
 1271. Ruth Faye-9 Bearden, b. 16 Feb. 1914, m. Halls McRAY.
 1272. Charlie Monroe-9 Bearden, b. 13 June 1917, McCurtain County, OK, d. 28 May 1962, Oklahoma City, buried Wynnewood Cemetery, OK; m. on 28 Jan. 1944 in Cooper, Delta County, TX, Irean CUMMINGS.
 1273. Ruby Hazel-9 Bearden, b. 14 Jan. 1921, d. 10 June 1922.

IV. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 85 ENOCH P.-6 AND ARVILIA MARGARET (MOORE)

ONE CHILD OF NO. 306 ELIAS N.-7 AND NANCY A. (SHOCKLEY) BEARDEN

769. **Samuel Presley-8 Bearden** (Elias Nelson-7, Enoch Pleasant-6, John-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1852, Greene County, MO and d. 1925, Springfield, MO; m. Mary E. (?), b. 1856 and d. 1880. Their family was reared in Pacific and Springfield, MO. Samuel Presley-8 had issue, Bearden:

1274. George-9 Bearden, m. Lily BROWN.
 1275. Charles-9 Bearden, died age 17.

1276. Margaret May-9 "Maggie" Bearden, m. Harry L. BRUBAKER.
 1277. Robert Bruce-9 Bearden, m. Caroline EBERLE and had one known son: Bruce Eberle-10 of Ukiah, CA, who has generously shared information with the writer.
 1278. Alva A.-9 Bearden married Charles SHEPHERD.

FINIS DESCENDANTS OF NO. 40, JOHN-5 AND NANCY (LANGSTON) BEARDEN

FURTHER EIGHTH GENERATION BEARDEN

27 DESCENDANTS OF NO. 43 RICHARD-5 AND SARAH (BENNETT) BEARDEN

II. TWELVE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 96 JACOB-6 AND WINIFRED (SMITH) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 345 WASHINGTON WILLIBY-7 AND CYNTHIA (BUTLER) BEARDEN

792. Daniel James-8 (or Daniel John?) Bearden (Washington Williby-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), according to the 1850 census in his parents' household in Gilmer County, GA. "Dan" as he was known, was b. 1838 in GA. The 1860 census in the same place (Subdivision 33, Pg. 120, 8 Aug.) lists him as Daniel J. Bearden, age 22, and still the oldest issue in his parent's family. He was b. on Tail's Creek near what was later the Licklog Postoffice in the Alto District of Gilmer County, GA, and he d. near there on 14 Feb. 1902-1903 in the Tunnell Creek District of Fannin County, GA and is buried there in an unmarked grave in the Macedonia Cemetery off the Boardtown Road where his wife was later buried beside him with a marker.

He could have married unknown and married second at the age of 44 on 24 Sept. 1882 in Fannin County to Nancy Jane FOX, N. B. Richards J.P. and N.P. (Marriage Book B, Pg. 1864-1894). Nancy J. was b. in April 1864 in Fannin County and d. on 23 Feb. 1953 at age 89 in Gilmer County, buried beside her husband with a marker. She was the daughter of John FOX Sr. and his wife Martha AARON of North Carolina and Fannin County in GA. "Dan's" children b. to Nancy J. do not have information for a first marriage.

If this is the right Daniel J. Bearden as found on the 1880 census of Whitfield County, GA, living at 1949 Tunnel Hill, then Daniel J.-7 was married twice, as he is listed there, age 42, with S. Jane, age 35; Martha L., 11; Lucy E., 10; Georgina M., 6; Annie M., 3; and Gussie Bearden, 3 months, all b. GA.

The 1880 census, Fannin County, GA (Pg. 1-10, No. 84, taken 5 June, Moganton District), counts one Nancy FOX as head of household, age 66, b. NC, too old to be the mother of the issue of "Dan"-8 Bearden. This Nancy Fox has in her family in 1880: Rebecca Fox, age 22, daughter of head of household, b. GA, parents b. NC; Lucinda Fox, age 14, granddaughter of head of household; Hamilton Fox, age 5, grandson of head of household; William D. Fox, age 3, grandson of head of household; and Martha J. Fox, age 1, granddaughter of head of household. Living in same family (No. 85) is John BEARDEN, age 22 (b. 1858), son-in-law of head of family, and Siddie BEARDEN, age 20, daughter of head of family.

Somehow in translating the 1880 and 1900 census for this subject, these have been confused, but the writer believes the following is the 1900 census taken in Dalton, Whitfield County, GA (Vol. 73, Sheet No. 14, Worth Depot Station, Edition 107, Line 29), and is probably wildly inaccurate, as the census sometimes is, as it enumerates one Daniel Bearden household and "Cintha" Bearden, born in NC (mother of the subject) is living in his household. In addition, the following people are found in this household: Jennie Bearden, age 20; Annie Bearden, age 20; Mary Bearden, age 18; and Alma Bearden, age 4, all born in the state of GA. Living in the same household is Ada ROBINSON, age 13, daughter-in-law and Arthur ROBINSON, age 11, son. (Author's note: A further and

more accurate census search in this area would be productive for descent of "Wiley"-7 and his son, "Dan"-8 Bearden!).

The new county of Fannin, in the state of Georgia, was formed in 1854 from portions of Gilmer and Union Counties. Sometimes, without having moved their places of residence this family found themselves in the new county and probably lived in the near county of Whitfield only for a short time.

Mr. Stanley has been the Gilmer County historian, author, and publisher of non-fictional histories, such as "THE LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA", "A ROUGH ROAD IN A GOOD LAND", "STRANGE SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN STORIES" and numerous others. In "A ROUGH ROAD", Mr. Stanley relates the story of the subject here, "Dan"-8 Bearden's death, which happened close to his own boyhood home. "Dan"-8 had epilepsy back in the days when there was no known medication to relieve the symptoms and stress of this affliction. Mr. Stanley's statement to the writer in 1965:

"As a boy in Gilmer County, I lived within one hundred yards from the home of the widow of Dan Bearden. She was a relative as she was my father's cousin, the daughter of my father's aunt who was Martha (Aaron) Fox. My grandfather was William Aaron and he and Martha Aaron were brother and sister. I did not know the husband of my father's cousin, Dan Bearden, who died the year I was born, but I grew up with his children, Bart, Bert, Belle, Ida, Mae, Nola, Lester and Mary Bearden. Nola, Lester and Mary still live here in Gilmer County and there was all kind of signs of their Scotch-Irish heritage.

"I have visited my grandfather's kinsman, John Stanley, who lives in the 500-year old Stanley home in England. My great grandfather, James Madison Ellis, born in North Carolina in 1816, and his ancestors came from Ireland and had red hair.

"Dan's brother, Bent Bearden, lived in Gordon County, Georgia, and he told my father that he had money in the Calhoun, Georgia bank. He died without issue and his siblings had some money from his estate. He was a good business man in Calhoun and respected by everyone.

"Dan and his family had a lisp to their speech. My father told the story of Dan's saying to him at one time, "That air Bud".

"Dan went on a camping trip with a bunch of his neighbors and friends, including my father, on the night he died. He had an epileptic seizure the first night out and died in the presence of my father who was his good friend and kinsman by marriage."

Mr. Stanley's "LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY", Chapter 16, Pgs. 41-42, 170, titled "THE BEARDEN FAMILY", relates some history of the Dan-8 Bearden family and says there are other Beardens in and around Gilmer County, relationship to Daniel-8 unknown by him. Page 170 shows the children of the Big Creek School in 1910 and includes photographs of four of the children of "Dan"-8, and one youngster, Lillie STANLEY, who later married one of "Dan"-8's sons. Page 175 shows Nancy (FOX) Bearden at her old home on Big Creek just below Fox Mountain, named for her grandfather, George Fox.

"Dan" J.-8 and Nancy had known issue, Bearden:

1279. William Bartow-9 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1 June 1886 in Fannin County, d. in 1960 in Gilmer County, buried in the Macedonia Cemetery. "Bart", as he was known, m. 10 Oct. 1907 to Lillie STANLEY, b. 1898, d. 1964, cousin to Lawrence L. Stanley. (Lillian married when she was nine years old? This information is from Mr. Stanley).
1280. William Bert-9 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1 June 1886, Fannin County, GA, d. 28 June 1970, Gilmer County, GA (tombstone says 29 May 1969), buried New Liberty Baptist Cemetery. He m. 10 Oct. 1923 to Buelah A. AARON (Mr. Lawrence L. Stanley's cousin) who d. 1971 in Gilmer County.
1281. Brownlow-9 Bearden, died young as an infant, said to have drowned.
1282. Belle-9 Bearden, buried beside her husband in the Big Creek Cemetery in Fannin County, GA, married Robert BUCHANNAN.
1283. Ida-9 Bearden, died at the old home place on Big Creek and is buried in the Macedonia Cemetery in Fannin County. She is said to have died without marrying.
1284. Senia-9 "Senna" Bearden, died young as a child.

1285. Mae-9 Bearden of Ellijay, Georgia, b. 24 Sept. 1895, Fannin or Whitfield County, GA, died age 84, on Sunday, 11 May 1980, Georgia Watkins Memorial Hospital in Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA, following only a brief illness; buried from the Bernhardt Funeral Chapel, Reverend Clyde Purser officiating, music by the Oak Hill Trio which is composed of Bearden relatives. Internment is in the New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. Active pallbearers are grandsons, Wade-11, Eddie-11 and Freddie-11 BROOKS; James-11 STANLEY; Lloyd-11 and Richard-11 NEAL.
- She was preceded in death by her husband, Elliott Alexander BALILES. Survivors include one son, two daughters, two stepsons, two sisters, one brother (named), six grandchildren, one great grandchild and nephews and nieces.
- Mae-9's survivors included her brother, Lester-9 Bearden of Blue Ridge, GA; sisters, Mrs. Mary FREE of Gilmer County, and Mrs. Nola STANLEY of Cherrylog, GA.
- Mae-9 had known issue as named in the newspaper article of her death: Walter-10 of Ellijay, Vila-10, m. (?) STANLEY, both of Gilmer County, and Lola-10 BALILES, m. (?) BROOKS of Ellijay, GA.
1286. Nola-9 Bearden, b. 30 Oct. 1897, Fannin County, GA, lives Ellijay, GA in 1988; m. her distant cousin, Sanford STANLEY.
1287. Lester-9 Bearden, b. 1899, Fannin or Whitfield County, GA, lives in Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA; m. Louella FREE who is deceased, m. second EDMONDSON, first name unknown.
1288. Mary-9 Bearden of Ellijay, GA is the youngest issue of "Dan"-8 and Nancy J. (FOX) Bearden, b. after her father's death, on 6 May 1903 in Fannin County, GA; m. 20 Jan. 1923, Aska, Fannin County, to Homer FREE, b. 10 May 1895 in Fannin County, d. there on 20 Jan. 1923, son of Charles and his wife, (?) THURMAN and all members of the Church of Christ. Mary-9, who was a good letter friend of this writer, had issue, all b. at Aska in Fannin County:
- a. James-10, b. 10 Feb. 1924, m. Lorene AARON.
 - b. Gladys-10, b. 9 Dec. 1925, m. Winford LONG.
 - c. Eunice-10, b. 9 Jan. 1928, m. Marvin WEAVER.
 - d. Hazel-10, b. 13 June 1930, m. Everett NEAL.
 - e. Blain-10 FREE, b. 10 May 1936, unmarried, lived with his mother on their farm near Ellijay.
 - f. Charley-10 FREE, b. 29 Jan. 1939, m. Barbara EVERETT.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 346 JACOB PLEASANT-7 AND Jemima (JONES) BEARDEN

803. Samuel Vincent Bennett-8 Bearden (Jacob Pleasant-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. about 1843 on Tail's Creek in Gilmer County, GA, d. in the Civil War on 4 Sept. 1862, CSA Hospital, Albemarle County, VA; marriage performed 31 Aug. 1861 in St. Clair County, AL, with consent of father, Jacob P.-8 Bearden, witnessed by Alfred WASHBURN, to Susan M. LEE, over age of consent, Alfred TURNER, Probate Judge, Rowland-7 BEARDEN, Justice of the Peace. Susan M. Lee, born 1843 of the South Carolina family, d. 1918 in Blount County, Alabama, buried there in the Antioch Methodist Church Cemetery, the daughter of Ingram and Judith "Judy" (STREET) LEE (Marriage Records, St. Clair County, AL, copy in writer's possession without book or page number.)

The family of Jacob-6 and "Winny" Bearden has been very close and Samuel V. Bennett-8 Bearden's small family is no exception. Although he went off to the war before his only child was born and died in that war without having known which sex his child was, a photograph of him was kept and he is remembered as a kind and loving son and husband during his short life of nineteen years.

Samuel V. Bennett-8 Bearden, age nineteen (19), enlisted in the Confederate Army with his two kinsmen, the James Jasper-7 and James M.-7 Beardens (under Persons No. 353 and addendum to Person No. 95), Company B, 48th Alabama Infantry and left with his company in May 1862, reaching Virginia a few weeks later. There the company was attached to General Taliaferro's Brigade of Stonewall Jackson's Division and was engaged in the Battle of Cedar Run with severe loss. On 4 Aug. 1862, Samuel V. B.-8 Bearden was admitted to the General Hospital

at Charlottesville, VA with typhoid fever. The 48th Alabama with the two James Beardens (cousins), moved on to the Battle of Second Manassess, where a number of casualties were incurred.

Meanwhile, Samuel V. B.-8 Bearden died in the hospital without rejoining his company. The news did not reach his family and his loved ones because his friends and relatives were no longer with him. He did not know what sex his unborn child was. He did know that his father, Jacob P.-7 Bearden, had been killed in that tragic war just before he himself had enlisted and left Alabama with his company. His father's death from his battle wounds occurred on 1 May, 1862 in Mississippi. Samuel V. B.-8 Bearden died, age nineteen, far from home and loved ones. Samuel Vincent Bennett-8 Bearden had one issue:

*1289. Mary Ellen-9 Bearden, m. 1882, Arch BATTLES, more later.

C. ONE CHILD OF NO. 348 ELIZABETH-7 BEARDEN AND HEZEKIAH COCHRAN

818. James Jasper-8 COCHRAN (Elizabeth-7 BEARDEN, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), same first name as his uncle, Person No. 353 and his cousin, No. 409. He was b. 1842, Tail's Creek in Gilmer County, GA, d. 8 Jan. 1897, Bald Knob section of Fannin County, GA, buried in Fannin County, m. unknown and had four issue; m. second, Mary UNDERWOOD, daughter of Peter and Mary Polly (COPE) and had two issue. He enlisted in the Civil War on 6 Jan. 1865, from one of the border counties of Georgia but in Tennessee and was a Corporal in Company C, 5th Regiment of Tennessee Mounted Infantry, Captain William A. Twiggs, discharged July 1865 at Nashville, TN. His original discharge papers plus a uniformed photograph was furnished to Mr. Stanley and is shown on Pg. 200 of "A LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA".

James Jasper-8 Cochran is the nephew of Henry Cochran who m. Mary ELLIS, daughter of James Madison ELLIS and the great aunt of Lawrence L. STANLEY, the historian and author of Gilmer County, GA. He is the cousin of Jain, Mary, Fletcher, William, Richard, Riley, and William Nelson COCHRAN of Gilmer County. Of these, Riley Cochran, b. 25 Nov. 1858, married Mary Regina MASHBURN/WASHBURN, who is called "Polly" Cochran in "A ROUGH ROAD IN A GOOD LAND" and was b. 15 Dec. 1846 (1856?) and lived to be ninety-nine years and six months old. Riley and "Polly" had issue: Harriett Elizabeth, Martha Ann, MeeSee, W. Fletcher, John Henry, Mary Louisa, Riley L. and James Milton COCHRAN.

W. Fletcher Cochran, son of Riley and "Polly" (MASHBURN), was b. 11 Nov. 1874 in Gilmer County, GA, m. Sarah Ann DAVIS and had issue: Aubrey Maylin, William Munroe, Lemma Regina, Lela Mae, Velma, Nellie, Milton Chester, Edgar Sylvester and Ruby COCHRAN. Of these, William Munroe m. Mary BROOKSHIRE, attended Oakland College and was a school teacher in Gilmer County for a number of years. He had issue, Clemern Covell m. Agnes VEIL; Vertalee Vernell m. Johnny LITTLE; Delia Arvilla m. Tom WHEELER; Elmire Elmo m. Doyle BETHEL; and Joseph Alvie Cochran m. Lelia STEWART.

Nelson "Nelse" Cochran owned a general store and post office in Protection, Gilmer County, near the New Liberty Baptist Church where many Beardens and Cochrans are buried; he was postmaster there for years and while working and running his store, he was shot to death by his son-in-law. Riley Cochran then became the postmaster for the next twenty-two years.

James Jasper-8's known descent, some may be grandchildren:

- 1290. Harley-9 Cochran.
- 1291. Tom-9 Cochran.
- 1292. Ann-9 Cochran.
- 1293. Daught-9 Cochran.

1294. Boone-9 Cochran, b. 1894, Bald Knob section of Fannin County, GA, m. first Etta RICHARDS, m. second Pearl SMITH and had issue: Luthur-10; and Eugenia-10, both of Gilmer County.
1295. Cindie-9 Cochran, b. 6 May 1897, Hemptown in the Bald Knob section of Fannin County, GA, d. after 1974 near Mt. Zion Baptist Church on the Owtown Road in Gilmer County, GA; m. her second cousin, Thomas E.-9 WRIGHT, b. 1898, the descent of No. 344, Telitha-7 (BEARDEN) WRIGHT-GREEN. Cindie-9 had issue:
- Truman P.-10 Wright, b. 16 July 1920 in Gilmer County, m. Paralie WEAVER. He was a construction worker in Gilmer County, GA, and had no issue.
 - William L.-10 Wright, b. 29 Dec. 1921, m. Charlotte COBB and had three unknown issue, served twenty-three years in the United States Army and took part in World War II, lives in Whitfield County, GA.
 - Ruby N.-10 Wright, b. 18 April 1924, m. Clarence WEAVER and lives near her parents in Gilmer County, GA.
 - Blaine J.-10 Wright, b. 17 Aug. 1927, m. Irene JOHNSON, m. second Helen DAVIS, lives Gordon County, GA with six unknown children.
 - Ethel-10 Wright, youngest issue of Cindie-9 Cochran, b. 6 Aug. 1931, m. Ralph CROOK, lives Gilmer County, no issue.

D. ONE CHILD OF NO. 351 MARY ANN-7 BEARDEN AND MANOAH SHERIFF

835. Robert Jacob-8 Sheriff (Mary Ann-7 BEARDEN, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), the twelfth issue of Mary Ann-7 Bearden and her husband, Manoah "Noah" Sheriff, b. 5 Oct. 1865, Lincoln County area of Tennessee, d. 28 Dec. 1925, Winter Haven, FL, buried in the Pleasant Point Baptist Church Cemetery in Limestone County, AL, m. there on 5 Feb. 1888 to Maggie Mahala WEAATHERFORD, b. 25 Feb. 1868, Big Creek, Limestone County, Alabama, d. 30 March 1942, Tampa, Hillsborough County, FL, buried beside her husband, the daughter of Thomas Leroy and his wife, Rhoda (GOODE) WEATHERFORD.

Robert Jacob-8 Sheriff died the day that his granddaughter was born, Marjorie (Boston) KENT of Lithia Springs, GA. Robert J.-8 is buried in the community called "Sheriff's Kingdom" where his father had given the land for the Pleasant Point Baptist church, cemetery and school.

Information for the "Noah" and Robert Jacob-8 Sheriff family is taken from the 1850 census of Gilmer County, GA, the 1860 census of St. Clair County, AL, the 1870 census of Lincoln County, TN, the 1880 census of Limestone County, AL; marriage and deed records of Lincoln County, TN and Limestone County, AL; subject's Certificate of Death; and written records of Marjorie (Boston) Kent. Robert Jacob-8 had issue, b. Limestone County, AL:

1296. Arlie-9 Sheriff, b. 28 Feb. 1889, d. 24 May 1917, Limestone County, AL; m. Myrtle (?), last name unknown.
1297. Claude-9 Sheriff, 24 Feb. 1892-13 April 1970, m. Reba CARTER.
1298. Dora E.-9 Sheriff, first daughter of Robert Jacob-9, b. 4 Dec. 1897, d. 10 May 1966 in Alabama; m. 19 May 1913, Jessee BOSTON and had issue, among others who are unknown: Marjorie-10 Boston who m. (?) KENT, of the above address.
1299. Edna Irene-9 Sheriff, b. 24 Feb. 1899, m. Floyd A. SHELTON.
1300. Leona-9 Sheriff, b. 23 Jan. 1901, d. 25 Aug. 1957; m. Joseph FUISTREL.
1301. Lillie-9 Sheriff, b. 28 Aug. 1903.
1302. Lila-9 Sheriff, b. 4 Feb. 1905, d. 6 Nov. 1966; m. Gene RODENBERGER.
1303. Vera-9 Sheriff, b. 27 Jan. 1909, d. 1970; m. (?) HARRELL.

E. THREE CHILDREN OF NO. 352 ROBERT KIMSEY-7 AND SEMENTHA (JONES)

841. Robert Jefferson-8 Bearden (Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1'), was b. on 16 Aug. 1861, Bennetsville in St. Clair County, AL and d. on 14 July 1915 in Crump, near Adamsville in McNairy County, TN, buried in the Mount Vinson Methodist Church Cemetery with tombstone. He m. on 16 Sept. 1881, Cypress Inn on Cypress Creek, in Wayne County, TN to Martha Jane SCOTT with Joseph HOLT, J. P., marriage record has his name spelled BURDEN and the date as 11 September 1881. Martha Jane was b. on 2 Nov. 1865, Cypress Inn, Wayne County, TN and d. on 22 Dec. 1924, Mt. Vinson, McNairy County, TN, the daughter of James Jackson and Eliza Jane (HOLT) SCOTT, the granddaughter of John Martin and Senta (WHITE) SCOTT and Benjamin Wheatley and Sarah Garner (CURTIS) HOLT.

She is the probable niece of this writer's great-great grandfather, James SCOTT who married Lavinia Jane McCUISTION (maternal side of writer's family). A granddaughter of James Jackson and Eliza Jane (HOLT) SCOTT is Clura-10 (SCOTT) PIGG of Cypress Inn in Wayne County, Tennessee, the daughter of Leandor James SCOTT and his wife Velma (BALLENTINE), the granddaughter of James Jackson and his wife Eliza Jane (Holt) SCOTT. Clura has her grandfather Scott's old Bible, kept 1838-1938 and lives within six miles of the Mt. Hope Church of Christ Cemetery in Wayne County, TN where many Scott/Bearden family members are buried.

Robert Jefferson-8 Bearden was married and died in the identical two spots where Richard-5 made the first and second of three Revolutionary War pension declarations fifty-six years before the marriage of Robert J.-8 Bearden. The last one was made seventy-nine years before the death of Robert Jefferson-8 in almost the identical location on same Creek but in McNairy County, TN. Robert Jefferson-8 moved his family and his aged father from Wayne County and down Cypress Creek to McNairy County on 20 Oct. 1902.

One descendant has said that he attended Robert Kimsey-7's funeral and that he died on 6 Feb. 1908 near Falcon in McNairy County. His tombstone stands in the Mt. Vinson Methodist Church Cemetery with other Beardens who have died in that area. He donated the land for the Mount Vinson Methodist Church and Cemetery in McNairy County. His daughter, Elizabeth-9 Bearden, named the place "Black Grove" but it is called Mount Vinson.

Robert Jefferson-8 had issue as recorded in his Bible and some death certificates of his issue:

- *1304. Rosa Lee/Rosalee-9 Bearden, m. 23 Nov. 1902, Edgar WAGGONER.
- *1305. John Kimsey-9 Bearden, b. 1884, d. 1965, m. Dessie Emma BLACKWOOD.
- *1306. Mary Elizabeth-9 Bearden, m. Tommy Alexander RAINES/RAINEY.
- *1307. Eliza Ellen-9 Bearden, b. 1889, d. 1969, m. Gert MILLER.
- *1308. James Daniel-9 Bearden, b. 1892, d. 1959, m. Ethama PETTIGREW.
- 1309. Laura Alice-9 Bearden, b. 20 Nov. 1894, Wayne County, TN, d. 14 Feb. 1916, Stantonville, McNairy County, TN; m. Everitte McKINSEY/McKENZIE and had two children who died young.
- *1310. Nina Vetress-9 Bearden, "Beatrice", m. Alva M. HIGGINS.
- 1311. Maude Gertrude-9 Bearden, b. 14 April 1901, Cypress Inn, Wayne County, TN, d. with cancer on 12 Dec. 1952 in Burkbarnett, TN, buried in the Mt. Vinson Cemetery; m. 1918, McNairy County to Elmer HIGGINS who d. in 1934; m. second Sam FAZEY of French descent, b. England, divorced and m. third Ernest HOLMES. Maude Gertrude-9 had issue, the first two who d. as infants; and Eloise Belle-10 Higgins b. 1922 in Oklahoma, adopted by stepfather, name changed to Lloyd Jane-10 Fazey, m. Charlie William ENGLAND, had Gertrude-11, Charles William-11, Robert E.-11, Lee-11, Martha Jane-11 ENGLAND.
- *1312. Arkie Bell-9 Bearden, b. 1903, m. 1923 to Lee HURLEY.
- 1313. Telitha Cementa-9 Bearden, b. 30 Dec. 1904, Lauron, McNairy County, TN, d. there on 30 Dec. 1904, McNairy County.
- *1314. Jesse Aubrey-9 Bearden m. Marial WARD, lives Adamsville, TN.

843. Winney Rosetta-8 Bearden (Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 11 June 1866 on Tail's Creek in Gilmer County, GA, d. 1931 near Stantonville in McNairy County, TN, buried Stantonville Cemetery, m. in McNairy County to James BOSHART. It was "Aunt Rosetty" who had possession of her parents' old family Bible with written records of the Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden family. After "Aunt" Rosetty's death, her daughter, Artie-9 WYATT of Stantonville, copied the information for the writer. Winney Rosetta-8 had issue, Boshart:

1315. Mary G.-9 Boshart, b. 1888, Cypress Inn, Wayne County, TN, d. 1975, McNairy County, m. Emmett T. BROWDER, had issue:
- a. Jewell-10 Browder, b. 1908 in Falcon, m. (?) HARRIS.
 - b. Orphus-10 Browder, b. 1910, McNairy County, d. 1910.
 - c. Raymond-10 Browder, b. 1911, Falcon, McNairy County, m. Thelma WALKER, b. 1917 and had issue, Donald-11, had three unknown and one known issue, Beverly-12 Browder, d. 1970, m. (?) MCKENZIE and had one child, Gale-13 McKenzie.
 - d. Artye-10 Browder, b. 1913, d. 1920, McNairy County, TN.
 - e. Patricia-10 Browder, b. 1917, d. 1957, m. 1939 Horace PRINCE, had Sandra-11, m. Buddy HUGHES, unknown issue.
 - f. Ruth-11 Browder, b. 1918, m. 1936 A. J. McDONALD.
 - g. Mary Frances-10 Browder, b. 1924, Poinsett County, AR, m. (?) MONTAGUE.
 - h. Billy Jean-10 Browder, b. 1928, Poinsett County, AR, m. Shirley ROSS, two unknown issue.
1316. Etta Mae-9 Boshart, b. 1890, Cypress Inn, Wayne County, TN, d. 1975, buried Mt. Vinson Cemetery, m. 1911, McNairy County, to Truman BARNES who d. in 1955. Issue, two who died young, buried Mt. Vinson Cemetery, and C. D.-10 Barnes, b. 1919, Falcon, McNairy County, m. Rebecca EDWARDS and had Glenda Dianne-11.
1317. Artie-9 Boshart, youngest issue of Winnie Rosetta-8 Bearden, b. 1894, Cypress Inn, Wayne County, TN and d. after 20 July 1960 when she mailed a written copy of the family records from the old Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden Bible from her address, Pittsburg Ldg., TN in McNairy County. She states that there are only three of them left, Mary G. (BOSHART) BROWDER, Etta Mae (BOSHART) BARNES, and herself. Artie-9 m. Walter WYATT, b. 1889 in TN, d. after 1960, Pittsburg Ldg., issue:
- a. Maurine-10 Wyatt, b. 1917.
 - b. John-10 Wyatt, b. 1918, d. 1923, McNairy County, TN.
 - c. Allean-10 Wyatt, b. 1920, McNairy County, TN, m. 1939 to Elmer SURRETT and had issue: (1) Emma Sue-11, b. 1940, m. Dale SMITH and had James Douglas-12, b. 1964; Larry Neil-12, b. 1967 and Sheila Dianne-12 Smith, b. 1969. (2) Charles E.-11 Surratt, b. 1941, m. Linda PYRON and had Timothy Lynn-12, b. 1963, Kristy Lynn-12, b. 1966, Malline L.-12 Surratt, b. 1967. (3) Donald Gene-11 Surratt, b. 1943, m. Linda Jo DICKS and had Donald Kevin-12, b. 1968; Billy W.-11 Surratt (TWIN), b. 1946, m. Joyce PICKENS. (4) Betty L.-11 Surratt (TWIN), b. Jan. 1946, m. Danny K. SMITH, had Joel Keith-12, b. 1966; and Jennifer Gail-12 Smith, b. 1969.
 - d. Inez-10 Wyatt, b. 1922, d. 1975, buried Yuma, AZ; m. 1943, Edgar HUMPHREY Jr. who d. in 1981, had Janice Kay-11, b. 1946; Patsy Jean-11, b. 1950, d. 1971, Yuma, AZ; and Donna Lynn-11 Humphrey, b. 1958.
 - e. Mabel-10 Wyatt, b. 1923, d. 1966, m. 1951 Russell HANSEN b. 1922, divorced before 1960, m. second (?) ROBERTS, issue, Karen-11 HANSEN.
 - f. Mary Nell-10 Wyatt, b. 1925, m. 1946 Leonard PRATT, had issue: Barbara Lynn-11, b. 1947, m. Jimmy L. RICHARDSON; Tommy Neil-11, b. 1948; Leonard Stephen-11 Pratt, b. 1958.
 - g. Troy-10 Wyatt, b. 1933, McNairy County, m. Shirley MITCHELL, had Deborah Jean-11, b. 1957, McNairy County, TN; and Terri Renee-11 Wyatt, b. 1959, McNairy County.

844. James Jackson-8 Bearden (Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), eighth and youngest issue of Robert Kimsey-7 and Sementha (JONES) Bearden, as recorded in their family Bible and as remembered by their issue, b. 18 April 1871, Tail's Creek, near the Licklog Post Office in the Alto District of Gilmer County, GA, d. 14 Aug. 1958, Flint, MI and buried in the Crestwood

Memorial Garden Cemetery. He m. about 1890 to Betty STORY, b. 1871 in TN, d. 1918 near Stantonville in McNairy County, buried in the Mt. Vinson Cemetery, m. second 1922, Lita Frances TAYLOR, b. 1888, McNairy County, d. 1978 Flint, MI. James Jackson-8 had issue, as given by his descendants:

1318. Lola-9 Bearden, known as "Leoler", b. 1892, Cypress Inn, Wayne County, TN, d. 1910, Falcon, McNairy County, TN; m. a BEARDEN cousin (unknown) and had twins, buried beside their mother in the Bethesda Cemetery in McNairy County, TN.
1319. Louis-9 Bearden, b. 1894, Wayne County, TN, d. McNairy County, TN.
1320. Ethel-9 Bearden, b. 1896, Wayne County, TN, d. 1956 Ravenna County, MI; m. Peter DEVILLE, b. 1896, d. 1961 and had:
- a. Peter-10 DeVille Jr. m. Penney (?), adopted her issue, Thelma and Cliff, and had issue of his own: Peter-11 Deville III, b. 1949, m. Michaela WALL, had Malissa-12, b. 1971; and Faye-12 DeVille, b. 1976.
 - b. Mildred-10 DeVille, b. 1924, d. 1969, m. Elmer DEMASKA, b. 1926, both buried Crestwood Memorial Cemetery in Flint, MI, issue: Carol-11, b. 1949; Arnold-11, b. 1950; Kay-11, b. 1952; and Earl-11 Demaska, b. 1955.
 - c. Mary-10 DeVille, m. William STAFFORD and had issue: Robert-11, b. 1951; and William-11 Stafford, b. 1955.
 - d. Bernard-10 DeVille, b. 1927, McNairy County, TN, m. Doris Jean LANDES and had adopted issue, Timothy-11, b. 1957 and Collette-11 DeVille, b. 1970.
 - e. Charles-10 DeVille, m. Barbara (?) and had Sheila-11; Charles-11; and Karen Sue-11 DeVille.
 - f. Ray-10 DeVille, m. Marie (?) and had David-11; Robin-11; Jeff-11; George-11; and Steven-11 DeVille.
 - g. Laura-10 DeVille, m. with one issue, Christene-11, deceased.
 - h. Susan-10 DeVille, d. at age one year.
 - i. James-10 DeVille, d. age six months.
1321. Evert-9 Bearden, b. 1900, Wayne County, TN, d. and buried in the Mt. Vinson Methodist Church Cemetery, McNairy County, TN, with his grandparents and other Beardens.
1322. Bruster-9 Bearden, b. 1902, Cypress Inn, Wayne County, TN, d. and buried in the Mt. Vinson Cemetery.
1323. Mamie-9 Bearden, b. 1903, the first to be b. near Falcon in McNairy County, m. there 1925, Otis MEEK, b. 1885, d. 1970, Enville, TN, buried there; issue, Dora-10 and Margaret-10 Meek.
1324. Clyde-9 Bearden, b. 1906, Falcon, McNairy County, TN, m. 1929 to Nona STRONG and had issue before divorced, Bethany-10, b. 1930 and Harry-10 Bearden, b. 1932, m. and divorced, unknown.
1325. Bernard-9 Bearden, b. 1908 in same year his grandfather, Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden died. He d. 1921, McNairy County.
1326. Rhoda Lou-9 Bearden, b. 1911, Falcon, McNairy County, TN, d. 1959, Ravenna County, MI, m. Thomas HOGGAN, had issue: Josephine Aline-10 Hogan, b. 1932, m. Vern NUTTALL and had: Daniel Lee-11, b. 1951, m. Ruth FAUNKLER and had Darlene Marie-12, b. 1953 m. Gary James SCHILLING; Barbara Jo-12, b. 1955; David Emmett-12, b. 1957; and Judith Ann-12, b. 1958.
1327. Edward T.-9 Bearden of Flint, MI, youngest issue of James Jackson-8 Bearden by first wife, b. 1914, McNairy County, TN; m. 1934 to Alma SMITH and had:
- a. Barbara Joan-10 Bearden, b. 1934, McNairy County, m. Ray PUGMIRE, divorced, m. second Bruce HENDERSON, deceased, m. third David HURT, divorced; issue: Roe Ann-11, b. 1957; Jill -11, b. 1960; Bruce-11 Henderson Jr., b. 1964; Barbara-11 Hurt, b. 1966, m. Robert WISE, had Jaime Marie-12 b. 1975.
 - b. Harold Barrie-10 Bearden of Streamwood, IL b. 1938, McNairy County, m. Dorise JONES, divorced.
 - c. Sandra Jill-10 Bearden, b. 1944, m. Jessee WALTON and had Kimberley Hope-11, b. 1962; David Allen-11, b. 1966.
1328. James Wesley-9 Bearden, first issue of James Jackson-8 by his second wife, b. 1925 in McNairy County, TN, d. one month old.
1329. Mary Magdalene-9 Bearden, b. 1926, McNairy County, TN; m. 1944 to Ray C. LEVASSUER, b. 1922 and had: David-10, b. 1950, m. 1975 Terri CLARK and had David Breathe-11, b. 1976 (TWIN); Charles Morgan-11 Lavassuer, b. 1976; Michael-10 Lavassuer, b. 1953; and Sandra-10, b. 1955.

1330. Joseph B.-9 Bearden, thirteenth and youngest issue of James Jackson-8 Bearden, b. 6 July 1930; m. Mary HEAD, divorced in 1973; m. second 1975, Helen (?), lives in Texas, issue: Carolyn-10, b. 1951, m. 1970 to David TURNER, divorced 1971, had issue, Michael Anthony-11, b. 1971; Gary-10, b. 1952; Linda-10, b. 1955; and Troy-10 Bearden, b. 1962.

F. FIVE CHILDREN OF NO. 353 JAMES JASPER-7 AND MARY J. (RANEY/RAINEY) BEARDEN

845. William J.-8 Bearden (James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?) (TWIN). The 1880 census gives him as a twin to No. 846, James P.-8 Bearden. He is the first issue of James Jasper-7 and his wife, Person No. 667, Mary J. RANEY/RAINEY (both of BEARDEN descent), born Sept. 1853-1855 on Tail's Creek, near what would be the future Licklog Post Office in the Alto School District of Gilmer County in North Georgia, this post office located about two miles east of the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Highway 52.

The first Postmaster at Licklog was Joseph C. West and after his death, his widow Georgia C.-8 (BEARDEN) West served as the Postmistress. Aunt Georgia C.-8 (BEARDEN) West was the daughter of Person No. 417, Richard G.-7 and his wife, Sarah Adeline-7 (CANTRELL) Bearden (these latter two both of BEARDEN descent) and the granddaughter of both Person No. 107, Williby-6 Bearden and his wife Sarah PEAK, and Person No. 97, Elizabeth-6 Bearden and her husband, Jacob CANTRELL.

The subject, William J.-8 Bearden, known as "Uncle Bill" by the writer's father and his siblings, died after 1925 in Oregon or Washington State. The writer's grandmother heard from him until that year but the old letters are neglected, water soaked and now unreadable. This information has been handled carelessly and is now lost. The writer's father knew his "Uncle Bill" Bearden as a youngster growing up in Erath County, TX. The surviving nephew and niece of Bill-8, who have lived out their lives in Texas, do not know the salient facts of Uncle Bill's life.

He married after the 1880 census of Hickman County, KY was taken and before the beginning of winter in that year, to a RANEY/RAINEY cousin who was Nancy "Nannie" WALTON of Coweta and Cherokee Counties, Georgia and later in Kentucky. His new bride's parents were in the process of moving to Arkansas and Texas, and Bill-8 took his bride on the train to Stephenville in Erath County, TX to join her "people", leaving his wagon and farm tools behind.

"Bill"-8 told their mother that if she would give permission for his nineteen year old brother to drive his wagon and team to Texas with his (Bill-8's) farm tools, then he (Bill-8) would send him back home on the train, a promise he did not keep. The nineteen year old brother is this writer and compiler's grandfather, Ervin Kenneth-8 Bearden (Person No. 849).

Bill-8 is listed with his parents on the 1860 census of St. Clair County, AL; on the 1870 census of Obion County, TN; and with his widowed mother on the 1880 census of Hickman County, KY. He was one of the older sons who helped carry his father, Jasper-7 Bearden, home after he was mortally shot in the back just as the Civil War was ending. Bill-8 and his twin "Jim"-8, at age nine, were called "the men of the household".

Byron WALTON, b. in June 1888 in Erath County, TX, is an orphan boy, according to the 1900 census there and is being reared by William J.-8 Bearden. This bit of information provides clues to the identity of Bill-8's maternal grandfather, who is the probable William RANEY/RAINEY of South Carolina and in Coweta County, GA in 1833 and who purchased land in Gilmer County, GA from Benton WALTON on 5 July 1833 (under No. 353).

The names of Bill-8 and Nannie's issue are taken from the 1900 census of Erath County, TX, marriage records of that county and state, plus the memory of his nephews and nieces:

1331. Bessie-9 Bearden, b. about 1882-1885, Dublin, in Erath County, TX, d. after 1926 in Oregon or Washington; m. 23 Oct. 1899, Stephenville, Erath County, TX to her double distant cousin, the person compiled herein as No. 635, William Jackson-8 STEWART (Marriage Book H, Pg. 70, by Elder J. A. Stovall), of Knox County, TN and TX. William J.-8 STEWART is the grandson of Benjamin-6 Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth MINOR, of Knox County, TN and Granville County, NC, and the great grandson of Benjamin-5 and his wife, Molly (HARRIS) Bearden of Granville County, NC, etc.
- Both Bessie-9 and her husband are the descent of Person No. 32, John-4 Bearden of Spartanburg District, SC, etc. Moreover, Bessie-9 is related to her husband through her grandmother (Mary J.-8 RANEY/RAINEY) BEARDEN, the supposed descent of the John RANEY who m. Elizabeth STEWART (see RANEY/RAINEY FAMILY). Bessie-9 and her husband, W. J.-8 Stewart, are said to have gone to Oregon soon after their marriage and Bessie-7's aunt by marriage (this writer's grandmother), corresponded with her until her own death in 1926, when the family lost all touch with Bill-8's family (see under Person No. 635 for Bessie 7-s descent).
1332. Hurbert/Herbert-9 Bearden, youngest known issue of Bill-8, b. Feb. 1885, Dublin, in Erath County, Texas, believed to have died young in Erath County. He married Pearl (?), who was b. 6 July 1884 in Texas and d. 14 March 1920 in Erath County, TX, buried there in the Lingleville East End Cemetery (cemetery inscription). Hurbert-9 is not believed to have had issue and if he did they are unknown to the writer.

846. James Pleasant-8 Bearden (James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1) (TWIN), known as "Jim", second issue of James Jasper-7 BEARDEN, b. Sept. 1853-1855 in his grandparents' home on Tail's Creek in Gilmer County, GA, and is said to have died before 1900 at or near Steele in St. Clair County, AL. He m. about 1875 in the area of Obion County, TN to Martha C. (?), whose last name has been given as HARRIS. The James Jasper-7 Bearden had family, relatives, friends and near relatives in the Obion County, TN, and Hickman County, KY area and they went there soon after the Civil War ended. Speculation has been that the Bearden kinsmen in Obion County were the Rainey and Harris families. James P.-8's first wife died young leaving several small children. He m. second, unknown.

The story from his brother is that while he was out working on the farm, their stepmother put his children in the pig pen with the pigs. When he came home and discovered them there, he and his wife had a "fuss". "Jim"-8 was found murdered the next morning and it is believed but unproved, that his second wife had murdered him.

James P.-8 had issue as counted on 1880 census (see under Person No. 353, James Jasper-7 for census source):

1333. Willie Josephine-9 Bearden, b. 1878, Obion County, TN, no data.
1334. Charles L.-9 Bearden, b. about 1879, Obion County, TN. It is said that Charles-9 Bearden's maternal grandparents took him to the area of Jefferson County (maybe St. Clair County?), AL, where he lived out his life. There is evidence there of his life in the Steele community and on Chandler's Mountain. One Charles and Floyd Bearden have been Sunday School Superintendents in the Steele Baptist Church, which at first was a log hut in the flatwoods two miles south of Steele. It is noteworthy that some cousins of James Jasper-7 Bearden (Charles' grandfather) had settled here as early as 1835.
- Chandler's Mountain is one of the many scenic spots of northern AL and is Steele's progressive next-door neighbor. The mountain is ten miles long and covers an area of twenty-five square miles. It is surrounded by rock bound cliffs which offers an unsurpassed view of scenery for miles around. The early records here show that Cicero JOHNSON was the first person to enter land on the mountain in 1855. The Franklin SMITH family came from South Carolina and Tennessee and entered land on the mountain in 1858 (under Persons No. 45, 83 and 130 for Franklin SMITH, brother of Elizabeth who m. Giles BEARDEN, and Barbara who m. Isaac-7 COMPTON).
- Other early settlers were Jacob and Sarah (STEELE) LUTES; John-7 BEARDEN; Hezekiah McWATER; McCAY; WOOD; ROBINSON; HUTCHIN; and HOLLINGSWORTH.
- John-7 BEARDEN m. a STEPHENS and had two sons, Monroe who married and left the mountain; and Needham Bearden, m. cousin Edna-8 BROTHERS from Greasy Cove, the daughter of Mary-7 BEARDEN

(under No. 95, James-6 Bearden) and her husband William BROTHERS, the latter who married on 16 Sept. 1834 in St. Clair County, AL. Edna-8 is also the cousin of No. 353, James Jasper-7 Bearden. Edna-8 BROTHERS' aunt was Mahaley-7 BEARDEN, m. on 30 March 1840 in St. Clair County, to John Wesley PARTLOW and their descent, Florene PARTLOW was one of the first presidents of the Women's Missionary Union of the Steele Baptist Church. Another sister may be Unice-7 BEARDEN who m. 25 Nov. 1840 in St. Clair County to William JOHNSON, a probable son of old Cicero JOHNSON of Chandler's Mountain.

Catherine-6 Bearden, compiled as the daughter of Person No. 43, Richard-5 BEARDEN (second great grandfather of subject, Charles-9), m. on 5 Sept. 1825 in Lauderdale County, AL, to Peter CRUM, and Dr. J. W. CRUMP and Owen W. CRUMP were charter members of the Steele Methodist Church in St. Clair County ("HISTORY OF STEELE BAPTIST CHURCH, by Jimmie Lou TURNER, pgs. 43-46, taken from "St. CLAIR COUNTY, ALABAMA HISTORY", by Mrs. CROWE).

847. Martha Catherine-8 Bearden (James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), third issue and first daughter of James Jasper-7 Bearden and his wife Mary J. RANEY, was b. in 1857 on Tail's Creek in Gilmer County, GA, and d. near there about or after 1926. She m. about 1881 to John MILAM from Georgia, who was a descendant of Elizabeth-6 BEARDEN and her husband, Jordan MILAM, who m. on 9 Aug. 1821, Jasper County, GA. Elizabeth-6 Bearden is not identified but she is surely a descendant of one of the brothers, sons of No. 32, John-4 BEARDEN.

Martha C.-8, known as "Mattie" and "Matt", fell in love with the son of what was known then as "a rich farmer" and had a son out of wedlock. Her siblings said he wanted to marry her but his father had refused his permission, and after she had the child, she then refused to marry him. This grandchild is listed on the 1880 census in the family of Mary (RANEY) BEARDEN. A photograph of "Mattie"-8 and her family, taken in Georgia, is in this writer's possession.

"Mattie"-8, an elegant and well-bred person, had known issue:

1335. Marcus LaFayette-9 (Eskes L. on census) Milam, the son who was born out of wedlock, b. about 1875 in Obion County, TN.

1336. Male-9 child Milam, in the family group photo, b. 1880s.

1337. May-9 Milam, age about 12-16 in photograph taken 1900.

1338. Otis Lee-9 Milam, age 10-14 in 1900 and said to have m. his distant cousin in Gilmer County, GA, June GREEN.

There is an unidentified Ruth Evelyn Milam, who was b. on 6 June 1951 in Port Lavacca, TX, and lives in Dallas, TX. It seems she also m. a distant cousin, Ronald Franklin-11 CAGLE, b. 22 May 1948 in Marietta, Cobb County, GA, who may be the descent of Person No. 1905, Merle Leila (EDMONDSON) CAGLE and her husband, Freeman CAGLE. Ruth Evelyn MILAM had issue: Wesley Milam CAGLE, b. 18 Dec. 1976, Atlanta, GA; and Forrest Ashley CAGLE, b. 23 Sept. 1980, Dallas, TX.

849. Ervin Kenneth-8 Bearden (James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth issue of James Jasper-7 and his wife, Mary J. (RANEY/RAINEY), b. 29 March 1861 in the little village of Bennettsville, one mile north of what became the village of Attalia in 1870, and ten miles north of Gadsden, where his kinsman (Vincent Bennett) had a general store, stagecoach line, and post office, located between Gadsden and Huntsville in St. Clair County, AL, that portion of St. Clair County becoming a part of Etowah County after 1868 (East Range, Township 11). After Attalia came into being, the village of Bennettsville folded up.

Ervin K.-8 Bearden, or as he signed his name, "E. K." Bearden and known as Ervin, died on 18 Oct. 1915 in a rural area near Avery in Red River County, TX and is buried there in the Marvin Wathan addition to the old Spr-

ing Hill cemetery. His Certificate of Death, No. 22906, gives the name of his parents, their year and place of birth and his own birthdate and place of birth.

He was married on 14 Oct. 1888 in the Methodist Church where his bride was a member, in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas by the Methodist minister of the Gospel, John R. Steele, to Cora Bell WITHERS/WEATHERS (Person No. 677 in WEATHERS FAMILY by writer), who was born on 19 Feb. 1870 in the community of Red Hill near Linden in Cass County, Texas (near where this author purchased a vacation home in 1991 and moved to in 1992). Cora Bell was never out of Texas in her life and was the daughter of James Reason WEATHERS and his wife Malissa C. (HUNTER).

In the early days of Alabama's statehood, many postal roads were established by acts of Congress and some of these had as their starting point or destination the St. Clair County Courthouse. One such act was passed on 13 May 1822 and established a road from Ashville to Huntsville, by way of the Vincent Bennett General Store. Ashville had a post office and so did Bennettsville, then in St. Clair County but falling in Etowah County when that new county was established in 1866-1868. Scrogg's Alabama Postal History in 1818 lists Bennettsville as a post office with Vincent Bennett as the postmaster.

The only stop between Bennettsville and Ashville was Jacob-7 Green's place. Here the stagecoach stopped to allow the passengers to refresh themselves and often they exchanged horses for the drive into Ashville which was twelve miles to the south of Jacob-7 Green's place.

It must be remembered that the subject's (Ervin K.-8) great grandmother was supposedly Sarah BENNETT (wife of No. 43, Richard-5). The 1820 census of St. Clair County in the State of Alabama, lists Vincent BENNETT with only two people in his household, he and one male, the latter under twenty-one years of age. Either the 1820 census failed to list Vincent's wife and perhaps another son, or another son was born after that date, as he had two sons, one of whom was Albert Gallatin BENNETT who was a physician and enlisted and served as a major in the Civil War with the 12th Battalion of Alabama Partisan Rangers. Albert Gallatin is listed in Owen's History as being the son of Vincent Bennett, b. in St. Clair County and who m. Sarah Frances PERSONS, lived in Gadsden after the war, moving to Ft. Payne where he died; served in the Alabama Legislature from St. Clair County.

The 1850 census there lists Joseph Bennett, his wife Elizabeth and eight children, ages from one to sixteen. Joseph was in South Carolina for the birth of his children until the year 1840.

The subject here, Ervin K.-8 BEARDEN, was born when the Civil War signals were strong and dislike, bitterness and hot southern tempers were at the boiling point. He was just over one year old when his father, his uncles, cousins, etc. (J. Jasper-7, Jacob P.-7, Robert K.-7, William Newton-7, Samuel V.-8 BEARDEN, Nelse RAINEY) and endless relatives enlisted and went off to war, a good many of them never to return to their homes and their loved ones.

Ervin-8 did not see his father for the months he was gone during the war, nor did he see many men with the exception of the Home Guard which was at first composed of old men and young boys; however, toward the end of the war, some of the ruthless and cruel leaderless men who were wandering around over the south, came home and called themselves the "Home Guard". This group are the men who are believed to have robbed the people and shot many of the men who had left a useless and cruel war to care for their starving families.

Ervin-8's father, James Jasper-7 ("J. J.") Bearden, enlisted on 10 May 1862 at Gadsden in St. Clair County, AL, along with Jacob P.-8, G. M.-8, Quillan-8, James M.-8 and Larkin-8 Bearden, in the Volunteers CSA, of Second Company G, the 48th and 49th Alabama Infantry Regulars. Ervin-8 was one year and about thirty-two days old when his father left for the war with high hopes and a cause. He was just over two years when his father was sick and absent from Cedar Run and Fredericksburg in Virginia. After his father recovered from his fever, he was sent with his company back to Tennessee and Alabama where his bereft wife and starving children then lived.

Ervin-8 was three to four years old and remembered the horror and the blood of the day when his newly-found father went out in the woods in an effort to get food for his family and was shot in the back by, it was believed,

some of the roving "Home Guard". At that time in the history of the southern people and their states, there had been no crops grown, no money for seed, many of their homes had been ravaged, robbed, burned and their livestock taken or killed. The North had cut off the supply lines and there had been no food or supplies as the strategy of starvation was being used. Sherman had made his march from "Atlanta to the Sea" and had laid waste to the heartland of the South.

It was at this time that Ervin-8's father, home from the war, was shot in the back and never walked again. Ervin-8 saw his mother and older brothers, barely nine years old, drag his father home and try to nurse him back to a semblance of health. He remembered with nausea and great anguish that his father suffered and his mother had a hard time making a living in the days when there was nothing much a woman could do to earn bread for her family.

Ervin-8 remembered his mother shaving salt from the richer farmer's blocks, salt that had been used for their milk cows. He remembered with sorrow that the family gathered any greens and the bark of any tree or plant that was edible. They chewed green pine needles to "draw their stomach" so there would be less hunger pains. They gathered the corn scattered on the ground from feeding the Yankee soldier's horses, washed it, and carried it miles to a grist mill to be ground into cornmeal for a water mush or cornbread for the hungry children.

Ervin-8's older twin brothers were soon old enough to help their mother grow a garden of fresh vegetables and a few crops to sell. They worked hard at the young ages of seven when their father went off to war, until they each married and had their own family. Ervin-8's uncles, the brothers of his father and mother who had come home from the war, fashioned his father a chair that the children could push him around in. They would push and pull him up to the table and he bathed the baby, washed and peeled vegetables and tried to help with the household chores until he died from his wounds in late 1870. He fathered three more children after the war and after the gunshot wound in his back.

Ervin Kenneth-8 Bearden lived in the village of Bennetsville in the state of Alabama, for the first three to five years of his life, moving with his family back to Gilmer County in the State of Georgia after the war and soon afterward to Obion County in the State of Tennessee where there were relatives. After his father died in 1870 (and before the year 1875) his widowed mother moved him and the balance of the family across the state line into Hayes District of Hickman County in the state of Kentucky.

This writer has not been able to find the record for the marriage of either of the twins, William J.-8 or James Pleasant-8. "Bill"-8 and "Jim"-8, as they were known, were home with the rest of the family, including their father, on the 1870 census of Obion County, TN. Jim-8 was gone and counted as the head of household on the 1880 census of Hickman County, KY. Bill-8 married after the 1880 census was taken and was gone from home before the year was over.

Bill-8 Bearden, as has been stated, married in the area of Paducah in McCracken County, KY and took his bride on the train to Stephenville in Erath County in the state of Texas. Soon afterward, but still in the fall of 1880, the subject here, Ervin K.-8 Bearden at age nineteen, drove his brother, Bill-8 Bearden's farm wagon, loaded with his farm tools and other possessions to near Stephenville, TX. His mother, with his younger siblings, then moved over into the state of Arkansas and Ervin-8 was never to see his mother again, although his sisters visited him in Texas.

It has been said by Ervin K.-8 Bearden's issue, his nephews and nieces, that he was a fine and upstanding citizen, a hard and diligent worker, a singer of hymns, a Baptist Christian, and a good and loving husband and father. He reared a fine family of good, contributing citizens to their families and to their country.

A memory of this good man was once told by his wife of their courtship. There were no funds for a trip into town or to eat out, but those were the days when the people, young and old, met in each others homes for food, fellowship, singing and worshipping God. Ervin and his future wife, who was then a Methodist, but later embraced her husband's Baptist faith, met in her brother's home and sang gospel songs with their group. They both loved the old gospel and sacred songs and he and his future wife vocalized them together. The music of their voices rang

out to the tunes of "The Sweet Bye and Bye", "Shall We Gather at the River", "The Little Brown Church in the Wildwood", "Land Where We Never Grow Old", "The Old Rugged Cross", "Will the Circle Be Unbroken", "Heavenly Sunlight", "Victory In Jesus", and all those old nostalgic hymns, plus "I Want a Girl Just Like the Girl Who Married Dear Old Dad", "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain", etc.

An insight into Ervin Kenneth-8 Bearden's character can perhaps be gleaned by the story told by his son when, in 1898, he received a letter from his sister which stated that their mother had died at her home in AR and was already buried. Ervin-8 went out of the house without a word and leaned against it and cried brokenly for the mother who had reared him with so much love, tenderness and hard work, the mother he had not seen for eighteen years and the mother he was never to see again on this earth. He always had hopes of meeting the lost loved ones of his beloved family in heaven.

Ervin K.-8 and his wife, Cora B. (WEATHERS) had issue:

- *1339. **WILLIAM IRA-9 BEARDEN**, m. 9 Sept. 1916, **BESSIE JEWEL SCHELL**, beloved parents of this writer.
- *1340. **Tessie Mae-9 Bearden**, m. 7 Dec. 1909, Henry Clay WINN.
- 1341. **Bertha Beatrice-9 Bearden**, b. 11 March 1892, Stephenville, Erath County, TX, d. 5 April 1910, Ladonia, Fannin County, TX, buried there in the Winn section of New Harmony Cemetery. A family group photograph taken just before her death shows a beautiful, poised and gracious young lady who is the image of this writer's own daughter at age 16-18.
- *1342. **Alvin Lee-9 Bearden**, m. 12 April 1923, Betty Marie CORNES.
- 1343. **Cecil Charley-9 Bearden**, b. 21 March 1897 near Stephenville in Erath County, TX, d. 6 Aug. 1970 in his home at 2230 Wilhurst Avenue, Dallas, TX; m. 19 Dec. 1942, Dallas, TX to Velma SHARPE, b. 26 Aug. 1908, Ladonia, TX, the daughter of Thaddeaus and Betty Dallas (WOOD) Sharpe, who lived at the home address until she entered an extended care home. Beloved "Uncle Cecil" Bearden did not have issue, married at age 45 and his nephews and nieces were beloved by him. He died at age seventy-three.
- *1344. **Thomas Hardy-9 Bearden**, m. Aug. 1919 Hazel J. CORNES.
- 1345. **Mary Gladys-9 Bearden** of Dallas, TX was b. 28 Aug. 1906, Birthright, Hopkins County, TX and has not married. "Aunt Gladys" has been a practical nurse, working mostly in "rest homes" and with older people. Aunt Gladys-9 is the glue that holds this branch of the Bearden family together and she is a tremendous help in compiling the various branches. Her memory is excellent and her willingness to help is unsurpassed. Her nieces and nephews are her children. Aunt Gladys died in Aug. 1998 in Dallas, TX.

852. Annyer Eugenia-8 Bearden (James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?) eighth and youngest issue of James Jasper-7 and his wife, Mary J. (RANEY) Bearden, b. on 27 March 1870 in Hayes District of Obion County, TN and d. on 21 Jan. 1916, rural area near Haworth in McCurtain County, OK, buried there in the Pollard Cemetery, married about 1884, area of Hot Springs, AR to her sister's widower, Richard S. "Dick" SHOCKLEY, b. about 1861 and who is buried beside this subject who was his third wife (see under Person No. 306 for Bearden/Shockley connection).

"Dick" Shockley had been married before and the story is that when Annyer E.-8's sister, who was his second wife, died in childbirth, he came to his mother-in-law's home (the widow, Mary J.-8 Bearden) in Arkansas. Mary J.-8 was without male protection when Dick "took" her youngest daughter, who was not yet 15 years of age.

Dick Shockley made his living by breaking and trading wild horses, plus the backwoods vocation of "boot-legging" whiskey and almost everyone was afraid of him.

He was known to the Beardens as a "hard man" and some of the stories might embarrass his descent, who are fiercely proud of their heritage, but again it's better to know the truth. Uncle Dick and Aunt Annyer Shockley have some fine and upstanding grandchildren who are good and contributing citizens.

After prohibition arrived, Dick Shockley, as many others did, made his living by making whiskey and "bootlegging" it, and he taught his sons the art of living by bootlegging whiskey. Everyone in the family circle was a little in awe of him. His children are the first cousins of the writer's father and his daughter married the brother of the writer's mother which makes the writer doubly related to the Shockley issue.

When the Ervin Kenneth-8 Bearden family settled near the Shockley family in Red River County in Texas and near McCurtain County in Oklahoma, the two families were quite close.

It is not now known how many children Annyer-8 had but her oldest daughter (who is the first cousin of this writer's father and also his sister-in-law) says she had at least fifteen in the forty-five years of her life and Dick had at least two children by another wife after she died. Annyer-8 is known to have had a very hard life, living and bearing her older children in a covered wagon as Dick was on the move.

Annyer Eugenia-8 Bearden's photograph (copy in writer's possession, original in the possession of her granddaughter in Ardmore, OK) shows a beautiful lady with long ash blond hair piled on top of her head. She was a good influence to her children. The Shockleys have always been very proud and the ones who are left are a proud and honorable family and have lived exemplary lives. Annyer-8 had known issue:

- 1346/1347. Unknown twins-9 Shockley, a boy and a girl, b. and d. at birth 1884-1886 in Arkansas.
1348. Bryant Luntford-9 Shockley, b. on 5 March 1888 near Hot Springs, AR and d. on 15 July 1911, his sister said near Arkinda, AR, his cousin said near Hot Springs, AR; m. Eva OGLESBY and died when their first child was an infant and his wife was "expecting" again. His death, as told by his mother to her brother, is a tragic story. The family was camped near Ft. Smith when Bryant-9, through no fault of his own, was shot dead while riding his paint horse. He left a young wife and two children, a female who burned to death when she was six years old; and a male who married and had two females and one male child, the latter divorced and d. 1953-1954, buried in same graveyard as was his father and next to his sister in the Cooper graveyard near Arkinda, AR.
1349. Montie-9 Shockley, b. about 1889-1890, AR or OK, d. young.
1350. Raymond-9 "Ray" Shockley, b. about 1892, d. young.
- 1351/1352/1353. Unknown-9 Shockleys, d. young.
- *1354. Myrtle Lee-9 Shockley, b. 1898, m. this writer's uncle, James Harrison SCHELL.
1355. Frank-9 Shockley, b. 29 April 1901, Arkinda, AR, d. 27 Jan. 1962, Pollard, McCurtain County, OK, buried Pollard Cemetery; m. Mae SIMCO, unknown issue, m. second and third unknown.
1356. William-9 Shockley, b. and d. as an infant.
1357. Anna Bell-9 Shockley of Dallas, TX, b. 5 Aug. 1904, AR, m. William TOPPINGS, m. second "Bill" HUBBARD.
1358. Patrick Ervin-9 Shockley, b. 14 Oct. 1907, Cerro Gardo, Little River County, AR, lived Idabel, OK, d. in 1991; m. Elizabeth (?) m. second Elizabeth WYATT and third unknown, had issue by all wives, known: Anna Lee-10.
1359. Samuel Richard-9 "Sam" Shockley, b. 12 Jan. 1910, Cerro Gardo, AR, died a tragic death on 7 Dec. 1948, when this writer was almost 30 years old. He was known by this branch of the family as a kind and considerate young man. His sad and tragic life and death has left a great impression in our lives. Suffice it to say, his Bearden relatives, although they could not approve of all his actions, both loved and cared for this gentle and courteous person as we knew him. Sam-10's older sister went to California and brought his body back to the Pollard Cemetery near McCurtain County for burial beside his parents and siblings. This writer's father and her maternal uncle attended his funeral. He was married briefly to Betty Mae DAVIS, no issue.

1360. Ruth Mae-9 Shockley, fifteenth and youngest issue of Annyer E.-9 Bearden and Richard S. Shockley, b. 30 July 1913, Potter, Polk County, AR, mostly reared by her older sister, m. after 1936, Idabel, OK, to Elijah "Lish" TUNNELL. They operated a general store near Idabel. She had her mother's blue eyes, ash blond hair and sunny disposition. She and "Lish" had no issue.

**II. FIVE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 99 ANSEL-6 AND (ABIGAIL (JOURDAN?)),
GEORGIA (LEMUEL) AND THIRD (?) WIFE, JAIN (JOURDAN) BEARDEN**

A. ONE CHILD OF NO. 372 NEHEMIAH-7 AND CYNTHIA R. (SMITH) BEARDEN

878. William Milton-8 Bearden (Nehemiah-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 19 April 1848, Amicalola Falls Creek District of Lumpkin County, GA, d. 5 March 1922 in Haleyville, Winston County, AL, buried in the Ashridge Methodist Church Cemetery near Haleyville; m. 5 Sept. 1868 in her parents' home near Dawsonville, GA, by Richard-8 Bearden, Justice of the Peace, to Martha Louise BLACKBURN who was b. on 20 May 1849 in Lumpkin County and d. on 6 May 1924 in Haleyville, AL, buried beside her husband, daughter of Jessee Wiley (b. 1821) and Rebecca (?) (b. 1824) in SC.

Jessee Wiley Blackburn is listed on the 1850/1860/1870 census in the Shoal Creek District, Lumpkin County, GA (Dawson after 1856), with issue: (1) Henry W., b. 1842; (2) Sarah E., b. 1844, m. 21 Aug. 1873, Dawson County, G. W. TURLIN; (3) Nancy, b. 1846, m. 12 Aug. 1866, David YOTHER; (4) Mary Ann Elizabeth, b. 1848, m. 12 Nov. 1868, Elijah H. F. QUARLES; (5) Mary Elizabeth b. Lumpkin County, d. Bartow County, had issue, William Cicero, Annie Christmas and Sally Mae; (6) Martha Louise, b. 1849-1850, m. 2 Sept. 1868, William Milton BEARDEN; (7) John B., b. 1852; and Harriett Blackburn, b. 1862.

Milton-8 Bearden, as he was known, and his wife Martha are listed on the 1880 census in the Shoal Creek District, Dawson County, state of Georgia with the following issue: Nancy, Sarah, Jessee, Rebecca A. and William L. Bearden.

William Milton-8 had issue, fourteen, as recorded in his son's old Bible and hand copied by a granddaughter for the writer.

1361. Stillborn infant-9, b. July 1969.
- *1362. Nancy Jane-9 Bearden, m. as his second wife, Hockenhill McPherson GOBER.
1363. Sarah Cathern-9 Bearden, b. 5 July 1872, Amicalola Falls District of Dawson County, GA, d. there on 3 Jan. 1906; m. 22 Nov. 1891, Dawson County, to William WEHUNT and has issue today in Dawson County, having been the mother of at least five children who were born there.
1364. Jessee Nathaniel-9 Bearden, b. 18 Oct. 1874, Dawson County, GA; m. there to Nora FIELD/S who died in 1902 at Ashridge in Winston County, AL, the daughter of William Thomas and Nancy Jane (GRIFFIN) FIELD of Dawson County, issue b. there: Edith Jennie-10, b. 27 Sept. 1896, m. John Wilkins COLLINS in Winston County, AL who d. 1950, Lakeland, FL, had issue:
- a. Lenora-11 Collins, b. 17 Aug. 1925, Jacksonville, FL, m. 1 Feb. 1943 Samuel Leroy SWEARINGEN, b. 1 Feb. 1920, m. second Robert Joseph DELANEY, now deceased without issue: Robert Samuel-12 SWEARINGEN, b. 21 June 1947, m. Mary Louise KING, b. 19 Nov. 1946 and had: Angela Lenora-13, b. 22 Sept. 1970; and Shana Louise-13, b. 26 May 1976.
- b. Robert Wilkins-11 Collins, youngest issue of Edith J.-10 Bearden, b. 29 Dec. 1927, Live Oaks, FL, d. 19 Sept. 1975 buried Houston, TX, m. Sylvia BURNHAM, had: Sandford Burnham-12 Collins, b. 28 May 1951.

- *1365. Rebecca Alma-9 Bearden, m. to David Washington PELFREY.
- *1366. William Leonard-9 Bearden, m. 9 Oct. 1904, Mary Ann WEHUNT.
1367. Sintha Caroline-9 Bearden, b. 8 July 1879, Amicalola Falls District, Dawson County, GA, d. 7 July 1903, Winston County, AL, buried Ashridge Cemetery, m. in Winston County to her cousin, Oliver-9 ("Ollie") WASHBURN who d. after 1903, the descent of Person No. 802, Frances Susan-8 BEARDEN and her husband, John WASHBURN who m. on 26 Dec. 1858, St. Clair County, AL.
- *1368. Frank Monroe-9 Bearden, m. Jan. 1906, Julia Lenora HARRIS.
1369. Harriet Malinda-9 Bearden, b. 18 Aug. 1886, Shoal Creek, Dawson County, d. 12 Aug. 1976, Haleyville, Winston County, AL, buried Ashridge Cemetery, m. there A. Y. PRATT, no issue.
1370. Stillborn infant-9 Bearden.
- *1371. John Wesley-9 Bearden, m. Mary M. DOOLY, m. second Martha HUGHES.
1372. Charles Henry-9 Bearden, b. 6 Dec. 1890, Shoal Creek, Dawson County, GA, d. 29 Nov. 1964, Winston County, AL, buried Winston Memorial Gardens; m. 20 Dec. 1919, Haleyville, Winston County, to Lillie Bell FENWICK, unknown issue.
1373. Rosa Ida-9 Bearden, b. 6 Jan. 1893, Shoal Creek, Dawson County, GA, d. Oct. 1937, Haleyville, Winston County, AL, buried in the Ashridge Cemetery.
1374. Whitney Freeman-9 Bearden, b. 22 March 1895, Haleyville, Winston County, AL, d. 25 Feb. 1962, buried in Ashridge Cemetery.

B. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 377 ANSEL M.-7 AND EMILY F. (BIRT/BURT) BEARDEN

883. James Ansel-8 Bearden (Ansel Marion-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 14 March 1853 in the Amicalola Falls Creek District of Lumpkin County, GA, d. 6 Feb. 1931, Abernathy, TX, buried six miles east in the Strip Cemetery, lived near Stonewall, TX. James Ansel-8 went to Parker County, TX with his parents, the census missing them while traveling in 1860. He m. about 1884 in Texas to Zilla Kate GILBERT, b. 1860, the daughter of Sam Gilbert. He was buried near Lampasses, TX, obituary in Abernathy Daily and Farm News, 7 Feb. 1931:

"ANOTHER TEXAS PIONEER DIES

"James A. Bearden, a Texas Pioneer, died at his home, six miles east of Abernathy February 6. He was ill nineteen days. He was born near Atlanta, Georgia, March 14, 1853 and came to Parker County in 1860 with his father, A. M. Bearden and family, remained there and in adjoining counties until 1907 when he moved to Stonewall County and came to the plains in 1922.

"Bearden had been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church since he was twenty-seven years old and had been a subscriber to the Farm News forty-five years. He married Zillah Jane Kate Gilbert in 1884. To this union were born eleven children, three dying in infancy and one boy dying at the age of eighteen.

"Besides Mrs. Bearden, he is survived by seven children, R. S. Bearden, Abernathy; J. C. Bearden, Muleshoe; C. A. Bearden, Odenell; Mrs. J. O. Robertson, Abernathy, Mrs. F. T. Lea, Ingleside; Mrs. G. C. Kennedy, Peacock; and Mrs. H. C. Scott of Abernathy."

James Ansel-8 had known issue, Bearden:

- *1375. Ruben Samuel-9 Bearden, b. 1885, m. Oma Mega ROBERTSON.
- *1376. John Castor-9 Bearden, m. Lettie Rogers, m. second Lola LEA.
- *1377. Carson Ansel-9 Bearden, b. 4 March 1892, d. after 1931, m. (?) COE.
- *1378. Estella Rose-9 Bearden, b. 1895, m. Jessee Oscar ROBERTSON.
1379. Iva Frances-9 Bearden, b. 21 Jan. 1898, Parker County, TX, d. Ingleside or Stanford, TX; m. Felix LEA, b. 1898, d. 1936, and had issue, Lea:

- a. Doris-10 Lea, b. 20 Dec. 1920, m. Olin COWAN and had Gail-11, b. 1 Dec. 1960 (adopted).
 - b. Opal-10 Lea, b. 7 Aug. 1923, m. 14 Oct. 1945, Dennis Ross SMITH, Odessa, TX, issue, Sandra Lea-11, b. 20 Feb. 1947, m. Mike DOZIER; and Dennis Ross-11 Lea, b. 15 April 1950.
 - c. Felix-10 Lea Jr., b. 6 Oct. 1929, m. Fabolia MASCERERAS and had issue: Wendy-11, b. 27 Jan. 1956, Christi-11, b. 17 May 1959 and Juanita-11 Lea, b. 13 Jan. 1967.
1380. Jewel Louise-9 Bearden, b. 2 Aug. 1900, Parker County, TX, d. Aspermont, TX; m. George C. Kennedy, b. 20 March 1899, d. Sept. 1970, buried beside his wife, had issue:
- a. Norma Jane-10 Kennedy, b. 21 Feb. 1925, m. Wesley L. ROBBINS, b. 25 May 1919, had issue: Kaye-11 Robbins, b. 23 Aug. 1944, m. Jim Falson JOHNSON who was killed in plane crash, m. second Charles SCHWERTNER, b. 1940, had Jim Falson-12 Johnson, b. 3 Nov. 1968; and Jeffrey-12 Schwertner, b. 29 May 1970.
 - b. George C.-10 Kennedy Jr., b. 14 May 1930, m. Floyd MARQUIS, b. 3 Jan. 1930 and had issue: George C.-11 Kennedy III, b. 25 May 1949, m. Judith McDOWELL, b. 8 Sept. 1951; Joe Kimbell-11 Kennedy, b. 25 Sept. 1959.
1381. Leola-9 Bearden, seventh and youngest known issue of James Ansel-8, b. 1903, Parker or Palo Pinto County, TX, m. 1923 to Hubert C. SCOTT and lived in Seagraves, TX, issue one: Billy Wanda-10 Scott, b. 14 Nov. 1925, Tarrant, County, TX; m. Cecil SCHOOLEY, b. 4 May 1920, and had issue:
- a. Hubert C.-11 Schooley Jr., b. 11 Nov. 1942, m. and had issue, Scott-12 and Lisa-12 Schooley.
 - b. Wanda Gail-11 Schooley, b. 21 May 1943, m. (?) ALLEN, had Sherri Lynn-12, b. 1962; Missy Kaye-12; Tracey-12 Allen.
 - c. Jackie Dale-11 Schooley, b. 31 May 1950.
 - d. Allie Ann-11 Schooley, b. 8 Aug. 1954.

886. Abbie Louise-8 Bearden (Ansel Marion-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 5 May 1859, Catoosa County, GA, d. 6 March 1934 near Santo on Ward Mountain in Palo Pinto County, TX, buried beside her husband in the East Side Cemetery in Santo, TX; m. 15 March 1879, Grande Ranch, Palo Pinto County, to Harrison Woodberry DAVES, who was b. 14 Jan. 1859, Sharpmill, Palo Pinto County, d. 12 Jan. 1929 on Ward Mountain, the son of James Loving and his wife, Margaret (Carter) DAVES of Texas and Virginia. Abbie Louise-8 had issue, as taken from family records, cemetery inscriptions, court records, "Beardens from Georgia", newspapers, etc.:

- 1382. Margaret Mary Frances-9 Daves, b. 9 June 1880, Parker/Palo Pinto County, TX, d. there 4 July 1961, buried Santo East Side Cemetery, m. there 3 Dec. 1899, Jim WHITELEY/WHITLEY.
- *1383. **Monroe Woodberry-9 Daves**, b. 20 Aug. 1883, d. 15 Jan. 1963, m. 25 July 1915, Eastland, TX to Mary Caroline PARRACK.
- 1384. Benjamin Green-9 Daves, b. 10 Feb. 1886, Ward Mountain, d. 10 Nov. 1965, Guthrie, Logan County, OK; m. 17 March 1911, Palo Pinto County, TX to Nancy BLACKWOOD, b. 1895, d. May 1980, sister of Dessie Mae Blackwood who m. 6 Dec. 1905 in McNairy County, TN, to John Kimsey-9 BEARDEN (No. 1305).
- 1385. James Marion-9 Daves, b. 23 Nov. 1888, Ward Mountain, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 26 June 1967, Ft. Worth, TX, buried North Side Cemetery, Santo, TX; m. 24 June 1945, Texarkana, TX to Rosie BEAL (see under Person No. 306 for Beal family).
- 1386. Moses Everett-9 Daves, b. 22 July 1891, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 18 Oct. 1979, Mineral Wells, TX, buried Santo North Side Cemetery; m. 15 July 1917, Palo Pinto County, to Vala Mae BROWN, b. 30 Jan. 1899, had issue, two:
 - a. Myrtle Estelle-10 Daves, b. 14 April 1918, m. Earnest PIERCE who d. 1979, had issue: Jack Everett-11; Earnest Larry-11; and Patti-11 Pierce.
 - b. Carlton E.-10 Daves, b. 7 Aug. 1923, lives Odessa, TX, m. Hazel JONES, had Kaye-11, Carla-11, Karen-11, Bruce-11.
- 1387. Abbie Josephine-9 Daves, b. 3 May 1894 on Ward Mountain in Palo Pinto County TX, d. 25 Feb. 1942, Palo Pinto County TX, buried North Side Cemetery in Santo, TX; m. 17 March 1911, Weatherford, TX to Melton BLACKWOOD, b. 30 Jan. 1889, sibling of both Nancy and Dessie Mae Blackwood who m. Abbie

J.-9's brother, Benjamin G. DAVES and John Kimsey-9 BEARDEN. She m. second 28 Sept. 1918, David N. ARNOLD, b. 11 Feb. 1869, d. 22 Oct. 1956, and had issue: Almeda-10, b. 17 Dec. 1911, m. 13 Nov. 1932, Marvin Bishop SHELTON, b. 14 March 1905; Alexander Bruce-10, b. 22 Dec. 1919; and Dona Leta-10 Arnold, b. 27 July 1921.

1388. Lydia Isabella-9 Daves, b. 7 Feb. 1897, Ward Mountain, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. there on 8 Aug. 1900.

1389. Lela Mae-9 Daves, b. 23 April 1900, Ward Mountain, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. unmarried 11 June 1922.

C. ONE CHILD OF NO. 379 WILLIAM N.-7 AND LUCINNA A. (BIRT/BURT) BEARDEN

890. Ocias Adonis-8 Bearden (William Newton-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 25 Oct. 1858 in Dawson County, GA, d. 8 Jan. 1930 in Burkett, Coleman County, TX, buried East Side Cemetery in Santo, TX, m. 21 Nov. 1878, Grande Ranch, Palo Pinto County, TX to Rebecca Ann DAVES who was b. 20 March 1861, Sharp's Mill, Palo Pinto County, TX and d. 24 Aug. 1927, Crinerville in Carter County, OK, buried there. Rebecca A. is the sister of Harrison Woodberry who m. Abbie Louise-8 BEARDEN. It was to "Mr. Adonis Bearden, Dear Nephew", that the letter dated 29 Nov. 1891, from "Your Aunt Linda McKee", was written to in Texas after the death of his maternal grandmother, the letter postmarked McKee Post Office, Dawson County, Georgia.

Linda refers to her niece "Darky Ann" (the sister of Adonis-8 and both the issue of Linda McKee's sister, Lucinna (BIRT) Bearden). Ocias Adonis-8 is the only survivor of two issue (after 1888) of his parents, and lived out his life in Texas. He and Rebecca Ann had issue:

1390. James William-9 Bearden, b. 14 April 1880, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 30 May 1963, Marietta, Love County, OK, m. 21 June 1901, Fannie WADE who was 1/4 Cherokee Indian and who d. 1 Oct. 1946, Marietta, OK. James William-9 had issue:

a. Edgar-10, m. and had one known son, William-11, b. in Texas; "Willie"-11 lives Thackerville, OK.

b. Clyde-10, 1909-1963, Corpus Christi, TX.

c. Pauline-10, m. 1923 to Calvin LEE.

d. Lee W.-10, b. 1913 TX, lives Frazier Park, Bakersfield CA.

e. Donnie-10, b. 1915, lives Corpus Christi, TX.

f. Geneva-10, b. 1917, m. John CARLILE.

g. Fred Carr-10, b. 1919, lives Gila Bend, AZ.

h. Garry-10, b. 1921 lives Bakersfield, CA.

i. Roscoe-10, youngest issue of James W.-9, b. 1922, Palo Pinto County, TX, m. Lula Edna McCLANIHAN and had: (1) Cleo-11 Bearden, m. Bobby Dale BAKER Jr. and had Bobby Dale-12 III, m. Judith BARTON and had issue, Anita Juliane-13 Baker, m. Ray BACHMAN and had issue, Sherri Renee-14 and Donna June-14 Bachman. (2) B. B.-11 Bearden, youngest issue of Roscoe-10, m. Betty Sue COLE and had Carla Sue-12 and Mark Lynn-12 Bearden.

1391. Marguerite-9 Bearden, b. 22 May 1882, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 26 Jan. 1885, buried Santo East Side Cemetery.

1392. Elisha Green-9 Bearden b. 17 Dec. 1885, Palo Pinto, d. childless 9 June 1933, Burkett, Coleman, TX, m. Louise KENNEDY.

1393. Ada Pearl-9 Bearden, b. 7 Sept. 1887, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 6 June 1958, Texarkana, AR; m. 2 Dec. 1911, Joseph Samuel CREECY, b. 2 Dec. 1888, d. 1958. Issue: Samuel Cleo-10, b. 1913 (adopted); and Joseph Leslie-10 Creecy, b. 28 May 1913, m. 25 Aug. 1940, Ft. Myers, FL to Jodie TAYLOR, b. 1 Nov. 1918, had issue: Joseph Samuel-11 Creecy (adopted).

1394. Winnie Leora-9 Bearden, b. 30 March 1890, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. there 8 May 1924, Possum Kingdom, buried Gilbert Cemetery, m. James Walter LAYTON, b. Dec. 1889 and had issue:

a. James Walter-10 Jr., b. 13 Feb. 1913, lives Seattle, WA.

- b. Pearl-10 Layton, b. 23 Jan. 1916, m. Eldred MIZE and had: Eddie Lee-11, b. 21 March 1936; Jackie Durwood-11, b. 2 June 1941, m. Sandra TERRELL, b. 10 Jan. 1944 and had issue, Kelly Blake-12, b. 22 Dec. 1966 and Tischa Kee-12 MIZE, b. 2 Oct. 1968.
- c. Dora Lee-10 Layton, b. 31 Oct. 1919, d. 5 April 1973, m. Earnest ELLISON, b. 4 June 1918, had issue: Clyde-11, b. 8 Oct. 1940; Albert Zane-11, b. 11 Nov. 1943; and Randell Clay-11 ELLISON, b. 19 Oct. 1947.
- *1395. **Betty Dosh-9 Bearden**, m. Oct. 1908 Clarence Elbert MORGAN.
- *1396. **Donnie Ann-9 Bearden**, m. 1911 Seaborn Lawrence McINTIRE.
1397. Joe Buster-9 Bearden, b. 22 April 1897, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 30 Aug. 1965, Coleman County, TX, m. 17 Oct. 1916 to Mable WIGGINS and had issue: Joe Paul-10 Bearden, m. Jerry BALLARD, no issue 1979; Lois-10 Bearden, deceased in 1979.
- *1398. **Minnie Virvean-9 Bearden**, m. Oscar Lee WATSON, more later.
1399. Herman Bert-9 Bearden, tenth and youngest issue of Ocias Adonis-8, b. 29 Aug. 1902, Palo Pinto County, TX, lives White Oak, TX; m. on 11 Sept. 1921 to Thelma TURPIN and had: Leora M.-10 Bearden b. 14 Nov. 1923, lives St. Petersburg, FL, m. Alfred Louis LINO, b. 17 March 1923, issue: Gloria Ann-11, b. 27 Sept. 1945; Paula-11, b. 12 Oct. 1946; and Alfred Louis-11 Lino Jr., b. 19 Feb. 1953.

D. ONE CHILD OF NO. 380 JOHN M.-7 AND MARY C. (BIRT/BURT) BEARDEN

892. **Martha-8 Bearden** (John M.-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 15 June 1857, close to the McKee General Store in the Shoal Creek District of Dawson County, just after that county was formed from Lumpkin County. Martha-8 died on 18 May 1903 near Weatherford in Parker County, TX, buried Soda Springs Cemetery at Littlefield Bend in same county; m. 1875 to Singleton Sylvester LITTLEFIELD, b. 12 Oct. 1856, d. 1 March 1935 and buried beside his wife. He was the son of Samuel and Mary J. Littlefield. Martha-8 Bearden had issue:

- *1400. **Lucy-9 Littlefield**, b. 1877, d. 1952, m. George WRIGHT.
1401. Arizona-9 Littlefield, b. 13 Feb. 1887; d. Oct. 1965, Mineral Wells, Texas; m. 17 Oct. 1909 to Barney CARROLL, b. 24 June 1887, d. Mineral Wells, TX, had issue: Elmo Jiles-10 "Buster", b. 6 Oct. 1910, m. 16 Sept. 1933, Dorothy DUNN, b. 21 May 1913, issue: Linda Sue-11 Carroll, b. 28 Aug. 1949, m. Cecil Edward TALBERT: Jim Edward-12, b. 15 April 1969.
1402. Grady-9 Littlefield, b. 1880-1890, Parker County, TX, d. 1913, Snyder, TX, m. Otha THOMPSON and had Raymond-10, killed in plane crash; Tressie-10, m. William SMITH and had issue: Carroll-11, Harold-11 and Tressie-11 Smith.
1403. Lena-9 Littlefield, b. 1890-1900, Parker County, TX, d. 16 March 1971, buried Soda Springs Cemetery, m. Bill IRWIN who d. in 1971, son of James and Hanna (STOKES) from Georgia and Alabama, Hanna the first wife of "Jim" who m. second Canasta LITTLEFIELD, the daughter of Wilson Littlefield. Lena-9 had issue: Lilah-10 m. Marion SWENT who d. 16 March 1969.
1404. Felix-9 Littlefield, b. 1892-1900, d. unmarried in 1913 near Weatherford, TX, buried Soda Springs Cemetery.
1405. Victoria-9 Littlefield, m. as his first wife to Edd BAKER who m. second to Victoria-9's niece, Emma C.-10, known as "Nealy" WRIGHT. Victoria-9 had issue:
- a. Leon-10 Baker, b. 18 Oct. 1914 and m. on 12 Oct. 1934 to Anna Blanch LITTLEFIELD and had issue, Jerry-11, b. 14 June 1943 and Eddie-11, b. 15 Sept. 1950, m. 10 June 1970, divorced, two unknown issue.
- b. Nina-10 Baker m. Grady BALDWIN.
- c. Lois-10 Baker, b. 5 Nov. 1917, m. Cleo JONES, unknown issue.
1406. Finis-9 Littlefield, b. 24 July 1896-1900, m. Ina YOUNG, daughter of William and Susan Young, and had issue:
- a. Gwendolyn-10 Littlefield, b. 1919, m. L. W. JONES and had Ronald-11 and Linda-11 Jones.
- b. Melba Jean-10 Littlefield, b. 1920, m. C. W. BOYD and had Diane-11 Boyd, b. 1952.

- c. Loweta-10 Littlefield, b. 1925, m. D. W. WHITE and had: Roy Gene-11, b. 1948; Carol Ann-11 and Connie Jane-11 White (TWINS), b. 1956.
- d. Finis-10 Littlefield Jr., b. 11 Nov. 1934, m. Marylu HYMAN and had issue, four unknown males and two females.
1407. Bonnie-9 Littlefield, youngest issue of Martha-8 Bearden, b. about 1900, m. Patrick SMITH and had issue:
- a. Geraldine-10 Smith, m. unknown and had Sonny-11 and Kenneth-11 TRATT.
- b. Patsy Ruth-10 Smith, m. Albert KING, had Ray-11 and Kaye-11 (TWINS) and Susan-11 who m. Robert MONTGOMERY, issue unknown.

III. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 101 ROWLAND-6 AND ELIZABETH (HARDIGE) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 399 NELSON FRANKLIN-7 AND RACHEL (STONE) BEARDEN

933. John Kimsey-8 Bearden (Nelson Franklin-7, Rowland-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 4 Apr. 1857-860 in Amicalola Creek District of Dawson County, GA, d. about 1830 in Tennessee, m. 16 March 1879 in Dawson County to Sarah Ann MINCEY who was b. in Dawson County on 20 June 1860 and d. there at an unknown time, daughter of Isaac Nelson MINCEY and his wife Mary Jane (Ann?) COCHRAN and sister of Frances M. Mincey who married Armanda-8 DENNY, the daughter of "Ib-by" Bearden (Person No. 389) and her husband, Elijah DENNY. Sarah (MINCEY) Bearden's brother, Francis M. Mincey, is also listed on the 1900 census of the High Shoal's Creek District of Dawson County, GA. Francis M. Mincey d. 17 Aug. 1930 in Gordon County, GA. His wife, Armanda (DENNY) MINCEY, d. there on 13 April 1922.

John Kimsey-8 fathered seven children and when the youngest was only an infant in 1894-1895, he simply left his home and family, his baby playing in the yard when he walked away, and was never heard from again by his family. His wife and children are found on the High Shoals Creek District in the 1900 census of Dawson County, GA. It is said that John Kimsey-8 walked away from his wife and his young family and went to Tennessee where he married again. This has not been proved or disproved by his descendants in Dawson County. John Kimsey-8 had issue, Bearden, b. Dawson County, GA:

1408. Isaac Nelson-9 Bearden, b. 25 Dec. 1879-1880, Dawson County, GA; d. 20 Nov. 1962, Gordon County, GA; m. 9 Aug. 1899, Gilmer County, GA, Martha Jane CHESTER (Marr. Bk. 4, 1893-1907, Pg. 150) and had ten children. This branch of the family holds a reunion each year on the last Sunday in August at the Calhoun Recreation Park in Calhoun, GA. Isaac N.-9 had one issue known of by this writer: James Harley-10, b. 8 Dec. 1917, had known issue: Margaret-11, m. a PUTNAM of Moreland, GA.
1409. Harley-9 Bearden, b. 1882, m. Lizzie ODUM and had six issue.
1410. Benjamin Logan-9 Bearden, b. 1884, m. Doxie RIDER and had ten children, nine boys and one girl. The Benjamin L.-9 Bearden reunion was reported in the "Bearden Newsletter" on 8 Oct. 1983 at the home of a grandson near Preston, GA. Relatives came from Greenville, SC, and from Calhoun, Milledgeville, and Chamlee, Americus, Richland and Albany, GA. This is an annual affair, having been started following the return of six Bearden sons who served in World War II, held on the second Saturday of each October and is usually held in Calhoun, GA. Four generations are usually present. This report is from Ethel-10 (Bearden) SAULS, only daughter of Benjamin L.-9, who says her parents were teased about having their own baseball team, nine boys, and her for an umpire! Of this Bearden issue, there are five sons and the daughter who are living in 1989, one a doctor in SC; a teacher, salesman, retired farmer and a minister of the Gospel.
1411. Hannah-9 Bearden, b. 1886, d. 23 Dec. 1962, buried Nimberville Baptist Cemetery, Dawson County, GA; m. J. Porter CHESTER and had three issue, one in Tennessee has seventeen unknown issue.
- *1412. Rachel June-9 Bearden, m. 9 Oct. 1908, LaFayette B. CHESTER.
1413. Louney-9 Bearden, b. June 1894, d. 1905, age eleven of typhoid fever, High Shoal's District of Dawson County.

1414. Sonia-9 Bearden, b. 1895, the baby when her father walked off from his home. No other information available.

IV. FOUR GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 107 WILLIBY-6 AND SARAH (PEAK) BEARDEN

A. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 417 RICHARD G.-7 AND SARAH A.-7 (CANTRELL) BEARDEN

954. John Cicero-8 Bearden (Richard Granser-7, Williby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), double descendant of Richard-5 and Sarah (BENNETT) Bearden, b. 27 July 1863 on Tail's Creek in the Alto District of Gilmer County, GA (b. in Milton County, GA?), d. 8 June 1923, buried in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery. He m. on 22 Nov. 1886 in Gilmer County, GA to Neatta Joann OSBORN, b. 18 May 1866, Cartecay District of Gilmer County, d. 4 Dec. 1934, Gilmer County, GA, buried with a tombstone inscription in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, daughter of George and Mary (WILLAMS).

John Cicero's-8 daughters have told the writer that their grandfather purchased three hundred acres of the land on Tail's Creek in the Alto District of Gilmer County, from the heirs of Person No. 96, Jacob-6 Bearden approximately in 1891, and they themselves were raised there. Consequently they remember being told to mow the weeds from around the stone cairn where "Uncle Jacob" or "Uncle Zakie" as he was sometimes known, was buried.

John Cicero-8 had issue, b. Gilmer County, GA, marriage records available there and all buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery unless otherwise stated:

1415. Ina-9 Bearden, b. 17 Sept. 1887, d. 21 Feb. 1959, Calhoun, Gordon County, GA; m. 16 Jan. 1916, Lonzo PARKER and had known issue: Mildred-10 and Kathleen-10 Parker.
1416. Lawrence-9 Bearden, b. 5 Dec. 1888, d. 20 Nov. 1961; m. 10 June 1930 in Gilmer County to Ina Greenaway, b. 1894, d. without issue 1971, sister of: (1) Nancy Elle GREENAWAY who m. Person No. 859, Rufus Floyd-8 BEARDEN; (2) Wesley GREENAWAY who m. Minda LONG and whose daughter is Inell GREENAWAY, who m. as his first wife to Person No. 1896, Benjamin Earl-10 CHESTER; (3) Marion W. GREENAWAY who m. No. 1425, Artie-9 BEARDEN; and (4) Johnny L. GREENAWAY who m. No. 1462, Roy Bud-9 Bearden, etc.
Lawrence-9 served in World War I, United States Army, P.F.C. Georgia, and won the Purple Heart (veteran's tombstone). His issue, if any, is untraced by this writer.
1417. Ida E.-9 Bearden, b. 27 Oct. 1890, d. 5 Feb. 1977, Maryvale, TN and buried there; m. 31 Oct. 1909, Gilmer County, GA to Johnnie FINDLEY (Marriage Book 5, Pg. 57) and had issue: Fern-10; Frankie-10; Mae-10; Glenn-10; James-10; Johnnie Jr.-10; Leon-10; William-10; and Wanda-10 Findley.
1418. Walton Richard-9 Bearden, b. 21 Oct. 1893 (tombstone says 1894), d. 31 Jan. 1962, buried with tombstone inscription in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, m. 22 Aug. 1920 to Lucinda REECE, b. 1901. Cemetery inscription says, "Georgia P.F.C. United States Army, World War I, P.H." and gives dates of his birth and death. He had known issue: Troy Lee-10, Bearden, b. 25 Sept. 1921, Tail's Creek, Gilmer County, GA, died in World War II, P.F.C. Quartermaster Company, buried with tombstone in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery; m. on 10 April 1944 to Flora Estelle SOUTHERN, b. 22 March 1922, daughter of Miles Southern IV and descendant of Miles Southern Sr., b. 1798 and his wife Jane "Jennie BROWN. Flora's sister is Mary Southern who married a REECE; two aunts, Rosanna and Mary L. Southern, married Persons No. 421 and 856 respectively.
1419. Mamie-9 Bearden, b. 22 Nov. 1896 (tombstone says 1897), d. 15 Feb. 1936, buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery; m. 31 Aug. 1919, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA to Wesley REECE, brother to Lucinda REECE who married her brother. Issue: Willard-10; Howard-10; Ventalee-10; Worth-10; Russell-10; and Trueman-10 Reece.
1420. Minnie-9 Bearden, b. 10 Nov. 1898, d. 11 Dec. 1948, buried Ebenezer Church Cemetery, m. 18 Jan. 1920, Gilmer County to Pearl PARKER (Marriage Book 5, Pg. 333) and had issue: Thurman-10; Olin-10; and Ray-10 Parker.

1421. Tate-9 Bearden, b. 25 March 1901, d. 7 Nov. 1964, Abilene, Carroll County, GA, buried Abilene Cemetery; m. 9 Aug. 1922, Gilmer County to Lemma REECE (sister of Lucinda and Wesley Reece? - Marriage Book 5, Pg. 399). Issue: Sible-10; Guy-10; Eckhart-10; Travis-10; Eugene-10 Bearden.
1422. Alma-9 Bearden (TWIN), b. 24 May 1905, Tail's Creek, Alto District of Gilmer County, living 1990 in Ellijay, GA. Alma-9 m. on 29 July 1939, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA to Marvin FORESTER, b. 16 May 1883 in Dawson County, GA, d. 12 Feb. 1964, Gilmer County, GA, buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, son of John and Adeline (FAUCETT) Forrester. Alma-9 had issue: James Richard-10 Forrester, b. 3 Oct. 1946, Gilmer County, GA, lives there and has not married.
1423. Wilma B.-9 Bearden (TWIN), b. 24 May 1905, d. 6 May 1955, buried Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, m. 2 Sept. 1923, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA to Oscar Richard DEBORD (Marriage Book 5, Pg. 415), b. 2 Dec. 1901, d. 11 Feb. 1968, buried Ebenezer Cemetery. Issue: Clarence-10 DeBorde.
1424. Gladys-9 Bearden, b. 31 July 1908, Gilmer County, GA, d. at an unknown time in Alabama; m. 21 Dec. 1929, Gilmer County, Clyde HOLT, son of Wesley Holt and had issue, Glenda-10; and Trent-10 Holt.

957. James Clark-8 Bearden (Richard Granser-7, Williby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth issue of Richard Granser-7 and his wife, Sarah Adeline-7 (CANTRELL) and double great grandson of Richard-5 and his wife, Sarah (BENNETT) Bearden, b. 1 April 1870 on Tail's Creek in Gilmer County, GA, d. 6 Sept. 1932, buried in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery where his parents and his grandparents are buried. He m. on 10 Oct. 1891 in Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA to Lenora E. RALSTON (Marriage Book 3, Pg. 508), b. 28 Nov. 1874, Gilmer County, d. 22 Feb. 1949, buried beside her husband with tombstone inscriptions, graves on the hill close to the new Ebenezer Baptist Church Building. James Clark-8 had issue:

1425. Artie-9 "Arie" Bearden, b. 1900, Gilmer County, GA; m. 18 Dec. 1914, Gilmer County (Marriage Book 5, Pg. 179) to Marion Wesley GREENAWAY, sibling of Ina GREENAWAY who m. Person No. 1416. One "Arta" Bearden m. 6 Jan. 1899 in Gilmer County, GA to Joseph Thompson (Book 4, Pg. 137).
1426. Josephine-9 Bearden, b. 1907, Gilmer County, GA; m. 20 July 1923, Gilmer County (Marriage Book 5, Pg. 420), Covell RALSTON; Josephine-9, in 1985, is residing in the Watkins Memorial Rest Home, Gainsville, GA
1427. James Park-9 Bearden, known as "Park", b. 1910, Gilmer County, GA; m. Minnie-8 CANTRELL, descent of Person No. 97, Elizabeth-6 Bearden who m. Jacob CANTRELL; resided between Copperhill, TN and Mineral Wells, GA and in 1989 had a mobile home near the home of Lawrence L. Stanley of Ellijay, Georgia
1428. Henry Grady-9 Bearden, b. 29 Nov. 1913, Gilmer County, GA; m. Eva Margaret SEWELL/SEWALL (under Person No. 101 and Alabama BEARDENS for Sewell surname), lived on the west side of Dawson County, GA and was in the path of the tornado in 1974 which killed their married daughter and her small child. Another child had head injuries but did live. Henry Grady-9 had issue:
- a. Woodfin Leon-10 Bearden, b. 27 Feb. 1942, m. Caula COX, lives on the west side of Dawson County.
 - b. Donald Paul-10 Bearden, b. 3 March 1946, m. Linda CHUMLEY.
 - c. Mary D.-10 Bearden, b. 30 Nov. 1947, d. 1974 in tornado, m. James KIRBY.
 - d. Jane L.-10 Bearden, b. 8 Feb. 1949, m. Paul REEVES.
 - e. Judy Lynn-10 Bearden, b. 5 June 1951, m. Larry TIMMS.
 - f. Ricky Lynn-10 Bearden, b. 21 Nov. 1958, m. Steven CLARK b. 26 Oct. 1953.
1429. Henry Clay-9 Bearden, b. 1915, Gilmer County, GA, deceased in 1981, m. Edna PAGE.
1430. Williedean-9 Bearden, sixth and youngest known issue of James Clark-8 and his wife, Lenora "Nora" Ralston, d. young

B. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 418 ROWLAND-7 AND REBECCA A. (MATTHIS) BEARDEN

967. Rosalee-8 Bearden (Rowland-7, Williby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), third known issue of Rowland-7 (one descendant gives name as Roland Hill Bearden), and his

wife, Rebecca Ann (MATTHIS/MATTHEWS), b. 27 July 1865-1867, Gilmer County, GA, d. 28 March 1943, Gilmer County and buried beside her husband in the New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. She m. 3 Oct. 1884 (original marriage record in possession of person named below), Ellijay, Gilmer County, Georgia to James Willis "Dock" BURNETT, who was b. 5 Nov. 1860, Pisgah District in Gilmer County, GA and d. 17 Aug. 1938, buried New Liberty Cemetery, the son of James Bunyan and his wife, Nancy Caroline (WOODY) Burnett, and the grandson of John and Martha (?) Woody.

