

Chapter 4 Solomon Wetherington 1761 – 1840

Solomon Wetherington was born in 1761 in the Dobbs County, NC five miles from Kingston (now Kinston in Lenoir County). ^{1,2,3}

The Internet is a copious source of genealogical information on Solomon, but most of the information is undocumented and equivocal. Records in Craven County conflict with much of the Internet information and the loss of many early Lenoir County records leaves many reported claims unproven. This researcher gives precedence to the county records over undocumented Internet sources.

Recent researchers report Solomon as the son of Thomas Wetherington, and the grandson of Solomon Wetherington (1703-1766). Other older sources from circa 1920 report Solomon as the son of Richard Wetherington.⁴ A Richard Whetenton and son, Solomon, appears in Johnston County, NC records but this Solomon was a separate entity. Records show our Solomon was born in Dobbs County, married Mary Moore, and moved to the Moseley Creek area on the Lenoir – Craven County line prior to the 1790 census. About 1796 Solomon and family relocated to Bachelor Creek in Tuscarora along with Solomon's brothers and families.

Solomon Wetherington's service in the Revolution is well documented. ⁵ A 1780 Dobbs County Militia roster includes Soloman Witherington in Captain Harvey's company. ⁶ Pension records have Private Solomon Wetherington serving several enlistments as a private soldier. ⁷ He was awarded a pension at the age of 73 for his service in the Revolution. ⁸ A Solomon Wetherington is listed in a 1788 voter list of Dobbs County.⁹ Other Dobbs County records have a Solomon Wetherington named in deeds from 1784 – 1798. ¹⁰

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Solomon Wetherington married **Mary Moore** c. 1766 – 1822 in 1782. ¹¹ Mary Moore (aka O'Moore) was the daughter of **Richard Moore** of Contentnea Creek, an area now in Lenoir and Greene County. ^{12,13} Deed transactions also indicate Solomon conferring property in the Wheat Swamp area of northern Lenoir County.¹⁴ It is not known when Solomon and Mary Wetherington moved to the Craven County area, however by 1790, Solomon Whittington is listed the Craven County census in the Moseley creek area along with one male less than 16 years of age and four females.¹⁵ This listing is consistent with a wife and the birth dates of their first four children. Deed transactions also indicate Solomon and Mary Wetherington were likely living in western part of Craven County, north of Dover in the Moseley Creek area about 1790.¹⁶ Solomon purchased land in the Bachelor Creek area first in 1796, and by 1805 Solomon appears well established in the Bachelor Creek area. There are several deeds for Solomon and his brothers in the Bachelor Creek area. Solomon Wetherington is also listed in the 1800¹⁷, 1820¹⁸, 1830¹⁹ and 1840²⁰ Craven County census. During the period of 1800-1840,

Solomon and his brothers, James, Joseph, Thomas, and William all lived in the Bachelor Creek area in Craven County, NC. ²¹

In 1820, Solomon conveyed property on Bachelor Creek to two sons William and Thomas via a gift deed:

Solomon Wetherington to William & Thomas Wetherington 1820 ²²

Craven Deed Book 41 Page 491 (GIFT DEED)

Solomon "giveth unto" William and Thomas land on the west side of Bachelor Creek beginning at McCubbins patent... To Smith's Pond... 50 acres apiece. Witnessed by Gideon and Will(iam) Wetherington. Proved by the grantor, March Term 1820.

In 1828, Solomon conveyed his property on Limbo Branch (now known as Rollover Creek) to two sons, James and Solomon, Jr. via a gift deed:

Solomon Wetherington to James Wetherington & Solomon Wetherington 1828 ²³

Craven County Deed Book 46 Page 206 (GIFT DEED)

For \$2.00 land on both sides of Bachelor Creek in the fork of Limbo Branch where Limbo enters pocosin. To John H. Richardson's line... From Hudler's Pond... to Stanley's line... Reserved a life estate for myself and wife Susan of house and plantation. Witnessed by Mary Civils and Jeremiah Heath. Proved Feb Term 1829 by the grantor.

Four of Solomon's sons received land directly from their father as gift deeds. However there are no records of any direct conveyances to sons Jesse, Joseph, Richard, or Jeremiah.

Mary Moore Wetherington died in 1822 and was buried in the family graveyard in Tuscarora. ²⁴ Solomon married **Susannah Davis** on September 20, 1823 in Craven County. ²⁵ Most researchers report no children by this marriage.

The issue of Solomon Wetherington is problematic, as his will of 1840 does not directly name his heirs. One source of confusion is the Church of Latter Day Saints' record reporting 17 heirs. Two of the LDS reported heirs are proven incorrect by other county records therefore the total of 17 is in error. An often-repeated tale of LDS records saving the list of heirs before the estate papers were lost appears to be a fabrication. Although three receipts may have been lost from the estate file, the summary of the estate dispersement clearly indicates 13 heirs, not the 17 heirs common listed in many accounts.

One argument for the heir count discrepancy is the possible death of the heirs prior to Solomon's death or settlement, but this supposition is not valid as all of the potential heirs were alive for several years after the death of Solomon Wetherington.

It also appears that the younger Wetherington siblings associated with 2nd wife, Susannah Davis, and her will of 1840 reveals names of several of the younger siblings, including daughter Nancy which brings the known heir count to eleven.

An unmarried Mary Wetherington lived with Solomon Wetherington for 20 years from 1850 to 1870 and is most likely the 12th heir.

Reportedly, the youngest daughter and 13th heir, Susan Wetherington, is not named directly but she does appear in the household of Solomon Wetherington, Jr. in the 1840 census as a widow with a male child, her son Thomas Outlaw.

This leaves two widely reported children of Solomon Wetherington as suspect: Jeremiah Wetherington and Lovicy Wetherington. Reported as children by numerous researchers, no records have been found in Craven County proving or disproving these persons as issue of Solomon Wetherington.

The fact remains at this time all of the proven children and reported children were alive at the dispersement of the estate. Therefore it is most likely there were only thirteen true heirs (children) to Solomon Wetherington's estate.

The children of **Solomon Wetherington** and **Mary Moore**: ^{26, 27, 28, 29}

Known by their estate receipts of 1843 (1–10).

1. **Sarah Wetherington** (1783 – after 1850) Sarah married **Alexander Taylor** (1776- after 1850) in 1803 in Craven County. ³⁰ Alexander is listed in the 1840 Craven census³¹ and the 1850 census lists Alexander Taylor along with Sarah and a possible grandson, Isaac Taylor, age 21. ³²

The children of Alexander Taylor and Sarah Wetherington: ³³

- a. Isaac Taylor (1803-)
 - b. James Taylor (1804-) m. Sally Jones
 - c. Jane Taylor (1805-) m. Arnold Watson
 - d. Robert Taylor (1812-)
 - e. Mary (Polly) Taylor (1814-) m. Nehemiah Riggs (1793- 1869)
 - f. Lewis Taylor (1817-) m. Elizabeth Glover
 - g. Alexander Taylor, Jr. (1817-) m. Phebe Wetherington
 - h. Stephen Taylor (1823-) m. Rebecca Wetherington
2. **Jesse Wetherington** (1785/91 – 1863) Jesse married **Lydia P. Davis** in 1812 in Craven County.³⁴ Lydia (b.1776-9) was the daughter of Lawson Davis (1753-) and Dorcas Adams.³⁵ Lydia's brother was Lawson Wesley Davis, also a Tuscarora resident. ³⁶ Jesse and Lydia appear in the 1820 Craven census³⁷, the 1830 Carteret census ³⁸, and the 1840, 1850 and 1860 Craven County censuses. ^{39, 40, 41}

