

BILLINGS

D-1-1 William Elmer Billings (3). My grandmother, **Opal Delores (Lois) Billings**, is the daughter of **William Elmer Billings** and **Carrie Williams** (D-2-1). They had one child.⁵³

1. *Opal Delores (Lois) Billings 11/16/1936

They lived in the Stratford section of Alleghany Co, NC.⁵³

Carrie Williams had first married **Andy Brooks** and had two children: **Odis Vaughn Brooks** (2/23/1926) and **Annie Madge Brooks** (10/1/1929).^{53,65}

According to the 1930 Alleghany Co census, **Carrie** was living with her parents in household #95: **John Williams** (62), **Annie** (60, wife), **Carry Brooks** (25, dau), **Odis Brooks** (4y 2m, son), and **Anna Brooks** (6 months, dau).²¹²

Elmer Billings had first married **Isabel Thomas** about 1924. They had one child **Doloris E. Billings** (1926).²¹² Their marriage or their daughter's birth are not recorded in Alleghany Co, so perhaps they occurred in PA.

Elmer's family is found in the 1930 Chester Co, PA, census in Valley Township #80, p27B, house #496/511: **Elmer W. Billings** (27, does layout at a platy mill), **Esebell B.** (23, wife), and **Doloris E.** (4, daughter). They were renting a place at \$13 per month. When they married, he was 21 and she was 17. It says that he was born in NC, and that his parents were born in PA, but this must be an error. **Isabel** and **Doloris** (and both of their parents) are listed as being born in PA, but this may not be accurate.²¹² **Elmer** worked in a "platy mill" which may be a mill where minerals or rocks are processed – perhaps at a quarry or a coal mine.

1. *Lois* was born in Alleghany Co where her birth certificate gives her name as "Opal Dellois Billings". The name appears to have been written in after the certificate was initially issued (Bk ?, p97).⁶⁵ She married **Bill Brooks** on 8/29/1953. They lived in Massillon, OH, for almost 20 years before returning to Alleghany Co in 1992.⁵³ [b^{53,65}]

D-1-2 Samuel M. Billings (4). **William Elmore (Elmer) Billings** was the son of **Samuel M. Billings** and **Laura Ellen Irwin** (D-3-1). They had the following children.^{3,8,53,221} *Ref 8, p271-2; Ref 221, p54-5.*

1. May Effie Billings 2/13/1895 - 1/20/1963
2. Minnie Billings 1/ /1898 - 1906
3. Margie Billings 2/ 3/1900 - 9/24/1982
4. *William Elmer Billings 4/11/1902 - 5/12/1946
5. Bessie May Billings 3/ 4/1904 - 5/14/1998
6. Phoebe Jane Billings 10/25/1905 - 2/13/1999
7. Floyd James Billings 1/31/1907 - 12/16/1969

They are listed in the 1900 Alleghany Co, NC, census in Prathers Creek #5, p12A, #222: **Samuel Billings** (29, born July 1870, farmer), **Ellen** (25, wife, born Jan 1875), **May E.** (5, dau, born Feb 1895), **Minnie** (2, dau, born Jan 1898), **Margie** (5 months, dau, born Feb 1900), and **Halie** (80, mother, born Jan 1820, widow).³ Halie is **Mahala Wagoner**, **Samuel's** mother. She was listed as having 6 children, all living. **Ellen** is listed with having 4 children and 3 still living. They had been married 6 years. **Samuel's** father was born in VA.²¹²

They are listed in the 1910 Alleghany Co census in Gap Civil #12, p7B, house #61/62: **Ellin Billing** (35, widow, 6 children all living, father born in VA), **Effa** (15, daughter), **Margie** (11, daughter), **Elmore** (9, son), **Bessie** (7, daughter), **Pheby** (5, daughter), and **Floyd** (3, son).^{3,212}

They are listed in the 1920 Alleghany Co census in Gap Civil #14, p11A, house #184/188: **Ellen Billings** (40, widow, farming), **Phebia** (15, daughter), and **Floid** (12, son).²¹²

Ellen remarried in 1924, and her family is listed in the 1930 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil #4, p5B, #108/109: **Jesse McCoin** (59, farmer), **Ellen** (54, wife), **Minnie** (17, daughter), **Fay** (9, daughter), **Dot** (7, daughter), and **Bob Phipps** (31, boarder).²¹² The children are from **Jesse's** first marriage.

1. **Effie** married **Mack Trealey Brooks** on 1/5/1913 in Alleghany Co "at the home of the bride".⁶⁶ They lived in Alleghany Co and are buried at Mt. View Bap Ch.³ [(1920 Alleg, Cherry Ln #12, p8B, #142/143)²¹²; (1930 Alleg, Cherry Ln #1, p2A, #26)²¹²] [b³, d³]

2. **Minnie** is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{48,221} [b^{3,48}, d^{3,48}]

3. **Margie** married **Bryan McBride** in November 1917 in Alleghany Co,^{3,8,221} however, no marriage return has been found there.⁶⁶ They moved to Coatesville, Chester Co, PA,⁵³ where she died and was buried.²²¹ She had diabetes⁵³ and died of a stroke.⁸ [(1920 Harford Co, MD, 1st Prec, 4th Dist, Dist 96, p1B, #23/24)²¹²] [b^{3,221}, d^{3,221}]

4. **Elmer** was born in Alleghany Co where his delayed birth certificate was issued on 4/9/1943. One of the pieces of evidence used to issue the certificate was a Bible record which gave his full name "William Elmore Billings" (Bk ?, p23).⁶⁵

He first married **Isabel Thomas** about 1926, possibly in Chester Co, PA.^{3,212} He married **Carrie Williams** in Alleghany Co on 10/30/1937 by the Justice of the Peace in Prathers Creek.^{66,221} On 11/4/1937, *The Alleghany Times* says that "Mr. Elmore **Billings** and Mrs. **Carrie Williams** Brooks were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Williams**, Stratford, on Saturday, October 30."²⁴⁴

He worked for the WPA and helped to build the Blue Ridge Parkway. He also worked in the coal mines of WV and PA. His death certificate says he was a carpenter.⁶⁴ He died in a car wreck on Highway 21 in Alleghany Co and is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{48,53,64,221}

The car wreck was noted in *The Alleghany Times* in 1946:

Billings Killed In Auto Mishap

Elmer Billings, 41, of Cherry Lane, was killed instantly when the automobile he was operating left Highway No. 21, five miles south of Sparta, at 6:00 o'clock, Sunday evening.

His automobile left the highway and while attempting to bring it back on the highway, it overturned on the right shoulder of the road, State Highway patrolmen reported.

*Mr. **Billings** suffered a broken neck and his body was badly crushed when the accident occurred. The car was also badly damaged.*

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at New Salem church with Eld.

Walter Evans, Eld. S. G. Caudill and Eld. Mack Brooks, officiating. Interment followed in the Irwin cemetery in the Wolf Branch section.

*The deceased was the son of Mrs. **Ellen Billings** and the late **Sam Billings**. He had made his home with his mother for sometime.*

*Surviving in addition to his mother are two daughters, **Lois Billings** and Doris **Billings**, both of Pennsylvania.²⁴⁴*

[b^{48,64,65}, d^{3,48,64}] Ref 244 (11/4/1937, p5).

5. *Bessie* married **Chester Worth Smith** on 2/20/1924 in Alleghany Co in Sparta.⁶⁶ She "attended Wolf Branch and Rich Hill schools. Later she managed the Doll House Antique Shop, was an interior decorator, and served as caretaker for summer homes in the Roaring Gap area."³ Mr. and Mrs. **Worth Smith** were mentioned in the *Alleghany Star-Times* on 3/28/1940.²⁴⁴ On 10/3/1940, the newspaper mentions "Mrs. Worth Smith" who won second place at the Alleghany Fair for Embroidery, best vanity set.²⁴⁴

She was buried at Antioch United Meth. Ch.¹⁴¹ [(1930 Alleg, Cherry Ln, Dist 1, p10B, #185)²¹²] [b^{3,141}, d¹⁴¹] Ref 141, dated 5/21/1998; Ref 244 (3/28/1940, p6), (10/3/1940, p5).

6. *Phoeba* married **Everette Dale (Dot) Holcomb** on 11/12/1922 in Alleghany Co.^{66,221} The 1930 census lists her as "Edith Holcomb".²¹² On 6/12/1941, the *Alleghany Star-Times* mentioned "Mrs. Dot Halcom".²⁴⁴ Her last residence was Glade Valley, Alleghany Co.¹⁹³ [(1930 Alleg, Gap Civ #4, p4A, #75)²¹²] [b^{3,193,221}, d¹⁹³] Ref 244 (6/12/1941, p4).

7. *Floyd* first married **Sadie Edith Crouse** on 10/19/1932 in Grayson Co, VA.³ On 5/12/1938, The Alleghany Times reported on cases being held in Alleghany Co Superior Court: "State vs. **Floyd Billings**. Non-support. Pleaded guilty of abandonment and non-support of a minor. Prayer for judgment continued for three years, on condition that he pay \$6.00 per month for use and benefit of **Doris Billings**."²⁴⁴

On 8/31/1942, **Sadie** filed papers stating that **Floyd** had not complied with the child support (now \$7.50 per month) since 3/20/1942. She said that he had entered the Army about 4/10/1942 and was currently stationed at Leesville, LA. On 4/20/1943, **Floyd** gave his deposition asking for a divorce, while he was in the Army in Sparta, WI. He said they had not lived together since 11/20/1937 and that the separation was her fault. Before separating, they had tried to live in Devotion, Surry Co, NC; in PA; and in Winston-Salem, NC, since he could not find work in Alleghany Co. However, she preferred to live at home and at times "was very abusive in her language" and "on one occasion she threw a table glass and struck me in the face." He said he had paid the child support through the current

month. Finally, in court on 4/29/1946, **Sadie** “withdraws her answer filed in this cause,” and they were divorced. (Alleghany Co Civil Cases).¹⁷¹

Floyd married his second wife **Edith Blackburn** Brooks on 12/24/1948 in Alleghany Co at the home of the Justice of the Peace.^{3,66} He died of cancer in Alleghany Co and is buried at Woodruff Prim Bap Ch.^{48,193,221} [b^{3,48,193,221}, d^{3,48,193,221}] *Ref 244 (5/12/1938, p1)*.

On 3/16/1902, **S. M. Billings** bought 20.4 acres from **H. T. Caudill** and **N. C. Caudill** for \$180. The land was in Prathers Creek Township, adjacent to **D. C. Caudill, J. A. Irwin, John Williams**, and others. (Alleghany DB P, p40-1).⁶⁷

On 9/6/1904, **S. M. Billings** and his wife **Ellen** sold 20.4 acres to Lee Petty for \$200. The land was adjacent to **D. C. Caudill, J. A. Irwin, John Williams**, and others. (Alleghany DB R, p541-2).⁶⁷

D-1-3 William Billings (5). **Samuel M. Billings** was the son of **William Billings** and **Mahala Wagoner** (D-20-1). They had the following children.^{3,64} Sources: *Ref 3, p759*.

1. Sarah Billings	9/30/1848	-	8/15/1933
2. Granville Billings	10/ /1853	-	5/ 5/1935
3. Matilda Billings	2/25/1855	-	5/28/1938
4. Lucinda Billings	2/ /1860	-	1901
5. Alice J. Billings	6/29/1869	-	8/ 8/1930
6. *Samuel M. Billings	7/ /1872	-	1908

They are listed in the 1850 Ashe Co, NC, census, house #206/206: Wm. **Billings** (20, born NC), **Mahala** (18, born NC), and **Sarah** (2). His real estate was valued at \$130.¹¹³

They are listed in the 1860 Alleghany Co, NC, census, Gap Civil Township, p46, house #348/299: Wm. **Billings** (25, farmer), **Mahala** (25), Sallie (12), **Granville** (7), **Matilda** (5), and a baby girl (4 months). Their personal estate was valued at \$50. **William** and **Mahaly** could not read or write.¹¹³

They have not been found in the 1870 census.

