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Sons of Russell Hugh Franklin

Left to right, Front Row: General Jackson Franklin next is his wife, Mary Jane Rector Franklin, next is Emeline Rice Franklin (she was married to Samuel Clark, beside her) Samuel Clark Franklin.

Back Row: Andrew "Andy" Franklin, Richard Franklin, Shadrach Franklin and Hezekiah "Ky" Franklin

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Cover Photo: Sons of Russell Hugh Franklin

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This line has appeared in FFRU previously in the Pedigree Volume (page 118) and Volume 35. See also *Franklin Fireplace*, pages 171, 202, 253-254, 454, 726, 727, 835, 1091, 1097, 1408-1412. The *Franklin Fireplace* references are primarily correspondence, information and queries from Kenneth C. Wilde of San Bernardino, CA. Another researcher of this line is Wanda Zimmerman; 7767 Capay Avenue; Orland, CA 95963-9503 <zplace76@aol.com>.

Russell Hugh Franklin, son of William Duckworth Franklin (aka Duck Shelton) and Nancy Bowman, was born on 12 Oct 1824 in Big Laurel, Madison County, North Carolina. On 15 Oct 1842 he married Mary Magdalene Ricker, daughter of William Ricker and Ursula Ersley Shelton. In 1850 this family is found in the Clay County, Kentucky.¹ Russell Hugh Franklin died on 9 Jun 1864 in Big Laurel, Madison County, North Carolina. Russell was killed during the Civil War at his home, Barns Branch, while shoeing his horse.² He is buried in the Tweed Cemetery, Madison County, North Carolina.

Children:

1. William Willard Franklin was born 19 Apr 1844 in North Carolina and died 20 Jul 1862 at the age of 18.³
2. General Jackson Franklin⁴ was born on 15 Apr 1846 in North Carolina. (cover photo). He married 3 Jun 1877 in Madison County, North Carolina to Mary Jane Rector⁵ (cover photo) She was born 3 Jan 1851 in North Carolina. General Jackson Franklin died 3 Dec 1918 in La Jara, Conejos County, Colorado.⁶
3. Samuel Clark Franklin (cover photo) was born on 30 Jun 1848 in North Carolina. He married Emeline Rice (cover photo)⁷ The entry for this family in the 1920 U.S. Census, North Carolina, Madison County, Shelton Laurel, ED 125, page 2B reads: Clark Franklin age 71, Granddaughter surname Norton?/Hortin?/Portin? [illegible] Ermeline/Emmeline age 16 and Culus grandson age 10.
4. Richard Franklin (cover photo) was born on 21 Apr 1852 in North Carolina and died on 24 Jul 1914 in Madison County, North Carolina. On 3 Jun 1877 he married Letitia/Loutisha Ellen Wallin, born 3 Nov 1858 in North Carolina.⁸ He was buried in the Franklin Cemetery, Gunter Town, Madison County, North Carolina.
5. Hezekiah "Ky" Franklin (cover photo) was born on 26 Dec 1852 in North Carolina. According to

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1. Household 718-718, page 150, Kentucky District. Russel, age 23 farmer, born NC; Mary age 26 born NC; Willard age 6 born NC; Jackson age 3 born NC; Clark age 2 born NC.
 2. Ancestry World Tree Submission by <wcook@planet.com>[sorry, this e-mail address is no longer valid.]
 3. Note that this is the right age and date for him to have died in the Civil War.
 4. Listed as "Andrew Jackson Franklin" in Volume 35. Note that there is also a younger brother named Andrew/Andy... Ed.
 5. Note the similarity between this name, "Mary Jane Rector," and the maiden name of her mother-in-law "Mary Magdalene Ricker." One sources lists her name as Mary Jane Rector Hewitt.
 6. See 1880 Census Data
 7. See 1880 Census Data
 8. Ancestry World Tree submission by Jim Chandly <jameschandley@aol.com>. Source listed as WFT V17 Tree #1897

one source, he married Ailsey Emeline Ramsey. Another source has his wife as Louise/Lueasy Joice Wallin born 04 Nov 1856, which is a better match for the 1880 Census data.⁹ Of course, he could have married both...

6. Shadrach Franklin (cover photo) was born 25 Mar 1856 in Big Laurel, Madison County, North Carolina and died 25 Apr 1915 in Madison County, North Carolina. He married Sarah E. Gentry.^{10 11}
7. Harland Franklin was born 10 Apr 1859 in North Carolina and died 2 Dec 1864 at age 5.
8. Andrew "Andy" Franklin was born about 3 Jul 1862 in North Carolina and died 26 Apr 1948. He married Martha Jane Shelton.¹² She was born 15 Aug 1856 and died 3 Dec 1948. This family is listed in the 1920 Census, North Carolina, Madison County, Shelton Laurel, ED 125, page 3A HH 39/39: Andy Franklin, age 57 self-employed farmer, Martha Jane age 54, Emma age 18, Roosevelt age 16, Eugene age 10 and grandchildren, surnamed Robison: Sharlotte age 10 and Martha, 2 years 0 months. Note: Many other Franklins on this same page and nearby pages of the census.



1880 Census Data

Here is some census data for this family found in the 1880 U.S. Census, Shelton Laurel, Madison County, North Carolina. This is not an complete list of all of the Franklins in this census.

Name	Relation/ Occupation	Marital Status	Gender/ Father's Birthplace	Race/ Mother's Birthplace	Age	Birthplace
Clark Franklin	Self Farmer	M	Male NC	W NC	32	NC
Emeline Franklin	Wife Keeping House	M	Female NC	W TN	32	NC
Muncy Franklin	Daughter	S	Female NC	W NC	8	NC
Jane Franklin	Daughter	S	Female NC	W NC	7	NC

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9. See 1880 Census Data
 10. Ancestry World Tree by Jim Chandly
 11. See 1880 Census Data
 12. See 1880 Census Data

Name	Relation/ Occupation	Marital Status	Gender/ Father's Birthplace	Race/ Mother's Birthplace	Age	Birthplace
Laura Franklin	Daughter	S	Female NC	W NC	5	NC
William J. Scalfph	Other Servant-Farm Laborer	M	Male ---	W ---	22	TN
Alice Scalfph	Other	M	Female NC	W TN	21	TN

