

SPARKS

A-5-1 Reuben Sparks, Sr. (7). **Amelia (Milly) Sparks** (A-4-1) and **John Sparks** (C-18-1) were children of **Reuben Sparks, Sr.** and **Cassie Buttery** (A-7-1). They had the following children.^{1,13,224,228} *Ref 1: p179-81; Ref 13: p422-3; Ref 164: p145-6; Ref 224 (p3177-98, p3263-85).*

1. Benjamin Sparks	1784	-	1876
2. *John Sparks	1786	-	1868
3. female Sparks	1787	-	
4. Lydia Sparks	11/ 2/1790	-	1856
5. Solomon Sparks	1792	-	
6. Jonas Sparks	6/ 2/1793	-	1/18/1875
7. William Russell Sparks	1/ 3/1797	-	2/27/1880
8. *Amelia (Milly) Sparks	1799	-	1877
9. Reuben Sparks, Jr.	1800	-	
10. Matilda Sparks	3/ /1805	-	8/18/1878
11. female Sparks	1810	-	

Reuben owned land in both Wilkes and Surry Co, NC, but he seems to be more associated with Wilkes Co.¹³ The 1782 Wilkes Co tax list in Capt. Rowland Judd's District includes **Rubin Sparks** with no acres of land, no negroes, 1 mule or horse, and 3 cattle.¹⁵⁸ Even though it looks like he was exceptionally poor, this is not that surprising. He was about 27 years old and had probably just recently moved out on his own. Either **Reuben** had just been married or he soon would be.

The 1784 Wilkes Co tax list includes **Ruben Sparks** with one poll and 100 acres of land.¹⁵⁸ He is not listed in the 1787 Wilkes Co census.²⁷² The 1788 tax list for Capt. A. Gordon's Dist. includes **Reubin Sparks** with one poll and 200 acres of land.¹⁵⁸ The 1789 list for Capt. S. Johnson's Dist. includes **Reubin Sparks** with one poll and 200 acres.¹⁵⁸

The family of **Reuben Sparks** is listed in the 1790 Wilkes Co census, Sixth Company, with one male (over 16), one male (under 16), three females, and no slaves.^{133,273}

The 1799 Wilkes Co tax list for Hammon's District includes **Reubin Sparkes** with one poll and 300 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1800 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Reuben Sparks** with two males (under 10), one male (16-26), one male (26-45), two females (under 10), one females (10-16), and one female (26-45).^{212,274}

The 1810 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Reubin Sparks** with one male (10-16), one male (16-26), one male (over 45), one female (under 10), one female (10-16), one female (16-26), and one female (over 45).²⁷⁵

The 1820 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Rubin Sparks** with one male (10-16), one male (16-18), one male (16-26), one male (over 45), one female (under 10), one female (10-16), one female (16-26), and one female (over 45).²⁷⁶

The 1830 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Reubin **Sparks** (p346) with one male (5-10), one male (30-40), one male (60-70), one female (5-10), one female (10-15), and one female (60-70).²⁷⁷

The 1840 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **William R. Sparks** in Capt. Spicer's District, Traphill, with one male (15-20), one male (40-50), one male (70-80), one female (15-20), one female (30-40), and one female (70-80).²⁷⁸ It appears that **Reuben** and **Cassie** are living with their son.

1. *Benjamin* married **Sarah Jeffreys** about 1802.^{13,164} He died in Yadkin Co, NC.¹³ [(1850 Surry NC, S. Div, p175, #207/208)^{212,224}; (1860 Yadkin, Jonesville, p96, #751/698)^{212,224}; (1870 Yadkin, Knobs, Jonesville, p19, #142/139)²¹²] [b^{1,13,164,173,212}, d^{1,13,173,224}]
2. *John* married **Elizabeth Rose** in Wilkes Co about 1806.^{13,173,224} They died in Alleghany Co before 1870.¹³ [b^{1,13,173}, d^{173,224}]
3. *female* [b¹³]
4. *Lydia* married **Henry Bauguess** before 1810 in Wilkes Co.^{13,74,173} After **Henry** died in the 1840s, she moved from Wilkes Co to Marion Township, Owen Co, IN, where she is found in the 1850 census, age 65.¹⁴⁷ She died in IL.¹⁴⁷ [(1810 Wi)²⁷⁵; (1820 Wi)^{147,276}; (1830 Wi, p343)^{147,277}; (1840 Wi, Johnson's)^{147,278}] [b^{13,147,173}, d^{13,77,147}]
5. *Solomon* [(1820 Wi)²²⁴] [b^{1,13,164,173}]
6. *Jonas* married **Mary Brown** according to a marriage bond dated 9/27/1817 in Wilkes Co.^{13,164,173,224} They moved to Tazewell Co, VA, in 1848.¹ He died in Tazewell Co.^{13,173,224} [(1840 Wi, Spicer's)²⁷⁸; (1850 Tazewell VA, W. Dist, p163, #1096)²¹²; (1860 Tazewell VA, W. Dist, p159, #1104/1075)²¹²; (1870 Tazewell VA, Maiden Spring, p76, #520)²¹²] [b^{1,13,173,224}, d^{1,13,173,224}]
7. *William* moved to Floyd Co, VA.¹ He was first married to **Sally Wilcoxson** according to a marriage bond dated 3/13/1821 in Wilkes Co.^{1,173,224} He married his second wife **Permela Gentry** according to a marriage bond dated 4/12/1839 in Wilkes Co.^{13,224} By 1869, he had moved to Floyd Co, VA. On August 8 of that year he wrote a letter to his daughter **Fanny Vannoy** back in Wilkes Co.²²⁴

Very Dear Daughter and Family.

Having just received your friendly letter, I take this opportunity to drop you a few lines in answer to it. We are all enjoying common helth at present for which we ought to be very thankful to the giver of all blessings which we enjoy. My prayer is that these few lines may find you all in good health and prosperity.

*You stated in your letter that little **Billy** was not enjoying good health. Perhaps you have traveled him too much to school. It may be that it would be better to keep him at home a while and let his health improve when he gets older his schooling will do him more good.*

You complain of heavy taxes and hard times. I am sorry to hear it, but I am not able to help you at this time being pretty hard run about money myself.

Your wrote to me about the confused state of the churches in that country. I am sorry to hear it. I am sorry to hear that the Old Roaring River Church which has been a mother church about one hundred years and now has no parson.

***Fanny**, I should be so glad if you can come one time and see us, but if you cannot come, you may write again. Farewell for the time. Give my best respects to your friends.*

[(1840 Wi, Spicer's)²⁷⁸; (1850 Wi, #512)²⁷⁹; (1860 Wi, Traphill, #503)^{113,280}; (1870 Floyd VA, Jacksonville, p33, #246/233)²¹²] [b^{1,13,173,224,228}, d^{224,2228}]

8. *Milly* married **Emanuel Bauguess** according to a marriage bond dated 9/26/1817 in Wilkes Co.^{49,74,147,164,224} She joined Old Roaring River Bap Ch by experience on 1/2/1829.²²⁴ [b^{13,77,164}, d^{147,224}]

9. *Reuben, Jr.* married **Phoebe Blackburn** on 10/10/1828 in Wilkes Co.^{13,49,75,111,164,173} [(1850 Wi, #87)²⁷⁹; (1860 Wi, Traphill, #922)^{113,280}; (1870 Wi, Traphill, #93)²⁴²] [b^{113,242,279}]

10. *Matilda* married **Wiley Gentry** according to the marriage bond dated 10/12/1825 in Wilkes Co.^{13,164,224} She died in Surry Co.^{13,224} [(1850 Surry, N. Div, Hotel Dist, p327, #847)²¹²; (1860 Surry, Hotell Dist, Elkin PO, p35, #178)²¹²] [b^{1,13,173,224,228}, d^{1,13,173,4,228}]

11. *female* [b¹³]

In 1792, **Reuben Sparks** bought 340 acres in Surry Co on Hunting Creek from **Richard Goode** for £50. (Surry Co DB E, p229-30).^{164,224}

In 1797, **Reuben Sparks** sold 170 acres in Surry Co on the north fork of Hunting Creek on the Brushy Mountains to **James Denney** for £100. (Surry Co DB G, p365-6).¹⁶⁴

In 1797, **Reuben Sparks** sold 204.75 acres on the fork of Roaring River, near Camp Branch, to **Timothy Buttery** for \$81. **Reuben** was living in Surry, while **Timothy** lived in Wilkes. (Wilkes Co DB C-1, p294-5).¹⁶⁴

In 1799, **Reuben Sparks** bought 300 acres in Wilkes on the Big Elkin from **Andrew Crows** (probably **Crouse**). (Wilkes Co DB E, p306).¹⁶⁴

In 1800, **Reuben Sparks** sold 170 acres in Surry Co on Hunting Creek on the Brushy Mountains to **William Jeffrey** for £150. (Surry Co DB H, p318-9).¹⁶⁴

On 1/19/1828, **Reuben Sparks** of Wilkes Co, sold land on the Big Elkin to **Aitha Gentry** for \$150. (Wilkes Co DB P, p210).¹⁶⁴

On 3/5/1835, **Reuben Sparks** sold 70 acres on Roaring River, including land where **Reuben** lives, to **Jonas Sparks** for \$300. (Wilkes Co DB P, p45).¹⁶⁴

On 3/5/1835, **Reuben Sparks** sold 100 acres on Roaring River, part of the land on which **Reuben** lives, to **William R. Sparks** for \$300. (Wilkes Co DB P, p47).¹⁶⁴

A-5-2 Solomon Sparks, Sr. (8). **John Sparks**, Esquire, was the son of **Solomon Sparks** and **Sarah**. They had the following children.^{1,13,173,224,228} Sources: *Ref 13, p422-3; Ref 164, p144-5; Ref 224, p1082-9.*

1. John Sparks	2/25/1753	-	11/28/1840
2. *Reuben Sparks, Sr.	1755	-	7/13/1840
3. Solomon Sparks, Jr.	1757	-	12/18/1817
4. Mary Sparks	1759	-	
5. Hannah Sparks	1761	-	
6. Susannah Sparks	1763	-	
7. Joseph Sparks	1765	-	
8. Abel Sparks	1/ 8/1767	-	6/ <u>18</u> /1824

A letter of attorney in Wilkes Co court records, dated 7/31/1801, provides the names of the eight children of **Solomon Sparks**.²²⁴

Soon after 1753, **Solomon Sparks** left MD and “settled in the forks of the Yadkin, less than 10 miles north of Salisbury, in what is now the most eastern part of Davie Co, NC. As early as 1761, he was granted land in Rowan Co on the Yadkin River. In that year he was also listed on the Rowan Co tax list.²²⁴

“According to son **John Sparks** in making his Rev. War Pension application, **Solomon** and his family moved from the forks of the Yadkin to what is now Wilkes Co (then Surry Co) NC in 1772. When the dividing line between Wilkes and Surry Co was surveyed in 1778, it was found that the line cut through **Solomon**’s plantation and according to the Court Minutes, his house was on the Surry side. Thus, **Solomon Sparks** lived just south of the present village of Swan Creek in the western part of what is now Yadkin Co, NC.”^{164,224}

On the 1771 tax list for either Surry or Rowan Co (wording is unclear), **Solomon Sparks** is listed with 3 polls. The same county in 1772 lists him again with 3 polls.¹⁶⁴

The 1774 Surry Co tax list includes **Solomon Sparks** with 3 polls: himself and sons **Joseph** and **John**.¹⁶⁴

The 1793 Wilkes Co tax list for Witherspoon's District includes **Solomon** Sparkes with two polls and 228 acres.¹⁵⁸ The 1796 tax list for Witherspoon's District lists him with two polls and 127 acres.¹⁵⁸ However, these could be referring to **Solomon, Jr.**

1. *John* volunteered for military service in Captain **Jesse Walton**'s company of Minute Men in 1775 or 1776. Later he "transferred to Captain **Benjamin Cleveland**'s, and is listed as having fought in the Battle of King's Mountain. On 10/30/1832 he applied for Revolutionary War pension and gave Rowan Co as his birthplace. In 1840, age 87, he was listed as a Rev. War pensioner.