They are listed in the 1880 Ashe Co census in Chestnut Hill #17, p8, house #71: Wm. Billings (51, laborer), **Mahala** (50, wife), **Alice** (13, daughter), and Sam'l (8, son).^{3,212} **William** and **Mahala** could not read or write. Each of their parents were listed as being born in NC. **William** was marked as being “maimed, crippled, bedridden, or disabled”.²¹²

Mahala was living in Alleghany Co with her son **Samuel** in 1900.^{3,212}

1. *Sarah* married **Haywood D. Estep** on 1/18/1866 in Alleghany Co.^{3,66} While the marriage was listed in the index, the marriage return was missing from the file.⁶⁶ She and

her husband donated the land for the church and for the old part of the cemetery at Antioch Prim Bap Ch where they are buried.^{8,48}

Her illness before she died is mentioned in *The Alleghany Times*.²⁴⁴ On 8/10/1933, it reads “Stratford: Mrs. H. D. Estep is seriously ill.” The following week states “Mrs. H. D. Estep is just alive at this writing, Monday, August 14.” Her death is noted in the 8/24/1933 newspaper on the front page:

*Aged Stratford Woman Passes
Large Crowd Attends Funeral At Antioch Church*

*Mrs. Sallie Estep died at her home near Stratford last Tuesday, August 15. She was 83 years old, had been sick for about two months, but was confined to her bed only three days.
...The funeral was conducted from Antioch church Wednesday ... (and) laid to rest in the nearby cemetery.
...She leaves a husband **H. D. Estep**, one brother **Granville Billings**, and five children....*

Her obituary appears in the 9/7/1933 newspaper and includes the following family information:

In Loving Remembrance Of Sally Estep

*Sally Estep, wife of **Haywood Estep**, was born September 30, 1848, and died August 15, 1933, making her stay on earth 84 years, 10 months, and 15 days. She was married to **H. D. Estep** January 18, 1866. To this union were born eight children, three of which preceded her in death. She leaves her husband **H. D. Estep**, one brother, **Granville Billings**, one sister, Mrs. **John Irwin**, and five children Aunt Sally as she was usually called had been in poor health for several years*

Her death certificate says she was buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch and died of complications due to old age (Alleghany Bk 2, p413).⁶⁴

[(1900 Alleg, Prat Cr #5, p11A, #201)²¹²; (1910 Alleg, Prat Cr #15, p2B, #35)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 17, p2A, #34/34)²¹²]

Ref 244: (8/10/1933, p4), (8/17/1933, p4), (8/24/1933, p1), (9/7/1933, p1).

[b^{3,48,64,113,212,244}, d^{3,48,64,244}]

2. *Granville* married **Nancy J. Bledsoe** on 7/20/1872,³ however, the marriage return was not found in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ His obituary is found in the 5/9/1935 issue of *The Alleghany Times*: “**Granville Billings**, 80, passed away on Sunday night, May 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Halsey**, near Stratford. Burial took place Tuesday at Antioch cemetery.”²⁴⁴

His Alleghany Co death certificate says he was 84, a farmer, died of Brights disease, and was buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch (Bk ?, p7).⁶⁴

Ref 244: (5/9/1935, p6).

[(1880 Alleg, Prat Creek #13, p3, #24)²¹²; (1900 Alleg, Prat Creek #5, p10A, #179)²¹²]

[b^{3,113}, d^{3,64,244}]

3. *Matilda* married **John Allen Irwin** on 9/7/1879 in Alleghany Co in Gap Civil “near Union church in the road”.⁶⁶ The marriage certificate says her parents were living in VA.⁶⁶ She died in Alleghany Co and was buried at Prathers Creek Bap Ch (Bk 12, p67).⁶⁴

[(1910 Alleg, Prat Crk #15, p1B, #17)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 17, p1A, #7/7)²¹²]
[b^{3,64,113}, d^{3,64}]

4. *Lucinda* married **William M. Hines** on 1/24/1878,³ however, the marriage return was not found in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸ [b^{3,48,113}, d^{3,48}]

5. *Alice* was born in Grayson Co, VA, on 6/20/1867 to “W. and Mahala Billings” according to her birth record on p128.²⁹⁸ She married **John** (or, possibly Jahue⁶⁶) **Blevins** on 6/23/1888 in Alleghany Co at the home of the Justice of the Peace in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ She was buried at Prathers Creek Bap Ch where her headstone reads “Alice J. Billings Blevins”.^{3,48} [b^{3,48,298}, d^{3,48}]

6. *Samuel* married **Laura Ellen Irwin** on 6/16/1893 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ They were buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{3,48} [b^{3,48}, d^{3,48}]

On 2/14/1851, **William Billings** of Ashe Co bought 25 acres from **Jesse Austin** and **Caleb Osborne** for \$20. The land was in Ashe Co, on Little River, adjoining his own land. The deed was entered in Alleghany Co on 12/26/1885. (Alleghany Co DB G/7, p112-3).⁶⁷ At the time of this deed, Alleghany Co had not yet been formed.

D-1-4 Jasper Billings, Jr. (6). **William Billings** was *most likely*³ the son of **Jasper Billings, Jr.** and **Elizabeth Spurling**. They had the following children.³

1. Nancy Billings		1824	-	
2. Delilah Billings	10/	/1829	-	3/ 5/1920
3. *?William Billings		1830	-	1896
4. Wilburn Marion Billings		1832	-	12/ /1891
5. Mary (Polly) Billings	8/15/1834	-		2/19/1929
6. Eli H. Billings	7/ 6/1835	-		3/24/1926

Polly was born in Ashe Co, NC, while **Eli** was born in Grayson Co, VA.³

The 1830 Ashe Co census includes the family of **Jasper Billings** on p31: two males (under 5), one male (30-40), one female (under 5), two females (5-10), and one female (30-40).²¹²

They are listed in the 1850 Ashe Co census, p255, house #251: **Jesper Billings** (58, farmer, born VA), **Elizabeth** (58, born NC), **Polly** (18, school), and **Eli** (15). Their real estate was valued at \$30.¹¹³ **Jasper** and **Elizabeth** could not read or write.²¹²

They are listed in the 1860 Alleghany Co, NC, census, Glade Creek Township, house #578/456: **Jasper Billings** (61, miller, born NC) and **Elizabeth** (65, born NC). He could not read and write. Their real estate and personal estate were each valued at \$100.^{3,113}

They are listed in the 1870 Alleghany Co census, Glade Creek Township, house #27/27: **Jasper Billings** (70, farmer), **Elizabeth** (70), **Rachel Phillips** (24, domestic servant), and

William Phillips (10). Their real estate was valued at \$300. All were born in NC and could not read or write.¹¹³ I do not know who **Rachel** and **William Phillips** are.

1. *Nancy* married **Levi Willey** around 1840. She died before 1875 in Alleghany Co.³ [(1860 Alleg, p66, #541/424)²¹²; (1870 Alleg, Sparta, Gap Civ, #136)²¹²] [b³]

2. *Delilah* married **Joseph Hudson**.³ She died in Alleghany Co at the age of 95 and was buried “on farm”.⁶⁴ Her death certificate lists her parents as “Joseph Billings and ___ Spurlin”, both of whom were born in NC (Bk 1, p106).⁶⁴ Perhaps the informant made a mistake with her father’s name since he had died nearly 50 years earlier. [b³, d^{3,64}]

3. *William* married **Mahala Wagoner**.³ On 6/29/1904 **Mahala** applied for widow’s pension for his Civil War service. She was 74 and lived in Stratford. She says he enlisted in the Senior Reserves in 1863 or 1864, later referring to the unit as Co C, 5th Batallion under Capt. **Jesse Reeves**. She says he joined the Home Guard “and aided in capturing deserters and protecting the property of the citizens of this and Wilkes County. He was wounded by falling on rock and putting hip out of place while in service.” It is unclear whether the request was approved. Two years later on 6/30/1906 she again applied for his pension. This request was approved.³⁶⁶ I have not yet found any record of his actual service, nor have I found a **Jesse Reeves** among the Senior Reserves.

He is probably buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch where the headstone reads “Will Billings, 1814-1896”.⁴⁸ Either that birth year is wrong, or that is not his headstone, or he is not a son of **Jasper, Jr.** I believe the headstone is wrong.

William and **Mahala** were certainly both living in 1878 and 1879 when their daughters were married.⁶⁶ However, it appears that **William** had died before 6/15/1893 when his youngest son applied for his marriage license. The father’s name is given as “Wm. Billings” and the word “living” is marked out and “ded” is written in. The mother “Mahalia” was still living.⁶⁶ [b^{3,48}, d^{3,48}]

4. *Wilburn* married **Catherine Wolfe** on 6/5/1849. In 1850 they lived in Ashe Co near his parents. He “ran into financial difficulties” and started selling his possessions and borrowing money. This could be why he left NC and moved to NE in the early 1870s. He left his wife and a daughter behind because they refused to go.³ They ended up getting divorced.³⁸⁴

On 9/22/1857, “Wilborn Billings” was declared “firmly bound” to **Levi Willey** in the amount of \$250, to be paid with interest before 3/1/1859. If it was not paid, then he would grant the following property to **Levi Willey**: his 8 head of horses, 1 yoke of work steers, crop of corn, buckwheat and oats, 1 wagon, 1 cow and 3 calves, 9 head of hogs, 3 cast wheels, farming tools, and household and kitchen furniture. This is according to Ashe Co records (DB T, p231).⁶⁷

On 12/12/1864, he sold 125 acres for \$750 (Alleghany DB A, p320).⁶⁷ After the Civil War, he moved to Grundy Co, IA, and married **Elizabeth Moxley**, a two-time widow who was also from Alleghany Co.³⁸⁴ On 8/15/1878, he and his wife “Betsy” of Gage Co, NE, sold 176 acres on Bledsoe Creek in Alleghany Co for \$100 (Alleghany DB F/6, p456-7).⁶⁷ [(1860 Alleg, p71, #580/458)²¹²] [b^{3,212}, d³]

5. *Polly* first married **Eli Cox** on 5/2/1853. They moved to Washington, IN, after the Civil War, but **Eli** died in 1868 leaving her with three small children. “**Polly** moved in a covered wagon back to NC” and married **Kirby Higgins** on 10/11/1873. **Kirby** died seven years later and she moved to Filly, NE, to be with her brother **Wilburn**. In 1904, she moved to Agra, KS, to be with her children. She was buried in Fairview Cem in KS.³ [b³, d³]

6. *Eli* married **Polly Ann Rector** on 4/1/1860.³ He was a 2nd Lt. for the Glade Creek District, 96th NC Militia which was commissioned on 12/26/1861.⁶¹ He later voluntarily enlisted as a Private in Co I, 61st NC Inf on 5/3/1862 in Alleghany Co at the age of 27.^{61,320,367} At the December 1862 muster roll he is listed as absent because he is “sick at home”.³⁶⁷ In February 1863 he was AWOL in Alleghany Co since 12/7/1862.³⁶⁷ In June 1863 he was at the CSA hospital in Wilmington, suffering from dibility.³⁶⁷ He returned to duty on 6/25/1863. On 8/15/1863, due to his disability, he was granted a 30 day furlough from Wilmington with transportation provided.³⁶⁷ He is said to have been taken prisoner in 1864.⁶¹

They are buried in Adams Cem.³

[(1860 Alleg, p71, #577/455)²¹²; (1870 Grayson, VA, #565)¹³⁹] [b³, d³]

The following land records from Ashe Co, NC, refer to **Jasper Billings**.⁶⁷ I am assuming that they refer to **Jasper Billings, Jr.** but they may refer to **Jasper Billings, Sr.**

On 9/20/1823, the State of NC granted 100 acres to **Jasper Billings** at a price of \$10 per 100 acres. This was proven on 11/30/1824. (DB V, p388)

On 7/16/1825, **Jasper Billings** bought 100 acres on the waters of Elk Creek from **Zachariah Osborn**. The witnesses were **James Maxwell** and **Charles Billings**. The deed was proven in August 1833. (DB V, p199)

Elizabeth Spurling was born about 1792 and died in 1871.³

D-1-5 Jasper Billings, Sr. (7). **Jasper Billings, Jr.** was the son of **Jasper Billings, Sr.** He and his wife had the following children.³

1.	*Jasper Billings, Jr.	1792	-	1874
2.	Charles Billings	1797	-	1881
3.	Richard Billings	1800	- 3/	/1873
4.	John Billings	1801	-	
5.	Lucy Billings	1805	-	1866

The 1784 Wilkes Co, NC, tax list includes **Gasper Billings** with one poll and 232 acres of land.¹⁵⁸ The same list in 1785 lists **Jasper Billings** still with one poll and 232 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1786 Wilkes Co tax list for Capt. S. Johnson's District includes **Jasper B. Billing** who was taxed for one poll and 232 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1787, **Jasper Billings** was in Capt. Carrel's District

with one poll and no land.¹⁵⁸ In 1788 they were back in Capt. S. Johnson's District which lists **Jasper Billing** with no polls and 232 acres.¹⁵⁸ The 1789 list for the same district includes **Jasper Billins** with one poll and 232 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1787 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Jasper Billings** in Capt. Carrell's District with one male (21-60), one male (under 21, over 60), and two females.²⁷²

The family of Gasper Billins is listed in the 1790 Wilkes Co census in the Sixth Company with one male (over 16) and one female.^{133,,212,273} The only other man in the region by that name is found in Moore Co, NC,^{3,212} which is perhaps 200 miles to the east.

