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He was born Jan. 12, 1922 in Albemarle to the late Roy Watkins Graves Sr. and Charlotte Dofflemeyer Graves.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the 29th Artillery Division Army Air Corp and as a pilot of the B-25 medium bomber and P-51 fighter. He retired as Captain in 1963 from the U.S. Army Officer Reserve Corp.

He operated Ivy Signs from 1957 to 1982. He served on the City of Charlottesville Sign Task Force and served on the Albemarle County Sign Advisory Committee.

In his later life, he was a member and instructor of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 81.

Survivors include two daughters, Jerry L. Graves of Ruckersville, Judy G. Haney of Charlottesville; two sons, Robert LeRoy Graves of Dyke and Thomas E. Graves of Standardsville.

He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Donald L. Steiner of Culpeper, Mrs. Clinton Inscoc of Melbourne, Fla., Mrs. Shirley Schleicher of Edgewater, Md.; three grandchildren, Leigh Ann Haney, Erika Anne Graves and Kevin Thomas Graves.”

GRAVES FAMILY NEWS

Mrs. Jacqueline M. Inscoc, 45 Nina Jean Dr., West Melbourne, FL 32904-1982, sent the sad news of the death of her brother, **LeRoy W. Graves**. His obituary follows.

“LeRoy Watkins Graves Jr., 74, of Culpeper [Virginia], died on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1996, at McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond.

Mr. William F. Graves, 9710 Barlow Rd., Fairfax, VA 22031 (nkyv10a@prodigy.com), descended from BARTLETT GRAVES and Rhoda Clay of VA & Wilson Co., TN, sent the following death notice for his father.

Fred Graves, son of William and Evelyn Graves, of Melissa, TX died 9 March 1997. He was born 27 Jan 1902 at Melissa. In 1920,

he married Velma Alice ("Top") Wallis and they had three children: Freida J, William F and Jack W. Top preceded him in death in 1987. In his early life, Fred was a tenant farmer, later a school bus driver and in 1937 a driver of a delivery truck for a Magnolia Petroleum distributorship. He retired from that job in 1972. He drove for that firm for 35 years with out an accident. He was proud of that. He is buried at Melissa Cemetery, Melissa, TX. He is survived by his 3 children, 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and

one great-great-grandson.

Mrs. Lynne E. Day, 96 Glen Summer Rd., Pasadena, CA 91105, descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA, sent the news that they have a new grandson. **Gordon Powell Massett** was born Nov. 3, 1996, son of Suzanne and Michael Massett.

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We were very sorry to hear from Mr. Harlan E. Ahlgren, P.O. Box 985, Sun City, CA 92586-0985, of the death of his wife. He is descended from Deacon GEORGE GRAVES of Hartford, CT. Excerpts from her obituary follow.

"Audrey Patricia Drake Ahlgren went home to be with Our Lord and Saviour at 4:20 AM at her residence in Menifee Valley, CA, on Monday, 7 Oct. 1996. She was born 29 Aug. 1929 at Augustana Hospital, Chicago, Cook Co., IL ... Audrey was the daughter of Albert Harmon and Florence Catherine Peatfield Drake of Chicago. She married Harlan Edward Ahlgren on 7 Sept. 1947 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Davenport, Scott Co., IA... They just had their 49th anniversary on 7 Sept. 1996. They have 3 sons, 6 grandchildren, and 3 step-grandchildren...

The family moved to Pasadena, CA in Oct. 1963. They lived in Altadena, Anaheim, Westminster, CA, and, upon Harlan's retirement, they moved to Menifee Valley, CA. She worked for NW Bell and Pacific Telephone Companies for 27½ years in Davenport, IA, Pasadena, Anaheim and Orange, CA.

Retired in 1983 after service as operator and in revenue accounting sections, her interests were writing short stories, church, grandchildren, gardening, reading, and family life."

Mrs. Nancy Anne Lovell, 11807 204th Ave. SE, Issaquah, WA 98027-8532, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, sent the sad news of the death of her husband, **W. McKaig ("Mac") Lovell**, on March 18, 1997 at home. A "Celebration of Life" memorial service was held on March 27. The service included words from the pastor, a long-time friend as soloist, stirring bagpipe music, a strong tribute from daughter Laura Lee, a poem read by grandson Frank, and shared memories from many in attendance (including a state senator and a King Co. councilman).

Mrs. Mary E. Terry, 300 Warrenton Shores Dr., Guntersville, AL 35976, sent the following obituary for her brother, also descended from THOMAS GRAVES and Judith ----- of NC, TN & AL. From *The Birmingham News*, Wed., April 16, 1997, page 7C.

"Graves, Mr. Boyd Hobson, age 87, of Homewood, died Monday, April 14, 1997. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on April 17, at Elmwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening 5 until 7 P.M. at Ridout's Valley Chapel in Homewood.

Mr. Graves was preceded in death by his father, Charley Henry Graves; mother, Alice Graves; sister, Gladys Hays; and his brother, Herman Graves, all of Garden City, Ala. He is survived by his wife, LaGatha W. Graves,

Homewood, daughter and son-in-law, Tammy G. and Daniel R. Compagno, Birmingham; three brothers, Charles F. Graves, Hayden, Parker Graves, Gardendale, George W. Graves, Gardendale; sister Mary E. Terry, Guntersville; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Mr. Graves was retired from the U.S. Postal Service and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II."

Mrs. Jeanne F. Thomas, 8494 Wesley Dr., Flushing, MI 48433 (jrthomas@tir.com), descended from JOHN GRAVES and Susannah ----- of SC & Carter Co., TN, has reported the death of former member **Mrs. Mary E. Darrah** of Kirkland, WA in January 1997. Mrs. Darrah was also descended from this John Graves.

Mrs. Larry D. Spurgin, 3470 Carlsbad Blvd., Carlsbad, CA 92008-3225, wrote that "on 3 May 1997, 30 relatives gathered to celebrate the 95th birthday of my father, **Robert B. Dozier** (#1641 in the Rear Admiral THOMAS GRAVES book). He continues to be in pretty good health and is considering a move to a retirement complex ... The party was held in South Laguna at the home of my sister, Pat Drew."

NEW, ON-LINE BULLETINS & NEWSLETTER

Starting immediately, a new Graves Family Association Bulletin will be sent to all Graves/Greaves descendants for whom we have e-mail addresses. The first trial issue of this was sent 5/23/97. The frequency of future bulletins hasn't been decided yet, but they will be sent periodically to all those who are interested. There will be no charge for this.

If you didn't receive the first one, it probably means I don't have your e-mail address. Send your address and you will be added to the distribution list. Also, if you get

an e-mail address in the future, or change the one you have, let me know so we can keep in communication.

This bulletin will initially be used for various notices, reminders, and time-dependent communication, and probably for summaries of some of the things that are in the newsletter.

Later, we will probably also have the complete Graves Family Newsletter available on-line at the GFA web site and/or by e-mail.

WOULD YOU LIKE FREE E-MAIL?

Do you have a computer and a modem but don't have e-mail yet? Or would you like to have e-mail but don't have a computer?

If lack of a computer is the reason you don't have e-mail, check with your local library. They may be able to offer you free access to the Internet on their computer. Once you have a way to access the Internet, you don't need to pay a monthly charge of \$19.95 or some other amount to get e-mail. You can get a free e-mail account from several sources. The most popular is probably Juno (<http://www.juno.com>), but there are others, including Hotmail (<http://www.hotmail.com>). The only drawback is that you usually have to look at a certain amount of advertising, but many people feel that is a small price for getting free e-mail.

You can even get a free website at Tripod (<http://www.tripod.com>), GeoCities (<http://www.geocities.com>), Angelfire (<http://www.Angelfire.com>), and elsewhere.

INFORMATION ABOUT HEREDITARY SOCIETIES, ETC. ON THE INTERNET

From time to time I get asked questions about hereditary societies. A good source of information is your local library. The book *Hereditary Society Blue Book* contains the membership requirements and addresses for many organizations.

For those of you who have access to the Internet, the home page of the *Hereditary Society Blue Book* is at http://members.tripod.com/~Historic_Trust/index.html. It has links to the home pages of many of these organizations. Some of the site addresses are Jamestowne Society at <http://www.jamestowne.org/history.htm>, Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities at <http://www.apva.org>, and Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters at <http://tyner.simplenet.com/PLANTERS.HTM>

FAMOUS DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES OF VA

At the reunion in Dallas, TX in Sept. 1996, a chart was shown of state governors and others who were descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA. Since people indicated an interest in having a copy of the chart, an enhanced version of it is on the next page.

If anyone knows of other illustrious Graves descendants who should be considered for inclusion, let me know.

In reviewing the descendants of Capt. Thomas Graves for this chart, it was interesting to see that, while the family does have some members who have achieved fame in various fields, the overwhelming majority of us are fairly ordinary folk (but each very special in our own way).

GFA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The new 1997 Graves Family Association membership directory has been mailed to all current members. It provides information about all members and their Graves ancestry. Since it has grown to 76 pages from the 51 pages of the previous directory in 1994, we may want to consider only sending it to members who request it or even charging for it in the future. Your comments and suggestions regarding the directory are invited.