"He joined Old Roaring River Church by 'experience and baptism' 12 January 1789. In 1790 he became a deacon of the church.... He was a justice of the peace and tax lister" for Traphill. He married **Sarah Shores** in 1777 and is buried near Traphill with a Revolutionary soldier marker.¹

[(1800 Wi, p62)²¹²; (1810 Wi, p258)²⁷⁵; (1830 Wi, p343)²⁷⁷; (1840 Wi, Spicer's, age 87)²⁷⁸]
[b^{1,7,13,86}, d^{1,86,173}]

2. *Reuben, Sr.* was born in Rowan Co, NC. He married **Cassie Buttery** about 1783. He was an active member of the South Fork of Roaring River Bap Ch, representing the church at annual meeting in 1803, 1804, 1805, and 1811.^{13,164,224} He was a delegate to the Baptist Association in 1829, 1830, 1832, and 1834.^{164,224} He died in Tazewell Co, VA.¹⁷³
[b^{1,13,86}, d^{1,13,86}]

3. *Solomon, Jr.* married **Charity** in Wilkes Co in 1785.¹⁷³ An inventory of his estate was made on 2/2/1818 by oath of **Charity** Sparks. His noncupative will states that he died on the night of 12/18/1817, and that he verbally gave his will the night before. (Wilkes WB 3, p168,171).⁷⁹ [b^{1,13,86}, d^{79,173}]

4. *Mary* married a **Jacks**.^{1,86} [b^{1,13,86}]

5. *Hannah* married **James Denney** on 11/23/1784.^{49,86} [b^{1,13,86}]

6. *Susannah* married **Charles Johnson** on 3/2/1784.^{49,86} [b^{1,13,86}]

7. *Joseph* [b^{1,13,86}]

8. *Abel* married **Elizabeth Benge** in either November 1794 or 11/10/1795.⁷⁷ These dates were given by her in 1851 and 1855, respectively, when she applied for bounty land in GA.⁷⁷ She was entitled to the land because of **Abel**'s service in the War of 1812.⁷⁷ He is first found in Surry Co, NC, in 1794 where he was taxed for 200 acres in Capt. Benge's District.⁷⁷ In 1796 that district had changed to Wilburn's District and he was taxed for 150 acres.⁷⁷ In 1800, he was listed in Johnson's District of Wilkes Co, and was charged for 60 acres.⁷⁷ In 1802 he is found in Wilburn's District, but he owned no land and was only charged a poll tax.⁷⁷ He lived very near the Surry/Wilkes Co line.⁷⁷ By 1803 he had moved to GA.⁷⁷

On 7/31/1801 **Abel** was given power of attorney by his siblings. This was probably done so that he could handle the settling of his father's estate. He is first found in Clarke Co,

GA, in 1803 where he was charged a poll tax, but owned no land. It appears that his mother made the trip with him and his family. **Abel** was “received by experience” into Mars Hill Baptist Church in Clarke Co on 3/18/1804. Church records also mentioned him on 4/18/1806, and again on 6/14/1806 when he was “excluded”, possibly indicating that he moved to another church.⁷⁷

From 1808 to 1812 he is found in Morgan Co, GA, in Conner’s District. In 1813 he was listed as a private in Capt. Lane’s militia unit. He served in Capt. Lane’s Volunteer Rifle Co from 11/21/1814 to 5/6/1815. His service was based at Fort Hawkins, about 60 miles from his home. He collected \$46.65 for his nearly six months of service.⁷⁷

In 1805 he participated in GA’s first land lottery, but does not appear to have won. In the fourth lottery in 1821, he won with both of his tickets, each granting him 2,021 acres. One was in Houston Co, the other in Henry Co. On 7/24/1822 he sold the Henry Co lot on Paris Creek for \$275 (DB 1, p236).⁷⁷

In both of **Elizabeth**’s land bounty applications in the 1850s, she said when her husband had died. In the first she said 6/18/1824, and in the second 6/25/1823. In the 1850s, **Elizabeth** was a resident of Fayette Co, GA.⁷⁷

[(1800 Wilkes, Morgan’s, p62)²¹²; (1820 Walton GA, p254)²¹²] [b^{1,13,77,86,173}, d⁷⁷]

On 3/20/1750, **Solomon Sparks** patented 93 acres in Frederick Co, MD, calling the land “Cold Friday”. The land was on Beaver Dam Branch, a tributary of Linganore Creek.

On 6/20/1753, **Solomon Sparks** and his wife **Sarah** sold their 93 acres to **Mathew Howard** for £35.²²⁴

In 1761, **Solomon Sparks** obtained a land grant for 250 acres in Rowan Co, NC, on the west side of the Yadkin River, opposite the mouth of Muddy Creek.^{164,224} (Rowan DB 4, p389).

On 8/28/1762, **Solomon Sparks** obtained a land grant for 290 acres in Rowan Co on the south side of the Yadkin River, adjoining his existing land.^{164,224} (Rowan DB 5, p228).

On 1/1/1763, **Solomon Sparks** sold his 290 acre tract of “vacant land”. A 130.75 acre portion was sold to **Jonas Sparks**, and the remaining 159.25 acres was sold to **Valentine Vanhouser**.²²⁴ (Rowan DB 5, p275).

In 1764, Solomon served on a jury in Rowan Co.²²⁴

In 1787, as residents of Surry Co, **Solomon** and **Sarah** sold 160 acres in Rowan Co to **Zephemiah Harris**.²²⁴

On 5/3/1788 **Solomon** and **Sarah** sold 82.5 acres in Rowan Co to **Jonas Sparks** for £150. (Rowan DB 11, p436).²²⁴ No later records of them have been found.¹⁶⁴

A-5-3 Joseph Sparks, Sr. (9). **Solomon Sparks, Sr.** was the son of **Joseph Sparks, Sr.** and **Mary**.^{85,86,224} They had the following children.^{16,86,173,224,228} Ref 224, p3554-61.

1.	*Solomon Sparks, Sr.	1725 -	1800
2.	Joseph Sparks, Jr.	1730 -	1809
3.	Charles Sparks		
4.	Jonas Sparks	1727 -	1805
5.	Jonathan Sparks	1735 -	
6.	George Sparks	-	1806
7.	Merum Sparks		
8.	Mary Sparks		
9.	Ann Sparks		
10.	Rebecca Sparks		
11.	Sarah Sparks		
12.	William Sparks	4/27/1738 -	

Joseph first lived on land he had inherited upon his father's death in 1709. This was a 100 acre portion of the 250 acre tract known as "Sparks Choice" in Queen Anne's Co, MD. He sold this land in 1719, and the deed does not mention his wife, so perhaps he was not yet married. The next mention of **Joseph** is in 1738 when the birth of son **William** was recorded in Queen Anne's Co for him and wife **Mary**.²²⁴

Following the path of his nephew **William Sample Sparks**, **Joseph** moved his family from Queen Anne's Co to Frederick Co, MD, about 1738.^{224,228} They settled in the Pipe Creek area along the Monocacy River in western MD.^{224,228}

1. *Solomon, Sr.* married **Sarah** before 1750,¹³ and between 1753 and 1761, they moved to Rowan Co, NC, where he had obtained a land grant of 250 acres on the west side of the Yadkin River near Salisbury.⁸ They moved to what was Surry Co, NC, in 1772--now Swan Creek in Yadkin Co.¹³

Solomon was against the Revolution and was openly in favor of the British. In the Revolution War pension application of **George Parks** on 4/10/1833, he recalled an incident in the Fall of 1779 where was enlisted in a company of Minute Men whose mission was to find men in the area who belonged supported the cause of the Tories. Punishment for these British sympathizers included hanging or whipping nearly to death. **Parks** remembered that "Old **Solomon Sparks**" was "a celebrated Tory". The militia company knew this and were determined to punish **Solomon**, but they knew he was usually armed. To lure him out of his house, unarmed, they came up with a plan to employ "a Whig from a distant neighborhood and a stranger to said Old Tory, to decoy him out of his house without his gun, under the pretence of being a traveller and inquire the road". The stranger "succeeded admirably", and **Solomon** stepped outside. The soldiers were hiding nearby and grabbed him immediately. **Parks** admitted that "he fought bravely without arms" and "considerably injured this applicant by kicking him". However, the soldiers overpowered **Solomon** and "he was sent down the Yadkin in canoe ... tied hand and foot, on his back". **Parks** remembered how **Solomon** "repeatedly hallowed 'Hurra for King George'" as he floated downstream. He survived the ordeal and the war. (June 1991, p3775)²²⁴

[b^{1,86}, d⁸⁶]

2. *Joseph, Jr.* married **Mary McDaniel** about 1752 in Frederick Co.^{173,224} On 11/21/1752 he patented 50 acres called "Sparks Delight" on the east side of Beaver Dam Branch.²²⁴ In

the fall of 1760 he moved a few miles to the north on the waters of Big Pipe Creek where he bought land on 11/19/1760.²²⁴ In 1798 he paid Frederick Co taxes on 146 acres.²²⁴ They lived in Frederick Co until about 1800 when he moved to Bedford Co, PA.²²⁴ He wrote his will in Bedford Co on 3/13/1809, and it was probated on 4/3/1809.²²⁴ [(1790 Fred., MD)²²⁴; (1800 Bedford, PA)²²⁴] [b²²⁴, d²²⁴] Ref 224, p2914-8.

3. *Charles* married **Margaret** about 1752, probably in Frederick Co.¹⁷³ They later moved to Bedford Co, PA, and then on to Washington Co, PA.²²⁴ The estate of a **Charles Sparks**, deceased, was mentioned on 7/22/1771 in Bedford Co court. In 1773, his children were mentioned as orphans.²²⁴ Ref 224, p728-734.

4. *Jonas* was living in Rowan Co by 1760.²²⁴ He is first found in Rowan Co on the 1761 tax list.²²⁴ He purchased 130.75 acres of land from his brother **Solomon** on 1/1/1763 for £20. The land was near Salisbury “on the south side of the Yadkin just opposite the point at which Muddy Creek flows into the Yadkin.”¹⁶ He served on a jury in Rowan Co in 1764.²²⁴ It is not known when he married, but he had a daughter born in 1765.²²⁴ On 9/25/1773, **Jonas** and his family began a journey to the wilderness of KY. But, they did not travel alone; they traveled with five other families who were leaving the Yadkin River settlement. One of those families was that of frontiersman **Daniel Boone** who had explored the KY region from May 1769 to March 1771. During their journey, when they reached Powell’s Valley near the border of western VA and TN, they were joined by five more families, making a total of 40 well-armed men. On October 10, the sixteenth day of their journey, they were in the midst of crossing Powell’s River for the last time when trouble arose. Their procession stretched for at least half a mile and was arranged such that the men took the lead, followed by women and children on horseback, and then cattle and other livestock herded by the older boys and young men. While the women and children were midstream, shots were heard from behind. It was soon discovered that Indians had shot seven of the boys, killing six of them. One of those killed was **Daniel Boone**’s oldest son. The ambush startled the pioneers and scattered their cattle to the point that they settled for two years on Clinch River according to **Boone**’s autobiography. On 6/14/1775, those who wished to continue, went on to the Kentucky River where **Boone** had been working to build a new fort.²²⁴

Because of trouble with the Indians and other hardships, **Jonas** did not stay in KY.^{16,224} Sometime before 1786 he and his family returned to his home in Rowan Co.²²⁴ By this time his first wife had died and on 9/5/1786 in Rowan Co he married **Mary Little Eakle**, who had been married twice before.^{16,224} On 5/3/1788 he bought 82.5 more acres in Rowan from **Solomon Sparks** for £150.²²⁴

On 5/11/1805 he wrote his will in Rowan Co, signing with his mark (Rowan WB D, p50).²²⁴ [(1790 Rowan)²²⁴] [b¹⁷³, d^{16,173,224,228}] Ref 224, p790-794.