The 1792 and 1793 Wilkes Co tax lists for Hammon's District includes **Jasper Billings** with one poll and 232 acres.¹⁵⁸ The 1796 lists for Hammon's District lists him with 392 acres and one poll.¹⁵⁸ The 1797 tax list for McGrady's District includes Gasper **Billings** with one poll and 390 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1799 **Jasper Billings** is listed in Hammon's District with one poll and 200 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1800 Wilkes Co census lists the family of **Jasper Billings** with two males (under 10), one male (26-45), one female (under 10), and one female (16-26).²⁷⁴ Again, the only other man in the region by that name is found in Moore Co, NC.^{3,212}

The 1810 Wilkes Co census, p258, lists the family of **Jasper Billings** with three males (under 10), one male (over 45), two females (under 10), and one female (over 45).^{3,212,275} There is also another family in Wilkes Co listed on p259 as "Jasper Billings Jr" with one male (over 45), one female (under 10), and one female (26-45).²¹² I believe the first listing is the correct one for this family. I do not know who the second family is, except that the Moore Co family is not found there in 1810.²¹²

The 1820 Wilkes Co census lists only one family by the name of **Jasper Billings** with three males (under 10), one male (10-16), one male (16-18), one male (16-26), one male (over 45), two females (under 10), one female (10-16), and one female (26-45).^{212,276}

The 1830 Wilkes Co census lists the family of **Jasper Billings** on p341 with one male (5-10), one male (10-15), one male (20-30), one male (70-80), one female (5-10), one female (15-20), and one female (50-60).²¹² If this is the correct family, then **Jasper's** age is higher than it should be.

No family by the name of **Jasper Billings** is found in the area in 1840.²¹²

They are listed in the 1850 Ashe Co, NC, census, house #687/687: Jesper **Billings** (86, mechanic, born SC) and **Elizabeth** (50, born NC).¹¹³ **Elizabeth** may be his second wife.

The "other" **Jasper Billings** who was in Wilkes Co in 1810 is said to have been born on 4/3/1759 and died on 11/12/1835.¹³ He married **Elizabeth Richardson** on 6/14/1795.¹³ He owned land in the Reddies River area, as well as at his homeplace in Dockery. He built a grist

mill on Roaring River in 1792 and was in Capt. Judd's District in 1797. It is possible that some census information actually refers to him instead of my ancestor. *Ref 13, p62,100.*

1. *Jasper, Jr.* married **Elizabeth Spurling**. He "owned land and worked mines on his property."³ [b³, d³]

2. *Charles* married **Lydia** around 1825. He lived in Ashe Co, NC, in 1844, and in 1850, Grayson Co, VA. He was living with his son **Daniel Billings** in 1880.³ [b³, d³]

3. *Richard* was born in NC and married **Mary Moxley** around 1828. They lived in Grayson Co, VA, where he was a miller. In 1847, he bought 75 acres of land located near the mouth of Brush Creek. Apparently silver and lead were discovered there, and a mining operation (The New River Mining Co) was undertaken. The Confederacy used the lead in its efforts during the Civil War³. He is "said to have died from smallpox and" to have been buried in Bethel Cem.³ [b³, d³]

4. *John* was born in Ashe Co and married **Elizabeth Caudill** around 1836.³ [b³]

5. *Lucy* married **David Osborne** around 1825.³ They lived in the Cranberry section of Alleghany Co. He, and probably she, is buried "on the Van Miller farm at Laurel Springs".⁸ [b³, d³]

D-1-6 John Billings (8). **Jasper Billings, Sr.** was the son of **John Billings**.³

1. *Jasper Billings, Sr. 2/23/1766 - 11/19/1856

They probably lived near Charleston, SC, at some time.³

1. *Jasper, Sr.*'s second wife was probably **Elizabeth**. In his application for bounty land for Revolutionary War service he said that he was born at Deep Rivers, NC, but while still an infant moved with his father **John** to SC near Charleston "at a place called Wind Hill". He said that he had entered service at Old Three Runs, SC, around 1782, possibly being stationed at Fort Sumter. He was shot in the leg at the Battle of Orangeburg and was transferred to the command of Gen. **Francis Marion** where **Sgt. McDonald** and Sgt. **Jasper (Billings)** were also stationed. He stated that Sgt. **Jasper** was his cousin. That may have been true, but his cousin was actually only a private.³

After the war he "set out for western NC to visit his Uncle **Thomas Billings** in Wilkes and in crossing the Catawba River, he lost his saddle bags, including his papers and discharge." So around 1825 "he visited his family home in SC, where his mother still lived", but was unable to find Col. **Henry Hampton** who discharged him. He said he was in the 6th Reg and "described his uniform as a blue coat with 2 rows of pewter buttons in front, with figure 6 on them, trimmed with red on the chest."

After 1810 he moved from Wilkes Co, NC, to Grayson Co, VA, and worked in an old furnace as a blacksmith. He died in Ashe Co being listed as a mechanic.³ [b³, d³] *Ref 13, p11.*

John Billings (8) may have been born in VA. A descendent once stated that his wife may have been **Nancy Harriett Davis**. He “first appears in the index to the Halifax Co, (VA) court records in 1753 when he is indicted by the Grand Jury for concealing one tithable, and he last appears in these records in 1769.” He was taken prisoner by the British or Tories and then died in prison. “On the Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783, **John Billings**, Pvt 1st Regt, was in garrison at the siege of Charleston in 1780.” His last payment was on Feb 1, 1780. He probably had at least three brothers: **Thomas Billings**, **William Billings**, and **Jasper Billings**.³

It is possible that **John Billings** and his family lived in Wind Hill, SC, just outside of Charleston until about 1780. When the British’s Cornwallis took Charleston, the family may have moved to a safer place ending up in Boiling Springs, SC, where a Billings family is known to have lived in later years.²⁹⁷

As for the possible brothers of **John Billings**:

Thomas was from Pittsylvania Co, VA, and came to NC with his son **Jasper Billings** (**Jasper, Sr.**’s cousin) around 1774.³

William was called Col. **William Billings** of VA by his son. His son also mentioned an Uncle **Thomas Billings**, who would have been **William**’s brother.³

Jasper married **Elizabeth** and died in Pittsylvania Co, VA, in 1763. To clarify, there have been at least four different **Jasper Billings** mentioned.³

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D-2-1 John Mack Williams (4). **Carrie Williams** (D-1-1) was the daughter of **John Mack Williams** and **Annie Lou Atwood** (D-7-1). They had the following children.⁵³

1. child Williams	1888	-	
2. Leona Williams	6/ 5/1890	-	7/23/1985
3. Wiley Hurschell Williams	8/20/1893	-	8/ 4/1931
4. child Williams	1896	-	
5. Ada Williams	3/30/1899	-	10/23/1949
6. John Emanuel (Mando) Williams	5/31/1901	-	3/10/1924
7. Eura Williams	4/23/1902	-	7/12/1979
8. *Carrie Williams	9/17/1904	-	10/11/1986
9. child Williams	1906	-	
10. child Williams	1908	-	
11. Roscoe Eldridge Williams	1909	-	1977

They lived in the Stratford area of Alleghany Co, NC.⁵³ They are listed in the 1900 Alleghany Co census, Prathers Creek #5, p11B, #215: **John Williams** (33, born Apr 1867, farmer), Louana (31, born Nov 1868, wife), **Leona** (9, born Jun 1890, daughter), **Wiley H.** (6, born July 1893, son), Virgie(?) D. (1, born Mar 1899, daughter). They had been married 12 years, having a total of 5 children, with 3 still living. **Wiley** was listed as having been born in VA. **John's** father was born in England.²¹²

They are listed in the 1910 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil Township, District #12, Sparta Village, p16A, #163/168: **John Williams** (43, hired mason), **Annie L.** (40, wife), **Leona** (18, daughter), Willey H. (16, son), Adia (12, daughter), Amanuel (10, son), Uera (8, daughter), Carry (6, daughter), and Rosco (7 months, son). **John** and **Annie Lou** had been married 23 years. She was the mother of 11 children, with 7 still living. **John's** father was listed as born in England. All of them could read and write.²¹²

They are listed in the 1920 Alleghany Co census, Prathers Creek, p3A, on "Copper Miners Rd", #54/54: **John M. Williams** (52, farmer, father born in England), **Annie L.** (50, wife, father born in KY), **Leona** (27, dau, single), **Wiley** (26, son, married), Phebe (18, dau in law), **Eura** (16, dau, school), **Carrie**, (15, dau, school), and Rosco (10, son, school).²¹²

They are listed in the 1930 Alleghany Co census, household #95: **John Williams** (62), **Annie** (60, wife), Carry Brooks (25, dau, single), **Odis Brooks** (4y 2m, son), and Anna **Brooks** (6 months, dau).²¹²

1. A child had died before the 1900 census.²¹²

2. **Leona** married **Iley McMeans** on 8/15/1920 in Alleghany Co "in road near **Fanny Warden's**" in Piney Creek.^{53,66,244} She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸
[b^{48,212}, d⁴⁸] Ref 244, 7/6/1933, p4.

3. *Wiley* was married to **Phoebie Crouse** on 12/31/1919 in Alleghany Co by his father at his home in Prathers Creek.^{48,66} He served in WWI.^{53,398} He died in Alleghany Co of complications from tuberculosis (Bk 8, p289).⁶⁴ They are buried at Woodruff Prim Bap Ch.^{48,64} [b^{48,64,382,398}, d^{48,64,382}]

4. A child had died before the 1900 census.²¹²

5. *Ada* first married **Frank Akers** about 1920, possibly in Richmond, VA.²¹² She married second **John King**.⁵³ On 9/8/1938, *The Alleghany Times* wrote: “Stratford: Mrs. **Ada** Acers and children, **Roy, Carrie, and John**, of Richmond, VA, visited Mrs. Acers’ parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J. M. Williams**, last week.”

Eleven years later, **Ada** and her daughter **Carrie** were shot and killed by her son-in-law.⁵³ She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸

[(1930 Richmond, VA, Jefferson, Dist 89, p23A, #296/355)²¹²]
[b^{48,212}, d⁴⁸] Ref 244 (9/8/1938, p8).

6. *Mando* married **Verna Ruth Baldwin** on 9/3/1919 in Alleghany Co.^{66,212} He is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸

[(1920 Alleg, Gap Civ 14, p3B, #41/43)²¹²] [b^{48,64}, d^{48,64}]

7. *Eura* married **Posie O. Irwin** on 4/4/1920 in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ The marriage return should be rechecked for more information. She also married **Eugene Carneal** and a **Thurston**.⁵³ She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸

8. *Carrie* first married **Andrew Alexander (Andy) Brooks** on 3/26/1923 in Alleghany Co in Sparta.^{53,66,244} He was granted a divorce from her on 9/25/1934 in Alleghany Superior Court (Minute Docket Bk H, p346-7).^{171,244} According to **Andy**’s complaint, they had been separated since February 1929.¹⁷¹

She married her second husband **Elmer Billings** in Alleghany Co on 10/30/1937 by the Justice of the Peace in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ On 11/4/1937, *The Alleghany Times* says that “Mr. Elmore **Billings** and Mrs. **Carrie Williams** Brooks were married at the home of the bride’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Williams**, Stratford, on Saturday, October 30.”²⁴⁴ Two weeks later, the newspaper reported that “Miss **Carrie Williams**” had married “Earl **Billings**” at the home of the Justice of the Peace on October 30.²⁴⁴

She went to school at the Irwin Grocery School and enjoyed playing the banjo and guitar. In the 1940s she got a good job in Richmond, VA, with B&O Railroad. She lost her job when the company moved to Atlanta, GA, so she returned to Alleghany Co. In the 1980s she lived in Massillon, OH, with her daughter because of Alzheimer’s.⁵³ She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸

On 12/14/1933, *The Alleghany Times* states “Misses **Verna Billings** and **Mattie Hudson** spent the weekend with Mrs. **Carrie** Brooks.”²⁴⁴

[b⁴⁸, d⁴⁸] Ref 244: (12/14/1933, p1), (7/19/1934, p4), (9/27/1934, p1), (5/2/1935, p7), (11/4/1937, p5), (11/18/1937, p8).

