

## Chapter 10 The Elisha Arnold Family

Elisha Arnold was the grandfather of Julia Eleanor Arnold, the wife of John Humphrey. This large family, surname also spelled Ernul, resided in Craven County, NC over several generations in the community of Perfection in the lower Core Creek area between Fort Barnwell and Jasper, NC.

**Elisha Arnold** was born August 18, 1793 and died April 27, 1876 in Craven County. His parentage has not been determined to date, although there are numerous Arnolds/Ernuls listed in colonial Craven records. Elisha married Susan Smith (aka Susan Wood)<sup>1</sup> on December 13, 1817 in Craven County. Susan was born on October 26, 1803 and died on February 1, 1881 in Craven County.<sup>2</sup> Cannon Smith, possibly a relative, signed the marriage bond. It is said that Susan was the half-sister of Caswell Wood. Elisha and Susan Arnold are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.<sup>3,4</sup>

Elisha appears to be a lifelong resident of Craven County. He is listed in the 1820 Craven census with 1 male less than 5 years of age and 1 female, age 20-26.<sup>5</sup> In 1840, Elisha Arnold appears in the Craven census with 4 males and 5 females.<sup>6</sup>

In the 1840 Craven census, several neighbors listed are of note, Alexander and Abraham Taylor, John T. and Samuel P. Lane, Graves Fonville, and John H. Richardson and Jeremiah Witherington. The Taylors are mentioned in a number of deeds, John T. Lane is discussed in detail in Chapter 15 and Samuel P. Lane is discussed in Chapter 14. Graves Fonville signed the court bond of Johnson H. Bryan in 1848, and Jeremiah Witherington was the ancestor of many of the later Tuscarora Wetheringtons.<sup>7</sup>

School records from 1841 indicate that Elisha was on the school committee for school district No. 4 in 1841. He submitted a list of 39 children, including: Jane B. Lane, Enoch Lane, Lavinia Arnold, Sarah Ann Arnold, Elizabeth Arnold, James, Arnold, Parmely Witherington, Aldridge Witherington, Rual Witherington, Louisa Witherington, Abner Witherington, Joseph Humphrey, Osaida Humphrey, and others to John T. Lane, Superintendent, and signed the document with an 'X'.<sup>8</sup>