5. *Jonathan* is probably the man found in Rowan Co, NC, entering land in 1761.²²⁴ [b¹⁷³]

6. *George* married **Mary**.¹⁷³ In 1773 they settled in what became Washington Co, PA, in 1781.²²⁴ At the time, this area was claimed by both PA and VA, so he is found in records for both states.²²⁴ In 1781, he was taxed for having 400 acres, 2 horses, 4 cattle, and 8

sheep.²²⁴ He wrote his will on 7/9/1803, stating that he resided in Hopewell Township, Washington Co. The will was probated on 5/23/1806.²²⁴ [d²²⁴] Ref 224, p728-734.

7. *Merum*

8. *Mary*

9. *Ann*

10. *Rebecca*

11. *Sarah*

12. *William* was baptized on 6/4/1738 in St. Luke's Parish.²²⁴ He married **Martha Moore** and in 1773 moved to the area that became Washington Co, PA, in 1781.²²⁴ In 1781, he was taxed for having 340 acres, 2 horses, 4 cattle, and 8 sheep.²²⁴ He probably died in the 1780s.²²⁴ [b²²⁴] Ref 224, p728-734.

Mary may have been born about 1689 in Frederick Co, MD.¹³⁰

On 3/21/1719, **Joseph Sparks**, planter, sold his 100 acre share of "Sparks Choice" to **Augustine Thompson** for 3,000 pounds of tobacco.²²⁴

Mary Sparks, widow of **Joseph**, was appointed administratrix of his estate since her husband had left no will. On 6/21/1749, an inventory was taken in Frederick Co (Inventory Bk A, #1, p22-23). The value totalled nearly £85 and included 13 cattle, two horses, 15 sheep, and 44 swine. As was customary, two non-heir relatives also signed the inventory. This was done by **William Sample Sparks** and (probably his wife) **Rachell Sparks** who signed with their marks, as they were likely his only relatives living in that part of the state. A few months later, on 11/20/1749, **Mary** made oath that a true account of the estate had been presented.²²⁴

On 8/22/1750, the heirs of **Joseph Sparks**' estate appeared in Frederick Co court asking that **Mary Sparks** pay them their share of his estate. They were listed as **Solomon, Joseph, Charles, Jonas, Jonathan, William, George, Merum, Mary, Ann, Rebecca**, and **Sarah Sparks**. (Records Aug 1750, p64). It is assumed that all of them were his children.²²⁴

Perhaps the older children were anxious to move south to NC and wanted their share before leaving. However, after debts were paid and his widow's third were accounted for, a 1/12th share of the £85 estate would be £4, 5sh. This is not much considering that **Joseph**'s 15 sheep were valued at £5, 2sh, 6p; or his two horses were worth £18. Also, since **Mary** still had the younger children to raise, the immediate disbursement of the estate could be financially difficult.²²⁴

It is possible that **Mary** was **Joseph**'s second wife. If that were the case, she would be the step mother of the older children. Perhaps there was animosity between her and the step children and they wanted their share quickly before she remarried. In any case, within the next ten years, many of **Joseph**'s children had moved to newly formed Rowan Co, NC.²²⁴

A-5-4 William Sparks, Sr. (10). **Joseph Sparks, Sr.** was the son of **William Sparks, Sr.** and **Mary**. They had the following children.^{16,173} *Ref. 224, p1379-91.*

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| 1. daughter Sparks | 1666 | - |
| 2. William Sparks, Jr. | 1674 | - |
| 3. George Sparks | 1678 | - |
| 4. John Sparks | 1680 | - |
| 5. *Joseph Sparks, Sr. | 1690 | - 4/ /1749 |

They lived in Queen Anne's Co, MD, settling north of Centreville.^{16,228}

1. A daughter married a **Hynson**.^{16,86,173} [b¹⁷³]

2. *William, Jr.* is first mentioned in October 1695 as a witness to a will in Talbot Co, MD, meaning that he was probably at least 21 years old at that time.²²⁴ He married **Margaret Sample** about 1695. She must have died between 1710 and 1730, because **William** is listed with wife **Ann** in a land record for Queen Anne's Co, MD, on 3/3/1730*.²²⁴ He died after 1734 when he is last found on the Queen Anne's Co rent roll where he is listed as owning a tract called "Royston" that he had purchased in 1722, and another tract called "Adventure" that had once belonged to his father.²²⁴
[b^{16,86}] *Ref 224 (Dec 2000, p5443-60).*

3. *George* married **Mary** about 1696.^{16,86,173} [b^{16,86}]

4. *John* married **Cornelia**.^{16,86} [b^{16,86}]

5. *Joseph* was probably born in Talbot Co, MD, after 1688.²²⁴ He was a "farmer" and belonged to the Church of England. He married **Mary** between 1722 and 1724.^{85,86,224} He died in Frederick Co, MD.¹⁶ [b^{16,85,86,130,224,228}, d^{1,13,16,86,130,173,224,228}] *Ref 13, p422.*

William Sparks, Sr. "was probably born about 1640 in England, ... was a member of the Anglican faith, and in 1696 was elected a warden of St. Paul's Parish."¹⁶ At one time he owned almost 1,000 acres on Island Creek which flows into Chester River.¹⁶ He died in 1709 when his will was probated.^{84,224}

The first mention of a **William Sparks** in the area is in 1663 when **Thomas Skillingham** sold to **George Richardson** the land he had been granted for transporting six people including "Wm. Sparks" to the colony.^{224,228} He arrived in MD in 1662 according to a 1663 reference to "William Sparke" being a recent passenger from England.¹⁶

On 7/17/1672, **William Sparks** and **Thomas Heather** purchased 100 acres in Talbot Co, MD, for 5,600 pounds of tobacco. Until the late 1700s, tobacco was the chief currency in MD and VA.¹⁶ The land was described as being on the north side of St. Michaels River. (Talbot DB I, p213).²²⁴ This land is now located in the southern part of Queen Anne's Co, MD.

On 10/16/1677, **Thomas Heather** acknowledged that he owed **William** 20,000 pounds of tobacco. (Talbot DB 3, p93).^{16,224}

On 8/16/1681, **William Sparks** bought 100 acres from **Michael Hackett** of Talbot Co for 5,000 pounds of tobacco. In 1670 this land had been given the name “Adventure”. (Talbot Co DB 4, p68).²²⁴ Other records indicate that this land was located on the south side of Chester River and on the southeast side of Island Creek.

Soon after 7/18/1681, **William Sparks** bought 250 acres known as “Sparks Choice” from **Michael Hackett**. The land was on the east side of Chester River near the head of a small branch of Island Creek. Rent rolls indicate that this was the tract on which **William** and his family lived.²²⁴ This area is about four miles northeast of what is now Centreville, Queen Anne’s Co, MD.²²⁴

On 9/10/1683, **William Sparks** bought a 100 acre tract adjoining his home plantation from **William Coursey, Jr.** He called this land “Sparks Own”. (Talbot Co DB A, p507; Queen Anne’s Co Rent Rolls p242).²²⁴

On 10/22/1687, **William Sparks** had a 114 acre tract known as “Sparks Outlet” surveyed. A patent was issued for it on 6/12/1688. The land was near another of his tracts, near Chester River. (Talbot DB 2, p625).²²⁴

On 5/12/1689, **William Sparks** was named as the “true and lawful attorney” of **Hannah Hamer** in connection with the selling of some land. (Talbot DB 5, p232).²²⁴

On 6/1/1691, **William Sparks** sold lot #6 in the town of West Chester to **John Salter, Joyner** “for a valuable consideration by mee in hand allready received.” (Talbot DB 7, p53).²²⁴

On 6/1/1691, **William Sparks** sold the 100 acre tract known as “Adventure” to **Samuel Withers** (Talbot Co DB 5, p336).²²⁴

On 10/20/1691, **William Sparks** bought 200 acres from **Robert Smith** for 8,500 pounds of tobacco. This was part of a larger tract known as “Wrights Choice”, located on the south side of Chester River and on the north side of the southeast branch of Island Creek. (Talbot DB 5, p328).²²⁴

On 10/21/1691, **William Sparks** and his wife **Mary** sold 200 acres to **Samuel Withers** for 8,000 pounds of tobacco. The land was his 100 acre “Sparks Own” tract and a portion of his “Sparks Choice” tract. (Talbot DB 5, p336).²²⁴

In 1696, **William Sparks** was elected as a warden of St. Paul’s Parish, which is now in the southern part of Queen Anne’s Co and the upper part of Talbot Co. He held the position until 1698.²²⁴

On 7/21/1696, **William Sparks, Sr.** and his wife **Mary** sold the 100 acres for 10,000 pounds of tobacco.^{16,224}

On 12/2/1696, the names of **William Sparks** and **William Sparks, Jr.** are found in a document addressed to the King of England, **William III**. In the previous February, there had been an assassination plot, attempting to restore **King James II** to the throne. Upon hearing the news in the colonies, civil and military officers in each county signed an “address” stating their loyalty to **King William**. The name of **William Sparks** appears among 29 civil officers of Kent Co, MD. Also, he and his son were included among the 62 military officers of Kent Co.²²⁴

On 1/27/1701*, **William Sparks, Sr.**, and his wife **Mary** sold the 200 acres known as “Wrights Choice” to **John Hamer** for 4,000 pounds of tobacco. He signed with an “X” inside a circle, and she signed with an “M”. (Kent Co JD Bk #1, p79-81).²²⁴

On 2/2/1707*, **William Sparks** of Queen Anne’s Co bought two tracts in the said county from **John Hamer** for 22,000 pounds of tobacco. One tract was 249 acres and the other was 199 acres. They were located on the south side of Chester River on Island Creek. (Q.A. Bk A, Liber EF, p16).²²⁴

On 2/2/1707*, **William Sparks** and his wife **Mary** sold 480 acres in Queen Anne’s Co to **John Hamer** for 22,000 pounds of tobacco. (Q.A. Bk A, Liber EF, p12).²²⁴

On 3/25/1707*, **William Sparkes** gave a tract of land to his son **George**. The land was the remaining 150 acres of the “Sparks Choice” tract. (Kent DB C, p187).²²⁴

On 4/16/1707, **William Sparks** and his wife **Mary** and **John Hamer** and his wife sold 250 acres to **James Wyat** for 7,500 pounds of tobacco. The land was on the south side of Chester River, on the upper side of Royston Creek. **William** and **Mary** signed with their usual marks. (Kent DB C, p227-35).²²⁴