The relationship of Robert P. Woody to the mother-in-law of Rosalee-8 Bearden has not been determined, that is of the 1870 to 1888 fight and court case between the said Woody and his past friends, Walter Webb FINDLEY, Andrew Jackson-7 BEARDEN and others, at Double Head Gap, the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church grounds, the fight which was finally to result in the death of a bystander and a good man, William KIMSEY (under No. 355, A. Jackson-7 Bearden).

Mr. Lawrence, in his "LITTLE HISTORY OF GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA", establishes a relationship between the Woody and the Burnett families. Willis C. Woody is nine years old on the 1860 census of Gilmer County, GA and his sister, Elizabeth A. Woody married Henry BURNETT. Willis C. Woody and his wife, Eliza, adopted a boy named Howard PAGE. Howard Page and his mother lived in the house located on Big Creek Road in Gilmer County which stood on the site of the present home of Joe and Molly (WOODY) BROWN. These Woody's are buried in the Pisgah and Turniptown Cemeteries.

James Bunyan Burnett was b. on 11 Sept. 1836 in North Carolina and d. on 24 May 1884 in the Pisgah District of Gilmer County. Nancy C. Woody was b. on 6 April 1836 and d. on 1 Aug. 1894. They had issue (siblings of James W. Burnett who m. Rosalee-8 BEARDEN), b. in Gilmer County, GA, and as taken from 1850-1880 census of Gilmer County, GA: John Ellis Burnett, b. 14 Nov. 1858, m. Mary Elizabeth WEAVER; James W. Burnett who m. Rosalee-8 BEARDEN; Robert Grant Burnett, b. 10 Feb. 1863, m. Mary LAMB, d. 25 Nov. 1900 in Indian Territory, OK; Henry S. Burnett, b. 25 March 1866; Elizabeth Jane Burnett, b. 16 July 1868, m. James A. KIMMONS; and William Landrum Burnett, b. 28 March 1871, m. Mary Ann MARSHALL, d. 19 Feb. 1955, Cobb County, GA.

The old post office called Protection in Gilmer County, GA (extinct for many years) was located in a country store near the New Liberty Baptist Church close to where Rosalee-8 reared her family and where she and her husband are buried. Rosalee-8, known as "Rosa", is the granddaughter of both Williby-6 Bearden and of William Minster and Elizabeth (DAVIS) Matthias. She is the great granddaughter of both Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden and William Milton and Rebecca A. Davis.

The four Davis sisters were Sophia Davis, who m. Seaborn HOLT; Eliza Ann Davis, who m. Peter FINCANON; Elizabeth Davis, who m. William Minster MATTHIAS/MATTHES; and Neatty A. (C.?) Davis who m. William Clark BEARDEN (Person No. 413).

Rosalee-8 had issue, b. Protection, Gilmer County, GA:

- 1431. Lewis Franklin-9 Burnett, b. 23 May 1885, d. 15 Oct. 1955, buried New Liberty Cemetery, m. Stella Estelle PAGE.
- 1432. Martin Luthur-9 Burnett, b. 22 Jan. 1887, d. 11 June 1918, buried New Liberty Cemetery, m. Sarah STOVER.
- 1433. Eulas Martin-9 Burnett, b. 19 Oct. 1888, d. 1 July 1960, buried Noonday Cemetery, Cobb County, m. Emma Ettafair PAGE.
- 1434. Jule Gay-9 Burnett, b. 2 Oct. 1890, d. 18 Sept. 1961, buried New Liberty Cemetery, Gilmer County, m. Pauline NORWOOD.
- *1435. Dessie Rosalee-9 Burnett, b. 16 Oct. 1892, d. 7 April 1976, buried New Liberty Cemetery in Gilmer County, GA; m. 18 Feb. 1912 to Clifford EDMONDSON.

1436. Daisy Rebecca-9 Burnett, b. 7 Dec. 1894, d. 2 July 1914, buried New Liberty Cemetery, m. Elisha Franklin GOFFEY.
 1437. Leila Jane-9 Burnett, b. 6 April 1898, living Gilmer County in 1980; m. Thomas Boone WEAVER.

968. Benjamin Logan-8 Bearden (Rowland-7, Williby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 22 Feb. 1873, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA, d. 20 Aug. 1949, Cassville, Bartow County, GA, buried Pisgah Cemetery, m. 22 Feb. 1892, Ellijay, Alice Tina LOCKABY, b. 24 July 1876, Gilmer County, d. 2 Apr. 1916, Bartow County, daughter of Jessee Ambrose and Sarah Frances (WADDELL) LOCKABY, by whom he had 12 issue. He m. second, July 1917, Bartow County, Mary Susanne CRAIG, b. 19 Dec. 1897, Pickens County, GA, d. 15 Nov. 1989, Bartow County, daughter of John Milton and Mary Alma (PONDER), and had 7 more issue:

1438. Joe Brown-9 Bearden, b. 16 Nov. 1892, Gilmer County, d. Jan. 1893, buried New Liberty Church.
 1439. Lillian-9 Bearden, b. 20 Jan. 1894, Gilmer County, d. Jan. 1922, Polk County, GA.
 1440. Lelia-9 Bearden, b. 7 May 1895, Gilmer County, d. 29 Nov. 1895, Gilmer County.
 1441. Rosalie-9 Bearden, b. 11 June 1899, Gilmer County, d. 29 Jan. 1901, Bartow County, buried there Cassville Cemetery.
 1442. Lola Ada-9 Bearden, b. 18 Dec. 1901, Bartow County, d. there Aug. 1993, m. Steve HONEYCUTT, m. second, Thomas PHILLIPS.
 1443. Rowland Luther-9 Bearden, b. 1 Dec. 1904, d. 23 March 1966, Bartow County, m. Mattie STEWART.
 1444. Viola-9 Bearden, b. 9 Jan., 1907, d. 23 Jan. 1985, Augusta, GA, buried Cassville Cemetery, Bartow County, m. Claude FRAZIER, m. second, Harvey (HUMAN?).
 1445. Paul Logan-9 Bearden, b. 20 Feb. 1909, d. 23 Jan. 1978, Bartow County, m. Addie PLESS, m. second Pauline BREWER, m. third (?); served in World War II.
 1446. Claude Brown-9 Bearden, b. 19 Nov. 1911, d. 22 Dec. 1969, Marietta, Cobb County, GA, m. Emma Lois DUPREE, m. second, Grappell QUEEN.
 1447. Homer Wallace-9 Bearden, b. 20 Oct. 1913, d. 26 Sept. 1889, Cartersville, Bartow County, GA, m. Edna MANNING, m. second, Gladys MULLINAX; served WWII.
 1448. Ailene-9 Bearden (TWIN), b. 24 Nov. 1916, Cassville, Bartow County, GA, living Jan. 1998, m. Ellis CLINE.
 1449. Christene-9 Bearden (TWIN), b. 24 Nov. 1916, Bartow County, d. there 24 Nov. 1916.
 1450. James Raleigh-9 Bearden, b. 19 Aug. 1918, Bartow County, m. Nov. 1945, Kathleen DYAR; served WWII.
 1451. Azilee-9 Bearden, b. 23 Aug. 1920, Bartow County, d. same date.
 1452. Eulus Lee-9 Bearden, b. 19 Oct. 1921, Bartow County, d. 23 Dec. 1935, Bartow County, a hit and run accident.
 1453. Alma Inez-9 Bearden, b. 13 Sept. 1924, Sycamore, Bartow County, GA, m. April 1941, Clarence COCHRAN.
 1454. Willard Milton-9 Bearden, b. 8 May 1927, Bartow County, m. there 7 May 1944, Bonnie HOLBROOK, m. second, Sue ROGERS; served WWII.
 1455. Herman Allen-9 Bearden, b. 26 Sept. 1929, Cassville, Bartow County, GA, m. there 21 March 1952, Genevieve JOHNSON, b. there 14 May 1932, daughter of George S. and Buelah (McCULLERS); served Korean War, 1950-1952; lived entire life within 3 miles of the community of Cassville; retired 1989 from U. S. Postal Service; issue, one: Pamela Jo-10, b. 14 July 1954, Bartow County, m. 15 June 1973, Tony Ray KINCANNON, b. 10 July 1954, son of Tom Frank and Bonnie (SHEPHERD): Hannah Laurel-11, b. 10 June 1981; Caroline Rose-11, b. 15 Sept. 1983; Flynn Allen-11 KINCANNON, b. 25 Jan. 1990, b. Cartersville, Bartow County, GA
 1456. Celia Ann-9 Bearden, the 19th issue of Benjamin Logan-8 Bearden, was b. on 19 May 1932, Bartow County, m. Joel Eldon ROSS.

C. ONE CHILD OF NO. 419 BLUFORD F.-7 AND SARAH J. (STONE) BEARDEN

969. **Johnny Chastain Brackett-8 Bearden** (Bluford F.-7, Williby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. 1867 in the Cartecay District of Gilmer County, and d. at an unknown time in Dawson County, GA, buried in the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery (tombstone inscriptions; Mrs. Winnie (RACKLEY) Logan, niece of Lura Emmogene (HOLT) Bearden; and Mrs. Gloria (QUARLES) Chester, the wife of Person No. 1896). Johnny-8 m. about 1890 to Lura Emmogene-9 HOLT, b. 1865, buried beside her husband, the daughter of Savannah-8 BEARDEN and her husband, John Holt.

Johnny was the grandson of No. 107, Williby-6, and of John and Nancy (CHASTAIN) Stone, and the double great grandson of Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden. Lots of "kin", the families of BEARDEN, HOLT, DAVIS, JONES, HOLDEN, CHESTER, COCHRAN, CANTRELL, GREEN, CHASTAIN, STONE, SOUTHERN, FINDLEY, MATTHIAS, PARKER, REECE/RICE, RALSTON, GREENAWAY, SEWELL, PAGE, BURNETT, BURRELL, WEAVER, STOVER, STANLEY, MINCEY, WATERS, etc. in Gilmer/Lumpkin/Dawson Counties, GA!!

Nancy CHASTAIN, who m. John Stone, was the sister of Joseph Chastain, one of the most distinguished Baptist preachers of North Georgia. Joseph Chastain was b. 22 June 1850 in Habersham County, GA and d. of paralysis on Sunday morning 20 Oct. 1918 at his home near Roy in Gilmer County, GA. His funeral was held at Mount Zion Church where he was buried, his nephew Roland Kimmons conducting the funeral services. Joseph Chastain, along with his parents and his siblings, including Nancy Chastain, moved to Gilmer County when he was a youth and died there at age sixty-eight. Joseph and Nancy Chastain's father, Jonathan Chastain, owned Cartecay Valley from the Samuel D. Allen place up stream and gave the land where the Ebenezer Baptist Church now stands. Joseph Chastain was married three times, first to Frances WALKER, second to Mary HUNNICUTT, and third to Millie QULLAN. He reared a minister of the Gospel and a medical doctor in his first family and a doctor in each family group. He was survived by his last wife and by sons, Joseph Jr. and Gillespie Chastain of Roy, GA, Dr. J. B. Chastain of Blue Ridge, GA, Dr. W. Cleve Chastain of Cartecay, GA and Mrs. Haranna ANDERSON of Dawson County. Dr. W. M. Chastain, late of Kansas, is the other doctor and only child of Joseph's second marriage.

Nancy Chastain and her brother Joseph came from a talented and able family, their uncle Elijah Chastain of Fannin County represented the Ninth District of Georgia in Congress. They are the cousins of Judge J. C. Allen of Ellijay in Gilmer County, the Ordinary Judge in 1918 who served his 30th year as that official. Nancy is also the cousin of Larkin B. Chastain who served as the tax receiver in 1918 when the obituary of Joseph Chastain appeared in the "Ellijay Courier" (newspaper article in the possession of Dr. G. L. Huff of Ellijay, GA, great-great grandson of Joseph Chastain, given to him by John Kimmons of the Roy community in Gilmer County).

Joseph Chastain was a minister of the Gospel in Gilmer County, GA for over forty years and served his county as ordinary, representative and state senator. He perhaps received more people into the Baptist Church, married more people, baptized more people, preached more funerals, and visited more people than any other man of his day in his section of the state of Georgia.

Johnny C. B.-8 BEARDEN and Lura Emmogene-9 had known issue, b. Gilmer and Dawson Counties, GA:

1457. Herschel-9 Bearden, b. 12 March 1895, m. 21 Jan. 1920 to Maude MINCEY, b. 5 Dec. 1900 in Dawson County, the daughter of J. O. Kenyon and his wife, Carrie (GOOCH) Mincey and granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (WATERS) Mincey, John the brother of Isaac Mincey. Herschel-9 and Maude celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary on Tuesday, 21 Jan. 1986, having four children, twenty-one grandchildren, thirty-two great grandchildren ("Dawson County Advertiser", 16 Jan. 1986, Pg. 9). They celebrated sixty-eight years of marriage on 2 Jan. 1987 when he was ninety-two years old and Maude was eighty-seven. Herschel-9 had issue:

- a. Jay-10 Bearden, m. Marjorie (?) and had daughters: (1) Faye-11 Bearden, m. Dennis S.-10 CHESTER, a son of Person No. 1896, Benjamin Earl-9 Chester, who was killed at age nineteen by a cousin, Fred LONG. Faye-11 m. second (?) BRACKETT, m. third Douglas BRUCE, brother of Gary Bruce. Faye-11

- had issue, Gerald-12 Chester, status unknown. (2) Teresa-11 Bearden who was to marry Timothy QUARLES on 31 March 1984 in Dawsonville, GA.
- b. Mastin-10 Bearden, married as her second husband, Murrell (SOUTHERN) CHESTER, widow of No. 1897. COUSINS BY THE DOZENS!
- c. Audrey-10 Bearden.
- d. Nuzeller-10 Bearden.
1458. Grady-9 Bearden, b. 2 Aug. 1897, deceased before 1980, m. Sarah Beveline STRICKLAND, daughter of Virgil and Manda (POPE), known issue of Dawson County, GA:
- a. Dorsey-10 Bearden.
- b. Johnny Virgil-10, called "Peewee", b. 1936, killed in a tractor farm accident at his home in Dawson County, Georgia at 1:40 p.m., 8 Nov. 1982, buried New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Banister Funeral Home, Dawsonville. Survived by wife Rudene of home address, son Tony-11, Dawsonville; two brothers, Dorsey-10 and Lawton-10, Route 3, Dawsonville; two sisters, Mrs. Velvie-10 DAVIS, Dahlonga and Monnie-10 ADAMS of Canton, GA; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kathy Bearden, Dawsonville; and two unnamed granddaughters ("The Times", Gainsville, GA, dated 9 Nov. 1982).
- c. Dock Lawson-10 Bearden.
- d. Velvey-10 Bearden, m. (?) DAVIS, lived Dahlonga, GA
- e. Monnie-10 Bearden, fifth and youngest issue of Grady-9 Bearden, m. (?) ADAMS and lived Canton, GA.
1459. Crawford-9 Bearden, b. 22 Feb. 1900, living in 1984, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA; m. Ola Belle FINDLEY, daughter of William and Lillie (CANTRELL) Findley and of the descent of Person No. 97, Elizabeth-6 BEARDEN and her husband Jacob CANTRELL. Crawford-9 and Ola Belle had issue: Oleta-10 Bearden; Thelma-10 Bearden, m. Person No. 1893, Joseph H. CHESTER-10; Betty-10 Bearden; Juanita-10 Bearden; Lillian-10 Bearden.
1460. Romar-10 Bearden (aunt of Winney (Rackley) Logan), m. J. E. ONEAL (divorced), lived Ellijay, GA 1984 when brother died.
1461. John David-10 Bearden, b. 1912, Dawson County, GA, d. Monday, 7 May 1984 in the Lumpkin County Hospital, buried New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Dawson County, m. Susan Shirley PARK/S and had no issue ("Dawson County Advertiser" and "Dawsonville News", dated 7 May 1984). Funeral services were held Wednesday, 9 May 1984 at 2 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church. Survivors as named in obituary, three brothers, one sister, Herschel and Roy Bearden, Dawsonville; Crawford Bearden, Ellijay, Romar Bearden, Ellijay.
1462. Roy Bud-10 Bearden, b. 1 Aug. 1914, Dawson County, GA, living in Dawson County in 1982, m. Johnnie Lee GREENAWAY, relatives in Georgia say she is the sibling of (1) Nancy Elle GREENAWAY (m. as her second husband at age sixteen (16) to Person No. 859, Rufus Floyd-8 BEARDEN). (2) Wesley GREENAWAY, m. Minda LONG and their daughter was Inell GREENAWAY who m. as his first wife Person No. 1896, Benjamin Earl-9 Chester. Inell was killed in a car accident and Benjamin Earl-9 married second to Gloria QUARLES). (3) Ina GREENAWAY m. Person No. 1416, Lawrence-9 BEARDEN. (4) Marion W. GREENAWAY m. Person No. 1425, Artie-9 BEARDEN.
- Roy Bud-10 had issue: Don-11, deceased in 1982; Cicero-11, deceased in 1982; Peter-11, living 7 April 1984; Dexter-11; and Dianne-11 Bearden, m. Wayne BENNETT. Dexter's death notice was in the Dawsonville newspaper: "BANISTER FUNERAL HOME OF DAWSONVILLE ANNOUNCES THE DEATH AND FUNERAL SERVICES OF MR. DEXTER BEARDEN, AGE 28 OF ROUTE 1, DAWSONVILLE: Mr. Bearden passed away Wednesday, April 4, age 28, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was a native of Lumpkin County but had lived most of his life in Dawsonville, a self-employed automobile mechanic. Funeral services were held Friday, 6 April 1984, at New Hope Baptist Church at 3 p.m. with Reverend Frank Gable and Reverend Ford Phillips officiating, and interment in the church cemetery. Survivors include his parents, Roy and Johnnie Lee Bearden and brother, Pete Bearden, Dawsonville; sister, Mrs. Wayne (Dianne) Bennett, Gainsville; several nieces, nephews and other relatives."

V. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 108 LETTICE-6 BEARDEN AND VALENTINE RESENER**ONE CHILD OF NO. 427 PERMELIA-7 RESENER AND HENRY GEORGE BREWER**

978. **James Lewis Calvin-8 BREWER** (Permelia-7 RESENER, Lettice-6 BEARDEN, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 24 Aug. 1855, Cypress Creek, Wayne County, TN and d. there on 12 Dec. 1914, buried beside his wife in the McGlamery Cemetery with tombstone inscription. He m. 28 Feb. 1875, Wayne County, to Mary Elizabeth RINKS (adopted by (?) CROWE), b. 1 Feb. 1858, Wayne County, d. 27 Feb. 1910, daughter of James H. and Martha Jane (MORRISON) Rinks and granddaughter of David Rinks and Edward and Lucy (BRADY) Morrison. James Lewis C.-8 m. second 14 Dec. 1910 to Susie THOMPSON and no issue was born to this union.

James Lewis C.-8 paid one hundred dollars to his mother, Permelia-7 Brewer, for two hundred acres of land in 1880 in Wayne County and lived out his life there on Cypress Creek, owning his own farm in 1900 without mortgage. He had issue taken from the family records and from the 1850 through 1910 census of Wayne County, TN (1850, Pg. 595/299/Dwelling 430; 1860, Pg. 83/84/271, Dwelling 574), all b. Cypress Creek in Wayne County:

1463. Luvina Laura-9 Brewer, b. March 1876; m. 1 Oct. 1891, Wayne County, TN to her cousin, John R. DANIEL/S.
1464. James Henry-9 Brewer, b. 4 Aug. 1879, m. 22 Dec. 1901, Wayne County to Carrie BEDFORD.
1465. Arthur C.-9 Brewer, b. Jan. 1882, m. 12 Aug. 1903, Wayne County, to Bertha PROCTOR.
1466. Lynn F.-9 Brewer, b. May 1885, m. Isie SMITH.
1467. Minnie S.-9 Brewer, b. May 1890, m. 6 May 1906 to her distant cousin, E. Lindsey-9 CLAYTON (see under Person No. 105, Rachel-6 Bearden m. James CLAYTON).
1468. John Walker-9 Brewer, b. 16 Jan. 1893, d. 11 Nov. 1972 in the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, TN, buried 14 Nov. 1972 in the Cole Cemetery in Wayne County, TN. He m. 24 Sept. 1925, in a car at the cotton gin in Giles County, TN to Gladys Deloris GRIGGS, b. 11 July 1903 in Sweetwater, Wayne County, TN, living 1986, daughter of George Ira and his wife, Sarah Frances (LONG) Griggs and granddaughter of John E. and Cordelia (NORTH) Griggs and Henry Taylor W. and Nancy Elizabeth (PRINCE) Long; great granddaughter of George and Martha Griggs and Ira S. and Harriett Newel (EGGLESTON) North; Henry Long and (?) Casteel; Moses and Sarah Prince.
- John W.-9 Brewer was a veteran of World War I. His Certificate of Death gives names of parents and their places of birth. He had possession of the family records until his death and they are now in possession of his son. John Walker-9 had issue, two:
- a. John Edward-10 Brewer, b. 29 March 1933, District No. 1 in Wayne County, TN; m. 16 May 1953 in Corinth, MS to Betty Fay HELTON, b. 20 May 1935, Ethridge in Lawrence County, TN, the daughter of William Elmer E. and Edna Leola (JACKSON) Helton and the granddaughter of David Washington and Amanda Eugenia (ENTREKIN) Helton and of Jarrett Edward and Minnie Virginia A. (PATTERSON) Jackson; great granddaughter of James David and Mosaourie (NIX) Helton; Joseph Benjamin and Lucinda Jane (PRICE) Entrekin; George A. and Louisa J. (BRALEY) Jackson; Malcom H. and Sarah R. D. J. (TYLER) Patterson; of the descent of James W. and Amanda Elizabeth (HARRIS) Helton; Joseph and Irene (ADCOCK) Entrekin; Richard C. and Joannah (NELSON) Price; Andrew and Frances (STAGGS) Jackson; John S. and Nancy M. (?) Braley; Archibald C. and Mary M. (?) Patterson; Seborn and Lucretia (BRADEN) Tyler, etc. John Edward-10 converted from the faith of the Beardens, that is the Baptist Church, to the Church of Christ. He had issue, b. Lawrenceburg, Lawrence County, TN:
- (1) Teresa Faye-11 Brewer of Florence, AL, b. 4 Aug. 1956, m. 10 Sept. 1983, Tuscumbia, Colbert County, AL to Michael Edward CAMPBELL and had issue (in 1988), b. Lauderdale County, AL, Michael Edward-12 Jr., b. 1985 and an unknown, b. in 1988.
 - (2) John Timothy-11 Brewer, b. 19 May 1958.
 - (3) Debra Lee-11 Brewer, b. 12 June 1964.
 - (4) Donna Frances-11 Brewer, b. 25 June 1968.
 - (5) Mark Edward-11 Brewer, b. 23 July 1970.

(6) Tanya Beth-11 Brewer, b. 7 Dec. 1972.

(7) Joseph Matthew-11 Brewer, youngest issue of John Edward-10, b. 27 Dec. 1978.

b. Gladys Frances-10 Brewer, b. 1935, Wayne County, TN, m. in the Leatherwood Baptist Church in Wayne County, to James Richard RAINS/RAINES.

1469. Lonnie Walker-9 Brewer, b. 30 Nov. 1894 in Wayne County, TN, m. there on 16 Feb. 1918 to Ruth Elizabeth TUCKER.

1470. Buford Clice-9 Brewer, b. Dec. 1897, m. (?) KILBURN.

1471. Herschel Comrade-9 Brewer, ninth and youngest issue of James L. C.-8 and Mary E. (RINKS) Brewer, b. 6 Aug. 1904 on Shawneetee Creek in Wayne County, TN, m. Lillie Ruth CAMP.

VI. THREE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 111 JOHN-6 AND FRANCES (FIELD) BEARDEN

THREE CHILDREN OF NO. 440 JOHN W.-7 AND MARTHA E. (SHEFFIELD) BEARDEN

997. **John Berry-8 Bearden** (John Wesley-7, John-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 6 Feb. 1875 in Dawson County, GA, d. Dec. 1966 in Dooley County, GA, m. 25 Dec. 1899 in Forsyth County, GA to Margaret Jane HAWKINS. At twelve years of age, on 30 April 1887, he placed membership by experience in New Hope Baptist Church, Dawsonville, where his grandmother is living. John B.-8 had issue via Bearden Newsletter (only four of seven are known by this writer):

*1472. **Rowland Edward-9 Bearden**, b. 1913, d. 1981, m. Ruth WOLFE.

1473. Ora-9 Bearden, said to be the fifth issue of John Berry-8, m. (?) RAGSDALE and lives in Tampa, FL.

1474. Jewel-9 Bearden, lives Vienna, Dooley County, GA, m. (?) SEARS.

1475. June-9 Bearden, seventh and youngest issue of John Berry-8 m. (?) NIPPER and lives Titusville, FL.

998. **William Posey-8 Bearden** (John Wesley-7, John-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fourth issue of John W.-7 Bearden, was b. on 3 March 1877 near Dawsonville, Dawson County, GA and d. on 16 Oct. 1960 near Marietta, Cobb County, GA, buried there near his parents in the New Salem Cemetery. He m. there to Ada GOSWICK, m. second on 6 March 1915 to Dixie Lee BARNETT, who was b. on 11 July 1889, Atlanta, GA and d. on 24 April 1973, Marietta, GA, buried beside her husband, the daughter of Sanford and Annie (JONES) Barnett.

William Posey-8 was the informant on 1 Jan. 1936 in Marietta, GA, for his father's Certificate of Death. His issue grew up on a farm which lacked fifteen feet reaching to the top of Little Kennesaw Mountain. There are two mountains, the other is Big Kennesaw and they are connected by what the Beardens call a saddle. The William P.-8 issue spent their childhood playing where the battle for Atlanta was fought during the Civil War. They have many mementos, such as bullets and minnie balls. This was before the area became a national park.

One daughter has a painting of the old Bearden home at the foot of Kennesaw Mountain. This descendant is now (1998), living in a newer home at the scenic foot of Kennesaw Mountain. The Texas Beardens are especially interested in the following story about "our mountain", as these Georgia cousins tell it:

"In the late 1930's, our father, William Posey Bearden, and a friend, Fleet Kirk (Dempsey's uncle), were hunting on the mountain and found some very good, professional quality carving on a large rock: 'IX TEX' and 'C. E. Dale'.

"Mr. Wilbur Kurtz, noted historian, who did the historical research for the movie "Gone With The Wind" was in this area at the time and he was contacted. He learned from a librarian in Texas, that C. E. Dale was a member of the 9th Texas Regiment and was wounded on Kennesaw Mountain, June 25-26, being moved to nearby Pine Mountain where he died the following day."

William Posey-8 and Dixie Lee (Barnett) had issue, b. near Marietta in Cobb County, GA:

- *1476. Bertha Mae-9 Bearden, b. 27 Jan. 1916, living Kennesaw, near Marietta, GA; m. 20 Oct. 1945 in Cobb County, GA, Lacy Gilbert BISHOP Sr.
- *1477. Eva Corene-9 Bearden, b. 3 Sept. 1917, Kennesaw, Cobb County, GA; m. 11 May 1946, Marietta, Dempsey Jordan KIRK.
- 1478. Annie Elizabeth-9 Bearden, b. 9 Aug. 1919, Kennesaw, Cobb County, GA, d. March 1985 in Woodstock, Cobb County. She had been ill for some time. Her funeral was held from the same New Salem Baptist Church where her parents and her grandparents' funerals were conducted with burial in the church cemetery. She m. Clay PAGE and did not have issue. She was a lifetime resident of Cobb County, a member of the New Salem Baptist Church in Kennesaw, GA and a salesperson for Market Square Cleaners.

999. Floyd McClendon-8 Bearden (John Wesley-7, John-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John -1?), fifth issue of John Wesley-7, b. 18 Feb. 1879 in Dawson County, GA, d. 12 March 1969, Forsyth County, GA, buried beside his wife in the Hollywood Road Cemetery. He m. 18 Feb. 1906, Marietta, Cobb County, GA to Maude Bell SPENCE, b. 6 Oct. 1886, Gainesville, Hall County, GA, d. 24 Dec. 1964, Bolton, Forsyth County, GA

Maude B. was the daughter of William Henry and Allena Catherine (OWENS) Spence and the granddaughter of John and Eliza Jane (WILSON) Spence and of William B. and Catherine (HOWINGTON) Owens; the great granddaughter of George L. and Martha (?) Owens; William Thomas and Grace (?) Wilson; Reuben T. and Rebecca (MAJORS) Howington; and Richard and Nancy Ecloe (BENNETT) Majors.

Floyd McClendon-8 and family lived all of his married life on Cloud Street in Bolton, near Cumming in Forsyth County, GA. He was a mechanical engineer and, like his forefathers, a practicing member of the Baptist Church. After his death, a descendant found his delayed Certificate of Birth, which he had obtained in order to draw his social security. This legal document had the names of his parents and places they were born.

Floyd McClendon-8 had issue, born in the house on Cloud Street in Bolton, Forsyth County, GA:

- 1479. Louise-9 Bearden, b. in Feb. 1907; m. in Cobb County to Herman FISHER and had four unknown issue.
- 1480. Faye Irene-9 Bearden, b. 21 Nov. 1908; m. 1944 to Emery Glenn HARDEN, b. 16 Aug. 1919, Forsyth County, GA and they reside in Duluth, GA. Issue, one, b. Forsyth County: Teresa-10 Harden, b. 5 May 1949, m. June 1965, Daniel Neal BARFIELD and had: Daniel Neal-11 Jr., b. 7 Nov. 1970; and April P.-11 Barfield, b. 19 May 1972.
- *1481. William Ernest Jack-9 Bearden, m. 1934, Mable Norris POPE.
- 1482. Roy McClendon-9 Bearden, lived Atlanta, GA, b. 13 April 1913, d. 11 Nov. 1972, Fulton County, GA, buried in the Kemp Cemetery, m. 13 Dec. 1936, Marietta, Cobb County, to Martha STELL, b. 7 Dec. 1914 and had issue: Terrell Lee-10 Bearden, b. 25 Feb. 1938, Atlanta, GA, m. 27 Nov. 1960, Atlanta, Fulton County, GA to Janice E. TOPLEY and had Terrell Allen-11, b. 14 May 1964; and Leah Michelle-11 Bearden, b. 13 Feb. 1966.
- 1483. Hugh Dorsey-9 Bearden, b. 19 Feb. 1915; m. 16 July 1937, Atlanta, GA to Hazel DODGEN, b. 22 Feb. 1922, Fulton County, GA, lives Mableton, GA. Issue:
 - a. Sarah Hazel-10 Bearden, b. 8 June 1939, Cobb County, GA, m. 30 Aug. 1956 to A. Dale DUNN and had issue: (1) Hugh Allen-11, b. 29 Sept. 1957, m. 1975 to Donna LEE and had Jarrod Allen-12, b. 1 Sept. 1976. (2) Michael Avery-11, b. 21 May 1960. (3) Carol Dale-11, b. 30 April 1969; and (4) Pamela April-11 DUNN, b. 10 Nov. 1973.
 - b. Dawn Dodgen-10 Bearden, b. 30 March 1942, Cobb County, GA; m. 1958 (?) ARRINGTON, divorced, m. second April 1972, John F. DIEMER, b. 4 Jan. 1948, Smyrna, GA and had issue: Dawn Marie-11 Arrington, b. 8 Sept. 1959, m. 18 May 1979 to Joseph Denial MADDUX.

- c. Deedra Vivian-10 Bearden, b. 20 Sept. 1946, Cobb County, GA; m. 20 Feb. 1965 at Centre AL to Benjamin W. ALTWIES and had issue: (1) Kimberley Allysa-11, b. 14 July 1965, d. 22 July 1969; (2) Kenneth Alvin-11, b. 30 Oct. 1970; and (3) Deedra Michelle-11 Altwies, b. 1 Oct. 1974.
1484. Grace Maude-9 Bearden, b. 1917, Kingsport, TN, m. 2 Dec. 1947, Dallas, TX, Lesley GUPTON, b. 23 March 1912, Dexter, MO, d. 12 June 1973, Atlanta, Fulton County, GA, buried military cemetery in Anderson, SC, no issue.
1485. Henry Nathan-9 Bearden, b. 4 Sept. 1919, Bolton, Forsyth County, GA; m. 24 Dec. 1945, Franklin, NC to Dorothy RAINY, who was b. on 3 April 1924 in Lyman, Skagit County, WA. Issue:
 a. Nathan Dwayne-10 Bearden, b. 8 May 1947, Fulton County, GA; m. 6 Dec. 1969 to Janet ROLLINS, issue, one: Matthew-11, b. before March 1983 when Nathan-10 announced, via the Bearden Newsletter, that he was doing his part in carrying on the Bearden name. His son, Dwayne-10 and wife Janet, have a new arrival and this makes three grandsons for Henry Nathan-9 and "Dot" Bearden.
 b. Dwight Lee-10 Bearden, b. 6 Jan. 1952, Cobb County, GA, m. 26 June 1976, Rhonda KENNEDY, issue: Alexis LeAnn-11, b. 25 May 1978, Augusta, GA; Garrett Michael-11 and Brett Daniel-11 Bearden (TWINS) b. 4 Dec. 1980, Columbia, SC.
 c. David Stephen-10 Bearden, b. 14 May 1967 in Cobb County, GA.
1486. Bertha Mae-9 Bearden, b. 26 Jan. 1922, Forsyth County, GA; m. 6 Jan. 1947 to Frank George HUDGENS, b. 6 Oct. 1922, Philadelphia, PA. Issue:
 a. Mary Ann-10 Hudgens, b. 17 July 1950, Atlanta, Fulton County, GA, d. 17 July 1970, buried Hollywood Road Cemetery, Forsyth County, m. 4 Sept. 1967 in South Carolina to Jeremiah G. McCARTY and had Michelle Elizabeth-11, b. 6 Aug. 1968.
 b. Barbara Elizabeth-10 Hudgens, b. 25 July 1952, Atlanta, m. 7 April 1973 to James Scott MILLINGS and had: Mary Ann-11, b. 25 Dec. 1974; and Kimberley Elizabeth-11, b. 17 Sept. 1976.
1487. Floyd McClendon-9 Bearden Jr., b. 30 Nov. 1923, Forsyth County, GA, a retired Atlanta policeman with no issue.
1488. James Franklin-9 Bearden, of Marietta, GA, b. 18 Jan. 1926, Forsyth County, GA, d. 11 May 1977, Marietta, Cobb County, GA, buried Hollywood Road Cemetery; m. 16 Aug. 1947 in Chatahoochie, GA, First Baptist Church, to Freddie Cliffase LAWSON (Marriage Book I, Pg. 490, Forsyth County, GA), b. 30 Jan. 1930, Forsyth County. Freddie died of cancer on 6 May 1977, Marietta, GA, and is buried in the Hollywood Road Cemetery. James F.-9 had issue: Danny E.-10 Bearden, b. 11 May 1948 and m. 12 Aug. 1967, First Baptist Church, Chatahoochie, GA, Beverley (?), divorced, m. second Kathleen SCHWARTZ who had child by previous marriage who Danny E.-10 adopted. Kathleen had leukemia in 1985 and had divorced Danny-10 who m. third Margaret "Peggy" FERGUSON and had Brian Andrew-11 Bearden, b. 27 Nov. 1976.
1489. Frances Virginia-9 Bearden, b. 20 June 1928, Forsyth County, GA, m. 8 Dec. 1968, Rengo, GA to James Otis EVERETT, b. 11 March 1927, Monticello, GA, had issue:
 a. Angenoa Maude-10 Everett, b. April 1867 near Dawsonville, Dawson County, GA, d. 20 Nov. 1969, Atlanta, GA.
 b. Edward McClendon-10 Everett, b. 15 Feb. 1972, Atlanta.
1490. Martha Jean-9 Bearden, b. 9 April 1932, Cloud Street, Bolton, GA, d. 26 Feb. 1936, buried Hollywood Road Cemetery.

VII. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 112 WILLIAM-6 AND FRANCES (FIELD) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 451 JAMES F.-7 AND JANE E. (FIELD) BEARDEN

1011. **John Henderson-8 Bearden** (James F.-7, William-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 4 April 1867 near Dawsonville, Dawson County, GA, d. 6 Aug. 1928, buried New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Dawson County, GA; m. 19 March 1899 to Sarah Malinda FOUTS, b. 26 Oct. 1875, d. 10 July 1972, Roswell, Fulton County, GA, the daughter of Gabriel and Catherine (McCROY) and the

aunt of Mrs. Azzie WATERS of Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA John Henderson-8 had issue, b. near Dawsonville and those who have died buried in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery:

1491. Homer-9 Bearden, b. 5 Dec. 1899, d. 12 Aug. 1906.
 *1492. Lindsey Boyd-9 Bearden, b. 1900, d. 1983, m. Cora Viola SIMMONS.
 1493. Beveline S.-9 Bearden b. 1901, d. 1965, did not marry.
 1494. Henry Grady-9 Bearden, b. 30 March 1903, d. 1967, funeral Logan Funeral Home; m. 13 Oct. 1939 (14 Sept. 1949?), Irene STONE, lived Cartersville, Gordon County, GA and had issue: Wendel-10, Barbara-10 and Morris-10 Bearden.
 *1495. Carl-9 Bearden, b. 1905; m. Agnes Wilda (SHAMBLEE) CHAMBERS.
 *1496. Silvey-9 Bearden, b. 1908, m. 1942, Elizabeth SEITZ.
 *1497. Minnie-9 Bearden, b. 1911, m. 1933, Clarence THOMPSON.
 *1498. Ella-9 Bearden, b. 1914, m. 1930, Carroll MOSS.
 1499. Gladys-9 Bearden, ninth and youngest issue of John H., b. 19 July 1916. Information is that she has not married and lives in Dawsonville, GA.

CONTINUED EIGHTH GENERATION BEARDEN

EIGHTEEN DESCENDANTS OF NO. 46 ARTHUR-5 AND REBECCA (McCLENDON) BEARDEN

I. SEVENTEEN GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 134 WILLIAM E.-6 AND BEADIE (HARRIS) BEARDEN

A. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 471 EMSLEY-7 AND ROHAMA (FOWLER) BEARDEN

1017. William-8 Bearden (Emsley-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 2 Aug. 1847 in Perry County, AL and d. 14 Nov. 1919; m. 3 Jan. 1867 in Bibb County, AL to Margaret MOORE. William-8 had issue (information taken from "BOUNTIFUL BEARDENS", by Mrs. Edna (BEASLEY) McGilliard, source herein):

1500. John Edd-9 Bearden, d. May 1922, m. Nettie INGRAM, had issue:
 a. Jeanie-10 Bearden.
 b. Rufus-10 Bearden, m. his double cousin, Daisy-10 NICHOLS, had issue: Johnny-11, raised by Sam and Rosie RANKINS, a veteran of the armed forces; Luthur-11; Annie-11; and Ollie-11 Bearden.
 1501. Mollie-9 Bearden, m. her cousin, William-10 NICHOLS, descent of the Kentucky Nichols, one married George Madison-9 BEARDEN; Thecdocia Nichols m. Rueben-7 BEARDEN. Mollie-9 had issue:
 a. Girt-10 Nichols, m. Clanton JARRETT, issue deceased 1969.
 b. Grady-10 Nichols did not marry.
 c. Jennings-10 Nichols, m. his cousin, Lillie-11 BEARDEN, daughter of John S.-10 and Rutha (BRASS-ELLE), no issue.
 d. Myrtle Mae-10 Nichols, m. John RATCLIFF and had issue: Clint-11 m. Mary BARTIE and had three unknown issue; Bessie Mae-11 m. Burton OSBOURNE and had four unknown issue; William-11 m. Aster ROBERTSON, parents of four issue; Solomon-11 m. Patricia WHITE in England and had issue, four, and Marie-11 Ratcliff m. a Texan, unknown.
 e. Mood-10 Nichols, m. his cousin, No. 1952, Willie Dee-10 SEWELL, daughter of Tom and Minnie-9 (BEARDEN), no issue.
 f. Daisy-10 Nichols m. her cousin, Rufus-10 BEARDEN, son of John Edd-9 and Nettie (INGRAM) Bearden and grandson of William-9 and Margaret (MOORE) Bearden.
 1502. Nettie-9 Bearden, m. Millard RATCLIFF.
 1503. James Franklin-9 Bearden, d. 29 May 1949, m. his cousin, Mal Nettie-9 NICHOLS, b. 1874 and d. June 1947 Birmingham, AL. Mal Nettie-9's obituary, "Birmingham Advertiser", dated 2 June 1947, lists the following survivors:

- a. Alice-10 Bearden, m. (?) JULIAN of Selma, AL.
- b. Sallie Lee-10 Bearden m. (?) SMITHERMAN, Prattville.
- c. Lula Mae-10 m. (?) SMITH of Prattville.
- d. Bertha-10 Bearden m. (?) GLASS of Key West, FL, a descendant of Richard-6 Bearden of Clarke County, GA
- e. Chancey-10 Bearden of Stanton, AL, b. 14 Feb. 1894.
- f. Columbus A.-10 Bearden of Selma, AL.
- g. David C.-10 Bearden, b. 6 July 1904, d. 20 March 1928.
- h. Thomas-10 Bearden.
- i. Maggie-10 Bearden.

1020. **George Washington-8 Bearden** (Emsley-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth issue of Emsley-7 and his wife, Rohama (FOWLER) Bearden, b. 1859 in Perry County, AL and d. 30 March 1939 in Chilton County, AL, buried in the Stanton Cemetery, m. his cousin once removed, Mary-8 MURPHY, b. 25 Nov. 1855 and d. 5 June 1933, probably in Chilton County. Mary-8 was the descent of Person No. 334, Sarah-7 Bearden and her husband, Martin Murphy of St. Clair County, AL. George Washington-8 and Mary-8 had issue:

- *1504. **George Frank-9 Bearden**, m. Katie GREYMORE; m. second Sudie SMITH; m. third Virgie BRADLEY.
 - 1505. Clyde-9 Bearden, b. 14 Feb. 1889, m. 18 March 1917 in Chilton County, AL to Lola Mae HENDERSON, b. 25 Nov 1902. Clyde-9 was a tile setter by trade. He had issue:
 - a. Clarence-10 Bearden, b. 9 July 1920, Chilton County, AL (Montgomery County?). Clarence-10 had polio and when he was two years old, his father took him to Shriner's Hospital in Shreveport, LA where he spent six months undergoing treatments and surgery. He m. 4 Sept. 1942, Montgomery, AL to Elizabeth Ballard BROOKS, had issue:
 - (1) Clarence-11 Bearden Jr., b. 23 Dec. 1944, Montgomery, AL, unmarried 1980, lives in Montgomery, AL.
 - (2) Lola Margaret-11 Bearden, b. 18 Nov. 1946, m. 1 Oct. 1965, Montgomery, AL to Bob Slaughter, had Timothy O'Neal-12, b. 24 May 1967, Montgomery, AL.
 - (3) Ann Elizabeth-11 Bearden, b. 10 Nov. 1950.
 - (4) Joseph Allen-11 Bearden, b. 20 Feb. 1954.
 - b. Ollie Mae-10 Bearden, b. 2 April 1922, Montgomery, Jefferson County, AL, m. Simmie MOONEYHAM and had son, Roy E.-11 Mooneyham, b. 28 Oct. 1939, Montgomery, AL, m. Judy Ann ALFORD in Baltimore, MD and had Lori Marie-12, b. 11 Aug. 1959; and Toni Renee-12, b. 10 Nov. 1962.
 - c. James Murcel-10 Bearden, b. in May 1926, d. 14 Dec. 1928 of spinal meningitis.
 - d. Dorothy Arlene-10 Bearden, b. 21 Feb. 1930, Montgomery, m. 8 Feb. 1947, Jeffrey Ashley PHELPS, had Linda Faye-11, b. 4 Aug. 1949; and Deborah Arlene-11 b. 24 Nov. 1954.
- *1506. **Minnie-9 Bearden**, m. her cousin, Tom SEWELL.
 - 1507. Girt-9 Bearden, b. 25 Dec. 1897, Chilton County, AL, m. her cousin, Gus WALLACE, son of John and Frances J.-8 (BEARDEN). Girt-9 died of cancer and without issue on 30 Nov. 1953.
 - 1508. **Claud Tom-9 Bearden**, b. 1900, m. Early KNIGHT of Thomasville, AL and had issue:
 - a. Claudine-10, died of diphtheria at age 5 and buried in the Stanton Cemetery.
 - b. Frances-10, married, no information.
 - c. Raymond-10, married, no information.
 - d. Norman-10, married, no information.
 - e. James-10, married, no information.
 - f. Barbara Ann-10 Bearden.
 - 1509. **Cora-9 ("Toy") Bearden**, b. April 1902, m. 23 March 1919 to Lawyer McGEE, b. 2 March 1900, Chilton County, had issue:
 - a. Earl-10, b. 11 Aug. 1920, Chilton County, m. Doris MURRAY, m. second Carolyn MORROW, issue, b. Selma, AL: Glenn-11, b. 11 Nov. 1949; Kitty-11, b. 2 May 1959; Abby-11, b. 6 March 1961; Timothy-11, b. 11 Nov. 1962; and Neal-11 McGee, b. 8 April 1964.

- b. Nell-10 McGee, b. 12 June 1921, Chilton County, m. 1 Jan. 1941, James W. MOORE, had Carolyn-11, m. Charles PARR, had Kevin-12 and Rhonda-12, b. 2 Jan. 1962 and 6 Nov. 1967.
1510. Annie Belle-9 Bearden, b. 3 June 1909, Chilton County area of Alabama; m. Burnice (BUNCH) WHITE and had Fletcher-10 White, b. 1937.

B. SIX CHILDREN OF NO. 472 ALFRED A.-7 AND SOPHRONIA (SMITH) BEARDEN

1021. Jane Paralee-8 Bearden (Alfred A.-7, William E.-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. in May 1851 in Perry County, AL, m. Joseph BRADFORD, who was b. 1849 in Alabama and d. 6 March 1932, both buried in the Mount Carmel Cemetery. Joseph, the son of John and Lucinda Bradford, listed on the 1850 census of Bibb County, AL (Family No. 615): BRADFORD, John, 24, b. SC, Farmer, Lucinda, 28, b. SC; William D., 11, b. AL; Mary, 1; Catherine, 6; Joseph, 8/12. Jane Paralee-8 had issue:

- *1511. **Mary Emma-9 Bradford**, b. 18-- , d. 1959, m. Samuel D. GRADY.
- *1512. **Thomas Alfred-9 Bradford**, d. July 1960, m. Sally SMITH.
1513. Nena-9 Bradford, m. Blaine HILL and lived in Ohio, deceased 1969, issue: Gladys-10, Louella-10, Alton-10, Loretta-10.
1514. Addie-9 Bradford, m. Ervin BROADHEAD and lived in the state of Ohio, deceased before 1969, issue: Cecil-10, Frances-10, Nena-10 and Annette-10 Broadhead.
1515. Charlie-9 Bradford, m. Jeanie TURNBULL who d. early in their marriage, m. second Pearl ROMAN, m. third Amanda McKinney LANGSTON deceased 1969, lives near W. Blockton with issue: Joseph-10 b. 25 July 1909, deceased 1969; Charles-10, b. 25 July 1919; Louise-10, b. 10 Feb. 1922; Marvin-10, b. 9 March 1925; Charlie-10 b. 11 Feb. 1927; and Charlene-10 BRADFORD, b. 5 Feb. 1939.

1023. Elijah-8 Bearden (Alfred A.-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1855, d. March 1927, Jemison, AL, m. 28 Nov. 1876 in Chilton County AL to Lou Ann SMITHERMAN who d. Billingsley, AL, both buried in the Macedonia Cemetery near Jemison. Elijah-8 fell dead while he and his wife were feeding their chickens, having had issue, Bearden:

- *1516. **Charles Melvin-9 Bearden**, m. his double cousin, Mary P.-9 LOVELADY (under Person No. 1048, Mary Paralee-8, for issue).
1517. Bennett-9 Bearden, m. Dolly LOVELADY, daughter of Jasper and Julia (HARRISON) Lovelady, both deceased in 1969, buried Douglasville, GA They had issue, b. Jemison, AL: Nellie-10, b. 1907, m. Nolton ARGO; and Doyal-10 Bearden.
1518. Lee-9 Bearden, unmarried 7 May 1958, buried Mars Hill Cemetery.
1519. Annie-9 Bearden, m. Zadie WALDROP, and d. about 1964.
1520. Obie-9 Bearden, d. about 1960, m. Beadie Ann WALDROP, who was b. about 1893 and d. 1952, buried in the Union Springs Cemetery, her obituary appearing in the "BIRMINGHAM NEWS" 26 Dec. 1952. Obie-9 had issue: Noland-10, Morton-10, Maxwell-10, Flossie-10, Gladys-10 and Geraldine-10 Bearden.
1521. Alice-9 Bearden, d. 30 Sept. 1956; m. Cleve LANGSTON.

1025. John A.-8 Bearden (Alfred A.-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1859, m. Ruby V. CAMPBELL who d. in Nov. 1910 after six issue. John A.-8 m. second Mary (?) who was a widow and the mother of his last four issue. Ruby V. Bearden's estate was settled in Bibb County, AL (Account Vol. P, Pgs. 113-121), stating she died intestate "on or about 19 Nov. 1910, and seized and possessed of real and personal property in this State consisting chiefly of an undivided one-sixth interest in some lots in Birmingham and interest on some notes due the estate of A. E. Campbell". Ruby's father

was a physician and Campbell Town is named in his honor, related to Dr. DeWitt Campbell (under Person No. 192).

An article appeared in the Centerville, AL newspaper, dated 16 June 1966, which stated a Bearden reunion was held on Sunday, 12 May, at the home of Vency W. Bearden. Forty-nine family members attended, some from Georgia, Oregon, and other places. Some data is taken by Mrs. Gilliard from this article (Myrtle-9 and Ora Lee-9 probable issue of John A.-8 Bearden and his second wife, Mary):

- 1522. Rubert M.-9 Bearden, b. about 1882, northern Alabama, m. 15 Dec. 1901 in Bibb County to Eliza J. POWELL.
- 1523. Pearl O. W. Bearden, b. 1884, m. 23 May 1902 Carzine McGRAW.
- 1524. Fernlie-9 Bearden, b. about 1890; m (Luster?) JONES.
- 1525. Tryon-9 Bearden, m. 21 Aug. 1920, Bibb County, Oma JOHNSON; twelve years old when mother died, grew up to become director of the Jefferson County Truck Grower's Association; during the 1930's, the height of the depression, lived Jefferson County, returned to Bibb County before 1950; known issue, Jasper Tryon-10, b. 1924, m. Bibb County, Mary Virginia CRIM, had Mary Frances-11, b. 30 Oct. 1945, m. 8 Aug. 1964, Charles Clifton ELAM.
- 1526. Voltrina-9 Bearden, b. about 1901, m. Carl GEORGE.
- 1527. Ina-9 Bearden, m. (?) STOWE, in 1969 lives Portland, OR.
- 1528. John A.-9 Bearden Jr., married and still living in 1969. Known issue: William-10 "Bill"; and Allen-10 Bearden.
- 1529. Venora-9 Bearden (TWIN), living in 1969, m. James G. GREEN and had issue: James-10 and Susan-10 Green.
- 1530. Verona-9 Bearden (TWIN), m. Sydney RYAN and had issue: Nancy-10, Rusty-10 and Jenny-10 Ryan.
- 1531. Vency W.-9 Bearden, m. on 24 Nov. 1939 in Bibb County, Estelle BLAKE and had James-10, m. 25 March 1962 in Bibb County to Jean ALLEN and had known issue: Ricky-11 Bearden.

1027. Amey Elizabeth-8 Bearden (Alfred-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. June 1866, d. 19 Sept. 1949, buried in the Concord Cemetery near Bessemer, AL; m. 9 Aug. 1888, Chilton County, AL to John Henry BEASLEY, b. 3 Jan. 1867, d. 1 March 1952, son of Henry Newton and Mary Ann (WEBB) Beasley, "kin" to Mariah BURDEN and her husband, John BEASLEY of Butler County, KY and to W. E. and M. A. Beasley who witnessed the will of Elizabeth (TULLY) BURDEN on 24 Nov. 1866 in Butler County, KY (Persons No. 33 and 50). Amey E.-8 Bearden had issue, Beasley (several d. as infants):

- 1532. William Monroe-9 Beasley, b. 28 Oct. 1889, d. 29 Sept. 1963; m. 17 Sept. 1911 to Frances Elizabeth SCOGGINS.
- 1533. Effie Leona-9 Beasley, b. 4 Aug. 1893, Shelby County, AL, m. 4 Aug. 1915, Columbiana, AL to Riley Monroe ATCHISON who was b. 8 July 1888 in Jemison, AL and d. there on 16 Jan. 1931, both buried in the Macedonia Cemetery, had issue:
 - a. Lois Marie-10, b. 22 July 1917, m. in Bessemer to Themster WOODALL, son of Joseph, who d. in 1940's, buried Valley Creek Cemetery near Bessemer, m. second Andrew BURKETT, no known issue. Her issue: Gladys Marie-11 WOODALL, b. 1937, m. (?) NIX.
 - b. Lolen Edmond-10 Atchison, b. 26 March 1919, near Jemison, AL, m. 20 Sept. 1946 in Bessemer to Ella Lavern SATTERFIELD, b. 28 April 1930 in Bessemer, daughter of John Lee and Eddie Jane (Garner), had Martha Sue-11 who m. Doyle E. WEAVER, son of Fred and Nell (CORVIN) Weaver, unknown issue.
 - c. Gladys Lorene-10 Atchison, b. 26 Feb. 1921, Columbiana, AL, m. in Bessemer 14 Oct. 1949, Ernest Leon SCOGGINS, b. 23 Oct. 1913, Columbiana, d. 3 July 1960, buried Valley Creek Cemetery near Bessemer, son of David and Alpha Leon (OATES); had issue: Leon Phillip-11, b. 7 Dec. 1946, Bessemer, enlisted USAF Dec. 1965; Linda Faye-11, b. 26 July 1951.
- 1534. Clemmie Joy-9 Beasley, b. 15 Oct. 1901, d. 18 Sept. 1924, buried Harless Cemetery, Siluria; m. Harrison LOWERY, issue: Lola May-10, b. about 1918, m. 1938 Jessee J. RAINEY in Bessemer, son of John and

Susan (SCOGGINS), had issue: Kenneth-11, b. 1943, m. Judy (?), two unknown issue 1969; John-11, b. 1945, m. Mary Ann HALL, received master's degree 1968 in accounting and business administration, U. of MS, enlisted US Coast Guard, Larry-11, b. 1949; Amey-11, b. 1954; Jessie McKenzie-11, b. 1960; and Edward RAINEY-11, b. 1963.

1535. John Edgar-9 Beasley, fourth and youngest issue and first son of Amey Elizabeth-8 BEARDEN, b. on 12 Dec. 1906 at Dogwood, AL, m. on 15 Nov. 1931 at Concord, AL, Vera Odell HUBBARD, who was b. on 10 May 1912, Searles, AL, the daughter of James Washington and Lillie Hubbard; had issue, two:
- Charles Edgar-10 Beasley, b. 30 March 1935, Hueytown, AL, m. 14 June 1963 Bibb County, Anne HOGUE and had issue, Pamela Lanice-11 Beasley, b. 29 Feb. 1965, Tuscaloosa, AL.
 - Vera Elizabeth-10 Beasley, b. 3 Sept. 1938 near Hueytown and m. in 1955 to William Claude "Billy" HAYES, son of Claude and Lillie (DEARMAN) Hayes and had issue, Kenneth Edgar-11, b. 10 Oct. 1962, Tuscaloosa, AL; and Cynthia Kaye-11 Hayes, b. 8 Aug. 1963, Tuscaloosa.

1028. Thomas Alfred-8 Bearden (Alfred-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), eighth issue of Alfred-7, b. about 1862, d. 1944 near Montevallo, AL; m. Sarah Elizabeth LAWLEY who is deceased in 1969. Both are buried in the Salem Cemetery near Montevallo where they raised their family. He was a deacon in the Dogwood Baptist Church. Thomas A.-8 had issue:

1536. Mollie-9 Bearden, b. 21 Oct. 1879, Underwood, AL, d. 28 Oct. 1956; m. 3 April 1904, Montevallo, AL to Thomas E. LOVELADY, b. 20 Feb. 1879, d. 14 Oct. 1940, the son of William S. and Mary HOLSOMBACK). Both are buried in the Ryan Cemetery near Maylene, AL. William S., father of Thomas E. Lovelady, served in the Civil War, enlisted at Montevallo in 1863 and served until General Lee's surrender. He was b. 15 July 1844 and d. 3 Sept. 1902. His wife was b. 17 Dec. 1848 and d. 28 Oct. 1928, the daughter of Hiram Holsomback who d. in Sept. 1870, Dogwood, AL. Mollie-9 had issue:
- Ruby L.-10, b. 6 July 1905, Underwood, m. William WOOTEN.
 - Alma M.-10, b. 11 April 1908, m. 17 Nov. 1933, Carl OGLESBY.
 - Eva L.-10, b. 14 Sept. 1911, m. 1 May 1927, Frank OGLESBY.
 - Dovie L.-10, b. 22 Nov. 1914, m. 28 July 1939, John B. GREEN.
 - Margie E.-10, b. 11 Aug. 1920, m. Earlie R. VERNON.
 - Dorothy W.-10, b. 20 Nov. 1925, m. 10 Feb. 19-- , Edwin WILDER.
1537. Tora-9 Bearden, b. 10 Oct. 1890, near Montevallo, m. 13 Sept. 1908 at Brierfield in Bibb County to Zeke LEMLEY, b. 11 April 1886 in Bibb County and d. at Underwood, AL, buried there in the Salem Cemetery, had issue:
- Peddie-10, b. 8 Nov. 1909, Shelby County, AL.
 - J. T.-10, b. 14 May 1913, Jefferson County, AL.
 - Eugene-10, b. 9 Dec. 1918, Shelby County, AL.
 - Doris-10 LEMLEY, b. 20 Dec. 1932, Shelby County, m. 29 Sept. 1951, Daniel ACKER.
1538. Luthur-9 Bearden, b. 30 Oct. 1895; m. 22 Nov. 1916, Dogwood, AL to Ruth GRAY, the daughter of W. C. and Ora Gray, had issue:
- William A.-10, b. 12 March 1921, Montevallo, AL, m. 30 March 1960, Robbie ROBERSON.
 - Margaret-10, b. 24 March 1925, Dogwood, AL, m. 8 Nov. 1941 to H. A. THOMAS.
 - Mary-10, b. 2 July 1926, m. 7 Dec. 1942, C. H. CAMPBELL.
 - James R.-10 BEARDEN, b. 13 Dec. 1931, m. 15 Sept. 1946 to Edward MORROW.
1539. Arthur-9 Bearden, b. 2 Aug. 1898, Dogwood, AL, d. 8 Sept. 1954, Underwood, AL; m. 17 April 1928, Columbiana, AL, Irene PICKETT, daughter of Epp and Jane (JARVIS) Pickett and had:
- Henry Virgil-10 Bearden, b. 18 Nov. 1932, Montevallo, AL, m. 27 Nov. 1954 to Frances RILEY and had issue: Jeffrey Dale-11 Bearden, b. 21 May 1956, Birmingham, AL.
 - Audrey Mae-10, m. 17 July 1947, Sammie Adam HALE Jr., issue b. Birmingham: Pamela Ann-11, b. 1 Jan. 1941; Timothy Eric-11, b. 28 April 1959.
 - Ruby Estelle-10, m. 2 June 1951 to Aubrey Leonard LEE and had Aubrey Leonard-11 Jr., b. 3 May 1952, Birmingham; and Gregory Travis-11 Lee, b. Birmingham 10 May 1954.
1540. Peddie-9 Bearden, b. 27 Sept. 1904, married, raised a family and lives in 1969 near Montevallo, AL.

1541. Rosa Lee-9 Bearden, m. 15 Jan. 1918, Montevallo, AL, Redger Lee BUTLER, son of James Wesley and Minnie, issue b. Birmingham:
 a. George W.-10, b. 3 Oct. 19 --, Montevallo, m. 14 Nov. 19 --, Clyteel ONEAL.
 b. Sarah Chistene-10, b. 29 Dec. 19-- , m. 2 Oct. 1948 Ben LUCAS.
 c. Betty Jean-10, b. 22 Nov. 19-- , m. 30 Oct. 1948, Montevallo, to Carlton GADDIE.
 d. Bobby Hugh-10, b. 19 July 19-- , m. 21 Oct. 1960 Jane BROOKS.
 e. Carolyn Lee-10 Butler, b. 25 May 19-- , Montevallo, AL, m. 31 May 1958 to Douglas MORRIS.
1542. Ada-9 Bearden, m. Clyde SMITH, had Catherine-10 and Mildred-10.
1543. Bessie-9 Bearden, m. 25 Dec. 1885, Montevallo, AL to William L. ALLEN and had issue:
 a. Audrey-10, b. 28 Sept. 1908, Montevallo, AL, m. 10 April 1925 to Charlie ANDERSON who d. 10 May 1957, had issue, Dickie-11 and Susan-11 Anderson.
 b. Preston Lee-10 Allen, b. 22 June 1910, Birmingham.
1544. Floyd Alfred-9 Bearden, d. 25 March 1942, buried in Salem Cemetery, m. 17 Nov. 1928, Columbiana, AL, Nora LUCAS, daughter of Jonah and Birdie (NORTHCUTT), had issue:
 a. Homer Alton-10, b. 19 Sept. 1931, Brierfield, AL.
 b. Stanley Bentley-10, b. 24 July 1934.

1030. Jackson Monroe-8 Bearden (Alfred A.-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), youngest issue of Alfred A.-7, b. about 1872, d. about March 1956, m. Anna LAWLEY, b. 17 July 1876, d. 29 Aug. 1957, Bessemer, AL, both buried in the Dogwood Cemetery near Underwood, her obituary stating she d. in Bessemer where she had lived the last 18 months, having moved from Marvel, AL. Jackson Monroe-8 had issue:

1545. Ethel-9 Bearden, b. 29 July 1896, m. Reverend Jack T. ROPER Sr. who d. about 1959, Baptist minister, lived Bessemer, AL. Issue:
 a. John T.-10 Jr., b. about 1928, Baptist minister, lives Birmingham, m. with unknown issue.
 b. Clarence-10, b. about 1931, a Baptist minister.
1546. Robert E.-9 Bearden, b. 5 Oct. 1898, m. 8 April 1917, Montevallo, Effie McGAUGHEY (McGAHA), b. 2 Aug. 1894. Issue:
 a. Sydney-10, b. 7 March 1918, m. Pauline CAMPBELL, had Diana-11, m. Jackie HOLLAND. Issue: Sondra-12; Juanita-12.
 b. Raymond-10, b. 9 Nov. 1919, m. Annie BOGGS and had Daniel-11 and Raymond-11 Bearden.
 c. Adron-10, b. 24 May 1924, m. Anne PARKER and had Mark-11, Beth Ann-11, Bryon-11, and unknown male, b. March 1968.
 d. Huburn Kenneth-10, b. 25 Nov. 1925, m. Evelyene SOUTHERN and had issue Debra-11 and Kenneth-11 Bearden.
 e. Clayton-10, b. 23 Aug. 1927, m. Lillie B. JOHNSON and had Gerald Wayne-11 and Teresa-11 Bearden.
 f. John Lewis-10, b. 24 July 1930, m. Edna GOGGINS and had Sheila-11 Bearden, b. about 1959.
 g. Philip Nolan-10 Bearden, b. 10 Aug. 1937, m. Peggy KIRKLAND and had Andre-11 Bearden, b. 1964.
1547. Viola-9 Bearden, b. 5 June 1901, Montevallo, m. J. C. JUSTICE at Columbiana who d. Nov. 1923, buried Valley Creek Cemetery, Bessemer, m. second 1949, Alton P. RODGERS, b. 3 May 1904, Jackson, MS, son of Lee B. and Homer (BURDENE); issue: Eloise-10 b. 26 Feb. 1924, Montevallo, m. 1948, Bessemer, W. M. THOMPSON Jr.
1548. Pearl-9 Bearden, m. Webb ALEXANDER, deceased before 1969.
1549. Monroe-9 Bearden, m. Geneva PICKETT, sister of Irene Pickett who m. Arthur-9 Bearden:
 a. Curtis-10, b. about 1928, d. about 1960, m. Wilma JONES, daughter of Wilmot Jones, one issue, Gregory-11 Bearden.
 b. Gertrude-10, b. 1929, m. Earl ROPER, son of Jim and Mattie, issue, Patricia-11, b. 1947.
 c. Mary Elizabeth-10, b. 1938.
 d. James-10, b. 1939, m. Barbara WALKER, daughter of Mudie A.
 e. Ralph-10, b. 1940, unmarried 1969.
 f. Donald-10, b. 1950, unmarried 1969.

1550. Etta-9 Bearden, b. 8 Aug. 1907, Montevallo; m. 17 May 1923, Columbiana, AL to Raymond Cornelia PARKER, b. 6 July 1902, Bessemer, son of Jesse A. and Della (MEIGS); issue b. Montevallo:
 a. Elgin Gene-10, b. 11 April 1924, m. 25 June 1945, Sarah MARTIN, daughter of Hutsy and Beatrice.
 b. Jack-10, b. 11 May 1926, m. 25 June 1946, Euladia GRAHAM, daughter of Charlie and Mamie.
 c. Louise-10, b. 28 Feb. 1928, m. 10 Aug. 1957 to James D. WOFFORD, son of Jim and Eula.
 d. Della Mae-10, b. 28 Feb. 1930, Dogwood, AL, m. 19 Aug. 1948 Jesse James GREEN, son of George and Cornelia.
 e. Bobbie Nell-10 b. and d. Birmingham 5 July 1934-13 Apr. 1935.
 f. George Ray-10, b. 23 March 1940, Bessemer, AL, m. 2 Oct. 1965, Doris HENSON, daughter of Doyle and Lorene.
 g. Leon-10 Parker, b. 4 Aug. 1942, Bessemer, AL, m. 7 Aug. 1960 to Myrna Ray HULSEY, daughter of Norman and Veronica.

C. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 474 HARDY-7 AND ARPY S. (GAY) BEARDEN

1031. **Emily Lou Tishie-8 Bearden** (Hardy-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 6 May 1855 in Perry County, AL and d. on 21 Dec. 1914; m. George Washington HARRISON, who was b. on 19 June 1847 and d. on 23 May 1902. Both are buried in the Medline Cemetery in Perry County and all of their issue was b. in that county. Emily L. T.-8 Bearden had issue, Harrison:

1551. Oma-9 Harrison, d. 1904, m. Elome WARREN, deceased 1970.
 *1552. **Hardy-9 Harrison**, deceased before 1969, m. Kate CROWE.
 1553. Wiley-9 Harrison, m. Minnie LOVELADY, daughter of William and Mamie (CROCKER) Lovelady. No information.
 1554. Maggie Nora-9 Harrison, m. John A. CROCKER, deceased 1969.
 *1555. **Hicks H.-9 Harrison**, b. 1884, m. Evie Lou SANDERS.
 1556. Tishie-9 Harrison, m. Thomas SANDERS; m. second Nicholas HARRISON.
 1557. Mintrell-9 Harrison, m. John McKINNEY, deceased in 1969.
 1558. Ollie B.-9 Harrison, m. Freeman FIRTH.
 1559. Ernestine-9 Harrison, ninth and youngest issue of Emily Lou Tishie-8, b. 11 Jan. 1894, m. 10 Nov. 1912 to Horace Hobson HOPPER, b. 7 Sept. 1882, Perry County, AL and d. 9 Nov. 1949, son of William H. and Didimire Hopper. Issue:
 a. Dorothy Sue-10 Hopper, b. 18 July 1915, Autauga County, AL, m. 20 April 1935, Tuscaloosa, AL to William Moody SMITH, b. 1 Sept. 1907, Ralph, AL, son of Joseph Oscar and Florence (CORK). Issue: William Horace-11, b. 27 Oct. 1937, m. 1966, Gardendale, AL to Anne ADAMS, daughter of Marie, no issue 1969; and Nellie Carol-11 Smith, b. 11 Oct. 1947, m. 11 Jan. 1962, Bessemer, Russell E. REDMAN, son of E. C. Issue: Keith-12, Donald-12 and Mark-12.
 b. Audrey-10 Hopper, b. 30 March 1918, Tuscaloosa, AL and m. 15 Aug. 1942, Knoxville, TN to Jack HATMAKER, b. 9 Aug. 1916, Jacksboro, TN, the son of George W. and Mary (PHILIPS) Hatmaker, deceased 1969; issue, Jackie Lynn-11, b. 15 Nov. 1946, Tuscaloosa; and Billy Lawrence-11, b. 12 Oct. 1947.
 c. J. T.-10 Hopper, b. 13 Nov. 1922, Tuscaloosa, AL, m. Mobile, AL to Mildred GROGAN.
 d. Mildred-10 Hopper, b. 14 May 1924, d. 18 March 1926, Tuscaloosa, AL.
 e. William-10 Hopper, b. 21 May 1928, and m. in New York to Sally DRITTING, served in United States Army during the Vietnam War.
 f. Barbara Sue-10 Hopper, b. 4 Oct. 1930, Tuscaloosa, AL, m. 16 May 1951, Quitman, MS to E. R. NELSON, b. 21 March 1928, Tuscaloosa, son of Ernestus and Evie Lena (McCUISTION) Nelson. Issue: Jackie Ione-11, b. 2 Sept. 1952; and Bonnie Devon-11 Nelson, b. 23 Oct. 1953.
 g. Callie M.-10 Hopper, b. 27 Aug. 1934, Tuscaloosa, m. June 1952 in MS to Eugene C. HERRON, b. Oct. 1932, NC., son of Ralph W. and Beulah (GREEN) Herron. Issue: Twila Ann-11, b. 1955, Tuscaloosa; Susan Janet-11 Herron, b. July 1956.

1035. Clayton Hardy-8 Bearden (Hardy-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth and youngest son of Hardy-8 and Arpy (GAY), b. 4 Jan. 1873, Perry County, AL and d. there on 22 Oct. 1946, buried in the Medline Cemetery near Plantersville; m. Marguerite "Maggie" SANDERS, b. 18 May 1874, d. Oct. 1944, daughter of Benjamin and Mary L. (LOVELADY) Sanders. Issue:

1560. **Monroe Hardy-9 Bearden**, b. 25 Aug. 1891, Perry County, m. 11 May 1911, Edna Mae PERRY, b. 31 Jan. 1892. Known issue:
- Howard Lee-10**, b. 14 Nov. 1916, Perry County, m. 11 Oct. 1940, Tuscaloosa, Nellie CLARK b. 11 April 1917, Holt, AL, daughter of Ernest and Willie Mae (STAGGERS): Linda Sue-11, b. 16 Oct. 1942, Birmingham, m. 8 July 1962, Montgomery, AL, Randall Gray WOOD, son of Byrd; and Jerry Wayne-11, b. 30 Nov. 1947, Birmingham.
 - William Oliver-10**, m. 23 May 1947, Bibb County, AL, Nolvce GREEN.
 - Dorothy Jean-10**, b. 30 Oct. 1934, Perry County, and m. Aubrey Dayton LOVELADY, b. 2 May 1929, Chilton County, AL, son of J. K. and Inez (SAMPLES) Lovelady. Issue: Charlie Raydoll-11, b. 26 Nov. 1952 Selma, AL; and Aubrey Terrell-11 Lovelady, b. 9 June 1958, Selma.
1561. **Samuel Levy-9 Bearden** (TWIN), b. 28 Dec. 1893, Perry County, and m. 20 May 1920, his cousin Mattie Estelle-9 BEARDEN.
- *1562. **Sarah Evie-9 Bearden** (TWIN), b. 28 Dec. 1893, d. 23 Dec. 1963, m. 1910 to Walter Allen WRIGHT.
1563. **William Reginald-9 Bearden**, b. 27 July 1896 and d. 4 July 1938, Stanton, AL, buried in the Stanton Baptist Church Cemetery, m. 28 Dec. 19--, Sallie Jo CHANDLER, b. 28 Dec. 1896. Issue from obituary, "BIRMINGHAM NEWS":
- Joe Edd-10 Bearden**.
 - William Reginald-10 Bearden Jr.**, known as "Redge", b. 1931, m. Betty CROWLEY and both died 16 Dec. 1967, automobile accident near Marion, AL, buried Stanton Baptist Cemetery. Issue: Debra-11, Dianne-11 and Tony-11 Bearden.
 - Margie-10 Bearden**, m. Person No. 1991, O. V.-10 HARRISON.
1564. **William B.-9 Bearden**, b. 27 Sept. 1900, Perry County, AL and d. there on 29 July 1947, buried in the Plantersville Cemetery, m. 24 Nov. 1919, Chilton County, AL to Mary Lillian FRIDAY, b. 29 Nov. 1902, Perry County, daughter of Joseph S. and Mary Popie (HOPKINS) Friday. William B.-9 had issue:
- Willie Ocile-10 Bearden**, b. 19 May 1921, Dallas County, AL, m. 3 May 1940, Perry County to Lula RUSH, b. 24 Feb. 1926, Dallas County, daughter of Charlton and S. (DAWSON) Rush, had issue: William C.-11, b. 18 Dec. 1941, Dallas County, m. 30 Oct. 1965, Patricia HARRISON; Robert A.-11, b. 17 March 1847, Dallas County, m. 15 June 1968 to Marilou HENDERSON; and Cynthia Seale-11 Bearden, b. 27 May 1952, Dallas County, AL.
 - Joseph Hayward-10 Bearden**, b. 20 June 1928, Perry County, m. 30 Oct. 1948, Selma AL, Edna OOSLEY, b. 13 Dec. 1928, Bessemer, daughter of William Thomas and Georgia I. (SEWELL). Issue: Judith Ann-11, b. 30 Aug. 1949, Selma, AL, m. there 14 July 1967 to John William QUARLES, son of J. W. Quarles Sr.; Nancy Yvonne-11, b. 24 Feb. 1955, Selma; and William Joseph-11 Bearden, b. 23 Oct. 1962, Selma.
 - Mary Eliese-10 Bearden**, b. 11 Dec. 1930, Perry County, m. 8 Nov. 1947, Bibb County to James Lee LATHAM, b. 12 Aug. 1926, Perry County, son of Robert Lee and Cecil (McFARLAND). Issue b. Jefferson County, AL: Marilyn Edith-11, b. 3 Oct. 1950, m. 3 March 1968, Bessemer, AL to Robert PYLANT; James David-11, b. 15 July 1952; and Steven Roy-11 LATHAM, b. 26 Dec. 1964.
 - Miriam Louise-10 Bearden**, b. 4 July 1932, Perry County, m. 4 April 1953, MS, Howard G. TWILLEY, b. 29 March 1929, Selma, AL, son of Jesse Roland and Ola Lee (WHITE): Tracy Lee-11 and Mary Allison-11, b. 25 April 1959 and 16 Sept. 1962.
 - Nellie Robert-10 Bearden**, b. 1 Dec. 1934, Perry County, m. 28 May 1950, Selma, to Lawrence Mitchell CARROLL, b. 30 July 1936, Dallas County, son of Thomas Orand and Pauline (LAWRENCE). Issue: Lawrence Mitchell-11 Jr., b. 4 Aug. 1956; Christopher-11, b. 3 Aug. 1959, Selma, AL; and Jamar-11 Carroll, b. 28 March 1964 (female).
 - Shirley Ann-10 Bearden**, b. 8 June 1940, Perry County, m. 8 June 1965, Tuscaloosa, Joseph J. DENNIS, b. 15 June 1929, Chilton County, son of Isaac A. and Carrie Bell (JACKS) Dennis, no issue.

- g. Clara Boots-10 Bearden, b. 29 Jan. 1942, Perry County, m. 11 June 1960, Plantersville to David Starling BASKIN, b. 27 Nov. 1940, Selma, AL, son of Christopher and Ruth (ALLEN). Issue:
1565. Lillie B.-9 Bearden, b. 1900, d. 29 July 1947, m. Carson POE.
1566. Joseph Noah-9 Bearden, b. 20 Jan. 1906; m. 2 July 1924, Lula WORRELL who was b. 10 Sept. 1905 in Perry County, AL, the daughter of Washington Pitts and May Ann (ASH) Worrell. Issue:
- a. Joseph Noah-10 Bearden Jr., b. 16 April 1927 in Perry County, m. 23 April 1946, Marion, AL to Thelma PRITCHETT who was b. 4 Jan. 1927 in Sweetwater, AL, the daughter of Vester Leo and Era (HURT). Issue: Joseph Noah-11 III, b. 5 June 1951, Jackson, MS; John Mark-11, b. 31 March 1954, Cincinnati, OH; and Cynthia Diann-11 Bearden, b. 8 Sept. 1958 Green Bay WI.
- b. Colbert Hardy-10 Bearden, b. 1 Sept. 1930 in Perry County, AL, m. 22 July 1951, Jackson, MS, Pauline ACKLE.
- c. James Hudson-10 Bearden, b. 25 Sept. 1933, Perry County, AL, m. 31 March 1961, Trenton NC to Pauline LARKINS.
- d. Jefferson Murray-10 Bearden, b. 7 Sept. 1936, Perry County, AL, m. 9 Aug. 1958, Los Angeles to June FERGUSON.

D. ONE CHILD OF NO. 475 ELVINA-7 BEARDEN AND THOMAS GRAVES/GROVES

1036. Daniel-8 Graves (Elvina-7 BEARDEN, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), first son of Elvina-7 "Vina" Bearden, b. 1849, Perry County, AL; m. Sophia A. SMITH, b. 26 April 1851 in AL, d. 5 Sept. 1904, buried in the Smith Cemetery, Oakmulgee Park area of Chilton County, the daughter of Bryant and Elizabeth (AUTRY), and sister of Sophonia SMITH who m. Person No. 472, Alfred A.-7 Bearden. Daniel-8 m. second Birmingham, AL, to Evie KELSO, who d. in the 1930's in Birmingham. His issue is by first marriage:

1567. Hardy Monroe-9 Graves, b. 30 Sept. 1873, Perry County, AL, d. 27 March 1957, Tarrant City, AL, buried Walker Chapel Cemetery; m. 1909, Jefferson County, Charlotte T. WILLIAMS who was b. there 16 Nov. 1887, daughter of Virgil Milton and Betty (SHARIT). Issue:
- a. Ira Pearce-10 Graves, b. 11 May 1910, Jefferson County, m. there 8 Sept. 1939, Virginia Rebecca SCHICK, b. 15 Sept. 1910, Birmingham, daughter of J. W. and Alta (KING), no issue.
- b. Hazel Fern-10 Graves, b. 11 Dec. 1912, m. 1940, Thomasville, GA to (?) CLARK and had issue, Kay-11 CLARK.
- c. Daniel Milton-10 Graves, b. 11 Sept. 1914, Jefferson County, AL, m. 1934, Tarrant City, AL, Olena RASCO b. 2 Aug. 1916, Sterrett, AL, daughter of Euleous T. and Era Delphia (RAY). Issue: Connie Jacqueline-11, b. Tarrant City, m. Birmingham, J. C. CHANCELLOR Jr. from Bay Minnett, AL; and Daniel Milton-11 Graves Jr., b. Tarrant City, m. Birminham, Rosemary BLEVENS.
1568. Agnes-9 Graves, b. 9 Nov. 1883, Perry County, m. 16 Dec. 1907, Jefferson County, W. R. ARMSTRONG, b. there 8 Jan. 1883, son of Thomas and Eula (WALTERS). Issue:
- a. Lois Irene-10, b. 6 July 1908, d. 22 April 1910, Jefferson County, AL.
- b. Lola Arlene-10, b. 3 Aug. 1910.
- c. Opal Lenora-10 Armstrong, b. 3 Oct. 1912, m. 20 July 1940, Fultondale, AL to G. E. BAILEY Jr.
1569. John Morgan-9 Graves, b. 27 March 1886, Lalla, AL, d. 5 Dec. 1961, Birmingham, buried Fultondale, Walker Chapel Cemetery, m. 2 Nov. 1910, Birmingham, to Velma CARLISLE, daughter of John Franklin and Mary Arletha (TUCKER) Carlisle. Issue:
- a. Lona Adeline-10 Graves, b. 2 Aug. 1911, Ketona, AL, m. 10 July 1926, Tarrant City, to Otto W. FAILE, b. 7 Dec. 1905 at Joy, Blount County, AL, the son of John T. and Mattie Faile. Issue: Rosemary-11, b. 8 Jan. 1928, Empire, AL, m. Nov. 1943, T. R. STUBBS, son of T. E. and Missouri (CREEL); Shirley Ruth-11, b. 17 June 1935, Joy, Alabama, m. 10 Oct. 1953, Edward HUGHES, son of L. G. and Annie (DOYLE); and David Ray-11 FAILE, b. 1 Feb. 1945, Morris, AL.
- b. Lottie Bee-10 Graves, b. 21 Nov. 1915, Ketona, AL, d. 27 Nov. 1915, Black Creek, AL.
- c. Oran Evelyn-10 Graves, b. 23 Jan. 1917, Louisburg, AL, d. 21 June 1918.

- d. Mary Orlena-10 Graves, b. 8 Nov. 1919, Black Creek, AL, d. 6 March 1942, Birmingham, m. 16 March 1940, in Birmingham to Ernest COX.
- e. Velma Ruth-10 Graves, b. 23 Nov. 1922, Pawnee, AL, m. 28 June 1941, Oneonta, AL to Porter Dalton RAGSDALE.
- f. John Morgan-10 Graves Jr., b. 4 Oct. 1926, m. 22 Dec. 1945, Pinson, Alabama to Vivian Inez QUICK, daughter of Leslie Swain and Lillian Irene (POSEY) Quick.
- g. Coy Joe-10 Graves, b. 27 July 1935, Pawnee, AL, m. 18 Sept. 19 --, Clay County, Mary Alice ELLIOTT, daughter of Clarence M. and Mary (SIMMONS).
1570. Beatrice-9 Graves, b. 1888, Perry County, m. William KELSO in Birmingham. Issue: Ellen-10, b. 1910, m. (?) WHITTLE; Olen-10, b. 1912; Frances-10, b. 1914; Carol-10, b. 1917; Christine-10, b. 1920; William-10, b. 1925; Richard-10, b. 1928; and Daniel-10 Kelso, b. 1932.
1571. Hugh-9 Graves, m. Mae ARMSTRONG.
1572. Nellie-9 Graves, b. 19 Nov. 1892, Perry County, m. 26 May 1910, Birmingham, Robert ARCHER, b. 26 May 1884, Cullman County, AL, son of J. M. and Elizabeth (GORMAN), issue b. Jefferson County:
 a. Dalton-10 Archer, b. 11 June 1911, Birmingham, m. Macie GRANTLAND, b. 1 Feb. 1915 in Morgan County, AL, daughter of Roy and Margaret (KYLE), issue b. Jefferson County: Arlene-11, b. 11 May 1943; and Janice-11, b. 4 Jan. 1946.
 b. Eloise-10 Archer, b. 22 Dec. 1914.

E. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 480 SUSAN-7 BEARDEN AND JOHN N. LOVELADY

1041. James Richard-8 LOVELADY (Susan-7 BEARDEN, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John -1?), b. 8 May 1872, Perry County, AL and d. on 2 Aug. 1931; m. 2 Feb. 1893, Perry County, to Willie E. ONEAL, b. 27 June 1876, in Dallas County and d. there 22 May 1935, the daughter of Levy and Emily (PRICE) Oneal. Both are buried in the Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Chilton County. James R.-8 had issue:

1573. Carvin J.-9 Lovelady, b. 17 Nov. 1893, d. 4 Jan. 1915.
1574. Harvin J.-9 Lovelady, b. 7 March 1896, d. 28 Jan. 1901.
1575. John K.-9 Lovelady, b. 20 March 1898, Chilton County, m. there 1 Oct. 1927 to Inez SAMPLES, b. there 26 Jan. 1903, daughter of J. A. and Lilia (TERRY) Samples. Issue:
 a. Aubrey Dayton-10 Lovelady (TWIN), b. 21 May 1929, Chilton County, m. Dorothy Jean-10 BEARDEN, b. 30 Oct. 1931 in Perry County, the daughter of Hardy Monroe-9 and Edna (PERRY) Bearden: Charles Randall-11 b. 26 Nov. 1952, Selma, AL; and Aubrey Terrell-11 Lovelady, b. 9 June 1958.
 b. Ruth Ann-10 Lovelady (TWIN), b. 21 May 1929, Chilton County, m. William D. WALKER, b. 10 March 1929. Issue: William Glenn-11, b. 29 April 1959, Selma, AL; Allison Lynn-11, b. 11 March 1962 and d. 13 March 1962, Selma, AL; and Jeffrey Mark-11 Walker, b. 30 Dec. 1965, Selma, AL.
 c. Terry Wayne-10 Lovelady, b. 26 Jan. 1939, Chilton County, m. Edith Dean HUBBARD, b. 2 March 1943 and had issue, b. Selma, AL: Timothy Wayne-11, b. 1 Aug. 1959, d. 2 Aug. 1959; Lisa Gail-11, b. 19 May 1960; Kenneth Wayne-11, b. 27 Aug. 1961; Patricia Dean-11, b. 2 March 1963; and Brett Alan-11 Lovelady, b. 11 May 1966.
1576. Jerome S.-9 Lovelady, b. 7 Aug. 1899 and d. 3 Aug. 1910.
1577. Lottie-9 Lovelady, b. 20 May 1902 and m. 21 Nov. 1919 in Chilton County to King NICHOLS, b. 17 July 1900, Chilton County, son of John and Jeannie (LOVELADY) Nichols. Issue: Willie Belle-10 Nichols, b. 23 Dec. 1920, Chilton County, m. 1952, Meridian, MS to Marion MITCHELL, son of Samuel Mitchell. Issue: Susan-11 b. 11 April 1953, Perry County, Larry-11, b. 12 March 1955, Perry County, M. Franklin-11, b. 30 Jan. 1959.
1578. Dewey W.-9 Lovelady, b. 22 Dec. 1903, d. 19 March 1904.
1579. Bluthie-9 Lovelady, b. 21 Aug. 1905, Chilton County, m. there 24 Oct. 1920, Wordna Bryant CROWE. Issue:

- a. W. B.-10 Jr., b. 21 Nov. 1921, Chilton County, m. Clanton, AL Julia THORNTON and had issue, b. Clanton: David Ralph-11, b. 30 Dec. 1951.
- b. Louie Kenneth-10 Crowe, m. Bobby Nell CULPEPPER in Clanton. Issue: Louie Kenneth-11 Jr., b. 8 Nov. 1952.
1580. Ollie-9 Lovelady, b. 27 Aug. 1907.
1581. James E.-9 Lovelady, b. 1 March 1909, Chilton County, m. 12 July 1934, Carol KING, b. 1 Jan. 1919, Perry County, daughter of Charles and Louella (CROWE) King:
- a. Charlotte W.-10, b. 16 March 1951.
- b. Sharon L.-10 Lovelady, b. 26 Oct. 1953.

1044. Sallie E.-8 LOVELADY (Susan-7 BEARDEN, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 4 Feb. 1880, d. 29 March 1950, Stanton, AL; m. 17 Nov. 1900, John Wesley CARTER, b. 9 Oct. 1875, Perry County, son of Thomas Wesley and Nancy (CROCKER) Carter. Both Sallie-8 and John Wesley are deceased before 1970, buried in the Stanton Cemetery. Issue:

1582. John Sears-9 "Buck" Carter, b. 1 March 1902.
1583. Ora Violet-9 Carter, b. 20 Feb. 1904-1905, m. 14 Dec. 1919, Stanton, to minister of the Gospel, Joseph A. DAVIS, b. 3 Feb. 1896, Lafayette, AL, son of William A. and Lula Frances (JONES). Issue:
- a. Edmund Princeton-10, b. 16 Oct. 1920, d. 28 Feb. 1965, buried in the Stanton Cemetery; m. Marvis SEWELL, b. 9 Sep. 1922, daughter of Minnie-9 BEARDEN and her husband, "Tom" SEWELL, the granddaughter of George Washington-8 and Mary-8 (MURPHY) Bearden and a descendant of both Person No. 46, Arthur-5, and his compiled brother, Person No. 43, Richard-5. Edmund P.-10 was a veteran of World War II. While working in the woods cutting paper wood, he cut his hand and drove himself from Stanton to Selma where he died of the wound the same day. Issue:
- (1) Shirley-11 Davis, b. 25 June 1940, Maplesville, m. 10 Feb. 1959, Arthur Lee WILLIAMS, a veteran of the Vietnam War, and had issue, Hand Edmund-12 b. 4 June 1960; and Wanda Kaye-12 Williams, b. 26 June 1961.
 - (2) Edmund Princeton-11 Jr., b. 22 Oct. 1942, veteran of United States Navy, m. Norma Jean McMINN of Maplesville, AL and had issue, three, m. second Janice WILLIS, had Kenneth Edmund-12, b. 14 Jan. 1961; Jimmy Glenn-12, b. 14 March 1962; Edmund Princeton-12 III, b. 2 Feb. 1964 and Scott-12 Davis, b. 9 April 1967.
 - (3) Mary Ann-11 Davis, b. 24 March 1945, Chilton County, AL, m. Dewey Lavern PAYNE and had: David Lavern-12, b. 7 July 1961, Chilton County, and Karen Ann-12 Payne, b. 9 July 1965.
 - (4) Hugh Ronnie-11 Davis, b. 16 Dec. 1946, Chilton County, m. 14 March 1965, Linda Sue PRI, had issue: Susan Lynn-12, b. 16 Sept. 1965, Selma, AL.; and Ronnie Edward-12 Davis, b. 9 Jan. 1966.
 - (5) Sandra Gail-11 Davis, b. 16 Oct. 1948, m. Earl O'Neal SMITH and had Emily Gail-12, b. 26 Sept. 1966.
 - (6) Alma Jean-11 Davis, b. 28 June 1951, unmarried 1969.
- b. Herman Alonzo-10 Davis, b. 13 Jan. 1923.
- c. Clifford Morris-10 Davis, b. 20 Sept. 1925, d. 1 Oct. 1944 in World War II, on Poleay Island in Manila, his body brought home and he was buried in the Stanton Cemetery.
1584. Martha Jenera-9 Carter b. 11 Sept. 1907, d. 28 March 1926.
1585. Lillie Delura-9 Carter, b. 23 July 1910, Plantersville, AL and m. there in Aug. 1926 to Willie Claud Friday, b. 26 Feb. 1905, Plantersville. Issue:
- a. Ralph Lavert-10 Friday, b. 15 April 1927, Maplesville, m. 25 April 19 --, Clanton, to Sarah Nellie COX, b. 14 Feb. 1929, Jones, AL. Issue: Thomas Collie-11, b. 25 May 1953; and William Claude-11, b. 26 Aug. 1961, Selma, AL.
- b. James Rudolph-10 Friday, b. 1 July 1928, Stanton, m. in Selma to Joan FOOTE, b. 13 Oct. 1934, at Kitchener, Ontario. Issue: James Rudolph-11 Jr., b. 3 Sept. 1955; and Dennis Randall-11 Friday, b. 16 Sept. 1959.
- c. Fred Alphas-10 Friday, b. 17 Nov. 1929, Plantersville, m. 1 Jan. 19-- to Annie Maud POWELL, b. there 11 Sept. 1930. Issue: Frances-11 Friday, b. 7 June 1956.

- d. Dorothy Nellie-10 Friday, b. 22 Oct. 1931, Maplesville, m. 22 Oct. 1950, Selma, to Nolin Borden CHAMBERS, b. 10 Oct. 1927 at Arab, AL, the son of Barney Albert and Nona (WEAVER) Chambers. Issue: Evelyn Marie-11, b. 17 Dec. 1951, Selma; and Sheila-11 Chambers, b. 10 Dec. 1952.
- e. Leo Sidney-10 Friday, b. 7 Aug. 1933, Maplesville, m. Alice Marie WALKER, m. second Catherine ROLLINS. Issue: Betty Carol-11, b. 23 July 1957; Lisa Marie-11, b. 28 Sep. 1961; and Catherine Elizabeth-11 Friday, b. 24 March 1965.
- f. Margaret Erline-10 Friday, b. 18 Oct. 1934, Maplesville, m. 21 Oct. 1955, Selma, to James W. FRITH who d. 27 June 1962, m. second 17 July 1965, James Howard WIGGINS, had: Kim Delura-11, b. 29 Sept. 1956; Rhonda Kay-11, b. 29 April 1958; and Kathy Marie-11 Frith, b. 16 March 1960.
- g. Claude Wesley-10 Friday, b. 19 Nov. 1938, Selma, AL, m. 4 Aug. 1961 to Ruthie Faye CHAVERS, b. 17 Aug. 1942, had: Craig Steven-11, b. 13 Dec. 1957, Selma; Cam Suzanne-11, b. 12 April 1963, Decatur, and Connie Fawn-11 Friday, b. 19 May 1967, Prattville.
- h. Ruth Ann-10 Friday, b. 7 Aug. 1941, Selma, AL, m. there 30 Sept. 1960 to Claude Albert FISHER, b. 16 Dec. 1938.
- i. John Wayne-10 Friday, b. 25 Nov. 1948, Selma, AL and m. there to Judy Marie MIDDLEBROOKS.
1586. Therese Mae-9 Carter, b. 5 Nov. 1914, Stanton; m. 1937, Clanton, Alabama, Robert E. GAY, b. 1908, Plantersville, and d. 1965 at Stanton, buried there, son of James W. and (?) (BARNES). Issue: Bobby Theresa-10, b. 28 Oct. 1943, Maplesville, m. there 21 May 1960 to Tommy GREGG, son of Clyde.
1587. Edward Pettus-9 Carter, b. 17 Nov. 1917, Stanton, AL.
- *1588. Lloyd Melvin-9 Carter, m. 5 March 1938 to Person No. 1994, Mary Jane-10 "Lottie" HARRISON.
1589. Bettie Jo-9 Carter, b. 8 May 1920, Stanton, AL and m. 21 May 1938, Plantersville, to Walter Keith GADDY, b. 26 Sept. 19 --, Peach Tree, AL, son of William Kossie and Bennie (LEE) Gaddy. Issue:
- a. Jerry Lee-10 Gaddy, b. 2 Dec. 1938, Maplesville, m. Donald E. SHOPE and m. second 23 Oct. 1966 in Germany to James P. WATSON, b. 30 July 1933 in Montgomery, AL. Issue: Karen Lee-11, b. 21 Aug. 1959, Selma.
- b. Charles K.-10 Gaddy, b. 19 July 1941, Selma, AL.
- c. Walter Francis-10 Gaddy, b. 8 Sept. 19 --, m. 10 Oct. 1964, Selma, AL to Richard Garrett BARRETT, son of B. O. and Augusta (NOXON) Barrett. Walter Francis-10 had issue, Betty Ann-11 Barrett, b. 10 Oct. 1965, Selma.

F. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 481 MATILDA-7 BEARDEN AND JAMES D. LOVELADY

1048. Mary Paralee-8, known as "Molly" LOVELADY (Matilda-7 BEARDEN, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 9 May 1880-1881 in Chilton County, AL and d. 29 Aug. 1945; m. about 1899 in Alabama, to Charles Melvin-8 BEARDEN (Person No. 1516), b. 13 May 1878, Jemison, AL and d. 6-7 Feb. 1946 in Selma, AL. Charles Melvin-8, known as "Charlie", d. in the Baptist Hospital in Selma of a brain hemorrhage and was buried in the Bethsalem Church Cemetery in Chilton County in the family plot with his wife, two daughters, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. His wife, "Molly"-8 died of phlebitis while the family was living at Pool's Crossroads, Chilton County.

Charlie-8 farmed and worked as a blacksmith for a mining company at Aldridge before 1916 when the family moved to Cox's Station near Randolph where he worked in an army camp in Montgomery during World War I. In the fall of 1920, he moved his family to Siluria where he worked in a textile mill until 1921 when the family moved to Birmingham where he and William Scott started the B. and S. Contracting and Constuction Company. One home they built in greater Birmingham is the prestigious home of the prominent Dr. Woodall. In 1930, he sold out in Birmingham and purchased a farm in Autauga County where he lived only six months after the death of his beloved wife ("A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CHARLES MELVIN BEARDEN FAMILY").

