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About The Cover: The Lakeside Hotel

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The Lakeside Hotel managed by Dr. Wm B Franklin and his wife Susan is located on Spring Lake in Minnesota.

Dr. Franklin was born 17 Mar 1842 in Middletown, Ohio, the son of Samuel and Mary (Halsey) Franklin. In 1847 the family was living in New Carlise, Indiana. After July 1852 they moved to the Minnesota Territory and lived in St. Paul for 1 year. In 1853 Samuel Franklin acquired eighty acres of open prairie land on an Indian Reservation which the city of Minneapolis now stands.

The house Samuel Franklin built on the prairie was located at the site that is now Morrison Avenue in Minneapolis. The family remained there until 1883.

Six years after the Franklin family moved to the Minnesota Territory on 11 May 1858, Minnesota, "The North Star State", became the 23rd State to join the Union. Three years later Wm B Franklin enlisted in the Minnesota Volunteers where he spent the next years in the service of the United States Army in the War of the Rebellion where he remained until the cessation of hostilities in 1865.

From 1865 to 1873 Mr. Franklin drove stage coach for the Minnesota Stage Coach Company. The state coach line was little more than a trail which passed through country inhabited by friendly Indians.

In late 1873 William took a claim in Clontarf, Swift County, Minnesota. On Thanksgiving Day 1875 he was united in marriage in Minneapolis with Susan Shelrin who was born in Dover, New Hampshire.

They left the land claim in 1876 to reside in Minneapolis at which time he choose the profession of Veterinary Surgeon. When he was prepared to pursue his new profession, their next move was to Spring Lake where the family assumed the management of The Lakeside Hotel. It soon acquired the reputation of being a fine eating place and a cordial stopover for a nights lodging; as Susan was an excellent cook and Dr. Franklin was a gracious host.

The Hotel was a large building constructed partly of hewn logs which provided the family with living quarters, several rooms for guest and a large central dining room. The rooms were unheated, therefore, on cold winter nights the guest gathered around the fireplace in the dining room. Many nights the men spent long hours recollecting their war experiences.

The early Franklin families who lived in the New England States made a notable contribution towards the early settlements in America and the formation of an enduring form of government.

Four or five generations later their descendants moved West into unsettled territory in the face of deprivation and hardship. They did not hesitate to take a chance and moved frequently to achieve a better life. It was their kind of courage that resulted in the development of the wilderness all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

Those in the picture are (left to right) Wm Franklin, Jr., Dr. Wm B Franklin, Susan (Shelrin) Franklin, Mary Adaloide Franklin, James S Franklin and John F Franklin.

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Editor's Message

FFRU has purchased, on computer disk, the following Marriage records which have been extracted from various courthouses. Tennessee Marriages 1801-1825; Tennessee Marriages Early to 1800; North Carolina Marriages Early to 1800; Kentucky Marriages Early to 1800; Georgia Marriages Early to 1800; Alabama Marriages Early to 1825; Mississippi Marriages Early to 1825. These records were compiled, extracted and transcribed by Liahona Research, Inc.; published by Precision Indexing, PO Box 303, Bountiful, Utah 84011. We are extracting the Franklin data only. We will research these records for your allied lines upon request. It is not our intention to launch a research business for other researchers, however, we are anxious to assist our Franklin Researchers in every way possible. Therefore, if you have allied lines in these areas and would like for us to search these Marriage records for you, please send a SASE and \$1.00 per surname per record. This will cover our time in researching as well as copies. All monies collected will be used towards the purchase of other resources materials to benefit our researchers. We are hoping to eventually purchase a microfilm reader so that we may extract more Franklin data that is available on microfilm through the Library loan program.

We are also currently subscribing to "Mississippi Records" Edited by Anne S Anderson and Judith Hetchler, L W Anderson Genealogical Library, PO Box 1647, Gulfport, Mississippi 39502. They do a wonderful job in publishing various Mississippi Records throughout the state. The following is an outline of records published. All Franklin data will be passed on to you, and again, if you wish us to check for your allied lines the same applies as above; or you may wish to subscribe to these quarterlies yourself. The annual subscription is \$17.00.

Vol 1 #1 Jan 1989: Attala County 1841 State Census; Indexes to Records of Civil War Union; Volunteer Soldiers from Miss; The Gainesville Advocate 1845-46; Registers of Deaths 1879 Harrison County; Leake County Will Book 1 1852-1908; 1836 Chickasaw County Poll Tax List; Research in Tate County

Vol 1 #2 Apr 1989: Leake County Will Book I 1852-1908; Lamar County Baptisms of Purvis Methodist Church; Hancock County The Gainesville Advocate 1845-46; Oktibbeha County 1885 Educable Children; Lafayette County Scrapbook clippings of Ida Browning; Tate County Coldwater Baptist Ass Papers; Marion County Pearl River News; Military Index to Union Miss Soldiers; Wilkinson County Deed Book A; Noxubee County 1845 State Census.

Vol 1 #3 July 1989: Oktibbeha County - Educable Children (cont'd from April Issue); Leake County - Will Book I; Freedman's Bureau Records; Applications for Confederate Pardons; Lafayette County - Funeral Notices; Claiborne County - Port Gibson Correspondent; Harrison County - The Daily Herald; Choctaw Indians - US Court of Claims; Marion County - Loose Papers -File Drawer V; Newton County - Miss State Census; Coahoma County - Guardians and Executors Records; Wilkinson County - Deed Book A; Miss Civil War Union Records.

Vol 1 #4 Oct 1989: Leake County - Will Book I (1852-1908); Pontotoc County - 1837 State Census; Index to Compiled Service Records of Civil War Union Volunteer Soldiers; Wilkinson County - Deed Book A; Copiah County - Marks and Brands; United States Court of Claims - Case No. 12742; Coahoma County - Administrators, Guardian, and Executors Record, 1873-1881; Kemper County - 1834 Combination Tax Roll; Claiborne County - Port Gibson Correspondence; Harrison County - Jurors, 1880-1882; Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons, 1865-1867; Oktibbeha County - Educable Children, 1885 (cont'd from July); Clarke County - Probate Minutes, Vol 6, 1856-1860.

Vol 2 #1 Jan 1990: Clay County Deeds Vol A; Applications Confederate Pardons 1865-1867; Copiah County - Marks and Brands; Simpson County - 1837 State Census; Pearl River Gazette 1824 (Hinds County); Clark County Probate Records Vol 6; Lem Lester Bible (Panola County); Volunteer Union Soldiers; Chickasaw County Probates; Mt Moriah Presbyterian Church (Newton County); Choctaw Indians Claims; Coahoma County Probates 1873-1877.

Vol 2 #2 Apr 1990: Misc. Hinds County Newspapers 1824; Bensalem Cemetery, Lincoln County; Carrol County Police Court Book Vol A, 1834-1844; Harrison County Loose Papers; Baptist Associational Messengers 1846-1918; Clay County Deed Records Vol A, 1836-1868; Clarke County Probate Minutes, Vol 6, 1856-1860; Issaquena Administrators Bonds and Letters Vol 3, 1871-1952.

Vol 2 #3 Jul 1990: Clark County Probate Minutes Vol 6, 1856-1860; Baptist Associational Messengers, 1846-1918; Clay County Deed Records Vol A 1836-1868; Yazoo County Cemetery; Case Files of Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons 1867; Index to Compiled Service Records of Civil War Union Volunteer Soldiers from Mississippi; Carroll County Police Jury Minutes; Jackson County Deed of Land; The American Citizen, Canton, Mississippi; Wilkinson County Deed Book A; 1801 State and Territorial Census, Washington County, Mississippi Territory; Harrison County selected loose papers.

Vol 2 #4 Oct 1990: The American Citizen - Canton-Madison County; 1885 Oktibbeha Educable Children; Index to Compiled Service Records of Civil War Union Volunteer Soldiers from Mississippi; Resignations and Appointments and Military Series E., Administration of Gov. David Holmes, Oct 1817-Jan 1820; Clay County Deed Records, Vol A 1836-1868; Holmes County Marriage Index Book G, Jan 1884-Nov 1892; Carroll County Police Jury Minutes; Confederate Pardons, Newton County 1845 State Census; Clarke County Probate Records, Probate Minutes, Vol 6 1856-1860.

Vol 3 #1 Jan 1991: Clay County Deed Records 1836-1868; Oktibbeha Educable Children 1885; Bainbridge County Births 1824; Clark County Probate Records 1856-60; Madison County - American Citizen Newspaper 1861; Madison County Mississippi 1841 State Census; Carroll County Police Jury Minutes 1834-1844.

Vol 3 #2 Apr 1991: Panola County 1837 State Census; Clay County Deed Records Vol A; Case Files of Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons; Clark County Probate Records Vol 6 1856-1860; Oktibbeha Educable School Children 1880; Wilkinson County Deed Book A 1803-1817; Immigrants in the 1870 DeSoto County Census; Carroll County Police Jury Minutes 1833; Index to Compiled Service Records of Civil War Union Volunteer Soldiers from Mississippi; List of persons subscribing to the Oath of Allegiance under The Spanish Government at Rapides, 2 May 1801; Southern Business Guide, Meridian.

Vol 3 #3 Jul 1991: Scott County State Census 1841; Carroll County Police Jury Minutes 1834-44; Educable Children Oktibbeha County 1885; Wilkinson County Deed Book A; Appearances to Copiah County Circuit Court; Transcripts of Physicians Licenses, Harrison County; Abstracted Records from the Public Land Series; Clark County Probate Minutes, Vol 6; Claiborne County Probate Book D; Union Soldiers serving from Mississippi.

Vol 3 #4 Oct 1991: Howell Cemetery, Monroe County; Clay County Deed Book A; 1860 Marion County Slave Schedule; Confederate Pardons 1865-66 (He-Ma); Union Soldiers from Mississippi; Choctaw Nation vs. United States.

Johnnye and I are overwhelmed with the response that we have received to the Quarterly. Seldom does a day pass that we don't received an inquiry. We will publish an update of members in our October Issue.

We ask that you continue to send us your research materials. We will publish all materials...just have patience with us...It takes time to key all info received into our Data Base..then it is all typed into our Quarterly disk for publication. Then there is the proofing, etc. But, we do love all of you for your enthusiasm and contributions. Keep it coming!!

Tidbits from Johnnye

Because of my traveling too much these past few weeks and also because Elaine has gathered an abundance

of materials through our members and through her research, we have decided to hold the last of the 1910 Franklin Texas census until next issue, so that we may publish more information on these families.

We are getting quite a few ancestor charts for our lineage book, but not as many as I would like. It doesn't matter that your last Franklin was six or more generations back. Start with yourself as #1 and use two charts as we do want to see the Franklin connection. Think of all the other surnames that will be indexed and may possibly lead to other connections. You double your chance of connecting when you put your own info out, rather than waiting to find someone else's info. Please send your charts in to be published. Remember that there must be a one inch margin on left side; if using a computer print out move your paper over if you can't reset the margin.

Bits and Pieces

Martha A. Franklin b: 9 Sep 1833 Montgomery County, Kentucky married Jim Harris 20th Mar 1862 Hunt County, Texas.

Joyce Gatlin, PO Box 346, Steinhatchee, FL 32359 sent us the census application for Asa Franklin, War of 1812, of New York, that had been sent her by mistake and she would like it passed on to a descendant of Asa's. Inquiry dated 15 Feb 1855, signed by A S Chaffs. Affidavit taken from Daniel D Franklin of Frenonia, New York dated 25 Sep 1856 states he (Daniel D Franklin) is 43 years old and the son of Asa Franklin who resides with him (Daniel D Franklin). Names also mentioned in affidavit: Daniel S Chapman and Simon ? Send SASE for copy.

Early birth records of Texas, compiled by Summer and Gentry, list the following Franklin births:

Date	Parents	Child	County
25 Jan 1873	John W and Mary E	Lucien B	Burnet
8 Apr 1874	R and FE	John M	Bell
14 Jul 1874	W and Mary	Saddie	Burnet
18 Jul 1874	Henry and Harrietta	Henritta	Rusk
15 Nov 1876	JW and Nancy A	Mary	Anderson

Names on "Account of Sales" Bernard Franklin estate 7th Apr 1828 Surry County, North Carolina. Witt: Jermiah Franklin.

Joseph Thompson, Henderson Thompson, Stephen Potter, Benj' Potter, Francis Bryant, Mark Rose, Wm Marsh, Caleb Davis, Hardin P. Franklin, Frederick Woolsee, Lon Ravis, Issac A Dear, Taliaferro Franklin, Rufus Thompson, Larkin Kanady, John Marsh, Jesse Caudle, Nathan Jackson, Wm Easley, M. Riggs, Revil Bartley, Clemmons Norman, Elijah Thompson, James Fields, Richard Edwards, Gidion Franklin, James Morris, Solomon Graves, John Riggs, T. Riggs, George Thompson, John Cook, C. Oglesby, Jesse Mays, Stokes Edwards, John Edwards, James Blivins, Shadrack Franklin, Meshack Franklin.

Meshack and Mildred (Edwards) Franklin

Family group sheet for Meshack and Mildred (Edwards) Franklin, married 2 Feb 1802, researched by Bruce Cheeseman:

1. Gideon Edwards Franklin b: 28 Sep 1803, married 1834 Ann Hughes, moved first to Tennessee,

- then settled Early Grove, Mississippi in late 1830's, d: 1867, 8 children.
2. Ann Perkins Franklin b: 25 Dec 1804, married William W. Welborn; moved to Early Grove, Mississippi in 1842, d: 1884, 11 children.
 3. Columbus Bernard Franklin b: 23 Jun 1806, married Ann Amelia Gwyn 1842, moved to Fayette County, Tennessee in 1856, d: 1866, 8 children.
 4. Mary Cleveland Franklin b: 1 Apr 1809, married Gabriel T Moore in 1829, moved first to Georgia, then to Sardis, Mississippi in 1848, d: 1885, 4 children.
 5. Sarah Hardin Franklin b: 29 May 1811, married Thomas J. Thurman in 1834, moved to Saulsbury, Tennessee, 5 children.
 6. Martha Elizabeth Franklin b: 10 Jun 1813, married first cousin Hardin P. Franklin in 1837, moved to Early Grove, Mississippi in 1849, d: 1866 5 children.
 7. Jesse Daniel Franklin b: 8 Mar 1815, married Amelia Thurmond (probably Thurman) moved to Sardis, Mississippi in 1847, 1 child.
 8. Mildred Edwards Franklin b: 15 Dec 1819, married 1834 Enoch B Hunt, remained in North Carolina settling in Salisbury, 3 children.
 9. Frances J Franklin b: 1 May 1821, married David A. Abernathy, moved first to Mississippi 1851, then on to McKinney, Texas.
 10. Meeky Caroline Franklin b: 25 June 1822, d: 1840 at the Franklin homestead and buried in the Family Cemetery.

Although Meshack nor his brother Jesse were known as great orators, they were both influential in western North Carolina politics.

The home that Meshack and Meeky inherited from her father has been restored and is open to the public a few miles out of Mt. Airy, North Carolina. It is known as the Edwards/Franklin house. A few years ago I visited there on my way back from Portsmouth Virginia during the Christmas season. It was on a Saturday and they were having open house and sitting on the porch was an elderly Franklin descendant that reminded me very much of one of my great uncles, but I was told that he resembled his father's family.

This information was sent to me by LaVonne Ketchum and I will be happy to send a copy to any of his descendants. There are 28 pages in this research paper. For a brochure on the Edwards/Franklin house you can send a SASE to Miss Ruth Minick, 341 Franklin Street, Mt. Airy, NC 27030.

Laurence Franklin

Submitted by LCDR Michael O Brown, CHC, USN, Pep Psc 821, Box 84, FPO AE 09421-2500

Laurence Franklin (born Albemarle County, Virginia between 1680/1700) possibly the scion of a family of illustrious Norman nobles who left England after the restoration of Charles II in England in 1660.¹ First married daughter of Benjamin Mathis, Laurence was the father of four sons - Henry Franklin, Sr. (born about 1715/1717 possibly Essex County, Virginia); Benjamin (born about 1720 possibly Essex County, Virginia); Reuben and Owen. Henry married Margaret Hensley about 1735 and died in 1792 Amherst County, Virginia. Benjamin married Patience Sumpter about 1740 and died 1751 in Albemarle County, Virginia.

After his first wife died before 1722 (possibly in Essex County, Virginia), Laurence married again to Mary Payne, apparently the daughter of Bernard Paine and his wife Elizabeth. Before his death between 1764 and 1779², Laurence and Mary had five more children - Laurence; George (who married a woman named Anne);

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1. Bruce L Sanders, *The Franklins of Haystack, North Carolina* (mimeograph in the Surry Community College Library, Dobson, North Carolina; Grosse Pointe, MI: Bruce L. Sanders, 1977), p. 50.
 2. FGS by Mrs. George H. Ausec, 17615 Loring Ln., Spring, TX 77388 (dated 12 Jan 1984).

Bernard (born 26 May 1731 Albemarle County); Nancy Anne (born 1736); and Betsy (who married Anthony Wells).

Nancy Anne married Judithen Gideon Canterbury and became the mother of four sons - John, Nimrod, Reuben and Benjamin Canterbury.

Her brother, Bernard, married Mary Cleaveland in Orange County, Virginia in 1752.³ Bernard and Mary were the parents of some 13 children beginning with Jeremiah, born Virginia 2 Sep 1754; Bernard Franklin, Jr. born Virginia 28 Apr 1756; a son, Jesse born 3 Mar 1758; died barely a year later on 14 Mar 1759. The Franklin's gave his name to a fourth son born in Albemarle County, 24 Mar 1760⁴ A daughter, Elizabeth "Betty" Franklin (who never married) born Virginia 10 Mar 1762, followed by another son, Abner born 28 Apr 1764 Virginia; Shadrack born 20 Apr 1769⁵, was the first of three sons to be named for the three young men in the fiery furnace. A daughter Mary "Polly", interrupted the three brothers, born 14 May 1771. Then came Meshack born Orange County, 17 Sep 1773⁶, and Abednego born 29 May 1776. Three more children followed - Benjamin, William and Jane⁷

By the time of the Revolution, when he was 16 or 17 years old, son Jesse was already serving in the Virginia militia.⁸ But in 1778,⁹ his father Bernard sent Jesse to find suitable land for the family in North Carolina, to which Bernard's brother-in-law, Ben Cleveland, had removed, along the Yadkin River,¹⁰ near present-day Wilkesboro, in 1769.¹¹ In September of that year, Jesse, in his father's name, entered a claim on 400 acres along the Mitchell River in Wilkes (now Surry) County.¹² He owned property of his own in the county by 1779.¹³

Jesse, now a resident of North Carolina, reentered the patriot cause as a captain and adjutant in the local area.¹⁴ With his seven or eight year old brother Meshack, he played a large role in the Battle of King's

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3. FGS by Julia Montgomery, 2200 Robyn Ln., Mission, Texas (dated 29 Jan 1986), citing four sources: (1) *Happy Valley*, by Thomas F Hickerson; (2) *The Descendants of Nicholas Perkins*, by William K Hall; (3) Bernard Franklin will; and (4) Bernard Franklin's family Bible in the possession of Mrs. F G McNeely, descendant.
 4. An Elkin, North Carolina, newspaper, dated 8 Mar 1962, mistakenly gives the birth date of the second Jesse as 1758; Surry Community College Library, Dobson, North Carolina. The correct date is given in *Biographical Dictionary of the United States Congress 1774-1989*, Bicentennial Edition (Washington: United States Government Printing Office, 1989), p. 1024.
 5. Undoubtedly born in Virginia and not in Surry County, North Carolina, as sometimes given.
 6. Or 1772, according to *Biographical Dictionary*, loc. cit.
 7. Eight of the children (Jesse, Benjamin, Abner, Shadrack, Polly, Meshack, Abednego, and Betsy) are listed in the Old Franklin family Bible according to W.R. Edmonds, "Sketch of Jesse Franklin", in *The University Magazine* (University of North Carolina), OS Vol. 41:4 (Mar 1911); typed manuscript at Surry Community College Library, Dobson, North Carolina. Edmonds, however, mistakes Bernard, Jr. (who married Martha Cleveland) for Benjamin.
 8. David L Roberts, *Jesse Franklin: Patriot and Politician* (Master's thesis, Wake Forest University, 1978; copy at Surry Community College Library, Dobson, North Carolina), p.1.
 9. Probably not in 1774, as stated in *Biographical Dictionary*, loc. cit.
 10. Then in Roan County; in 1770, Surry County; in 1778 Wilkes County.
 11. Roberts, loc.cit.; and Edmonds, loc.cit.
 12. Roberts, loc.cit.
 13. *Ibid.*, p.4
 14. *Ibid.*, p.1.

Mountain, South Carolina, in Oct 1780.¹⁵ In early March 1781, Captain Franklin was sent on a mission to a fort in Wilkes County. He reached Salem (Winston-Salem) early in the morning, exhausted and hungry, having ridden all night. Although Salem was supposed to be loyalist, Jesse found a friend who discreetly turned a blind eye while Jesse helped himself to meat in the cupboard and traded his tired horse for a fresh one.¹⁶ The Society of the Brethren at Salem reported that he and Captain Joel Lewis had, in an “unmannerly fashion”, demanded service in the Brethren House.¹⁷

The remainder of the tale is somewhat apocryphal in that it exists in several conflicting versions. In one version, at least, on Jesse’s eventual arrival at the fort, he learned that the families on the Mitchell River were without salt. Since he could reach this community by making only a short detour on his way back to his post, Franklin obtained some salt and set out for his father’s home. Wending his way along mountain paths to avoid contact with Tories, Jesse had nearly made it home when he was surprised and taken captive by a Tory band. The loyalists tied his hands behind his back and led his horse to a tree where they used the bridle to form a hangman’s noose, fastening one end to a limb of the tree. Striking the horse, they expected it to bound away and leave Jesse swaying from the tree. Instead, the horse reared, the bridle broke, and Franklin, his hands still tied behind his back, sped off. Having stacked their rifles against a tree, the Tories were unable to reach them and fire them before Jesse had got away. Jesse spent the night in his father’s barn and the next day set out with Richard Taliaferro¹⁸ (son of Dr. John Taliaferro) to rejoin the troops being gathered near the Guilford County courthouse by General Nathaniel Greene.¹⁹

In the ensuing battle at Guilford Courthouse on 15 March, Captain Franklin played another key role, fighting alongside his uncle, Colonel Benjamin Cleveland. During the battle, Dr. John Taliaferro tended the wounded as a surgeon, while his daughter Judith served as nurse. Before the battle ended, however, Jesse’s companion, her brother Richard, was killed. Jesse and Richard were together when they were seized by Tarleton’s dragoons. Jesse was able to slash the reins with which his horse was tethered to a tree and thus escape, but Richard tried to untie his reins and was cut down by the dragoons.²⁰

Jesse’s bravery and leadership is memorialized at the battlefield park by a huge bronze-and-stone monument commemorating him and two other battle leaders. Jesse is buried beneath the monument.

Jesse was promoted to the rank of Major before the war’s end.²¹ After the Revolution, in 1784, at the age of 24, he began his political career. Elected to the North Carolina General Assembly, he served in the House of Commons in 1784-1787, 1790-1794, 1797-1798, and 1805-1806, representing either Wilkes or Surry County, depending upon where the county lines were drawn.²² He was also the census-taker for his area in 1784-1787.²³ By Nov 1784, the year he entered politics, he was still single, owned 600 acres on the Mitchell River, and three slaves.²⁴

In the late 1780’s or early in 1790, Jesse married his boyhood sweetheart, Maacah Maria “Meeky” Perkins,

15. Bruce S Cheeseman, *Historical Research Project: The Edwards-Franklin House of Surry County* (mimeograph at Surry County Courthouse; Raleigh, North Carolina, 1978), p.31.