On 6/21/1709, **William Sparks** wrote his will where he signed with his usual mark. The will was probated on 10/24/1709 in Queen Anne’s Co, MD.^{16,84,224} He mentioned his wife **Mary**, son **George**, grandson **Charles Hynson**, son **William**, son **John**, and son **Joseph** not yet of age. He left the land he had purchased from **John Hamer** in 1707 to his son **John Sparks**.²²⁴ His current plantation consisted of “Hills Adventure” and “Sparks Outlet” and were to go to sons **William** and **Joseph**.²²⁴

Records indicate that **William** had a brother **John Sparks** who left a will in Kent Co, MD, on 9/2/1699. **John** named his wife **Ellinor** and mentioned sons **John** and **George Sparks** who would receive his 100 acres of land known as “Bucks hill, provided either of them comes to enjoy it”.^{84,224} Later documents, both in England and in MD, indicate that these two sons were living in England. However, they apparently never came to claim their inheritance because the land passed into the possession of his nephew **William Sparks, Jr.** (born 1674). On 3/6/1710, **William Sparks, Jr.**, and his wife **Margaret** sold “Buck Hill” (Kent Co, MD, #N, p248-9).²²⁴ This record states that **William** would:

*for ever defend the before granted premises to the said **William Comegys** his heirs and assigns for ever against the heirs and successors of **John Sparks** deceased, onckle [or, uncle] to the afore named **William Sparks** as alsoe any other person or persons claiming right by heire ship from the said **John Sparks** deceased....*

The location of the two sons of **John Sparks** may indicate the origin of this Sparks family. On 10/23/1716, while in England, they tried (apparently unsuccessfully) to sell their deceased father's land in MD.²²⁴ They are addressed as:

***John Sparks** of the Burrough of Christchurch Twyneham in the County of Southson in the Kingdom of England Butcher Eldest Son and heire and devisee of **John Sparks** late of Chester River in Kent County in Maryland in Virginia decs'd and **George Sparks** of the Burrough of Christchurch Twyneham aforesaid Glover one other of the sons and devisees of the said **John Sparks** deceased....*

The letter was delivered to the Kent Co, MD, court about five months later on 3/19/1717*.²²⁴ This particular area in England is now known as Christchurch near Bournemouth in County Hampshire.²²⁴ Perhaps the early records of this region will reveal information on previous generations of the Sparks family.

William Sparks, Sr, is very possibly the son of **Thomas Sparks** and **Joanne Davis** of Fareham Parish, Hampshire Co, England. "Records show that they had four sons: **William, Francis, John,** and **Richard**. The general time period of their births would coincide with our **William** and **John** who entered this country about 1662 into MD." **Thomas Sparks** was born about 1615, and **Joanne Davis** was born about 1619.⁸⁶ They were married on 10/19/1635 in Fareham Parish, England.^{86,130} However, this link has not yet been proven.^{86,228}

PRUITT

A-6-1 Hardin Pruitt (5). **Julia A. Pruitt** (A-1-2) was the daughter of **Hardin Pruitt** and **Lucinda Brooks** (A-12-1). They had the following children.^{13,32,113} Sources: *Ref 13, p393; Ref 271, p23-4, 37-43.*

1. Joel Andrew Pruitt	3/ 5/1855 - 7/20/1934
2. William Preston (Press) Pruitt	8/ 3/1857 - 11/28/1933
3. Hardin Marcus (Mark) Pruitt	4/14/1859 - 2/26/1927
4. John C. Pruitt	1861 -
5. Sarah Jane Pruitt	8/ 4/1864 - 11/24/1951
6. Mary Lucinda Pruitt	11/ 3/1866 - 6/ 4/1926
7. Isaac Winfrey (Went) Pruitt	7/13/1869 - 1/ 2/1942
8. Augustus Joshua (Josh) Pruitt	4/20/1871 - 8/25/1950
9. Nancy J. Pruitt	7/13/1874 - 8/14/1943
10. *Julia A. Pruitt	6/ 7/1875 - 3/12/1944
11. Rosie A. Pruitt	7/ 2/1877 - 3/ 1/1919

The 1860 Wilkes Co, NC, census lists this family in Traphill Township in house #680/680 as follows: **Hardin** Pruet (33, farmer), **Lucinda** (25), **Joel A.** (5), **Wm P.** (2), **Hardin** (1), and **Augustus** (24). Their real estate was valued at \$400, while their personal estate was valued at \$250. **Lucinda** could not read or write.¹¹³ **Augustus** (\$150 real estate, no personal estate)^{113,280} is probably **Hardin**'s first cousin.

The 1870 Wilkes Co census lists them in Edwards Township in house #254/254: **Harden** Pruet (43, farmer), **Lucinda** (37), **Joel A.** (15, school), **William P.** (12, school), **Harden M.** (10, school), **John C.** (9), **Sarah J.** (6), **Mary L.** (4), **Isaac W.** (1). Their real estate was valued at \$250, and their personal estate at \$368.^{113,242}

They are listed in the 1880 Wilkes Co census in Traphill Township, p31, in house #205/208 as follows: **Hardin Pruitt** (53, farmer), **Lucinda** (47, wife), **William P.** (22, son), **Hardin M.** (21, son), **John C.** (19, son), **Sarah J.** (16, dau), **Lucinda** (14, dau), **Isaac W.** (12, son), **Augustus J.** (10, son), **Nancy M.** (8, dau), **Julia A.** (6, dau), and **Rosie** (2, dau).^{113,281}

The 1900 Wilkes Co census lists this family in Traphill Township #2, p224B, house #11: **Augustus J. Pruitt** (29, born April 1871, farmer, married 4 years), **Sallie** (28, born Oct 1871, wife), **Wm. P.** (42, born Aug 1857, brother), and **Hardin** (73, born Nov 1826, father, widower). All could read and write.^{113,282}

1. *Joel Andrew* (or, Joel Ander, Joelando) married **Lodema Bauguess** on 3/14/1876 in Wilkes Co.^{13,62,64,172,223,283} In 1900 he was living with the family of his son and was listed as a widower and a store keeper who could read and write.^{113,282}

Joel A. Pruitt, age 47, applied for voter registration on 10/23/1902, Traphill Township, where he stated that he was a descendant of **Hardin Pruitt** who was a voter on 1/1/1867.¹⁹⁵ His obituary says that he first joined Rachel Bap Ch before moving to Roundhill Bap Ch.^{172,223} It also says that his first wife died about 1898, and he later remarried.^{172,223} He married his second wife **Louisa Jane Brewer** on 4/5/1903 in Wilkes Co.^{66,113,238,271,284}

[(1880 Wi, Traphill, p31, #206/209)^{113,281}]; (1900 Wi, Traphill2, p224B, #13)²⁸²; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #16)¹¹³; (1930 Wi, Traphill, p5A, #81/81)¹¹³] [b^{13,48,62,172,223,271}, d^{13,48,62,172,223,271}] Ref 13, p325; Ref 62, p417.

2. *Press* (or, William Pressley)⁶⁴ married **Fannie Absher** on 6/16/1901 in Wilkes Co.^{172,223,283} **William P. Pruitt**, age 45, applied for voter registration on 10/18/1902, Traphill Township, where he stated that he was a descendant of **Hardin Pruitt** who was a voter on 1/1/1867.¹⁹⁵ In 1910 he is listed as a “boarder”, married 9 years, but living only with **Elisha F. Rhoads** (31, male, boarder, merchant for dry goods).¹¹³ His wife and daughter are living nearby with his 73 year old mother-in-law.¹¹³ In 1920 he is living with his wife and daughter.¹¹³

He was a farmer and is buried at Roundhill Bap Ch.⁶⁴ According to his obituary he joined Roundhill Bap Ch at the age of 47.^{172,223}

[(1900 Wi, Traphill2, p224B, #11)²⁸²; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #15")¹¹³; (1920 Wi, Traphill, #149)¹¹³] [b^{64,113,172,223,271,282}, d^{64,172,223,271}]

3. *Mark* appears to have been in some trouble in Alleghany Co in August 1877, at the age of 18. It appears that his parents were forced to put their land and horse up as collateral on the condition that “Hardin M. Pruitt” would appear at the next term of court. There is no mention of why he had to appear or of what the outcome was.⁶⁷

He married **Margaret Bryant** about 1890.^{3,113,223,268,282} The 1900 Wilkes Co census says he was a farmer who could not read or write.¹¹³ He joined Round hill Bap Ch in 1908 and is also buried there.^{48,64,223} While his obituary says he died on 2/4/1927, both his death certificate and his headstone say 2/26/1927.²²³

[(1900 Wi, Traphill2, p224B, #14)²⁸²; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #11)¹¹³; (1930 Wi, Traphill, p2B, #30/30)¹¹³] [b^{48,64,223,268,271,282}, d^{48,64,223,268,271}]

4. *John* probably died before 4/13/1896 when a land deed mentions a sourwood on the Pruitt property at the corner for **John Pruitt**, deceased.⁶⁷ [b²⁷¹]

5. *Sarah* married **Lewis Horton Bauguess** on 1/17/1884 in Wilkes Co.^{62,271,283} She died in Traphill of pneumonia.⁶⁴ They are buried at Stony Ridge Bap Ch.^{48,64} [b^{48,64,271}, d^{48,64,271}]

6. *Mary* married **Meredith (Merti) Lyon** on 6/4/1889 in Wilkes Co.^{13,32,64,223,271,283} They were living with his parents in 1900.²⁸² They lived on King Billings Rd. in Austin in a house which is still standing in 2002.³² She was a member of Rachel Bap Ch.²²³ She is buried at Knobbs Bap Ch.^{32,64} While her obituary says she died on 5/19/1927, her death certificate says 6/4/1926.²²³

After **Mary** died, **Meredith Lyon** remarried about 1927 to **Pheba** according to the 1930 census.¹¹³

[(1900 Wi, Traphill1, p211B, #16)²⁸²; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #220)¹¹³; (1930 Wi, Traphill, p7A, #96/96)¹¹³] [b^{13,64,113,223,271}, d^{13,64,223,271}] Ref 13, p326.

7. *Went* married **Mary Ann Wiles** on 1/14/1894 in Wilkes Co.^{13,64,113,223,271,283} They lived on Shepherd’s Crossroads in Traphill.¹³ **Isaac W. Pruitt**, age 33, applied for voter registration on 10/18/1902, Traphill Township, where he stated that he was a descendant of

Hardin Pruitt who was a voter on 1/1/1867.¹⁹⁵ He was a member of and was buried at Roundhill Bap Ch.^{13,64,223}

On 2/23/1928, a line in *The Wilkes Journal* reads: “Mr. **H. M. Bauguess**, Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Woods** visited Mr. and Mrs. **I. W. Pruitt** Sunday.”³²⁵

[(1900 Wi, Traphill, p224B, #12)²⁸²; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #12)¹¹³; (1930 Wi, Traphill, p2A, #27/27)¹¹³] [b^{48,64,223,271,282}, d^{48,64,223,271}] Ref 325, 2/23/1928.

8. *Josh* married **Sallie Adeline Holbrook** on 5/10/1896 in Wilkes Co at Roundhill Bap Ch.^{3,271,283,388} They lived on Shepherd’s Crossroads in Traphill.³² **Agustus J. Pruitt**, age 31, applied for voter registration on 10/18/1902, Traphill Township, where he stated that he was a descendant of **Hardin Pruitt** who was a voter on 1/1/1867.¹⁹⁵ He is buried at Roundhill Bap Ch.^{48,243}

He was caught for making liquor at least once and served a sentence for it.³² There is a story about when **Josh** was brought into court and stood before the judge. The judge asked him, “Are you the Joshua that made the moonshine?” And **Josh** replied, “No sir, I’m the Joshua that made the sun stand still!” He was jokingly referring to a passage in the Bible (Joshua 10:12-13).