9. A child was born after 1900 and died before 1910 according to the census.²¹²

10. A child was born after 1900 and died before 1910 according to the census.²¹²

11. *Roscoe* married **Ruth Andrews** on 10/14/1928 in Allegheny Co by his father in Cranberry Township.^{53,66} His middle name is provided in the marriage index, but not on the marriage return.⁶⁶ He is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸ [b⁴⁸, d⁴⁸]

On 1/15/1894, **John M. Williams** bought 3.5 acres on Elk Creek from **D. C. Caudill** and his wife for \$35. The land was adjacent to **Cloy Cox** and **Weaver Sturgill**. (Allegheny DB L, p238-9).⁶⁷

On 4/18/1896, **John Williams** bought 2.5 acres on the waters of Elk Creek from **D. C. Caudill** and his wife for \$35. (Allegheny DB L, p234-5).⁶⁷

On 5/1/1897, **John M. Williams** bought 2 acres on Elk Creek from **Cloy Cox** and his wife for \$25. The land was adjacent to **Cloy Cox** and **Weaver Sturgill** in Prathers Creek. (Allegheny DB L, p236-7).⁶⁷

On 8/18/1905, **John Williams** and his wife **Lou** sold 2.5 acres on the headwaters of Elk Creek to **L. A. Petty** for \$35. (Allegheny DB S, p470-1).⁶⁷

On 9/9/1905, **J. M. Williams** and his wife **L. A.** sold 6 acres “along the road leading from Stratford” to **Samuel Plummer** for \$150. The land was adjacent to **E. M. Williams** and **D. C. Caudill**. (Allegheny DB T, p148).⁶⁷

On 4/4/1916, **J. M. Williams** bought about 50 acres in Cherry Lane Township for \$175.78. He was the highest bidder and paid the sheriff **A. F. Reeves** \$27.05 for the transaction. The land was adjacent to that of **Franklin Rash** and **Joseph Spicer**. (Allegheny DB 30, p200).⁶⁷

On 4/21/1919, **J. M. Williams** and his wife **Lou** sold 40 acres to **Walter Bennett** and his wife **Maggie** for \$400. The land was adjacent to **J. F. Rash** and **John W. Sanders**. (Allegheny DB 31, p125).⁶⁷ While the acreage is different, this appears to be the same land bought on 4/4/1916.

On 9/22/1927, **Johnie Williams** bought 13.5 acres from **J. A. McCoin** and his wife **Ellen** for \$650. The fee was to be paid in installments through 9/22/1933, at which time a true deed would be written. (Allegheny DB 35, p510-1).⁶⁷

On 10/5/1931, **J. M. Williams** bought 13.5 acres adjacent to the land of **E. C. Andrews** from **J. A. McCoin** and his wife **Ellen** for \$675, which included the cost of the land and interest over four years. (Allegheny DB 39, p470).⁶⁷

On 5/8/1935, **John M. Williams** and his wife **Annie Lou** sold about 6 acres to Carry (i.e. **Carrie**) **Williams** for \$225. This land was adjacent to that of **Jesse McCoin** and **Mrs. Emmitt Andrews**. **John** signed with his mark. It was proven on 8/27/1935. (Allegheny DB 44, p121).⁶⁷

This land was located where Mahogany Knob Barn is now located, near the old Wolf Branch School.²⁶³

On 8/31/1937, **John M. Williams** bought 50 acres in the Prathers Creek area at auction for \$2,000. The land was being sold to pay the debts of **Emmett Evans**. (Alleghany DB 43, p350).⁶⁷

On 9/26/1938, Carry (i.e. **Carrie**) **Williams** sold the 6 acres she had bought three years earlier back to her father **John M. Williams** for \$225. (Alleghany DB 45, p276).⁶⁷

On 12/20/1938, **J. M. Williams** and his wife Loue granted access on their property for running electricity. This was the 50 acres which they had bought on 4/4/1916. (Alleghany DB 48, p83).⁶⁷

On 8/18/1941, **J. M. Williams** and his wife **Lou** sold 9.5 acres to Kellie (i.e. **Kelly Williams**) for \$433.86. Also, the fallen wood on **W. C. Woodruff's** land is available. The land was adjacent to Kellie **Williams**, **E. M. Williams**, and **W. C. Woodruff**. (Alleghany DB 50, p46).⁶⁷

On 7/6/1944, **John M. Williams** and his wife **Annie Lou** sold 13.5 acres to **Roscoe Williams** and his wife **Ruth** for \$600. This land was adjacent to **J. A. McCoin** and Mrs. Emit **Andrews**. **Carrie Williams** was a witness. (Alleghany DB 52, p193).⁶⁷

On 4/15/1946, **John M. Williams** and his wife **Lou Anna** sold the 50 acres they had bought on 8/31/1937 to **Roscoe Williams** and his wife **Ruth** for \$2,100. They reserved the right to use the land as their home as long as they live. (Alleghany DB 55, p248).⁶⁷

For a period of time beginning in 1933, a glimpse into the life of **John Williams** can be gleaned from the pages of *The Alleghany Times* newspaper.²⁴⁴ Frequently, his visitations and church activities were mentioned in the newspaper.

- 6/15/1933, p3: Stratford News: Elder **John Williams** is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.
- 7/6/1933, p4: Stratford News: Elder **John Williams** who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Iley McMeans here, is very sick and does not improve.
- 7/13/1933, p3: Stratford News: Elder **John Williams** is slowly improving from a continued illness.
- 8/31/1933, p4: Church Notice: Elders **J. M. Williams** and **Isom Fender** ... will have service at the Toliver schoolhouse, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10; Monday, Sept. 11, Rock Creek; Peach Bottom, Tuesday, Sept. 12; Jordan, Wednesday, Sept. 13; Saddle Creek, Thursday, Sept. 14; Fox Creek, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16. ... Services each day at 12:00 o'clock.
- 9/28/1933, p3: Baptist Church News: Elder **John Williams** will preach at Elk Creek the second Saturday and Sunday in October.

- 10/19/1933, p2: Churches: Elder **J. M. Williams** and **Isom Fender** will not hold services at the Toliver schoolhouse the first Saturday and Sunday in November, on account of a baptismal service at Meadow Creek.
- 12/7/1933, p1: Churches: Elder **J. M. Williams** will preach at Elk Creek Saturday and Sunday Dec. 9 and 10.
- 6/14/1934, p4: Local Happenings: Elder **J. M. Williams** will deliver a sermon at Cranberry Church on the third Saturday in July and also on Sunday.
- 2/14/1935, p3: Dr. **Thomas L. Estep**, 56, died on Monday.... Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Antioch church by Elders **C. B. Kilby** and **John Williams**....
- 4/18/1935, p6: Deaths: Mrs. **J. C. Sparks**, 57, died at her home near Edwards Crossroads on Saturday morning, April 13.... Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Zion church by Elders **J. M. Williams**....
- 5/2/1935, p6: Obituary: **Laura Andrews Rector** (died) on April 24, 1935.... Interment was made at Zion church. Services were conducted by Elders ... **John Williams**....
- 5/16/1935, p1: Cranberry Church Building To Be Repaired Saturday: ... **J. M. Williams** will deliver a sermon (on May 18).
- 7/4/1935, p6: Deaths: **Fred Sturgill**, about 56 years of age (died). Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Piney Creek Methodist church by ... and Rev. **John Williams**.
- 8/1/1935, p3: Stratford: Elder **John Williams** spent the week-end with his daughter Mrs. **Leona McMeans**.
- 8/15/1935, p1: Two Men Killed In Truck Mishap West Of Sparta: ... Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Prathers Creek for **Everett Irvin**. Services were conducted by Revs. ... **Johnny Williams**.... Funeral services were conducted for (**Cap**) **Atwood** Monday ... by Elder **Johnny Williams**
- 8/22/1935, p5: Deaths: **John A. Irwin**, 78, died at his home at Prathers Creek on Thursday, August 15. Funeral services were held Saturday at Prathers Creek church and were in charge of Elders **Shelby Atwood** and **Johnny Williams**....
- 10/10/1935, p5: Stratford: ... Interment (of **George Vaughn**) was made in the family cemetery near the home of **George Sturgill**. Services were conducted by Elder **Williams**.
- 10/10/1935, p6: Elders **S. U. Atwood** and **Johnny Williams** will preach at Cranberry Church the third Saturday and Sunday in October.
- 10/10/1935, p6: Deaths: **Hiram Estep**, 80, prominent resident of Alleghany county, died at his home near Stratford Friday morning, October 4.... Funeral services were held Sunday morning at Antioch church by Elder **Johnny Williams**
- 10/17/1935, p6: Local Happenings: Among those from Sparta who attended the Primitive Baptist Roaring River Association meeting were: ... Elder **Johnnie Williams**....
- 1/9/1936, p1: Whitehead Farmer Found Dead Jan. 1 In Field Near Home: **J. S. Wagoner**, 65, ... was found dead in a field.... Funeral services were conducted Friday at 12 o'clock at the Whitehead Union church by Elders **C. B. Kilby** and **Johnny Williams**.

- 1/9/1936, p5: Marriages: Miss **Grace Hicks** and Mr. **Buren Evans**, of the Stratford community, were married on Tuesday, December 24. Elder **John Williams** performed the ceremony.
- 1/9/1936, p6: Deaths: **Rufus Richardson**, 72, of Furches, died from paralysis on January 4, at his home.... Funeral services were conducted by Elders **C. B. Kilby** and **Johnny Williams** at Cranberry church on January 6.
- 3/19/1936, p4: Deaths: **I. C. Reynolds** (82) ... died on Monday, March 9.... The funeral was conducted from Antioch church, of which the deceased was a member, on Wednesday, at 12 o'clock by Elders ... **Johnny Williams**....
- 4/16/1936, p1: Tragic Death Occurs Friday At Whitehead: ... Mrs. **Eli Billings**, 38, died from burns received when her clothes caught fire (from) the fireplace.... Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 13, at 10:00 o'clock at Union Church, Whitehead, by ... Rev. **John Williams**.
- 5/7/1936, p8: Local News: Elder **John Williams** will preach at Cranberry Church on May 16 and 17.
- 5/14/1936, p4: Whitehead: Funeral services (for Mrs. **Victoria Anderson**) were conducted by Elders **Shade Caudill** and **J. M. Williams**.
- 5/21/1936, p4: Deaths: Mrs. **Abi Petty**, 72, died near Independence Monday morning.... Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. by Elders **John Williams** and **Stevie Roberts** at the family cemetery near the home of **S. A. Irwin**, Stratford.
- 6/25/1936, p5: Deaths: **Cabell Maines**, 21, ... died of a ruptured appendix.... Funeral services were conducted by Elder **Johnny Williams** Tuesday afternoon.
- 10/1/1936, p5: Deaths: **Solomon Reeves**, 80, who lived near the New river bridge ... passed away Sunday night.... Funeral services were conducted by Elders ... **Johnny Williams**....
- 11/26/1936, p5: Deaths: **Lige Irwin**, 81, died at his home in the Furches section.... Funeral services were conducted at Antioch Primitive Baptist church by Elders **Charles Kilby** and **J. M. Williams**.
- 1/14/1937, p5: Whitehead: **William Cleary** visited Elder **John Williams**, who has been ill, Sunday.
- 2/25/1937, p8: Deaths: Elder **Shelby Atwood**, 69, died ... Saturday.... Funeral services were conducted at Antioch church Monday by Elders **John Williams**....
- 6/3/1937, p8: Local News: The following people attended a birthday dinner Sunday at Thurmond, celebrating the eighty-ninth birthday anniversary of **Isom Fender**, formerly of this county, ... and Elder **John Williams**.
- 6/10/1937, p8: Elder **J. M. Williams** will preach at Cranberry church on the third Saturday and Sunday in June.
- 6/24/1937, p5: Deaths: **Carl Dean (Brooks)**, three year old ... died Funeral services were held Friday by Elder **John Williams** and interment was in the Woodruff cemetery.
- 11/4/1937, p5: Stratford: Elder **John Williams** has purchased the **Emmett Evans** farm and moved his family there.

- 11/11/1937, p8: Deaths: Mrs. **Rosa Crouse** Cox, 76, ... died.... Funeral services were held ... at the Primitive Baptist church at Edwards Cross Roads by Elders **Johnny Williams**....
- 1/13/1938, p5: Whitehead: Elders **J. M. Williams** (and others) preached interesting sermons at Union church Saturday and Sunday.
- 1/13/1938, p5: Whitehead: Elder **J. M. Williams** spent Saturday night at **William Cleary's** home.
- 4/7/1938, p5: Deaths: **John Crouse**, 71, died suddenly on Sunday, April 3.... Funeral services were (held on) April 5 ... in Mount Carmel church, by Elder **John Williams**.
- 5/5/1938, p8: Preaching services will be held at Cranberry church on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22k, by Elders **Caudill** and **Williams**.
- 6/9/1938, p5: Marriages: Miss **Nonnie Williams** and **Varden Saddler** were married on February 12. Elder **John Williams** performed the ceremony.
- 10/6/1938, p5: Whitehead: Elder **J. M. Williams** spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **T. A. Edwards**.
- 12/8/1938, p10: Whitehead: Elders **John Williams** and **Shade Caudill** preached very interesting sermons at Union Church Sunday.
- 2/9/1939, p8: Deaths: **Allen Barton Steadham**, 92, of Elk Creek, died.... Funeral services were held at Elk Creek Church on Tuesday, January 31, by Elders **Johnny Williams**....
- 3/16/1939, p7: Deaths: **Isom Cheek**, 79, passed away.... Funeral services were conducted in Zion Primitive Baptist Church Saturday by Elders ... and **Williams**.
- 6/15/1939, p6: Deaths: **Haywood Estep** died on 6/8/1939 at the age of 96.... Funeral services were held at Antioch Church by Elders **J. M. Williams**,
- 8/3/1939, p5: Stratford: (There was) a surprise picnic lunch ... near New Hope Church.... Elders **Crouse** and **John Williams** delivered short sermons during the afternoon.
- 5/30/1940, p1: A surprise birthday dinner was set Sunday, May 19th to honor Aunt **Cynthia Crouse** Cox, who was 82 ... some 200 guests.... Before dinner Rev. **John Williams** (and others) gave interesting talks....
- 8/15/1940, p5: Marriages: Miss **Louise Roupe** to **Donald Musgrove** on August 7.... Rev. **John Williams** of Furches performed the ceremony. (The use of "Rev." and "of Furches" makes me question as to whether this was someone else.)
- 9/12/1940, p5: Whitehead: Elders ... and **J. M. Williams** preached interesting sermons at Union Church Saturday and Sunday.
- 9/19/1940, p6: Stratford: Elders **John Williams** (and others) went to the association at Troutdale, VA, last week-end.
- 10/31/1940, p3: Deaths: Mrs. **T. A. Edwards**, age 78, (died).... Funeral services were held at Union Church in Whitehead, conducted by Elders ... **J. M. Williams**
- 10/31/1940, p5: Stratford: Elders **Williams**, (and others) delivered interesting sermons at Antioch Sunday.
- 11/28/1940, p3: Stratford: Elder **J. M. Williams** has been very sick. He was visited Saturday night by his son, **Roscoe Williams** and family.