Jesse Wetherington and Lydia Davis had four known children: ⁴²

- a. Erasmus Samuel Wetherington 1813 – 1893 married Marina ⁴³

- b. Lawson Davis Wetherington (1820- after 1880) married Dove Littleton ⁴⁴
- c. Beneta Davis Wetherington 1820-1903 married John Stewart ⁴⁵
- d. Clement Lemuel Wetherington 1824-1906 married Julia A. White ⁴⁶

See Chapter 7, Jesse Wetherington

3. **Hannah Wetherington** (c. 1785- after 1842) married a **Woolard**.⁴⁷ Hannah Woolard received a share of Solomon Wetherington's estate in 1842 and an heir receipt is in the estate file.⁴⁸ Hannah's possible younger sister, Susan, later married a Carney (Canney) Woolard, but the relationship of Carney to Hannah's husband, if any, is unknown. Hannah does not appear in any other Craven records.
4. **Richard Wetherington** (1790 - after 1850) married **Nancy Carroll** on June 6, 1813 in Craven County.⁴⁹ Nancy Carroll is also listed in some genealogies as Nancy Carol Lamotte or Lanette. There may have been a previous marriage for Nancy prior to Richard Wetherington. Richard does not appear in the Craven census for 1820 or 1830. The 1840 Stokes County, NC census lists Richard Wetherington, age 40-50, a son, age 16-20, and 4 females in the household.⁵⁰ The 1850 Davidson County, NC census lists Richard age 60, Nancy age 54, and a Mary E. Wetherington, age 28.⁵¹
5. **William Henry Wetherington** (1795- after 1860) married **Elizabeth (Betsey) Moore** in 1822 in Craven County and lived in the Tuscarora area.⁵² A receipt for William's share of Solomon's estate survives. William Wetherington appears in the 1840, 1850, and 1860 Craven census. The children of William Wetherington and Elizabeth Moore were: ⁵³
 - a. Riley Wetherington 1829 - 1863 m. Mary Ann Taylor. ^{54,55}
 - b. Hannisville (Hansey) Wetherington (1823-) m. Isaac Harrison ^{56, 57}
 - c. Robert Wetherington (1842 -) ⁵⁸
6. **Anna Wetherington** (1797- after 1860) married **John Taylor** on January 21, 1820 in Craven County.⁵⁹ John Taylor died before 1850. Anna also received a share of Solomon's estate. John and Anna appear in the 1840 and 1850 Craven census. Anna is listed as an apparent widow in the 1860 Craven census.

The children of Anna Wetherington and John Taylor were: ^{60,61}

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1821-1824)
 - b. William Taylor (before 1825)
 - c. Ivey Taylor (1825 -)
 - d. Frederick Taylor (1827 -) possibly married Penelope Woolard⁶²
 - e. John Taylor (1829 -)
 - f. Solomon Taylor (1825- 1830)
 - g. Nancy Taylor (1825-1830)
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- h. Josiah Taylor (1831 -) m. 1st Mary Stewart Moore ⁶³, 2nd Clara Ann Bratcher ⁶⁴
 - i. Mary Ann Taylor (1839 -) married Riley Wetherington ⁶⁵
7. **Thomas Wetherington** (1798-after 1870) married (1st) **Susanna Davis** in 1820 in Craven County⁶⁶ and married (2nd) Keziah Tyson (1804- after 1860) on November 12, 1828 in Craven County.⁶⁷ Thomas does not appear in the 1830 or 1840 Craven census, but his son, Absolum appears in the 1841 Craven school census.⁶⁸ Thomas and Keziah Wetherington moved to Gibson County, TN prior to 1850 and they appear in the 1850 and 1860 Gibson County census along with their children.^{69,70} A Thomas Wetherington appears in the 1870 Marion County, Oregon census as age 72, born in NC.⁷¹

The child of Thomas Wetherington and Susanna Davis:

- a. Ira Witherington (1827 -)

The children of Thomas Wetherington and Keziah Tyson were: ^{72,73}

- b. Absolum Witherington (1829-) m. Harriet Glisson⁷⁴
 - c. Henry T. Witherington (1831 -) m. Ellender
 - d. Julia Ann Witherington (1835-) born in TN.
8. **Joseph Wetherington** (1802 - after 1842) married **Mary Ann Fooks** (Fewkes) in 1831 in Craven County.⁷⁵ He does not appear in the 1830, 1840, 1850, or 1860 Craven censuses. Joseph received a share of his father's estate. Joseph appears only the estate record of Solomon Wetherington and the marriage bonds of Craven county.
9. **Solomon Wetherington, Jr.** 1804-1880 married (1st) **Rachel Matthews** 1798-1853 in 1832 in Lenoir County⁷⁶ after Rachel's death in 1853 ^{77,78}, he married (2nd) **Harriet Ipock Avery** (aka Averitt) in 1854 in Craven County.⁷⁹ Solomon died in 1880 from dropsy ^{80,81} and was buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora.⁸²

The children of Solomon, Jr and Rachel Matthews were: ⁸³

- a. John Herring Wetherington 1833 – 1910 m. Siddle Daugherty.⁸⁴
- b. Mary Elizabeth Wetherington 1835 – 1917 m. James Harriett.⁸⁵
- c. James Thomas Wetherington 1837 – 1917 m. Charlie Ann Averitt.⁸⁶
- d. Holland Ann Wetherington 1840 – 1882 never married.⁸⁷

Rachel Matthews died in 1853 in Craven County and was buried in the family graveyard at Tuscarora. ^{88,89} Solomon, Jr. married (2nd) **Harriet Ipock Avery (Averett)** widow of Stephen Averitt in 1854 in Craven County.⁹⁰ Craven County Court minutes record Clement L. Wetherington was appointed the guardian for William John and Charles Ann Averitt.⁹¹ The

children from her 1st marriage also lived in the home in Tuscarora, daughter Charlie (aka Challey, Charlene) and son, William J. Averitt.⁹² Harriet Wetherington died in 1884 and was buried in a family cemetery at Oak Forest⁹³ on Asbury Road in Craven County with her 1st husband, Stephen Averitt, and son, William J. Averitt (1840) – 1861. ⁹⁴

The children of Solomon, Jr. and Harriet Ipock Averitt were: ^{95,96,97}

- e. Oliver Hazard Perry Wetherington 1860-1919 m. Nannie Daugherty. ⁹⁸
- f. Henry Clay Wetherington 1858 – 1859 ⁹⁹
- g. Edward Duffy Wetherington 1862 – 1942 ¹⁰⁰ never married.
- h. Nannie Caroline Wetherington 1855- 1935 ¹⁰¹m. 1st John G. Smith 1839-1889 ^{102,103}, 2nd Jesse Atkinson 1852-1918 ¹⁰⁴

See Chapter 9, Solomon Wetherington, Jr.

10. **James Wetherington** (1805- after 1850) James Wetherington is listed in the 1840 Craven census with an apparent wife and 3 young males and 1 young female.¹⁰⁵ James and **Nancy** Witherington¹⁰⁶ 1803 – 1879 moved to Gibson County, TN sometime after 1840. A letter from James and Nancy dated 1850 in Gibson County, TN to family in Craven County also survives.¹⁰⁷ There is also a James R. Wetherington (1805-1843) married to a Nancy Keen that is sometimes attributed to the the son of Solomon, however, a personal letter to Jeremiah Heath in 1850 from James and Nancy in Gibson Co, TN appears to settle the issue with James' migration to Tennessee.