On 8/15/1921 **Joshua Pruitt** and **L. D. Lowe** pleaded guilty to Manufacturing and Retailing. Six days later they were each ordered to pay a \$100 fine, and a \$500 bond was issued against them. According to the court order, the bond would be dropped if they appeared at each session of criminal court for the next two years and maintained good behavior. Perhaps his quick-witted remark earned him that punishment. However, on 3/7/1922 and 8/7/1922, **Josh** was not present in court, and one would assume that he suffered the consequences.³⁷³

On 2/23/1928, a line in *The Wilkes Journal* reads: “Mr. **Spencer Bowman** visited at the home of Mr. **A. J. Pruitt** Saturday night.”³²⁵

[(1900 Wi, Traphill2, p224B, #11)²⁸²; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #13)¹¹³; (1920 Wi, Traphill, #176)²⁷¹; (1930 Wi, Traphill, p2A, #26/26)¹¹³] [b^{48,64,113,243,271}, d^{48,64,243,271}] Ref 243, 8/28/1950, p1; Ref 373 (Vol 19, p126,156,253,376).

9. *Nancy* married **Robert Monroe Bauguess** about 1894.^{3,271,282,455,456} She is buried at Roundhill Bap Ch.⁴⁸

[(1900 Wi, Traphill2, p228A, #90)²⁸²] [b^{271,282}, d²⁷¹]

10. *Julia* married **James Madison Bauguess, Jr.** on 1/10/1892 at her father’s home in Wilkes Co.^{62,66,283} She died in Wilkes Co of “apoplexy”⁶⁴ and was buried in the Bauguess Graveyard.⁴⁸ [b^{48,64,271}, d^{48,64,243,271}] Ref 243, 3/16/1944, p7.

11. *Rosie* married **Oliver R. Richardson** on 2/20/1894 in Wilkes Co at her father’s house.^{3,113,271,283} She died in Wilkes Co and is buried at Roundhill Bap Ch (Bk 5, p259).²⁸⁶ [(1900 Wi, Walnut Grove, p246A, #8)²⁸²; (1910 Wi, Traphill 179, p4A, #68)^{113,212}] [b^{113,271,282}, d^{271,286}]

On 8/6/1877, **Hardin Pruitt** of Wilkes Co appeared in Alleghany Co court, stating his indebtedness to **J. R. Wyatt**, Alleghany Sheriff in the amount of \$50. The fee was due on

10/1/1877, or the sheriff would sell at auction **Hardin**'s bay mare which turned 12 years old in June 1877. (Alleghany DB 3, p416).⁶⁷

On 8/6/1877, **Hardin** and Loucinda **Pruitt** of Wilkes Co agreed to sell land to **J. R. Wyatt**, sheriff of Alleghany Co, for \$200. The land was on the waters of Roaring River, adjacent to his own land, **James M. Baugues**' line, and widow **Billings**' line. However, the deed would be void if **Hardin M. Pruitt** appeared at the next term of Alleghany court. Both **Hardin** and **Lucinda** signed with their marks. It was witnessed by **Joel A. Pruitt** and **Stanley Gentry**. (Alleghany DB 3, p417-9).⁶⁷

On 12/31/1883, **Hardin Pruitt** bought 22 acres on the east side of Roaring River at the corner of **J. A. Pruitt**, from the State of NC at a price of 12 ½ ¢ per acre. (Wilkes Co DB 4, p585).⁶⁷

On 12/18/1885, **Hardin** and **Lucinda Pruitt** sold 187 acres on Roaring River to **Joel A. Pruitt** for \$200. (Wilkes Co DB 15, p38).⁶⁷

On 4/13/1896, **Hardin** and Loucinda **Pruitt** sold their homeplace consisting of 50 acres on Sparks Creek to (their son) **A. J. Pruitt** for \$500. This was to take effect "after our natural death". The land in Traphill was adjacent to **H. M. Pruitt** to the north, and **I. W. Pruitt** on the south. In describing the property boundaries, the deed mentions a sourwood at the corner for **John Pruitt**, deceased (probably their son). (Wilkes Co DB 28, p107).⁶⁷

Hardin and Loucinda **Pruitt** sold their mill site and mill property to (their sons) **H. M.** and **A. J. Pruitt** for \$50. It was one acre on the west branch of Sparks Creek below **H. M. Pruitt**'s dwelling house. This deed includes all the water power and room for the mill house. (Wilkes Co DB 28, p110).⁶⁷

A-6-2 Joel Pruitt, Sr. (6). **Hardin Pruitt** was the son of **Joel Pruitt, Sr.** and **Polly**.¹³ They had the following children.^{113,140,268,271} Sources: *Ref 13, p393; Ref 271, p15-24.*

1. Isaac John Pruitt	1810 -	6/22/1863
2. Sally Pruitt	1813 -	
3. Joel Pruitt, Jr.	1815 -	
4. Jeremiah Pruitt	1823 -	
5. Lucinda Pruitt	1/ /1823 -	
6. *Hardin Pruitt	11/ /1826 -	

The 1810 Wilkes Co, NC, census includes the family of **Joel Prewit** with one male (under 10), one male (16-26), and one female (16-26).²⁷⁵

The 1820 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Joel Pruett** with one male (under 10), one male (10-16), one male (26-45), one female (under 10), and one female (26-45).²⁷⁶

The 1830 Wilkes Co census lists the family of **Joel Prewett** (p344) with one male (under 5), one male (5-9), one male (15-19), one male (20-29), one male (40-49), one female (5-9), one female (15-19), and one female (40-49).²⁷⁷

The 1840 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Joel Pruitt** in Johnson's District, Bugaboo, with one male (10-15), one male (15-20), one male (50-60), one female (15-20), one female (20-30), and one female (50-60).^{113,278}

The Wilkes Co school census dated 5/1/1841 for the 33rd District states that **Joseph Prewit** was sending three children to school: **Jeremiah, Hardin, and Lucinda**. Also, **Joel Pruit** was one of the three men who were responsible for taking this census.¹⁴⁰

According to information I have found, **Joseph Pruitt** was **Joel's** father, or **Hardin's** grandfather. **Joel's** children could not have been living with their grandfather, because he moved to Ashe Co, NC, in 1829. My guess is that the **Joseph** listed in this school census is really **Joel Pruitt**, their father. *Ref 140, p93.*

The 1850 Wilkes Co census lists them in house #91 as follows: **Joel Pruet** (64, farmer, can not read/write), **Polly** (63), **Sally** (37), and **Hardin** (22).¹¹³ Their real estate was valued at \$400.²⁷⁹

The 1860 Wilkes Co census lists them in Wilkesboro Township in house #628/628: **Joel Prewitt** (72, farmer), Sarah (47), and **Hampton** (18, school). Their real estate was valued at \$300, while their personal estate was valued at \$325.^{113,280} **Hampton** was a grandson, the son of **Joel Jr.**³⁸⁷

The 1870 Wilkes Co census lists them in Edwards Township in house #257/257: **Joel Pruet** (84, farmer), Sarah (55), and **Sallie** (21). Their real estate was valued at \$200, and their personal estate was \$186.^{113,242}

1. *Isaac* married **Charlotte Phereby Richardson** on 5/21/1835 in Wilkes Co.²⁷¹ His death date was found in a family book handed down through the generations.²⁷¹ [(1840 Wi, Spicer's)^{271,278}; (1850 Wi, #72)^{271,279}; (1860 Wi, Wilkesboro, #358)^{271,280}, (1870 Wi, Edwards, #255)²⁴²] [b²⁷¹, d²⁷¹]

2. *Sally* lived with her father until the 1870s.¹¹³ She was living with her nephew **Joel Andrew Pruitt** in the 1880 census.²⁸¹ [(1880 Wi, Traphill, p31, #206/209)^{113,281}] [b^{113,268}]

3. *Joel, Jr.* married **Elizabeth Durham** on 11/9/1835 in Wilkes Co.^{268,270,271} [(1840 Wi, Johnson's)^{271,278}; (1850 Wi, #906)^{271,279}; (1860 Wi, Mulberry, #12)^{271,280}; (1870 Wi, Union, #80)^{242,271}; (1880 Wi, Mulberry, p63, #41/44)^{271,281}] [b^{268,270}]

4. *Jeremiah* married **Rebecah**.²⁷¹ [(1850 Wi, #83)^{271,279}] [b¹¹³]

5. *Lucinda* married **William Spicer**.¹³ She was a widow living with her daughter's family in 1900.²⁸²

[(1870 Wi, Walnut Grove, #126)²⁴²; (1880 Wi, Traphill, p33, #240/244)²⁸¹; (1900 Wi, Walnut Grove, p246A, #7)] [b^{13,113,282}] *Ref 13, p501*.

6. *Hardin* married **Lucinda Brooks** about 1853 at Round Hill Bap Ch.^{13,268} He was living on 3/17/1903 when his oldest son got married.⁶⁶ However, he must have died before the 1910 census.²⁷¹

He is NOT the "Hardin Pruitt" who was about twelve years younger and enlisted with the Confederacy on 5/4/1861 in Stokes Co which he claimed as his residency.^{268,320} He was 23 years old and enlisted as a private for twelve months.^{268,320} He served in Co A, 2nd NC Battalion Reg.^{268,320,366} He was absent without leave on 9/6/1864 through February 1865.^{268,320} This man's widow **Paulina**, age 63, applied for his pension in Mt. Airy in 1906.³⁶⁶ [b^{13,113,268}]

On 2/5/1811, sheriff **William Hampton** auctioned the land of **Isaac Collins** to the highest bidder. **Joel** Pruitt bought the 125 acres for £17, 5 shillings. The record was recorded on 3/20/1815. (Wilkes Co DB I, p38).⁶⁷

On 11/30/1821, **Joel Pruitt** received Grant #3231 for 50 acres on both sides of Sparks Creek at the waters of Roaring River, adjoining Widow Buttery and Spicer's line.²⁷¹

On 1/6/1837, **Joel** Prewitt bought 50 acres on the waters of Long Branch from **John Wood** for \$50. It was witnessed by **Anderson Wood, Jr.**, and Claborn (x) Wadell (i.e. **Claiborn Waddell**). (Wilkes Co DB S, p447).⁶⁷

On 12/28/1852, **Joel** Prewet bought 100 acres on Roaring River from **Thomas Baugefs** (i.e. **Bauguess**) for \$100. It was witnessed by **Isaac** Prewett and **James Burchet**. The deed was registered on 11/2/1857.²⁷¹ (Wilkes Co DB T, p72).⁶⁷

On 8/16/1854, **Joel** Prewitt sold 50 acres on Roaring River to **Isaac** Prewitt for \$150. It was witnessed by Harden (x) Prewitt and **Jeremiah** Prewitt. (Wilkes Co DB T, p84).⁶⁷

On 8/11/1871, **Joel Pruitt** sold 100 acres (at the corner of **James Bauguess**, near the river) to **Hardin Pruitt** for \$100. (Wilkes Co DB A2, p521)⁶⁷

A-6-3 Joseph Pruitt, Jr. (7). **Joel Pruitt, Sr.** was the son of **Joseph Pruitt, Jr.**¹³ He and his wife had the following children.^{133,271} *Ref 271, p13-17*.