16. Sanders, op.cit., p.55.

17. Ibid.

18. The name is pronounced - and occasionally spelled - “Tolliver”.

19. Sanders, op. cit., pp.55-56.

20. Ibid., pp. 56-57

21. Roberts, loc.cit.

22. Sanders, op. city., pp. 65, 67; Roberts, loc. cit., p.iv.

23. Roberts, loc.cit., p.4

24. Ibid.

daughter of Hardin Perkins of Rockbridge County, Virginia, and his wife Sarah Price.²⁵ At least eight children were born to this marriage - James Mason Franklin (born about 1793) and who married his cousin Frances Franklin Nall; Hardin Perkins Franklin who married another cousin; Martha Elizabeth Franklin (born 1837); Bernard Franklin; Sarah Panill Franklin who married Jonathan Unthank);²⁶ Ann "Nancy" P Franklin who married William Slade; Mary Cleaveland Franklin who married Solomon Graves in 1817;²⁷ Elizabeth Franklin; and Matilda C. Franklin who married Samuel Dalton Moore.

In February 1795, Jesse was appointed chairman of a special state committee to investigate the merits of a premium or bounty being provided to protect a certain Jeremiah Early in the manufacture of steel; Franklin's committee opposed the premium.²⁸ Later that year, Jesse was elected to the United States House of Representatives, then meeting in Philadelphia. In the following years, Jesse traveled by horseback, first to Philadelphia and later to Washington; in Congress he served on a committee overseeing the development of the nation's new capital.²⁹

It was in that same year of 1795 that Jesse built his own house on 411 acres of property on the Fishing River in Surry County. According to one writer, the house was located on a "slight eminence overlooking the sparkling waters of the river, facing east across the lowlands with the sheltering curve of the mountains to his back."³⁰ Others, apparently in contradiction, write that his home was on the stagecoach road, about a mile east of the Ararat River crossing; a post office, called "Mt. Airy", was established there on 16 Feb 1832.³¹ (The discrepancy exists because of tendency to confuse Jesse's house with the famous Edwards-Franklin House that his brother Meshack inherited.)

Jesse Franklin died at home, of "dropsy", 24 Sep 1823, five months after composing his will. He was first buried beside his own home, but his remains were reburied in 1906 in the Guilford Courthouse Battleground near Greensboro.³² His wife Meeky ("Mickey") inherited the homeplace, blacksmith shop, and four negro slaves.³³

Meeky survived her husband until her own death in Feb 1834.³⁴ She remains buried at the old homestead,

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25. Ibid. an undated newspaper clipping at the Surry Community College Library gives the date of the marriage as 1794, although, according to Roberts (pp.4-5), Jesse and "Meeky" had a daughter as early as 1790.
 26. Sarah and Jonathan are my ancestors, to be discussed at greater length in a subsequent chapter.
 27. Solomon Graves was born in 1784, possibly in Caswell County, North Carolina; he and Mary had at least two children - Jesse Franklin Graves; and Barzillai Yancey Graves (born 1835) who married (1) Nattie Rankin and (2) Mary Moore in 1876; cf. *The Heritage of Surry County, North Carolina: Volume I--1983*, ed. by Hester Bartlett Jackson (Winston-Salem, North Carolina: Surry County Genealogical Association, 1983), pp. 273-274.
 28. Sanders, op.cit., p.67.
 29. Ibid.
 30. Ibid.
 31. William Franklin Carter, Jr., and Carrie Young Carter, *Footprints in the "Hollows": Surry County and Her People* (Elkin, North Carolina: The Northwestern Regional Library, [1967], p.69.
 32. Ruth Minick, "Tales of the Old Days, Part Two: The Revolutionary War Years", in the Surry County Book: *Recollections of the Life, History and Culture of Old Surry County in Northwestern North Carolina* (Elkin, North Carolina: Surry County Historical Society, 1978), p. 30.
 33. Jo White Linn, *Surry County, North Carolina, Will Abstracts, Vols. 1-3, 1771-1827* (Salisbury, North Carolina: Mrs. Stahle Livnn, Sr., 1974), p.122.

beside her daughter Matilda, the wife of Sam Moore.³⁵

Jesse, of course was not the only child of Bernard Franklin and Mary Cleaveland. His brother Bernard, Jr., was married to Martha Cleveland. Another brother, Abner, migrated first to Georgia and then to Dallas County, Alabama where he died about 1826 or 1828; he married his cousin Rhoda Cleveland, perhaps before, perhaps after his move to Georgia.³⁶ Abner and Rhoda named their son Jesse.³⁷

Shadrach Franklin, as mentioned earlier, married Judith Taliaferro (1763-1848), daughter of Dr. John T Taliaferro and his wife Mary Hardin.³⁸ Shadrach and Judith had ten children - Bernard (born Surry County, 22 Sep 1788); Sarah (born 20 Nov 1789) who married Thomas Scott and died in Kentucky; Lucinda (born 4 Aug 1793); Mary "Pollie" (born 1794) who died at the age of 80 as a spinster; Patsy (born 18 Aug 1797); John Taliaferro (born 4 Jan 1799); Benjamin (born 9 May 1800) who died 28 Jul 1824), unmarried and killed in a storm by a stack of rails near which he had taken shelter;³⁹ Wylie (born Mitchell River 25 Dec 1801) who married his first cousin Martha "Polly" Taliaferro in Surry County, on 20 Dec 1826 and died 16 Jan 1891;⁴⁰ Bryson (born 24 Aug 1803; died 10 Jan 1804); and Besty (born 26 Mar 1805) who married Richard Cunningham.

Mary or "Polly" Franklin married Robert Nall (1767-1858) in Surry County on 12 Feb 1794. She died 7 Feb 1836 in Morresburg, Hawkins County, Tennessee. It was one of their seven children, Frances Franklin Nall (born 28 Oct 28 1797) who married her cousin James M Franklin. The other children were Matilda (born 20 Mar 1799); Abner (born 24 Nov 1801; died as a toddler on 16 May 1803); Abner Franklin (born 6 Apr 1805); William Holaway (born 1 Mar 1807) who married Eliza Moore and died in Obion County, Tennessee 10 Oct 1846; Mary Cleaveland (born 30 Oct 1810; died as infant 12 Apr 1811); and Robert Cleaveland (born 12 Jul 1812) who married Polly Ann Eastwood and died near Tiptonville in Lake County, Tennessee in 1882.⁴¹

On 2 Feb 1802, Meshack Franklin married Mildred Edwards, daughter of Gideon Edwards and his wife Ann E Perkins, a Republican, he served in the North Carolina House of Commons in 1800, the U.S. House of Representatives from 1807 until 1813 and the State Senate 1828-1829 and 1838. He was part of the Council of State for 12 years and assisted in rewriting the State Constitution in 1835.⁴² He died 18 Dec 1839 and was buried in the family graveyard south of the Edwards-Franklin House which he had inherited through

34. Edmonds, quo?

35. Harvey Dinkins (staff writer) in an undated newspaper article in Surry Community College Library, Dobson, North Carolina.

36. Letter form Helen Franklin Starnes, Roching H Ranch, Rt 1, Box 332, Oakwood, Texas 75855 (dated 1 Jan 1991).

37. Note #16049, The Cleveland Family.

38. Shadrach's birthdate is given as 20 Apr 1769, although it is given as 20 Apr 1760 in the old Franklin family Bible as copied out by Ms. Jerry Gentry, Rt. 1, Box 146 1/2, Elkin, North Carolina 28621.

39. Note #16050, The Cleveland Family.

40. Polly's Christian name is given as "Mary" and her birth date as 25 Apr 1800 in *The Heritage of Surry County*, op.cit., p.529, but this contradicted by their tombstone inscriptions. Her gravestone gives her birth date as 25 Apr 1803 and date of date as 28 Jan 1892 as transcribed by Marion F Venable and Ruth M Minick, *Surry County Cemetery Survey, Volume I* (Surry County Historical Society, 1981; mimeograph at the Surry County Courthouse, Dobson, North Carolina).

41. Note #16051, *The Cleveland Family*.

42. Carter and Carter, Loc.cit.

his wife. A Baptist, he was probably a founder of the Franklin Baptist Church in 1824.⁴³ Mesack and Mildred were the parents of ten children, all of whom left Surry County or predeceased them. (1) The first of the children was Gideon Edwards Franklin (born 28 Sep 1803) who married Sally Bowles on 19 Feb 1825 and perhaps second Ann Hughes in 1834. He moved to Tennessee and then to Early Grove⁴⁴ in Marshall County, Mississippi where he died in 1867. (2) Ann Perkins Franklin (born 25 Dec 1804) moved to Early Grove in 1842 and died there in 1884; she was married to William Wilkes Wellborn. (3) Her brother, Columbus Bernard Franklin, (born 23 Jun 1806 Edwardsville, Surry County; died at Early Grove 1866), having moved to Fayette County, Tennessee in 1856. He married Ann Amelia Gwyn at Elkin in Surry County on 5 Dec 1843, was quite wealthy, and fathered eight children. (4) Mary Cleveland Franklin (born 1 Apr 1809) married Dr. Gabriel T Moore and was the mother of Mary and Sallie Moore and two other children; she moved first to Georgia, but later died in 1885 at Sardis in Panola County, Mississippi. (5) Sarah Hardin Franklin (born 29 May 1811) married Thomas Gwyn Thurmond; having first moved to Saulsburg, Tennessee, she died at Carpenteria in Santa Barbara County, California; she was the mother of five. (6) Martha Elizabeth Franklin (born 10 Jun 1813) married her first cousin Hardin Perkins Franklin (Jesse's son) in 1837; she died in 1866, also at Early Grove, Mississippi where they had moved in 1849; they had five children. (7) Jesse Daniel Franklin (born 8 Mar 1815) presumably named for his famous uncle, married Amelia Thurmond (born 15 Dec 1819); he died at Sardis, Mississippi where he had moved in 1847; he had one child Mildred Edwards Franklin married Enoch B Hunt settled in Salisbury, North Carolina and bore three children. (8) Frances J Franklin (born 1 May 1821) married David A Abernathy; they moved to Mississippi in 1851 and then to McKinney, Texas. (9) Meeky Caroline Franklin (born 25 Jun 1822; died 1840 buried at the Edwards-Franklin House in Surry County).

Abednego Franklin married Mary Graves P Cleveland in 1800. He died in Kentucky in 1817. His brother Benjamin married Betsy Cleveland. Willis and Jane Franklin both appear to have died in Tennessee.

Remembering that Bernard Franklin was married in Orange County, Virginia, it seems likely that other Franklins (or Franklyns) in that County are related. On 11 Mar 1785, John Franklyn married Mary Pearson; one of the witnesses to the marriage was Lewis Franklin.⁴⁵ On 7 Dec 1779, one of Edward Franklin's daughters, Molly, married Ephraim Breeding; the surety for the bond was Jonathan Franklin, presumably her brother.⁴⁶ A few months later, on 31 Jul 1790, two more of Edward's children were married in a double ceremony: Jonathan married Susannah Breeding daughter of Job Breeding and his sister Elizabeth Franklyn married Richard Breeding. Jonathan and Richard stood as sureties for one another, and Emphraim Breeding was witness for the double wedding.⁴⁷

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43. Cheesman, op. cit., p.39.

44. Early Grove? For some of this genealogy, cf. Cheeseman, op.cit. p.40.

45. Catherine Lindsay Knorr, *Marriages of Orange County, Virginia, 1747-1810*, p. 31. Surety for the bond was William Milligan; another witness was John Reed.

46. *Ibid.*, p.12. Witness was James Taylor.

47. *Ibid.* pp.12, 32.

With the Bluebloods: Franklin Families Entitled to Bear Arms

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1. Origin of the Franklin Surname

Sir John Fortesque's treatise on the laws of England, written about 1470, dwells on the wealth of the rural districts and the wide distribution of landed property. No hamlet, he tells us, was so small that there was not to be found in it a knight, an esquire, or a franklyn, and also other free tenants and many yeomen. These franklyns or freemen, belonged to the "gentile" class, which originally conveyed the idea of freedom, as opposed to serfdom.

"In the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth centuries, there were, broadly speaking, but two classes, the nobiles or tenants in chivalry, comprising earls, barons, knights, esquires and franklyns, and the ignobiles, consisting of villeins, citizens and burgesses; a great order of franklyns or free tenants was forming in the latter half of the twelfth century, owing to the pressure of military service upon the lords of manors and the desire of the latter to surround themselves with tenants who could be depended upon to fight under their banners and do suit at their courts; this order, or subdivision of the nobiles, bound together without distinction of rank or birth, poor freeholders and persons whom we should now describe as wealthy and distinguished country gentlemen, and long held the balance of political power, supporting the barons against the usurpations of the Crown and the Crown against the ambition of the greater feudatories. The yeomanry (originally a military grade), or order of tenant-farmers, sprang into existence after the great pestilence of 1349, which by increasing the price of labour compelled the abandonment of landlord cultivation and led to the practice of letting lands on lease; the 'order of gentlemen as a separate class was forming as something new', not as Freeman imagined, in the twelfth century, but in the fifteenth; deserted by the wealthier families, the franklyn class fell into decay, lost its political importance and sank into the yeomanry; its members, as not being of 'gentile berth', were excluded by law from Parliament and by prejudice from the shrievalty, and that the poorer free-tenants, as 'persons of small substance and no value', were deprived of the franchise and rendered incapable of serving upon juries." Thus, what should have been one of the commonest of English surnames, is comparatively rare, for the sons of the decaying franklyns betook themselves to other occupations, and derived new surnames from them.

2. Spelling of the Surname

There can be little doubt that the proper spelling of the name is ffranklyn or Franklyn, when capitals are used, or ffrankelyn or Frankelyn, as is shown by a study of early appearances of the name, in rolls, wills, deeds, baptismal registers, burial registers, etc.

It would appear that in very early times the Christian name preceded the occupational, class or territorial name. In the Arch. Cant. published by the Kent Archaeological Society, we find that in anno 38, Henry III, one johannes le ffrankeleyn held lands, as a tenant, under the Bishop of Rochester: a Willelmus ffrankeleyn held lands under Aldelose de Willelmo de Say. Amongst the assessments in Kent to Knight the Black Prince, Robertus Frankeleyn was a tenant in Strode, M. of Boncahs, and Thome Frankeleyn, a tenant in Wynfelde of Reginaldo de Cornehalle. In 1535, Rev. John Frankelyn, Vicar of Ickham died, son of Robert and Alice Frankelyn of Warwick (Arch. Cant., XXIV, 129 or P29).

Later on, as we shall see, the name appears in Chart next Sutton, as Frankelyn, at Wye as Franklyne, Frankelen or ffranklyn, and at Maidstone as Francklyn. So that it appears in early times the name was spelt

variously, as Frankeleyn, Frankelyn, Frankelen, Franklyne, Franklyn, and Francklyn more recently (since about 1600, and continued so amongst one line of descent from 1750 or so).

The main point is that an “i” is practically never found used at all, but always a “y”, and this is in early times preceded by one or more “e”s, and sometimes followed by one as well. The old stem seems to have been “Franke--”, and the suffix “---lyne” or “--leyn”.

Later the word was shortened, spelling purely phonetic, and became Frankelyn or Franklyn. It is difficult to see the reason for inserting a “c” before the “k”.

When capitals are made in Mississippi. by writing and entwining two small “f”s, we find ffrankelyn, ffranklyne or ffranklyn. Some of these vagaries in spelling are no doubt due to the efforts of various clerks, scribes, lawyers, and so on. The spelling perpetuated since 1750, Francklin, by the Gonalston Hall, Nottingham and Thurley, Bedford family, seems indefensible, containing, as it does, two anomalies.

Franklin is only one better, in that it contains no “c”. Probably Frankelyn represents the most correct spelling, and Franklyn represents a shortened form of this. Sir John Franklyn of the Gonalston Hall family, who died 1707, spelt his name that way, and since his family assumed their present day spelling, there has been no family of the “noblesse” of this country that has consistently spelt it Franklyn.

3. Franklin Families Entitled to Bear Arms

Of the ffranklyn or Franklin families belonging to the “noblesse”, i.e., have legally borne Arms, there have been only four in the history of England:

1) Franklin or Franklyn, now spelling it Francklin, of Skipton- on-Craven, County York, of Gonalston Hall, County Nottingham, and Thurleigh or Thurley, County Bedford, still extant.

2) Frankelen, Frankelyn, Francklin, Francklyn, Franklyn or Franklin, of Chart Sutton, Maidstone, Wye, Mereworth Castle, County Kent, Togago, Jamaica, and London, still extant (see below).

3) Francklyn or Franklyn of Moor Park, County Hertford, created at Baronet in 1660, extinct in the male line 1728.

4) Franklyn or Franklin of Jamaica, late of Furze Hall, and now of Blackheath, Folkestone, and Wakefield, County York, possible a branch of (1) or (2) above (see below).

(All male descendants bearing the same surname have the right to bear arms, but the “heir-male” (the eldest surviving son) holds a special position as the family representative.)

(2) The Franklin Family of Kent

John Frankelyn of Chart Sutton, County Kent (died 1540?) was the first to bear arms (“The descendants of John Frankelyn of Chart Sutton, by Mildred his wife, daughter and one of the heirs of Stephen Scott of Smarden, in Kent, Gentlemen, quarter the Arms of Scott of Smarden, namely “Argent a cross bottonnee Sa-ble”.”).

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Arthur Francklyn of Wye, County Kent (died 1601), married Alys Lucas

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James Francklyn of Maidstone, County Kent (baptized 1578, died 1641), married Elizabeth Smyth

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Walter Francklyn of Maidstone, County Kent (born 1601, died 1681) married Mary Cooper

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Thomas Francklyn of Maidstone, County Kent (baptized 1638, died 1708), married Jane Ruffin

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Walter Francklyn of Maidstone, County Kent (born about 1690, died 1758) married (1) Elizabeth Weekes, and (2) Jane Innes

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Gilbert Francklyn of Mereworth Castle, County Kent; London; Aspenden Hall, Hertford; Tobago (baptized 1733, died 1799), married Edith Otley

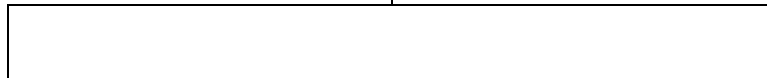
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John Gilbert Francklyn of London and Tobago (born 1766, died 1812), married Elizabeth West

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Gilbert William Francklyn of Halifax (Nova Scotia); Bristol; Newbury (born 1810, died 1898) married Sarah Jane Cunard

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Charles Gilbert Francklyn of New York (1844-1929) married Susan Sprague Hoyt

George Edward Francklyn of Halifax (1848-1915) married Maria Clark

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Charles Gilbert Francklyn of New York (1870-1957) unmarried
Former Heir-Male

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Gilbert William Francklyn of Seattle (1879-1960) married Mildred Glockzin

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Gilbert William Francklyn of Lofall Washington (1928-) Present Heir=Male

If Gilbert William Francklyn, Jr. does not marry and have male children, the Heir-Male designation will go to Reginald Endicott Francklyn of Long Island New York, a great-grandson of John Henry Francklyn, younger brother of Gilbert William Francklyn (above).

(4) The Franklin Family of Antigua and Jamaica

John Franklyn to Antigua from England about 1654 (born about 1630) married Margaret

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John Franklyn of Antigua (born about 1660, died 1691) married Elizabeth_____

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John Franklyn of Antigua (born about 1690; died aft 1755 married Mary Yeomans

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James Franklyn of Antigua and London (born about 1725; died 1764) married Judith Franklyn

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William Franklyn of Jamaica (baptized 1755; died about 1802) married Mary Trench

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James Franklyn of Jamaica (born 1786; died 1852) married (1) Martha Boyden (2) Jane Frances Garriques

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Henry Franklin of Jamaica (born 1811; died 1857) married Elizabeth Williams. The armorial bearings were granted to Henry Franklin and his descendants.

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James Franklin of London (born 1838; died 1894) married Jessica Mary Blyth

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Henry (Harry) Walter Franklin of London (born 1867; died 1915) married Edith Cecilia Curzon

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Charles Peter Damian Franklin of Sandal, Wakefield, County York (born 1900) married Olive Rowand. Present (1932) heir-male.

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David Cyril Franklyn of Sandal, Wakefield, County York (born 1929; died 1958) married Caroline Margaret Moore

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Christopher Charles Franklyn (born 1954) future heir-male Michael John Franklyn, (born 1957)

Rear-Admiral Samuel Rhodes Franklin

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Chapter I

Ancestry - New York in the Early Days of the Republic - Reception of President Washington - Old Merchants of New York - Lincoln and Stanton.

My great-grandfather, Thomas Franklin, was one of several brothers, members of an old Quaker family which resided in the City of New York during the days of the Revolution. Their ancestors settled in and about Flushing, Long Island, many years before that period. Walter Franklin, brother of Thomas, and my ancestral uncle, seems to have been the most prosperous of the brothers. Mrs. Lamb, in her history of the City of New York, speaks of him as a merchant engaged in the Eastern trade - said to have had as much wealth in Russia as in America. He built and occupied what was considered in those days perhaps the finest house in New York. It stood on what is now Franklin Square, and this Square, named for him, is said to have been the site of his gardens.

Two of Walter Franklin's daughters married brothers - De Witt Clinton and George Clinton. When General Washington went to New York to be inaugurated as the first President of the United States, the house of Walter Franklin was selected for the Presidential Mansion, and was occupied as such for about a year. The accompanying letters will be found interesting as describing the preparations made to place the house in a

suitable condition to receive His Excellency, and also to show how he was met by the citizens of New York in the simple methods of the early days of the Republic.

Kitty F. Wistar, to whom the following letter was addressed, was born in 1768, the third child of Caspar Wistar and Mary Franklin, who was the fourth daughter of Thomas Franklin (born Jan 20, 1703), who married Mary Pearsall in 1726. The Sarah Robinson who wrote the letter was a Franklin who married Rowland Robinson, of the firm of Franklin and County, in the Eastern trade.

“New York, 30th of the Fourth Month, 1789”

“I feel exceedingly mortified and hurt, my dear cousin, that so many of my letters to thee have been miscarried. I have certainly written as many as half a dozen since thee left New York, although thou acknowledges the receipt of but one, which almost discourages me from making another attempt, so uncertain is to whether it will ever reach Brandywine, but I cannot entirely give it up, as I am assured they afford you pleasure. I received thine of the 4th, and was pleased to hear you are well, and that my dear uncle and aunt talked of making a New York visit. I shall wish for a wedding in the family often, if it will bring such good strangers; so, my dear, insist on it, and do not let them disappoint us; we promise ourselves a great enjoyment in their company.....

“Great rejoicing in New York on the arrival of General Washington; an elegant Barge decorated with an awning of satin, 12 oarsmen dressed in white frocks and blue ribbons went down to E. Town last fourth day to bring him up. A stage was erected at the Coffeehouse wharf, covered with a carpet for him to step on, where a company of Light horse, one of Artillery, and most of the inhabitants were waiting to receive him; they paraded through Queen street in good form, while the music of the drums and the ringing of the bells were enough to stun one with the noise. Previous to his coming Uncle Walter’s house (Walter Franklin) in Cherry street was taken for him and every room furnished in the most elegant manner. Aunt Osgood (The widow of Walter Franklin, who married Dr. Osgood. Her maiden name was Maria Bowne) and Lady Kitty Duer had the whole management of it. I went the morning before the General’s arrival to take a look at it, the best furniture in every room, and the greatest quantity of plate and China I ever saw; the whole of the first and second story is papered, and the floors covered with the richest kind of Turkey and Wilton carpets. The house did honour to my aunts, and Lady Kitty, they spared no pains nor expense on it. Thou must know that Uncles Osgood and Duer were appointed to procure a house and furnish it, accordingly they pitched on the wives as being likely to do better. I have not done yet, my dear. Is thee not almost tired? The evening after his Excellency’s arrival there was a general Illumination took place, except among friends (Quakers) and those styled Anti-Federalist. The latter’s windows suffered some, thou may imagine. As soon as the General was sworn in, a grand exhibition of fire-works is to be displayed, which is expected to be to-morrow; there is scarcely anything talked about now but General Washington and the Palace, and of little else have I told thee yet, tho’ have spun my miserable scrawl already to a great length; but thou requested to know all that was going forward. I have just heard that William Titus, of Woodbury, is going to be married to a sister of Uncle Bowne, mother of Thomas Bowne, who I believe thee knows; Eliza Titus, her husband, and father, and mother, spent the evening with us last sixth day. Eliza is much altered since I saw her, is much thinner and plainer. Marie de Courcy, too, has been in the town a fortnight, she made her home at Uncle Osgood’s but was a great deal among us all; she is about making a little tour into Connecticut, on a visit to a friend Lucy Ball, with Joseph Bull, who is now in town. Our families are all well, Hetty is still with us, Rowland and the girls’ love to you. Accept mine, my dear cousin, and write soon, to thy affectionate cousin.