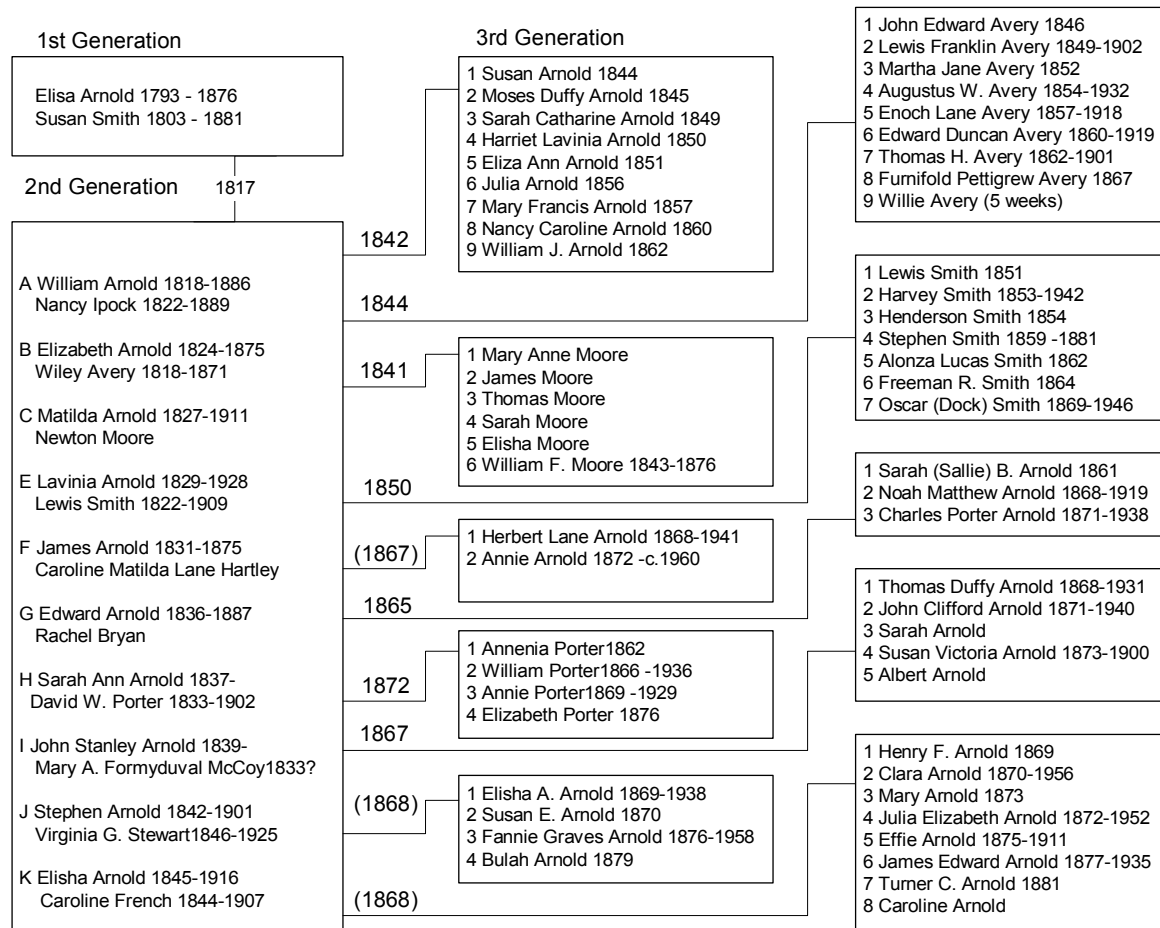
In the 1850 Craven census, Elisha is listed in Schedules 1 and 4.<sup>9</sup> He was a modest farmer, farming 60 of his 200 acres. Not a slaveholder, his household in 1850 was wife Susan, and children Lavinia, James, Edward, Sarah, John, Stephen, and Elisha. Lavinia has been reported in some 1850 census transcriptions as Louisa. Also Elisha's neighbor in 1850 was Nancy Humphrey, widow of Lewis Humphrey and stepmother of Drusilla Humphrey.<sup>10</sup>

In the 1860 Craven census, Elisha is listed with wife, Susan and 4 children in Russell's District. His son William Arnold was his neighbor in 1860.<sup>11</sup>

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In the 1870 Craven census, Elisha is listed with wife, Susan, and daughter Sarah. Elisha's son, William Arnold, was his neighbor.<sup>12</sup>