Jackson Franklin	Self Farmer	M	Male NC	W NC	33	NC
Mary Franklin	Wife Keeping House	M	Female NC	W NC	26	NC
Elizabeth Franklin	Daughter	S	Female NC	W NC	8	NC
Samuel Franklin	Son	S	Male NC	W NC	6	NC
Frank Franklin	Son	S	Male NC	W NC	4	NC
Roman Franklin	Son	S	Male NC	W NC	3	NC
Sarrah Franklin	Daughter	S	Female NC	W NC	1	NC
Joseph Alexander	Other Servant-Farm Laborer	S	Male TN	W TN	21	TN

Richard Franklin	Self Farmer	M	Male NC	W NC	24	NC
Lutitia Franklin	Wife Keeping House	M	Female VA	W NC	22	NC
Andrew J. Franklin	Son	S	Male NC	W NC	2	NC
Lovejoy Franklin	Son	S	Male NC	W NC	1M	NC
Webster Shelton	Other Servant-Farm Laborer	S	Male NC	W NC	19	NC

Hezekiah Franklin	Self Farmer	M	Male NC	W NC	25	NC

Name	Relation/ Occupation	Marital Status	Gender/ Father's Birthplace	Race/ Mother's Birthplace	Age	Birthplace
Lueasy Franklin	Wife Keeping House	M	Female VA	W NC	23	NC
Willard Franklin	Son	S	Male NC	W NC	7	NC
Titia Franklin	Daughter	S	Female NC	W NC	4	NC
Nancy Franklin	Daughter	S	Female NC	W NC	2	NC
Lovada Franklin	Daughter	S	Female NC	W NC	2M	NC
Henry Eeds	Other Servant-Farm Laborer	S	Male AR	W TN	19	AR

Shadwick Franklin	Self Farmer	M	Male NC	W NC	22	NC
Sarra E. Franklin	Wife Keeping House	M	Female NC	W NC	22	NC
Silvanus Franklin	Son	S	Male NC	W NC	9M	NC
Selia Gentry	Sister In Law		Female NC	W NC	19	NC

Mary Franklin	Self Keeping House	W	Female TN	W NC	56	NC
Andrew Franklin	Son Farm Laborer	S	Male NC	W NC	17	NC
Wesley Bailey	Other Servant-Farm Laborer	M	Male ---	W ---	19	NC
Mary Ann Bailey	Other	M	Female ---	W ---	16	TN

Letter from the Editor

With this issue, I decided to give you a break from the census abstracts. The next issue will continue with census abstracts from Missouri. However, I know that it's tedious to see issue after issue of census abstracts that don't include the states that your people are from, so this issue is **not** census abstracts...

You will notice that at a size of 25 pages, this volume is the smallest that I have ever produced. This was to make up for the fact that several of this year's volumes were larger than usual.

The cover photo is from a Franklin family that a number of people have asked me about. In the future I may put all of these various photos on the FFRU website to make them easier to use in your own documentation, etc.

There have been a number of developments in genealogy since I last wrote a letter from the editor, including a tremendous expansion of Ancestry.com's census images. What makes the data available are the indices. The 1930 census was just released in April. They have gradually added indices state by state until recently when indices for all of the states were completed. This and the other censuses can be a fantastic resource. I'm hoping that they will continue to provide more indices for 1860, 1870, 1900 and 1910. They also have the WWI draft registration cards for Pennsylvania and North Carolina. I will abstract and index the North Carolina registrations soon. There is a wealth of information buried in these.

Again, per FFRU policy, this being the last volume of the year, here is the financial report.

	Category	2000	2001	2002
Income	Subscriptions (2002 - 61 Subscribers)	1,426.00	1508.00	1166.00
	Other income, Backissues, gifts, etc.	355.00	174.00	568.78
Total Income		1,781.00	1,682.00	1,734.78
Expenses	Photocopying	<1204.27>	<1120.87>	<1215.87>
	Postage	<465.97>	<482.66>	<381.43>
	Miscellany, advertising, bank fees, sales tax, carryover from previous year.	<452.08>	<441.68>	<137.48>
Net "profit"		<341.32>	<363.21>	<0.00>

You will note that the books were balanced this year due to several generous donations.

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Genealogical Hint: Wills and Probate Records

There was a brief article on wills in FFRU Volume 8. I'd like to expand on this somewhat. In this article, I will be making some generalizations about wills which primarily apply to 17th, 18th and 19th century records in the United States. First, according to *Webster's Dictionary*, the term "probate" means the action or process of proving before a competent judicial authority that a document offered for official recognition and registration as the last will and testament of a deceased person is genuine. At first, the only obvious probate record that comes to mind is the will. This will was generally written by hand, frequently with the help of some legal expert or lawyer, and witnessed by two or more friends, neighbors, or kinfolk. This was then taken to the county probate clerk who transcribed into a Will Book. The Will Book was then used as a reference when a person died to transfer ownership of the assets to the heirs. If a person died without a will, then that person was said to be "intestate" and the local laws of inheritance determined exactly how the person's estate, if any, was distributed.

A common misconception is that if there was no will, then there were no probate records. This is not a good assumption. Indeed, wills were filed for only about a third of our male ancestors, and few of the females. Some form of administration was performed for another third who died without a will. No probate of any kind was done for the remainder.

If a person had an estate (especially land), then the assets of that estate had to be distributed if heirs could be found. In fact, if a person died intestate, this would sometimes create more records than if they died with a will. The Probate Court would have to identify the heirs and track them down. They also had to keep a paper trail of all of this, proceedings, correspondence, deliberations, receipts, expenses, notices published, appointment of an administrator, etc. Estates were (and still are) frequently liquidated by means of an auction. The court or administrator had to arrange for an inventory and appraisal, an auctioneer, schedule an auction, and keep records of who bought what and how much was paid.

Additional probate records are created in the settling of debts. In one instance, I have seen the bills for the undertaker, gravedigger, tailor (for the suit he was buried in), cobbler (the shoes he was buried in), the medical doctors (there were two and they wanted to be paid), to name a few. As these various papers were presented to the court, the probate clerk copied selected information into Will Books and other ledgers.

All of the original documents were then placed in a file known by various names: probate packet, estate file, surrogate file, etc. Unfortunately, many genealogists overlook these files which frequently contain additional, valuable information that may advance their research.

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has microfilmed these probate files from many areas. Check the Family History Library Catalog (FHLC) carefully, but remember that they have probably **not** filmed individual estate packets, so if the information is not in the FHLC, this does not mean anything. You will have to contact the Probate Court or its archives to obtain this information. You may even have to visit them in person or hire a local genealogist to photocopy the file for you.