The children (all born in NC) of James and Nancy Wetherington were: ^{108,109}

- a. Alexander Witherington (1836-)
- b. Stephen Witherington 1837-1929 ¹¹⁰ m. Elizabeth
- c. Ann Witherington (1839-)
- d. Daniel Witherington 1840-1819 ¹¹¹ m. Julia

Named in the will of Susannah D. Wetherington of 1840 (11th heir).

11. **Nancy Wetherington** (1810- after 1880) married **Lemuel Davis**, the son of Clement L. Davis and Dorcas Wetherington, in 1835 in Craven County.¹¹² Lemuel Davis died about 1843 and his estate was recorded in Craven County.¹¹³ C. L. Davis and Nancy appear in the 1840 Craven census in the Tuscarora area.¹¹⁴ Lemuel died about 1843 and Nancy appears as an apparent widow in the 1850 and 1860 Craven censuses. ^{115,116} Nancy Wetherington Davis appears in the 1870 and 1880 Craven census in the household of George and Mary Davis Lewis. ^{117, 118}

The children of Lemuel Davis and Nancy Wetherington were: ¹¹⁹

- a. Joseph S. Davis (1837 –)
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- b. John S. Davis (1839 –)
- c. Mary D. Davis (1841 -) m. 1st Alfred Wetherington¹²⁰, 2nd George Lewis¹²¹
- d. Jane L. Davis 1843 - 1892 m. Daniel Daugherty 1832 - 1893 ^{122, 123}

The apparent sister living with brother, Solomon, Jr. (12th heir):

12. **Mary Wetherington** (1788 – c. 1872) Mary appears in the 1850¹²⁴, 1860¹²⁵ and 1870¹²⁶ census, an apparent spinster, living in the household of Solomon Wetherington, Jr. in Tuscarora. Mary does not appear in the heir receipts for the estate of Solomon Wetherington of 1843. Some researchers have incorrectly reported the marriage of this Mary to Hardy Smith in 1834. Hardy Smith, the crier or auctioneer for the Solomon estate married a Mary Wetherington, but Hardy Smith's estate record indicates his wife, Mary, died in January 1850. ¹²⁷ Hardy died about April 1850 and the two children, John G. and Mary Smith were wards of Clement L. Davis until his death in 1855, when Solomon, Jr. became their guardian.¹²⁸ Subsequently, the children are often incorrectly reported as issue of this Mary Wetherington, however this Mary would have been over 50 years of age at the birth of John G. Smith. The parents of this Mary Wetherington Smith are also unknown. The circumstances of Mary living with Solomon, Jr. for over 20 years suggests a close family tie, such as a sister.

The apparent sister living with brother, Solomon, Jr. (13th heir):

13. **Susan Wetherington** (1808- after 1850) married **Hardy Outlaw** in 1825 in Craven County.¹²⁹ The 1840 Craven County census lists additional persons on the household of Solomon Wetherington, Jr. consistent with Susan Outlaw and her son Thomas.¹³⁰ A second marriage occurred on November 17, 1840 in Craven County, when Susan Outlaw married **Canny (aka Corney or Canady) Woolard**, a possible relative of Hannah Wetherington Woolard. Craven County Court minutes for 1848 reveal a Canada Woolard returning a list of taxables for his property of 25 acres on the south side of Bachelor Creek.¹³¹ The 1850 Craven census lists a Corney and Susan Wetherington with a Thomas Outlaw in the household, Susan's son by 1st husband, Hardy Outlaw.¹³²

The known child of Susan Wetherington and Hardy Outlaw:

- a. Thomas E. Outlaw 1829- 1898 m. Mary Brinkley 1831- 1903 ^{133, 134}

Widely reported as children of Solomon Wetherington, but no supporting or contradictory records were found in Craven County records:

14. **Jeremiah Wetherington** (1789 – c. 1848) married **Nancy Charlotte Davis** in 1816 in Craven County.¹³⁵ Jeremiah is listed in the 1820¹³⁶ and 1830¹³⁷ and 1840¹³⁸ Craven County census. In the 1830 Craven census.

Jeremiah is listed with a female (age 30-40) and 2 male and 3 female minors under 15 years of age. No direct proof of Jeremiah being the son of Solomon has been found in any Craven County records. Also Jeremiah does not appear in the 1790 household of Solomon Wetherington, as he should have been listed if born in 1789.

The six known children of Jeremiah Wetherington and Nancy Davis were: ¹³⁹

- a. Dorcas Wetherington (1818 - b.1876) married Redding (Rigdon) Taylor.¹⁴⁰
- b. Amos Wetherington 1820 – 1893 married 1st Mary Frances Owens¹⁴¹ and 2nd Clarky Cannon Yates.¹⁴²
- c. Rebecca Wetherington 1820 – 1898 married Stephen Taylor.¹⁴³
- d. Phoebe Wetherington (1827 - 1909) married 1st, Alexander Taylor,¹⁴⁴ and married, 2nd, Caswell Wood¹⁴⁵.
- e. Abner Wetherington (1830 - 1865) married Elizabeth Hawkins.¹⁴⁶
- f. Alfred Wetherington (1832-1865) married Mary D. Davis.¹⁴⁷

See Chapter 8 Jeremiah Wetherington.

15. **Lovicy (aka Vicie) Wetherington** (1790/3- after 1860) married 1st a **Hardy**. Vicie Wetherington Hardy married 2nd Thomas C. Smith in Craven County in 1848.¹⁴⁸ Vicity, age 60, is listed in the 1850 Craven census along with Thomas Smith, age 46. ¹⁴⁹ Thomas C. Smith died before 1853 and his estate record names Lovicy as receiving a year's widow's provision.¹⁵⁰ In the 1860 census, Vicity Smith, age 80? (strike through on census) is in the household of Rhoderick S. Wetherington, son of John C. Wetherington, along with Lawson D. Wetherington in Tuscarora.¹⁵¹ No records proving Lovicy to be a daughter of Solomon has been found. No record of issue for Lovicy has been found.
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 I Solomon Wetherington Senior being
 in sound mind and memory do make and
 Ordain this my last will and testimony
 In manner and form following first I
 recommend my soul to god that give Secondly
 my will to is that my personally property
 shall be disposed of as follows that is
 to say first I give and bequith to my
 wife Susanna One half of all my parrish
 parrishable or personally property that I may
 die Seid and possesed of and my will is
 that all my personally and parrishable proper
 ty be sold on a credit of six months credit
 and after paying all claims due against my
 Said Estate - according to law then my
 will is that my wife Susanna shall have
 one half of all moneys due to my Said Estate
 and one half of all the sale of my property
 after paying my debts and my will is further that
 the other half be equally divided among
 my heirs my will is that my wife Susanna
 and Samuel Davis be my lawful
 Executors and managers according to this
 my last will and testimony In witness
 I the Said Solomon Wetherington hath
 her unto set my hand and side the 11 of June 1839
 test Jeremiah Heath T. Solomon Wetherington 
 James Wetherington
 Solo Wetherington
 Samuel Davis Jr.