## Overview of the Elisha Arnold Family



**Figure 56 Overview of the Elisha Arnold Family**

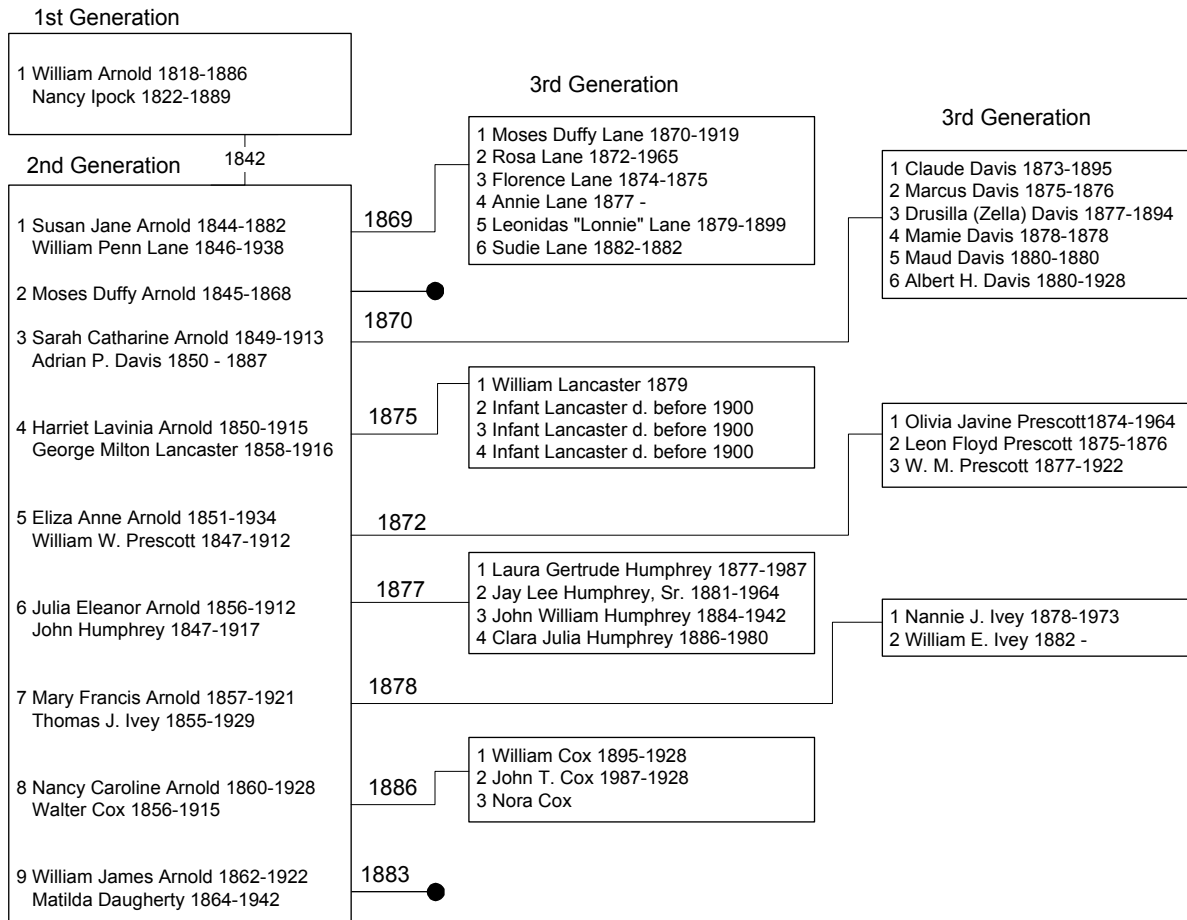
### The children of Elisha Arnold and Susan Smith were:

A. **William Arnold** (1818-1886) William was born in Craven County. He married Nancy Ipock, said to be the daughter of Moses Ipock, on May 9, 1842 in Craven County.<sup>13</sup> Nancy was born in 1803 and died in 1889. William and Nancy's nine children were Susan Arnold, Moses Duffy Arnold, Sarah Catharine Arnold, Harriet Lavinia Arnold, Eliza Ann Arnold Julia Eleanor Arnold, Mary Frances Arnold, Nancy Caroline Arnold, and William J. Arnold. William and Nancy Arnold are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.<sup>14</sup>

