

## Chapter 13 Noah Wetherington 1886 – 1919

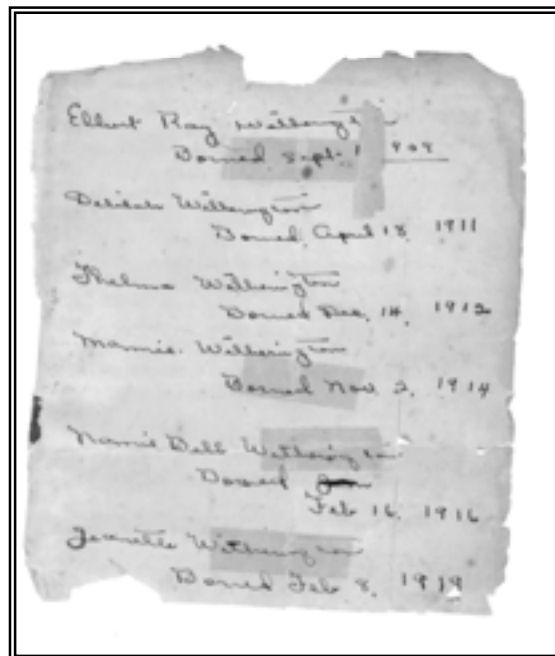
**Noah Wetherington**, the son of Abner B. Wetherington and Beneta Jane Eubanks, was born on July 6, 1886 in Tuscarora. <sup>1</sup> Noah appears in the early Sunday school records of the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist church beginning in 1892. <sup>2</sup> Noah married **Mary Letha Moore** on May 24, 1907 in Craven County. <sup>3</sup> Letha Moore, born on September 19, 1890, was the daughter of Wiley Augustus Moore and Nancy Shepard Stewart. <sup>4</sup> Noah and Letha lived in Tuscarora on the south side of Tomahawk Branch on the Tuscarora-Rhems Road. Noah and several of his brothers worked with their father, Abner, in the lumber business. Noah and brother-in-law, Herman Stewart, along with Josephus Wetherington cut local timber and also ran a sawmill in Tuscarora.



**Figure 29**  
**Noah and Letha Wetherington**

In the influenza epidemic of 1918-1919, Noah became ill and died on January 26, 1919 leaving Letha and several small children. Noah was buried in the Stewart Cemetery and in the 1950s his remains were relocated to the New Bern Memorial cemetery to the Elbert Ray Wetherington family plot. <sup>5</sup> Letha made a living for a time as a midwife and infant nurse and later worked for Dr. Christopher S. Barker in New Bern for many years. Letha died on July 6, 1958 and was buried in the New Bern Memorial cemetery. <sup>6</sup>

The home place was displaced in the 1970s by the construction of the US 70 bypass. The home was moved to Sanders Lane near Clarks and remodeled extensively.



**Figure 30** **Family Bible Record of Letha M. Wetherington**



**Figure 31 Letha Wetherington and Daughters**

*L to R: Letha, Thelma, Adaltha, Delilah, Nannie, Mamie, and seated, Beatrice.*

*Photo circa 1953.*

The children of Noah Wetherington and Mary Letha Moore:

1. **Elbert Ray Wetherington** was born on September 1, 1909 in Tuscarora. Ray married **Adaltha Rodgers**, born January 10, 1909 in Greene County, NC. For a time, Ray Wetherington worked the family farm, but later sold the farm to his sister, Delilah and brother-in-law, Milton Speight. In the early 1950's Ray worked with his brother-in-law, Jay Lee Humphrey, for the Traveler's Oil Co. He became a New Bern City fireman and also worked for the Pollock Funeral Home. Ray and Adaltha made their home for many years on Colonial Way in New Bern. Ray Wetherington died on November 17, 1971 and was buried in the New Bern Memorial cemetery with his parents. Adaltha R. Wetherington died on November 9, 1999 and was also buried in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery.