- 11/28/1940, p4: Furches: Elder and Mrs. **J. M. Williams** are confined to their beds with colds. Mr. and Mrs. **Roscoe Williams** and family, of Cherry Lane, visited his parents Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. **J. M. Williams**.
- 11/28/1940, p6: Obituary: **Sarah Jane Edwards** died 10/24/1940 and funeral services were held at Union church Saturday, Oct. 26 (by) **J. M. Williams**.
- 12/12/1940, p1: Stratford: Elder and Mrs. **J. M. Williams** have been sick but are improving.
- 12/19/1940, p5: Stratford: Mr. and Mrs. **J. M. Williams** are again very ill.
- 3/13/1941, p1: Funeral services for **Thomas W. Gambill** were held on Sunday at Elk Creek church, conducted by ... Elder **John Williams** (and others).
- 3/27/1941, p1: Deaths: Mrs. **Mollie J. Reeves** (died) March 22, age 85.... Funeral services were held Monday at Elk Creek church (by) Elder **John Williams** (and others).
- 3/27/1941, p2: Stratford: Elder **Williams** (and others) delivered good sermons at Antioch on Saturday and Sunday.
- 5/8/1941, p2: Whitehead: Preaching services were conducted at Union Saturday and Sunday by Elder **John Williams** (and others).
- 6/5/1941, p1: Near 700 friends helped celebrate the 80th birthday of Elder Jefferson Davis Bass at his home in the Cap section of Carroll Co, VA, including Elder **John Williams**.
- January 1944: Mr. and Mrs. **W. G. Richardson** and Mrs. **S. Jane Sanders** visited Elder and Mrs. **J. M. Williams** Sunday. Mrs. Williams is still confined to her bed.

D-2-2 Colon Williams (5). **John Mack Williams** was the son of **Colon Williams** and **Martha Patsy Irwin** (D-3-3). They had the following children.⁸

1. Caroline Williams	6/15/1850 - 8/23/1910
2. Sarah Williams	9/28/1854 - 11/18/1940
3. Elijah W. Williams	8/25/1859 - 3/25/1910
4. Emanuel M. Williams	2/12/1861 - 12/21/1945
5. Mary Ellen Williams	4/28/1865 - 7/ 2/1950
6. *John Mack Williams	4/10/1868 - 3/ 9/1952

They lived near Stratford on what is now Irwin Grocery Rd in Alleghany Co, NC, in a relatively large, two-story house.⁵³

They are listed in the 1860 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil, p3, #21/19: Colen **Williams** (45, laborer, born England), **Martha** (29), **Caroline** (10), **Sarah** (6), and **Elijah** (1). Their real estate and personal estate were each valued at \$200.¹¹³ They are living just three houses down from **Martha Patsy Irwin**'s father **Elijah Irwin**, house #18/16. Houses #19/17, #20/18, and #22/20 were also occupied by children of **Elijah Irwin**.¹¹³

They are listed in the 1870 Alleghany Co census, Prathers Creek Township, house #68/68: Colen **Williams** (50, miner, born England), Patsey (40), **Caroline** (20), **Sarah** (17), **Elijah** (11),

Emanuel (8), **Mary E.** (6), and **John Mc** (3). **Patsy** and **Sarah** could not read and write. Their real estate was valued at \$212, while their personal estate was valued at \$100.¹¹³

They are listed in the 1880 Alleghany Co census, Prathers Creek Township, house #20/20: **Colon Williams** (60, miner working in copper, born England), **Patsy** (53), **Elijah** (20), **Emanuel** (18), **Mary** (16), and **John** (13).¹¹³

They are listed in the 1900 Alleghany Co census, Prathers Creek #5, p9B, #171: **Patsy Williams** (72, born Jan 1828, widow, 6 children all living), **Mary E.** (35, born Apr 1865, daughter, 2 ch, 2 living), **Eddie** (12, born July 1887, grandson), and **Caroline** (8, born Aug 1891, grandda).²¹²

1. *Caroline* was born in Alleghany Co and married **Thomas Price** on 10/11/1870 in Alleghany Co.^{66,212} They are buried in the Williams Fam Cem.^{8,48} [(1900 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 5, p12B, #233/233)²¹²] [b^{48,212}, d⁴⁸]

2. *Sarah* married **Weaver E. Sturgill** about 1873.^{8,64,212} She died as a result of accidently falling into the fireplace while trying to light her pipe. She was sitting in a chair, holding her grandson, when she bent over toward the flame and slipped, falling into the fire.⁵³ Her Alleghany Co death certificate says she died of cerebral hemorrhage as a result of third degree burns to her head and face.⁶⁴ It says that she fell into an open fire following a stroke and that she was attended to for three days. It says she was buried in the “Sturgill Cemetery” which I believe is the same as the Williams Fam Cem (Bk 12, p252).⁶⁴ Her obituary appeared in the *Alleghany Star-Times*, stating that she died at the age of 87 at her son’s home. She left two brothers and a sister, all of Stratford.²⁴⁴ [(1900 Alleg, Pra Cr #5, p9B, #168)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Pra Cr #17, p1B, #21/21)²¹²] [b^{64,212}, d^{64,244}] *Ref 244 (11/28/1940, p3).*

3. *Elijah* first married **Cordelia Johnson Squires** on 9/10/1882 in Sparta, Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ He married his second wife **Ennis Atwood** on 8/21/1891 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.^{8,66} In 1900 she was living two houses from him with her mother and their two children.²¹² He was living with the three children from his first marriage.²¹² He is buried in the Williams Fam Cem.⁴⁸ [(1900 Alleg, Pra Cr #5, p9B, #167 #169)²¹²] [b⁴⁸, d⁴⁸]

4. *Emanuel* married **Sarah Ann Cheek Edwards** on 12/28/1886 at Mt. Zion Church in Alleghany Co.^{48,66,214} They lived on Prathers Creek Ch Rd at the bottom of a steep hill near a creek.⁵³ On 3/28/1940, the *Alleghany Star-Times* mentions “Mr. and Mrs. **E. M. Williams**” living in Stratford.²⁴⁴ On 1/23/1941, the paper says: “**E. M. Williams** is recovering from an attack of ‘flu’.”²⁴⁴ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{48,64} His obituary was printed in the *Alleghany Times* in January 1946:

“Williams Rites Held At Antioch

County man had been ill for more than two years; Rites are held.

*Funeral services for **E. M. Williams**, 83, of Stratford, was held December 23 at*

*Antioch Primitive Baptist church with Elds **S. G. Caudill** and **Coy Walker** in charge.*

Burial followed in the church cemetery.

'Uncle Man', as he was commonly known, died at his home at Stratford on December 21, after being confined to his bed for more than two years following a fall in which he suffered a broken hip. His condition became quite serious two days before his death.

Well-known throughout the county, as well as in his own community, Mr. Williams was a highly respected citizen. Hundred of friends and relatives had visited him during his long illness.

*Surviving are two children, a daughter, **Mae**, and a son, **Kelly Williams**. His wife preceded him in death almost a year ago.*²⁴⁴

[(1900 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 5, p11A, #196/196)²¹²; (1910 Alleg, Prat Crk #15, p2B, #31)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 17, p2A, #28/28)²¹²] [b^{48,64}, d^{48,64}] Ref 244 (3/28/1940, p5), (1/23/1941, p3).

5. *Mary Ellen* married **James Monroe Estep** on 2/19/1908 in Alleghany Co at her residence in Prathers Creek.^{3,66,448} According to *The Alleghany Times* newspaper in 1936, "Several friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. **J. M. Estep** surprised them Sunday when they met at their home at Furches and fed them dinner. A large table was prepared on the lawn and was covered with good 'eats'. All present seemed to enjoy the occasion". A list of those attending is included in the short article.²⁴⁴ She died in Alleghany Co and was buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch (Bk 16, p310).^{8,48,64} [(1920 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 17, p2B, #42/42)²¹²] [b^{3,48,64,212}, d^{3,48,64}] Ref 3, p760; Ref 244 (4/23/1936, p8).

6. *John* married **Annie Lou Atwood** on 11/6/1887 in Alleghany Co at her father's residence in Pine Fork.⁶⁶ He was a Primitive Baptist elder and preached at several area churches.^{53,64,263} He was a member of the Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association at least as early as 1905 when the group met in Grayson Co.²⁹⁸ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{48,64} [b^{48,53,64}, d^{48,64}]

Colon Williams was born in Liverpool, England, on 3/11/1820.^{8,48} According to one article, he "taught mining engineering at Oxford University in England".⁸ However, in 2002 Dennis Brooks got in touch with the Archives Department at Oxford, and they can find no record of anyone by that name. Any student or teacher at the University between 1715 and 1886 should be mentioned in Joseph Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*, but **Colon Williams** is not.²⁶³

He is said to have been in Alleghany Co (then Ashe Co) before 1850.⁸ On 9/25/1858, **Colon Williams** (it appears to be "Coclan Williams", but is hard to read) married **Martha** Erwin (i.e. **Irwin**) in Ashe Co.⁶⁶ Ref 3, p760, states that **Mary Ellen Williams** was the daughter of "Anton Cullen & **Martha Williams**". I have not seen "Anton" used any where else, but perhaps "Anton Colon Williams" was his whole name. He died on 9/30/1897 and is buried in the Williams Fam Cem.^{8,48}

Colon is listed as a laborer, age 45 in the 1860 Alleghany Co census.¹¹³ On 7/13/1864, the 5th NC Senior Reserves was organized at Flint Hill in Ashe Co.³⁶⁷ He is listed on at least one undated muster roll as a Private in Capt. Phipps' Co as "Cullin Williams", age 49 years, 3 months, 28 days which would make his birthday about 1815.³⁶⁷ He was described as 5'5" tall,

dark complexion and hair, brown eyes, a farmer, and born in Ashe Co.³⁶⁷ Most of the companies in this unit served as prison guards at Salisbury, NC.⁶¹ However many of these soldiers, including **Colon**, were AWOL when a muster roll was taken on 2/28/1865.⁶¹

On 6/23/1905, his widow **Patsy**, age 76, of Laura PO applied for widow's pension for his Civil War service. She stated that he enlisted in Co C of the 5th Senior Reserves in 1864 under Capt. **Elijah Phipps**. Her request was approved.³⁶⁶

It appears that **Colon Williams** was from England and was 30 years old in 1850 when he was supposedly in Ashe Co. However, he has not been found in the 1850 Ashe Co census. (He may be listed, but I have not found him.) Perhaps he is listed in neighboring Grayson Co, VA.