“Sarah Robinson”

“Uncle Walter” Franklin was born in 1727, the oldest child of Thomas Franklin and Mary Pearsall. His house was between Cherry and Queen Streets (now Pearl Street), and he was senior partner of the firm of Franklin and Company.

The letter addressed to Samuel Rhoades was written by the grandparents of Kitty Wistar to whom the Sarah Robinson letter is addressed. Their son Thomas, who did marry Mary Rhoades, was their fourth child, born in 1734. Thomas Franklin, was the great-grandfather of General W.B. Franklin, Admiral S.R. Franklin, and Colonel Walter S. Franklin.

“New York, 12 mo., 20th, 1763”

“To Samuel Rhoades and Wife.....”

“Dear Friends, - As our Thomas has for some time past acquainted us of his Love and Good Esteem for your daughter Mary, and we conceiving a good opinion of her and family, were well pleased with his choice; but hearing it was a strait with you to part with her to come to this place, we could but sympathize with you in the affair, so were silent in the case on that account. However, he informs us that you have left her to liberty, and she has turned the scale for coming, we desire it will be made easy for you, and hope we shall always have a paternal care for her and conclude you are sensible. There is that attractive Power of Love in all hearts that can make one in the best part if adhered to; if this should be the happy case, then it will be a Great Comfort to us all. Tho’ we have thus far expressed our minds, we know not what may happen between the cup and the lip, as the saying is, but shall contentedly submit all to the Great Director of all Good, and subscribe with love unfeigned to you and to your Dear Daughter Mary in particular.

(Signed), “Thomas Franklin,

“Mary Franklin.”

From the autobiography of Mary Robinson Hunter, a daughter of Sarah Franklin and William T. Robinson. Mr. Hunter was our Minister at Rio when this was written:

“Rio De Janeiro, 6th Dec, 1845.

“My mother’s grandfather on her father’s side was a wealthy farmer of the State of New York, born of an English father and a Dutch mother. They had a large family of sons, of whom my grandfather was the youngest, and two daughters. Of five sons I can speak, having known them all as a child, and all treating me with overweening love and indulgence. James, the eldest, followed the occupation of his father, and inherited the homestead. He married a lady of high breeding, who used to come down from the country once a year to visit the families of her husband’s brothers, who were settled as merchants, three in New York and one in Philadelphia. I well remember the awe her presence inspired among us children; the rustling of her silk, and her high-heeled shoes making her figure more commanding, and the reproach her never-ending knitting cast upon us idle and indulged children.

“Walter, John and Samuel resided in New York. They inherited large fortunes from their parents, which they put into trade, and the produce of China and other countries was wafted to our shores in their ships. Walter retired with an immense fortune from the firm, lived in the style of a nobleman, and drove an elegant chariot. One an excursion to Long Island, driving by a country-house, he saw, milking in the barn-yard, where thirty cows had just been driven in at sunset, a beautiful young Quaker girl. He stopped, beckoned her, and asked who occupied the house. With great simplicity, and without embarrassment, she replied, “my father, Daniel Bowne. Wilt thou not alight and take tea with him?” My uncle accepted the invitation, introduced himself, was well known by reputation. He conversed with the farmer on the appearance of the farm, on his fine cows, etc., but not a word about the fair milk-maid. Presently the door opened, and she came in to make tea for the “city friend”, when her father said, “Hannah, this is friend Walter Franklin, from New York.” She blushed deeply, finding he made no allusion to having seen her before. The blush heightened her loveliness. She had smoothed her hair, and a fine lawn kerchief covered her neck and bosom. After three visits he asked her in marriage, and the fair maid was seated by his side in the chariot, on her way to take possession as mistress of the most elegant house in the city, in Cherry Street, near the corner of Pearl. She had a numerous family of beautiful daughters. They swerved from the simplicity of Quakerism, and became worldly and

fashionable belles. The eldest, Sally, married a very wealthy man by the name of Norton, I believe of English birth, who was heir to an immense fortune, left him by a Mr. Lake, who lived near New York. The second, Maria, was the wife of De Witt Clinton. The third, Hannah, married his brother, George Clinton. They all had children. Their mother was left a widow just before the third daughter was born - my uncle Walter dying, and leaving a rich young widow, and twenty thousand pounds to each of his daughters. His widow afterwards married a very respectable Presbyterian named Osgood, who had some post under Government - commissary of the Army in Washington's time, I believe. She had a number of children by Osgood. The eldest, Martha, married a brother of the famous Genet. My uncle Walter's house is now the Franklin Bank, named after its builder and owner.

"I cannot remember the maiden name of my Uncle John's wife, for it is of him I am now speaking, but when he married her she was a widow Townsend, with one beautiful daughter. She owned and lived in a house at the lower end of Cherry Street. Well do I remember the delightful parties assembled at this hospitable board, and now and then, as a great favor, taking turns with my brothers and sisters in going with my parents to one of Uncle John's Oyster suppers. He was of a joyous, happy, temper, and loved to tease children. He used to tell me how he pitied me for being so homely, all in good-humor and irony, but it would wound my budding vanity. He had a large family of sons and daughters, all plain in person. His son Thomas is, or was, well known in New York as an active, flourishing man, where his sons have succeeded him - Marius, William and some others, now on the stage of life. My uncle Thomas Franklin (Great uncle) settled as a merchant in Philadelphia, and left many children. His son Walter was an eminent lawyer in that city, and an accomplished amiable man. Thus I have given an outline of my grandfather's brothers. His two sisters are now to be brought forward. Sally, the eldest, married Caspar Wistar, of Pennsylvania, one of nature's noblemen - a farmer living on the Brandywine, of German parentage, as his name designates. He lived in great luxury and hospitality, and had several children; his eldest daughter, Sally, married a merchant of Philadelphia, by the name of Pennock. Another favorite daughter, highly gifted in intellect, married late in life a Mr. Sharples, and had two sons, one named Caspar. They married, I believe, two daughters of Bishop Onderdonk, but of this I am not quite certain; one, I know married a daughter of his (Casper Wistar Sharples married Elizabeth, and Abraham Wistar Sharples married Anne, both daughters of the Rt. Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, Bishop of Pennsylvania)

"My grandfather's second sister, Mary, married a Colonel De Lancey, of French extraction. His father, I believe, came from France. I remember him as a little girl; he did not love children, was of a morose disposition, and I trembled when I heard him approach, in a red velvet cap and brocade dressing gown and slippers, when I was playing about, whilst on a visit to my aunt on Long Island. They had only one child, a daughter, beautiful in face and person, and with much French sprightliness and naivete. She married at thirty, a Mr. Staples of New York, and had, like her mother but one child, a daughter.

"I now proceed to my maternal grandfather, Samuel Franklin. While on a visit to his brother Thomas in Philadelphia, he became acquainted with and married Hester Mitchell, a young girl of an excellent Quaker family. One of her sisters married into another Quaker family, named Parish, of whom Dr. Parish, so justly celebrated as a skilful physician and a true Christian, is a member. Another sister of my grandmother's was the mother of a large family by the name of Marshall, in Philadelphia, several of whom are celebrated chemists and druggists.

"My grandfather brought his wife to New York, and bought or built what was then thought to be a fine house in Pearl Street, a few doors from the corner of Beekman Street. Here his children were born. Several died in infancy; only three lived to grow up. My mother was the eldest, a beautiful brunette, with brilliant eyes, curling hair, tall and graceful figure. The second, Abraham, married a very lovely woman named Ann Townsend, by whom he had thirteen children, now scattered about the world. The youngest, John, married a country girl of Long Island, named Charity Cornell, who was a good wife and a devoted mother to a larger family of children. Mary, a beautiful girl and said to resemble me in a striking way, married a Mr. Bond, I believe of Baltimore. My Uncle Abraham died many years ago. My uncle John still lives in New York, but

he must be more than seventy years of age. My mother grew and bloomed amidst the stirring times of the Revolutionary War, when the English were in possession of New York.”

The forgoing letters will be interesting to any of the Franklins, and those bearing other names who came from the same stock, and also, it may be, to the general reader, as depicting to some extent the manners and customs of the Colonial period.

My grandfather was an officer of the Army, and married the daughter of the Colonel of his regiment, Jonas Simonds. Colonel Simonds was an officer of the Army during the period of the Revolution, and was an original member of the Cincinnati. My brother, General Franklin, is now a member of that Society and inherits through my grandmother, Colonel Simonds having left no male heirs.

My father was an only child. He was a law student at the school at Litchfield, Connecticut, presided over for a number of years by Judge Gould and Judge Reeve. Many men who afterwards became distinguished in the political history of the country received their education there as lawyers. Among others, I remember that Calhoun and Clayton were likewise students there, but prominent Senators in their day, from South Carolina and Delaware respectively. As I write from memory, many incidents of my life are so vague that they have passed almost entirely out of my mind, which, if they were recorded here, might have been interesting reading to those who come after me. These memories, therefore, must be taken for what they are worth - a somewhat fragmentary narrative of my recollection of persons, and also of events, many of which occurred years and years ago.

My father married about the time he completed his studies as a student of law at the school to which I referred above. He married at the early age of twenty-one. The object of his choice was Sarah Buel, a daughter of Dr. Buel, of Litchfield. She became the mother of six children, all of whom lived and grew up. My father was not destined to enjoy his family very long, for he was attacked with a malignant fever, and died from its effects when he was only thirty-eight years of age. He was convalescent when Mr. Buchanan, afterwards President of the United States, made him a visit, and we thought they had an exciting political conversation which produced a relapse from which he never rallied. He was a man in the fullness of health and vigor, possessed of a splendid constitution, and the chances were that he would reach a mature age; but it was otherwise ordered, and he died, mourned and lamented by all who knew him. He was an able and most popular man, beloved by everyone, and, had he lived, I believe he would have reached an exalted position in this country. My mother was thus left to struggle through life with her six children, and was rewarded for her love for them, and for her devotion to their interests, by living to see them all well established in life. She died full of years, beloved by all, having reached the ripe old age of eighty-four.

My father died in 1838. My elder brother, General Franklin, was sent the following year to West Point, where he was graduated four years later at the head of his class. He was placed in the Corps of Topographical Engineers, in which he held important positions of trust and responsibility until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he rose rapidly to the rank of Major General of Volunteers, commanded a corps d'armee, and, later, the left Grand Division of the Army of the Potomac of Fredericksburg.

My only surviving brother besides the General is Colonel Walter S. Franklin. He entered the Army in the early part of the War, and was assigned to one of the new three-battalion regiments. He served on the Staffs of General Sedgwick and General Wright, and came out of the War a Colonel. He was afterwards Commander of the Subdivision of Winchester, and later was assigned to one of the Western Universities as an instructor of tactics. Soon afterwards he left the Army and went into the iron business, in which he remained a number of years. Having been graduated at the Scientific School at Harvard, with the first honors of his class, he was appointed by President Arthur one of the United States Light-House Board, of which he is now the senior member. He is also President of the Baltimore City Street Railroad, to which position he was elected a few years ago, and now resides in Baltimore.

Thomas Franklin - Mary (Pearsall) Franklin

Submitted by Barbara Chandler Sands, 5609 Keyway Blvd., Apt. M, Charlotte, NC 28215-5726.

Thomas (born 20 Jan 1703) married Mary Pearsall.

Their child:

1. Thomas Franklin, Jr. married 15 Feb 1764, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Mary Rhoades. Their children:

- (1) Elizabeth Franklin (born 14 Mar 1765; died 28 Jul 1767)
- (2) Benjamin Franklin (born 25 Jan 1767; died 14 Jun 1871)
- (3) Ann Franklin (born 6 Jan 1769)
- (4) Thomas Franklin (born 12 Oct 1770; died 20 Jul 1771)
- (5) Walter S Franklin (born 7 May 1773)
- (6) Samuel Franklin (born 6 Aug 1774) married Sarah Semonds daughter of (Col) Jonas Semonds.

Their child:

- A. Walter Semonds Franklin (born 1800?; died 1838) married 1821? to Sarah Buel daughter of Dr.? William Buel and Abigail.

Their child:

- (A) Samuel Rhoades Franklin (Author of above article) (born 25 Aug 1825 York, York County, Pennsylvania; died 1909 Washington, DC) married 10 Jan 1883 to Mrs. Marion (Sands) Dutton (born 1846 Washington, DC; died Washington, DC) daughter of Benjamin Franklin Sands and Henrietta Marie French.

Josiah Franklin - Abiah (Folger) Franklin

Submitted by Barbara Chandler Sands, 5609 Keyway Blvd., Apt. M, Charlotte, NC 28215-5726. Also submitting info on this line is Nona Bassett, PO Box 1445, Merced, CA 95341-1441. Any discrepancies in information should be discussed by those researching this line. However, we would like to know of any errors so that we may pass the correct info on to our members). According to Nona's info Josiah Franklin (1655; died 1744) was the 7th son of Thomas Franklin (born 18 Oct 1598 Ecton, Northampton, England died 24 May 1681/82 Benbury in Offenshire, England and his #1 wife Jane White (died 30 Oct 1662/63. He married #2 Elizabeth T Thomas (died 24 Mar 1681). He (Thomas) was the son of Henry Franklin (born 26 May 1573; died 23 Oct 1631) and Agnes (James) Joanes (died 29 Jan 1646). Henry's father was Thomas Franklin (born about 1540 Ecton) and his wife who was born 1543 Ecton. (Nona's info will be prefaced with an asterisk (*) so as to distinguish between info submitted by these two researchers./ed)

*Children of Thomas and Jane White:

- I. Thomas Franklin (born 11 Mar 1637 Ecton, Northampton, England; died Jan 1702) married Eleanor. Thomas was a lawyer. Thomas had a daughter - Mary who married about 1708 to Richard Fisher.
- II. Samuel Franklin (born 17 Nov 1641 Ecton, Northampton, England; died 14 Mar 1664). Samuel was a blacksmith ?
- III. Son (born about 1642 Ecton, Northampton, England; died young).
- IV. John Franklin (born 20 Feb 1643 Ecton, Northampton, England; died 1689/91) married Ann Joph - had 6 children. John was a dryer of wool.
- V. Joseph Franklin (born 10 Oct 1646; died 30 Nov 1683) married Sarah Pavyer/Puryor.
- VI. Benjamin Franklin (born 20/23 Mar 1650 Ecton, Northampton, England; died 17 Mar 1727) married 20/23 Nov 1682 to Hannah Wells. Benjamin was a silk dryer.

Son:

1. Samuel Franklin (born 15 Oct 1684 Goodman Field, England; died 18 Feb 1775) married 13 Aug 1719 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts to Hannah Kellineck/Killneck by Rev Wm Cooper.
Their child:
 - A. Samuel Franklin, Jr. (born 21 Oct 1724 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died 21 Feb 1775) married 12 May 1748 to #1 Sarah Beaudri; #2 22 Jan 1756 to Eunice Greenleaf.
Samuel and Eunice Franklin's children:
 - (A) Eunice Franklin (born 25 Nov 1756 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.
 - (B) Hannah Franklin (born 23 Dec 1758)
 - (C) Sarah Franklin (born 1 Aug 1761)
 - (D) Elizabeth Franklin (born 2 Apr 1767)
- VII. Hannah Franklin (born 29 Oct 1654 Ecton, Northampton, England; died 24 Jun 1716) married John Morris (died 17 Jun 1695). Had children - Eleanor, Jane and Hannah.
- VIII. Josiah Franklin (born 23 Dec 1655/57 Ecton, Northamptonshire, England; died 17 Jan 1744 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts) married 1676 #1 Anne Child (born 1655 England; died 9 Jul 1689 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; #2 25 Nov 1689 Abiah Folger (died 1752) daughter of Peter Folger. Josiah was a Tallow Chandler to Boston 1783.
Josiah Franklin and Ann Child's children:
1. Elizabeth Franklin (born Mar 1677 Ecton, Banburox, Ecton County, England; died 25 Aug 1759) married 8 Jan 1707 #1 Joseph Berry; #2 1721 Richard Dows/Dowses.
 2. Samuel Franklin (born 16 May 1681; died 30 Mar 1720) married 16 May 1705 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts by Sam Willard to Elizabeth Tyng (born ca 1685 daughter of Hon Edward Tyng and Elizabeth Clark Tyng. Elizabeth was a sister of Captain Edward Tyng of Boston (Tyng estate settled 1723).
Children:
 - A. Samuel Franklin (born 7 Mar 1705/06).
 - B. Elizabeth Franklin married 22 Sep 1732 to William Compton.
 3. Hannah Franklin (born 25 May 1683; died 3 Apr 1723) married #1 Joshua Eddy; #2 Thomas Cole.
 4. Josiah Franklin (born 23 Aug 1685 Boson, Suffolk, Massachusetts; died 1715 Lost at sea.
 5. Anne Franklin (born 5 Jan 1687 Boston; died 16 Jun 1729) married 10 Jul 1712 William Harris.
 6. Joseph Franklin (born 6 Feb 1688; died 11 Feb 1688).
 7. Joseph Franklin (born 30 Jun 1689; died 15 Jul 1689).
- Josiah Franklin and Abiah Folger Franklin's children:
1. John Franklin (born 7 Dec 1690 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died 29 Jan 1756) married #1 Mary Gooch; #2 Elizabeth Gooch, the widow of Hubbard.
 2. Peter Franklin (born 22/27 Nov 1692 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died 1 Jul 1766) married 2 Sep 1714 to Mary Harman.
 3. Mary Franklin (born 26 Sep 1694 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died 1731) married 3 Apr 1716 to Robert Holmes (born 1694; died 1727 lost at sea).
 4. James Franklin (born 4 Feb 1697 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died 4 Feb 1735) married 4 Feb 1723 to Ann Smith.
 5. Sarah Franklin (born 9 Jul 1699 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died 23 May 1731) married 3 May 1722 to James Davenport.
 6. Ebenezer Franklin (born 20 Sep 1701 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died 1703).

7. Thomas Franklin (born 7 Dec 1703 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died 17 Aug 1706).
8. Benjamin Franklin (see Barbara Sand's info)
9. Lydia Franklin (born 8 Aug 1708 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died 1758) married 1731 Capt. Robert Scott.
10. Jane Franklin (born 27 Mar 1712 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died May 1794) married 27 Jul 1727 to Edward Mecom.

Barbara Sand's Information

Josiah Franklin (born 1655; died 1744) married Abiah Folger (born 1667; died 1752). Their child:

1. Dr. Benjamin Franklin [the famous statesman] (born 17 Jan 1706 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; died 17 Apr 1790 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) married 1 Sep 1730 to Deborah Read (died 1774).

Their child:

- (1) Sarah Franklin (born 11 Sep 1744; died 5 Oct 1808) married 1767 to Richard Bach (born 1737 Settle, West Riding, England; died 29 Jul 1811). (See Charter Issue pg 70)

Their child:

- A. Benjamin Franklin Bache (born 12 Aug 1769 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; died 10 Sep 1798 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) married 1791 to Margaret Hartman Markoe daughter of Francis Markoe and Elizabeth (Hartman) Markoe.

Their child:

- (A) Hartman Bache (born 1798 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; died 1872) married 1829 to Maria del Carmen Meade daughter of Richard Worsham Meade and Margaret Coates (Butler) Meade.

Thomas Franklin and Mary (Rhoades) Franklin of Philadelphia

Source: *Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families*

Thomas Franklin, Jr. married 15 Feb 1764 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mary Rhoades.

Their issue:

1. Elizabeth born 14 Mar 1765; died 28 Jul 1767
2. Benjamin born 25 Jan 1767; died 14 Jun 1781
3. Ann born 06 Jan 1769
4. Thomas born 12 Oct 1770; died 20 Jul 1771
5. Walter born 07 May 1773
6. Samuel born 06 Aug 1774

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Benjamin Franklin Sands - Henrietta Marie (French) Sands

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Benjamin Franklin Sands (born 11 Feb 1812; died 30 Jun 1883) married 15 Nov 1836 to Henrietta Marie French (born 1817; died 15 Aug 1893) daughter of William French and Anna Rosetta (Halversen) French. Their child:

1. James Hoban Sands (born 12 Jul 1845 Washington, DC; died 27 Oct 1911 Washington, DC) married 28 Oct 1869 to Mary Elizabeth Meade (born 22 Dec 1845 New York, New York; died 1919 Washington, DC) daughter of Richard Worsham Meade and Clara Forsyth (Meigs) Meade. Their child:
 - (1) Henry (Hal) Meade Sands (born 24 Apr 1888 Washington, DC; died 30 Dec 1953 Hot Springs, Arkansas) married 15 Jun 1915 to Stella Aphorp McCalla (born 23 Feb 1880 Annapolis, Maryland; died 25 Nov 1964 Washington, DC) daughter of Bowman Hendry McCalla and Elizabeth Hazard (Sargent) McCalla. Their child:
 - A. Benjamin Franklin Halversen Sands (born 30 Aug 1917 Hanover, Pennsylvania; died 30 Mar 1985 Rock Hill, South Carolina) married 14 Dec 1940 to Sallie Susan Shobe (born 14 Oct 1918 Petersburg, West Virginia; died 10 Apr 1987 Rock Hill, South Carolina) daughter of Joseph Wilbur Shobe and Lucy Lee (Smith) Shobe. Their son:
 - (A) Robert Shobe Sands (born 31 May 1937 Petersburg, West Virginia) married Barbara Ann Chandler (born 4 May 1938 Cumberland, Maryland).

Lawrence Franklin - Miss Mathis/Mathews Franklin

Submitted by Constance McLarry Ausec, 17615 Loring Lane, Spring, TX 77388. See page 1 for more on this family. We realize that there may be an element of repetition, however, in fairness to all members; we are submitting all materials.

Lawrence Franklin (born ca 1680, probably Essex County, Virginia.) He was married at least twice: first to a Miss Mathis/Mathews and later to Mary Paine daughter of Bernard Paine.

Children:

1. Benjamin Franklin (born ca 1715 probably Spotsylvania County, Virginia; died 1751 Albemarle County, Virginia) married Patience Sumpter. Their children:
 - (1) Elizabeth Franklin married Clifton Coffey and settled in Adair County, Kentucky.
 - (2) Anne Franklin married John Dowell, Jr. son of John Dowell, Sr. and lived in Albemarle County, Virginia.
 - (3) Mary Franklin married Claudius Buster and lived in Albemarle or Augusta County, Virginia.
 - (4) Dorcas Franklin
2. Bernard Franklin
3. George Franklin
4. Lawrence Franklin
5. Nancy Anne Franklin
6. Betsey Franklin

Will of Benjamin Franklin of Albemarle County, Virginia

Source: Albemarle County, Virginia Will Book 1, pg. 27 (extract):

Last will and Testament of Benjamin Franklin of St. Ann's Parish in Albemarle County in the Colony of Virginia. Dated 15 day of Aug 1751.