The children of E. Ray Wetherington and Adaltha Rodgers:

- a. William Ray Wetherington married Mary Clark
  1. William Ray Wetherington, Jr. 1956 – m. 1<sup>st</sup> Alasia Carol Willis
  2. John Wetherington

- b. Jean Rodgers Wetherington 1936 - married Robert Morris Boyd
  - 1. Robert M. Boyd, Jr. 1959 - m. Regina Inez Canady
  - 2. Lisa Anne Boyd 1966 - 1986

c. Barbara Gray Wetherington 1946 -

- 2. **Delilah Wetherington** was born on April 18, 1911 in Tuscarora. Delilah married **Joseph Milton Speight**, the son of Cary H. Speight, was born on October 6, 1908 in Greene County, NC. They farmed in Greene County in the 1930's and later purchased the Noah Wetherington home from E. Ray Wetherington. Milton and Delilah farmed the homeplace until Milton's death. Milton Speight died on December 12, 1963 in Craven County and his son Charles Milton Speight ran the farm until it was acquired by the highway right-of-way about 1970. Delilah and her family moved to Grantsboro, NC and she lived there until her death in 2002. Milton and Delilah W. Speight are buried in the Greenleaf cemetery in New Bern, NC.

The children of Joseph Milton Speight and Delilah Wetherington, born in Greene County, NC:

- a. Charles Milton Speight 1933-1999 m. Lelar Tyndall 1936-
  - 1. Tony Keith Speight 1959 -
  - 2. Teresa Lynn Speight 1960 - m. Gregory Harris 1954 -
- b. Irene Speight 1938 - m. Donald Ward (1939) - 2001
  - 1. Milton M. Ward m. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Cindy Ward m. Richard Smith
  - 3. Angie Ward m. Bryant Dilda

- 3. **Thelma Wetherington** was born on December 14, 1912. Thelma Wetherington married **Levi Vance Norris** after the death of his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Effie Cordelia Shute. <sup>7</sup> Levi, the son of George J. Norris and Queenie Allie McLawhorn, was born on September 30, 1894. Levi and Thelma were married on January 5, 1929 in Craven County. They eventually purchased a small farm on the Tuscarora–Rhems road adjacent to the old Tuscarora Methodist church. Levi Norris



**Figure 32**  
**Levi Norris Home, Tuscarora**

died on December 24, 1966 and Thelma died on January 16, 1977. Levi and Thelma were buried in the Greenleaf cemetery in New Bern. The child of Levi Norris and Effie C. Shute:

- a. Effie Almira Norris 1925- m. Robert Guy Register, Jr. <sup>8</sup>

The child of Levi Norris and Thelma Wetherington:

- a. Allie Ruth Norris 1931- m. Daniel Douglas Mallard 1926 – 1998
1. Daniel Vance Mallard 1950 – 1984 m. Gloria Darlene Morris
  2. David Craig Mallard 1955 - m. 1<sup>st</sup> Amy Wetherington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeannie French
  3. Randall Norris Mallard 1963 – m. Sandra Denise White 1963 -
4. **Mamie Catherine Wetherington** was born on November 2, 1914 in Tuscarora. Mamie attended Jasper School in the 1920s. She married **George Thomas Ipock** on March 5, 1931 in Craven County. G. T. Ipock was born on Ipock September 27, 1906. G. T. Ipock was the son of Edward T. Ipock 1871-1929 and Addie S. Ipock 1881 – 1960. After their marriage, Mamie and G. T. lived for a time in Tuscarora, operating a store on the location of the older Oliver Wetherington store by the NC and Atlantic railroad. They later moved to Greenville, NC where G. T. worked for a Ford dealership for many years until his retirement. G. T. Ipock died on September 27, 1993 and was buried in Pinewood Memorial Park in Greenville, NC. Mamie died on July 19, 2003 and was also buried in the Pinewood Memorial Park in Greenville, NC.