Figure 10 Will of Solomon Wetherington, 1839 ¹⁵²

A public sale of his personal property reveals the following personal items and purchasers: ¹⁵³

**Invetary and County sale of the property of Solomon
Wetherington, senr dec. Vandue the 20 of August 1840**

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Dollars.Cents

1 plow, 1 ads. 1 frow	Abraham Taylor	0.50
2 hoes, 1 spade	Widdow	0.10
2 hoes 2 ascas	Solo Wetherington	0.50
3 hoes. 1 spade	Erasmus S. Wetherington	0.55
1 Basc of trumpery	Joseph Green	0.55
2 cutting ascas	Widdow	0.40
1 guge, 1 pare of stiliyards	Solo Wetherington	1.50
1 saddle, 1 bag	Joel Debrule	4.00
1 Warping bares, screals, sprulls	Widdow	0.20
1 Pine table	John Taylor	0.55
1 Pine desk	John Taylor	2.65
1 handsaw. 1 knife. 1 pare of shears	L. W. Davis	1.00
1 bag. 1 jair. 3 gugs	Widdow	1.50
1 barrel with some meal	Widdow	0.95
2 trayes. 1 bole. 2 meal bags	Widdow	1.30
1 measure and trumpeary	John Stewart	0.25
2 tubs. 1 half barrel. 2 barrels	Thomas Gray	0.85
1 jare. 1 bottle of turpintine	Widdow	0.26
1 coffey mill. 1 girddle	Widdow	0.55
1 tin bake and 3 pans	Widdow	0.50
1 Lot of trumpery	Lewis White	0.90
1 wood bole. 1 bunch of candle	Widdow	0.10
1 gin. 3 barrels. trumpery	James Wetherington	0.70
1 Frow. 1 asc. 1 howel. 1 cumperses	John Stewart	1.05
1 mortar. 1 wood mill. Barrels. 1 table	Solo Wetherington	0.60
1 hogshhead with some riece.1 barrel	Solo Wetherington	2.35
5 barrels. 2 sives	Solo Wetherington	0.55
4 washing tubs	Widdow	0.51
1 Pot	William Wetherington, Sr	1.80
1 Pot. 1 uven	Joel Debrull	0.95
2 Pots	Widdow	0.50
2 spiders. 1 led	Widdow	0.45
1 teekittle	Widdow	0.50
2 Pot trammels	Widdow	1.00

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1 Woolen Wheel	Widdow	2.61
1 Grindstone	Lewis White	0.50
1 Pot, 1 Jare, 1 tub	Widdow	0.25
3 Pales & holer	Widdow	0.81
1 Tin Bucket, 1 Chern, 1 bole	Widdow	0.81
1 Pine Chest, 1 Ads	James H. Pritchette	1.55
1 Side saddle	Widdow	0.25
1 croskut saw. 1/3 of said saw	James Wetherington	0.36
1 Shot gun	Lawson D. Wetherington	2.70
1 Pine table	Widdow	2.00
2 dimajohns	Lewis Taylor	0.65
1 stand with drawers	Widdow	1.45
2 Erthen boles, 1 pitcher	Widdow	0.86
8 spoons, 5 knives and forks	Widdow	0.71

6 Knives and forks	Widdow	1.16
1 Basket of trumpery *	Lawson D. Wetherington	1.40
1 water, 1 table, 1 tube	Widdow	0.51
1 pair of smoothing irons	Dixon Bogey	0.82
1 pair of tongs and shuvel	Widdow	0.45
1 pair of hand ions	Widdow	1.50
3 candle sticks, 1 tub, 1 coffey pot	Widdow	0.76
1 lot of crockerware	Widdow	1.21
1 lot of crockerware	Lawson D. Wetherington	0.90
1 Decanter, 5 tumblers	Widdow	0.31
1 Lot of plates	Widdow	1.00
1 boefat with som trumpeary	Widdow	1.11
1 Lot of toots	Widdow	0.61
1 Dish. 1 pitcher	Widdow	0.51
1 Dining table and tilet	James Gray	5.10
1 Bible	Jesse Wetherington	1.00
1 Lot of books	Lawson D. Wetherington	0.60
1 Desk of drawers	Widdow	2.00
1 looking glass, 1 towel	Widdow	0.48
8 Seting Chers	Widdow	0.80
9 Seting Chers	Widdow	0.51
3 Baskets. 1 hackel. 2 pare of Cards	Widdow	1.10

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2 Slaes	Durent Bracher	2.10
3 Slaes	Widdow	1.61
2 Pare of gears	Widdow	0.56
2 pare of gears	Widdow	0.51
2 pare of gears	Widdow	0.71
1 Chest of bottles with nurishments	Widdow	1.81
1 Pine chest	Widdow	0.80
1 Chest. 1 Trunk	Widdow	0.86
1 Dress Table	Dixon Bogey	1.70
1 Lining wheal	Widdow	1.51
1 Bunch of spun cotton	Widdow	0.26
1 Bed stid and furnature	Widdow	29.75
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1 Bed stid and furnature	Lawson D. Wetherington	15.25
3 Piller cases. 5 towels	Widdow	0.28
1 set of bed curtens	Widdow	1.76
1 Cadder, 2 home made blankets	Widdow	2.26
2 Sheats	Widdow	1.41
1 Counterpin*	Erasmus S. Wetherington	3.40
1 Counterpin	Henry S. Shute	4.00
1 Bed quilt	Widdow	2.51
1 Counterpin	Jesse Wetherington	4.05
1 Counterpin	Widdow	4.05
1 Counterpin	William Murphey	4.55
1 Counterpin	Widdow	4.56
1 Bed quilt	Widdow	2.24
2 Table clothes	Widdow	1.11
2 Table clothes	William Murphey	1.125
2 Barrels with som cotten	Widdow	0.40
2 Tubs of scrap wool	Joseph Green	0.30
1 Hogshead with som onions	Joel Debruill	0.30
14 pound of wool, 28 per pound	Widdow	3.92

10 pound of wool, 27 per pound	Joel Debruel	2.70
10 pound of wool, 26 1/2 per pound	M. C. Bogey	2.65
10 pound of wool, 27 per pound	Discon Bogey	2.70
11 3/4 residue of wool 25 per pound	William B. Wetherington	2.93 3/4
1 tub of sope	Widdow	1.01

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1 tub. 1 half barrel	Widdow	0.05
3 barrels one tray	Jesse Wetherington	0.10
1 fattub with som fat	Widdow	2.26
2 tubs. 1 barrel	Widdow	0.20
1 barrel with som meat	Widdow	8.15
1 plow	L. W. Davis	1.10
1 plow and geares	Durent Bracher	0.80
1 cart	Lewis Bracher	4.00
1 cart and gears	Joel Debrull	8.00
Som corn	Widdow	2.61
Som shucks	Solo Wetherington	0.50
1 Basket of potatoe	Solo Wetherington	0.75
1 Duch oven and led. 1 skillet	Widdow	0.90
2 Sides of leather in tan	James Wetherington	1.20
Pottery. 23 in number	Widdow	1.65
1 lot of crockerware in use	Widdow	0.10
2 barrels and 1 basket	Solo Wetherington	0.15
1 Bay mare	Joel Debrewell	39.50
1 Bay colt	James Wetherington	45.00
10 sheep	Elijah Taylor	17.20
10 sheep	Lewis White	15.75
10 sheep	Thomas Gray	14.25
10 sheep	Jesse Wetherington	12.35
10 Sheep	Jesse Wetherington	9.25
5 sheep	Lewis Taylor	3.75
1 Seer white back	Alexander Taylor	17.00
1 Black and white pid hefer	Lewis Taylor	11.10
1 Bell Cow and calf	Widdow	15.00
1 Black cow and calf	Erasmus S. Wetherington	14.00
1 Cow and calf brinded	Giles Moore	9.05
1 Cow and frostey earling	Nathan More	16.15
1 Black Steer	Widdow	7.60
1 Red heffer	James N. Beasley	8.50
1 ditto ditto	James N. Beasley	10.30
1 stack of oats	James H. Pritchette	4.80
1 sow and pigs	Solo Wetherington	6.05
1 sow and 3 shoats	Widdow	2.25