- B. **Elizabeth Arnold** (1824-1875) Elizabeth was born in 1824 and died on June 13, 1875.<sup>15</sup> She married Wiley Avery on June 15, 1844 in Craven County.<sup>16</sup> Wiley Avery was born in 1818 and died August 21, 1871.<sup>17</sup> Their nine children were: John Edward Avery, Lewis Franklin Avery, Martha Jane Avery, Augustus Washington Avery, Enoch Lane Avery, Edward Duncan Avery, Thomas Avery, Furnifold Pettigrew Avery, and Willie Avery.<sup>18</sup> Elizabeth, Wiley, Thomas, and Willie Avery are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.<sup>19</sup>
- C. **Matilda Arnold** (1827 – 1911) was born on August 24, 1827 and died on July 5, 1911. Matilda married Newton Moore on February 8, 1841 in Craven County.<sup>20</sup> Their six children were: Mary Anne Moore, James Moore, Thomas Moore, Sarah Moore, Elisha Moore, and William F. Moore. William F. Moore (1843 - 1876) married Jane Wood (1846 – 1916), the daughter of Caswell Wood and Betsy Wright. Matilda Arnold Moore is buried in the Daugherty Cemetery near the Wintergreen community of Craven County.<sup>21</sup>
- D. **Lavinia Arnold** (1827 –1928) aka Lovinia was born on December 27, 1827 and died on December 15, 1928 in Craven County. Lavinia Arnold married Lewis Smith on October 12, 1850 in Craven County.<sup>22</sup> Lewis was born on December 22, 1822 and died on March 19, 1909. Their seven children were: Lewis Smith, Harvey Smith, Henderson Smith, Stephen Smith, Alonza Lucas Smith, Freeman R. Smith, and Oscar (Dock) Smith. Lavinia and Lewis Smith are buried in the Smith Cemetery on Dover – Ft. Barnwell Road in Craven County.
- E. **James Arnold** (1831 - 1875) James married Caroline Matilda Lane Hartley, the widow of Joseph Hartley about 1866. Their son was Herbert Lane Arnold.
- F. **Edward Arnold** (1836-1887) was born on April 26, 1836 and died on May 26, 1887.<sup>23</sup> He married Rachel Ann Bryan on July 25, 1865 in Craven County.<sup>24</sup> Their three children were Sarah (Sallie) B. Arnold, Noah Matthew Arnold, and Charles Porter Arnold. Edward Arnold is buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection<sup>25</sup>, his wife Rachel Ann Bryan Arnold was born in 1838 and died on January 6, 1896, daughter of Frederick Bryan. Rachel is buried in the Quinn Cemetery in the Wintergreen near Cove City.<sup>26</sup>
- G. **Sarah Arnold** (1837-) Sarah married David W. Porter on August 30, 1872 in Craven County, a Methodist minister, and the son of William and Lydia Porter of Carteret County. David W. Porter was born on December 21, 1833 and died on May 24, 1902. The children of Sarah and David Porter were Annenia, William, Annie, and Elizabeth. D. W. Porter is buried in the Asbury Cemetery.
- H. **John Stanley Arnold** (1839 -) married a widow, Mary Amanda Formyduval McCoy in 1867. John and Mary had five children, Thomas Duffy Arnold, John Clifford Arnold, Sarah Arnold, Susan Victoria Arnold, and Albert Arnold.
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- I. **Stephen Arnold** (1842-1901) was born on February 2, 1842 in Craven County and died June 14, 1901 in Craven County.<sup>27</sup> He married Virginia G. Stewart, daughter of James Stewart and Jane Loftin about 1868. Virginia was born on March 11, 1946 and died May 22, 1925.<sup>28</sup> Stephen and Virginia are buried in the Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery in Craven County.<sup>29</sup>
- J. **Elisha Freeman Arnold** (1845-1916) was born on May 25, 1945 in Craven County and died on July 1, 1916 in Craven County.<sup>30</sup> He married Caroline (Carrie) French about 1870. Caroline was born on January 1, 1844 and died March 7, 1907.<sup>31</sup> Their eight children were Henry F. Arnold, Clara Arnold, Mary Arnold, Julia Elizabeth Arnold, Effie Arnold, Turner C. Arnold, James Edward Arnold, and Caroline Arnold. Elisha F. and Caroline Arnold are buried in the Beech Grove Methodist Church Cemetery at Bellair.<sup>32</sup>

## Overview of the William Arnold Family



**Figure 57 Overview of the William Arnold Family**

## The William Arnold Family

**William Arnold** (1818-1886) William, the eldest son of Elisha Arnold was born in Craven County. He married Nancy Ipock, said to be the daughter of Moses Ipock, on May 9, 1842 in Craven County.<sup>33</sup> Nancy was born in 1822 and died in 1889 in Craven County. William and Nancy Arnold are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.<sup>34</sup>

William Ernul (Arnold) appears in the 1850 Craven census along with wife, Nancy, and children, Susan, Moses, Sarah, and Harriet. William was listed as a farmer, with property valued at \$1500. He is also listed on Schedule 2, as owing 5 slaves. He lived in the Russell's District of Craven County.<sup>35</sup>

In the 1860 Craven census, William Arnold is listed as a farmer in Russell's District. His household consisted of wife, Nancy and 5 children. Also in the household was Lovey (or Lovicy) Ipock, age 54, possibly the mother of his wife, Nancy.<sup>36</sup>

In the 1870 Craven census, William Arnold was listed as a farmer in 9<sup>th</sup> Township (renamed from Russell's District) along with wife Nancy and 3 children. Also listed in the household is John Taylor.<sup>37</sup>