*Photo courtesy of George Wetherington.*

**Figure 33 Jasper School, 1927**

*Mamie Wetherington, front row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right.*

The children of G. T. Ipock and Mamie Catherine Wetherington:

- a. George Thomas Ipock, Jr. 1935 – m. Dorothy -?-
    - 1. Mark Thomas Ipock 1958 -
    - 2. Paul Anthony Ipock 1961 -
    - 3. Susan Elaine Ipock 1968 -
    - 4. David Edward Ipock 1972 -
  - b. Linda Lou Ipock 1933 – m. Leon Raymond Hardee 1934 -
    - 1. Debra Lou Hardee 1954 – m. Ronnie Wayne Leggett 1951-
    - 2. Doreen Kay Hardee 1956 – m. David Edward Cox 1952 -
    - 3. Donna Lynn Hardee 1958 – m. Robert Jefferson 1948 -
    - 4. Leon Raymond Hardee, Jr. 1961 – m. Karen H. Stokes 1963-
  - c. Elma Ipock 1931 - 2000 m. Wallace Odum
    - 1. Reid Odum 1953 - 1975
    - 2. Christopher Wayne Odum (deceased)
  - d. Peggy Ipock m. E. L. Daughtridge
  - e. James Raymond Ipock m. Evelyn -?-
5. **Nannie Belle Wetherington** was born on February 16, 1916 in Tuscarora. She graduated from Jasper High School in 1933. Nannie married Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr, son of Jay Lee Humphrey and Rosa Pittman, on November 11, 1936 in Craven County. Jay Lee Humphrey was born on September 7, 1916 in Clarks, NC. After their marriage they lived in Clarks in the former home of John C. Stewart. In the early 1940's they lived in a small home in Tuscarora near the former Oliver Wetherington store. In 1958 they built a home in Clarks, NC.

Nannie worked for many years in the office of Dr. Charles Ashford, Sr in New Bern. After his death she worked for Dr. Graham Barden of New Bern. A long-time member and Sunday school teacher of the Gethsemane FWB church. She became a member of the First Baptist church in New Bern in the 1960s.

Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr died in 1990 and was buried in the Greenleaf cemetery in New Bern.



**Figure 34**  
**Nannie B. Wetherington**

*Photo circa 1932*



The children of Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr and Nannie Belle Wetherington:

- a. Jay Lee Humphrey, III 1939 – 1999 m. Joann Hoyle 1942
  1. Leigh Ellen Humphrey 1965 - m. 1<sup>st</sup> Douglas Cumbo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Scurry
  2. Jay Lee Humphrey IV 1969 – m. Melissa Diane Muse (divorced)
- b. Rose Marie Humphrey 1941- m. 1<sup>st</sup> Mark S. Dunn, Jr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Bernardo
  1. Mark S. Dunn, III 1967 - m. Carol Lumpa 1962
  2. Letha Dunn 1970 -
- c. William Christopher Humphrey 1944- m. 1<sup>st</sup> Elaine Cowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sherry Ussery
 

*(Children of William and Chris Johnson)*

  1. Michael Johnson Humphrey *(adopted)*
  2. Willam C. Humphrey, Jr. 1978 -
  3. James Grey Humphrey 1982 -
- e. Rex Allen Humphrey 1951 – m. Ava Jane Garrett 1945-