Bequeath unto Patience my beloved wife the first part of my whole estate and c.

Item I give and bequeath unto my four daughters (viz.) Elizabeth, Ann, Mary, Dorcas all the remainder of my Estate to be equally divided amongst them and to have and receive their part at the day of their marriage or when they come of age which shall first happen to be paid them by my exrs. hereafter to be named I likewise will and ordain my Exrs. to sell one hundred acres of land belonging to me lying in Orange County for money and the same to be divided between my wife and children as aforesd.

I do further will and ordain that all the Increase of my Negro Woman Charity shall be equally divided as aforesaid.

Lastly I will and ordain that my whole estate shall be left in the hands of my wife until the children come of age Except she should waste or Suffer any part thereof to be wasted I will and ordain that my Exrs. shall then take my children's part out of her hands and the same keep for the use of my children as aforesaid I likewise constitute make and ordain my only estate exrs. of this my last will and testament my Beloved wife, Ambrose Porter, and Rubin Franklin.

Signed Sealed and published pronounced and Declared by the said Benj. Franklin as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers.

Benjamin Franklin

Phillip Davis George (X) Mounroe Thos (T) Lillie

12 Nov 1751

Presented unto Albemarle County Court by Patience Franklyn Executrix Reuben Franklyn Executor. Proved by the oaths of Philip Davis and George Munroe...Certificate granted for obtaining a probate..giving security on which they (Patience and Reuben) with James Jones and Philip Davis their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond....

Test. John Nicholas, Clerk.

John Franklin and Phoebe (Parker) Franklin

Submitted by Reta Lee Taylor Blystone, 215 Alder St., Box 0453, Brea, CA 92622

John Franklin and Phoebe Parker's child:

1. Jonathan Franklin (born 1774 North Carolina; died 1870 Indiana) married Rachel ? (died 1804)
Their child:
 - (1) David Franklin (born ca 1800 North Carolina; died ca 1843 McMinn County, Tennessee) married North Carolina to Rebecca Schell (born ca 28 Dec 1802/1804 North Carolina; died 5 Sep 1881 Putnam County, Missouri) daughter of Charles Schell (born 1774 Maryland? and brought to North Carolina with his parents John Schell and Catherine (Feigley) Schell. Charles married Hannah Martin daughter of Isaac Martin of Burke County, North Carolina and his brother Christian Schell married Rachel Martin another daughter of Isaac Martin. They moved to McMinn County, Tennessee before 1840. After David died, Rebecca married second to John Collins, a primitive Baptist Preacher.
Their child:
 - A. Mary Eliz Franklin (born 22 Jan 1831 North Carolina; died 12 Nov 1894 Waco, Texas) married 30 May 1850 Bradley County, Tennessee by Silas Wann to Thomas Kelly Lillard son of John Lillard and Elizabeth (Betsey) Taylor Lillard.
Their child:
 - (A) Minnie Lee Lillard (born 22 Jan 1872 Waco, Texas; died 8 Nov 1954 Compton, California buried Loma Vista, Fullerton, California) married 16 Dec 1903 Waco, Texas to John Wesley Taylor (born 8 Jul 1870 Dayton, Tennessee; died 14 Nov 1958 Compton, California buried Loma Vista, Fullerton, California) son of John Taylor &. Their child:
 - a. Reta Lee Taylor (born 13 Jun 1907 Waco, Texas) married 25 Mar 1933 Yuma, Arizona to Frank Edgar Blystone (born 6 Jul 1908 Ross (now Elm Mott) Texas; died 22 Sep 1965 Needles, California buried Loma Vista Cem, Fullerton, California).

Reta was the daughter of John Wesley Taylor, born 8 Jul 1870 Dayton, Tennessee died 14 Nov 1958 Compton, California, buried Loma Vista, Fullerton, California. John was son of John Taylor born 19 Sep 1839 Sullivan County, Tennessee (son of Dr. Stephen Taylor and Polly Hargrove) died 12 Jun 1913 Waco, Texas and Tennessee Minerva Lillard born 29 Dec 1848 (daughter of Robert Wesley Lillard and Sarah Adaline Rice), married Decatur, Tennessee 12 Apr 1868; died 29 Mar 1912 Waco, Texas.

Minnie Lee Lillard born 22 Jan 1872 Waco, Texas married John Wesley Taylor 16 Dec 1903 Waco, Texas died 8 Nov 1954 Compton, California buried Loma Vista, Fullerton, California was daughter of Thomas Kelly Lillard born Decatur, Tennessee 8 Mar 1831; died 24 Jan 1920 Waco, Texas (parents John Lillard and Elizabeth (Betsey) Taylor) married Mary Eliza Franklin born 22 Jan 1831 in North Carolina died 12 Nov 1894 Waco, Texas married in Bradley County, Tennessee by Silas Wann to T.K. Lillard 30 May 1850. Her parents were David Franklin born ca 1800 in North Carolina died ca 1843 in McMinn County, Tennessee (parents were Jonathan Franklin born 1774 in North Carolina 1st wife Rachel ?? died 1804. He died 1870 in Indiana). His parents were John Franklin and Phoebe Parker.

Rebecca Schell born ca 12/28/1802/1804 in North Carolina died 9/5/1881 in Putnam County, Missouri married David Franklin in North Carolina 1820 and 1830. They moved to McMinn County, Tennessee before 1840. After David died, Rebecca married second to John Collins, a primitive Baptist preacher. Rebecca Schell was the daughter of Charles Schell born 1774 in Maryland? and brought to North Carolina with his parents John Schell and Catharine Feigley. Charles married Hannah Martin daughter of Isaac Martin of Burke County, North Carolina and his brother, Christian Schell, married Rachel Martin, another daughter

of Isaac Martin.

I have heard my grandfather, Thomas Kelly Lillard, (also my mother Minnie Lee Lillard Taylor) say many times that Mary Eliza Franklin was the daughter of David Franklin and Rebecca Schell and the names of her brothers and sisters. I only saw one aunt, who lived in Waco when I was young, she was Rebecca Franklin Burton Lowe, 2nd husband Thomas Lowe. I knew five of her daughters, Sadie Burton Shelton, Margaret (Pinkie) Burton Lillard, Lizzie (Elizabeth) Burton Welch, Myrtle Lowe Reeves and Mary Lowe Shelton.

I have heard many times of the trip to Arkansas my mother took with her parents to visit another sister, Hannah Franklin Collins. My mother repeatedly told me about her mothers parents, their names David Franklin and Rebecca Schell, and David being son of Jonathan Franklin, names of his brothers and sisters and Jonathan moving to Owen County, Indiana. I wrote down names she gave me, but not ones by later wife.

My mother always said at same time, Rebecca Schell was the daughter of Charles Schell and Hannah Martin, and that two brothers, Charles and Christian Schell married two sisters, with sister Rachel Martin marrying Christian, both were daughter of Isaac Martin. That is all my notes show, or that I remember at this time. All the other proof I have found with birth records, wills, census records, legal documents, other people's research and family records. One conclusive proof I would call valid is the list of names of the children of David and Rebecca Franklin: Charles Franklin (named for Charles Schell); Jonathan Franklin (named for Jonathan Franklin); Isaac Franklin (named for Isaac Martin); Catherine Franklin (named for Catherine Feigley Schell); Mary Eliz Franklin (my mother said she was named for David's sister Mary); David Franklin (named for father); Hannah Franklin (named for Hannah Martin Schell); Rebecca Franklin (named for Rebecca Schell, her mother).

Johan Casper Schell (born Germany) came to the United States on the ship *Robert and Alice* 24 Sep 1742 to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and married Anna Catherina Gertrude Batt 24 Sep 1749.

Their children:

1. John Schell (born 6 Jan 1750 (old Calander) married 1772 Hogerstoun, Maryland to Catherine Feigley (born 7 Jun 1751 Winterlingen, Germany). German records show name of birth place as Schwarzwaldkreis, Tuttlinger, Schura. She was the daughter of Johannes Feigley and Usurla Schneckenberger who were married 5 Oct 1750 Neckarkries, Bolingen Germany.
2. Charles Schell (born ca 1774 Maryland or North Carolina) married Hannah Martin daughter of Isaac Martin in Burke County, North Carolina. Marriage records destroyed - although there is record of brother Christian Schell and Rachel Martin (sister to Hannah). I have court records mentioning Charles Schell and he is on 1820 and 1830 North Carolina records (Lincoln and Burke) and on 1840 McMinn County, Tennessee census. I do not remember any names of their other children, only Rebecca who married David Franklin. My mother told me she had heard Mary Eliza Franklin say Rebecca was a poor girl but a good girl.

Just last month I found a book in Carmichael County Library showing Casper Shell and John Feigley were naturalized in 1761 as Quakers in Pennsylvania.

John Franklin and (Phobe Parker) Franklin

Submitted by Bill Franklin, 2101 Kimberly, Arlington, Texas 76010 and Maurine Ellison, Rt 1, Box 134F, Aspermont, TX 79502

John Franklin (born 2 Jun 1729 Massachusetts; died 1819 Burke County, North Carolina) married 1759 to Phobe Parker (born 1745 Virginia; died 1820 Burke County, North Carolina) daughter of Nathaniel Parker. Their child:

1. Jonathon Franklin (born 1774; died 1870 Owen, Indiana) married Rachell (died 1803 North

Carolina).

Their child:

- (1) David Franklin (born 1801 North Carolina; died Dec 1844 McMinn, Tennessee) married 1820 to Rebecca Schell (born 28 Dec 1802 North Carolina; died 5 Sep 1881 Putnam County, Missouri).

Their child:

- A. David D Franklin (born Jun 1833 McMinn, Tennessee; died 21 Feb 1901 Carol County, Arkansas) married Mary A Wann (born 1835 Tennessee; died Apr 1880 Carol County, Arkansas) daughter of Silas M Wann and Sarah (Collins) Wann.

Their child:

- (A) James Buchannon Franklin (born 29 Feb 1854/55 Chattanooga, Tennessee; died 19 Jan 1925 Stonewall County, Texas) married 1882/84 Arkansas to Sarah Elvira McMillen (born 14 Mar 1868 Russelville, Arkansas; died 30 Aug 1933 Stonewall County, Texas) daughter of George McMillen and Frances E (?) McMillen.

Their children:

- a. Myrtle Mae Franklin (born 1 Aug 1887 Calif Hill, Johnson County, Arkansas; died 1936 California) married Ike Brown.
- b. Glynn Del Franklin (born 6 Mar 1884 Cole Hill, Johnson County, Arkansas; died 12 Jan 1974) married Arnie Byrd.
- c. Earnest Earl Franklin (born 28 Apr 1891 Hartman, Johnson County, Arkansas; died 2 Feb 1910 Mercer Gap, Comanche County, Texas) never married.
- d. Alma Elizabeth (Babe) Franklin (born 18 Sep 1893 Hartman, Johnson County, Arkansas; died Feb 1941 Stonewall County, Texas) married James Tira.
- e. Ida Hester (Bid) Franklin (born 2 May 1896 Hartman, Johnson County, Arkansas - 22 Feb 1979) married Morton Preston Carr.
- f. Margie Rebecca Franklin (born 22 Dec 1898 Clarksville, Johnson County, Arkansas - 20 Nov 1970 Stonewall County, Texas) married Kuns Hermon Mischer.
- g. Jimmie George Franklin (11 Nov 1900 Comanche County, Texas; died 4 Oct 1877) married Herbert George Kemp.
- h. Effie Veleria Franklin (born 14 Mar 1903) married W D (Cy) Jetes.
- i. Bailey Bayan Franklin (born 19 Feb 1905 Mercer Gap, Comanche County, Texas; died 21 Sep 1986) married Opal Crew.
- j. Dee Alene Franklin (born 12 Dec 1907 Mercer Gap, Comanche County, Texas; died 11 May 1928 Stonewall County, Texas) never married.
- k. Finis Franklin (Jun 5, 1910 Mercer Gap, Comanche County, Texas; died 27 Aug 1976 Wichita County, Texas) married Jackie Reedes.
- l. Garland D Franklin (born 9 Sep 1912 Comanche County, Texas) married Christene Gober daughter of Hugh B Gober and Vera A (Dogan) Gober.

Their children:

- (a) Vallie Maurine Franklin (born 9 Oct 1922 Haskell County) married Dewitt Elison, Jr.

- (b) Juanita Franklin (born 18 Jan 1937 Haskell County, Texas; died 19 Jul 1978) married Donald Caffey.
- (c) Betty Lou Franklin (born 9 Nov 1938 Haskell County, Texas) married Don Lee Smith.
- (d) Billy Gene Franklin (born 6 Aug 1940 Stonewall County, Texas) married 1 Jul 1972 to Sharron Kay Crouch (born 24 Mar 1949 Lamb County, Texas).

William Isaac Franklin - Nancy Henrietta (Andrews) Franklin

Submitted by Rosa Lee Franklin, Rt 1, Box 91, Snyder, Texas 79549

William Isaac Franklin (born ca 1833 Louisiana) married Nancy Henrietta Andrews (born ca 1839 Louisiana; died Red River County, Texas). William Isaac's father was born in Tennessee; his mother was born in Mississippi. Nancy Henrietta's father was born in Louisiana; her mother was born in Arkansas.

Their child:

- 1. William Franklin
- 2. Isaac Franklin
- 3. John Washington Franklin
- 4. James Edmond Franklin (born 16 Jun 1870 Coreyeell County, Texas; died 22 Jun 1944 Callahan County, Texas) married 15 Jul 1893 to Alice Victoria Herring (born 4 Dec 1875 Lauderdale County, Mississippi; died 28 Jun 1949 Taylor County, Texas) daughter of Samuel J Herring and Judy Ann (Hobson) Herring.

Their child:

- (1) Della M Franklin (born May 1894 Texas)
- (2) William E Franklin (born Feb 1896 Texas)
- (3) Leonard L Franklin (born Nov 1897 Texas)
- (4) James Edmond Franklin, Jr. (born 2 May 1910 Callahan County, Texas) married 20 Oct 1934 to Lorene Poindexter (born 15 Apr 1917 Callahan County, Texas) daughter of John Poindexter and Eva (Williams) Poindexter.

Their child:

- A. Rosa Lee Franklin (born 29 apr 1936 Callahan County, Texas) married 23 Apr 1955 to Melton Wayne Crow.
- 5. R Lambert Franklin
- 6. Charlie Franklin

Sources

1880 Anderson County, Texas Census, (Beat #2, Just. Prec. #2, enumeration date 9 Jun 1880, Enumerator John Young, Sr.: Dwelling #28/Family #29 Franklin, W I wm 47 married farmer born Louisiana father born Tennessee mother born Mississippi; N H wf 35 wife housekeeper born Louisiana father born Louisiana mother born Arkansas; Wm Isaac wm 21 son farm laborer born Louisiana father born Louisiana mother born Louisiana; Jno Washington wm 14 son farm laborer born Louisiana father born Louisiana mother born Louisiana; E James wm 10 son farm laborer born Texas father born Louisiana mother born Louisiana; R Lambert wm son 4/12 born Feb Texas father born Louisiana mother born Louisiana.

1880 Lauderdale, Mississippi Census (beat #3): Samuel J Herring wm 42 head born Alabama; Judy Herring wf wife 35 born Alabama; A Jackson Herring wm 12 son born Mississippi; Mary A Herring wf 10 daughter born Mississippi; Sarah M Herring wf 6 daughter born Mississippi; Alice V Herring wf 4 daughter born Mississippi; Joseph P Herring wm 2 son born Mississippi.

1900 Coryell County, Texas Census (Just Pct #1 File #1624 pg 16 enumeration date 30 Jun Dist 38: Visit #253 Family #253: James E Franklin head wm born Sep 1871 Texas 28 yrs married 9 yrs father born Louisiana mother born Louisiana farm laborer; Alice V Franklin wife wf born Dec 1875 Alabama 24 yrs married 9 yrs 3 children-3 living; father born Alabama mother born Alabama; Della M Franklin daughter wf born May 1894 Texas 6 yrs single father born Texas mother born Alabama; William E Franklin son wm born Feb 1896 Texas 4 yrs single; Leonard L Franklin son wm born Nov 1897 Texas 2 yrs single.

Marriage record County of Callahan, State of Texas: J.E. Franklin and Miss Lorene Poindexter in Baird, Texas the 20th day of Oct 1923. S.E. Settle, Callahan County Clerk, Stella Gilliland Deputy. Marriage performed by Joe R Mayes.

Death record - County of Callahan, City of Baird: James Edmond Franklin - length of residence where death occurred = 30 years. Date of birth 16 Jun 1870 Correll County, Texas son of John Franklin born Louisiana and Nancy Henrietta Andrews birthplace unknown; date of death 22 Jun 1944 of fractured hip/pneumonia 74 yrs 0 months 6 days; farmer by trade. Informant: Alex Bruce? of Baird, Texas. Place of Burial - Lula, Texas 24 Jun 1944; undertaker Wylie Funeral Home, Baird, Texas. Buried Eula Cemetery, Eula, Texas. File #412 6-27-44; Signature of local registrar G H Corn, Baird, Texas.

Abilene Reporter News 28 June 1949

“Baird Woman, 73, dies in Hospital”: Baird. June 28, - Mrs. Alice Victoria Franklin, 73, died at 12:45 pm Tuesday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. She had been in the hospital since breaking her hip a week ago in a fall at the home of her daughter Mrs. Addie Bruce of Baird where she resided. Funeral will be held Thursday at 4 pm at the Church of Christ. Burial will be in Eula Cemetery beside the grave of her husband, the late James E Franklin who died 27 Jun 1944.

Mrs. Franklin was born 4 Dec 1875 in Mississippi. She had lived in Baird since 1900. She was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors are four sons: W.E. Franklin of San Jacinto, California; L L Franklin of Hemet, California; Ed Franklin of Knattson, Texas and Howard Franklin of Snyder, Texas; two daughters; Mrs. Addie Bruce, Baird and Mrs. Elberta Worl, Caleva, California; one brother Porter Herring, Palm beach, California, one sister, Mrs. Bertie Farris, Inglewood, California. Wylie Funeral Home will have charge of all arrangements. Mrs. Alice Victoria Franklin was 73 yrs, 6 month and 24 days of age at the time of her death.

Death record - County of Howard State of Texas, City of Big Springs: Mary Athener Allen born Mississippi age 63 yrs, housewife, daughter of S J Herring born Alabama and Annie Hobson born Alabama. Informant J W Allen of Big Springs. Died 9 Jul 1932 of Cerebral hemorrhage. Buried Vinant Cemetery, Vinant, Texas.

Family Bible of James Edmon and Alice Victoria Herring Franklin in possession of James Edmon Franklin (son).

Franklins in Franklin County, Tennessee

Submitted by Beulah (Franklin) Stewart (Mrs. Fricks), PO Box 430, Winchester, TN 37398. It was beautifully typed which made my job a lot easier...thanks.

By the time of the first Census in America in 1790, many Franklin families had settled in this country - mostly in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and South Carolina. Official records compiled in 1974 indicate that in that year Franklin was the 219th most-frequently-occurring surname in the nation. Burke's General Armory lists twenty-two coats of arms for the name Franklin and its variant spellings. The name is derived from the occupation or position of its first bearers, as Franklin or Freeholder. (free man, not a serf or tenant). It is found in various other forms - Frankland-Frankling, Franklyn, Franckline, Fraunkelayn, Frankeleyn and Francklin.⁴⁸ There has been so much material collected on the Franklins that I have had to narrow down

the story to my own immediate line.

Will of John Franklin, Sr., Burke County North Carolina (Extract)⁴⁹

Will of John Franklin, Sr., Burke County, North Carolina 1813.

Names wife Phebe Franklin

Names sons John Franklin, David Franklin, Moses Franklin, and Jonathan Franklin.

Names James Kincaid with regards to land survey.

Names granddaughter Polly Franklin (and daughter of Jonathan Franklin) Names daughters Jemima, Phebe, Ann, Lydia, Mary and Rachel Sole Executor named son Jonathan Franklin.

Signed 4 Jun 1813 - Executed Jan 1819.

John Franklin, Sr. was a Revolutionary War soldier. John, Sr. (1727-1819) and wife, Phebe Parker, (ca 1724-1821) had these children: John, David, Moses, Jonathan, Samuel, Jemima, Phebe, Anna, Lydia, Mary, Rachel and one unknown. (This one could have been a grandson, Thomas C who came to live with them after his mother's death).

According to a Burke County, North Carolina Historical Society Publication⁵⁰ the following members of this family were located:

John, Jr. (Burke County, North Carolina) born ca 1762

David (DeKalb County, Georgia) born ca 1762

Moses (Franklin County, Tennessee) born ca 1765-1830

Jonathan (Indiana) born 1774; died 1870

Samuel (Burke County, North Carolina - Linville Falls) born 1780; died 1857

Jemima (Franklin County, Tennessee) born 1767; died 1854

Phebe (Washington County, Tennessee and Burke County, North Carolina)

Anna, Lydia, Mary and Rachel (whereabouts unknown)

To continue, I must add that I have in my collection, a book⁵¹ written on Samuel Franklin and his family as compiled by Mr. Gurney Franklin of Linville Falls, North Carolina.

In this book on the Samuel Franklin line (brother of our Moses and Jemima), Mr. Gurney Franklin has the claim that Samuel's father, John, was a great nephew of Benjamin Franklin of American Fame. ("Benjamin was a scientist, an inventor, a statesman, a diplomat, the first Postmaster General of the U.S.A., a publisher, a man of integrity and vim, a postal reformer, a man of humor and many outstanding talents. He signed the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Treaty of Alliance and Treaty of Peace-the only person to sign all four") Throughout this Franklin Research, this claim appears to be through

48. *The Franklin Family*, American Genealogical Research Institute, Heritage Press, Inc., Washington, DC 1975.

49. John Franklin, Sr. Will - North Carolina Archives, Raleigh

50. *The Heritage of Burke County*, Burke County Historical Society, 1981 printed by Hunter Publishing County, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103.

51. 4. *Franklin Genealogy*, published by the Franklin Clan as compiled by Gurney Franklin, Linville Falls, North Carolina, 2nd Edition, 1916.

Benjamin's brother, John.

My husband, Fricks Stewart, and I visited in Burke County, North Carolina in Aug 1980. We attended a Franklin Reunion of the Samuel Franklin line at Linville Falls where we met Mr. Gurney Franklin (then 81 yrs old) and his lovely wife and their family. The postmaster at Linville Falls was Mr. Earl Franklin and we were pleased and happy to see and meet so many of the Franklin Clan. They were fine looking, personable, long lived, musical and religious. They had a well planned program at a beautiful new church which had been founded by a Rev. Franklin.

I also have a book⁵² written on the Jonathan Franklin family as compiled by Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson assisted by Marjorie Fry Elliott.

Our own line - Moses and Jemima who came to Franklin County, Tennessee will now take precedence with a few added stories.

“A Moses Franklin living on Canoe Creek which is east of Morgantown, North Carolina near the town of Linville in Burke County sold out in 1800. (This location was just across the ridge from Thomas Wakefield who many years later married in Franklin County, Tennessee, Moses' sister, Jemima. (Her third husband). Moses is in the 1800 census of Burke County, North Carolina married with 4 males and 2 females under 10 listed; and in 1810 census, John and Jonathan live next to each other, the four intervening families, then Moses is listed.”⁵³

“The Burke County Court minutes lists 1811 Term Jurors sworn in, including Moses as one. Moses settled in Tennessee and Thomas C farmed a crop with him in Franklin County, Tennessee on Elk River about 1819. An Elizabeth Franklin is head of household, age 60-70 in 1830 census there. Possibly his widow.”⁵⁴

Moses Franklin and William Griffin signed an 1813 document in Franklin County petitioning a new road to be built into Alabama. A copy of this petition appeared in the January 1976 Franklin County Historical Review. So, as we have no definite dates on Moses, we place his birth ca 1765 North Carolina and his sojourn into Tennessee around 1811 or 1812. I do have a copy of the settlement of his estate from our court house records with his son, Joseph, as administrator. This document shows disbursement dates early in 1830, so Moses had died either in 1829 or early 1830. The settlement recorded payment to the widow, David, Joshua, Amos, John, Moses, Joseph, A.C. Parks and Jacob Awalt. (the last two were probably husbands of two daughters).