In the 1880 Craven census, William Arnold was listed in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township, along with wife Nancy, and children Annie and William. Also in the household was Sarah Arnold, daughter-in-law, Thomas Ivey, son-in-law, Nannie Arnold, granddaughter, and Duffy Lane, grandson.<sup>38</sup>

In the book, *The Historic Architecture of New Bern and Craven County*, the homes of William Arnold and his son, William J. Arnold are pictured. William Arnold's home was built circa 1850-1860 and still stands in 2002 in Perfection, NC on NC Highway 55. Peter Sandbeck's book also shows a photo of the William Arnold, Jr. home, which was located across the road from the home of his father. This structure burned in the 1990s after it was damaged in a hurricane.<sup>39</sup>

### The children of William Arnold and Nancy Ipock were:

- A. **Susan Jane Arnold** (1844- 1882) was born in Craven County in 1844 and died in Craven County in 1882. Susan married William Penn Lane on August 30, 1872 in Craven County. Their six children were Moses Duffy Lane, Rosa Lane, Florence Lane, Annie Lane, Leonidas (Lonnie) Lane, and Sudie Lane. William Penn Lane was born February 14, 1846 and died on December 12, 1926. William P. Lane later married Julia H. Lane (1872-1960). Susan Arnold Lane and William P. Lane are buried in the Fort Barnwell Baptist Church Cemetery. Their children, Moses, Rosa, Florence, Lonnie and Sudie are also buried in this cemetery. Julia H. Lane is buried in the Lane Cemetery on Lane Farm Road near Fort Barnwell.
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**Figure 58** *Home of William Arnold*

*Built circa 1850-1860, located in Perfection on US Highway 55. Held in the Arnold family for several generations, this photo was taken in 2002 by the author.*

- B. **Moses Duffy Arnold** (1845-1868) was born on December 6, 1845 and died on July 28, 1868 in Craven County. He never married and is buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.
- C. **Sarah Catharine Arnold** (1849-1913) was born on December 19, 1849 and died on November 18, 1913 in Craven County. She married Adrian P. Davis on December 21, 1870. Adrian was born on January 21, 1850 and died on October 6, 1887. Adrian was the son of Richard and Catherine Prescott Davis. The six children of Sarah and Adrian P. Davis were Claude Davis, Marcus Davis, Drusilla (Zella) Davis, Mamie Davis, Maud Davis, and Albert H. Davis. Sarah and Adrian and their children except Albert H. Davis are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection. Albert H. Davis and his wife Nannie J. Ivey are buried in the Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery.
- D. **Harriet Lavinia Arnold** (1850-1915) was born on May 10, 1850 and died on February 2, 1915 in Craven County. She married George Milton Lancaster on December 22, 1875 in Craven County. George Milton Lancaster was born on July 11, 1848 and died on May 10, 1916 in Craven County. The 1900 Craven census lists a son, William Lancaster born about 1879. The census also indicates three other deceased children. Harriet and George M. Lancaster are buried in a family plot 8 miles south of Fort Barnwell on NC Highway 55.
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E. **Eliza Ann Arnold** was born in 1851 and died in 1934. She married William W. Prescott on July 28, 1872 in Craven County. William W. Prescott was born on July 17, 1847 and died on May 22, 1912 in Craven County. Their three children were Olivia Javine Prescott, Leon Floyd Prescott, and W. M. Prescott. The family is buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.

F. **Julia Eleanor Arnold** was born on October 28, 1856 and died on January 28, 1912 in Craven County. Julia married John Humphrey on February 21, 1877 at her father's residence in Perfection. John Humphrey was born on April 1, 1847 and died on January 13, 1917. Julia and John made their home in Clarks and their four children were Laura Gertrude Humphrey, Jay Lee Humphrey, John William Humphrey and Clara Julia Humphrey. Julia and John Humphrey are buried in the family cemetery near Deep Branch in Clarks.

*See Chapters 6 and 7 on the Humphrey families.*

G. **Mary Frances Arnold** was born on October 26, 1857 and died on December 9, 1921 in Craven County. Mary married Thomas J. Ivey on March 15, 1878 in Craven County. Thomas J. Ivey was born on April 21, 1855 and died on November 22, 1929. Their only child was Nannie J. Ivey. Nannie married Albert H. Davis. All are buried in the Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery.