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7 shoats	Solo Wetherington	14.75
Stock mark	Solo Wetherington	0.25
Crop on the right side of the lane	Widdow	22.75
Crop on the left next to the land	James H. Pritchette	38.75
Balance on the Creek of Crop	Solo Wetherington	9.00
Cotton Pach	Widdow	0.25
Garden at the weel	Widdow	0.50
1 Sithe and Crade	James Wetherington	1.75
1 2 gallon Jug	James Wetherington	0.50

1 Negro man, Balaam	Natham Daughety	80.00
sold at private sale by consent		
3 Frowes one wheal barrow	James Wetherington	0.40
One Pot	Joel Debrulle	0.05

Notes and accounts that came into my hands as Executor
To the will of Solomon Weitherington Senr Decest

Note of eightly dollars became due the 13 of September 1840	80.00
Note of twenty one dollars will be due the 4 of Deember 1840	21.00
Note of fifty dollars given on demand the 25 of September 1838	50.00
Note of twenty four dollars on demand the 11 of May 1839	24.00
Note of twelve dollars on demand the 24 of May 1840	12.00
Note of Two dollars and forty cents on demand the 21 of March 1840	2.40
Note of four dollars given on demand the 11 of February 1836	4.00
Note of twelve dollars and 50 cents on demand the 29 of July 1836	12.50
Note of six dollars and 25 cents on demand the 17 of November 1833	Doubtful
Note of eighty five cnets no debt now	
Account of one dollar and eighty cents March 1840	1.80
Account of four dollar and 75 cents March 1840	4.75
Account of one dollar and fifty cents for Meat 1839	1.50
The widow told me their was forty eight dollars and .45 cents In mony for which she gave me a receipt Certefying it to be the Mony left at the Descesture of the testator	48.45

November the 10 = 1840 Lemuel Davis Executors

[Note: Trumpery: frivolous, decorative items. Counterpin: a beadspread.]

The Estate of Solomon Wetherington, Sr, Deceased		(Balance Sheet)
Oct 1, 1840	To cash paid to J. F. Pastuer administing (?) fee	2.00
Nov 10, 1840	Ditto pd M. Stevenson Coffin	15.00
Nov 30, 1840	Ditto pd Hardy Smith crying property	3.00
Dec 25	Ditto pd S. Witherington, Jr. acct	32.70
Feb 1841	Ditto pd Testators note and interest	1.55
	Expense of proving will . . .	5.10
To Executors com . . .		
	In amount of receipts \$1,024.85	51.24
To expense of this settlement & return		2.75
Balance due estate		911.51

		1024.85

½ balance to Widdow = \$ 455.75/100

13 heirs to divide the residue \$ 455.75 each have \$35.05/100

[End transcription]

Know all men by these presents that I
 Susanna Wetherington being sick in body but
 in sound mind and memory knowing that all
 that born must die do make and ordain this my
 last will and testimony In the name of
 god amen I give and bequeth my proper
 ty as follows first I give and bequeth to my
 Cousin Phely Bogey my tester bedstead and
 and bed and furniture that belongs to ~~that~~ being
 the belong to me before marriage I further give to
 said Phely Bogey my blue painted chest and the
 lock and key to her her keys and assigns I give
 and bequeth to Elender Debrule my white
 plank the red painted table my side saddle my big
 wheel and cards and my flat Irons to her her keys
 and assigns I give and bequeth to James Wether-
 ington my loose close drawer or press and also
 my beaufatt to him his keys and my hand Irons
 to him his keys and assigns I give and beque-
 th to my Cousin Mariar Shute my linen wheel I
 give a to her her keys and assigns I give and
 bequeth to my two brothers Jhon Davis the other name
 not recollecte ten cents a piece my will is that
 my wearing cloths be equally divided among the
 following woman Rachel Wetherington Nancy Weth-
 ington and Mariar Shute and Elender Debrule
 my will is that said Elender shall have my three
 shaf and four shaf ^{loom} gears and a twenty eight beer
 slay my will is that mariar Shute has my two
 and thirty slay and my six and twenty beer slay
 and my other loom gears I give and bequeth to
 Nancy Davis my loom the balanc or residue of
 my property that may be found after my death my
 will is that it be sold on a credit of six months
 and said proceeds or what ~~the~~ ^{property} shall
 and all the money or claims that shall be due
 to my said estate and if leaving any money
 by me my will is that all of said money

Figure 11 Will of Susanna Wetherington, 1839, Page 1

or moneys that shall be due to my said Estate
 and all the money my property shall bring that all
 said moneys after paying my debts or just claim
 against my Estate be equally divided among
 the following persons to wit Mary Marier Shute
 and Elender Debrale and Phely Bogey my will
 is that Marcus C. Bogey be my lawful Executor
 to this my last will and testimony and have full
 power ~~to~~ act ther on this the 13th of September
 1840 In testimony of her unto set my hand and seal

Attest Samuel Davis, J.
 Jeremiah Heath

Susanna Wetherington
 M. C. Bogey

#1/2

Graves County Court.

November Term (A. D.) 1840
 The foregoing last will and testament of Susanna
 Wetherington was proved to the Court, and in due form
 of law by the oath of Samuel Davis one of the
 subscribing Witnesses thereto. Thomas C. Bogey
 qualified as Executor. Ordered that said will
 be Registered, and that letters testamentary issue
 thereon.
 Attest J. G. Scott, Clerk

Figure 12 Will of Susanna Wetherington, 1839 Page 2

A transcription of Susanna Wetherington's will of 1840 follows: 154

[Transcription of Susanna Wetherington Will 1839, Page 1]

Know all men by these presents that I **Susanna Witherington** being sick in body but in sound mind and memory knowing that all men born must die do make and ordain this my last will and testamony in the name of god amen.

Item I give and bequeth my property as follow first I give and bequeth to my **cousin Pheby Bogey** my fester (feather) bead stead and bed and furniture that belongs to that being the belong(ing) to me before marriage. I further give to said **Pheby Bogey** my blue painted chest and the lock and key to her her heirs assigns.

Item I give and I bequeth to **Elender Debrule** my white plank the red painted table my side saddl(e) my big wheel and cards and my flat irons to her her heirs and assigns.

Item and bequeth to **James Witherington** my eløese close drawer or press and and my beaufatt ~~to him his heirs an~~ and my hand irons to him his heirs and assigns.

Item I give and bequeth the to **my cousin Mariar Shute** my linen wheel I give a to her her heirs and assigns.

I give and equeth to **my two brothers Jhona Davis** the other name not rekolected ten cents a peace.

My will is that my wearing cloth(e) s be equally divided among the following women **Rachel Witherington, Nancy Witherington** and **Marier Shute** and **Elender Debrule** my will is that said **Elender** shall have my three shaft and four shaft loom geers and a twenty eight beer.

Slay my will is that **Mariar Shute** has my two and thirty Slay and my six and twenty beer slay and my other loom geers. I give and bequeth to **Nancy Davis** my loom the balance or residue of my property that may be found after my death my will is that it be sold on a credit of six months and said proceeds or what half ~~property shall~~ and all the money or claims that shall be due to my said estate and if leaving any money by me my will is that all of said money or moneys that shall be due to my said estate and all the money my property shall bring that all said moneys after paying my debts or just claim against my estate be equally divided among the following persons to wit **Marier Shute** and **Elender Debrule** and **Pheby Bogey** my will is that **Marcus C. Bogey** be my lawful Executor to this my last will and testamony and have full power to act ther on thes the 13 of September 1840. In testamony of her unto set my hand and seal.