Thomas C Franklin wrote his memoirs in 1876. This article⁵⁵ appeared in *Spencer Evening World*, a newspaper in Owen County, Indiana. Thomas C was born North Carolina 25 Dec 1801, son of Jonathan (brother of Moses). This article is very descriptive of those pioneer days. He wrote of his marriage and travel with family and father, Jonathan, and his stepmother. They turned their course toward middle Tennessee stopping on Elk River in Franklin County where he built a cabin and where he decided to make a crop with his old uncle, Moses Franklin. So other Franklins besides the families of Moses and Jemima came to Franklin County and some went across the Elk River into Lincoln County. Jonathan and Thomas C later settled in Indiana.

A novel should be written about these pioneer people but especially would I like to write one about Jemima

52. *Descendants of Jonathan Franklin of Burke County, North Carolina and Owen County, Indiana* compiled 1977 by Elizabeth P Robinson assisted by Marjorie Fay Elliott. (112 letter size typed pages - photo offset printing) Mrs. C. W. Robinson, PO Box 34, Clements, California 05227.

53. Ibid 5 p.12

54. Ibid 5 p.12

55. Ibid 5 p.43-45

Franklin.

Jemima (1767-1854) married a Daniel McCoy in North Carolina. Children were: Daniel, Phebe, Hanna, and John. McCoy was lost at sea. Marriage records of Pulaski County, Kentucky: William Griffin married Jemima McCoy Feb 8, 1805 in Pulaski County, Kentucky (vol. 2 by Bell, Bondsman John Gill.⁵⁶ (9) She had four children by William Griffin: Mahala, General, Lucinda and Martha. William Griffin died 25 Aug 1816 (age 75 yrs) in Franklin County, Tennessee.

I have a copy of William Griffin's will as recorded in Franklin County, Tennessee courthouse. He made the will in 1810 in Franklin County. So the marriage to Jemima was in 1805 in Kentucky. Their first child, Mahala was born 1806 in Kentucky (1850 census). Evidently they came on into Tennessee and Franklin County about the time the county was formed in 1807.

William Griffin and his wife, Jemima Wakefield (explained later) are buried in Franklin County on Elk River known as Vanzant Bend. These graves and tombstones have been located. Legend supports the stories that William Griffin cleared the land and was the first pioneer in that area.

After Griffin's death (1816) Jemima was married for the third time to Thomas Wakefield in 1825. He had been married twice before and had issue. He died 1849 and probably is buried in the Wakefield Cemetery. He was a Revolutionary War soldier and she drew his pension until she died in 1854. Jemima Wakefield is buried beside her second husband, William Griffin, and the tombstone reads: In memory of Jemima Wakefield born Oct 1767; died Jun 7, 1854.

I must add here that there is a lot more material about Jemima and family written in an old diary which Mrs. J E Nowery of Colorado (now deceased) shared with me. He line went back through Jemima's daughter, Hannah McCoy.

Jemima Franklin and Daniel McCoy

Hannah McCoy Greer

Caroline Greer McNaughton

Hannah Tranquilla McNaughton Gattis

Marcus Leonard Gattis

Mary Inez Gattis Newery (Mrs. J E)

Quoting from the diary written by Hannah Tranquilla McNaughton Gattis: "Aunt Mahala, half sister to Hannah, married her own cousin, Joseph Franklin, and their old home, five miles from Winchester, still stands today and Aunt Mahalie's granddaughter, Musa Cole, is its occupant with her grand children. That old brick house of 12 rooms has been there for near one hundred years". (This home is written up in the June 1972 *Family County Historical Review* and still stands in 1982).

"Well do I remember of going there with my dear mother and set in my great grandmother's lap. This great grandmother (Memima) buried two husbands in Tennessee. Her last husband's name was Wakefield and he was wealthy with land and slaves."

"We loved Aunt Mahalie for she was so kind. With her I had a home after my own dear mother's death (2 Mar 1869 at Dr. Child's Water Cure Sanatorium)."

In reference to the old home which still stands hurries me on to the next generation of our line. At the conclusion of this rambling, I will supply my full genealogy sheet. (by the way my sister, Martha Plumley, has

56. Marriage record in Kentucky was found by Mrs. Dorothy Williams of Stevenson, Alabama, a descendant of Jemima Franklin McCoy.

just joined a DAR chapter in Shreveport. So if you need more info on this and want to join just contact me: Mrs. L. F. Stewart, PO Box 430, Winchester, TN 37398.

I have written about Moses Franklin and his sister, Jemima, and their arrival in Franklin County.

Through the years I had supposed Joseph Franklin (born North Carolina 1799; died 1858) was the first Franklin in the County. His is the oldest marked grave in the Franklin Cemetery on the Lynchburg Road across from Broadview School. (A recorded copy of this cemetery is on file at Franklin County Library). He gave this land for a burying ground in his will recorded here in Franklin County. Joseph had come into the County with his parents. He married his cousin Mahala Griffin daughter of his father's sister, Jemima.

Joseph and Mahala built the brick home referred to above. This farm and house stayed in the family until 1973 when Mr. and Mrs. Alton Cole sold it. Alton's mother was Musadora Franklin who married Tribble Cole.

Joseph Franklin and Mahala (born 1801; died 1883) married 22 Dec 1819. They had 8 children:

Coleman (1824-1892) married Elizabeth Eskridge (1821-1892)

Mose (1830-1908) married Nancy Silvertooth (1824-1910)

Cyatha (1827-1916) married Mr. Spindle

Elizabeth (died 1930) married Calvin Renegar (died 1914)

Musadora (1836-1916) married Ike Estill (1832-1902)

William Carroll died as a young man (21)

General W (1849-1855) age 5

Joseph B (1833-1854) never married

I have a copy of Joseph's will as recorded in Franklin County courthouse. I also have a notation that Coleman and Mose served as Confederates in the Civil War.

Now we proceed to Coleman Franklin who married Elizabeth Eskridge. They married 11 Nov 1845 and are both buried in the Franklin Cemetery. They had 9 children and only 4 lived. They were:

Mahala married Mr. Kitchens

Bill married Marilda (moved to Oklahoma)

Musadora married Tribble Cole

James Beauregard married Mary Eliz Weddington

I have very little info on Mahala who married a Kitchens and none on Bill. So if you have any info on these please let me know. I do have pictures of Mahala, Musadora and family and James B and family.

My grandfather was James Beauregard Franklin (born 1861; died 1930) married 21 Oct 1887 to Mary Elizabeth Weddington (born 1865; died 1948). Both are buried in the Franklin Cemetery. (There has been "scads" of Weddington material compiled by Andy Weddington, our grandmother's brother's son. His work was a labor of love given to so many of us. He spent years, miles, and money to make copies for us. I know now how much work he did!!.)

James Beauregard Franklin (called Jim) and his wife, Mary Elizabeth (called Molly), had the following children:

1. Claude Richardson Franklin (born 1888; died 1949) married 1913 to Catherine Ione Travis (born 1889; died 1961).

- Their children:
- (1) Martha Franklin
 - (2) Marvin Franklin
 - (3) Ray Franklin
 - (4) Beulah Franklin
2. James Roy Franklin (1891-1863) married 1915 to Belle Hopkins. No children.
 3. Hugh Beale Franklin (1893-1956) married 1912 to Ola Riddle.
Their children:
 - (1) Terris Franklin
 - (2) Helen Franklin
 - (3) Bobby Franklin
 - (4) Betty Franklin
 4. Worley Ben Franklin (1895-1960) married 1919 to Aline Francis.
Their children:
 - (1) Carl Franklin
 - (2) Margaret Franklin
 - (3) Dorothy Franklin
 5. George Leonard Franklin (1897-1961) married 1935 Annie Lee Jones.
Their child:
 - (1) Ann Franklin (born; died 1968)
 6. Herman Jesse Franklin (1900-1971) married 1947 Addie C Bobo.
Their child:
 - (1) Mary Gail Franklin
 7. John Earl Franklin (1904-1974) married 1925 Ruth McClary.
Their children:
 - (1) George Franklin
 - (2) Ellen. Franklin
 8. Ethel May Franklin (1907 -) married ____George Herbert Brown.
Their children:
 - (1) James Brown
 - (2) Curtis Brown

All seven sons are deceased - Ethel (Mrs G H Brown) still lives in California. From here on, each of us can continue our own lines. I will add that our of all these Franklins that had lived in Franklin County my father Claude R who was the oldest had an oldest son, James Marvin (deceased) whose only son, James Claude (called Jim and has Jim Franklin Chevrolet County in Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee) has 2 sons (and 4 daughters) named James Flint and Phillip. This is the last of the male Franklin name of this line left in Franklin County, Tennessee. Carl in Texas has sons, and George in Florida has a son that carry the Franklin name for this particular family line. Please send me your complete families so I can add to what I have and hopefully a book later on...who knows?

James Franklin and Nancy (Whitten) Franklin

Additional information has been submitted by Iris Rivers, 1336 Chimney Hills Rd., Yukon, OK 73099-3105 regarding the family of James Franklin and Nancy Whitten. Our original article on this family was published in our Charter Issue dated October '91 pages 17-21. The following details other children of James and Nancy (Whitten) Franklin not covered in our original article.

1. Archelous W Franklin (born 1803) - no further information

2. Mary Ann Franklin (born 26 Feb 1805; died before 1848) married 13 Sep 1825 Mercer County, Kentucky to Jacob A Martin (born 1805 Culpepper County, Virginia; died 1887 Crittenden County, Kentucky buried Martin Family Cemetery) son of William Martin.
Their children are:
 - (1) William Martin (born 1829 Bullitt County, Kentucky). Some say William married in early 1850 and moved to Arkansas, Oklahoma or Texas.
 - (2) Upton Martin (born 1832 Bullitt County, Kentucky; died 1869 Robertson County, Texas) married Hill County, Texas 1860 to Mary Breedlove Stembridge.
 - (3) James Martin (born 1835 Bullitt County, Kentucky) married #1 Drucie Allen; #2 in Crittenden County, Kentucky to Sarafine Morrow.
 - (4) Theophilos Martin (born 1837 Bullitt County, Kentucky; died Union County, Kentucky) married Henderson County, Kentucky to Mary L Beckman.
 - (5) Nancy Jane Martin (born 1840; died 18 Mar 1896 Crittenden County, Kentucky) married Crittenden County, Kentucky to B F Fowler.
 - (6) Elizabeth Martin (born 1842)
 - (7) Dock Jacob Martin (born 1844) married #1 Margaret McDowell; #2 Crittenden County, Kentucky to Mollie Hubbard. Jacob married #3 Rebecca Knox, Caldwell County, Kentucky and had 2 children; married #4 Sarah Adeline Walker in Caldwell County, Kentucky and had 6 children.
3. Susanna Franklin (born 1806) no further info.
4. James B Franklin (born 8 Mar 1808 Mercer County, Kentucky; died 27 Feb 1862 Johnson County, Kansas buried Aubry Cemetery, Johnson County, Kansas). He was a farmer and lived in Kentucky, Cass County, Missouri and moved to Johnson County, Kansas in 1859. He married Elizabeth Huff (born 23 Oct 1811; died 26 Dec 1891 Olsthe, Johnson County, Kansas buried Aubry Cemetery) daughter of William Huff. Elizabeth was blind for 30 years before her death. Their children:
 - (1) Nancy Franklin (born 25 May 1830 Kentucky; died 26 Nov 1897 Bellview, Kansas buried Aubry Cemetery) married 19 May 1859 Cass County, Missouri to W S Samuel.
 - (2) Houston Franklin (born 1839; died 1880 buried Aubry Cemetery) married Apeline ?
 - (3) John Tyler Franklin (born 17 Aug 1840 Missouri; died 8 Dec 1903 buried Tomahawk Cemetery, Johnson County, Kansas) married 18 Aug 1857 to Samantha Isadore Allen.
 - (4) Elizabeth F Franklin (born 14 Feb 1843; died 30 Dec 1897 Gardner, Johnson County, Kansas buried Aubry Cemetery) married 8 Dec 1869 Johnson County, Kansas to Jefferson Kennedy.
 - (5) Mary Franklin (born 9 Feb 1845; died 10 Feb 1907 buried Aubry Cemetery).
 - (6) Serilda Franklin (born 1849; died 1900) married 6 Jan 1876 to James Harvey Hancock.
 - (7) Benjamin J Franklin (born 31 Jan 1851 South of Belton, Cass County, Missouri; died 1 Jul 1915 NW of Stanley, Johnson County, Kansas buried Mt Calvary Cemetery in Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas) married Feb 1889 Johnson County, Kansas to Mary Ellen Cosgrove.
5. Julia Ann Franklin (born 1809) - detailed in charter issue.
6. Margaret Franklin (died young) - no further info.
7. George W Franklin (born 1811)
8. William Harrison Franklin (born 13 Jun 1813 Mercer County, Kentucky) came to Macomb, Illinois 25 Oct 1839 married 1 Apr 1841 to Maria J Clarke (born 7 May 1821; died 5 Sep 1886) daughter of James and Mary (Lewis) Clarke - pioneer settlers of McDonough County, Illinois. Mr. Clarke served as County Judge many years.
Their children:
 - (1) Maria Franklin (died before 1894)
 - (2) William J Franklin was a successful lawyer in Junction City, Kansas; married Mary S Gibbs.
Their children:
 - a. Maude Franklin

- b. Dean Franklin
 - c. Ray Franklin
 - (3) Nancy Jane Franklin (died before 1894)
 - (4) Mary Mahala Franklin (died before 1894)
 - (5) Samuel B Franklin (died before 1894)
 - (6) John H Franklin was a lawyer. He lived in Russell, Kansas and was editor of *Russell Records*. He married Irene Hudgen.
Their children:
 - a. Mabel Franklin
 - b. Blake Franklin
 - c. Wirt Franklin
 - d. Delia Franklin
 - e. Junia Franklin
 - f. Harrison Franklin
 - (7) Ben Franklin (died before 1894)
 - (8) George A Franklin (born 11 Dec 1857) married 25 Mar 1882 to Anna Pulford. They were the parents of 1 child - Maria Franklin. George married #2 Mrs. Ida Head, widow of Henry Head.
 - (9) Harrison Franklin - resided in Beeville, Texas at one time. Was a jeweler in McLean County at one time; married Louisa Munson and had 1 child - Pearl.
9. Felix Franklin (born 26 Mar 1815 Mercer County, Kentucky; died 1 Jun 1878 Erath County, Texas) married 4 Aug 1846 to Phoebe Cummings (born 1827 Mercer County, Kentucky; died Oct 1863 Johnson County, Texas).
Their children:
- (1) Martha Franklin (born 1848 Mercer County, Kentucky)
 - (2) James B Franklin (born 1850 Mercer County, Kentucky)
 - (3) M F Franklin (born 1852/53 Cass County, Missouri)
 - (4) John Henry Franklin (born 2 Jun 1855 Cass County, Missouri; died 28 Jun 1947 Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas) married 16 May 1878 Duffan, Erath County, Texas to Sarah Catherine Myers (born 9 Mar 1863 Bates County, Missouri; died 24 May 1935 Dixie Community, Lynn County, Texas buried Tahoka, Texas) daughter of Joe Myers and Nancy (Wilson) Myers. This is the same J H Franklin listed on Tax rolls pg 16 of Vol 1 Franklin Family Researchers United Jan 1992. It appears that the marriages listed on p 16 were those of John and his two brothers.(Thanks for this info Dan)!
- John Henry and Sarah Catherine (Myers) Franklin's children are:
- a. Joseph Benjamin Franklin(born 2 Apr 1881 Duffan, Erath County, Texas; died 12 Aug 1958 buried New Mexico) married #1 Sadie Wallace 3 Nov 1909; #2 Lillie Neely 1947.
 - b. Felix Wilson Franklin (born 8 Feb 1883 Duffan, Erath County, Texas; died 3 Nov 1963 buried Knox County, Texas) married 13 Jul 1903 to Mary Frances Wallace.
 - c. Laurence Clinton Franklin (born 16 Jul 1885 San Saba County, Texas; died 1970 buried Knox County, Texas) married #1 20 Aug 1905 to Maud Johnson; #2 1908 to Annie.
 - d. Phoebe Jane Franklin (born 3 Mar 1887 Polk County, Arkansas; died Apr 1942 buried Mountainair, New Mexico) married 25 Aug 1903 Will A Priest.
 - e. Mary A Franklin (born 25 Apr 1890 Erath County, Texas; died 25 Aug 1891 Erath County, Texas).
 - f. Dora Lee Franklin (born 11 Feb 1892 Baylor County, Texas; died 19 Sep 1970 Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas) married #1 25 Sep 1910 G M Murrah; #2 5 Aug 1945 A L Solsbery.

- g. Susie Catherine Franklin (born 25 Oct 1894 Baylor County, Texas; died 1978) married 4 May 1913 Augustus V Johnson.
- h. Annis Newton Franklin (born 15 Apr 1897 Baylor County, Texas; died 12 Jun 1970 Haggerman, New Mexico) married 19Dec 1917 to Ethel Daughtry.
- i. John William Franklin (born 25 Feb 1899 Baylor County, Texas) married Mountainair, New Mexico 15 Jul 1918 Della A Donna Lea (born 15 Jul 1902 Denton County, Texas) daughter of Robert Edward and Alzata (Reynolds) Lea. (This info was obtained from Ruby Franklin Muhlbauer in 1980. She died 1987).
Their children:
 - (a) J R Franklin (born 28 Dec 1921 Mountainair, New Mexico) married 25 Nov 1942 Louise Dunn.
 - (b) Alzata Catherine Franklin (born 23 Sep 1923 Munday, Knox County, Texas) married J B Ward.
 - (c) Ruby Fay Franklin (born 15 Jan 1926 Wichita County, Texas) married 11 Jan 1943 Henry John.
 - (d) Donna May Franklin (born 10 Sep 1930 Archer County, Texas) married Jack Prejean.
 - (e) Myra June Franklin (born 7 Oct 1932 Archer County, Texas) married Harold Tackett.
 - (f) Peggy Janell Franklin (born 1 Aug 1935 Archer County, Texas).
 - (g) Charlie Andrew Franklin (born 9 May 1901 Knox County, Texas) married 13 May 1922 Magie McCullough.
 - (h) Minnie Mae Franklin (born 17 Jan 1907 Knox County, Texas; died 4 Jun 1972 Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas) married #1 30 Sep 1923 J E Stoveall; #2 22 Aug 1932 H T White.
- (5) William Chap Franklin married in Erath County, Texas 22 Jul 1878 to Jo Ann Myers. (See Vol 1, Jan 1992 Issue FFRU pg 16)
- (6) Samuel D Franklin (born Jul 1859 Kansas; died 1937 Baylor County, Texas buried Cache Creek Cemetery) married Erath County, Texas 17 May 1878 to Kitty P Clem. (See Vol 1, Jan 1992 Issue FFRU pg 16)
- (7) Georgia Franklin married John Pgge?
- 10. Fannie Franklin (born 1816) - no further info.
- 11. Elizabeth Franklin (born 18 Mar 1818; died 23 Aug 1855) married 1840 to Harbon McIntire (born 18 Mar 1818; died 23 Aug 1855) son of John McIntire.
Their children:
 - (1) Julia ann McIntire (born 3 May 1841; died 9 Nov 1858).
 - (2) Johnson McIntire (born 28 Oct 1842 Mercer County, Kentucky; died 16 Dec 1898 Geary, Blaine County, Oklahoma) married 25 Dec 1866 Johnson County, Kansas to Mary Elizabeth Brady (born 27 Dec 1848 Mercer County, Kentucky; died 11 Sep 1932 Geary, Blaine County, Oklahoma).
Their son:
 - a. William McIntire. This is Iris (McIntire) Rivers' father. Iris was kind enough to send these additions to the family of James and Nancy (Whitten) Franklin.
 - (3) Parylee McIntire (born 14 Sep 1844; died 1923) married a Sallee.
 - (4) George T McIntire (born 16 Jan 1847; died 18 Dec 1925).
 - (5) Nancy Jane McIntire (born 29 Aug 1849; died 8 Nov 1853).
 - (6) Mary Marguerite McIntire (born 27 Oct 1851 Louisville, Kentucky; died 8 May 1888 Missouri) married John Thomas Myers (died 18 Jan 1908 Eldorado, Jackson County, Oklahoma).
 - (7) Rebecca McIntire (born 4 Apr 1854 Cass County, Missouri; died 18 May 1925 Geary,

- Oklahoma) married #1 John Stephen Brady (born 19 Sep 1850 Mercer County, Kentucky; died 5 Jul 1895 Geary, Oklahoma; #2 a Mr. Rogers.
12. Jeremiah Franklin (born 1820) - no further info.
 13. Hamilton Gray Franklin (born 1822) - detailed in charter issue.

Thomas B Franklin - Mary Pate

The following submitted by Carolyn Franklin, 9408 Windrow Place, Pascagoula, Mississippi 39581

Thomas B Franklin married 7 Dec 1819 to Mary Pate in Clark County, Alabama.

One known child:

1. Joseph C Franklin (born 1828 Clark County, Alabama) married 23 Dec 1850 to Mary A Ray (born 1833 Clark County, Alabama). Their son:
 - A. Charles Alonzo Franklin (born 14 Dec 1868 Clark County, Alabama; died 27 Mar 1922 Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas) married 27 Dec 1896 to Nora McMullen Franklin (born 28 Nov 1875; died 4 Dec 1960 Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas). Their son:
 - (A) Joe McMullen Franklin (born 28 Dec 1906; died 2 May 1964 Austin, Texas) married 17 Dec 1944 to Catheryne Carnahan Commons (born 20 Jun 1913 Poplar, Montana daughter of George Gurney Commons and Clara Isabel Glenn Commons. Their son:
 - a. Joe McMullen Franklin, Jr. (born 31 Jul 1945 Temple, Texas) married 16 Nov 1968 to Carolyn Sue Pearson (born 31 Jul 1947 Oakland, California).

Source Notes:

Nacogdoches County Cemetery Records (Texas)

Sacul Cemetery

Franklin, Leona 7 Jul 1888 - Nov 22, 1889 daughter of J R and E Franklin

Slazan Cemetery

Franklin, George R 12 Aug 1872 - 5 Feb 1940 son of C H Franklin

Franklin, Nanie Lucy 22 Sep 1882 - 21 Apr 1966 wife of George R Franklin

Franklin, Richard Nelson 4 Sep 1916 - 15 Mar 195? son of George and Nan Franklin; TEC5, 816 Td Bn, WWII.

Blue Springs Cemetery

Franklin, Janie Lee 26 Dec 1915 - 26 Dec 1960

Franklin, Medford Lee 19 Jul 1914 - 12 Jul 1957; Cpl Company A, 749 Ry, Opr. Bn. T.C., WWII.

Marriages of Clark County, Alabama (created 1812 from Washington County)

08/12/1858 John A Moore to Nancy E Franklin with consent of her mother Mrs. Mary Franklin.

12/07/1819 Thomas Franklin to Mary (Marey) Pate with consent of her father, Asa Pate.