Colon and **Martha** had two daughters who were born in 1850 and 1854, but they did not marry until 1858. However, I should recheck the Ashe Co marriage register to make sure I did not misread 1858 for 1850. Also, **Martha Patsy Irwin** was living at home, age 23, in 1850 – not living with **Colon Williams**. Eleven months after they were married in 1858, they had a son in 1859. The 1900 census states that **Martha** had six children with all of them still living.²¹²

On 6/21/1875, **Colon Williams** bought 5 ¼ acres on Elk Creek from **Hiram Hill** and his wife **Cynthia** for \$27. (Alleghany DB W, p422).⁶⁷

On 10/30/1876, **Colon Williams** bought 35 acres on Elk Creek from **Franklin W. Atwood** for \$200. It was proven on 12/19/1885. (Alleghany DB G, p179).⁶⁷

On 6/20/1894, **Colon** and **Martha Williams** sold 4 acres on the waters of Elk Creek to J. A. Irwin (i.e. **John Allen Irwin**, her nephew) for \$41.79. **Martha** signed with her mark. This land was adjacent to the lands of **W. M. Irwin** and **C. E. Caudill**. (Alleghany DB R, p100).⁶⁷

On 3/5/1895, **Colon** and **Martha Williams** sold ¼ acre on the waters of Elk Creek to S. J. Irwin (i.e. **Squire Jackson Irwin**, her nephew) for \$5. **Martha** signed with her mark. Also present were **E. W. Williams** (probably their son) and J. E. Irwin (**Joseph Ephraim Irwin**, **Squire's** brother). This was proven on 5/15/1896. (Alleghany DB P, p515-6).⁶⁷

Deeds dated 1/1/1898 (Alleghany DB P, p517) and 6/23/1900 (Alleghany DB P, p487) mention land adjacent to **Patsy Williams**.⁶⁷ Her name is mentioned in the deeds because her husband **Colon Williams** had died by the end of 1897. Their names are listed several different ways in various records:

1860 census: "Colen and **Martha Williams**".¹¹³

1870 census: "Colen and Patsey Williams".¹¹³

daughter **Caroline's** marriage certificate in 1870: "Colin Williams".⁶⁶

son **Elijah's** marriage certificate in 1882: "**Colon** and **Martha Williams**".⁶⁶

son **Emanuel's** marriage certificate in 1886: "Colen and Marth Williams".⁶⁶

son **John's** marriage certificate in 1887: "Cola and **Patsy Williams**".⁶⁶

son **Elijah's** married certificate in 1891: "**Colon** and Patsey Williams".⁶⁶

his own land record in 1894: "**Colon** and **Martha Williams**".⁶⁷

his own land record in 1895: “Collon and **Martha** Williams”.⁶⁷
daughter **Mary**’s marriage certificate in 1908: “**Colon** and **Patsy** Williams”.⁶⁶
daughter **Sarah**’s death certificate in 1940: “Cullen Sturgill and **Martha** Irwin”.⁶⁴
son **Emanuel**’s death certificate in 1945: “**Colon** Williams and **Patsy** Irwin”.⁶⁴
son **John**’s death certificate in 1952: “Coley Williams and **Patsy** Irwin”.⁶⁴

To summarize, his name has been written as: Colon, Colen, Colin, Cola, Collon, Cullen, Coley, and even Coclan. Since **Colon** appears to be the most common, I have chosen to use that name. However, in searching for his origin, all of these names must be considered.

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IRWIN

D-3-1 Squire Jackson Irwin (5). **Laura Ellen Irwin** (D-1-2) was the daughter of **Squire Jackson Irwin** and **Caroline Andrews** (D-4-1). They had the following children.^{8,221,244} *Ref 8 p271-2; Ref 221, p18.*

1. Mack McCoy Irwin	11/ 9/1871 -	7/13/1940
2. *Laura Ellen Irwin	1/ 1/1875 -	6/11/1965
3. Rosa Irwin	1877 -	
4. John Preston (Press) Irwin	8/13/1880 -	8/14/1972
5. Jennie Irwin	5/ 1/1882 -	5/23/1969
6. Candace Irwin	3/10/1886 -	2/11/1977
7. Alice Irwin	3/10/1888 -	6/ 6/1961
8. Ollie M. Irwin	3/ 1/1898 -	6/10/1918
9. Celia Irwin	1900 -	1903

They “lived near Antioch Church at Peach Bottom Mountain, in Alleghany Co, NC. They farmed, raised cattle and sheep.”⁸ **Candace** and **Alice** married brothers.⁸

They are listed in the 1880 Alleghany Co census, Prathers Creek Township, house #22/22: **Squire** Irwin (33, farmer, born VA), **Caroline** (25), Mc (8), **Ellen** (5), and **Rosa** (3).¹¹³

They are listed in the 1900 Alleghany Co census, Prathers Creek #5, p9B, #173: Esquire **J. Irwin** (53, born Jun 1847, merchant dry goods), **Caroline** (48, wife, born Sep 1851), **Mack** (27, son, single, born Nov 1872), **Laura E.** (25, daughter, single, born Jan 1875), **Preston** (19, son, born Oct 1880), **Jennie** (17, daughter, born May 1883), **Candace** (15, daughter, born Mar 1885), **Alice** (13, daughter, born Mar 1887), and **Ollie M.** (2, daughter, born Jan 1898).²¹² The census also says that **Caroline** had 7 children all living, but it lists eight children with them. Also, **Mack** and **Ellen** had married and were living with their families in 1900.

They are listed in the 1910 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil #12, p7B, #59: **Squire Irwin** (62, farmer, born VA), **Caroline** (57, wife, 10 children, 7 living), and **Ollie** (12, daughter, father born VA). They had been married 40 years.²¹²

They are listed in the 1920 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil East, p10B, #170/174: (37, farmer), **Lula R.** (28, wife), **Coy L. M.** (10, son), **Rosa M.** (9, dau), **Marth B.** (8, dau), **Minnie L.** (6, dau), **Joe D.** (2y, 5m, son), and **Caroline** (66, mother, widow).²¹²

1. *Mack* married **Mary E. Poe** on 7/1/1899 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.^{8,66,221} They lived in Peach Bottom in Alleghany Co.⁸ He died in Alleghany Co of an “ulcer of (the) stomach” (Bk 12, p113).⁶⁴ He was survived by a brother and four sisters.²⁴⁴ They are buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{8,48,64,221,244}
[(1910 Alleg, Gap Civil #12, p7B, #60/61)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Gap Civil E, p10B, #170/174)²¹²] [b^{48,64,221,244}, d^{48,64,221}] *Ref 244 (7/18/1940, p3).*

2. *Ellen* first married **Samuel Billings** on 6/16/1893 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ She married her second husband **Jesse McCoin** on 9/13/1924 in Alleghany Co by the

Justice of the Peace at Wolf Branch in Gap Civil.⁶⁶ On 6/12/1941, the *Allegheny Star-Times* mentioned “Mrs. Jessie McCoin”.²⁴⁴ She died of heart trouble in Allegheny Co.⁸ She is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.⁴⁸ [b^{8,48}, d^{8,221}] Ref 244 (6/12/1941, p4).

3. Rosa died young.^{8,221} [b^{8,221}, d^{8,221}]

4. Press married **Olivia Wagoner** on 5/22/1907 in Allegheny Co in the public road in Whitehead.^{8,66,221} On 5/23/1940, the *Allegheny Star-Times* mentions “Mr. and Mrs. **Press Irwin**”.²⁴⁴ He died of a stroke in Allegheny Co.^{8,221} They are buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{48,221} [(1910 Alleg, Gap Civil #12, p7B, #59/60)²¹²] [b^{48,212,221}, d^{48,221}] Ref 244 (5/23/1940, p6), (6/26/1941, p2).

5. Jennie married **Everett Jones** on 9/12/1902 in Allegheny Co in Gap Civil.^{8,66,221} “Mrs. **Jennie Jones**” is mentioned in the *Allegheny Star-Times* on 4/11/1940.²⁴⁴ She died of a stroke.⁸ She is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{48,221} [b^{48,221}, d^{48,221}] Ref 244 (4/11/1940, p8).

6. Candace married **Isaac Lundy Nichols** on 3/15/1908 in Allegheny Co at Wolf Branch school house in Gap Civil.^{8,66,221} She died of a stroke,⁸ and they are buried in Sparta Cem.²²¹ Ref 8, p346. [b²²¹, d^{8,221}]

7. Alice married **George Glenn Nichols** on 1/31/1909 in Allegheny Co at the “house of **Ellen Billings**” in Gap Civil.^{8,221} He was a well-known figure in the Sparta area and held many political offices.⁸ She died of cancer in Allegheny Co.^{8,221} They are buried in the Sparta Cem.^{8,221}

She is mentioned several times in *The Allegheny Times* newspaper as having visited someone or someplace.²⁴⁴ On 10/10/1940, the newspaper mentions her winning an event at the Allegheny Fair. “The rolling pin throwing contest drew 23 entries, and was won by Mrs. **Alice Nichols**.”²⁴⁴

On 7/17/1941, the *Allegheny Star-Times* reported that “Mrs. Glenn Nichols is in the North Wilkesboro hospital with two broken ankle bones. They were broken when she slipped and fell on her way to milking.”²⁴⁴ [b^{8,221}, d^{8,221}] Ref 244: (3/2/1933, p3), (3/23/1933, p3), (4/27/1933, p3), (5/18/1933, p3), (6/1/1933, p3), (1/4/1934, p2), (4/9/1936, p8), (3/21/1940, p2), (5/30/1940, p1), (10/10/1940, p1), (10/17/1940, p5), (10/24/1940, p6), (2/27/1941, p3), (3/27/1941, p2), (7/17/1941, p3).

8. Ollie never married and died of Tuberculosis.⁸ She is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{8,48,64} [b^{48,64}, d^{48,64}]

9. Celia is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.⁴⁸ [b⁴⁸, d⁴⁸]

On 9/4/1883, **William Irwin** and his wife **Nancy (Andrews)** sold 102 acres on the head waters of Elk Creek to **S. J. Irwin** (his son) for \$500. **Nancy** signed with her mark. It was witnessed by D. F. (i.e. **David Franklin Irwin** and **E. M. Williams**). (Alleghany Co DB G, p41).⁶⁷

On 3/5/1895, **S. J. Irwin** bought ¼ acre on the waters of Elk Creek from Collon (i.e **Colon Williams** and his wife **Martha (Irwin)** for \$5. Also present were **E. W. Williams** and J. E. Irwin (**Joseph Ephraim Irwin**, **Squire's** brother). This was proven on 5/15/1896. (Alleghany Co DB P, p515-6).⁶⁷

On 6/23/1900, **C. E. Caudill** and his wife **Candice** sold 1 acre of land in Prather's Creek Township to **E. M. Williams**, **S. J. Irwin**, **S. C. Richardson**, and **C. Richardson**. The land adjoined that of J. A. Irwin, **S. J. Irwin**, and **Patsy (Irwin) Williams**. (Alleghany Co DB P, p487).⁶⁷ J. A. Irwin is **John Allen Irwin**, **Squire's** first cousin.

On 2/14/1902, **John Irwin** and his wife **Aby** (i.e. **Abby Andrews**) gave 110 acres, "all our land" to **S. J. Irwin** for "our life time maintenance". **John** and **Abby** would have full possession of their land until they die. In return, their nephew **Squire Jackson Irwin** must furnish them with plenty to eat and wear, coffee, sugar meat, corn meal and flour, and furnish a decent burial. **John** and **Abby** signed with their marks. (Alleghany Co DB O, p549).⁶⁷ At this time, **John Irwin** was 86 years old.

On 1/1/1903, **S. J. Irwin** bought "3 little pieces of land" from **William Irwin, Sr.**, adjacent to land of W. H. (i.e. **William Hardin**) **Absher** and **J. E. Irwin**, for \$60. (Alleghany Co DB Q, p136).⁶⁷

D-3-2 William M. Irwin (6). **Squire Jackson Irwin** was the son of **William M. Irwin** and **Nancy Andrews**. They had the following children.^{8,66}

1. *Squire Jackson Irwin	6/ 1/1847 - 11/22/1917
2. David Franklin Irwin	1851 -
3. Mary Irwin	1854 -
4. Martha Ann Irwin	8/ 8/1862 - 5/ 9/1946
5. Joseph Ephraim Irwin	2/ 8/1865 - 7/ 1/1948
6. Alice Irwin	2/28/1868 - 12/19/1952

They were listed in the 1850 Ashe Co, NC, census, house #57/57: Wm. Erwin (28, farmer), **Nancy** (23), and **Squier** (3). Their real estate was valued at \$500.¹¹³

They are listed in the 1860 Alleghany Co, NC, census, Gap Civil, p3, #20/18: Wm. Erwin (36, farmer), **Nancy** (35), **Esquier** (13), **Franklin** (8), and **Mary** (4). Their personal estate was valued at \$200.^{113,212}

They are listed in the 1870 Alleghany Co census, Prathers Creek Township, house #84/84: **William** Erwin (50, farmer), **Nancy** (47), **Esquire** (22), **Franklin** (19), **Martha** (7), **Joseph** (4),

and Allace (2). Their real estate was valued at \$500, while their personal estate was valued at \$350.¹¹³

They are listed in the 1880 Alleghany Co census, Prathers Creek Township, house #21/21: **William** Irvin (61, farmer), **Nancy** (56, born VA), **Joseph** (16), and **Alice** (12).¹¹³

This family is listed in the 1900 Alleghany Co census, Prathers Creek #5, p9B, #172: **Hardin Absher** (40, born Jun 1860, married 20 years, farmer), **Martha** (37, born Aug 1862, wife), **Joseph** (16, born Jun 1883, son), and **William Irwin** (80, born Jun 1819, widow, father-in-law).²¹²

1. *Squire* filed an application for Civil War pension on 7/5/1915 at the age of 68. He stated that he was recruited to join Co C, 5th Bat. on 7/1/1864. The physician stated that his need for a pension was due to “general breakdown”.³⁶⁶ Other than this, no record of his actual service has been found. Interestingly, his father and two uncles joined the 5th NC Senior Reserves in July 1864. However, **Squire** was only 17 at the time and is not found on any regiment rosters.