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|--------------------------|--------|
| 1. John Henderson Pruitt | 1779 - |
| 2. *Joel Pruitt, Sr. | 1786 - |
| 3. Catherine Pruitt | 1787 - |
| 4. female Pruitt | 1789 - |
| 5. Andrew Pruitt, Sr. | 1790 - |
| 6. Benjamin Pruitt | 1791 - |

The 1787 census for Wilkes Co, NC, lists **Joseph Pruitt** with one male (21-60), two males (under 21, over 60), and three females. He is the only Pruitt on the census.^{271,272} While it is possible that this is actually listing his father, I tend to think it is the family of **Joseph Pruitt, Jr.**

The 1789 tax list for Capt. S. Johnson's District includes two listings for **Joseph Pruitt**. While one is for his father, his listing is for 150 acres and one poll.¹⁵⁸

The 1790 Wilkes Co census lists the family of Jo. Prewitt in the Sixth Company with one male (over 16), two males (under 16), and three females.^{133,273} The only other family of this name listed is that of **Lus Pruitt**, also in the Sixth Company, with one male (under 16), and two females.²⁷³ It appears that "Lus" is a lady, possibly Lucy or Lucinda? Could she be the newly widowed wife of **Joseph Prewitt, Sr**?

The 1792 Wilkes Co tax list for Hammon's District includes **Joseph Pruit** with one poll and 150 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1793, in the same district, **Joseph Prewit** had one poll and 150 acres.¹⁵⁸ Nothing changed in 1794 and 1795 except that he was listed as **Joseph Pruet**.¹⁵⁸ The 1796 lists for the same district list him as **Joseph Prewit** with one poll and 150 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1797 **Joseph Pruitt** is listed in Hammon's Dist. with one poll and 150 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1799 **Joseph Prewit** was in the same district with one poll and 200 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1800 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Joseph Prewet** with one male (under 10), one male (10-16), one male (16-26), one male (26-45), three females (under 10), one female (10-16), and one female (26-45).²⁷⁴ He is the only Pruitt listed.

The 1810 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Joseph Prewit** with one male (under 10), one male (16-26), one male (over 45), and two females (10-16).²⁷⁵

The 1820 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Joseph Pruitt** with one male (16-18), one male (16-26), one male (26-45), one male (over 45), and one female (16-26).²⁷⁶

1. *John Henderson* married **Sarah Blackburn**.²⁷¹ He appears to have died before the 1870 census.²⁷¹

[(1810 Wilkes)²⁷⁵; (1850 Ashe, #738)²⁷¹; (1860 Alleg, Gap Civil, p34, #250/218)^{212,271} [b²⁷¹]

2. *Joel, Sr.* married **Polly**.^{13,271} [b^{13,268,271}]

3. *Catherine* married **Henry Hanks** on 9/16/1807.²⁷¹ [b²⁷¹]

4. A female child is indicated by the census records as being born before 1790.

5. *Andrew, Sr.* married **Mahala**.²⁷¹ The 1830 Wilkes Co census for **Andrew Prewitt** lists his household as one male (40-50) and one male (80-90), meaning that his father was probably living with him.²⁷¹ He may have died before the 1870 census.²⁷¹ [(1830 Wi, p346)^{271,277}; (1850 Ashe, #9)²⁷¹; (1860 Alleg, #251)²⁷¹] [b²⁷¹]

6. *Benjamin* (listed as “Benj. Prewit”) married **Peggy Tyre** on 7/11/1808 in Wilkes Co.^{271,371} [b²⁷¹]

7. *Ralph* married **Sarah Brinegar** about 1830.²⁷¹ They may have died before the 1880 census.²⁷¹
[(1830 Wi, p346)^{271,277}; (1840 Wi, Spicer’s)²⁷⁸; (1850 Wi, #104)^{271,279}; (1860 Wi, Traphill, #698)^{271,280}; (1870 Wi, Walnut Grove, #115)^{242,271}] [b²⁷¹]

Information on the Revolutionary service of **Joseph** Pruitt is found in his pension request (#R8506) dated 8/1/1833 in Wilkes Co, NC.^{170,271} He gave his age as 79, being born on 7/16/1754.^{170,271} He said that at the age of 19, he moved to Wilkes Co, entering the service under **Benjamin Cleveland** fighting against the Cherokees. He also served under Capt. **Larkin Cleveland** and Capt. **William Waugh**. He was discharged by Capt. **Cleveland** at Wilkes Courthouse. He served against the Tories for three months and again for five weeks on New River. He was with Col. **Cleveland** at Ramseur Mills. He says **William Spicer** and **Benjamin Hammon** served with him. He said he moved to Ashe Co, NC, in 1829, but most of his family still lived in Wilkes. His pension request was rejected.²⁷¹ On 6/23/1853, his son **Joel** Pruett signed as power of attorney in Wilkes Co in an attempt to obtain his father’s pension.^{170,271}

A-6-4 Joseph Prewitt, Sr. (8). **Joseph Pruitt, Jr.** was the son of **Joseph Prewitt, Sr.**, and his wife **Rachel**. They had the following children.^{268,270,271} *Ref 271, p10-14.*

1. *Joseph Pruitt, Jr. 7/16/1754 -
2. Henry Pruitt

They lived in Lunenburg Co, Halifax Co, or perhaps Charlotte Co, VA, before moving to Wilkes Co, NC. A marriage is recorded in Charlotte Co, VA, for “**Mary** Prewit, daughter of **Joseph** Prewit” to **James Adams, Jr** on 10/16/1788.⁴⁰⁷

1. *Joseph, Jr.* may have been born in Halifax Co, VA.²⁶⁸ He moved to Wilkes Co (then Surry), NC, about 1773 according to his Revolutionary pension request in 1833.^{13,271} He moved to Ashe Co, NC, in 1829 where he died.²⁷¹ [b^{170,271}]

2. *Henry*

Joseph Prewitt, Sr’s wife **Rachel** may have been born in 1736 in Halifax Co, VA.²⁶⁸ I have not seen any records that show her name to be **Rachel**. It is possible that the deed shown below dated 1/5/1769 was confused by other researchers. That **Rachel** relinquished her dower right so that her husband **Henry Clay** could sell their land.

In 1764, in Lunenburg Co, VA, **Joseph Prewitt** is listed with 12 tithes and 900 acres.²⁷¹

On 10/3/1768, **Joseph** Pruitt was a witness for one day in court (Charlotte Order Bk 2, p183).²⁷¹

On 1/5/1769, **Joseph** Pruet bought 100 acres from **Henry Clay** and his wife **Rachel** for £25. The land was on Hogans Creek, bounded by **Morris** and **Marable**. (Charlotte Co DB 2, p163).¹⁶⁸

On 12/12/1771, **Joseph** Prewett of Halifax Co sold 100 acres to **John Cox, Jr**, of Mecklenburg Co, VA, for £50. The land was in Charlotte Co, VA, bounded by **Mathew Marable**, **Henry Clay**, and **John Herndon**. The transaction was recorded on 7/6/1772 (Charlotte DB 3, p104).^{168,271}

On 10/1/1775, Isham Prewit of Cornwall Parish sold 87.5 acres to **William Mitchell** for £52, 10sh. The land was on Ward's Fork and was part of a larger tract where Isham and **Joseph** Prewit now live. It was bounded by **John Cook**. (Charlotte DB 3, p550).¹⁶⁸ Ward's Fork is located about a mile west of the town of Drakes Branch in Charlotte Co.

The Charlotte Co Will Book 1 has at least three references to **Joseph Prewitt**. On 1/25/1777 he took the inventory of an estate (p154). On 5/30/1781 he was on a list of credits for 1778 (p271). In 1790 he appraised an estate (p436).¹⁶⁷ Since our **Joseph Prewitt** was already in Wilkes Co, NC, by 1779, it is unlikely that these records refer to him. The following records are from Wilkes Co.

On 8/28/1778, in Wilkes Co, land entry grant #293 was to **Joseph** Pruet for 100 acres on the south fork of Roaring River near a "foard" above his house including his improvement. (Wilkes Co Land Entry Book).¹⁶⁸

On 2/8/1779, land entry grant #800 was to **Joseph** Pruet for 100 acres on Camp Branch at the mouth of Johnacake Branch including his own improvements. (Wilkes Co Land Entry Book).¹⁶⁸

In 1782, **Joseph** Prewett first appears in Wilkes Co, NC, tax lists in Capt. John Morgan's District with 100 acres, no negroes, one mule or horse, and six cattle.^{158,271}

The 1784 Wilkes Co tax list includes **Joseph** Prewit with one poll and 100 acres of land.¹⁵⁸

The 1787 Wilkes Co tax list has **Joseph** Pruitt in Capt. S. Johnson's District with one poll and 100 acres.¹⁵⁸

In 1788, **Joseph Prewitt** is found on the Wilkes Co tax list in Capt. Johnson's District with 75 acres and no polls, indicating that he had reached age 60.^{158,271}

The 1789 tax list for Capt. S. Johnson's District includes two listings for **Joseph** Pruitt. The one for the father is for 75 acres and (either one¹⁵⁸ or no²⁷¹) poll(s).^{158,271} If he was charged with a poll, then someone must have moved in with him since he was too old to be counted.

The 1790 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Lus Pruitt** in the Sixth Company with one male (under 16), and two females.²⁷³ It appears that "Lus" is a lady, possibly Lucy or Lucinda? Could she be the newly widowed wife of **Joseph Prewitt, Sr**?

On 7/27/1790, the estate of **Joseph** Pruitt, deceased, was administered by **Henry Snow**, **Jesse Franklin**, and **Moses Snow** (Wilkes WB 1, p28).²⁷¹

In December 1790, the will of **Joseph** Prewitt was proven, with **Henry** Prewitt the administrator and **Jesse Franklin** and **Moses Snow** as securities (Wilkes WB 1, p289).²⁷¹

A-6-5 Uriah Prewitt, Sr. (9). **Joseph Prewitt, Sr.**, *may have been* the son of **Uriah Prewitt, Sr.** and his wife **Elizabeth**.²⁶⁸ They had the following children.^{268,270,271} *Ref 271, p8-11.*

1. Rebecca Prewitt		
2. Uriah Prewitt, Jr.	1720 -	
3. Henry Prewitt	1722 -	1790
4. *Joseph Prewitt, Sr.	1724 -	1790
5. Ishem Prewitt	1725 -	1806
6. Thomas Prewitt	1733 -	
7. Beasley Prewitt	1740 -	1839
8. Benjamin Prewitt	1742 -	
9. Agnes Prewitt	1746 -	

They lived in Henrico Co, VA, where most of the children were born.²⁶⁸ This area became Goochland Co, VA, in 1727. Ref 271 does not include children **Rebecca** and **Ishem**. Because there were several different “Joseph Pruitt”s living in southern and eastern VA, it has been difficult to prove this link.