08/25/1858 Napoleon B Harrison to Mary Ann Franklin

11/28/1839 Thomas B Franklin to Mary McCorqnodale[sic]

12/23/1850 J C Franklin to Mary A Ray

Headstone and Heritages - Escambia County, Alabama (McFarland/Shelton)

p 427: Mary A Franklin 28 Feb, 1851 - Jan 16, 1903

Tax Records, Jasper County, Texas 1898-1910

(Microfilm, Sam Houston Regional Library, Liberty, Texas. Submitted by Ch (MAJ) Dan Franklin, 5257 B McNeil South, Fort Bliss, Texas 79906)

Franklin	Abs No	Orig Grantee	Acres	Value
1898				
Franklin, A M				
Franklin, R M	99	Martha Crockett	30 1/2	\$ 45
1899				
Franklin, R M	393	A Nantz	160	\$120
Franklin, A M				
1900				
Franklin, R M	393	A Nantz	160	\$120
Franklin, A M				
1901				
Franklin, A M				
Franklin, R M	759	P&NO RR Co	160	\$320
1902				
Franklin, A M	52	R M Franklin	50	\$ 75
Franklin, R M	52	R M Franklin	110	\$220
1903				
Franklin, A M	53	T and NO RR	50	\$100
Franklin, G W				
Franklin, R M	53	T and NO RR	110	\$220
1904				
Franklin, A M	53	T and NO RR	50	\$100
Franklin, G W				
Franklin, R M	53	T and NO RR	110	\$220
1905				
Franklin, R W				
Franklin, A M	53	T and NO RR	50	\$100
Franklin, R M	53	T and NO RR	110	\$220
Franklin, G W				
1906				
Franklin, V G				
Franklin, R M	53	T and NO RR	104	\$210
Franklin, A M	53	T and NO RR	50	\$100

Franklin	Abs No	Orig Grantee	Acres	Value
1907				
Franklin, R M	53	T and NO RR	104	\$210
Franklin, A M	53	T and NO RR	50	\$100
1908				
Franklin, R M	53	T and NO RR	102	\$205
Franklin, A M	53	T and NO RR	50	\$100
1909				
Franklin, R M	53	T and NO RR	102	\$205
Franklin, A M	53	T and NO RR	50	\$100
1910				
Franklin, R M	53	T and NO RR	102	\$205
Franklin, A M	53	T and NO RR	50	\$102
Frankling, Tom				

Identified by Dan Franklin from above tax info (this is Dan's personal line: Franklin, A M: Alvin Marion Franklin (son of Ralph Morris Franklin and Lucy Catherine Morse)

Franklin, R M: Ralph Morris Franklin (son of James Isaiah Franklin and Mary Ann Hargroves)

Franklin, G W: William Green Franklin (son of James Isaiah Franklin and Mary Ann Hargroves)

Franklin, V W: Virgil Green Franklin (son of William Green Franklin and Elizabeth Ann Rogers)

Liberty County, Texas Tax Records

Reel 114602, Sam Houston Regional Library, Liberty, Texas. Submitted by Ch (MAJ) Dan Franklin, 5257 B McNeil South, Fort Bliss, Texas 79906.

Year	Abs.
# Grantee	
1895-1897	Franklin, Silas
1898	Franklin, Silas, Sr. Franklin, Silas, Jr.
1899-1900	Franklin, Silas
1901-1903	No Franklins
1904	Franklin, Peter Franklin, S F Franklin, Aaron
1905	Franklin, A

Year	Abs.
1906	Franklin, S F
1907	Franklin, W F
1908	Franklin, W F
	Franklin, Aaron
1909	Franklin, Aaron
	Franklin, Wm
	Franklin, W F
1910	Franklin, W F

Marriage Records, Liberty County, Texas

(Sam Houston Regional Library, Liberty, Texas Vol A and B reel 1009020; Vol C and D reel 1009021).

Franklin	Spouse	Date	Vol, Page
Franklin, Benjamin	Matilda Pepkins	6 Dec 1888	Vol B, 94
Franklin, Willie	Grace Story	17 Jul 1910	Vol C, 408
Franklin, Peter	Sallie Goodall	2 Jan 1914	Vol D, 221
Franklin, Mary	Thomas Long	17 May 1915	Vol D, 311
Franklin, Aaron	Sallie Turner	30 Aug 1913	Vol D, 190

Montgomery County, Texas Marriages 1894-1907

Reel #1006046, Sam Houston State University, University Library, Huntsville, TX 77341-1001. Submitted by Ch (MAJ) Dan Franklin, 5257 B McNeil South, Ft Bliss, TX 79906

Date	Page	Name	Spouse	Volume
18 Jun 1906	498	Franklin, Ada	Henry Wise	8
27 Dec 1905	434	Franklin, Allen	Ester Linton	8
22 Oct 1902	67	Franklin, Rev C L	Anna/Annie McGrew	8
26 Dec 1903	225	Franklin, Edward	Beverly Primrose	8
21 Jul 1906	490	Franklin, Mrs. Eliza	Leon Clarke (Col)	8
21 Feb 1897	196	Franklin, Jake	Annie Jones	7
17 Dec 1896	196	Franklin, Sarah	Lee Johnson	7
22 Jul 1900	80	Franklin, Virgil	Lena Carson	7
27 Feb 1906	463	Franklin, Zerphia	Hillard Byrd	8

Tennessee Settlement Patterns⁵⁷

The first white settlers in Tennessee were primarily from the back country of Virginia and North Carolina, but some were also from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey. Later, migration from South Carolina and Georgia took place, bringing settlers from all along the tidewater country into Tennessee.

The earliest settlers from Virginia and North Carolina were of English stock and had migrated from the Tidewater region to the Piedmont, then into the higher mountain valleys along the Holston, Clinch, and Watauga rivers of East Tennessee. A few French Protestants (Huguenots) were also among that number; some directly from Virginia, and others from North and South Carolina.

Settlers from Pennsylvania included English/Welsh Quakers from the southeast counties of Chester, Philadelphia, Montgomery, and Bucks; German and Swiss/German Palatines from Berks, Lancaster, York, and Adams counties; and numerous Scotch-Irish (Ulster Scots) from the southwestern counties. English and German settlers from Maryland were also in the early vanguard. This writer had an early Tennessee ancestor who came from Middlesex County, New Jersey with family and friends. They spent some time in Rockbridge County, Virginia, then moved into North Carolina. Finally they moved into east Tennessee, purchasing 200 acres of land in 1781, which is still in the family's possession in Greene County, Tennessee.

Virginia was granting western lands, which were part of present Tennessee, as early as 1749, and North Carolina speculators were also active in the region before the French and Indian War (1763). Thomas Walker, from Virginia, organized the Loyal Land Company, which included much of present-day Tennessee, after expeditions into Tennessee country in 1748 and 1750, and he was encouraging settlement in the region before 1760.

The French and Indian War prevented wide settlement in the region before 1763, and a "Proclamation Line" was drawn at the summit of the Appalachian Plateau, beyond which white settlers were not to progress, so it was after the Revolution that settlers really began to pour into Tennessee. Of course everyone knows the legends of Daniel Boone, born in 1734 to a Quaker family in Pennsylvania which settled in the Yadkin River Valley of North Carolina, who explored Tennessee and Kentucky country in the early 1760's. Boone assisted Judge Richard Henderson of North Carolina in establishing settlements in Kentucky and Tennessee as early as 1770; and James Harrod, Michael Stoner, James Smith, and Uriah Stone were settling smaller groups in the Cumberland Valley as early as 1769.

Leake County, Mississippi Will Book I, 1852-1908⁵⁸

Note: Leake County was created in 1833

pg 94: Stepney Franklin, 16 Jan 1879, 31 Jan 1879. Heirs: Amelia Watson, Amelia Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Charlott Smith, Mary Jane Priestly, and Margaret Taylor. Witnesses: William Gordon, James Donald, and George Cannedy.

57. Norman E Wright, Associate Professor of History at Brigham Young University, *Tennessee Marriages Early to 1800*, Precision Indexing, PO Box 303, Bountiful, Utah 84011 (1990).

58. Anne S Anderson and Judith Hetchler, L W Anderson Genealogical Library, *Mississippi Records*, PO Box 1647, Gulfport, Mississippi 39502 (1989), Vol 1 #1, pg 56. In Library of FFRU, Rt 2, Box 212, El Campo, Texas 77437.

Noxubee County, Mississippi 1845 State Census⁵⁹

Franklin, Isaiah 1 male, 1 female

Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons 1865-67. Case File 1003-31⁶⁰

David P. Blair, citizen Lowndes County, Mississippi 13 Jul 1865. Witnesses: E.C. Eggleston, Geo C Brown, William H Cook, R E Larrien, James Whitfield, H S Taylor, Oscar T Keeler, James Miller, Benj. Long, R D Powell, Richard Berry, Lewis J Fiske, S S Franklin, J W Hopkins, Geo R Clayton, S C Pope, James Hamilton, B Barry, Beverly Matthews, G A Chandler, H S Humphries, W H Washington, L Donnell, John W Peter, B Hendrick, Thos G Blewett, James W Wiggins, Nath E Goodwin, M W Hatch, L N Hatch, John M Morgan, Thos E Cannon, W E Gibbs, Samuel M Meek, W S White, E B Fort, James Isaacs, Jas W Harris, Robt F Matthew, Richard Lykes, W J Witherspoon, Geo H Harris, Wm B Winston, J C Ramsey, Thos Christian, George Whitfield and W E Trotter.

List of persons subscribing to the Oath of Allegiance under the Spanish Government at Rapides 2nd May 1801.

(Reference: RG#68 Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans, Translated by Vernon LaCour, Abstracted by Anne S Anderson.⁶¹

I Valentin Layssard captain and commander of the military police of the Post of Rapides. This is to make a list of persons subscribing to the oath of allegiance under the Spanish Government at Pidedes by the order of Sieur Seigneur Le Marquis De Casa Calvo Governor and Inspector General of these provinces on the 14th day of last May. He asks for a list of people in Rapides from the alcalde so that he could be present to give the names of those who did not participate. I give them (the settlers) the oath and after this formality I went to all of the Americans living at this post and others who had permission to establish there for a short time. They all sworn the oath of fealty under St. Evangeline as this is the oath in use. They are listed below:

A Franklin, John Kott, Elisha Roberts, Elisha Wamble, Asa White, William Mock, John Fowler, Daniel Wiggins, Henry Hamilton, Nicholas Levons (sworn at Natchez), Jacob Paul (sworn at Natchez), John McIntere (sworn at Natchez), William Brown (sworn at Natchez), Isaac Younger, Edmond McLaughlin, (sworn at Pensacola, Patrick Garnett (sworn at Natchez), Edmond Norris (sworn at Natchez), David Jones, John Nevil, Matthew Nugent, Richard Smith (Sworn at Natchez), James Layton (sworn at Natchez), Daniel Fields (sworn at Natchez), Samuel Gray, Jeremiah Dowd (sworn at Natchez), Reuben White (sworn at Natchez), Thomas Johnson (sworn at Natchez), John Robinson, Theophilus Lindsey (sworn at Natchez), Stephen Lynch (sworn at Natchez), John Brown (sworn at Natchez), Michael Symott, John Holloway (sworn at Natchez), John Back, Aaron Reeder, Wm Walker, Abner Broadway, James McLaughlin (sworn at Pensacola), James Kilgore (sworn at Natchez), Joseph Walker (sworn at Natchez), John Holley, William Roberts, James Wright, Jesse Harper, Reason Bowie, John Bowie, Richard Bowie, John Banister, Absalom Scoggin and Philip Green.

59. Ibid, Vol 1 #2, pg 134

60. Ibid, Vol 1 #4, pg 65.

61. Ibid, Vol 3, #2 (1991), pg 41.

Howell Cemetery, Athens, Monroe County, Mississippi

Submitted by David B Howell⁶²

This cemetery is located 9 miles northeast of Aberdeen, Mississippi in rural Monroe County and is about 1/2 mile from the center of Old Athens community. It was founded in 1826 by Abraham Howell and Sarah Andrews Howell. They married in South Carolina 16 Oct 1811 and settled in Monroe County in 1812. On 4 May 1958, the Mississippi Historical Commission dedicated the marker at Howell Cemetery. Many of the graves are unmarked and others have been broken by vandals, and inclement weather.

Franklin, Etta Marie 27 Apr 1914

Franklin, Lawrence Boyd 16 Dec 1913-16 Mar 1990

Alabama Marriages: Early To 1825⁶³

Franklin	Spouse	Date	County Created
Franklin, Ann	Johnson, Allen	05 Aug 1820	Madison 1808
Franklin, Barnet	Brunson, Martha	22 Mar 1821	Clarke 1812
Franklin, Charles	Hicks, Polly N	25 Jun 1820	Bibb 1818
Franklin, David	Lindsey, Mary	11 Jan 1821	Jefferson 1819
Franklin, Henry	Cox Barbara	17 Jan 1815	Clarke 1812
Franklin, Jane	Windford, John	06 Jan 1817	Madison 1808
Franklin, Margaret	Robertson, William	30 Aug 1816	Madison 1808
Franklin, May	Winford, Michael S	17 Feb 1817	Madison 1808
Franklin, Moses	Park, Cintha	15 Oct 1823	Greene 1819
Franklin, Oliva	Zachariah, George	25 Jul 1823	Lauderdale 1818
Franklin, Patsy	Marrow, James	27 Nov 1823	Madison 1808
Franklin, Polly	Williamson, Harlee	21 Nov 1825	Baldwin 1809
Franklin, Rachel	Lindsey, James	10 Jan 1821	Jefferson 1819
Franklin, Thomas	Pate, Mary	07 Dec 1819	Clarke 1812

62. Ibid, Vol 3, #4 (1991) pg 2.

63. *Alabama Marriages Early to 1825*, Liahona Research, Inc., Edited by Jordan R Dodd, Published by Precision Indexing, PO Box 303, Bountiful, Utah 84011 (1990).

Georgia Marriages: Early To 1800⁶⁴

Franklin	Spouse	Date	County Created
Franklin, Elizabeth	Cator, Thomas	02 Apr 1788	Liberty 1777
Franklin, Patsy	McCarty, Alexander	15 Feb 1796	Warren 1793

Tennessee Marriages: Early To 1800⁶⁵

Franklin	Spouse	Date	County Created
Franklin, Absalom	Gullet, Margaret	15 May 1787	Greene 1796
Franklin, Ann	Wood, Joseph	01 Jun 1809	Sumner 1786
Franklin, Caroline	Rankin, Thomas	19 Mar 1819	Jefferson 1792
Franklin, Elizabeth	Knight, Samuel	09 Oct 1823	Davidson 1783
Franklin, Elizabeth	Wolf, John	11 Aug 1821	Jefferson 1792
Franklin, Esom	Forester, Lucy	03 Feb 1802	Blount 1795
Franklin, Esom	Majors, Rebecca	17 Jul 1797	Blount 1795
Franklin, George	Bowman, Elizabeth	10 Oct 1818	Greene 1796
Franklin, George	Shaw, Jenney	01 Sep 1802	Blount 1795
Franklin, Henry	Bowman, Sarah	12 Mar 1823	Carter 1796
Franklin, James D	Endsley, Jane	03 Dec 1823	Jefferson 1792
Franklin, James, Jr.	McKain, Prudy	19 Feb 1803	Sumner 1786
Franklin, John	Irwin, Polly	02 Aug 1799	Blount 1795
Franklin, Lucy	Pring, Nicholas	30 Dec 1821	Washington 1777
Franklin, Martin	Watson, Nelly	21 Mar 1812	Wilson 1799
Franklin, Mary M	Sanderson, Robert	03 Jul 1823	Sumner 1786
Franklin, Peggy	Allen, James	03 Mar 1806	Sumner 1786
Franklin, Peggy	Pervis, Allen	27 Dec 1806	Sumner 1786
Franklin, Reba	Pully, John	04 Dec 1823	Wilson 1799
Franklin, Rebecca	Owens, William	03 Jan 1819	Wilson 1799
Franklin, Sallie	Kelly, Thomas	21 Aug 1822	Jefferson 1792
Franklin, Sally	Gardner, Cullen	08 Jan 1817	Sumner 1786
Franklin, William	McMillan, Sallie	11 Mar 1811	Knox 1792

64. *Georgia Marriages Early to 1800*, Liahona Research, Inc., Edited by Jordan R Dodd, Published by Precision Indexing, PO Box 303, Bountiful, Utah 84011 (1990)

Franklin	Spouse	Date	County Created
Franklin, William	Bowman, Nancy	27 Aug 1818	Greene 1783
Franklin, William	Pankey, Mary Ann	03 Feb 1825	Jefferson 1792
Franklin, William	Douglass, Evaline	06 Oct 1821	Sumner 1786

Kentucky Marriages: Early to 1800⁶⁶

Franklin	Spouse	Date	County Created
Franklin, Molly	Canterbury, Nimrod	27 May 1800	Lincoln 1780
Franklin, Robert	Crutchfield, Fanny	25 Apr 1790	Lincoln 1780

North Carolina Marriages: Early to 1800-1825⁶⁷

Franklin	Spouse	Date	County Created
Franklin, Ambrose	Jones, Hecksey	03 Oct 1814	Wake 1770
Franklin, Anna	Wilmouth, William	21 Aug 1822	Surry 1770
Franklin, Archibald	Evans, Caelia	15 Jan 1820	Halifax 1758
Franklin, Barnabas	Wellborn, Rebecca M	25 Oct 1824	Wilkes 1777
Franklin, Barsheba	Hollowell, Reddick	26 Feb 1796	Gates 1779
Franklin, Benjamin	Mott, Ruthe	11 Feb 1819	Rowan 1753
Franklin, Bernard	Fletcher, Susanner	21 Feb 1807	Wilkes 1777
Franklin, Burwell	Jones, Polly	22 Dec 1807	Wake 1770
Franklin, Cinthia	Pinkler, Thomas	01 Mar 1816	Burke 1777
Franklin, Daniel	Riddick, Elizabeth	20 Sep 1812	Gates 1779
Franklin, Eady	Harris, Silas	07 Dec 1801	Surry 1770
Franklin, Enock	Ashburn, Mariam	06 Aug 1806	Stokes 1789
Franklin, Eunice	Fellowes, Jonathan	22 Dec 1792	Craven 1712
Franklin, Francis	Specily, Willie	01 Jan 1819	Wake 1770
Franklin, Gideon	Bowles, Sally	19 Feb 1825	Surry 1770

65. *Tennessee Marriages Early to 1800 and 1801-1825*, Liahona Research, Inc., Edited by Jordan R Dodd, Published by Precision Indexing, PO Box 303, Bountiful, Utah 84011 (1990).

66. *Kentucky Marriages Early to 1800*, Liahona Research, Inc., Edited by Jordan R Dodd, Published by Precision Indexing, PO Box 303, Bountiful, Utah 84011 (1990)

Franklin	Spouse	Date	County Created
Franklin, Hardin	Gentry, Nancy	24 Jan 1818	Surry 1770
Franklin, Henry	Gibbs, Ann	24 Jan 1797	Rutherford 1779
Franklin, Henry	Sism, Nancy	08 Jan 1805	Rutherford 1779
Franklin, Jason	Brinkley, Mary	23 Jul 1808	Gates 1779
Franklin, Jesse	Gentry, Elizabeth	18 Oct 1817	Surry 1770
Franklin, John	Crumpla, Martha	06 Sep 1823	Stokes 1789
Franklin, John	Handcock, Elizabeth	23 Jan 1809	Craven 1712
Franklin, John	Jarvis, Polly	30 Dec 1816	Surry 1770
Franklin, John	Tomberlin, Francis	17 Oct 1810	Wake 1770
Franklin, Jonas	Powell, Barsheba	05 Sep 1813	Gates 1779
Franklin, Joseph	Conway, Eunice	12 Mar 1787	Craven 1712
Franklin, Joseph	Trippe, Sarah	21 Jun 1782	Craven 1712
Franklin, Leucy	Burgay, William	17 Feb 1811	Wilkes 1777
Franklin, Lewis	Daves, Mariah	18 May 1823	Rutherford 1779
Franklin, Lewis	Witt, Nancy	18 Aug 1812	Stokes 1789
Franklin, Lucy	Johnson, Ambros	28 Jun 1818	Surry 1770
Franklin, Lucy	Sison, Richard	03 Oct 1814	Rutherford 1779
Franklin, M	Edwards, Melley	22 Jan 1802	Surry 1770
Franklin, Mary	Nall, Robert	12 Feb 1796	Surry 1770
Franklin, Mallichi	Hunter, Rachel	14 Jan 1823	Stokes 1770
Franklin, Margaret	Reid, Joseph	12 Mar 1810	Mecklenburg 1762
Franklin, Margaret	Rowan, William	06 Apr 1809	Mecklenburg 1762
Franklin, Nancy	Franklin, Thomas	10 Aug 1810	Stokes 1789
Franklin, Nancy	Hunter, Solomon	21 Jan 1825	Stokes 1789
Franklin, Nancy	Slade, William	01 Mar 1821	Surry 1770
Franklin, Peggy	Willis, Overton	07 Nov 1806	Granville 1746
Franklin, Phebe	Erwin, Arthur	11 Mar 1819	Wilkes 1777
Franklin, Polly	Fitten, John	27 Feb 1798	Mecklenburg 1762
Franklin, Polly	Prather, John	19 Aug 1816	Stokes 1789
Franklin, Robert	Ives, Ann	20 Jan 1816	Craven 1712
Franklin, Ruth	Parks, Joshua	14 Sep 1811	Wilkes 1777
Franklin, Rutha	Steveness, John	11 Dec 1821	Surry 1770
Franklin, Sally T	Scott, Thomas P	16 Aug 1810	Surry 1770

67. *North Carolina Marriages Early to 1800*, Liahona Research, Inc., edited by Jordan R Dodd, Published by Precision Indexing, PO Box 303, Bountiful, Utah 84011 (1990)

Franklin	Spouse	Date	County Created
Franklin, Samuel	Parker, Dorcas	06 Aug 1800	Mecklenburg 1762
Franklin, Sarah	Crithfield, Richard	06 Nov 1822	Surry 1770
Franklin, Sarah	Rice, Francis	17 Sep 1796	Craven 1712
Franklin, Thomas	Franklin, Nancy	10 Aug 1810	Stokes 1789
Franklin, Thomas	Johnson, Lucy	24 Jan 1816	Stokes 1789
Franklin, William	Grimsly, Nancy	28 Dec 1818	Wilkes 1777
Franklin, William	Rivers, Sally	31 Dec 1805	Johnston 1746
Franklin, William	Lewis Grimsly, Peggy	06 Jan 1814	Wilkes 1777
Franklin, Willis	Jones, Patsy	16 Apr 1806	Wake 1770
Franklin, Winafred	Hamilton, William	01 Mar 1819	Wake 1770
Frankling, Dolly	Munn, Alaxander	07 May 1799	Granville 1746

Alabama Settlement Patterns⁶⁸

The State of Alabama supposedly derived its name from the great river Alabama, which drains its center, but legend suggests that a more interesting origin of the name is probable, and it has to do with the migration and settlement of people. Berney says the meaning of the word Alabama means “here we rest” and gives the following explanation of it:

The popular idea of the origin of the name, Alabama, and the meaning of the word, “here we rest”, took its rise in a pretty legend connected with this tribe of indians. It is said they were expelled from Northern Mexico during the rude assaults upon that kingdom by Cortez, and in their wanderings in search of other homes, crossed a noble river, now the “Alabama”, when one of their chieftains, impressed with the beauty of the new-found country, and the security which the mighty stream flowing behind him afforded against pursuing enemies, struck his spear in the ground beneath the shade of a magnificent oak, and exclaimed, “Alabama, --that is to say, “Here we Rest”-- and from this incident it is generally believed the tribe was thereafter known as the “Alabamas”. The old seal of the State (a skeleton map of Alabama suspended on a tree), which continued to be the seal until changed in 1868, was evidently designed to perpetuate this supposed incident.