He married **Caroline Andrews** on 10/10/1871 in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ He first lived just south of Sparta, but later moved to Prathers Creek near his father.^{8,113} He was “a County Commissioner from 1906 until 1909” and “was deputy sheriff at one time in the Prathers Creek Township.”⁸ He ran a small grocery store in Peach Bottom which is called Irwin’s Grocery today. He died of Tuberculosis.⁶⁴ They are buried in the Irwin Fam Cem on the old homeplace.^{8,48,64}

On 7/5/1920, his widow **Caroline**, age 67, applied for and received widow’s pension for his service. On 11/16/1934 she renewed her pension and moved from Class B to Class A payment. She was described as “confined to her bed and almost blind” and “totally disabled to wait on herself”.³⁶⁶ [b^{8,48,64}, d^{8,48,64}]

2. *Frank* married **Sarah Ann Absher** on 10/26/1873 in Alleghany Co,^{3,66,113} however, the marriage return was not found.⁶⁶ They were living near his father in the 1880 Alleghany Co census. He bought 95 acres in Alleghany Co on Elk Creek from his father for \$100 on 10/22/1881.⁶⁷ *Ref 3, p766.*

3. *Mary* probably died before 1870 since she is not listed in the census of that year.¹¹³

4. *Martha* married **William Hardin Absher** on 10/23/1879 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ They purchased land near the Irwin Grocery School from her father, but later moved to Sparta.⁸ She “was an excellent cook, and was always glad to welcome traveling ministers and friends to share her home and food.”⁸ She entertained guests on Christmas day in 1933 according to *The Alleghany Times*.²⁴⁴ She died in Alleghany Co and was buried in the Irwin Fam Cem (Bk 14, p45).⁶⁴

Her obituary was given in *The Alleghany Times* in 1946, stating that she was 83 years old and had been ill for several months. The funeral was on 5/11/1946 at Antioch Prim Bap Ch, with burial at the Irwin Fam Cem. She was “the daughter of **William** and **Nancy** Irwin” and was known as “Aunt Martha”. She leaves her only son **Joseph**, a brother **Joe**, and a sister **Alice** Atwood.²⁴⁴

[(1900 Alleg, Pra Cr #5, p9B, #172)²¹²; (1910 Alleg, Pra Crk #15, p2A, #29)²¹²]
[b^{8,64}, d^{8,64}] Ref 244: (1/4/1934, p2), (9/19/1935, p5), (9/22/1938, p5).

5. *Joe* married **Emma Reynolds** on 11/27/1890 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ “**J. E. Irwin**” was selected for the jury of the Spring 1933 Superior Court from Prather’s Creek.²⁴⁴ He died in Alleghany Co of pneumonia (Bk 15, p57).⁶⁴ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{48,64}

They are mentioned many times in *The Alleghany Times* newspaper for being visited or for visiting someone.²⁴⁴ On 8/10/1933, it reads “**Joe Irwin** is getting along as well as usual, sometimes better, and sometimes worse.” On 1/11/1934, “Mr. **Joe Irwin** who has palagra is much worse for the last month.” On 4/22/1937, the newspaper stated “**Joe Irwin**, who has been ill for some time, does not improve.”²⁴⁴

On 2/8/1940, the newspaper celebrated his birthday with this note:²⁴⁴

Anniversaries: Today, just 75 years ago, the year which marked the close of the Civil War, was born our neighbor of Stratford,

Mr. J. E. Irwin

Greetings, Mr. Irwin, from the Alleghany Times, and Good Wishes from all your neighbors in Alleghany County. Your son W. C., of Twin Oaks, sends us news each week, and we hope the news from you will always be good news of your health and welfare.

On 2/29/1940, *The Alleghany Times* reported that “**Joe Irwin** fell from a wagon last week receiving an injury to one of his knees. Mr. Irwin, who has had pellagra for the last five years, has been in much better health this winter.”²⁴⁴

[b^{48,64,244}, d^{48,64}] Ref 244: (4/13/1933, p1), (6/1/1933, p4), (6/15/1933, p1), (8/10/1933, p4), (8/31/1933, p4), (11/9/1933, p3), (1/4/1934, p2), (1/11/1934, p2), (2/1/1934, p3), (6/21/1934, p2), (1/17/1935, p4), (1/31/1935, p3), (3/7/1935), (11/28/1935, p6), (3/19/1936, p4), (6/11/1936, p5), (10/22/1936, p4), (4/22/1937, p8), (9/22/1938, p5), (6/1/1939, p5), (7/6/1939, p6), (11/23/1939, p5), (12/7/1939, p5), (12/28/1939, p10), (1/11/1940, p3), (1/18/1940, p1), (2/8/1940, p1), (2/15/1940, p1), (2/29/1940, p6), (3/14/1940, p6), (4/4/1940, p3), (4/11/1940, p8), (5/23/1940, p6), (8/8/1940, p2,4), (6/5/1941, p2), (6/26/1941, p2), (7/10/1941, p1), (8/28/1941, p4).

[(1910 Alleg, Prat Crk #15, p2A, #28)²¹²]

6. *Alice* married **Richard Thomas Atwood** on 11/4/1888 at her father’s residence in Prathers Creek.^{15,66} She died in Alleghany Co and was buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch (Bk 17, p8).^{48,64} On 8/27/1936, *The Alleghany Times* newspaper mentions that “Mr. and Mrs. **R. T. Atwood**, Stratford, spent Sunday night with relatives here (Sparta).”²⁴⁴

Ref 244: (10/10/1935, p3), (8/27/1936, p4). [b⁶⁴, d⁶⁴]

Nancy Andrews was born about 1826 in NC or VA according to census information.¹¹³ She was living in Alleghany Co on 10/15/1879 when her daughter was married.⁶⁶ However, she was listed as dead on her son’s marriage certificate on 11/27/1890.⁶⁶

On 9/14/1854, **William Irwin** of Ashe Co bought 50 acres on the “waters of Elk Creek in NC, Ashe Co” from **Eli C. Rives** (i.e. **Reeves**) of Grayson Co, VA, for \$1. The deed was proven on 3/14/1855. (Ashe Co DB R, p539).⁶⁷

On 10/22/1881, **William Irwin** and his wife **Nancy** sold 95 acres on Elk Creek to D. F. (i.e. **David Franklin**) **Irwin** (his son) for \$100. **Nancy** signed with her mark. It was witnessed by **Joseph E. Irwin** and **S. J. Irwin**. (Alleghany Co DB G, p40).⁶⁷

On 9/4/1883, **William Irwin** and his wife **Nancy** sold 102 acres on the head waters of Elk Creek to **S. J. Irwin** (his son) for \$500. **Nancy** signed with her mark. It was witnessed by D. F. (i.e. **David Franklin**) **Irwin** and **E. M. Williams**. (Alleghany Co DB G, p41).⁶⁷

On 1/1/1903, **William Irwin, Sr.** sold “3 little pieces of land” adjacent to land of W. H. (i.e. **William Hardin**) **Absher** and **J. E. Irwin**, to **S. J. Irwin** for \$60. (Alleghany Co DB Q, p136).⁶⁷

D-3-3 Elijah Irwin (7). **William M. Irwin** and **Martha Patsy Irwin** (D-2-2) were children of **Elijah Irwin** and **Elizabeth Goodman**. They had the following children.^{8,151} *Ref 8, p272.*

1. John Irwin	5/ 9/1815 -	1908
2. Thomas Squire Irwin	4/ 2/1818 -	5/ 6/1894
3. *William M. Irwin	8/ 2/1819 -	8/27/1906
4. Polly Irwin	1820 -	
5. Elizabeth Irwin	1825 -	1904
6. *Martha Patsy Irwin	6/27/1828 -	8/22/1906

They lived in the Pine Swamp area of then Ashe Co, now Alleghany Co, NC.⁸ The family of **Elijah** Erwin is listed in the 1830 Ashe Co census, p30, as follows: three males (age 10-14), one male (30-39), one female (under 5), two females (5-9), one female (15-19), and one female (20-29).^{152,212}

The family of **Elijah** Erwin is listed in the 1840 Ashe Co census as follows: one male (20-29), one male (40-49), one female (10-14), one female (15-19), one female (20-29), and one female (40-49).¹⁵²

They were listed in the 1850 Ashe Co census, house #171/171: **Elijah** Erwin (58, farmer), **Elizabeth** (60), **Polly** (30), Tho. (27), Patcy (23), **Armstead** Loveless (26), **Elizabeth** Loveless (25), and **Matthias Wyatte** (10).¹¹³

They were listed in the 1860 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil Township, p3, house #18/16: **Elijah** Erwin (67, farmer), **Polly** (47), and **Elizabeth** (68). Their real estate was valued at \$800 while their personal estate was valued at \$400.^{113,212}

1. *John* married **Abby Andrews** about 1840 in Ashe Co.^{8,151,222} They were living alone in 1840 in Ashe Co.¹⁵² They were listed in the 1850 Ashe Co census, house #43/43 as follows: **John** Erwin (35, farmer), **Aby** (37), and **Elijah** (7). Their real estate was valued at \$300.¹¹³

He enlisted in Co F, 5th NC Senior Reserves on 7/22/1864 in Statesville, NC.^{61,367} His appearance was given as 5'8", dark complexion and hair, and grey eyes. He said he was a farmer born in Alleghany Co.^{61,367}

On 2/14/1902, they signed an Alleghany Co deed that would give all of their land to their nephew **Squire Jackson Irwin** in return for him taking care of them until their death (DB O, p549).⁶⁷ They were buried in Wagoner Cem (Sparta).¹⁵¹
[(1860 Alleg, p48, #395/310)²¹²; (1870 Alleg)⁶¹] [b^{61,151,212}, d¹⁵¹]

2. *Thomas* married **Sina Caudill** on 10/7/1854.^{8,151} In 1860, he was listed as 38 years old.²¹² He enlisted in Co B, 5th NC Senior Reserves on 7/13/1864 in Flint Hill, Ashe Co, NC, giving his age as 47 years, 3 months, and 11 days.³⁶⁷ He was described as 5'10", dark complexion and hair, brown eyes, and a farmer born in Alleghany Co.^{61,367} He deserted on 1/29/1865.^{61,367} On 3/26/1904 Sina, age 71, applied for widow's pension for his Civil War service.³⁶⁶ She stated that he joined Co C of the 5th Reg in 1863.³⁶⁶ She also gave his date of death.³⁶⁶ The request was approved.³⁶⁶ They are said to be buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.¹⁵¹

[(1860 Alleg, Gap Civ, p3, #19/17)²¹²; (1870 Alleg, Pra Cr, p10, #67)²¹²; (1910 Alleg, Pra Crk #15, p1A, #7)²¹²] [b^{8,14,61,113,151,212}, d³⁶⁶]

3. *William* married **Nancy Andrews** about 1841.^{8,151} He enlisted in Co B, 5th NC Senior Reserves on 7/13/1864 in Flint Hill in Ashe Co.^{61,367} On an undated muster roll, he gave his age as 45 years, 6 months, and 6 days, which would make his birthday about 1819.³⁶⁷ He was described as 6 feet, dark complexion and hair, brown eyes, and born in Alleghany Co. He was AWOL when a muster roll was taken on 2/28/1865.^{61,367} On 6/23/1905, at the age of 84, he applied for his Civil War pension stating that he joined Co C, 5th Senior Reserves in 1864 under Capt. **Elijah Phipps**.³⁶⁶ The physician reported that William "has broken leg, senile(?) ulcers, and general dibility; is totally disabled to perform manual labor; not being able to wait on himself."³⁶⁶ The request was approved.³⁶⁶ While Ref 8 says he was born on 8/2/1816, Ref 151 gives 8/8/1817 as his birthdate. The censuses and his service records suggest a birth year of 1819. He is said to be buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.¹⁵¹
[b^{8,113,151,212}, d¹⁵¹]

4. *Polly* never married.^{8,151} She died after 1860 and is buried in the Williams Fam Cem.¹⁵¹
[b^{113,151}]

5. *Elizabeth* married **Armstead Lovelace** on 5/25/1850.^{8,151,289} They are listed in house #22/20 in the 1860 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil Township.¹¹³ He died in the Civil War.²⁸⁹ She is buried at Piney Creek Meth Ch.²⁸⁹
[(1860 Alleg, Gap Civ, p3, #22/20)²¹²] [b¹¹³, d²⁸⁹]

6. *Patsy* married **Colon Williams** on 9/25/1858 in Ashe Co.^{8,66,151} They are buried in the William Fam Cem.^{48,151} Depending on the source, she was born on either 6/22/1828,¹⁵¹ 6/27/1828,⁴⁸ or 6/28/1828.⁸ [b^{8,48,113,151}, d^{48,151}] Ref 8 p517.

