

Chapter 8 Jeremiah Wetherington 1789 -

Jeremiah Wetherington, reportedly a son of Solomon Wetherington and Mary Moore, was born about 1785 and died before 1850 in Craven County, NC. Jeremiah married **Nancy Charlotte Davis** in 1816 in Craven County. ¹ Little is known about Jeremiah, his name does not appear in the surviving Solomon Wetherington's estate papers. This researcher concludes Jeremiah was most likely the son of Solomon's brother, Thomas. In 1832, the Craven county Sheriff auctioned 100 acres of land near Bachelor Creek belonging to Jeremiah for \$36 to Asa Jones. ²

There are two records of Jeremiah Wetherington receiving land grants in the Bachelor Creek area in 1834. He appears to transfer these lands in the same year. ³ Jeremiah granted a deed to Solomon Wetherington, Jr in 1834 and in 1834 Jeremiah granted a deed to Reading Wetherington on the North side of Bachelor Creek. ⁴

Other than the deed transactions and census enumerations, little is known about Jeremiah after his marriage. He lived in the Bachelor Creek area and reportedly died about 1848 or 1849. Although several of the younger sons of Solomon Wetherington received gift deeds from their father, there are no recorded deeds from Solomon to Jeremiah or Jeremiah's brother, Jesse Wetherington. The gravesite of Jeremiah and wife Nancy Davis is also unknown. Although there was a relatively large number of people living in the Bachelor Creek area, most of the gravesites have disappeared with time, only stone markers now survive in any of the Tuscarora cemeteries.

LDS church records list Jeremiah as the son of Solomon Wetherington, however no Craven county records support this parentage. Of the sons and reported sons of Solomon Wetherington, only Jeremiah cannot be substantiated or disproved. ⁵ The 1790 census lists four minors of Solomon, one being male, consistent with Jesse Wetherington, the eldest son. Jeremiah, reportedly born in 1789, does not appear in the household statistics for Solomon Wetherington in the 1790 census.

In the 1800 Craven county census, Solomon Wetherington's household lists 4 minor males, and 5 minor females. If Jeremiah were living in the household, there would have been 5 minor males counted: Jesse, Jeremiah, Richard, William, and Thomas. Estate records and gift deeds confirm the parentage of Jesse, Richard, William, and Thomas. It appears neither the 1790 or 1800 Craven census can confirm the possibility of Jeremiah living in the household of Solomon Wetherington.

After the death of Jeremiah about 1848, Nancy Wetherington appears in the 1850 Craven County census in the household of Richard and Catherine Davis, along with her son, Alfred Wetherington.

The estate records of Alfred Wetherington in 1865 summon the siblings listed below to the settlement of the estate. ⁶

The children of Jeremiah Wetherington and Nancy C. Davis were: ⁷

1. **Dorcas Wetherington** (c. 1818 – before 1877) married **Redding Taylor** (1816-) on March 15, 1836 in Craven County. ⁸ Dorcas died about 1876 as Redding Taylor married 2nd, Catharine Fornes 1830-1905 in December 1876. ⁹ The burial site of Dorcas and Redding is unknown, and Catherine F. Taylor was buried in the Asbury Church cemetery.¹⁰

The children of Dorcas Wetherington and Redding Taylor were: ^{11,12}

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1839-)
 - b. Susan J. Taylor (1841-)
 - c. Caroline Taylor (1845-)
 - d. Daniel Taylor (1848-)
 - e. Lemuel Freeman Taylor (1848-) m. Sophia Ann Foy (1851-) ¹³
 - f. Martha A. Taylor (1852-)
 - g. Phoebe A. Taylor (1858-)
2. **Amos Wetherington** 1820 – 1893 married **Mary Frances Owens** in Jones County on November 30, 1848. ¹⁴ Mary Frances Owens, the daughter of Archibald and Frances Owens, was born in Jones County in 1822 and died in 1870 in Jones County.¹⁵ Amos later married a young widow, Clarky Jane Cannon Yates.¹⁶ Clarky was born on September 15, 1844 in Jones County and died in June 12, 1917 in New Bern, NC. ¹⁷