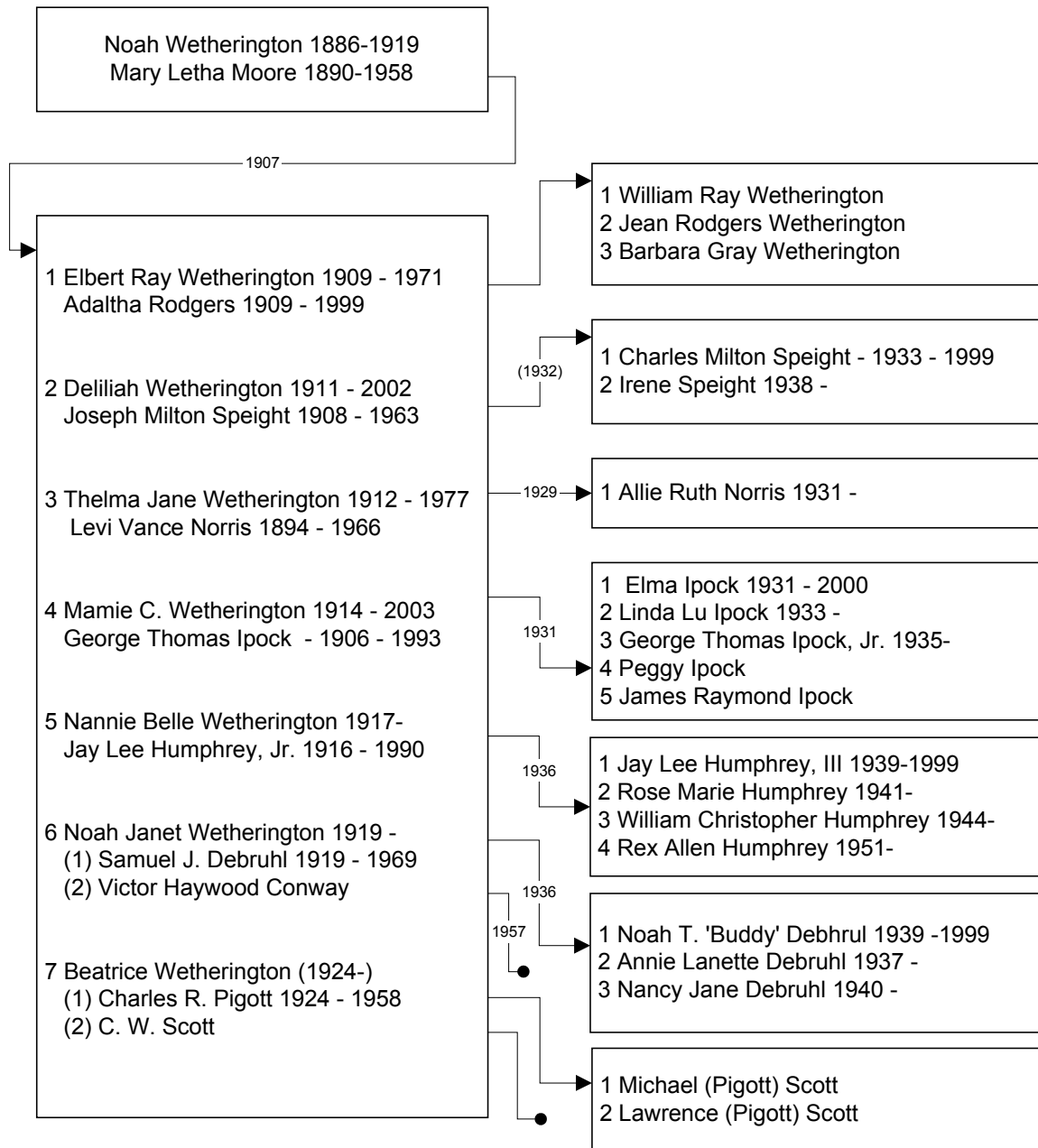
6. **Noah Janet Wetherington** was born on February 8, 1919 in Tuscarora. Janet married 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel J. Debruhl on November 7, 1936 in Craven County. Samuel Debruhl, the son of William T. Debruhl and Annie Andrews, was born on December 1, 1919 in Craven County. Sammy Debruhl died on February 13, 1969 and was buried in the Russell Cemetery near Fort Barnwell, NC. Divorced from Sammy Debruhl, Janet married 2<sup>nd</sup> Victor Haywood Conway (1926 -) on October 4, 1957 (no children by 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage).

The children of Samuel Debruhl and Janet Wetherington:

- a. Noah Tildon Debruhl 1939– 1999 m. 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_?\_\_\_ and m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellie \_\_\_?\_\_\_
    1. Lisa Debruhl m. a \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Gage
    2. Richard Debruhl
  - b. Lanette Debruhl 1937 - m. Joseph Dudley
  - c. Nancy Jane Debruhl 1940 - m. William Cook
7. **Beatrice Wetherington** (1924-) married 1<sup>st</sup> Charles R. Pigott 1924 – 1958, the son of Charles D. Piggott and Mamie Riggs. After the death of Charles Pigott Beatrice married 2<sup>nd</sup> widower C. W. Scott.

The children of Charles R. Pigott and Beatrice Wetherington:  
*(later adopted by C. W. Scott)*

- a. Mike Scott m. Amy Barbour
  - b. Larry Scott m. Sheila -?-
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**Figure 35 Noah Wetherington Family Tree**