ARCHITECT MICHAEL GRAVES

Michael Graves, one of America's most distinguished architects, was featured in the May 1996 issue of *Life Magazine*. He was asked by *Life* to design their third annual Dream House in 1996. At age 61, born in Indiana, with his office and home in Princeton, NJ, he is perhaps America's most visible and busiest designer, according to the article.

It would be of considerable interest if someone can discover something about his Graves ancestry.

His picture accompanies this article. The two pictures of buildings he designed are of the Swan and Dolphin hotels at Disney World, opened in 1989 and 1991, and Oregon's Portland Building, completed in 1982.

This information was sent by Mr. B. Leon Graves, P.O. Box 255568, Sacramento, CA 95865-5568, descended from John Graves (Johann Sebastian Graff). A previous article about Michael Graves was on p. 26, 1985 GFNL, and there was one in another issue also.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Ms. Joyce Ogle of Decatur, TX, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has changed her address to Rt. 6, Box 3-B, Decatur, TX 76234.

Mrs. Corinne G. Morrison, descended from THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT, has changed her winter address from Leesburg, FL to 101 Sage St., Pearce-Sunsites, AZ 85625.

Mrs. Lynne E. Day of Pasadena, CA, descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA, has moved to 96 Glen Summer Rd., Pasadena, CA 91105.

Mrs. Kathleen Taylor of Harrison, AR, descended from JOHN GRAVES (Johann Sebastian Graff), has changed her address to 5248 Newton Line Rd., Harrison, AR 72601.

Mr. Richard A. Graves, descended from FRANCIS IRVING GRAVES of IN & CA, has moved from Bothell, WA to 1225 138th St. SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012-5503.

Mrs. Ruby L. Robert, descended from THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT, has moved from Golden, CO to 9380 East Center Ave., Apt. 5B, Denver, CO 80231-1426.

Mr. Michael R. Graves of Roswell, GA, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has moved to 8770 Terrace Lane, Roswell, GA 30076.

Mr. Jerry A. Hunt of Austin, TX, descended from BEVERLY GRAVES of Caroline Co., VA, has moved to 5710 Fairlane Dr., Austin, TX 78757-4413.

Mr. Paul E. Helton of Shady Point, OK, descended from WILLIAM GRAVES and Tabitha Sanders of NC & AL, has changed his address to RR 1, Box 1597, Shady Point, OK 74956-9734.

Mr. James A. Graves, Jr., descended from SAMUEL GRAVES of Lynn, MA, has moved from Coral Gables, FL to 492 NW 98th Ct., Miami, FL 33172-4037.

Mrs. Pamela K. Rust of Evansville, IN, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has moved to 50 Adryan Way, Evansville, IN 47710.

Mrs. M. Martha Nelson of Wichita, KS, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has moved to 412 South Pershing, Wichita, KS 67218-1430.

Mrs. Louise F. Wilcox of El Reno, OK, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA and JOHN GRAVES of VA & NC, has moved to 909 South Macomb, El Reno, OK 73036-4718.

Ms. Alice Collier Clark of Plano, TX, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has moved to 5000 Old Shephard Place, #1514, Plano, TX 75093-4406.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

New Members

BRADDOCK, Mrs. Ruth B.
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Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, Henry White⁵, William⁶, Mary Anna⁷

FULSOM, Mr. Jack G.
Route 1, Box 175A, Lovelady, TX 75851
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis², Francis³, William⁴, Francis⁵, Luca⁶ m. James Spearman

GRAVES, Mr. Edward Frederick
1810 Walgra Meadows Circle, Meadow Vista, CA 95722
Ancestry: John Graves (Johann Sebastian Graff)

GRAVES, Mrs. Florence
13113 Gladden, Houston, TX 77049-2913
Ancestry: George W. Graves and Laurana ----- of Sumner Co., TN

GRAVES, Mr. Joseph A., Sr.
15 Hinsdale Lane, Willingboro, NJ 08046
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, Ralph⁵, Richard⁶, William⁷, Josiah⁸

HARRIS, Mr. Stanley
2246 Carrollwood Lane, Cordova, TN 38018-8427
Ancestry: Unknown

HOPE, Mr. Gerald
Box 489, Bonham, TX 75418

Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, Henry White⁵, son⁶, Thomas⁷

HOUGH, Ms. Harriet
5012 Knob View Trail, Winston-Salem, NC 27104
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, Henry White⁵, Elizabeth⁶ m. Joshua Coffee

LYNDE, Mrs. Dorothy L.
RR 1, Box 594, Walpole, NH 03608
Ancestry: John Graves of Concord, MA

McCLEARY, Mrs. Mary Lee
P.O. Box 333, Clarksville, MD 21029
Ancestry: John Greaves of St. Mary's Co., MD

PLUMLEE, Mr. M. Wayne
4059 Haven St., St. Louis, MO 63116
Ancestry: Hugh Madison Graves and Henrietta Turner of TN, IL & AR

PRICE, Mrs. Lois J.
129 Brenneman Rd., Portersville, PA 16051
Ancestry: Unknown

PURVIS, Mr. Charles L.
4274 Lakeview Drive, Ogden, UT 84403
Ancestry: Sarah Jane Graves and William A. Purvis of Anson Co., NC

REWERTS, Ms. Janice L.
P.O. Box 1594, Leoti, KS 67861
Ancestry: John Graves (Johann Sebastian Graff)

ROGERS, Mr. David O.
399 Akorn Street, Cocoa, FL 32927-4811
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Thomas³, John⁴, Thomas⁵, John⁶, Ann⁷ m. Bartlett Yancey

ROGERS, Mr. Young William, III
111 John C. Rogers Drive, Center, TX 75935
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis², Francis³, William⁴, William⁵, William⁶, Mary Ann⁷

STAMPER, Mrs. Jackie K.
Rt. 1, Box 869-2, Osage Beach, MO 65065
Ancestry: Charles L. Graves and Amanda Eaves of NC & MO

SWEENEY, Mrs. Bettianne L.
128 Crownpoint Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185
Ancestry: James Graves and Mary Copeland of VA & GA

WALSH, Ms. Patricia
1439 Dahlia St., Denver, CO 80220

Ancestry: John Graves (Johann Sebastian Graff)

WIGHT, Mrs. Kristen Reed
926 250th Ave. NE, Redmond, WA 98053
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis², Thomas³, John⁴, John⁵, John⁶, Absolom⁷, Robert Kirtley⁸

Changes & Corrections

The descendants of Gideon Graves and Carolina Scott of VT (gen. 11) have been determined to be descended from Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT & Hatfield, MA (gen. 168). This changes the ancestry of members Mrs. Georgia L. Graves and James R. & Pat Hinkley.

Hiram Graves and Sarah Beebe of NY & WI (gen. 572) is a son of Gideon Graves and Carolina Scott, and thus also descended from Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT. This changes the ancestry of member Mrs. Sue Rogers Schwaber.

QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

MISCELLANEOUS GRAVES FAMILIES

Mrs. Earl H. Graves, 404 South 79th St. West, Muskogee, OK 74401-8593, is anxious to learn more about her ancestor HUMPHREY ISAAC GREAVES of NC. He is said to have been born in England, possibly as early as 1745. He emigrated to America and settled in what is now North Carolina prior to the Revolutionary War, in which he is said to have been a soldier. His only known child was also named Humphrey Isaac Greaves, born 19 Jan. 1770, died about 1826, married Jane Baker.

It appears that H. I Greaves Sr. owned land near the Savannah River in Richmond Co., GA, and he or his son also owned land in Franklin Co., Greene Co., and Columbia Co. (formed from Richmond Co.), GA. H. I. Greaves Jr., called Isaac, and his family moved to Zanesville, OH in 1800, and then moved to Bartholomew Co., IN in 1824. They belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church.

The descent is: (1) Humphrey Isaac Greaves, b. 1745, (2) Humphrey Isaac Graves, b. 1770, (3) Alexander Tivis Graves, b. 1817, (4) Humphrey Baker Graves, b. 1839, (5) Earl Harrison Graves, b. 1888, (6) Earl Homer Graves, b. 1918, (7) Valerie Olivelle Graves,

b. 1945, m. Gary Bullard, 6 June 1996, Muskogee, OK, and Gregory Randall Graves, b. 1952, m. Francine ----- (a son, William Moore⁸ Graves, b. 14 July 1996, Santa Barbara, CA).

Ms. Ruth Mallory, 3506 Elm Dr., Temple, TX 76502-2230 (HMAL3506@aol.com), is looking for information on CELESTINE GRIEVES. Her husband was WILLIAM GRIEVES, and she believes her father to be Enoch L. Stephens. She also believes that Celestine, Eugene Boisseaux, and Virginia Tatem may be from a first marriage of Enoch Stephens, and may all be brothers and sisters (perhaps at least Eugene by a first marriage of their mother). Ms. Mallory is descended from the second wife of Enoch Stephens.