Susanna Witherington {SEAL}

Attes **Lemuel Davis**
Jeremiah Heath

\$ 1 fee

M. C. Bogey (in small print)

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Craven County Court

November Term A. D. 1840

The foregoing last will and testament of **Susanna Witherington** was proved (illegible) Court and in due form of law by the oath of **Lemuel Davis** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. **Marcus C. Bogey** qualifies as Executor. Ordered that said Will to be Registered and that latters testamentary ?fore.

Attests J. S. Stanley

[End transcription]

**Account of Sales of the Property of the Late
Mrs. Susan Wethington, Deceased October 10, 1840
Registered January 13m 1841 Book folio 262 to 265 by J. G. Stanley**

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(Dollars.Cents)

4 weeding hoes	Jessey Wethington	0.30
2 club axes & 1 spade	Elijah Bracher	0.60
1 hatchet & 1 hammer	James Wethington	0.35
1 lot of gourds	Jessey Wethington	0.10
1 hackel	Joel Debrewel	0.25
1 lot wooping bars	James Wethington	0.20
3 large gourds	Solo Wethington	0.10
1 keg iron bound	James Wethington	0.50
3 jugs & 2 jars	Joel Debrewel	1.50
1 tray & two piggins	Johnathan Davis	0.30
1 tin baker & pans	Elijah Bracher	0.60
1 spider & griddle	Joel Debrewel	0.50
1 coffee mill	Henry Shute	0.50
2 barrells & some cotton	Joel Debrewel	0.80
5 1/2 lbs wool	Elijah Bracher	1.59 1/2
1 lot scales & weights	Joel Debrewel	0.10
5 pewter spoons	L. W. Davis	0.30
6 knives & forks	John Clemmons	0.85
1 lot ditto	Joel Debrewel	0.25
combs & shears	L. W. Davis	0.45
1 large waiter & bason	J. H. Richardson	0.30
1 chest of drawers	Hardy Smith	3.05
1 large pitcher	Joel Debrewel	0.25
1 bottle & jug spirits turpentine	Redden Wethington	0.25
1 lot plat(e)s	James Wethington	0.70
2 books	Ann Foscue	0.05
1 padlock	Joel Debruhl	0.25
1 large dish	Mrs. S. Wethington	0.30
1 ditto ditto	Lamuel Davis	0.60
5 bowles	Wm. Wethington Sr.	0.50
1 cannester & pepper box	Joel Debrewel	0.10
1 milk pot & grater	Mrs. S. Wethington	0.01

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1 set cups & saucers	James Wethington	0.35
1 bottle camphor	Lamuel Davis	0.45
5 tumblers & 5 saucers	John Taylor	0.25
1 lot tumpery	Joel Debrewel	0.75
1 looking glass & towel	Elijah Bracher	0.65
8 chairs	John Taylor	1.60
1 sheet	Joel Debrewel	0.55
1 sheet & blankets	Solo Wethington	1.40
1 blanket & bed quilt	Solo Wethington	5.25
1 do cover white	Charles Stephenson	3.30
1 cadder	Solo Wethington	1.15
1 pr pillow cases	Edmond Williams	0.45
1 pr ditto ditto	L. W. Davis	0.20

1 pr ditto ditto	Edmond Williams	0.25
2 bags	Joel Debrewel	0.10
4 towels	Jessey Wethington	0.40
2 table cloths	Joel Debrewel	1.25
1 small bag coffee	Elijah Bracher	0.20
1 bunch spun cotton	Lewis Bracher	0.70
1 table cloth	Joel Debrewel	0.30
1 lot bottles	Solo Wethington	0.60
1 bottle honey & sugar box	John Taylor	0.30
1 chest	Charles Stephenson	1.40
1 scillet	Edmond Williams	0.25
1 small pot & hooks	John Taylor	0.60
1 large ditto ditto	John Clemmons	0.40
1 dutch oven	John Taylor	1.00
1 spider & led	John Stewart	1.00
1 pott tramells	John Clemmons	0.75
1 ditto ditto	John Taylor	0.40
1 lot pans & mug	Jessey Wethington	0.35
1 pr large bowles (bowls)	James Wethington	0.35
1 milk piggin	John Clemmons	0.15
1 tray & 2 bowles	Joel Debrewel	0.60
1 churn	John Clemmons	0.20
1 butter pott	L. W. Davis	0.05
1 lot gourds	Solo Wethington	0.15
1 tin bucket	Thos Gray	0.35
1 lot tubs & ?	John Taylor	0.15
1 ditto ditto	Abraham Taylor	0.60
2 tubs	Solo Wethington	0.02 1/2
1 pott	James Wethington	0.15
1 stove pott	Solo Wethington	0.65
1 barrel with some soap	Wm. Wethington, Sr.	1.05
1 fat tub and fat	Joel Debrewel	2.50
1 barrel & some pork	Lewis Bracher	0.75
1 lott trumpery	Redden Wethington	0.25
3 small hogs	Lewis Bracher	5.50
1 sow	James Wethington	2.30
1 cow & calf	Solo Wethington	11.75
1 steer	Lewis Bracher	8.50
1 small cotton patch	Elijah Bracher	1.95
1 garden	James Wethington	0.95
1 ditto	Charles Stephenson	2.60
crop as it stands	Charles Stephenson	21.00
corn in the shuck	Joel Debrewel	0.35
8 fowls	James Wethington	0.90
1 bed & furniture	Jessey Wethington	22.00
1 pr shovel & tongs	Joel Debrewel	0.55
1 lot trumpery	James Wethington	0.20
1 tea kettle & candle maker	Edmond Williams	0.55
1 coffee pot tin	James Wethington	0.20
1 ditto ditto	James Wethington	0.05
1/2 dozen spoons	L. W. Davis	0.05
3 candle sticks	Johnathan Davis	0.17
1 table tub & ?	Joel Debrewel	0.60

M. C. Bogey, Executor

Then were John H. Richardson, Esq., Jeremiah Heath and Hardy Smith appointed as committee to audit and settle the accounts of Marcus C. Bogey, executor of Susan Witherington.

Attests J. G. Stanley

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Estate of Susan Wethington, Deceased

1846

Febry	No 1	To her note paid Lamuel Davis, executor of Solo Wethington, deceased \$200.39	
		To interest on same	59.11
	No 2	Joel Debrewels Account	25.00
	No 3	Jeremiah Heath Account	2.00
	No 4	Hardy Smith Ditto	1.50
	No 5	George S. Attmore Ditto	2.00
	No 6	G. S. Attmore Ditto	4.00
	No 7	S. S. Backus Ditto	13.50
	No 8	James G. Stanley, Clerk of Court	3.70
	No 9	Solo Wethington Account	0.35
	No 10	Elijah Bracher & Henry Shute & C. C. Stephenson Note	9.74
		Commissions \$626.39 the amount Of estate at 5 for cents	31.31
			\$352.60

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1847

Febry	No 1	By amount received as one half of Solo Wetherington Deceased estate	\$455.75
	No 2	By amount of account of sales of estate of Susan Wethington, deceased	\$134.79
		By Cash in amount received as executor	\$35.85
			\$626.39
			\$626.39
			352.60

		Balance Due	\$273.79

We the undersigned committee appointed by Craven County Court to audit and Settle the accounts of M. C. Bogey, Executor of Susan Wethington, deceased, do find a balance of two hundred and seventy three dollars and seventy nine cents.

