

Chapter 4 More Craven Area Humphreys

Craven County estate records include John Humphrey (1789), William Humphrey (1767), and William S. Humphrey (1853). William S. was an Onslow merchant.¹

Benjamin Franklin Humphrey (1881-1964) Frank was the son of Levi and Kitty Humphrey², the husband of Pearl Skinner Humphrey, and father of Norman Cecil Humphrey.³ Benjamin, Pearl and Norman are buried in the Hughes-Pate Cemetery near Jasper, NC. Pearl died in 1925 leaving several small children, including Geneva Humphrey later adopted by George R. Stewart of Clarks, NC. Geneva later married William E. Wetherington. The 1935 Craven tax list contains B. F. Humphrey, age 53, and Nellie Humphrey living in Tuscarora area with 5 acres.⁴

Daniel Humphrey is listed in the 1820 Craven Census with 5 males.⁵ This is the only other Humphrey listed in 1820. This Daniel appears to have left the area by 1830. The 1830 census lists another younger Daniel age, 20-30 and 1 female.⁶ By 1840, there are two Daniels in Craven, one age 30-40 with two females in the household, one possibly Ozaida Humphrey (see below).⁷ The other was Daniel G. Humphrey, age 20-30, listed with one female.⁸

Daniel A. Humphrey married Mary R. Oliver in 1836 in Craven County.⁹ By 1850 there are no Daniels listed in Craven. In 1820, Sheriff Davis transferred the property of a Daniel Humphrey to Abraham Taylor.¹⁰

Delilah Humphrey (1909) The daughter of John R. Humphrey (1877-1931) and sister of J. Richard Humphrey. She married Frank Wallis Williams in 1936.¹¹ Frank W. Williams (1903-1954) is buried in the Humphrey plot in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery.¹²

Eliza Hill Humphrey (1857 – 1883) The daughter of successful lawyer, Lotte Williams Humphrey and Rebecca G. Bradley, Eliza married Furnifold M. Simmons in 1875 in Jones County¹³. She died in 1883 and is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern.¹⁴ F. M. Simmons later became an U. S. Senator 1901 - 1931, residing in Craven County.

Fields Humphrey (1883-1948) A. Fields Humphrey is buried in New Bern Memorial Cemetery along with wife Addie Henderson Humphrey (1886-1985).¹⁵ Fields Humphrey was the son of William Humphrey of Onslow County.¹⁶ Fields was listed in the 1911-12 City Directory as a laborer boarding at 44 Griffith Street.¹⁷ The 1935 Craven tax lists A. Fields and Addie living on Route 2, Township 9, on 30 acres.¹⁸ His obituary in the 1948 Sun Journal, states he was born in Jones County, was a long time resident of Rhems in Craven County, and left sons, Ben, Wade, Allen, and Roland, along with two unidentified daughters.

George Franklyn Humphrey (1851 – 1891) married Marena Thomas in 1875 and the children in household were Walter D. and Cyrus Humphrey in the 1880 Craven census.¹⁹ He is listed in the 1880-81 City Directory as a clerk living on Hancock Street between Pollock and South Front Street.²⁰ He was the son of Sheriff Whitehead D. Humphrey of Onslow County and returned to Richlands, NC before his death in 1891.²¹

Henry C. Humphrey (1845-) married Louisa Moore (1861-) in 1888 in Craven County.²²

Hill ‘Big Ike’ Humphrey (b. 1850) was the son of Margaret Humphrey, he also had a sister named Amanda Humphrey Alphin (b. 1845).²³ The 1880-81 City Directory lists Hill, a clerk, residing at the junction of Middle and Craven Streets.²⁴ The 1893 New Bern City Directory lists a Hill “Big Ike” Humphrey operating a dry goods and clothing store at 48 Middle Street and residing on Hancock Street.²⁵ An 1890 estate receipt on Hill’s stationery, proclaims: “Weighs 350 pounds, a six inch nose, wears no. 13 shoes, and a good looking man”.²⁶ In 1895 Hill and his wife Georgia G. Humphrey, sold the Big Ike’s Clothing Store on Middle Street along with a tract of land in Onslow County.²⁷ Hill was also a member of the Centenary Methodist Church of New Bern, joining in 1878 and transferring his certificate in 1987.²⁸

Hugh Humphrey (b. 1865) – In the 1900 Craven census, Hugh was a single boarder living in E. Front Street and a clerk in dry goods.