She sent a document from North Carolina Superior Court, Beaufort Co., Clerk's Office, dated July 31, 1893, for Charles M. Brown, plaintiff, against Eugene Boisseaux, William Grieves and wife Celestine, W. J. Hall, Rosa B. Hall, Pala Hall, Mary M. Hall, and Sarah E. Hall, the last 6 being infants under the age of 21. It states that Enoch L. Stephens died in 1877 intestate and left the following children and heirs at law: Eugene Boisseaux, Celestine Grieves, Virginia Tatem, William Stephens, Mary F. Hollowell, Luke Stephens and Alexander Stephens, and Sallie Hall.

It appears that there were 6 children, although later in the document reference is made to 7 children (perhaps one died): Alex, Mary, Frank, Luke, Eugene Boisseaux, Celestine Grieves, and Sallie Hall.

Who is this William Grieves, and can anyone tell more about Celestine?

Mr. Greg Rogers, 3507 Wild Flower Way, Concord, CA 94518 (GNRogers@aol.com), is looking for his Graves ancestry.

"According to family oral history, back around 1870-2 there were two friends working in the Welland, Ontario, Canada area. A baby was born to a Charles Graves/Greaves who gave the baby to James Rogers (a dredging

engineer from New York working on the canal). Graves/Greaves was English by birth and was supposedly the son of a minister from the Southampton area of England. It was unclear why the baby was given up or what Graves/Greaves's profession was at the time. We do have a picture of him in our family files. The baby was named Charles Edwin Rogers after an unofficial adoption by the Rogers family. My great-aunt (his daughter and since died) refused to share any info regarding the matter due to a concern that the adoption and entry into the States was illegal.

In doing some research at the Family History Library at Salt Lake City, we came across some info regarding a Doctor Charles Greaves who was in the same area during this time and had children. It appeared that his wife had died sometime around 1871-3, which might have accounted for the possible adoption. We weren't able to find any proof of a baby being born on the date which my great-grandfather celebrated his birthday (4 January, 1872).

Here's the info I have on my great grandfather and the Charles Graves we uncovered in Ontario.

Charles Edwin Rogers: born 4 January 1872 in Welland, Ontario, Canada. Was taken in at a very early age (date unknown) by James and Sarah (Hitchcock) Rogers. He shows up in the 1880 census as being 9 years old (b. 1871) and shows place of birth as Canada. The 1900 census shows him as being 28 years old (b. Jan 1872). He married Frances Grace Shulenburg on 26 June 1895 in Watkins Glen, New York. They resided in Watkins Glen, then Geneva, NY for the remainder of their lives. He died on 2 December 1955 in Geneva. We are unsure if he was actually adopted or naturalized (there are no formal records we can find).

He had two children: Charles Harold Rogers (b. 16 June 1896, d. 25 May 1962) who married Maebelle Lorraine Johnson 1 June 1923, divorced 23 Oct 1944. Other child was Sara Josephine Rogers (b. 25 July 1905, d. unmarried 30 Jan 1982).

Charles H. and Maebelle had two children: Charles Edwin Rogers (my father) (b. 29 Dec 1929) and Harold Alan (b. 20 Feb 1925). Both are still living.

Here is the info we have on Charles Graves: Oral history states that he was the son of a minister from Southampton, England. He was living in the Welland Canal area during the 1870's and knew James Rogers, a dredging engineer who was working on the Welland Canal restoration during that time. James and family were residents of Watkins Glen, NY. Oral history states that Graves returned to England shortly after this period.

We found the following info on a Charles Graeves in a book titled *Chronicles of Wainfleet Township* at the Family History Library in SLC. Wainfleet is in the Welland area of Ontario. "One of the earliest doctors in Wainfleet Township was Dr. Charles Graeves. Dr. Graeves, his wife, Martha Jane, and children William and Mary, lived on the line between Lots 23 and 24, Concession 5, now Bradshaw Road. Martha Jane died in 1873, aged 36 years and William died in 1881, aged ten years. They are buried in Willson Cemetery. Mary moved to the United States. It is not known when Dr. Graeves died as he is not buried in Willson Cemetery." It shows that this info was submitted by Mrs. Jasmine Kitchen (book was published in 1992). The death of Martha Jane would certainly coincide with an adoption and would be a reason for Graeves to give up the baby."

Mr. Wayne Plumlee, 4059 Haven St., St. Louis, MO 63116 (Way59@aol.com), is searching for the parents and ancestry of HUEY (or HUGH) M. GRAVES, born about 1840 in southern Illinois, died 1914 in Marmaduke, Greene Co., AR (northeast AR). He married Henrietta Turner in 1859. Their children were: Ida, Susie, Della, Jimmy, Johnny, Lucillis, Charlie, Gertie, Lusco, Oliver, Molly, and Annie. Some of the family stayed in IL and some moved to AR. Huey's mother or grandmother or aunt may have been

Hannah Graves. Hannah may have lived in TN before moving to IL.

The 1850 census for Williamson Co., IL shows the following. It appears that this may be two families combined.

Hannah Graves	57/F	KY
Elisabeth Graves	22/F	TN
Elisa Graves	19/F	TN
Carroll Graves	18/M	TN
Calvin Graves	16/M	TN
Elisabeth Graves	21/F	IL
Adatina Graves	14/F	TN
Hugh Graves	11/M	IL

(ED. NOTE: This is the same family as that of Mr. James C. Graves, 8619 North Marion Ave., Clovis, CA 93612. He identified Hugh as Hugh Madison Graves. He said that Hugh with brother Calvin and sister Adaline crossed the Ohio River on ice in a 14 wagon caravan from TN into Marion, IL about the 1840's. Calvin and Adaline went to TX. Hugh raised 2 families in Marion and then migrated to Paragould, AR.)

Mrs. Juanita Smith Cooper, 13 Travertine Lane, #6, Livingston, MT 59047, is looking for information about MARY JANE GRAVES or ELIZABETH GRAVES. Which one married David McCoy? When? Where? They had a daughter Malinda, born 15 July 1817 in Kanawah, VA (now WV). Malinda married William F. Smith.

Mrs. Charlotte K. Walker, 4847 Willow Lane, Dallas, TX 75244-7606, descended from JOHN GRAVES and Sarah Noble of MD & KY, asks: "Does anyone have an ancestor named JESSE (or JESSAMINE) GRAVES? Background would be Maryland, St. Mary's Co., or, possibly, Frederick Co., before going to KY. One of mine married Martha Downs, daughter of John Downs. Another married Elizabeth Gannon, daughter of James Gannon. Both marriages were in KY. There is another one, Jesse, son of George Greaves/Graves, who was born in MD about 1740's or 1750's."

GRAVES FAMILIES OF THE BRITISH ISLES

Ms. Nancy Howland (nhowland@nemonet.com), is not a Graves descendant, but she submitted the interesting profile below to H. W. ("Bud") Graves, who passed it on to me. Does anyone know of descendants or ancestors of this family?

From *History of Johnson Co., Missouri*, by Ewing Cockrell, Topeka, Historical Pub. Co., c. 1918, pp. 974-975:

THOMAS GRAVES, a capable and progressive farmer and stockman of Montserrat township, was born in 1863 in Cumberlandshire, England. He is a son of Joseph and Nellie (Woods) Graves, both of whom were natives of England. Joseph Graves was born in 1833 in Cumberlandshire, England. Mr. and Mrs. Graves were united in marriage in 1860 at New Castle, England. Joseph Graves was a miner in the old country. When he emigrated from England with his two sons, Isaac, who now lives at Mulberry, Kansas, and Thomas, the mother having died in England, and came to America in 1864, he followed the vocation of mining in this country. Mr. Graves located first in Massachusetts and for a time was employed in work on a mammoth tunnel then in the process of construction in that state. From Massachusetts, he went to Superior, Michigan, where he was employed in the copper mines. After one year of labor in the copper mines, Joseph Graves moved to Orangeville, Pennsylvania, and worked in the coal mines, remaining at that place four years. From the coal mines of Pennsylvania, he went to the coal mines of Ohio, and for eight years resided in Nelsonville. When his son, Thomas, was sixteen years of age, Mr. Graves moved from Ohio to Missouri and settled on a prairie farm for which he had traded property in Nelsonville. This farm comprised one hundred acres of land, where Mr. Graves lived for some time engaged in raising stock and in general farming. After thirty years, he sold the place and moved to a better farm north of Knob Noster, where he spent the last years of

his life. His death occurred in 1911 on his farm near Knob Noster and interment was made in a private cemetery there. Joseph Graves had been married to Mary M. Arner while residing in Pennsylvania and to them were born three children: James, Knob Noster, Missouri; Mrs. Allie Skidmore, Knob Noster, Missouri; and Mrs. Ella Moorehouse, Wichita, Kansas.

March 23, 1891, Thomas Graves and Mary C. Hurd, of Johnson county, were married. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graves have been born seven children: Joe C., born May 31, 1892; Nellie, born December 16, 1894; Hannah J., born January 31, 1897; W. Thomas, born December 25, 1898; Hattie M., born November 17, 1900; Edna D., born December 15, 1905; and Herbert E., born June 12, 1910. Mr. Graves moved to his present country home in 1897. The Graves farm comprises 95 acres of land and is one of the best of the small stock farms in Johnson county. Mr. Graves is engaged in general farming and stock raising and has been very successful. He and Mrs. Graves are held in highest respect and esteem in their community, where they have scores of friends.