Mary P.-8 Lovelady, had issue, Bearden:

1590. Bertha-9 Bearden, b. 19 July 1900, d. 18 June 1962; m. William WHATLEY. Issue: Dewey-10; Wesley-10; Obazine-10; Alma-10; (?) -10; and Lou Ann-10 Whatley.
1591. Alfonso Leon-9 Bearden, b. 25 Sept. 1901, Plantersville, AL; m. 4 Feb. 1921, Helena, AL to Cliffie Pauline LANGSTON, b. 9 Sept. 1905 at Jemison, AL, daughter of James Allen and his wife Martha Virginia (known as "Mattie") GREEN. Alfonso-9 had issue:
- James Alvin-10 Bearden, b. 21 Oct. 1921, d. 14 Nov. 1921.
 - Leona Louise-10, b. 13 Nov. 1924, Birmingham, d. 24 May 1962, Anchorage, Alaska, m. 26 June 1942, Autauga County, AL, James W. DONAHOO, son of P. L. and Lossie (BRASHER), had: James Wesley-11, b. 3 Aug. 1943, m. 23 July 1965 to Martha Ann ADKINS of Clanton, AL, daughter of Woodrow and Mildred (WILSON); issue: Angela Michelle-12, b. 26 Sept. 1966, Montgomery, AL.
 - Martha Lou-10 Bearden, b. 8 Jan. 1937, Chilton County, m. 6 June 1959, Birmingham, William Hugh GODWIN, son of William Roscoe and Evelyn Godwin.
 - Patricia Lynn-10 Bearden, b. 12 June 1942, Chilton County, m. 28 March 1964, Jerry Jenkins CASTLEBERRY, son of Thomas W. and Jennie (LITTLE), had Sabra Lou-11, b. 21 Nov. 1967.
1592. Zillie-9 Bearden, b. 1903, d. Sept. or Oct. 1951, Autauga County, AL, buried beside parents in Bethsalem Cemetery, m. Emil NELSON and had issue, m. second John Connie DOWNING and had six issue, Helen-10; John Connie-10; Jack-10; Stella-10; Jerry-10 (TWIN); Jewel-10 (TWIN); and Michael-10 Downing.
1593. Reggie-9 Bearden, b. 1905, d. 18 April 1964, buried in the Bethsalem Cemetery beside sister and parents, m. in Coosa County, J. D. KENT. Issue: J. C.-10 and Louise-10 Kent.
1594. Fulton James-9 Bearden, b. 26 Jan. 1907, Jemison, AL; m. 9 July 1926, Chilton County to Person No. 1600, Eula Mae-10 LOVELADY, b. 10 Dec. 1906, Ridersville, AL. Eula Mae-10 of Selma, AL furnished much of the information herein to Mrs. McGilliard. Issue:
- James Alfred-10 Bearden, b. 24 Aug. 1928, Billingsley, AL, m. 1951, Clay County, AL to Martha KENNINGTON. Issue: James Alfred-11 Jr., b. 11 Dec. 1952 and Janelle-11 Bearden, b. 28 June 1955.
 - William Jewel-10 Bearden, b. 20 Oct. 1935, m. 23 July 1955, Meridian, MS, Vina YORK, daughter of Shelby and Marie (McCLELLAN), issue b. Selma, AL: Wanda Jewel-11, b. 1 Feb. 1957; William Jewel-11, b. 26 Jan. 1959; Sonja-11, b. 25 Sept. 1961; and Tracy Morgan-11 Bearden, b. 21 April 1966.
1595. Melvin Charles-9 Bearden Jr., b. about 1909, m. Dolly Bell MANNING and had issue:
- James M.-10 Bearden, b. 18 Oct. 1931, Autauga County, m. 1952 in Japan to Saciko AOYAGI, b. 5 Jan. 1932. Issue: James M.-11 Jr., b. 9 March 1953, Yokahama, Japan; Glen Charles-11, b. 17 Sept. 1954, Ft. Riley, KS; and Linda Ann-11 Bearden, b. 29 March 1956, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.
 - Mollie Janet-10 Bearden, unmarried in 1970.
 - Marcellar Christine-10 Bearden, b. 22 Dec. 1935, Autauga County, AL, m. 12 Feb. 1958 to Benjamin FERGERSON, b. 3 Feb. 1936 in Tennessee, the son of George FERGUSON. Issue: Felicia Faye-11, b. 22 Nov. 1958, Brooksville, FL; Dianna Lee-11 Ferguson, b. 5 July 1960, Clinton, IN.
1596. Milford Eugene-9 Bearden, m. Willie Belle TURNER and had three issue, m. second Bernice COOPER, had issue: Eugene-10, Tiny-10, Leon-10, Linda-10, Margaret-10, Patricia-10 Bearden.
1597. Nera-9 Bearden, m. Phillip DONAHOO, son of P. L. and Lossie (BRASHER). Issue: Bradford-10, m. Lorene (?); James-10, b. 1935, d. 8 June 1956, m. Mildred RILEY, had David-11 Donahoo.
1598. Calvin Culbert-9 Bearden, Prattville, AL, b. 12 April 1915, m. Maylene BLACKERBY, daughter of John Walter and Lula Florence (BOLTON) Blackerby, latter the sister of Lois D. Blackerby who m. No. 1617, John M.-9 BEARDEN. Lula F. (BOLTON) Blackerby's obituary was in the "Birmingham News", 7 March 19--. Calvin Culbert-9 had issue: Eugene-10; Loretta-10; and Raymond-10 Bearden.
1599. Missouri-9 Bearden, tenth and youngest issue of Charles M.-8 and "Molly"-8 (LOVELADY) Bearden, b. 1920 and d. in infancy.

1053. William Morgan-8 Lovelady (Matilda-7 BEARDEN, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), sixth and youngest issue of Matilda-7 Bearden and her husband, James David Lovelady, b. 10 Sept. 1885, Chilton County, AL and d. in April 1968, Selma, AL, m. his cousin, Sarah Beulah-9 NICHOLS, b. 20 Sept. 1888, Perry County, AL, the daughter of John Wesley-8 and Martha

Jane (LOVELADY) Nichols, both buried in the Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Stanton, AL; issue b. Chilton County, AL:

- 1600. Eula Mae-9 Lovelady, b. 10 Dec. 1906, m. 9 July 1926, to Person No. 1594, Fulton James-9 BEARDEN and her issue can be found under his number and name.
- 1601. Marvin Lester-9 Lovelady, b. 27 May 1908, Chilton County, m. 27 Aug. 1927, Ida Mae WILLIAMS, daughter of Jep and Mattie (GREER).
- 1602. Bernice-9 Lovelady, b. 31 July 1910 and d. 31 May 1911.
- 1603. Ruby Beatrice-9 Lovelady, b. 14 June 1912, Plantersville, m. 21 June 1929, Chilton County, William OWENS, b. 9 Sept. 1901; issue, William Clyde-10, b. and d. 14 May 1930, Dallas County, AL; and Sarah Dell-10 Owens, b. 12 Aug. 1932.
- 1604. Stanford Wesley-9 Lovelady, b. 20 Jan. 1915, m. 12 Sept. 1934, Marion, AL to Sally Jo POE.
- 1605. Janie Lorene-9 Lovelady, b. 6 Jan. 1919, m. 12 Aug. 1936, Clanton, AL to Leman Arlie SMITH, b. 26 Nov. 1914, Bibb County, AL, son of Henry W. and Mattie (DUNKIN) Smith. Issue: Wilda Faye-10, b. 27 Feb. 1947, Selma, AL, m. there to Charlie M. BRITTON Jr., son of Charlie and Margie Britton, no issue; and Cecil-10 Smith, b. 11 Sept. 1951, Selma, AL.
- 1606. Emily Elaine-9 Lovelady, b. 26 Feb. 1921, Chilton County, m. 24 Dec. 1939 in Bibb County, to O. C. OWENS, b. 19 Aug. 19 – in Bibb County, no issue.
- 1607. Willodean-9 Lovelady, b. 13 Sept. 1930, Chilton County, m. 3 Sept. 1947, William NEWSOME. Issue: Ronald Clay-10, b. 15 Dec. 1949 and Janet-10, b. 14 Jan. 1960, Louisville, KY.

G. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 482 WILLIAM B.-7 AND DOROTHY A. (LOVELADY) BEARDEN

1059. Abner Alexander-8 Bearden (William Bradford-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 4 June 1878, Perry County, AL, d. 24 Nov. 1946, Modesto, CA, m. Ida Mae PARSONS, b. 26 Nov. 1878, d. Feb. 1958. Issue:

- 1608. Virgie Mae-9 Bearden, b. 20 Feb. 1901, d. 1 Aug. 1903.
- 1609. Charles Victor-9 Bearden, b. 24 July 1903, Polk County, AR area, d. 2 Oct. 1957; m. 30 Jan. 1926 in Twin Falls, ID to Athea Rachel WHITT who m. second, last name BODDY of Modesto, CA. Charles Victor-9 had issue:
 - a. Cecilia Mae-10 Bearden, m. Larry KREPELA and had Gleanna Jean-11, b. 1949, CA; and Vici Helene-11 Krepela b. 1952.
 - b. Glen Howard-10 Bearden, b. 21 Sept. 1928, m. Anita Ellen MORGAN. Issue: Kevin-11, b. 1952, d. 1957 with leukemia; Jackie Lynn-11, b. 6 Aug. 1955; Kelly Glen-11, b. 15 May 1957; and Julia Ann-11 Bearden, b. Sept. 1958.
 - c. Betty Jean-10 Bearden, b. 23 Dec. 1930, m. Roger E. FULLER, issue b. Modesto, CA: Dianne Rachelle-11, b. 27 Aug. 1955; and David Eugene-11 Fuller, b. 7 Aug. 1956. Betty-10 has researched and written "WHAT'S MY LINE", relating to the LINDSEY/LOVELADY/BEARDEN family, copy in possession of writer).
- 1610. Effie Viola-9 Bearden, b. 18 Jan. 1905, m. Charles STOKES, probably brother of Ethel Stokes who m. Effie-9's uncle, Person No. 1063, Walter Jackson-8 BEARDEN. Issue: R. Abner-10, b. 1921; Ruby Lee-10, b. 1926, m. J.T. MELDER and had Cherry Lee-11; Rustin-11; Duane-11 and Susan-11 Melder.
- 1611. Marchie Ethel-9 Bearden, b. 8 March 1907, m. 14 June 1941 to Raymond ROSS. Issue: George-10, b. 1931; Margery-10, b. 1934; and Darlene June-10 Ross, b. 1939.
- 1612. Joseph Cullen-9 Bearden, b. 12 Nov. 1912, m. 20 Oct. 1939, Dorothy Ann FOSTER. Issue: Eddie-10, b. 1940; Robbie-10, b. 1942; and Jerry Bill-10 Bearden.
- 1613. William Brown-9 Bearden, b. 22 Nov. 1915, m. Betty Lou FOSTER.

1063. Walter Jackson-8 Bearden (William Bradford-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), tenth issue of William Bradford-7 and his wife, Dorothy Angeline (LOVELADY), b. Aug. 1886-1887, Perry County area of Alabama; d. April 1916 close to Umpire in Howard County, Arkansas; m. 2 Jan. 1913, area of Polk/Howard County, AR to Ethel Mae STOKES, b. in Alabama, parents b. Kentucky and Illinois. Ethel Mae (STOKES) BEARDEN-HUNTER d. on 27 Oct. 1973 in Modesto, CA. She m. second, as his second wife, to Arthur Edward HUNTER, son of William Edward and Elizabeth (WRIGHT) of Umpire, AR (see writer's HUNTER FAMILY). Jackson-8 met his untimely death at the young age of twenty-nine after fathering only two issue:

1614. Dorothy Agnes-9 Bearden, b. 22 April 1914, Umpire in Howard County, AR, d. 28 Aug. 1963, AR, m. Dale Richard COFFMAN.
1615. Walter Jackson-9 Bearden Jr. of Umpire Route, Dierks, AR, b. 9 April 1916, Howard County, AR, m. 14 Jan. 1940, Umpire, AR to Nora Bell STRASSNER who has generously furnished the information for the William Bradford-7 Bearden descent:
- a. Infant-10, b. and d. 14 Jan. 1941, Howard County, AR.
 - b. James Douglas-10 Bearden, b. 11 April 1942, Umpire, AR, m. Chyleen Kay BREECHEISM b. 2 Oct. 1945. Issue: James Glen-11, b. 16 May 1964, Howard County, AR; and Jason Todd-11 Bearden, b. 28 Oct. 1966, Sevier County, AR.
 - c. Jackie Wade-10 Bearden, b. 12 June 1945, Wentachee, WA; m. Marilyn Joan WAKELEY and m. second Sheila BAKER, b. 7 Sept. 1953. Issue: Wesley Chad-11, b. 19 Aug. 1974, Sevier County, AR; Stacy Todd-11, b. 28 July 1976, AR; and male child-11, b. Jan. 1980, DeQueen, AR.
 - d. Jarvis Gary-10 Bearden, b. 24 Dec. 1950 near Umpire in Howard County, AR; m. Marilyn Jannette KIRBY, b. 12 June 1952. Issue: Tammy Genille-11, b. 21 Oct. 1969, Howard County area of AR; and Marty Tracy-11 Bearden, b. 20 Feb. 1974, Nashville, AR.
 - e. James Glenn-10 Bearden, b. 16 May 1964, unmarried 1980.

II. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 137 LOVIN-6 AND NANCY (GREEN?) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 492 VALENTINE GREEN-7 AND HETTY (MORRIS) BEARDEN

1065. John McClanihan-8 Bearden (Valentine Green-7, Lovin-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known as and called "Mack", was b. in Feb. 1853, Harpersville, Shelby County, AL, d. there in 1920; m. Rebecca Jane SIMS, b. June 1860, AL, d. 1942 in Harpersville, the daughter of Murry and Emmaline (BERRY). "Mack" is listed on the 1900 census of Shelby County (Pg. 34, Dwelling No. 35); listed in household is probable sister-in-law, Aldonia Sims, age 22, and his own wife, Rebecca, age 39. "Mack" has the following issue in 1900, b. Shelby Springs, Shelby County, AL:

1616. Hettie-9 Bearden, b. Oct. 1889, Shelby County, AL.
- *1617. John Marion-9 "Johnnie" Bearden, b. 12 Jan. 1891, d. 11 July 1970, m. 2 Sept. 1918 to Lois Demovel BLACKERBY.
1618. Charlie Valentine-9 Bearden, b. 26 July 1896, and had known issue:
- a. Bennett-10 Bearden.
 - b. Bessie-10 Bearden, m. (?) DYER, lives Clanton, AL.
 - c. Odessa-10 Bearden, b. 1921 in Alabama, m. (?) LOWERY, lived in 1984 Birmingham, AL.

**TWO DESCENDANTS OF NO. 47, BENJAMIN-5 THE YOUNGER
AND ELIZABETH (WINN?) BEARDEN**

TWO GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 153 ENOCH-6 AND SARAH (HOLT) BEARDEN

TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 505 BENJAMIN RUSH-7 AND LOUISA S. (WAGLEY) BEARDEN

1071. **Arthur Cumbly-8 Bearden** (Benjamin Rush-7, Enoch-6, Benjamin-5 the Younger, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 11 Dec. 1868 near Annona in Red River County, TX, d. 27 July 1944, Valley Mills, in Bosque County, TX, buried in the Valley Mills Cemetery beside his wife, Henrietta E. MOORE, who he m. 27 Oct. 1892 in Annona. Henrietta was born 15 July 1871-1873 in TX or TN, d. 7 Aug. 1921, Valley Mills, Bosque County, TX. She and Martha E. Moore were sisters, the latter who married the brother of Arthur C.-8 Bearden (No. 1070, Rodney-8). Arthur C.-8 had issue:

1619. Ina Pearl-9 Bearden, b. 27 July 1893, Red River County, TX; m. 1910, Valley Mills, Bosque County, TX to James McMILLAN.
1620. Mattie Mildred-9 Bearden, b. 13 May 1895, Annona in Red River County, Texas, deceased in 1994 at the age of 98-1/2 years, m. 6 Sept. 1914, Bosque County, John Virgil McMILLAN, b. 31 July 1892, Houston County, TX, d. 4 April 1980, buried Valley Mills Cemetery, son of Neil Campbell and Della Mae (LONG). Mattie-9 had issue, b. and m. Valley Mills, Bosque County, TX:
- a. Arthur Virgil-10 McMillan, b. 20 June 1915; m. 17 Oct. 1937 to Ava Nell MALLORY.
 - b. Edna Wayne-10 McMillan of Killeen, TX, b. 13 Dec. 1917, m. 13 Oct. 1940, Cransfelo Gap, TX to Louis Robert GILMORE, who was b. 20 Sept. 1912, Capper's Cove, TX, d. 16 May 1977, Temple, Bell County, TX, buried Killeen City Cemetery, issue, Gary Robert-11, b. 21 May 1942; and Louis Wayne-11, b. 8 Aug. 1944.
 - c. Cecil Nolan-10 McMillan, b. 1 Jan. 1920, m. 27 Jan. 1940 to Christene SADLER.
 - d. Mildred Florence-10 McMillan, b. 14 July 1922, m. 1 Jan. 1944 to Robert Ivan SADLER.
 - e. Johnnie Joyce-10 McMillan, b. 18 June 1925, m. 18 Dec. 1942 to J. D. HIGGENBOTHAM
 - f. William Edwin-10 McMillan, b. 6 April 1927, m. July 1950 in Clifton, TX to Geraldine LIGHT.
 - g. Nelson Clark-10 McMillan, b. 13 July 1929, m. 16 Oct. 1953 to Betty SMITH.
1621. Benjamin Rush-9 Bearden Jr., b. 6 Feb. 1897, and d. in 1899.
1622. Raymond Bryan-9 Bearden, b. 29 March 1900, Red River County, TX, d. 5 Jan. 1979 in Austin, Travis County, TX; m. 23 Dec. 1923, Valley Mills, Bosque County, TX to Hazel SPARKS.
1623. Audie Russell-9 Bearden, b. 11 Nov. 1903, Red River County, TX; m. Bertha DOWNEY.
1624. Florence Estelle-9 Bearden (TWIN), b. 3 March 1907, Valley Mills, Bosque County, TX; m. Pernie DOWNEY.
1625. Frank Daniel-9 Bearden (TWIN), b. 3 Dec. 1907, Bosque County, TX, d. there 1970; m. 1929, Valley Mills to Gladys LUMPKIN.
1626. Katie Ferrel-9 Bearden, b. 5 May 1910, m. Fred HUTCHINSON.

1072. **Adolphus Ward-8 Bearden** (Benjamin Rush-7, Enoch-6, Benjamin-5 the Younger, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known as "Artemis Ward" or "Art", b. 6 May 1872 near Annona, Red River County, TX, d. 5 Oct. 1965 in Paducah, Cottle County, TX; m. 26 Dec. 1893, Red River County to Sallie Fleming TITUS, who was b. there on 3 June 1876 and d. 4 Oct. 1915 in Paducah, Cottle County, TX, the daughter of James Ferrin Tobe and Margaret (Hogland) Titus, granddaughter of Andrew J. and Jane P. (BROWN) Titus.

The Titus family has been prominent in the affairs of East Texas and Titus County is named for Sallie's grandfather. "Art" is written up in "COTTLE County, MY DEAR" and "OUR ROOTS GROW DEEP", by Carmen Bennett of Cottle County. In 1907, he moved from Red River County to Cottle County where he raised his

children alone after his wife died in 1915. His granddaughter has his original marriage license and Certificate of Death, the latter providing the name of his parents and their places of birth. His issue from source below:

1627. Bessie Jane-9 Bearden, b. 3 Sept. 1903 near Avery, Red River County, TX, living 1987, age 84; m. 6 Sept. 1920, Cottle County to Joseph Hamilton MOBLEY, b. 8 June 1902 in TX and d. 31 Jan. 1974 at Lamesa, TX. Bessie-9 had known issue:
Wynema Estelle-10 Mobley, b. 5 Sept. 1923, Paducah, TX, m. 23 Feb. 1939, Henry Thomas TAYLOR, b. 20 June 1916, Bell County, TX, the son of Henry Thomas and Emma Louise (McGUIRE) Taylor, grandson of William M. and Mary E. (BRISBY) Taylor, John Franklin and Sarah Melvina (STEWART) McGuire; descent of the ARCHERS and GRISSOM/GRESHAMS from SC and TN to TX; great-great grandson of W. H. and Mary A. (ANDERSON) Brown, Bartlett and Rhoda (GRAY) Anderson, James B. and Mary (CYPERT) Anderson, etc. Wynema-10 had issue:
Wanda LaNell-11 Taylor of Uvalde, TX, b. 15 May 1940, Denver City, TX, m. 1 Feb. 1958 to Jerold Doyle BROWN, who was b. 21 April 1938 in Uvalde, TX, the son of Andrew Benjamin and Georgie Ruth (CONNELL) Brown, the grandson of William Riley and Bertha (CRANSON) Brown; George C. and Laura Maud (DENNISON) Connell, great grandson of Andrew B. and Mary Catherine (VIVIAN) Brown, Joseph Murphy and Mary Burleson (LLOYD) Connell, John and Adeline Mirandy (HILL) DENNISON, William M. and Mary E. (BRISBY) Taylor.
Wanda had issue: Doyleen-12 Brown of Uvalde, TX, m. 4 Oct. 1975 to Roy Leon ROUTH, who was b. 9 Aug. 1955 in Uvalde, TX.
1628. Margaret-9 "Maggie" Bearden, issue of Artemis Ward-8, m (?) BROOKS. This Bearden cousin remembered her grandfather, Benjamin Rush-7 and her great grandfather Enoch-6 Bearden.

FINIS DESCENT OF PERSON NO. 47, BENJAMIN THE YOUNGER BEARDEN

NINTH GENERATION BEARDEN

ELEVEN DESCENDANTS OF NO. 36 BENJAMIN-5 AND MOLLY (HARRIS) BEARDEN

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 53 JOHN-6 AND NANCY (HARRIS/ADAMS) BEARDEN

ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 185 LAMBERT SMITH-7 AND MARY S. (GRIFFIN) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 551 THOMAS WARD-8 AND ELVIRA A. (BLANKENSHIP) BEARDEN

1116. William Lambert-9 Bearden (Thomas Ward-8, Lambert Smith-7, John-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 7 Dec. 1844, Sumner County, TN, d. 25 Sept. 1882 in Quachita County, AR; m. 1869 in Quachita County to Mary Susan GRIFFIN, who was b. on 20 Jan. 1845 in NC and d. on 20 April 1915 in Nevada County near Broughton, AR, buried in the Piney Grove Church Cemetery between Prescott and Broughton, in her Easter black dress and bonnet. She was the daughter of Jesse and Mary (HAVEL) Griffin, born in the states of Missouri and Virginia respectively. At an early age, Mary Susan moved with her parents from North Carolina to Quachita County, AR. She very early professed her faith in Christ and united with the Piney Grove Methodist Church, Caney Circuit.

When William L.-9 died he left his wife at age 37 with six children and 80 acres of land in the Woodlawn Community, west of Camden in Quachita County. In 1886 two of their male issue died the same day with what was called "bloody flux".

In 1895 Mary Susan's land was sold for back taxes of \$4.50. After her youngest issue was married in 1900, she lived in that child's home until her death in 1915. "Granny", as she was known, loved the "shouting Methodist" church and was there in her long black dress and starched bonnet each time the doors were opened.

On 12 Dec. 1862 at age 16, William-9 enlisted in the Civil War, CSA, at Camden, AR, in Company A-1, Crawford's Arkansas Cavalry Brigade, a part of Fagin's Cavalry Division of General Sterling Price, District of Arkansas, and participated in all the battles for southwest Arkansas: On 18 April 1864, the battle of Poison Springs; 26 April 1864, Mark's Mill battle; on 30 April 1864, Jenkins Ferry battle, etc. This troop was recognized as one of the two divisions of the 11th Missouri Cavalry Regiment, commanded by Colonel Moses Smith. After Price's failed raid into Missouri, William L.-9 was captured on 7 Oct. 1864, and held until the war was over in Rollo, MO.

On 15 Aug. 1865, William L.-9 Bearden was discharged at St. Louis, MO from the 11th Missouri Cavalry. Records show he was a farmer, 19 years old in 1865, five feet, seven inches tall, fair complexion, grey eyes, sandy hair and weighed 160 pounds. His descent say his Confederate discharge papers show he was granted a land bounty on 21 Jan. 1885 (not so if he d. 1882!).

On 30 Oct. 1981, an upright white marble marker was placed for William Lambert-8 Bearden in the Confederate Cemetery in Camden, AR, by his grandchildren, Elsie-11 (HATTON) WALKER of Wichita Falls, TX and her cousin, Winnie-11 (BEARDEN) STONE of Camden. Placement was 99 years and one month after his death. He had 161 known and living descendants, some of whom are named below.

- *1629. George Ward-10 (Washington?) Bearden, m. Paralee Ann FOSTER.
- *1630. Mary E.-10 Bearden, m. 19 Dec. 1888 to James B. BLANKENSHIP.
- 1631. Henry-10 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1874, Arkansas, died young.
- 1632. James-10 Bearden (TWIN), b. 1874 and died young.
- *1633. Joseph N.-10 Bearden, b. 1879 and d. 1915, m. Renna WINN.
- *1634. Maggie Estelle-10 Bearden, m. March 1900, Guy Howard HATTON.

NINE DESCENDANTS OF NO. 55 WILLIAM-6 AND NANCY (FRAZIER) BEARDEN

I. EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 199 JEREMIAH-7 AND RACHEL (HAMILTON)

A. FIVE CHILDREN OF NO. 583 ANDREW JACKSON-8 AND EMILY (SARTIN) BEARDEN

1144. Delilah Ann-9 Bearden (Andrew Jackson-8, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. about 1846 in Pike County, MS, m. about 1870 to Needham HOLMES. This is a difficult family to "put together" as information is sketchy, sources varied and unreliable. The 1900 and 1910 U.S. census in Pike County, MS gives little data. The few reliable sources give the following issue for "Lilah" Bearden:

- 1635. Laura Alice-11 Holmes, the second wife of Richard BULLOCH (b. 22 June 1869, d. 7 April 1956), whose first wife, Hattie Lee BEARD was b. in June 1890 and d. on 10 June 1924. He had issue by first wife: Mamie; Hilda m. (?) NUNNERY; and Ina Bell m. Marlin MAGEE. Alice-11 had issue: Hettie-12; Alice-12 m. (?) HOLMES; Lee-12 m. Josiah BRUMFIELD; Luetta-12 m. Clarence LOUIS, m. second Lloyd BOYD; Velma-12 m. Lee (?); Lemuel-12 m. Isabel (?); Edgar L.-12; Jerry-12; Richard-12 m. Euna (?); and Wilson-12 BULLOCH.
- 1636. W.-10 Holmes, on census with parents in 1880, b. about 1871.
- 1637. Needham-10 Holmes (TWIN?), b. on 7 June 1878 in Pike County, MS, d. there 30 May 1956, m. Louis J. RUSSELL who was b. on 27 Feb. 1875 and d. on 14 April 1940. Issue: Kate-11, m. (?) BREELAND; Henry-11, m. Myrtis BOYD; Whitfield-11; Otis-11, left home, unknown; Lee-11; Edward-11, m. (?) BOYD; female-11, d. typhoid fever, and Lexie-11 Russell, unmarried.
- 1638. Carrie-10 Holmes (TWIN?), b. about 1878-1880.
- 1639. Harrison-10 Holmes.
- *1640. Mary Emily-10 Holmes m. Dec. 1888, Harrison Ephraim COTHERN.

1641. Ella-10 Holmes, youngest known issue of "Lilah"-9 Bearden, was m. on 23 Oct. 1893 to Benjamin Franklin COTHERN, who was b. on 21 Nov. 1871 and d. on 17 Feb. 1964, he m. second on 8 Dec. 1897 to Emma Louella REID and had ten more issue who were: Leander, unmarried; Emma, b. 22 Dec. 1902, m. Porter BOYD; Jasper N. m. Flora Inez DUNAWAY; Simmie m. Wilma BOYD; Lela and Letha (twins), m. Sidney SARTIN and Clyde B. BOYD; Gertrude m. Edward JOHNSON; Audelle; John Henry m. Oneida BEARD; Jessie Lee COTHERN, b. 16 April 1918, d. 18 months. Ella-10 had issue: Minnie-11 and William-11 COTHERN, both of whom burned to death at a syrup mill, aged 18 and 13 years.
1147. **Elmore H.-9 Bearden** (Andrew Jackson-8, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 17 Sept. 1852 and d. on 11 Aug. 1919; m. Cathern Cothorn who was b. on 13 Oct. 1858 and d. on 26 March 1904, daughter of John and Arminda (DUNAWAY) COTHERN:
1642. John-10 Bearden, b. Aug. 1878, d. 21 Feb. 1973, m. 11 Dec. 1899 Margaret Ann BISHOP, b. 2 April 1879, d. 19 April 1971:
- a. Marvin-11 Bearden.
 - b. Lillian-11 Bearden, b. 7 Jan. 1903, m. L. L. Dunaway and had three daughters, Lavonne-12, Elaine-12 and unknown.
 - c. Bismarck-11 Bearden, b. 21 Nov. 1904, m. Velma MAGEE, b. 25 Nov. 1909, d. 24 Jan. 1972, had infant daughter-12; Lamar-12; and two unknown.
 - d. Buel Jones-11 Bearden, b. 14 July 1907, d. 23 Nov. 1986, m. Bertha Mae BRENT, b. 2 June 1908, d. 6 Jan. 1969, m. second Lillian BOND, no issue: Annie Ruth-12 m. James L. GORDON, adopted issue, Donna-13 and David-13; and Faye-12 BEARDEN, m. unknown, divorced, m. second and shot and killed him, m. third Dr. Robert SUMMERS and in 1981 lives in West Arizona, bedridden with multiple sclerosis.
 - e. Alma-11 Bearden, m. Jessie YARBOROUGH, lives Mobile, AL.
 - f. Earl-11 Bearden, b. 2 Aug. 19-- , m. Jan. 1936, Juanita BACOT, issue: Robert Earl-12 and Dorothy Jean-12 Bearden.
 - g. Mildred-11 Bearden.
 - h. Hubert-11 Bearden.
 - i. Baby Boy-11 Bearden.
- *1643. **Therman Wilson-10 Bearden**, b. 1881, d. 1962, m. Lucy BULLOCH.
1644. Myra-10 Bearden, b. on 7 June 1885 and d. 1949, m. Charles QUIN, who was b. on 29 July 1875, d. 31 Dec. 1935. Issue:
- a. Lucious Elmore-11 Quin, b. 20 June 1907, m. 10 Feb. 1934 to Dorothy DRESSELL, b. 3 March 1909, had issue: (1) Jimmy Davis-12, b. 31 Jan. 1935, m. Alice Ann BICKHAM, b. 12 Oct. 19-- and had Katherine Ann-13, m. Byron WILLIAMS; Jimmy Davis-13 Jr.; and Molly Belinda-13 Quin. (2) William Andrew-12, b. 6 July 1938, m. Mardi HUSSER and had Scott Anthony-13, Courtney Ann-13 and William Kyle-13 Quin. (3) Barbara Louise-12 Quin, b. 2 Feb. 1940, m. William E. BOYD and had two issue, m. second J. C. (?), no issue: Rebecca Lee-13, b. 10 Oct. 19--; and Brenna Elaine-13 Boyd, b. 30 Jan. 19--.
 - b. Lois-11 Quin, b. June 19-- , m. June DRESSELL. Issue: Leon Lindsey-12 Dressell, b. 24 March 1935, m. Patsy SHARPENSTEIN and had issue: Leon Edwin-13, m. Karen FORREST and had Christian-14 Dressell; Lloyd-14 m. Katherine (?); Lowell-14 Dressell m. (?) JACKSON (divorced); and Louie-14 Dressell.
 - c. Jewel Thaddeaus-11 Quin, b. March 19-- , m. Mrs. Lucy (BRUMFIELD) THORNHILL who was first married to James Luther Thornhill. Issue: Jewel Faye-12, m. Harold ALFORD and had Esther-13, m. (div.); Randy-13, m. (?) PIGGOTT one unknown; and Betty Ann-12 Quinn, m. (?) WHITTINGTON and had Pamela-13 Whittington.
 - d. Catherine-11 Quin, b. Nov. 19-- , m. J. W. BARR, son of Ollie Barr and had issue, Peggy-12 and Lynn-12 Barr.
 - e. Charles-11 Quin, b. Sept. 19-- , m. Helen (?) from AR and m. second Frances ALFORD and had one issue, lives in New Orleans, LA: Kelly-12 Quin.

- f. Elsie-11 Quin, b. Aug. 19--, m. Howard SMITH and had: Bobby-12 and Nancy-12 Smith.
- g. Carroll Levi-11 Quinn (TWIN), b. 1 Jan. 1923, m. Charlene RUSHING and had issue: Cynthia-12 and David-12 Quin.
- h. Clarence Cleveland-11 Quin (TWIN), b. 1 Jan. 1923.
1645. Florence-10 Bearden, b. 15 Nov. 1887, d. 30 Dec. 1923.
1646. Cleveland Clarence-10 Bearden, b. on 1 Sept. 1894 and d. on 27 Nov. 1940, m. on 16 May 1917, Edith PIGGOTT who was b. on 28 April 1897 and d. 1965. Issue:
- a. Dorothy Hope-11 Bearden, b. on 16 July 1918, m. 21 April 1943, Jay Dee HILL, b. 25 Feb. 1915, had issue: David Norman-12 Hill, b. 27 March 1944, m. 19 May 1969 Judy (?).
- b. Neal-11 Bearden, b. 19 July 1923, m. on 5 Feb. 1955, Mary Ann EDISON, b. on 21 Oct. 1925. Issue: Russell Neal-12, b. 13 Sept. 1956; and Clark Edwin-12 Bearden, b. 1961.
- c. Carolyn Edith-11 Bearden, b. on 1 June 1933, m. on 22 May 1952, Randy COLLEY, divorced. Issue: Lou Catherine-12, b. Sept. 1954, m. 16 June 1973, David Clyde CULP, Susan R.-12, b. 1958; and Christopher-12 Colley, b. 1960.
1647. Michael Monroe-10 Bearden, b. on 20 Sept. 1896 and d. on 26 Oct. 1941, m. Merle Irene HOLMES and had issue:
- a. Elmore Herbert-11 Bearden, b. 11 Dec. 1920, d. 5 August 1988, Broward County, MS, age 67.
- b. Doris Merle-11 Bearden, b. 6 Nov. 1922, m. William Clyde GARRETT.
- c. Janie Mae-11 Bearden, b. 25 Jan. 1925, m. Robert BAKER.
- d. Michael Mitchell-11 Bearden, b. 8 Nov. 1931, Pike County, MS, m. 31 May 1955, New Orleans, Joan Hunter LADEN, and had issue: Patricia Michelle-12, m. Weston Lee BRUNER; Cynthia Hester-12, m. Bruce Alan BENNETT; Melissa Jane-12, b. 22 May 1960, m. Larry Dean GRIMM; and Michael Charles 12-Bearden, b. 31 Jan. 1967, Alexandria, LA.
1648. Herbert-10 Bearden, b. 11 March 1899, d. 26 Oct. 1973, m. Lovie CAIN, b. 14 Oct. 1905, had issue: Kathryn Jean-11, b. 6 June 1932, unmarried, works Baptist Hospital, Jackson, MS.
1649. Vera-10 Bearden, b. 3 Nov. 1902, m. 25 March 1922, Fred Ellis CLIBURN, b. 18 Sept. 1893, d. 28 Jan. 1962, had issue, (first infant son, d. at birth):
- a. Edwin Herbert-11 Cliburn, b. 13 Sept. 1925, d. 11 April 1973, m. 1 July 1944, Mary Frances MYERS, b. 13 Oct. 1925, had issue: Robert Ellis-12, b. 17 June 1945, m. and had Jacqueline Marie-13, b. 4 Sept. 1971; Heather-13 Cliburn; and Ann Laverne-12 Cliburn, b. 30 Nov. 1953.
- b. Fred Ellis-11 Cliburn Jr., b. 5 July 1929, m. 12 Sept. 1952, Austine Elizabeth FREEMAN, b. 29 July 1931, issue: Mark Alan-12, b. 26 July 1953, m. 12 Jan. 1974, Linda Gail OLLIFF, no issue 1980; and Patrick Edwin-12 Cliburn, b. 13 Aug. 1955, m. 2 June 1979, Linda (?).
- c. Vera Louise-11 Cliburn, b. 25 Aug. 1933, m. 5 July 1953, Beauford Edward MYERS, Lt. Commander in Navy 1948 to 1974, had issue, Damon-12 Myers, b. 8 Oct. 1971.

1148. **Laura D.-9 Bearden** (Andrew Jackson-8, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), fifth issue of Andrew Jackson-8 and Emily (SARTIN) Bearden, b. 7 Nov. 1855, d. 31 Oct. 1918; m. 188-, Levi SANDIFER, b. about 1846, d. 4 Oct. 1899. Issue:

1650. Wallace-10 Sandifer, m. Alice McKENZIE, m. second Rose WARNER:
- a. Lee-11 Sandifer, unmarried.
- b. R. B.-11 Sandifer, b. 22 Dec. 1910, d. unmarried 9 Jan. 1983, obituary stating survivors include half siblings, Elbert Sandifer, Thomas L. Sandifer, Mary Lee HAMILTON, Mrs. Rosie Jean RICHMOND.
- c. Florence Mae-11 Sandifer, b. 30 July 1913, m. Percy B. REID, b. 22 Nov. 1912, d. 10 Jan. 1976. Issue: (1) Virgie Lee-12; (2) O. D.-12 REID, m. and had Donna Mae-13, m. 11 Aug. 1981, Steven Gregor ESTES; (3) Myrtle-12 REID, m. James WARD and had James L.-13 who m. Wanda SARTIN and had Samantha Camille-14, b. 10 June 1983; (4) O.B.-12 REID; (5) Ula Faye-12 REID, b. 9 July 1949, m. 17 May 1968, Arthur R. (?), b. 6 Jan. 1949 and had Vicky Lynn-13, b. 20 Aug. 1969 and Tracy Ray-13, b. 18 April 1976; and (6) PERCY A.-12 REID, m. Betty Sue CHISHOLM of Jayess, MS and had Joseph Anthony-13, b. 1983 and Michael DeWayne-13 REID, b. 1986.

1651. Needham-10 Sandifer, b. 7 April 1886, d. 28 March 1968, m. 6 July 1920, Lela DUNAWAY, b. 8 Feb. 1886. Issue:
- a. Dorothy-11 Sandifer, b. 3 July 1921, d. age 3 1/2 months.
 - b. Alvin C.-11 Sandifer, b. 11 March 1923, m. Julia REEVES and had issue: Aubrey Lee-12, m. Betty FARMER, had Teresa-13, Tracey-13 and Dale-13 Sandifer, and Dorothy Elaine-12 Sandifer, m. Gary HOPKINS and had Robert-13, b. 1978.
 - c. Alcus Earl-11 Sandifer, b. 10 July 1924, m. Norma Lee (?), b. 9 Aug. 1920, m. second Tommie Mc-DANIEL, no issue.
 - d. Eva Mae-11 Sandifer, b. 2 Feb. 1930, d. 29 Oct. 1982, m. 24 Dec. 1949 to Floyd Wesley MARTIN, b. 21 Nov. 1929, had: (1) Floyd Alan-12, b. 18 July 1953, m. 12 June 1971, Barbara Ann STAFFORD, b. 28 Nov. 1955 and had Barbara Michel-13, b. 18 Nov. 1975. (2) John Wesley-12, b. 15 Dec. 1955, m. 4 Sept. 1974, divorced after two issue, m. second unknown, had: John W.-13, b. 6 Feb. 1978; Christopher Earl-13, b. 17 May 1980. (3) Steven Bruce-12, b. 19 April 1960, m. 2 Jan. 1982 Wendy Carolyn Bowman, b. 9 Sept. 1963, had Daniel-13, b. 1 Aug. 1985 and Eva Mae-13, b. 22 Dec. 1986. (4) Daniel Keith-12 Martin, b. 28 Dec. 1961, m. 12 July 1978 Connie RUSHING, b. 8 April 1962, had Misty L.-12 Martin, b. 1984.
 - e. Vertice-11 Sandifer, b. 11 July 1931, m. Sarah Mae GIBSON and had Rebecca Diane-12 m. Gary (?), Peggy Mae-12, m. Michael (?), Paul-12 m. unknown; and Michael-12 SANDIFER.
 - f. Norma Irene-11, b. 21 April 1933, m. 6 Jan. 1951, Robert V. HOWELL, b. 1 Oct. 1931, d. 23 Nov. 1981, divorced. Issue: (1) Katherine Lynn-12 b. 24 July 1959 m. Jeffrey Lee BINDER b. 3 May 1960: Amy Lachelle-13, b. 4 April 1987; and (2) Robert Earl Howell, b. 11 May 1962, m. 1 Oct. 1983 Felicia SMITH.
 - g. Edgar Vance-11 Sandifer, b. 30 May 1934, m. Dorothy Ann MOAK. Issue: (1) David Wayne-12, m. Sandra ALEXANDER, divorced after two issue, Eric-13 and Adam-13; (2) Deborah-12, m. unknown and had Tiffany-13 and Boyd-13; (3) Donna-12 Sandifer, unmarried; and (4) David-12, b. 21 May 1962, m., divorced after one issue, Pamela-13 Sandifer.
 - h. Davis Travoise-11 Sandifer, b. 22 Aug. 1937, m. Effie Lee SMITH, b. 23 July 1942, d. 20 May 1981, had issue: Kenneth Wayne-12; Patsy Ann-12, m. George ROGERS, had George-13 Jr. and David Thomas Rogers; and Katherine Ann-12 Sandifer, b. 13 July 1969.
 - i. Wilson Glen-11 Sandifer, b. 12 Dec. 1938, m. 11 April 1963 to Patricia Alta ORMSBY, b. 26 Oct. 1947; had issue, Christi-12, b. 18 April 1970 (adopted), and Janet Leigh-12 Sandifer, b. 9 June 1971.
 - j. Harold Ray-11 Sandifer, b. 29 March 1940, m. Edith BLEDSO, had Beverley Ann-12, b. 18 Jan. 1964, m. Joey HAM, one unknown issue, Donald Ray-12, b. 20 April 1965; and Wanda Gail-12 Sandifer, b. 20 July 1967, m. Kyle WARREN.
1652. Lucious William-10 Sandifer, b. 25 April 1889, d. unmarried on 24 Jan. 1971, buried in the Enon Baptist Church Cemetery in Walthall County, MS.
1653. Ollie Monroe-10 Sandifer, b. 14 June 1895-1900, d. 10 April 1980; m. 6 June 1922 to Hazel DUNAWAY, b. 22 Dec. 1904. Issue:
- a. Lawrence Otis-11 Sandifer, b. 2 April 1924, d. 7 Oct. 1979, m. 1946 Penelope TRAVERO, two issue, m. second June ADDISON, two issue who were adopted and raised by Ollie-10 and Hazel: (1) Billy Lawrence-12, b. 11 June 1947, m. Hazel Ann (?); (2) James Roger-12, b. 24 Aug. 1948, m. Judith McBAY, had James Lawrence-13, b. 16 Sept. 1976; and Crystal-13 Sandifer, b. 11 Aug. 1979; (3) Suzanne Lee-12; and Larry Clinton-12 Sandifer.
 - b. Edward Lee-11 Sandifer, b. 11 May 1926, m. unknown and had Billy Lawrence-12, b. on 11 June 1947; and James Roger-12 Sandifer, b. on 24 Aug. 1948.
1654. Hardy-10 Sandifer, infant b. and d. same day.
1655. Mary-10 Sandifer, youngest issue of Laura-9 BEARDEN, m. Frank PAGE. Mary (Sandifer) Page is listed in the Roberts Cemetery in Section 7, Twshp. 3, Range 10, a wooden marker without dates, also a wooden marker for Lucy Page. Mary-10 had issue, via Mrs. Hazel (DUNAWAY) Sandifer on 15 April 1986 (now deceased): Carey-11, m. Leola (?), had Marie-12 m. (?) BLOUNT; Rosie Lee-11, m. Bo OWENS of Texas, had five issue; Nathan-11, living 1986 in a nursing home; Eldridge-11; female-11; Mary-11; Romie-11; male-11; and female-11 PAGE.

1149. **Noah E.-9 Bearden** (Andrew Jackson-8, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 4 March 1856 and d. on 8 Jan. 1934; m. on 26 Sept. 1880 to Amanda COTHERN, sister to Catherine who m. his brother, Elmore-9 Bearden. "Mandy" was b. on 26 Sept. 1855 and d. on 30 July 1926. Noah E.-9 had issue:

*1656. **Julia-10 Bearden**, b. 1881, d. 1960, m. 1900, Webster DUNAWAY.

1657. **Lula Emily-10 Bearden**, b. 14 March 1884, d. Sept. 1953, m. 1902-1904, George Lafayette LAURENCE, b. 1 Dec. 1878, d. March 1960. Issue (first a stillborn daughter):

a. **Bismark Elger-11 Laurence**, b. 29 June 1913, m. 8 Nov. 1933, Ella Mae RAND, no issue.

b. **Roy Wakefield-11 Laurence**, b. 19 Oct. 1918, m. 18 Jan. 1940, Lutie RAYBORN, b. 22 April 1921, had issue:

(1) **Brenda Gail-12**, b. 10 Feb. 1941, m. 23 Sept. 1959, Melvin Lee SPENCER, b. 24 July 1939, had Alan-13, b. 21 July 1960, m. 12 Aug. 1983, Kimberley Lynn FALKENROTH and had Matthew Alan-14, b. 16 Nov. 1987, expecting 1991; and Steven-13 Spencer, b. 16 Feb. 1962, m. 29 Dec. 1984, Jacqueline S. HARKINS, had Sarah Elizabeth-14, b. 6 March 1988; and Jessica Ann-14 Spencer, b. 6 Feb. 1990.

(2) **Brian-12 Laurence**, unmarried.

(3) **Mitchell Carey-12 Laurence**, killed in car accident.

(4) **Amanda Kay-12 Laurence** b. 29 Oct. 1948, m. Dec. 1966, John Paul McDANIEL, b. 17 Nov. 19-- , had issue, John Paul-13, b. 17 Nov. 19-- , m. Dec. 1966, m. second Billy MAXWELL, issue: Carey Allison-14, b. March 1974; and Kelley Renee-14, b. Jan. 1976.

1658. **Joseph-10 Bearden**, b. Sept. 1886, left home when middle-aged and last heard from in Reno, NV.

1659. **Bertha-10 Bearden**, b. 22 Nov. 1888, d. 1914, m. Edd ALFORD and had issue: Marcus Jasper-11 Alford, b. 4 Feb. 1909, m. 16 May 1928, Maidie MAGEE, b. 2 Nov. 1909, had Maysel Elaine-12, b. 22 Nov. 1929, m. Dewey ALBRITTON and had issue:

a. **Sandra-13 Albritton**, b. 24 Oct. 1952, m. Richard Ivan WHITESIDE, had issue, Melissa Joy-14, b. 31 April 1976.

b. **Dewey Michael-13**, b. 24 March 1955, m. Rebecca BIRKLA and had Jason-14, Matthew-14, David Carroll-14 Albritton.

c. **Stephen Carroll-13**, b. 5 May 1958, m. Susan PARRISH, had Billy R.-14, Timothy Adam-14, David Carroll-14 Albritton.

1660. **Rosabel-10 Bearden**, b. 19 Sept. 1890, d. 29 Sept. 1892.

1661. **Henry J.-10 Bearden**, b. 8 March 1893, d. 25 May 1955, m. 5 Sept. 1918, Tera DUNAWAY, b. 12 Jan. 1898, d. 10 Feb. 1967:

a. **Christene-11 Bearden**, b. 5 July 1919, m. 27 June 1937, Victor MARTIN, b. 8 Jan. 1918, had (1) Victor Glenn-12, b. 4 Aug. 1938, m. 1958, Maily GRIFFIN, b. 20 March 1939, m. second Allese YATES and had Cynthia-13, Victor-13 and Joel-13 Martin. (2) Betty Jo-12 Martin, b. 12 Oct. 1939, m. 6 Oct. 1960, John NALL and had Sonja Jo-13, b. 17 Jan. 1962 and John Kevin-13 Nall, b. 7 July 1967.

b. **Clodell-11 Bearden**, drowned at young age.

c. **Henry Joe-11 Bearden**, b. 12 May 1921, m. 19 Oct. 1946, Marie J. PUBLICK, b. 26 April 1927, had issue: (1) John Henry-12, b. 28 Sept. 1953, m. 22 May 1976, Ruth Ann FELTER, had William Joseph-13, b. 7 March 1977; Rachel Ann-13 Bearden, b. 28 April 1980. (2) James Rodney-12 BEARDEN, b. 2 Dec. 1955, m. 1974, Mary Ellen GORDON, m. second 4 April 1980, Donna Wilson HENDLEY and had Jennifer Ellen-13, b. 7 Feb. 1975.

1662. **Elva Myrtris-10 Bearden**, b. 2 Oct. 1895, d. 17 July 1974, m. 7 Sept. 1927, Marshall Franklin BROWN, b. 5 April 1894, d. 26 Sept. 1974, had issue: Calvin Carson-11 Brown, b. 12 Oct. 1930, m. 24 Dec. 1955, Maudie Lee LYNCH, had issue:

a. **Donald-12**, b. 6 July 1957, m. 1 Jan. 1976, Robin Elizabeth HOLLINGSWORTH, had Carla Renee-13, b. 28 April 1977; Don Stuart, b. 9 May 1979; Dana Michelle-13, b. 12 Aug. 1985.

b. **Deborah Ann-12 Brown**, b. 23 March 1960.

c. **Donna Gail-12 Brown**, b. 19 July 1969.

1663. **Ina-10 Bearden**, youngest issue of Noah E.-9, b. 9 Sept. 1898, d. 7 Dec. 1978, m. 1932, Hollis BACOT, b. Dec. 1895. Issue:

- a. Holline-11 Bacot, b. 29 May 1933, m. 14 May 1949, Ray M. JACKSON, b. 21 Nov. 1922, had: Janet-12, b. 6 March 1952, m. 6 March 1971, James W. EVERETT, had James Corey-13, b. 12 Dec. 1974, and Rachel Joy-13 Everett, b. 3 March 1980; and Pamela-12 JACKSON, b. 12 Sept. 1961, m. 3 June 1979, Wayne MYERS, had Brandon-13 and Courtney-13 b. 18 Aug. 1985.
- b. Jackson-11 Bacot, b. 14 Dec. 1939, m. 9 Aug. 1964, Rita SAUCIER, b. 11 July 1944, had Hollis Adam-12, b. 25 Feb. 1966, m. 10 July 1983, Vicki HARVEY, b. 10 Feb. 1967, had Adam-13 b. 24 Dec. 1983; Timothy LaDon-12 b. 13 July 1977.

1151. William Jackson-9 Bearden (Andrew Jackson-8, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1861, Pike County, MS, d. 1932 in MS, m. Lula Lavola STOVALL, b. 1862, d. 1903; m. second Erva (?). Issue:

1664. Lucious-10 Bearden, m. Elizabeth FELDER, two unknown issue.
1665. Ray-10 Bearden.
1666. Floy-10 Bearden, m. (?) MAGEE/McGEE.
1667. Mae-10 Bearden.
1668. Nancy-10, known as "Nannie" Bearden.
1669. Felix Jackson-10 Bearden, b. 29 Dec. 1885, d. 8 March 1964, m. 2 Dec. 1917, Eunice Ethel MOAK, b. 17 May 1897. Issue:
- a. Forrest Edward-11 Bearden, b. 15 May 1919, m. 23 May 1943, Elizabeth KING, b. 22 Feb. 1921. Issue: Michael Edwin-12, b. 30 Oct. 1950, m. Linda (?), had issue: Catherine-13; William-13, b. 20 Oct. 1971, m. Janet Lee (?), issue, Chad-14 and Heather-14 Bearden.
- b. Virgie Vernell-11 Bearden, b. 8 Sept. 1921, m. Jewel DYKES, b. 18 March 19--. Issue: Sandra Jean-12, b. 4 Oct. 1944, m. Kenneth YOUNGBLOOD, had Christi-13 and Chip-13 Youngblood; and Jewel Kenneth-12 Bearden, b. 18 Sept. 1947, m. Marilyn (?), had issue, Dallas-13 Bearden.
- c. Felix Cecil-11 Bearden, b. 27 Nov. 1922, m. Alma MURPHY, b. 31 Feb. 1926, had issue: William Cecil-12, b. 8 July 1951, m. Janet (?), had Chad-13 and Heather-13 Bearden; Bruce Allen-12, b. 12 July 1955, no issue; and Pamela-12 Bearden, b. 9 June 1957, a nurse, unmarried.
- d. Hilda Minette-11 Bearden, b. 20 Feb. 1928, m. 27 Sept. 1952, Aaron Charles LEVI b. 22 Dec. 1928; Elizabeth Jean-12, b. 20 Feb. 1954, m. Steve CHAMBERS; Allen Charles-12, b. 24 May 1956; Gary Carlton-12, b. 31 June 1957; Linda Ann-12, b. 6 Jan. 1960; and Laura Leigh-12 LEVI, b. 9 July 1961.
- e. Hubert Donald-11 Bearden, b. 18 March 1932, unmarried and works with 7-11 chain stores in Atlanta, GA.
1670. Edna-10 Bearden, b. 9 Feb. 1893, d. 4 Oct. 1963, m. Clarence Marshall SARTIN, b. 26 Jan. 1895. Issue:
- a. Clarence Marshall-11 Sartin, b. 22 Aug. 1918, d. 23 Sept. 1988, m. Corrine JOHNSON, his obituary listed four sons, four daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren: Larry-12, Jerry-12, Craig-12, and Bruce-12 Sartin, with wives, Beth, Tina, Linda and Kim; grandchildren named in obituary: Whitney-13, Chris-13, Courtney-13, Amy Corrine-13, J. Larry-13, Kristin-13, Laneola-13 and Alicia-13 SARTIN.
- b. Rufus Ray-11 Sartin, b. 7 March 1921, d. 6 Jan. 1988, buried in the Sartinsville Cemetery in Walthall, m. Landis Maynette BLOODWORTH; issue listed in Ray-11's obituary, Bobby-12; Otis-12; and Keith-12 SARTIN. Grandchildren as named in Ray-11's obituary, Sean-13; Brian Keith-13; Christopher Michael-13; and Anita Maynette-13 SARTIN.
1671. Eva Irene-10 Bearden, who may not be the youngest issue of William J.-9 and Lula Bearden; an obituary appeared in a local newspaper, Pike County, MS: "Quida W. Forrest, b. 8 June 1922, d. 12 Nov. 1987, daughter of James Edward Whittington and Eva Irene (BEARDEN) WHITTINGTON; wife of Earnest B. Forrest; son, James E. Forrest; daughter, Beverley Marshall; grandchildren, Christopher and Brett Forrest, Angela Marshall; sister of Sidney L. Whittington and Shirley W. Tate."

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 584 NANCY-8 BEARDEN AND SECOND HUSBAND JAMES W. McEWEN

1155. **Martha Ann-9 McEwen** (Nancy-8 Bearden, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 2 Feb. 1843, d. 9 March 1917, m. William Oliver GARNER, b. 27 Dec. 1839, d. 30 March, 1921. Issue:

1672. Dr. James Wilford-10 Garner, b. 22 Nov. 1871, d. 9 Dec. 1948, buried Magnolia Cemetery, Magnolia, MS, m. Therese LEGGETT.
 1673. John C.-10 Garner, m. Kitty SMITH.
 1674. Walter C.-10 Garner, b. 6 July 1874, d. 6 Dec. 1939, buried Tilder's Campground Cemetery, Pike County, MS.
 1675. Emma-10 Garner, b. 20 Sept. 1895, buried Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, MS, m. Floyd ANDREWS.
 1676. Alfred William-10 Garner, no information.
 1677. Unknown-10 Garner.
 1678. Unknown-10 Garner.

C. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 586 ANGELINE ELIZABETH-8 BEARDEN AND ROBERT BLACKMAN LIGON

1177. **Elizabeth Angeline-9 Ligon/Lignon** (Angeline Elizabeth-8 BEARDEN, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 3 Oct. 1850, Summit, Pike County, MS, d. 21 March 1915, Kentwood, LA m. 25 March 1875 in home of W. O. LIGON, Kentwood, LA to James Ernest Walker DAVIS who was b. 12 April 1852, Omite County, MS, d. 21 March 1915, Kentwood, LA both buried Woodlawn Cemetery, son of Elijah McCoy and Sarah Ann Wiley (LATTIMORE) Davis. They were known as "Lizzie" and Ernest and information is as taken from Lizzie's old Bible, owned by her granddaughter, Georgie-11 (McGEE) WESLEY. Ernest managed Belle Helene Plantation in Ascension, moved to Kentwood and did bookkeeping for local general store. "Lizzie"-9 had issue:

1679. Charles Ernest Barney-10 Davis, b. 6 April 1877, Pike County, MS, d. 16 Jan. 1933, buried McComb, MS, m. 25 Nov. 1909, Kentwood, to Leontine Rosa VESSIER who was b. 7 June 1889 in Ascension, d. 13 Sept. 1959, both buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Kentwood, LA. Charles E. B.-10 had issue:
- a. Rosella Evelyn-11 Davis, b. 10 May 1911, Kentwood, LA, d. there on 10 May 1911.
 - b. Angeline Elizabeth-11 Davis, b. 13 Aug. 1918, Kentwood, LA, d. there 13 Aug. 1918.
 - c. Angeline Elizabeth-11 Davis, b. 21 May 1924, New Orleans, LA m. 17 July 1945 to Ralph Laverne BURGE, b. 27 Oct. 1923, Bogalosa, Washington Parish, LA, d. 24 May 1974, E. Baton Rouge, LA, buried Roselawn Cemetery, the son of Carlos Monroe and Lillie (McDONALD) Burge. "Angie"-11 of Baton Rouge, LA had issue: (1) Angela Elizabeth-12 Burge, b. 15 April 1946, Memphis, Shelby County, TN, m. 21 Dec. 1968, Our Lady of Mercy Church, E. Baton Rouge to Timothy Glenn PATTON, b. 1 Sept. 1944, Wichita Falls, TX, son of Glenn Murray and Faye BAGGOTT Patton, had issue, Samantha Love-13 Patton, b. 19 Oct. 1969, E. Baton Rouge. (2) Sharon Katherine-12 Burge, b. 15 July 1950, m. 10 Dec. 1971, Christ the King Chapel, Louisiana State University where both were students, divorced 1981, William Eugene DAVIS Jr., son of William E. and Jane Pearl (MADDOX), m. second 21 Nov. 1981 to Roger Sherman PHILLIPS, b. 26 July 1956, Norwalk, CT, son of Roger Sherman and Emmaline (BALDHOFF), expecting issue in 1991, had William Eugene-13 III, b. 25 June 1975, Baton Rouge; Jonathan Burge-13 Davis, b. 16 Feb. 1977.
 - d. Charles Ernest Barney-11 Davis Jr., b. 4 Aug. 1927, Bogalosa, LA m. Clinton, LA 1949 to Lois E. WESLEY, divorced 1954, m. second 26 Nov. 1955, Duncan, OK to Joy CHAIN, b. 1 April 1929 in Duncan, OK, daughter of David Calvin and Jessie Esther (SMITH). "Chuck" was in USAF 26 years, since retiring he owns and operates refrigeration and heating company in Cordell, OK. Issue: (1) Cynthia Dianne-12 Davis, b. 8 Dec. 1956, Lincoln, NB.

- (2) Cheryl Lyna-12 Davis, b. 5 June 1958, Lincoln, NB, m. 14 Feb. 1987, Baptist Church, Edmond, OK, Christopher CRUSE, b. July 1962, son of Dr. J. Ronald and Sandra. Issue: Zachary Ryan-13, b. 14 Dec. 1988, Edmond, OK.
- (3) Rebecca Lea-12 Davis, b. 14 July 1959, Lincoln, NB, m. 17 June 1989 to Patrick DOHERTY, b. 11 Oct. 1959, Wellston, OK; "Becky" graduated Cordell High School and Central State University, OK, degree in nutrition, dietitian at Baptist Hospital in Edmond, OK, presently at McAllister Hospital in McAllister. "Pat" graduated Wellston High School and Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, now Baptist minister, Eufalia, OK.
- (4) Michael David-12 Davis, b. 5 April 1966, Lincoln, NB, m. 29 Dec. 1984, Lakeland, OK, Hyla Annette DEWHREE, b. 15 March 1962, Sickle, OK, daughter of Charles Kenneth and Earline (WHIMERY), issue: Myka Elizabeth-13, b. 24 Jan. 1990.
1680. Felix Thomas-10 Davis (TWIN), b. 6 April 1877, d. 18 April 1877.
1681. James Lea-10 Davis, b. 2 April 1879, Amite County, MS, d. 14 March 1947 in New Orleans, LA, m. 12 Oct. 1910, Kentwood, LA Clara Dealy REAMES, daughter of Dr. Charles and Mary Eliza (GEORGE), b. 19 March 1877 Greensburg, St. Helena Parish, d. 14 Dec. 1960, E. Baton Rouge, both buried Kentwood, Roselawn Cemetery. James Lea-9 Davis had issue: James Lea-11 Davis Jr., b. 24 Sept. 1912, Kentwood, LA, d. 23 March 1967, m. 9 May 1936 to Muriel Agatha COURTNEY, b. 10 Jan. 1918, d. 1 Dec. 1985. Issue: Johanan Lea-12 Davis of Baton Rouge, LA, b. 14 Sept. 1951, m. 7 Jan. 1973, Broadmoor Methodist Church, Stephen Allen Walker SMITH, b. 15 Nov. 1951, son of Stephen B. and Minnie (SWAYZE). Issue: Mehan Courtney-13, b. 14 Sept. 1977; Johannan Barrett-13 Smith, b. 18 Jan. 1982.
1682. Mary Georgie-10 Davis, b. 14 June 1881, Amite County, MS, d. 6 Sept. 1965, Kentwood, LA m. second 31 Dec. 1912, Kentwood Methodist Church, to Frank Edward McGEE, who was b. 17 July 1882 in Pike County and d. 16 Aug. 1950, East Feliciana, LA, both buried Woodlawn Cemetery in Kentwood, the son of Caswell and Missouri (RAVENSCRAFT) McGee. It was Georgie-10 who had the old Ligon/Davis Bible and passed it on to her daughter. She had issue, b. Kentwood, LA:
- a. Georgie Elizabeth-11 McGee, b. 2 March 1914, m. 22 March 1947, Livingston Parish, LA to Lawrence E. WESLEY, b. there 5 Dec. 1910, d. 16 Aug. 1950, son of John and Mattie (TREECA), Livingston Parish, lived Baton Rouge, no issue.
- b. Frank Edward-11 McGee, b. and d. 2 Feb. 1916, Kentwood, LA
1683. Annie Angeline-10 Davis, b. 23 Sept. 1887, Ascension Parish, LA, d. there 9 Nov. 1887.
1684. Robert McCoy-10 Davis, b. 1 March 1891, Ascension Parish, LA, d. 4 Feb. 1934, Baton Rouge, LA, buried Roselawn Cemetery, m. 21 March 1912, Sallie Hazel PRICE, b. 22 Nov. 1893, Belle Helene, LA, d. 17 Jan. 1950, daughter of William Allen and Selena (PEEVY) Price. Robert M.-10 had issue:
- a. Lena Elizabeth-11 Davis, b. 14 Jan. 1913, Kentwood, LA, d. 25 April 1948, m. 20 Dec. 1940, James Gordon BENNETT, d. 25 July 1971, both buried Roselawn Cemetery, Baton Rouge, no issue.
- b. Katherine Rosa-11 Davis, b. 1915, Kentwood, LA, m. Francis John SEGEYS, no issue, adopted Michael, b. 1950; Elizabeth, b. 1952, m. 22 Nov. 1975, Kensington, MD, Ray Ronald LENLEY.
- c. Pearl Ernestine-11 Davis, b. 1919 in Kentwood, LA m. Russell C. SHOLES, no issue.

1178. Delilah Ann-9 LIGON (Angeline Elizabeth-8 BEARDEN, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 11 Oct. 1853, Summit, Amite County MS, d. 4 April 1910, Baton Rouge, buried there Magnolia Cemetery, m. 27 Jan. 1873, James Bogan MERRITT, b. Oct. 1848, d. 4 April 1910, buried beside wife, son of Ray Turner and Ann (BOGAN) Merritt. "Lilah"-9 had:

1685. Tallulah-10 Merritt, b. 6 Feb. 1875, Baker, LA d. 1953, m. 6 Feb. 1893 to Herman FIELDS.
1686. Fidelia-10 Merritt, b. April 1880, m. 24 May 1899, Baker, LA to A. Mumford PHILLIPS.
1687. Delilah-10 Merritt, b. May 1883, m. 30 Sept. 1903 to Dr. Willard S. CUSHMAN, both buried Magnolia Cemetery. Issue:
- a. Mabel Buford-11 Cushman, b. 1905, Baker, LA d. 16 March 1986, buried Roselawn Cemetery, m. 19 Oct. 1927 in Baker, LA to George Elrod OLDHAM, b. 1900, son of Lee and Nell: Issue: Helen Mae-11, b. 1 Aug. 1928, m. 21 Oct. 1949 to Ray Frank CONGELOSI, b. 11 Feb. 1926, son of Roe Frank and Mina (COLLORI), had issue: Pamela Ann-12, m. 15 Aug. 1972 to Marvin Joseph

DECOTE Jr., one issue is Brittainy-13 Decote; Roe-12; Gwen-12; Gregory-12; Janet-12; Judith-12; and Thaddeus-12 Congelosi.

- b. Helen Fields-11 Cushman, b. 1906, Baker, LA d. 10 June 1987, buried Roselawn Cemetery, m. 6 June 1930 to William R. DODSON, son of William R. and Minnie P., had William-12, lives N. Little Rock, AR in 1987, has child Darrilyn-13 who m. (?) CHRISTENBURY, lives Memphis, TN in 1987; and William Allen-13 Dodson, m. and lives N. Little Rock in 1987.

1688. John B.-10 Merritt, b. 1878, Baker, LA

1689. Jerome-10 Merritt, youngest issue of Delilah Ann-9 Ligon, m. Goldie Ann LOUCKS, lived Baker, LA.

II. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 203 DUNCAN-7 AND NANCY (?) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 604 MONTGOMERY DUNCAN-8 AND ESTER V. (CATES) BEARDEN

1193. Charles Luthur-9 Bearden (Montgomery Duncan-8, Duncan-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 7 Oct. 1877 near Boydsville in Clay County, AR and d. there on 8 Feb. 1964, buried in the Salem Cemetery near Boydsville. He m. when he and his wife were both the age of twenty-two years on 5 April 1899, Boydsville, AR to Addie Mae WALLACE, daughter of Andrew Jackson and Martha (DEWBERRY) Wallace.

Charles Luthur-9 called "Louie" grew up among his mother's family in his grandparent's household and knew little of his father's family. His father, known as "Gum", had accidentally killed himself loading a musket-loading shotgun when "Louie"-9 was only two years old and his younger brother (Arthur-9) was not yet born. "Gum" left his widow with a small son and expecting another child and she had no choice but to return to her father's home where she raised her two sons.

"Louie"-9 was crippled as a youth by severe fever, but was able, by perseverance, to overcome his handicap. He always walked with a limp. He received very little education as it was necessary for him to work to help support the family. His lineage is documented in the 1860 census of Montgomery County, TN and the later 1870 and 1880 census of Clay County, AR. The 1860 census lists the Duncan-7 Bearden family with the third son as M., which stands for Montgomery-8 (Montgomery Duncan-8), who is the grandfather of Charles Luthur-9 Bearden. In 1860, Duncan-7 and Nancy Bearden were forty-three and thirty-five years of age respectively and Montgomery D.-8 was nine years old.

"Louie's" grandfather, Duncan-7 Bearden was born about 1815-1817 and Nancy was b. about 1825-1826. Their son, Montgomery Duncan-8 or "Gum" was born about 1851 and his son, Charles Luther-9 Bearden, was born in 1877. The 1880 census of Clay County, AR lists Duncan-7 as age sixty-six and Nancy was sixty, "Louie"-9 was twenty-one and the other issue are already married. Duncan-7 was thirty-four when Montgomery D.-8 "Gum" was born and Montgomery D.-8 was twenty-six when Charles Luthur-9 was born. The Duncan-7 Bearden in the 1860 records in Montgomery County, TN and later on the 1880 census of Clay County, AR is the identical person who, like others of the family, came to Arkansas by way of Greene County (this part now Clay County) to start a new life. They all lived in or close to Boydsville where Montgomery D.-8 owned a farm and where Charles Luthur-9 was born. The deed was made out to D. Bearden (Duncan-7) and this was where "Gum"-8 Bearden accidentally shot himself.

One son of Charles Luthur-9 Bearden, who is Luthur A.-10 ("Louie") Bearden makes this statement: "None of my family was famous enough to make the headlines so they left few records behind. They all lived at Boydsville where my dad was born in 1877. John T. Bearden and his wife, Prudence (Majors) Bearden, lived near Boydsville on the same date. He was treasurer of Clay County from 1878 to 1880. That brought them all together in the same location during those years and they all came from the same place in Montgomery County, Tennessee and all located at Boydsville before 1880 and they are all buried near here." Charles Luthur-9 had issue, b. Boydsville, Clay County, AR:

- *1690. Clarence Arlie-10 Bearden, m. 21 Jan. 1926, Gertie TAYLOR.
1691. Martha Virginia-10 Bearden, b. 2 May 1903; d. 22 March 1923.
1692. Luther Arvel-10 Bearden, b. and d. 1905.
- *1693. Ollie Esmer-10 Bearden, m. 23 Dec. 1933 Thelma Pauline BOYD.
- *1694. Omer Lee-10 Bearden, m. 14 July 1934, Thelma F. TUCKER.
- *1695. Luthur Almer-10 "Jack" Bearden, m. Martha Geneva BATEMAN.

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 63. LUCY-6 BEARDEN AND JONATHAN TIPPETT

ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 227. HARRIETT-7 TIPPETT AND ROBERT SMITH

ONE CHILD OF NO. 638 ROBERT BUD-8 SMITH AND AVIE A. (HARRISON)

1196. Alvin Birch-9 SMITH (Robert Bud-8 SMITH, Harriett TIPPETT-7, Lucy BEARDEN-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 28 June 1888, Indian Mound, Stewart County, TN, d. there on 8 Sept. 1927, buried Austin-Smith Cemetery; m. 1 Jan. 1911, Stewart County, TN to Etta Jane GIBBS, b. 14 April 1890, Lafayette, Christian County, KY, d. 13 Dec. 1949, buried beside her husband, daughter of James Houston and Lydia Roxina (ROBINSON) Gibbs. The Smith information is from the family Bible, Stewart County, TN gravestone inscriptions, the 1900 and 1910 census reports, marriages, newspaper obituaries, certificates of deaths, etc. Alvin Birch-9 had issue, b. Stewart County, TN:
- 1696. Lottie Eula-10 Smith, b. 10 Oct. 1911, m. Roy HEFLIN.
 - 1697. Annie Lydia-10 Smith, b. 27 Dec. 1912, m. Clinton Lee ARKINS, m. second Robert SAUNDERS.
 - 1698. Charmell Ottis-10 Smith, b. 13 Aug. 1914, m. 5 July 1936, Stewart County, Norene WALL; m. second Lucille CHESTER.
 - 1699. Lewis Alvin-10 Smith, b. 30 July 1916, d. 5 Aug. 1916.
 - 1700. Leonard Delbert-10 Smith, b. 21 Aug. 1917, d. 19 Aug. 1966, Ft. Campbell, Christian County, KY, buried in Austin-Smith Cemetery, m. 12 Feb. 1947, Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY to Gracie Lee Edwards BYRD, b. 18 March 1914, Cub Creek, Stewart County, d. 30 Nov. 1971, daughter of Isaac Smith and Tennie (EDWARDS). Leonard D.-10 was a post engineer by occupation, of Methodist faith, and veteran of World War II; his issue, b. Montgomery County, TN:
 - a. Leonard Wayne-11 Smith of Indian Mound, TN, an electrical power plant operator, b. 20 Nov. 1947, m. 28 June 1970, Betsy Ann WYATT, b. 18 Dec. 1950, Big A, Stewart County, daughter of James Landon and Martha Irene (WILSON), issue b. Montgomery County: Andrew Leonard-12, b. 4 Dec. 1971; Emily Rebecca-12, b. 8 Feb. 1975; and Adam Wyatt-12 Smith, b. 19 Aug. 1979.
 - b. Mildred Lee-11 Smith, b. and d. 30 July 1949.
 - c. Larry Neal-11 Smith, b. 26 Jan. 1954, m. 28 Aug. 1976, Standing Rock, Stewart County, Margie Nell COTTRELL.
 - 1701. Rubye Lee-10 Smith, b. 9 Dec. 1919, m. Malcolm KEATTS.
 - 1702. Alvin Claudie-10 Smith, b. 27 Jan. 1922, m. Odessa WEAKLEY.
 - 1703. Minnie Lucille-10 Smith, b. 7 Jan. 1924, m. Marvin SUITER.
 - 1704. Joe Clifton-10 Smith, b. 22 Sept. 1925, m. Edna SMITH.
 - 1705. Albert Birch-10 Smith, b. 7 April 1928, Indian Mound, Stewart County, TN, m. his distant cousin (descendant of No. 95, James-6), Marie-9 and -10 MURPHY. He m. second Ruby Nell BROWN of Tennessee and South Carolina.

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 37 EDMUND-5 AND ANN (EASLEY?) BEARDEN**ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 65 JOHN H.-6 AND CATY (CLAYTON) BEARDEN****ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 239 JOHN HARDEN-7 AND MARGARET (BOURLAND)****ONE CHILD OF NO. 650 MARCUS BARNETT-8 AND NANCY H. (PACE) BEARDEN**

1214. **John Harden-9 Bearden** (Marcus Barnett-8, John Harden-7, John H.-6, Edmund-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 25 May 1879, Benton, Marshall County, KY, d. 22 May 1962, Paducah, McCracken County, KY, buried with parents and grandparents in the Bearden/Strow/Green Cemetery in Benton, KY. His delayed Certificate of birth, filed with the Kentucky Bureau of Vital Statistics in Frankfort, is in the possession of his granddaughter, Laura (BEARDEN) KELLEY, below, and gives his birthdate and birthplace, names of parents, occupation and faith (Methodist); m. 30 Nov. 1902, Benton, Laura Amera KELLEY, b. 19 March 1881, Briensburg, Marshall County, KY, d. there 9 June 1923, daughter of Richard Hunter and Martha Drucilla (LINDSEY) Kelley of Union/Gilmer/Fannin Counties, GA.

John H.-9 told his children and grandchildren that he was the namesake of his grandfather who founded the town of Benton, the county seat of Marshall County and the county courthouse stands on land donated to the town by his grandfather. This is confirmed by "THE HISTORY OF MARSHALL COUNTY". The old Marcus B.-8 and John H.-9 family Bible was kept by this subject and is in possession of the widow of Burett Oliver-10 Bearden of Benton. John H.-9 had issue:

1706. Otis Duane-10 Bearden, b. 27 Nov. 1903, McCracken County, KY, d. 1972, AR., buried Bearden/Strow/Green Cemetery, m. Meda GAYE and had sons b. and lived Michigan: Billy Duane-11, b. 1933, m. Marie, had Brenda-12, Donna-12, Roger-12, Billy-12, Nancy-12 Bearden (TWINS); Jimmy Ray-11, b. 1937; John Harold-11, b. 7 Dec. 1945; Ronald Eugene-11 (TWINS), b. 7 Dec. 1945.
- *1707. **Oren Earl-10 Bearden**, b. 1905, d. 1979, m. Beatrice Alice DOETTL.
1708. Eugene Euva-10 Bearden, b. 1 Oct. 1915 in Benton where he lives in 1988, m. Geraldine JONES and had Lynda-11, b. 1940, m. (?) HARRISON, married more than once, lives Hawaii, had David-12 Harrison, b. 1972 who has been raised by his Bearden grandparents in Benton and spends vacations there.
1709. Burett Oliver-10 Bearden, b. 22 March 1917, Benton, Marshall County, KY, d. there on 8 June 1984, buried in the Bearden/Strow/Green Cemetery, m. Rebecca LOVETT who has the Bearden Bible in Benton and had: Donald Keith-11, b. 1939, m. Joyce (?), had Christene-12 Bearden; Phyllis Kaye-11, b. 1943, m. Ronald (?), m. second (?) ENGLISH, had Michael-12, Jennifer-12, Rhonda-12 English; and Sandra Faye-11 Bearden, b. Sept. 1945, Benton, KY, d. there of cancer 14 Feb. 1962.
1710. Female, b. and d. 8 June 1921, buried Bearden/Strow Cemetery.

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 38. HUMPHREY-5 BEARDEN**ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 75, RICHARD-6 AND UNKNOWN WIFE BEARDEN****ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 247, EDWARD-7 AND "FANNY" (GILES) BEARDEN****ONE CHILD OF NO. 664 ASA ILLIANCE-8 AND MARY E. (FARR/FARRAR) BEARDEN**

1215. **Edward-9 "Ned" Bearden** (Asa Illiance-8, Edward-7, Richard-6, Humphrey-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), Bearden, b. 18 June 1867, Fayette County (now Douglas County), GA, d. 17 April 1958, Fulton County, buried there beside his wife in the West View Cemetery, m. to Theo-

docia TAYLOR, b. 8 Feb. 1867 and d. 1 Jan. 1954, Atlanta, Fulton County, daughter of Quillan and Ida (HEATH). Edward-9's issue, b. Douglas County, GA:

1711. Illiance-10 Bearden, b. and d. about 1885-1888.
 1712. LaVaughn-10 Bearden, b. 16 Sept. 1889, d. 9 Nov. 1891.
 1713. Eva-10 Bearden, b. 1890, d. 3 April 1981, m. John F. PARSON/S.
 1714. Thomas J.-10 Bearden, b. 3 April 1898, d. 24 Dec. 1964, m. Ruth PENNILL.
 1715. Melvie-10 Bearden, m. George SCHELL (see SCHELL FAMILY).
 1716. Aaron-10 Bearden, m. Cora BIVINS.
 1717. Frank Edward-10 Bearden, known as "Ned" Sr., b. 21 Jan. 1908; m. 30 April 1927, Douglas County, GA area to Beatrice Elizabeth ALLUMS, b. 3 Nov. 1911 in Georgia, daughter of John James and Maud Lila (Abbott) Allums and had issue; m. second Lucille DOCKERY and had no issue. Frank E.-10 issue:
 a. Frank Edward-11 "Ned" Bearden Jr., b. 9 April 1928, Austelle, Cobb County, GA; m. 9 June 1945, Atlanta, GA to Mable Marie VINSON, b. 27 Nov. 1926, Demarest, Habersham County, GA, daughter of Otis Terrell and Mary Jeanette (TURPIN). Issue: (1) Thomas Larry-12, b. 10 June 1946, m. 25 March 1967, Scotland Neck, NC to Elizabeth Marie JOHNSON, b. 8 Aug. 19 --, Scotland Neck, NC, had Elizabeth Marie-13, b. 22 July 1971 and Thomas Larry-13 Bearden Jr., b. 14 June 1976; (2) David Terrell-12, b. 26 Aug. 1947, Fulton County, m. 5 Sept. 1970, Atlanta, Maureen MURPHY, b. 10 June 1949, Providence, DeKalb County, GA, daughter of Nathaniel and Therese (DEMUTH), had Kellie Maureen-13, b. 7 Aug. 1972; and Erin Christian-13, b. 27 May 1975; (3) Timothy Dale-12 Bearden, b. 4 March 1953, m. 8 Aug. 1975, Janet CARTER: Jennifer Diann-13, b. 17 Oct. 1977 and Carter Dale-13 Bearden, b. Aug. 1980.
 b. William Edward-11 Bearden, b. 26 May 1931, area of Douglas County, GA, m. 17 June 1950, Mary Sue VINSON, b. 11 Nov. 1933, Demarest, Habersham County, GA, the daughter of Otis Terrell and Mary Jeanette (TURPIN) Vinson, and sister of Mable Marie who m. his brother. William E.-11 had issue: William Edward-12 Jr., b. 12 June 1954, d. 14 June 1954; Debra Sue-12, b. 16 June 1957, Atlanta, Fulton County, GA, m. 5 Nov. 1977 at Tacker, DeKalb County, GA, Steven Michael SHOWALTER, b. 28 Aug. 1952, had issue, Ryan Michael-13, b. 19 Feb. 1981; and Jeffrey David-12.
 c. Thomas Fred-11 Bearden, b. and d. 14 Sept. 1939.
 d. Barbara Jean-11 Bearden, youngest, only daughter of Frank Edward-9 Sr., b. 3 March 1941, Fulton/Douglas County, GA, m. 23 July 1960, Donald Eugene STOVER, b. 4 May 1932, Canton, Cherokee County, GA, son of Joseph Kimsey and Mary Elizabeth (PEEK/PEAK), had Donna Leah-12, b. 23 April 1962, North GA, not married in 1984; and Gregory Eugene-12 Stover, b. 4 Nov. 1964.
 1718. Arthur-10 "Art" Bearden, no information.
 1719. Ethel-10 Bearden, 9th and youngest issue, m. David ESKEW.

FINIS DESCENDANTS OF NO. 38 HUMPHREY-5 BEARDEN

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 40 JOHN-5 AND NANCY (LANGSTON) BEARDEN

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 83 JOHN-6 AND RHODA (MOORE) BEARDEN

ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 280 CELIA BEARDEN AND MANOAH HAM SMITH

ONE CHILD OF NO. 726 MOURNING C.-8 SMITH AND WM. PERRION GWIN/QUIN

1267. Edna Irene-9 GWIN (Mourning C.-8 SMITH, Celia-7 BEARDEN, John-6 III, John-5 II, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin -2, John-1?), 12th and youngest issue of Mourning C. SMITH and her husband, William P. GWIN, b. 11 Sep. 1890, Spartanburg County, SC, d. 9 Sep. 1973; m. 29 Sep. 1907, Scottsbluff, NE, James William CAREY, b. 10 Nov. 1881 in AR, d. 27 Feb. 1921 in Scottsbluff, NE, son of Moses who

d. 1887 and wife Rachel (BOWMAN). Edna Irene-9 m. second Perry STILLING, m. third, Herchel DICK, had issue by first marriage:

1720. Wayne William-10 Carey, b. 18 March 1908, Scottsbluff, NE, d. 4 Jan. 1916 in AR.
1721. Ruby May-10 Carey of Scottsbluff, b. 12 May 1916, AR; m. 14 May 1938, Kimball, NE, John Benedict ROBERTS, b. 27 March 1900, Rockwood, WY, d. 13 June 1968, Scottsbluff, NE; Ruby-10 m. second/third, George PAPPAS, divorced before 1984, moved to Temple, TX; has Bible records of her branch of the Bearden family from her great grandmother, had issue, ROBERTS:
- a. Peggy Lucille-11, b. 10 June 1939, Scottsbluff, m. Lynne E. TRACEY, b. 10 Dec. 1933; m. second/third, Kenneth HODGES, divorced 1994, m. unknown. She was supervisor for Internal Revenue Service, Scottsbluff, lived 1980s in Baird, NE with issue, Carey: Teri-12, b. 10 March 1956; Natilie Sue-12, b. 24 Dec. 1963, both attended college in Chadron, NE.
- b. John William-11 Roberts, b. 14 Oct. 1940, Scottsbluff, m. Kay McLAUGHLIN; practicing physician, Temple, TX, issue: Alexander-12, b. 10 Oct. 1970; Elizabeth-12, b. 7 Sept. 1977; and John William-12 Jr., b. 17 April 1982.
1722. Robert-10 Carey, b. 18 Sept. 1917, Scottsbluff, NE, d. 30 Nov. 1976, m. Dorothy (?), m. second Iris (?).
1723. James William-10 Carey Jr., b. 3 March 1919, Scottsbluff, m. Marilyn HUFFMAN.
1724. Mary Catherine-10 Carey, b. 10 May 1920, Scottsbluff, m. there 19 May 1938, Kenneth Demaranville.

FINIS DESCENDANTS OF NO. 40 JOHN-5 AND NANCY (LANGSTON) BEARDEN

THIRTY-EIGHT DESCENDANTS OF NO. 43 RICHARD-5 AND SARAH (BENNETT?)

FOURTEEN DESCENDANTS OF NO. 96 JACOB-6 AND WINIFRED (SMITH) BEARDEN

I. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 346 JACOB P.-7 AND JEMIMA (JONES) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 803 SAMUEL VINCENT BENNETT-8 AND SUSAN M. (LEE) BEARDEN

1289. Mary Ellen-9 Bearden (Samuel Vincent Bennett-8, Jacob Pleasant-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), b. 29 June 1862 in St. Clair County, AL, just ten months after her young parents were married there, and one month after her father went off to fight in the War of the Rebellion. Mary Ellen-9 died at the age of eighty-seven (87) on 2 April 1949 in Blount County, AL, which adjoins St. Clair County, and is buried there beside her husband in the Antioch Cemetery. She m. on 18 Oct. 1882 to Arch BATTLES, b. on 18 June 1853 in St. Clair County, and d. on 29 Jan. 1942 in Blount County, AL, the son of Robert and Lucy Adeline (THOMAS).

Mary Ellen-9 had an old and treasured photograph of her young father which she would often look at and cry because she had never seen him and she did not know what had happened to him after he left for the Civil War. It was only after her death that her family discovered in the Confederate records the story of the death of young Samuel V. B.-8 Bearden. Mary Ellen-9 had issue, Battles (not in order of birth):

1725. Ada Leona-10 Battles, b. 16 Aug. 1883, Etowah County, AL (Etowah having been carved from portion of St. Clair). She m. on 21 Nov. 1901, Jefferson County, AL, to Levi B. MURPHREE, descent of No. 95, James-6 Bearden whose daughter or granddaughter, Sarah-7, m. Martin MURPHY.
1726. Maud Crump-10 Battles, b. 20 May 1885, Blount County, AL, d. 28 March 1964, Cullman County, AL, funeral from Livingston Chapel; m. 24 Dec. 1903, Etowah County, to John Joseph Jackson Steven Franklin Asbury Marshall Solomon MURPHREE, b. 2 Dec. 1882 in Alabama, d. 24 May 1942, Winston County, AL, related to Elijah S.-8 and Elzie (LUVICKY) MURPHREE. The Murphree's are of the Methodist faith and "Asa" as he was known, was a Methodist minister, farming as a side line. Maud Crump-10 had issue:

- a. Velma Era-11 Murphree, b. 24 April 1905, d. 19 Dec. 1906.
- b. Era Agnes-11 Murphree, b. 12 Feb. 1907, Blount County, AL, m. there on 14 May 1933 to Young Virgil COOPER, b. 19 Aug. 1896, Cullman County, AL, son of Phillip Aquilla and Rachel Frances (WRIGHT) COOPER. She is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, TN. Virgil served in the U. S. Army, World War I. Era A.-11 had issue:
- (1) Ferrell Lavon-12, b. 23 Jan. 1933, Winston County, AL, m. 3 Aug. 1944, Copenhagen, Denmark to Ula M. DAMMERT; m. second in 1947 in Haifa, Israel to Amal NEMR.
 - (2) Norman Varnell-12, b. 11 April 1940, Winston County, AL, m. 3 Sept. 1966, Jane Marie McCAIN.
 - (3) Lorna Gayle-12, b. 25 June 1941, unmarried.
 - (4) Maud Frances-12 COOPER of Crane Hill, AL, b. 4 March 1948 in Cullman County, AL, unmarried.
- c. Ira Arch-11 Murphree, b. 30 May 1909 (Blount County?), m. 3 May 1930, Rosa Lee GIBSON.
- d. Quincey Albert-11 Murphree, b. 15 March 1911, m. 1 May 1940, Edith HARDEN, m. second 8 Aug. 1979, Clara (?).
- e. Howard Melton-11 Murphree, b. 30 Oct. 1912, Blount County, AL, m. 3 May 1967, as her second husband, to Hattie WHITAKER, whose first husband was a HARRELL.
- f. Ellard Elijah Earl-11 Murphree, b. 2 Oct. 1914, Blount County, m. 1 Dec. 1940, Theresa LOTT.
- g. Geneva-11 Murphree, b. 4 Aug. 1916, Blount County, m. Bascom LANGFORD.
- h. Verban Earl-11 Murphree, b. 25 March 1919, Blount County, m. Nov. 1941, Joyce SKINNER.
- i. Wyatt-11 Murphree, b. 28 June 1921, Winston County, m. June 1945, Willowdean MOODY.
- j. Violet-11 Murphree, b. 8 Nov. 1927, Winston County, m. 1947, Ellis CALVERT.
1727. Willie E.-10 Battles, b. 11 March 1888, Etowah County, AL, d. 1918, Blount County, m. Willie TOLBERT, m. second Henry BALLEW.
1728. Della-10 Battles, b. 16 March 1894, Blount County, d. 31 Dec. 1975, m. 11 Nov. 1911, Cyrus McCULLOUGH.
1729. Bennett-10 Battles, b. 3 April 1897, m. 1918 Josie TIDWELL.

**II. EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 352 ROBERT KIMSEY-7
AND SEMENTHA (JONES) BEARDEN**

EIGHT CHILDREN OF NO. 841 ROBERT J.-8 AND MARTHA J. (SCOTT*) BEARDEN

1304. Rosa Lee-9 ("Rosalee") Bearden (Robert Jefferson-8, Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), the first issue of Robert Jefferson-8, b. on 26 July 1882 on Cypress Creek at Cypress Inn in Wayne County, TN, d. 4 Dec. 1959 at home on Route 1, Selmar, McNairy County, TN, buried beside her husband in the Clear Creek Cemetery. "Rosa"-9 m. 23 Nov. 1902, Selmar, TN to Edgar WAGGONER, b. 19 Sept. 1876, d. at home in Selmar 17 Nov. 1949.

*Clura (SCOTT) PIGG, the daughter of Leander James and Velma (BALLENTINE) SCOTT, granddaughter of James Jackson and Eliza Jane (HOLT) SCOTT, of Cypress Inn in Wayne County, TN, has her grandfather's family Bible, kept 1850-1950 (under Person No. 841, Robert J.-8 Bearden married Martha J. SCOTT). Clura lives within six miles of Mt. Hope Church of Christ Cemetery where many SCOTT and BEARDEN family members are buried.

Rosa Lee-9 had issue, b. McNairy County, TN:

1730. Edna H.-10 Waggoner, b. 1903, did not marry, a retired school teacher in Selmar, TN, lived near her brother.
1731. W. Enlo-10 Waggoner, b. 1908, m. 1936, McNairy County, Dorothy L. McCULLAR, lived near his sister.
- Issue:

- a. Carolyn L.-11 Waggoner, b. 1937, m. Robert GROOMS, b. 1934, Chester County, TN and had issue: Pamela L.-12, b. 1961, Shelby County, TN, m. 1981, James LAYCOOK, b. 1955; and Lisa C.-12 Grooms, b. there 1964.
- b. Nancy E.-11 Waggoner, b. 1939, m. 1955, James PRENTISS, b. 1936, divorced 1959, m. second 1963, Thomas N. PRATHER, b. 1939: Stephen-12, b. 1957, Hardin County, TN, adopted by stepfather, m. 1975, Therese JONES, b. 1957: W. Ryan-13, b. 1975, Madison County, TN; Corey-13, b. 1977, McNairy County, Brandon-13 Prentiss, b. and d. 1980, buried Clear Creek Cemetery.
- c. Martha B.-11 Waggoner, b. 1941, McNairy County and m. 1959, to William W. KEISTLER, b. 1940 and had one issue, divorced 1960 and m. second 1965 Teddy F. RODGERS, b. 1936, had Deborah L.-12 Keistler, b. 1959; Teddy F.-12 Rodgers Jr., b. 1966; and April J.-12 Rodgers, b. 1970.
- d. Joe Neal-11 Waggoner, youngest and only son of W. Enlo-10 and Dorothy L., b. 1946, m. 1972 Joyce STRICKLIN, b. 1954 and had Joseph A.-12, b. 1972, Alcorn, MS.

1305. John Kimsey-9 Bearden (Robert Jefferson-8, Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-7, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known as "Kimsey", second issue and first son of Robert Jefferson-8 and Martha Jane (SCOTT) Bearden, b. 17 Aug. 1884, Cypress Creek, Wayne County, TN, d. 9 March 1965 in the Crump Hospital, buried beside his parents and grandparents in the Mt. Vinson Methodist Church Cemetery in McNairy County, lived in Adamsville, TN, near Crump in Hardin County.

He m. on 6 Dec. 1905, near Selmar, McNairy County, TN to Dessie Emma BLACKWOOD, who was b. 20 June 1884 at Cypress Inn in Wayne County, TN, the daughter of James Isaiah and Frances E. (CODY). James Isaiah Blackwood was b. on 23 Aug. 1860 and d. on 2 June 1924, m. in Wayne County, TN, to Frances E. Cody, b. on 26 April 1863 and d. on 24 June 1930, the daughter of J. J. and Serena Cody.

Mrs. Irma-10 (BEARDEN) GATTIS-CASEY of Fulton, KY (note: deceased in 1991), is the daughter of the subject and the great granddaughter of Robert Kimsey-7 Bearden. Cousin Irma-10 had the original marriage license, dated 16 Sept. 1881, for her great grandparents in Wayne County, TN, which was given to her by her Aunt Mary (BLACKWOOD) SIPES.

A great deal of gratitude is owed to Irma-10 for the generous sharing of information and for copies of the photographs of her great grandfather Bearden, one photograph in 1862 showing him in his striking Confederate Civil War uniform; photographs in 1870 and 1890 showed the loss of the sight in his right eye from a wound received in the war, plus a photograph of his tombstone in the Mt. Vinson Cemetery.

John Kimsey-9 Bearden's Certificate of Death No. 65-007040 gives his place of birth and the names of his parents (certified copy 13 Oct. 1984, by Paula Taylor, State Registrar, State of Tennessee Dept. of Health and Environment, Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, TN 37219). John Kimsey-9 and Dessie E. had issue:

- *1732. **Mary Una-10 Bearden**, m. 15 May 1922 to Allen DEATHERAGE.
- *1733. **Irma Frances-10 Bearden**, m. Jefferson HOLMES, m. second 1927, John F. GADDIS, third 16 Aug. 1958, Herbert E. CASEY.
- 1734. James Obie-10 Bearden, first son of John Kimsey-9, b. 10 Aug. 1912, Adamsville, Hardin County, TN, d. 14 June 1961, killed in car accident, Shiloh, TN; m. French Lick, IN, to Pauline CONDER, had issue, one: Michael K.-11 Bearden, b. 31 May 1947, French Lick, IN, m. 1970, Deborah Ann FREEMAN.
- 1735. Robert Olus-10 Bearden, fourth and youngest issue of John Kimsey-9 and Dessie Emma, b. 19 March 1916, Adamsville, Hardin County, TN; m. 1939 to Marie RATCLIFF, b. 1914, Old Port, Pope County, TN, divorced, m. second Rachel CAMDON, b. in NE, divorced, m. third 1966 to Dorothy MILES; had issue:
 - a. James Ronald-11, b. 29 Jan. 1940, m. 1967 to Marianne MUELLER, b. 1949, St. Louis, MO, had issue: James Ronald-12 Jr., b. 1968.
 - b. Robert Lee-12, b. 1947, marriage unknown, had Ricky Lee-13, b. 1967; and Curtis Lee-13 Bearden, b. 1969.

1306. Mary Elizabeth-9 Bearden (Robert Jefferson-8, Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), third issue of Robert Jefferson-8 and Martha Jane (SCOTT) Bearden, b. 1 April 1887, Cypress Inn, Wayne County, TN, d. 23 July 1958, Stantonville, McNairy County, TN, buried there beside her husband in the Prospect Cemetery, m. at an unknown time and place, to Thomas "Tommy" Alexander RAINS/RAINES, b. 29 July 1885, Stantonville, McNairy County, d. 23 June 1954. Mary Elizabeth-9 had issue:

1736. Jesse Hayward-10 Rains, b. 7 Jan. 1910, rural area near Stantonville, TN; m. Marie WRIGHT, b. 1922.
1737. Hazel-10 Rains, b. 4 May 1912, McNairy County, d. 1970, Pebble Hill, McNairy County, buried Pebble Hill Cemetery; m. Aubrey "Doc" WHITAKER, b. 1910, d. 1970 without issue.
1738. Roscoe-10 Rains Sr., b. 8 Aug. 1915, McNairy County, d. 1977, buried in the Prospect Cemetery near Stantonville; m. 1934 to Nellie BLANTON, divorced after one issue, m. second 1942, Nona GARRETT, b. 1916, d. 1977, had issue, two. Roscoe-10 Sr. was unable to handle his health and other problems. Without further comment, he murdered his wife of thirty-five years and then shot himself, buried side by side in same grave. Issue:
- a. Roscoe-11 Rains Jr., b. 1934, McNairy County, TN, m. 1960, Shirley WILKERSON and had Terry Dale-12, b. 1952 (adopted by Roscoe-12); Rhonda Kay-12, b. 1963, Shelby County, TN.
 - b. Royce T.-11 Rains, b. 1946 near Stantonville in McNairy County, m. 1971, Janet M. EVANS, divorced; issue: Scott T.-12, b. 1971; and Lionell-11 Rains, b. 1948.
1739. Edna Mae-10 Rains, b. 8 Dec. 1918, Falcon in McNairy County, TN, m. 1942, McNairy County, to Joseph L. "Tad" TACKER, b. 1920, Tennessee. Issue:
- a. Sandra-11, b. 1943, Falcon, McNairy County, TN, m. 1963 to Kenneth SWEAT, b. 1943, had Scott-12, b. 1966 and Kevin-12 Sweat, b. 1968.
 - b. Sherry-11 Tacker, b. 1948.
 - c. Rebecca-11 Tacker, b. 1952, m. 1970 to Russell DEBERRY and had issue: Christene Lynn-12, b. 1977.
1740. Melba Ruth-10 Rains, fifth and youngest issue of Mary Elizabeth-9 Bearden, b. 27 Aug. 1925, Falcon, McNairy County, TN, d. 1979 near Selmar in McNairy County, buried Good Hope Cemetery, m. 1942 to Ernest TREECE, b. 1922; issue: Sheila-11 Treece, b. 1944, McNairy County, m. 1967, (?) HARRIS, divorced in 1980.

1307. Eliza Ellen-9 Bearden (Robert Jefferson-8, Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fourth issue of Robert Jefferson-8 and Martha Jane (SCOTT) Bearden, b. 10 March 1889, Cypress Inn, Wayne County, TN, d. 29 Oct. 1969 near Adamsville in Hardin County, TN, buried in the Mt. Vinson Methodist Church Cemetery, m. 1912, McNairy County area to Gertie E. MILLER, b. 1892 in Tennessee, d. 1981, Adamsville, TN, buried near his wife. Eliza Ellen-9 had issue:

1741. Lillian-10 Miller, b. 1914 near Stantonville and d. there, buried in the Pebble Hill Cemetery, m. 1940 to Loraine HEATH, b. 1921 and had issue:
- a. Kenneth-11 Miller, b. 1942, m. Jennie OLDAKER and had issue, divorced, m. second 1976, Sharon MARSHALL, issue by first wife: Vincent Ray-12 and Edward Frank-12 Miller.
 - b. Helen-11, b. 1945, m. 1971, Emmett W. GARNER, b. 1947.
 - c. Janie-11 Miller, b. 1954, d. 1977, buried Pebble Hill Cemetery.
 - d. Glenn-11 Miller, b. 1956, m. 1976 to Deborah GARNER, had Stephanie Renee-12, b. 1978.
 - e. David-11 Miller, b. 1958.
1742. Leonard-10 Miller, b. 1916 in McNairy County, TN, m. 1939, Mollie GANUS, b. 1917 and had three issue before divorced:
- a. Martha Jo-11 Miller, b. 1940, m. 1959, William Gene ROSE and had William Keith-12 Rose, b. 1959.
 - b. James Charles-11 Miller, b. 1945, m. Deborah MYERS and had Charlene Renee-12 Miller, b. 1973.
 - c. Benjamin D.-11 Miller, b. 1947, m. Susan BERRY and had Timothy David-12 Miller.
1743. Leland Coon-10 Miller, b. 1918, McNairy County, TN, d. there 1970, m. Mary YOUNGER, m. second Essie Mae GRAY, issue: Mary Faye-11; and Leland M.-11 Miller, m. and had issue: Ray-12, b. 1946, m. 1966, Sandra SMITH and had Eric Ray-13, b. 1971 and Jason Robert-13 Miller, b. 1977.