Ida E. Humphrey (d. 1891) – Her estate papers are in Craven County records.²⁹ She was a minor and her guardian was Seth West, a prominent Dover alderman and businessman.

John Richard Humphrey (1876-1931) was the son of R. J. (Erwin) and Caroline Moore Humphrey³⁰. John R. Humphrey was born on September 30, 1876 and died on June 19, 1931.³¹ John Richard is listed in the 1900 Craven census married to Lola D. Moore, along with children Jesse F., age 2, and Nellie M., age 1.^{32,33} Lola Humphrey died in 1905 and was buried at the Bethany Christian Church in Jasper, NC.³⁴ In 1906 John Richard married his 2nd wife, Lucy C. Wetherington, 1882-1978, daughter of Ruel and Sarah E. Wetherington.³⁵ John R. died in 1931 and was buried in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery.³⁶ Lucy is listed in the 1937 New Bern City Directory as the widow of J. R. Humphrey, along with Hazel Humphrey, a telephone operator, and Eleanor Humphrey, an office secretary, employed by John W. Biddle. These three ladies lived at 22 Queen Street in 1937.³⁷ John’s son, Clen Washington Humphrey (1907 – 1979), married Hazel Bell Griffin in 1927.³⁸ Lucy W. Humphrey died in 1978 and is also buried in New Bern Memorial Cemetery.³⁹ John’s son, Jesse F. Humphrey appears in the 1935 Craven tax list in Cove City.⁴⁰ Jesse died in 1948 and was buried at the Bethany Christian Church along side of his mother, Lola Moore Humphrey.⁴¹

John R. Humphrey is listed in the 1881 New Bern City Directory as a clerk for John B. Ives residing at 10 Crescent Street.⁴² This may be J. R. (Irwin) Humphrey (1848-1925), generally a Tuscarora resident, or yet another J. R. Humphrey.

J. Richard Humphrey (1912-1963) The son of John R. Humphrey (1877-1931) is buried in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. The 1935 Craven tax list contains a J. R. Humphrey, age 23, residing at 22 Queen Street.⁴³ He married Ann Ragsdale, and their son, Richard Humphrey, was born in 1950.

Lewis D. Humphrey (1822-) In the 1850 Jones census, the only male Humphrey listed in Jones County, residing in the Tuckahoe District with Catharine Humphrey, age 48.⁴⁴

Lott S. Humphrey an Onslow resident, married Mary Shackelford in 1828 in Craven County. ⁴⁵ It appears they did not reside in Craven County.

Lotte William Humphrey appears in the 1840 Craven Census, a single head of household in the Core Creek area.⁴⁶ He was the son of William Humphrey of Onslow County.⁴⁷ Lott does not appear in the 1850 Craven Census, however a Rett W. (should be Lott W.) does appear in the Craven County Roll of Honor (CSA).⁴⁸ Lott W. married Rebecca Bradley in Onslow County in 1856.⁴⁹ Lott W. appears in the 1860 Onslow County census as a professor at law.⁵⁰ In 1870, Lott appears in the Wayne County census as a lawyer with property holdings of \$100,000.⁵¹ L. W. Humphrey, a member of Masonic Lodge No. 85, Jacksonville, NC, died in 1891 in Goldsboro, NC.⁵²

L. M. Humphrey (1838 – after 1920) is listed in the 1920 Craven census residing at 153 Middle Street in the 2nd Ward of New Bern. She is listed as age 82, female, head of household and the record states her father was born in North Carolina and her mother was born in Massachusetts.⁵³

Louise Humphrey (12-1860–01-17-1929) is buried in Cedar Grove cemetery (unmarked). ⁵⁴ The 1926 New Bern City Directory lists Louise Humphrey residing in the CC Home for the Aged and Infirm.⁵⁵ She was the daughter of Lemuel Moore of Onslow Co.⁵⁶