The children of Amos Wetherington and Mary Owens were: ^{18,19,20}

- a. Christopher Columbus Wetherington 1849- 1937 m. 1st Mary Collins, m. 2nd Brancey Collins, Mary L. Cain ^{21, 22, 23, 24}
- b. Wealthy Ann Wetherington 1851-1930 m. John Ed Taylor ²⁵
- c. Walter Wetherington (about 1853-) likely died young.
- d. Abner B. Wetherington 1853 – 1932 m. 1st Georgina Eubanks and 2nd Beneta Jane Eubanks ^{26,27}
- e. Edward Wetherington 1867-1917 m. Mary Catherine Heath ²⁸
- f. Frances Ann Wetherington (c. 1860) – c. 1897 m. William James Osteen²⁹
- g. Elizabeth Wetherington (c.1860) -c 1894 m. Harvey Tom Bratcher ³⁰
- h. Amos T. Wetherington 1868-1934 m. Nancy Virginia Eubanks ³¹

The children of Amos Wetherington and Clarky Jane Cannon Yates were: ³²

- i. Hebron Wetherington (1871)- 1953 m. Almedia Gilbert ³³
 - j. Arpelia Wetherington 1873- 1954 m. Curby McCosley ³⁴
 - k. Odious Linwood Wetherington 1877-1932 m. Lenora Wetherington ³⁵
 - l. Thomas Wetherington (1880-) (*possible twin*), likely died as infant
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m. Narcissis Wetherington (1880-1897) (*possible twin*) m. Thomas J. Hawkins ³⁶

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3. **Rebecca Wetherington** (1820 – 1898) married **Stephen Taylor** in 1843 in Craven County.³⁷ Rebecca died in 1898 and was buried in the Gethsemane FWB Church cemetery at Tuscarora. ³⁸

The children of Stephen Taylor and Rebecca Wetherington were: ³⁹

- a. John Edward Taylor 1844-1924 m. Wealthy Ann Wetherington 1851-1930
- b. Nancy Taylor (1847-)
- c. Celia Ann Taylor 1848-1908 m. Lemuel T. Wetherington 1842-1900
- d. Penelope Taylor (1852-1858) -1914 m. William H. Wilson 1850-1918
- e. Alvana Taylor (1855-)
- f. Margaret Taylor 1846 – 1926 m. James Avery

4. **Phoebe Wetherington** 1825 - 1909 m. **Alexander Taylor** in 1843 in Craven County. ⁴⁰ In 1881 Phoebe married 2nd, Caswell Wood 1815 – 1895 in Craven County. ⁴¹ Phoebe and Caswell Wood are buried in the Asbury church cemetery. ⁴²

The children of Alexander Taylor and Phoebe Wetherington were: ⁴³

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1838-)
- b. Isaac Taylor (1835-)
- c. Henry Taylor (1848-)

5. **Abner Wetherington** (1830 –1870) ⁴⁴ married **Elizabeth Hawkins** in 1854 in Craven County. ⁴⁵

The children of Abner Wetherington and Elizabeth Hawkins were: ⁴⁶

- a. Olive J. Wetherington 1854 –1931 m. William H. Watson 1861 – 1937 ⁴⁷
- b. Charles Henry Wetherington 1864 – 1937 m. Nancy J. Herring 1872-1960

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6. **Alfred Wetherington** (1832 -1869) married **Mary D. Davis** in 1858 in Craven County.⁴⁹ After Alfred's death about 1869 Mary married **George P. Lewis** in 1870 in Craven County. ⁵⁰ In the 1880 Craven census, Nancy Wetherington Davis, Solomon's youngest daughter, a widow, lived with George Lewis and Mary Davis Lewis. ⁵¹

The only known child of Alfred Wetherington and Mary Davis:

- a. Samuel M. Wetherington, (1859-) ⁵²

The children of George Lewis and Mary D. Davis were: ⁵³

- b. Elizabeth Lewis (1873 –)
- c. George Lewis (1875 –)
- d. Lena Lewis (1877 –)
- e. James Lewis (1879 –)