But what about our ancestors who died without a probate of any kind? Some of these ancestors were older, retired men who had quitclaimed their farms or other real estate to their children and then moved in with them. When these men passed away, there was nothing to probate. County deed records should be searched for quitclaim deeds for those who died without any kind of probate as well as for land titles transfer that occur in connection with normal probates.

Keep in mind that dissatisfied or impatient heirs could initiate various legal actions. Either probate or civil court records should be searched for these disputes. Remember that these disputes could take many years to resolve. Even in the best of times, settling a large estate could be a very long, drawn-out process. I have an instance of the Administrator dying, and his son being appointed in his stead. The heirs sued him three times to provide a final settlement. In the end it was less than \$1,000, divided 10 ways but it took over eight years to arrive at a final settlement.

Thomas B. Franklin Records

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Thomas Baker Franklin is mentioned throughout the Andrea Papers, and FFRU Volumes 4, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 36

Bradley County, Arkansas Newspapers

These abstracts are from a book *Arkansas Newspaper Abstracts 1819-1845* by James Logan Morgan. The actual articles can be found in the Arkansas Gazette microfilm. Unfortunately, he didn't give page and column. If one had the page and column, then the actual articles could be ordered from the Arkansas Historical Commission in Little Rock. Many of these events occurred while Bradley County (formed 1840) was still part of Clark County (formed 1818) and then Union County (formed 1829).

Thomas B. Franklin, aged 64, died 14 Sep 1829 at his residence on Bayou Saline, Clark County, Arkansas. *Arkansas Gazette* 3 Nov 1829.

T. B. Franklin was one of the first settlers in Bradley County. His tombstone may have been broken and the date of death unreadable at the Franklin Cemetery. The stone might be completely destroyed by now. At the time of his death, Bradley County was a part of Clark County

Thomas Franklin, 42 years, 2 months, died 7 Jan 1837 in Union County, Arkansas, *Arkansas Gazette*, 7 Feb 1837.

Thomas Franklin, deceased. Prosper Lavilian (male) and Felicity Franklin (female) appointed administrators 14 Sep 1837 Union County. *Arkansas Gazette*, 17 Oct 1837.

Marriage Record

From county records in Ouachita Parish courthouse, Monroe, Louisiana. Conveyance records were kept by the parish judge until 1846, the recorder from 1846-1879, and the clerk of the district court from 1879 to the present. According to Ouachita Parish, Louisiana Conveyance Records, Volume D, page 374 (LDS 285361):

This sixth day of September, 1817, personally appeared before me Oliver J. Morgan Judge of the Parish of Ouachita, Thomas B. Franklin and Elizabeth Ford daughter of Lydia Ford wife of John Bannister both of the Parish aforesaid who are mutually agreed on the following contract of marriage.

The said Franklin and the said Elizabeth agree to take each the other as man and wife and to celebrate the same immediately. The parties reciprocally acknowledge that the husband is professed of a plantation and ten negroes estimated at seven thousand dollars out of which property he endows his future wife with the sum of one thousand dollars and one hundred acres of land situated in the parish of Ouachita, to hold and enjoy during her natural life, then to revert to the rightful heirs of him the said Franklin. All other matters and things relative to their property the parties leave to the disposition of the laws in force.

M. Hughes
James Huey Jr.

Thos. B Franklin
her
Elizabeth X Ford
Mark

The foregoing marriage contract was duly signed and acknowledged by the parties in presence of me the said Parish Judge (the said Elizabeth Ford not knowing how to write made her ordinary mark) and the subscribing witnesses on the day and date therein mentioned.

In credence whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal of office the date afforesaid.

Oliver J. Morgan
Parish Judge

Conveyance Records of Catahoula Parish, Louisiana

Book C, Page 152C: On the 27th day of May 1820 came Thomas B. Franklin of the Parish of Ouachita who acknowledged that for the sum of \$400 paid him by Charles B. Harvey, sell to Harvey a negro man named Ned about 40 years of age... signed Thomas B. Franklin, C. B. Harvey

Conveyance Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

Book D, Page 374: "Thomas B. Franklin (second marriage) in Ouachita Parish on 7 September 1817 to Elizabeth Ford, daughter of Lydia Ford, wife of John Bannister - by Oliver J. Morgan P-J with John Hughes and James Huey witnesses." The record shows that this was a second ceremony as they had been married originally by Henry Bry in 1807.

Book E, Page 506: Groom: Thomas Franklin; Bride: Felicity Le-Villian; Date of License: 25 Mar 1821

Will of Reuben Franklin of Barren County, Kentucky

Barren County, Kentucky Will Book 3, pages 456-458. Note this was also quoted in *Franklin Fireplace*, pages 1088-1089.

In the name of God amen I Reuben Franklin of the County of Barren & State of Kentucky being sick & weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty[sic] of human life and being, the desirous to dispose of all such wordly[sic] Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with I give and and[sic] bequeath the same in manner following that is to Say

first I desire that all the perishable part of my Estate to be sold Shortly after my decease and my just debts be paid out of the money arising therefrom which I thank God they are but few and none of magnitude and after my debts are paid and all necessary expenses? then it is my will for the Ballance of the money arising therefrom to be equally divided amongst all my children hereinafter named

Secondly it is my desire that my land be divided between my Eldest son Henry F. Franklin & my Youngest Son Peachy E. Franklin at two dollars per acre if they think proper to take it at that price Otherwise they can dispose of it as they all thine proper so to do It is further my will and desire that if my daughter Lucy C. Bush should be disposed of her farm whereon she now resides that she have a home on my above named Land directed to be divided between my two above named Sons during, her natural life and She pay them a reasonable rent of she may hold it to her and her heirs forever by her paying a fare equivalent for the same.

Thirdly, It is my will that my slaves be equally divided amongst my children namely: Henry F. Franklin John S. Franklin Lucy C. Bush Samuel H. Franklin and Peachey E. Franklin my daughter Lucy C. Bush to have her choice of the Slaves at Valuation if possible to give her the grown slaves Choice who they will live with and the breeding women to retain as many of their Children with them as Convenient in the division and be understood that my Eldest Slave Perneuer[?] is not considered to be in the division She is to have her choice which of my above named children she will live [with] them to pay the rest no equivalent for her she being old and of not much valuation And lastly I do hereby appoint my trusty sons Henry F. Franklin Samuel H. Franklin and Peachy E. Franklin Executors of this my last will and testament without being bound to give security hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made

In Testimony thereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 29th day of January Eighteen Hundred and fifty

Signed sealed & acknowledged

in the Presence of us

Jesse Bewley
John Rigdon

his

Reuben X Franklin (seal)

mark

Barren County Sct February Term 1856

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Reuben Franklin decd. [“was on this day” crossed out] produced in court & proven in due form of law by the Oaths of Jesse Bewley &, John Rigdon subscribing Witnesses thereto.

Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last Will & Testament of sd Reuben Franklin decd.

Edward and Mary Harris Redman Franklin

Submitted by Jim Franklin, 7667 W. Cathedral Canyon Dr., Tucson, AZ 85743 <jimfranklin@gci-net.com>
Some time ago some one was looking for information on Edward. Jim found the following in *Historical Southern Families, Vol. XII, Thorton of Virginia, With Related Families*. He hopes this may help in your research.

Page 37 Mary (Harris) Redman, widow of John Redman was still a widow 26 Sep 1673 (Deeds and Wills 1665-77,¹³ page 163a), but was married 2) to Edward Franklin by 20 Apr 1675. The will of John Harris, dated 20 Apr 1675 and probated 30 Jun 1675, makes Edward Franklin executor. Mary Redman Franklin was a sister of John Harris.

Edward Franklin, second husband of Mary Redman, was a Justice of Westmoreland County, Virginia from 1680 until his death in 1694 (Order Book 1675/6-1688/9,¹⁴ page 183) was for some time keeper of Nominy ferry (page 175 and 194), and was Sheriff of Westmoreland County, Virginia in 1692 (Order Book 1690-1698,¹⁵ page 57a, page 89). He was born in 1636 (Northumberland Record Book, 1666-72, page 17).

Page 38 He died in Westmoreland County, Virginia early in 1694, leaving a will (now lost) of which Mrs. Mary Franklin, the widow, and Francis Franklin, his daughter, were executors (Order Book 1690-98, page 120, 28 Feb 1693/4). Mrs. Mary Franklin requested a division of the estate between herself and her five children (some of them being of age) on 24 Feb 1696/7 and the request was granted. Four of the five children were 1) Francis Franklin, the eldest daughter; 2) Phillip Franklin; 3) Thomas Franklin and 4) Mary Franklin.

13. See: *Westmoreland County, Virginia, deeds and wills*, abstracted and compiled by John Frederick Dorman; Published Washington; J. F. Dorman, c1964-

14. See: *Westmoreland County, Virginia order books*, abstracted and compiled by John Frederick Dorman; Published Washington; J. F. Dorman, c1964-

15. *Ibid.*

Mary Redman Franklin, widow, married 3) prior to 30 Mar 1704, as his second wife, William Moxley, Sr. Mary died prior to 22 Feb 1721.

Page 43 Thomas Franklin married Katherine Stewart, daughter of William and Jane Stewart of Westmoreland and Richmond County, Virginia. On 2 May 1711, William made a deed of gift of land in Richmond County to his daughter Katherine, wife of Thomas Franklin. (Richmond Deed Book 5, page 329).

Thomas Franklin died in Richmond County, Virginia in 1721, his inventory being ordered 5 Jul 1721 (Deed Book 8, page 54). Children of Thomas and Katherine Franklin were (1) Joseph; (2) Edward and (3) Thomas.

Rhode Island Franklins

State Census of Rhode Island, 1774

Page 117	Nathan Franklin	1 male 16+ [born before 1758]; 1 female 16+
Page 118	Oliver Franklin	2 males over 16 [born before 1758]; 2 white females 16+
Page 172	Ebenezer Franklin	1 male 16+; 4 males -16 [born after 1758] 1 female 16+ and 1 female -16
Page 205	Vial Franklin	1 male 16+, 2 males -16; 1 female 16+ and 1 female -16.

Heads of Families in Rhode Island, 1790

Providence Town, Newport County, Rhode Island

Benjamin Franklin	1 male 16+ [born before 1775] 1 male -16 [born 1774-1790]; 1 female
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Scituate, Newport County, Rhode Island

Samuel Franklin	1 male 16+; 1 female	total = 3
Squire Franklin	1 male 16+; 1 male -16; 1 female	total=3

S. Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island

John Franklin	2 males 16+; 2 females	All other free persons = 7
John Franklin	3 males 16+; 3 male -16; 3 females	
Capt. John Franklin	2 males 16+; 2 females	

Warren Town, Bristol County, Rhode Island

John Franklin 1 male 16+; 1 male -16;
3 females

Coventry Town, Kent County, Rhode Island

David Franklin 1 male 16+; 1 male -16;
3 females

Jamestown, Newport County, Rhode Island

John Franklin 1 male 16+; 2 males -16;
2 females
George Franklin 1 male 16+; 1 male -16;
1 female
Abel Franklin 1 male 16+; 1 male -16;
1 female

New Shoreham, Newport County, Rhode Island

John Franklin 2 males 16+; 2 males -16;
2 females
Stephen Franklin 2 males 16+;
1 female

Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island

Robert Franklin 1 male 16+;
1 female
George Franklin 1 male 16+;
3 females

Providence Town, Newport County, Rhode Island

Asa Franklin 2 males 16+; 2 males under 16;
1 female

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Jamestown probate and Town Council, Volume 2 - 1767-1813

- Page 249 Franklin, George, of Jamestown, will dated 13 Oct. 1764; probated 3 Jan 1768, pages 18-21. Mentions wife Mary [Remington] Franklin. Sons: Abel, Gershom, John and George all -21 [born after 1743] Daughters: Abigail and Asa ____ [lost off page]. All children to be brought up by my wife, so daughters probably under 18. Brother, John Franklin. Wit: Wm Hazard, Benj. Weeden, Oliver Hull.
- Page 321 Franklin, Gershom of Jamestown, bound on a voyage to sea. Will dated 1773, probated 2 Sep 1800, pages 334-335. Mentions mother, Mary Franklin. Uncle Gershom Remington Jr. Brothers Benjamin Franklin -21, John and George.

October Issue, 1981 - Providence Wills

Page 157 Abel Franklin witness to will of Thomas Field, yeoman, proved 16 Dec 1752.