Ms. Pam Norvall, 1089 Greenhaven Dr., Yuba City, CA 95991 (jnorvall@aol.com), is searching for relatives of THOMAS GRIEVE who was b.c. 1780 in Gorbals, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and married Elizabeth Scott about 1800 in Scotland. They emigrated in 1844 to Scott Co., IA. Elizabeth's parents were William Scott and Jean McFarland (Pam's 5th g-grandparents).

Thomas and Elizabeth had 2 children, both born in Gorbals, Scotland: Isabell Grieve, b. 4 Dec. 1803, and John Thomas Grieve, b. 10 Jan. 1807, d. 10 Sept. 1875, Long Grove, Scott Co., IA, m. Elizabeth Robertson.

Mr. William Haylock, 2 Forrest Ave., Marino, South Australia 5049, Australia, would like to learn more about his Graves

ancestry. The first 3 generations of his family are shown below.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GRAVES AND
LYDIA WOODS OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE,
ENGLAND & AUSTRALIA

GENERATION 1

John Graves (1) was baptized about 1811 and died 18 May 1877. He married Lydia Woods on 18 May 1831 Milton, Cambridgeshire, England. She was baptized about 1817 and died 5 June 1886.

Their daughter, Ann, and her husband, emigrated from Southampton, England in 1853. The following year, John and Lydia emigrated with 6 of their children. The shipping list for the "Prestongee Bomangee" showed it left Southampton and arrived in Port Adelaide, South Australia on 8 Oct. 1854.

On the same ship were the parents of Martin Fullston (Ann's husband), John and Jemima (Watts) Fullston, and 7 of Martin's siblings. They were all from Cambridgeshire.

James Graves, the first child of John and Lydia, was married prior to the family migrating. It appears he remained in England.

Children - Graves

2. James Graves, bapt. 1832, m. Mary Pierson, 21 May 1854 (Cottenham Parish Church, by banns).
- +3. Ann Graves, bapt. 1835, m. Martin Fullston, 14 Feb. 1853.
4. John Graves, bapt. 1837.
5. Elizabeth Graves, bapt. 1840.
6. Harriot Graves, bapt. 1844.
7. Caroline Graves, bapt. 1847.
8. Ezra Graves, bapt. 1851, m. Sarah Jane Merritt.
9. William Graves, bapt. 1853.
10. Bertie (probably Albert) Graves; he was not found in the South Australia birth index, and did not emigrate with the others. Perhaps he was born between other children and died before the family left England.

GENERATION 2

Ann Graves (3) was baptized in 1835. She married Martin Fullston, son of John Fullston and Jemmima Watts, on 14 Feb. 1853 at the Parish Church, Cottenham, Cambridgeshire, by banns. He was baptized in 1832 and died 18 Aug. 1903. The Fullston name is sometimes spelled Fulston and Fullstone.

Ann and Martin emigrated from Southampton, England to Adelaide, South Australia on the "Calabar", arriving 1 Aug. 1853. Ann was 18 and Martin 21, both from Cambridgeshire, according to the shipping list.

Children - Fullston

11. Lydia Fullston, bapt. 29 Nov. 1853.
12. Emma Fullston, bapt. 8 Nov. 1855, m. ----- Hill.
13. John Martin Fullston, bapt. 24 June 1857, m. Christina Selina Battersby, d. 1921. She was bapt. 1856, d. 1942.
14. James Fullston, bapt. 6 June 1860, never married, d. 2 Feb. 1862.
- +15. James Fullston, bapt. 19 Nov. 1862, m. Norah Riordan Reading, 4 Dec. 1880, d. 19 March 1947.
16. Ezra Fullston, b. 13 April 1865, m. Emily -----, d. 20 Feb. 1892.
17. Minnie Ann Fullston, bapt. 1872, m. ----- Phelps, d. 1927.
18. Ernest Graves Fullston, bapt. 16 Sept. 1873.
19. Albert Fullston, bapt. 2 Dec. 1874.
20. Martha Jane Fullston, bapt. 10 May 1877, m. ----- Phelps.
21. Samuel Graves, bapt. 13 June 1878.

GENERATION 3

James Fullston (15) was baptized 19 Nov. 1862 and died 19 March 1947. He married Norah Riorden ("Rebecca") Reading on 4 Dec. 1880. She was baptized 18 Feb. 1857 and died 23 Jan. 1936.

Children - Fullston

22. Lydia Ann Fullston, bapt. 21 May 1881, m. Stewart Cameron.
23. James Ernest Fullston, bapt. 17 Sept. 1882, m. Elsie Lower. She d. 15 June 1972.

24. Mabel Maud Fullston, bapt. 27 June 1884, m. John Harold Fewster.
25. Elsie May Fullston, bapt. 6 Aug. 1885, m. Alexander Badenoch.
26. Florence Adelaide Fullston, bapt. 15 March 1888, m. Julius Eugene Wilhelm Schultz, 10 Jan. 1910. He was bapt. 25 Oct. 1888.
27. Arthur Alfred Fullston, bapt. 26 April 1891, d. 16 July 1891.
28. Alice Emma Fullston, bapt. 10 Sept. 1894, m. William Ralph Sandercock.
- +29. Gladys Ruth Fullston, bapt. 4 Aug. 1896, m. William George Haylock, 6 May 1926, d. 28 Nov. 1989.

Mr. Joseph A. Greaves, 37 Marland St., Kenmore, Queensland 4069, Australia, is looking for the ancestry of his ANTHONY GREAVES (his previous query was on p. 130, 1996 GFNL). The first 2 generations of the family are below.

DESCENDANTS OF ANTHONY GREAVES
AND ISABELLA GIBSON
OF DURHAM CO., ENGLAND

GENERATION 1

Anthony Greaves (1) was born in 1851 in Thornley, Durham, England, and died in Houghton Le Spring, Durham, England. Although his birth in the March quarter of 1851 was registered at Easington, the 1891 census shows his birth parish as Thornley. He married Isabella Gibson, daughter of Joseph Gibson and Eliza Downey, in the September quarter of 1871 in Bishop Auckland, Durham, England. She was born about 1851 in Ipswich, Queensland, Australia, and died about 1935 in Houghton Le Spring, Durham, England.

The family has not been found in the 1881 census. The 1891 census showed that Anthony was a mason, aged 39, and Isabella, his Australian born wife, was 35. Their family consisted of John E., 17, Liddle, 15, coal miners, and Catherine, 8, scholar, all born in the Spennymoor parish, Anthony, 6, scholar,

and William, 1, both born at Dubmire, Newbottle. They were living in George Street, Dubmire. Another daughter, Gertrude Isabella, was born in the June quarter of 1893 in the Houghton-Le-Spring district.

Children - Greaves

2. John E. Greaves, b.c. 1873.
3. Liddle Greaves, b.c. 1876.
4. Catherine Greaves, b.c. 1883. She and her brother William migrated to Canada after World War I.
- +5. Anthony Greaves, b. 5 March 1885, m. Elizabeth Raine, 1906, d. 1 Oct. 1957.
- +6. William Gibson Greaves, b. May 1890, m. -----.
7. Gertrude Isabella Greaves, b. May 1893.

GENERATION 2

Anthony Greaves (5) was born 5 March 1885 in Dubmire, Newbottle, Durham, England, and died 1 Oct. 1957 in Wallsend, New South Wales, Australia. He married Elizabeth Raine, daughter of Joseph Hunter Raine and Jane Ann Tate, in 1906 in Houghton Le Spring, Durham, England. She was born 1 March 1885 in Shiney Row, Durham, England, and died in 1958 in Newcastle, NSW, Australia. Anthony migrated to Australia in 1913, leaving his wife and children behind until he could afford to have them follow him. The family was reunited in 1915 in Newcastle, NSW. Their first 3 children were born in Newbottle, Durham, England, and the next 2 in Waratah, NSW, Australia.

Children - Greaves

- +8. Joseph Anthony Greaves, b. 2 July 1906, m. Doris Edith Brown, 14 Sept. 1929, d. June 1985.
- +9. Edward Greaves, b. 25 Aug. 1910, m. Doreen Casey, 27 July 1933, d. 4 July 1964.
- +10. Thomas Raine Greaves, b. 2 Jan. 1913, m. Marie Florence Tonks, 1941, d. 20 July 1994.
- +11. James Henry Greaves, b.c. 1920, m. Sheila Cox, 1948, d. Feb. 1985.

- +12. Doris Greaves, b. 4 Jan. 1922, m(1) Russell Jones, c. 1950, m(2) Archibald G. Lee.

William Gibson Greaves (6) was born in May 1890 in Dubmire, Newbottle, Durham, England. He married -----. William served as an observer in the Royal Flying Corps in World War I. After the war, he and his sister Catherine migrated to Canada.

Children - Greaves

- 13. William Greaves

NORTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES

Mr. Thomas F. Graves, 4119 Heatherglen St., Bay City, TX 77414, is still looking for the ancestry of his SYLVESTER GRAVES. He had a previous query on p.115, 1995 GFNL. The following genealogy summarizes what he knows about this part of the family.