1. *Rebecca*

2. *Uriah, Jr.* may be the “Uriah Prewitt” who had 175 acres surveyed on 1/28/1766. The land was on the north fork of White Oak Creek in Pittsylvania Co.⁴¹¹ [b²⁶⁸]

3. *Henry* died in Wilkes Co, NC.²⁶⁸ [b²⁶⁸, d²⁶⁸]

4. *Joseph, Sr.* married **Rachel**.²⁶⁸ He died in Wilkes Co where his will was administered.^{268,271} [b^{268,271}, d^{268,271}]

5. *Ishem* died in Mercer Co, KY.²⁶⁸ Several Charlotte Co, VA, land transactions between 1766 and 1775 refer to “Isham Prewitt and his wife **Frances**”.^{67,168} [b²⁶⁸, d²⁶⁸]

6. *Thomas* [b²⁶⁸]

7. *Beasley* first married **Eleanor Humphreys** about 1770.²⁷⁰ He married his second wife **Lucy Sims Rodgers** in 1808 in Rapids Parish, LA.²⁷⁰ He died in West Liberty (now Dayton), Liberty Co, TX, where he is buried.²⁷⁰ However, this **Beasley** may actually be the son of **Uriah Prewitt, Jr.**²⁷¹ [b²⁶⁸]

8. *Benjamin* [b²⁶⁸]

9. *Agnes* [b²⁶⁸]

Uriah Prewitt, Sr.'s wife **Elizabeth** was born about 1703 in Goochland Co, VA.²⁶⁸

A-6-6 Henry Prewitt, Sr. (10). **Uriah Prewitt, Sr.** *may have been* the son of **Henry Prewitt, Sr.** and **Rebecca Dobbs**.²⁶⁸ They may have had the following children.^{268,270,271} *Ref 271, p3-7.*

1. James Prewitt			
2. Samuel Prewitt	1684	- 4/	/1760
3. Thomas R. Prewitt	1692	-	1759
4. Andrew Prewitt	1695	-	1763
5. Hugh Prewitt	1697	-	1750
6. Richard Prewitt, Sr.	1698	-	1757
7. *Uriah Prewitt, Sr.	1699	-	
8. Rebecca Prewitt	1702	-	
9. Henry Prewitt, Jr.	1704	-	
10. John Prewitt	1706	-	

They lived in Henrico Co, VA, where the children were born.²⁶⁸ **Henry** was first married to **Ann Fields** and they may have had a son **Fields Prewitt**.²⁷⁰ Ref. 271 lists only six children, leaving out **James, Samuel, Henry Jr.,** and **John**.

In the February 1719 Henrico Co Court, **Thomas Randolph** sued **Andrew, Hugh,** and **Thomas** Prewitt.²⁶⁸

In the February 1720 Henrico Co Court, **Michael Holland** entered suits against **John, Thomas,** and **Hugh** Prewitt.²⁶⁸

1. *James*

2. *Samuel* died in MD.²⁶⁸ [b²⁶⁸, d²⁶⁸]

3. *Thomas* was a blacksmith.^{270,271} His first wife is not known, but he married his second wife **Mary Magdalene Chastain** in 1719 in Henrico Co.^{268,270} In the May 1721 Henrico Co Court, **Thomas Jefferson** sued **Thomas** Prewitt and his wife **Mary** for 3 pounds, 16 shillings. The case was settled for 15 shillings, 10 pence.²⁶⁸ (This would be too early to be President **Thomas Jefferson**, but he could perhaps be a relative.)

On 5/7/1722, **Thomas** Prewitt was summoned to appear in court and give security for the estate of **Nicholas Ducrey** (or, perhaps Dunay), deceased.²⁶⁸ On 10/1/1722, it was found that a great part of the estate had been wasted by **Thomas** Prewitt who had married the widow of **Nicholas Ducray**.²⁶⁸ (Henrico Minute Book 1719-1724, p174, 211).⁴¹³

Thomas and wife **Mary** settled further up the James River than his father's land at Almond Creek in Henrico Co.²⁶⁸ Goochland Co was formed in 1727, and **Thomas** was one of the

first residents.²⁶⁸ The 1729 Tithables list for King William Parish, Goochland Co lists **Thomas Prouet** with one tithable.²⁶⁸ In that same year he was fined 50 pounds of tobacco for saying a bad word.²⁶⁸ In the June 1731 Goochland Co Court, **Thomas** was fined 50 pounds of tobacco for swearing.²⁶⁸ There is a deed between **Edward Scott** and **Thomas** dated 3/2/1731 in Goochland Co.²⁶⁸

Thomas purchased land on Stocks Creek, Amelia Co, VA, in 1737, where he lived until he moved to southern VA.²⁷⁰ On 7/19/1745, he began to dispose of his land on Stocks Creek.^{270,271} Over the next two years, he purchased 1,000 acres on Catawba Creek in Brunswick (Lunenburg) Co, VA.²⁷⁰ That area became Halifax Co in 1752.²⁷⁰ About 1750 he sold 235 acres on the south fork of "Cattoba" Creek to **John Bales** for £2, 3sh. Thomas signed with his mark "T", and the deed was acknowledged in Halifax Co court on 7/2/1752. (Halifax DB 1, p5).⁶⁷ On 5/16/1759, **Thomas Prewitt**, blacksmith, gave three of his sons each 150 acres on Catawba Creek.²⁷⁰ He died soon after on Catawba Creek, Halifax Co, VA.^{268,270,271} [b^{268,270,271}, d^{268,270}]

4. *Andrew* married **Agnes**.^{270,271} They lived in the Northern Parish of Goochland Co. He sold 100 acres in Goochland Co to **Robert Adams** on 9/9/1750.²⁷¹ On 10/20/1751, **Andrew** Prouet appeared before the court stating that since he has lost his sight, it has prevented him from maintaining himself and he should be free from paying his county leveys (Order Bk 7, p75).²⁷¹ He later moved to Bedford Co, VA, where he died and his will was proven (Bk 3, p79,89).^{268,270,271} [b^{268,271}, d^{268,271}]

5. *Hugh* seems to have been a regular in the Henrico Co court. In February 1719 he was sued by **Thomas Randolph**, in February 1720 by **Michael Holland**, in April 1722 by **Thomas Randolph**, and in May 1722 by **Thomas Randolph**.²⁷¹ When Goochland Co was formed, he was sued by **Peter Bolton** on 3/16/1729 and again in July 1730.²⁷¹ In Lunenburg Co, VA, he was sued by **Edward Booker** on 9/1/1746.²⁷¹ [b^{268,270}, d²⁷⁰]

6. *Richard, Sr.* married **Frances Murrel** about 1725 in Henrico Co, VA.^{270,271} [b²⁶⁸, d²⁶⁸]

7. *Uriah, Sr.* married **Elizabeth** about 1730 in VA.²⁶⁸ One source says he died in Henrico Co, VA, on *2/6/1746,²⁶⁸ while another source says that on that date he bought two different tracts of land in Lunenburg Co.²⁷¹ Apparently the **Uriah Prewitt** who was in Lunenburg (which became Halifax, then Pittsylvania Co) is found there as late as 1782 when he was charged property tax for one male, three horses, and 16 cows, but this is probably Jr.²⁷¹ [b^{268,271}]

8. *Rebecca* married **James McGehee** in 12/9/1721 in Henrico Co, VA.^{268,270,271} She died before 1774 in Granville Co, NC.²⁷⁰ [b²⁶⁸]

9. *Henry, Jr.* [b²⁶⁸]

10. *John* [b²⁶⁸]

On 4/25/1679, **Henry** was taxed in Henrico Co to support an army to defend against the Indians.^{268,271}

On 8/25/1681, **Henry Prewitt** testified in the Henrico Co court, Varina Parish. He was granted 40 pounds of tobacco for his one day of testimony.²⁶⁸

On 4/20/1687, **Henry Pruet** and **John Fields** (possibly his brother-in-law) were granted 440 acres in Henrico Co in Varina Parish for the transportation of nine people into the colony. The land was on the North side of the James River, at Almonds Creek, adjacent to the line of **Thomas Fields** and **Samuel Bridgewater**. (VA Patents #7, p569).^{268,271,314} The land is now part of Richmond, VA, between I-95, I-64, and I-295.

In 1688, **Henry** patented 411 acres.²⁶⁸

In 1690, **Henry Prewitt** was listed on the tithables list for Henrico Co.²⁶⁸

On 8/1/1691, Hen. Prewett gave his age as about 37 years when he gave a deposition in court (Bk 5, p219).^{268,271}

On 8/3/1691, Hen. Prewett, supported by **John Fields**, was sued by Hon. **William Byrd**, Esq. For his one day of testimony, he received 40 pounds of tobacco from **John Fields**. **Henry's** land on Almond Creek was about 20 miles up the James River from **William Byrd's** plantation *Westover*. **William Byrd** also operated a trading post near **Henry's** land (Bk 2, p364).^{268,271}

On 8/25/1691, Hen. Prewett testified for two days as a witness for **Ed Jones** who had brought suit against **Fra(nces) Reeves** in court held at Varina Parish. He received 80 pounds of tobacco (Bk 2, p283).^{268,271}

On 9/1/1691, Hen. Prewett gave his age as about 37 years when brought to testify in court. He testified that at some point he had seen a black bull of **Thomas Fields'** mark which belonged to **Ed Jones** floating upon the river against Mr. **Reeves** low ground (Bk 5, p229).^{268,271}

On 4/17/1693, **Henry** was listed as a member of a Grand Jury.²⁶⁸

On 2/1/1695, **Henry** testified in court, receiving 40 pounds of tobacco from **John Pleasants**. Later that month, **Henry** and three others recorded the inventory of **Edward Jones'** estate, returning the list on 2/19/1695 (Order Bk 5, p628).^{268,271}

On 6/1/1695, **Henry** testified in court, receiving 40 pounds of tobacco from **Allanson Clarke**.²⁶⁸

On 4/1/1697, Hen. Prewett of Henrico Co sold 220 acres to **Mary Jones**. The land was on the north side of the James River, being part of the land he and **John Fields** received in 1687, "and upon which I live now", it being the southernmost end of the said tract next to **Thomas Fields'** creek (Henrico Co DB 5, p701), (Bk 3, p141).^{268,271}

On 12/1/1699, **Henry** was listed as a member of a Grand Jury.²⁶⁸

On 4/1/1702, **Henry** sold 220 acres to **Thomas Cardwell** for 4000 pounds of tobacco to be paid over three years. The land was on the north side of the James River, part of the patent that he and **John Field** received in 1687. **Henry**'s wife **Rebecca** released her dower.²⁶⁸

In June 1711, **Henry** Pruet was overaged, and therefore exempt from paying poll tax (Orders 1710-1717, p73).²⁷¹

On 6/4/1722, **Rebecca** Pruit, widow of **Henry** Pruit, late of Henrico Co, was summoned to take administration of her husband's estate. Since she failed to appear, the administration was granted to **Tarlton Woodson**, a Quaker. It was ordered that **William Kent, John Huckaby, John Lewis**, and **William Womack** appraise the estate. (Richmond Minutes, 1719-1722, p182).^{268,271} (Henrico Minute Book 1719-1724, p182).⁴¹³

A-6-7 Thomas Prewitt (11). **Henry Prewitt, Sr.** was the son of **Thomas Prewitt**.²⁶⁸ He and his wife had the following children.^{268,270,271} *Ref 271, p1-3.*

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|-------------------------|------|---|-----------|
| 1. John Prewitt | 1648 | - | |
| 2. William Prewitt, Sr. | 1651 | - | 2/10/1748 |
| 3. *Henry Prewitt, Sr. | 1654 | - | 1722 |

They lived in Charles City, York Co, VA, where **William** and **Henry** were born.²⁶⁸

1. *John* was born at Tangier Island, VA.²⁶⁸ He married **Sarah Lessene** in 1683 in Bladensburg, Frederick Co, MD.²⁶⁸ [b^{268,271}]

2. *William, Sr.* married **Mary Stone** in 1699.^{268,270} He died in Caroline Co, VA.²⁶⁸ [b^{268,270,271}, d^{268,270,271}]

3. *Henry, Sr.* first married **Ann Fields**.²⁶⁸ He married his second wife **Rebecca Dobbs** on 8/20/1691 in Henrico Co, VA.^{268,271} He died in Henrico Co.^{268,271} [b^{268,271}, d^{268,271}]

Thomas was born about 1616 in Salisbury, Wiltshire, England. **Thomas Prewitt** was brought to Charles River Co, VA, in 1636 by **Joane Bennet**, a Quaker widow, who arranged for his travel (Patent Bk 1). She received 450 acres in the county on the Poqueson River for the transfer of eight people. Since **Thomas** was an indentured servant, he would receive land after about five years of service to the person who brought him over.^{268,271}

On 6/2/1636, **Thomas** Privett was granted 50 acres of land in Charles River Co, VA. The land was a neck of ground at the New Poqueson, due to him for the transportation of one servant to the colony. It is believed that the "servant" was his wife, but since they were Quakers and not married according to the rules of the established church, the marriage was not recognized.²⁶⁸ It is interesting that **Thomas** was an indentured servant who also had his own indentured servant.