February 1846

John H. Richardson

Jeremiah Heath

Hardy Smith

[End transcription]

Susanna Davis Wetherington died in October 1840, soon after Solomon. Her will left the bulk of her estate to three women: Maria Shute, Ellender Debruhl, and her cousin Phoebe Bogey.¹⁵⁵ Also named in the will is James and Nancy Wetherington, son of Solomon Wetherington and 1st wife Mary Moore. Rachel [Mathews] Witherington, the 1st wife of Solomon Wetherington, Jr. also is named. Susanna's will was witnessed by James Wetherington and Solomon Wetherington, sons of of Solomon Wetherington and 1st wife Mary Moore.

The will mentions two women named Nancy. One Nancy Witherington would be Nancy Witherington, the wife of James Wetherington. The other Nancy appears to be Nancy Witherington Davis, the daughter of Solomon Sr, and wife of Lemuel Davis. There are no receipts for the disbursement of Susanna's estate in Craven county records. With the death of Susanna Wetherington also in 1840, Marcus Cicero Bogey, neighbor and executor of her estate, signed for the other 50% of the widow's legacy left by Solomon to Susanna Davis Wetherington.¹⁵⁶

Solomon Witherington died in Craven County on June 28, 1840.¹⁵⁷ He was buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora.¹⁵⁸ His will of June 11, 1839 is recorded in Craven County, naming his 2nd wife, Susanna Davis Wetherington and Lemuel Davis as executors.¹⁵⁹ However Susanna died soon after Solomon in November 1840 and Lemuel Davis handled the estate affairs.

The will of Solomon Wetherington is recorded in Craven County Will Book D page 10 on June 11, 1839, (see image above) but does not name the heirs/children.¹⁶⁰ Reportedly the original estate papers were copied or transcribed by the Church of LDS and or researcher, Elizabeth Moore before it was lost or damaged.¹⁶¹ The LDS record names the following 17 heirs: Sarah, Jesse, Hannah, Mary, Jeremiah, Richard, Lovicy, William, Anna, Thomas, John, Joseph, Solomon, James, Holland, Susan, and Nancy.¹⁶² The remaining names listed above (18 to 22) do not appear in the LDS record for Solomon, estate papers, or as purchasers at the estate sale of 1840. The estate records of Solomon Witherington includes receipts for 10 of the heirs, see below.

The estate record contains receipts for the following ten heirs: ¹⁶³

Thomas Wetherington	\$35.05	January 14, 1843	Signature
Richard Wetherington	\$35.05	August 21, 1842	Signature
Hannah Woolard	\$35.05	August 18, 1842	Made Mark
Solomon Wetherington	\$35.05	December 16, 1842	Signature
Jesse Wetherington	\$35.05	August 21, 1842	Made Mark
William Wetherington	\$35.05	August 21, 1842	Signature
Joseph Wetherington	\$35.05	August 21, 1842	Made Mark
Anna Taylor	\$35.05	September 13, 1842	Made Mark
James Wetherington	\$35.05	September 24, 1842	Signature
Alexander Taylor	\$35.05	September 12, 1842	Made Mark
<i>(Husband of Sarah Wetherington)</i>			

The estate papers reveal there were thirteen (13) heirs to Solomon Wetherington's estate but only ten (10) heirs are proven by name in the estate residue receipts. There are three receipts missing from the estate papers. An inspection of the original documents on file in the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh verifies the remaining papers match the current microfilm record. One page of original receipts (8 remaining on this sheet) has a portion of the page cut away. It is not known if this sheet was used for the missing receipts or cut away and simply used for another purpose. Two other individuals receipt in the file makeup the ten (10) heirs on file. Only 3 disbursement receipts appear missing from the records.¹⁶⁴ The LDS files record of 17 children is incorrect. Also even if some of the estate papers were damaged or lost, the surviving papers clear indicate there were only 13 heirs.

Nancy Wetherington Davis, wife of Lemuel Davis, is name in the will of Susannah Wetherington in 1840, and accounts for the 11th heir.

Mary Wetherington, spinster, lived with Solomon Wetherington, Jr. from 1850 through 1870. Mary is likely the 12th heir, however she was not the Mary Wetherington, wife of Hardy Smith.

It is known that several of the unnamed potential heirs of Solomon were still alive in 1842. Jeremiah died about 1848,¹⁶⁵ Lovicy (Vicey) died after 1860,¹⁶⁶ Redding died after 1870¹⁶⁷, Susan died after 1880¹⁶⁸, and Mary died after 1870.¹⁶⁹ Silas, Rueben, and Pollie are not considered potential heirs by this researcher, but they were all alive in 1843.

John C. Wetherington, Redding Wetherington, and Holland Wetherington Amyett, wife of Francis Amyett, are disproved as heirs by a Gift Deed granted by their father, William Wetherington, Sr in 1827.¹⁷⁰ These three Wetheringtons were the children of William Wetherington, Sr. and Susanna Coward. John C. and Redding Wetherington are again recorded as the sons of William Wetherington in a deed of 1834.¹⁷¹ A deed from Redding Wetherington to Solomon Jr in 1845 also names William Wetherington (d. 1844) as the father of Redding and exempts the sale of William's gravesite in the deeded tract.¹⁷²

This leaves the following Wetheringtons as contenders for the remaining heir:

Group 1 – Lived in the Tuscarora area per the Craven census:

Jeremiah Wetherington died about 1848 and lived in Bachelor Creek area. Lovicy Wetherington Smith lived in Tuscarora in the 1860 Craven census.

All of Group 1 lived in the Tuscarora area per various Craven records and are the most likely candidates for the two unconfirmed Solomon Wetherington heirs.

Group 2 – Reported by other researchers as children:

Pollie (aka Mary) Wetherington married Reuben Anderson in 1818.
Reuben Witherington (1795 -) twin – Lived in Pitt County.
Silas Witherington (1795-) twin – Lived in Pitt County.

None of Group 2 are named in census records in the Tuscarora area or in Tuscarora area deeds and therefore are less likely candidates for Solomon's unconfirmed heirs.

Group 3- Conclusively disproved by other documents: ^{173,174}

Redding Wetherington (1809-1891) was the son of William Wetherington Sr.
John C. Wetherington (1800– after 1840) was also the son of William, Sr.
Holland Wetherington Amyett Cummings (1806 – after 1880) was the daughter of William Wetherington, Sr.

These three people lived in Tuscarora but were not children of Solomon Wetherington but the children of Solomon's brother William Wetherington, Sr. and his wife Susan Coward.

In Conclusion

The popular list of Solomon's 17 children cannot be verified with existing Craven county records. The reportedly 'saved' transcription by the LDS church is also in doubt as the conflicting gift deed of 1827 granted William Wetherington, Sr disproves two of the children listed in the LDS record. Furthermore even if the LDS 'saved' the estate records and recorded the entire set of heirs, the surviving estate records agree there were only 13 heirs to the well documented estate other than wife Susannah Davis Wetherington. The only obvious missing components of Solmon's estate papers are the 3 missing disbursement receipts. The LDS record on line at familysearch.com listing the devisees of Solomon's will lists the popular, although incorrect, 17 children above.¹⁷⁵

See Chapter 5 More Tuscarora Area Wetheringtons.

Unproven by this researcher, the status of Jeremiah, Lovicy, and Susan could not be proven. Craven County records at this time reveal only 11 known children, and a count of thirteen heirs. If the list of fifteen above is correct, then for an unknown reason, two of the fifteen did not receive a portion of the estate, although they were known to be alive at the event.