1744. Lennie-10 Miller, b. 1920 in McNairy County, m. Peter LOCKBRIDGE and had issue:
 a. Wayne-11, b. 1948, m. Sherry HOLLINGSWORTH and had Jeremy Wayne-12 LOCKBRIDGE, b. 1974.
 b. Wanda Sue-11 Lockbridge, b. 1951, m. David ELAM and had Stacy Lee Ann-11 Elam, b. 1974.
1745. Lemuel-10 Miller, b. 1922 in McNairy County, TN, m. Mary Dell NIX and had three issue, m. second Ella Mae SMITH, b. 1930, d. 1968, buried Moore's Schoolhouse Cemetery, Perry County, TN, m. third 1980, Vassie May LEMUEL, had issue:
 a. Linda-11 Miller, b. 1945, m. 1960, George DICKINSON and had William-12 and Alfred-12 Dickinson.
 b. Ronald-11 Miller, b. 1947, m. 1973, Kathleen STIGLER, b. 1947, had Timothy-12 (adopted) and Christopher, b. 1977.
 c. Kay-11 Miller, b. 1949, m. 1966, Herchel McCLAIN, had Joey-12, b. 1967, Kimberley-12, b. 1968 and Nicholas-12 McClain, b. 1974.
 d. Ernest Lowell-11 Miller, b. 1951.
 e. Rose E.-11 Miller, b. 1952, m. 1971, Robert SHIPP and had Tracey-12 and Cynthia-12 Shipp.
 f. William Ernest-11 Miller, b. 1953, m. 1974, Bonnie CURTIS.
 g. Earl Douglas-11 Miller, b. 1955, d. 1969.
 h. Roger Darrell-11 Miller, b. 1959, m. Peggy (?) and had Ella Mae-12 Miller, b. 1981.
1746. Lendoss-10 Miller, b. 1927 in McNairy County, m. 1947, Pearl KIDDY, b. 1929 and had issue:
 a. Thomas-11 Miller, b. 1948, m. 1973, Edith ROBERTS, divorced and m. second Bobbie Sue (?), had Thomas-12 Miller, b. 1982 in Madison County, TN.
 b. Tedford-11 Miller (TWIN), b. 23 Feb. 1952, m. Janet KING.
 c. Teddy-11 Miller, twin to Tedford, m. Faye MONROE and had Jason Monroe-12 Miller, b. 1979.
 d. Baby-11 Miller, b. and d. 1954, buried Clear Creek Cemetery in McNairy County, TN.
1747. Loyce-10 Miller, youngest issue of Eliza Ellen-9 Bearden, b. 1929, m. 1950 in McNairy County to Emma Jo RICKMAN, b. 1930.

1308. James Daniel-9 Bearden (Robert Jefferson-8, Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth issue of Robert Jefferson-8 and Martha Jane (SCOTT) Bearden, b. 26 Feb. 1892, Cypress Inn, Wayne County, TN, d. 17 May 1959 near Adamsville in Hardin County, TN, buried Mt. Vinson Cemetery, m. 1915 in McNairy County to Ethma PETTIGREW, b. 1899, TN, d. 1978, buried beside her husband and his grandparents, had issue, b. near Stantonville:

1748. James Arnold-10 Bearden, b. 1917, d. 1920.
1749. Dwight L.-10 Bearden, b. 1922, m. 1942, Frances LANDREATH, b. 1923 and had issue:
 a. Martha-11 Bearden, b. 1943, m. 1962, Raymond MOORE, divorced, m. second Thomas VALENTINE, m. third Paul DESFORGES.
 b. Lyman-11 Bearden, b. 1945, m. 1968, Faye TODD and had Annette-12, b. 1969, Jennie Lynn-12, b. 1972; and Tanya Lee-12 Bearden, b. 1976.
 c. Brenda-11 Bearden, b. 1946, m. 1977, Thomas McLAIN and had Thomas Jefferson-12, b. 1980.
 d. Charles-11 Bearden, b. 1 Nov. 1949, m. 1968, Peggy HUNTER had Nicole Renee-12, b. 1971; Natilie Lavonne-12, b. 1973.
1750. Robert-10 Bearden, b. 1924, m. 1944, Thelma RIDDELL, b. 1925 and had Barbara-11, b. 1947, m. 1967, Larry BATES, b. 1944 and had Charles-12 and Robert-12 Bates.

1310. Nina Vetress-9 Bearden (Robert Jefferson-8, Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), seventh issue of Robert Jefferson-8 and Martha J. (SCOTT) Bearden, b. 28 Dec. 1896, Wayne County, TN, living 1983 in Beech Bluff, TN, m. 1915 to Alva M. HIGGINS, b. 1893, TN, d. 1979, Jackson, TN. It is from Vetress-9 that much of this family history comes as she well remembers both her Bearden and Scott grandparents. Her sister, Gertrude-9 Bearden m. her husband's brother, Elmer HIGGINS. Nina Vetress-9 had issue:

1751. Aaron Robert-10 Higgins, b. 1918, d. 1977 in Jackson, TN, buried Ridgcrest Cemetery, m. Eunice PHILLIPS, b. 1924 and had one issue: Gary-11 HIGGINS.
1752. Ludene-10 Higgins, b. 1921, m. Joseph NORWOOD, divorced.
1753. Marthalene-10 Higgins, b. 1928, m. 1946, Julian COPLIN, b. 1924, had issue: Daniel-11 b. 1948, Madison County, m. 1977, Catherine COLEMAN; Michael-11, b. 1952, m. 1974, Vicky BOWMAN; and Pamela-11 Coplin, b. 1956, m. 1977, Gary ALEXANDER.
1754. Samuel-10 Higgins, b. 1933, m. 1963, Mary Jean WILKERSON and had Karen-11, b. 1964; and Kevin-11 Higgins, b. 1975.
1755. Mary Ellen-10 Higgins, b. 1935, d. 1977, m. 1956, Richard BURSON, divorced, m. second Kenneth KLOPP.

1312. Arkie Belle-9 Bearden (Robert Jefferson-8, Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), ninth issue of Robert Jefferson-8 and Martha J. (SCOTT) Bearden and the first to be b. in McNairy County, TN, b. 31 Nov. 1903 in Lawton, TN, d. 17 Jan. 1978 between Stantonville and Adamsville, m. 1923, W. Lee HURLEY, b. there 1900. Issue, Hurley:

1756. McElroy-10 Hurley, b. 1923, d. 1944, buried in the National Cemetery, killed World War II.
1757. Lee Lafoy-10 Hurley, b. 1926, McNairy County, lives Madison County, m. Irene MEADOWS, b. 1914, m. second Mary Katherine ADAMS and had Ronald-11, b. 1951, m. Diane KIRK, b. 1950, divorced after one issue: Chad Lee-12, b. 1969.
1758. James-10 Hurley, b. 1929, m. 1948, Wilma SHEA and had issue:
- Martha Cheryl-11 b. 1950 m. 1966 Neal R. RICKMAN, divorced.
 - James Randy-11, b. 1952, m. 1970, Imogene DILLARD and had: James Randy-12 Jr., b. 1972.
 - Josephine Susanne-11, b. 1953, m. Andrew HIGGINS, m. second Barry Lynn IRVIN, m. third Robert WATKINS and had Andrew Kim-12 Higgins, b. 1970; Barry Lynn-12 Irvin, b. 1974, d. 1975; and Eric-12 Watkins, b. and d. 1977.
 - George Melvin-11 Hurley, b. 1968.
1759. Fayoma-10 Hurley, b. 1931, m. 1953, Therrell EDWARDS, b. 1929 and had issue:
- Katherine M.-11 EDWARDS, b. 1955, Shelby County, TN, m. 1976, Michael WEBB.
 - Connie Gertrude-11 Edwards, b. 1956, m. 1975, David WEBB, had Jennifer Lynn-12, b. 1977.
 - Joseph Lee-11 Edwards, b. 1957.
 - Cheryl Lynn-11 Edwards, b. 1958.
 - Martha Jane-11 EDWARDS b. 1965.
1760. Edwin-10 Hurley, b. 1935, m. Socorrie RAMIRIZ, b. 1937, TX, had William E.-11, b. 1960; and Marisa Jean-11 Hurley, b. 1961.
1761. Charles Allen-10 Hurley, b. 1944, Shelby County, TN, m. 1963, Luverne ESTILL b. 1947 d. 1965, buried Stantonville, had issue: Charles Allen-11, b. 1964, Shelby County, m. 1986, Belinda PHILLIPS, had issue b. AR: Dena-11, b. 1988; Charles David-11, b. 1971; and Brian Keith-11 Hurley, b. 1973.

1314. Jessie Aubrey-9 Bearden (Robert Jefferson-8, Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2 John-1?), eleventh, youngest and one of the two issue of Robert J.-8 who are still living in 1983 in Adamsville, Hardin County, TN; b. 23 Dec. 1905, Falcon, McNairy County; m. 1922, Marcial WARD, b. 1904 in TN and had issue, b. McNairy County TN:

1762. Baby-10 Bearden, b. and d. 1924, buried Mt. Vinson Cemetery.
1763. Ralph-10 Bearden, b. 1925, m. Helen MILLER and had issue:
- Jack S.-11 Bearden, b. 1951, m. 1972, Deborah HOLMES and divorced after one issue: Steven Ryan-12, b. 1974.
 - Cynthia-11 Bearden, b. 1953, m. 1971, Daniel TILLMAN and had Daniel-12, b. 1972; and David-12 Tillman, b. 1978.

- c. Richard-11 Bearden (TWIN), b. 2 Jan. 1955, m. 1973, Gail HARVEY, divorced after one, Tiffany Dawn-12, b. 1974.
 - d. Ricky-11 Bearden (TWIN), b. and d. on 2 Jan. 1955, buried Clear Creek Cemetery in McNairy County.
 - e. Johnnie-11 Bearden, b. 1956, m. 1978, Angela MOORE and had one unknown issue before divorced.
 - f. Deborah-11 Bearden, b. 1957, m. Robbie DAVIS.
 - g. Barbara-11 Bearden, b. 1958, m. Barry McCRARY and had one issue: Richard Allen-12 McCrary, b. 1976.
1764. Jane M.-10 Bearden, b. 1927 in McNairy County, TN, m. 1949, Odus James KIDDY, b. 1927 and had Beverley Jane-11, b. 1960; and Barry L.-11 Kiddy, b. 1961, m. 1980, Melvissa KISER.
1765. Robert Harvey-10 Bearden, b. 1930 in McNairy County, d. 1974, buried Clear Creek Cemetery, m. Joan L. STORY, b. 1933 in London, England and had five issue before divorced:
- a. Sharon-11 Bearden, b. 1953, Shreveport, LA m. 1971, Daniel HERBERT and had Christene Jo'ell-12, b. 1977 in Alaska; and Robert-12 Herbert, b. 1979.
 - b. Robert Benjamin-11 Bearden, b. 1955 in Montgomery, AL, m. 1979, Lisa DONALDSON.
 - c. Michael D.-11, b. 1957, Japan, m. 1977 Tennison BROWN, had Michael Flint-12, b. 1978; and Samantha-12 Bearden, b. 1979.
 - d. Clifton J.-11 Bearden, b. 1958 in Hawaii.
 - e. Lisa Kelly-11 Bearden, b. 1969 in Anchorage, Alaska.
1766. James Aubrey-10 Bearden, b. 1935 in McNairy County, TN, m. 1954, Elsie B. WALLER, divorced 1958 after one issue; m. second 1959, Clara Mae PICKENS, b. 1941, two issue: Victoria -11, b. 1956, m. J. M. SMITH, had Heather Nicole-12, b. 1975; Gregory-11, b. 1961; and Dale Ronald-11 Bearden, b. 1965.

CONTINUED DESCENDANTS OF NO. 96 JACOB-6 AND WINIFRED (SMITH) BEARDEN

III. FIVE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 353 JAMES JASPER-7 AND MARY J. (RAINEY) BEARDEN

A. FOUR CHILDREN OF NO. 849 ERVIN KENNETH-8 AND CORA BELL (WEATHERS) BEARDEN

1339. William Ira-9 Bearden (Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), known and called "Ira" and "W. I." Bearden, same person as No. 1274 in WEATHERS/WITHERS FAMILY by writer; first issue of Ervin K.-8 and Cora Bell (WEATHERS), b. on 4 Aug. 1889 between Stephenville and Dublin in Erath County, TX and d. on 2 June 1947 in Hardy's Sanitarium, Ardmore, Carter County, OK, buried with tombstone in the Bearden plot, Young's Cemetery, where his oldest son, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law and countless lifetime friends, some from Red River County, TX, are buried, located twenty miles northeast of Ardmore and same southwest of Sulphur in Oklahoma, a beautiful and shady spot near where he liked to hunt for squirrel and cotton tail rabbits for the family dinner table.

A spot awaited beside him for his faithful and loving wife who lived to the grand old age of ninety-eight. The Dunn Funeral Home from Sulphur in Murray County took care of the details of his funeral, which was held in the Baum Community Church/Schoolhouse, where his ten children had graduated from elementary school. His Certificates of Birth and Death, No. 409269 and 08364, give his birthdate, birthplace, name of parents and their places of birth.

As the custom was, on this date in 1947 and in the rural community in which he lived, William Ira-9 (as he had helped with countless deaths in his time), was "laid out" in his home and numerous people of the community and from the church brought food and "sat up" with the body and his family. The rural people had just begun to have a funeral home take care of the remains but they still brought their loved ones home until the funeral. Well within the writer's memory, the rural people "laid out" the body, which means they washed it, put the best clothing they had on it, built a home made "coffin" out of new lumber if they could afford it, lined it with a sheet and buried it, usually within a day after the death as embalming was quite new and few could afford such luxuries.

When he died Ira-9 was carrying in his billfold an identification card, a resident hunting and fishing license, dated 1 May 1946 to 30 April 1947, Route 1, Ardmore, OK, age fifty-seven, one hundred and eighty pounds, six feet, four inches tall, dark hair, blue eyes and a driver's license, No. 48753, issued 10 Dec. 1945, description of the owner (before pictures on a driver's license).

These articles are signed W. I. and William I. Bearden, although he was known and called "Ira", as was the custom of his parents, grandparents and great grandparents before him, to sign initials only or the first name and an initial for the second name, although they (he) was called by their (his) second name. These articles, the receipt from the funeral home and many photographs of William Ira-8, beginning in 1889 with his parents and ending in 1947, are now in the writer's possession. In addition, the Certificates of Death for his father and mother in Texas, give the name and place of birth for his grandparents.

At the time of the loss of this great and good man, the beloved father of nine surviving issue, the following is among the tributes which were penned to him in the DAILY ARDMOREITE and THE SULPHUR DAILY OKLAHOMAN, dated 2 June to 5 June 1947 (over fifty years old, in possession of the writer, some with errors):

"SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA PIONEER DIES
"WILLIAM I. BEARDEN PASSES AWAY
"BEARDON RITES PLANNED TODAY"

"MY DAD

"Only a dad with a tired face
Coming home from the daily race
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he has played the game
But great in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him coming and to hear his voice.

"Only a dad neither rich nor proud
Merely one of the searching crowd
Toiling, striving, from day to day
Facing whatever may come his way
Silent, whatever the harsh condemnation
And bearing it all for the love of them.

"Only a dad but he gave his all
To smooth the way for his children small
To do, with courage stern and grim
The deed that his father did for him
This is the line that for him I pen
My dad, the best of men.
Like him, when I die, I hope to have been."

William Ira-9 Bearden married on 9 Sept. 1916 in Cooper, Delta County, TX to Bessie Jewel SCHELL/SHELL, who was b. on 26 Sept. 1895 near Greenville in Hunt County, TX, and breathed her last on 3 Dec. 1993, ninety-eight (98) years of age, the daughter of Calvin Delevan David Milton (Melton?) Schell and his wife, Alice Bell BUNCH (see SCHELL/BUNCH FAMILY for Bessie J. SCHELL, plus No. 1811 and 1890 in the WITHERS/WEATHERS FAMILY, both by writer, as Bessie J. is a two time descendant of the first James-3 Weathers/Withers and his wife, Elizabeth KEENE, to America). The wife of Ira-9 Bearden was married first, at age fifteen, to a cousin of her STANLEY cousins, who was Leroy SMITH. She is the only wife of William Ira-9 Bearden and she is the mother of his children.

The children of William Ira-9 Bearden do not feel that their parents are especially better than other people who lived in this era of time, but they do acknowledge a debt to them that cannot be repaid except by passing on to

descendants the contributions they made to their family, to the lives of everyone with whom they came in contact and to society in general.

Before going into the life and the lineage of William Ira-9 Bearden, in a brief way the writer would like to comment that just the thought of doing this seemed easy in the beginning. To work up a short sketch or biography of her father, so that his descendants could see him as she has seen him, seemed an enjoyable project but it has been one of the most difficult of undertakings. It has been started over and over and then laid aside for more prayer, thought and preparation. Words are inadequate for proper consideration of such people as Ira-9 and Bessie (SCHELL) Bearden.

This writer has had two good reasons for going back and trying again and again to give a word picture of this good man, the first because of the encouragement of her family, plus the encouragement of the William Ira-9 Bearden siblings (only one of Ira-8's sisters left on this date in Sept. 1996, the youngest brother having died in July 1991). The second reason for making this effort is the feeling of a debt owed to future generations and their entitlement to know something of their progenitors. Many have shared their love and the historical facts of the lives of William Ira-9 and his good wife, Bessie J. (SCHELL), plus the lives and lineage of their own ancestors.

This is written with a prayer that all who read it will study and grow by the lessons Ira-9 taught by the way he lived. Of a good man the Psalmist has said:

"His steps are ordered by the Lord."

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful: But his delight is in the law of the LORD and in His law does he meditate day and night.

"But he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." (Psalm 1: 1-3).

At the time of William Ira-9 Bearden's untimely departure from this life, he could say with St. Paul the Apostle:

"For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: And not to me only but unto them also that love His appearing" (II Tim. 4: 6-8).

Ira-9 was of the Baptist faith, as the Beardens had been for many generations, a Democrat in politics as firm as the Rock of Ages, always voting and supporting that party and never swerving from his faith in God and in his country.

He was a public servant, having served on the Baum (in Carter County, OK) School Board as a Trustee and it was a standing joke that he had more "kids in the school and for a longer period of time than anyone". He was a leader in the Young and Baum Baptist Church and nobody in his family worked or did any trading on the Lord's Day. Not only on Sunday but every day, he required his children to wash their faces and hands, and to comb hair before every meal.

He was an exciting and vital person who transmitted some of his vision of the past and of the future to his progeny. He knew his own identity and was happy with the knowledge.

Ira-9 and Bessie instilled in their children a zest for living, plus an inheritance of respect, desire, reverence and love for God, the Holy Bible, home, family, country, education, good music, good books, world history, geography of the world, the gift of strength, laughter, determination and hospitality. His descendants who knew him have a regret that future generations will not know nor will they share in his influence except as they (we) have shared in it.

The issue of William Ira-9 Bearden have lived with dignity before the world and made vast contributions to their families, the lives of others and to society. There is a continued growth and study by the lessons of right and wrong that this good man and his wife lived before their children and the world. There is a debt of gratitude to them for these lessons in successful living. Two of the many lessons taught are that "a person's word is his bond and there is no need for a handshake as a person is just as good as his word", and "all mankind is of common clay and everyone is equal".

He knew and translated the knowledge to his children that there is really no reason why peace and good will should not be a common bond between all humanity. He committed to his offspring that great excitement of learning the history and the geography of mankind and where his family fit into the whole.

He knew that America has been a melting pot of many races and religions but his family heritage began with HIM. It was obvious to him that the better he knew his ancestors and their descent, the better he knew himself, the benefits were for himself, his children and their children, something they should know and understand. His wisdom and knowledge of his heritage made him proud and often humble. He knew the further back in time he went, the broader the pyramid of names became and that there is a common heritage and a brotherhood of mankind. The transgressions one might commit could well be against a distant relative and there is a close kinship of all people.

He did not attend school for long as he was the oldest child of a farmer and wagoner and had to help in the field in the effort to make a living. He was a self-educated man, reading avidly every thing available to him, including the family Bible which he had perfectly memorized and could name chapter and verse where each scripture was found. He said that an education included a knowledge of the scriptures and it was a tradition in his family as his parents, grandparents, great grandparents and back as far as any could remember, had memorized the Holy Bible or The Scriptures, as he called the Bible. His education and eloquence in matters of the scriptures were well known and he never wavered in his religious belief and in his faith in the Gospel of Christ. His quotations of the Bible were made more effective and impressive by his striking appearance and language.

He grew up in a family who enjoyed singing and good gospel music, relatives, neighbors and friends coming for many miles and staying several days or weeks, practicing and learning new songs in order to praise the Lord more abundantly. He was a self-taught musician, having taken a few lessons in music and the piano from an itinerant Baptist minister who had been taught only the basics himself. He could "Do-re-me" until he could sing any song and any tune. He dearly loved the church get-togethers for the purpose of practicing new songs and learning more about music.

The writer woke up and went to bed many times with the sound of her father's voice in the old rocking chair, singing to the current baby to the tune of "Sweet By and By", "The Little Brown Church in the Wildwood", "Shall We Gather at the River", "Love Lifted Me", "Old Rugged Cross", "Rescue the Perishing", "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus", "Where We Will Never Grow Old", "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again", "Rock Of Ages", "Amazing Grace", "Victory In Jesus", "Rock-A-Bye-Baby", "I Want A Girl Just Like The Girl That Married Dear Old Dad", "Who Will Tie Those Pretty Little Shoes When I Am In A Distant Land", "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain When She Comes", "I Will Give You a Paper and Pins if You Will Marry Me", "Come Little Pinkey and Tell Me What You Think", "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and numerous other old tunes.

His relations with his family and his fellowman were happy ones and he commanded the respect and love of both. He could hold forth on any topic and was never known to be at a loss for words to express himself eloquently and his clear logic always won him his point in a gentle and unobtrusive way, as his liking for any opponent in a discussion always shone through to them.

He had a wonderful memory for details, with a distinction and clearness which could not be excelled, a fondness in relating incidents and happenings of his youth, and the stories passed down by his parents and grandparents. His wife liked to tell the story of how Ira-9 always asked everyone at church to go home with them for Sunday dinner, especially the preacher, and then he entertained the crowd so eloquently that she had no help in the kitchen. As this writer remembers it, Mama was always in the kitchen and Daddy was either cutting wood for the cooking and the fireplace, taking care of the children and holding forth for his audience in the living room.

He was a historian of his own family and his country, both local and general, entertaining in intensely interesting conversation his family or an assembly of people, with talk of the greatness of people long gone to their graves. He may not have said it as well as Edmond Burke in 1870 when he wrote "REFLECTIONS ON THE REVOLUTION IN FRANCE" and included the thought "PEOPLE WILL NEVER LOOK FORWARD TO POSTERITY WHO NEVER LOOK BACKWARD TO THEIR ANCESTORS", but the same idea has been responsible for putting the writer on an exciting trail of ancestral findings and family discoveries.

In Ira-9's lifetime (1889-1947) and in the rural community in which he lived there was very little reading material available. There were no public libraries and when the talk of a public library first surfaced well within this writer's memory, how wonderful the idea was to Ira-9 and his family! It was like a bit of fairy land and magic to have books available on many subjects and for the asking, the librarian was considered a magician of sorts!

The country elementary school had a limited library and the "lesson books", purchased each year when school began and taken home each night for parents to read, were about the extent of reading material with the exception of "The Capper's Weekly" which contained an Almanac each year, "The Dallas Morning News", and later "The Daily Ardmoreite" which were staples in the Ira-9 Bearden home and he was an expert on current and past events. When work was slack on the farm, he was a familiar sight to the mailman, walking three miles and waiting for the rural mail delivery.

The writer remembers bringing home from school her "Primer Reader" with "Little Gingerbread Boy", "I Am, I Am", and later graduating to history, geography and civic books, which her father sometimes perused all night by lamplight, literally memorizing names, dates and places. He knew the geography of all the continents and his mind held a picture of the map of the world. He had a great knowledge of classical, ancient and modern literature and was preeminently equipped to converse in any assembly.

When the radio was invented and first became available in the William Ira-8 Bearden home, it was like a magic box to the family. He then had the news as it became available to the country at large. The newspaper was delivered a day late on the rural route.

He did not live long enough to enjoy the magic of television. His children longed for him to have known and shared with them the appreciation of the current news and events being broadcast while it was happening. The joy is bittersweet because the new technologies and experiences cannot be shared with this man who would have so appreciated them and who gave so much of himself to our world.

He was an encyclopedia of knowledge, including prose literature and the great poets, a wonderful student of men and the books then available. There is perhaps no person who has possessed a greater or more general information of people of mark and their accomplishments.

He expanded his knowledge of a great many current and past historical events of both the country and the family, being most curious about the places and events that shaped them and his own life.

He knew the history of every prominent person in the country and of his time, especially of the Southern United States, the great Kentuckians, Tennesseans, Georgians, Alabamians, etc., these where his own family had lived. He possessed a store of anecdotes about each one and he was at all times a most desirable companion.

His sympathies were with the South in their struggle with the North in the Civil War, having heard the stories from his parents and grandparents of their native states and their suffering, both during and after the Civil War. He was not disloyal to his country and thought Abraham Lincoln a great and brilliant man who had handled the problem of the war and restoration with courage and fortitude. He wished for a longer life for that great man.

As his children grew older and better educated, his sharp and inquisitive mind challenged them to greater and higher heights of knowledge and excellence.

Before his marriage, William Ira-9 Bearden lived in East Texas near where he was born, but after his maternal grandparents died near Stephenville, his parents moved him to Delta County to be near his mother's sister, known to the writer as "Aunt Ailee". The 1900 federal census of Delta County finds him in the household of his parents in Delta County and next door to his maternal aunt, the "Joe" and Alazama Elizabeth (Aunt "Aille") of the (WITHERS/WEATHERS) SPEAK/S family. After 1900 he lived with the family he was born into in Hopkins and Somerville Counties and he had younger siblings born in each county. After 1906, when he was age seventeen, his parents moved him to Fannin County to be near the WINN family, whose family his oldest sister had married into. They remained here until a short time before his father's death in 1915.

"Joe" SPEAK/S, husband of "Aunt "Ailee (WEATHERS) owned acres and acres of rich bottom land in Delta County. After 1912, at age twenty-three, Ira-9 went to visit his aunts and his cousins in Delta and Red River Counties, TX, having formerly lived in Delta County. Living in nearby McCurtain County in the state of Oklahoma was the Richard SHOCKLEY family (see under No. 852).

Ira-9 stayed in Delta and Red River County and talked his parents into coming to Red River County to live for a short time and his own father died there in 1915. It was said that the low climate and the water did not agree with Ervin K.-8 Bearden nor with his youngest daughter and they had the "chills" there.

It has been said by his siblings that Ira-9 was quite a lady's man before his marriage at age twenty-seven. He "played the field" and could have had his pick of almost any girl in the country including some of his cousins, until he met his future wife near Cooper in Delta County. He was "tall, dark and handsome" and his sisters also say he "tended to be a little wild" at that age.

It is supposed that his thick black hair and complexion came from his 1/4th Indian mother. Ira-9 had several photographs of himself taken with young ladies of quality and beauty, who he "squired around". Just how he met his wife is their secret but it has never been a secret just how much he loved and spoiled her ever after. A first memory is of him holding her on his lap in the evening when the chores were done and the family was relaxing by lamp light and when he was not holding, singing to, rocking and petting one of the current babies.

Some first memories of this writer are of living where Ira-9 share-cropped on the Marvin Wathan farm in Red River County, the same location where his own father had died and was buried in 1915, and where his second (me) and fourth child was born in 1919 and 1923. A memory is going to meet him each night as he came home from work and searching his lunch bucket to see if perchance he had left some biscuits, butter and syrup. He liked a glass of syrup mixed with home made "cow's butter" in his dinner bucket.

The staples were biscuits and "salt pork" which is salt-cured bacon and that was also later the children's school lunch. When some of the neighbor children had "light bread" and "bologna sausage" with sandwich spread and/or mustard, we eyed it longingly but seldom had those delicacies. Sometimes our mother would, in the country store, trade cream and eggs for something different to put in our newspaper-wrapped and brown-bagged dinners.

Ira-9 and Bessie Bearden's first issue was born soon after their marriage in 1916 in Delta County, his second issue and first daughter (the writer) was b. 1919 in Red River County, the third daughter was b. 1921 near DeKalb in Bowie County and the fourth daughter was born in 1923 in Red River County, the latter when the writer was just over four years old. A distinct memory is the black woman who took care of mama and the new baby, the latter had long black hair and was one of the most beautiful experiences in the lives of the people of the Ira-9 Bearden household.

The children watched the black woman doing the cooking and making biscuits with her hands and was afraid the black would come off as she worked the bread. The writer whispered to our mother of her hunger but fear of the black coming off in the food, a lesson was then learned that has not been forgotten. Mama softly said the black woman was a good person just like God made everyone and we loved her. There was never again a fear of a person because of their color, nationality or their race.

Ira-9 was a share-crop and row-crop farmer, a tiller of the soil, although he found work on neighboring farms when it was available. He did not own his own land or his home although he hungered for the land. He rented and cultivated "on the halves". Improvement in living conditions was scanty but his determination and hard work made life easier for his family.

He knew when to plant his cotton, corn, sorghum cane, peanuts, sweet and "Irish" potatoes, etc., and he knew when to cultivate and harvest his crops. He worked from sunup to sundown, both for himself and for others. Sometimes he worked for 50 cents to \$1.00 a day and during the depression of the 1930's he worked for 39 cents a day and a small share of the crops.

Ira-9 and his thrifty and hard working wife raised their living and there was practically no food from paper sacks and tin cans. Every fall found the cellar full of both "sweet" and "Irish" potatoes, peanuts, pecans, black walnuts, sorghum syrup, and hundreds of gallon, one-half gallon, and quart jars of all kinds of produce, vegetables, fruits, jelly, jams, butters, etc. There were only purchases made on the rare trips to town of "bread stuff", salt, baking powder, soda and coal oil for the lamps or "lights".

Ira-9's wife, Bessie J., known and called "Bess", made and fermented her own yeast, milked the cows and made her own butter, cottage cheese, hominy, grits, pickles, sour kraut, etc. and together they ground the corn for meal and made the sorghum syrup, both of which are never so good as when they are freshly made and both are hot with the foam still on the sorghum syrup. People from all over the country came to see and sometimes use the corn and the sorghum mills and to eat of the bounty.

It is to be wondered if the younger of the William Ira-9 Bearden children and grandchildren know what a cornmeal and a sorghum mill are. It was an exciting time in the fall when the syrup was made. The cane was good to chew on and suck the rich sweet juice from. Sometimes sugar cane syrup was made but was mostly purchased from the store for a change.

It was a real treat to "go to town", sometimes riding in the wagon on a bale of cotton and in that case a camp was made in town overnight (eighteen miles to Ardmore and the cotton gin). Every trip into town meant a choice of what to bring home for "supper", from "light bread and bologna sausage", to "cheese and crackers", or "chili and crackers" and it was all eaten that night.

When Ira-9 or his neighbors killed a beef they "peddled" it to their neighbors and friends as there was no way of keeping and preserving beef. Steak has never tasted as good since, nor has the pork which was made each fall when the first cold snap came and the Ira-9 Bearden family butchered hogs. The hams, sausage and bacon were smoke-salt cured and hung in the smokehouse, the sausage was stuffed into long, homemade cheesecloth bags and ate as soon as possible, as was the fresh pork chops, etc. Later, when pressure cookers were invented, beef could be preserved in glass jars; still later, ice was delivered to the home by the ice man and food could be kept for several days. Formerly milk and butter had been kept in the "spring" or by lowering it into the "well" where the source of cool water was found.

It was a good life, "Bess" gathered wild dewberries, plums, mulberries; there were fruit, pecan, and walnut trees and we lived off the land. Neighbors, friends, relatives and "shirt-tail" relatives found an open door and the Ira-9 Bearden home was always full of visitors, both of the "aristocrats" and the "common man", mingling together and enjoying the hospitality of a laden table and good conversation. The guests usually included the Baptist minister every weekend who came from the Ft. Worth Seminary to practice his preaching on the "country folks". The Bearden girls usually "fell in love" with these young men and had quite a lark remembering their every word and gesture while in the home.

Ira-9 was an expert and avid fisherman and hunter and in his later years, when his health was bad, he made time for these inclinations. He often took his shotgun or rifle down and went hunting for squirrel and cotton tail rabbit to put a different kind of meat on the table. His catches of fish ranged from small perch in the lake to as much as sixty to a hundred pound catfish in the river and it was common to have his fish catch for breakfast.

When automobiles were first being made and became available in Red River County, TX, Ira-9 purchased a "Baby Overland" and was too proud to tell the dealer that he could not drive it. When it was delivered, as he later told the story on himself, he drove into the barn while pulling on the steering wheel and hollering "whoa" like he did to his mules when he was driving the buggy or the wagon. Nobody enjoyed a good joke on themselves any more than he did.

He taught himself to drive and later owned a Model T Ford with icinglass windows which rolled up and down like window shades and which you could not see through. If the windows were down, there was no protection from the weather or the dirt. The Model T sometimes would not start and Ira-9 would exhaust himself trying to crank it with an iron handle that fit in the front of the car. He would stoop down and crank for hours, resting occasionally, but he was never known to give up. Sometimes the family pushed while he tried to start the motor. When it finally sputtered and started, maybe after some lifting of the hood and pampering, there was a great sigh of relief as the family was then on its way, maybe too late for church, but going somewhere!

Sometimes the old country roads were muddy and full of holes, almost impossible to navigate, and the children who were big enough would get out and push or Ira-9 would have to get his team of mules to pull the car out of the muck.

Sometimes the roads were really bad and it was these times that Ira-9 would hitch up the team and wagon and take his family to church or visiting. It was a great lark to ride home from evening church services, which was the social time, with feet hanging out of the back of the wagon, the young boys of the neighborhood riding their horses behind and "courting" the girls under Ira-9's very nose! Sometimes the girls were allowed to walk home with a "fellow", but Ira-9 was always on the alert to know how long it took to get home and no detours were allowed!

Ira-9 could get a team of mules to pull many times their weight without a whip. He hated to see a man whip or beat his mules or any animal. He fed, babied and talked to his animals like they were people. There was a dog named "King" who was dearly loved but he started having "fits" and Ira-9 had to shoot him because that was the way hydrophobia started. How we all cried when we heard the fatal shot! At that time there was no such thing as shots and hydrophobia was not to be fooled with.

There were milk cows called "Cherry" and "Blossom" before 1925 and while the family still lived in Texas. They were beautiful and had to be left behind when the move to southern Oklahoma was made, but not the chickens! They were brought along in coops wired onto the side of the Baby Overland and the wagon. It was better music than cars have today!

In 1924 Ira-9 heard the river land was more productive in Southern Oklahoma where his wife's two brothers had gone, and he moved his family and all their worldly possessions by wagon and the Baby Overland to near Berwyn in Carter County (now called Gene Autry because the famous cowboy singer was born there and owned a ranch nearby). The wagon was not like the other covered wagons which other families were traveling in at the same time as it was loaded with everything to be imagined in a farm home and then covered with "ducking", a kind of material like sacks were made for picking cotton and from which tents are made today.

Ira-9 drove the Overland with coops wired on it, filled with his wife's clucking and best hens for laying eggs. His wife's young brother, who lived in their home, drove the wagon. There were three nights spent on the road with parents and children sleeping in the car and under the wagon, building a campfire for breakfast and eating cold biscuits, pancakes and cornbread with milk or butter the rest of the day. If there were restaurants and motels, the Bearden family did not know or care about them.

On the way to Oklahoma, Roscoe-10, the oldest issue of Ira-9 and Bessie Bearden, had to open a wire gate and Ira-9 ran over his toes with the automobile. That was before paved roads and it was a good thing the road was sandy!

The house the family moved into in 1924 and lived in until 1927, located near Berwyn, OK, had large trees around it with large knots on them and those knots never disappeared. The children were told "that's where babies

come from", but it seems there were many sources for getting babies. The knots were still there when Ira-9 and Bess Bearden's fifth issue was born there in 1926.

The new home near Berwyn (Gene Autry now) was situated on the new dirt (later graveled) highway and covered wagons passed by daily. There were not many days that people did not stop to ask for water, food and/or a place to spend the night. Nobody went away hungry, usually sitting at the table and sharing the family fare, nor was anyone turned away who needed shelter.

One family was given the Ira-9 Bearden bedroom and after they left, head lice was discovered. Usually all bedding used by these "guests" would be boiled in lye and lye soap, but this time nothing seemed to rid the family of these nefarious little visitors. Finally, after a visit to the doctor, it was decided that mama's advice should be followed and henceforth people were asked to sleep in the barn or, if the weather was bad, to sleep on the floor with their own bedding or something that could be burned afterward.

The fifth William Ira-9 Bearden issue was born in the home near Berwyn and the sixth issue and fifth daughter was born after the final move to the Young/Baum community, also in Carter County, where Ira-9 worked by the day and share-cropped for Henry Croskill.

Henry Croskill, older than Ira-9, owned a great deal of the country and he and Ira-9 learned to love each other and treasured their friendship. Henry, or "Mr. Croskill" as the children knew him, often rode his horse and spent the day in Ira-9's home, eating at his table and enjoying the good food and the conversation with the talented and well-read people who were so often full-time guests there. One of the highest honors paid to Ira-9 and Bess J. (Schell) Bearden is that Mr. Croskill wanted his own children and grandchildren to learn some of the Ira-9 Bearden family values.

William Ira-9 Bearden raised ten children to adulthood without either the parents or the children ever having seen the inside of a hospital. They always said, "laughter and songs are the best medicine and a good tonic" and there was always plenty of both.

There are happy memories of going barefoot all summer and just before school started, Ira-9 and Bess would take the children to town and bring home at least one pair of new shoes for each child, long black or brown cotton stockings and long underwear. "Bess" sat at the old Singer sewing machine for hours and days on end and there were at least six new dresses for each daughter. Later, when these became available, some dresses were made from the pretty printed flour sacks from which the family's bread came. Every daughter had a pair of black sateen bloomers for every day of the week. Bessie worked for many hours and days in an attempt to make her daughter's first brassieres as seen in the "Sears Roebuck catalogue", and as described by her older daughters.

When other children in the neighborhood started wearing anklet stockings, the Bearden girls stopped at the creek on their three mile trek to school (by cutting through the fields), rolled up their long underwear and stuffed it underneath their black sateen bloomers which had "inner tube" elastic in the tops and legs, rolled and folded down their long stockings and then went on to school. It was an attempt to be like everyone else.

As the Ira-9 Bearden family grew older in these happy, carefree and loving surroundings, there was plenty of room to roam and to entertain friends and many fine forms of entertainment were practiced. The older son (our ONLY brother until later) sometimes held a "rodeo" where he and his friends rode his favorite horse, called "Myrt" and named for Aunt Myrtle (SHOCKLEY) SCHELL, rode the pet calves and even the pigs. There were "play parties" where the youngsters walked around the house, under Ira-9's watchful eyes, with a member of the opposite sex; played snap, school, church, circus and other games that seem obsolete today.

We have lost our father, who was one of two of our best earthly friends, but we are wealthy in the memories of him. We have been blessed in having our mother until she reached the grand old age of ninety-eight years, and in having each other. There are a bunch of well behaved in-laws and not a single outlaw, numerous nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren to be proud of. A prized heritage is left by W. Ira-9, "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches", which we plan to maintain and share with descent.

William Ira-9 and Bessie J. (Schell) had issue, the writer has most of their certificates of birth:

1767. Roscoe Milton-10 (Melton?) Bearden, b. 16 Sept. 1916 near Cooper in Delta County, TX, d. unmarried at age nineteen (19), on 5 March 1936 in the little community of Baum, 18 miles northeast of Ardmore in Carter County and was buried in the Young Cemetery. The old Young community is between Ardmore and the town of Sulphur in Oklahoma, Ardmore in Carter County and Sulphur in Murray County. He was one of the first persons buried here, now a well-kept and beautiful spot of this country. Roscoe-10 was a lover of animals, especially his horses, of which "Myrt" was his favorite. She was a beautiful mare with a shining coat and we all rode her. Roscoe-10 had a fine leather saddle and bridle which he purchased with money he earned. He could out pick anyone in picking cotton or pulling bolls of cotton. There are still dreams (nightmares!) by this writer of picking cotton or pulling the bolls of cotton and trying to weigh up as much as four or five hundred pounds per day. Roscoe-10 and his mother managed to achieve this goal on numerous occasions; it was work like lives depended on it and sometimes livelihood did seem to depend on it. Roscoe-10 could out hoe any man in the country in cutting and digging up Johnson grass by the roots and cultivating the cotton and corn. He was a meticulous worker in the field and in school. He was left-handed and wrote a beautiful hand. He made excellent grades and in high school he was selected, in a day when only a rare few were, to the State Honor Roll every year of the four he attended Dickson High in Carter County, OK. The writer still has these momentos, as well as a photograph of his senior class, the six people who graduated with him in 1935 from the small rural high school, not long before his untimely death. Roscoe-10 had heart trouble but he was too ambitious for his own good. He tried to live, work, and play like his sisters and his friends and his heart would not take it. He caught pneumonia and was gone from us in the twinkling of an eye. It was a sad and troubling time as it was the first death in the Ira-9 Bearden family. There has been the passage of over sixty years since his death, and over fifty years since the death of W. Ira-9 Bearden, and the Lord has blessed the family in only three deaths of in-laws and two great grandchildren since. The remark has been made, "when one of us goes, there will be several deaths in the family" which will be true as we are not young any more.

NOTE: The above paragraph was written before the death of our beloved mother, Bessie Jewel (Schell) Bearden at the age of ninety-eight and before the death of our only other brother, E. K. Bearden and our sister, Doreen (Bearden) Krejci.

- *1768. Bertha Irene-10 Bearden (the writer), m. 30 July 1936, John Herbert Franklin KELLER, more later.
- *1769. Cora Alice-10 Bearden, m. 2 Jan. 1941, Marvin Merrell COLLIER, m. second in 1991 to Maurice HUNTER.
- *1770. Dorothy Modell-10 Bearden, m. 21 Aug. 1945 to Chester Blain DAVIS, m. second 30 Dec. 1970, Henry Washington RHODES.
- *1771. Ona Mae-10 Bearden, m. 23 Aug. 1942, to Charis JONES.
1772. Opal Lois-10 Bearden, b. 31 March 1928 and the first child to be born to Ira-9 and Bess in the Baum Community of Carter County, OK. Lois-10 m. on 24 March 1962, Dallas, Dallas County, TX to Eugene Franklin LEWIS, b. on 18 March 1915, Boonetown, Boone County, IN, d. on 24 Aug. 1986 in the Gainesville Hospital in Alachua County, FL near where they lived in Dixie County, buried in the Lebanon Cemetery, Boone County, IN, the son of Eugene Orville and N. June (MOORE) Lewis (see MOORE FAMILY by writer). Lois-10 and Frank had no issue. Frank was married first to Pauline COREY and had two daughters and one son, all living in Indiana. He was a building contractor and painter while Lois-10 worked for the Bell Telephone Company for over thirty years out of Dallas, TX. Frank built them a beautiful and spacious home on the Swannee River in the Everglades of Florida with a deck over the river, where they enjoyed the fishing, boating and the alligators. Since Frank's death Lois-10 has sold her real estate in Florida and has spent much time helping to care for our mother in Garland, TX, where she has purchased a home.
- *1773. Hazel Edna-10 Bearden, m. 11 May 1946, to John Knox PIERCE.

- *1774. **E. K.-10 Bearden**, named for his grandfather, Ervin Kenneth-8 Bearden, m. (fourth?) 29 Nov. 1969, Piedras, Nigras, Old Mexico Sadie Catherine CARROLL, the mother of his children.
- *1775. **Valda Doreen-10 Bearden**, m. 27 Aug. 1955, Robert H. KREJCI
- *1776. **Carol Jewel-10 Bearden**, m. 4 July 1964, Robert Wayne RICHARDS, m. second, Dr. Leonard MADI-SON.

1340. **Tessie Mae-9 Bearden** (Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John -1?), known and called "Aunt Tessie" by the writer, was the second issue and first daughter of Ervin Kenneth-8 and his wife, Cora Bell (WEATHERS/WITHERS) Bearden, b. 22 Sept. 1890 near Stephenville in Erath County, TX, d. 13 July 1964, Dallas, TX, buried in the Winn/Bearden section of the New Harmony Cemetery located near Ladonia, Fannin County, TX (photo of tombstone in writer's possession).

"Aunt" Tessie-9 married on 7 Dec. 1909, Ladonia, Fannin County, to Henry Clay WINN, b. 17 Dec. 1890 near Ladonia, TX, d. 5 March 1965, Dallas, TX and buried beside his wife, the son of Hampton and Emma (BLACK) Winn.

"Uncle" Clay" is a documented descendant of Colonel William Winn and his second wife, Rosa HAMPTON who was a close relative of General Wade Hampton, both William Winn and Wade Hampton of the Revolutionary War from Fairfield County, SC. William Winn was a sibling of the wife of Person No. 32, John-4 BEARDEN, both the children of Minor and Margaret (O'CONNOR) Winn of early Virginia (WINN FAMILY by writer, and the Winn family Bible now in possession of a Winn descendant living Houston, TX).

"Aunt" Tessie-9 was a lovable and efficient lady and from her has come much of our Bearden/Winn/Weathers information. Aunt Tessie-9 says her mother was never out of the state of Texas and her father was never out of Texas after he came there in 1880 from Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

"Aunt" Tessie-9 was ambitious and kept a nice home and cooked good meals for her family. It was a pleasure to have them visit in the Ira-9 Bearden home as she was always in the kitchen helping with the preparing of meals and the washing up afterward. Ira-9's wife always enjoyed her company in the kitchen and they were good friends.

Before her death she filled out family group sheets for the family she grew up in and for her own family and these and some old letters she wrote are now in the writer's possession. The last years of her life, she took care of her invalid husband and her only daughter. Tessie Mae-9 had issue (no grandchildren):

1777. **Albert Allen-10 Winn**, b. 3 April 1911 near Ladonia in Fannin County, TX, d. unmarried at age seventy-five of leukemia, 4:05 p.m., 7 Dec. 1986, St. Paul's Hospital, Dallas, TX, buried on Wednesday, 10 Dec. 1986, Laurelton Cemetery, Oakcliff, Dallas, TX.
Albert-10 had a good personality. His eyes were weak and he wore glasses. He helped take care of and supported his parents and after their death, he supported and cared for his sister. Although his health was never good, he worked as a custodian in the school system in the Oakcliff area of Dallas, where he was a favorite of the children. He and his quiet unassuming ways are missed.
1778. **William Floyd-10 Winn**, known as "Bill", b. 26 July 1912, Ladonia, Fannin County, TX. "Bill"-10 did not long survive his parents as he died on 26 Jan. 1967 in Dallas, TX, buried in the New Harmony Cemetery, Ladonia, TX beside his parents and grandparents. He married at age forty-five on 21 Nov. 1955, Dallas, TX to Juanita JONES, from whom he was separated without issue soon afterward.
Bill-10 was a great favorite of this writer, always a gentleman, although he was aware of her romantic affection for him. He often "hitch-hiked" from Fannin County, TX to his uncle's (our) home in southern Oklahoma, where his quiet wit was always welcomed with open arms.
1779. **Mary Myradell-10 Winn**, third and youngest issue and only daughter of Tessie Mae-9 BEARDEN and her husband, Henry Clay WINN, b. 16 Dec. 1916 near Ladonia in Fannin County, TX, lived in the Cliff Gardens Care Home in the Oakcliff area of Dallas; d. there 1993, writer attended her funeral. She married on 19 Sept. 1955, Dallas, TX to Buck SHRUMM who was almost unknown by the family. He died 1968-1970 and he was with Myradell only intermittently during the years they were married. There was no issue.

Myradell-10 was often a visitor in the William Ira-9 Bearden home and was thought of as the sophisticated cousin, a little older and a little wiser. She kept her pleasant affability even after her health failed. She worked when younger as a practical nurse.

1342. Alvin Lee-9 Bearden (Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fourth issue and second son of Ervin Kenneth-8 and his wife, Cora Bell (Weathers) Bearden, was b. on 4 Jan. 1896 (writer born on this date in 1919) near Stephenville in Erath County, TX and d. on 19 Sept. 1976 in an extended care home at Russellville, AR, having lived near there in a little community known as Fountain Lake. He was buried beside his wife, from the Center Hill Baptist Church in the Center Hill Cemetery, thirteen miles east of Hot Springs. Several of the Ira-9 Bearden issue took his sister (Mary Gladys-9 Bearden), and went from Garland, TX to the Center Hill community in Arkansas, for the Alvin Lee-9 Bearden funeral. He m. on 12 April 1923 at Ladonia in Fannin County, TX to Betty Marie-10 CORN/ES who was b. on 27 Jan. 1910 near Annona in Red River County, TX and d. 2 Jan. 1942 at their home in the Fountain Lake Community near Hot Springs in Garland (or Pope?) County, AR where the family operated a grocery and general store, buried in the Center Hill Cemetery, the daughter of John Richard Corn/es and his wife, Buelah D. WILLINGHAM and the close relative of Person No. 1068, Marion-8 Bearden who m. Edd CORN/ES/KARN/ES.

Betty's mother was not a well person and she and her sisters spent much of their young life in the Bearden home. The younger sister of Alvin L.-9 and Thomas H.-9 Bearden, the latter who married Betty's older sister, is Person No. 1345, Mary Gladys-9 Bearden, and she started bringing these playmates home with her and they sometimes stayed all week. An older brother, Claud, checked on them occasionally and a sister was Reba Corn/es, who is said to have been in love with the writer's uncle, Everett David SCHELL.

Uncle Alvin-9 enlisted in the first World War on same day and same place as his cousin, Reason Earl WEATHERS (source under Person No. 1245 in WEATHERS FAMILY), both of whom were handsome and lively young men. His year in a French hospital after having been wounded in France proved to be one of the highlights in the nurses' lives. He was the idol and object of many young maiden's longing and desire but he had eyes only for his future bride. He told her, before he left for the war, that he was going to wait for her until she was old enough to marry him. He did that when she was thirteen years old and soon after he returned home, but he waited until she was sixteen before he lived with her as his wife. Aunt Betty was very much in love with him as were many of the young ladies in east Texas.

Uncle Alvin-9 went into the battles in WWI, won the purple heart commendation while in France, and then came home with a high sense of adventure and a genuine love for life and all people. The excitement of his homecoming and the running to meet him is a vivid and exciting memory. The memory is not with the writer of his departure for the war but the handsome picture of him in his World War I uniform and his homecoming is very much a memory.

He would put the children (including the writer) on his foot, or hold them in his arms and rock them with gusto to the tunes of old songs, plus the French songs which he had learned from the nurses while a patient in a French hospital: "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain", "Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet With the Blue Ribbon on It", "When You Wore a Tulip", "Sweet Georgia Brown", "Sweet Violets", "Oh, You Beautiful Doll", "In the Good Old Summer Time", "Pretty Baby", "Shine On Harvest Moon", "School Days", "Heart of My Heart", "My Blue Heaven", "Swanee River", "Baby Face", "Tea for Two", "Ain't She Sweet", "The Old Gray Mare", "Side by Side", "Singin' in the Rain", "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover", "A Bicycle Built for Two", "By the Light of the Silvery Moon", "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue", "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", "That Old Gang of Mine", "Ain't We Got Fun", "Mairzy Doats", "Don't Fence Me In", "You Are My Sunshine", "Let the Rest of the World Go By", "I Want a Gal Just Like the Gal that Married Dear Old Dad", "Shall We Gather at the River", and "Little Brown Church in the Wildwood", the latter two being favorites and sung at both his parents' funerals.

As has been stated, he had been badly wounded in the war and spent a year after the war was officially over in a hospital in Paris, France. He told the story of how he had to dive in a trench full of men head first and his feet and legs took the bullets which were never all removed. He had trouble walking or standing for long periods.

After "Uncle" Alvin-9 moved his family from Ladonia, TX to the community of Fountain Lake near Hot Springs, AR, they have not been as familiar to the Ira-9 Bearden family. It is with great nostalgia and sometimes jealousy of his attentions that he is remembered. He was never a whole person after the loss of his beautiful, gracious and soft-spoken wife, although he and the older girls did a fine job of rearing the younger children.

Many visits are remembered to east Texas while Uncle Alvin-9 was still there. On Christmas they had a decorated tree in their window which had never been seen by the writer before, with the exception of the big one each year in the little combination church/schoolhouse, where the two teachers for first grade through eighth grade put on a Christmas program with the local talent. Each child was given a sack of candy and treats, and nobody went away without having their name called for a gift, thanks to the teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wolfe.

At this Christmas program each year, the bag and gift were hung on the large tree and not placed underneath it. That was Christmas with the exception of hanging old and clean stockings on the fireplace at home for "Santa Claus", who then left candy, nuts and fruit, these treats received only once a year, one gift of something reasonable for which each child had asked and the dinner of chicken, dressing and goodies where everyone stuffed to their heart's content.

The indoor toilet in Uncle Alvin-9 Bearden's home in Ladonia was the first one the Ira-9 Bearden issue had seen, and they (we) did not know how to flush it. Our cousins came to our rescue and they thought we were the sophisticated ones!

Alvin-9 and all Beardens liked a good joke and once Roscoe-10, while playing "rodeo", was riding one of the pet calves, when "Uncle" Alvin-9 called "Pig-oo". The pigs came running fast, Roscoe-10 didn't have time to get off and under the gate they went. It's easy to imagine the rest of the story!

The following issue of Alvin L.-9 and Betty M. graduated from the Fountain Lake High School, near Hot Springs:

- *1780. Lois Ailene-10 Bearden, m. 2 July 1948, to Edwin Lee COOK.
- 1781. Unknown male issue-10, stillborn in 1928.
- 1782. Bettie Lou-10 Bearden, b. 15 July 1929 near Ladonia, Fannin County, TX and lived and worked in Russellville, AR, m. on 23 March 1947 to William Riley BENNETT, b. 18 Feb. 1929 at Guthrie, Logan County, OK, and had two issue. She m. second James Thomas HODGES II of Paris, TX and had one issue. She is as dark and beautiful as her older sister is blonde, blue-eyed and beautiful. She had issue, b. Russellville, AR:
 - a. Alan Brent-11 Bennett, b. 24 Sept. 1948, m. Marie GOLDEN, b. Malvern, AR, lives without issue in Little Rock, AR.
 - b. Gary B.-11 Bennett, b. 3 Jan. 1952, unmarried, Little Rock.
 - c. James Thomas-11 Hodges III, b. 17 Jan. 1969 in Paris, TX, unmarried in Russellville, AR.
- 1783. Clifton Lee-10 Bearden, first son to survive, b. 7 Jan. 1931, Ladonia, TX, retired and lives in a home he built in Dover, AR. He m. on 20 April 1954, Reno, NV to Irma (?). "Cliff" was in the United States Navy for twenty years, served as a nuclear engineer on first U. S. Nuclear Aircraft Carrier "Enterprise". Afterwards, he was hired by the Arkansas Power and Light Company for the first nuclear power plant at Russellville where he had been raised. After a few years he went independent and has done work for nuclear power plants in MS, KS, PA and IL, as reevaluation and training operator and writing training manuals among other duties. In 1989, Cliff-10 lived in Coal City, IL where a nuclear plant is located. He had issue:
 - a. Colleen Marie-11 Bearden, b. 2 Aug. 1963, Newport News (Ft. Monroe), VA, lives in Little Rock, AR.
 - b. Melanie Sue-11 Bearden, b. 2 May 1967, Vallejo, CA, was in the United States Navy but now living with son, Brandon-12 in Little Rock.

1784. Melba Joan-10 Bearden, b. 7 July 1933, Ladonia, TX, m. 26 Oct. 1951, Hot Springs, AR to Dale Franklin WARD, b. 1 Jan. 1933, Garland County, AR, son of Tom J. and Nora A. Ward. Melba Jo-10 had issue, b. Little Rock, AR, unless noted:
- a. Dale Franklin-11 Ward Jr., b. 6 Sept. 1952, m. Martha Susan ATWATER, divorced 1975 after three unknown issue, remarried, unknown.
 - b. Teresa Marie-11 Ward, b. 27 June 1954.
 - c. Joey Keith-11 Ward, b. 3 Jan. 1958.
 - d. Kevin Clark-11 Ward, b. 1 March 1963 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, MI.
 - e. Bradlee Cliff-11 Ward, b. 25 Nov. 1971, Plantation Hospital, Plantation, FL.
1785. Robert Lynn-10 Bearden, known as "Bobby", b. 10 Nov. 1936 (1935?) in Ladonia, TX and m. 1958, Garland County, AR to Mary Elizabeth McELRATH. Bobby-10 had a twenty-year Air Force career and his issue born wherever he was stationed: Ricky Lee-11, b. 6 Jan. 1958; Brian Lynn-11, b. 5 Jan. 1961; and Stacey Joe-11 Bearden, b. 20 Dec. 1968.
1786. Male twin-10, b and d. same day, 1937.
1787. Male twin-10, b. and d. same day, 1937.
1788. Charles Michael-10 Bearden ("Mick") of Hot Springs, AR, eighth and youngest issue of Alvin L.-10, b. 29 Dec. 1938, the first issue to be born in Arkansas. "Mick"-10 m. 1961 in Hot Springs, AR to Patricia Elizabeth MORPHEW, b. 18 Nov. 1943, Garland County, AR and had issue, b. Hot Springs, AR:
- a. Kelly DeeAnn-11 Bearden, b. 10 Oct. 1962.
 - b. Kerry Robert-11 Bearden, b. 15 March 1964.
 - c. Jeffrey Michael-11 Bearden, b. 23 Dec. 1965. The writer received an invitation to his wedding which was to take place on 16 Dec. 1989, Christ Lutheran Church, 315 So. Hughes St., Little Rock, AR, to Marcella Lou HANSEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hansen.
 - d. Jamie Dawn-11 Bearden, b. 27 Sept. 1967.

1344. Thomas Hardy-9 Bearden (Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), sixth issue of Ervin K.-8 and his wife, Cora Bell (Weathers) Bearden, b. 31 March 1899 in Glen Rose, Somerville County, TX and d. on 4 July 1991 in Grand Prairie, TX. At age ninety-two (92), he was next to the oldest living descendant of his branch of the Bearden-Weathers family and the only one with stature and appearance like his great-great grandfather, Richard-5 Bearden. Like this progenitor, he was almost blind, lived alone, had a sharp wit and an excellent memory.

"Uncle" Tom-9 married on 18 Aug. 1919 in New Boston, Bowie County, TX to Hazel Jane-10 CORN/ES, the sister of his brother Alvin Lee-9's Bearden's wife. Hazel Jane-10 was born 9 Sept. 1903 near Annona in Red River County, Texas and died on 30 Dec. 1988, Dallas-Ft. Worth Medical Center, funeral service at 1:00 p.m. on Monday 2 Jan. 1989. She had lived for thirty-three years in Grand Prairie and was a charter member of the Baptist Temple.

Uncle Tom-9 and Aunt Hazel had been married almost seventy years when she died. Tom-9 Bearden's great-great grandparents, Person No. 43, Richard-5 and Sarah (BENNETT?) Bearden, were married a total of seventy-nine years before Sarah preceded Richard-5 in death. Richard-5 outlived his wife three more years and would have been married a total of eighty-two years. This could set some kind of record, Richard-5 being about nineteen years of age when he married Sarah, who was about fourteen or fifteen years of age, and not over sixteen years when she had twin sons.

Tom-9 and Hazel-10 came to the Ira-9 Bearden home in Red River County, TX when they were married and when the writer was only seven months and fourteen days old. The writer was a great favorite of both Tom-9 and Hazel-10 and needless to say, they have been great favorites of hers. Tom-9 Bearden never needlessly hurt a living being and Hazel was a beautiful, gracious and charming woman with soft brown eyes, black hair and a beautifully modulated soft voice and manner, the former never raised and the latter never ruffled, but she commanded the respect of everyone who knew her. Uncle Tom-9 and Aunt Hazel Bearden had issue:

1789. Alton Roy-10 Bearden of Arlington, Texas, b. 28 Sept. 1920 in DeKalb, Bowie County, TX, fought in World War II, 1942-1945, m. 3 Feb. 1947 in Ladonia, TX to Ruthie B. ROBERTS, b. 9 Feb. 1927 in Snyder, Scurry County, TX, daughter of James A. and Minnie (ISAACS) Roberts. Issue: Jerry W.-11 Bearden, b. 20 Nov. 1947 in Dalhart, Hartley County, TX, m. Cynthia A. JOHNSON. Jerry-11 was very attached to his grandmother Bearden, never leaving the hospital during her last illness. He has unknown issue.
1790. Weldon Lee-10 Bearden of Grand Prairie, TX, b. 22 Feb. 1923 near Ladonia in Fannin County, TX; fought in World War II, Army 1942-1945; m. about 1950 in Ladonia, Fannin County, to Delois SHARPE who was b. 1 March 1934 in Ladonia, the niece of Velma Sharpe who married Person No. 1343, Cecil C.-9 BEARDEN.
1791. Ervin Richard-10 Bearden, retired and built a home on land his wife inherited near Sulphur Springs in Hopkins County, TX, b. 8 June 1925 near Ladonia in Fannin County, TX, m. 9 Oct. 1948 in Fannin County to Oleta WEIR of Sulphur Springs. Ervin-10, named for his grandfathers, was manager of the Job Service, in Wichita Falls, TX. He and his wife were in the terrible tornado that swept through there in 1980. By the grace and goodness of God they were saved although their home was mostly demolished. He and Oleta have no issue.
1792. Mildred Marie-10 Bearden, b. 17 Jan. 1927 in Ladonia, TX, d. 1985 in a local hospital after a short illness, service at Southland Funeral Home, burial in the Moore Memorial Gardens at Arlington. She married 28 April 1945 in Paris, Lamar County, TX to Jefferson HAYNES who was b. 17 Jan. 1927 near Ladonia, TX, the son of John and Sarah (GATES) Haynes.
Mildred-10 was a fine homemaker, making her own clothes, and was employed over fifteen years at Taylor's Publishing in Dallas as a scanner checker. She was a member of Baptist Temple in Grand Prairie. She was survived by three sons and five grandchildren, names of latter unknown:
a. Gary Michael-11 Haynes of Mesquite, TX, b. 4 Oct. 1946, Honey Grove, Fannin County, TX, m. 3 Dec. 1978 to Vicki Ann MILLER.
b. Thomas Jefferson-11 Haynes of Mesquite, b. 21 Oct. 1947, Odessa, Ector County, TX, m. 12 June 1976 in Odessa to Deborah KARRALLA
c. John Ray-11 Haynes of Odessa, b. 22 May 1949 in Odessa, TX and m. there to Deanna STACY.
1793. Thomas Hardy-10 Bearden, known as Junior, of Grand Prairie, TX, b. 7 Dec. 1931 near Ladonia, Fannin County, m. 21 June 1958, Irving, TX to Vida Faye JONES who was b. 5 May 1939 in Arlington, Tarrant County, TX. Junior-10, is tall, dark and handsome, taking his height and coloring from his Indian forebears. He is in construction equipment sales and service in Grand Prairie and in the Dallas area. He had been a source of comfort to his parents, purchasing their home outright so there would be no payments or legalities. Thomas Hardy H.-10 "Junior" had issue:
a. Wendy Lynn-11 Bearden, b. 23 June 1959, Arlington, TX, m. 3 June 1977, Grand Prairie to Jackye W. RUTLEDGE, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rutledge and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus ZEIGLER of Grand Prairie. Wendy-11 m. second Kyle LUCAS, m. third Steve CHRISTIE. She had issue: Jennifer Renee-12 RUTLEDGE, b. 30 June 1978 at Arlington Memorial Hospital; and David Allen-12 CHRISTIE, b. 6 Aug. 1989.
b. Wendell Lloyd-11 Bearden, b. 21 Nov. 1963, Arlington, Tarrant County, TX, m. with unknown issue.
1794. Katherine Lucille-10 Bearden, sixth and youngest issue of Thomas Hardy H.-9 Bearden Sr. and his wife, Hazel J.-10 (Corn/es), b. 28 March 1942 in Bonham, Fannin County, TX. "Kathy"-10 married about 1960 in the area of Irving, TX to William THOMPSON, divorced after three issue; m. second to David Carroll and divorced after several years, no issue. She has been employed full time since she graduated from high school at Texas Instruments in Ft. Worth and Austin, but she managed to give of herself to her parents during their period of failing health.
Katherine-10 is gracious, efficient, attractive, poised and has the quiet manner of her mother. Katherine L.-10 had issue Thompson:
a. David Dwayne-11 Thompson, b. 26 June 1961 in Grand Prairie, TX, married with unknown issue.
b. Debra Diane-11 Thompson, b. 28 June 1964, Grand Prairie, married with unknown issue.
c. Donna De Lane-11 Thompson, b. 18 Sept. 1965, Grand Prairie, TX, married with unknown issue.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 852 ANNYER E.-8 BEARDEN AND RICHARD S. SHOCKLEY

1354. Myrtle Lee-9 SHOCKLEY (Annyer Eugenia-8 BEARDEN, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), about the seventh issue and the first surviving daughter of Annyer Eugenia-8 BEARDEN and her husband, Richard S. "Dick" SHOCKLEY, b. 22 May 1898, Rocky Cumford, Little River County, AR; d. on 22 Feb. 1996 in an extended care home in Ardmore, Carter County, OK, buried beside her husband. Myrtle Lee-9 married on 28 Nov. 1915 at Avery in Red River County, Texas to James Harrison SCHELL (Person No. 1809 and 1888 WEATHERS/WITHERS FAMILY and SCHELL FAMILY by writer), the brother of the writer's mother, Bessie Jewel SCHELL (marriage record, Book O, Pg. 503).

"Aunt" Myrtle-9, as a youngster, had a rough life as she kept house, did the cooking, some of the outside farm chores and raised her young siblings after her frail little mother's death in 1916. In short, she worked hard all her life.

William Ira-9 Bearden, first cousin of Myrtle Lee-9 Shockley, slipped her away from home and out in the woods to meet his friend and his future brother-in-law, "Jim" H. SCHELL and then later sneaked her to Avery where she and Jim were married. Dick Shockley was very angry about losing his oldest daughter and hard worker. Aunt Annyer-8 (BEARDEN) Shockley lived only long enough to realize and be pleased that her daughter had married a fine young man. After "Aunt" Annyer-9's untimely death, Myrtle-9 and Jim kept her younger siblings as much as her father would allow them to be away from home and his influence. Myrtle-9 (aunt by marriage to writer as well as second cousin) has been a good influence in the life of her family. "Uncle" Jim, the gentle and kindest of men, never lifted his voice to her. She was fierce, protective, and proud of her siblings, who have been as her own children to her.

"Aunt" Myrtle-9, after her husband's death in a car accident in 1970, lived alone until recently in their rural home near Newport, OK. Nobody went through the gate to get to their property without a loud "Halloo" as she met everyone with a shotgun and she was not afraid to use it. If she liked a person, she was kind and considerate, but if she was ever displeased with a person, it was hard for her to forgive a grudge.

There was one time when Ira-9 Bearden (writer's father) met with her displeasure as he was a born matchmaker and had a great sense of humor. He made a date between his wife's sister (who was also the sister of Myrtle-9's husband as brother and sister married people who were cousins to each other), and his cousin, Frank-9 Shockley, who was Aunt Myrtle-9's brother, and even loaned them "Uncle" Jim's buggy (her husband by then). "Aunt" Myrtle-9 was angry as "Aunt" Cord (Cordelia) was considered "fast" because she had been divorced and had "bobbed" her long and beautiful hair.

Ira-9 put them up to drive by the Jim Schell home where Myrtle-9 could see them. This little joke almost backfired, as Myrtle-9 got the shotgun and Ira-9 had to hold her until the would be "lovers" were well out of sight. She did not speak to Ira-9 again until much time had passed, she talked around him and told Uncle Jim (her husband) and Ira-9's wife any message to him. One day, as Ira-9 was on his way to answer the call of his country in World War I, she got excited and forgot, said something to him and afterward they were on the best of terms. However, Ira-9 had a greater respect for her after this episode.

The people like Aunt Myrtle-9 are mostly gone now and they are a dying breed. Of the ninth generation in America of this (our own) branch of the Bearden family, there is only one left (13 April 1998) and she is Person No. 1345, "Aunt" Mary Gladys-9 BEARDEN. **NOTE:** Aunt Gladys died in Aug. 1998.

Myrtle Lee-9 Shockley had issue, Schell:

1795. Ruth Jewel-10 Schell of Citrus Heights, CA, b. 10 Nov. 1928 near Lone Grove in Carter County, OK, m. 22 Feb. 1948, Gainesville, TX to Jesse Dunn LANDERS, b. 21 June 1912, Maysville, Garvin County, OK,

son of John Glenn and Sarah (LOY), m. second 11 Feb. 1955, Ada, OK to Frank KUZWOKA Jr., son of Frank, soldier at Gene Autry AFB during World War II. Ruth-10 teaches school in Citrus Heights, CA; her issue:

- a. Jessee William-11 "Butch" Landers, b. 11 April 1948, Carter County, OK, raised by his maternal grandparents, loved and supported by his father, m. at least twice, lives in California close to his mother.
 - b. Frank Howard-11 Kuzwoka Jr., b. 19 Sept. 1955, Gene Autry, Carter County, OK, has not married.
 - c. Susan Denice-11 Kuzwoka, b. 23 Sept. 1956, Gene Autry, OK, teaches school in California.
 - d. Karen Ruth-11 Kuzwoka, b. 1 June 1958 in the state of Louisiana, teaches school in California.
 - e. Terri Ann-11 Kuzwoka, b. 18 Feb. 1966, Montgomery, AL.
1796. Calvin Richard-10 Schell, b. 10 Feb. 1933, Berwyn (now called Gene Autry), Carter County, OK, lives in Hutchins, TX, worked for the city of Dallas, TX, m. 14 May 1957, Gainesville, Cooke County, TX to Margaret Louise SMITH, b. 28 Feb. 1939, Orange County, TX, the daughter of Claude Frank and Gattis Louise (NEEL) Smith. "Sonny", as he is known, is divorced and remarried, unknown, no issue. He had known issue:
- a. Ola Faith-11 Schell, b. 30 March 1956, Dallas, TX, married with unknown issue.
 - b. Calvin Richard-11 Schell, b. 14 Sept. 1958, Garland TX.
 - c. Robin Claudette-11 Schell, b. 16 Sept. 1959, Beaumont, Jefferson County, TX, no information.
1797. Carrie Wynona-10 Schell, the third and youngest issue of Myrtle Lee-9 Shockley, b. 10 Dec. 1937, Woodford, Carter County, OK, has been a nurse in Ardmore, OK, m. 24 March 1955, Gainesville, TX to Melton FREEMAN, b. 13 Feb. 1916, Waurika, OK, son of Robert and Altha (BOWMAN). Melton is a veteran of and was seriously wounded in World War II. Wynona-10 and Melton, after educating their children at the Seventh Day Adventist Academy in Campion, Larimer County, CO and in the Union Seventh Day Adventist College in Lincoln, NE, are now divorced and both have remarried. Melton has lived in the home where they raised their issue until 1975, C. St., Ardmore, OK, across the street from where the writer's mother lived for thirty years after her husband, William Ira-9 Bearden died. (Melton deceased before 1996.)
- Carrie Wynona-10 Schell and Melton Freeman had issue:
- a. Sherry Lynn-11 Freeman, b. 16 Aug. 1956, Ardmore, Carter County, OK, m. on the campus of Union College in Lincoln, NE to Byron L. LUND and has unknown issue in Nebraska.
 - b. Robert James-11 Freeman, b. 29 Jan. 1959, Ardmore, OK, m. and lives in Greeley, Weld County, Colorado.
 - c. Wanda Faye-11 Freeman, b. 6 April 1960, Ardmore, OK, m. Sunday, 6:00 p.m., 15 July 1982, on the front campus of Union College, Lincoln, NE to Daniel SLOAN and has unknown issue in Nebraska.

FURTHER NINTH GENERATION BEARDEN

FOURTEEN DESCENDANTS OF NO. 99 ANSEL-6 AND (THREE?) WIVES ABIGAIL (JOURDAN) (?), GEORGIA (LEMUEL) AND JAIN (JORDAN) BEARDEN

I. FIVE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 372 NEHEMIAH-7 AND CYNTHIA R. (SMITH) BEARDEN

FIVE CHILDREN OF NO. 878 WILLIAM MILTON-8 AND MARTHA L. (BLACKBURN) BEARDEN

1362. Nancy Jane-9 Bearden (William Milton-8, Nehemiah-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjmain-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 9 Nov. 1870, Amicalola Falls District of Dawson County, GA, d. 30 Dec. 1914, Ashridge, Winston County, AL, buried Ashridge Cemetery, m. her Aunt Marcena-7 (BEARDEN) GOBER'S widower, Reverend Hockenhull McPherson GOBER, on 8 Aug. 1900, Winston County. Hockenhull M. Gober was b. 25 May 1854, Forsyth County, GA, d. 1910, Winston County, AL, the son of John W. and Temperance B. (CHASTAIN) of North Georgia. Nancy Jane-9 had issue, mostly born Ashridge, Winston County, AL:

1798. Jesse Lee-10 Gober, b. 26 June 1901, Dawson County, GA, d. 2 March 1965, Winston County, AL, buried Ashridge Cemetery.
1799. Maud Louise-10 Gober, b. 28 Nov. 1904, Ashridge, Winston County, AL, m. there on Hoghouse Creek, 15 Jan. 1924, William Dayton CURTIS, b. 12 March 1906, Double Springs, AL, son of Joel Jackson and Nancy Malinda (MORTON/MARTIN); had issue:
- a. James Cecil-11 Curtis, b. 25 Feb. 1925, Double Springs, AL, m. 31 Dec. 1945, Winston County to Dimples L. GILES, b. 19 Nov. 19 --, Lawton, OK, daughter of Jake and Juanita, had issue:
 - (1) Paulette Ruth-12, b. 7 Sept. 1949, m. David Michael DYCUS, had two issue, m. second, Carl David BAILEY, one issue: Curtis Lynn-13, b. 20 Oct. 1969; Kenneth Earl-13, b. 29 July 1971 and Cecil Lee-13 Bailey.
 - (2) Kenneth Ray-12 Curtis, b. 1 Aug. 1952.
 - (3) James Anthony-12 Curtis, b. 2 Aug. 1954, m. Ophellia (?) and had Regina-13, b. 2 March 1958, m. James Cauley, Teresa Ophellia-13, b. 30 Jan. 1974; and James Anthony-13 CURTIS.
 - b. Dalton Edwin-11 Curtis, b. 11 Oct. 1926, m. 25 Nov. 1949 to Lorraine Edwina WILLIAMS, daughter of Edward "Edd" and Eleonor (CAUSKEY), had issue:
 - (1) Neal Brian-12, b. 7 May 1950, m. Mary Ann (?) and had Guy Michael-13, b. 29 June 1972.
 - (2) Patricia Ann-12 CURTIS, b. 26 Feb. 1956, one daughter in 1979: Kimberley Ann-13, b. 26 Feb. 1973.
 - c. Myrtle Virlean-11 Curtis, b. 11 May 1928, m. Floyd A. NOLES and had issue: Betty June-12, b. 15 July 1947, m. Gary Daniel PATTON, had Wendy Leigh-13, b. 22 Nov. 1974; and Christopher-13 Patton, b. 26 March 1976.
 - d. Myrtle Ivadean-11 Curtis, b. 5 April 1930, m. 22 March 1946, Double Springs, Winston County, AL to Roy Lucian MASSEY, b. 31 Jan. 1928 and had issue:
 - (1) Deloit Wayne-12, b. 14 Oct. 1948, m. Marilyn WOLFE and had issue: Karla Marie-13, b. 20 June 1969; and Daphne-13 MASSEY.
 - (2) Martha Ann-12, b. 10 May 1952, m. July 1970, Thomas Glenn RICE, son of minister of the Gospel, Lewis Mige Rice, issue, Dustin Glenn-13, b. Sept. 1974; Brian Heath-13, b. 10 Feb. 1976; and Marcena Danelle-13 Rice, b. 17 Nov. 1977.
 - (3) Jeffrey Paul-12 MASSEY, b. 5 March 1962.
 - e. Irving Hubert-11 Curtis, b. 13 May 1933, m. Yvonne DERUSH: Debra Marlene-12, b. 8 July 1957, m. Mr. LIGHT; Linda M.-12, b. 25 July 1959; Donald Wayne-12, b. 13 Oct. 1962.
1800. Lottie Esther-10 Gober, b. 13 March 1906.
1801. Luthur Leonard-10 Gober (TWIN), b. 9 Jan. 1908.
1802. Stillborn infant-10 (TWIN), b. 9 Jan. 1908.

1365. Rebecca Alma-9 Bearden (William Milton-8, Nehemiah-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fourth issue of William Milton-8 and his wife, Martha Louise Blackburn) Bearden, b. 14 July 1876, Dawson County, GA, d. 1 April 1947, Haleyville, Winston County, AL, buried in the Hillcrest Cemetery, m. 21 Nov. 1897 in Alabama to David Washington PELFREY, b. 8 June 1873, d. 10 Aug. 1907, buried Hillcrest Cemetery near Haleyville in Winston County, AL; her issue b. Haleyville, AL:

1803. Lula Pearl-10 Pelfrey, b. 18 Dec. 1898, d. 31 Oct. 1920, Haleyville, Winston County, buried Hillcrest Cemetery.
1804. Iva Myrtle-10 Pelfrey, b. 19 Dec. 1902, m. 2 Oct. 1925, Winston County, to Lucian Edward STEELE, b. 12 June 1899 and d. there 30 Jan. 1938, son of John Calvin and Syrenia (CURTIS) Steele. Issue b. Double Springs and Haleyville, AL:
- a. Onzell-11 Steele, b. 11 Sept. 1926, m. 2 Oct. 1945 to John Robin MORRIS Jr., b. 14 Aug. 1920, Athens, Limestone County, Alabama, son of J. R. and Willie Lou (BRODERICK). Issue: Martha Susan-12, b. 13 Feb. 1951; and Phillip Quinn-12 Morris, b. 8 Aug. 1954.
 - b. John Denfrey-11 Steele, b. 23 Feb. 1929, m. 22 Dec. 1967, Dorothy Mae GROVRO, b. 17 Oct. 1940, Ste. Genivieve, MO, daughter of Louis Andrew and Elsie M. (HOLIDAY). Issue, b. St. Louis and Kirkwood, MO: Brenda Ann-12, b. 6 June 1962, d. St. Louis; and Victor Edward-12 Steele.

- c. Victor Denfrey-11 Steele, b. 19 April 1937, m. 3 May 1956, Winston County, Martha Jane SMITH, b. 28 Nov. 1939, Altoona, Etowah County, AL, the daughter of Edward Willis and Willie Bennett (Dillard). Issue: Jon Timothy-12, b. 27 Nov. 1957, Edenton, Chowan County, NC, and Tina Leigh-12 Steele, b. 13 Dec. 1958, Haleyville, AL, m. (?) LINDSEY.
1805. Eva-10 Pelfrey (TWIN), b. 16 Jan. 1905.
1806. Edith-10 Pelfrey (TWIN), b. Haleyville, Winston County, AL.
1807. David Earl-10 Pelfrey (TWIN), b. 12 Aug. 1907, m. 7 May 1933, Double Springs, Winston County, Bernie Bee ADAMS, b. 1 March 1916, the daughter of Jessee Ashbury and Maud Bee (GODSEY) Adams:
- Edna Earl-11 Pelfrey, b. 17 May 1934, m. 8 Dec. 1951 in Iuka, MS to Raymond Milton PACE, b. 29 April 1930 in Franklin County, AL, son of Alonzo and Alda Lee (WILLIS). Issue, b. Franklin/Winston County, AL: Brenda Faye-12, b. 23 Sept. 1953; and Daniel Milton-12, b. 21 Sept. 1955.
 - Lucian Herchel-11 Pelfrey, second issue and first son of David Earl-10 and his wife, Bernie Bee ADAMS, b. 26 Nov. 1935, m. 29 Aug. 1958, Winston County, to Patricia A. BARRETT, b. 19 Feb. 1940 in Jefferson County, AL, daughter of Ladell Clarence and Edna Louise (MERRELL) Barrett. Issue: David Ladell-12, b. 15 May 1960, Jefferson County, AL; and Robert Merrell-12 Pelfrey, b. 2 July 1964.
 - Gary J.-11 Pelfrey, b. 16 Sept. 1937, m. 6 Feb. 1960, Winston County, to Freda Ann BAGWELL, daughter of Roy Milton and Ethel Mae (CUMMINS). Issue: Mark Gary-12, b. 6 Feb. 1961, Haleyville; Rebecca Ann-12, b. 17 July 1963, Winston County, Alabama; Kelly Leigh-12, b. 23 May 1964; Marlo Marie-12 Pelfrey, b. 4 Oct. 1968, Jefferson County, AL.
 - Dwight David-11 Pelfrey, b. 3 June 1938, Haleyville, Winston County, AL, m. 9 Oct. 1965, Spokane, WA to Claudia Marie LUCKY, b. 2 June 1945 at Newport, WA, the daughter of Alvin Leroy and Madelyn Margaret (WHITUM); issue: Lisa Renee-12, b. 10 May 1966, Spokane, WA; John Ryan-12, b. 29 Jan. 1970, Jefferson County, AL; Tracy Diane-12, b. 11 March 1974, Jefferson County; Matthew David-12, b. 30 Oct. 1975, Jefferson County; and Rhett Alan-12 Pelfrey, b. 12 May 1977, Jefferson County.
 - Joan Marie-11 Pelfrey, b. 4 Oct. 1947, Winston County, AL, m. there on 20 July 1964, Donald Davis GILBREATH, son of Morris Davis and Iola (TALLEY) Gilbreath. Issue: Anthony Quinn-12, b. 9 Dec. 1964, Winston County, Deanna Lynn-12, b. 13 Jan. 1966, Jefferson County, AL; Ronald Davis-12, b. 28 Dec. 1967, Jefferson County; and Kimberley Joan-12 Gilbreath, b. 14 Feb. 1969, Jefferson County, AL.
 - Nancy Jean-11 Pelfrey, b. 11 Sept. 1950, Marion County, AL, m. 12 March 1979, Las Vegas, NV to John Richard FAULKNER, b. 21 May 1940, Bibb County, AL, son of Richard and Mary Ruth (WALTERS) Faulkner. No issue.
1808. Myrtle-10 Pelfrey (TWIN), youngest issue of Rebecca Alma-9 BEARDEN, b. 12 Aug. 1907, Winston County, AL, m. there 12 Jan. 1924, to Ira Marlin DIXON, b. 26 Feb. 1900, Double Springs, d. 4 Jan. 1926, Winston County, buried County Line Cemetery, son of Matthew William and Harriett Rebecca (HARROD). Issue: Aubrey James-11, b. 29 May 1925, m. 21 May 1949, Jean W. LITTLE, b. 6 Nov. 1930, daughter of George Noah and Lucia (BURNETT); issue: Dane Paul-12; Mark David-12; and Sara Jane-12 DIXON.

1366. William Leonard-9 Bearden (William Milton-8, Nehemiah-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth issue of William Milton-8 and his wife, Martha Louise (BLACKBURN) Bearden, b. 18 Nov. 1878, Amicalola Falls District in Dawson County, GA, d. 17 Sept. 1941, Haleyville, Winston County, AL (some sources give Georgia); m. 9 Oct. 1904, Winston County, to Mary Ann WEHUNT, b. 23 Sept. 1875, Dawson County, GA, d. 6 Dec. 1954, Ashridge, Winston County, AL, buried in the Ashridge Cemetery. William Leonard-9 had issue:

1809. Howard Freeman-10 Bearden, b. 5 Nov. 1905, Haleyville, AL, m. 26 Oct. 1929 to Thelma Vivian LLOYD, b. 27 March 1912, the daughter of T. G. and Mittie (SELF), and had issue, one; m. second, Annie Mae CANIDA, b. 28 Jan. 1910 and had issue, one:
- Frances Marie-11 Bearden, b. 24 April 1939, Winston County, m. 5 March 1957, Hugh Edsel HARRIS, b. 18 April 1937, Marion County, AL, son of Dalton and Eva (TICE) Harris.

- b. Harold Howard-11 Bearden, b. 24 March 1946, Winston County, m. there 1 June 1968, Joann YOUNG-BLOOD, b. there 8 June 1947, daughter of Robert and Freda (JOHNSON) and had: Emily-12 Bearden, b. 4 Feb. 1973, Dallas, County, AL.
1810. John Homer-10 Bearden, b. 1907, Winston County, AL.
1811. Hobart-10 Bearden, b. 24 June 1910, Winston County, m. 11 Dec. 1932 to Ruby Lee WARD, b. 5 March 1914, Winston County, daughter of J. B. and Rosa Jane (SHIPMAN) Ward. Issue:
- a. William Benjamin-11 Bearden, b. 6 Feb. 1935, m. 15 July 1959, Corrine HAYES, b. 5 Nov. 1940, the daughter of Lawrence and Bessie Irene (POLLARD) Hayes and had issue, b. Arlington, Tarrant County, TX: Charlotte-12, b. 17 Feb. 1962; and Sandra Irene-12, b. 16 June 1963.
- b. Rosa Ann-11 Bearden, b. 2 March 1938, Winston County, AL, m. 18 May 1957, Wallace Lorinda TIDWELL, b. 14 Feb. 1937, son of Bob Earl and Bertha Lee (HILL) Tidwell, had Wanda Kay-12, b. 9 Jan. 1960; Fred Randell-12, b. 14 March 1966; and Samuel Dean-12 Tidwell, b. 24 Sept. 1967, Winston County.
- c. Jerry Hobart-11 Bearden, b. 10 March 1944, Winston County, AL, m. 15 Dec. 1974 to Donna BRANCH, b. 12 Nov. 1955 in Savannah, GA, daughter of Ned and Dorothy (MOODY). Issue: Kiefer-12, b. 24 Jan. 1974 (adopted by Jerry Hobart-11); and Joshua Jerry-12 Bearden, b. 4 Jan. 1979 in GA.
- d. Harry Hugh-11 Bearden, b. 3 March 1949, Winston County, m. 27 Dec. 1970, Diane CAPLETON, b. 9 Feb. 1950, daughter of Robert E. and Fairy Mae (NALES) Lee (foster parents), had: Amy Lee-12 and Julie Carol-12 (TWINS), b. 15 Aug. 1973.
1812. Fannie Lou Iva-10 Bearden, fourth, youngest and only daughter of William Leonard-9 and his wife, Mary Ann (WEHUNT), b. 6 Feb. 1914, Winston County, AL, d. there 28 June 1971, buried Liberty Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, m. 24 Nov. 1933 to Floyd Washington BARNETT, b. 3 July 1910, son of Hugh Roan and Zula (SHORT) Barnett. Issue:
- a. James Talmadge-11 Barnett, b. 18 Aug. 1934, m. 15 Aug. 1959 to Carolyn Sue WISE, b. 14 April 1939, daughter of Arto and Annie Mae (CANIDA) Wise, issue b. Jefferson County, AL: James Talmadge-12, b. 20 June 1961; Melanie Suzanne-12, b. 14 Jan. 1963; Amanda Leigh-12 Barnett, b. 30 June 1969.
- b. Bobby Joe-11 Barnett, b. 8 July 1938, d. 19 Feb. 1939.
- c. Carol Faye-11 Barnett, b. 1 June 1940, d. 16 July 1971, buried Liberty Grove Baptist Church, Winston County, m. 1961, John Edd PRATER, b. 8 July 1941, Morgan County, AL, son of John Elvis and Ethel (ROBINSON): Terry Douglas-12, b. 25 April 1962; Tracy Annette-12 Prater, b. 23 April 1969.
- d. Jeanette Marie-11 Barnett, youngest issue of Fannie Lou Iva-10 Bearden, b. 15 May 1947 in Winston County, AL, m. 22 Nov. 1974 to her sister's widower, John Edd PRATER, had issue: Gary Edward-12 Prater, b. 13 June 1976, d. 31 Jan. 1977, buried in the Liberty Grove Baptist Cemetery.

1368. Frank Monroe-9 Bearden (William Milton-8, Nehemiah-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), seventh issue of William Milton-8 and Martha Louise (BLACK-BURN) Bearden, b. 18 Feb. 1882 in Amicalola Falls District of Dawson County, GA, d. 22 March 1953 in Ashridge, Winston County, AL; m. 28 Jan. 1906 in Winston County to Julia Lenora HARRIS, b. 11 April 1884, Walker County, AL, d. 22 March 1953, Tampa, FL, both buried Ashridge Cemetery, the daughter of John T. and Elizabeth (ROBERTS) Harris. Frank Monroe-9 had issue:

1813. Clara Ellen-10 Bearden, b. 18 Dec. 1906, Winston County, AL, d. before July 1982, Russellville, Franklin County, AL; m. 20 March 1921, to Henry Thomas McCULLAR, b. 24 April 1900, Winston County, AL, d. Aug. 1960, buried Double Springs, son of Henry Thomas and Theodocia (LITTLE) McCullar. Issue:
- a. Virginia Onella-11 McCullar, b. 2 Sept. 1923, Winston County, m. Robert Earl STEWART, b. 12 Feb. 1922, Mayfield, KS, d. 24 March 1960, Double Springs, AL: Anita-12, b. 15 Jan. 1949, Colorado Springs, CO; and Robert Earl-12 Jr., b. 12 March 1953, Birmingham, Jefferson County, AL.
- b. Reatha Obeara-11 McCullar, b. 7 July 1925, Double Springs, m. Ernal Spurgeon CAMPBELL, b. 30 Dec. 19--, Eldridge, AL, son of George and Martha (HARBISON) Campbell and had Lynda Gayle-12, b. 26 Sept. 1946, Birmingham; and Steven Gary-12 Campbell, b. 29 Dec. 1948, Birmingham.
- c. Donald Henry-11 McCullar, b. 1930, Winston County, m. Laura LAVARDE, b. 4 April 1929, NM. Issue: Patricia Ann-12, b. 9 Nov. 1952; and Deborah-12, b. 9 April 1959.

1814. Jesse Clyde-10 Bearden, b. 18 Nov. 1908, Haleyville, Winston County, AL. Clyde-10, as he is known, a medical doctor and general practitioner of medicine in Russellville, Franklin County, AL, where he d. 13 Nov. 1981; he m. 23 March 1944 to Honor TOWNSEND, b. 9 Dec. 1915, Bellema, Antram, North Ireland, the daughter of Horace and Edith (YOUNG) Townsend and had issue, supposed b. in area of Russellville, Franklin County, AL:
- a. Dale-11 Bearden, b. 10 Jan. 1948.
 - b. Grace-11 Bearden, b. 4 July 1950.
 - c. Vernon-11 Bearden, b. 21 May 1952, of Owens Cross Roads, AL, m. 28 Dec. 1974, Delorous Jean BURNSIDE, b. 23 June 1954, Carthage, MS, the daughter of Cecil C. and Delorous (JOHNSON) Burnside. It is from Vernon-11 that much of the Ansel-6, Nehemiah-7 and William Milton-8 Bearden information is derived. Vernon-11 had issue: Joseph Vernon-12, b. 9 July 1982, Clarksville, TN; and Sarah Jean-12, b. 14 July 1983, Clarksville, TN.
 - d. Eldon-11 Bearden, youngest issue of Jesse Clyde-10, b. 19 Sept. 1953, Franklin County, AL.
1815. Cleo-10 Bearden, b. 24 May, 1911, Haleyville, AL, d. 10 Oct. 1914, buried in the Ashridge Cemetery.
1816. Chester-10 Bearden, b. 17 March 1914, Haleyville, d. unmarried on 21 Nov. 1939, buried in the Ashridge Cemetery.
1817. Hazel-10 Bearden, b. 7 May 1916, Haleyville, Winston County, AL, d. 24 Jan. 1944, Winston County, buried Ashridge Cemetery, m. Dec. 1938, Haleyville, to Julius VAUGHN, b. Navroo, Winston County. Issue: Myra Gail Ashley-11 Vaughn (adopted name), has her Ph.D. in Psychiatry.
1818. Wilbure Charley-10 Bearden, b. 29 July 1918, d. 22 March 1953, Tampa, FL, buried Myrtle Beach; m. Dec. 1939 to Ruth MORRIS, two known issue, Terry Kay-11; and Gerald-11 Bearden.
1819. Theo Herman-10 Bearden, seventh and youngest issue of Frank Monroe-9 and Julia Lenora, b. 1920, Haleyville, Winston County, d. 1943, lost at sea in World War II, U.S.S. Gwin. He did not marry.

1371. John Wesley-9 Bearden (William Milton-8, Nehemiah-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), ninth issue of William Milton-8 and Martha Louise (BLACKBURN) Bearden, b. 18 Oct. 1888, Amicalola Falls, Dawson County, GA, d. 6 March 1970 at his home, in Denison, Grayson County, TX, buried there in the Cedarlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, m. 16 March 1913, Haleyville, Winston County, AL to Mary Mertie DOOLY, b. 23 June 1898, Boaz, Etowah County, AL, daughter of Edwin Gosey and Vassie Drucilla (STARRETT).

After seven children, John Wesley-9 and his wife were divorced and John Wesley-9 married second Martha HUGHES and had no issue. Mary Mertie m. second John HEWLETT. John Wesley-9 had issue:

1820. Burnis Ray-10 Bearden, b. 17 Sept. 1915, Winston County, AL, m. 31 March 1940, Kilgore, Gregg County, TX to Odessa Mae HOLLAND, b. 11 Nov. 1920, Alba, Rains County, TX, daughter of Brub and Liddie Leuna (WILLIAMS) Holland. Issue:
- a. Anna Loyce-11 Bearden, b. 12 May 1941, Longview, Gregg County, Texas, m. 22 Feb. 1957, Gregg County, to Wilbur Dean SMITH, b. 24 April 1938, Gladewater, Gregg County, son of John Milton and Alta Alene (MAHON). Issue: (1) Sherry Lynn-12, b. 12 July 1961, Gladewater, TX; (2) Milton Ray-12 Smith, b. 25 Nov. 1964.
 - b. Raye Nell-11 Bearden, b. 25 May 1943, Gladewater, Gregg County, m. David Wedell EAVES, son of Cliff Eaves. Issue: Doylene Denell-12, b. 23 June 1965, Gregg County and Wedell Everett-12 Eaves, b. 11 Oct. 1967.
1821. Stella Malinda-10 Bearden of Mesquite, TX, has the William Milton-9 family Bible and court records. She was b. on 10 Feb. 1918, Haleyville, Winston County, AL, m. 15 Feb. 1938, Kilgore, Gregg County, TX, Milsap SHEW, b. 8 Feb. 1915, Paris, Lamar County, TX, d. 13 Nov. 1976, buried Mill Creek Cemetery, Linden, TX, son of Lemuel Walter and Willie Mae (ADAMS); m. second, 1 Nov. 1981, Mesquite, TX, Joe GANAWAY, divorced, no issue; her issue was b. in Linden, Cass County, TX:
- a. Mary Erlene-11 Shew, b. 2 March 1939, m. 10 Jan. 1959, James Carroll McGUIRE, b. 28 April 1938, Kauffman County, TX, son of Samuel Bertram and Gladys (GROOM), issue b. Texas: James Richard-12, b. 25 Oct. 1959; Daren Keith-12, b. 28 May 1961; and Damon Alan-12 McGuire, b. 23 May 1962.

- b. Patricia Loyce-11 Shew, b. 25 Aug. 1941, m. 9 Sept. 1960, Sammy Kay KIRCHNER, b. 23 July 1941, Vilonia, AR, son of Osuville and Hettie Gladys (SELLERS). Issue: Alan Wade-12, b. 23 Aug. 1963, St. Paul, MN; Derek Layne-12, b. 12 Oct. 1967, McKinney, Collin County, TX; and Rusty Dale-12 KIRCHNER, b. 28 June 1972, Collin County, TX.
- c. Linda Lorraine-11 Shew, youngest issue of Malinda Stella-10 BEARDEN, b. 21 July 1943, m. 30 April 1961, James Anthony MALONE, b. 16 Nov. 1943, son of Wylie Rayford and Billie Mae (GORDON). Issue: (1) Jamie Lynn-12 Malone, b. 16 Jan. 1962, Garland, Dallas County, TX, m. 19 Nov. 1977 to Joe Charles ADAMS, son of Charles Edward and Ula Ann (?), had issue: Kristopher Joe-13 Adams, b. 29 July 1977, Dallas, TX. (2) Anthony Rayford-12 Malone, b. 12 Sept. 1966. (3) Kelly Dawn-12 Malone, b. 12 Nov. 1969, Dallas, TX.
1822. Travis Harold-10 Bearden, third issue of John Wesley-9, b. 22 March 1920, Cass County, TX; m. 1941 to Louise FORRESTER, b. 22 Oct. 19--. Issue:
- a. Harold Lewis-11 Bearden, b. 8 June 1942, Cass County, m. Frances ?, had Amy Page-12, b. 30 April 1971.
- b. Travis Carroll-11 Bearden, b. 8 Sept. 1944, Cass County, m. and had issue, Anthony Bradford-12 Bearden.
- c. Kathryn-11 Bearden, b. 9 Oct. 1947, m. Jimmy Don ELLER, b. 22 Sept. 1944 and had issue, Shelly Rene-12, b. 12 March 1970, died young; Andrew Lynn-12 Eller, b. 16 Aug. 1972, died young, d. Deborah-11 Bearden, b. 1950 near Linden, Cass County, TX.
1823. Vera Inez-10 Bearden, b. 15 Nov. 1922, Cass County, TX, m. at a tender age on 5 June 1935 to Eddie Lewis SHEW, b. 7 Dec. 1911 LaMar County, TX, brother of Milsap SHEW who had married her older sister. Vera Inez-10 had issue:
- a. Frances Nell-11 Shew, b. 1 Feb. 1939, Cass County, TX area, m. 22 Dec. 1956 to Marion Don PROBST, b. 21 Jan. 1936, Dallas, TX, son of Charlie and Inez (?), and had issue; m. second, 24 July 1971 to Danny FLETCHER, b. 24 April 1944, Denver, CO, the son of Lynn Herman and Mable (DENTON) Fletcher and had no issue. Issue: Eddie Don-12, b. 2 April 1960, Dallas; Andy DeVon-12, b. 11 Feb. 1963, Dallas; and Karla Andrea-12 PROBST, b. 8 Feb. 1967.
- b. Margaret Ann-11 Shew, b. Cass County, TX area.
- c. Patricia Elaine-11 Shew, b. 13 Dec. 1942, Cass County, TX.
- d. Tamblyn Margaret-11 Shew, youngest of Vera Inez-10, b. 28 March 1943 in east Texas, m. 2 Aug. 1974, Thurman Eugene JETT Jr., b. 17 Aug. 1945, Texas, son of Thurman Eugene Sr. and Alice Dell (MANTOOTH) Jett.
1824. Milton-10 Bearden, b. 1 Aug. 1923, Cass County, TX, m. 4 Sept. 1943, Louise SPURGER, b. 28 June 1925, Atlanta, TX, daughter of Marshall Luthur and Lillie (MILLER) Spurger. Issue:
- a. Judith Ann-11 Bearden, b. 25 July 1946 in TX.
- b. Barbara-11 Bearden, b. 22 Nov. 1950, Cass or Dallas, County, TX area, who oddly enough, married in Dallas to this writer's maternal first cousin, Everett David SCHELL Jr., b. 25 Sept. 1954, Dallas, TX, the son of Everett David Sr. and his wife, Hope (PORRAS) (Person No. 1815 and 1892 in WEATHERS/WITHERS and also SCHELL FAMILY, by writer). Barbara-11 and David are divorced and both are remarried. Barbara-11 had issue, first marriage, b. Garland, Dallas County, TX: James David-12, b. Dec. 1972; Jennifer Dawn-12, b. 1973; Christie Gayle-12, b. 13 Nov. 1978; and Gayla Sherri-12 SCHELL, b. 13 Nov. 1980.
- c. Sherri Gayle-11 Bearden, b. 1950-1955, Dallas.
- d. Rephsie Darlene-11 Bearden, b. 19 Oct. 1959, Tarrant County, TX, m. 24 March 1978, Roy Harold SCOTT, b. 14 Jan. 1954, Chickasha, OK, son of Harold Eudell and Ida Lou (GINN).
1825. Fairrah Ophellia-10 Bearden, b. 14 July 1925, Cass County, TX, m. Robert Earl POWELL, m. second J. H. CLARK b. 1924, Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, TX, d. 28 June 1951, buried Mt. Pleasant, son of Henry Lee and Ludie (NARRIMORE) Clark; m. third, 19 April 1956, Jessee Richard LAWRENCE, b. 11 March 1930, Mena, Polk County, AR, son of Robert Edward and Effie Elisabeth (RIDGE) Lawrence. Issue:
- a. Judith Ann-11 CLARK b. 20 April 1949, Titus County, TX, m. Samuel Lee MARTIN, son of Hugh and Wanda. Issue, Sonia-12 b. 2 Oct. 1968, Mena, AR; Samuel Lee-12, b. 25 Jan. 1970; and Shane Allen-12 MARTIN, b. 30 Nov. 1971, Dallas, TX.
- b. Donald Lee-11 Clark Jr., b. 25 June 1960, Memphis, TN.
- c. Richard Todd-11 Lawrence, b. 19 Oct. 1975, Mena, AR.