DESCENDANTS OF SYLVESTER GRAVES
AND HARRIET MORRISON
OF MA & MO

GENERATION 1

Sylvester Graves (1) was born 13 Feb. 1818 in Berkshire Co., MA, and died 14 Oct. 1880 in Marshfield, MO. He was buried outside Marshfield on a farm with his wife and Henry Martin and his wife. He married Harriet Morrison on 12 Sept. 1840 in North East, MA, by Charles Patterson, JP. She was born 22 Nov. 1824.

He owned a farm in Mount Washington, Berkshire Co., MA, where he apparently farmed. The farm was foreclosed on in 1844. He served in the Civil War, enlisting at Cornwall, CT (although he was living in West Cornwall at the time). He was in the 11th Conn. USV and 2nd Regiment C.V. Heavy Artillery. His normal trade when enlisting was a carpenter. In Marshfield he was listed on the 1880 census in Ozark Twp., Webster Co., MO as a farmer.

With respect to the fact that their son Warner was also called Downing Warner Graves, it is interesting to see that one of the descendants of Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT had this same name. That person was #2055 in the book on that family, was born 4 Nov. 1799, died 16 Feb. 1860 in Williamsburg, Hampshire Co. (next to Berkshire Co.), MA, and married Sarah Wells in 1826 in Goshen, Hampshire Co., MA. Perhaps there is a connection.

Children - Graves

- +2. Warner Graves, b. 22 Jan. 1842, m. Anna L. Sartain, 22 July 1870, d. 29 Aug. 1910.
- 3. Sena Lucretia Graves, b. 17 Feb. 1844.
- 4. Andrew Jefferson Graves, b. 5 Nov. 1846, d. 20 Sept. 1864.
- 5. Mary Elizabeth Graves, b. 20 Aug. 1848, d. 6 Nov. 1872.
- 6. Lucelia Permelia Graves, b. 6 Oct. 1850. She is probably the Mrs. Celia Harrington who d. 10 Oct. 1868 (as recorded in the family Bible).
- 7. Henry Martin Graves, b. 13 Sept. 1852.
- 8. Thurry Ann Graves, b. 16 Nov. 1854.
- 9. Eatith Ellen Graves, b. 30 March 1857, d. 17 Sept. 1861.
- 10. Eatith Ellen Graves, b. 25 Nov. 1861.
- 11. Mirra Arsella Graves, b. 24 Sept. 1866.

GENERATION 2

Warner Graves (2), also known as Warren and Downing Warner Graves, was born 22 Jan. 1842 at Mount Washington, MA, died 29 Aug. 1910, and was buried at Napa, CA. He married Anna L. Sartain on 22 July 1870 at Marshfield, MO.

He served in the Civil War as Cpl., "I" Co., 5th Conn., USV. He served from the opening campaigns to Chattanooga, Tenn., discharged because of expiration of enlistment. He fought at Cedar Mt., Winchester, Chancelorville and Gettysburg. He was captured on 21 July 1863 at Snicker's Gap, VA, was paroled, and finished up his tour at Chattanooga.

He went to Missouri after the war and tried his hand at farming. He became the general

manager of the Continental Insurance Co. (Western Division), and owned and operated a gold mine at West Point, CA for investment purposes.

Children - Graves

- +12. John Wesley Graves, b. 17 Feb. 1874, m. Grace Gertrude France, 4 Dec. 1894, d. 27 July 1942.

GENERATION 3

John Wesley Graves (12) was born 17 Feb. 1874 in MO, died 27 July 1942, and was buried at Long Beach, CA. He married Grace Gertrude France in Kansas City, MO. He was a mining engineer at his father's gold mine in West Point, CA. He later became a building contractor and built many of the prominent early buildings in Long Beach. There is one example of his work left called the Blackstone Hotel. He was a fighter, taking no lip from any man.

Children - Graves

13. Downing W. Graves, b. 1895, d. 1910. He was shot in the eye by a .22 rifle that was supposed to be unloaded.
- +14. Thomas Bayse France Graves, b. 25 March 1898, m. Doris A. Shockley, 29 Sept. 1929, d. 12 March 1977.

GENERATION 4

Thomas Bayse France Graves (14) was born 25 March 1898 in Chillicothe, MO, died 12 March 1977, and was buried at Long Beach, CA. He married Doris A. Shockley on 29 Sept. 1929 in Long Beach, CA. He was an artist and a painting contractor whose clients were some of the notables of Hollywood. He died without an enemy in the world.

Children - Graves

- +15. Thomas France Graves, b. 7 March 1935, m(1) Cheryl Schuder, 21 Jan. 1956, m(2) Dixie Graves, 17 July 1985.

Mr. Charles A. Neff, 121 Bethesda Circle, Elyria, OH 44035 (cneff@cyberdrive.net), is looking for more information about his

ancestor ALVAH GRAVES and the earlier ancestry.

DESCENDANTS OF ALVAH GRAVES
AND TABITHA WITHROW
OF NY & IL

GENERATION 1

Alvah ("Alvey") Graves (1) was born 16 May 1801 in NY. He married Tabitha Withrow on 15 Feb. 1829 in Sangamon Co., IL. She was born 15 April 1811 in KY. They are noted in a book on the *Early Settlers of Sangamon County, IL*. It says that they moved to Macoupin Co., IL, and there died, leaving several children. This must have been before 1860, since the 1860 census shows their youngest child, William F., living in Sangamon Co. at age 8 with Thomas and Sarah Neff.

Children - Graves

2. Lucretia I. Graves, b. 10 June 1830.
3. Caroline F. Graves, b. 28 Nov. 1831.
- +4. Sarah A. Graves, b. 16 June 1834, m. Thomas Neff, 13 Dec. 1855, d. 1898.
5. Mary E. Graves, b. 23 July 1836.
6. Nancy E. Graves, b. 20 Dec. 1838.
7. Francis M. Graves, b. 21 Dec. (?) 1840.
8. Eliza E. Graves, b. 15 Dec. 1842.
9. Margaret L. Graves, b. 1 Aug. 1844.
10. Amanda L. Graves, b. 2 June 1847.
11. Susanah Graves, b. 16 Feb. 1849.
12. William F. Graves, b. 5 Oct. 1851.

GENERATION 2

Sarah A. Graves (4) was born 16 June 1834 in IL, and died in 1898. She married Thomas Neff on 13 Dec. 1855. He was born 2 April 1829 and died in 1883. Thomas and Sarah moved to Macoupin Co., IL, and lived there until they died.

Children - Neff

13. Eliza Francis Neff, b. 5 June 1857.
14. Margaret Alice Neff, b. 10 May 1860.
15. William Edward Neff, b. 25 Nov. 1866. Grandfather of Charles A. Neff.
16. Wilber Everett Neff, b. 25 Nov. 1866.

Mrs. Melba Yandel, 9509 Byron Ave., Surfside, FL 33154 (yandel@worldnet.att.net), is looking for the parents and earlier ancestors of JOHN GRAVES, b. 1808, d. 1883 at Knox, ME. He married Eliza -----, who was b. 1808 and d. 1874. Their children were: James, b. 1831, m. Mary Bornes, 1860; Mary C., b. 1833; Emeline, b. 1840; Frances, b. 1843, d. 1922, Lowell, MA, m. Isaac Penny, 1862; John Jr., b. 1845. The family was living in Knox, ME in 1850.

THOMAS GRAVES OF HARTFORD, CT

Mrs. Patricia L. Hinkley, 2311 South Zinnia, Mesa, AZ 85208-5222, has discovered that her husband's ancestor, GIDEON GRAVES who married Carolina Scott of VT, is a descendant of THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT. The descent is: Thomas¹, John², Samuel³, Noah⁴, Reuben⁵, Gideon⁶ (#565 in book), Gideon⁷ m. Carolina Scott. She found the connection in the LDS Library in Salt Lake City in a supplement to the book by John Card Graves submitted in 1944 by Jennie Parrish Stewart. The connecting information is below. (ED. NOTE: This connection agrees with the analysis that I had made, based on naming patterns, pension information, etc.)

GENERATION 6

Gideon Graves (565) was born 24 June 1753, and died 13 Dec. 1824 in Saratoga Co., NY. He served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Capt. Spears' Co., minute men, and in Capt. Moses Frary's Co., Col. Brewer's Regt., a Sergeant in Capt. Nathan Goodale's Co., Col. Putnam's 5th Regt., 1781. In 1782 he enlisted for the war, Crane's artillery.

He was said by John Card Graves to have died in service in the Rev. War, but that is not correct. He settled in Saratoga Co., NY, where he was on the pension roll, and where he died.

The Rev. War pension files lists a Gideon Graves, S44883, Mass Line. Soldier applied 27 April 1818, Saratoga Co., NY, aged 64. In

1820 he had a wife Catharine, aged 53, and 2 children, William B., aged 10, and Catharine Maria Eaton, at home (could these have been grandchildren?).