According to Brewer, when DeSoto crossed Alabama country in 1539, he found at least five great Indian tribes occupying the region, including the “Alibamos”, the “Muscogees”, the “Cherokees”, the “Choctas”, and the “Chicasas”. The Muscogees were later called the Creeks by the English, because of the many beautiful streams that crossed their territory. He said the Cherokees found their principle homes in east Tennessee and northeast Alabama upon the tide water region of Virginia, and the lower lands of the Carolinas and Kentucky. Gradually they were driven into north Georgia and northeast Alabama.

He further said the “chicasas” (Chicasaws) dwelt on the head waters of the “Tombikbee” (Tombigbee) and the Yazoo. Their territory included the greater portion of the Tennessee Valley in Alabama, and they ranged from the Ohio to the bay of Mobile. He said their courage exceeded that of all other aborigines and neighboring tribes found them invincible. They routed the army of Beinville and slaughtered that of D’Artaguetta while the “Choctas” were seeking protection from the whites.

68. Norman E Wright, Associate Professor of History at Brigham Young University, *Alabama Mariages Early to 1825*, Precision Indexing, PO Box 303, Bountiful, Utah 84011 (1990).

The “Choctas” (Choctaws) occupied the southwestern and western portion of Alabama, and all of southern Mississippi. They were the friends of the French, and other whites, and were not so aggressive as other tribes. But by far the most formidable of the tribes that occupied Alabama soil were the “Muscogees” (later called Creeks) whose domain stretched from the Tombigbee to the Atlantic, but they were gradually driven west of the Ocmulgee and Flint rivers. Their war trail extended to Mobile Bay, and the Florida everglades, and they chased the bison in the beautiful valley of the Coosa.

Long after DeSoto’s expedition into the region, the French from Canada explored the valley of the Mississippi and gained control. By 1702, “Jean Baptiste Lemoin, sieur de Bienville”, had established a settlement on Mobile Bay, and by 1711, the present city of Mobile was in existence. The French continued to control the region until 1763 when French ceded the “Louisiana colony east of the Mississippi, and embracing the settlement at Mobile” to England.

During England’s control, and continuing through the fight for American Independence, white immigrants from the older colonies as well as directly from Europe began to arrive in the lower Mississippi valley, and their influence soon became paramount. Before 1785, Georgia laid claim to lands comprising part of Alabama, and by 1786, the federal government was making treaties with the Indians and acquiring vast tracts of land in the area. By 1790, white settlers from the older colonies were making permanent homes on the Tombigbee, and within a dozen years there were over twelve hundred families settled there. Settlements also continued to grow along the Gulf Coast and the Mississippi Valley.

By 1798, Congress had created the Mississippi Territory, and by 1802, Georgia had relinquished her claim to the country from which the States of Alabama and Mississippi would come. Terrible wars between the Indians and whites took place during this time, but immigration continued and the whites finally gained control. The War of 1812 did much to break the back of the major Indian tribes, and important treaties were made in 1816 which led to an immediate and steady flow of immigration into the country. Additional treaties, continuing through the 1830’s, were made which also stimulated immigration.

On the 1st of March 1817, Alabama territory was carved from Mississippi Territory, with St. Stephens as the seat of government, and on the 2nd of March 1819, Congress authorized the people of Alabama Territory to form a State Government. On the 14th of December 1819, a joint resolution of Congress admitted the State of Alabama into the Union.

King Cotton had a strong influence on the settlement of Alabama, and a large number of settlers from Georgia, North and South Carolina, and even from Virginia found their way into the state. Many of these immigrants moved from the “Tidewater” south and west along the “Fall Line Road” to settle in Alabama and Mississippi. Others moved north and west from the older colonies into East Tennessee, where they may have remained for a time, but who finally would move south into the Huntsville, Decatur, and Tuscaloosa area of Alabama. There were large movements of settlers, both southwest and northwest from Athens and Atlanta, Georgia into Alabama, and cotton remained an important commodity attracting settlers into the state.

The great State of Alabama remained strong in its southern influence throughout the Civil War period, and social as well as commercial interchange took place between her and surrounding states. You can be proud of your Alabama ancestors, because they have been at the forefront of change and progress in this great nation.

Georgia Settlement Patterns⁶⁹

The first English colonists planted in Georgia were about one hundred and thirty persons (thirty five families) who arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, on the ship *Anne* January 13, 1733. By the 2nd of February, 1733, they were settled on the right bank of the Savannah River and had been convened by James Edward

Oglethorpe “to thank God for his safe conduct of the colony to its appointed destination, and to invoke his blessings upon the plantation.”

Oglethorpe, who was a member of the English House of Commons, and who had excelled in the military, had become interested in the relief of unfortunate debtors, and his labors expended were in the reformation of abuses which then disgraced the conduct of prisons within the English realm. He convinced the Crown (George II) and certain wealthy individuals that a colony in America would relieve the prison situation and confirm England’s dominion in the New World. It was reasoned that such a colony would serve as a buffer between the Spaniards to the south and the English colonies already planted to the north.

The Oglethorpe scheme was successful and hundreds of settlers found their way to Georgia under his program; each receiving free passage and minimum land grants. Others from London increased the ranks the first year; including a group of forty Hebrew colonists who arrived from England without the colony’s sanction but who were accepted. In 1734, a group of Saltzburger settled at Ebenezer on the Savannah, and in the spring of 1735. Moravians began settlements between Savannah and Ebenezer which would thrive and expand, surviving to the present day.

Jones says that one hundred and thirty Scottish Highlanders, with fifty women and children, were enrolled by Lieutenant Hugh MacKay at Inverness in Scotland to settle in Oglethorpe’s colony. They sailed October 18, 1735 on the ship *Prince of Wales* and arrived safely on the Savannah River in January. They were indeed pioneers, who would be followed by hundreds of others from the northern part of the British Isles and make their home in Georgia.

Immigrants continued to arrive from Europe, but it wasn’t long until New World colonists from the north began to enter Georgia’s ranks. By the 1750’s and 1760’s, English settlers who had migrated south from the James River settlements to Albemarle Sound in North Carolina were moving to the Savannah in Georgia. Likewise, migrants from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey, who had moved south along the western mountain valleys of Virginia, were dropping into the Carolinas and Georgia. English/Welsh Quakers (Friends), German and Swiss/German Palatines, Scotch/Irish, and even French Huguenots were in the Vanguard.

The first governing authority for the Georgia colony was “The Trustees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia in America”. This was created when the charter was granted in 1733. It was to last for a term of twenty-one years, then self government was placed under the jurisdiction of the Savannah officers. In 1741, two counties were established; Savannah and Frederica, but Savannah became the dominant force and the county idea was given up; then in 1752, Georgia became a Royal Province.

In 1758, a statute was enacted dividing the Province into eight parishes: Christ Church, St. Matthew, St. George, St. Paul, St. Phillip, St. John, St. Andrew and St. James. Then in 1765, four more were added: St. David, St. Patricks, St. Thomas and St. Mary. this mixed civil and ecclesiastical authority lasted until a State Constitution was adopted in 1777. At that time, seven counties were created from the parishes, and Wilkes county was created from land acquired from the Cherokee Indians.

Early Land Distribution In Georgia⁷⁰

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69. Norman E Wright, Associate Professor of History at Brigham Young University, *Georgia Marriages Early to 1800*, Published by Precision Indexing, PO Box 303, Bountiful, Utah 84011 (1990).
 70. Merle M Baker, Associate Professor of History, Abraham Baldwin College, Tifton, Georgia, *The Family Tree*, Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library, PO Box 1110, Moultrie, Georgia 31776-1110, pp 14, 15, (April 1992)

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Genealogy is more than just a pedigree sheet or a family chart. A person cannot be placed in Georgia in 1735 or 1755 on the basis of Georgia laws of today. These laws do not apply to the colonial period, so you may be missing some very vital information about your ancestor, because you have not bothered to study the history of the period in which he was living.

When Georgia was settled in 1733, land was distributed by the Trustees with the support of the Crown of England. To the settler, land was vital. It was the one thing that gave power and the hope for a better future. In colonial law, land titles rested upon grants from the Trustees under authority of the Crown. In all colonies, but New England, land distribution policies were similar by using the headright system. This practice was begun in Virginia in 1618 where a settler was given a "headright" for paying his own way to the colony and remaining for 3 years, or, for bringing others. So, this practice continued in Georgia as the Trustees could not own land in the colony as individuals, but the actual settlers could own up to 500 acres of land if they came at their own expense, and brought over 10 white indentured servants. If a person came at the expense of the Trustees, they could only receive 50 acres.

In 1735, settlers were given town lots 60 x 90 feet, plus a tract outside the town to make 50 acres in all. No person could rent, lease or sell the property.

Daughters in colonial Georgia are often hard to trace as well as sons who were not the eldest in the family. Why? Georgia practiced entail and primogeniture. In Georgia, entail was brought from Europe and used by the Trustees in 1733. Before 1739, where an owner had no son, the land reverted to the Trustees at his death. The wife could retain the home and one-half of the fenced land. No land was held in fee simple. In 1739, land inheritance was permitted for female heirs, but entail was practiced in Georgia until abolished by the Constitution of 1777. Virginia was the first state to abolish entail in 1776.

Also, by 1739, a man had to clear and improve thirty acres of land granted in a period of 5 years. Then, he had to have 250 acres improved within 15 years.

Primogeniture and the entail of estates was abolished in Georgia by the first Constitution of Georgia in 1777. Georgia was the first colony to abolish primogeniture, then North Carolina in 1784, Virginia in 1785 and finally by Rhode Island in 1798.

In 1740, the Trustees said that a person could own 2,000 acres and it could be leased for cultivation. They were having so many problems with the colony that they had to become more lenient with the people of the colony.

The problems of the Trustees became so numerous that they turned the colony back to the Crown of England in 1754. New land grants were issued in fee simple and free socage by the Royal Governor in the name of King George II.

In 1754, for the first time, the owner of land in Georgia could mortgage, sell or otherwise dispose of his land in any manner. The headright land continued to be used for the distribution of the land. The head of the family could receive 100 acres, plus 50 acres for a wife, each child or a white indentured male servant. A white female servant only brought in 25 acres. But, the people had to pay a quit rent of 10 shillings per year for each 100 acres. An indentured servant paid for their passage to the colonies by selling their future labor for a period of about five years. They signed on with a ship captain, who, in turn, sold the paper to an American buyer who wanted labor and a 50 acre headright on the indentured servant. A "Quit rent" was a land tax paid to the King that "quit" or freed the landholder from the Crown. The quit rent was abolished in Georgia by the Constitution of 1777.

By 1755, for every 50 acres a settler received, three acres had to be cleared and worked within 3 years. If they had received 50 acres of barren land - within 3 years they had to have 3 cows or oxen or 6 sheep or

goats.

After the French and Indian War (1754-1763) land was granted in Georgia for services in the war.

Land was used to entice soldiers to fight in the Revolution. Georgia was desperate for recruits and they offered land bounties to almost anyone. Georgia veterans, soldiers from other states who served in Georgia; British soldiers who deserted to the patriots - and others were offered land. The bounty Land Act of 1781 provided a loyal citizen with 250 acres not to be taxed for 10 years. People who had been refugees during the Revolution were given land in 1781. It was difficult to be a white male in Georgia and not qualify for virtually free land. Then in 1783, a land act was passed which gave 200 acres to every family head, and they had the right to buy 100 additional acres for each family member not to exceed 1000 acres in total. In 1783, an area was set aside at the forks of the Oconee River, later known as Greene County, for militiamen. The bounty grants before 1785 were tax free for 10 years. After 1785, it was not longer tax free - but the acreage was increased by 15 percent. During 1787 a law was passed to have all surveys in the State of Georgia to include the name of the surveyor as well as the chain carriers.

The land policies of Georgia were abused in the Pine Barren Speculation and the Yazoo Fraud in 1795 to the extreme. It convinced Georgia to change its land distribution methods in 1803 and to use the lottery method to distribute land.

Thomas Franklin - Land Entry Case File

FFRU ordered these Land Entry Case Files from National Archives, Washington, DC 20409. They consist of several pages and the following is an extraction of these documents. If any of the following are of interest I will copy pages for you upon request @ .10 cents per copy.

Thomas Franklin Homestead Application #2706; Final Certificate #1318

Land Office at Natchitoches, Louisiana dated 26 Apr 1889

It is hereby certified that pursuant to the provisions of Section #2291, Revised Statutes of the United States Thomas Franklin of Rapides Parish, Louisiana has made payment in full for the South east 1/4 of South West 1/4, West 1/2 of South West 1/4 and South West 1/4 of North West 1/4 of Section #2, in Township #4 N of Range #4 W Lu Mn containing 158.97 acres. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that on presentation of this Certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said Thomas Franklin of Rapides Parish, Louisiana shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described. Willis Nohnes, Register.

Testimony Of Claimant: Original HD #2706 FC #1318

Name of Claimant: Thomas Franklin

Land Office at: Natchitoches, Louisiana

Register: Willis Nohnes

Receiver: A E Hernel

Thomas Franklin, 39 years of age, Farmer; Address Boyce, Louisiana.

Homestead entry #2706 made at Natchitoches land office on the 20 day of Nov 1883. Lived before settling upon this land at Mrs. Rosana James/Ianur (?) in neighborhood j. my claim. Am a natural born citizen of the United States. Claim is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business. Land is Creek bottoms and some hill. Some timber and good for agricultural and grazing - ordinary priced land and ?. Timber consist of Pine Oak and some cypress. I don't know the quantity, __ __ __. some of the timber had been cut off but by whom I cannot say. Land is used

by myself. It is not within any stock range or inclosure of any kind. I own what I have fenced. Made an actual personal settlement on this land in November 1883. I built a house and cleaned up the land, built a new house and fenced land. Improvements, etc. clearing land \$125.00.

The land was not occupied by any other person - I was the first settler.

Actually moved on this land and commence living permanently thereon on the First day of January 1884. Actual personal residence and home during the whole time since the date of this filing or entry was on this land and has been continuous. Have voted since establishing residence on this land at Ruston and last voted there and have done so for past 15 years.

I have a family that consists of a wife and 9 children and they have resided with me on this claim as of January 1884 and have lived there ever since and are now living there. My house was built by myself and is habitable at all seasons of the year. I own no other residence house other than the one now on my claim. My house consist of 2 rooms 18x18 and one 8x18 feet. Two chimneys open plans. Four doors 3 windows front galley - Value \$125.00. Corn crib and wagon shed of ___ - Value \$50.00. Smoke house of ___ - value \$40.00 = Total \$215.00. I own 2 plows, 6 shoods, 1 cultivator, 1 harrow, 3 hoes. I have owned some of this since I ___, but buy as I need. I own 2 horses; 5 head of cattle, 10 goats, 3 sheep, 10 hogs, chickens. I own 3 beds and bedding; 6 chairs, 1 clothes ___, 1 sewing machine, 2 tables, 1 clock. I have raised crops on this land since 1884 - every year. I plant from 5-30 acres and raised average ___ land ___. 1 B CT. 4 acres, 15 bushels corn and 100 to 150 bushels Potatoes. I have planted the _____ - 30 acres for this season. I am a carpenter and work out at _____ times but always come home at night. I have worked at carpenter's trade for my immediate neighbors when I could get a job to do. I have paid my taxes at Alexandria, Louisiana and have paid my taxes at that place ever since claiming this land. The improvements on this land has been assessed for taxes at \$50.00 - Taxes paid by me when due each year. This claim is made for the exclusive purpose of a home for myself and my family.

Signature of Claimant: Thomas Franklin (his X Mark)

9 Apr 1889 - Signed Wilburn F Blackman

Testimony Of Witness: Josiah Wilton - 30 years residence Rapides Parish, Louisiana, PO Boyce. States other neighbors to Thomas Franklin are Benjamin F Killin; and Raus Johnson.

Testimony Of Witness: Benjamin Franklin Killin - 39 years residence Rapides Parish, Louisiana PO Boyce

Final Affidavit Required of Homestead Claimants 9 Apr 1889:

I Thomas Franklin of Boyce PO Rapides Parish, Louisiana who made Homestead Application #2706. Witnesses: Benjamin F Killen, Boyce, Louisiana; Henry Amsden, Boyce, Louisiana; Josiah Wilton, Boyce, Louisiana; Ransom Johnson, Boyce, Louisiana. Notice of application published in the Town Talk printed at Alexandria, Louisiana Feb 25, 1889

Amount Paid By Thomas Franklin = The sum of \$17.95. 158.97 acres @ \$2.50 per acre.

Thomas Franklin Homestead Application 30 March 1879; Application #700 Final Certificate #258 Land Office at Natchitoches, Louisiana 11 Jan 1878 approved 4 Jun 1878. It is hereby certified that, pursuant to the provisions of Section No 2291 Revised Statutes of the United States Thomas Franklin of Vernon Parish, has made payment in full for the North half of North West Quarter and North West Quarter of North East Quarter of Section No 22 in Township No 3 of Range No 10W containing 120 37/100 acres. Now, therefore be it known that on presentation of this certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office the said Thomas Franklin shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described. Signed L Duplein, Register. Receivers Office 30 Mar 1872: Received of Thomas Franklin of Vernon Parish the sum of Thirteen dollars and one cent. 120.37 acres @ \$1.25 per acre. Final Homestead Affidavit Application #700 Land Office at Natchitoches, Louisiana 11 Jan 1878.

Final Proof required under Homestead Act May 20, 1862: J. P. Mitchell and C. F. Conerly do solemnly swear that we have known Thomas Franklin for 11 years last past; that he is the head of a family consisting of a wife and nine children; that he is a citizen of the United States; that he is an inhabitant of the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section No 22 in Township #3 of Range No 10W and that no other person resided upon the said land entitled to the right of Homestead of Pre-emption. That the said Thomas Franklin entered upon and made settlement on said land on the 30th day of March 1872 and has built a house and has lived in the said house and made it his exclusive home from the 30th day of March 1872 to the present time, and that he has since said settlement, plowed, fenced and cultivated about 40 acres of said land, and has made the following improvements thereon, to wit: a dwelling log house, 2 pens ea 18 x 20, kitchen, smoke house, corn crib, stables, garden and orchard. Signed 11 Jan 1878.

Thomas Franklin of Vernon Parch states that he is 46 years of age, a citizen of the United States - signed 13 Mar 1872.

Thomas S. Franklin - Land Entry Case File

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Homestead Land Office at Natchitoches, Louisiana 17 Mar 1890; Application #2592 final certificate #1488: It is hereby certified that pursuant to the provisions of Section No 2291, Revised Statutes of the United States Thomas S Franklin of Vernon Parish, La has made payment in full for the South 1/2 of South 1/2 of Section 32 in Township No 3N of Range 7W of the Louisiana Principal Meridian containing 159.74 acres. Now therefore, be it known that on presentation of this certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Said Thomas S Franklin of Vernon Parish, Louisiana shall be entitled to a Patent for the tract of land above described. Signed Willis Nohnes.

Homestead, Pre-emption, and commutation proof - testimony of witnesses.

William M McCalan, 42 years of age resides PO Vernon Parish, Louisiana. Other neighbors - James S Johnson and L. J. Satchin. William M McCalan states that he has known Thomas S Franklin for 30 years and that Thomas has lived in Vernon Parish all of those years except 2 years in Calcasieu Parish; and he (Thomas) is a farmer and has some interest in a mill about 1/4 mile from this land and some of his time is engaged at it.

He further states that Thomas' family moved with the claimant in the Spring of 1883 and they have lived there ever since and are living there now. Witness further states that Thomas has a dwelling with kitchen worth about \$200; smoke house, 2 barnes and 7 stables worth about \$100; horse ____, goat pen and garden and 35 acres cleared and fenced, 15 acres ready for crop this season worth about \$200. All done by claimant since he settled on this land except one log house which he built before he moved on the land and which house he moved into when he settled there. His house is 16 x 18 feet a box house, built of good price lumber sealed inside and weather boarded outside and is all painted. It is a good comfortable house and habitable at all seasons of the year. His land is worth \$1.25 per acre Government price.

James S Johnson, 43 years of age of Vernon Parish, Louisiana. names William M McCalan and G N Bedsole as neighbors. States he has known Thomas S Franklin about 19 years.

Testimony of Claimant - Thomas S Franklin: I moved on this land with my family 10 day of June 1883 and at that time built a log house 16 x 18 ft. with galleries on both sides with yard fenced in worth about \$30. Since then I have built another dwelling house and made other improvements. I have voted in the 6th Ward of the Parish of Vernon, Louisiana for the past 7 years and voted there last. I have a wife and 3 children. I carried my wife with me when I moved on this land and my three children have all been borned on this land. The only time they have been absent from this land is to visit relatives or friends and then only for a day or two at a time. I built the first house in 1883; in 1885 built my present house - all built by me. I own 2 horses,

4 oxen, 9 head of cattle, 85 goats, 10-15 hogs, about 7 beds, 3 bedsteads, 7 or 8 chairs, 4 tables, ___robe, Secretary. Some of these I carried with me when I moved on this land and some I have bought since. Signed Thomas S Franklin 1 Mar 1890; Hugh L Sanders, Clerk Dist. Court.

Homestead Proof; Final Affidavit required of Homestead Claimants:

I Thomas S Franklin, having made a Homestead entry of the South 1/2 of South 1/2 section no 32 in Township #3 North of Range No 7 West, subject to entry at Natchitoches, Louisiana under section No 2289 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do now apply to perfect my claim thereto by virtue of Section No 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and for that purpose do solemnly swear that land, having resided thereon since the 2nd day of July 1883 to the present time. Signed Thomas S Franklin 1 Mar 1890. Witnesses: W M McCallon, Walnut Hill, Louisiana; J S Johnson, Walnut Hill, Louisiana; J L Allen, Walnut Hill, Louisiana, W P Holton, Walnut Hill, La. Notice of the above application will be published in the Peoples Friend printed at Leesville, Louisiana. Thomas S Franklin paid \$1.25 per acre 159.74 acres = \$13.99.

Thomas J. Franklin - Land Entry Case File

Ordered from National Archives, Washington, DC 20409

Thomas J Franklin - Homestead - Land office at Natchitoches, Louisiana 3 Jun 1876 Application No 86 Certificate No 8. It is hereby certified, that pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress, approved May 20, 1862, entitled "an act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain", Thomas J Franklin has made payment in full for the South East Quarter section 13 in township 2 N of range 9 West containing 160.80 acres. Joseph J McGee and W P Cain do solemnly swear that we have known Thomas J Franklin for 20 years last past; that he is the head of a family consisting of a wife and 2 children; that he is a citizen of the United States; that he is an inhabitant of the South East Quarter of section No 13 in Township No 2 of Range No 9 W and that no other person resided upon the said land entitled to the right of Homestead or Pre-emption. That the said Thomas J Franklin entered upon and made settlement on said land on the 1st day of May 1871 and has built a house and has lived in the said house and made it his exclusive home from the first day of May 1871 to the present time and that he has since said settlement, plowed, fenced, and cultivated about 15 acres of said land, and has made the following improvements thereon to wit: a dwelling house, cotton houses, cribs, stables and other out houses. Signed J. B. McGee and W P Cain.

Homestead Affidavit Land Office at Natchitoches, Louisiana 1 May 1871: I, Thomas J Franklin of Vernon Parish having filed my application No 86 for an entry under the provisions of the act of Congress approved May 20, 1862, entitled "An act to occure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," do solemnly swear, that I am of twenty one years of age, a citizen of the U. States; that said application No 86 is made for my exclusive benefit and that said entry is made for the purpose of cultivation and actual settlement. Signed Thos J Franklin.