Elizabeth Goodman was probably born in the 1790s and died in August 1870.⁸ Perhaps she is related to the **Peter Goodman** who is found in the 1787 Wilkes Co census in Capt. Nall's District whose family includes one male (21-60) and two females.²⁷² **Peter Goodman** is in the Sixteenth Company in the 1790 Wilkes Co census with one male (over 16) and three females.²⁷³ He was listed with one poll and 100 acres in Bunyard's District in the 1790 Wilkes Co, NC, tax list.¹⁵⁸ In 1796, he is in Pendleton's District with no polls and 80 acres.¹⁵⁸

D-3-4 Thomas Irwin (8). **Elijah Irwin** was the son of **Thomas Irwin** and **Agness Jane Shepherd** (D-16-1).²⁵⁷ They had the following children.^{14,151,257}

1.	*Elijah Irwin	1792	-	1878
2.	Thomas Perry Irwin	1795	-	
3.	Alley Irwin	3/ 6/ 1797	-	6/28/1879
4.	Nancy Irwin	1798	-	2/24/1857
5.	Andrew Irwin	1799	-	
6.	William Irwin	1800	-	
7.	Sally Irwin	1805	-	1831
8.	Robert Irwin	1810	-	12/20/1872
9.	Larkin Irwin	1812	-	1841
10.	Franklin Irwin	1819	-	
11.	Polly Irwin	1820	-	
12.	Elizabeth Irwin	1821	-	
13.	Squire Irwin			

While Ref 14 lists **Squire** as a child, Ref 151 does not. However, Ref 151 lists **Elizabeth**, but Ref 14 does not. In any case, all but two of the children moved to KY with their parents.¹⁴ **Elijah** and **Alley** stayed in NC.¹⁴

Thomas Erwin is first listed in the Wilkes Co tax lists in 1793 in McNeil's District with one poll and 75 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1794, **Thomas** Eaving is listed in Hall's District with one poll and 75 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1795, in the same district, **Thomas Irwin** is listed with one poll and 75 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1796 tax list includes him in McGrady's District with one poll and 130 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1797 **Thomas** Erwin was in the same district with one poll and 200 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1798 **Thomas Irwin** was in the same district with one poll and 185 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1800 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Thomas** Erwin with two males (under 10), one male (26-45), two females (under 10), and one female (16-26).²⁷⁴

They lived in Wilkes Co, NC, on the North Fork of Reddies River.¹⁴ They joined Reddies River Bap Ch after 4/18/1801 by experience.¹⁵¹

The 1810 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Thomas Irwin** with three males (under 10), one male (10-16), one male (16-26), one male (26-45), one female (under 10), two females (10-16), and one female (26-45).²⁷⁵

The 1820 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Thomas Irvin** with two males (under 10), one male (10-16), one male (16-18), three males (16-26), one male (over 45), two females (under 10), two females (10-16), and one female (over 45).²⁷⁶

In 1829 **Thomas** and **Agness** “withdrew their membership from Reddies River Bap Ch and proceeded with the disposition of their real estate. The fascination of Kentucky had engulfed them and they followed their sons and neighbors to Kentucky, settling in the Fonthill area on Goose Creek in Russell County” where they died.¹⁴

The 1830 Bullit Co, KY, census includes the family of **Thomas Irwin** with one male (under 5), one male (10-15), one male (20-30), one male (70-80), two females (20-30), and one female (60-70).^{151,212} This is the area just south of Louisville, KY.

According to tax records, **Thomas Irwin** and his son **Robert** arrived in Russell Co, KY, in 1838. Sons **Andrew**, **Franklin**, and **Larkin** arrived in 1840. **Squire** may have arrived as early as 1837.¹⁵¹

The 1850 Russell Co, KY, census lists them as follows: **Thomas Irwin** (80, farmer, born VA), **Agness** (75, born VA), and **John D. Irwin** (10, born KY).¹⁵¹ Their real estate was valued at \$100.²¹²

1. *Elijah* married **Elizabeth Goodman** in 1811.^{8,151,257} They are said to be buried in the Sturgill Cem.⁸ I believe this is the same as the Williams Fam Cem. [b^{8,151,257}, d^{8,151,257}] Ref 8, p272.

2. *Thomas* [b^{151,257}]

3. *Alley* married **Larkin Shepherd** on 11/8/1817.^{14,151,257} They lived in Wilkes Co and were buried in Shepherd Cem.¹⁵¹ [(1860 Wi, Red. River, #892/895)¹¹³] [b^{14,151,257}, d^{14,151,257}]

4. *Nancy* married **John Jennings** on 2/17/1819.^{151,257} She died in Rock Castle Co, KY, and was buried in Russell Co, KY.^{151,257} [(1850 Russell, KY, Dist 1, #49)²¹²] [b^{151,257}, d^{151,257}]

5. *Andrew* married **Lucy Wyatt** on 8/19/1828 in Wilkes Co.^{151,257} They were living in Russell Co, KY, in 1870.¹⁵¹ [(1840 Russell Co, KY)²¹²; (1850 Russell, KY, Dist 1, #75)²¹²] [b¹⁵¹]

6. *William* probably never married.¹⁵¹ The inventory of his estate in Wilkes Co was rendered by his brother **Elijah** in 1824.¹⁵¹ [b^{151,257}]

7. *Sally* married **John Shepherd** on 8/24/1824.^{151,257} She probably died in 1831.¹⁵¹
[b^{151,257}, d^{151,257}]

8. *Robert* first married **Sally Lutteral**.^{151,257} He is said to have married his second wife **Elizabeth Vannoy** on 6/14/1838.^{151,257} However, the 1850 census lists wife Sally, age 36.²¹² He died in Russell Co, KY.^{151,257}
[(1850 Russell, KY, Dist 1, #74)²¹²] [b^{151,257}, d^{151,257}]

9. *Larkin* married **Margaret Paul** in 1832.^{151,257} He probably died in 1841 in Russell Co, KY.¹⁵¹
[(1840 Russell Co, KY)²¹²] [b^{151,257}, d^{151,257}]

10. *Franklin* married **Elizabeth Spencer** about 1840.^{151,212,257}
[(1840 Russell Co, KY)²¹²; (1850 Russell, KY, Dist 1, #53)²¹²] [b^{151,257}]

11. *Polly* married **Elijah Jennings** on 6/14/1838.^{151,257} An “Eli Ginnings” (age 40, born NC) and wife “Rachael” (age 31, born NC) are found in the 1850 Russell Co census, Dist 1, #95.²¹² Could this be them? [b^{151,257}]

12. *Elizabeth* may have married **John Spencer** in Russell Co, KY.^{151,257} They later moved to Morgan Co, IL.¹⁵¹ [b^{151,257}]

13. *Squire*

D-3-5 Francis Irwin, Sr. (9). **Thomas Irwin** was the son of **Francis Irwin, Sr.** and **Ann**. They had the following children.^{14,151}

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. *Thomas Irwin | 1770 - 11/25/1853 |
| 2. Francis Irwin, Jr. | 1780 - |
| 3. Mary Irwin | |

Francis was listed in both the 1784 and 1785 Wilkes Co, NC, tax lists with one poll and 75 acres of land under the names **Francis Erwin** and **Francis Ervin**, respectively.^{14,158}

The 1786 Wilkes Co tax list for Capt. Judd's District includes **Francis Ervin** with no polls and 95 acres of land, while the lists in 1787, 1788, and 1789 are identical except that he only had 75 acres.¹⁵⁸ The 1790 tax list includes **Francis Erwin** in Capt. McNeil's District with no polls and 75 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1787 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Francis Ervin** in Capt. Judd's District with one male (21-60), two males (under 21, over 60), and two females.²⁷²

The 1790 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Frank Erwin in the Fourth Company with three males (over 16), one male (under 16), and three females.²⁷³

The 1800 Wilkes Co census includes the family of **Anne** Erwin with one male (16-26), one female (16-26), and one female (over 45).²⁷⁴ The only other two members of this family mentioned in this census are the families of **Andrew** Erwin and **Thomas** Erwin.²⁷⁴ Perhaps **Andrew** is another son.

“Records reveal that **Francis** lived out his life on Reddies River where he acquired considerable acreage.” “The **Shepherd, Irwin, McNeil, Gordon, Cash**, and perhaps other Reddies River families were neighbors in Spotsylvania Co, VA, prior to the mass exodus on the eve of the Revolutionary War.”¹⁴

Among those who were charter members of Reddies River Bap Ch in 1797 were **Mary Irwin, Agnes Irwin**, and **Nancy Irwin**. **Mary** may have been the daughter of **Francis, Sr.** **Agnes** may have been the wife of **Thomas**. **Nancy** may have been a form of **Ann**, the wife of **Francis, Sr.**¹⁵¹

1. *Thomas* married **Agness Jane Shepherd** about 1792.^{14,151} He died in Russell Co, KY.¹⁵¹ [b^{14,151}, d^{14,151}]

2. *Francis, Jr.* married **Ann Mullins** on 7/10/1803 in Wilkes Co, NC.¹⁵¹ They appear to have moved to KY soon after their marriage, by 1808. Then, about 1835, they moved on to MO.²¹² This is interesting in that he was leaving KY within a few years of his brother arriving. In 1860 he was age 79, living with his son's family.²¹² He was not listed with this son in 1870, likely indicating that he had died before that census.²¹² [(1850 Pettis Co, MO, Dist 68, #134)²¹²; (1860 Pettis MO, Bowling Green, Ggtwn, p12, #75)²¹²] [b¹⁵¹]

3. *Mary*

Francis Irwin, Sr. was probably born about 1740 in VA. He died before the 1800 census in Wilkes Co, NC. He married his wife **Ann** about 1768. She died after 1802.¹⁵¹

Elijah Denny and **Mary Irwin** got property from **Francis Irwin, Sr.**'s estate after he died. **Elijah Denny** and **Thomas Irwin** were securities on the Administrative Board of **Ann** Irwin, widow of **Francis Irwin, Sr.** In 1802, **Francis, Sr.**'s property was sold, and the deed was signed by **Thomas Irwin, Francis Irwin**, and **Ann** Irwin.¹⁵¹

The family of **Francis Irwin** is said to have come from Spotsylvania Co, VA,^{8,151} however there is a problem with this theory. The **Francis Irwin** who lived in that area of northern VA was still living in neighboring Culpeper Co in 1810 where he and his wife were both over age 45, living with a girl (age 10-16).²¹²

This **Francis Irwin** is found in Spotsylvania Co as early as 4/23/1763 where he witnessed a deed. He bought 268 acres there on 10/3/1766 (Spots DB G, p161).⁶⁷ On 11/1/1782 “**Francis Irwin** and his wife **Ann**” sold their 268 acres (Spots DB K, p128).⁶⁷ On 9/8/1801, he was one of the appraisers of an estate in Culpeper Co.

Perhaps most revealing is the will of **William Irwin**, “a native of England”, living in Spotsylvania Co in St. George’s Parish. Written on 2/5/1820, he states that he has “no blood relations that I know of in this country.” He appointed his neighbor **Robert Swan** his executor. Also, **Robert Swan** was to receive “all that may be coming to me from (the estate of) my brother **Francis Irwin**” (deceased), formerly of Culpeper Co. (Loose Spotsylvania Manuscripts: “E” through “L”).⁴¹⁵

Also worth noting is that this **William Irwin** was living alone (age over 45) in Culpeper Co in 1810 and his brother **Francis** is listed on the same page.²¹²

This suggests that the **Francis Irwin** who lived in Spotsylvania and Culpeper Co lived out his life there and did not move to Wilkes Co, NC. However, it certainly is a coincidence that they both had a wife named **Ann**.

Back in Wilkes Co, an inventory of the estate of **William Erwin**, deceased, was taken in July 1821. The administrators of the estate were **Samuel Wales** and **Abijah Irwin** (Wilkes WB 4, p6,16).⁷⁹

The noncupative will of Agness **Irwin** on 1/1/1824 mentions **Belany Reed, Jean (Irwin) Lovelace, Archibald Lovelace**, and sister-in-law Betsey **Irwin** (Wilkes WB 4, p77). An inventory of the estate of Agnis **Irwin** was taken in January 1826, and it mentions **Elizabeth** and **Enoch Irwin** (WB 4, p84).

From a variety of sources, it is believed that **Robert Irwin** (1760-1807) settled in nearby Rowan Co and had seven children, some of whom ended up in Wilkes Co: **Enoch** (1787), **Abijah** (1791), **Sarah Catherine, Elizabeth, Isaac, Polly**, and **Elisha**. While our **Francis Irwin** may be related to them, this other family must be considered when tracing his lineage.