Children - Graves

- 1340a. Bailey Graves
- 1340b. Andrew Graves
- +1340c. Gideon Graves, b. 17 April 1776, m. Carolina Scott, 24 Jan. 1798, d. Oct. 1811.
- 1340d. Eunice Graves
- 1340e. Avis Graves

GENERATION 7

Gideon Graves (1340c) was born 17 April 1776 in Rupert, VT, and died in Oct. 1811 in VT, while away from home. He married Carolina ("Lina" or "Lena") Scott, daughter of David Scott and Bertha (correct name believed to be Bethiah) Easterbrook (often spelled Esterbrook), on Wednesday, 24 Jan. 1799 in Rupert, Bennington Co., Vt. She was born Saturday, 22 June 1782, and died 5 Sept. 1871 in Rockford, Winnebago Co., IL. All their children were born in Wells, Rutland Co., Vt.

After Gideon died, Caroline married Daniel Sumner (Sr.) of Vt. on 6 Feb. 1812. She and her family were the first to acquire land in Chestnut Ridge, Erie Co., N.Y., and the first to settle there. Their first home was a log cabin on Chestnut Ridge Road. She was a dominant personality and rode horseback the entire distance from Wells, Rutland Co., Vt., to Chestnut Ridge. She had six children by this second marriage, five daughters and one son, all born in Chestnut Ridge, N.Y. The township at that time was Hamburg, and the post office address was Potter's Corners (later Orchard Park). Their children were Credulia, Esther, Daniel, Jr., Perses, Caroline, and Shubel.

Children - Graves

- +2647a. Hiram Graves, b. 27 Feb. 1800, m. Sarah Beebe, June 1823, d. 1869.
- 2647b. William Graves, b. 24 Jan. 1802, d. 8 Sept. 1802 (Wells, VT). Bur. in VT.

+2647c. Stephen Van Rensselaer Graves, b. 29 June 1805, m. Delana Perry, 1 Jan. 1829, d. 6 June 1882.

JOHN GRAVES (JOHANN SEBASTIAN GRAFF)

Mrs. Pat Graves Reagan, 214 Adams St., Neenah, WI 54956 (vpreagan@athenet.net), has been working on learning more about her Graves ancestry. She is descended from 4 children of JOHN GRAVES, as shown on the chart on the next page.

She mentioned that she has been using several different genealogy programs – Family Tree Maker, Family Gathering, and Roots V. She also indicated an interest in a reunion for those descended from German Graves families, and a trip to Germany similar to the planned trip to England.

Mrs. Janice Rewerts, P.O. Box 1594, Leoti, KS 67861 (ellis@pld.com), is very interested in her part of the family. Her descent from J. S. GRAFF is: John¹, Jacob², John³, b. 1772, m. Sarah Sharp, Anthony⁴, Jacob⁵, Isabell⁶, Lillie Lenor⁷ Landrum m. Samuel Zink (grandparents of Janice).

SOUTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES

Mr. Paul E. Helton, Rt. 1, Box 1597, Shady Point, OK 74956, is looking for information and a marriage record for his WILLIAM GRAVES and Tabitha Sanders about 1827-28 in Montgomery Co. or Randolph Co., NC. William was born about 1796.

The Sanders family lived in Montgomery Co., NC. William and Tabitha's first 3 children were born in NC. Paul Helton has found 3 Graves families living in Montgomery Co., NC, listed in the 1830 census on the west side of the Peedee and Yadkin rivers.

Benjamin Graves, males: 2 age 5, 1-10, 1-40

females: 1 age 5, 1-30

Leonard Graves, males: 1-5, 1-30

females, 1-20

Jones Graves, males: 2-5, 2-10, 1-15, 1-20,

1-50

females: 1-5, 2-15, 1-40

He wonders whether these 3 Graves men as well as his William Graves could be sons of the John Graves who was in the 1800 census of Randolph Co., NC.

(ED. NOTE: The John Graves in the 1800 census was the one who was probably born about 1750, died 1811, and married Margery Harvey.

The Leonard Graves in the 1830 census might be the one who was son of Richard Graves and Hannah Fincher and grandson of John Graves and Margery Harvey.

Benjamin Graves could be the one who was his brother. There was a William Graves, born possibly 1784-90, who was a brother of Benjamin and Leonard.)

Mrs. Anne Hoffman Winn, 18276 Cameron Rd., Gordonsville, VA 22942-8000 (JWinn11437@aol.com), descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, wrote that her son's girlfriend needs help on her Graves line.

She is descended from DANIEL GRAVES of Rockingham Co., VA, who married ----- Shetts. They had 8 children: Minnie, Georgia Salona, Harmon Eugene, Hattie, Carrie, Tamara Genora, Nina Lou, and Clifton. Harmon Eugene Graves was born 23 Sept. 1893 in Montgomery Co., VA, and married Anna Marie Mustard. Their 4 children were: Eugenia Winifred Graves, b. 28 Feb. 1915, m. Levi Harrison Sands; Ralph Mustard Graves; Ella Sue Graves; and Robert Keith Graves.

Ms. Carolyn Nelson, 4360 39th St. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711 (crsnelson@aol.com), is looking for the ancestry of her husband's great-grandmother, SALIDIA (or SALINA) GRAVES, born in MS, married W. C. Warner. Their son Esco Sullivan Warner was born 28 Aug. 1892 in LA.

She found a marriage for a Salina Graves to W. C. Warner on 18 Aug. 1888 in Pike Co., MS. Their names were also on the death certificate of their son Esco.

On the 1880 Pike Co., MS census she found the following (very difficult to read):

Smith, S., white male, age 67, married (but no wife listed), MS, SC, MS – He is believed to be the grandfather of the 3 Graves children rather than their father.

Graves, Salina, white female, age 10

Graves, Daniel W., white male, age 7

Graves, I. Or J., white male, age 5

Mr. William R. Vincent, 718 Park Ave., Bound Brook, NJ 08805-1509 (WmRVincent

@aol.com), is descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA as follows: Thomas¹, John², Thomas³, John⁴, John⁵, Elizabeth⁶ m. William Sandidge.

He has just proved that he is also descended from Silas Burks (b.c. 1780, prob. VA) who married a different Elizabeth ("Betsy") Graves, daughter of BENJAMIN GRAVES and his wife Mary. Benjamin and Mary also had another daughter Mary F. ("Polly" or "Dolly") Graves, born 1762, who married William H. Price. Benjamin Graves died about 1803 in Barren Co., KY.

"Interestingly, William Mallory Burks, son of Elizabeth (Graves) Burks, married Mary Ann Rebecca Sandidge, the g-granddaughter of William and Elizabeth (Graves) Sandidge."

What is the ancestry of this Benjamin Graves? Could he be closely related to the Elizabeth Graves who married William Sandidge?

Mr. Charles L. Purvis, 4274 Lakeview Dr., Ogden, UT 84403-3243, would like to find the ancestry of his SARAH JANE GRAVES. A summary of the first 2 generations of this family follows, with some comments regarding possible ancestry. Help is needed.

DESCENDANTS OF SARAH JANE
GRAVES AND WILLIAM A. PURVIS
OF ANSON CO., NC

GENERATION 1

Sarah Jane Graves (1) was born about 1833 in Anson Co., NC. She married William A. Purvis. He was born about 1823 in Anson Co., NC. He was still living 23 Sept. 1899 when he signed a deed to land located in Morven, Anson Co., NC. However, in 1900 he was no longer listed in the census.

The 1860 census shows William's occupation as shoemaker, age 34, birthplace NC. The 1870 census lists him as 46. In the 1880 census he is listed as farmer, age 53.

The 1850 census for Chesterfield Co., SC lists the following family:

Mary Graves, age 55
David W. Graves, age 32
Sarah J. Graves, age 16
Thomas Graves, age 14

It is likely that this Sarah J. Graves was Sarah Jane Graves who married William A. Purvis. It is also possible that David Graves in this listing is the David William Graves (genealogy 14) who was born 19 March 1828, died 9 Aug. 1878 in Owensboro, KY, and married Mary Ann Dillman on 14 Nov. 1850. This family is on page 82, *Graves Families of the World*. In addition, it seems very likely that the husband of Mary Graves was a grandson of Robert Graves of Anson Co., NC and Chesterfield Co., SC (see book of that same name by Kenneth Vance Graves, 1980), descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA. (A check of the Graves families in Chesterfield Co., SC and Anson Co., NC in 1830 and 1840 could probably find the name of Mary's husband. Then a thorough search of wills, deeds, and other documents in these counties might provide the additional information needed for a connection.)

Children - Purvis

+2. William James Purvis, b. 25 Sept. 1863, m. Mary Hulda Previtte, d. 8 June 1941.

GENERATION 2

William James ("Jim") Purvis (2) was born 25 Sept. 1863 and died 8 June 1941, both in Morven, Anson Co., NC, and was buried 9 June 1941 in Zoar Church Cem., Chesterfield, Chesterfield Co., SC. He married Mary Hulda ("Sis") Previtte, daughter of John W. Previtte and Elizabeth ("Bette") Davis. She was born 6 Dec. 1861 in Anson Co., NC, died 29 July 1938 in Morven, Anson Co., NC, and was buried 30 July 1938 at Moar Church Cem., Chesterfield, Chesterfield Co., SC. They apparently lived all their lives in Anson Co., NC.