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Confederate Military Discharge Papers located Record Group 9, Vol 49 at the Archives in Jackson, Mississippi. A J Franklin - Pvt, Capt James W Ervin's Company E, 3rd Battn, Mississippi State Troopers, born Hopkins County, Kentucky, age 45 yrs, 6 ft, fair complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair, farmer, enlisted by Ervin at Starkville on 6 Aug 1862, entitled to discharge by reason of his being a minister of the gospel and in charge of churches, never paid from 6 aug 1862 to 20 Sep 1862, paid at Columbus 31 Oct 1862 - \$16.13, voucher #31.

Jonathan Franklin Descendants Family Tree - Branch E

By Mrs. Robinson and her cousin Mrs. Marjorie Elliott, page 63 of her publication. Submitted by LaVonne Ketchum, 36 Tarn Circle, Oroville, California 96966. Anyone who has a copy of this book and would like to have copies of pages which were to be added should contact LaVonne Ketchum. This information connects to the family on pgs 21 and 23 of this issue.

David Franklin (born ca 1800; died Dec 1855) married Rebecca Schell. There is little known of this David. He is listed as one of Jonathon's sons by his first wife, Rachel in the Owen County, Indiana History, and he is mentioned in his brother William's letter to "Col" John: "I have heard from brother David and family. David is dead and I have heard lately from his family and they are all well and doing very well". This letter was dated 26 Sept 1851 and written from Hartville, Wright County, Missouri.

David is listed on the 1820 census of Burke County, North Carolina with himself and wife. He is between the ages of 18-26. She is between 16-26, so probably had recently married. David is listed on the 1830 census of Burke County, North Carolina with 1 son under 5, 3 sons 5-10, himself 20-30, 1 daughter under 5, wife 20-30. At this time nothing more is known of David in North Carolina.

The tax list for 1833 McMinn County lists David and James. James is probably David's 1/2 brother, he does not show up again in McMinn County but David does on the 1840 census with 1 son 5-10, 1 son 10-15, 1 son 15-20 and David himself 30-40, 1 daughter under 5, 2 daughter 5-10, 1 daughter 10-15 and his wife 20-30.

In 1841 David is in Meigs County, Tennessee. These records are from the School Books Vol I 1838-1848. Commissioners report to Clerk of the County Court for District 6 Meigs County, Tennessee. The following are the names of persons with whom children reside and the number with each on the last day of June 1841. David Franklin is listed with 3 children.

1842, a list of the scholastic population of Township first Range second West of the Maridian Hiwasse District 1st line is the number between the ages of 6-16, the second line is the number between 16-21. David Franklin is listed with 6. Then the notation, received on note on David Franklin \$4.66 2/3.

1845 Charles Franklin is listed \$6.82 1/3 (this is David's son, who lived next door to David on the 1840 census of McMinn County)

In *Will Book D 1841-1848 McMinn County, Tennessee* we find:

Charles Franklin bot from Burton White Desc.

1 Trumpet .06 1/4	1 vial seed oil \$.08	\$.14 1/2
7 yds ribbon \$.25	1 pair small shoes \$.05	.30
6 thimbles \$.09	5 combs \$.15	1 shell \$.25 .50
2 1/2 yds cloth \$.38	1 pr specks \$.13	1 lb spice \$.20 .71
		Total \$1.65 1/2

Wills and Estates of McMinn County, Tennessee 1820-1870 by Reba Bayless Boyer: David Franklin CR5 203 3 Dec 1844 listed as dead on Tax Delinquent List for 1844. Even by going to McMinn County to the Courthouse, I couldn't find anything further, so what CR 5 203 means I don't know (LaVonne Ketchum).

This concludes what is known of David Franklin. But sometime between this date and the 1850 census, we learn that his wife Rebecca Schell Franklin married John Collins, a Primitive Baptist Preacher. This census was taken in Bradley County, Tennessee

David Franklin (born ca 1800-1810; died 3 Dec 1844 McMinn County, Tennessee) married ca 1819/20 to Rebecca Schell (born 28 Dec 1802 or 1804; died 5 Sep 1891 Putnam County, Missouri) daughter of Charles Schell and Hannah Martin. Their children:

1. Charles Franklin (born ca 1821) married Lucinda Buster 18 Aug 1839 Meigs County, Tennessee. Their children:
 - (1) David Franklin
 - (2) Jonathon Franklin
 - (3) Mary M Franklin
 - (4) Nancy L Franklin
 - (5) Beatty Franklin
2. Jonathon Freelin Franklin (born 22 Aug 1823; died 18 Jul 1909 Sedgwick County, Kansas) married 6 Jul 1845 McMinn County, Tennessee to Sarah Ann Collier (born 16 Mar 1829; died 27 Oct 1902 Sedgwick County, Kansas) daughter of Wilson Collier and Cynthia Patterson. Their children:
 - (1) Mary C Franklin
 - (2) Martha Jane Franklin
 - (3) Cynthia Hannah Franklin
 - (4) Rebecca Franklin
 - (5) Margaret Charlotte Franklin
 - (6) Frances Permelia Franklin
 - (7) Robert W Franklin
 - (8) Neal Martin Franklin
 - (9) John Anthony Franklin
 - (10) Ovid Ulyss Franklin
 - (11) William L Franklin

Jonathon F Franklin married a second time to Frankie Seal aged about 19 when he was about 83.

3. Isaac Marion Franklin (born 11 Jul 1825; died 19 Jul 1887 Putnam County, Missouri) married Nov 1847 in Bradley County, Tennessee to Margaret McClellan. Their children:
 - (1) Sarah Ann Franklin
 - (2) Thomas A Franklin
 - (3) Winfield W Franklin
 - (4) John L Franklin
 - (5) C O Franklin
 - (6) T M Franklin
 - (7) George W Franklin
 - (8) Mary Ann Franklin
 - (9) Ada Franklin
4. Catherine Elvira Franklin (born 3 May 1829; died 6 Nov 1917 Putnam County, Missouri) married 17 Jan 1847 Bradley County, Tennessee to Jacob Marion Collins (born 22 Aug 1826; died 20 Apr 1898 Putnam County, Missouri) son of John Collins who married Catherine's mother Rebecca Franklin. Catherine and Jacob Marion Collins' children:
 - (1) James Freeman Collins
 - (2) Isaac Rankin Collins
 - (3) John Collins

- (4) Martha Malinda Collins
 - (5) Charles A Collins
 - (6) Rebecca I Collins
 - (7) Mary Florence Collins
 - (8) William Henry Collins
 - (9) George Preston Collins
 - (10) Jane Collins
5. Mary Eliza Franklin (born 22 Jan 1831 Burke County, North Carolina; died 12 Nov 1894 Waco County, Texas) married 30 May 1850 Bradley County, Tennessee to Thomas Kelly Lillard (born 8 Mar 1831; died 24 Jan 1920).
Their children:
- (1) Sarah Adeline Lillard
 - (2) Miranda Texas Lillard
 - (3) Mary Franklin Lillard
 - (4) Amanda Rebecca Lillard
 - (5) Tennie Helena Lillard
 - (6) John Dora Lillard
 - (7) Minnie Lee Lillard
6. David Franklin (born ca 1833) married Mary A.
Their children:
- (1) Sarah A Franklin
 - (2) Joseph Franklin
 - (3) Thomas M Franklin
7. Hannah L Franklin (born Feb 1835) married 3 Aug 1854 Putnam County, Missouri to Thomas L Collins (born Jul 1824).
Their children:
- (1) Emerson Wade Collins
 - (2) Margaret R Collins
 - (3) Mary N Collins
 - (4) Henryette F Collins
 - (5) Jonathon F Collins
 - (6) George W Collins
8. Rebecca Monarca Franklin (born ca 1838) married 12 Apr 1860 Putnam County, Missouri to William B Burton (died 4 Oct 1872 Putnam County, Missouri).
Their children:
- (1) Elizabeth F Burton
 - (2) Margaret A Burton
 - (3) W A Burton
 - (4) I Burton
 - (5) Sarah B Burton

Rebecca married a second time to Thomas Jefferson Lowe 15 Feb 1874 Putnam County, Missouri.

Children:

- (1) Mary Lowe
- (2) Myrtle Lowe

The first 5 children of David and Rebecca were born in North Carolina, in fact Jonathon said he was born in Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, North Carolina which at the time of his birth Burke County joined Wilkes.

There may have been another son born between 3 and 4, as the 1830 census shows another male, however, it could have been someone else. Their last 3 children were born in Tennessee.

We do not know where David is buried but surely in McMinn or Meigs County, Tennessee.

There has never been found a marriage record of Rebecca Franklin and John Collins. However, in 1850 they were living in Bradley County, Tennessee, the 3 youngest Franklin children living with them, however, some were listed as Collins.

In 1850 Charles and Jonathon the two older sons were living in Meigs County, Tennessee. Rebecca, the mother with David, Hannah and Rebecca, Isaac and family, Catherine and family are all living in Bradley County, Tennessee and probably Mary Eliza.

In 1860 Rebecca Franklin Collins, Jonathon, Isaac, and Catherine and families are all living in Putnam County, Missouri in Elm Township. Also, Hannah and Rebecca are married by now and also there. Son David stayed in Bradley County for awhile. Then he and Hannah moved to Boone County, Arkansas. Sometimes during the fall months of 1859 Eliza and her family moved to Coryell County, Texas and later to McClenna County, Texas.

Son Charles may have died during the Civil War. We have to check on that. We have nothing on him after the 1850 census.

Rebecca is buried beside her second husband John Collins in the Lone Pine Cemetery at Martinsville, Putnam County, Missouri. The reason that we don't know if she was born in 1802 or 1804 is because it only gives her age and we can't tell if it is 78y 8m 7d or 76y 8m 7d.

The information proving that our David was the son of Jonathon and Rachel Franklin came from Reta Lee Taylor Blystone, a granddaughter of Mary Eliza Franklin Lillard. Her mother always knew the story of David's father Jonathon going to Owen County, Indiana and that our David was his son, and that David's wife was Rebecca Schell.

Correspondence with Reta Lee Taylor Blystone in 1987 has proven this David to be David Franklin of McMinn/Meigs County, Tennessee. Her Mother Minnie Lee Taylor always knew that her grandfather was this David Franklin, and that his father was Jonathon who had moved to Owen County, Indiana.

Reta Blystone shared all the information that she had on this family with me, LeVonne Ketchum. Cecil Ketchum, LaVonne's husband is a descendant of Jonathon Freelin Franklin. Jonathon was the brother to Reta's grandmother Mary Eliza Franklin who married Thomas Kelly Lillard. We even had some of the same family pictures, which proved this relationship.

The following was taken from "Jonathan Franklin Descendants - Branch C," pg 43: *Spencer Evening World*, Friday, Sep 30, 1977, edited by Dixie Kline.

If Owen County youngsters were to read a capsule of pioneer life in one man's memories, they couldn't do much better than those written by a local man, Thomas C Franklin in 1876. He has relatives galore in Owen County today:

"I was born in North Carolina Dec 25, 1801. My mother died when I was a child and I was taken to my grandfather's to be raised where I continued to live until 14 years of age when one of my uncles came from the "new purchase" in Georgia and took me home with him.

I was living at my uncle's at the time of the hostile war with the Creek Indians; was there when Minn's Fort on Big Bay was burned and 300 women and children lost their lives.

I was there when the Indians broke in upon us and killed 9 persons around me - Brantley, Thor (?) and Smith families. I saved my life by running to the ? I was also present when the battle of Tallidego (Nov 9) was fought. The next battle after this was fought at a place on the Tallapoosa river where the Indians had erected strong ? which they called Horse Shoe Bend. (Note: Andrew Jackson defeated the Creeks at Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa River in Alabama March 27, 1814. Fort Minns was a stockade east and south of the Natchez Trace at the junction of the Alabama and Tombigbee Rivers. No accurate count of the dead could be made because the Indians burned the fort after the massacre.)

As the Indians were continually roving about the country scalping everybody they caught, I went to my uncle and told him I would like to leave there before they got my scalp and go back to North Carolina.

He said I was too young to undertake such a trip, it being 285 miles. I told him I would try if I had the means. He then went to Materson, bought me a saddle and bridle, gave me his old brown mare and four dollars, and I started on my long journey.

Every slave on the place shed tears when I left. I had six large rivers to cross and the crossing of the last one brought me within two and a half miles of home. When I got to my grandfather's it was about 12 o'clock; the family was at the dinner table when I rode up to the gate.

Some of the exclaimed, "I believe yonder comes Thomas and they all dropped their knives and forks and came out to meet me shouting and weeping with joy. My grandmother hurried me in to eat some dinner, but I told her I could not eat much as I was full anyhow and I started for my father's as I was anxious to see him, stepmother and older brother Col. Franklin

When I got there they were also sitting at dinner. My stepmother urged me to eat but I told her I could neither eat, drink nor sleep until I had seen my father who was at the mill about half a mile off. When I got to the mill door, at the sound of my footsteps he turned around. He met me about halfway on the mill floor with fatherly affection and wept. He shut the mill and we both went to the house where we spent the evening together. My father had many questions to ask about Georgia and the Indian War.

The next day I went to work for my grandfather and continued to work for him until my 15th year when I concluded if I could find any girl that would fill the bill, I would marry. I soon got acquainted with a girl who lived 10 miles off by the name of Dolly Davis, a cousin of Jeff Davis. She had coal black hair, black eyes, fair skin and was a little freckled. We soon made a marriage contract and both of us went to work. I built a nice log house with a stone chimney where we lived until we had three children. Their names were William, Jane and John. Two of them are here in Owen County. The other is dead.

We then concluded to sell out and move to Indiana. My father also made up his mind to go with us and we all started. A fractious horse which my father drove caused the wagon to upset while coming down a mountain whereby my stepmother's arm was broken. We then concluded the distance to Indiana was too great and turned our course toward middle Tennessee stopping on Elk River in Franklin County where I built me a cabin and where I decided to make a crop with my old uncle Moses Franklin

After my crop was laid by, myself and two cousins started to see Indiana. We crossed the Cumberland River at Mumfordsville and from there we came to Hardin County through Elizabethtown. We crossed the mouth of (?) river and went 21 miles up the Ohio which we crossed at Louisville. From here we struck out for the far west through the wilderness of Indiana. Went ahead until we came to a ridge leading to McScatterback. Here my cousin's fine mare took the colic and died in less than an hour.

This left three of us, 300 miles from home, with only two horses. Went down to one of my cousins in the drift of the ? ? ? stayed three days looking around, we then started to the head waters of Jack's Defeat (creek). We had no roads to travel, only Indian trails.

We rambled around and got to where Bloomington now stands which contained only two log cabins, one belonging to old man Howe and the other to old man Batterton. They showed us the road to Jack's Defeat by pointing to a ridge which led us to the headwaters of that little stream. About a mile below where we came to the stream, we found a little cabin and the family of Colonel Franklin.

The Colonel himself had gone to South Carolina. We spent three days there, then started back to Tennessee where we sold our crops, fixed our teams and started again for Indiana. In three weeks, we made the trip with our teams. We got back to the old Colonel's cabin but did not unload our wagons.

The Colonel told me of a piece of land lying 10 miles away, and proposed that I should go with him and buy

it. We bought the land by paying horse and wagon on it. I then ? to my wagon on the 9th day of November, the snow being about six inches deep and went to the land. When we got there, I raked the snow away from a big walnut tree, built a fire and unloaded my family. We lived that way ? weeks when I built a pole ?, split out some pun? [punk? Ed. 2nd Ed.] and laid a floor in about ? ? ? built a stick chimney up to the mantel board, and moved in.

I then marked off about 10 acres of ground in the green ?, went to work and had it cleared in time to plant a crop. I now had to buy a horse to plant the crop as I had sold my team for the land. So I bought a horse from Caleb Stansberry for \$50, to be paid for by clearing land for the plow. We lived two miles apart.

I agreed to sell my part of the farm to Cornwell Franklin. I then went south and entered 80 acres, laid out 10 acres and went to clearing and got it prepared in good time for a crop. I then built me a hewed-log barn, planted out a young orchard and sowed some meadow.

After this had been accomplished, I hired Daniel Elliott and Messer Secrest to make and burn a lot of brick with which to build me a small house. For their work, I agreed to pay them by cutting and splitting rails, a job I quickly done. I continued clearing until I had about 30 acres of land in cultivation.

I finally took a notion to sell my farm here and move to White River. After having disposed of my land, I bought 273 acres from Hughes and Fetters of Louisville and moved to it. (Note: Hughes and Fetters obtained several parcels of Owen County in original land grants.) Built me a cabin and laid off 10 acres of land.

Here I lost my first wife. After her death, I lived single three months and ten days and then married Erseley Cline for my second wife. We lived together 19 years. After her death which occurred in September, I lived a widower three months and 17 days, and then married Elizabeth Easton, my present companion. All the days that I have lived single are 15 years, 6 months and 27 days.

I cleared my first farm in Morgan County, Georgia; two in Burke County, North Carolina; the next was on Elk River, Franklin County, Tennessee. I afterward cleared seven farms in Indiana in the green timber.

After the death of my first wife, I sold my farm to two of my sons for \$7,200 and moved to Spencer and bought out the stock of goods owned by Lanford Litten and his houses and lots and took a man into full partnership that had nothing to go into business on. However, I soon got out of this by giving it away.

I then went to improving Spencer. I erected the buildings where Evans Brothers' store is, and all that block. I also bought the hotel property that Mr. Moore now owns and added another story to it. I also put up the brick house owned by I.M. Levistein and Joel A Coffey."

Corrections/Suggestions/Soundoff

Descendants of Ralph Franklin: Labor Day - Lions Club Hall, Buna, Texas. Bring a basket lunch. Drinks will be sold. Door prizes. Contact your Editor for verification.

Descendants of James Franklin/Nancy Whitten Franklin: Last Saturday in September, Elks City, Oklahoma. Contact Lura Mae (Franklin) Mogg, Box 328, Cheyenne, OK 73628 or Iris (McIntire) Rivers, 1336 Chimney Hills Rd., Yukon, OK 73099.

Descendants of John Franklin (1791-1868 Edgefield County, South Carolina) lived most of his life and died in Washington County, Illinois and Gillis Minor Franklin: First part of September. Contact Cecil L. Franklin, 1704 S. Humboldt St., Denver, CO 80210 for verification.

A letter recently received from LaVonne Ketchum, 36 Tarn Circle, Oroville, CA 95966 sends the following correction: May I please make a correction to the story of "David Franklin and Elizabeth Ayres" sent in by Vivien Zollinger?

I purchased the manuscript *Descendants of Jonathon Franklin* by Mrs. Robinson, another researcher, who

knew that the David (FFRU Vol 2, April '92 #F pg 36) was the wrong David because she had always known that her great grandfather, David's father, was Jonathon who had gone to Owen County, Indiana.

The correct David married Rebecca Schell in Burke County, North Carolina, no date found, they moved to Meigs/McMinn County, Tennessee, where he was dead by Dec 1844. I am sending you the pages I typed up and sent to Mrs. Robinson. She was happy to know who the right one was. She in turn wrote a couple of notes to the Family History Library in Salt Lake and in Spencer, Owen County, Indiana giving them permission to insert my pages into her books as corrections. I had sent the note and the pages to both Libraries. However, I do not know whether either one of them inserted the pages.

In Mrs. Robinson's book, David (on pg 63 of her book) mentions that little is known of this man. On the 1840 census there were 3 David Franklins in Tennessee. Two were in Lincoln County and ours in McMinn County. I believe it is the David in Lincoln County is the same one that is still there in 1850.

On pg 36 (FFRU Vol 2, April '92) the second wife of Thomas C is listed as Ersley C1? In Mrs. Robinson's book in a copy of an article which appeared in the *Spencer Evening World*, Friday, Sep 30, 1977 which was written by a local man, Thomas C Franklin, in 1876. In this article Thomas C Franklin says his 2nd wife was Erseley Cline.

LaVonne continues; it was interesting to me that when I was corresponding with Vivian Zollinger, that her Isaac Franklin was in Putnam County, Missouri the same time our Franklin family was there, plus the fact that one of our David Franklin's sons was Isaac who was living in Putnam County, Missouri. These Isaacs were almost the same age, too.

We sincerely appreciate LaVonne taking the time to make necessary corrections and for her contribution of additional information concerning this family. All of the above mention pages will be typed in full in this Quarterly in order for you to incorporate with additional information found on pg 21 of this quarterly./ed

Queries

Otis Franklin (born 1791 Vermont) was a Corporal in the Army in the War of 1812. He enlisted at Williamstown, Vermont and served in Capt. Benj S Edgerton's Company, 11th Regt. in 1812-1813. Sep 1814 he volunteered to go to Plattsburgh where he served eight days.

There was a Samuel Franklin enlisted from Williamstown Sep 12, 1814 served eight days as a volunteer at Plattsburgh. Both men served under Capt. David Robertcore. Does anyone have a record on Samuel Franklin's parents or where he was born, etc.

Charlotte Case Franklin (born 1798 New Jersey) wife of Otis Franklin - any info you might have will be appreciated.

I would like to know the whereabouts of Wilson and Elizabeth Perry Franklin in Vermont 1788 to 1793. Did he leave Ohio after 1810 and live in Williamstown, Orange County, Vermont where Otis enlisted in the Army in 1812. Samuel, son of Otis, was born in Vermont 27 Nov 1818. Were Otis and Charlotte Case Franklin married in Vermont in 1816?

Hannah Blackford, great aunt of my Grandfather William B Franklin was on the 1791 tax roll in Conn. Does anyone have info on her? Her husband may have been lost at sea.
(Edna Groetken t 1525 Court St. Sioux City, IA 51105-1524)

Where is the birthplace and who are the parents of John Marshall Franklin (born 22 Feb 1859; died 1934). He was born either in New York or Pennsylvania and was a farmer and merchant in Valleyford, Washington. He built several homes in Spokane, Washington in 1900 and his obituary (1934) said that he came from Iowa, but I don't know where. His death certificate says that he was born in Monroe, Pennsylvania, but in checking the census and the Historical / Genealogical Society in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, there is no record of him. He had a brother James "from Topeka, Kansas" according to obituary. John Marshall married Iressa Marie Ross in 1891. She is the daughter of James E Ross and Ella Siglin of Schultzville, Lackawana County, Pennsylvania and came to Washington via stage coach and train.
(Lois M Godier (Mrs. Roy L), 351 Fir Ave., Woodland, WA 98674-9603)

Merrill Franklin married Elizabeth M Henson 25 May 1842 in Spaulding County, Georgia. Their daughter - Commartha Franklin married John H Stidham 25 Mar 1873 Haralson County, Georgia. Haralson County, Georgia was formed in 1865 from Polk (created 1851 from Spaulding) and Carroll Counties. A Morrill Franklin, age 25 born Tennessee with wife Elizabeth, age 25 born Georgia and children, Catherine 6; Adeline 5; Commartha 2 and Russell Dean 14 are listed on the 1850 Carroll County, Georgia census. The 1850 Paulding County, Georgia census lists Patience Franklin, widow age 55 born North Carolina and William Franklin 19 born Tennessee. Nearby lives a Burns (Barns) Franklin 30 born Tennessee and wife Martha Jane 23 born North Carolina. Merrill possibly had two other brothers William and Barns. One Bernard Franklin is in the 1830 Roane County, Tennessee census.
Any help with this family is greatly appreciated.
(Berdie Fox, 218 Ramsey St., Dawson Springs, KY 42408).

For several years I have been trying to identify four women in an old photo. It was found in a Gile/Guile** descendants possessions in Washington State; a four generation photograph sent to me by Clyde Gil** of Scandia, Kansas. The last names only - Tomlinson** Slinger** Franklin and Gile. I am applying for DAR membership on my Guile ancestors' service. It would be wonderful to find someone who can recognize the women. My grandparents - Stephens and Scott had pictures taken by Jennings. My Grandmother was born in Scandia. Jesse James' well known photo was taken by Jennings.
(Eunice Barrow, 8932 Easy St., San Antonio, TX 78266-1514)

Note: Photo not printed in original edition - Ed 2nd edition.

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