Margaret Humphrey (1813 – 1881) - Appears in the 1880 census as a widow living with her son, Hill Humphrey, a clerk in New Bern.⁵⁷ Margaret appears again in the Cedar Grove listing of unmarked graves. ⁵⁸

Another **Margaret Humphrey** (1838 – 1901) is buried in Cedar Grove and the gravestone also reads wife of Albert Elmer Humphrey.⁵⁹

Ozaida Humphrey (1820-) first appears in the 1841 county school districts list with Joseph Humphrey.⁶⁰ Ozaida married Lewis Fife (1815-) in 1842 in Craven County. A Daniel Humphrey is listed as marriage bondsman.⁶¹ Lewis and Ozaida Fife are listed in the 1850 census as living in New Bern and he is listed as blind.⁶²

They are listed in the 1860 census with no others in the household.⁶³ There appears to be no children from this marriage and no records of their deaths or burial locations have been found. She may have been the daughter of Lewis Humphrey or Daniel Humphrey; the relationship is not clear at this time.

William Thomas Humphrey (1868- 1936) and Hortense “Tensia” White were married in 1903.⁶⁴ They are buried in the Hughes-Pate Cemetery near Jasper, NC. William Thomas was the son of Joseph Hill Humphrey and Mary ‘Polly’ Prescott per the *Heritage of Craven County, 1984*.^{65,66} This 2nd marriage for John was recorded in 1871 in Craven County.⁶⁷ Young William appears to have been raised by an uncle, Richard Prescott, as he is listed in the 1880 census, age 9, in the Prescott household in Craven County.⁶⁸ Williams’s father, Joseph, is listed in the 1880 Lenoir census as a widower. Mary Prescott Humphrey appears to have died in childbirth or sometime before 1880.⁶⁹ Willie Humphrey, age 27, appears in the 1900 Craven census.⁷⁰ In 1903, William married Hortense White. Their children were Thelma, Lloyd, and Estelle.⁷¹ William and Tensia Humphrey are buried in the Hughes-Pate Cemetery near Jasper, NC.⁷²

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 - ² 1900 Craven County Census. EN 37, 9th Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
 - ³ 1920 Craven County Census. EN 58, 9th Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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 - ⁶ 1830 Craven County Census. Page 108. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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 - ⁸ 1840 Craven County Census, Page 52. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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 - ¹⁰ Craven County Deeds. Book 42 page 25. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
 - ¹¹ Craven County Marriages (Women). Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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 - ¹⁸ 1935 Craven County Tax List. 9th Township. Craven County Library.
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 - ²³ 1880 Craven County Census. EN 159, 2nd Ward, New Bern. Craven County Library.
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 - ²⁹ Craven County Estates 1745-1945. Microfilm # 892. Craven County Library.
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 - ³¹ Craven County Death Certificate. 1931-140. Craven County Registrar of Deeds
 - ³² 1900 Craven County Census, 9th Township, Microfilm. Craven County Library.
 - ³³ Craven County Marriages, 1851-1905. Volumes 2-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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 - ³⁵ Craven County Marriages (Women). Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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 - ³⁷ 1937 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
 - ³⁸ Along the Neuse, the Craven Bryan Family. Craven County Library.
 - ³⁹ Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1. Craven County Library.
 - ⁴⁰ 1935 Craven County Tax List. 9th Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
 - ⁴¹ Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2. Craven County Library.
 - ⁴² 1880-81 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
 - ⁴³ 1935 Craven County Tax List. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
 - ⁴⁴ 1850 Jones County Census. Page 133A. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
 - ⁴⁵ Craven County Marriage Index, 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
 - ⁴⁶ 1840 Craven County Census. Page 83. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
 - ⁴⁷ Colonists of Carolina. Abee. 1938. Craven County Library.
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 - ⁵¹ 1870 Wayne County Census. EN 316. Goldsboro District. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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 - ⁶¹ Craven County Marriages 1780-1867. Book (Index) Detail (Microfilm). Craven County Library.
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