Page 158 Abel Franklin of Providence, cordwainer. Will dated 11 Sep 1753 probated 29 Sep 1753. He died 13 Sep currant, page 341. Mentions wife Mercy who is PG. Daughters: Freelove Franklin under 18. Abel married Mercy McClennan [Source: *Genealogy of Rhode Island Families*, Baltimore Genealogical Publishing Company]

October Issue 1981 - West Greenwich Wills

Page 189 Franklin, Uriah of West Greenwich. Will dated 24 Apr 1821 proved 7 Mar 1822, pages 148-149. Mentions: unnamed wife. Son: Uriah Franklin. Daughters: Lydia Greene, Lucinda Jordan, and Rhoda Green. Grandsons: Randall Jordan, Benoni Jordon and Elisha Jordan and granddaughter, Eliz. Jordan.

June Issue 1982 - New Shoreham Wills

Page 248 Littlefield, Caleb of New Shoreham, yeoman. Mentions daughter, Lydia Franklin, wife of Abel. Stephen Franklin, Margaret Franklin and Stephen Franklin, Jr. witness codicil of Jno Mitchell 24 Mar 1772.

14 Dec 1772 - Stephen, Margaret and Stephen Franklin, Jr. codicil witness of will of Edward Sands.

New Shoreham, Rhode Island Probate Recs., Vol. C, 1829-1851

Littlefield, Thomas D. will dated 8 Aug 1829, mentions daughter, Mary Franklin.

Jul 1979 Issue - Scituate Wills

Page 22 - Peleg Westcot will dated 12 Aug 1793 mentions daughter Anna married to Squire Franklin.

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John Wight, yeoman, mentions daughter, Mary Franklin.

Page 75 - John Franklin - yeoman - will dated 25 May 1812, probated 6 Jul 1812 pages 317-318. Mentions wife living. Sons: Jno., Anthony, Waterman, and Elisha. Daughters: Charlotte Fisk, Phebe Strait, granddaughter, Mary Fisk.

New England Marriages Prior to 1700

From *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* by Clarence Alman Torrey; Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., Baltimore; 1985

Franklin, Benj. [1643-] and Katharine _____; born 1673; Boston

Franklin, Benj. and Phebe _____; born 1690; Marlboro

Franklin, Henry / Dorothy Bowne [1669-1690]; 27 May 1689, Flushing, LI

Franklin, Henry / Sarah Johnson [1665-] born 1692; Boston

Franklin, Henry / Sarah Cock [or Cook]; 26 Feb 1697/8; Matinscock, LI/Flushing LI

Franklin, James and 1 wife _____; born 1682; Dartsmouth [?]

Franklin, James / Eliz. Hammond [1673-1760] - Swansea

Franklin, Jno [-1693] Sarah Smith

Franklin, John / _____? born 1692 / Southhold, LI

Franklin, Matthew / and _____? born 1669 Flushing, LI
Franklin, Richard / Abigail Stambury 29 Sep 1697, Boston
Franklin, Wm. [1607-1658] Alice Andrews born 1638; Ipswich/Newbury/ Boston
Franklin, Wm. [-1641] / Joanna [- 1659]
Franklin, Wm. [- 1658] 2nd wife Phebe.

Suffolk County Wills

Abstracts of the Earliest Wills Upon Record in the County of Suffolk, Massachusetts. From the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, indexed by Judith McGhaw; Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc.; Baltimore; 1984

Page 128 Robert Scott of Boston - Inventory, 12 Dec 1653, prised by Jacob Sheafe, Henery Shrimpton, and Wm. Franklin.

Page 164 John Francklin. An Inventory of goods of John Franckling, deceased, presented by Capt. Samueller Scarlett and Mr. John Freake, taken 30 Jun 1658 by Mr. Christopher Clarke and Sergeant Alexander Adams. Amt. £17.10.08. Capt. Samuel Scarlet deposed. 1 Jul 1658.

William Franklin - The inventory of such goods and estate of Wm. Franklin, late of Boston in ye Mass., who dyed in London, as are to be within ye said Colonie made and appraised, according to ye best judgement of Negus, and Robt. Howard, the 28 Jul 1658. Sum is £719.10 besides £28 in England. Phebe Franklin [2nd wife] wid. of Wm. deposed, 20 Aug 1658.

John Francklin. Jonathan Negus of Boston, bound, 20 Aug 1658, to Administer on the estate of Jno Francklyn, dec'd.

The History of the Counties of Westchester New York, Volume I, 1881

Page 383 In Flushing, New York Thomas Franklin was appointed to improve Quaker's meeting house "Friends"

West Greenwich Wills...

Jos. Tillinghast will dated 2 Aug 1866 mentions gr. sons: Oscar, Frederick, and Abram Franklin

Children of James Edward Franklin and Julia A. Bucksot

By Ben Franklin, Editor. I'm not sure why I wrote the following. Usually this sort of thing in is response to someone's query, but I don't see the query which may have triggered the research. Maybe it was just because I noticed that the previously written article ended with some vagueness on this line...

From *FFRU*, Volume 17:

1. William Thomas Franklin (born 2 May 1819 in Gallatin County, Kentucky; died Jan 1901 probably in Covington, Kentucky where he had lived for many years). William married (#1) 23 Dec 1840 in Gallatin County, Kentucky, Book 2, Sarah Benham, daughter of Jacob Benham. Sarah was born 20 Feb 1816 and died 10 Aug 1852 in Covington, Kentucky. William married (#2) Gallatin County, Kentucky 11 Apr 1853, Margaret Ramy/Ramey who was born 20 Sep 1823. Margaret died 17 Feb 1889. There were no children from the second marriage.

William and Sarah's children:

- (1) James Edward Franklin (born 5 Mar 1842 in Gallatin County, Kentucky) married 27 Jul 1870, Julia A. Bucksot who was born 12 Mar 1852. No children of this marriage in these records...¹⁶

However, a little research reveals the following information:

Census Place: 3rd Ward, Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana		Source: FHL Film 1254294 National Archives Film T9-0294 Page 83C				
	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birth- place
J. E. Franklin	Self	M	M	W	38	KY
	Occ: Lawyer		Fa: KY		Mo: KY	
Julia Franklin	Wife	F	M	W	27	IN
	Occ: Keeps House		Fa: Holland		Mo: MD ^a	
Harry Franklin	Son	M	S	W	9	IN
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Bessie Franklin	Dau	F	S	W	7	IN
	Occ: At School		Fa: KY		Mo: IN	
Nellie Franklin	Dau	F	S	W	5	IN
			Fa: KY		Mo: IN	
Eddie Franklin	Son	M	S	W	3	IN
			Fa: KY		Mo: IN	

a.Note: Bucksots in Indiana, born Holland + MD...(Editor)

16. *Indiana Marriages, 1845-1920 - Index to Marriage Records 1866 - 1870 Inclusive Volume 5 Letters A to Z Inclusive*; Original Record Located: County Clerk's Office Indianapolis Compiled by Indiana Works Progress Administration 1939

Marion County; Name: James E. Franklin; Spouse: Julia A. Bucksot; Marriage Date: 27 Jul 1870; Book: 11, page 138. Editor, 2nd Edition.