H. **Nancy (Nannie) Caroline Arnold** was born on February 4, 1861 and died on May 10, 1928. She married Walter Cox on December 17, 1886. Walter Cox was born on July 15, 1856 and died on December 1, 1915. Their four children were Abraham (Abe) Cox, William Cox, John T. Cox, and Nora Cox. Nancy and Walter Cox are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.

I. **William James Arnold** was born on March 26, 1862 and died on June 6, 1922. He married Matilda Daugherty in 1883. Matilda Daugherty was born on October 1, 1864 and died on May 1, 1942. William J. Arnold is listed as Postmaster at Perfection in May 1888. This post office was discontinued in 1903. William and Matilda are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection. In the 1900 census Ada Arnold, age 22, is also listed in the household as a sister with a boarder, Lucy Taylor. Ada was Ada Daugherty, sister to Matilda D. Arnold. The 1900 census indicates William and Matilda had been married for 16 years and had no children.

Of William Arnold's two sons, Moses Duffy died unmarried at the age of 23. His other son William J. Arnold had no children. The seven daughters of William Arnold had many children and there are many descendants in the Craven County area.

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**The grandchildren of William Arnold and Nancy Ipock were:**

- A. Susan Jane Arnold and William Penn Lane.
    - 1. Moses Duffy Lane 1879 – 1919 m. Malvina Dawson
    - 2. Rosa Lane 1872 – 1965 m. William Lemuel Barwick
    - 3. Florence Lane 1874 – 1875
    - 4. Annie Lane 1877 - m. Joseph Kinsey
    - 5. Leonidas “Lonnie” Lane 1879 – 1899
    - 6. Sudie Lane 1882 – 1882
  
  - B. Moses Duffy Arnold – never married, no children.
  
  - C. Sarah Catharine Arnold and David W. Porter.
    - 1. Claude Davis 1873-1895
    - 2. Marcus Davis 1875-1876
    - 3. Drusilla (Zella) Davis 1877-1894
    - 4. Mamie Davis 1878-1878
    - 5. Maud Davis 1880-1880
    - 6. Albert H. Davis 1880-1928 m. Nannie J. Ivey.
  
  - D. Harriet Lavinia Arnold and George Milton Lancaster
    - 1. William D. Lancaster
  
  - E. Eliza Jane Arnold and William W. Prescott
    - 1. Olivia Javine Prescott 1874-1964
    - 2. Leon Floyd Prescott 1875-1876
    - 3. W. M. Prescott 1877-1922
  
  - F. Julia Eleanor Arnold and John Humphrey.
    - 1. Laura Gertrude Humphrey 1879 – 1899
    - 2. Jay Lee Humphrey 1881- 1964 m. Stella Rosa Pittman.
    - 3. John William Humphrey 1884 – 1942 m. Eva Lane Pittman.
    - 4. Clara Julia Humphrey 1886 – 1890 m. Haliburton J. Foscue.
  
  - G. Mary Frances Arnold and Thomas J. Ivey.
    - 1. Nannie J. Ivey 1878 - 1973
    - 2. William Ivey 1882 –
  
  - H. Nancy Caroline Arnold and Walter Cox.
    - 1. William Cox 1895-1928 m. Eula Mae Moore.
    - 2. John T. Cox 1987-1928 m. Sadie Quinn.
    - 3. Nora Cox m. Edward Cox.
  
  - I. William J. Arnold and Matilda Daugherty.
    - 1. No children.
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- <sup>1</sup> Heritage of Craven County, Volume I. 1984. Article 72. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>2</sup> Craven County Marriage Index. 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>4</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>5</sup> 1820 Craven County Census, Page 68. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>6</sup> 1840 Craven County Census. Page 76. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>7</sup> 1840 Craven County Census. Pages 75-77. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>11</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. Russell's District. EN 494. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>12</sup> 1870 Craven County Census. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>13</sup> Craven County Marriage Index. 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>15</sup> Ibid.
  - <sup>16</sup> Craven County Marriage Index. 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>17</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>18</sup> The Heritage of Craven County, NC. Volume I. 1984. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>19</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2. Craven County Library.
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