1826. Altus Earl-10 Bearden, b. 8 Oct. 1927, Cass County, TX, m. 2 Oct. 1948 in Canada to Margot SCHECK, b. 17 Dec. 19--. Issue b. Dennison, TX: Kenneth Earl-11, b. 6 Aug. 1949; Donald Wayne-11, b. 27 June 1952; Ronald-11, b. 6 Dec. 1954; and Margaret Elaine-11 Bearden, b. 6 April 1967.

II. FIVE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 377 ANSEL MARION-7 AND EMILY F. (BIRT/BURT) BEARDEN

A. FOUR CHILDREN OF NO. 883 JAMES ANSEL-8 AND ZILLA K. (GILBERT) BEARDEN

1375. **Ruben Samuel-9 Bearden** (James Ansel-8, Ansel Marion-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 30 June 1885 near Weatherford in Parker County, TX, d. at an unknown time in Brownfield, TX; m. in Texas 1905 to Oma Mega ROBERTSON, b. 29 Dec. 1892 in Texas ("THE BEARDENS FROM GEORGIA", by Grace GILBERT of Parker County, TX). Ruben Samuel-9 had issue:

1827. James Albert-10 Bearden, lives Denver City, TX, b. 4 April 1912; m. Jane FERRY, b. 13 June 1912 and had issue:
- a. James Albert-11 Jr., b. 8 Aug. 1944.
 - b. David Lindsey-11 Bearden, b. 12 July 1950.
1828. Naomi Estelle-10 Bearden, b. 6 Oct. 1914; m. Edward Thomas SMITH, b. 14 Dec. 1909 and had issue, b. in Texas:
- a. Edwina Beth-11, b. 12 Feb. 1943.
 - b. Harold Thomas-11 Smith, b. 18 Oct. 1948.
1829. Ruben Samuel-10 Bearden Jr., b. 10 Aug. 1916; m. Bernice SEARLETT, b. 10 March 1919, no issue.
1830. Morris Edgar-10 Bearden, b. 1 March 1920; m. Margaret June LOE, b. 22 May 1932; issue, b. Texas:
- a. Sharon Elaine-11, b. 5 March 1955.
 - b. Morris Edgar-11 Jr., b. 2 June 1956.
 - c. Judy Nell-11 Bearden, b. 31 March 1959.
1831. Rayford Eugene-10 Bearden, b. 10 Oct. 1921, m. Joyce CLANIHAN, b. 15 Oct. 1932 and had:
- a. Ricky Lynn-11, b. 16 Nov. 1956.
 - b. Rhonda Jean-11 Bearden, b. 12 July 1958 (adopted).
1832. Zora Kathyleen-10 Bearden, b. 31 March 1924; m. Odus Tipton WALSER, b. 20 Feb. 1924 and had:
- a. Herman Pervis-11, b. July 1948 (adopted).
 - b. Kathyleen Renee-11 Walser, b. Aug. 1950.
1833. Beauford Homer-10 Bearden, b. 26 Nov. 1928; m. Ellen Ruby HILL, b. 11 Feb. 1932, issue b. Texas:
- a. Rodney Dale-11, b. 15 Aug. 1950.
 - b. Phyllis Gwen-11, b. 13 June 1953.
 - c. Terri Lynn-11 Bearden, b. 25 April 1955.
1834. Glenn Diane-10 Bearden, b. 28 Oct. 1931, m. Evelyn Rose STEPHENS, b. 5 May 1935 and had:
- a. Pamela Jan-11, b. 7 May 1963.
 - b. Leslie Diane-11 Bearden, b. 17 July 1967 (adopted).

1376. **John Caster-9 Bearden** (James Ansel-8, Ansel Marion-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 17 Sept. 1889, Parker County, TX, d. 1960, Muleshoe, TX; m. 1910 to Lettie ROGERS, b. 19 Jan. 1894, TX, d. Gunter, TX and had issue, nine; m. second Lola Kate LEA, b. 26 Aug. 1897, who lived in Tokio, TX, and had no issue. Issue:

1835. Ruth Lavelle-10 Bearden, b. 30 Aug. 1912; m. Ray COULTER.
1836. Della Frances-10 Bearden, b. 11 Feb. 1916, d. 1953.
1837. Thomas James-10 Bearden, b. 23 Jan. 1921; m. Melba MOTLEY, b. 10 Jan. 1927 and had issue:
- a. Lola Louise-11, b. 16 Sept. 1955.

- b. Neal Wayne-11 Bearden, b. 13 May 1957.
1838. Eulala Fern-10 Bearden, b. 27 Nov. 1922; m. Otis E. HILLHOUSE, b. 11 Sept. 1916, lives Tokio, TX.
Issue:
a. Lloyd Eugene-11, b. 12 Oct. 1946, d. 9 March 1965, accidentally shot and killed.
b. John Joseph-11 Hillhouse, b. 12 Oct. 1947, m. Charlene UPTON, b. 18 Dec. 1948.
1839. Alford Otto-10 Bearden, b. 6 May 1924; m. Faye HINKLE, b. 23 Dec. 1924 and had issue:
a. Debra-10, b. 10 May 1956.
b. Donna-10, b. 5 March 1959.
c. Kathleen-10 Bearden, b. 17 Dec. 1960.
1840. Alonzo Joe-10 Bearden, b. 23 Dec. 1926, believed to have died young.
1841. John Otho-10 Bearden, b. 10 May 1929; m. Ruth Ann LIVESAY, b. 12 May 1934 and had issue:
a. Teresa Gail-11, b. 16 Nov. 1954.
b. Jimmy Garland-11, b. 1956, m. 1970 unknown.
c. Larry Dale-11.
d. Vaughn Joy-11 Bearden.
1842. Zilla Kate-10 Bearden, b. 28 April 1931.
1843. Wedia-10 Bearden, youngest of John Castor-9, b. 13 Nov. 1934.

1377. Carson Ansel-9 Bearden (James Ansel-8, Ansel Marion-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), third issue of James Ansel, b. 4 March 1892, Parker County, TX, d. after 1931, Odenell, TX; m. (?) COE, b. 26 March 1894, d. 21 May 1968, Lubbock, TX, daughter of James Zuma Coe. Issue:

1844. Lois Evelyn-10 Bearden, b. 30 May 1912 in Texas; m. 17 May 1932, Lamesa, Lawrence Moore Stephens, b. 10 April 1901, had: Alta-11, b. 7 Sept. 1933, m. Kenneth Darrell FRANK, b. 22 Jan. 1933, had Stephen Bradley-12, b. 27 April 1962; and Allen Kent-12 FRANK, b. 31 March 1964.
1845. Mamie Lorene-10 Bearden, lives in Hereford, TX, b. 3 Oct. 1913, m. 28 Aug. 1940, Albert Lewis LAMB, b. 4 May 1914, had issue: Carol Ann-11 Lamb, b. 19 March 1943.
1846. Sterling William-10 Bearden, lives Dublin, Erath County, TX (same location where this writer's father was born in 1889), b. 28 June 1917; m. 3 Nov. 1940, Leona Hope SHOOK, b. 25 Oct. 1919 and had issue:
a. Jeffrey Ansel-11, b. 10 Oct. 1941, lives Lubbock, TX, m. Carol Jean RAPP, b. 18 June 1943.
b. James Lawrence-11, b. 21 Aug. 1943.
c. Eddie Dean-11 Bearden, b. 15 Dec. 1952.
1847. Vera Pauline-10 Bearden, Dallas, TX, b. 25 Nov. 1920, m. Otis Hughey McKEE, b. 4 March 1915. Issue:
a. Marcus Wayne-11, b. 19 Oct. 1943.
b. Brook Denise-11 McKee, b. 19 Oct. 1955.
1848. Ethel Adair-10 Bearden of Lubbock, TX, b. 24 Sept. 1924, m. Winfred S. McKEE and had Ethel Winifred-11, b. 3 April 1949, m. Lonnie GALLIS; and Kay-11 McKee, b. March 1963.
1849. Thalys Marie-10 Bearden, Perryton, TX, b. 10 Jan. 1927; m. 11 Sept. 1948, Alton GARNER, b. 29 Oct. 1929. Issue: Jennifer Lynn-11 Garner, b. 4 June 1955.
1850. Lena Bill-10 Bearden, seventh and youngest issue of Carson Ansel-9, b. 15 April 1932, m. Joseph ARP.

1378. Estella Rosa-9 Bearden (James Ansel-8, Ansel Marion-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fourth issue and first daughter of James Ansel-8, b. 1895, Parker/Palo Pinto County, TX; m. Jesse Oscar ROBERTSON, b. 1890, d. 1964, Abernathy, TX. Estella Rosa-9 had issue, Robertson, b. TX:

1851. Zephra Iva-10 Robertson, b. 14 Jan. 1912, m. James Wesley POPE and had Jimmy-11; and Robert Ansel-11 POPE.
1852. Thelma Jewel-10 Robertson, lives Abernathy, TX, b. 1914, m. Harry Allen HEARN and had issue: Lela Josephine-11, m. Burl SMITH; Terry-11; Johnnie-11; and Brenda-11 HEARN.

1853. Era Alene-10 Robertson, lives Ft. Worth, TX, b. 5 Nov. 1916; m. Hubert Thurston WEBB, b. July 1916. Issue: David Anthony-11, b. 1943, m. Paula Sue (?); and Randall Kenneth-11 WEBB, b. 1953.
1854. Geneva Joe Earl-10 Robertson, lives Lubbock, TX, b. July 1918, m. Homer Clyde ANDERSON, b. 1917 and had issue: Garry Carroll-11 Anderson, b. 1939.
1855. Opal Elouise-10 Robertson, lives Abernathy, TX, b. 1923, m. Leonard Emmanuel KINAST, b. 1923 and had issue: Bobby Lynn-11, b. 1946; and Bruce Emmanuel-11 KINAST, b. 1953.
1856. Zuma Odessa-10 Robertson, Lubbock, TX, b. 1925; m. William Arthur CARR and had issue: Susan-11, b. 1959 (adopted).
1857. Jessee Ansel-10 Robertson, b. 1927, d. 1962, Lubbock, TX and had Jessee Ansel-11 Jr.; Gregory-11; and Brady-11 ROBERTSON.
1858. Hubert Lloyd-10 Robertson, lives Abernathy, TX, b. 1928, m. June GWYNN and had Hubert Lloyd Jr.-11, b. 1949, TX; Judy Loraine-11, b. 1951; and Keith-11 Robertson, b. 1963.
1859. John Marvin-10 Robertson, Pampa, TX, b. 1931, m. Katherine CHRISTIANSON: Pamela-11; Karen-11; and John-11 Robertson.
1860. Melva Donn-10 Robertson, b. 1933, m. ? DOWNS, unknown issue.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 886 ABBIE LOUISE-8 BEARDEN AND HARRISON W. DAVES

1383. **Monroe Woodberry-9 DAVES** (Abbie Louise-8 BEARDEN, Ansel Marion-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), second issue and first son, b. 20 Aug. 1883, near Santo in Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 15 Jan. 1963, Ft. Worth, Tarrant County, TX, buried North Cemetery, Santo, TX; m. 25 July 1915, Eastland County, TX to Mary Caroline PARRACK, b. 24 Nov. 1895, Weatherford, Parker County, TX, d. 22 Feb. 1979, Ft. Worth, TX, buried East Cemetery, Santo, TX, the daughter of George T. and Nancy M. (ADAMS) (information from Nancy M.'s family Bible). He m. second 2 June 1943 to Lela Bell MARTIN and Mary Caroline m. second Charles Howard KEARNS. Monroe W.-9 had issue by first marriage:

1861. Opal-10 Daves, b. 21 April 1917, Eastland County, TX, d. 27 March 1984 at her home in Lockeford, CA, m. on 26 April 1933, Morton Valley, Eastland County, TX to Walter NIVER, b. 7 Sept. 1910 and had issue, one; divorced 1936 and m. second, Ardmore, Carter County, OK to Albert C.-9 STEWART, the son of Person No. 635, Wm. J.-8 STEWART and his wife's cousin, Person No. 1331, Bessie-9 BEARDEN. Albert C.-9 Stewart is a descendant of Person No. 221, Harriett-7 BEARDEN and her husband, George Alexander Stewart. He was b. on 12 June 1905, Honey Grove, TX, went to live with a son by first marriage after Opal-10's death. Opal-10 has been the best of letter-friends, writing hundreds of pages and doing much hard research on her own branch of the Bearden family. This writer has lost a true and faithful friend and kinsman. Opal-10 Daves had issue, one: Blanche Carolyn-11 NIVER, b. 28 Jan. 1934, Morton Valley, TX, m. 18 April 1953 to R. Ray BROWN and had issue:
- a. Nancy Rosetta-12, b. 29 April 1957, m. 10 July 1976, James R. SMITH, divorced Dec. 1979.
 - b. Rebecca Lynette-12, b. 16 July 1959, educated at the Union Seventh Day Adventist College, Lincoln, NE.
 - c. Alan Paul-11 BROWN, b. 29 April 1964.
1862. Monroe Charles-10 Daves, b. 28 June 1921, Abilene, Taylor County, TX, d. 23 May 1974, Ft. Worth, TX, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Tarrant County, TX; m. 11 Aug. 1944, Lubbock, Iris DICKY.
1863. Calvin Wesley-10 Daves, b. 3 June 1925, Morton Valley, Eastland County, TX, d. 23 July 1976, Ft. Worth, Tarrant County, buried Greenwood Cemetery; m. July 1945, Ft. Worth, Vivian Ruth (?).

III. THREE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 379 WILLIAM NEWTON-7 & LUCIANA (BIRT) BEARDEN

THREE CHILDREN OF NO. 890 OCIA S ADONIS-8 AND REBECCA A. (DAVES) BEARDEN

- 1395. Betty Dosh-9 Bearden** (Ocias Adonis-8, William Newton-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John -1?), fourth issue of Ocias Adonis-8 b. 22 Sept. 1892, Santo, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 6 June 1976, Marietta, Love County, OK; m. 17 Oct. 1908, Graham, TX, Clarence Elbert MORGAN, b. 24 Dec. 1887, AL, d. Gainsville, TX. Betty-9 had issue, Morgan:
1864. Charlotte Loraine-10 Morgan, b. 22 May 1909, Pickwick, TX, m. 17 May 1936, Durant, OK to Skyles Donald MUSSER, b. 1910 and had issue: Skyles Donald-11 Musser Jr., b. 24 Oct. 1940, Ardmore, Carter County, OK, m. June DICKEY, b. 16 March 1945.
1865. Alma Brunet-10 Morgan, b. 7 April 1911, Graham, TX, m. 17 May 1936, Durant, OK, Homer Edward PARSLEY; a retired school teacher and has no issue.
1866. Anna Lea-10 Morgan, b. 4 June 1913, Graham, TX, d. 20 Jan. 1937, Oswalt, OK, m. 4 Jan. 1933, Marietta, Love County, OK to Delbert COX. No known issue.
1867. Clarence Delmar-10 Morgan, lives Whittier, CA, b. 19 Nov. 1915, Cheek, OK, m. Jessie Mae WEBB, b. 21 May 1936, Oswalt, OK and had issue:
- Kelly Jack-11 Morgan, b. 20 March 1937, Post Oak, OK, m. Olivia ROMANO from So. Wales, British Islands. "Jack"-11 is or has been the city manager of Monterey, CA where he has lived. Issue: Malcom-12, b. 12 May 1962, CA; Scott-12, b. 12 Sept. 1963; and Kevin-12 Morgan, b. 14 June 1966.
 - Kelly Sue-11 Morgan, b. 10 Dec. 1940, Post Oak, OK, m. William "Bill" WILLIAMS and had issue, Keith-12 and Rochelle-12 Williams.
 - Joe Bryan-11 Morgan, b. 6 Dec. 1942, Marietta, OK, a professor at Abilene Christian College, Abilene, TX.
 - William Gene-11 Morgan, b. 17 May 1946, state of Utah, m. Karen Sue LANIER when he was attending East Central College, Los Angeles, CA, had issue: Christene-12 Morgan.
1868. Charles Walen-10 Morgan, lives El Dorado, KS, b. 9 March 1918, Cheek, OK, m. 9 May 1943, Claremore, OK to Marguerite MELTON and had issue:
- Charles Leroy-11 Morgan, b. 15 Nov. 1944, m. 3 Sept. 1967, Linda WILSON, both teach school in OK.
 - Sandra Janet-11 Morgan, b. 22 Feb. 1946, Tulsa, OK, m. 31 May 1969, Robert Reed ROSANDER, b. 24 Aug. 1944.
 - Rodney Corwin-11 Morgan, b. 9 Nov. 1948, Tulsa, OK.
1869. Joseph-10 "Joe" Bearden Morgan, lives Richmond, CA, b. 31 Aug. 1920, Oswalt, OK, m. 21 Nov. 1943, Dallas, TX to Betty Jane JACKSON and had issue:
- Joseph Bearden-11 Morgan b. 5 Oct. 1944, m. Arlene (?).
 - Jerry-11 Bearden Morgan, b. 13 Oct. 1948, Sacramento, CA.
 - Joyce Ann-11 Morgan, b. 19 Aug. 1955, Redwood, CA.
1870. Maryette Marie-10 Morgan, b. 31 Dec. 1925, Oswalt, OK, m. 23 May 1948, Ada, OK to Delmar James Todd CLIFTON. Maryette M.-10 and her husband are retired school teachers in Killeen, TX and have the following issue, b. area of Madill, OK: Delmar Jean-11, b. 29 May 1950; James Michael-11 Clifton, b. 7 March 1952.
1871. Betty June-10 Morgan, b. 13 May 1930, Oswalt, OK, m. 16 May 1949, Gainsville, TX to Elbert Lee HILTON and had issue, b. Gainsville, TX: Donna June-11, b. 7 Dec. 1950; Rebecca Ann-11, b. 9 Oct. 1952; and Delia Lee-11 HILTON, b. 15 Jan. 1955.
1872. Haskell Cruce-10 Morgan, b. 30 May 1933, Oswalt, OK, m. 16 Nov. (1947?), Gainsville, TX to Ruth Jane PEARSON. Haskell C.-10 is a school teacher in Marietta, Love County, OK. Issue, Morgan:
- Jean Ann-11 Morgan, b. 31 May 1951, Gainsville, TX, m. Randolph HICKS and had issue: Melissa Dawn-12, b. 1969 and Steven Dale-12 Hicks, b. 1971, OK.
 - Carolyn Ruth-11 Morgan, b. 1 May 1952, Gainsville, TX.
 - Terry Dale-11 Morgan, b. 30 June, 1960 in Texas.

1396. Donnie Ann-9 Bearden (Ocias Adonis-8, William Newton-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), seventh issue of Ocias Adonis-8 and his wife, Rebecca Ann (DAVES) BEARDEN, b. 10 Feb. 1895, Santo, Palo Pinto County, TX, d. 6 April 1974, San Angelos, Tom Green

County, TX; m. 10 Jan. 1911, to Seaborn Lawrence McINTIRE, b. 18 Feb. 1887, lives 1979 in, San Angelo, TX and had issue:

1873. Claiborn Adonis-10 McIntire, b. 2 March 1911, m. Amy Lee KINGSTON and lives in Belmorhea, TX. Issue: Patsy-11 McIntire, b. 1953.
1874. Irene-10 McIntire, b. 29 Dec. 1912, d. 14 Jan. 1976, m. 30 Aug. 1934 to Arthur ALCORN, b. 19 Nov. 1907, had issue:
- a. Doris Ann-11 Alcorn, b. 8 March 1936, m. Michael SCHELLARN, b. 17 March 1936. Issue: David Loren-12, b. 9 June 1957 and Larry Wayne-12 SCHELLARN, b. 14 Nov. 1960.
 - b. Gail-11 Alcorn, b. 8 May 1939, m. Hover Gerald KNUTSON, b. 1 Jan. 1936. Issue: Jerri Lynn-12, b. 25 June 1957; Richard Allen-12, b. 28 Nov. 1958 and Karen-12 KNUTSON, b. 17 June 1961.
 - c. Allen Craig-11 Alcorn, b. 30 Jan. 1942, m. Leila Mae HAMMITER, b. Dec. 1941.
 - d. Curtis-11 Alcorn, b. 14 April 1944.
1875. Annie Pearl-10 McIntire, b. 3 Nov. 1915, m. William OWENS and had issue; m. second Reba (?) and if issue they are unknown: Sallie-11, Scott-11, Michael-11 and Donald-11 OWENS, latter minister of the Gospel, Church of Christ.
1876. Woodrow Wilson-10 McIntire, b. 26 Sept. 1918, m. Beatrice HUMPHREY and had Enid Louise-11 and Dee Dee-11 McIntire.
1877. Bonnie Gertrude-10 McIntire, b. 15 April 1921, m. John BULIS and had three unknown sons.
1878. Winnie Lou Ellen-10 McIntire, b. 12 Aug. 1924, m. Don TUCKER, lives in Price, UT with: Donnette-11 and Kerry-11 (adopted).
1879. Seaborn Lawrence-10 McIntire, b. 21 March 1927, d. 1958.
1880. Natilie-10 McIntire of Ft. Worth, TX, b. 10 March 1930, m. James "Jimmy" WHITFIELD and had issue: Debra Jean-11, b. 1950 (adopted), m. Gene MORGAN and had issue: Bobby Jean-12, b. Aug. 1970; Michael-11 "Mike", b. 1952 (adopted); and Karen-11 WHITFIELD, b. 1954.
1881. Glenda Jeannette-10 McIntire, b. 5 March 1933, m. Amos WILSON who d. in 1969. Issue: Amos-11 Jr.; Nancy-11; Woodrow-11; John-11; and Mark-11 WILSON.

1398. Minnie Virvean-9 Bearden (Ocias Adonis-8, William Newton-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), ninth issue of Ocias Adonis-8, b. 27 Sept. 1899, Santo, Palo Pinto County, TX, living in Plainview, TX in 1984; m. 13 April 1916, area of Weatherford or Santo, TX to Oscar Lee WATSON, b. 25 Nov. 1895, d. 20 Aug. 1972, Plainview, TX. Minnie V.-9 Bearden had issue:

1882. Ocias Adonis-10 Watson, b. 1 May 1917, Albuquerque, NM, m. Mary HENDERSON, b. 19 Aug. 1922 and had issue:
- a. O. A.-11 Jr., b. 1945-1949.
 - b. Pamela June-11 WATSON, b. 8 Nov. 1950, m. 10 June 1969, John MACKLEY, b. 1948.
1883. Oliver Lee-10 Watson, b. 22 Sept. 1918, Rudidoso, NM, m. Margaret Frances CRUMP, b. 13 May 1920 and had issue: Gary-11 Watson, b. 30 Aug. 1949.
1884. Alma Lucille-10 Watson, Route 1, Hale Center, TX, b. 10 Jan. 1921, m. Weldon McEACHERN, b. 15 Aug. 1917 in Texas. Issue:
- a. Vena Lou-11 McEachern, b. 19 May 1943, m. Dwight L. MARTIN, b. 25 May 1938 and had issue: Christopher-12, b. 20 Dec. 1965; and Jennifer-12 MARTIN, b. 19 Nov. 1970.
 - b. Patricia Ann-11, b. 3 Aug. 1946, m. Louis Ray HEFLIN, b. 25 Aug. 1942: Rhonda DeAnn-12, b. 16 Aug. 1967.
1885. George Edwell-10 Watson, youngest issue of Minnie Virvean-9, b. 21 Aug. 1926, Cheek, OK, m. Venita Jean BASEY, b. 5 Feb. 1930:
- a. Joseph Donald-11, b. 22 Oct. 1950, pilot U. S. Air Force.
 - b. Connie Jean-11, b. 20 Oct. 1953.
 - c. William Mack-11, b. 16 Dec. 1956.
 - d. Lydia Kay-11, b. 24 Oct. 1960.
 - e. James David-11 WATSON, b. 12 Dec. 1962.

IV. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 380 JOHN M.-7 AND MARY C. (BIRT/BURT) BEARDEN**ONE CHILD OF NO. 892 MARTHA-8 BEARDEN AND SINGLETON S. LITTLEFIELD**

1400. Lucy-9 LITTLEFIELD (Martha-8 BEARDEN, John M.-7, Ansel-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 8 Sept. 1877 Parker County, TX, d. there 17 May 1952, buried Soda Springs Cemetery, m. 1895, George WRIGHT, b. 15 Sept. 1868, d. 19 Feb. 1940 in Weatherford, TX, issue, b. Parker County, TX:

1886. Emma Cordelia-10 Wright, b. 2 Oct. 1895, m. as his second wife, Edd BAKER whose first wife was her Aunt Victoria LITTLEFIELD. Issue:
 a. Jerold Don-11, b. 2 Nov. 1932.
 b. Maritta-11 BAKER, b. 2 July 1934.
1887. Tealy-10 Wright, b. 27 Feb. 1896, m. Lemuel YOUNGBLOOD, b. 8 Feb. 1893 and had issue: Wiliteen-11; Elber Rutledge-11; and Henry Lilburn-11 YOUNGBLOOD.
1888. Noldie-10 Wright, b. 10 Nov. 1899, unmarried.
1889. Lloyd-10 Wright, b. 9 Aug. 1904, m. Eva CHASTAIN, had issue: Naomi-11; Wanda-11; Bobby-11; and Sherry-11 WRIGHT.
1890. Floyd-10 Wright, b. 18 April 1907, m. 1928 to Opal SIMPSON and had Thalda-11, b. 9 May 1933, m. 28 Sept. 1951 to Jim BROOM, had issue: Randy-12, b. 10 March 1953; Craig-12, b. 27 June 1955; and Renya-12 BROOM, b. 3 March 1960.
1891. Marvin-10 Wright, b. 5 Oct. 1921, m. 7 Aug. 1942 to Dorothy GRISSOM, b. 2 Sept. 1922 and had issue: Eldonna-11, b. 6 Nov. 1946; and Royce-11 WRIGHT, b. 5 April 1952.
1892. Leonard-10 Wright, b. 2 June 1917, d. 6 Jan. 1970; m. Orval GILBERT, b. 1898, d. 13 Nov. 1957, daughter of Richard, and had issue, one: Imogene-11, b. 30 July 1920, m. 21 Dec. 1939 to Wilson CHESTNUT and had issue:
 a. Sandra-12 Chestnut, b. 19 Dec. 1940, m. Don BLONT, b. 19 May 1938 and had Terry-13, b. 7 Dec. 1960; Christi-13, b. 7 May 1962 and Laurie-13 BLONT, b. 1 May 1964.
 b. Sherry-12 Chestnut, b. 3 Aug. 1943, m. 1961, Howard PILKINGTON and had Deneen-13, b. 20 Dec. 1964; Darla-13, b. 13 Oct. 1966; and Lonnie-13 PILKINGTON, b. 13 Nov. 1970.

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 101 ROWLAND-6 and ELIZABETH (HARDIGE) BEARDEN**ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 399 NELSON F.-7 AND RACHEL J. (STONE) BEARDEN****(ONE CHILD OF NO. 933 JOHN KIMSEY-8 AND SARAH A. (MINCEY) BEARDEN**

1412. Rachel June-9 Bearden (John Kimsey-8, Nelson Franklin-7, Rowland-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth issue of John Kimsey-8 and Sarah Ann (MINCEY) Bearden, b. 26 Jan. 1891 in the Amicalola Falls District of Dawson County, GA, d. 8 Feb. 1966/1967 in the Hall County Nursing Home, buried beside her husband in the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery in Dawsonville, GA; m. on 9 Oct. 1908 in Dawson County to Lafayette B. CHESTER, who was b. 8 July 1884 in Lumpkin County and d. 5 Dec. 1951, son of Silas Stargel and Elizabeth (FREELIN) Chester. Rachel J.-9's issue b. Dawson County, GA:

1893. Joseph H.-10 Chester, b. 13 Oct. 1909, m. Thelma-10 BEARDEN, daughter of Person No. 1459, Crawford-9 BEARDEN and his wife Ola Belle FINDLEY, the latter the granddaughter of William FINDLEY and his wife Lillie CANTRELL, and of descent of Person No. 97, Elizabeth-6 BEARDEN and husband

- Jacob CANTRELL. Joseph H.-10 believed by writer (open to correction) to have m. second to Florence HUGHS, who d. 19 Sept. 1979 in Dawson County, GA.
1894. Lula-10 Chester, b. 3 March 1912, d. before 1979 when her brother (Joseph H.-10) died; m. Minor WATERS, relative of Mary Missouri WATERS who m. Person No. 394, John Kimsey-7 BEARDEN.
1895. Claude-10 Chester, b. 9 April 1913, m. Mamie BLACK.
1896. Benjamin Earl-10 Chester, known as "Earl", of Dawsonville, GA, b. 31 June 1916; m. 19 April 1934, Dawson County, Inell GREENAWAY who was b. 14 June 1916 and d. in a car accident 2 Sept. 1958, Pickens County, GA, buried New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Dawson County, the daughter of Wesley and Minda (LONG) GREENAWAY and a relative of Nancy Elle GREENAWAY who m. as her second husband to Person No. 859, Rufus Floyd-8 BEARDEN. (Under Nos. 1416, 1425 and 1462, Greenaway and Bearden.)
- Earl-10 had six issue by first marriage, m. second on 17 Jan. 1960, Gloria S. QUARLES, b. 23 Nov. 1939, Murray County, GA, daughter of W. C. and Helen (SOSEBEE) and had six more issue. He is the clerk/secretary of the New Hope Baptist Church, the records starting in 1842 and continuing until this date in 1998. Both he and his wife have been a source of help and encouragement in gathering and sharing information in north Georgia. Issue:
- a. James Earl-11 Chester, b. 5 Jan. 1935, m. Jenny A. HALL.
- b. Helen V.-11 Chester, b. 18 May 1937, m. Vernon ANDERSON.
- c. Shirley A.-11 Chester, b. 1 Aug. 1943, m. Gary BRUCE.
- d. Dennis S.-11 Chester, b. 8 July 1942, killed at age 19, on 13 Dec. 1961, by his cousin, Fred LONG, buried New Hope Cemetery, Dawsonville, m. Faye-11 BEARDEN (see "a" under Person No. 1457, Herchel-9 BEARDEN for his son "Jay"-10 BEARDEN whose daughter, Faye-11 BEARDEN m. Dennis S.-11 CHESTER). Faye-11 m. second a BRACETT and m. third, Douglas BRUCE, brother of Gary who m. "c" above. Dennis-11 and Faye-11 had one issue: Gerald-12 CHESTER.
- e. Teresa A.-11 Chester, b. 28 March 1949, m. Benjamin Franklin-10 BEARDEN, both the descent of No. 399, Nelson F.-7 BEARDEN and his wife Rachel STONE (see "d" under No. 938).
- f. Wayne-11 Chester, b. 1 April 1950, m. Mary Ann GADDIS.
- g. Norman-11 Chester, first issue of Earl-10 CHESTER and second wife, b. 16 April 1961, Buford, GA
- h. Melba-11 Chester, b. 4 June 1962, Buford, GA.
- i. Connie-11 Chester, b. 23 Aug. 1963, Jasper County, GA, m. 11 Oct. 1980, Dawsonville, Donnie SOSEBEE, son of Coley and Frances. Donnie d. with leukemia Saturday, 29 Jan. 1983.
- j. Benjamin Earl-11 Chester Jr., b. 17 April 1965.
- k. David C.-11 Chester, b. 29 Aug. 1968, Jasper County, GA.
- l. Marty E.-11 Chester, b. 14 July 1970, Dawson County, GA.
1897. Carl-10 Chester, b. 9 April 1919, Dawson County, GA, m. Opel SHERIFF who d. there 5 March 1984. Opel is the descent of Abel SHERIFF Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth COCHRAN, whose sons, Abel SHERIFF Jr. and Manoah SHERIFF, married Nos. 374 and 351, Jane-7 and Mary Ann-7 BEARDEN. Opel-10 is the daughter of Richard-9 SHERIFF and his wife who was a CANTRELL and descended from No. 97, Elizabeth-6 BEARDEN who m. Jacob CANTRELL.
1898. Coy S.-10 Chester, b. 13 Feb. 1924, m. Vivian MINCEY, a descendant of John and Elizabeth (WATERS) Mincey, Vivian died, age 51, on 9 Dec. 1980, Dawson County, GA.
1899. Clyde-10 Chester, b. 6 Oct. 1921, d. 31 March 1950, buried New Hope Baptist Church, Dawsonville, GA; m. Murrell SOUTHERN, who m. as her second husband to Clyde-10's cousin, Mastin-10 BEARDEN, "b" under Person No. 1457, Herchel-9 BEARDEN.
1900. Loy-10 Chester, b. 23 Sept. 1925, m. Bertha L. TOW.
1901. Lafayette B.-10 Chester Jr., b. 28 May 1928, d. 24 June 1978, buried New Hope Church Cemetery, m. Susan ARRENDALE and had Belinda-11, m. a grandson of Aline-9 (BEARDEN) HULSEY.
1902. Clayton-10 Chester, b. 8 Feb. 1980, m. Norma L. FOSTER.

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 107 WILLIBY-6 AND SARAH (PEEK) BEARDEN**ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 418 ROWLAND-7 AND REBECCA A. (MATTHIS) BEARDEN****ONE CHILD OF NO. 967 ROSALEE-8 BEARDEN AND JAMES W. BURNETT**

1435. **Dessie Rosalee-9 BURNETT** (Rosalee-8 BEARDEN, Rowland-7, Williby/Willoughby-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 16 Oct. 1892, Gilmer County, GA, d. 7 April 1976 near the New Liberty Church where she is buried in Gilmer County. Dessie Rosalee-9 married 18 Feb. 1912, Gilmer County to Clifford EDMONDSON, b. 13 June 1889 in Gilmer County, d. there 25 Feb. 1942 and buried there in the Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery, the son of Lewis Dawson and Amanda (FINCANNON) Edmondson and the grandson of Lewis and Frances (ROGERS) Edmondson and of William Milton and Elizabeth (DAVIS) FinCannon. Clifford is the great grandson of Robert and Mary (?) Edmondson; Peter and Eliza (DAVIS) FinCannon; Isaac FinCannon and Milton and Rebecca Ann (MATTHIAS) DAVIS (under No. 413, William Clark-7 Bearden/Davis/FinCannon). Dessie Rosalee-9 had issue:

1903. Unknown female-10, b. and d. 23 Feb. 1913, Gilmer County, GA, buried New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.
1904. Edward Willis-10 Edmondson, b. 2 Sept. 1914, Gilmer County, GA, d. there 5 Nov. 1958, m. there 19 May 1934 Ruby Elive SIMMONS b. there 16 June 1918, daughter of Lester and Ella (ANDERSON). Issue:
- a. Clarence Edwin-11, b. 22 Oct. 1933, Gilmer County, d. there Oct. 1959, buried New Liberty Cemetery, m. Frances MULL.
 - b. Frances Lorene-11, b. 15 Nov. 1942, Gilmer County, m. there 15 Nov. 1942 to Cecil PATTERSON.
 - c. Donald-11 Edmondson, b. 7 Dec. 1951, Pickens County GA.
1905. Merle Leila-10 Edmondson (TWIN), b. 19 March 1917 in Gilmer County, m. 18 Sept. 1936, Holly Springs, Cherokee County, GA to Freeman CAGLE, the son of Freeman Taylor Cagle and his wife Mary Lula-9 (CANTRELL) Cagle and a direct descendant of Richard-5 (Person No. 43) through his mother who is of descent of Person No. 97, Elizabeth-7 BEARDEN and her husband Jacob CANTRELL of SC and GA. Merle Leila-10 had issue:
- a. Earl Lavaughn-11 Cagle of Augusta, GA (has written records), b. 23 Aug. 1937 in Canton, Cherokee County, GA, m. 1 April 1960 in Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA to Biddie Melinda PENLAND, b. 1 Feb. 1941 near Ellijay, GA, daughter of Jack Caspar and Grace (BEAVER). Earl L.-11 had issue:
 - (1) Temperance Melinda-12, b. 26 Nov. 1960, Atlanta, GA, m. 16 Dec. 1978, Augusta, Richmond County, GA to Stephen Boyd SHELL.
 - (2) Earl LeVaughn-12 Jr., b. 8 Sept. 1962, Atlanta
 - (3) Melanie Leigh-12 Cagle, b. 8 Jan. 1966, Atlanta, GA.
 - b. Robert Grady-11 Cagle, lives Nashville, TN, b. 6 May 1940, Canton, Cherokee County, GA, m. 2 June 1960 at Ellijay in Gilmer County, to Brenda Sue WILLIS, b. 18 July 1942, Ellijay, GA, the daughter of Henry Homer "Hoke" and his wife, Ruby Mae (HARPER) Willis. Robert Grady-11 had issue: Hoke Suttle-12 Cagle, b. 26 Dec. 1979, Nashville, TN.
 - c. Ronald Franklin-11 Cagle, lives in Dallas, TX, b. 22 May 1948, Marietta, Cobb County, GA, m. 23 Dec. 1972, Atlanta in Fulton County, GA to Ruth Evelyn-10 MILAM. (Is this same person b. 6 June 1951, Port Lavaca, Texas, the daughter of Otis Lee-9 and June (GREEN) MILAM and a possible descendant of No. 847, Martha C.-8 BEARDEN and her husband, John MILAM?) Ronald Franklin-11 had known issue: Wesley Milam-12, b. 18 Dec. 1976, Atlanta, GA; and Forrest Ashley-12 CAGLE, b. 23 Sept. 1980, Dallas, TX.
 - d. Brenda Gail-11 Cagle of Ellijay, GA, b. 23 Feb. 1950, Marietta, Cobb County, GA, m. Kenneth Franklin WITHROW, b. Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA, the son of Kenneth and Glenda Pearl (?), by whom she had issue, m. second, Mark PETERSON and had no issue. She had issue, b. Ellijay, GA: Gregory Franklin-12; and Lark Angelique-12 Withrow.
1906. Jewel Villa-10 Edmondson (TWIN), lives Ellijay, GA, b. 19 March 1917, Gilmer County, GA, m. there 8 Jan. 1938 to Reed STANLEY, b. there 8 July 1921, son of Jason and Callie Aaron Stanley and nephew of

- Lawrence L. Stanley (historian) of Ellijay, GA (under Persons No. 96 and 107). Jewel Villa-10 had issue,
 b. Gilmer County, GA:
 a. Female-11, b. and d. same day.
 b. Janice Jeanette-11, b. 10 Oct. 1940, m. Benjamin Howard RALSTON of Ellijay, GA.
 c. Jack Reed-11 STANLEY, b. 13 July 1951, m. Sheila HENSEN.
1907. Mamie Rosalee-10 Edmondson, b. 22 Sept. 1919, Gilmer County, GA, m. there on 14 Oct. 1934 to Ferman STANLEY, b. 7 Aug. 1917 in Gilmer County where he has lived out his life. Ferman and M. Rosalee-10 had issue, born Gilmer County, GA:
 a. Male-11, b. and d. 1936.
 b. Ann Charlene-11, b. 13 July 1938, m. 26 Aug. 1960, Ellijay GA to Hobert RALSTON.
 c. James Clay-11, b. 22 Sept. 1942, m. 25 Jan. 1963, Ellijay, GA, Barbara HARPER.
 d. Carolyn Christene-11 STANLEY, b. 18 Nov. 1948, m. 25 Jan. 1969, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA to Cleve WALKER.
1908. Cleve Dorsey-10 Edmondson, b. 17 Feb. 1921 in Gilmer County, d. there on 21 May 1968, buried New Liberty Baptist Cemetery.
1909. Ernest Cleman-10 Edmondson of Ellijay, b. 24 Feb. 1923, Gilmer County, GA, m. Alice GARLAND, born there, daughter of William and Ina (STANLEY) and niece of Lawrence L. Stanley. Ernest Cleman-10 had issue, b. Gilmer County, GA:
 a. Roger Kenneth-11, m. Shirley WELLS.
 b. Charles Anthony-11 Edmondson m. Margaret WORLEY.
1910. Howard Lewis-10 Edmondson of Gilmer County, GA, b. 9 Dec. 1925 in Gilmer County, m. there to Dorothy GARLAND, sister of Alice who m. his brother. These people are so much "kin", it's almost impossible to keep them straight! Charting them with family group sheets is a great help. Howard Lewis-10 had issue, b. Gilmer County, GA:
 a. Larry James-11, m. Peggy BOWERS.
 b. Edwin Lee-11 Edmondson.
1911. Frank Freeman-10 Edmondson, b. 26 March 1927, Gilmer County, GA, d. there 8 Feb. 1967, buried New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.
1912. Willard Harvey-10 Edmondson, b. 20 April 1930, Gilmer County, GA, m. Mavis-11 MATHIAS/MATHIS, b. 29 Oct. 1932, Gilmer County, daughter of Homer and Velua-10 (LOWMAN) of Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA. Velua-10 is a direct descendant of No. 43, Richard-5 and Sarah (BENNETT?) Bearden through their son, No. 107, Williby-6 BEARDEN, whose daughter, Elizabeth Ann-7 BEARDEN married 17 Dec. 1861, Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA to LaFayette "Fate" LOWMAN. Willard Harvey-10 had issue, b. Gilmer County: Daryl Ricky-11, b. 14 June 1952; Daniel Lewis-11 ("Danny"), b. 26 May 1960; Deborah Sue-11 Edmondson ("Debby"), b. 21 Dec. 1965.

FOUR DESCENDANTS OF NO. 111 JOHN-6 AND FANNY (FIELD/S) BEARDEN

FOUR GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 440 JOHN W.-7 AND MARTHA E. (SHEFFIELD) BEARDEN

A. ONE CHILD OF NO. 997 JOHN BERRY-8 AND MARGARET JANE (HAWKINS) BEARDEN

1472. Rowland Edward-9 Bearden (John Berry-8, John Wesley-7, John-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1913 in Marietta, Cobb County, GA, d. 13 Feb. 1981 at his home in Vienna City, Dooley County, GA, buried Vienna City Cemetery, m. Ruth WOLFE. He was a retired probate judge in Dooley County, a member of the Drayton Baptist Church and the Vienna City Masonic Lodge. He related the story of his first day as probate and ordinary judge of Dooley County:

He had been elected to fill the unexpired term of Judge J. Frank Powell and unfinished business was stacked up. The necessary papers for his swearing in had not been sent from Atlanta and the governor arranged for highway patrolmen to relay them from one county line to the next county line. Meanwhile, the circuit judge who would

swear him in was hearing a trial in another county, but had told Rowland-9 to bring the papers over to Wilcox County and he would recess court for this procedure.

Rowland-9 and a friend arrived at the Wilcox County courthouse and slipped quietly into a back seat of the courtroom. Judge Horne saw them and said, "Rowland, you and D. L. come up here and everyone else please stand, I've got to swear this man in as probate judge"; he then proceeded to swear him in right in the middle of a murder trial! They then rushed back to Dooley County Courthouse to find it crowded with lawyers waiting to get papers signed.

Rowland-9 sat at his desk and signed his name almost anywhere a finger pointed. Finally five o'clock arrived and he was a relieved man! Then he saw, sitting quietly and waiting patiently, two black men and two black women. He asked if he could help them and was told they wanted to get married! He had been reading up on other procedures but had not thought of the marriage ceremony. Thus he was totally unprepared for this but fortunately the clerk of the court was still there and he came to the rescue. Needless to say, the next day Rowland-9 asked for his minister's help in preparing a marriage ceremony for future use.

He served as the probate judge of Dooley County for nineteen years, being reelected without opposition for each successive term. He resigned in 1980 after suffering a heart attack. His issue:

- 1913. Connie-10 Bearden, m (?) CHAMPION, descent of Abraham and Louisa (RAINEY) Champion. Abraham Champion administered the estate of Isaac Rainey 1861 in Gilmer County (under No. 353, J. Jasper-7).
Connie-10 m. second to a SANDERS of Dawson County.
- 1914. Arthur-10 Bearden, lives Brookfield, FL.
- 1915. Harry-10 Bearden, lives Vienna City, GA
- 1916. John R.-10 Bearden, youngest known issue of Rowland Edward-9, lives Vienna, GA. He sports an almost seventy year old "Wonder Five" Basketball shirt, since that length of time has passed since Vienna's basketball team leaped across a basketball court to numerous victories. At least one member of that team has retained mementos of those years. In a recent search through an old trunk, the wife of John R.-10 discovered a shirt belonging to her husband which had been a gift to him from Walton's Department Store in 1928 after the "Wonder Five" won the Cotton States Tournament in Auburn, AL. Mr. Walton had promised each of the players a shirt if they won the tournament. John R.-10 received a medallion and a basketball chain for the victory and he proudly displays these mementos. His issue is untraced by the writer.

B. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 998 WILLIAM P.-8 AND DIXIE LEE (BARNETT) BEARDEN

1476. Bertha Mae-9 Bearden (William Posey-8, John Wesley-7, John-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 27 Jan. 1916, living near Marietta, GA, m. 20 Oct. 1945 in Cobb County, GA to Lacy Gilbert BISHOP Sr., b. 29 April 1911 in Cobb County, the son of John Albert and Johnnie Mae (SMITH). Lacy Gilbert, known as "Buddy", is retired from the Marietta, GA Post Office after having served in the U. S. Navy during W.W.II aboard an ARL (amphibious repair landing) ship in the Atlantic and participating in the "D Day" operations in France.

Bertha-9 is a licensed cosmetologist although she has not worked outside her home for many years. She makes all of her own clothes, cuts and curls her own hair, helps her sister with the Bearden Newsletter, "What's Happ'nin"; an accomplished flower arranger and has a green thumb for flowers and vegetables. Her issue:

- 1917. John William-10 Bishop, b. 6 Nov. 1948 near Kennesaw, GA, m. Katherine JAMES, no issue, m. second 22 Oct. 1977, Cobb County to Laura (MASON) SANDERS, b. 13 Feb. 1954, Marietta, daughter of James and Betty (MASON). John William-10 had issue: John William-11 Jr., b. before 1981 in Cobb County.

1918. Lacy Gilbert-10 Bishop Jr., b. 17 April 1950, Kennesaw, m. 31 March 1973, Donna Charlene LUNSFORD, b. 10 Nov. 1950 in GA: Issue: Angela-11, b. 5 June 1977, Cobb County, GA; Charlie Gilbert-11 Bishop, b. 19 March 1979, Cobb County.

1477. Eva Corene-9 Bearden (William Posey-8, John Wesley-7, John-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 3 Sept. 1917 in Marietta, Cobb County, GA, lives Marietta, GA, just at the foot of Kennesaw Mountain where the battle for Atlanta was fought during the Civil War. Corene-9 and her siblings grew up in that spot and their toys were the old bullets and relics from that historic battle. She has the old painting of the John Wesley-7 home which was located on this scenic spot and where he died on 30 Dec. 1935.

At the time of a visit in February, the trees and bushes were shrouded in mist and icicles and ice covered the whole. It looked and felt like a giant Christmas scene with loved ones, Corene-9 and Dempsey's gracious and inviting home and her heirlooms from her grandparents and great grandparents. There was an old gramophone with some of the old and rare pieces of music which were popular in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. It was a great and rare time of fellowship with the sharing of love between Bearden families.

Corene-9 married on 11 May 1946 in Marietta, GA to Dempsey Jordan KIRK, who was b. on 30 April 1918 in Kennesaw, Cobb County, GA, the son of George Washington and Mary Lou (WALKER) Kirk. Both Corene-9 and Dempsey are native Georgians and of the Baptist faith and practice for the fifth generation and their great grandchildren make eight generations. She is a talented artist, an accomplished genealogist, hairdresser, cook, flower arranger (she collects wild flowers), and homemaker. Dempsey is retired from Lockheed Aircraft in Atlanta, where he spent twenty-nine years as a machinist after serving during W.W.II in the 73rd Bomb Wing of the 20th United States Air Force. He went on ten bombing missions over Japan while stationed on the Island of Saipan in the Pacific.

Corene-9 and Dempsey now travel occasionally in their camping trailer but their main interest is gardening, the John Wesley-7 Bearden annual reunion at their home, Corene-9's genealogy and the keeping and enjoyment of their beautiful home at the base of Kennesaw Mountain. Corene-9 had issue, Kirk:

1919. Dempsey Bearden-10 Kirk, b. 20 April 1947, Kennesaw, Cobb County, GA, m. 15 Aug. 1970, Albany, Dougherty County, GA to Constance Elaine HEIDT (now spelled HUNT), b. 8 Aug. 1947, Albany, GA, the daughter of William Bartow and Irene (SHARMIN) Heidt. Dempsey-10 teaches social science, history and other subjects at Walton High School (Cobb County) and has won some honors there. One of his star students won the Seventh Georgia Congressional District title for a scholarship to the university of his choice. Demsey B.-10 had issue:
- a. Margaret Elaine-11, b. 24 June 1971, Cobb County.
 - b. Joseph Andrew-11, b. 15 March 1978, Marietta, GA.
 - c. Melissa Leigh-11, b. 18 Oct. 1981.
 - d. Hillary Rae-11 Kirk, b. 6 June 1983 in Cobb County.
1920. Michael Jordan-10 Kirk, b. 19 June 1951, Kennesaw, GA, living and working in Metro Atlanta area and Knoxville, TN in heating, plumbing and air-conditioning, unmarried 1985.
1921. Robert William-10 Kirk, b. 22 Aug. 1952, Kennesaw, GA, works in a photographic lab, has an associate degree in photography at the Art Institute of Atlanta; lives in old farmhouse but he likes mom's cooking and is mostly at home, unmarried 1985.
1922. Donald Lee-10 Kirk, fourth and youngest issue of Corene-9 BEARDEN, b. 28 June 1957 in Kennesaw, GA, and d. there unmarried in 1985. Donald-10 played the piano, oboe and saxophone in a band, playing for weddings and other social events in the Cobb County area and Atlanta Police Department's Christmas parties. Donald-10 lived briefly in Denver, Colorado.

C. ONE CHILD OF NO. 999 FLOYD MCCLENDON-8 AND MAUDE B. (SPENCE) BEARDEN

1481. William Ernest Jack-9 Bearden (Floyd McClendon-8, John Wesley-7, John-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), lives in Bolton, Forsyth County, GA (1988), the third issue and first son of Floyd McClendon-8 and his wife, Maude Bell (SPENCE) Bearden, b. 22 Nov. 1910, Marietta, Cobb County, GA. W. E. Jack-9 Bearden m. on 22 Dec. 1934 in Atlanta, GA to Mable Norris POPE, b. 22 June 1913, Canton, Cherokee County, GA, the daughter of Thomas Benjamin and his wife, Alice O. (McDONALD) Pope.

This subject has been a tremendous help to the writer in compiling his branch of the Bearden family and he attended the dedication ceremonies when the headstones were set for our mutual ancestor, Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden (Revolutionary War) in Dawson County, GA. William Ernest Jack-9 had issue:

1923. Floyd Thomas-10 Bearden, b. 9 Feb. 1936, Fulton County, GA, m. there 15 June 1960 to Gloria HUTCHINSON and had issue: Terry Lyn-11; Tammy Lee-11; and Tanya Laine-11 Bearden.
1924. William Howard-10 Bearden, b. 11 July 1938, Atlanta, GA, m. 8 Jan. 1960, Trenton, GA to Carolyn Virginia TIDWELL and had issue: Karen Michael-11 Bearden.
1925. Raymond Weldon-10 Bearden, b. 24 March 1943, Kelly Mill Road, near Bolton and Cumming, Forsyth County, Georgia (Forsyth County was created in 1832 from Lumpkin and Cherokee Counties), d. 9 April 1977, Franklin County, GA of a brain tumor, buried Riverview Cemetery, Bolton, Forsyth County, GA, m. 3 Dec. 1963, Forsyth County, to Judith "Judy" BRIGHT and had issue: Cynthia Lynn-11; and Raymond S.-11 Bearden.
1926. Mary Ellen-10 Bearden, b. 18 Aug. 1944, Bolton, Forsyth County, GA, m. 10 Sept. 1962, Smyrna, Forsyth County, GA to James Ernest BARNETT and had issue: James Ernest-11 Jr.; William David-11; and Annette Lynn-11 Barnett.
1927. Norman Douglas-10 "Doug" Bearden of Cumming, GA, b. 1 June 1946, Kelly Mill Road, Cumming, Forsyth County, GA, m. 12 Aug. 1964, Centre, AL to Diann Carol BELL, b. 24 Feb. 1947, Atlanta, GA, the daughter of Edward Richard "Eddie" and Betty Lou (SCHWARTZ) Bell. Diann has spent hundreds of hours in doing Bearden research in Atlanta, Gainesville, Dawsonville and Savannah, GA. The writer is indebted to her for sharing this research, much of which has been used herein. "Doug"-10 was employed by the telephone County and has lived variously in Atlanta and Savannah, GA, and has now built a home on his father's land near Cumming, in a community called Bolton in Forsyth County, GA. He entered the United States Army during the Vietnam War, 1964 and was commissioned June 1967, ordinance center, Aberdeen, MD. He was in Korea 1969, Army Commendation Medal 1971 and Honorable Discharge 1973, Discharge No. 252-709270. Doug-10 had issue, Priscilla Ann-11 Bearden, b. 13 Dec. 1968, Ft. Gordon Military, Augusta, GA, lived with parents until she married in 1997 and now lives in NC.
1928. Barbara Jean-10, b. 25 April 1949 of Forsyth County, m. 6 April 1968, Wallahallah, SC, Troy D. HOLTZ-CLAW of Georgia, had Troy Wesley-11 and Lanny Keith-11 Holtzclaw.
1929. Robert Eugene-10 Bearden, youngest issue of William Ernest Jack-9, b. 7 Oct. 1950, Bolton, near Cumming, Forsyth County, GA, m. 30 Oct. 1970, Cherokee County, GA to Sheila Annette CLARK and had issue: Robert Shane-11 and Chad Eric-11 Bearden.

FIVE DESCENDANTS OF NO. 112 WILLIAM H. OR M.-6 AND FANNY (FIELD/S) BEARDEN**FIVE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 451 JAMES F.-7 AND JANE E. (FIELD/S) BEARDEN****FIVE CHILDREN OF NO. 1011 JOHN HENDERSON-8 AND SARAH M. (FOUTS) BEARDEN**

1492. Lindsey Boyd-9 Bearden (John Henderson-8, James F.-7, William-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 5 June 1900 near Dawsonville in Dawson County, GA, d. age

82, on Sunday, 13 March 1983 at his home on Star Route, Dawsonville, buried beside his wife in the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. The Banister Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements when "Boyd" died and announced that he was a lifetime member of the New Hope Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and where his funeral was held on Tuesday, 15 March at 2 p.m., with the "Reverends Boyd Vaughters and Frank Gable officiating and interment in the church cemetery" (Dawson County Advertiser, 17 March 1983).

Boyd-9, although he was in bad health the last years of his life, was a tremendous help to the writer in locating the graves of our mutual great-great grandparents, No. 43 Richard-5 BEARDEN and his wife Sarah (BENNETT?) Bearden and in his remembrance of early events in his own grandparents' lives in Lumpkin and Dawson Counties, GA. He m. on 8 Oct. 1923, Dawsonville, to Cora Viola SIMMONS, b. 18 April 1908, Dawson County, d. 1 April 1965, Forsyth County Hospital in Georgia, the daughter of Melvin Lee and Mira Isebelle (JOHNSON) Simmons. Boyd-9 had issue:

1930. Elsie Vandell-10 Bearden, b. 30 Nov. 1926 near Dawsonville, Dawson County, GA and did not long survive her father as she d. in same location on 5 Aug. 1985, her obituary in "The Dawson Advertiser", dated 8 Aug. 1985. She married in Dawson County on 12 July 1945 to William Arvell CHESTER, b. 10 June 1921, Dawson County, son of Charlie and Hattie E. (SHELTON) Chester. Elsie-10 was a good letter-friend and cousin and is sadly missed by the writer. Elsie V.-10 had issue:
- a. Richard Arvell-11 Chester, b. 2 Aug. 1946, m. 6 Aug. 1964, Lavonia Margaret REED and had Reggie Lamar-12, b. 11 April 1965; and Michael Gary-12 Chester, b. 25 Dec. 1974.
 - b. Herman-11 Chester, b. 27 Jan. 1948, Dawson County, m. 7 July 1968, Diane BISHOP, had Dava Jane-12, b. 7 July 1968.
 - c. Gwinnett Mira-11 Chester, b. 2 April 1952 at home on Star Route, m. there on 20 Aug. 1971, to George Ray HOLTZCLAW.
 - d. Deborah-11 Chester, b. 21 Dec. 1953, m. 20 Feb. 1976 to Roger David PADGETT.
1931. James Lewis-10 Bearden, b. 27 Jan. 1932 in Fulton County, GA, m. 28 July 1955, Dawson County to Helen Christene VAUGHTERS, daughter of Reverend Boyd and Wilma (WATERS) Vaughters. Issue:
- a. Ted James-11 Bearden, b. 25 June 1956, Dawsonville, GA and owns the Bearden Funeral Home there.
 - b. Helen Joan-11 Bearden, b. 2 Sept. 1957, Dawson County, m. 18 Dec. 1977, Thomas Charley Timothy DAVIS and had issue, one, m. second 1987, Bethel Baptist Church in Dawsonville to Mike TALLY with Ted-11 Bearden, groomsman; had issue: John Timothy Dustin-12 Davis, b. 9 Feb. 1979.
1932. Johnny Boyd-10 Bearden, youngest issue of Lindsey Boyd-9 and Cora V. (SIMMONS), b. 14 July 1936, Dawson or Gilmer County, GA, m. 15 Sept. 1951, Dawson County to Polly Jane WEAVER, b. 10 May 1946, the daughter of Paul and Zinnie (?). Johnny Boyd-10 had issue, b. Dawson and Gilmer County, GA:
- a. Donald Keith-11, b. 14 Sept. 1962.
 - b. Kevin Lamar-11, b. 11 Nov. 1965.
 - c. Pamela Jane-11 Bearden, b. 18 April 1968.

1495. Carl-9 Bearden (John Henderson-8, James F.-7, William-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John -1?), fourth issue and son of John Henderson-8 and his wife, Sarah Malinda Bearden, b. 14 Feb. 1905, Dawson County, GA; m. on 29 Aug. 1929, Fort Payne, AL to Agnes Wilda (SHAMBLEE) CHAMBERS (?), b. 4 Jan. 1907, Gordon County, GA, the daughter of James Horace and Rhoda Adeline (MILLER) Shamblee. Carl-9 had issue:

1933. Carl-10 Bearden Jr., b. 28 March 1932, Alpharetta, Fulton County, GA, m. 21 March 1953 to Susan "Sue" BAGWELL.
1934. Joanne-10 Bearden, b. 5 Nov. 1934, Alpharetta, Fulton County, GA, m. 28 Oct. 1951, Clark WEATHER-FORD.
1935. Gwendolyn-10 Bearden, b. 10 Nov. 1938, unmarried 1978.

1496. Silvey-9 Bearden (John Henderson-8, James F.-7, William-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth issue and son of John Henderson-8 and Sarah Malinda (FOUTS) Bearden, b. 10 April 1908, Dawson County, GA; m. 14 March 1942, Dawsonville, to Elizabeth SEITZ, b. 26 Feb. 1919, Lumpkin County, GA, the daughter of J. C. and Pearl (ODUM) Seitz.

Silvey-9, his parents and his siblings, John Henderson-8, Boyd-9, Carl-9 and Minnie-9 (BEARDEN) THOMPSON, have helped find the exact spot where their great grandfather and our mutual great-great grandparents are buried in Dawson County and have attended the dedication ceremony for the placing of the tombstone at the Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden, grave site in the William-6 Bearden Cemetery (Revolutionary War Richard-5 Bearden). Silvey-9 had issue, b. in Dawson County, GA:

1936. Douglas-10 Bearden, b. 1 Feb. 1943, Fulton or Dawson County, m. second Elaine RIGGSBY.
1937. James-10 Bearden, b. 28 Aug. 1946, m. Susan HARDIGE.

1497. Minnie-9 Bearden (John Henderson-8, James F.-7, William-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), first daughter of John Henderson-8 and Sarah Malinda (FOUTS) Bearden, b. 19 June 1911, Dawson County, GA, and m. there on 28 May 1933, to Clarence THOMPSON, b. March 19--, the son of Arthur and Luda (WADE). Minnie-9 had issue, probably b. Fulton County:

1938. Louise-10 Thompson, b. 2 July 1935, m. James PHILLIPS.
1939. James-10 "Jimmy" Thompson, 29 Dec. 1945, m. Cynthia PADGETT.
1940. Dianne-10 Thompson, b. 20 Aug. 1949, m. 2 Aug. 1971 James ANDERSON.

1498. Ella-9 Bearden (John Henderson-8, James F.-7, William-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1), seventh issue of John Henderson-8, b. 8 June 1914, Dawson County, GA, m. 8 Nov. 1930, Dawson or Fulton County, to Carroll MOSS who was born 30 Nov. 1911 in Oleda, TX and d. 20 July 1955 in Fulton County, GA, the son of Roscoe and Louella (BENNETT) Moss. Ella-9 Bearden had issue:

1941. Johnny-10 Moss, b. 1 May 1933, Fulton or Dawson County, GA, m. 5 July 1956, Fulton County, to Urania PHILLIPS.
1942. Truett-10 Moss, b. 17 Dec. 1934, m. 26 Aug. 1953 Louise WRIGHT.
1943. Daniel-10 Moss, b. 8 Feb. 1936, m. 17 Aug. 1974 to Charlotte STROUP.

NINE DESCENDANTS OF NO. 134 WILLIAM E.-6 AND BEADIE (HARRIS) BEARDEN

I. TWO GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 471 EMSLEY-7 AND ROHAMA (FOWLER) BEARDEN

TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 1020 GEORGE WASHINGTON-8 AND MARY (MURPHY) BEARDEN

1504. George Frank-9 Bearden (George Washington-8, Emsley-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), first issue and son of George Washington-8 and Mary-7 (MURPHY/MURPHREE) Bearden and a great grandson of Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden through a son, Person No. 95, James-6 Bearden, whose descent was Sarah-7 Bearden who married in St. Clair County, AL to Martin MURPHY. Sarah-7 (Bearden) Murphy had a daughter, Mary-7 Murphy, who married the son of her mother's cousin, George Washington-8 BEARDEN. Their children, including the subject, are the grandchildren of both Sarah-7 Bearden and her cousin, Emsley-7 Bearden.

George Frank-9 was b. 24 Aug. 1886 in AL and d. 30 Feb. 1939, Maplesville, Chilton County, AL, burial in the Stanton Cemetery. He m. in Dallas County, AL to Katie GREYMORE, b. 29 July 1894 in Burnsville, AL, d.

there 25 June 1930, buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery, issue by Katie, six; m. second Sudie SMITH, no issue; m. third Virgie BRADLEY, one issue. His issue by two marriages:

1944. Ruby Irene-10 Bearden, b. 18 Sept. 1915, m. 1932 to Walter PAYTON who died in Nov. 1937 near Bessemer, AL; m. second to a minister of the Gospel, Jessee E. HARRIS, son of Armister Harris. Jessee served as pastor of the Mt. Carmel No. 2 Baptist Church in Chilton County. Ruby Irene-10 had issue:
- Horace Lee-11, b. 14 Feb. 1937, completed study at Auburn University and two years of military service.
 - Ester Mae-11, b. 13 June 1941, m. (?) CROWE and had issue, Jessee James-12 and Frank Thurston-12 CROWE.
 - Ruby Paulette-11, b. 10 Oct. 1943, m. (?) ROBERTSON and had issue, Edward-12, b. July 1962 and David Lee-12 Robertson, b. 27 April 1966.
 - Jessie Nell-11, b. 16 March 1946, m. (?) PARNELL and had one unknown daughter.
 - Katie Faye-11 Harris, b. 10 Nov. 1952, attended eight years of school without missing a single day, served the Mt. Carmel Church as pianist and was not married in 1969.
1945. Benjamin Franklin-10 Bearden, b. July 1917 and m. Lillian PAYTON who d. at age 26 of cancer, the daughter of William Bryd Payton; m. second but the name of his second wife and of the daughter he had by her are unknown. The family lived in Illinois in 1969. "Ben"-10 had issue by first marriage to Lillian Payton: Benjamin-11 "Benny", married with four unknown daughters; and Kenneth-11 "Kenny" Bearden.
1946. Spence Douglas-10, known as "Jack" Bearden, b. July 1919, m. his cousin, Person No. 1953, Mavis Louise-10 SEWELL. They were divorced before 1969. Spence Douglas-10 had issue, one: Thomas Wayne-11 Bearden, b. 26 Oct. 1961, Selma, AL.
1947. Ada Mavis-10 Bearden, b. Nov. 1921, m. (?) SMITH, m. second Delbert BRAND, had: Charles Winfred-11 Smith; Sybil-11 Smith; J. D.-11, Thomas-11 "Tommy", and Steve-11 Brand.
1948. Mildred Inez-10 Bearden, b. Oct. 1924, married Fred HUNTER and had:
- Charlotte Ann-11, marriage unknown, has Stephanie-12 (?) and Daphne-12 (?).
 - Dwight-11 Hunter, married with issue: Paige-12, b. 1968; Sylvia-11; and Christene-11 Hunter.

1506. Minnie-9 Bearden (George Washington-8, Emsley-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), third issue and first daughter of George Washington-8 Bearden, b. 12 Dec. 1893, Chilton County, AL, d. there 28 Feb. 1944; m. in 1910 to Thomas "Tom" SEWELL who died 14 April 1967 and both are buried in the Stanton Cemetery. Tom is the son of George and Sallie. Minnie-9 Bearden had issue:

1949. Chester George-10 Sewell, b. 18 July 1912, Chilton County, m. Eunice GREEN, Selma, AL; Boy Scout-master, worked with Cosby Sand and Gravel Company, Chilton County, had issue:
- Oliver-11 Sewell, b. 29 Dec. 1931, Montgomery, Jefferson County, AL, served with United States Army from 3 Jan. 1953 until 17 Dec. 1954, Service No. U.S. 53-199-934, spending some time in Germany, m. on 3 Aug. 1956 to Mabel PUGH and had Lisa-12, b. 12 Oct. 1958; Mark-12, b. 16 Feb. 1960, Selma, AL; Sandra-12 Sewell, b. 3 Dec. 1962, Selma.
 - Edward-11 Sewell, b. 28 March 1934, Stanton, AL, m. 29 Dec. 1956 to Bennie WAITES and had issue: Leonard-12, b. 1 Jan. 1958, Jefferson County, AL; and Tammie-12 Sewell, b. 29 April 1963, Jefferson County, AL.
 - Eva Nell-11 Sewell, b. 28 March 1938, Selma, AL, m. 19 Aug. 1956, Daniel C. KENNEDY of Camden, AL and had Karen-12 Kennedy, b. 11 Nov. 1963, Waco, TX.
 - Joyce-11 Sewell, b. 30 Nov. 1940, Selma, m. Norman HARRIS and had issue: Clint-12, b. 14 Aug. 1960 and Kenneth-12 Harris, b. 21 June 1962, Selma, AL.
1950. Odell-10 Sewell, b. 19 Jan. 1914, Chilton County, AL, d. age 18 months, whooping cough/measles, buried Pleasant Grove Cemetery.
1951. Hazel-10 Sewell, b. 26 Feb. 1916, m. 18 Sept. 1937, Chilton County, AL, Ward WALLACE of Ashley, AL. Much gratitude is due this subject for her able assistance in her native area of Selma and her knowledge of the Bearden family. Hazel-10's issue:

- a. Elizabeth-11 Wallace, b. 21 Sept. 1938, Ashby, AL, m. 18 Dec. 1954, Water Ave. Baptist Church, Selma, Billy TAYLOR who served with the U.S. Army in Germany, had issue, Ricky-12, b. 9 Sept. 1958; Debra-12 TAYLOR, b. 16 Dec. 1960.
- b. Randy-11 Wallace, b. 20 March (1945?) in Selma, AL.
1952. Willie Dee-10 Sewell, b. 18 March 1918 in Montgomery, Alabama, m. Person "e" as compiled under Person No. 1501, Mollie-9 BEARDEN; that is, Willie Dee-10 married Mood-10 NICHOLS when she was age 14. Mood-10 died without issue on 1 Jan. 1941 and she m. second 27 June 1944 to Gene MAURIER, who was b. 6 Aug. 1920 in Cameron, W. VA. Gene was a veteran of the USAF, stationed at Craig AFB when Willie Dee-10 married him, having entered the service on 3 Oct. 1942 in Fort Hayes, Ohio, earning the American Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and was discharged on 22 Dec. 1945. Willie Dee-10 had issue, three:
- a. Jerry-11 Maurier, b. 29 Dec. 1945 in Selma, AL, m. on 1 Sept. 1963 in SC to Juanita JOHNSON and died without issue on 18 Nov. 1967 in Japan and in the service of his country. After spending 19 months in Hawaii, he was sent to Vietnam in January 1967, where he contracted hepatitis and was flown to Japan, collapsed into a coma and d. at 106 General Hospital. He was buried at home in the New Live Oak Cemetery in Selma, his funeral held at Lawrence Funeral Home with Rev. Reginald Stokes, pastor of Northside Baptist Church of Selma officiating. The young Army Specialist had full military honors by Hdqts. 31st Inf. Division, Support Command and Company B (TNT) Supply and Transport Battalion, his serial No., RA 53368768.
- b. Diane-11 Maurier, b. 27 June 1947 in Selma, AL, m. James Thomas KENNEDY of Camden, AL, b. 22 March 1942 and had Dewauna Jean-12, b. 11 March 1966, Selma.
- c. Louis Ray-11 Maurier, b. 27 March 1955 in Selma.
1953. Mavis Louise-10 Sewell, b. 9 Oct. 1920, m. Person No. 1946, Spence Douglas-10 BEARDEN; divorced, m. second Albert TYLER of Pine Hill, AL and had: Tommy Wayne-11, b. 26 Oct. 1951 in Selma; and Steve-11 TYLER, b. 25 April 1957 in GA.
1954. Marvis-10 Sewell, b. 9 Sept. 1922, m. Edmund-10 DAVIS, b. 16 Oct. 1920, Stanton, d. 28 Feb. 1965. Marvis-11 had issue:
- a. Shirley-11 Davis, b. 25 June 1940, Maplesville, AL, m. 10 Feb. 1959, Arthur Lee WILLIAMS, had Hand Edmund-12, b. 4 June 1960; and Wanda Kay-12 Williams, b. 26 June 1961.
- b. Edmund Princeton-11 Davis Jr., b. 22 Oct. 1942, Chilton County, AL, m. Norma Jean McMINN of Maplesville, AL, m. second Janice WILLIS; first three issue by first marriage: Kenneth Edmund-12, b. 14 Jan. 1961; Jimmy Glenn-12, b. 14 March 1962; Edmund Princeton III-12, b. 2 Feb. 1964; and Scott-12 Davis, b. 9 April 1967.
- c. Mary Ann-11 Davis, b. 24 March 1945, Chilton County, m. Dewey Lavern PAYNE and had, born Chilton County: David Lavern-12, b. 7 July 1961; and Karen Ann-12 Payne, b. 9 July 1965.
- d. Hugh Ronald-11 Davis, b. 16 Dec. 1946, Chilton County, m. 14 March 1965, Linda Sue PRI and had Ronald Edward-12, b. 9 Jan. 1966; Susan Lyn-12, b. 16 Sept. 1967, Selma, AL.
- e. Sandra Gail-11 DAVIS, b. 16 Oct. 1948, Chilton County, m. Carl O'Neal SMITH, had issue, Emily Gail-12 Smith, b. 26 Sept. 1966.
- f. Jean-11 Davis, b. 28 June 1951, Chilton County, AL.
1955. Alberta-10 Sewell, b. 9 Jan. 1924, Montgomery, Jefferson County, AL; m. Oliver HOADLEY, veteran of the Vietnam War, wounded in the leg and deceased before 1969; m. second Earnest NICHOLS and had issue b. Chilton County, AL: Judith-11 "Headley", b. 28 Oct. 1948, m. and lives in TN; Donna-11 Headley, b. 10 March 1951; and Wanda Lynn-11 NICHOLS, b. 7 Nov. 1958, Selma, AL.
1956. Murrell-10 Sewell, b. 9 April 1926, Montgomery, AL, m. 20 Jan. 1945 in Selma, AL to Edward Eugene TUCKER, who was in the USAF for ten years, some time spent in the South Pacific. He earned the Good Conduct and the Ruptured Duck medals, Serial No. A.F. 35-26-329. Murrell-10 had issue:
- a. Dorothy-11 Tucker, b. 18 Nov. 1945, Selma, AL, m. there 26 Dec. 1964 to David F. STANLEY, a Second Lieutenant, wounded in Vietnam in Jan. 1968, and sent to Japan to recuperate. Dorothy-11 received his Purple Heart. They have one unknown daughter.
- b. Donald-11 Tucker, b. 14 April 1948 in KY.
- c. Edward Harold-11 Tucker, b. 22 March 1952, d. 29 May 1952 in KY.
- d. Daniel-11 Tucker, b. 11 March 1956 in KY.
- e. Darryl-11 Tucker, b. 19 Oct. 1965 in KY.

1957. Ethelene-10 Sewell, b. 20 July 1930, Montgomery, AL, m. Samuel B. MITCHELL from Perry County, AL who died in the service of his country. He entered the United States Army on 19 Jan. 1945, served in the Phillipine Islands and after he was honorably discharged, he enlisted in the Air Force. He again served on duty in Labrador, Newfoundland and in Korea, dying at Osan AFB Hospital in Korea of a heart attack at age forty-two after earning five Good Conduct medals, etc. At the time of his death he was with the 6314th Supply Squadron and had been in service for twenty years. Ethelene-10 had issue: Rita Helen-11 Mitchell, b. 8 Nov. 1949, m. William TINDALL in Selma and had issue, Tammy Renee-12, b. 17 May 1967, Selma; Larry Samuel-11, b. 12 April 1951, Maxwell AFB; and Scott Allen-11 Tindall, b. 26 May 1964, Maxwell AFB.
1958. Willard-10 Sewell, b. 24 March 1935, Montgomery, AL, m. 28 March 1955, Selma, to Nell MASSEY, b. 16 Dec. 1938, of Selma. Willard-10 served in the United States Air Force, Sergeant, Serial No. RA 14-502-723. Willard-10 had issue: Stephen-11 (female), b. 7 June 1956, Selma, AL; Emily-11 Sewell, b. 22 April 1960, Selma, AL.
1959. Shelby Jean-10 Sewell, eleventh and youngest issue of Minnie-9 BEARDEN, b. 17 Oct. 1936, Stanton, AL, m. Glendell Owen HALES who was due to retire from the Air Force in 1968, having enlisted on 10 Jan. 1949, spent active duty in Alaska, Phillipine Islands, Thailand, Vietnam and other places. In 1965 he returned to Kessler AFB in MS as an instructor in electronics. Shelby Jean-10 Sewell had issue: Lyndell Jean-11, b. 22 Jan. 1955, Gary AFB, TX; Tracy Owens-11 HALES, b. 4 Nov. 1959, Kessler AFB, MS.

II. THREE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 472 ALFRED A.-7 AND SOPHRONIA (SMITH) BEARDEN

A. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 1021 JANE PARALEE-8 BEARDEN AND JOSEPH BRADFORD

1511. **Mary Emma-9 BRADFORD** (Jane Paralee-8 BEARDEN, Alfred A.-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1 Nov. 18-- , d. 24 May 1959; m. Samuel D. GRADY, b. 4 June 18-- , d. 18 July 1928, both buried in the Salem Cemetery near Montevallo, AL. Mary Emma-9 was left a widow with 14 children when her husband died, raising a fine family near Montevallo where several attended college. Cousin Emma's photograph appeared 5 Sept. 1943 front page of THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS:

"MOTHER OF SEVEN SERVICE MEN KNOWS BONDS HELP HER BOYS".

The seven who served in W.W.II are named below in list of Mary Emma-9's issue:

1960. Woodfin D.-10 Grady, b. 27 Oct. 1897, m. Gladys MILLS.
1961. Carlos Joe-10 Grady, b. 4 June 1900, d. 9 Jan. 1934, m. Bessie Mae CARTER, had Joe-11, m. and father of five unknown issue; Fred-11 Grady, m. and father of three unknown issue.
1962. Uprise G.-10 Grady, b. 8 Feb. 1902, m. Ruby ALEXANDER, b. 1904, had: Jean-11, b. 30 July 1932, m. Doyle HOLT, had Joann-12 and Clinton-12; Timothy-11 Grady, b. 22 April 1936; and Peggy-11 Grady, m. Harry SMITH, had Gregory-12 Smith.
1963. Benjamin Franklin-10 Grady, b. 6 Dec. 1904, m. Lillie Belle LUCAS. Served as PFC, W.W.II.
1964. Lillie Queen-10 Grady, b. Oct. 19-- , unmarried.
1965. Milton T.-10 Grady, b. 10 Oct. 1909, d. unmarried on 6 June 1967, buried Salem Cemetery. Served as Private, W.W.II.
1966. Louise P.-10 Grady, b. 5 Dec. 1911, m. Charles V. WALLACE, b. 4 Jan. 1906, had issue: Charles Grady-11, b. 29 June 1935; and Bobby Wayne-11 Wallace, b. 29 Oct. 1937, d. 6 March 1938.
1967. Herbert R.-10 Grady, b. 22 Oct. 1913, m. Hallie DRAPER; Private in W.W.II; had issue: Linda Kay-11, b. 18 July 1947.
1968. James G.-10 Grady, m. Kathryn HUDSON, Private W.W.II, no issue.
1969. Odell F.-10 Grady, b. 18 July 19-- , m. 4 June 1949 at Stanton, AL to Myra GRAVLEE, daughter of George Strother and Ada Elizabeth (SELLERS) and had no issue. Corporal W.W.II.

1970. Ina Mae-10 Grady, b. 8 June 19--, m. Roy VICK, had issue: Janet-11, m. Glenn ATKINS and had Barry-12 Atkins; Alvin-11 m. Warren (?); and Ann-11 VICK.
1971. Edwin Lee-10 Grady, m. 23 Dec. 1948, Bessemer, AL, Dorothy Larette TOWNSEND, had Dennis Berle-11, b. 8 Dec. 1949, Bessemer, d. Sept. 1967, Somerville, AL; Randall Glenn-11, b. 1 Sept. 1951, Ft. Campbell, KY; and Alan Edwin-11 GRADY, b. 15 Feb. 1956 at Carswell AFB, TX.
1972. Rebecca-10 Grady, m. W. Taylor MORROW, had Albert-11 Morrow.
1973. Francis W.-10 Grady, m. Levenia WINSLETT and had Frances Levenia-11, m. Leslie Wayne HAYES and had Grady-12, Larry-12 and Barry-12 HAYES; Connie Sue-11; and William Henry-11 Grady.

1512. Thomas Alfred-9 BRADFORD (Jane Paralee-8 BEARDEN, Alfred A.-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), second issue of Jane Paralee-8 and her husband Joseph BRADFORD, d. July 1960 in AL, m. Sally SMITH, b. 1885. Thomas Alfred-9 had issue:

1974. Charles Ralph-10 Bradford, d. 12 March 1966 in OH.
1975. Wilma-10 Bradford, b. 18 Nov. 1904, West Blockton, AL, m. there on 20 June 1926 to Samuel Park Watson, b. 10 April 1894 at Talledga, AL, d. 15 April 1962 at Anniston, AL, buried there in the Forest Lawn Gardens, the son of Samuel B. and Julia (WHEELER). Wilma-10 had issue:
- a. Annette-11 Watson, m. 1962 in GA to Darwin Cranston MILLER, b. 1927 in Tallepoosa, AL, the son of Clarence and Clara Cole (HOLLAND), had issue, Darianne-12, b. Nov. 1962 at Anniston, AL.
 - b. Peggy Jean-11 Watson, m. Robert FORD, no issue, m. second on April 1961 at Anniston to Jackson H. SATTERFIELD, b. Aug. 1928 at Wadley, AL, son of Marion. Peggy-11 had issue: Vickie Lee-12, b. 28 Nov. 1952, Talledega, AL; Paige-12, b. 22 Sept. 1962, Lineville, AL; and Jack H.-12 SATTERFIELD Jr., b. there 19 Aug. 1966.
 - c. Julia-11 Watson, unmarried in 1970.
1976. Harry Leonard-10 Bradford, b. 22 Sept. 1909, West Blockton, AL, m. 27 Jan. 1933 at Gulfport, MS to Lona Lee ADCOCK, b. 15 June 1908, the daughter of Frank and Lottie (TULLOS) Adcock. Harry Leonard-10 had one issue: Sally Ann-11, b. 21 Dec. 1935, Gulfport, MS, m. there on 16 Oct. 1954 to Donald Burlage RUIZ, m. second on 19 Dec. 1959 in Gulfport, MS to Jerry Edgar LYON, b. 22 June 1936, OK City, OK, son of Donzell Webster and Mary Ina (MULLINS) Lyon. Sally Ann-11 had issue, b. Gulfport, MS, issue of first marriage adopted by second spouse: Donald Bradford-12, b. 13 Dec. 1955; and Jerry Webster-12 LYON, b. 15 Aug. 1959.
1977. Lynette-10 Bradford, lived in California as late as 1967.
1978. Thomas Alfred-10 Bradford Jr., b. 17 Jan. 1918, Piper, AL, m. 23 Aug. 1937 in Birmingham, AL to Hazel V. BLANKENSHIP, b. 24 March 1920, Talledga, AL, the daughter of Henry Dewitt and Lillie B. (CLOP-TON). Thomas A.-10 had one issue: Cecilia Jane-11 Bradford, b. 8 Jan. 1956, Montgomery, AL.
1979. Vera-10 Bradford, m. A. CARR, resides Jefferson County, AL.
1980. Felix Ray-10 Bradford, resides Montgomery, AL.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 1023 ELIJAH-8 AND LOU ANN (SMITHERMAN) BEARDEN

1516. Charles Melvin-9 Bearden (Elijah-8, Alfred A.-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), first born of Elijah-8 and Lou A. (SMITHERMAN) BEARDEN. For a short biography and his issue, see under his wife, Person No. 1048, Mary Paralee-8 (LOVELADY) Bearden, the daughter of James D. LOVELADY and Person No. 481, Matilda-8 (BEARDEN). He was b. 13 May 1878 at Jemison, AL, d. 6 Feb. 1946 at Selma, AL. Mary Paralee-8 "Molly" LOVELADY was b. May 1881, d. 29 Aug. 1945 and both are buried in the Bethsalem Cemetery near Billingsley, AL.

III. THREE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 474 HARDY-7 AND ARPY S. (GAY) BEARDEN**A. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 1031 EMILY L. T.-8 BEARDEN AND GEORGE W. HARRISON**

1552. Hardy-9 HARRISON (Emily Lou Tishie-8 BEARDEN, Hardy-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), second issue and first son of Emily Lou Tishie-8 BEARDEN and her husband, George Washington HARRISON, b. about 1875 in Perry County, AL and died there before 1969. He m. Kate CROWE and had issue, Harrison:

- *1981. Vera-10 Harrison, m. Henry Posey LEGRON/E who died in 1944. John Legrone m. 1 Jan. 1832 to Nancy Legrone; and William A. Legrone m. 27 Nov. 1832 to Martha VAUGHN.
- 1982. Carlo-10 Harrison, m. Mae DAILY and had issue:
 - a. Jack-11, had James-12 and Jackie-12 Harrison.
 - b. Donald-11 m. unknown and had Veta-12 Harrison.
 - c. James Hardy-11, m. unknown and had issue, Thomas-12 and Katherine-12 Harrison.
 - d. William-11, unmarried 1969.
 - e. Harold-11, unmarried 1969.
 - f. Jewel-11 unmarried 1969.
 - g. Joyce-11 Harrison, m. (?) WHALEY, had John-12 Whaley.
- 1983. Porter Ester-10 Harrison, m. Leslie Purl PARNELL, their only son deceased 1969.
- 1984. Odean-10 Harrison, m. Ethel Rea DYER, no issue.
- 1985. Irby-10 Harrison, m. Mildred RUSH and had issue, one: Charles Irby-11 Harrison.
- 1986. Agee-10 Harrison, m. Frances (?), no issue.
- *1987. Tarva-10 Harrison, m. the Rev. John Lee DAVIS.

1555. Hicks Hardy-9 HARRISON (Emily Lou Tishie-8 BEARDEN, Hardy-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of Emily L. T.-8 BEARDEN, b. 1884 in Perry County, AL and d. in Chilton County, AL, m. Evie Lou SANDERS, b. 1890 in Perry County, daughter of Joe and Ella (SIMS) Sanders. Hicks Hardy-9 had issue:

- 1988. Odie Mae-10 Harrison, m. J. A. HAMMITT.
- 1989. Lara-10 Harrison, m. M. C. MOORE.
- 1990. Nell-10 Harrison, m. Raymond R. CROWE.
- 1991. O. V.-10 Harrison, m. "c" under No. 1563, Margie-10 BEARDEN.
- 1992. Ruth Ellen-10 Harrison, b. 13 March 1918, Barnstow, AL, m. Plantersville, Sidney Allen GADDY, b. 7 July 1915, Wilton, AL, son of William Kessie and Bonnie (LEE), had issue one: Glenda Ellen-11 b. 27 Oct. 1942, Selma, AL, m. 2 June 1961 at Wilton to Milton Franklin TERRELL, b. 23 Jan. 1940, Marvel, AL, son of James Paschal and Margaret Eloise (BLOCKER). Issue: James Milton-12 and Allen-12, b. 27 March 1962 and 1 Oct. 1963.
- 1993. Elsie-10 Harrison, m. Thomas GADDY.
- 1994. Mary Jane-10 Harrison, known as "Lottie", b. 16 March 1922, m. 5 March 1938 to Person No. 1588, Lloyd Melvin-9 CARTER, son of John and Sallie (LOVELADY), her issue under her husband.
- 1995. Howard-10 Harrison, m. Kitty STEWART.
- 1996. Milford-10 Harrison, m. Nellie Jo MATTHEWS.
- 1997. Horace-10 Harrison, m. Susan MITCHELL.
- 1998. Dorothy-10 Harrison, m. Roy L. LANIER.

(Inadvertently left out L. D. HARRISON, m. Frances RUSH.)

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 1035 CLAYTON HARDY-8 AND MARGUERITE (SANDERS) BEARDEN

1562. Sarah Evie-9 Bearden (Clayton Hardy-8, Hardy-7, William E.-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was the twin of Samuel Levy-9 and both b. on 28 Dec. 1893. Sarah Evie-9 d. on 23 Dec. 1963, m. 1910 to Walter Allen WRIGHT who was b. 1891 and d. 4 Oct. 1956, both buried in Stanton cemetery, son of Tom and Susie (HARRIS). Sarah Evie-9 had issue:

1999. Floyd Allen-10 Wright, b. 13 Aug. 1911, Chilton County, Alabama, d. 14 March 1947, Selma, AL, buried Stanton Cemetery, m. 1 April 1931 to Zorabel PAYTON, b. 31 Jan. 1914 and had issue:
- a. Idell-11, b. 21 Feb. 1932, Chilton County, m. Claude RIDDLE.
 - b. Winnie Lou-11, b. Jan. 1934, m. Buddy BARBER.
 - c. Alma, b. June 1937.
 - d. Ollie Mae-11, b. 19 Aug. 1938.
 - e. William Allen-11, b. 26 Nov. 1939.
 - f. Shirley-11 Wright, b. 30 May 1942, m. Jerry Lee LEWIS.
2000. Eddie Lee-10 Wright, b. 15 April 1913, m. 2 April 1931 to Allie Mae SMITHERMAN, b. 14 Aug. 1914 and had issue:
- a. Susan Nell-11, b. 16 Dec. 1933, m. James HARRIS and had Michael-12, b. 18 Jan. 1959.
 - b. B. C.-11, b. 29 March 1936, m. Janice HEBA, had Andrew-12, b. 28 Nov. 1959, and Katherine-12, b. 9 Oct. 1961.
 - c. Mary Lee-11, b. 18 June 1943, m. Earl THRASHER and had Vicky Lynn-12, b. 21 Feb. 1963; Dodd Lee-12, b. 15 Jan. 1964; and Scott David-12 THRASHER, b. 13 June 1965.
 - d. Peggy-11 WRIGHT, b. 16 Dec. 1949.
2001. O. V.-10 Wright, b. 17 June 1915 and m. Flossie WALLACE, b. 4 Oct. 1918, daughter of Jefferson and Ida (SMITH). Had issue:
- a. Otha Lee-11 Wright, b. 16 Sept. 1938, m. 12 Nov. 1955 to Elbert LITTLE and had Dorothy-12, b. 8 Sept. 1956; and Larry Eugene-12, b. 8 July 1961.
 - b. Gloria Ann-11 Wright, b. 24 Dec. 1940, m. 22 April 1961 to Dale CROCKER, b. 2 Oct. 1935 and had Glenda-12, b. 19 Aug. 1962; and Michael-12 CROCKER, b. 30 Sept. 1960.
 - c. Willie Mae-11 Wright, b. 29 Jan. 1944, m. Feb. 1961 to William Bryant CROWE, b. 12 Nov. 1936 and had Debra Diane-12, b. 25 Sept. 1956.
 - d. Calvin-11 Wright, b. 25 Feb. 1946, d. 18 March 1964.
 - e. Maire Kaye-11 Wright (TWIN), b. 30 Dec. 1949.
 - f. Bonnie Faye-11 Wright (TWIN), b. 30 Dec. 1949.
2002. Evie Lou-10 Wright, b. 18 Nov. 1917, Chilton County, AL, m. 25 May 1935 to Clarence HARRISON, son of Tyler T. and Lela (LENOIR) Harrison; and had issue:
- a. Clarence Odis-11 Harrison, b. 25 Sept. 1936, m. Feb. 1956 to Louise SMITH and had Patricia-12, b. 8 Sept. 1957; Eugene-12, b. 2 Feb. 1958; and Roger-12 Harrison, b. 9 March 1960.
 - b. Jessie Howard-11 Harrison, b. 19 July 1938, m. March 1958 to Shirley BAKER and had Debra-12, b. 7 Oct. 1960.
 - c. Raymond Earl-11 Harrison, b. 30 March 1940, m. Oct. 1960 Margaret BRASHEAR and had Ronald-12, b. 14 Aug. 1961; Donald-12, b. 26 Sept. 1963; Darlene-12, b. 18 June 1965.
 - d. Evie Lou-11 Harrison, b. 22 March 1943, Chilton County, AL, m. Dec. 1959, Cecil SMITH.
 - e. David Hughes-11 Harrison, youngest issue of Evie Lou-10 Wright, b. 8 Sept. 1949 and unmarried in 1969.
2003. Maire-10 Wright, b. 21 March 1920 in Chilton County, AL, m. Earnest WALKER and had three issue; and m. second Howard NICHOLSON, no issue:
- a. Millie Jane-11 Walker, b. 19 Sept. 1935, m. 24 Dec. 1951 to Robert SIMPSON, b. 4 March 1935, the son of Charley and Dorothy (COX) and had issue: Dorothy Maire-12, b. 22 Oct. 1952; and Robie Lee-12 SIMPSON, b. 9 April 1959.
 - b. Samuel David-11 Walker, b. 15 Sept. 1939, m. 25 March 1960, Janice NOLAN, b. 12 Sept. 1943, had Samuel Earnest-12, b. 8 Aug. 1961; and David Robert-12, b. 31 July 1962.

- c. Walter Marion-11 Walker, b. 20 Nov. 1942, m. 16 Aug. 1961, Lucille BROCKLEY, b. 31 Dec. 1942, had issue: Elizabeth-12, b. 13 May 1962; Howard Lee-12, b. 21 June 1963; and Jackie-12 Walker, b. 8 Feb. 1966.
2004. Thomas Houston-10 Wright, b. 16 Oct. 1922, Chilton County, m. 8 Nov. 1941 to Mary Magdalene Lawley, b. 16 Dec. 1923, the daughter of Martin Luthur Lawley. Issue:
- a. Annie Lou-11 Wright, b. 27 Aug. 1942, m. 12 Aug. 1962, Leonard FREE, son of Jessie and had issue: Anita Anne-12, b. 1 Oct. 1963; and Denise-12 FREE, b. 11 Oct. 1965.
 - b. Minnie Faye-11 Wright, b. 18 Feb. 1944, m. 1962 Clyde Houston HOPKINS, son of J. D. and had issue, Clyde Houston-12 Jr., b. 25 Sept. 1963.
 - c. Thomas Edward-11 Wright, b. 15 May 1945, m. July 1965 to Patricia BARTLETT.
 - d. Walter Luthur-11 Wright, b. 14 Oct. 1946, m. July 1965 Henrietta GILLIELAND, daughter of Ervin and had issue: Walter Leigh-12 WRIGHT, b. 10 Aug. 1966.
2005. Horace-10 Wright, b. 12 April 1925, d. 20 Jan. 1926.
2006. Sarah-10 Wright, b. 22 April 1927, m. 5 Dec. 1942 to Howison F. SMITHERMAN, b. 21 June 1922, the son of Rube and Clara, had issue:
- a. Thomas Allen-11, b. 26 Oct. 1946.
 - b. Glenda Gail-11, b. 12 May 1948, m. Nov. 1964 to Harold Glen MADSEN, b. 11 March 1946, son of Harold Thomas and Lula (COOPER), had issue: Gayla Jean-12, b. 21 Sept. 1965; and Harold Glen-12 MADSEN, b. 3 Dec. 1967.
 - c. Pandora-11 Smitherman, b. 9 Dec. 1954.
2007. Norman David-10 Wright, b. 19 Dec. 1929, Chilton County, AL, m. 5 Nov. 1945, Meridian, MS to Adelle ATCHISON, b. 1 Nov. 1927 in Chilton County, daughter of Homer and Mary (SMITH) and had issue: Norman David-11 Jr., b. 19 Aug. 1952; and Donald Regan-11 Wright, b. 5 Nov. 1962.
2008. Sherman-10 Wright, b. 5 Aug. 1932, m. 28 July 1951 to Mable CHANDLER, b. 22 Dec. 1935, daughter of T. S. and Sally (ROBERTS). Sherman-10 had issue: Sally Faye-11, b. 23 Feb. 1953; Sherilyn Ann-11, b. 27 July 1955; Timothy Sherman-11, b. 17 Nov. 1958; and Charles Edward-11 Wright, b. 8 Aug. 1965.
2009. Lillie Bearden-10 Wright, b. 9 Sept. 1934 in Chilton County, AL, m. 29 Aug. 1950 Hollis NICHOLS, b. 26 Dec. 1929, son of William J. and Lucy (HAYES), had issue: Tony-11, b. 31 Jan. 1953; and James Earl-11 Nichols, b. 21 April 1956.
2010. Walter Allen-10 Wright Jr., b. 25 April 1936 in Chilton County and m. on 14 Feb. 1959 to Myra HEADLEY, had issue: Rita Gail-11, b. 17 Dec. 1959, unmarried 1975.

IV. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 480 SUSAN-7 BEARDEN AND JOHN N. LOVELADY

ONE CHILD OF NO. 1044 SALLIE E.-8 LOVELADY AND JOHN WESLEY CARTER

1588. Lloyd Melvin CARTER-9 (Sallie E.-8 LOVELADY, Susan-7 BEARDEN, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 17 Nov. 1917, lives Stanton, AL (1980) m. 5 March 1938 to Person No. 1994, Mary Jane-9 HARRISON. Lloyd Melvin-9 had issue:
2011. Edwina-11 Carter, b. 18 June 1939, m. 31 May 1956 Edward DAY, had Patricia A.-12, b. 18 Jan. 1957; Pamela Juanita-12, b. 23 Dec. 19--; and Edward-12 Day Jr., b. 23 July 1960.
 2012. Mary Juanita-11 Carter, b. 10 Aug. 1942, m. John Landa STROUGH who d. 25 March 1960; m. second 31 Oct. 1962, Chester Wayne YEARGIN and had issue: Catherine Jane-12 Strough, b. 25 May 1960; Chester Wayne-12 Yeargin Jr., b. 18 Jan. 1964; Christian Eugene-12 Yeargin, b. 14 Feb. 1967.
 2013. Roy Larry-11 Carter, b. 15 Dec. 1943, m. 6 Jan. 1962 to Wanda LOVIN and had Tina Marie-12, b. 24 Aug. 1963.
 2014. Melvin Eugene-11 Carter, b. 14 Jan. 1948, unmarried 1969.

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 137 LOVIN-6 AND NANCY (GREEN) BEARDEN**ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 492 VALENTINE GREEN-7 AND HETTY (MORRIS) BEARDEN****ONE CHILD OF NO. 1065 JOHN McCLANIHAN-8 AND REBECCA J. (SIMS) BEARDEN**

1617. John Marion-9 Bearden (John McClanihan-8, Valentine Green-7, Lovin-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), second issue and first son of John McClanihan-8 and Rebecca Jane (SIMS), was b. on 12 Jan. 1891 in Shelby Springs, Shelby County, AL and d. near there at Vincent on 11 July 1970, buried in Vincent Cemetery. He m. on 2 Sept. 1918 to Lois Demovel BLACKERBY who was b. on 21 June 1896 in Chelsea, AL and lives in her home in Vincent in 1985. Lois is the daughter of John Walker and his wife Lula Florence (BOLTON) Blackerby, and the sister of Maylene BLACKERBY who m. No. 1598, Colvin Culbert-9 Bearden.