Indiana Marriages, 1845-1920 Marion County, Indiana

Index to Marriage Record 1896 - 1900 Inclusive Volume 11 Letters A to Z Inclusive; Original Record Located: County Clerk's Office Indianapolis W. P. A. Compiled by Indiana Works Progress Administration 1939

Harry M. Franklin; Father: James E. Franklin; Mother: Julia A. Buckshot; Spouse: Daisy F. Wiggington; Father: David T. Wiggington; Mother: Lucinda Archer; Marriage Date: 15 Jul 1896 ; Birth Date: 27; Book: 638

Index to Supplemental Record Marriage Transcript 1882-1906 Volume II Letters F-K; W. P. A. Original Record Located: County Clerk's Office, Indianapolis Compiled by Indiana; Works Projects Administration 1939

Bessie Franklin; Father: James Franklin; Mother: Bucksot; Gender: F; Age: 24; Marriage Date: 10 Mar 1897; Book: 5; Page: 288

Harry M. Franklin; Father: James Franklin; Mother: Julia A. Buckshot; Gender: M; Age: 26; Marriage Date: 15 Jul 1896; Book: 5; Page: 228

Nellie M. Franklin; Father: James Franklin; Mother: Bucksot; Gender: F; Age: 28; Marriage Date: 25 Dec 1902; Book: 7; Page: 220

Paul B. Franklin; Father: Jasper T. Franklin; Mother: Bucksott; Gender: M; Age: 23; Marriage Date: 13 Jun 1905; Book: 8; Page: 275

Index to Marriage Record 1901 - 1905 Inclusive Volume 12 Letters A to Z Inclusive; Original Record Located: County Clerk's Office Indianapolis W. P. A. Compiled by Indiana Works Progress Administration 1939

Nelle M. Franklin; Spouse: William G. Schick; Marriage Date: 25 Dec 1902; Book: 34; Page: 602

William G. Schick; Spouse: Nelle M. Franklin; Marriage Date: 25 Dec 1902; Book: 34; Page: 602

Index to Supplemental Record Marriage Transcript 1882 - 1906 Volume IV Letters S - Z; W. P. A. Original Record Located: County Clerk's Office, Indianapolis Compiled by Indiana Works Projects Administration 1939

William G. Schick; Father: Andrew Schick; Mother: Schemp; Gender: M; Age: 27; Marriage Date: 25 Dec 1902; Book: 7; Page: 220

Index to Marriage Record 1906 - 1910 Inclusive Volume 13 Pt. 1 Letters A to L Inclusive; Original Record Located: County Clerk's Office Indianapolis W. P. A. Compiled by Indiana Works; Progress Administration 1939

Ruth Franklin; Spouse: Benjamon H. Solton; Marriage Date: 01 Jun 1910; Birth Date: 24 Mar 1891; Book: 56; Page: 705

Benjamon Solton; Spouse: Ruth Franklin; Marriage Date: 01 Jun 1910; Birth Date: 28 Aug 1890; Book: 56; Page: 705

1920 Census

1920 Census, Indiana, Marion County, Indianapolis, ED 176, Page 7A:

HH 148/152 Franklin, Harry, Head, M, W, 48, Married born Indiana Father born: Kentucky, Mother born: Indiana. Occu: Captain, Police Force; Franklin, Daisy, wife, W, 42, Married, born Indiana, Father born: Kentucky, Mother born: Ohio, Occu: None. Address 607 De Quincy Street, Indianapolis.

1920 Census, Indiana, Marion County, Indianapolis, ED 153, Page 3A:

HH 66/67 Soltare, Benj. H., Head M W 29 M born Indiana; Father born Germany; Mother born Indiana; Occu: Grocer in a Grocery Store; Soltare, Ruth, wife F W 28 M born Indiana; Father born: Kentucky Mother born Indiana; Soltare, Virginia, Daughter, F. W. 3 9/12 S born Indiana; Father born: Indiana; Mother born Indiana; Franklin, Julia A., Mother-in-law, F 66 W born Indiana; Father born Holland, mother born Maryland. Address 101 North Sherman Drive, Indianapolis.

Preston Franklin of Talladega County, Alabama

Submitted by Carl A. Hannah <CAHannah12@aol.com>. The following is the Bible record of Preston Franklin of Talladega County, Alabama. Not sure if you have this bible record listing all of his children.

This was sent to Carl by Randy L. Franklin <Kenshowind@aol.com> who has also contributed to previous articles in FFRU. Randy writes: "My brother finally got a copy of the Talladega County, Alabama bible of Preston Franklin. Gives a complete list of his children but no info on his origins. I don't know if this is the same Preston whose "pocketbook" was passed down through the James Franklin family through the John Newton Franklin branch. It might be useful to compare the writing in the bible versus that of the old wallet to see if it matches up."

Preston and his wife (Nancy R.) had a total of 10 children, they were:

James T. Franklin born 3 Dec 1833 and died in Talladega County, Alabama on 24 Jul 1835.

Mary Rebecca Franklin born 26 Sep 1835 and died? She married James D. Allen in 1852.

Purlina Jane Franklin born 23 Apr 1837 and died 4 Apr 1853. Married Juniah Allen 1852.

William Thomas Franklin born 14 Dec 1839 and died 27 Apr 1865. He married _____ 1 Dec 1863. His daughter? was born Mar 1865.

Margaret Caroline Franklin born 26 Nov 1841 and died 19 Aug 1847.

Miriam Thermutties Franklin born 20 Aug 1843 and died Feb 1879. Married 1) Alonzo Baughen 1857 and 2) Jasper Taylor 1860 at Daviess County, Indiana.

Nancy Elminy Franklin born 16 Oct 1845 and died in Arkansas about 1901. Married John Newton Killion at Daviess County, Indiana 1863.

Martha Mahaley Franklin born 4 Jul 1848 and died 29 Aug 1863.