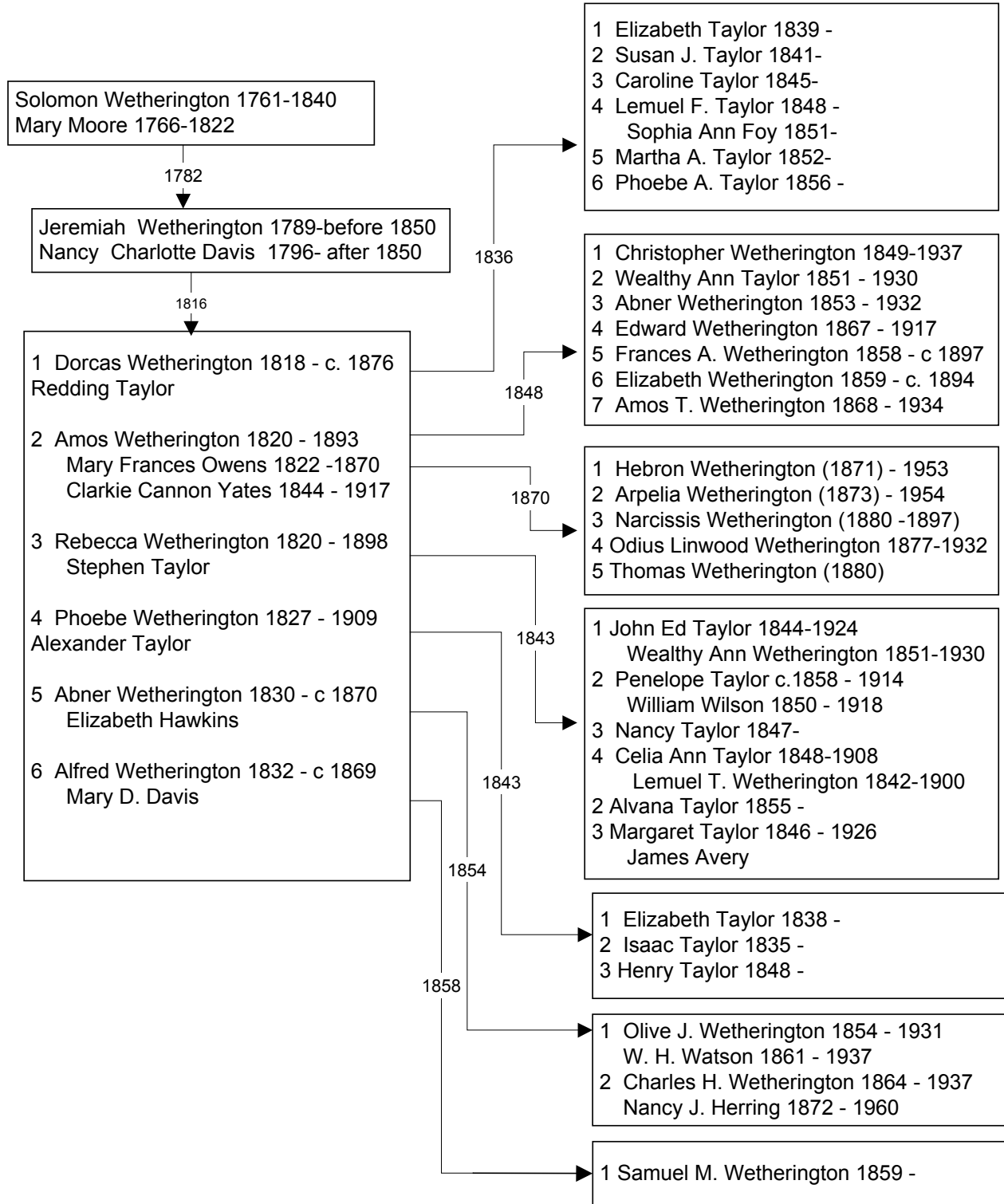


Figure 18 Jeremiah Wetherington Family Tree