Lula F. (BOLTON) BLACKERBY, age 79, died at her home in Bessemer, Shelby County, AL, on 6 March 1944, her funeral and burial from the Four-Mile Baptist Church Cemetery, Brown Service of Bessemer directing. Survivors were four sons and three daughters: T. R. Blackerby of Aniston; W. C. and O. C. Blackerby of Bessemer; Alvin Blackerby of Birmingham; Mrs. Dewey Kilgore of Bessemer; Mrs. C. C. Bearden of Pratteville (wife of Colvin Culbert-9, m. Maylene Blackerby); and Mrs. J. M. Bearden of Harpersville (wife of subject). A brother was Mr. John H. BOLTON of Columbiana and a sister, Mrs. W. J. ARMSTRONG of Huntsville, AL.

Tragedy struck the John M.-9 Bearden family early as their fifth child, fourth son and fourth child to survive, died after a long and painful illness of infantile paralysis (polio). He did not walk until he was seven years old and his lengthy polio plus a rare blood disease had used up their meager savings and they had dropped all insurance on their home. The family was lowering the frail body of their son beside that of his twenty-four year old brother, who had been killed a few months earlier in the invasion of Anzio Beach, Italy, World War II, when they were told that their modest country home had burned to the ground with all of their earthly possessions. They had only the clothes on their backs.

When they arrived at what had been their home, all they could see was the smoldering and blackened ruins. Neighbors and passers by had joined in a fire-fighting brigade but the home could not be saved. The people of Vincent, members of the churches of Birmingham and Sylacauga and as far away as the states of Mississippi and Indiana, came to their aid and helped the Bearden family rebuild, furnishing the lumber, nails, windows, furniture, appliances, etc. The Shelby County Department of Highways cleared the burned debris and excavated the site. Thus, a new home was built and furnished for this Bearden family.

John Marion-9 raised his family in the precepts and the beliefs of the Vincent First Baptist Church and their Christian friends have been a priceless asset to them. His issue was born at Wilsonville near Bessemer and Vincent in Shelby County, AL:

- 2015. Marion Rebecca-10 Bearden, b. 20 May 1919, d. 22 May 1919.
- 2016. Ellis Arlton-10 Bearden (TWIN), b. 5 Dec. 1920, d. 22 June 1944 in the invasion of Anzio Beach, Siceley Island, Italy, W.W.II, buried with military honors in the Vincent Cemetery.
- *2017. Carlton Elvin-10 Bearden (TWIN), b. 5 Dec. 1920, m. Annie Pearl MINOR.
- *2018. J. W.-10 Bearden, b. 5 Feb. 1924, m. 28 Oct. 1944 to Helen Mallaide SMITH.
- 2019. Leonard Lester-10 Bearden, b. 10 March 1926 and diagnosed at age four months with infantile paralysis, did not walk until he was age seven. When he was age 21, on 4 Feb. 1944, a rare blood disease struck him down in death.
- *2020. Hubert Stanley-10 Bearden, was b. on 7 Dec. 1928 and m. on 1 Aug. 1949 to Ruby MAGAHA.
- 2021. Lillian Evelyn-10 Bearden, b. 26 Oct. 1930, m. 29 April 1950 in Shelby County, AL to Robert Dalton JOHNSON who was b. on 6 Feb. 1925 in Sterrett, Shelby County, had issue:

- a. Clara Rebecca-11 Johnson, b. 9 Feb. 1951 in Leeds, Jefferson County, AL, m. 17 June 1967 to Joe CLINKSCALES and had, born Birmingham: Stephen Scott-12, b. 14 Apr. 1971.
 - b. Patricia Evelyn-11 Johnson, b. 30 July 1955, m. 21 June 1981 in Hargis, Shelby County, to Glenn FORMAN who was b. on 26 Dec. 1950, had issue: Brian Christopher-12, b. 9 Oct. 1982.
2022. Wilma Nadine-10 Bearden, b. 14 Aug. 1934 near Vincent in Shelby County, AL; m. 7 July 1956 in Columbus, MS to Jackie Carroll INGRAM who was b. on 8 March 1927, Wilsonville, AL, the son of Dock Edward and Lola (NICHOLS) Ingram, their issue born in Columbiana, Shelby County:
- a. Mary Ann-11 Ingram, b. 4 April 1957.
 - b. Jackie Dean-11 Ingram, b. 20 April 1960, m. 25 June 1977 in Wilsonville to William Edward Vaughn.
 - c. Johnny Carroll-11 Ingram, b. 16 Oct. 1963.

TENTH GENERATION BEARDEN

FOUR DESCENDANTS OF NO. 185 LAMBERT SMITH-7 AND NANCY (WARD) BEARDEN

FOUR GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 551 THOMAS WARD-8 & ELVIRA (BLANKINGSHIP) BEARDEN

FOUR CHILDREN OF NO. 1116 WILLIAM LAMBERT-9 AND MARY S. (GRIFFIN) BEARDEN

1629. **George Ward-10 Bearden** (William Lambert-9, Thomas Ward-8, Lambert Smith-7, John-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), the first issue of Wm. Lambert-9, was b. on 16 Feb. 1870 in Quachita County, AR and d. at his home near Falcon in Nevada County, buried on 23 Dec. 1915. He m. on 2 Feb. 1892 by Mr. Purifoy, Justice of the Peace in Woodlawn, Quachita County, to Paralee Ann FOSTER who was b. on 14 Feb. 1872 and d. age ninety in her home near Falcon on 19 Aug. 1962, the daughter of Sam and Louise Foster from Georgia and Kentucky.

This family was practicing members of the Methodist Church near and later in Falcon. Woodmen of the World held George W.-10's funeral and placed a beautiful monument at his grave site. They also purchased a farm for his widow and built a house on it for her to raise their four surviving children.

Paralee m. second to Tom HENDRIX who had a son by a previous marriage. Tom was known as a soft spoken man but he had the children under control. Paralee was a good manager and they ran a strict household. She was an outstanding person, providing for her family by making "home-brew" and farming.

George Ward-10 and Paralee had issue:

- 2023. Luther-11 Bearden, b. 19 Nov. 1892, d. 28 Nov. 1894.
- 2024. Jessie-11 Bearden, b. 4 Jan. 1895, d. 12 July 1895.
- 2025. Leonard-11 Bearden, b. 12 Nov. 1899, d. 6 June 1901.
- 2026. Buford-11 Bearden, b. 28 June 1902, first surviving issue of George W.-10 Bearden, d. 16 May 1972 in Nevada County, AR, buried Falcon Cemetery. He m. Dora YANCEY who was b. on 1 Oct 1901 and d. 2 Sept. 1931, members of the Falcon Baptist Church. Buford-11 had issue:
 - a. Adell-12 Bearden, b. 21 May 1921, Smackover, AR, m. Luthur T. VOSS, b. 20 Sept. 1918 in Wilsonville, AR, son of William, by whom she had two issue; she m. second to Ivan ROGERS, no issue: Unknown male child-13, b. 11 Aug. 1937 in Patmos, AR, m. 10 June 1960 to Polly Patsy Ann VOSS, b. 17 June 1943, Buckner, AR, m. second on 11 June 1968 to Arthur Gene SMITH; and George David-13 Voss, b. 3 March 1945, Village, AR, m. 29 June 1967 to Eva Mae WILSON.
 - b. Beatrice-12 Bearden, b. 24 June 1923, m. (?) STRICKLIN.
 - c. George-12 Bearden Jr., b. 17 May 1926, Patmos, m. Maggie LEVERS, b. 2 June 1926, daughter of S. L. and Juanita (BRAKE), had issue: Sammie Buford-13, b. 9 Jan. 1946 in Raleigh, Wake County, NC, m.

- 26 April 1969, Brenda LANEY; George Dewey-13, b. and d. 5 Nov. 1948, NC; and George Earl-13 Bearden, b. 12 Dec. 1950, Rocky Mountain, Nash County, NC.
- d. Frances O.-12 Bearden, b. 13 Aug. 1928, Patmas, AR, m. Edward W. McKAMIE, b. 15 Aug. 1924, Falcon, AR, the son of Robert and Retha (COX) and had, b. Nevada County, AR: Elsie Marie-13, b. 16 Aug. 1947; and Gloria Jean-13 McKamie, b. 22 Feb. 1952.
- e. Mavis-12 Bearden, b. 25 Aug. 1931, m. Grover WINSTEAD, b. 21 March 1913, d. 11 March 1967, had issue, b. Rocky Mountain, NC: Amadora Leigh-13, b. 1 May 1954; Susan Marie-13, b. 25 Jan. 1956; and Michael Allen-13 Winstead, b. 27 Sept. 1966.
- f. Doyle-12 Bearden, b. 19 Aug. 1934, d. 1935.
- g. Bobbie Nell-12 Bearden, b. 5 May 1936, m. Jimmie C. CEARLEY, b. 1 May 1936, a Baptist preacher and the son of James Payton and Carrie M. (McCELLAR) CEARLEY. Issue: Richard Carl-13; Cynthia Jean-13, b. 13 July 1957; and Edward Wayne-13 Cearley, b. 11 Feb. 1959.
- h. Shirley Ann-12 Bearden, b. 25 Jan. 1939.
2027. Uriel Lambert-11 Bearden, second surviving issue of George W.-10 Bearden, b. 26 May 1905 in Quachita County, AR, m. 30 Dec. 1923 to Nettie Othiel HOWARD, b. 4 April 1908, d. 13 Nov. 1955, Confederate Memorial Hospital, Shreveport, LA, the daughter of Oscar W. and Maggie (PATTON) Howard. Uriel-11 reportedly had seven issue but three are not confirmed, Coye-12, Mary Sue-12 and Billie-12; m. second Ruth JUSTICE, no issue:
- a. George Ward-12 Bearden, b. and d. 16 April 1927.
- b. Doris Jean-12 Bearden, b. 12 May 1928, m. (?) SEAMANS, had 3 issue, m. second William C. WALKER, son of William Edward and Edna A., had 5 issue, the former b. Oak Grove, W. Carroll Parish, LA, the latter b. Huntsville, Walker County, TX: Jimmie D.-13, b. 20 April 1945, Oak Grove, W. Carroll Parish, LA; Mary Ann-13, b. 27 March 1946; and Barbara Sue-13 SEAMANS, b. 2 May 1948, m. 10 Aug. 1965 to Elbert Ray COPES; Carolyn Faye-13 WALKER, b. 27 Feb. 1955; Belinda Jean-13, b. 22 Nov. 1957; Patricia D.-13, b. 16 Oct. 1959; Helen D.-13, b. 1 April 1962; and Loretta Y.-13 WALKER, b. 11 March 1966.
- c. Ruth-12 Bearden, b. 11 Sept. 1931 and d. next day.
- d. Emma Lee-12 Bearden, second surviving and youngest issue of Uriel Lambert-11 Bearden, b. 19 March 1933 in Patmas, AR, m. Rayvine FRITH and had one issue, m. second on 3 Nov. 1954 in Delhi, LA to Earl Barton PETERS who was b. 29 May 1929 in Oakdale, Allen Parish, LA the son of Leroy and Effie (METTENRY). Emma Lee-12 had issue by two marriages, Douglas Wayne-13, b. 13 June 1949 in Monroe, Quachita Parish, LA; Joseph Leroy-13, b. 18 Nov. 1950, Delhi in Madison Parish, LA; James Ray-13, b. 14 July 1954, Delhi, LA; Jeanette-13, b. and d. 14 July 1957, Baytown, TX; Cheryl Donita-13, b. 1 July 1959; Allen Earl-13, b. 1 June 1961, Monroe, Quachita Parish; and Marcia Lynn-13 Peters, b. 20 Sept. 1962, Delhi, Madison Parish, LA.
2028. Darwin Louis-11 Bearden, first surviving son of George Ward-10, b. 24 Sept. 1907 in Patmos, Lafayette County, AR, m. on 29 Jan. 1940 to Hazel Marie BLANKENSHIP, who was b. 10 June 1924, the daughter of William and Idell (PLUMLEY). "Louie"-11 had one issue: Joyce Marie-12, b. 16 Jan. 1941, m. Donald Rodney McDANIEL and had one issue before her husband drowned on 4 July 1962; m. second on 7 Sept. 1963, Watauga, TX to James Edward GARRISON who adopted her daughter, Donna Marie-12 McDaniel, b. 19 Dec. 1962, Tarrant County, TX.
2029. Vera-11 Bearden, b. 8 April 1910, Stamps, Lafayette County, AR, d. 1973, Pleasant Grove, AR, buried there from the Baptist Church where she was a member, m. 18 Jan. 1932 in Camden, AR to Russell NICHOLAS, b. 26 June 1893, Hempstead County, AR, son of John Russell and Nannie Ann (WELCH). Vera-11 had two issue:
- a. Anis Marie-12 Nicholas, b. 26 Sept. 1932, Patmos, now in Hempstead County, AR, m. 7 April 1956, William David CAMPBELL Jr, b. 3 April 1957 in Lilledon, AL, the son of William David Sr. and Ludell (LAWSON). Anis-12 and family are members of the Baptist Church in Midfield; her issue: Anita Gail-13, b. 10 July 1950, Lewisville, Lafayette County, and Sherry Lou-13 Campbell, b. 29 April 1958, Lewisville.
- b. Carl Ray-12 Nicholas, b. 5 May 1938, Lafayette County, AR, m. Feb. 1957 to Gerry Lynn SERMANS (SEAMAN?), b. 16 Jan. 1945 in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA daughter of Washington O. and Anice (FUTRELL) Sermans. Carl Ray-12 had issue, b. Shreveport, LA: Ray Eugene-13; Tracy Marie-13, b. 21 Sept. 1964; and Tammy Lynn-13 Nicholas, b. 17 Jan. 1970.

1630. **Mary E.-10 Bearden** (William Lambert-9, Thomas Ward-8, Lambert Smith-7, John-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), second issue and first daughter of William Lambert-9 was b. 1871 in Jefferson Township, Quachita County, AR and m. there on 19 Dec. 1888 to James B. BLANKENSHIP who was b. in 1858, the ceremony performed by A. W. TIFFIN. Mary E.-10 had issue, Blankenship:

2030. William-11 Blankenship, b. 16 March 1896, m. 18 March 1920 to Bernice May VERNON, who was b. on 26 July 1903. Their issue:
- a. Robert Lee-12 Blankenship, b. 28 Jan. 1926.
 - b. Richard Lee-12 Blankenship, b. 30 May 1928, Laneburg, AR; m. Judy CUTSHAW and had two issue, m. second Joy Lee (DORTHOLAN) RIFF who was b. on 5 Feb. 1934 in Monroe, Quachita Parish, LA the daughter of Clyde and Julia Mae (HOLLIDAY) and had two issue. Joy m. first to Billy Roy Riff and had two issue, Billy Roy, b. 12 March 1957, and Bobby Ray, b. 22 Sept. 1959, Camden, AR. Richard Lee-12 had issue: Rusty-13, b. 31 Dec. 1948, San Antonio, TX, d. 1964, buried Little Missouri Church Cemetery, Chidester, AR; Sherry-13, b. 3 July 1950; Martie Sue-13, b. 29 Nov. 1968, Camden, AR; and Tracy-13 Blankenship, b. 31 Dec. 1969 near Camden, AR.
2031. Bertha-11 Blankenship, b. 8 Nov. 1898, Quachita County, AR, m. 3 Jan. 1916 to John COX who is said to have deserted her after one issue: Garland-12 Cox, last known in 1978, living in Arkansas with cancer of the throat.
2032. Milton T.-11 Blankenship, third and youngest issue of Mary E.-10 Bearden, b. 8 March 1904 in Chidester, Quachita County, AR, d. 28 Jan. 1957 in Redding, CA where he is buried. He m. Ethel Lee COLICOTT in Prescott, Nevada County, AR and had one issue; deserted his wife and child and m. second to Frankie BOGGS who was b. on 15 June 1913 in Ladora, KS, the daughter of J. H. and Ida (BOERSTLER) Boggs and had another issue:
- a. James B.-12 Blankenship, b. 22 May 1924 in Nevada County, AR and adopted by his maternal grandparents and reared as James B. COLICOTT, m. Helen F. DICKERSON in Nevada County and had James Larry-13 and Terri Lynn-13 Colicott.
 - b. Rodney-12 Blankenship, b. 24 Nov. 1944 in San Diego, CA, m. 1 June 1968 to Janelle WARREN.

1633. **Joseph N.-10 Bearden** (William Lambert-9, Thomas Ward-8, Lambert Smith-7, John-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 25 March 1879 in Quachita County, AR and d. on 9 June 1915 in Nevada County, buried there in the Piney Grove Cemetery near Broughton. He m. on 2 Sept. 1906 in Camden, AR to Renna WINN who was b. on 5 April 1888 and d. on 28 Oct. 1928, buried Union Cemetery at Bodcaw, AR, the daughter of Jim and Fannie (JOHNSON). Renna married second in July 1919 to Sherman NELSON. Her daughter by her second marriage, Gurthia Nelson was b. on 21 Jan. 1920 and married in Jan. 1956 to Mark YOUNG.

"Joe"-10 was "sickly" with consumption, later known as tuberculosis, many months before his death. His family was very poor and they lived in a church camp ground, their children staying with relatives for shelter. The camp ground was out of Prescott. This was the time before the "poor" had tents, campers and motor homes.

When Joe-10 died, he was placed on a "cooling board" and saw horses were set up under the shade trees and boards placed across them. He was "laid out" on these boards with a sheet covering him. His brother-in-law, Guy HATTON, made a coffin and lined it with another bed sheet. He was taken by wagon and team to the Baptist Church where he was a member, and then to the Piney Grove Cemetery near Prescott. The grave, as was the custom, was dug by friends. Joe-10 and Renna had issue:

2033. Della-11 Bearden, b. 25 Aug. 1907, Waldo, Columbia County, AR, d. 28 May 1940; m. 28 Oct. 1928, Oliver Bouel SNYDER, b. on 9 Dec. 1894. After Della-11 died, Oliver placed their children with friends until he could care for them; remarried two years later and reclaimed them; worked the night shift for twelve hours at a shipyard and slept daytime and the family had to make adjustments to his hours. He

eventually moved his family to the state of Georgia and after a year he moved on to Indianapolis, IN where the children finished their schooling. Somewhere in the moves, adjustments and lapse of time, all family ties and knowledge of maternal kinfolks were lost. With midwives at birth, births went unrecorded, their father signed for proof when they needed legal records such as Social Security cards. Della-11's issue, b. near Prescott:

- a. Estelle Virginia-12 Snyder, b. 7 Sept. 1930, m. 26 Nov. 1948 to Herbert R. MINOR and had no issue.
 - b. Elsie Mae-12 Snyder, b. 29 Sept. 1932, m. 7 Oct. 1951 at Camp Atterberry, IN to Richard Russell SPENCE who was in the U. S. military service and had issue: (1) Shelly Ann-13, b. 26 May 1952, Camp Atterberry, m. 26 June 1971 to Kaleen HAZER Jr. and had two issue, Michael Kaleen-14, b. 12 Dec. 1974 in MS and Jennifer Lynn-14, b. 13 Oct. 1977; (2) Frank Brady-13, b. 7 May 1954, Fort Dariens, MA, unmarried in 1980; (3) Vickie Lynn-13 SPENCE, b. 14 March 1959, Mt. Halley, NJ, m. on 1 May 1982 to David N. CARON.
 - c. Wanda Lee-12 Snyder, b. 17 Dec. 1935, m. 29 Dec. 1955 to William JONES, divorced 1960 after crib death of one issue in 1960.
 - d. Tommy Todd-12 Snyder, youngest issue of Della-11 Bearden, was b. on 8 March 1938 and m. on 21 Oct. 1960 to Rachel DOUGLAS and had two issue before Rachel obtained a divorce and took the children, Michael-13 and an unknown-13.
2034. Lawrence-11 Bearden, b. 9 Feb. 1910, Chidester, AR, m. Nevada County to Myrtle GREEN, b. 14 June 1925, Smackover, Union County, AR, daughter of Benjamin. Lawrence-11 and Myrtle, of the Baptist faith, had issue, b. near Prescott: James Ray-12, b. 10 Nov. 1963; and Reba Lynn-12 Bearden, b. 28 Oct. 1967.
2035. Lula-11 Bearden, b. 28 Aug. 1912 in Sayree, Quachito County, AR, m. 12 April 1931 at Emmett in Nevada County, AR to James Eli HOOVER who was b. 7 Nov. 1894 in Louanna, AR, d. 11 Sept. 1968, buried in Union Cemetery, son of George Alonzo and Margaret (SMITH) Hoover, all members of the Baptist Church. Lula-11 had issue:
- a. James Clyde-12 Hoover, b. 6 May 1932 in Rusk, Wood County, TX, m. 21 Sept. 1953 to Florence Elvin WILSON, b. Jan. 1933, d. 28 June 1976 of cancer, issue b. Lewisville, AR: (1) John Richard-13, b. 17 Nov. 1958, unmarried; (2) Kevin Clyde-13 Hoover, b. 30 Jan. 1960, m. Renna (?) and had one issue, m. second 22 June 1978 to Betty CROW, b. 28 June 1930, his issue: Kevin Richard-14, b. 27 April 1982, Northplett, AR; and (3) Edwin Lee-13 Hoover, b. 15 Jan. 1961, m. in Lewisville to Malissa HOOK and lives El Dorado, AR.
 - b. John Louis-12 Hoover, b. 13 Jan. 1935, Rosstown, Nevada County, AR. unmarried in 1980.
 - c. Lonnie Joe-12 Hoover, b. 15 Sept. 1944, unmarried in 1980.
 - d. Billy Ray-12 Hoover (TWIN), b. 6 Sept. 1951, unmarried.
 - e. Willie Faye-12 Hoover (TWIN), b. 6 Sept. 1951, m. Robert Billy CLEMENTS and lives with issue near Hope in Hempstead County, AR: Daniel Ray-13, b. 25 Oct. 1972; Julie Ann-13, b. 20 Dec. 1978; and unknown female-13, b. 4 Sept. 1980.

1634. Maggie Estelle-10 Bearden (William Lambert-9, Thomas Ward-8, Lambert Smith-7, John-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), sixth and youngest issue of William Lambert-9 and Mary Susan (GRIFFIN), b. 10 Sept. 1881 in Woodlawn, a rural community west of Camden in Quachito County, AR. Maggie-10 was christened in the Methodist Church but later joined the Baptist Church with her husband and others of the family. She d. of a heart attack on 8 Jan 1965 in Ft. Worth, Tarrant County, TX and was buried there in the Lauraland Cemetery. She m. on 8 March 1900 in Lester, Quachita County, AR to Guy Howard HATTON who was b. on 3 Aug. 1876 in rural Attica, Logan Township, Fountain County, IN, the son of James Elwood and Mary Ann (CAPPOCK) Hatton. Guy was born a twin but his twin died at birth.

He is a descendant of the Hattons, Lorings, Swanks, Bodkins and the Peacocks from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. After "joining" the Baptist Church he became a lay minister of the gospel. He died in Ft. Worth and is buried there beside his mother, the mother of nine, who died when he was two years old, leaving three small children. The 1880 federal census of Fountain County, IN, lists Guy HATTON as a three year old

servant and laborer living in household of Salon BRIER. At age thirteen (13), Guy came again from Indiana to Grayson County, TX with a family named PUGH.

He did not attend school but did obtain a limited education through extensive reading and library research. As all members of the Bearden family, he was a lover of music and graduated from the American School of Music through correspondence courses and then taught singing in the rural public schools, walking miles to do this in the counties of Quachita, Clark, Nevada, Hempstead, Columbia, etc. of southwest Arkansas. As a farm laborer, he earned a sparse living for his family as well as a number of poorer nieces and nephews who lived in his home.

In the fall of 1925, the Hatton family, taking along some of the Joseph-N.-10 Bearden family, who was then making their home with them, moved from what had become Hempstead County, AR, to Dawson County, TX near Lemesa. The three-day trip was made in an old Ford truck which was loaded with all their earthly possessions. The youngest of six children was then three years old and they spent the days and nights in the old truck with rain and bitter cold winds. There was, at that time, no heaters in farm trucks and no rest stops or restaurants along the poor and sandy roads. The family existed on cold biscuits and cheese and crackers. That fall, they lived in a two room "cotton-picker shack" and all except the youngest worked as cotton pickers.

Maggie Estelle-10 had issue:

2036. James Arthur-11 Hatton, b. and d. on 24 Nov. 1900 in Chidester, Quachita County, AR.
- *2037. **Garlan H. Augusta-11 Hatton**, m. Birdie Emma GALLOWAY.
2038. James Garfield-11 Hatton, b. on 25 May 1904 in Chidester, AR and d. on 7 Dec. 1969 in Ft. Worth, TX, a member of the Baptist Church, buried there in the Greenwood Cemetery. He m. on 4 Aug. 1929 in Hope, AR to Effie MOODY who was b. on 5 Jan. 1907 in Hope, AR and d. 1977 in Ft. Worth, TX, buried beside her husband, the daughter of Joe and Mary Lenora (SMITH) MOODY. Effie was a member of the Ft. Worth Baptist Church when she died without issue.
2039. Beatrice-11 Hatton, b. 10 Aug. 1906 in Gurden, Clark County, AR, d. 24 Aug. 1906.
2040. Elsie Elizabeth-11 Hatton of Wichita Falls, TX, b. on 11 Nov. 1907, m. Earl D. J. WINTER/S and had two issue, m. second Everett Jefferson WALKER and had no issue by him. Elsie has been a good letter-friend and has shared her Bearden history in a booklet titled "BEARDEN KINFOLKS". Additionally, she has prepared and processed a delayed Certificate of Death for her great grandfather and had it recorded in Sulphur Springs and the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin, TX. Elsie-11 had issue, Donald-12 and Marjorie-12 WINTER.
2041. Ethel Estelle-11 Hatton, b. 21 March 1910, m. William PRATT and had issue: Janice-12 Pratt.
2042. Rosie Lee-11 Hatton, b. 9 Oct. 1912, m. Eddie SKAGGS.
2043. Ruby Ruth-11 Hatton, b. and d. 11 July 1914, Nevada County, AR.
2044. Thurman Lynn-11 Hatton, b. 14 Feb. 1922, m. Dorothy KING and had Rodney-12, Brent-12 and Bryan-12 Hatton.

THREE DESCENDANTS OF NO. 199 JEREMIAH-7 AND RACHEL (HAMILTON) BEARDEN

THREE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 583 ANDREW JACKSON-8 AND EMILY (SARTIN) BEARDEN

A. ONE CHILD OF NO. 1144 DELILAH ANN-9 BEARDEN AND NEEDHAM HOLMES

1640. **Mary Emily-10 HOLMES** (Delilah Ann-9 BEARDEN, Andrew Jackson-8, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 1871, d. 1945, m. 19 Dec. 1888 to Harrison Ephraim COTHERN who was b. 2 Dec. 1865 and d. 3 April 1919. Mary Emily-10 had issue:

2045. Katie Mable-11 Cothorn, b. 31 Oct. 1889, d. 10 July 1985, m. 12 April 1917 in Pike County, MS by Rev. W. A. Murray to William Simmons THORNHILL, b. 14 April 1895 and had issue:

- a. Willie Mae-12 Thornhill, b. 1 May 1918, m. 24 July 1934 to Herbert Edward ALFORD (twin to Hubert), b. 7 Oct. 1915, had issue: Sharon Yvonne-13 Alford, b. 30 Jan. 1937, m. Aubrey WHITE and had (1) Carla Felice-14, b. 4 Sept. 1959, m. 20 Jan. 1982, Merle Eston GUYTON and had Amy Elizabeth-15 Guyton; and (2) Nathan Alford-14 White, m. 1985 Beatrice Ann MERZ and had Naomi Mena-15 WHITE.
- b. Melba Lee-12 Thornhill, b. 19 April 1920, m. 30 Aug. 1931 to Rev. Harry Warren BUFKIN, b. 2 Sept. 1921, d. 8 Feb. 1959; their issue: (1) Harry Warren-13, b. and d. 2 May 1943; Barbara Lynn-13, b. 11 July 1947, m. 9 Dec. 1967, Ronald Edwin CAMPBELL, b. 20 March 1946 and had issue, Stephanie Carol-14, b. 28 Jan. 1972, and Annie Claire-14 CAMPBELL, b. 29 Aug. 1974; (2) Rebecca Lee-13 BUFKIN, b. 27 Dec. 1951, m. 1 Nov. 1969, Jewel Edward DUNAWAY, b. 23 April 1948 and had Monica Therese-14, and Ginger Ellen-14 DUNAWAY; and (3) Sheila Ann-13 BUFKIN, b. 10 March 1958, m. 13 Oct. 1973 to Frank James DILLON.
- c. William Ray-12 Thornhill, b. 6 Oct. 1921, d. 22 Oct. 1985, m. 12 Feb. 1946 to Mary Louise ALFORD who was b. 15 Nov. 1925 and had issue: William Bruce-13, b. 28 Feb. 1948, m. Alice JORDAN and had Michael-14 Thornhill; and Billie Wayne-13 THORNHILL, b. 26 Sept. 1950, m. Karen MAGEE/McGEE and had before divorced, Jimmy-14 and Jeremy-14 THORNHILL.
- d. Harold Webster-12 Thornhill, no information.
2046. Della-11 Cothorn, b. 6 March 1891, d. 10 June 1958, m. Lucas BOYD, b. 17 April 1891, d. 18 July 1952; divorced and she reared their issue alone. She m. second in 1937 to Otto Dix LYLE who d. on 25 July 1956. Della-11 and Lucas had issue:
- a. Mildred-12 Boyd, b. 2 Nov. 1909, d. one day old.
- b. Deward Gaston-12 Boyd, b. 24 April 1912, m. 18 Feb. 1932, Maria GUARDIA and had issue: (1) Deward Gaston-13 Jr.; (2) Robert Charles-13, m. Dorothy Ann PURVIS, divorced 1979 without issue, m. second, Carolyn Patricia (WEBB) KING who had son, Judson King; (3) Michael Ray-13, b. 15 Nov. 1953, d. 18 Nov. 1953.
- c. Derek Earl-12 BOYD.
- d. Paulene-12 Boyd, b. 24 Sept. 1914, m. 24 Feb. 1934 to William L. MOSS who was b. in 1911 and d. 29 Sept. 1974. Paulene had issue: (1) William-13 Moss, b. 1935, m. Ginger Lee GEORGE, b. 20 June 1935, divorced 1978, had issue, William Jr.-14 b. 31 Dec. 1955, m. Terri NOBLE, b. 21 Feb. 19-- and had Amanda Michelle-15, b. 7 July 1978; and Terri Lee-15 MOSS, b. 19 Oct. 1960, m. 1979, Jerry BROWN. (2) Robert G.-13 MOSS, b. 25 Sept. 1938, m. Lynn DEARMAN, b. 6 Dec. 1941, divorced 1978, m. second Linda Lee HAWKINS, b. 7 July 1948 who had three issue from a former marriage. (3) Earnest Marcus-13 MOSS, b. 20 Aug. 1943, m. Patricia Ann JOHNSON and had Kimberley Michelle-14, b. 18 May 1973; and (4) Paul Lucas-13 MOSS, b. 16 Sept. 1945, m. Norva Ann POTTER, b. 2 Sept. 1947 and had issue: Potter-14, b. 13 March 1972; and Elizabeth Ann-14 MOSS, b. 22 Nov. 1978.
2047. Needham Luthur-11 Cothorn, m. Viola PIGGOTT. Needham-11 said to have been one-legged and at one time in his life was the tax assessor of Walthall County, MS. Two Issue: Merle-12 and Charles-12 Cothorn.
2048. Baby female-11 Cothorn.
2049. Joseph Clyde-11 Cothorn, b. 20 Feb. 1896 and d. 22 May 1986, m. Lena ROSEBERRY, b. 16 May 1897, d. 19 Jan. 1965 after eight issue; m. second Stella Elizabeth Hilton LOWERY:
- a. Lena Benita-12 Cothorn, b. 10 Nov. 1919, d. 1919.
- b. Joseph Clyde-12 Cothorn, b. 4 Aug. 1921, m. 14 Oct. 1945, Myrtle SIMS, b. 30 Jan. 1927 and had issue: (1) Clyde Shirley-13, b. 15 Dec. 1946, m. 20 June 1970 to Claudette KENNEDY, b. 30 (?) 1948, had issue, Christopher Shane-14, b. 30 Dec. 1974; and Craig Timothy-14 Cothorn, b. 7 Dec. 1978. (2) Linda-13, b. 4 Oct. 1949, m. 30 Aug. 1969, James BURKES, b. 12 June 1947 and had Kevin Scott-14, b. 12 Nov. 1970; and James Corey-14 BURKES, b. 29 Aug. 1977.
- c. Claude Lee-12 Cothorn, b. 22 Oct. 1922, m. 18 Dec. 1945 to Hazel Audrey ROSE, b. 11 April 1926 and had issue: (1) Caryll Ann-13, b. 28 Aug. 1947, m. 20 Sept. 1964, Harold BHIMOVITZ, divorced 1977, m. second Allen B.-13 COTHERN, b. 13 July 1948 and had Amy Nicole-15 b. 15 July 1979; and Allison Leigh-15, b. 26 Jan. 1981. (2) Beverley-13 June COTHERN, b. 6 June 1949, unknown.

- d. Fern-12 Cothorn, b. 21 Dec. 1924, m. Earl CATO and had (1) Judith-13; (2) Patricia-13, had a child and two grandsons, unknown; (3) Kathleen-13, one child and two unknown granddaughters; (4) David-13; and (5) one unknown-13 CATO.
- e. Floyd Paul-12 Cothorn, b. 12 Nov. 1927, m. 30 July 1946, Betty GINN, b. 22 Sept. 1928, had issue: (1) Allen B.-13, b. 13 July 1948, m. Caryl Ann-13 (Cothorn) Bhimovitz (under letter "c" above); (2) Richard-13, b. 3 March 1952, m. 12 Dec. 1973, Carol CUMMINGS, b. 4 Feb. 1953, had: Jennifer Elizabeth-14, b. 5 Jan. 1978; and (3) Jerry-13 Cothorn, b. 3 Dec. 1954, m. 11 March 1977, Leslie Ann MARTZ, b. 12 Nov. 1958, had issue: Kimberley Ann-14, b. 3 May 1978.
- f. Mary Elizabeth-12 Cothorn, b. 13 Dec. 1930, m. 22 July 1950, Jack ROBERTS, b. 25 Aug. 1928, had issue: Michael John-13 Roberts, b. 25 Sept. 1953, m. 24 May 1981, Wanda Joyce HARKEY, b. 11 July 1958; and Cynthia Diane-13 Roberts, b. 3 Dec. 1957.
- g. Charles Elton-12 Cothorn, b. 25 March 1932, m. 19 April 1952, Margaret Louise ANDREWS, b. 10 Aug. 1933 and had: Sandra Louise-13, b. 4 June 1960; and Judith Lynn-13 Cothorn, b. 12 Dec. 1968.
- h. Elsie June-12 Cothorn, b. 5 June 1934, m. 5 May 1956 to Wayner CONERLEY, b. 16 Nov. 1931 and had issue: Karen-13, b. 13 Nov. 1957, m. 17 March 1979 Timothy PREVOST, b. 23 May 1950; and Anne-13 CONERLEY, b. 9 Aug. 1962.
2050. Ephraim Clyde-11 Cothorn, no information.
2051. Mary Lucille-11 Cothorn, b. 6 July 1900, d. 12 July 1980, m. 16 May 1919, Hugh Parham NORMAN, b. 3 June 1892, d. 14 May 1950, had issue:
- a. Irene Valarietta-12 Norman, b. 8 May 1920, m. Everett OLIVER and had four issue, two unknown: Angela-13 and Patricia-13 Oliver, b. 1 April 19-- (TWINS?).
- b. Doris-12 Norman, b. 24 April 1923, unmarried and a retired school teacher, lives in parents' old home on highway 44 near Bogue Chitto Baptist Church in Pike County, MS.
- c. Sheila Mae-12 Norman, b. 11 Dec. 1926, d. age 2-3.
- d. Marion Jeanette-12 Norman, b. 12 Dec. 1929, m. Robert RAWLINS and had issue: Judith-13, m. (?) STAFFORD, m. second 1981 Bill BURCH and had, Robert-14, b. 19 Dec. 19-- and Steve-14 Stafford.
- e. Hugh Parham-12 Norman Jr., b. 18 Sept. 1932, m. Jeanette DUTHAM and had issue: Kelly Suzanne-13, a freshman at Southern University 1981.
- f. Joe Kenneth-12 Norman, m. (?) PERKINS, Columbia, GA, lived in Grovetown, GA, no issue 1981.
2052. Ruby-11 Cothorn, m. Maxie POPE and had issue: Maxine-12, m. Robert Bruce BOYD, b. 1 Oct. 1930 and had Gary-13, Michael-13 and Wayne-13 Boyd.
2053. Lucia Grace-11 Cothorn, b. 20 July 1902, m. 27 Sept. 1924, Seth Elzey MAGEE, b. 7 Nov. 1899, d. 13 June 1975, had issue:
- a. Seth Elzey-12 Magee, b. 2 Oct. 1925, m. Maxine CONNALLY and had Sandra Carol-13, m. Edward MORGAN and had Richard Scott-14 Morgan, b. 1977.
- b. Altus-12 Magee, b. 7 Oct. 1929, m. 30 Aug. 1954, Lula Irene DILLON, b. 13 April 1932 and had issue: (1) Brenda Jane-13, b. 2 March 1956, m. Jim BRIDGES and had Jamie-14, b. 1 May 1973; and Lisa MAGEE-14, b. Father's Day 1975; (2) Linda Ann-13, b. 23 Oct. 1957, m. 15 Jan. 1975, Larry PARHAM, b. 25 July 1952 and had Jason-14 b. 25 June 1976; Jeremy-14, b. 19 June 1977; and Amy Lynn-14, Parham, b. 11 Nov. 1983. (3) Benjamin-13 MAGEE, b. June 1958, m. Darlene HOLMES and had Brian-14; Bradley Scott-14; and Kimberley Darlene-14 MAGEE, b. 27 Feb. 1984. (4) Robert "Bobby"-13 MAGEE, b. 9 March 1961, m. Teresa RUSHING, divorced. (5) Allen-13 MAGEE, m. Peggy HOLMES and had Kayla Dawn-14, b. 5 Oct. 1989.
- c. Charles-12 Magee, b. 14 Feb. 1940, m. Barbara STRUPECK who d. of cancer, m. second unknown, issue by first wife: Patty Lynn-13, b. 22 Aug. 1962, m. 22 Dec. 1984, Ronnie Paul MICHEL; Belinda Sue-13, b. 10 July 1971; and Rhonda Kay-13 MAGEE, b. 23 July 1974.
2054. Verna-11 Cothorn, d. Oxford, MS, m. J. B. ROACH, no issue.
2055. Hazel-11 Cothorn, b. Nov. 1910, d. 15 Aug. 1980, age 69, m. Leon MAGEE in Texarkana, TX and had issue: Joe Allen-12; Richard L.-12; and Peter-12 Magee, m. Velma Jean REHAGE.
2056. Merle-11 Cothorn, b. 13 Dec. 1913, m. 6 Oct. 1941, John Selby FLYNT, had issue, Mary JoAnn-12, b. 17 June 1967, m. unknown.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 1147 ELMORE H.-9 AND CATHERN (COTHERN) BEARDEN

1643. **Therman Wilson-10 Bearden** (Elmore H.-9, Andrew Jackson-8, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 23 June 1881, Pike County, MS, d. 25 Feb. 1962, buried Whitehall Cemetery; m. there, Lucy BULLOCK, b. 25 Sept. 1884, d. 11 Feb. 1956, issue b. Pike County, MS:

2057. Etta-11 Bearden, b. 18 Nov. 1906, d. 2 July 1972, m. 10 Nov. 1938, Fleet Elisha BRUMFIELD, b. 9 Aug. 1903, had issue, one: Joe Kelley-12 Brumfield, b. 15 Nov. 1939, m. 20 Dec. 1969, Mary Evelyn GAU-TIER, b. 19 Aug. 1945; Kevin Scott-13 and Kraig Alan-13 Brumfield, b. 2 Dec. 1971 and 25 July 1974.
2058. Therman Wilson-11 Bearden, b. 27 May 1908, m. Margaret GINN: Nancy-12, b. 22 May 1947, m. June 1971, William HOWELL, had: Lauree-13, b. 19 April 1979; and Therman Wilson-12 Bearden III, b. 2 July 1949.
2059. Era-11 Bearden, b. 18 Aug. 1909, no information.
2060. Hugh Gordon-11 Bearden, b. 13 Dec. 1910, d. 15 June 1989, m. 19 July 1931, Ruby POPE, b. 15 Aug. 1908 and had issue:
- a. Winston Hugh-12 Bearden, b. 27 July 1933, m. Patsy BREELAND and had issue: (1) Michael Ross-13, m. Deborah (?) and had Matthew-14, and Malissa-14 Bearden; (2) Charlotte Gale-13 Bearden, m. (?) SNIDER, when her brother's obituary appeared in local newspaper in Pike County, MS, listed as Charlotte MASSEY and had Jason-14, b. 1974; and Lisa-14 SNIDER, b. 1976; (2) Katherine-13; and (3) Kevin-13 BEARDEN, married without issue 1980's.
 - b. Hoyt Willene-12 Bearden, b. 21 June 1938, m. Daniel J. LANDRY and had issue: (1) Aaron Daniel-13, b. 18 April 1954, m. Chrissie WAGONPACK and had Aaron Daniel-14, b. 25 May 1988; (2) Lynette Martel-13, b. 29 Nov. 1955, m. David PERKINS; (3) Christopher David-13, b. 4 March 1969; and (4) Gavin Hugh-13 LANDRY, b. April 1971.
2061. Ray-11 Bearden, b. 21 July 1912.
2062. Kina Pearl-11 Bearden, b. 29 July 1916, d. 3 May 1976, m. 24 Jan. 1935, L. Hugh GINN, b. 29 Oct. 1911 and had issue:
- a. Frances Ione-12 Ginn, b. 2 Feb. 1939, m. 29 Dec. 1957, Murphy Abe BOND and had Bradley-13, b. 30 Dec. 1960, m. 30 Dec. 1986, Debra Lynn WEATHERFORD; Shannon-13, b. 14 July 1967, m. 16 Aug. 1986, Richard JAMES.
 - b. Donna Kaye-12 Ginn, b. 11 June 1946, m. 11 Jan. 1967, Royce McKEE and had Bret-13 and Brady Royce-13, b. 14 June 1968 and 11 March 1974.

C. ONE CHILD OF NO. 1149 NOAH-9 AND AMANDA (COTHERN) BEARDEN

1656. **Julia-10 Bearden** (Noah-9, Andrew Jackson-8, Jeremiah-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 15 Oct. 1881 in Pike County, MS and d. there on 30 Jan. 1960, m. there 1900, Webster DUNAWAY who was b. on 27 Aug. 1874 and d. there in June 1969. Julia-10 had issue:

2063. Lucille-11 Dunaway, b. 14 June 1901, m. 30 March 1924, Dennis Frances BOYD, b. 29 Dec. 1902, d. 1974, had issue:
- a. Devon-12 and female-12 (TWINS) b. 22 Aug. 1926, died young
 - b. Doris Faye-12 Boyd, b. 13 May 1928, m. 22 Dec. 1946, Freeman ALFORD, b. 19 June 1927, divorced after three issue: (1) Dina Lynn-13, b. 6 Dec. 1947, m. 26 July 1969, Michael Rayford McPHEARSON, b. 26 Sept. 19--, had issue: Tracey Michelle-14, b. 8 April 1971; Michael Brian-14 McPhearson, b. 9 March 1978. (2) Nancy Lucille-13, b. 17 March 1949, d. 26 Sept. 1974, m. George BREELAND, no issue. (3) Phillip Freeman-13 ALFORD, b. 3 Dec. 1959, m. 31 July 1982, Pamela Kaye HUNT b. 22 Nov. 1961, had Nancy Erin-14, b. 27 April 1985; and Caitlin Ann-14, b. 17 March 1989.

- c. Don Mitchell-12 Boyd, b. 22 Dec. 1931, m. Bobby Jean ALFORD and had issue: (1) Mitchell-13, b. 1 Oct. 1951, m. Louise HOLMES and had Lisa-14, b. 31 Jan. 1974; Melissa-14, b. 3 Nov. 1977; and Dennis Mitchell-14 Boyd, b. 19 Aug. 1981. (2) Katherine-13 BOYD, b. 4 July 1954, m. Roy BLACK and had Kayla-14 Black, b. 29 March 1979. (3) Ronald-13 BOYD, b. 23 Aug. 1956, unmarried 1980. (4) Tamara-13 BOYD, b. 23 Sept. 1959, m. Terry JONES and had Tiffany-14, b. 16 March 1979.
- d. Millie Merle-12 Boyd, b. 3 July 1934, m. Wilton COTHERN, b. 31 July 1934 and had issue: (1) Devon-13, b. 26 May 1954, unmarried 1988; (2) Melinda-13, b. 22 Sept. 1956, m. Ricky KENNEDY, had Adam-14, b. 28 Sept. 1976; (3) Millie-13, b. 4 Dec. 1958, m. Keith SANFORD and had Aaron-14, b. 10 July 1975; and (4) Ranae-13 Cothorn, b. 11 Sept. 1961, m. Chris McCLOUD and had Natalie-14, b. 4 April 1977.
- e. Sue Bell-12 Boyd, b. 3 Nov. 1936, m. Herbert PRICE and had Ellen Sue-13, b. 4 March 1975 (Herbert's mother was the aunt of the writer's husband; that is, she was Lucy Brown (KELLER) PRICE).
2064. Winston-11 Dunaway, b. 8 Jan. 1910, blind but adept at taking care of himself, m. Urilla MORGAN, m. second Ruth (?).
2065. Vaught-11 Dunaway, b. 5 Oct. 1911, m. 31 Nov. 1931, Farrell BURNETT, b. 12 Sept. 1915, issue one: DeVay Ray-12 Dunaway, b. 9 March 1932, m. 5 June 1951, Marie PARSONS and had issue:
- a. Daniel-13 Dunaway, b. 8 June 1953, m. 26 Sept. 1971, Lerita MAGEE, b. 3 Nov. 1955, had issue: Michelle-14, b. 26 April 1972, m. Nicholas THOMAS, had Erica Michelle-15, b. 5 July 1989; and Tracy-14 DUNAWAY, b. 24 Dec. 1977.
- b. Donna-13 Dunaway, b. 4 Dec. 1955, m. 2 Dec. 1977, John HOWELL, b. 29 Aug. 1954.
- c. Terry-13 Dunaway, b. 7 Aug. 1962.
- d. Julia-13 Dunaway, b. 10 Oct. 1966, m. 17 Sept. 1988, Stephen E. ADAMS.
2066. Marcus Boyd-11 Dunaway, b. 20 Oct. 1916, d. 17 Sept. 1986, m. 8 April 1939, Irene ALFORD, b. 7 Jan. 1924 and had issue:
- a. Doyal Douglas-12 Dunaway, b. 12 July 1940, m. 22 July 1961, Judith WEBB, had Damon Douglas-13; Teresa Lynn-13; Maureen Elizabeth-13; Alkie Laurie-13; Jennifer Coleen-13; Marc Bryan-13; Holly Ann-13; and Cassandra K.-13 Dunaway.
- b. Mikal-12 Dunaway, b. 11 Nov. 1944, m. 25 Feb. 1967, Robert RAMSEY who m. second Patricia DAVIS. Mikal-12's issue: Kelly Michelle-13 and Sean Mikal-13 RAMSEY.
- c. Gilbert Marcus-12 Dunaway, b. 11 July 1946, m. 10 Feb. 1977, Anne HOY, b. 18 Feb. 1953 and had Iris-13, b. 7 Jan. 1978; and Roseann-13, b. 18 Aug. 1979.
2067. Mildred-11 Dunaway, b. 29 July 1921, m. T. J. HOLMES, no issue, a retired nurse.

FOUR DESCENDANTS OF NO. 203 DUNCAN-7 AND NANCY (?) BEARDEN

FOUR GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 604 MONTGOMERY DUNCAN-8 & ESTER V. (CATES) BEARDEN
FOUR CHILDREN OF NO. 1193 CHARLES LUTHUR-9 AND ADDIE MAE (WALLACE) BEARDEN

1690. Clarence Arlie-10 Bearden (Charles Luthur-9, Montgomery Duncan-8, Duncan-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 31 Oct. 1901, Boydsville, AR, d. there 6 May 1979, buried beside his wife in Salem Cemetery; lived a practicing Christian life of the Missionary Baptist faith; made living by farming until later years when he operated a grocery store; m. in Boydsville 21 Jan. 1926 to Gertie TAYLOR, b. 4 Oct. 1901 and d. on 24 Oct. 1969, daughter of Frank and Rosa. To this union was born four sons, b. Boydsville in Clay County, AR:

2068. Clarence Enos-11 Bearden, b. 23 Jan. 1927, m. Mary Louella HOWELL, daughter of Burl and Glenda (HOUSE) Howell and had issue:
- a. Glenda Sue-12 Bearden, b. 26 Dec. 1948, m. 21 Dec. 1968, Larry PRUETT, son of Laverne and Geneva, had issue: Leticia Leigh-13, b. 27 Dec. 1971; and Kyle Bud-13 b. 6 May 1983.
- b. Margaret Louise-12 Bearden, b. 6 Aug. 1850, m. 25 May 1968, Jerry ADAMS, had issue, divorced and m. second 27 Sept. 1975, Phillip PRICE, had Todd-13, b. 21 Feb. 1969; Pamela-13, b. 3 Nov. 1970; and Bryan-13, b. 31 July 1978.

- c. Charles Randell-12 Bearden, b. 29 Sept. 1955, m. Beverley FIELDER and had Malleny-13, b. 22 Feb. 1976; Bradley-13, b. 21 May 1977; and Steven-13 Bearden, b. 10 Jan. 1983.
 - d. Marsha Darlene-12 Bearden, b. 15 Oct. 1956, m. 18 Nov. 1972, Jimmy KEAS, son of David and great grandson of Lee FIELDS of Pollard, AR; had issue, two: Jason-13 and Jared-13 KEAS, b. 25 May 1977 and 28 Sept. 1981.
 - e. Ricky Lynn-12 Bearden, b. 7 Sept. 1958, m. 15 Oct. 1983, Barbara WILKINSON.
 - f. Terry Michal-12 Bearden, b. 23 Sept. 1960, m. 3 March 1980, Leilana SMART and had Margaret-13 and Mary-13 Bearden, b. 26 Aug. 1980 and 15 Sept. 1982.
 - g. Robby David-12 Bearden, b. 13 Sept. 1963, m. 6 June 1981, Teresa Gail WARD and had Crystal-13 and Deborah-13 Bearden, b. 11 Feb. 1982 and 26 March 1983.
2069. Velus Franklin-11 Bearden, b. 19 April 1929, m. 21 March 1954, Nadine VAUGHN and had issue:
- a. Maleta-12 Bearden, b. 13 Aug. 1958, m. 14 Feb. 1981, Mark W. COX.
 - b. Tony-12 Bearden, b. 29 Nov. 1960, m. 7 July 1979, Debra Ann MADISON and had Mindy D.-13; and Tony F.-13 Bearden, b. 13 March 1981 and 19 July 1983.
 - c. Jefferson-12 Bearden, b. 17 July 1963, m. 9 March 1983, Deborah C. DONAGHY.
 - d. Tena-12 Bearden, b. 4 Oct. 1969.
2070. Oattie Orlie-11 Bearden, b. 29 April 1930, m. 29 Dec. 1956, Piggott, AR, Joyce JOHNSON, deceased 1987, m. second unknown and had Christena-12 Bearden, b. 18 Feb. 1963.
2071. James Odie-11 Bearden, b. 10 Jan. 1933, m. 21 March 1954, Myrtle Geneva PULLEY, b. 30 Jan. 1939, now living in Toledo, Oregon (1990), had issue:
- a. James O.-12 Bearden, b. 22 Feb. 1955, m. Jaqueline K. KELLEY and had James-13 and Joshleen Mariegean-13.
 - b. William-12 Bearden, b. 28 Jan. 1956, m. Christene WARE and had issue: William Steven-13 Bearden.
 - c. Deborah-12 Bearden, b. 29 Dec. 1965.

1693. Ollie Esmer-10 Bearden (Charles Luthur-9, Montgomery Duncan-8, Duncan-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fourth issue of Charles Luthur-9, b. 21 July 1909, Boydsville, Clay County, AR, d. there 3 June 1970; served as deacon of Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Corning, AR, former member in Boydsville. He m. on 23 Dec. 1933, Thelma Pauline BOYD, daughter of George and Malissa and they had issue:

- 2072. Virginia Marie-11 Bearden, b. 25 Nov. 1934, m. 28 Dec. 1951, Glenn CATES and had issue:
 - a. Ronald Glenn Cates, b. 18 Jan. 1953, m. 26 May 1974, Katherine Ann PRINCE and had two unknown issue.
 - b. Teresa Ann-12 Cates, b. 27 April 1957, m. 15 Aug. 1976, Ronald SHROUD and had Rhonda Dean-13, Brandon Scott-13, and Heather Malissa-13 Shroud.
 - c. Michael-12 Cates, b. 22 Nov. 1959.
- 2073. Julia Ann-11 Bearden, b. 14 April 1938, m. 10 Oct. 1956, Mack JOHNSON and had issue:
 - a. Vicky Gail-12 Johnson, b. 21 July 1958, m. Carl WIXON and had Carl Anthony-13 Wixon.
 - b. Lisa Ann-12, b. 1963, m. 9 Jan. 1982, Glenn PRIBBLE.
- 2074. Jimmy Lee-11 Bearden, m. Patricia VANRIPER and had issue: Paula Marie-12 Bearden, b. 8 Sept. 1966.
- 2075. George Luther-11 Bearden, b. 7 Nov. 1946, m. Debra DOVER, had Cassander Lynn-12, b. 2 May 1972; April Leigh-12, b. 9 May 1975; and Aaron Logan-12 Bearden, b. 14 Sept. 1979.
- 2076. Esmerita-11, known as "Rita" Bearden, b. 27 Nov. 1953, m. 4 Sept. 1982, Gary KARNES/CORNES, b. 14 Sept. 1953.
- 2077. Paula Kay-11 Bearden, b. and d. on 16 July 1956.

1694. Omer Lee-10 Bearden (Charles Luthur-9, Montgomery Duncan-8, Duncan-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), fifth issue of Charles Luthur-9, b. 15 Dec. 1911, Boydsville in Clay County, AR, d. there age 68, 13 April 1980, m. 14 July 1934 to Thelma Frances TUCKER, daughter of Charles and Nancy Zadie; issue:

2078. Charles Delmar-11 Bearden, b. and d. on 26 Feb. 1935, buried Johnson Chapel Cemetery.
 2079. Bobby Lee-11 Bearden, b. 23 Feb. 1937, d. 12 May 1938.
 2080. Viola Frances-11 Bearden, b. 13 April 1939, d. 20 Dec. 1939.
 2081. Nancy Mae-11 Bearden, b. 17 June 1942, m. Bobby Gene LOVELESS, b. 9 Feb. 1941, issue: Billy Dale-12, b. 2 June 1963; Gary Dean-12, b. 16 Feb. 1966; Tony Lee-12, b. 12 June 1972, d. 22 Dec. 1981; and Amy Lynn-12 Loveless, b. 29 July 1975.
 2082. Onis Lee-11 Bearden, b. 22 March 1945, m. 20 Nov. 1964, Sharon HART and had issue: Christena Diane-12, b. 5 July 1966, m. Keith WHITE; Terry Lee-12, b. 17 Aug. 1972; and Michael Eugene-12 Bearden, b. 18 Nov. 1975.
 2083. Mary Jo-11 Bearden, b. 25 Jan. 1953, m. 26 July 1969, William Dee WALLS and had issue: Sandra Michel-12, b. 10 May 1974.
 2084. Michael Johnnie-11 Bearden, b. 15 March 1955.

1695. Luther Almer-10 Bearden (Charles Luthur-9, Montgomery Duncan-8, Duncan-7, William-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), sixth and youngest issue of Charles Luthur-9, known as "Jack", b. 8 Sept. 1916 near Boydsville in Clay County, AR and m. 1 Nov. 1936 in home of his bride's parents in Boydsville, by Elder W. T. OWENS, Martha Geneva BATEMAN, b. 28 June 1920, daughter of James David and Fronia of Rector, AR. He was born and grew up near Boydsville, a little community nine miles northwest of Rector, converted to Christ at age sixteen (16) in the Baptist faith and started preaching the Gospel of Christ on 22 Aug. 1942, ordained by the Boydsville Missionary Baptist Church.

He has fifty years in the ministry and in 1984, he was pastoring his twenty-fourth church at Boydsville where he was ordained. In 1984, at age sixty-eight, he was active in his home in Rector, which he had owned the last forty-six years. He had three children and ten grandchildren and is to be commended by his life and service to the Lord, his family, community and nation. He is an honor to the Beardens and to the Church, history tracing authenticity of this family's membership in Church of Christ Baptist since 1725 in the state of Virginia. His siblings are all deceased before 1986. His own issue was b. in Boydsville:

2085. Shirley Janet-11 Bearden, b. 25 Sept. 1938, m. 12 Sept. 1959 to Virgie Eugene McNATT, b. 3 Nov. 1937, son of Edd and Arizona of Dixie, AR. They have two sons: Timothy Eugene-12 and Terry M.-12 McNatt, b. 6 Aug. 1962 and 3 Aug. 1969.
 2086. Linda Lois-11 Bearden (TWIN), b. and d. on 7 Nov. 1942.
 2087. Brenda Joyce-11 Bearden (TWIN), b. 7 Nov. 1942, m. 2 Oct. 1960, Thurman Dale HOLT, b. 20 Oct. 1935, son of Henry and Florence. Brenda-11 had issue: Kimberley Gail-12, b. 7 Nov. 1962; Barry Dale-12, b. 1 Oct. 1968; Byron Keith-12, b. 29 May 1969; and Kevin Brent-12 Holt, b. 29 Aug. 1974.
 2088. Phillip Dewayne-11 Bearden, b. 3 April 1944, m. 19 Oct. 1963, Karen Lou HAMPTON, b. 10 Feb. 1948, the daughter of Nunery and Dulcie. Phillip-11 had issue: Kenneth Dewayne-12, b. 17 Feb. 1965; Gregory Lynn-12, b. 6 March 1967; Krista Leigh-12, b. 26 Sept. 1969; and Angela Kay-12 Bearden, b. 9 Aug. 1970.

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 239 JOHN H.-7 AND MARGARET (BOURLAND-MOSS) BEARDEN

ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 650 MARCUS BARNETT-8 AND NANCY H. (PACE) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 1214 JOHN HARDEN-9 AND LAURA A. (KELLEY) BEARDEN

1707. Oren Earl-10 Bearden (John Harden-9, Marcus Barnett-8, John H.-7, John H.-6, Edmund-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), second born son of John Harden-9 and his wife, Laura (KELLEY), b. 20 Aug. 1905, Paducah, McCracken County, KY, d. 6 Dec. 1979, Trenton, Wayne County,

MI, buried Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit, MI; m. 23 May 1931, Bowling Green, Wood County, OH (eloped), Beatrice Alice DOETTL, who was b. on 2 Feb. 1910 in Frenchtown, Monroe County, MI, the daughter of Matthew Joseph and Mary Magdalena (RUPP).

Early in life, Oren-10 was lured to Detroit by Henry Ford's \$5.00 per day, which was big wages when Mr. Ford started his factory making Fords. This was before labor unions and when Oren-10's first child was born he missed work to be with his wife and because of that he was fired. Being discouraged with factory work he secured a job delivering milk which he kept until he retired in 1970. On vacations and for weddings and funerals, he usually took his family home where his parents lived in Benton, County of Marshall and the state of Kentucky. His father was a great favorite with his children when he "showed them off" to his neighbors and to townspeople.

Oren-10's family lived among the Polish people and other nationalities in Detroit and when his children asked their grandfather about their Bearden nationality, he gave the typical Bearden answer: "WE are PURE BLOOD Hill-Billy!"

Oren Earl-10 and Laura had issue, Bearden, b. Detroit, MI:

2089. Oren Earl-11 Bearden Jr., b. 21 Sept. 1932, m. 8 Aug. 1958 at Encorse, MI, Janet KALMAN. He was in the navy, stationed Charleston, SC and had four sons:
 a. Michael Paul-12, b. 17 May 1959.
 b. Randy James-12, b. 15 Sept. 1960, m. 2 Nov. 1984 SC, Misty (?) and had Lauren Amelia-13, b. 28 July 1985.
 c. Dennis William-12, b. 13 Oct. 1966.
 d. Kenneth Allen-12 Bearden, b. 28 Jan. 1969.
2090. Nora Lee-11 Bearden, b. 2 Nov. 1933, m. 9 Feb. 1952, Detroit, William CONATSER and had eleven issue; Nora-11 "does not have time to write down much information"; she had, Diane Lynn-12, b. 21 Oct. 1953; James William-12, b. 28 Sept. 1954; Kathleen Ann-12, b. 7 Nov. 1955; David Brian-12, b. 24 Oct. 1956; Audrey Michelle-12, b. 19 Sept. 1957; Michael Ray-12, b. 9 Dec. 1958; Mary Joyce-12, b. 9 Dec. 1959; Karen Marie-12, b. 19 Nov. 1960; William Wallace-12, b. 13 June 1962; Dennis Edward-12, b. 23 Dec. 1964; and Unknown-12 CONATSER.
2091. Barbara Ann-11 Bearden, b. 6 Jan. 1937, m. 23 Oct. 1954 in Detroit to Thomas PINKHAM and had five issue before he was killed in an automobile accident on 21 Dec. 1968. Barbara-11 m. second on 15 Jan. 1971 in Dearborn, MI to Joseph LAIKLIM and had no issue by him. Her issue, Pinkham:
 a. Thomas Lee-12, b. 11 Feb. 1955, m. 1984, Deanna NOYES.
 b. George Allen-12 Pinkham, b. 8 July 1956, m. 14 Sept. 1975, Renee PARKER and had issue: Scott Michael-13, b. 14 Aug. 1977; and Stacey Marcelle-13, b. 31 July 1978.
 c. Jacqueline Ann-12 Pinkham, b. 14 Nov. 1958, m. 13 March 1976 to Craig BOGART and had Jason Ryan-13, b. 28 Aug. 1977; and Eric Craig-13 Bogart, b. 17 Sept. 1980.
 d. Kristi Lynn-12 Pinkham, b. 23 Jan. 1963.
2092. Laura Mae-11 Bearden of Wyandotte, MI, b. on 20 May 1946 and m. on 25 June 1971 at Gross Isle, MI to Gerald D. KELLEY (no relation) who was b. on 6 Oct. 1946 in Trenton, MI, the son of Edward Parnell and Velma (PRETTAG). Gerald has spent his life near Wyandotte, both he and Laura-11 have taught school there, he science and American History and Laura is now a substitute teacher. Wyandotte, Lincoln Park and Trenton are small suburbs and on the southwest side of Detroit and situated along the Detroit River. Gross Isle is an island off the shore near Wyandotte and Trenton. Laura-11 lives here with her family in a spacious lakeshore home and is privileged to enjoy the fishing and wild life that the lake affords. She has freely offered and given the writer much information but more importantly, she has offered abundant encouragement. She is an avid family historian and has documented her background back to the Revolutionary War soldier, Edmund-5 Bearden (Person No. 37). Laura-11's grandfather, (Marcus B.-9) was visiting her family in Detroit when she was born in 1946. Marcus'-9 wife had died in 1923 but her memory was still alive for him. He thought the new infant looked like his late wife and the baby was named for her grandmother and she continues to "look like her grandmother".
 Laura-11 had issue: Thomas Gerald-12 Kelley, b. 20 July 1974, Wayne County, MI, unmarried 1990.

2093. Joseph Matthew-11 Bearden, named for his maternal grandfather, was b. on 24 Nov. 1953 in Detroit, MI and was not married in 1988, lives Wyandotte, MI. Joseph-11 literally "had a fit" when told one older Joseph Bearden was hung for murder in 1832 in the state of Tennessee. The circumstances of this Joseph-7 Bearden's crime and subsequent execution is not now known but it can be surmised and hoped that he acted in self defense and there were mitigating causes.

FINIS DESCENDANTS OF PERSON NO. 37 EDMUND BEARDEN

TWO DESCENDANTS OF NO. 352 ROBERT KIMSEY-7 AND SEMENTHA (JONES) BEARDEN

TWO GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 841 ROBERT J.-8 AND MARTHA J. (SCOTT) BEARDEN

TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 1305 JOHN KIMSEY-9 AND DESSIE (BLACKWOOD) BEARDEN

1732. **Mary Una-10 Bearden** (John Kimsey-9, Robert Jefferson-8, Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 11 Sept. 1906 near Stantonville in McNairy County, TN and d. in July 1959 near Adamsville in Hardin County, TN, buried in the Mt. Vinson Methodist Church Cemetery in McNairy County. She m. on 15 May 1922 in Selmar, McNairy County, to Allen DEATHERAGE who was b. 1887 in Tennessee and d. 1965 in McNairy/Hardin County, buried beside his wife. Mary-10 had issue:

2094. Charles-11 Deatherage, b. 1923 near Stantonville, m. 1950 to Juanita BOOKER b. 1923, issue, b. in McNairy County, TN: Wade Allen-12, b. 1952; and Phyllis Joan-12, b. 1954, m. 1975 to Lanny PARSON/S.
2095. Virginia-11 Deatherage, b. 1927, m. Valentine D. MOFFETT, b. 1914 and had issue: Dennis-12, b. 1947, m. Diane FRY and had issue: Gregory-13, b. 1973; and Deral-13 Moffett, b. 1976.
2096. Jessie-11 Deatherage, b. 1928, m. Ellen SCHMITZ, b. Heidelberg, Germany and had issue: Mary Ann-12; Diane-12, b. Camp Rucker, AL, m. Herchel Carter WHITLOCK; Michael-12, b. Heidelberg, Germany, and Kelley-12 Deatherage, b. Sheffield, AL.
2097. Jean-11 Deatherage, b. 1932, m. 1954, Wallace J. BUNTING, had issue:
 a. Donald Edward-12, b. Hudson County, NJ, m. 1970, Nancy WISDOM and had issue: John Paul-13.
 b. Mary Elizabeth-12, b. 1957, Colbert County, AL, m. 1977, Jack Ricey POSEY, had Michael Shane-13 and Peggy-13.
2098. Peggy-11 Deatherage, b. 1933, d. 1959, Adamsville, TN, m. Thurman Leon LAMBERT, had issue: Anthony Leon-12, b. Alcorn County, MS (adopted); and John Brent-12 LAMBERT.
2099. Barbara-11 Deatherage, m. Ray QUALLS, divorced, m. second Richard F. MALM, had issue two marriages:
 a. Pamela-12 QUALLS, b. 1954, m. 1974, Gary BELL and had issue: April-13, b. 1979.
 b. Stanley Musial-12 MALM, b. 1956, Colbert County, AL.
 c. Nancy Ann-12 MALM, b. 1969, Madison County, AL.
2100. Rayburn-11 Deatherage, b. 1946, m. Barbara (HOUTER?), m. second Barbara (?), and had issue: Charles-12, b. 1969; and Lemanda Gail-12, b. 1971.
2101. Sandra-11 Deatherage, b. 1949, m. 1966, Raymond Terry BYRD, b. 1946, and had issue: Christopher T.-12, b. 1970 near Adamsville; and Tiffany Suzanne-12 BYRD, b. 1977 in Madison County, TN.

1733. **Irma Frances-10 Bearden** (John Kimsey-9, Robert Jefferson-8, Robert Kimsey-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 7 Oct. 1909 in a rural area near Selmar, McNairy County, TN, lived in Fulton, KY. At age 82, on 1 Jan. 1991, she died on almost the exact spot where the great grandfather of the writer (Person No. 353, James Jasper-7 Bearden) died in 1870 in Union City, Obion County, TN.

Irma-10 m. on 15 May 1922, McNairy County, TN to Jefferson HOLMES who died suddenly without issue in McNairy County. Irma-10 m. second on 23 Aug. 1927, McNairy County to John Fletcher GATTIS, b. 1889 in TN and d. 3 Dec. 1956, Fulton Hospital in Fulton, KY. Irma-10 m. third on 16 Aug. 1958 near Dresden, KY to Hubert Exil CASEY who d. 1966 in Pilot Oaks, KY, without issue by Irma-10. Irma Frances-10 was a dear letter friend and cousin of the writer and had issue, Gattis:

*2102. John Fletcher-11 Gattis Jr., m. Dorothy Sue JONES.

2103. Mary Frances-11 Gattis, b. 1 Feb. 1933, Crump, TN, m. 17 Jan. 1948, Corinth MS to Robert Irwin COX who d. 26 June 1996, Memphis, TN and buried same place as Irma-10. They had no issue. Mary Frances-11 was a cosmetologist in Fulton, KY.
2104. James Robert-11 Gattis, b. 3 Dec. 1935, Crump, Hardin County, TN, m. 27 Dec. 1958 to Jane Howard CASEY, b. 19 March 1942 and had issue:
- a. James Robert-12 Gattis Jr., b. 8 Nov. 1961, Fulton County, KY, graduated from Sedalia High School, m. 14 Nov. 1980 to Tammy Lynn MILLER, b. 3 July 1963, had issue in 1983, Jamie Lynn-13, b. Thursday morning 8:15, 1 Sept. 1983, Fulton Hospital, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
 - b. Janet Robin-12 Gattis, b. 28 Sept. 1962, Fulton County, KY, to be married 3 Dec. 1982 to Ray JONES. She is a registered nurse at the Fulton Hospital, she and Ray had purchased a home and land in Pilot Oaks, Graves County, KY.
 - c. Jane Michelle-12 Gattis, b. 21 Dec. 1966.
 - d. Michael Fletcher-12 Gattis, b. 22 Nov. 1973, Fulton County KY.
 - e. Melissa Carol-12 Gattis, b. 19 March 1977, Fulton County, m. 21 June 1996, Weakley County, TN to Renny Dale Collins.
2105. Martha Ann-11 Gattis, b. 23 Feb. 1943, Crump, Hardin County, TN, m. 3 March 1962, Fulton County, KY to Richard O'Dell CASTLEMAN, b. 11 Jan. 1943, Fulton, KY, from whom she was divorced on 8 Oct. 1970, m. second in 1983, Junior STEVENS, no issue, m. third Albert Marion SMITH, the son of Albert Wilson Smith, grandson of Francis Marion Smith, great grandson of Robert and Margaret Smith. Albert M. Smith d. 23 Feb. 1997, Jackson County, IL. Martha Ann-11 now lives in Martin, TN. Richard O. Castleman m. second Shirley Mae HUNTER and had Brian Keith Castleman, b. 13 July 1973. Martha Ann-11 had issue:
- a. James Richard-12 Castleman, b. 28 March 1963 at Fulton, KY, graduated 18 May 1981 from Dresden, TN High School with honor awards in agriculture, biology, top ten of his class with 97.40 average and in 1982 he was in his freshman year at the University of Tennessee, Martin Branch, and farms over one thousand acres with his father. He m. on 3 June 1989 in Norris, Anderson County, TN to Elizabeth Ann ISBELL, b. 21 May 1966, Knoxville, TN and has two issue: Sarah Elizabeth-13 b. 6 April 1993, Greene County, TN and Seth Thomas-13 CASTLEMAN, b. 4 Sept. 1997, Washington County, TN.
 - b. Timothy Rex-12 Castleman, b. 18 Feb. 1967, Obion County, TN, unmarried.
 - c. Mary Elizabeth Ann-12 Castleman, b. 25 Feb. 1971, Union City, Obion County, TN, m. 8 April 1991, Union City, to Allison Craig HEATH, b. 4 Nov. 1966, one issue; m. second on 30 Sept. 1994, Weakley County, TN to Thomas Alan PARROTT, two issue; m. third 25 Sept. 1997, Obion County, TN, Richard Alford STEPHENSON. Elizabeth-12 had issue, b. Mayfield, Graves County, KY: CodiAnn-13 Heath, b. 2 Feb. 1991; Christopher Thomas-13 Parrott, b. 7 March 1994; and Cerena Joyce Marie-13 Parrott, b.30 Dec. 1995.
2106. Betty Joyce-11 Gattis, youngest issue of Irma F.-10 and John Fletcher GATTIS Sr., b. 5 March 1956, Union City, on the state line road between Hickman County, KY and Obion County, TN; m. on 4 July 1981, Fulton County, KY to James Henry DENNIS from whom she was separated without issue 1985, m. second 29 Nov. 1991, Fulton County, Howard Lee USERY, b. 3 Feb. 1924. Betty Joyce-11 lives and works as a secretary in Fulton, KY.

NINE DESCENDANTS OF NO. 353 JAMES JASPER-7 AND MARY J. (RAINEY) BEARDENNINE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 849 ERVIN KENNETH-8 & CORA BELL (WEATHERS) BEARDENA. EIGHT CHILDREN OF NO. 1339 WILLIAM IRA-9 AND BESSIE J. (SCHELL) BEARDEN

1768. Bertha Irene-10 Bearden (William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), who is the writer and compiler of this Bearden history and who is of the tenth Bearden generation in America and one of the many Bearden descendants through her father, William Ira-9 and his only wife, Bessie Jewel (SCHELL) SMITH-BEARDEN (see SCHELL STORY, KELLER KONNECTIONS, etc.). This lineage is documented by a straight line of wills, property settlements and signatures, substantiated by every United States Census, beginning 1790 and ending at the present date that census can be searched, 1910.

This straight lineage has been proved to the satisfaction of patriotic associations, NATIONAL NO. 678433. DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION for Person No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden, with supplements for Joseph BUNCH, John MOREHEAD, Henry MAUZY II, Benjamin CLARK and Robert McCUISTION, direct antecedents of the writer. It would be comparatively easy now to prove the SMITH and other lines.

Bertha Irene-10, known as Irene B. on social security and identification cards, is the second oldest and the oldest living issue and first daughter of William Ira-9. She was b. on 4 Jan. 1919 in a rural area near Annona, Red River County, TX and m. on 31 July 1936 where she was raised, the community called Baum, eighteen miles northeast of Ardmore and eighteen miles southwest of Sulphur, OK, to John Herbert Franklin KELLER, who was b. 23 Feb. 1916 in Guthrie, Logan County, OK, son of Frank Herman and Maggie Lucille (MOORE) Keller (see KELLER KONNECTION and MULTIPLYING MOORE/S by subject who is the author).

Bearden progenitors have been members of the Baptist faith for eight generations and she (I) had been a member of that faith until 1940. In that year, after three issue, and after attending the congregation of her husband's choice in Liberal, KS, she was baptized into the Church of Christ in Tyrone, OK. She has followed her Bearden progenitors in the political scene as a lifelong and practicing member of the Democratic Party, a precinct and election judge representative.

Bertha Irene-10 first attended school in the adequate two-room building built by Mr. James Young Sr. and called Young's School, located in the Young community eighteen miles northeast of Ardmore, OK, with one teacher for the first to the eighth grade. Every child should have a role model like the teacher in the Young school, who was Mrs. Carrie Setliff, and the community thought so too, considering the babies who were named for her. She was a red-haired and gifted lady of class and distinction, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James "Jim" Young Sr. Although her hair was red, Mrs. Setliff's mother was a full-blood Choctaw Indian who looked like an Indian and had been paid a handsome sum of money by the United States Government, which she and Mr. Young invested wisely in a magnificent home, land and a good education for their three children of whom Mrs. Carrie Setliff was one.

Mrs. Setliff taught more than reading and writing. She played the piano and every morning she led the school in two sacred songs and then in prayer to the heavenly Father and His son, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Savior of everyone who would accept Him. After this period of worship, the United States flag was saluted and then some patriotic songs were sung with the music of the piano and Mrs. Setliff's soprano voice ringing out as though she meant every word which, in fact, she did. Mrs. Setliff taught the value of a useful, a Christian with a capital "C", and a patriotic life. More than that, she taught good manners, good nutrition and how to act like and be Ladies and Gentlemen with a capital "L" and "G".

There is nothing the writer could say or enough words to express full appreciation to the Mrs. Setliffs of this world. She was a LADY and lived a Christian life, using the love and refinement she was born with and which she nourished with her kind consideration of everyone. She not only taught the school, which consisted mostly of

the children of poor sharecrop farmers, but she played the piano, sang and taught a Sunday School class when the church met for worship in the school house.

Mrs. Setliff knew the children's parents did not have the wherewithal or the will to buy products which were not produced on the farm and in the home. She taught the value and the appreciation of a nutritious, wholesome and spiritual life which was enjoyed by farm families, plus the use of some of these in a physical sense, such as the use of "cow's cream" on chapped lips and skin. She taught true appreciation of the love of God, Parents, Family, Home, Country, Neighbors and Friends, all important enough to be capitalized and in that order.

The William Ira-9 Bearden family was living on the line between the Young and the Baum School Districts and their children were all too soon sent to the Baum School where they had to walk across Camp Creek, which sometimes after a rain was up and too deep to wade across. The controversy over the districts was caused partially by the little feud between the Youngs and the Croskills, the two families owning the land in the two districts.

Mrs. Setliff was the daughter of the Jim Youngs, and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wolfe, who taught the Baum School, were the daughter and son-in-law of Henry and Malissa Croskill. These two families were the aristocrats of this rural area. William Ira-9 Bearden worked for Henry Croskill and, therefore, it was feasible to please his employer and friend and to send his children to the Baum School.

Bertha Irene-10 was in the second grade when the change was made. Baum was a two-room school house with two teachers. Miss Ethel, as Mrs. Wolfe was called, played the piano and songs were sung in the morning but Mr. Amos Wolfe who taught from fourth grade to the eighth grade was all for "book learning" and there was less time for "foolishness". Mr. Wolfe was not an atheist and he was patriotic enough but he wanted a better life for his students and the way was laying a foundation for a higher education.

Miss Ethel taught the principles of her good Baptist upbringing, supervised the Christmas programs and taught Christianity and Patriotism. Mr. Wolfe was proud of her, attended the Easter and Christmas programs, supported Miss Ethel with the Christmas stocking and gift for each child and her efforts in playing the piano for the church services held in the Baum school building.

Mrs. Ethel (Croskill) Wolfe was a down-to-earth and a practical Christian woman and she did not believe in the frothy nonsense of games for good hygiene, spirituality and enhancement to life that the beautiful Mrs. Carrie Setliff indulged in with her students.

Bertha Irene-10, known as Irene, had learned to read before and soon after starting school in 1925. After Mrs. Setliff's teaching she was soon promoted "up" to the third grade and then again to the fourth grade and to Mr. Amos Wolfe. He had been born and received his education in Tennessee and married our own "Miss Ethel" while in college and after he was hired to teach the higher grades in the Baum school.

Mr. Wolfe was a firm and rigid disciplinarian and in his opinion there was no excuse for not learning. His students passed state exams with high grades and went on to many honors. He was proud of the ones who made the honor rolls in high school because in those days these honors were bestowed on only the worthy.

There were only two students in Irene-10's class and the other one was the only daughter of the teachers, Mr. Wolfe and "Miss Ethel". It was very competitive and perhaps more was learned because of this. Helen Ruth Wolfe did not live long enough and Irene-10 did not scale the high goals Mr. Wolfe set. Both Mr. Wolfe and this writer worked long and hard on the latter's (my) penmanship and writing without accomplishing much. He never gave up and she has practiced over seventy (70) more years and this family history is an example. Perhaps because of Mr. Wolfe's persistence, there has been no quarter given and at almost 80 years of age there is a tenacity in trying to accomplish this project.

By the time the writer graduated from the eighth grade in the Baum Elementary School, there was a bus to transport the rural children to Dickson High School between Ardmore and Mansville, OK. Out from under the strict discipline and influence of Miss Ethel and Mr. Wolfe, and under the influence of the time and the place, it

was thought to be an "old maid" at age sixteen. Following the example and traditions of family and friends, the writer married at age seventeen and began a family.

An influence worthy of mention is a good friend and the family of this friend. Vivian WILSON and her sister Virgie, with whom a good deal of time was spent, had a great influence on the writer. Their mother, Mrs. Wilson, had been a BARNES by birth and she had epilepsy in the days when there was no medication to control it. She was an exceptional person and this writer was one of those who loved her. An admonition by her was "always be a lady" and to "Trust and Obey", as in the sacred songs which were continually on her lips, although she was afraid to go out in public. Her husband, Mr. "Cap" Wilson sometimes "tipped the bottle", but he was a good provider and a good man with a keen sense of humor. He and Mrs. Wilson were "kin" to most everyone in the country and there was an open house from everyone to the "Wilson kids".

The writer has lived through and saw the last of the covered wagon, the buggy, the farm wagon, and the raft as the main mode of transportation. The first of the "horseless carriages" were still surviving and were literally that, being equipped with sockets for whips. The wheels bore an unmistakable resemblance to those of buggies and carryalls, and the gearing and the drive systems were exposed to the elements. Improvements took some of the adventure out of being an automobilist but they have been indispensable to mass acceptance of the automobile car.

Using this new mode of traveling and without highways, road dust and flying rocks imperiled exposed parts, bolts cracked, axle nuts jarred loose, springs broke. Tires were a plague and the early drivers, including the writer's father, jolted along on solid rubber and although pneumatics made the ride easier, they were delicate. On a bad day there was a puncture every ten to twenty miles and "clincher" rims, integral with the wheel, held tire and tube in a death grip. Crowbars, sledge hammers, a crank, and strong language helped loosen them for patching. A motorist had to have extra casings, tubes, a hand pump and still might rumble home on a bare rim or a tire stuffed with grass or hay. Rims started to be remountable after 1915 and still within the writer's memory.

Rubber improved so that tubes did not balloon and the tire life increased and this is still within memory. The electric starter had finally arrived but the old model T, called affectionately "Tin Lizzie", and the model A's used by Ira-9 Bearden, had to be started with a hand crank and a back-firing engine could make the crank a whirling weapon that shattered bones.

William Ira-9 Bearden, like other drivers of the automobile, found new ways to master their clanking steeds and these pioneers of this mode of travel made an uncertain way through a dark evening by the light of glowing kerosene side lamps and acetylene headlamps. After 1915 but used within the writer's memory, the smelly acetylene gave way to the electric system for better illumination at night. Maintenance still included frequent cleaning, oiling of the ball bearings and strong language again seemed to help.

Drivers of this mode of transportation endured primitive roads, ruts, rocks, sand, blinding dust and axle deep mud. An axe was prudently carried to cut a pole for leverage when the wheels dropped out of sight and it was a frequent sight for the family to push the car when it was stuck in muck.

Henry Ford and General Motors, the latter representing variety production and aggressive marketing, have turned the United States into an automobile saturated nation.

From 1920 until 1970, tourist were delighted with bright signs including the Burma Shave signs, a line of six individual signs, each with from one to three lines, the following some examples:

"HIS TENOR VOICE
SHE THOUGHT DIVINE
TILL WHISKERS
SCRATCHED
SWEET ADELINE
BURMA-SHAVE"

"THE BRIGHT RED SIGNS
WE USED TO SEE EM
BUT NOW THEY ARE GONE
TO THE MUSEUM"

"FROM '25 TO '63
WE RODE AND READ
THEN CAME TV
NOW ADS ON TUBES
ARE SIGNS OF TIMES
BUT HOW WE MISS
THOSE FUNNY RHYMES
Oh BURMA-SHAVE!"

Like the later television sets, almost everyone had some kind of automobile, whether affordable or not. As one banker said: "The paramount ambition of every man a few years ago was to own a home and have a bank account. The ambition of the same man today is to own a car... whatever the reason, the result is debt, debt, debt, for a costly article that depreciates rapidly and has an insatiable appetite for money. Yet I still drive one myself. I must keep up with the procession."

The car did more than put American families into debt, it took families out of church on Sunday and put them on the highway. It took young people from the home and beyond the reach of chaperones for their courtships. The car alone is not to blame for changing sex behavior but great grandparents, including the writer, recall that era of joy rides, petting in the rumble seat and even the bootlegged bottles of intoxicating drinks the young boys seemed to always have. As has been said, "Whether the Jazz Age meant liberation, license or loneliness, it rode on wheels".

Transportation and the automobile revolution brought about highways ribboning through the countryside and has forever transformed the natural landscape and the rural isolation. The automobile has sped through and exposed it finally to the modernistic influences of the city.

When this writer was a teen-ager, it was the time, the place and the age for social dancing, which would now seem almost a sedentary pastime of formal and prescribed steps. Saturday night dances and "play-parties" ended at midnight sharp with the singing of "Good Night Ladies". The waltz and the polka were thought to be not quite nice by the more pious but ragtime helped to change that. Its popularity was still around in the 1920's and "Alexander's Ragtime Band" really appalled the strait-laced generation when the youngsters threw themselves into the shocking intimacies of the bunny hug, the contortions of the turkey trot and the rumba.

Then the Bob Wills Band of Texas Play Boys and similar bands made the swing and the tango popular while the one and the two-step superseded ragtime. The fox-trot was popular, danced to the tune of "Indian Love Call", "Fascinating Rhythm" and "Button Up Your Overcoat". The charleston had a brief fling followed by the big apple and the lindy hop, some of which remains in the hip twisting and shuffling of the discotheque Rock and Roll era.

The old-fashioned square dance has perhaps been the most popular and has lasted in popularity and been enjoyed by more people. The old "calls" are sometimes still heard and used where this form of dancing has been resurrected over the country.

Through all the era of "good music", almost everyone learned the old songs and played some kind of instrument, the french harp, guitar, "fiddle", harmonica, piano, and/or organ. If there was no instrument available, the old washboard, used in an effort to get the laundry clean, made a good instrument when played with table "casing knives".

The 1920's was the age of the flapper and the jelly bean, the former who were young ladies with "short" skirts with exposed ankles, which was a scandal at first, and the latter who were young gents with straight brimmed hats.

It was the time that Americans accepted an even greater challenge than the Charleston to staying on their feet. Skiing caught on in the 1920's and after World War II, ski lodges sprang up, the standard work week was changed from six days a week from sun up to sun down to an eight-hour day and a five-day week. Golf and tennis, once only for the wealthy, became a sport for all classes.

Not even the newfangled talking machines could drown out the homespun fun of the chorales and the parlor soloist who warbled favorite tunes to the music of the piano or the old organs, like "In the Gloaming", "When You Were Sweet Sixteen", "The Good Old Summer Time", "A Tisket-A-Tasket", "Sentimental Journey", "Chatanooga Choo Choo", "Over There", "Molly and Me, Blue Heaven", varied voices singing lead, baritone, bass, soprano, sometimes blended in lusty foursomes and in barbershop quartets.

The big bands, always with a famous female vocalist like Rosemary Clooney who was just one of these whose voices rang out, brought smiles and thrills to millions of music fans and radio listeners from coast to coast. They brought to life the music of "Tennessee Waltz", "There's No Business Like Show Business", "God Bless America", "Stormy Weather", "You Belong To Me", "Buttons and Bows", and many more.

The magic of silent movies, medicine shows, radio and then television have been within the writer's memory. Movies were first attended in the school house at Baum where there were church services on Sunday and where Gospel meetings were held by preachers of all faiths. These were about the only social get togethers available for the pious. From the era of the hand-cranked camera to the dawn of the wide-spread screen, technology has shaped an art. Born mute and in black and white, movies have grown up to living color and Charlie Chaplin comedies and William S. Hart westerns graduated to Mary Pickford, Oliver Hardy and Stan Laurel, and later to Greta Garbo, Claudette Colbert, Humphrey Bogart and Marilyn Monroe.

Stars of the silent screen often were often real ranchers like William S. Hart who spoke Sioux at the age of six, or Tom Mix, who could shoot a man's suspender buttons so his pants would drop. With sound came the singing cowboys, among them radio's Gene Autry who disliked riding horses, and Roy Rogers who became a franchised name.

Many parents could see no good from the movies and "trash" reading but the writer saw few of the former and read what was available in a rural community. Much effort was expended by parents to explain that life was not as depicted in "Ranch Romances", "True Stories", nor in movies like "The Plainsman"; suffering not as glamorous as depicted in "Dark Victory", "Spin a Little Web of Dreams", "Lonesome Pine", nor was marriage the barrel of fun it was shown to be by Eleanor Powell and Myrna Loy.

There have been eleven presidents elected within the writer's memory, starting with President Calvin Coolidge and ending with President George Herbert Bush and William Clinton. There has been the major depression of the "30's" and because of hard-working and frugal parents with foresight, there has never been hunger or lack of shelter but there have been lessons in the great appreciation of these and other blessings.

There has been the election of President Herbert Hoover and the failure of the American Banking System when people like Mr. Henry Croskill and Mr. James "Jim" Young began to lose financial gain through this major failure of the financial system and President Hoover took the brunt of public wrath.

Herbert Hoover had succored victims of the Boxer Rebellion in China, fed the starving Belgians in World War I, fought famine in post war Europe and the ravages of the Mississippi flood, but he was shackled by principle. He would unlock the Federal Treasury only as "a last resort". So, the epithets were hurled and in a land of plenty the homeless clustered in "Hoovervilles", slept under newspapers, called "Hoover blankets", ate armadillos, called "Hoover Hogs". Mr. Hoover was already defeated when the people resorted to the polls and elected a new president.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected because he promised a system where there would never again be soup lines in the United States and he promised "a new deal". He was elected a second time and broke George Washington's precedent by seeking and being elected to yet a third term because he promised "a chicken in every pot"

and his election to the fourth term on a platform of "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself". He guided the government into as yet untouched and unexplored corners of national life. The public wanted reassurance with action and they got it. The administration poured bill after bill into Congress and the results were the AAA, CCC, TVA, NRA, SEC, FDIC, WPA, FCC, an alphabet soup of initials. Examples were the AAA (Agricultural Adjustment Administration) that paid farmers to slaughter hogs and plow under their cotton in order to limit supply and raise prices. The CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) put young men into olive drab uniforms and army tents at \$30 a month, digging ditches, or planting millions of trees as shelter belts on the plains. The WPA (Works Progress Administration) put unemployed men to work building airports, bridges, roads, sewers, and sometimes trivial tasks. The NAC (National Administration's Code) set minimum wages and maximum hours while letting industry fix prices and rules of competition. Nobody was to be actually "given something for nothing".

Banking and stock market regulation, the creation of social security and labor unions all brought about changes and the mode of life has never been the same as it was before Mr. F.D.R. (Franklin Delano Roosevelt). It was a great tragedy to the world when this great president died while in office.

Although the writer was married and with three issue when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and World War II broke out, perhaps both she and her husband became adults then and they (we) have lived through the age of the atomic bomb, the Korean conflict, through the years when the spirit of Eisenhower dominated the scene, through the Vietnam War, where a war was fought and some lives of our best and bravest young men were lost in an attempt to win a conflict which was not meant to be won by our country, through the years of Watergate, several traumatic assassinations of our leaders and through some of the years of retirement. Through it all, traditional values have been central in our lives and loyalty to the establishment has been a lifelong creed.

The war made some changes in life as afterward there were pay-as-you-go income taxes, miracle drugs, imitation rubber, man-made substitutes of synthetics such as plastic, clothes, furniture, even hair. Technology has created electronics, computers, nuclear energy; industry has turned out television sets, garbage disposals, automatic dishwashers, etc.; American couples have produced a baby boom of millions of new citizens.

The scene of change has brought about a tremendous revolution in the mode of American dress and of American behavior. Neither of the writer's grandmothers ever wore dresses above their ankles or went without their long hair which had never seen scissors. They were never seen in "pants" or knew what a "pants suit" was. One grandmother died in 1926 and the other grandmother lived to the modern age of the year 1964.

Soon after World War I, when dresses were "shortened to conserve cloth", a glimpse of the ankle was caught as hems rose, bloomers blossomed, serge bathing dresses with black stockings appeared, with men in dark woolen trunks and striped tops. The young people soon graduated to tighter "pants" that barely covered the knees and were really shockers to the older and more pious of their parents. This writer, in her cozy rural area, went swimming with girlfriends in her brother's "overalls" and his shirt which were considered improper for mixed swimming.

A vivid remembrance is of the beautiful long hair of the girls and women which had never seen scissors and which was worn plaited or plain and pinned up on the back of the neck or piled on top of the head. An aunt was one of the first to "bob" her hair and she was called "loose", but later she encouraged the writer's own mother to "bob" her hair. When the writer's father returned home from work, he cried for the first and only time in his adult life. Mama then let her hair grow again until daddy died in 1947. Afterwards her beautiful long hair was cut by a younger and stylish daughter and she wore it according to the style of the time until her death.

Since her marriage in 1936, the writer has lived, worshipped God, clung to the precepts of founding fathers and with the able help of a good mate, raised three fine children; lived variously in Baum and Guthrie, OK; in Liberal, Kansas; and since 1940 in Denver, Loveland, and Sterling, Colorado, Lake Minatare near Scottsbluff, NE, again in Loveland, Colorado, and now on Lake O' the Pines near Jefferson, TX, with a vacation home in Ft. Collins, CO.

Bertha Irene-10 Bearden had issue, Keller:

- *2107. **Herbert Kenneth-11 Keller**, b. 1937, m. age nineteen to Darlene Clare HULL, m. second, Kathleen Ann (WIEGERT) MILLER, m. third, 15 Dec. 1973 to Linda Louise (RUDISIL) KOSMICKE.
- *2108. **Alice Lucille-11 Keller**, b. 1939, m. 6 April 1958, West Cedar Church of Christ, Denver, Colorado to Robert Dean GAY.
2109. **Helen Florene-11 Keller**, b. 28 Nov. 1940 in the family home near Golden, Jefferson County, CO, m. 14 Oct. 1960 in the West Cedar Church of Christ, Denver, John Slay FUGLAAR, b. 3 Nov. 1938, Big Spring, Howard County, TX, son of V. W. and (?); m. second on 15 June 1972 in the Zion Lutheran Church, to Stephen Leonard GRUNWALD, b. 23 May 1942, Manitowoc, WI, son of Leonard and Helen (WELLS) Grunwald from whom she was divorced in 1980, taking back her maiden name.
- Helen-11 graduated from the eighth grade in Sterling, CO and in the top of her class from West High School in Denver, attended evening college courses while holding down a full-time job to support herself, majored in education and has ninety-eight hours from the Metropolitan College in Denver. She was employed for thirty-three years as administrative assistant, Communications Workers of America (CWA), the union representing telephone company employees, and for Frontier Airlines, the latter in 1986 filing for bankruptcy after deregulation of the airline industry. After seventeen years with CWA, Helen-11 resigned, took employment with Frontier Airlines. After fourteen years when Frontier went bankrupt, she again was employed by CWA.
- There has been a short period when Helen-11 resigned from Frontier Airlines and went with her husband to Boise, ID where she was employed by an accountant. After a few months she returned and was re-employed by Frontier Air Lines.
- She was involved in an automobile accident on 24 Dec. 1987 and has not been able to work since that date, having been diagnosed with the dread nerve disease of Multiple Sclerosis. She hopes to be able to help edit this genealogy effort by her mother. Her hobbies are crocheting, knitting, and like her progenitors, she is an avid reader of everything and on every subject. The disease has affected her eyesight and cognitive skills and her "projects" are now limited. Helen-11 Keller, although she has loved children and has been a "mother" to her nephews and nieces, and a "grandmother" to her great nephews and nieces, had no issue.

1769. **Cora Alice-10 Bearden** (William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 2 Feb. 1921, near DeKalb in Bowie County, TX, m. 2 Jan. 1941, Ardmore, Carter County, OK to Marvin Merrell COLLIER, b. 12 Sept. 1914, Tushka, Atoka County, OK, d. 9 Feb. 1988 at 8:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time in Ritzville, Adams County, Washington State, buried in Ritzville City Cemetery, the son of Shellie Monroe and Nora Bell (COURTWRIGHT) COLLIER; grandson of Jesse Wilburn and Fannie Esler (MADDERA/MADERAY) COLLIER, great grandson of Merrell and Caroline (LOKEY) COLLIER and of Thomas MADDERA of Cleburne and Elmore Counties, AL.

Marvin was a descendant of John and Nancy Ann (EPPES) Collier, son and daughter of John Collier (b. 1633 in Virginia, d. in March 1724, King and Queen Counties, VA) and Colonel Francis EPPES ("COLONIAL FAMILIES OF THE SOUTHERN STATES", Pg. 148, by Miss Hardy, copy in most genealogy libraries, and in writer's possession).

Marvin was a veteran of World War II from Ardmore, OK, a long time law enforcement officer in Walters and Lawton, OK, and in Coulee City, Moses Lake and Ritzville, WA.

Cora Alice-10, known as "Coe" and "Cody", m. second in June 1991, at her home in Garland, TX to Maurice HUNTER, b. 26 Aug. 1928 at Cedar Hill, Dallas County, TX. Maurice has been in bad health and "Cody" gives him that almost perfect love and care which she so generously lavished on our mother.

She has worked in the Sheriff's office at Walters and Lawton, OK and has been the dispatcher for the sheriff's office in Ritzville, WA. She was a member of the Baptist Church before going to Washington State and was there converted into the Mormon Church (Latter Day Saints) and is a member in good standing of the Temple in Garland, TX where she took good care of our invalid mother for eleven years. She enjoys her lifetime hobbies of gar-

dening, reading, exercising for health, genealogy, good music, studying and teaching the Bible and the Book of Mormon. She and Marvin have reared three beautiful and talented children:

2110. Bonita Faye-11 Collier, b. 10 Dec. 1941, Baum, Carter County, OK, m. 3 May 1970, Seattle, King County, WA, by Honorable Robert C. Finley, Justice of Washington State Supreme Court, Dr. John Bruce KENNEDY, b. 31 Dec. 1933, Everett, Snohomish County, WA, son of David Duff and Estelle Dorothy (ALTO). Bruce graduated from Everett High School, received BA degree Stanford University, MD degree from University of Washington. Faye-11 graduated from Ritzville High School, received AS degree from Ricks College, Rexburg, ID; LLB degrees from University of Idaho; deputy and prosecuting attorney for Snohomish County, district judge for state of Washington, owned law firm in Seattle and is now appellate court judge there. While this is being written, Faye-11 and Bruce are in "Merry Old England" having a tour of English gardens; they hope to work the things they learn into their own flower gardens. Faye-11 loves gardening with a passion and does "veggies" too. Faye-11 had issue, one: David Duff-12 Kennedy IV, b. 23 Aug. 1972 in Everett, WA where he graduated high school; graduated Duke University and hopes to follow in his mother's footsteps as an attorney and judge; however, he is "killing time" in New York City (1997).
- *2111. Gloria Sue-11 Collier, m. Royce Eldon DUNCAN, m. second 1975 Richard HONDA, divorced 1987; m. third 1995, Virgene BORNHOLDT.
2112. Marvin Gene-11 Collier, b. 17 July 1946, Walters, Cotton County, OK, m. 27 April 1974, Ephrata, Grant County, WA to Gretchen BORCK, divorced without issue in 1978, m. second 21 Oct. 1979, Everitt, Snohomish County, WA to JoAnn McCAFFREY, b. 10 Jan. 1951, Tacoma, Pierce County, WA, the daughter of Robert Michael and Camilla Clare (HANIGER). Gene-11 graduated from the Ritzville High School, has been in the USAF and has been with the State Troopers most of his adult life, out of Vancouver, WA where his wife is secretary for the Troopers (called Highway Patrol in some states). He enjoys and practices parachute jumping, traveling and his family. Gene-11 has two issue, adopted: Adam Jared-12, b. 2 Oct. 1982, Everitt, WA, d. a tragic death on 4 May 1998 at Yakima, WA; and Erin Michelle-12, b. 4 June 1991.