Children - Purvis

- +3. John William Purvis, b. 31 Dec. 1880, m. Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, d. 10 Aug. 1956.
- +4. Martha Elizur Purvis, b. 1 Aug. 1882, m. Ervin Brock.
- +5. James Francis Purvis, b. 12 Nov. 1885, m. Lucy Pearl Dees, c. 1908, d. 21 Feb. 1936.
- +6. Oscar Phillip Purvis, b. 10 July 1888, m. Roxie Brock, d. 20 April 1931.
- +7. Sarah Frances Purvis, b. 16 June 1910, m. John Rufus Lang, 10 June 1910.
- +8. Lela Aileen Purvis, b. 18 Oct. 1893, m. John Lucian Deese, d. 20 May 1983.

Mrs. Angela McKnight, 2331 Hatfield St., Fayetteville, AR 72703-1210 (jpmckni@aol.com), would like to find the ancestry of JOHN M. GRAVES, b.c. 1824, possibly in TN or MS. He married Mary Ann Brashear about 1844 in Hempstead Co., AR (perhaps Missouri Twp.). They seem to have had 2 children:

- Ellen Eugenia Graves, b. 1845, AR, d. 1873, Leon Co., TX, m. William Crawford Reed.
- John Graves, b.c. 1848, AR, d. 1850-60 ?

“John M. Graves was not listed in the 1850 census that I can find. His wife moved to Leon Co., TX by 1850, where she married William P. Evans. I am assuming that John M. Graves must have died between 1847 and 1850 in AR, and then Mary Ann moved on.”

Mrs. Marjorie Ferris, 126 South Acacia Ave., Rialto, CA 92376 (MBFerris@aol.com), is descended from JAMES MATTHEW GRAVES, b. 1 Feb. 1818, d. 29 Sept. 1895, m. Martha Melissa Coffman. She was born 13 July 1830, and died 3 March 1898 in Anna, Collin Co., TX. Both were buried at Coffman Cem., Anna, TX. They had 4 children:

- Virginia, m. ----- Oglesby.
- Hugh C., m. Anna Wysesong.
- Mary Elizabeth, b. 12 July 1852, d. 26 Dec. 1932, m. ----- Slaughter.
- George Henry, b. 7 Sept. 1857, Melissa, Collin Co., TX, d. 13 Oct. 1933, Melissa,

TX, m(1) Mary Vanters, m(2) Roselea Beauette.

By his first marriage, George Henry Graves had 3 children:

- son, b. and d. 22 Sept. 1882.
- Elsie May Graves, b. 1886, m. John Alex Lacy.
- James Lewis Graves, b. 17 Jan. 1888, Melissa, TX, d. 12 July 1918, Melissa, TX, m. Mary Elizabeth Jordan, 1906.

Mrs. Edna (“Toby”) Bost, 5604 Victory Dr., Marshall, TX 75672 (bostjtm@internetwork.net), is looking for the ancestry of her gggrandfather, JAMES DAVID GRAVES. A partial genealogy of the family is below.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES DAVID GRAVES AND MARY ANN DURHAM OF NC & TN

GENERATION 1

James David Graves (1) was born in 1821 in NC, and died in 1857. He married Mary (“Polly”) Ann Durham, daughter of James Durham and Lydia Gillespie, in 1838 in Sumner Co., TN. She was born in 1823 in Sumner Co., TN, and died 20 April 1907 in Texola, Beckham Co., OK.

Children - Graves

- +2. James Carrol Graves, b. 22 Dec. 1839, m. Rebecca Elmina Travelstead, 13 Feb. 1866, d. 28 Dec. 1932.
- 3. Louisa Catherine Graves, b. 1844.
- 4. Samantha Graves, b. 4 Feb. 1846 (Sumner Co., TN), m. Henry Clarida or Clariday, d. 18 April 1923 (Texola, OK).
- 5. Evie (?) Graves, b. 1850, m. William Baxter, d. Harrisburg, IL.
- 6. John Graves, b. 1854 (Sumner Co., TN).
- 7. Mahala Graves, b. 1855 (Sumner Co., TN), m. James Henry Travelstead, 28 Dec. 1875.

GENERATION 2

James Carrol Graves (2) was born 22 Dec. 1839 in Sumner Co., TN, and died 28 Dec.

1932 in Texola, OK. He married Rebecca Elmina Travelstead on 13 Feb. 1866. She was born 14 Sept. 1850 in Allen, Floyd Co., KY, and died 5 April 1929 in Texola, Beckham Co., OK. Their first 6 children were born in Harrisburg, Saline Co., IL, and the last 2 in Gainesville, Cooke Co., TX.

Children - Graves

8. John David Graves, b. 13 Jan. 1867, m. Betty Ann Ponger (or Poncer), d. 3 Dec. 1929 (Texola, OK).
- +9. George Jasper Graves, b. 23 July 1872, m. Emma Ruth Daniell, 12 Nov. 1898, d. 2 April 1939.
10. William Henry Graves, b. 31 Jan. 1875, d. 15 Aug. 1928 (Texola, OK).
11. Lydia Agnes Graves, b. 30 Sept. 1877, m. John Robert Basset, Aug. 1894, d. 6 Jan. 1960 (Erick, OK).
12. Florence Ann Graves, b. 30 Dec. 1879, m. Phil Berry (?), d. 1967 (?).
13. Alice Graves, b. 20 March 1883, m. W. J. Travelstead, d. 1952 (?) (Texola, OK).
14. Anna Mae Graves, b. 5 March 1887, m. ----- Short, d. 1959 (prob. Beckham Co., OK).
15. Minnie Lee Graves, b. 1 March 1890.

GENERATION 3

George Jasper Graves (9) was born 23 July 1872 in Harrisburg, Saline Co., IL, and died 2 April 1939. He married Emma Ruth Daniell on 12 Nov. 1898 in Gainesville, TX. She was born in 1882 in AR, and died in Sept. 1964 in Texola, OK. Their first child was born in Gainesville, TX, and the other 2 in Texola, OK.

Children - Graves

- +16. James Leland Graves, b. 27 Nov. 1899, m. Clara Amanda Haines, d. Dec. 1979.
- +17. Dessie Deborah Graves, b. 11 Jan. 1903, m. Roy Taylor, Feb. 1927, d. 19 May 1976.
18. Thomas Jasper Graves, b. 1905, m. Velma -----, 1935, d. 1985 (Amarillo, TX). Velma d.c. 1986-88.

(ED. NOTE: There may be a connection between this family and that of James Dudley Graves, probable son of Benjamin Franklin Graves and Polly Dudley, descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA. Both families moved from TN to Harrisburg, IL. Help is needed.)

CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES OF VA

Ms. Kathleen E. Greene, 8736 North Haven Ave., Portland, OR 97203 (kegreene@aol.com), is not a Graves descendant but her aunt, Sarah Jane Barbre, married into this branch of the Graves family. Her information is below, with some additions.

GENERATION 1

Daniel Graves (1) was born about 1850 (or 1866). He married Frances A. Short. She was born about 1850 (or 1866). They had 7 children.

Children - Graves

2. Rhodina Graves, b.c. 1873.
3. Rosa B. Graves, b.c. 1878.
4. Alonzo H. Graves, b.c. 1881, m. Sarah Jane Barbre, 21 Nov. 1906.

GENERATION 2

Alonzo H. Graves (2) was born about 1881. He married Sarah Jane Barbre, daughter of James William Barbre and Nancy Ann Gromer, on 21 Nov. 1906 in White Co., IL. She was born in Feb. 1890 in IL, and died after 1973 in St. Louis, IL. They divorced.

Children - Graves

3. Lola Graves, b.c. 1908.

(ED. NOTE: There was an article on this part of the descendants of Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA on pages 70-71, 1995 GFNL. The probable descent is: Thomas¹, John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, John⁵, John⁶ m. Lucy Adams, John⁷, Richard⁸, Nelson⁹, Daniel¹⁰, Daniel¹¹ m. Frances A. Short.)

Ms. Patty Day, 211 Palmer Dr., Selah, WA 98942 (paday@destiny.esd105.wednet.edu), is descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA as follows: Thomas¹, Francis², Richard³ m. Hannah Consolvo, Thomas⁴ m. Sara Turner, Mary⁵ m. Simon Bright. The information on this part of the family is incomplete and contradictory, and help is needed. The information in the next 2 paragraphs is from the draft of the Capt. Thomas Graves book, being compiled by Kenneth V. Graves. The information after that is from *Bright and Allied Families*, compiled by Mr. & Mrs. William Creasy, 1936.

Richard Graves (26) left Essex Co., Va. between 1708 and 1714 (Essex O.B. 1708-14, pp. 608-609). He and Francis Shackelford had bought a sloop in partnership and they probably engaged in coastwise trade. Richard apparently died about 1730, since this seems to be the Richard Graves of Craven Precinct, N.C., who in his will, dated 11 April 1730, referred to nephews "Richard and Francis, sons of brother Thomas Graves in Virginia." In the Essex Order Book mentioned above, Francis Graves (Richard's brother) testified in Sept. 1714 that, since leaving Essex Co., Richard had sent him a small Indian boy in payment for a debt.

Richard took a prominent part in the affairs of Craven Precinct and was a person of recognized ability. In 1726 he represented the Precinct in the Lower House of the Assembly of N.C. (Colonial Records of N.C., vol. 2, p. 528).