In 1646, **Thomas Prewitt** confessed to borrowing a canoe from **John Wilson** and losing it. He was ordered to pay two bushels of corn for it on the next November 1.^{268,271}

In 1647, **John Thomas** secured a debt against **Thomas Prewitt** for 600 pounds of tobacco.^{268,271}

On 5/24/1648, in York Co (Charles River Co was changed to York Co), **Thomas Pruitt** confessed judgment to **Robert Abrall** for 1202 pounds of tobacco to be paid next October 10 at the house of Pruitt in York Co. Three cows were bound in security. Cattle were very valuable at this time since it was very expensive to bring them over by ship.^{268,271}

In 1648, **Thomas Prewitt** confessed judgment to **William Hockaday**, for 1.5 bushels of corn and 56 pounds of tobacco.^{268,271}

On 12/6/1648, **Thomas Prewitt** bound himself to pay **John Madison** 600 pounds of tobacco before next October 1. A steer and a heifer were held as security.^{268,271}

Thomas may have died about 1658 at Port Charles River, VA.²⁶⁸ He might be the son of **John Prewitt**.²⁷⁰ The Prewitt/Pruitt name is thought to come from one of two Anglo-Saxon words: *Pryte*, meaning “justly proud or with self respect”, or from *Prut*, meaning “haughty or arrogant”.²⁷¹

BUTTERY

A-7-1 John Buttery (8). **Cassie Buttery** (A-5-1) was the daughter of **John Buttery** and **Ann Allen**.¹³ *Ref 13, p132.*

1. Cassie Buttery 1765 - 1842

John Buttery first appeared in Surry Co, NC, in 1775.¹³ They may have lived in Wilkes Co, NC.

1. *Cassie* (or, Keziah) married **Reuben Sparks, Sr.** about 1783.¹³ [b^{1,13,164}, d^{1,13,164}] *Ref 164, p147-8.*

Timothy Buttery is mentioned in several early Surry and Wilkes Co records. In 1778, he was a chain carrier for land surveyed in Surry Co. He was listed in the Surry Co tax list in 1781. In 1787, **Timothy Buttery** and his wife **Mary**, **Reuben Sparks** and his wife Keziah, and **Ann Buttery** joined Old Brier Creek Bap Ch. **Timothy** owned 450 acres in Wilkes Co when he died in 1802. There was also an **Abraham Buttery** who bought land on Hunting Creek in Surry Co in 1802, and later moved to Caswell Co. Perhaps **Timothy** and **Abraham** are brothers of **Cassie/Keziah**.¹³

McCRARY

A-8-1 Christopher McCrary, Sr. (6). **Elizabeth McCrary** (A-1-3) was the daughter of **Christopher McCrary, Sr.** and **Nancy Priscilla (Polly) Aulsbury Wiles**.^{74,149} They probably had the following children.^{113,423}

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| 1. | Nancy McCrary | 1823 | - |
| 2. | William McCrary | 1825 | - |
| 3. | Joseph McCrary | 1827 | - |
| 4. | Mary McCrary | | |
| 5. | *Elizabeth (Betsy) McCrary | 10/ | /1831 - |
| 6. | Margaret (Peggy) McCrary | | 1833 - |

The 1830 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Christopher McCrary** (p342) with one male (under 5), one male (5-10), one male (10-15), one male (30-40), one female (5-10), one female (15-20), and one female (30-40).²⁷⁷

Christopher McCrary's first wife died about 1837.^{149,423} He then married his second wife **Priscilla Ellis**^{149,423} and they had at least two children: **Christopher, Jr.** (born 1842) and **Martha** (1849).¹¹³

The 1840 Wilkes Co, NC, census lists the family of **Christopher McCrary** as follows: two males (age 10-15), one male (40-50), two females (5-10), one female (10-15), one female (15-20), one female (40-50), one female (60-70), and one female slave (10-23).^{113,278} Perhaps his mother or his wife's mother was living with them.

The Wilkes Co school census dated 10/20/1842 for the 62nd District lists five names for whom **Christopher McCrary** is listed responsible for their education. They are **Elizabeth, William, Joseph, Mary,** and **Margit McCrary**.³

They are listed in the 1850 Wilkes Co census, house #119/119: **Christopher Edner** (52, farmer, born Rowan Co), **Priscilla** (44), **Christopher** (8), **Martha** (1), **Esau Fugate** (21, married within the year), and **Margaret Fugate** (17).¹¹³ Their real estate was valued at \$120.²⁷⁹ I have no explanation as to why they were referred to as Edner.

They are listed in the 1860 Wilkes Co census, Wilkesboro Township, house #457/457: **Christopher McCrary** (61, farmer), **Priscilla** (55), **Christopher** (16, school), and **Martha** (11, school). Their real estate was valued at \$200, while their personal estate was valued at \$60.^{113,280}

The 1870 Wilkes Co census lists them in Rock Creek Township in house #118/118 as follows: **Christopher McCrary** (72, farmer), **Priscilla** (63), and **Martha** (21, school). Their real estate was valued at \$60. **Christopher** could not write, and **Priscilla** could not read or write.^{113,242}

1. *Nancy* married **Solomon Byrd** on 9/24/1840 in Wilkes Co.^{401,423,424} While I have no proof that **Nancy** fits with this family, the circumstantial evidence suggests she does. The 1830 and 1840 censuses suggest there should be an older daughter. Her marriage in 1840

explains why she was not listed in the school census. In 1870, as a widow with children, she was living only four houses from her father.²¹² Also, there were very few McCrary families in Wilkes Co at this time.

[(1850 Wi, p662, #1206)²¹²; (1860 Wi, Traphill, p64, #455)²¹²; (1870 Wi, Rock Creek, Haymeadow, p17, #114)²¹²; (1880 Wi, Rock Creek #206, p6, #51)²¹²] [b⁴²³]

2. *William* married **Jane L. Caudill** about 1846.^{13,113,239,425} He died before the 1900 census when his wife is listed as a widow.²⁸² On 6/25/1901, at the age of 83, “Janie” applied for his Civil War pension.³⁶⁶ She stated that she was a resident of Round Mountain and that her late husband served in Co B, 56th NC Reg.³⁶⁶

[(1850 Wi, #457)^{117,279}; (1860 Wi, Wilkesboro, #516)^{113,280}; (1870 Wi, Rock Creek, #73)²⁴²; (1880 Wi, Rock Creek, p48, #180/180)²⁸¹; (1900 Wi, Rock Creek, p192A, #110)²⁸²] [b¹¹³]

3. *Joseph* was living with his brother **William** in 1850 and 1860 according to the censuses.^{113,117} It appears that he married **Sarah E.** about 1863 according to the 1870 census.²⁴²

[(1850 Wi, #458)²⁷⁹; (1860 Wi, Wilkesboro, #516)²⁸⁰; (1870 Wi, Rock Creek, #72)²⁴²; (1880 Wi, Rock Creek, p44, #95/95)²⁸¹] [b¹¹³]

4. *Mary* may be the Polly **McCrary** (age 18) who is living with **Joseph** in the 1850 census.²⁷⁹

5. *Betsy* married **James Madison Bauguess, Sr.**^{13,62} [b^{62,113}]

6. *Peggy* married **Esau Fugate** (or, Esom Fugett, Sr.) according to their son’s death certificate (Wi Bk A, p205).^{64,113}

[(1850 Wi, #119)^{113,279}; (1860 Wi, Traphill, #195)^{113,280}; (1870 Wi, Rock Creek, #119)²⁴²] [b¹¹³]

The 1850 Wilkes Co census indicates that **Christopher Edner, Sr.** (known as “Stuffer” Edner) was born in Rowan Co, NC, about 1798.¹¹³ The 1810 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Frederic **Ediner** with one male (under 10), one male (26-45), one female (10-16), and one female (26-45).²⁷⁵ Also, in the 1820 Wilkes Co census, the family of **Frederick** Edinger includes one male (16-26), one male (over 45), and one female (over 45).²⁷⁶ In the 1830 Wilkes Co census, the family of Frederic Edinger includes one male (10-15), one male (50-60), one female (under 5), two females (10-15), one female (30-40), and one female (50-60).²⁷⁷ Perhaps **Frederick Ediner** is **Christopher**’s father. **Frederick** is not listed in the 1840 Wilkes Co census, but a lady in her 60s (his widow?) is living with **Christopher**.

Christopher married **Nancy Priscilla (Polly) Aulsbury Wiles** on 2/4/1823 in Wilkes Co.¹⁴⁹ She was probably born in the 1790s and first married **John (Snakebite) Wiles** in 1811.¹⁴⁹

“**John Wiles** died of a rattlesnake bite. One night **John** was out ‘mossing’ deer with **Christopher McCrary** on the forks of the Roaring River. Harriet Harold said there was a certain type of moss that the deer liked and evidently the two men were either baiting a place or

checking a place already baited. **Christopher McCrary** said he saw **John Wiles** fall when he was bitten, he knew it was **John** because of the way he carried his torch.” **John Wiles** died a few days later in 1815.” He was buried in the Holloway Cem.^{48,149} On 2/4/1823, **Christopher** married **Polly Aulsbury**, **John**’s widow.¹⁴⁹

“Harriet Harold said **Christopher McCrary** was mean to (his first wife) **Polly** and made her work in adverse conditions. **Polly** was a member of Briar Creek Bap Ch in 1819. After **Polly** died about 1837, **Christopher McCrary** married **Priscilla Ellis**.”¹⁴⁹

On 3/7/1825, it was entered into record that **Christopher McCrary** received 25 acres from the State of NC at a price of \$10 per 100 acres.⁶⁷ (Wilkes Co DB)

On 10/3/1842, **Christopher McCrary** participated in the sale of the **William** Abshiar (**Absher**) estate. He bought one rifle gun.¹⁹²

On 9/4/1847, **Christopher McCrary** sold 25 acres on Camp Branch to **Lewis Sebastian** for \$5. It was witnessed by **Alfred Abshire** and **Harden Hutchinson**. (Wilkes Co DB Z, p376).

On 1/4/1848, it was entered into record that **Christopher McCrary** received 25 acres on Roaring River from the State of NC at a price of \$5 per 100 acres.⁶⁷ (Wilkes Co DB)

On 1/4/1848, it was entered into record that **Christopher McCrary** received 60 acres on Roaring River from the State of NC at a price of \$5 per 100 acres.⁶⁷ (Wilkes Co DB)