

## Chapter 7 Jesse Wetherington 1785 – after 1860

**Jesse Wetherington**, the eldest son of Solomon Wetherington and Mary Moore, was born in 1785 and died after 1860 in Craven County. Jesse married **Lydia Penelope Davis**, the daughter of Lawson Davis and Dorcas Adams, in 1812 in Craven County. <sup>1</sup> Jesse also appears in the 1812 Muster Rolls in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Craven County. <sup>2</sup> Jesse appears in the 1820 Craven census <sup>3</sup> and in 1830, he appears in the Carteret County, NC census. <sup>4</sup> In 1840, 1850 and 1860, Jesse and family appear in Craven County censuses. <sup>5,6,7</sup> There are no estate records or deed transactions for Jesse or Lydia Wetherington in Craven County records. Jesse Wetherington does appear in the estate record of Solomon Wetherington in 1842, receiving a share of his father's estate.<sup>8</sup> Jesse and Lydia's burial place is unknown, however is most like the Wetherington family cemetery on Rollover Creek. <sup>9</sup>

Jesse Wetherington and Lydia Davis had 4 known children:

1. **Erasmus Samuel Wetherington** 1813 – 1893 was born in Craven County in 1813. <sup>10,11,12</sup> Erasmus married **Marina** about 1837. Marina was born on December 21, 1812 and died on November 25, 1890. Marina was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora.<sup>13</sup> Erasmus is listed in the 1840 Craven County census with 2 females and 1 male in his household. <sup>14</sup> In the 1850 census Erasmus Wetherington is listed with wife, Mariana, and children Mary, James, Samuel, Lemuel, Julia, Marcus, and William. <sup>15</sup> In the 1860 Craven census, Erasmus is listed with two further children, Redding, and Francis M. Wetherington (male). <sup>16</sup> Erasmus died on February 24, 1893 and was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora.<sup>17</sup>

The children of Erasmus S. and Marina A. Wetherington were: <sup>18,19</sup>

- a. James Riley Wetherington (1837) –1862 (never married)
  - b. Mary J. Wetherington (1838-)
  - c. Samuel S. Wetherington 1840 – 1901 m. Betsey Civils (1840) - 1921
  - d. Lemuel T. Wetherington 1842 –1900 m. Celia Ann Taylor 1848-1908
  - e. Julia Wetherington (1844-)
  - f. Marcus Wetherington (1846-) <sup>20</sup> m. Susan Mayo
  - g. William H. Wetherington 1848-1898 m. Angeline Debruhl
  - h. Redding Wetherington (1850-) m. Matilda Hudnell
  - i. Francis M. Wetherington (1853-)
2. **Lawson Davis Wetherington** (1815 or 1820- after 1880) married **Dove Littleton** in Craven County in 1844. <sup>21</sup> Elva Littleton, a widow and mother of Dove, granted Lawson a deed in 1846. <sup>22</sup> The 1850 census lists Lawson Wetherington living in the household of George Carraway near the home of his brother Erasmus Wetherington. <sup>23</sup> The 1860 Craven census lists L. D. Wetherington living next door to Solomon Wetherington in Tuscarora. <sup>24</sup> The

1870 Craven census lists Lawson living in the home of Solomon Wetherington. <sup>25</sup> The 1880 Craven census lists Lawson living with his brother, Clement L. Wetherington. <sup>26</sup> Lawson divorced Dove before 1850 and there were no known children by this marriage. <sup>27</sup> A likely son, **Thomas Wetherington**, (1867-) appears in the 1880 census in the home of his uncle, Clement L. Wetherington.

3. **Beneta Davis Wetherington** 1820-1903 was born on October 10, 1820 and died on August 10, 1903 <sup>28</sup> Beneta married **John Stewart** 1809 –1881 in Craven County in 1839. <sup>29</sup> Beneta died in 1903 in Morehead City, NC. <sup>30</sup> John and Beneta W. Stewart were buried in the Stewart Cemetery at Tuscarora. <sup>31</sup>

The children of John Stewart and Beneta Davis Wetherington were: <sup>32,33</sup>

- a. Frances Ann Stewart 1839 – 1920 m. Cannon Smith
- b. William Riley Stewart 1841 – 1876 m. Maria (Mary) Bogey
- c. James Haywood Stewart (1843-) m. 1<sup>st</sup> Wealthy Civils 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Bratcher
- d. Sabra Jane Stewart 1844 – 1909 m. Thomas E. Eubanks
- e. Kinion (Canaan) Ball Stewart 1851 – 1928 m. Frances Ipock 1854-1934
- f. John Clemmie Stewart 1846 – 1938 m. Delila Smith 1849 - 1938
- g. Eleanor Stewart (1848 – 1926) m. Redding Eubanks
- h. Jesse P. Stewart ( 1854- 1924) m. Mary Henrietta Smith
- i. Mariah M. Stewart 1859 – 1879 m. John C. Moore 1855 - 1923
- j. Nancy Shepard Stewart 1860 – 1931 m. Wiley A. Moore 1850 - 1931
- k. Hattie L. Stewart 1862 – 1937 m. Richard B. Heath 1855 - 1919