He married Hannah Consolvo, daughter of Lawrence Consolvo. She had first been married to Farnifold Green.

Children - Graves

- +72. Mary Graves, m. Richard Nixon, Jr.
- +73. Thomas Graves, m. Sara Turner, c. 1745, d.c. 1767.

Thomas Graves (73) died about 1767 in Craven Co., N.C. He married Sara Turner, daughter of Robert Turner, about 1745. Sara

secondly married John Fonvielle (or Fonville) by 1774.

Children - Graves

- +131. Richard Graves, m. Ann Dawson, d. May-June 1774. He died testate in Craven Co., N.C. They had no children. His will was dated May 3, 1774, Craven Co., N.C., and probated June 4, 1774. It names nephews Graves Bright (son of Ann Graves and Simon Bright), and Richard Fonvielle (son of Hannah Graves and William Brice Fonvielle); wife Ann (Dawson); mother Sarah Fonville.
- 132. Thomas Graves
- +133. Hannah Graves, m. William Brice Fonvielle, c. 1760.
- 134. Elizabeth Graves, may have married a Henry (see will of Elizabeth Graves Henry, Feb. 26, 1819, Will Book 3, p. 256, Craven Co., N.C.).
- +135. Mary Graves, m. Simon Bright, c. 1771.
- 136. Ann Graves, m. Charles Crawford, 24 May 1783.
- 137. Sara (or Sarah) Graves, may have married a Lovett or a Howard.

Simon Bright (1) was born prior to 1700 and died in 1777, both in Craven Co., NC. He married Mary Graves in 1730. According to information in *Bright and Allied Families* citing Laws of North Carolina, 1746, p. 249 Act "for erecting upper part of Craven into a County and Parish and appointing Simon Bright and others to select a place for building a Court House, prison and stocks." Simon Bright was a Justice in Craven Co. 1731-1755. He was a Major in Johnson's Foot soldiers in 1754, and a Lt. Col. in 1745. Simon Bright was also the Sheriff of Dobbs County 1770 (See N.C. Colonial Records)

Children - Bright

- +2. Simon Bright II, b. 1730 m Elizabeth Graves, 1757.
- 3. Graves Bright
- 4. James Bright
- 5. Mary Bright

6. Nancy Bright
7. Sally Bright
8. Elizabeth Bright, m. Francis Harper

Simon Bright II (2) was born in 1738. He married Elizabeth Graves in 1757. She was born in 1737 and died in 1799. Simon was appointed in 1762 to assist in laying off town of Kinston, NC. "Simon Bright II was Sheriff of Dobbs Co. and a member of all Provincial congresses from the first at New Bern in 17₄ to the last at Halifax in 1776 (six in all). He was a signer of the Test Oath at Hillsboro 1775, fought in Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge (Richard Casewell commanding), resigned a year later to attend Provincial Congress, Feb 1776."

Simon Bright II was appointed to represent Dobbs Co. in Senate. The names of Bright, Caswell, etc. were particularly noticeable as they were called into active service in the "Continental Line." Both Simon I and Simon II were prominent in Craven Co., and, after the division, in Dobbs Co.

Children - Bright

- +9. Simon Bright III, b. May 14 1764, m. Sarah Green
10. Henry Bright
11. Elizabeth Bright, b. 1775, m. William Lovick, 1806, d. 1838
12. Ann Bright, b. 1758, d. 1793, m. William Cox, 1782.
13. Sally Bright
14. William Bright, m. Betsy Lovick.

Simon Bright III (9) was born 14 May 1764. He married Sarah Green.

Children - Bright

15. Mary Bright, m Henry Pridgen
16. Nancy Bright
17. James Bright
18. Simon Bright IV, m Rachel Dawson
19. Elizabeth Bright

(ED. NOTE: The most obvious questions for this part of the family are: (1) Who were the parents of Mary Graves who married

Simon Bright? Her father appears to be Thomas Graves and Sara Turner, but some people have claimed that her father was Richard Graves. Thomas appears to be correct. (2) Was Mary Graves really the one who married Simon Bright? Charles Fonville says that Simon Bright married Mary's sister Ann, and Mary may have married a Lovett or a Howard. (3) When was Mary born and when did she married Simon Bright? Dates of 1730 and 1771 are both given for the marriage. If Mary Graves' parents married in 1745, then her marriage date of 1771 is reasonable. If the Mary Graves who married Simon Bright was really born 1730, could she have been the Mary who was a daughter of Richard³ Graves? (4) Who was Elizabeth Graves who supposedly married Simon Bright II?)

Ms. Alice Collier Clark, 2832 Teakwood Lane, Plano, TX 75075-1936, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES, found information on a Sarah Graves who she thinks may connect with Francis Graves, son of Capt. Thomas Graves. Her information is below.

GENERATION 1

Sarah Graves was born about 1694 in Wayne Co. (?), NC. She married Farnifold Green, son of Capt. Farnifold Green and Hannah Kent (?). He was born about 1690 in Perquimans Co., NC.

Children - Green

- James Green, b. 1716, m(1) Mary Gray (?), m(2) Peggy Codell, d. 1790.

GENERATION 2

James Green was born in 1716 in Wayne Co. (?), NC, and died in 1790. He first married Mary Gray (?). She was born about 1720 in Wayne Co. (?), NC. He secondly married Peggy Codell.

Children - Green

- Joseph Green, b. 23 Jan. 1744, m(1) Sarah Whitfield, 19 May 1768, m(2) Hannah Gray Haywood, m(3) Asa (?) Wallace, d. 26 Sept. 1803.

GENERATION 3

Joseph Green was born 23 Jan. 1744 and died 26 Sept. 1803, both in Wayne Co., NC. He first married Sarah Whitfield, daughter of William Whitfield and Rachel Bryan, on 19 May 1768 in Lenoir Co., NC. She was born 16 April 1747 (or 1749) in white Hall, Wayne Co., NC, and died 22 Jan. 1780 in Lenoir Co., NC. He secondly married Hannah Gray Haywood, and his third wife was Asa (?) Wallace.

Children - Green, by Sarah Whitfield

- John Green, b. 20 March 1769, m. ----- Croom, after 1769, d. 4 March 1803.
- James Green, b. 16 Sept. 1770, m. Betsy Oliver.
- William Green, b. 17 Feb. 1772, m(1) Sarah Jeffries, m(2) Martha Jeffries, d. 17 Dec. 1807.
- Joseph Green, Jr., b. 29 Jan. 1774, m(1) Susan Kenan, before 1808, m(2) Sally Arnold, April 1808.
- Elizabeth ("Eliza") Green, b. 27 Dec. 1775, m(1) Lovard Bryan, 6 April 1793, m(2) Probert Collier, 7 Sept. 1800, d. 19 Feb. 1852.
- Sarah Green, m. Uriah Bass.
- Farnifold Green, b. 1779, m. Elizabeth Jeffries, after 1779.

(ED. NOTE: I wonder whether Sarah Graves may be a daughter of the Richard Graves who married Hannah Consolvo, discussed in the preceding query. The dates are about right, and, if Richard had Sarah by a first marriage, it would be reasonable to find Hannah's son marrying Richard's daughter. Help is needed.)

Mr. Warren Kirkland Graves, 6335 Tammy Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111, sent his line of descent from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES. It is: Thomas¹, Francis², Thomas³, John⁴, Thomas⁵, John⁶ m. Elizabeth Eddins, Paschel⁷ m. Polly Beidler, Richard Thomas⁸ m. Nancy Watkins, Caleb Hiter⁹ m. Sarah Jane Marshall,

George Marshall¹⁰ m. Irene Jeanette Selph, Percy Marshall¹¹ m. Stella May Williams, Warren Kirkland¹² m. Marjorie Reed. He is interested in his part of the family.

Mrs. Donna Graves Ferrell, 7851 Central Pike, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 (dgferrell@aol.com), is still trying to prove the ancestry of her BENJAMIN GRAVES, b.c. 1774 in VA, d.c. 1857 in Wilson Co., TN, who married Mildred ----- (ED. NOTE: Her 2 most recent queries were on pp. 91-92, 1996 GFNL, and p. 43, 1995 GFNL.)

She now believes that the descent from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA is: Thomas¹, Thomas², William³ m. Mary -----, Benjamin⁴, bapt. 1700, Benjamin Abbet⁵, Benjamin⁶, b.c. 1774. Benjamin⁴ was baptized 28 April 1700 at St. Peters Church, Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., VA, and his children included Philander/Phillip/Phil, Benjamin Abbet, William, and possibly Elizabeth.

A Ceman Graves was recorded in the 1790 census in Amelia Co., VA. She believes that "Ceman" was a misreading of Benjamin⁵. There were 6 in his household, which would include her Benjamin⁶. The father of her Benjamin⁶ could also have been William, "but more evidence points to Benjamin, as he is in Nottoway and William is in Chesterfield. They evidently lived near the Nottoway river, which runs through several counties. They were in Nottoway Parish, which was in Amelia Co. until Nottoway Co. was formed."

She would like to know whether there is anyone else researching this part of the family.