1770. Dorothy Modell-10 Bearden (William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 28 Nov. 1923 near Annona, rural area of Red River County, TX, m. 21 Aug. 1945, Quanah, Hardeman County, TX to Chester Blan DAVIS, b. 12 July 1922, in a rural area close to Quanah, TX, the son of Arthur Lee and Ava Maude (MILLIGS) Davis, by whom she had four issue; m. second on 30 Dec. 1970, Ardmore, Carter County, OK to Henry Washington "Dusty" RHODES, b. 19 Jan. 1925, Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, WV, the son of Lloyd and Ellen (SEABOLT), no issue second marriage. "Dusty" is the grandson of Dollie (?) Seabolt and of Susan HANES. His first wife is Norma ADAMS, by whom he had two issue.

Modell-10 graduated from the Baum Elementary School and from the Dickson High School, both in Carter County, OK; worked during World War II at the Cheyenne, WY AFB and later when it was considered not quite the occupation for ladies, but the manpower was needed for the war effort, she volunteered for the Women's Air Corps and was stationed in the State of Georgia for the duration of World War II.

After her marriage, Modell-10 variously has owned and operated a Dairy Queen and a doughnut shop in Quanah, TX; worked at the Boeing Aircraft plant in Wichita, KS; operated and managed several large apartment complexes in and around Dallas, TX and even though she is past the age of "retirement", she has been a private duty practical nurse at Golden Acres in Dallas and Garland, TX. Dorothy Modell-10 Bearden had issue, Davis:

*2113. Gary Gene-11 Davis, m. 8 Oct. 1961 to Karla Ruth GLOVER.

2114. Damon Leon-11 Davis, called "Demon" as he was growing up because he was always active and into something. He was b. 8 April 1946 in Quanah, TX, m. there 4 Feb. 1966, Barbara Gayle DOUGHERTY, divorced in 1968 without issue. Damon-11 has owned and managed a restaurant and motel in Denver, CO, in Dallas and Houston, TX. He has not remarried.

2115. Glen Dale-11 Davis, b. 20 Dec. 1948 near Quanah, Hardeman County, TX, lives in Red Oak, TX, m. 19 June 1971 in Clinton, MD to Alice Jean THOMPSON, b. 1947 in Ringgold County, Iowa. Glen-11 is a mechanic for Greyhound Bus Company and Alice teaches elementary school. Issue:
- a. Matthew Stephen-12 Davis, b. 19 June 1972 in Clinton, MD, graduated Red Oak High School 1989, now in the navy.
 - b. John Mark-12 Davis, b. 9 Oct. 1974, Garland, Dallas County, TX, graduated from Red Oak High School in 1992, now in the navy.
 - c. Lisa Marie-12 Davis, b. 28 May 1980, Stuart's Drift, VA, lives with parents.
- *2116. Sheila Zonell-11 Davis, only daughter of Modell-10 Bearden, b. 1950, m. as his second wife to William Mack "Bill" MATNEY, m. second, 1986, to Scott ROSS.

1771. **Ona Mae-10 Bearden** (William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 4 March 1926 near Berwyn (now Gene Autry) in Carter County, OK, m. in her parents' home at Baum in Carter County, OK on 23 Aug. 1942 to Charis JONES, b. 24 March 1922, Glenn, OK, the son of Henry Oscar and Alice (BREWER), the latter who is a descendant of Person No. 108, Lettice "Letty"-6 Bearden. Ona-10 divorced in 1955, has not remarried. Charis remarried three times, first to Virginia GOODMAN and had several issue, others unknown.

Ona Mae-10 was named by her maternal aunt who is also her father's cousin, Person No. 1354, Myrtle Lee-9 (SHOCKLEY) SCHELL. She has given our mother, plus our mother's full-time nurse, a home and has furnished supplemental nursing services, although she has held down more than full-time employment as a practical nurse with excellent training. She has welcomed all of her siblings in her home for extended visits as well as those who have made their home there to take care of our mother.

Ona Mae-10 is an accomplished seamstress, makes beautiful quilts which she shares, likes to crochet and knit, she is a good cook and homemaker, a gracious and supportive mother to her son:

- *2117. **Charles Buck-11 Jones**, m. Judith Kay WILSON, second Judith CARL, third Betty HOLT.

1773. **Hazel Edna-10 Bearden** (William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 17 Aug. 1930 at Baum, Carter County, OK, m. 11 May 1946, Ardmore, Carter County, OK to John Knox PIERCE, b. 6 Jan. 1911, Bonham, Fannin County, TX, d. 24 July 1966, near Tucson in Puma County, AZ, buried South Lavern Veteran's Cemetery, Tucson, son of Albert and Maggie Frances (BENNETT) Pierce. Hazel-10 has been married and divorced since Johnny died but her issue is by "Johnny". The Beardens have intermarried with the Pierce/Winn/Bennett family for at least eight generations!

"Johnny" worked at Tinker Field in Oklahoma City until his health failed, at which time he took his family to Tucson because of a son's asthma problems. Hazel-10 has, since Johnny's death, supported her family with private duty nursing and has traveled extensively with some patients. She has also taken a turn of several years in nursing our own mother.

Hazel Edna-10 and "Johnny" had issue, Pierce:

2118. John Wayne-11 Pierce, b. 1 March 1947, Ardmore, Carter County, OK, m. 4 Oct. 1974 in Tucson, AZ to Cynthia Ann BELLAMY, b. 2 July 1953, lived 1980s in Ft. Worth, TX; in the AF during Viet Nam War, studied Ft. Worth Seminary for the Baptist ministry and was a youth minister, employed and had contract with Southwest Bell Telephone Company. "Johnny"-11 and Cynthia had issue: Reightha Leigh-12, b. 30 Dec. 1975 (adopted); Deborah-12 Pierce, b. 21 Sept. 1981 in Ft. Worth, TX.
2119. Carlson Knox-11 Pierce, b. 3 June 1948, Tishomingo, Johnston County, OK, m. on 19 Jan. 1975 in Tucson to Deborah MADDEN who had a child and they have lived in NJ. He is a machinist, now divorced and

living in Tucson, AZ. Carlson-11 had issue: Brian Michael-12, b. 19 April 1983, Tucson, AZ; Jason-12, b. March 1984; Steven-12 Pierce, b. 10 June 1985 in Hiatt, NJ.

2120. Mahlon Clem-11 Pierce, b. 26 May 1950, Johnston County, OK, graduated Vail Tucson High School and University of Arizona, manager El Campo Tire Store, owns a ranch there; m. Cynthia ANDREWS and had issue: Clinton-12 Pierce, b. 14 Dec. 1978, Tucson; Pamela-12 Pierce, b. 13 Jan. 1987.
- *2121. Sherry Lynn-11 Pierce, b. 27 Jan. 1951, Mannsville, Johnston County, OK, m. in Tucson to Joe HAYWARD.
2122. Hazel Arlene-11 Pierce, b. 12 Oct. 1953 in Wheatland, Oklahoma County, OK, graduated Catalina High School in Tucson, works Electric Supply Company for fifteen years, m. Peter POLLANES, m. second, Frank BRUNO who died a tragic death in May 1998. Arlene-11 had issue: Andrew William-12 POLLANES, b. 28 Jan. 1970, Tucson, AZ; Adam Russell-12 POLLANES, b. 21 Oct. 1974, Tucson.
2123. Courtney Lee-11 Pierce, b. 1 April 1955, Oklahoma City, d. 26 Nov. 1990, Tucson, AZ (lung cancer), m. Linda (?) THOMPSON, divorcee who had son, Daniel Franklin, b. 4 Aug. 1977 in Dallas. Courtney-11 was a computer repairman. He and Linda had issue: John Anthony-12 Pierce, b. 24 March 1985, Dallas, TX; Courtney Jolene-12 Pierce, b. 26 Nov. 1990, Tucson, AZ.
2124. David Ernest-11 Pierce b. on 4 July 1956 in Jones, Oklahoma County, OK and has not married. He has a good education and a good mind and reads avidly, attended the University of Arizona and Pima County College, a history teacher but because of bad eyesight he is part-time custodian at the University of Arizona.

1774. E. K.-10 Bearden (William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), the seventh issue and second son of William Ira-9 BEARDEN and his wife Bessie Jewel SCHELL. After fathering six daughters, William Ira-9 was proud of finally producing a "plow boy" and named him after his own father who was known and signed his name as "E. K." Bearden (Ervin Kenneth-8, No. 849).

E. K.-10 was b. on 5 Feb. 1933 at Baum in Carter County, OK and d. on 12 Jan. 1997 in the Oklahoma City Hospital, buried on Friday 16 Jan. from Harvey-Douglas Chapel, Ardmore, OK, interment beside his wife and uncle and aunt (No. 1354, Myrtle L.-9 (SHOCKLEY) SCHELL), at Newport Cemetery. He lived in Ardmore, OK and managed the Southern Enterprises and Fencing Company, plus a paving business. He had also started a recreation sales business in Mission, TX.

He married more than once but had issue by only one wife, Sadie Catherine CARROLL, who he m. on 29 Nov. 1969 in Piedras Nigras, Old Mexico, daughter of Matthew and Teresa (JENNINGS) CARROLL, her mother was with her and killed in same tornado that took Sadie's life. Sadie was b. on 3 Aug. 1934 in San Antonio, TX and d. a tragic death from injuries received in a tornado, living until 3 Nov. 1979, when she died in the Ardmore Hospital, buried in Newport Cemetery north of Lone Grove.

The tornado hit the E. K.-10 Bearden home about 8:00 a.m. on Monday morning, 30 Oct. 1979 near Lone Grove, OK. E. K.-10 and Sadie had four issue, her two older ones adopted by E. K.-10. The children had just left home to go to school, and E. K.-10 had left for his business (B and S Construction and Paving Company). After Sadie's death he m. her cousin Mary Elizabeth CARROLL and they have reared their children together in Ft. Worth, Dallas and in Mission, TX, operating trailer sales and services and a paving business in each of the places.

E. K.-10 and Sadie C. Bearden had issue, the first two belonged to Sadie but were adopted by E. K.-10:

2125. Patrick Matthew-11 GORMAN, b. 7 Oct. 1965 in Ardmore, Carter County, OK, married with two unknown issue.
2126. Loraine LeMar-11 CARROLL, b. 3 July 1969, Oklahoma City, whose natural father is Sadie's cousin; m. her cousin, Tom CARROLL and had Sadie Catherine-12 and Thomas-12, b. 18 Jan. 1989 and 1991, Ft. Worth; and Henry Kenneth-12 CARROLL b. Ardmore, OK.
2127. Ira Kenneth-11 Bearden, first natural issue of E. K.-10, was b. on 7 Feb. 1971 in Ft. Worth, TX and is unmarried. (Correction: in 1997 he has child in Ardmore, OK, unknown).

2128. Suzanne Jewel-11 Bearden, was b. on 26 May 1972 in Norman, Cleveland County, OK, m. in Ardmore, OK, to (?) MESHER, lives Mission, TX, and had issue: Mary Margaret-12 b. 27 Sept. 1995; Thomas-12, b. 1996.

1775. **Valda Doreen-10 Bearden** (William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 7 Nov. 1935 in Baum, Carter County, OK, d. 27 May 1998 in Melbourne, FL, m. 27 Aug. 1955 in Ardmore, Carter County, OK to Robert Harold KREJCI, a sergeant in the Air Force, b. 17 June 1924 in Chicago, IL, d. 26 Feb. 1979 in Orlando, Orange County, FL, son of Joseph Martin and Gertrude (REICHERT) and the first husband of Sonja CARRELEIN. Doreen-10 had issue:

2129. Sylvia Kaye-11 Krejci, b. 21 May 1952, Soap Lake, Grant County, WA, m. 15 July 1971, Altus AFB, Altus, OK, Douglas James PERRY, b. 13 June 1949, Cresco, Howard County, TX, son of James Elwood and Frances (OLSON). Sylvia-11 and Doug are Air Force career with a home in San Antonio TX, divorced after 15 years and one issue, Doug marrying a Korean girl. Sylvia-11 had issue:
James Patrick-12 Perry, b. 20 Jan. 1976 in San Antonio, Bexar County, TX, d. there on 6 Dec. 1988.
2130. Katherine Ann-11 Krejci, b. on 19 April 1956 in Ardmore, OK, lives Melbourne, FL, m. Tom LAWSON, divorced after one issue: Daniell Cherie-12, b. 10 March 1986.
2131. Robert Harold-11 Krejci, b. 7 April 1958, Fayetteville, Cumberland County, NC, unmarried; graduated Colonial and Boone High School in Orlando; radio operator in navy, stationed in California.
2132. Margaret Jewel-11 Krejci, b. 11 April 1964, Kamp Kue Hospital, Okinawa, m. 1984, Samuel Taylor MOORE, Master Sergeant, over twenty years in AF, b. 5 Nov. 1951 in TN; lives Waynesboro, TN. This is where her fourth great grandfather in 1825 filed for his Revolutionary War pension, over 173 years ago (No. 3, Richard-5). She has issue:
a. Joshua Taylor-12 Moore, b. 24 Nov. 1986 in Melbourne, Brevard County, FL.
b. Jacob Alan-12 Moore, b. 15 Oct. 1991 in Lawrenceburg, TN, same spot where his fourth great grandfather made his 1833 declaration for a Revolutionary War pension.
2133. William Martin-11 Krejci, b. 3 Oct. 1965 in Orlando, FL and lives there with girlfriend and their son, Catherine NICHOLS and Zachary Scott-12 Krejci, b. 20 May 1988 in Orlando, FL.
2134. John Paul Krejci, b. 28 Jan. 1967, Ardmore, OK, unknown.

1776. **Carol Jewel-10 Bearden** (William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 28 May 1938 in Baum, Carter County, OK and lives in Dallas, TX, m. 4 July 1964 in Dallas to Robert Wayne RICHARDS who was b. 28 Sept. 1928 in Brooklyn, NY, son of Finch and Elvira (PUCCIARELLA) and had one issue, m. second in Dec. 1972, Dallas, TX to Dr. Leonard MADISON, b. 11 Feb. 1920, New York, son of Murray and Sara, divorced 1978 without issue.

Carol-10 graduated in 1956 from Ardmore High School and worked for the Ardmore Light and Power Company, for Central Airlines as a stewardess until 1968 when she opened a modeling studio in Dallas. After a modeling career for some leading Dallas stores, she accepted a position as vice president of the Dallas Republic Bank which she represented in public relations. She is now employed in public relations and is active and has served as president of the Toastmistress club, a singing group at the Methodist church, keeps a model home and is an accomplished cook and homemaker. Carol-10 had issue, one:

2135. Brook Heather-11 Richards, b. 27 Aug. 1956 in Dallas, TX, graduated from Garland High School in Garland, m. on Saturday, 18 June 1988, New World Methodist Church, 5134 NW Hwy, Garland, TX, to Robert Omar VERA Jr., the son of Robert Omar Sr. and Veronica (MIR) Vera. Brook-11 had issue, one: Robert Omar-12 Vera III, b. 5 Nov. 1988 in Garland, TX.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 1342 ALVIN LEE-9 AND BETTY MARIE (CORN/ES) BEARDEN

1780. Lois Ailene-10 Bearden (Alvin Lee-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 12 July 1927 in rural area near Ladonia, Fannin County, TX and lives in El Dorado, AR with a vacation home near Evergreen, CO; m. on 2 July 1948 in Hot Springs, AR to Edwin Lee COOK who was b. on 4 July 1918 in Pulaski County, AR, the son of Thomas Lee and Jamie (REYNOLDS). "Edd" is the agent for State Farm Insurance and served in the Marine Air Corps during World War II. Ailene-10 and Edd had issue:

2136. Cheryl Lynn-11 Cook, b. 28 Nov. 1949 in Hot Springs, Garland County, AR; m. on 16 April 1977, Lakewood, Jefferson County, CO, to Kenneth W. ANDERSON, b. 15 Aug. 1948, Emporia, KS, son of Warren Kenneth and Evadell Estelle (LYON). Cheryl-11 is a speech pathologist with a clinic in Evergreen, CO where her husband is a building contractor. They are members of the Methodist Church. Issue b. in Englewood, Arapahoe County, CO: Brett Warren-12 Anderson, b. 29 March 1979; Matthew Lee-12 Anderson, b. 4 Oct. 1983.
2137. Kimberley Edwin-11 Cook, b. 10 April 1952 in Hot Springs, AR, a building contractor in Evergreen, CO, m. there on 21 July 1984 to Lauree Allison LONGO, b. 26 Feb. 1960, Cheverly, Prince George County, MD, daughter of Dovte Alfred and Patricia Norene (WILLIAMS) LONGO. Issue: Andrew Ross-12 COOK, b. 30 Oct. 1990, Jefferson County, Colorado.

TWO DESCENDANTS OF NO. 474 HARDY-7 AND ARPY S. (GAY) BEARDEN**TWO GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 1031 EMILY L. T.-8 BEARDEN AND GEORGE W. HARRISON****TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 1552 HARDY-9 AND KATE (CROWE) HARRISON**

1981. Vera-10 HARRISON (Hardy-9 HARRISON, Emily Lou Tishie-8 BEARDEN, Hardy-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), oldest issue of Hardy-9 and Kate (CROWE), m. Perry County, AL, Henry Posey LEGRONE who died 1944. There are two marriages there for John LEGRONE who m. Nancy LEGRONE 1 Jan. 1832, and William A. LEGRONE m. Martha VAUGHN 27 Nov. 1832. Vera-10 (HARRISON) had issue:

2138. Mary Alice-11 Legrone, b. 18 Sept. 1920, Ridersville, AL, m. 9 Jan. 1938, Lawley, AL to Dutch SMITH, b. 5 Dec. 1914 in Bibb County, AL, son of John A. and Eva (FOSTER), had issue:
- a. Lewis Eugene-12, b. 4 Jan. 1939, Perry County, AL.
 - b. Dora Lanell-12, b. 5 May 1940, Jefferson County, AL.
 - c. Travis Posey-12 Smith, b. 7 Oct. 1943, m. 15 July 1967, Carolyn CRAWFORD, b. 6 Aug. 1947, daughter of Thomas Ervin and Gloria Ann (LEE) Crawford.
2139. Clarice-11 Legrone, m. Elroy PALMER and had issue:
- a. Vivadean-12, m. William WALLACE, had issue, Dale-13, Kevin-13, Deborah-13, Michelle-13, and Pamela-13 WALLACE;
 - b. Elroy-12 PALMER Jr., m. Linda ---- (?), had issue, Nessie-13 and Andrea-13 PALMER.
 - c. Ricky-12 PALMER
 - d. Elmira-12 PALMER
 - e. Joel-12 PALMER
 - f. David-12 PALMER
 - g. Paul-12 PALMER
 - h. Angela-12 PALMER.

2140. Joel Hayward-11 Legrone, b. 25 Nov. 1921, Plantersville, m. 20 Dec. 1945, Birmingham, Effie Lois BELCHER b. 5 March 1928, daughter of Jessee and Minnie Lee (NEW); issue b. Birmingham: Carol Jean-12, b. 28 Sept. 1946; and Jerry Wayne-12, b. 13 Nov. 1957.
2141. Nadine-11 Legrone, m. Clifford HOPKINS and had issue: Larry-12; Steve-12; and Lynne-12 HOPKINS.
2142. Virginia-11 Legrone, m. James RUSH, had Jerry-12 and Marsha-12.
2143. Jessee Ray-11 Legrone, m. Edward FELTY and had: Bryan-12, Susan-12 and Jennifer-12 Felty.
2144. Henry-11 Legrone, m. Janette (?) and had issue: Mike-12, Pat-12, Joe-12, and Sean-12 Legrone.
2145. Catherine Ann-11 Legrone, b. 6 Oct. 1935, Perry County, AL and m. 29 May 1955 in Selma to Robert C. McKEE, b. 25 June 1934, Pinson, AL, the son of gospel minister, Robert Earl and Agnes S. (SPEIGHTS) of Dawson County, GA; had issue:
- a. Sherrie Ann-12, b. 30 Sept. 1958, Columbia, SC.
 - b. Robin Michelle-12, b. 19 Jan. 1962, Birmingham.
 - c. Sandra Yvonne-12 McKEE, b. 6 June 1964.
2146. Myrna Hope-11 Legrone, b. Feb. 1938, Lawley, AL, m. 13 July 1957, Selma, AL Thomas E. BROOKS, b. 28 Sept. 1937, Gadsden, AL, son of Herman Lewis and Ann (WATKINS) Brooks, had issue:
- a. Stanley Earl-12, b. 5 May 1958, Selma, AL.
 - b. Russell Lewis-12, b. 19 Dec. 1959, Carlisle, PA.
 - c. Carla Elaine-12, b. 20 Nov. 1964.
 - d. Dawna Danene-12 BROOKS, b. 4 Sept. 1966, Orlando, FL.
2147. Etha Rea-11 Legrone, youngest issue of Vera-10 HARRISON, b. 13 Nov. 1939, Lawley, AL and m. 1 Dec. 1956, Selma, Darrell Edward PEARSON, b. 2 March 1936 in ID, the son of Emmanuel Edward and his wife, Ruby Dean (HELDERMAN); divorced before 1969 after issue: Darla Kae-12, b. 16 Nov. 1966, Eugene, OR.

1987. Tarva/Tara-10 HARRISON (Hardy-9 HARRISON, Emily Lou Tishie-8 BEARDEN, Hardy-7, William Elexander-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), m. a minister of the Gospel, John Lee DAVIS and had issue:

2148. Marna-11 Davis, b. 23 Sept. 1917, Perry County, AL, m. 1 May 1936, Stanton, Jessee William BENTON, b. 20 March 19--, River Falls AL, son of Otto Stroud and Emma (HARPER). Marna-11 had issue: William Leslie-12, b. 27 Jan. 1939, Maplesville, AL, m. 28 Nov. 1964, Stanton, AL to Edith Faye ROYSTER, daughter of D. W. and Rozelle (CHISM) and had issue, Sheila-13 and Harold Lamar-13 BENTON, b. 11 March 1941, Maplesville; and Thomas Earl-12 BENTON, b. 9 Aug. 1947.
2149. Vivian-11 Davis, m (?) ATCHISON and had: Melanie-12 m. (?) McGLASSION; Mary-12; Marie-12, m. a TURNER; Millie-12, unmarried in 1969; Mike-12; Martie-12; Marlon-12 Atchison.
2150. Hardie-11 Davis, m. (?) MEDDERS/MEADOWS and had issue: Samuel-12; Joel Burt-12; and James Hardy-12 Davis.
2151. Euelle Bell-11 Davis, b. 12 March 1924, Chilton County, AL, m. 19 Feb. 1945 Dallas County, Thomas Blann BELL, b. there 22 June 1925, son of William Thomas and Louise (BOOKER), had issue: Joan Euelle-12, b. 20 Feb. 1949; and Thomas Blann-12 BELL Jr., b. 25 Dec. 1950, Selma, AL.
2152. Mae Belle-11 Davis, b. 26 May 1926 in Chilton County and m. 27 Sept. 1950, Pell City, to Julian Thomas EARGLE who was b. 29 July 1928 at Columbia, SC, the son of Julian Elijah and his wife, Lillie Mae (FULMER) Eargle. Mae Belle-11 had issue: Julian Thomas-12 Jr., b. 16 Jan. 1953; John Olin-12, b. 29 Oct. 1955; and Kenneth Bryan-12 Eargle, b. 24 Jan. 1960.
2153. Tarva Naomi-11 Davis, b. 3 Sept. 1928, Stanton, AL, m. 19 May 1951, Pell City to W. Talmadge Hughey, b. 15 Aug. 1921, Mayo, SC, son of Howard Ladson and Mamie Ellen (CASH) Hughey and had: Talmadge Davis-12, b. 6 Sept. 1955, Spartanburg, SC; John Ladson-12, b. 6 March 1958, Laurens, SC; and David Carlton-12 HUGHEY, b. 5 April 1961, Spartanburg, SC.
2154. Earline-11 Davis, b. 2 May 1931, Stanton, AL and m. 6 June 1950, Pell City, to minister of the Gospel, Harold Lee RICKMAS, b. 4 Jan. 1928, Transylvania County, NC, son of Andrew Cornelius and Flora Pearl (POWELL); had issue, b. Greensboro, NC: Harold Stephen-12, b. 31 March 1954; Byron Timothy-12, b. 18 April 1956; and Rebecca Jill-12, b. 6 April 1958.

2155. Carl Moody-11 Davis, b. 8 Nov. 1935, Stanton, AL, m. 20 June 1958, Talladega County, Billie Faye WYATT b. there 15 March 1936, daughter of George Frank and Vera (BLACK). Issue: Lisa Carol-12, b. 14 Oct. 1960, Tuscaloosa; Karla Gail-12, b. 27 March 1963, Huntsville; and David Lama-12 DAVIS b. Huntsville 28 April 1965.
2156. Morris Lee-12 Davis, b. 7 Dec. 1939, Maplesville, m. 10 June 1967, High Point, NC, Cornelia Vinelle PHILLIPS, b. 8 Jan. 1944, daughter of Jasper Wilbert and Lucia Florine (DILLARD).
2157. Charles Early-11 Davis, m. Cynthia POPE and had issue: Charles Early-12 Jr.; and Brantley-12 Davis.

THREE DESCENDANTS OF NO. 492 VALENTINE GREEN-7 AND HETTY (MORRIS) BEARDEN

THREE GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 1065 JOHN M.-8 AND REBECCA (SIMS) BEARDEN

THREE CHILDREN OF NO. 1617 JOHN MARION-9 AND LOIS D. (BLACKERBY) BEARDEN

2017. **Carlton Elvin-10 Bearden** (John Marion-9, John McClanihan-8, Valentine Green-7, Lovin-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), twin to Ellis Arlton-10, b. 5 Dec. 1920, Harpersville, Shelby County, AL, m. there 7 Oct. 1944, Annie Pearl MINOR, b. 15 Aug. 1924, Clanton, Chilton County, members of Vincent Baptist Church and live in Birmingham with issue b. Birmingham:

2158. Dorothy Christene-11 Bearden, b. 16 Jan. 1949, m. 31 July 1965, Bobby Ray GREEN, divorced 1965: Christi Leigh-12, b. 8 Feb. 1972.
2159. Pamela Joyce-11 Bearden, b. 26 Sept. 1958, m. Paul Eugene LOWERY, b. 6 July 1954, Leeds, Jefferson County, AL had b. Pell City, St. Clair County, AL: Stephen Eugene-12, b. 13 Sept. 1975; Paula Michelle-12, b. 7 Oct. 1979; and Cheryl Renee-12 LOWERY, b. 29 Oct. 1981.
2160. Michael Arlton-11 Bearden, b. 20 Nov. 1960.
2161. Tina Gay-11 Bearden, b. 12 Sept. 1963, Birmingham.

2018. **J. W.-10 Bearden** (John Marion-9, John McClanihan-8, Valentine Green-7, Lovin-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. 5 Feb. 1924, Vincent, Shelby County, AL, m. 28 Oct. 1944 to Helen Mallaide SMITH, who was b. 27 Oct. 1926 at Calcis in Shelby County, AL. J. W.-10 and Helen are members of the Tarrant Baptist Church. They had issue, two:

2162. Kenneth Lee-11 Bearden, b. 20 Jan. 1946, Sylacauga, Talladega County, AL, m. 6 Oct. 1969, Sharon Dawn LANGEVIN, b. 9 Sept. 1949, m. second 6 Aug. 1977, Carolyn MARTIN, b. 6 Nov. 1948; had one issue and stepson: Andrea Dawn-12 BEARDEN, b. 4 Nov. 1970, Birmingham; George Eric-12 SPIVEY, b. 19 Jan. 1967.
2163. Lois Viola-11, b. 7 Feb. 1949, Birmingham, m. 15 Aug. 1970 Robert Gaines TAYLOR b. 20 Jan. 1949, Birmingham, no issue.

2020. **Hubert Stanley-10 Bearden** (John Marion-9, John McClanihan-8, Valentine Green-7, Lovin-6, Arthur-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), issue of John Marion-9 and Lois Demovil (BLACKERBY) Bearden, b. 7 Sept. 1928, Shelby Springs, near Harpersville, Shelby County, AL and m. 1 Aug. 1949, Columbus, MS to Rubye MAGAHA, b. 18 June 1927, Gainesville, FL, daughter of Dr. Arthur Walter Tartt Sr. and his wife, Kate (CASHION) MAGAHA.

They are members of the Homewood Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham and Hubert-10 was a long-time employee and display manager for Sears while Rubye is a talented artist who specializes in portraits. He was the visual merchandise manager of the new Vestavia Hills Sears Store and won several trophies for best dis-

played division; native of Vincent, graduate of Vincent High School, began his career 1952 in display department at Sears in Birmingham.

Rubye is a featured artist in displays, including the Brookfield Hospital Gallery, the Bessemer Medical Clinic; a member of the Birmingham and Gadsden Art Associations and has exhibited her work at Blue Grass Art Association shows in Lexington, KY, Birmingham and Gadsden, and at Eastwood and Vestavia Mall and Botanical Gardens. Oils and pastels are her favorite media, her subject matter includes portraits and still life. Her twin sister, Marye BROWN, at the request of Dr. Leslie Wright, President of Stanford University, painted a portrait of their grandfather, Dr. Arthur W. Magaha who served as president of Howard College and this portrait was hung for the dedication of the President's Room in his honor at the Baptist college. Hubert Stanley-10 and Rubye had issue:

2164. Hubert Terry-11 Bearden of Birmingham, AL, b. on 18 Dec. 1950, Shelby County, AL, m. 3 March 1972, Birmingham, Linda Jean BARNETT, b. there on 25 June 1950, daughter of William Thomas and Mildred (MARTIN), granddaughter of Ira Bryant and Auda Caga (O'NEAL) Barnett, and of Rodney Wilbur and Octavia (SELF) Martin of Blount County, AL and of Cherokee County, GA. The marriage of Terry-11 and Linda was announced in the BIRMINGHAM NEWS on 4 March 1972. His issue was b. Baptist Princeton Hospital, Birmingham: Patrick Kelley-12, b. 26 June 1972; and Connie Paige-12 Bearden, b. Thanksgiving Day 26 Nov. 1981.
2165. Janice Marie-11 Bearden, b. 1 May 1956, Birmingham, was named to Who's Who in American High Schools. This merit achievement award is given to junior and senior high school students and only 1.75% of recommended students are tapped for this high honor for leadership in academic, athletic and community service. She is a salesperson in Birmingham and has done outstanding work in taking a message of concern and hope, through the Wales Goebel Prison ministry, to the Chalkville Youth Services Campus. The young reform school inmates have regular visitors from the Goebel ministry, Southeastern Bible College and local church groups. Jan-11 is a weekly visitor and also makes regular visits to the women at the Jefferson County Jail, another outreach of the Goebel Ministry. Jan's goal is to reach as many girls as possible with her message to keep them out of jail.

ELEVENTH THROUGH THIRTEENTH GENERATION BEARDEN

CONTINUED DESCENDANTS OF NO. 32 JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 36 BENJAMIN-5 AND MOLLY (HARRIS) BEARDEN

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 53 JOHN-6 BEARDEN

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 185 LAMBERT SMITH BEARDEN

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 551 THOMAS WARD BEARDEN

ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 1116 WILLIAM LAMBERT-9 AND MARY S. (GRIFFIN) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 1634 MAGGIE ESTELLE-10 BEARDEN AND GUY H. HATTON

2037. **Garlan H. Augustus-11 HATTON** (Maggie Estelle-10 BEARDEN, William Lambert-9, Thomas Ward-8, Lambert Smith-7, John-6, Benjamin-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), first surviving issue of Maggie Estelle-10 BEARDEN, b. on 24 Dec. 1901 in Chidester, Quachita County, AR and d. on 15 Sept. 1975 in Ft. Worth, Tarrant County, TX, buried there in the Lauraland Cemetery. He m. on 6 July 1920 at Patmos in Hempstead County, AR to Birdie Emma GALLOWAY, who was b. on 12 Jan. 1903 in a rural area of Hempstead County and d. on 2 Oct. 1981 in Ft. Worth, TX, buried beside her husband, the daughter of John and Betty (CRAWFORD) Galloway.

Garlan-11 eloped with Birdie, as her father adored his beautiful daughter and planned for her to marry a substantial man who could give her security. To prevent her from seeing the scrawny farm boy she fancied, he slept on a pallet across the doorway of her room and even walked her to and from the outhouse.

On the fateful day of her elopement, the Galloways had company and the men went to the river bottom to rob a bee tree. Birdie slipped away from the women and walked out on the front porch to the water shelf. She waved at Garlan-11 and he ran through the house where he lived with his parents, picked up his shoes and ran into the woods. Birdie walked back and picked up her shoes and ran across the pasture and into the woods about the time the men returned.

The race was on, but the lovers eluded their pursuers, at one time lying behind a big log as the men with lanterns walked by. They walked five miles to Garlan-11's Aunt Paralee (Foster) Bearden-Hendrix' home, where a cousin took them to Patmos in a buggy, which turned over on a clay hill.

Later, Birdie was asked if she got a wedding ring and she said, "No, Garlan had no money but he bought me two handkerchiefs. That's what he could afford."

As he became older, Garlan-11 was severely handicapped with rheumatoid arthritis of the spine. He made a living by truck farming, managing a country store, trapping, hunting and even a little "bootlegging". He moved to Ft. Worth in 1948 where he was a faithful member of the Baptist Church and worked with the community handicapped program. He and Birdie had issue, six:

2166. Odis Wise-12 Hatton, b. on 4 May 1921 in Shiloh, Hempstead County, AR and d. on 18 Sept. 1982 in Hurst, Tarrant County, TX, buried there in the Blue Bonnet Hill Cemetery, m. on 27 April 1945 in Hope, Hempstead County, AR to Maggie GORDON, who was b. on 1 March 1920 in Bixley, MO, the daughter of George W. and Lula (DAVIDSON). They were members of the Shady Oak Baptist Church in Hurst and had no issue.
- Odis-12 only completed the second grade in school because he was needed to help with the farming and provide for the family. His wife taught him to read and write and he worked for thirty years for General Motors. He was ordained a deacon in the church where John Bobo was minister.
2167. Virginia Hoveta-12 Hatton, was b. on 23 June 1923, Hempstead County, AR and m. on 24 Jan. 1948 in Ft. Worth, TX to Corday Colvin PRICE, son of Thomas and Emma (COLVIN) Price. After a family of four, Corday divorced Virginia-12 and died shortly afterward. Virginia-12, member of the Nazarene Church, worked over thirty-six years for Western Union Telegraph Company in Ft. Worth; had issue, one who is unknown and the following:
- Judith-13, b. 13 Feb. 1951, m. Frank SCARBOROUGH, divorced after one issue, Christopher-14 b. 8 June 1980.
 - Jane-13, b. 23 Nov. 1952, m. 6 June 1979 to Gordon Arthur WRIGHT, no issue in 1985.
 - Joan-13, b. 22 July 1955, Ft. Worth, TX.
 - John Daniel-13 Price, b. 28 July 1958, Palmdale, CA, m. 6 May 1978 to Deborah SMITH and had issue: Chad Daniel-14 Price, b. 17 April 1979.
2168. Josephine Trudy-12 Hatton, b. 7 Feb. 1925, Bodcaw, Nevada County, AR, m. 18 Feb. 1947, Ft. Worth, James Vance ALEXANDER who had two issue by previous marriage, Josephine-12 had issue:
- Larry Dale-13, b. 7 March 1948, m. in Ft. Worth to Shirley (?) and had four unknown issue.
 - David Wayne-13 ALEXANDER, b. 5 March 1955, Ft. Worth, TX.
2169. James-12 Hatton, b. 15 Feb. 1928 Nevada County, AR, m. 24 Sept. 1961, Ft. Worth, Mary JOHNSON, b. 17 Nov. 1940; members there of the Church of Christ. Their issue was born in Ft. Worth: Jania-13, b. 9 Feb. 1971.
2170. Wilton Neal-12 Hatton, b. 7 Dec. 1932 Hempstead County, AR, d. 5 Feb. 1969 in Vietnam, member of Ft. Worth Baptist Church; killed in action, Air Force Crew Chief on secret mission in a EC47 over Plei Ku; plane was missing on 5 Feb. 1969 and located on 19 Oct. 1969; memorial services held Ft. Worth, military services held for him and the nine crew members on 14 Nov. 1969 St. Louis, MO with burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. He m. 6 June 1953, Ft. Worth, Doris Helen RHODES, b. there 13 Jan. 1935,

daughter of Ben and Marie. There is one adopted child: Sheila-13, b. 8 Nov. 1962, m. Leroy RODELIA, had: Emma-14 Rodelia, b. 11 June 1981.

2171. Betty Joyce-12 Hatton, b. on 30 Aug. 1934 at Emmett in Hempstead County, AR, a member of the Ft. Worth Baptist Church; m. on 4 Sept. 1954 in Ft. Worth to Jack V. BROWN, b. 20 Dec. 1928, San Angelo, TX, son of John and Mary (VANDERFORD); had issue:
- a. Barbara Ann-13 Brown, b. on 7 July 1953, m. on 17 March 1979 to Robin William WILLISTEIN, who was b. on 1 Jan. 1956 in Providence, RI. Barbara-13 had issue: Jeremy Adam-14, b. 3 Feb. 1982 in Tucson, Pima County, AZ; and Heather Marie-14 Willistien, b. 6 Feb. 1983 in Tucson.
 - b. Jacqueline Kay-13 Brown, b. on 29 July 1955, San Angelo, a career civil service employee.
 - c. Steven Richard-13 Brown, b. on 23 Dec. 1957, Andrews AFB, m. 18 Sept. 1982 in San Diego, CA to Connie Lee BRIGGS, b. 28 June 1957, San Diego, daughter of Warren Stein and Marty Rose (PARKER) Briggs, latter born in Fremont, NE.
 - d. Donald Ray-13 Brown (TWIN), b. 12 April 1961 in Ft. Worth, lives Tucson, AZ.
 - e. Ronald Lee-13 Brown (TWIN), b. 12 April 1961.

FINIS DESCENDANTS OF NO. 36, BENJAMIN-5 AND MOLLY (HARRIS) BEARDEN

CONTINUED DESCENDANTS OF NO. 32, JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN

SEVEN DESCENDANTS OF NO. 43 RICHARD-5 AND SARAH (BENNETT?) BEARDEN

SEVEN DESCENDANTS OF NO. 96 JACOB-6 AND WINIFRED (SMITH) BEARDEN

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 352 ROBERT KIMSEY-7 AND SEMENTHA (JONES) BEARDEN

ONE DESCENDANT OF NO. 841 ROBERT JEFFERSON-8 AND MARTHA J. (SCOTT) BEARDEN

ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 1305 JOHN KIMSEY-9 AND DESSIE E. (BLACKWOOD) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 1733 IRMA FRANCES-10 BEARDEN AND JOHN F. GATTIS

2102. John Fletcher-11 GATTIS (Irma F.-10 BEARDEN, John K.-9, Robert J.-8, Robert K.-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 25 Sept. 1931 in Crump, Hardin County, TN and m. on 6 Feb. 1949 in Corinth, MS to Dorothy Sue JONES, b. 16 June 1932. In 1989 he and Dorothy were involved in a car accident with a drunk driver, both in hospital for many months, many bones broken, his chest caved in, heart damaged, legs and hip crushed. They live between Fulton, KY and Martin, TN, where he had been employed many years at Turner Dairy and where Dorothy taught their daughters to be excellent homemakers. Issue b. Fulton Hospital, Fulton, KY:

2172. Brenda Sue-12 Gattis, b. 28 Dec. 1949, m. 22 July 1968 in Fulton to Daniel Ray ZICKAFOOSE, b. 3 Nov. 1947. Danny is the pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church and works for Turner Dairy. They have issue, b. Fulton, KY: Delissa Kim-13, b. 9 Jan. 1975; Darrell Andrew-13 Zickafoose, b. 15 Feb. 1980.
2173. Hilda Francine-12 Gattis, b. 4 Oct. 1951, m. 19 July 1973, Fulton, KY to Baptist minister, Donald Glen SMITH, who was b. on 31 May 1947. Hilda-12 had no issue in 1980 and works for the City National Bank in Fulton.
2174. Dessie Irma-12 Gattis, b. on 5 Oct. 1953, m. on 31 Jan. 1972 Robert Joseph MOSS, b. 23 Feb. 1954, d. 13 Dec. 1993, Obion County, TN, divorced on 21 Sept. 1981, one issue: Robert Fletcher-13 Moss, b. on 6 Nov. 1973, m. 19 July 1997, Lisa Renee GWIN.
2175. Rose Marie-12 Gattis, b. on 16 May 1965 and m. on 8 May 1976 to Dr. David Lonnie MANESS, a practicing physician in (Martin, TN?). Rose-12 won the Banana Festival Princess Hostess contest in South Fulton in 1982; won the title at Union City in Obion County, TN, "Fairest of the Fairest". She is an excellent wife and a registered nurse.

CONTINUED DESCENDANTS OF NO. 32 JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN**CONTINUED DESCENDANTS OF NO. 43 RICHARD-5 AND SARAH (BENNETT?) BEARDEN****CONTINUED DESCENDANTS OF NO. 96 JACOB-6 AND WINIFRED (SMITH) BEARDEN****SIX DESCENDANTS OF NO. 353 JAMES JASPER-7 AND MARY J. (RAINEY) BEARDEN****SIX DESCENDANTS OF NO. 849 ERVIN KENNETH-8 & CORA BELL (WEATHERS) BEARDEN****SIX GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 1339 WILLIAM IRA-9 AND BESSIE J. (SCHELL) BEARDEN****A. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 1768 BERTHA IRENE-10 BEARDEN AND JOHN HERBERT F. KELLER**

2107. Herbert Kenneth-11 KELLER (Bertha Irene-10 BEARDEN, William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), much information in KELLER KONNECTIONS as he is of Keller descent also. He was b. on 19 June 1937 in the little community of Baum in Carter County, OK, eighteen miles northeast of the city of Ardmore. He was born in his grandparents' home, built of native logs, delivered by Dr. Herbert Higgins (see HUNTER FAMILY for Dr. HIGGINS) who had waded Camp Creek to get there from his home in Ardmore. Kenneth-11, as he is known, was called a "blue baby" because he was premature, but he was the most beautiful thing that had happened to his parents and he has been a source of joy and a delight to them since his entrance into their world.

Kenneth-11 married on 28 Jan. 1957 in the Sterling Church of Christ in the county of Logan and the state of Colorado, to Darlene Clair HULL, who was b. on 9 July 1939 in Rushville, Sheridan County, NE, the daughter of Clair and Rose (KRATOVIL) and the granddaughter of Joseph and Emma Kratovil. Darlene m. second Hubert Ray MOOSO, m. third Rick NORTHRUP, divorced without issue; she was educated in the Gordon, NE and Loveland, CO schools and has worked as a forelady for the electronic corporation of Hewlett-Packard and secretary for KOA in Greeley, CO, living in Loveland, CO.

Kenneth-11 m. second on 24 Oct. 1969 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, WY to Kathleen Ann WIEGERT, b. 1935 in Wahoo, NE, the daughter of John and Anne and they had issue, one. "Kathy" had married first to Richard MILLER and had issue, four, m. third Paul BABB and went immediately to Oregon where she has lived since 1970.

Kenneth-11 m. third on 15 Dec. 1972, Bridal Chapel, Loveland, Larimer County, CO to Linda Louise (RUDISIL) KOSMICKE, who was b. on 11 Aug. 1948 in Dalton, Cheyenne County, NE, the daughter of Maynard Clair and Margaret (MITCHELL) of Broadwater in Morrill County, NE; the granddaughter of Charles William and Anna Riglin (SHOEMAKER) Rudisil and of Roy Raymond and Alice (BROWN) Mitchell.

Linda was the first wife of Russell T. KOSMICKE. She graduated from Broadwater Elementary School, Bridgeport High School, Chadron State College, Chadron, NE and Scottsbluff, NE Cosmetology College. Later she was sent to New York by the Colorado Division of Kodak for training in accounting and was employed by Kodak in Colorado until she and Kenneth-11 purchased the Chuck Wagon Smorgasbord Restaurant in Scottsbluff, NE in 1976. She has worked in her field of accounting and now uses that ability in the business of motel management for Best Western and Days End Motels.

Kenneth-11 attended elementary school in Liberal, KS and the old Garfield School in Loveland, CO, the latter where his own children attended and now his granddaughter is in attendance. He attended high school in Sterling, CO and graduated in the spring of 1955 from Loveland High School where his first grandchild will hopefully graduate in the spring of 1999. He had a career as reservationist for the Burlington Northern Railroad and later spent twenty years in law enforcement, first as a city policeman for the city of Loveland in Colorado where he worked seven days a week and was called out for all emergencies.

He spent eleven years in the sheriff's office in Ft. Collins, CO, starting when they worked six days a week and there was no overtime pay. He was promoted to captain and retired from law enforcement in 1976. Since that time he and his family have owned and operated a restaurant and managed motels, for six years in the beautiful Rocky Mountains in Dillon, CO, where the skiing, snow and ice recreation, boating, fishing and hunting are enjoyed the year around, and where their lives were spent on the beautiful shores of Lake Dillon. They are now living and working with Days End Motel in Sidney, NE (1998). Kenneth-11 had issue by three marriages, six:

*2176. Kevin Herbert-12 Keller.

*2177. Denise Rose-12 Keller.

*2178. Kenneth Lane-12 Keller.

2179. Dawn Renee-12 Keller, our forever and beloved baby, was b. on 9 Sept. 1962 in the old Loveland Memorial Hospital and d. on 11 Sept. 1962 in her parents' home in Loveland, buried "Babyland", Loveland City Cemetery.
2180. Jennifer Ann-12 Keller, only issue of Kenneth-11 and his second wife, was b. on 25 Aug. 1970 in Loveland Memorial Hospital and lived with her mother and stepfather in Oregon. (Note 1998: She is now married, and lives in California).
2181. Jason Andrew Rudisil-12 Keller, was b. on 13 July 1972 in the Poudre Valley Hospital, Ft. Collins, Larimer County, CO and graduated from Summit High School in Frisco, Summit County, Colorado. He attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, studied aviation and has continued in that field in a school of aviation in Colorado Springs, CO and has piloted an airplane in the "wilds" of Alaska (bush pilot); now piloting from Salt Lake, UT. He is an avid reader of anything pertaining to airplanes and is a model airplane enthusiast.

2108. Alice Lucille-11 KELLER (Bertha Irene-10 BEARDEN, William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), see KELLER CONNECTIONS for more information, second issue and first daughter of Bertha Irene-10 BEARDEN and her husband, John Herbert Franklin KELLER, b. on 7 Jan. 1939 in a rural area near Prairie Grove in Washington County, AR. Alice-11 m. on Easter Sunday, 6 April 1958, West Cedar Church of Christ, Denver, CO by Gospel minister, Jackie Ray to Robert Dean GAY, b. 27 May 1940 on his grandparents' farm near St. Paul in Howard County, NE and where they lived until Dec. 1991.

Robert D. Gay is the son of Paul Everett and Edna Viola (NEILSEN) and the grandson of Jens L. and Bertha (CASSELL) Neilsen and of Henry and Nettie (EDWARDS) Gay, the great grandson of Carl and Christine (LARSEN) Neilsen, William and Martha (CASSELL) Neilsen from the Old Country of Denmark and of Paul Everett Gay and his wife, an EDWARDS from Missouri.

Bob graduated from the St. Paul, NE schools and enlisted in the Air Force where he served as a technical sergeant until he retired, serving two enlistments in Germany, Montana and Greenland. He then worked for the Air National Guard at Buckley Field near Denver and when the reserves were called up for active duty during the Vietnam War, he was sent to Vietnam for the duration. He was badly injured by a bomb explosion, lost most sight in his left eye and has terrific headaches but his ambition is undimmed. He works steadily at anything he can and as a pastime, he uses his hands and poor eye sight to piece beautiful quilts and make cedar chests.

Alice-11 graduated from Sterling, Colorado Elementary School and Manual High School in Denver and married soon afterward. She has worked as a dietician for the state of Missouri and as the administrative assistant for the Girl Scouts of America, office located in a scenic area near Little Rock, AR.

She was badly injured as a young person when the school house roof fell in when she was in the last year of elementary school and her back was broken. The twenty pound (we weighed it when it was removed) cast she wore was heavy and excruciatingly painful. Moreover, a bigger tragedy was a story by a classmate that she was "expecting" because her clothing over the cast looked like maternity clothing. It was a traumatic experience from which she has never fully recovered. The newspapers sent photographers and reporters and the story and pictures were

carried by the Associated Press. The worst tragedy for her is the fact the bills were paid by her parents and she has had many operations, spending her life in pain and without any financial help as a result of the accident.

Alice-11 and Bob have enjoyed semi-retirement in St. Paul, NB, which is located a few miles from the place where Bob was born. In 1991, they purchased lots and a home on the beautiful Lake O' the Pines near Jefferson, TX, and still own a home in Erikson, Nebraska.

Bob indulges his hobbies and continues his work of rebuilding automobiles, etc. and maintains a farm and farming equipment on a farm near Erikson, NE. Alice-11 reads, cooks, shops and is an excellent homemaker.

Alice-11 and her husband, Robert Dean Gay Sr., had issue:

*2182. Robert Dean-12 Gay Jr.

*2183. Annaliese Irene Gay.

*2184. Alissa Ann-12 Gay.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 1769 CORA ALICE-10 BEARDEN AND MARVIN MERRELL COLLIER

2111. Gloria Sue-11 COLLIER (Cora Alice-10 BEARDEN, William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 19 July 1943 in Baum, Carter County, OK and m. on 21 Aug. 1964 in her parents' home in Ritzville, Adams County, WA, to Royce Eldon DUNCAN, who was b. on 13 Oct. 1931 in Meade, KS, the son of Earnest and Hazel Caroline (BOWLING) Duncan, divorced after one issue. Roy m. second Lorna (?) and m. third Cecilia (?) and was a city fireman in Spokane, WA. Sue-11 m. second to Richard HONDA, divorced with no issue, m. third 1995, Virgene BORNHOLDT. Roy and Sue-11 are of the same descent, Duncan, Morehead and Mauzy families, she through her grandmother, Bessie J. (SCHELL) Bearden (WEATHERS FAMILY, under No. 1274, William I.-9; and 1811, 1890 Bessie J.-10 SCHELL).

Sue-11 graduated from the Ritzville, WA public schools and obtained an AS Degree from Ricks College in Rexburg, ID, after which she earned a diploma from a school of cosmetology and attended Washington University studying psychology, now works for a firm of attorneys in Seattle, WA. Sue-11 had issue, one:

2185. Karen Eileen-12 Duncan, b. 21 Feb. 1967 in Columbus, Bartholomew County, IN and, interestingly, this is near the same spot where Karen-12's third great grandfather, William SCHELL, was born about one hundred and forty years before her own birth there. It is the same spot where some Morehead/Mauzy descendants who intermarried with the Duncans and Schells went to at that time in history. Karen-12 lives in the home left to her by her grandfather Collier in Ritzville, WA with issue:

a. Jennifer Leigh-13 DUNCAN, born 5 Sept. 1982 in Everett, Snohomish County, WA.

b. Cory Ann-13 PETKE b. 20 Jan. 1986 Redmond, King County WA.

C. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 1770 DOROTHY MODELL-10 BEARDEN & CHESTER BLAN DAVIS

2113. Gary Gene-11 DAVIS (Dorothy Modell-10 BEARDEN, William I.-9, Ervin K.-8, James J.-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 11 Dec. 1942 in the Ardmore hospital, Carter County, OK, m. 8 Oct. 1961 near Quanah in Hardeman County, TX to Karla Ruth GLOVER, b. 10 June 1943 near Quanah, TX, the daughter of William Homer and Florence Ann (FITZ) Glover.

Both Gary-11 and Karla graduated from the Quanah Elementary and High Schools. Gary-11 has had a fulfilling career for AVIAL, a division of Ryder Truck Company, for twenty-five years and Texas Instruments in the

records department and additionally, he has a printing business on the side. He and Karla have raised their family where they reside in Garland, TX:

2186. Tamara Carol-12 Davis, b. 8 Jan. 1964, San Diego, CA while her father was in the US Navy. She lives and works Garland, TX. "Tammy"-12 m. on 4 July 1982 in the First Methodist Church, Rockwell, TX to Edwin Sterling MORGAN, who was b. in Nov. 1962 in Texas, the son of Edwin H. Morgan, divorced after one issue and m. second 9 Nov. 1991 to Michael Ray ROGERS who was b. on 9 Oct. 1963. "Tammy"-12 had issue:
- a. Edwin Sterling-13 Morgan, b. 7 March 1984 in Dallas, TX.
 - b. Kyle Jerriod-13 Rogers, b. 11 Jan. 1993.
 - c. Chance Michael-13 Rogers, b. 24 July 1995, Presbyterian Hospital., Dallas.
2187. Gary Michael-12 Davis, b. 17 March 1965 in Hardeman County, TX, lives in Garland, m. Saturday, 21 March 1987, Our Redeemer Church, 7611 Park Lane, Dallas, Pamela Elaine STURGEON, b.3 Dec. 1967, daughter of Rodney G., divorced, had issue, one, m. again unknown and had issue one, both b. Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas, TX: Amanda Leigh-13, b. on 16 July 1987; and Dusty Michael-13, b. 4 Feb. 1996.
2188. Kristi Suzanne-12 Davis, was b. on 25 June 1972 in Dallas, graduated from Garland Elementary and High School, m. on 13 April 1991 in Garland, TX to Michael Young CROMEENS, who was b. on 14 March 1971. Kristi-11 had issue:
- a. Kacy Kristine-12, b. 7 June 1992, Memorial Hospital, Mesquite, TX.
 - b. Ashley Michelle-13, b. 14 Sept. 1994.
 - c. Dillon Young-13 CROMEENS, b. 24 (30?) Aug. 1995.

2116. Sheila Zonell-11 DAVIS (Dorothy Modell-10 BEARDEN, William I.-9, Ervin K.-8, James J.-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 10 Aug. 1950 in Quanah, Hardeman County, TX and lives near Dallas, TX; worked for the telephone company there.

She m. on 15 Feb. 1969 in Dallas, TX to William Mack MATNEY, who was b. on 21 Nov. 1946 in Ft. Worth, TX, the son of Carl M. and Gladys (ALLEN) Matney, whose first wife was Dorothy PEDERSON. Sheila-11 and Bill had three issue, divorced and Sheila m. second to Scott ROSS and had no issue, divorced:

2189. Sean Ashley-12 Matney, was b. on 15 June 1968 in Dallas, TX and served as a Seal in the United States Navy on the USS Ranger on the Red Sea while the war with Iraq was raging. He m. on 22 Dec. 1989 in Allan, Collin County, TX to Jennifer Ann TAYLOR, who was b. on 27 Nov. 1970 in Concord, CA, the daughter of Alfred Laurence III (b. 15 Dec. 1939) and Judith Ann (BAGLEY) Taylor (b. 21 July 1942). Sean-12 is divorced without issue as of Sept. 1998, still in U. S. Navy.
2190. Seanna Michelle-12 Matney, was b. on 28 Jan. 1970 in Dallas, TX and lives in Hot Springs, AR; m. on 3 Nov. 1989 in Chapel of Love, Grand Prairie, TX to John Ronald HURST, who was b. on 25 Dec. 1967 in Hamlin, TX, the son of John Ronald Sr. (b. 15 May 1948, Corpus Christi, TX) and Quita Donnell (KELLY) Hurst (b. 9 July 1948, Ratan, TX, m. 15 Aug. 1966, divorced 20 May 1968). Seanna-12 m. second, Brent Roach. She had issue:
- a. Jeffrey Scott-13 CARNES, b. 18 Aug. 1988, North Texas Medical Center, McKinney, TX, the son of Seanna-12 Matney and Ernest R. CARNES Jr, lives with his father in Dallas.
 - b. Brittainy McCall-13 Hurst, b. 2 May 1991, St. Paul Hospital, Dallas, TX, 6 lbs, 4 ozs, 19 inches long.
 - c. Haley HURST, b. 31 Jan. 1993, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, TX.
2191. Sheree Lynn-12 Matney, was b. on 18 Sept. 1974 in McKinney, Collin County, TX. m. Charles FITE, had Tristian Blake-13, b. 12 Jan. 1998, lives in Hot Springs, AR.

D. ONLY CHILD OF NO. 1771 ONA MAE-10 BEARDEN AND CHARIS JONES

2117. **Charles Buck-11 Jones** (Ona Mae-10 BEARDEN, William I.-9, Ervin K.-8, James J.-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), was b. on 1 July 1943 in this writer's home at 1716 Roosevelt, Loveland, Larimer County, CO. "Buck" and "Charley" as he is known, has a soft spot in the writer's heart as she nursed him carefully and fed him with an eye dropper before Loveland had a hospital and had only one doctor. He m. on 22 March 1963 in Oklahoma City, OK to Judith Kay WILSON, who was b. there in 1945. They had one issue, divorced, and he m. second in 1974, Hinton, Custer County, OK to Judith CARL, who was b. there on 19 Aug. 1952, the daughter of Frank C. and Lola Carl; m. third to Betty HOLT. Charles'-11 first and second wife have remarried, the first has issue in Oklahoma City, his second lives Weatherford, OK.

Charles-11 has lived in Ardmore, Carter County, OK, where he owned the Southern Fence Company and "Johnny On The Spot" (portable potties), plus a flea market. He was in a terrible accident in Oct. 1991 and spent several months in the hospital. Charles-11 had issue by two marriages:

2192. Debra Lynn-12 Jones of Oklahoma City, OK, was b. on 26 Dec. 1963 in Oklahoma City and m. there to Robert BOZARTH and had living issue:
 a. Alicia-13 Bozarth, b. on 14 May 1989 in Oklahoma City, OK.
 b. Erica Nicole-13 Bozarth, b. on 20 Dec. 1991, Oklahoma City, OK.
2193. Gentry-12 Jones, adopted daughter of Charles-11 Jones and the daughter of his second wife "Judy" Carl, was b. 14 April 1972, Weatherford, OK, married there to the high school coach.
2194. Charles Franklin-12 Jones, the first issue of Charles B.-11 Jones by his second marriage, was b. on 29 Sept. 1975 in Weatherford, Custer County, OK and lives in Garland, TX with his grandmother.
2195. Cody Buck-12 Jones, the third natural born issue of Charles Buck-11 Jones, was b. on 28 May 1980 in Ardmore, Carter County, OK. This little angel died on Sunday morning, 9 Aug. 1981 after much suffering with leukemia. Cody-12's funeral was held from Soul's Harvest Pentecostal Church in Ardmore, OK and his body laid to rest on 11 Aug. 1981 in the peaceful and beautiful Bearden section of the Young Cemetery, located between Ardmore and Sulphur. This is where Cody-12's great-great grandmother (Alice Bell (BUNCH) SCHELL), his great grandparents (William I.-9 and his wife (ninety-seven year old Bessie Jewel (SCHELL) SMITH-BEARDEN-PRESLEY), his great uncle (Roscoe M.-10 BEARDEN) are buried. Cody-12's father has fenced this old pioneer cemetery with a twelve foot chain link fence, a substantial gate, and is instrumental in seeing that this most beautiful spot is well cared for in memory of his valiant little sunbeam of a young son who fought the dark shadow of death, but who God needed up there in His Kingdom.

E. ONE CHILD OF NO. 1773 HAZEL EDNA-10 BEARDEN AND JOHN KNOX PIERCE

2121. **Sherry Lynn-11 PIERCE** (Hazel Edna-10 BEARDEN, William-Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), b. on 27 Jan. 1951 near Mannsville in Johnston County, OK, lives Tucson, AZ, graduated there from Catalina High School, a licensed practical nurse. She m. there to Joe HAYWARD b. 27 Jan. 1952, divorced and Joe remarried in Alaska where they lived. Sherry-11 remarried and divorced in Tucson. Her issue:

2196. Teresa Hazel-12 HAYWARD, b. 21 Feb. 1973, Tucson, m. there to Darin McRAE and had one issue; m. second, Dennis Lee PARKER, one issue: Courtney Jolene-13 McRAE; and Cara Ventura-13 PARKER.
2197. Aaron-12 HAYWARD, b. 14 Dec. 1975 in Anchorage, Alaska.

**CONTINUED DESCENT OF NO. 32 JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN
THROUGH NO. 43 RICHARD-5 AND SARAH (BENNETT?) BEARDEN
THROUGH NO. 96 JACOB-6 AND WINIFRED (SMITH) BEARDEN
THROUGH NO. 353 JAMES JASPER-7 AND MARY J. (RAINEY) BEARDEN
THROUGH NO. 849 ERVIN KENNETH-8 AND CORA BELL (WEATHERS) BEARDEN
THROUGH NO. 1339 WILLIAM IRA-9 AND BESSIE J. (SCHELL) BEARDEN**

**I. SIX GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 1768 BERTHA IRENE-10 BEARDEN
AND JOHN HERBERT FRANKLIN KELLER**

A. THREE CHILDREN OF NO. 2107 HERBERT KENNETH-11 AND DARLENE C. (HULL) KELLER

2176. Kevin Herbert-12 KELLER (Herbert Kenneth-11 KELLER, Bertha Irene-10 BEARDEN, William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?) was b. on 7 Aug. 1957, St. Anthony Hospital, Denver, CO and lived and managed condominiums in Breckenridge, Summit County, CO where he and his family liked the climate, the good water and pure air, ice sports, biking, hiking, skiing, etc. He m. on 30 Aug. 1980 in Ely, White Pine County, NV to Lorie Ann RIGGS, who was b. on 26 Jan. 1962 in Statesboro, Bullock County, GA, the daughter of Franklin Howard and Sandra Jean (KEENEN) and the granddaughter of Jonathan and Jacqueline (DETTINGER) Keenan.

Kevin-12 was divorced after one issue and Lorie m. second to Thomas NOWAK, divorced after one issue. Kevin-12 m. second on Saturday, 15 Oct. 1988 in Lord of the Mountains Church, Dillon, Summit County, CO, Hwy. 6 and Evergreen, Christene Louise BENSON, b. 25 Feb. 1964 near Rifle, CO, the daughter of Arcadius and Sandra (TILLOTSON) Benson, divorced. (Note: Kevin now, 1998, lives on Lake O' The Pines, Jefferson, TX, works in Marshall, TX).

Kevin-12 graduated from Sherri-Mar Elementary and Loveland High School in Loveland, CO and earned a certificate in welding from the Vocational-Technical College in Loveland and has worked variously at that, construction and maintenance until he and Chris started managing motels and condominiums in Summit County. Chris now is the 911 operator for the police department in Breckenridge, CO. Kevin-12 had one issue, first marriage:

2198. Ian Matthew-13 Keller, a brown-eyed and adorable great grandson of the writer, b. on 11 June 1981 in the West Nebraska General Hospital, Scottsbluff, Scottsbluff County, NE. He lived with his father and did go to school in the ski resort town of Breckenridge, CO. (Note: He now lives with his maternal grandmother in Loveland, CO).

2177. Denise Rose-12 KELLER (Herbert Kenneth-11 KELLER, Bertha Irene-10 BEARDEN, William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), first daughter of Kenneth-11 and Darlene (HULL) Keller, was b. on 13 Oct. 1958 in St. Anthony Hospital, Denver, CO and lives with her family in Loveland, Larimer County, CO; she m. there on 8 Nov. 1980 in the Sweetheart Chapel to Patrick Lynn CAHILL who was b. on 10 Nov. 1954 in Platte, Charles Mix County, SD, the son of Harold Aloyios and Dara LaVon (FIELD).

Denise-12 graduated from the new Thompson Valley High School in Loveland after having attended the same schools her father had in Loveland when he started school there in 1942. She has been steadily employed by the electronic plant of Hewlett-Packard and she and her husband own and operate a restaurant and doughnut shop in Windsor, CO where the Kodak-Colorado plant is located. Denise-12 and Pat had issue, two:

2199. Ryan Patrick-13 Cahill, the first born great grandchild of the writer, blonde, blue-eyed, handsome and lovable, b. 10 May 1981 in the new McKee Medical Center, Loveland, CO, attended same Garfield Elementary School where his grandfather started school in 1942, now in the new high school.
2200. Kelsi Dawn-13 Cahill, Kenneth-11's first precious and beautiful granddaughter, was b. on Saturday, 6 Oct. 1990, McKee Medical Center, Loveland, two months premature. She now goes to school in the same Garfield Elementary school where her grandfather Keller and her mother started to school, living just across the street from the school.

2178. **Kenneth Lane-12 KELLER** (Herbert Kenneth-11 KELLER, Bertha Irene-10 BEARDEN, William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?) was b. on 23 Oct. 1955 in the old Loveland Memorial Hospital. He graduated from Scottsbluff High School in Scottsbluff, NE and went to Chadron Nebraska State College for three years. He is an aspiring actor, has worked in some of the largest hotels in the country, now has his own business known as "Taskmaster" in Loveland, CO. He can build or fix anything that's fixable with quality workmanship. He is "modern" and has issue with his very lovely girlfriend, Jacqueline Jo Monica POST who was b. on 24 Dec. 1962, Mankato, MN, the daughter of Jacob Raymond and Mary Catherine (ANDERSON) Post:

2201. Dylan Layne-13 Keller, our adorable blonde and blue-eyed great grandson, b. 16 March 1991, San Diego, CA, lives with his mother who is a registered nurse in Denver, Colorado.

B. THREE CHILDREN OF NO. 2108 ALICE LUCILLE-11 KELLER AND ROBERT D. GAY

2182. **Robert Dean-12 GAY** (Alice Lucille-11 KELLER, Bertha Irene-10 BEARDEN, William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), for more details see **KELLER KONNECTIONS** as he is of Keller descent. He was b. on 23 April 1960 in Landstuhl, Germany, m. on 29 Dec. 1986 in Cheju-Do Island, known as the Hawaii of Korea, to Yung Yun MOON SONG, who was b. there in 1963, the daughter of Song Hwa Moon and his wife Kim Han-Po. Mr. Moon is in government service and owns a successful farm where he makes delicious honey and raises high grade fruits and vegetables on the beautiful Cheju-Do Island. Robert-12's parents went there for his wedding and while there they traveled the country.

Robert-12 graduated from Cassville, Missouri High School in Barry County and from David Lipscomb Christian College in Nashville, was commissioned a lieutenant and then named as the youngest captain in the Air Force and, because of his work in the church and with crippled children, he was named in "Whose Who In America". They have lived in Omaha, NE, and in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is now an F. B. I. agent for the Justice Department stationed in Little Rock, AR. Robert and Yung Yun had issue:

2202. Gloria Ann-13 Gay, a beautiful and precious half-Korean, b. 17 April 1990, the Omaha Military Hospital, Omaha, NE.
2203. Paul Robert-13 Gay, our dearly beloved great grandson was b. on 18 Nov. 1991 in the Honolulu Hospital.

2183. **Annaliese Irene-12 GAY** (Alice Lucille-11 KELLER, Bertha Irene-10 BEARDEN, William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), for detailed data see **KELLER KONNECTIONS** by this writer. "Annie", as she is known, was b. on 25 Jan. 1962 in the Loveland Memorial Hospital, Larimer County, CO and m. on her grandparents' fifty-second wedding anniversary (the writer) at two o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday the 30th of July in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, Grey Stone Baptist Church in Durham, NC, the same church where her bridegroom's family had worshipped for many generations, to James Victor TURNER.

"Jay", as he is known, was born on 31 Aug. 1964 in Burlington, Alamance County, NC, the son of James Lee and Jean Annette (JOHNSON) Turner. Jay graduated from Orange High School in 1982, attended college and has been employed in printing and publishing in Las Vegas where he went with a band in 1984.

They have returned to Hillsborough, NC where he attended the Guilford Technical Community College and graduated law enforcement and is employed by the state of North Carolina. (Note: He is now employed in computer science with the IBM Company).

"Annie"-12 graduated from the Cassville, Barry County, Missouri public schools, attended David Lipscomb College in Nashville, TN for two years, transferring to Harding University in Searcy, AR, from which she graduated with a major in education in 1985. She went immediately to Las Vegas, NV where she administered and taught in the Southern Nevada Christian Academy (Church of Christ) for five years before going to Hillsborough, NC with her husband and where she continues as an elementary school teacher. "Annie" had issue, Turner:

2204. Jayme Lee-13, our precious red-haired and blue-eyed great grandson, was b. on Thursday, 28 Oct. 1993 in Hillsborough, NC. 6 lbs, 19 3/4 in. long

2184. Alissa Ann-12 GAY (Alice Lucille-11 KELLER, Bertha Irene-10 BEARDEN, William Ira-9, Ervin Kenneth-8, James Jasper-7, Jacob-6, Richard-5, John-4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?), more data in KELLER KONNECTIONS by writer. Alissa, the third and youngest issue of Alice L.-11 Keller, was b. on 30 March 1966 in Rose Memorial Hospital in Denver and lives with her family in Humble, TX, near Houston, where her husband is district manager for AMC Theaters. (NOTE: In 1998 Kevin was transferred to Camden, NJ). She m. on 10 May 1986 in the Church of Christ in Poteau, Leflore County, OK to Kevin Wade BENTLEY, b. there 11 Oct. 1966, the son of Benjamin and Nancy Lillian (CLARK) Bentley.

Alissa-12 graduated from Central Arkansas Christian Elementary and High School in Little Rock, AR and both she and her husband obtained Bachelor Degrees from Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City, Kevin graduated later with a masters degree in business and marketing. Alissa-12 and Kevin had issue:

2205. Julya Hope-13 Bentley, blue-eyed, beautiful, charming and lovable, a first grandchild for Alice L.-11 Keller and her husband Robert D. Gay, the thirteenth generation of the Beardens in America, was born on 3 June 1988 in the Edmond Hospital, Edmond, OK.
2206. Benjamin Robert-13 Bentley, our beloved and welcomed blue-eyed and blonde great grandson, was b. on 2 Oct. 1990 in the Edmond Memorial Hospital.
2207. Macie McKenzie-13 Bentley, our lovely, loving and perfect great grandchild, was b. on 29 Sept. 1993, 8 lbs. and 1 oz., in the Houston Hospital, Houston, TX.

**THE FOLLOWING GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF THE WRITER AND HER SIBLINGS
COMPOSE THIRTEEN BEARDEN GENERATIONS IN AMERICA:**

Ian Matthew KELLER-13 (No. 2198)
 Ryan Patrick-13 and Kelsi Dawn-13 CAHILL (Nos. 2199 and 2200)
 Dylan Layne-13 KELLER (No. 2201)
 Gloria Ann-13 and Paul Robert-13 GAY (Nos. 2202 and 2203)
 Jayme Lee-13 TURNER (No. 2204)
 Julya Hope-13, Benjamin Robert-13 and Macie McKenzie BENTLEY (Nos. 2205, 2206 and 2207)
 Jennifer Leigh-13 DUNCAN and Cory Ann-13 PETKE (under No. 2185)
 Edwin Sterling-13 MORGAN, Kyla and Chance ROGERS (under No. 2186)
 Amanda Leigh-13 and Dusty Michael-13 DAVIS (under No. 2187)
 Kacy Kristine-13, Ashley-13 and Dillon-13 CROMEENS (under No. 2188)
 Jeffrey Scott-13 CARNES, Brittainy M. & Haley HURST (under No. 2190)
 Tristain Blake-13 FITE (under No. 2191)
 Alicia-13 and Erica Nicole-13 BOZARTH (under No. 2192)
 Courtney Jolene Lynn-13 McRAE and Cara Ventura-13 PARKER (under No. 2196)

THE WRITER AND COMPILER'S THIRTEEN BEARDEN GENERATIONS IN AMERICA

John-1 and Elizabeth (?) BEARDEN/BURDEN (No. 2)
 Benjamin-2 and Zeriuah (WINTER) BEARDEN/BURDEN (No. 9)
 Benjamin-3 and Abigail (GRAVES/GROVER) BEARDEN/BURDEN (No. 12)
 John-4 and Lettice (WINN) BEARDEN/BURDEN (No. 32)
 Richard P.-5 and Sarah (BENNETT?) BEARDEN/BEARDING (No. 43)
 Jacob-6 and Winifred (SMITH) BEARDEN (No. 96)
 James Jasper-7 and Mary J. (RAINEY) BEARDEN (No. 353)
 Ervin Kenneth-8 and Cora B. (WEATHERS) BEARDEN (No. 849)
 William Ira-9 and Bessie J. (SCHELL) BEARDEN (No. 1339)
 Bertha Irene-10 BEARDEN and John Herbert Franklin KELLER (No. 1768)
 Herbert K.-11, Alice L.-11 and Helen F.-11 KELLER (Nos. 2107, 2108 and 2109)
 Kevin H.-12, Denise R.-12, Kenneth L.-12, Dawn R.-12, Jennifer A.-12 and Jason A.-12 KELLER
 (Nos. 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180 and 2181); Robert D.-12, Annaliese-12 and Alissa A.-12 GAY
 (Nos. 2182, 2183 and 2184)
 Ian M.-13 KELLER (No. 2198); Ryan P.-13 and Kelsi D.-13 CAHILL (Nos. 2199 and 2200); Dylan
 L.-13 KELLER (No. 2201); Gloria A.-13 and Paul R.-13 GAY (Nos. 2202 and 2203); Jayme L.-13
 TURNER (No. 2204); Julya H.-13, Benjamin R.-13 and Macie M.-13 BENTLEY (Nos. 2205, 2206
 and 2207)

**FINIS DESCENDANTS OF NO. 32, JOHN-4 AND LETTICE (WINN) BEARDEN
THROUGH SON, NO. 43, RICHARD AND SARAH (BENNETT) BEARDEN**

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Person No. 103, as compiled herein, "Betsy"-6 Bearden, due to late information which has come to this writer's attention, should be compiled under Person No. 36, Benjamin-5 Bearden as the probable daughter of Person No. 55, William-6 Bearden. Person No. 59, Charles-6, was not married until 1807 and "Betsy" was b. 1804-1805; therefore, she was not his daughter. Because of the time and location of her marriage, which placed her with the person compiled herein as No. 43, Richard-5 Bearden, she was presumed to be his daughter. If, as the information now indicates, she is the daughter of William-6, then Richard-5 is her great uncle and she is in the seventh generation and should be compiled under Person No. 55, William-6.

This makes sense as "Betsy" went with her family to the state of Mississippi about the same time as did the person compiled herein as No. 199, Jeremiah-7 Bearden, who would be her brother if she was the daughter of No. 55, William-6 Bearden. The conclusion is that she should be compiled herein with Persons No. 197 through 203, thus:

Elizabeth "Betsy"-7 Bearden (William-6, Benjamin-5, John 4, Benjamin-3, Benjamin-2, John-1?) b. 1805 in AL according to the 1850 census taken in Montgomery County, TN. The place is questionable as her issue say she was b. in NC. After her husband's untimely death in the state of MS, she lived amongst Benjamin-5's children and grandchildren in Montgomery County, TN: Thomas, Issac, William Jr. and Haywood BEARDEN.

According to her husband's old Bible (submitted to VALLEY LEAVES by Mrs. James F. ROBINSON of Brentwood, TN, the title page reads: HOLY BIBLE, Stereotype Edition, published and sold by Kimber and Sharpless, Philadelphia, at their book store No. 8 South 4th Street), "Betsy" was b. on 25 July 1804 and d. on 18 June 1866 in Cheatham County, TN. She m. on 15 Jan. 1823 in Lauderdale County, AL by O. HENDRICKS, to *David Augustus EVINS/EVANS who was b. on 24 June 1800 and d. on 23 Dec. 1838 in MS. This latter information is according to his son's certificate of death.

*David A. was the son of Jesse EVANS and his unknown first wife, who was b. about 1778, his will dated on 6 May 1823 and proved on 29 Jan. 1824 in Lauderdale County by witnesses Jacob SIRICLY, Thomas F. TAYLOR and Alfred NORMAN (Will Book 3, Pg. 123-124, on Pg. 126 (there is no Pg. 125), Amy Evans relinquishes her claim to plantation and mare secured on marriage contract, acknowledged 27 Jan. 1824 in open court, recorded 4 Feb. 1824 (see VALLEY LEAVES, Dec. 1972, Vol. 7, No. 1, Pg. 3, etc). Jesse Evans m. second on 19 April 1821 to Amy Petty Temple BRIGGS. Jesse had issue as named in his will, the marriages as recorded in Lauderdale County, AL: *David Augustus Evans, m. the subject, "Betsy"-7 Bearden; Ezra, d. after 1824 in Lauderdale County, AL; Jesse U; Elizabeth "Betsy", m. Thomas MITCHELL; Mary Polly m. Matthew NELSON; Rachel, m. Thomas SIMPSON; Sarah Ann "Susan", m. 5 Sept. 1826, Duncan CAMERON; and Patience A. EVANS, m. 26 Jan. 1824, Thomas F. TAYLOR.

*David Augustus Evans, m. 1823 in Lauderdale County, AL, to "Betsy"-7 BEARDEN and all of their children except one was born there, according to the Bible and census records. Their son, David A.-8 Jr., was b. on 16 March 1838 in MS, this from census and his certificate of death. *David A. Sr. died just two days before Christmas, at age 38 and six months, and when David A. Jr. was only about nine months old, having had issue b. Lauderdale County, AL, except the youngest:

- a. Jesse Augustus-8, b. 1824, d. 22 July 1832.
- b. William B.-8, b. 2 July 1827, d. 24 July 1864, Atlanta campaign, Civil War.
- c. Finch Scruggs-8 (TWIN), b. 30 July 1830, d. 7 Aug. 1866, Cheatham County, TN.
- *d. Phineas Scruggs-8 (TWIN), b. 30 July 1830, d. 14 Oct. 1916, Montgomery County, TN; m. 15 March 1853, Sarah Ann HUTCHINSON.
- e. Martha Caroline-8, b. 28 Oct. 1832, d. 27 June 1859, m. 26 Jan. 1854, John F. KENDRICK.
- f. Sarah Elizabeth-8, b. 22 April 1835.

g. David Augustus-8 EVANS Jr., b. 16 March 1838, MS, d. 11 April 1916, Cheatham County, TN; m. Sara Elizabeth EDWARDS.

d. Phineas Scruggs-8 Evans and Sarah Ann HUTCHINSON had issue, born, married and died Montgomery County, TN:

- a. Jesse Ugene-9, b. 26 Dec. 1854, d. 25 May 1922, m. Sarina Jackson SMITH.
- b. Elizabeth "Betty"-9, b. 1858, m. Andrew Jackson PARDUE.
- c. William O.-9, b. April 1860, d. 1940, m. Alice A. POWERS.
- *d. John M.-9, m. Martha E. LANIER, m. second Katie TROTTER.
- e. Mary Forrest-9 EVANS, b. 1864, d. 2 Feb. 1886, m. Charles Edward JARRELL.
- f. David T.-9, b. 16 May 1865, d. 19 Aug. 1938, m. Mollie REYNOLDS.
- g. Robert L.-9, b. 1869, m. Rebecca Elizabeth WELCH.
- h. Charles M.-9, b. 16 Feb. 1872, d. 19 Dec. 1948, m. 24 Dec. 1891, Mandy Elizabeth BROWN.
- i. George B.-9, b. 1874.
- j. James M.-9, b. 1876, d. 1960, m. Etta SMITH.
- k. Martin Luther-9, b. 29 Aug. 1878, d. 5 Feb. 1969, m. Ora SMITH.

d. John M.-9 EVANS, fourth issue of Phineas Scruggs-8, b. 16 June 1862, d. 12 May 1954, m. Martha E. LANIER, m. second on 15 June 1898, Katie TROTTER, his youngest issue by Katie and all his issue were born, married and died Clarksville, Montgomery County, TN:

- a. Mattie May-10, b. 13 July 1899, d. 1 April 1982, m. 25 Nov. 1922, Thomas A. KING.
- b. James Daniel-10, b. 22 July 1901, d. 7 Feb. 1924, m. Nola FREY.
- c. Lauren Rufus-10, b. 10 Aug. 1903, d. 17 April 1992, m. 26 March 1921, Gladys Eugenia WALKER.
- d. Felix Gilmore-10 EVANS, b. 31 Aug. 1905, d. 17 March 1989, m. 1926, Betty George BROWN, b. 2 June 1907, d. 15 July 1991, daughter of George Obediah and Mallie Vina (STACK). Issue: Ekwyn Earl-11, b. 24 May 1928, m. 6 Nov. 1948, Srela Marie CASH; *Phillip Wayne-11; William Lyle-11, b. 22 July 1932, m. 25 Dec. 1952, Martha Kathryn EVANS; and Sarah Francis-11 EVANS, b. 9 Jan 1937, m. 26 Nov. 1958, John Dillard MILLER.

*Phillip Wayne-11 EVANS of Franklin, KY, son of Felix Gilmore EVANS, was b. on 29 July 1930, m. 1 March 1957, Ida Frances BARRETT, b. Aug. 1934 in Franklin, Simpson County, KY, daughter of Henry Edward and Margaret Marie HENDRICKS. Issue: (1) Phillip Wayne-12 EVANS Jr., b. 21 Dec. 1957, Davidson County, TN, m. 21 Oct. 1994, Forsyth County, GA, Kimberley Jo Hall, had Sydney Cheyenne-13 EVANS, b. 18 April 1997; and (2) Stacy Lea EVANS, b. 29 March 1960, m. 21 Oct. 1994, Wayne Allison JONES.

ADDENDUM NO. 2

The records in the State of Alabama for the James Jasper-7 Bearden of the Civil War (Person No. 353) have been mixed up with the records of his probable cousin, James M.-7 or -8 Bearden, the latter the son or grandson of James-6 Bearden (Person No. 95). These two Beardens were counted next door to each other on the 1860 census and they enlisted at the same time and in the same place. Both had wives named Mary and both lived near each other in Alabama after the Civil War.

Person No. 353, James Jasper-7 (the writer's great grandfather) died from his injuries and illness brought on by the Civil War in 1870 and long before pensions were granted to the old Confederate soldiers who fought for the South; his widow died in 1898 and still without being allowed a pension. On the other hand, both his cousin, James M.-7 and his widow, Mary Bearden, lived long enough to apply for a Confederate Civil War pension from Etowah County, AL, which was formed in 1868 from St. Clair County.

On the third day of July 1907 in Etowah County, James M.-7 Bearden states he is age seventy-six (76) (b. 1831) and was born in Alabama. His wife, Mary Bearden, applied for a widow's pension on 8 January 1913, stating her husband had died on 22 August 1912 and at the time of his death, he was on the United States pension roll of Etowah County, AL.

On 5 May 1913, Mary Bearden, widow of J. M. Bearden, is ordered to appear in court and answer the charge that her husband, "J. M. Bearden, was absent without leave since May 24th 1863 and no later record of him was found in the Confederate Army".

Mary answered the charge with the following certified statement:

"I married as his second wife to J. M. Bearden in 1890, in this Etowah County, and have not remarried, I know nothing personally about the service he did during the war as a Confederate soldier, but I have in my possession paper writings purporting to be special orders to said J. M. Bearden, furloughs and other official paper writings that covers the time specified in said notice, that he was absent without leave, and the same is now before the gentlemen before whom I am making this statement, and who is taking my statement as near as may be in my language.

"I have also his parole, dated May 16th 1865, and signed at Guntersville, Alabama by Joseph Dunn, Capt. 189th, O. V. I. Comdg. Post.

"I prize these papers very highly, and if necessary will forward same to Pension Board at Montgomery, to be preserved and returned to me when they have served their purpose for which they are tendered."

Mary continues with information that her full name is Mary Catherine Bearden, she was born on 26 June 1854 in Marietta, Cobb County, GA, the daughter of Charles C. Murdock, deceased 1901 on Route 1, Keener, AL. Her husband's full name was James Marion Bearden, they were married on 7 Aug. 1890 in Etowah County, AL, he d. on 12 Aug. 1912, Alabama City, AL, Route 1, they were living in Etowah County and he was her one and only husband.

The above James M.-7 Bearden's Confederate Civil War papers or records have been mixed up with the person compiled herein as No. 353, James J.-7 Bearden, Captain Beeson getting the wrong middle initial only.

By the authority of the statement of Captain W. B. Beeson, made on 27th day of May 1910, "James-7 Bearden was, on 13 Dec. 1862, absent sick from Cedar Run in Virginia until 3 May 1863 when he was absent sick and in hospital at Fredricksburg, VA; absent until end of war from Suffolk, Virginia", etc. His Confederate military record stating: "James Bearden, Private 2nd Company G 48th Alabama Infantry Reg. Enlisted May 10th 1862 at Gadsden, Alabama. Born in Georgia, a farmer, Resident of Gadsden, Alabama, age 31, Married. Record Roll Near Richmond, Virginia January 1, 1865."

James M.-7 or -8 Bearden, a private in same Company G, 48th Alabama Regt., Mary Bearden his wife, presented her own papers which refuted the claim that it was her husband, James Marion-7 or 8 Bearden, who was

"absent without leave from 24 May 1863 until the end of the war", or that it was her husband who was born in the state of Georgia.

An indisputable proof was James M.-7 or -8 Bearden's OATH OF AMNESTY, State of Alabama, DeKalb County, sworn and subscribed to on 23 August 1865. The legal documents presented in 1913 by, and then in the possession of Mary Bearden, widow of James M.-7 or -8, covers the time specified that James M.-7 or -8 was supposedly absent without leave, that is between 24 May 1863 until he was paroled out on 16 May 1865 at Guntersville, AL.

The conclusion has to be that, due to the lack of sufficient bookkeeping and evidence by and for the CSA troops during the Civil War, the 1910-1914 statement of Captain W. B. Beeson, made forty-four years after the war ended, is partially incorrect. It was James M.-7 or -8 Bearden's cousin, James Jasper-7 Bearden (Person No. 353), who was "absent without leave". He had, as reported by his children, gone home to see after his starving, sick wife and family, where he was shot in the back because someone of the roving soldiers or the "Home Guard" thought he was a deserter. He did not walk again and died about 1870 in Obion County, TN.

ADDENDUM NO. 3

Who is the John Thomas Bearden who was b. on 30 Jan. 1851 in the state of GA, his father b. TN and his mother b. GA?? He d. on 20 Sept. 1910 south of Sulphur Bluff in Valley Springs, Hopkins County, TX, buried there beside his wife in the Sulphur Bluff Cemetery. He m. on 1 April 1877, recorded on 28 Feb. 1879 at Belfont, now known as Pisgah in Jackson County, AL (Marriage Book C, Pg. 114, Probate Judge's office in Scottsboro) to Martha Isabell/Elizabeth(?) McCULLOUGH/McCULLOCH/McCULLUM, by Justice of Peace William McReynolds. Martha was b. on 27 March 1857 near Little Rock, AR, the daughter of William J. and Margaret Helen McCullum who were from the state of Georgia.

When Martha's father and older brothers were away fighting in the Civil War, her mother died in Arkansas. Her oldest sister still at home took the younger children back to Georgia to live with their paternal grandparents, where they were when their father returned from the war. He remarried there to an unknown widow with two children, later moving the children who were still at home from Murray County in GA to Belfont, Jackson County, AL, where his daughter, Martha McCulloch/McCullum, m. John T. BEARDEN.

In the latter part of 1877, John T. and Martha went to live in Texas, settling at Pittsburgh, then in New Hope, a small community in Franklin County, and finally put down roots near Sulphur Bluff in Hopkins County where they lived out their lives.

John T. had one sister who d. at age 16. His father died young, his widow then remarried a part Indian man named STANFIELD and they were the parents of one son and one daughter, "Dock" and Harriett. Mr. Stanfield died and John T. Bearden's mother m. for the third time, unknown, and had four more daughters. "Dock" lived in adjoining Wood County, TX, until they removed to Tom, OK. His sister, Harriett, m. Barney McGLONE.

John and Martha Bearden were the parents of nine children:

1. John Allen Bearden, b. 22 Jan. 1878 in Texas, d. 22 Dec. 1958; buried Memorial Park Cemetery, Sulphur Springs, TX; m. Cora Ella NALL, daughter of Joseph and Martha Matilda STROUD. Had issue.
2. Willie Claude Bearden, b. 7 Jan. 1880, TX; d. 26 Dec. 1966, Sulphur Springs, m. 1902, Exar Pinana Nall and had issue, among others: Edgar Lee Bearden, b. 14 Sept. 1908, living 20 July 1985; m. 10 Jan. 1928, Hopkins County, Josephine Alice TULLY, b. 30 Jan. 1911, Polk County, AR, daughter of James Marcus and Nora Ellen SMITH; had issue, among others: James Claude Bearden Sr., b. 27 Dec. 1932, Brashear, TX; m. 21 Aug. 1965, Maxine McPHERSON, living in Plano, TX.
3. Florence, d. age 18 months.
4. Viola Lee, d. unmarried on 16 Jan. 1901, age 16, of pneumonia.
5. Thaddeus Davis Bearden, d. unmarried on 1 March 1945.
6. Edna Belle, b. 8 Nov. 1890, Hopkins County, TX, d. 12 Dec. 1918, m. Luther PETTYJOHN and had issue.
7. Etta Mae, b. 25 April 1893, d. Greenville, Hunt County, TX, m. 8 June 1917, George William Oliver PEGUES, b. 29 Oct. 1887, had issue.
8. Henry Hervy Bearden, b. 4 May 1896, Valley Springs, Hopkins County, TX, d. 23 Oct. 1950, Ft. Worth, TX, m. Vera NICHOLS.
9. Reuben Burl Bearden, b. 17 June 1899, Hopkins County, TX, d. 23 March 1953; m. Isa Mae NICHOLS. Had issue.

ADDENDUM NO. 4**BEARDENS IN THE CIVIL WAR, CONFEDERATE ARMY****ALABAMA**

	COMPANY	REGIMENT	RANK
Alfred	Moore's	4 AL Vol.	Pvt.
Aquilla	Company G	31 AL Inf.	Pvt.
B.	Company K	48 AL Inf.	Sgt.
Benjamin	Company D	28 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Columbus	Company D	28 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Emistey	Company F	44 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Giles W.	Company F	22 AL Inf.	Pvt.
G. M.	Company B	48 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Hardy	Company F	44 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Jacob	Company F	49 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Jacob P.	Company F	19 AL Inf.	Pvt.
James	Company F	49 AL Inf.	Pvt.
James M.	Company G	49 AL Inf.	Pvt.
J. C.	Company G	10 AL Inf.	?
Jessee	Company A	31 AL Inf.	?
J. L.	Company G	31 AL Inf.	?
J. M.	Company C	49 AL Inf.	Pvt.
John	Company G	49 AL Inf.	Pvt.
John	Company F	20 AL Inf.	Pvt.
John J.	Company C.	48 AL Inf.	Pvt.
J. W.	Company G	48 AL Inf.	Pvt.
L.	Company G	31 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Larkin	Company G	41 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Madison J.	Company I	41 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Orval J.	Company A	49 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Quillar	Company G	49 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Reuben	Company C	20 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Richard W.	Company C	48 AL Inf.	Pvt.
S. B.	Company B	7 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Wiley	Company A	47 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Wiley	Company H	28 AL Inf.	Pvt.
William	Company D	28 AL Inf.	Pvt.
William	Company K	41 AL Inf.	Pvt.
Z. T.	Company K	41 AL Inf.	Pvt.

ARKANSAS

Benjamin C.	Company A	4 AR Inf.	Pvt.
Benjamin F.	Company B	17 AR Inf.	Pvt.
Benjamin F.	Company D	21 AR Inf.	Pvt.
B. J.	Company B	37 AR Inf.	Pvt.
C. W.	Company K	8 AR Inf.	Pvt.
D. C.	Company A	13 AR Militia	?
G. F.	Company H	19 AR Inf.	Pvt.
H. P.	Company K	11 & 17 AR Inf.	Pvt.
Jasper	Company H	18 AR Inf.	Pvt.
John C.	Company H	23 AR Inf.	Pvt.

C.	Company C	AR	Pvt.
R. A.	Company H	63 AR Inf.	Pvt.
R. E.	Company H	5 AR Inf.	Pvt.
R. L.	Company B	17 AR Inf.	Pvt.
R. L.	Company D	21 AR Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas	Company A	31 AR Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas B.	Company W	23 AR Inf.	Pvt.
Wiley M.	Company B	25 AR Inf.	Pvt.
William M.	Company G	33 AR Inf.	Pvt.
William H.	Company G	21 AR Inf.	Pvt.
William L.	Company A	1 AR Inf.	Pvt.
William T.	Company D	8 AR Inf.	Pvt.

FLORIDA

J.	Company F	3 FL Inf.	Pvt.
John	Company I	8 FL Inf.	Pvt.

GEORGIA

A.	Company G	10 GA Inf.	Corp.
A.	Company G	36 GA Inf.	Pvt.
A. J.	Company H	3 GA Cav.	2nd Lt.
A. J.	Company A	8 GA Cav.	Pvt.
R. K.	Company G	39 GA Inf.	Pvt.
Bluford	Company E	8 Battn. GA Inf.	Pvt.
Daniel S.	Company A	Smith's Legion	3rd Lt.
David	Company G	12th GA Cav.	Pvt.
David	Capt. Scoggins	GA Lt. Artillery	Pvt.
D. J.	Company H	65 GA Inf.	3rd Lt.
D. M.	Company D	25 Battn. GA Inf.	Pvt.
E.	Company B	25 Battn. GA Inf.	Pvt.
E. A. S.	Company D	Smith's GA Legion	Pvt.
Edmund J.	Company F	Cobb's GA Legion	Pvt.
F. M.	Company I	63 GA Inf.	Pvt.
F. M.	Company F	18 GA Inf.	Pvt.
Francis M.	Company D	6 GA Cav.	Pvt.
Francis M.	Company F	Cobb's GA Legion	Pvt.
H.	Company G	12 GA Cav.	Pvt.
James	Company F	7 GA Cav.	Pvt.
Jefferson M.	Company G	30 GA Inf.	Corp.
J. S.	Company F	7 GA Inf.	Pvt.
J. K.	Company F	66 GA Inf.	Corp.
J. K.	Company D	Smith's GA Legion	Pvt.
J. Kinsey	Company C	65th GA Inf.	Pvt.
J. M.	Capt. Hudson	GA Lt. Artillery	Pvt.
J. M.	Company H	28th GA Inf.	Pvt.
J. N.	Company A	8 GA Inf.	Pvt.
J. N.	Company H	65 GA Inf.	Sgt.
J. N.	Company A	Smith's GA Legion	Pvt.
John	Company D	6 GA Inf.	Pvt.
John	Company G	3 GA Reserves	Pvt.
John	Ralston's Company	Smith's GA Legion	?
John K.	Company C	65 GA Inf.	Pvt.
Joseph	Pendergrass' Company	23 Battn. GA	Pvt.
J. R.	Company M	18 GA Inf.	Pvt.

J. R.	Company F	28 GA Inf.	Pvt.
J. W.	Company G.	9 GA Inf.	Pvt.
M. A.	Company H	3 GA Cav.	Pvt.
Marshal J.	Company G	30 GA Inf.	Pvt.
Nehemiah	Company C	11 Battn. GA	Pvt.
Nelson	Company D	6 GA Cav.	Pvt.
Nelson	Ralston's Company	Smith's GA Legion	Pvt.
R. G.	Ralston's Company	Smith's GA Legion	Pvt.
Richard G.	Company D	6 GA Cav.	Sgt.
Richard G.	Capt. Carlston Company	Troop Artillery	Pvt.
Richard G.	Staley's Company	2 GA Inf.	Pvt.
R. K.	Company G	39 GA Inf.	Pvt.
Robert	Company D	64 GA Inf.	Pvt.
Rolan M.	Ralston's Company	Smith's GA Legion	Pvt.
Roland	Company E	8 Battn. GA Inf.	2nd Lt.
Rufus E. M.	Company B	2 Battn. GA Inf.	Pvt.
Rufus M.	Company B	20 GA Inf.	Pvt.
Solomon Richard	Company B	20 GA Inf.	Pvt.
Stephen	Company G	39 GA Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas M.	Company D.	6 GA Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas P.	Company A	12 GA Lt. Artillery	Pvt.
W. C.	Company G	12th GA Cav.	Pvt.
W. H.	Company A	8 GA Inf.	Pvt.
W. H.	Company E	Floyd's GA Legion	Sgt.
William	Company M	18 GA Inf.	Pvt.
William	Company F	65 GA Inf.	Sgt.
William	Company F	Smith's GA Legion	Pvt.
William	Company ?	28 GA Inf.	Pvt.
William C.	Company D	6 GA Cav.	1st Lt.
William C.	Company I	1 GA Inf.	Pvt.
William G.	Ralston's Commune	Smith's GA Legion	1st Lt.
William M.	Company D	9 Battn. GA Cav. Pvt.	
William M.	Company C	8 GA Inf.	Pvt.
William N.	Company G	39 GA Inf.	Pvt.
W. J.	Company G	30 GA Inf.	Corp.
W. M.	Company G	39 GA Inf.	Pvt.
W. T.	Company G	44 GA Inf.	Pvt.
W. W.	Company E	16 Battn. GA Cav.	Pvt.

LOUISIANA

Alexander	Company G	31 LA Inf.	Pvt.
Decall	Company G	31 LA Inf.	Pvt.
J. F.	Company G	25 LA Inf.	Pvt.
Phillip W.	Company G	31 LA Inf.	Pvt.
Phillip	Company G	31 LA Inf.	Corp.
W. Perry	Company G	31 LA Inf.	Pvt.

MISSISSIPPI

A.	Company D	2 M. State Cav.	Pvt.
Amos	Company B	1 MS Inf.	Pvt.
Amos L.	Company G	26 MS Cav.	Pvt.
Henry C.	Company E	42 MS Inf.	2nd Lt.
Jessee	Company G	30 MS Inf.	Pvt.
John G.	Company F	2 MS Inf.	Pvt.

Thomas	Company F	35 MS Inf.	Pvt.
William	Company C	26 MS Inf.	2nd Lt.
W. H.	Company C	26 MS Inf.	Pvt.
William H.	Company D	6 MS Cav.	2nd Lt.
William H.	Company D	Davenport Battn	
		MS Cav.	2nd Lt.
William T.	Company F	35 MS Inf.	Pvt.
Zachariah	Company D	3 Battn. MS Inf.	Pvt.