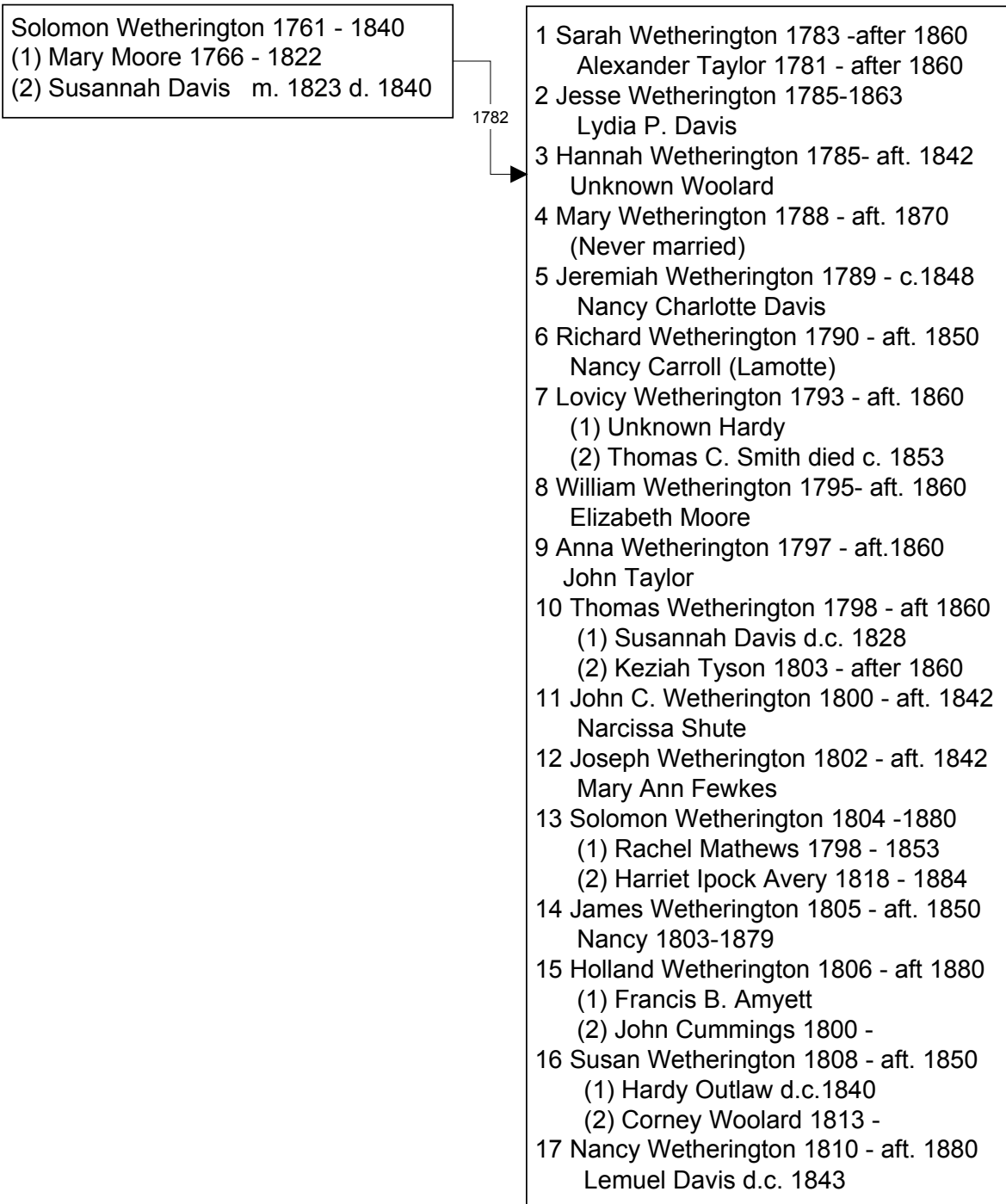


Figure 13 *Solomon Wetherington Traditional Tree*

The traditional family tree of Solomon Wetherington as reported by LDS records and numerous internet shources.

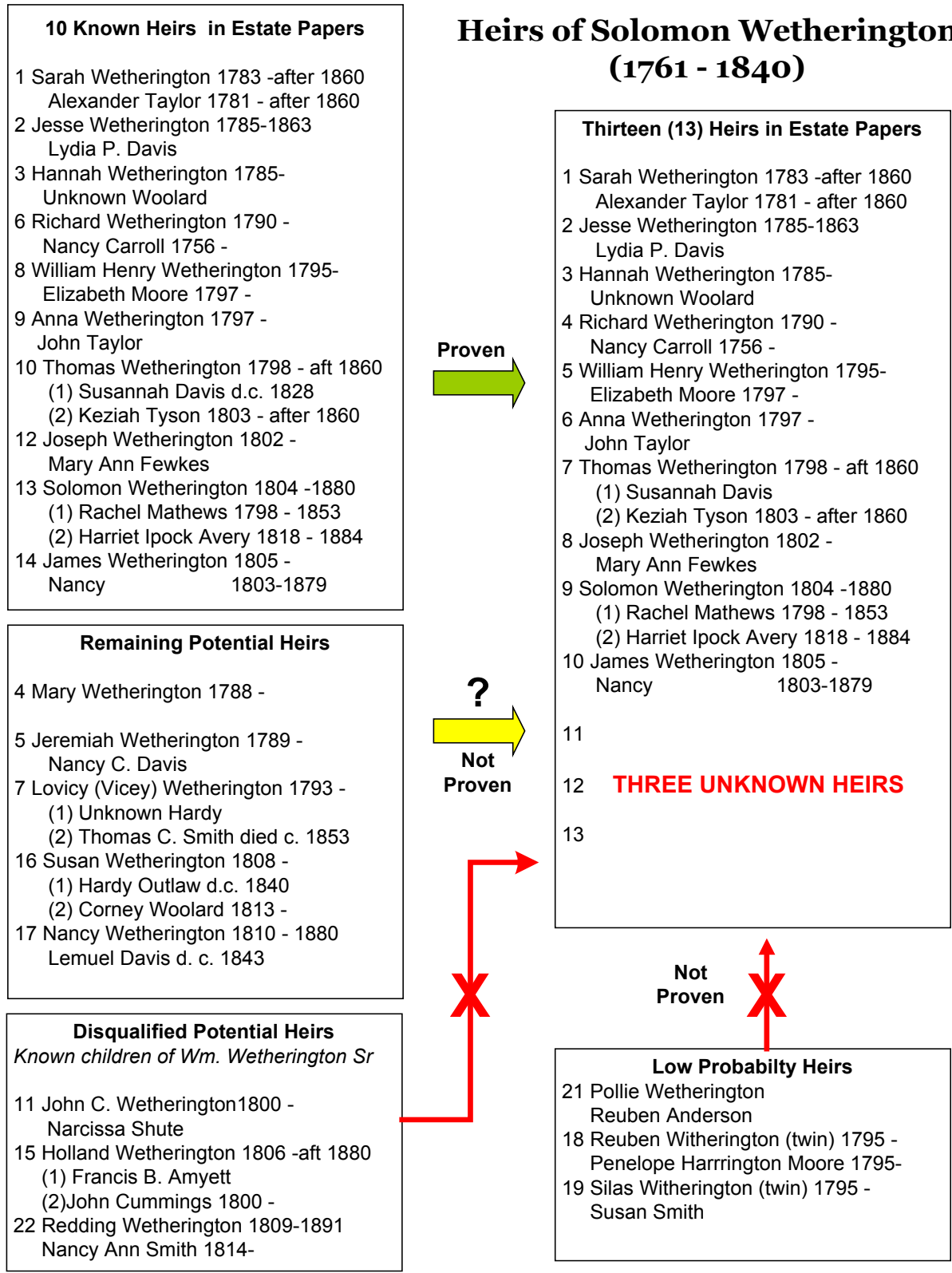


Figure 14 Solomon Wetherington Revised Tree