Isabella Franklin born 18 Jun 1850 and died 30 Jun 1860.

Dora Ann Franklin born 14 Nov 1855 and died 23 Feb 1870.

Preston Franklin died at Daviess County, Indiana on 16 Oct 1860. His wife, Nancy R. remarried a Joseph E. Eaton. Nancy died 1 Jan 1879.

The only other Preston Franklin that I have record of also lived in Indiana but his family pedigree is accounted for.

The other lead that I have been working on (emailed Jerry Payne about this but did not hear back) concerned a query that I got this past summer asking about Susan Franklin. The researcher seems to think that the Susan who lived with James Franklin and Lou Ann Park was the Susan in her family line, but known by the full name of Martha Susan Franklin who was the second wife of an Obadiah Thornton of Barry County, Missouri. There is a marriage record for them at Christian County, Missouri. They lived in Berryville, Arkansas. Her birth year matches though that is about all that is known. She was born in Arkansas and one census claims her father's birthplace as Alabama. Nothing solid has come of this but I pulled all the Thornton materials I could for future reference in case this works out. Nothing in the Thornton's reflected back to Franklin origins though. Hope all is well with you...

Editor's Response:

In Volume 26, Randy has previously written:

“Riley Franklin born about 1800, location unknown. He lived in Limestone County, Alabama by 1828. Married a Josephine Bonapart (her surname unknown) about 1825. Riley Franklin and family moved to Johnson County, Arkansas by 1842. Census data from 1840 shows at least 6 children. Riley sells land in 1848 and no further record for him and wife. We believe James A. Franklin born 1828 at Limestone County, Alabama is a son who married Lou Ann Park in 1849 at Johnson County, Arkansas.

Also interested in a Preston Franklin in Talladega County, Alabama from 1839-1850.

Franklin descendants in my line have an old "pocketbook" with his name stamped on it. We have never figured out what the connection is. Brother to Riley?

Very interested in what, if any, was the relationship between Ashworth families of Pope, Crawford/Sebastian counties Arkansas? Benjamin H. Ashworth of Pope who took in a Franklin girl per the 1850 census.

Joseph Ashworth also 1850 at Crawford County, Arkansas with a William Franklin. Are these Franklin's related to Riley and Josephine Franklin?"

From FFRU Charter Issue:

A billfold now in possession of Gladys Franklin, 409 North Highland Chanute, Kansas 66720, held in trust for a son named Gene. This is traditionally to have been given to John Newton Franklin by his father, James A. Franklin. After the death of John Newton Franklin, his wife, Ida C. Franklin is said to have given it to a son, Arthur William Franklin, whose wife (and widow) was the afore mentioned Gladys. She states in communication dated 11 Jun 1972 “This is what is written in it: “Preston Franklin his pocket book Jul 1829”. It is badly worn, has been mended with black thread, and as far as who Preston Franklin was, I do not know.

When Arthur W. Franklin died in 1944, the billfold was passed along to his son Gene Arthur Franklin. When Gene Arthur Franklin died 17 Mar 1989 the billfold was passed along to his son Mr. James Arthur Franklin, Box 3, Monterey Place, Leonard Town, MD 20650. This per Mrs. Marion Franklin, Jr. who in 1990 living PO Box 165, Zillah, WA 98953 (509) 829-6125.

1850 Alabama, Talladega County, page 273: Preston Franklin 1m -5, 1m 30/40; 2f -5, 1f 20/30, 1f 60/70.

1850 Federal Census of Alabama, Talladega County

page 384 495/505 Preston Franklin 42m farmer R.E.\$250. born Virginia, Nancy 33f born Tennessee, Mary R. 15f born Ala., Perlina J. 13f born Ala., William T. 11m. born Ala., Miram.T. 7f born Ala., Nancy A. 5f born Ala., Martha M. 2f born Ala.

Alabama Land Records

Franklin, Preston; Land Office: Mardisville Sequence #: 2323; Total Acres: 40; Misc. Doc. Nr.: (none); Signature: Yes; Canceled Document: No; Issue Date: 05 Aug 1837; Mineral Rights Reserved: No; Metes and Bounds: No; Survey Date: (none); Statutory Reference: 3 Stat. 566; Multiple Warantee Names: No; Act or Treaty: 24 Apr 1820; Multiple Patentee Names: No; Entry Classification: Sale-Cash Entries; Legal Land Description: Section # 1 NESW Huntsville No 20S 4E 28.

Franklin, Preston; Land Office: Mardisville Document Number: 4608; Total Acres: 39.97; Signature: Yes; Canceled Document: No; Issue Date: 1 Oct 1839; Mineral Rights Reserved: No; Metes and Bounds: No; Survey Date: (none); Statutory Reference: 3 Stat. 566; Multiple Warantee Names: No; Act or Treaty: 24 Apr 1820; Multiple Patentee Names: No; Entry Classification: Sale-Cash Entries; Legal Land Description: # Aliquot Parts Block # Base Line Fractional Section # 1 NESE Huntsville No 21S 4E 23

Not listed in 1880 Census as “Preston Franklin”

Richard and Frances Franklin of Lawrence County, Tennessee

Submitted by Steve Springer, Clarksville, TN <srspringer@charter.net>. Any help that you or someone else can give us to the "Georgia" connection would be forever appreciated! I have long believed the Franklin-Dodd connection was a clue.

The following are the children of Richard Franklin born about 1807 in Georgia, died 1865-70 in Lawrence County, Tennessee and Francis (Frances) _____ born about 1818 in North Carolina, died 1865-70 in Lawrence County, Tennessee; marriage about 1834 (where ?? I'm guessing the date based upon date first child was born); they are in Marshall County, Tennessee by 1840 per census records; both are said to be buried in the Berryhill graveyard near West Point, Lawrence County, Tennessee by 1870.