MISSOURI

Newton	Company G.	4th MO Cav.	Pvt.
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NORTH CAROLINA

Hugh G.	Company E	39th NC Inf.	Pvt.
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SOUTH CAROLINA

Andrew	Company K	22 SC Inf.	Pvt.
B. D.	Company I	3 Battn. SC Lt. Artillery	Pvt.
Crafton	Company D	22 SC Inf.	Pvt.
David T.	Company K	Palmetto Sharpshooters	Pvt.
D. F.	Company F	3 SC Inf.	Pvt.
E.	Company D	5 SC inf.	Pvt.
Eber	Company C	Holcombe's Legion	Pvt.
Elias	Company F	14 SC Inf.	Sgt.
Elias	Company G	Holcombe's Legion	Pvt.
Eliphus	Company A	Palmetto Sharpshooters	Pvt.
Eliphus	Company E	5 SC Inf.	Pvt.
E. M.	Company K	3 SC Inf.	Pvt.
G.	Company H	1 SC Inf.	2nd Lt.
G. L.	Company K	3 SC Inf.	Pvt.
I. M.	Company H	1 SC Inf.	Corp.
J. C.	Company H	1 SC Inf.	Pvt.
John	Company E	1 SC State Troops	Pvt.
John	Company D	22 SC Inf.	Pvt.
J. S.	Company A	1 SC Inf.	Pvt.
O. P.	Company H	1 SC Inf.	Pvt.
R. S.	Company G	23 SC Inf.	Pvt.
S. G.	Company ?	1 SC Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas	Company E	Mangault's SC Artillery	Pvt.
William	Company K	3 SC Inf.	2 Lt.
William	Company K	15 SC Inf.	Pvt.
William J.	Company F	1 SC Rifles	Pvt.
William S.	Gilchrist's Company	SC H. Artillery	Pvt.
William T.	Company F	1 SC Rifles	Pvt.
W. L.	Company K	15 SC Inf.	Pvt.
W. S.	Company K	3 SC Inf.	Pvt.
W. T.	Company F	1 SC Rifles	Pvt.
W. Thomas	Company F.	1 SC Rifles	Corp.

TEXAS

A. B.	Company G	18 TX Inf.	Pvt.
Arthur	Company H	13 TX Inf.	Pvt.
D. H.	Company K	34 TX Cav.	Sgt.

G. M.	Company A	32 TX Cav.	Pvt.
Jacob	Company D	8 TX Inf.	Pvt.
James F.	Company ?	Griffin's Battn.	Pvt.
J. J.	Company B	32 TX Cav.	Pvt.
John	Company H	13 TX Cav.	Pvt.
John	Company F	19 TX Cav.	Pvt.
John M.	Company H	21 TX Cav.	Corp.
John W.	Company B	17 TX Cav.	Pvt.
J. W.	Company G	Granbury's Consol. Tex. Brigade	Sgt.
R.	Company K	13 TX Volunteers	Pvt.
R. A.	Company F	15 TX Inf.	Pvt.
Seborn	Company H	13 TX Cav.	Pvt.
Simon W.	Company E	35 TX Cav.	Pvt.
S. W.	Company D	13 TX Volunteers	Pvt.
Washington	Company F	6 TX Cav.	Pvt.
W. F.	Company K	29 TX Cav.	Pvt.
William	Company E	Griffin's Battn.	Pvt.
William L.	Company I	14 TX Cav.	Corp.
Willis	Company H	31 TX Cav.	Pvt.
W. J.	Company B	9 TX Inf.	Pvt.
W. J.	Company K	18 TX Inf.	Pvt.

VIRGINIA

William	Company ?	1st VA Cav.	Pvt.
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BEARDENS IN THE "REGULAR" CONFEDERATE ARMY

Alvin	Company K	1 Conf. Eng. Troops	Pvt.
G. M.	Company D	Exchanged Battn. CSA	Pvt.
J. E.	Company M	3rd Wade's Conf.	2nd Lt.
J. M.	Company D	Exchanged Battn. CSA	Pvt.
John H.	Company B	1 Conf. Inf.	Pvt.
John T.	General and Staff	CSA Army	Capt.
K. H.	Company I	4th Conf. Inf.	Pvt.
M. J.	General and Staff	CSA Army	Capt.
Richard W.	Company B	1 Conf. Inf.	Pvt.
R. R.	Company F	10 Conf. Cav.	Capt.

FINIS BEARDEN FAMILY

As long as this writer can remember, she has had an avid interest in the WINN-WYNN/E family. A first memory was being told of her third great grandfather, Person No. 43 in the BEARDEN FAMILY, Richard BEARDEN whose mother was Lettice WINN. There had been and still was, a continuous intermarrying among the BEARDEN and WINN family as verified by the marriage of the writer's aunt, Person No. 1340 in BEARDEN FAMILY, that is Tessie Mae BEARDEN married her distant cousin, Henry Clay WINN who was a descendant of the brother of Lettice (WINN) BEARDEN. The writer's "Uncle Clay" WINN was of the descent of William WINN and his second wife, Rosa HAMPTON.

Richard-5 BEARDEN had learned in his youth to quote the Holy Bible verbatim and could tell the chapter and verse where each quote was found in the Holy Writ. He lived to be over one hundred (100) years of age and told his children, grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren that he had learned to quote the Holy Bible from "My Sainted Mother, who was Lettice WINN before she married my father, John BEARDEN." One of Richard-5's children was the writer's second great grandfather, Person No. 96 in BEARDEN FAMILY, that is Jacob-6 Bearden. Jacob-6's son was the writer's great grandfather, No. 353 in BEARDEN FAMILY, James Jasper-7 BEARDEN whose son, Person No. 849, Ervin Kenneth-8 BEARDEN had sat at his father and grandfather's knee and had it first hand that his great grandfather's mother was Lettice WINN who had married at a young age to John-4 BEARDEN. Ervin Kenneth-8 was born less than one year after his great grandfather's death in 1860.

During this writer's lifetime, a vast amount of information has been accumulated concerning the WINN FAMILY, and because of her health and poor eyesight, it is now impossible to cite each of them herein. They include a mass of material relating to the early family of the country of Wales, and who came to the early colonies and the Southern States of America. These include copies of many extractions from old and new legal papers, old and new newspapers, the 1790 through 1910 Federal Census, plus the papers and research which has been done by others. They include and comprise domestic and official correspondence, memoranda and other documents, accumulated over a period of two centuries, that is 1515-1690, by a North Wales family, WYNNNS OF GWYDIR, of which the best known member was Sir John WYNN, b. 1553, d. 1627, the first baronet and author of "THE HISTORY OF THE GWYDIR FAMILY".

Because of the vastness of the material, only that material in which there is an indicated connection to the Minor Winn of early Virginia, is considered in this short sketch.

As reported in 1911 by Stella Pickett HARDY in "COLONIAL FAMILIES OF THE SOUTHERN STATES OF AMERICA", the GWYNEDD/GWYNNE family is of exceeding ancient Welch origin, antedating the Christian era.

Many compilations about this illustrious family have been found in the Library of Congress and genealogy libraries. Extractions from these have been copied and are in the writer's possession, some are titled "THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES", "CALENDAR OF WYNN PAPERS", "WYNNSTAY AND THE WYNNES", etc.

"To the House of Gwydir, one branch of which on the female side is represented by Williams Wynn of Wynnstay, must be accorded the highest rank in the genealogies of Wales. This ancient family can trace their pedigree in a straight male line through Roderick, Lord of Anglesey, son of Owen Gwynedd, Prince of North Wales, to Anarawd, King of North Wales, eldest son of Roderick the Great, King of Wales. The latter succeeded to the principality of Powis and the kingdoms of Gwynedd and South Wales. He was killed in 876 and left, by Angharad his wife (sister and heiress of Gwrgan Ab Merick, Lord of Cardigan), three sons", etc., traces this illustrious family from 876 down through the nineteenth century.

"That the papers concerning this family, remained at Gwydir up to the last decade of the 18th century is shown by a letter in THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE for January, 1790. The letter reads:

L anrwst. Sept. 12 1789

Mr. Urban.

"In the mansion of Gwydir there is an old paper-room, containing many obsolete family-writings. The four letters inclosed were taken from thence, and are transcribed from the originals now in my possession. Your insertion of them in your extensive Miscellany will be agreeable to your numerous readers in Wales, and to all Welshmen. Yours, &c, J. W.

"The writer was almost certainly the Rev. John Williams, Lecturer and Master of the Free School at Lianrwst, and son of John Williams, sub-agent in the 18th century to the Gwydir estate." (One of the four letters mentioned has been found inserted in a copy of the Dictionary sold at Sotheby's, November 1926, and purchased by the National Library.)

There is works titled "SKETCH OF THE WINNS", by Rev. Benjamin C. ANCELL in "MIDLAND VIRGINIAN", Palmrya, VA; "WINN AND JARVIS FAMILY TREE", by Elizabeth J. WINN, Baltimore, MD; and "A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WINN FAMILY" was written in 1906 in "PIONEERS AND PATRIOTS", by James R. Wilkins and includes much of the early and later history of his own branch of this prominent family.

The father of the writer had a kinswoman, Mrs. Adeline (EVANS) WINN who after years of research, wrote and published last in 1940, "SOUTHERN LINEAGES - RECORDS OF THIRTEEN FAMILIES", copy in writer's possession, in the Library of Congress and most major genealogy libraries, etc.

Although much has been written and surmised, this writer has little real information concerning the family into which Minor WINN was born, and the following is mostly as given by Mrs. WINN in "SOUTHERN LINEAGES". Since Mrs. WINN's compilation is so readily available in almost every state in the Union, this is only a short summary:

*1. Minor-1 Winn Sr., b. about 1695-1700 in WALES, Isle of Britain, coming to Virginia early in life, same sources say he was b. area of Essex-Gloucester County, VA. The first name of Minor is traditional in the WINN family who came from Wales late in the 17th century.

Quoting from a letter written to Mrs. Adeline WINN by Dr. D. Watson WINN (deceased before 1935):

"The Minor Winn name is very interesting and elusive and no one seems to know much about it. The name runs through my line coming out here and there. There is said to be somewhere recorded a Minor Winn of Eden, 'Northern Neck', VA in 1710, no actual proof."

Minor-1 Winn Sr.'s parents are said to have been Richard Winn and his wife, (?) MINOR from the prestigious Minors of "Topping Castle" in Caroline County, VA.

It has been verified that Minor-1 Winn's granddaughter, Margaret MINOR, married Benjamin BEARDEN Jr. (Person No. 62 in BEARDEN FAMILY).

Minor-1 Winn Sr. married, according to the birthdates of his issue, about 1725, and as given before 1890 by a granddaughter, to Margaret O'CONNER. It is possible that he was married and his first wife died before he married Margaret. Of the sons of Minor-1 Sr., four are said to have served in the Revolutionary War but some of these could have been his grandsons of same first names.

As explained in BEARDEN FAMILY, the loss of all records of old Caroline County in Virginia, with exception of a few fragmentary wills, administrations and the Order Books, makes it impossible to place the right Minor WINN.

Beginning with the first authentic record in Virginia, a Minor Winn appears in Caroline County in 1731 and 1733 (Order Book 1732-1740, Part 1, Pg. 72, 149). This transaction places him in the identical place and at the identical time as John-4 BEARDEN, who word of mouth says married, about 1738, Minor-1 WINN's daughter, who was Lettice-2 WINN and the sister of Colonel John-2 WINN and of General Richard-2 WINN, both of the Revolutionary War.

The will of Richard WINN of Caroline County was dated on 9 Dec. 1748 and presented by Benjamin WINN, Executor (Pg. 123, Caroline County Wills). This is significant because of same family names as found in records of preceding and succeeding dates and places.

Minor-1 Winn next appears on 25 June 1737 in the Parish of St. Margaret's in the county of Orange and Colony of Virginia (Deed Book 2, Pgs. 42-43). Orange County was created 1734 from the parent county of Spotsylvania. These deeds are significant because Minor WINN sold to Francis THORNTON. The Parish records of St. Margaret's have perished and with them a probable record of Minor-1 and related WINNS and BEARDENS.

The Minor-1 Winn of this sketch, moved next through Orange County to Prince William County and due to the creation of the new county of Fauquier in 1758, he found himself and without having moved again, in the latter county. Here he amassed vast acreage's and a large fortune and bought valuable lands in what later became Fayette County, KY, to which two of his sons removed:

"Col. Richard Henry Lee and Minor Winn of the county of Prince William, in consideration of the yearly rents and covenants hereinafter reserved, mentioned and contained on the part of the said Minor Winn, John Winn, his sons and Dorothy, the wife of John, and Minor Winn, the son of John Winn to be paid, done and performed, both devised and leased, and to farm better, 220 acres of land to the said Lee in Fauquier County, south side of Great Road leading to Ashby's gap road (bounding) Captain William Edmunds to main tract of Richard H. Lee, on the old road where Captain Edmunds' corners at Lawson's Branch, paying on Oct. 1 of each year — ? shillings Virginia money and land tax and quit rents. Keep under a sufficient fence 100 apple trees and also build a dwelling house 16 feet square, a tobacco house 24 feet long by 2 feet wide, and work no more than at the rate of three tithables and an overseer for every 100 acres, and keep the said tenements in good and sufficient repair", etc. (Deed Book 2, Pgs. 129-131-230, Fauquier County, VA 24 May 1764; Sept. 1763 Minutes Book 2, Pg. 211 Fauquier County, 1766, Minute Book 1764-68, Pg. 208; 22 Mar. 1763-65 Book 2, Pg. 230 Fauquier County, etc).

"Col. Richard H. Lee of Westmoreland County to Minor Winn of Prince William, leases to Minor Winn, the son of John and Dorothy Winn, 228 acres in Fauquier County, 10 Oct. 1764, which was voided and recorded 22 Mar. 1765, released to Minor Winn. In 1778 and 'By the will' of Minor Winn Sr. this property was passed on to Minor Winn Jr., showing that some time during this period that Minor Winn had acquired title to it" (Fauquier County Deed Book, Pgs. 232-235). "Minor Winn and Margaret his wife of Leeds Parish, Fauquier County, VA, deed to James Winn of same tract out of a larger tract which Thomas Bartlett purchased of Judson Coolidge and sold to the said Minor Winn, bounded by", etc.; and "Fishback's line (26 Apr. 1772, Deed Book IX, Pg. 17). On 27 Apr. 1772, Minor Winn sells this tract to John Wright" (Deeds IV, Pgs. 21-23).

On 27 April 1772, Minor-1 Winn and his wife Margaret, sell land in northern half of Fauquier to Capt. John WRIGHT Jr. On 21 Sept. 1774 in Fauquier County, John WRIGHT and his wife Ann, sell this land to Peter GRANT (Deed Book VI, Pgs. 52-55). John-2 WINN, the son of Minor-1 WINN Sr. married first, Dorothea WRIGHT niece of Captain John WRIGHT Jr. and both children of Francis WRIGHT, and the grandchildren of John WRIGHT Sr., born about 1685, and his wife, Dorothy, who purchased, 1723, 100 acres of land from Colonel Henry LEE. Dorothea WRIGHT was the issue and heiress of Major Francis WRIGHT and his wife, Ann WASHINGTON (Fauquier County Historical Bulletin, Pg. 377 and Tyler's Quarterly I. V., Pg. 210, etc.). Peter GRANT married Susannah-2 WINN, daughter of Minor-1 Winn Sr., see will of Minor-1 Sr. From Chappell's history of South Carolina and as referred to in BEARDEN FAMILY, "THE WINNS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY":

"A few years prior to the Revolution, John, William and Richard Winn, sons of Minor Winn of Fauquier County, Virginia, came to South Carolina. Mrs. Lettice Bearden, of Spartanburg District was reported as being a sister of General Richard and Colonel John Winn. Mourning Bearden, daughter of Lettice Bearden, married Judge William Smith, of Spartanburg District and Isaac Smith, oldest son of William and Mourning Bearden Smith, was born Oct. 31, 1784. Little is known of Mrs. Lettice Bearden. We are not sure of her husband but, since Mourning named her first son Isaac, we might suppose that her father was Isaac Bearden." Chappell's supposition is wrong as Isaac was Mourning (Bearden) Smith's brother, this information as taken from deeds and records signed by John-4 BEARDEN and his wife, Lettice BEARDEN, substantiate other proof as listed under Person No. 32, BEARDEN FAMILY.

Minor-1 Winn Sr. made his will on 1 July 1775 in Fauquier County, recorded 5 July 1778, witnessed by Minor M. WINN, Peter GRANT, James WINN, Hannah WINN (Will Book 1, Pgs. 343-346).

No satisfactory explanation is being offered for the omission of Lettice-2 but she was not named in the will. She had died before he made his will as she died after a date in 1774-1775 and before 1790, and also possibly

she had received her share when she removed with her husband, about 1750-1758, to North and later South Carolina.

A family source and "A Brief History of the Winn Family", give another child for Minor-1 and Margaret Winn who is not named in the will (Person No. 12, below).

The Will of Minor-1 WINN Sr, dated 31 July 1775:

Wife, Margaret Winn - all my Estate Royl & Personal for and during her natural life. Son, William Winn, one Negro man named Godfree and if any person whatever should seas on the said negro for his debts, then the said negro shall be the hole & Sole property of my granddaughter Martha Smith and her heirs forever. Son, John Winn, one negroe woman named Jean, negroe boy named Ben, negroe boy named Moses now in his possession, one negroe man named Antony. Son, James Winn, Negroe man named James, negroe boy named Lewis. Son, Minor Winn, one negroe man named Reuben and one negroe man named Solomon now in his possession, also my Riding horse Bridle and Saddle and all my wearing apparel, also my Great Bible. Son, Richard Winn, One Negroe man named Will now in his possession also one negroe boy named Tom during his natural life and if my son Richard should die without an heir lawfully begotten by his body then his part of my Estate shall be equally divided among my children then a living. Daughter, Margaret Johnson, one Negroe Girl named Winny now in her possession also one negroe boy named Jack Monday. Daughter, Mary Smith, And equal part of my Estate that is sold after paying my just debts. Daughter, Susanna Grant, one negroe that she had in her possession named Dick also one negroe Girl named Hanner and if my daughter Susanner Grant should die without an heir lawfully begotten by her body then her part of my Estate shall be equally divided among my children then aliving. Granddaughter, Martha Smith, one negroe Girl named Lucy now in her possession. Daughter, Elizabeth Smith, Children forty pounds to be equally divided among the whole after the decease of my wife. All the Ballance of my Estate both Royal and personal to be sold after the deceast of my wife at twelve month Credit with taking good bond & Security and what remains after paying my Just Debts and Funeral Charges among all my Children then living by my Said Wife Margaret Winn. Exors: Wife Margaret Winn and son Minor Winn
Signed: Minor (W) Winn; Margaret (her X mark) Winn; Witnessed, in addition to those named above, by Stephen TOLLE; Thomas WHITE; James FLEMING.

Minor-1 Winn had issue, two of whom are this writer's ancestor and ancestress, not necessarily in order of birth:

- *2. Lettice-2 Winn, m. John BEARDEN, see below.
- *3. Minor-2 Winn Jr., m. unknown, m. second, Elizabeth WEATHERS, m. third, Eleanor JOHNSON.
- *4. William-2 WINN, m. Ann LINGAN, m. second Rosa HAMPTON.
- *5. John-2 WINN, m. Dorothea WRIGHT, m. second Penelope KIRKLAND.
- *6. James-2 WINN, m. Hannah WEATHERS.
- *7. Richard-2 WINN, m. Priscilla McKENNEY.
- 8. Margaret-2 WINN, m. Moses JOHNSON, as named in her father's will, and it is supposed that some of the many JOHNSONS of Kentucky, Alabama, etc., are her descendants (see KELLER KONNECTIONS and A BUNCH OF BUNCHES by author). On 19 June 1778, Moses JOHNSON claimed from the estate of Minor WINN Sr., rents for the orphans of his wife's sister, that is the Smith orphans (Book 1, Pg. 229, July Court, Fauquier County, VA).
- 9. Mary-2 WINN, m. a SMITH, and these are the probable parents of Martha-3 SMITH and Matthew-3, Martha-3 as named in her grandfather's will and Matthew-3 who married his cousin, No. 36, Martha-3 WINN.
- *10. Elizabeth-2 WINN, m. Benjamin SMITH.
- *11. Susannah-2 WINN, m. before 1774, Peter GRANT.
- 12. Phillip P.-2 Winn who was not named in the Minor-1 Winn will and may be a grandson. One source says he married in Virginia to the oldest of the twelve children of William and Judith (CROSS) SIMS, who were married on 16 Aug. 1773 in Hanover County, VA. William Sims was a Colonel in the Virginia line in the Revolution and was with Phillip when they removed to near Mt. Pleasant in Maury County, TN, and near the

pleasant home of Person No. 7, Richard-2 Winn, about 1808, settling on what was known as "Winn's hill". His old house is still standing quite near what was later Hay Long Seminary. Colonel William Sims died at home in 1814 and is buried in the family graveyard. His son, Thomas Sims married one of Richard-2 Winn's daughters, Mary-3 Winn (Virginia Historical Society Magazine, Vol. 6, No. 2; Southern History Association Magazine, June 1898).

EIGHT CHILDREN OF NO. 1 MINOR-1 AND MARGARET (O'CONNER) WINN

2. **Lettice-2 Winn** (Minor-1), born about 1825-1826 when Minor-1 Sr. is about 25-35 years of age, born in the area of Essex, King and Queen, Caroline County, VA and d. about 1774-1775, probably when her last child was born, in Spartanburg District, SC. She m. at a very young age about 1838 to Person No. 32 in **BEARDEN FAMILY**, John-4 BEARDEN, who was b. about 1717 in Monmouth County, NJ or the Winchester area of VA which later became Spotsylvania, Orange, Augusta, Frederick and Caroline Counties, etc.

As early as 1775-1800, there have been positive, written and repetitious assertions made by descendants of the different branches of the WINN and BEARDEN families, that Lettice-2 Winn, who married John BEARDEN, was the sister of both General Richard-2 WINN and his brother Colonel John-2 WINN and therefore the daughter of Minor-1 Winn Sr. of Fauquier County, Virginia. She is said by her children and grandchildren, plus sources as stated above, to have been the daughter of Minor-1 Winn and his wife, Margaret O'Conner. She is the wife of John BEARDEN and the mother of his children (again, see **BEARDEN FAMILY**, deeds signed by John and his wife, Lettice BEARDEN).

A great granddaughter of John BEARDEN and his wife, Lettice-2 WINN, and granddaughter of Mourning-4 BEARDEN and her husband, William Smith, Miss Minnie L. M.-4 SMITH of Glenn Springs, SC, now long deceased, states in an old letter written on 15 July (1900-1920?):

"Dr. J. L. CURRY, a descendant of John Winn, wrote a sketch of the family which can be obtained through the Virginia Historical Society. Mr. Fitzhugh McMasters address, delivered at Mt. Zion Academy, Winnsboro, will tell you of Gen. Richard and Col. John Winn of the Revolutionary War. I know that their brother William Winn came to South Carolina for he married Rosa Hampton, aunt of Gen. Wade Hampton.

"I am quite positive of my great grandmother who was Lettice Winn Bearden, being a sister of General Richard Winn, for I have heard my father, uncles and numerous cousins repeatedly say that she was."

See Nos. 36 through 48 in **BEARDEN FAMILY** for detailed information for the descendants of Lettice-2 WINN and John BEARDEN who include the writer:

13. Benjamin-3 Bearden, m. Molly HARRIS.
14. Edward/Edmund-3 Bearden, m. Ann EASLEY?
15. Humphrey-3 Bearden, m. first, said to have been a RAMEY/RAINEY and m. second Ann FILCER/FULCHER.
16. Thomas-3 Bearden, m. Abigail McILLROY, m. second Sarah BLASSINGAME.
17. John-3 Bearden, m. Nancy Ann, whose last name has been given, with some verification, as LANGSTON.
18. Lettice-3 Bearden, m. John GOWEN.
19. William-3 Bearden, No. 42 in **BEARDEN FAMILY**, was b. about 1750-1758, probably Spotsylvania County, Virginia area; listed in several publications as "killed in the Revolutionary War in November 1781" (Ervin's "SOUTH CAROLINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION", etc.).
- *20. Richard Pleasant-3 Bearden, m. Sarah "Sally" (BENNETT?), see below.
21. Mourning-3 Bearden, m. Captain William SMITH.
22. Isaac-3 Bearden, m. Sarah TRAILL.
23. Arthur-3 Bearden, m. Rebecca McCLENDON.
24. Benjamin the Younger-3 Bearden, said m. Elizabeth WINN.

25. Ansel-3 Bearden, about the thirteenth and the youngest suspected issue of Lettice-2 WINN, m. unknown, one of the many Ansel Beardens m. Abigail JOURDAN.

3. **Minor-2 Winn** (Minor-1), b. about 1730-1740, in Caroline or Orange County, VA, his will recorded on 22 Aug. 1813 in Fauquier County (one source gives Loudoun County), State of Virginia; said to have married first unknown. He married on 17 Oct. 1765 to Elizabeth, known as "Betty" WITHERS/WEATHERS (Fauquier County Marriage Records) and their issue and some descendants can be found under Person No. 83, Elizabeth-5 Weathers, in WEATHERS/WITHERS FAMILY by this writer. He married second or third in his later life, to Eleonor JOHNSON/JOHNSTON, the supposed sister of Moses JOHNSON who married Minor-2's sister, Margaret WINN. It is not known whether some of his later issue belonged to his latter wife.

Minor-2 Jr. lived and died in Fauquier County on land he inherited from his father, his home known as "Rock Hill Farm". His will names his wife, Eleonor, and stipulates his slaves are not to be moved from Prince William, Fauquier, or Loudoun Counties. He names daughters, Nancy HARRISON; Nancy SINGLETON; Sallie GIBSON; Susannah; Margaret NEALE; Betty GIBSON; Mary O'BANNION, late wife of Capt. Isham O'BANNION, and her son, Minor O'Bannion; Hannah NEALE; sons, John, Minor, and Thomas WINN.

Of the sons of Minor-1 Winn, Minor-2 Jr. was a First Lieutenant of Militia in the Revolutionary War from Fauquier County, and James-2 Winn was a captain. Both received bounty lands for their services, consisting of huge acreages in Kentucky. Minor-2 served his community as a trustee of Salem Academy. He was "owner of an extensive tract of land lying on Little River, a few miles northeast of the town" (Fauquier County Bulletin No. 3-4, N. C. Groome, Pg. 370).

Minor-2, in his father's will, inherited most of his father's lands in Fauquier County and "To son Minor Winn, my great Bible. The land I purchased of Mr. Martin Pickett lying on south side of South River ———part of tract formerly belonging to Holtzclaw—— right in this land to son Minor Winn. And whereas I have in partnership with my son, Minor Winn, erected a still house on the said Minor's land and furnished the same with stills and the necessary utensils for carrying on the distilling business—— profits to be divided between said Margaret Winn and son Minor" etc. (Instrument added to father's will 5 July 1778).

There are two dwelling houses on the Winn property in Fauquier County, one called the "Old House" and was the home of Minor-1 Winn Sr. The other is an old stone house, built 1807 by Minor Jr. in which he was living when he died in 1813 (Mr. Wayne SMITH, Moscow, Idaho to Mrs. WINN in 1920).

Of the issue of Minor-2 Winn Jr., the writer descends from at least one. His descent needs work but the following is certain (not necessarily in order of birth):

26. John William-3 Winn, same Person as No. 210 in WEATHERS/WITHERS FAMILY, was b. about 1767 in Fauquier County, VA. His will is dated there on 11 April 1813 (Bk. VI, Pg. 107) and gives property to wife, Jemima and six issue. He had married in this area to Jemima TODD and with them her cousin, Mary TODD, the future Mrs. Abraham LINCOLN, lived until a short time before her marriage to Mr. Lincoln (WEATHERS FAMILY by writer, "Geneologies of Virginia Families", Pgs. 845-506; Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, under Person Nos. 137 and 327, WEATHERS FAMILY, Delia-5 (WEATHERS) BROOK-WEATHERS, etc.). Issue as named in will: Thomas W.-4, no information; Mary Elizabeth-4; Isham O'Bannion-4; Minor James-4; John William-4 Jr.; and Betsy Withers-4 Winn.
27. Minor-3 Winn III, d. in Bourbon County, KY and may be same person who m. 1816 in Clarke County, KY, Mary Polly HAYGOOD, who was a close relative of Benjamin HAYGOOD who m. his cousin, Person No. 356, BEARDEN FAMILY, Sarah A.-5 BEARDEN. Sarah Ann-7 BEARDEN is named Sarah Ann HAYGOOD in her father's will. Minor-3 Winn III had speculated issue, among others: David-4 Winn who may be the father of John-5, James-5 and Dr. Minor-5 Winn.
28. Thomas-3 WINN, m. Elizabeth "Betsy" ANDERSON, daughter of George Anderson Jr. (see ANDERSON FAMILY by writer and the will of George ANDERSON Jr., whose documented sister was Mary Woodson ANDERSON, the latter known as "Molly" and who married Joseph BUNCH. "Molly" and Joseph BUNCH

are this writer's documented third great grandparents. "Betsy" and Thomas WINN were witnesses to the will of George ANDERSON Jr. Thomas-3 and Betsy went to Kentucky and then on to Tennessee with his uncle, Capt. James-2 WINN, who had married Thomas-3 Winn's "Aunt" Hannah WEATHERS/WITHERS (No. 84 WEATHERS FAMILY).

*29. Nancy-3 Winn, m. Burwell HARRISON, see below.

30. Nancy "Ann"-3 WINN, known as "Ann", and is said to have m. first to Edward WEATHERS and her second marriage is recorded on 19 Feb. 1785 in Fauquier County to Joshua SINGLETON (Fauquier County Marriages), as named in father's will. In her later life, she lived near Paducah and Winchester, Kentucky and had many descendants which included the following: The Honorable Otto R.-4 SINGLETON of Mississippi; The Honorable Washington D.-4 SINGLETON, for many years the United States District Attorney, and Narcissa-4 SINGLETON, m. her mother's cousin, James WEATHERS (Person No. 181 in WEATHERS FAMILY)
31. Sarah-3, known as "Sallie" WINN, m. William GIBSON, and was undoubtedly the mother of: Winn-4 Gibson who witnessed the will of his grandfather, Minor-2 Winn; and George-4 Gibson, who m. Mary MORGAN, the daughter of James MORGAN and his wife Elizabeth TAYLOR. Elizabeth (TAYLOR) MORGAN married as her second husband and his second wife, to Henry MAUZY I, the latter who had married as his first wife to Person No. 32 in WEATHERS FAMILY, that is Ann-4 WEATHERS m. Henry MAUZY I and after several children she died and her widower married the widow, Elizabeth (TAYLOR) MORGAN.
32. Margaret C.-3 WINN, m. on 13 Oct. 1791 in Fauquier County to Thomas NEALE (Thomas, of Fauquier County, VA, b. 1774, son of Richard and Frances (UNDERWOOD) NEALE; grandson of Presley and Margaret (MOORE) NEALE; great grandson of Daniel and Ursula (PRESLEY) NEALE; great-great grandson of Capt. Christopher and Hannah (RODHAM) NEALE; and third great grandson of Lieut. Daniel and Ellinor "Ellen" NEALE) (NEALE FAMILY, "Colonial Families", by Stella Pickett HARDY, in writer's possession).
33. Elizabeth-3 "Betty" Winn, m. on 30 March 1795 in Fauquier County to Moses GIBSON, their issue, if any, is untraced.
34. Mary Polly-3 WINN, late wife of Isham O'Bannion as named in father's will, her marriage bond dated 28 Nov. 1798, Fauquier County, VA. Two of Mary Polly-3's cousins were Lydia-6 WEATHERS and Enoch Duncan-6 WEATHERS (Nos. 159 and 161, WEATHERS FAMILY) who married an O'Bannion and Lucinda SMITH respectively, the latter the daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth (O'BANNION) SMITH. Mary Polly-3 and Col. Isham O'BANNION had issue as named in their grandfather's will: Minor-4 O'Bannion, m. on 11 July 1835 in Shelbyville, KY, where his grandfather WINN had received large land grants, to Jane RICHARDSON, the sibling of Mary Ann who married Lewis Wyatt-6 WEATHERS (No. 303 in WEATHERS FAMILY). Minor-4 and Jane had speculated issue: Belle-5, b. 22 Dec. 1846 Garrard County, KY, d. 6 May 1928, St. Louis, MO, m. No. 913, WEATHERS FAMILY, Marcus Wm. WEATHERS, issue listed there).
35. Hannah-3 Winn, named as Hannah Neale in her father's will, married Richard Henry Lee NEALE of Fauquier County, VA, the brother of Thomas who married Hannah-3's sister, Margaret C.-3 Winn. Another brother was William Presley NEALE who was b. 1781 and d. 1808, m. 1801, Nancy Maria SMITH, the daughter of Lewis and Mary (NELSON) SMITH of Fauquier County, VA, granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (MARSHALL) SMITH and of William and Mary NELSON (see McCUISTION FAMILY by writer). One Richard Neale was the first person who signed two petitions, on 11 May 1769 and 11 July 1770 (same as signed by the husband of Person No. 10, that is Benjamin SMITH). If Hannah-3 had issue they are untraced by writer.

Inadvertently left out what should be No. 32, Susannah-3 Winn, m. Edward Simpson, as named in her father's will.

4. William-2 WINN (Minor-1), b. about 1730-1740 in Orange or Caroline County area of Virginia and said to have d. about 1820 on the Duck River in Maury County TN. An old letter from his niece states in part, "He is buried in Winnsboro beside our grandmother." He is later called a bachelor "very tall and slim and had a famous reputation as a fiddler and raconteur". Unless Minor-1 Winn had two sons named William with only one of them named in his will, it is known that he married as his first wife to Ann LINGAN, daughter of Thomas, and had one daughter and a son-in-law. He married second in South Carolina to Rosa HAMPTON, the aunt of Col. Wade HAMPTON, by whom he had several issue.

The Fauquier County court records reveal the probable date of William-2's removal to South Carolina as 1773-1778. He was living in Craven County in 1775 when he gave his son-in-law, Matthew SMITH, of Fauquier County in Virginia, power of attorney. Three grants from the state covering "Land on Enoree" are mentioned. On 23 May 1773, William-2 Winn gets 800 acres of land on Moon's Creek, Wateree River, Camden's District (Book 33, Pg. 116, SC Land Office); and on 24 Jan. 1785, he is granted 640 acres on both sides of Reedy River, bounded by Thomas Jenkins.

In 1789, William-2 Winn appoints Minor WINN of Fauquier County, power-of-attorney to receive his share of the estate of his father, Minor WINN Sr. of Virginia: "William Winn, Gentleman, and Hon. Richard Winn, Esq., Power of attorney to brother John Winn of Fairfield County to receive of Minor Winn of Virginia one of the executors of our late honored father, Minor Winn, deceased. Our sister, Susananh", etc. (Book A, Pg. 63, Fairfield County, SC).

One most interesting transaction took place on 6 Sept. 1794 in Fairfield County in South Carolina. William-2 WINN and M. WINN are witnesses for Nathaniel SMITH (Book 1, Pg. 186; see Person No. 96 in BEARDEN FAMILY, Jacob-6 BEARDEN married Winifred SMITH, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Polly (LANGSTON) SMITH). It was Jacob-6 and Mary Polly's daughter, Sarah Ann-7 BEARDEN who m. as her first husband to Benjamin HAYGOOD and named in her father's will made 1867 in Gilmer County, GA as Sarah Ann Haygood (under No. 27).

A connection is made in the administration of property of one Nathan SMITH, Jasper County, GA: "Monday, Dec. 14, 1818. Present, Bennett Crawford, John W. Compton, Hiram Glazier, Judges. Ordered that Elias G. LINGON be permitted to sell the land and negroes belonging to estate of Nathan Smith, dec'd" (Ord. Ct. Minutes, Pg. 144).

The old letter, frequently quoted herein and transcribed on Pgs. 366-367-367, "Southern Lineages", mentions her uncle briefly: "Look here, my brother, I forgot to say anything about my grandfather's brother, William. I never saw him though he is buried beside our grandmother in Winnsboro. He married Rosa Hampton, aunt of Wade Hampton. His daughter, Rosa, married Mr. Wroughton, afterwards governor of Kentucky. Mary married Robert Stark of Columbia. Margaret married John Hampton, brother of Wade. Sarah married Dr. John Hughes."

William-2 Winn had one daughter by his first wife, Ann LINGAN, and had numerous issue by his second wife, Rosa HAMPTON, only those named in the old letter are known to writer, although her own BEARDEN "aunt" married a descendant, and numerous people of surname WINN are buried where the descendant is and with markers, starting 1850, WINN Cemetery near Ladonia, Fannin County, TX:

36. Martha-3 Winn, m. on 25 Nov. 1771 to Matthew SMITH (Fauquier County marriage records), descendent of Augustine and Ann (MARSHALL) SMITH and great grandson of John and Elizabeth (MARSHALL) SMITH. Elizabeth (MARSHALL) SMITH m. second Col. Abram MARTIN (see CLARK FAMILY by author, also see Pgs. 478-479, "COLONIAL FAMILIES", referenced herein). Martha SMITH is named in her grandfather, Minor Winn-1's will, living when the following transaction was made: "William Winn of Craven County, South Carolina, appoints son-in-law, Matthew Smith, attorney, to sue for slaves and property now supposed to be in possession of Thomas Lingon and others, in Baltimore, Maryland, which slaves I claim in right of my daughter, Martha, now the wife to aforesaid Matthew Smith, who is the sole remaining heiress to Ann Lingan, my former wife" (Book VI, Pg. 134, Fauquier County). It is supposed that Matthew SMITH was a close relative of both William and Nathaniel SMITH, with whom William-2 Winn had business transactions (see above); and of Benjamin SMITH who married Martha-3's aunt (Person No. 10).
37. Minor-3 Winn, son of William-2 and his second wife, Rosa HAMPTON, married Matilda BEDFORD of Bedford County, TN and had: Zedrick-4, married (?) BURKAUT and had, Larkin D.-5, m. Sophia A. LOONEY and had Columbus Marion-6 WINN of Norman, OK in 1930 (Mr. Wayne Smith, Moscow, ID).
38. Rosa-3 Winn, m. (?) WROUGHTON who was later elected governor of Kentucky.
39. Mary-3 Winn, m. Robert STARK of Columbia, SC.

40. Margaret-3 Winn m. John HAMPTON.
 41. Sarah-3 Winn, m. Dr. John HUGHES.

5. John-2 Winn (Minor-1), was born about 1732 in Virginia, according to his Revolutionary War record as written in *ROSTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA PATRIOTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*, by Bobby Gilmer Moss, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, Pg. 1005. According to the same source, he died on 16 July 1814 at Winnsboro in Fairfield County, SC. He married about 1748-1750 to Dorothea WRIGHT, the niece of Major John WRIGHT, and m. second to Penelope KIRKLAND. Dorothea was the only daughter and heiress of Major Francis Wright and his wife, Anne WASHINGTON. Anne was the daughter of Lt. Colonel John WASHINGTON and his first wife, Anne POPE, the niece of Lawrence WASHINGTON who m. Mildred WARNER and the latter were ancestors of General and President George WASHINGTON (Fauquier County Historical Bulletin, Pg. 377; Tyler's Quarterly LV, Pg. 210, etc.).

Francis WRIGHT died in 1742 in Prince William County and his daughter, "Dorothy" WRIGHT, chose Francis ASH as her guardian. On 27 Nov. 1754, John WRIGHT, Gent. & Justice, confirmed this choice (1754 Prince William County Court Order Book, Pg. 183).

On 27 April 1772, Minor-1 Winn of Leed's Parish, Fauquier County, VA, and wife Margaret sell a tract of land to John WRIGHT (Deed Bk. IV, Pgs. 21-23). On 21 Sept. 1774, John WRIGHT and wife Ann, sell this tract to Peter GRANT, Mrs. Ann WRIGHT relinquishes her dower (Deed Bk. VI, Pgs. 52-55, Fauquier County).

John-2 Winn's granddaughter wrote in an old letter (SOUTHERN LINEAGES):

"John Winn, our grandfather, was married in Alexandria, Virginia, to Dorothea Wright, only child and heiress of Captain Francis Wright who was a sea captain. Our grandmother was an orphan and was taken by her father's brother to live with him and was in Alexandria when she ran off and married our grandfather. She was not fifteen years of age. Her friends never forgave her. Our grandparents left Virginia for South Carolina in 1765. His wife died whilst Cornwallis and his troops was quartered in their home, known as Winnsboro. He married second, Penelope Kirkland in, as well as I can remember, having often seen the date, 1781."

As the early records disclose, The Winns were farmers but Minor-1 and his sons engaged in another business, "John Winn is granted license to keep Ordinary at the courthouse, he having executed and acknowledged bond, according to law (Sept. 1763 Minute Book 2, Pg. 211, Fauquier County).

In 1765, John-2 Winn is preparing to emigrate as a deed is written: "I, John Winn, of the County of Fauquier, planter, for 8000 pounds current money paid me by Minor Winn, Sr., in Fauquier County." Sale of negroes and household effects and Bill of Sale as recorded 22 March 1765 (Book 2, Pg. 230), Alex Cunningham, James Robinson, Bennett Rice, witnesses.

Of the three sons of Minor-1 who emigrated, John-2 seems to have removed first to South Carolina. The first record of land purchased by him there is dated 1769. From then until 1778, he is granted land in Craven County ten times (land office in Columbia). These grants to him and his brother, William-2, in Camden District number fourteen and cover fourteen pages between the years 1776-1785 (Book 33, Pg. 116 and Book E, Pgs. 553-565, SC Land Office).

Soon after he arrived there, on 22 Oct. 1769, recorded 29 Oct. 1794, John-2 is one of his Majesty's justices for Craven County in South Carolina (Book 1, Pg. 234).

A tract of land conveyed 1784 by John-2 Winn and others in Fairfield County, by John-3 Winn Jr., Sheriff, to McMaster. Signed 1794 by W. Winn. -- Deed from John-3 Winn, Sheriff of Fairfield County, to Richard-2 Winn on Little River, Fairfield County.

Minor-3 and John-2 Winn, in 1786, acquire land jointly in Camden District on Cedar Creek, Broad River (Book II, Pg. 201, SC).

John-2 Winn, had besides his large grants from the State of South Carolina, titles to many acres in Fairfield County, South Carolina (Book A, Pgs. 61, 230, 356; Book B, Pgs. 34, 158).

On 3 Nov. 1790, he is one of the appraisers of Col. Joseph KIRKLAND's estate (Will Book 1, Pg. 9, Winnsboro, SC). On 9 Aug. 1794, his deed is witnessed by Obed KIRKLAND (Book 1, Pg. 167, Fairfield County, SC).

An old sketch of the Winns by Mr. McMaster, filed in the archives in Columbia, SC states, "The Winns gave the land on which Mt. Zion School was built. This, the second oldest chartered school (1777), was surrounded by the camp of Cornwallis when he occupied Winnsboro during the War of the Revolution in 1782."

"South Carolina Roster of Patriots in the American Revolution", Pg. 1005, as referred to above: "WINN, John: During 1779, he served in the Third Regiment under Capt. George Lidell. He also served as a lieutenant and captain in the militia. Born ca. 1732, d. 16 July 1814, married Dorothea Wright, married second Penelope Kirkland. He served as a colonel in the Fairfield District militia during 1777 and 1778. During 1779, he served eighteen days as a lieutenant under Gen. Williamson and forty-five days in 1781 as a captain under Col. Richard Winn. He lost a team and wagon in service during 1780."

"John-2 Winn was captured in the War of the Revolution by the British, and condemned to death for an attempt to ambush and kill General Lord Cornwallis, but was afterward released. He had married Dorothea Wright of Alexandria. Dorothea died during the occupation of Winnsboro, South Carolina, by Cornwallis in 1782 (Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 6, Pg. 203).

There has not been found a will for John-2 nor his two wives in the area of Fairfield County. His issue is as given in the old letter from his granddaughter, written about 1875 to Mr. George Winn, brother to Mr. James J. Winn, father of Mrs. George SCOTT and Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, of Decatur, Georgia (note the surnames SCOTT and FITZPATRICK in BUNCH FAMILY). Mr. George Winn was deceased soon afterward, he being born in Winnsboro, South Carolina. The name of "Your Sister", author of the letter to her brother, George, is unknown. Mr. George and Mr. James J. Winn and "Your Sister" were children of Minor-3 Winn and grandchildren of Colonel John-2 and his first wife of Winnsboro, Fairfield County, SC.

The information concerning the large family of Col. John-1 Winn by two marriages is taken from the stated old letter. This old letter is considered by this writer to be of utmost importance and no breach of faith to transcribe again portions from "SOUTHERN LINEAGES" almost verbatim. The following seventeen issue of John-2 is in the order as given by the sister of George-4 and James J.-4 Winn, who states, "many others died in infancy":

42. Anna Minor-3 Winn, m. Samuel McKENNEY, a lieutenant in Morgan's Rifle Brigade, and had two sons: Benjamin-4, m. Ione HARRIS, had one son, John-5; and Joshua-4 McKenney, d. 1814 in Savannah, GA.
43. Mary-3 Winn, m. Obed KIRKLAND of Fairfield County, SC. This family migrated to Louisiana where her three children died near New Orleans.
- *44. Minor-3 Winn, m. Mary EVANS, see below.
45. Richard Francis-3 Winn, son of Col. John-2, his name affixed on 3 June 1793, to Fairfield County, SC deeds. R. F.-3 married Prudence LAMAR (Winn chart, old letter). The old letter states, "R. F. Winn had five children, Mary, Susan, John, Jacob and Prudence. Mary married Thomas LYON and her children and Susan's you know about and all the rest of them. Jacob married in Wetumpka and soon after died."
46. James-3 Winn, married Emily EVANS and said to have died childless; however, "James Winn, gentleman, of Fairfield County, late of said county, for whose estate Minor Winn was appointed administrator" (probably sibling of Minor-3 and John-3 Jr. and all three sons of Col. John-2 Winn of Winnsboro (Will Book 2, Pg. 28, Greenville County, SC). James-3 had children and legatees as named: Eliza Ann-4; Joseph-4; James Berry-4; Jane-4; and Clement-4 Winn.
- *47. John-3 Winn, Jr., m. Elizabeth EVANS, see below.

48. Wright-3 Winn, seventh and youngest issue of John-2 by his first marriage, married Jennie PAYNE and "left no lawful children".
49. Joseph-3 Winn, first issue of John-2 Winn by his second marriage to Penelope KIRKLAND, married his cousin, Miss WEST of Mississippi. He left two daughters and his family removed to Texas.
50. Peter-3 Winn "married unknown in Tennessee; went to Texas before War of 1812, fought through war and lost all his children but three. Finally settled in St. Augustine where he died a few years ago. His son, Col. John Winn still lived there."
51. Daniel-3 Winn "went into the French settlement in Louisiana, became French, fiddled and danced his life away, unmarried".
52. Harriett-3 Winn "married a wealthy planter in Louisiana, a native of Virginia. She was a widow with one child. Her brother, Robert, lived with her - unmarried".
53. Margaret-3 Winn, "When I heard last Peggy had married (Peter wrote me), a poor man in Mississippi and had nine children."
54. Martha-3 Winn probably died young.
55. David Jefferson-3 Winn, believed to have died young.
56. Robert-3 Winn, lived with his sister, unmarried.
57. Obed-3 Winn, (died young?).
58. John-3 Winn, (died young?).

6. James-2 Winn (Minor-1), was born probably about 1745-1750 in the area of Orange-Spotsylvania-Prince William County, VA and died at an unknown time in the area of Jefferson County, KY. His marriage bond is dated on 3 March 1767 in Fauquier County, VA, to Hannah-5 WEATHERS/WITHERS (Person No. 84 in WEATHERS/WITHERS FAMILY), who was b. in Fauquier County and died near what is now Louisville, KY, the daughter of Person No. 33 in WEATHERS FAMILY, that is Thomas-4 WEATHERS and his wife Elizabeth (SMITH?).

The first authentic record for James-2 WINN is a deed dated 26 April 1772, "Minor Winn and Margaret, his wife, of Leeds Parish in Fauquier County, deed James Winn of same tract, out of a larger tract which Thomas Bartlett purchased of Judson Coolidge and sold to said Minor Winn, and bounded on west side by Spring Branch and Fishback's line" (Deed Bk. IX, Pg. 17).

On 27 April 1772, Minor Winn sells this tract to John WRIGHT (Deeds, IV, Pg. 21-23).

Minor-1 Winn Sr. in his 1 July 1774-1775 will, names as his fourth son James-2 Winn who, with his wife Hannah, his brother Minor-2, and brother-in-law, Peter GRANT are witnesses.

James-2 Winn was a captain and his brother, Minor-2, was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War from Fauquier County, VA. Both received bounty land in Kentucky for their services. James-2 was allowed a claim for a horse about five years old, impressed by Col. Frances TRIPLETT, valued at 40 Lbs (Revolutionary War, Fauquier County Bulletin Nos. 1 and 3, Pg. 379; see also SCHELL/MOREHEAD FAMILY by author for Francis TRIPLETT who m. a MOREHEAD).

James-2 Winn was in a list subscribing to a petition to the Court some time in 1774 to leave the Episcopal Church to build a meeting house on a tenement of land occupied by Burr HARRISON (Fauquier County Court Minutes, May term, 1775).

Much is said on good authority concerning the family of James-2 Winn and no doubt many of the Winns who removed to Jefferson County, Kentucky belong to him. He had at least three daughters (one unknown):

59. Elizabeth-3 Winn, died before 1843 in Jefferson County, KY; married there on 28 Dec. 1792 to her cousin, William JOHNSON/JOHNSTON, who died before 1798 after one known issue: James Chew-3 Johnson, b. 1795, imminent physician of Louisville, KY.

60. Unknown female-3 Winn, married as his second wife to Mr. ROBERTS, who was the first husband of Mrs. (General and President) Andrew JACKSON. It was with General Jackson that Person No. 62 lived and received his education and in whose home he died.

7. Richard-2 Winn (Minor-1), the youngest named son of Minor-1 and Margaret (O'CONNOR) Winn, was born about 1850 in Caroline-Prince William County (NSDAR application says Lunenburg County), VA area and died on 19 Dec. 1818 on the Duck River in Maury County, TN. He married at an unknown time and place, to his only wife, Susan Priscilla McKINNEY who died before 23 April 1821 in Maury County, TN, when their son, John-3 Winn filed a petition for division of his mother's estate, "who is now dead".

The writer has not had access to the Richard-2 Winn will nor the litigation involved in the settlement of his estate, both of which name his issue.

The first mention of Richard-2 in the available legal records is when he was named by Minor-1 Winn in his 1774-1775 will in Fauquier County, VA. No further record for him is found in Virginia and it is evident that soon afterward, he went to South Carolina with his older brothers. A deed to him from his son or nephew, John-3 Winn, is dated 1784 in Fairfield County, SC, on Little River.

Richard-2 received in 1785, land in Camden District on Catawba River in South Carolina. Part of Camden District was erected in 1779 into Fairfield District, the seat of justice being named Winn's borough in honor of Richard-2 Winn, who was known as "General Winn". This is later a thriving railroad town of about two thousand people, thirty-four miles north of Columbia, SC.

Soon after his move to South Carolina he began surveying, being employed by a company of English capitalists who gave him every eighth tract for his services. He and his brother, John, soon became the largest land owners in the area and very wealthy. He was elected justice of the peace, holding office under the crown until the war. On 21 July 1775, he gave Mount Zion Society 100 acres adjoining Winnsborough for the nominal amount of ten shillings.

The zeal with which Richard-2 Winn espoused the Whig cause during these disturbing times, brought on him the bitter hatred of the Tories, who would have hanged him if they could have caught him. When the First Provincial Congress of South Carolina convened in 1775, he was elected a delegate, a much larger body than the regular General Assembly, and was composed mostly of Whigs, although the General Assembly was also members of the Provincial Congress.

During some Revolutionary War battles in South Carolina, the Prince of Wales regiment was annihilated by the accurate fire of the South Carolinians. Andrew Jackson, then a mere boy of thirteen fought with these troops and there received his baptism of fire. There was begun the great friendship between these two heroes, and before General Richard-2 Winn's removal to Tennessee, he sent his oldest son, Minor-3, who was studying law, to live with "Old Hickory". Andrew Jackson had married as her second husband to the first wife of Mr. ROBERTS, whose second wife was General Richard-2's niece, Person No. 60. Minor-3 died there in Old Hickory's home as a young man (old letter from General Winn's granddaughter, Mrs. Gabriella C. JACKSON of Henry County, TN).

As stated, Richard-2 Winn was especially hated by the Tories. While he was confined with a wound received in the war, the Tories made a foray on his plantation, drove off stock and negroes and burned every building. With one of her faithful slaves, Mrs. Winn secured two scrub ponies and using a small feather bed as a saddle for her small children, they left the destroyed home and sought General Winn in the army (Historical Commission of SC; letter from General Winn's granddaughter, Mrs. Gabriella C. JACKSON of Henry County, TN; brief history of the Winn family, written 1906 by Dr. J. L. CURRY, in SC archives).

The diary of Lieut. Allaire of Ferguson's Corps mentions that his command camped at Winn's plantation on 17, 18, and 19th Aug. 1780; and he casually alludes to the case of a Mr. Smith who was accused of breaking his parole and was then hung by the British (Dr. Draper's papers).

Lord Cornwallis made his headquarters at General Richard-2 Winn's home and while there, John-2 Winn's first wife died and John-2 was captured. It was through the intercession of a Colonel Phillips, a Tory who was under great obligation to Richard-2, that John-2 was saved from the gallows for an attempt to bushwhack Cornwallis.

In the early part of the war, Richard-2's duties were more congressional, a member of both houses of the General Assembly, filling other offices and appointed Indian Agent in 1786. He was Lieutenant-Governor from 1801 to 1803. In Congress, he had that rare quality of a statesman, he knew when and where to keep his mouth shut. He was constantly in public service, a most charitable and public spirited person.

When there was a failure of crops by his neighbors and they were unable to pay, he furnished them with supplies without cash or security. He always said that, without exception, he was always repaid in full.

When the bill of his colleague, John C. Calhoun, declaring war against England, was passed on 1 June 1812, he was one of the seventy-eight yeas against the 45 nays. His last vote in congress was 14 Jan. 1813, for an additional military force.

In 1857, when his youngest and only surviving son, Dr. Samuel-3 Winn, applied to Congress for remuneration, the committee on Revolutionary pensions reported House Bill No. 225, 34th Congress, 3rd session, which recounted the General's services and losses, and recommended the relief. The bill was never enacted into law.

General-2 Winn is described as being a large, tall and well-formed man, every inch a soldier. His hair was dark and curly, dark blue eyes and transparent looking skin. There was a full length oil photograph of him in the State Capitol of South Carolina taken at about age 60, in full uniform and leaning on his sword. The renowned historian and author, Dr. Lyman C. Draper, said this was burned when the city was burned during the Civil War. He was fond of fine horses and was a patron member of the South Carolina Jockey Club, now the oldest similar club in the United States.

In Nov. 1786, John-2 Winn deeds to Richard-2 Winn "a tract containing 98 acres, a part of an original tract of 300 acres", Fairfield County, South Carolina."

In 1789, Richard-2 is executor of the estate of Thomas BAKER at Winnsboro (Will Book 1, Pg. 44).

Again, in 1789, "Honorable Richard Winn, Esq. and William Winn, Gentleman, Power of Attorney to Brother John Winn of Fairfield County to receive of Minor Winn of Virginia one of the executors of our late honored father, Minor Winn, deceased" (Book A, Pg. 63, Fairfield County, VA).

The names of General Winn, along with Colonel John Winn and John Winn, Esq., occur in the sales account of Samuel WILSON's estate (Book 1, Pg. 88, Winnsboro, SC).

General Winn, along with Col. John Winn, Maj. M. Winn, in a list of officers of regiment against all of whom John Milling brought account. They returned word they were all excepted, Winnsboro, SC (Book 1, Pg. 121).

On 5 April 1791, Richard-2 Winn, Esq., of Winnsboro, Fairfield County, SC, "Maj. Hampton as per Richard Winn, eleven pounds and forty-three dollars same which will be credited to you", signed by Minor-3 Winn (Draper Coll., Sumter MSS; Vol. VV, Pg. 76).

On 25 Dec. 1803, Richard-2 Winn of Winnsboro, deed to land "in town of Winnsboro, being a corner lot fronting on Washington Street and Zion Street, known and marked as the original place of the said town, by Lot No. 79." Sold to John PORTER, signed in presence of Benjamin WINN and D. EVANS. "I, Richard Winn, of District of Fairfield" (Original Deed VV, Sumpter MSS. Draper Collection (Vol. 1, Pgs. 103-104).

Richard-2 Winn moved to a five thousand acre tract of land and plantation on Duck River in Maury County, TN where he died on above date and after a brilliant career as an officer of the Revolution and later in the United States Congress which is of public record:

"Richard Winn moved to Georgia and then to South Carolina in 1768. On 17 June 1775, he became a first lieutenant in the Rangers under Capt. Thomas Woodward and Col. Thomson. He was on Sullivan's Island on 28 June 1776. In Feb. 1777, he and fifty Rangers were defeated at Fort McIntosh on the Satilla River by Cois. Thomas Brown, Robert Cunningham and Dan McGirt, leaders of the Claybites and Scovillites. After the fall of Charleston, he joined Gen. Sumter. He became a colonel in the militia. Even though he was wounded in the battle of Hanging Rock, he was still in the battles at Fish Dam Ford and Blackstock's plantation. He became a brigadier-general on 21 Nov. 1783.

"He was a member of Congress from 1793 to 1797, when he moved to Tennessee." (Heitman, Pg. 600; S. C. H. & G., II, 183; V. 6); Landrum's History of South Carolina, Pg. 256; A. A. 8663; K168; X259; Yearbook, 1893; Biographical Dictionary of the American Congress, etc.).

The issue of Richard-2 and Priscilla Winn is as given by Mrs. Edith Sue (DELK) SOWELL, Route 2, Turkey Creek Stock Farm, Santa Fe, TN 38482, in her 31 Jan. 1978 application to Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR No. 439711):

61. Susan Priscilla-3 Winn, b. 1793, m. Elijah BLOCKER.
62. (Major) Minor-3 Winn, unmarried, went to Tennessee to study law with General Jackson and died in his home (see under Nos. 7 and 60 for connections).
63. John-3 Winn, married Miss TAYLOR on Little River and had issue. He moved to Dallas County, AL (from old letter).
64. (Dr.) Benjamin Franklin-3 Winn, m. Mary Caroline BLOCKER, old letter, "Ben, you know all about from correspondence with him".
65. (Dr.) Thomas-3 Winn, who perhaps did not marry (old letter from John-2 Winn's granddaughter states "Tom married a young lady named COVINGTON in North Carolina").
66. Richard-3 Winn Jr., unmarried, and also said to have died in the Jackson home while studying law under Gen. Andrew Jackson.
67. William-3 Winn, m. Mary Susannah BLANTON (old letter says "William is dead. He never married. General Winn obtained both William and Tom commissions of lieutenant in U. S. army in 1812").
68. Samuel-3 Winn, b. 1796, m. Sarah McKENZIE. The old letter says, "Sam married a Miss McKenzie of Baldwin County, Georgia. He wrote the truth about his sister's marriage, except making a doctor of him".
69. Christina Sophia-3 Winn, m. Dr. BRATTON.
70. Margaret-3 Winn, m. her cousin, Dr. David E. EVANS; Person No. 80 m. David A. EVANS (see No. 103 in BEARDEN FAMILY).
71. Mary-3 Winn, m. Thomas SIMS as named in her father's will and Person No. 1065 in BEARDEN FAMILY. John M.-8 BEARDEN m. Rebecca Jane SIMS (see SIMS Family in KELLER KONNECTIONS).

10. Elizabeth-2 Winn (Minor-1), the third daughter named in the will of Minor-1 Winn. Two of his daughters were named as having married SMITH but only Elizabeth-2 is named as having SMITH issue. Elizabeth-2 was b. about 1750 and died before 1770 in Halifax County, VA area. She m. Benjamin SMITH who probably died about 1778 when their orphans were living in Halifax County, VA.

Benjamin Smith was old enough to sign a petition, dated the 4th day of April 1769 and signed the 11th day of May 1769 (Richmond County, VA, Account Book No. 1, Part II, 2 June 1751-5 June 1783; and Virginia County Court Records, Account Book Abstracts of Richmond County, VA, 1751-1783, Pg. 62, edited and published by Ruth and Sam Sparacio).

"Minor Winn of Fauquier County, VA, guardian for Smith orphans, buys land for them there, according to record, from Robert WOODING, 35 acres on Bannister River" (Deed BK. II, Pg. 66-67, Halifax County).

15 June 1778, Minor Winn buys land on Bannister River for heirs of Benjamin Smith from heirs of Peter WOOD (Deed Book 1, Pg. 69, Halifax County).

"Account of Minor Winn, guardian of Smith's orphans (Pg. 227), to expense of caring for Margaret Smith and Minor Winn Smith in Fauquier County, it being their father's desire; to finding of Minor Winn Smith, one pair of shoes; to finding of Weathers Smith, one pair of shoes; to finding of a horse and showing him to carry Minor Winn Smith into Fauquier County, for my trouble to delivering the children to the appointed place; to paying Thomas Younger for nursing of Weathers Smith; for finding of a horse for Weathers Smith to go to Loudoun County; to bearing his expenses there; to be paid Leonard Keeling for teaching of Susannah Smith to sing; to finding John Smith of shoes in year of 1770; to one negro and two horses in moving the children; 210 paid Chas. Chimis for schooling of John Smith.

"For Moses Johnson in part for rents" (Book 1, Pg. 229, June-July Court 1778).

The above record indicates that both Elizabeth-2 and her husband, Benjamin SMITH died in Halifax County and that her brother, Minor-2 Winn Jr., came down and got their orphans and took them back to Fauquier or Loudoun County. The indication is that Elizabeth-2 had the following issue and probably born in Halifax County between 1763 and 1770, no further record: Margaret-3; Minor Winn-3; Susannah-3; John-3; and Weathers-3 Smith.

11. **Susannah-2 Winn** (Minor-1), the last child as named in the Minor-1 Winn will, was born about 1850-1860 in Caroline or Prince William County, VA and said by descendants to have died at an advanced age in Georgia. She was named as Susannah GRANT in her father's will and had married before 1774 to Peter GRANT. There has been found no substantial proof for the issue of Susannah-2 and it is hoped, with the increasing discovery of both published and manuscript material, that some more skillful genealogist may find the solutions to the traditional GRANT issue. There was one Sarah Grant who is speculated as having married No. 77 in BEARDEN FAMILY, John H.-5 BEARDEN, whose speculated brother was Daniel-3 Grant. Sarah died after 1836 in Walton County, GA.

The sparse proof being offered here that GRANT was the maiden name of John H. BEARDEN's wife, Sarah, is both the 1793 will of Daniel GRANT in Wilkes County, GA, witnessed by Sarah Bearden, and the 1794 estate settlement of Presley RAMEY in Wilkes County, GA, witnessed by John H.-6 BEARDEN (Early Records of Wilkes County, GA, Pg. 56; and other references as given in BEARDEN FAMILY).

The Daniel Grant will was written on 4 July 1793 in Wilkes County, GA, probated there on 8 Nov. 1793. That he had been reared and lived his life in the nurture and admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ cannot be doubted. (See Page 114 under No. 77 in BEARDEN FAMILY for the Daniel Grant will, witnessed by Sarah Bearden.)

SIX GRANDCHILDREN OF NO. 1 MINOR-1 AND MARGARET (O'CONNOR) WINN

A. ONE CHILD OF NO. 2 LETTICE-2 WINN AND JOHN BEARDEN

20. **Richard Pleasant-3 Bearden** (Lettice-2 WINN, Minor-1), same person as No. 43 in BEARDEN FAMILY and all available information is listed there. He m. Sarah "Sally" (BENNETT?). By association, plus legal records, the following are given as the issue of Richard P.-3 and "Sally" and their descendants can be found under their numbers 95 through 112 in BEARDEN FAMILY as only the writer's direct lineage is being carried down herein:

72. James-4 Bearden, married Mary (?).

*73. **Jacob-4 Bearden**, married Winifred SMITH, same person as No. 96 in BEARDEN FAMILY, see below as he is the writer's ancestor.

74. Elizabeth-4 Bearden, married Jacob CANTRELL.

75. Sarah-4 Bearden, married Ansel GREEN.
76. Ansel-4 Bearden, married (Abigail JOURDAN?), second (?) Georgia LEMUEL/SAMUEL, m. second or third (?) Jain JORDAN/JOURDAN.
77. Cintha-4 Bearden, married her cousin's son, Robert-5 SMITH.
78. Rowland-4 Bearden, married Elizabeth HARDIGE.
79. Telitha-4 Bearden, did not marry.
80. Betsy-4 Bearden, married David EVINS/EVANS (see Addendum No. 1, BEARDEN FAMILY) and Person No. 70 Margaret-3 WINN m. Dr. David EVANS.
81. Thomas-4 Bearden, married Catherine BELL? and married second Anny EAST/EASLEY.
82. Rachel-4 Bearden, married James CLAYTON.
83. Richard-4 Bearden Jr., married Unas (?), full-blood Indian; married second Penelope Elizabeth (McElroy?) PARKER? and married third Phebe HUNT.
84. Williby-4 BEARDEN, married Sarah PEAK/PEEK.
85. Lettice-4 Bearden, married Valentine RISENOR.
86. Frances-4 Bearden, married William Marion HERALSON.
87. Catherine-4 Bearden, married Peter CRUM.
88. John-4 Bearden (married Nancy LYLES/LILES?), married second? his brother's widow, Frances "Fanny" (FIELDS) DOWDA-BEARDEN.
89. William-4 Bearden, married Frances (FIELDS) DOWDA.

B. ONE CHILD OF NO. 3 MINOR-2 AND ELIZABETH (WEATHERS) WINN

29. Nancy-3 Winn (Minor-2, Minor-1), same person as No. 213 in WEATHERS FAMILY by writer, named in her father's will as Nancy HARRISON; the wife of Burwell HARRISON. Her uncle, James-2 WINN, was in a list of subscribers to a petition to the Court in 1774 to leave the Episcopal Church to build a meeting house on a tenement of land occupied by Burr HARRISON (Fauquier Court Minutes, May term, 1775). Nancy-3 had speculated issue:

*90. Rebecca Elizabeth-4 HARRISON, m. John SCOTT, see below.

C. TWO CHILDREN OF NO. 5 JOHN-2 AND DOROTHEA (WRIGHT) WINN

44. Minor-3 Winn (John-2, Minor-1), was old enough on 10 Oct. 1764 in Fauquier County, Virginia, when "Colonel Richard H. Lee of Westmoreland County, leases Minor Winn of Prince William County, Virginia, for Minor Winn, the son of John and Dorothy Winn, 228 acres in Fauquier County" (Book 2, Pgs. 129-131-230, Fauquier County, VA). No record has been found for the time or place of death of Minor-3 Winn of the large land holdings in Fairfield County, SC. He married at an unknown time and probably while still in the Fauquier County area of Virginia, to Mary EVANS, daughter of David Reid Evans. On 12 Dec. 1794, he sold land to his father or brother-in-law (Fairfield County, SC, Book 1, Pg. 261). The will of Mary Winn is indexed as recorded in Book VI, Fairfield County.

Minor-3 Winn, son of Colonel John-2 and grandson of Minor-1 Winn Sr., received large land grants from the State of South Carolina and was also active in local land transactions in Fairfield County. He was there in 1789 and was deeded land frequently from 1792 to 1794.

In 1796, Robert AUSTIN deeds him land in Fairfield County (Deed Book A, Pg. 279). Another deed is to land originally granted to Edmond SMITH in 1794 "and other land conveyed to Minor Winn, 1792", is signed by Mary Winn (Deed Book 1, Pg. 187). See under Person No. 43 and 96 in BEARDEN FAMILY for Edmond SMITH who purchased land from and witnessed Richard BEARDEN deeds, Spartanburg County, SC.

On 22 Feb. 1794, Minor-3 Winn made deed, witnessed by R. F. Winn-4 and John-4 Winn Jr. (Fairfield County, SC, Book 1, Pg. 166).

In Sept. 1794, Minor-3 Winn and James Craig appoint Wade Hampton power of attorney to sell land (Book 1, Pg. 182, Fairfield County).

Both Minor-3 and his father, John-2, extended their investments to the upper districts of South Carolina as recorded in deeds by Mrs. Adeline (EVANS) WINN in SOUTHERN LINEAGES:

Minor Winn, Esq., of Fairfield County, to John FORD, plantation containing 500 acres, situated at the line when originally granted Craven County but now called Spartanburg County - on a branch of Tygar River - which tract of land was formerly the property of Robert WELLS and sold to Minor Winn Esq., 1785. (26 May 1791, Deed Book 13, Pg. 435, Spartanburg County, SC).

This, and other transactions, places this family in same location with Person No. 32 in BEARDEN FAMILY, John-4 BEARDEN who married Lettice-2 WINN, the latter who is compiled as a sibling of William-2, Minor-2, John-2 and Richard-2 WINN.

"Minor Winn of Winnsboro, Gentleman, 100 acres of land granted to John PARKER" (Person No. 106 in BEARDEN FAMILY m. Elizabeth PARKER) "by him sold to Joseph KIRKLAND, and by him sold 1787 to Minor WINN, on waters of Tygar River and bounded northeast and southeast by John FORD's land and northwest by PORCHER's and Lawson's land, which tract includes where the Georgia and Blackstock roads pass each other". This deed to William WILLS with Abner BENSON, witness (Deed Book 44, Pg. 191, Spartanburg County, SC).

1793, Minor-3 Winn of Fairfield County, sells land in Pendleton District on Eighteen Mile Creek on waters of Keowee River (Bk. 2, Pg. 122).

1 March 1808, Joseph KIRKLAND to Minor WINN, Esq., both of the District of Camden, 1000 acres in Craven County in the branches of Tygar River, bounded by Porcher's, Lawson's and John Ford's land, originally conveyed by John PARKER by him to KIRKLAND in 1773. Another tract of 288 acres in fork of Enoree and Tygar to Western Indian's Land originally sold to WILLIAMSON - one tract, 300 acres originally granted to John HOPE and conveyed to Joseph KIRKLAND, witnessed 1807 in Fairfield District (Book L, Pg. 183).

Information concerning the children of Minor-3 and Mary (EVANS) Winn is sparse as the old letter written by his daughter only says, "Our father's family you know all about." This writer can only guess at the issue of Minor-3 Winn:

91. James J.-4 Winn, as named in the letter from "Your Sister".
92. George-4 Winn, said to have been born after the move to SC and the person to whom the old letter was written and signed "Your Sister". George-4 had known issue: Female-5 Winn, married George SCOTT and lived Decatur, GA; and Female-5 Winn, m. (?) KIRKPATRICK, lived Decatur, GA.
93. Female-4 Winn, who wrote the old letter to her brother, George-4 Winn and signed it "Your Sister" (Pgs. 367-368, (Southern Lineages)).
94. Martha-4 Winn, married John BLANTON of the deed, "John Blanton of Winnsboro, South Carolina, and wife, Martha, to Minor Winn of Winnsboro", witnessed by Richard Winn, Richmond County, GA.

47. **John-3 Winn Jr.** (John-2, Minor-1), a Revolutionary War soldier and probable brother of Minor-3 Winn and both sons of Colonel John-2 Winn of Fauquier County, VA and Winnsboro in Fairfield County, SC, as named in records, was b. about 1750-1760 in Virginia and died intestate, his estate settled (Roll No. 738, 1827, Anderson County, SC); citation given on 2 September 1827 by John HARRIS, administrator of estate, published at Hopewell Meeting House, Saul L. WATSON, minister of gospel, Greenville County: "John Winn, late of Pendleton District, a soldier of the Revolution", etc. He married at an unknown time and place to Elizabeth EVANS, probable sister to his brother, Minor-3's wife, who was Mary EVANS.

"A tract of land conveyed to John Winn and others in Fairfield County, South Carolina, 1784, is conveyed by John Winn, Jr., Sheriff to Mr. McMaster", signed by W. Winn, 1794. Deed from John Winn, Sheriff of Fairfield County, to Richard Winn, on Little River, Fairfield.

"To sundries, John Winn Jr., Col. John Winn, Maj. Winn, James Winn, Gen. Richard Winn, John Winn" (Book 1, Pg. 121, Fairfield County, SC).

Deed made by Minor-3 Winn witnessed by John-3 Winn, Jr. (22 Feb. 1794, Fairfield County, Book 1, Pg. 166).

15 May 1810 in Greenville County, SC, John-3 Winn of Pendleton sold land granted him by Governor Pinckney in 1792, 200 acres in Pendleton District, Anderson County (Book F, Pg. 191).

"I, Minor Winn, of South Carolina, for love and affection I bear my father, John Winn, of State of Georgia, deed to John Winn slaves". Proved by David Read Evans, recorded 1 June 1795 in Lincoln County, GA (Book A, Pg. 119).

John-3 Winn evidently had at least the following descent:

95. Eliza Ann-4 Winn, who married Micajah PICKETT and went to Mississippi.
96. John Winn-4 III, it is probable this is the John Winn who married his distant cousin, Charles Washington, as in, "I, John Winn, in right of my wife, Charles Winn (late Washington), the said Charles being entitled to several legacies, bequests and estates as well, from the estate of Thomas Washington, deceased, as others know. Know all men by these presents that we, John Winn and Charles, do nominate, constitute and appoint Minor Winn of the State of South Carolina, town of Winnsboro, Esq., our own lawful attorney." Wit. by Richard F.-3 Winn, Joel Lockart, Basil Lamar, Justice Inferior Court (23 Aug. 1798, Book E, Pg. 446-447, Lincoln County, GA).
97. Thomas-4 Winn, in 1826, Greenville County, appraised the Robert BENSON estate (see Person No. 92 in BEARDEN FAMILY, John Bearden-6 GOWEN who married after 1790 to Mary BENSON, daughter of Prue BENSON whose will was recorded 1 Oct. 1821 in Greenville County, names her son-in-law, John B. GOWEN and son, William as Executors.
Thomas-4 Winn witnessed the 1834 will in Greenville County, SC, of Elizabeth BLASSINGAME (see Persons No. 39 and 93 in BEARDEN FAMILY, Thomas-5 BEARDEN m. second to Sarah BLASSINGAME/BLASSINHAM; and Mary-6 GOWEN, daughter of Lettice-5 BEARDEN and her husband, John GOWEN, m. James BLASSINGAME.
98. Bannister-4 Winn, surely a descendant of the first John-1 Winn, is one of the several Winns of Wilmington Island, Charleston, witnesses deed in 1791 to land in Augusta, Richmond County, GA. In 1792, Peter CARNES deeds to Bannister-4 Winn and others a mortgage.

FOURTH GENERATION WINN

I. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 2 LETTICE-2 WINN AND JOHN-4 BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 20 RICHARD P.-3 AND SARAH (BENNETT?) BEARDEN

73. Jacob-4 Bearden (Richard Pleasant-3, Lettice-2 WINN, Minor-1), same person as No. 96 in BEARDEN FAMILY, married Winifred SMITH and had issue, numbers 342 through 356 in BEARDEN FAMILY, the last ten (10) as named in his will, and only the writer's direct lineage carried forward herein:

99. Celia-5 Bearden, m. Robert O'BARR.
100. Temperance-5 "Tempy" Bearden, m. Joseph EUBANKS.
101. Telitha-5 Bearden, m. Ansel WRIGHT Sr., m. second, her cousin, Daniel-5 GREEN.
102. Washington Williby-5 Bearden, m. Cintha BUTLER.
103. Jacob Pleasant-5 Bearden, m. second Jemima JONES.

- 104. Catherine-5 Bearden, m. Thomas SINIARD.
- 105. Elizabeth-5 Bearden, m. Hezekiah COCHRAN.
- 106. Luiza-5 Bearden, m. Rowland COLBERT.
- 107. Winny Ann-5 Bearden, m. her cousin, Tolliver-5 GREEN.
- 108. Mary Ann-5 Bearden, m. Manoah "Noah" SHERIFF.
- 109. Robert Kimsey-5 Bearden, m. Sementha JONES.
- *110. James Jasper-5 Bearden, m. Mary Josephine RAINEY.
- 111. William Newton-5 Bearden, m. Melinda Caroline FOWLER.
- 112. Andrew Jackson-5 Bearden, m. Sarah Ann NEWBERRY/NEWBURY.
- 113. Sarah Ann-5 Bearden, m. Benjamin HAYGOOD, m. second her cousin, Williby BEARDEN Jr. (see under No. 27, Minor-3 WINN III).

II. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 3 MINOR-2 AND ELIZABETH (WEATHERS) WINN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 29 NANCY-3 WINN AND BURWELL HARRISON

90. Rebecca Elizabeth-4 Harrison (descendant of Nancy-3 Winn, Minor-2, Minor-1), b. about 1770-1780 in South Carolina (1880 Census for one child says b. NC) and d. before 1851 and probably in either Bedford County, TN or McCracken County, KY (Ballard County, KY formed from latter area in 1854). A land deed made in Ballard County in 1863, plus later census reports for their issue, indicates she married John SCOTT, born, according to the 1830 Federal Census of Bedford County, TN, between 1750 and 1760 and according to the 1880 census reports for three of his issue, he was born in the State of North Carolina. He died before the 1860 census and before 17 Oct. 1863 in Ballard County, KY (excellent memory of great granddaughter who named a son HARRISON for the maiden name of this great grandmother, see SCHELL/BUNCH/SCOTT FAMILY).

According to repetitious tradition and as repeated by a great granddaughter (No. 143, Alice Bell-7 (BUNCH) SCHELL), this was NOT the first family intermarriage as Person No. 4 in the BUNCH FAMILY, that is John BUNCH, known as "Junior", married Rebecca HARRISON; and Person No. 13 in SCOTT FAMILY, W. Catherine SCOTT married Person No. 221 in BUNCH FAMILY, John H. BUNCH, etc. The WINN/SCOTT/HARRISON family followed the tradition of naming, particularly their sons, after their paternal grandparent. If additional proof was needed that this daughter of Nancy-3 WINN married John SCOTT, their first grandson (son of Person No. 114, James-5 and Lavinia Jane (McCUISTION) SCOTT) was named John.

More proof is that each of James-5's sons named their first male child "James". Additionally, the John Scott property reverted to James-5 and his sister, Susan-5 Scott, sometime after the 1852 property tax was paid in Ballard County, KY, and before the 1853 taxes were paid.

One child, as compiled, of Rebecca Elizabeth-4 and John SCOTT stated on his third application for a marriage license, that he was born in Williamson County, TN and the 1860-1870-1880 federal census lists him as born about 1807 in TN. Descendants have searched the early TN tax and census and have found only John SCOTT listed in Williamson and Bedford Counties with children the correct ages as found on the 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900 census of Ballard County, KY (Carlisle County after 1886) and as mentioned in the deed (especially 1830 census of Williamson/Bedford County, TN; and the 1880-1900 census for names and approximate ages of the surviving issue of the speculated wife of John SCOTT, that is Rebecca E.-4 (HARRISON).

It was a great disappointment to all family researchers in this area to find that the Ballard County Courthouse burned in 1880 along with most all the records. That meant that all the available records there for the SCOTT family were the years 1880 through 1886 when the new county of Carlisle was formed and the children of Rebecca-4 and John SCOTT found themselves, without having moved their residence, in the new county.

The Scott descendants, in searching the six years between the 1880 fire and the 1886 change to Carlisle County, had one great stroke of luck. The following transcribed deed was made on 17 Oct. 1863, between the surviving issue of John SCOTT and Mr. John G. TAYLOR, but they did not record it until AFTER the 1880 fire!! If the deed had been recorded in 1863, it would have burned in 1880 with the Courthouse! (The "C" Book mentioned in the deed is not in Ballard County so it must have burned in the 1880 fire).

From the deed and additionally from the 1851 through the 1880 and 1900 tax and census list of Ballard County in Kentucky, Carlisle County after 1886 (James-5 Scott and Susan-5 Scott paid taxes on the John Scott property in and after 1853), it appears that the children of Rebecca E.-4 and John SCOTT inherited land in the county of Ballard and the state of Kentucky from their father, John SCOTT. Benjamin KIMMELL, mentioned in the deed, was an original land owner there, arriving in the early 1820's. He sold some of this land before the 1851 taxes were paid, to John SCOTT who died after 1852 taxes and before 1853 taxes and left the land to his surviving issue.

On the above date in 1863, in Ballard County, some of the John Scott heirs sold some of this land to Mr. John G. TAYLOR (John Gideon TAYLOR, the writer's husband's great-great-uncle), but did not record the original deed until 1880 (Deeds, Pg. 399, Ballard County Courthouse):

"This indenture of bargain and contract made and entered into this the 17th day of Oct. 1863 between James Scott and his wife Ruthy Scott and Susan Scott of the first part, and John G. Taylor of the second part, all of the County of Ballard and State of Ky., witnesseth: that for and in consideration of the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty dollars in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part, have granted, bargained and sold, and do by these presents grant, bargain and sell to the said party of the second part, a certain tract of land on the waters of Mayfield Creek in Ballard County, it being the tract of land upon which James Scott and Susan Scott now lives, containing one hundred and thirty-two acres, it being more or less, it being a part of the land deeded by Benjamin Kimmell to John Scott, and recorded in Deed Book "C", Page 84 and 9, and willed by John Scott to James Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Susan Scott, Polly Scott, which may be seen by reference to said Will. To have and to hold forever said land together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and the said parties of the first part binds themselves and their heirs to forever warrant and defend the title of said tract of land unto the said party of the second his heirs forever against the claims of all persons whatsoever. Given under our hands and seal day and date above written." Signed: James Scott (seal); Susan Scott (Her Mark); Rutha Scott (Her Mark).

The compiled wife of John SCOTT, Rebecca E.-4 (HARRISON), had numerous issue, but the following are fairly documented from the deed:

- *114. James-5 Scott III, m. Lavinia Jane McCUISTION, m. second Rutha RANSOM and m. third Susan (HAY/HOOE) THOMAS (see below).
- 115. Elizabeth-5 Scott, no information beyond the 1863 deed. She could have been the sibling of James-5 who married a *WHITLOW as James-5 had a niece, counted as J. A. WHITLOW, age 22, b. KY, parents b. KY, in his household on the 1880 census of Ballard County in Kentucky. She is the identical person counted as Julia WHITLOW, age 13, b. Kentucky, counted in 1870, Ballard County in household of this author's great grandmother, Catherine (SCOTT) BUNCH.
One of the many of name John Scott wrote his will on 21 Jan. 1795 in Caswell County, NC, names wife Mary; daughters Jane BELL and Polley STRADER; son-in-law, John WALL; son, James SCOTT; daughter, Martha JOHNSTON; son Joseph SCOTT to get land "whereon I now live"; Exec: son, Joseph; wit. by Will and Richard BETHEL (Will Book C, Pg. 318). On next page, 319, Inv. of property of Buckner WALL by John *WHITLOW, adm., tobacco in hands of Thomas PHELPS.
- 116. Mary Polly-5 Scott, b. 1807-1809, Williamson County, TN, d. after 1880, buried Owens Chapel Cemetery, Graves County, KY; m. Thomas C. MERCER who was b. on 6 March 1810 in LA, and d. on 21 July 1870 in Ballard County, KY, buried Owens Chapel Cemetery in Graves County, KY. Mary-5 is on the 1860 census of Ballard County with husband and one issue, Daniel-6, b. 1851, KY; counted in 1880 in her brother, James-5 Scott's household, age 71, b. TN, parents b. NC and SC.
- 117. Susan W.-5 Scott, b. Oct. 1819 in Williamson or Bedford County, TN and d. unmarried after 4 July 1900 and before 1910 in Carlisle County, KY; living with her brother, James-5 on 1860 Census of Ballard

County, age 40, b. TN; 1870 Census lists her as head of her own household (Dwelling # 141/Family # 149), age 45, b. TN, living in her household was Newton SCOTT, age 37, blacksmith, b. TN; Malinda SCOTT, 40; James SCOTT, 3; Malinda SCOTT, age 2, all b. Kentucky. 1880 census lists her again in her brother, James-5 Scott's household, age 60, b. TN, father b. NC, mother b. SC. (SCHELL FAMILY for proof).

*Living near John-4 and his son, James-5 in 1830, Bedford County, TN were: Alexander Scott, b. between 1790 and 1800; G. R.-5 Scott, b. 1790-1800; Green Scott, b. 1800-1810.

FIFTH GENERATION WINN

I. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 20 RICHARD P.-3 AND SARAH (BENNETT?) BEARDEN

ONE CHILD OF NO. 73 JACOB-4 AND WINIFRED (SMITH) BEARDEN

110. James Jasper-5 Bearden (Jacob-4, Richard-3, Lettice-2 WINN, Minor-1), same person as No. 353 in BEARDEN FAMILY, m. Mary Josephine-5 RAINEY/RANEY (Mary J.-5, same person as No. 667, BEARDEN FAMILY). James Jasper-5 and Mary J.-5 had issue, numbers 845 through 852 in BEARDEN FAMILY and complete information and descent can be found there:

- 118. William Jacob-6 (Wm. Jackson?) Bearden, m. Nancy "Nanny" WALTON.
- 119. James Pleasant-6 Bearden, m. Martha C. (HARRIS?).
- 120. Martha Catherine-6 Bearden, m. John MILAM.
- 121. Emily-6 "Emma" Bearden, m. John CHOOK/COOK.
- *122. Ervin Kenneth-6 Bearden, same as No. 849 in BEARDEN FAMILY, more later as he is the writer's grandfather, m. Cora Bell WEATHERS.
- 123. Robert Marcus LaFayette-6 Bearden, known as "Robert".
- 124. Norma Josephine-6 Bearden, m. Richard SHOCKLEY.
- 125. Annyer Eugenia-6 Bearden, m. her sister's widower, Richard SHOCKLEY.

II. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 29 NANCY-3 WINN AND BURWELL HARRISON

ONE CHILD OF NO. 90 REBECCA ELIZABETH-4 HARRISON AND JOHN SCOTT

114. James-5 Scott (Rebecca Elizabeth-4 HARRISON, Nancy-3 WINN, Minor-2, Minor-1), same Person as No. 2 in SCOTT FAMILY, etc., was b. about 1807 in Williamson County, TN and d. before 30 Oct. 1893 in Carlisle County, KY when his estate was divided by his surviving issue. He married about 1820-1830 in the Bedford County area of Tennessee to Lavinia Jane McCUISTION and had at least eight issue. He m. second about 1860, Rutha RANSOM, no issue; and m. third on 3 Oct. 1889 in Carlisle County, KY to Susan HAY, sometimes spelled HOOE, widow of Mr. THOMAS, no issue (memory and records of author's grandmother, Alice Bell (BUNCH) SCHELL, her sister, Mary Louella (BUNCH) JOHNSON and the James-5 SCOTT Estate Settlement plus other legal records in possession of the author (see SCHELL/BUNCH and related FAMILY for authority and complete information as known).

James-5 is listed on the 1830 Federal Census of Bedford County, TN, age 20-30 (b. 1800-1810) with wife in same age bracket and the following three issue: (1) m. 5-10; (1) m. -5 and (1) f. 5-10. He is listed there again in 1840, same age bracket and with five issue: (1) m. 5-10; (1) m. 1-5 and (1) f. 5-10; (2) females 1-5.

The old census schedules were sometimes wildly inaccurate but they can be and are a guide in researching the old pioneers. In a comparison of the above, in 1830, James-5 and Lavinia J. had one male and one female issue

born between 1820 and 1825 and one male issue born 1825-1830. In 1840, he had 1 male and one female, born 1830-1835 and one male and two females, born 1835-1840. It is evident that some of his issue had already married or had died before 1840.

James-5 Scott has not, as yet, in spite of much searching, been found on the 1850 census. It's possible he was traveling to Kentucky and was missed by the census-taker. The County of Ballard in Kentucky was formed in 1842 from portions of the counties of Hickman and McCracken. The first record there for James-5 is found on the 1851 tax list of Mayfield Creek, one white male over age twenty-one, one horse or mare, eight children between five and sixteen years old, twenty-five dollars total value. He is living next-door to John SCOTT, 176 acres of land with tract of land valued at \$950, one white male over twenty-one, three horses and mares worth \$95, three cattle \$25. James-5 and Susan (J. or W.?) Scott must have inherited the John-4 Scott property after the 1852 and before the 1853 tax list as the same property was in their names on the 1853 list.

The following issue of James-5 are fairly documented from 1860, 1870 and 1880 census of Ballard County, KY, plus the 1900 of Carlisle County, KY (copies in writer's possession), plus his estate settlement (see SCOTT FAMILY):

126. Lucinda-6 Scott, b. 1835, Bedford County, TN.
127. John H.-6 Scott, b. 1839, Bedford County, TN, d. after Dec. 1893, Carlisle County, KY; m. Martha (?), m. second on 1 April 1890, Elizabeth SWAK; Confederate Army, 15th Cav. (Civil War).
128. Newton-6 Scott, b. Feb. 1835-1841, Bedford County, TN, d. after 1900 census, Carlisle County, KY; m. about 1860, Malinda (?), b. about 1830 in TN; m. second on 15 Feb. 1891, Laurah JOHNSON; listed on the 1870 Ballard County, KY Census in household of his aunt, Susan-5 SCOTT and with wife, Malinda and issue: James-7, b. 1867, KY; and Malinda-7, b. 1868, KY.
129. Mary Jane-6 Scott, m. Warren OTEY and d. after March 1903 in Greene County, AR, on which date she sold her 1/6th part of her father's land in Carlisle County, KY to her brother. Her location on 1880 and 1900 census of Greene County in Arkansas connects her with her sister, W. Catherine-6 (SCOTT) BUNCH. Marriages found in Greene County, AR for her descendants:
 - a. W. H. Otey m. 1883 to Nancy FREEMAN which connects this SCOTT-OTHEY family with the William SCOTT who made his will on 21 Feb. 1851, pro. on 3 March 1851 in Bibb County, GA (Will Book A, 1823-1855, Pg. 178), names wife Eliza J.; his interest in Washington Hall and other town property in City of Macon to be sold by Executors; to sister, Sarah GIBBONS the notes "my brother John Scott owes me; to daughter Eleonora Scott, negro girl Lucy about 17 and 1/5th interest in estate to be held in trust by Robert FREEMAN and William B. Scott; to son William Byron Scott, 1/5th interest in estate remaining, in trust for use of my daughter, Harriett FREEMAN, wife of Robert FREEMAN; to son-in-law, Robert FREEMAN and son William B. Scott in trust for use of my daughter Madeline Hamilton wife of Charles Hamilton, 1/5th interest in remainder of estate. Execut. son-in-law Robert FREEMAN and friend John J. Gresham; wit: Thomas Hardeman, Simri Rose, Daniel Dustin.
 - b. Robert-7 "Bob" Otey, m. 1896 Mary DORTCH.
 - c. E. W. OTEY, m. 1905, Lola STALLS.
- *130. Winny Catherine-6 Scott, m. John Henry BUNCH and m. second, Rev. James "Jim" MORGAN, see below as this is writer's great grandparents.
131. Thomas-6 Scott, b. 1845, TN, Confederate Company D, 12th Cavalry and may have died Civil War.
132. James Pleasant-6 Scott, b. on 27 March 1844 in Bedford County, TN and d. on 21 Nov. 1935 in Carlisle County, KY; m. about 1886 to Mary Ellen WOMBLE who was b. on 19 April 1852 in KY and d. on 4 Oct. 1914 in Carlisle County, KY, the daughter of Corneilus Tyson and Candice (CARRIGAN). James P.-6 and Mary Ellen's complete descent can be found in SCHELL-BUNCH-SCOTT FAMILY by this writer.
133. Miles-6 Scott, b. 1846, TN, d. AR; m. about 1869, Mary Ann (?).

SIXTH GENERATION WINN**I. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 73 JACOB-4 AND WINIFRED (SMITH) BEARDEN****ONE CHILD OF NO. 110 JAMES JASPER-5 AND MARY J.-5 (RAINEY) BEARDEN**

122. **Ervin Kenneth-6 Bearden** (James Jasper-5, Jacob-4, Richard-3, Lettice-2 WINN, Minor-1), m. Cora Bell WEATHERS/WITHERS (same Person as wife of No. 849 in BEARDEN FAMILY with issue Nos. 1339 through 1345. Cora Bell is the same person as No. 677 in WEATHERS FAMILY) and a complete list of their descendants is found there. Only the writer's direct lineage is carried forward herein:

*134. **William Ira-7 Bearden**, m. Bessie Jewel (SCHELL) SMITH.

135. Tessie Mae-7 Bearden, m. Henry Clay WINN.

136. Bertha Beatrice-7 Bearden, died unmarried.

137. Alvin Lee-7 Bearden, m. Betty M. CORN/ES.

138. Cecil Charley-7 Bearden, m. Velma SHARPE.

139. Thomas Hardy-7 Bearden, m. Hazel J. CORN/ES.

140. Mary Gladys-7 Bearden, living and unmarried.

II. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 90 REBECCA E.-4 HARRISON AND JAMES SCOTT**ONE CHILD OF NO. 114 JAMES-5 AND LAVINIA J. (McCUISION) SCOTT**

130. **Winnie Catherine-6 Scott** (James-5 SCOTT, Rebecca Elizabeth-4 HARRISON, Nancy-3 WINN, Minor-2, Minor-1), same Person as No. 13 in SCOTT FAMILY, was b. 1843 in Bedford County, TN, d. 1885 in Hunt County, TX; m. on 5 Feb. 1860 in Mississippi County, MO, to Person No. 221 in BUNCH FAMILY, John Henry BUNCH and this is the writer's great grandparents (see SCHELL-BUNCH-SCOTT FAMILY for full information). Catherine-6 m. second after 1870 and before 1880, to the Baptist minister, James MORGAN and had issue, memory and records of No. 1 and 3 children, in possession of this writer:

141. Mary Louella-7 Bunch, same Person as Nos. 295 and 20 in BUNCH and SCOTT FAMILY, m. Richard Allen JOHNSON.

142. George John Thompson-7 Bunch, b. 1863-1867, Greene County, AR (MO?) and d. about 1879 in Lovelaceville, Ballard County, KY.

*143. **Alice Bell-7 Bunch**, m. Calvin Delevan David Melton SCHELL (more later as these are the writer's grandparents).

144. Daniel Jackson-7 Morgan, b. about 1875-1880, KY, died age 7, Hunt County, TX, buried Gravel Hill Cemetery beside mother.

145. William-7 Morgan, b. about 1878-1880 Carlisle County, KY, died age 2 and buried Hunt County, TX, Gravel Hill Cemetery.

146. Minnie Mae Mitchell-7 Morgan, b. 1882, Hunt County, TX, died age 3 when her mother died and is buried beside her.

SEVENTH GENERATION WINN**I. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 110 JAMES J.-5 AND MARY J. (RAINEY) BEARDEN****ONE CHILD OF NO. 122 ERVIN KENNETH-6 AND CORA BELL (WEATHERS) BEARDEN**

134. William Ira-7 Bearden (Ervin Kenneth-6, James Jasper-5, Jacob-4, Richard P.-3, Lettice-2 WINN, Minor-1), m. Bessie Jewel (SCHELL) SMITH, widow of LeRoy Smith and full information and a complete list of descendants can be found under No. 1339 in BEARDEN FAMILY which will be Nos. 1767 through 1776; and under No. 1274 in WEATHERS FAMILY. Only the writer is being carried forward herein:

147. Roscoe Melton-8 Bearden, d. unmarried age 19.
 *148. Bertha Irene-8 Bearden, same as Person No. 1768 in BEARDEN FAMILY m. John Herbert Franklin KELLER.
 149. Cora Alice-8 Bearden, m. Marvin Merrell COLLIER, m. second Maurice HUNTER.
 150. Dorothy Modell-8 Bearden, m. Chester Blan DAVIS, m. second Henry W. RHODES.
 151. Ona Mae-8 Bearden, m. Charis JONES.
 152. Opal Lois-8 Bearden, m. Eugene Franklin LEWIS.
 153. Hazel Edna-8 Bearden, m. John Knox PIERCE.
 154. E. K.-8 Bearden, m. Sadie Catherine CARROLL.
 155. Valda Doreen-8 Bearden, m. Robert Howard KREJCI.
 156. Carol Jewel-8 Bearden, m. Robert Wayne RICHARDS, m. second, Dr. Leonard MADISON.

II. ONE GRANDCHILD OF NO. 114 JAMES-5 AND LAVINIA J. (McCUISTION) SCOTT**ONE CHILD OF 130 WINNY CATHERINE-6 SCOTT AND JOHN H. BUNCH**

143. Alice Bell-7 Bunch (Winnie Catherine-6 SCOTT, James-5 SCOTT, Rebecca E.-4 HARRISON, Nancy-3 WINN, Minor-2 WINN, Minor-1), same Person as No. 295 and 24 in SCHELL/BUNCH/SCOTT FAMILY, m. Calvin Delevan David Melton SCHELL, and information and descent can be found there. One child of Alice Bell-7 BUNCH is Bessie Jewel-8 SCHELL who married Person No. 134 in this sketch, latter who is also Person No. 1339 in BEARDEN FAMILY, that is William Ira BEARDEN. Bessie Jewel-8 SCHELL's descent is same as the descent of William Ira BEARDEN, which is Nos. 147 through 156; and Nos. 1767 through 1776 in BEARDEN FAMILY.

EIGHTH GENERATION WINN**GRANDCHILD OF NO. 122 ERVIN KENNETH-6 AND CORA BELL (WEATHERS) BEARDEN****CHILD OF NO. 134 WILLIAM IRA-7 AND BESSIE J. (SCHELL) BEARDEN**

148. Bertha Irene-8 BEARDEN (William Ira-7 BEARDEN, Ervin Kenneth-6 BEARDEN, James Jasper-5 BEARDEN, Jacob-4 BEARDEN, Richard P.-3 BEARDEN, Lettice-2 WINN, Minor-1 WINN), the writer and compiler of these family chronicles plus the author of KELLER KONNECTIONS; the same Person as No. 1768 in BEARDEN FAMILY and No. 1748, 1906 and 1929 in WEATHERS FAMILY; No. 240 in SCHELL; No. 369 in BUNCH, etc.; m. John Herbert Franklin KELLER and descendants are listed under the above numbers.

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1. Minor-1 Winn and Margaret O'CONNER (No. 1)
2. Lettice-2 WINN and John BEARDEN (No. 2)
4. Richard Pleasant-3 BEARDEN and Sarah (BENNETT?) (No. 20)
5. Jacob-4 Bearden and Winifred SMITH (No. 73)
6. James Jasper-5 Bearden and Mary Josephine RAINEY (No. 110)
7. Ervin Kenneth-6 Bearden and Cora Bell WEATHERS/WITHERS (No. 122)
8. William Ira-7 Bearden and Bessie Jewel SCHELL/SHELL (No. 134)
9. Bertha Irene-8 BEARDEN and John Herbert Franklin KELLER (No. 148)
10. Herbert Kenneth-9 KELLER and Darlene Clare HULL (No. 2107, BEARDEN FAMILY)
11. Kevin Herbert-10 KELLER and Lorie Ann RIGGS (and Kevin-10's siblings) (No. 2176, BEARDEN FAMILY)
12. Ian Matthew-11 KELLER and cousins (Nos. 2198 through 2207, BEARDEN FAMILY)

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2. Minor-2 WINN and Elizabeth WEATHERS (No. 3)
3. Nancy-3 WINN and Burwell HARRISON (No. 29)
4. Rebecca Elizabeth-4 HARRISON and John SCOTT (No. 90)
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6. Winny Catherine-6 SCOTT and John Henry BUNCH (No. 130)
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8. Bessie Jewel SCHELL-8 and William Ira BEARDEN (No. 1339, BEARDEN FAMILY)
9. Bertha Irene BEARDEN-9 and John Herbert Franklin KELLER (No. 1768, BEARDEN FAMILY)
10. Herbert Kenneth KELLER-10 and Darlene Clare HULL (No. 2107, BEARDEN FAMILY)
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