*See Chapter 21, John Stewart.*

4. **Clement Lemuel Wetherington** 1824-1906 was born on December 20, 1824 and died on April 2, 1906. Clement married **Julia Ann White** in Craven County in 1849. <sup>34</sup> Julia died at the age of 68 years on August 8, 1894. In the 1850 and 1860, Clement and Julia live in the household along Clement's parents, Jesse and Lydia Wetherington. <sup>35,36</sup> C. L. Wetherington also served as a Justice of the Peace in Craven County about 1875. <sup>37</sup> Both Clement and Julia Wetherington were buried in the Asbury Methodist Church cemetery in Craven County. <sup>38</sup>

The children of Clement L. Wetherington and Julia A. White were: <sup>39, 40</sup>

- a. Nathaniel Franklin Wetherington 1850 – 1908 m. Julia F. Hawkins
- b. Mary Frances Wetherington (1853 - 1911)
- c. Jesse P. Wetherington (1856 -)
- d. Elizabeth T. Wetherington 1859 - 1937 m. J. H. Ipock 1847 - 1937
- e. John C. Wetherington (1862-)

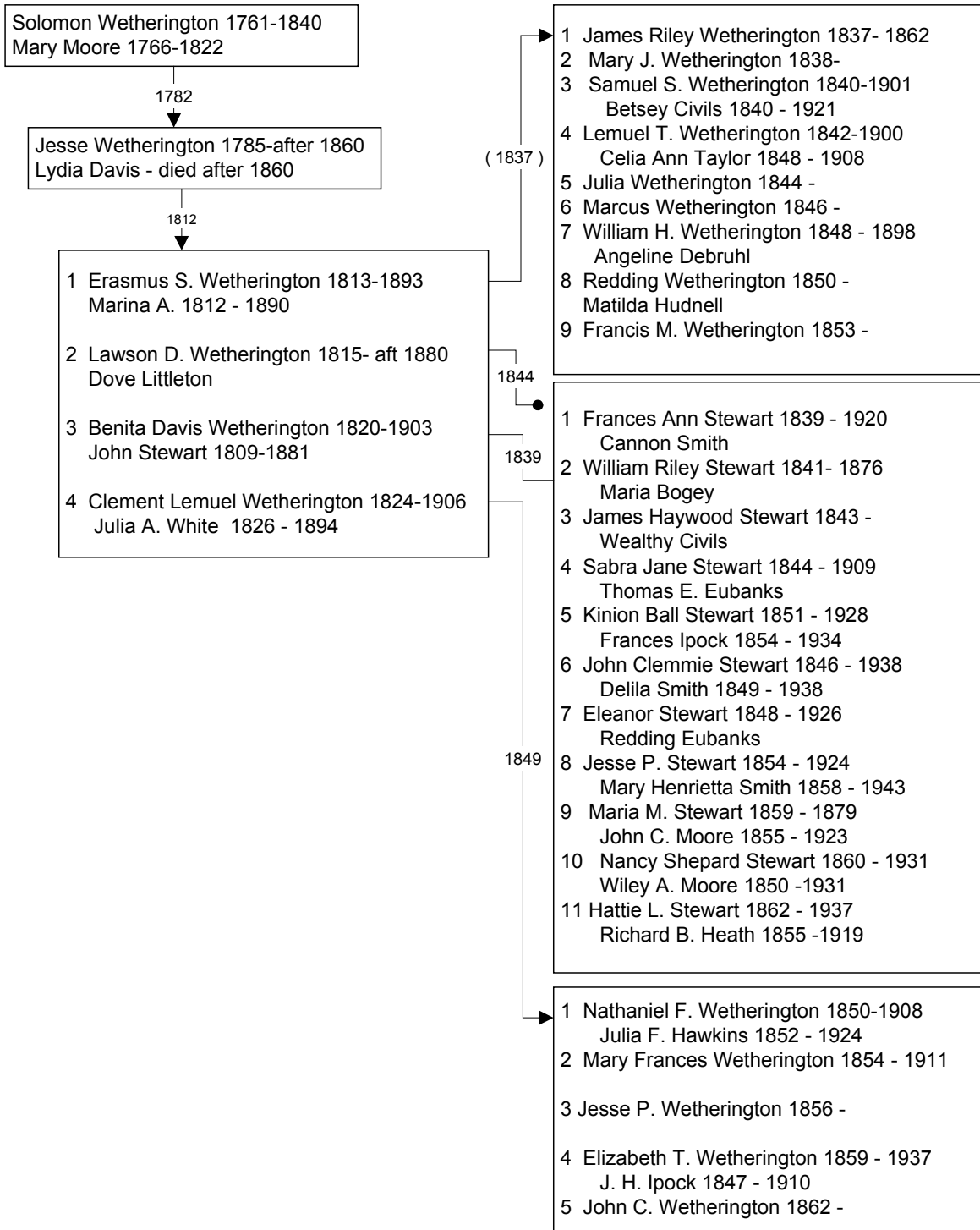


Figure 17 Jesse Wetherington Family Tree