1. Doshia Louisa Franklin, born 1835 in Tennessee, married Joel Dodd (he was part of a large Dodd family in Marshall County, Tennessee that came from Pennsylvania to Virginia to Franklin County, Georgia -- a clue??? -- and was related to Nancy Dodd who married Mitchell Franklin); Doshia died and Joel remarried and had other children
2. David J. Franklin, born 1834 in Tennessee, died 24 Oct 1912; married 15 May 1860 in Marshall County, Tennessee by Zachariah Haislip, JP to Sarah "Sallie" Crabtree born 1835, (daughter of William "Billy" Crabtree born 1800 and Mary "Polly" Cunningham born 1799 in Laurens District, South Carolina; married about 1817); David enlisted 24 Apr 1861 in the First Tennessee Regiment. He later made application for pension; both are buried at Crabtree Cemetery near Petersburg, Marshall County, Tennessee
3. Frances Harriette Franklin, born 1838 in Tennessee; married 18 Sep 1859 in Marshall County, Tennessee by Zachariah Haislip, JP to James D. (David?) Berryhill, born about 1828 in Tennessee, (son of Linsfield Berryhill born 1800 in Augusta, Georgia, died 1880 in Bedford County, Tennessee and Elizabeth Miller born 1807 and died 1853 in Franklin County, Tennessee); both are buried in a graveyard on their farm on Shoal Creek near West Point, Lawrence County, Tennessee
4. Ambrose N. Franklin, born 4 Apr 1840 in Tennessee; enlisted 24 Nov 1862 in Company 1, 8th Tennessee Infantry. Buried at Indian Creek Baptist Church, Giles County, Tennessee; married 26 Jul 1863 in Marshall County, Tennessee by Zachariah Haislip, JP to M. E. Brown, born about 1841; family tradition is that she was Minerva Crabtree born 1851, died 1871 (daughter of William "Billy" Crabtree and Mary "Polly" Cunningham) who had possibly been married once before
5. Luther H. Franklin, born about 1841 in Marshall County, Tennessee, married 8 Oct 1867 in Marshall County, Tennessee to Charlotte "Lottie" Crabtree born 16 Nov 1858; died 16 Nov 1928 (daughter of William "Billy" Crabtree and Mary "Polly" Cunningham); she was 9 years old at the time of their marriage; he petitioned the court to appoint him as guardian over his minor wife; he was a cripple and the marriage appears to have been arranged; she is buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Pulaski, Giles County, Tennessee.
6. Milton Esom (Easom) Franklin (is the name "Esom" another clue to the David Franklin line of Burke County, North Carolina / Dekalb County, Georgia ??) born 14 Feb 1845 and died 1 Dec 1901 in Marshall County, Tennessee; married 15 Mar 1866 in Lincoln County, Tennessee by P. B. Marsh, JP to Hannah Crabtree (daughter of William "Billy" Crabtree and Mary "Polly" Cunningham), born 15 Dec 1845 in Marshall or Lincoln County, Tennessee, died 14 Feb 1918 in Marshall County, Tennessee; both are buried in the Wells graveyard in Marshall County (their son Tom Franklin married into the Wells family)
7. Mary Franklin, born Oct 1849 in Marshall County, Tennessee; married first Mr. Pace (???) and later John Houston Matthews; buried in the Berryhill graveyard near West Point, Lawrence County, Tennessee
8. Martha Franklin, born 1851 in Tennessee; no further record
9. Zachariah Franklin, born Dec 1855 in Marshall County, Tennessee; died 1924 in Lawrence County,

Tennessee; was orphaned when the last of his parents died about 1870 in Lawrence County, Tennessee and was sent back to Marshall County, Tennessee to live with his brother David J. Franklin; married 8 Jul 1874 in Marshall County, Tennessee by E. P. Cooper, JP to Nancy E. Harrison, born Aug 1852; they later moved to Lawrence County, Tennessee and are buried at the Neal graveyard near West Point, Lawrence County, Tennessee (Dr. W. W. Neal was the executor of Richard Franklin's estate)

That's right, four Franklin brothers married four Crabtree sisters. However, I'm not aware of a "Georgia" connection since the Crabtrees were from South Carolina (but of course they probably migrated through Georgia to Tennessee).

The apparent connection between the Richard Franklin and Mitchell

Franklin lines continues with the 1860-1870 migration of children of both men from Marshall County, Tennessee to Lawrence County, Tennessee and adjoining Wayne County, Tennessee. Descendants of both remain in Marshall, Lincoln, Giles, Lawrence and Wayne Counties of Tennessee today -- and have also scattered to the four corners of the earth!

My great-great-grandfather's name -- Milton Esom Franklin -- really makes me wonder about the Esom Franklin lines from Georgia and Tennessee I've seen discussed on various genealogy websites. According to what I've read, Wiley Esom Franklin was the son of David Franklin (son of John and Phoebe Parker Franklin) of Burke County, North Carolina who emigrated through South Carolina into Elbert County, Georgia, then to Baldwin County, Georgia, and into Dekalb County, Georgia where he died. Another version of the story is that Wiley Esom Franklin was the son of Philemon Franklin. I don't know a thing about either, but the "Esom" name makes me wonder.

There has been some speculation that our Richard Franklin was the son of Jonathan Franklin of Burke County, North Carolina who apparently had a son named Richard also born in 1807. At a recent family reunion, a cousin said he discounts this connection because he read somewhere that Jonathan's wife, Jenny Hood Franklin, was injured and their young son, Richard, died when their wagon overturned while passing through Cumberland Gap on the trip to Tennessee. According to what my cousin read, they went to the home of his brother, Moses Franklin, in Franklin County, Tennessee and recuperated there, possibly staying a couple years before moving on. Any information you might have to help me "close" this door would be appreciated.

Queries

My end-of-line Franklin is Singleton Franklin, my gggreat grandfather. He was born in Georgia in 1792, married Candace Temple in Hancock County, Georgia, in 1817.

They apparently had six children: girl born about 1818, girl born about 1820/1821, boy born about 1823, Alex H. born about 1827, Lucius born Nov 1828, Ann born 1835.

All were born in Hancock County, Georgia. Candace died before 1847/48, when Singleton moved with the three youngest children, Alex, Lucius and Ann, to Marion County, Georgia, where he is listed in the 1850 census, then to Neshoba County, Mississippi, where he is listed in the 1860 census.

Singleton's son Lucius "Quintus" Cincinnatus Franklin is my ancestor. I would love to find out more about all of his siblings. I can't find any records before the marriage in 1817 for Singleton. I have not one clue about Singleton's parents, where they came from, how the family came to be in Georgia. He's the end of the line -- so far, anyway. Any information would be greatly appreciated!

Diana Gunnarson <tgunnarson@earthlink.net>

Searching for Mary (Mara) Franklin who married William B. DaVall, Sr. on 19 Dec 1744 in Southold, Suffolk County, New York. Their children were: William, Jr., Samuel (married Hannah), Phinehas (married Jemima Howell) and Jemima (married Mr. Jessup).
 Florence Norback <flobhn@aol.com>

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