

THE GRAVES FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Anyone who wants to renew for more than one year can do so by paying the regular annual rate times the number of years desired. Checks should be made payable to Graves Family Association.

GFA GOALS AND PLANS

The main overall goals for the Graves Family Association are to reach as many people and to help as many people as possible. To help people with their Graves/Greaves ancestry, it is first necessary to contact them and get them interested. The more members we have, the more of us are actively involved with the Association, and the more activities and projects we have, the more likely each of us will get what we want from the organization.

Over the last year or so the membership has grown significantly. It now stands at approximately 500 active members. By the year 2000 we would like to see it grow to 1000 active members - twice the present size. That is a challenging objective, but one that can be met if we do what is needed.

Publicity is the key to getting new members. There are two kinds of publicity -- personal contact and using the media. If each one of you would recruit just one other member, we would make our goal. In addition, however, we would like to generate publicity concerning the Association and our activities. We are going to try to make a start at that by inviting Ross Perot, Gov. George Bush, Jr. (Gov. of Texas), or some other similar person to speak

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

The next issue of the newsletter will be the last for 1995. Since all Association memberships and newsletter subscriptions are by calendar year, if you have not already joined for 1996, you should send your renewal now. Renewing now will prevent any delay in receiving your newsletter issues.

If you are not sure of the status of your membership, you can tell by the date at the top of the address label on the newsletter envelope. If it says "Exp. Dec. 1995", that means it is time to renew.

at our national reunion in Dallas next year (perhaps on the subject of family values and the benefits of learning about our family history).

We would very much appreciate hearing from any of you who have experience in the field of publicity and promotion. Wouldn't it be nice to have a story about the Graves family and the Association in *Newsweek*, *The Wall Street Journal*, or *USA Today*!!

In order to best meet the needs of our members, we also need to improve our ability to help each other. One way to do that is to do searches, gather information, and make this information more readily available to members. Projects that need to be done include extraction and compilation of all records relating to the Graves/Greaves name from: census records, wills and probate records, town vital records, land deeds, Revolutionary War service records and pension records, the IGI and Ancestral File, and any other pertinent sources. This should be done not only in the U.S., but also in Canada, the British Isles, and perhaps

elsewhere. We need people to coordinate these projects! **Any volunteers?**

Another way to both publicize the Association and to provide new services to Graves descendants is to establish a "home page" on the Internet, and also to set up a bulletin board service to enable people to dial up and exchange messages/questions and also access databases such as those discussed in the previous paragraph, as well as indexes of the newsletter, etc. Is anyone interested in being involved in setting this up?

If each of us helps, this will be the best family society in the world, and there will be things that are helpful and interesting for all of us.

GRAVES FAMILY NEWS

Mrs. William L. Graves, 1421 College St., Columbus, MS 39701-5904, sent us the sad news that her husband died on July 28, 1995. He was descended from JAMES GRAVES and Mary Copeland of VA & GA. The following notice appeared in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, Monday, July 31, 1995.

"Dr. William L. Graves Jr., former Tennessee education official and longtime music educator, died of renal failure Friday at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle. He was 79....

Dr. Graves taught music for 18 years in public schools in Missouri, Iowa and Mississippi. A 1933 graduate of Nevada (Mo.) High School, he received an associate degree from Graceland College in 1936, his bachelor's in education from Northwest Missouri State University in 1945, his master's degree in music education from Drake University in 1948, and his doctorate in education from the University of Colorado in 1963.

He was on the faculty of Graceland College from 1946 to 1953. He was supervisor of instruction of music and art at the Tennessee Dept. of Education from 1961 to 1964, and

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was professor of music at Mississippi for Women from 1964 to 1981.

Dr. Graves became the first recipient of the Mississippi Music Educator of the Year Award in 1992. He was a member of the board of directors of the Mississippi Music Educators Association for 22 years, serving as president from 1960 to 1961 and from 1978 to 1980. He was editor of Mississippi Notes for nine years.

An elder in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he attended the branch in Jackson and had directed its string orchestra program and was its assistant choir director in Des Moines.

He was a former member of the Lamoni-Graceland Orchestra, Drake-Des Moines Symphony, Independence (Mo.) Symphony and Mississippi State University-Starkville Symphony. He was founder of the Mississippi University for Women-Columbus Symphony, which he conducted for 20 years.

Dr. Graves was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Lambda Delta Sigma, and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. He has been listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, the International Who's Who in Music and Outstanding Educators in America.

Dr. Graves, the husband of Kathlyn Cato Graves, also leaves a daughter, Pamella Daniel of Vicksburg; a son, William L. Graves of Anchorage, Alaska; two brothers, Paul Gordon Graves of Arvada, Colo., and Thomas Arthur Graves of Edgewood, N.M., and five grandchildren..."

Mrs. Bruce F. Macrae (Laura Belle), 306 Surrey Rd., Savannah, GA 31410-4407, sent the following newspaper article about a cousin, **John Lawrence Graves**, son of Francis Madison Graves of Madison Co., VA, descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA. The article appeared in *The Madison County Eagle*, Madison, VA, Thurs., Aug. 17, 1995.

"Graves takes over as head of Texoil

John L. Graves was elected president and chief operating officer of Texoil, Inc. at the annual meeting of the company's board of directors.

Graves is the son of Dr. F. M. (Matt) Graves, Jr., DVM, of Madison and Mrs. Katie L. Graves of Windsor. He was a 1975 graduate of MCHS and received a BA in history and political science (double major) from Texas A&M University in 1980.

He began his career in the oil industry as a roughneck on drilling rigs in South Louisiana prior to joining Texoil as a field landman in 1981. He was named vice president/land in 1987, and executive vice president in 1992. He has served on the board of directors of the company since that time.

Graves is a member of the American Petroleum Institute, the American Association of Professional Landmen, the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators, and the Institute of the Amerigas, and has served on the board of directors of the Texas-Argentine Chamber of Commerce.

He resides in Houston with his wife, Lynn, and their children, Faison and Ashby.

Texoil, Inc. is an independent oil and gas exploration and production company with operations concentrated in coastal Louisiana. Texoil's common stock trades in the NASDAQ Small Cap Market under the symbol TXLI...."

GRAVES REUNION IN DIXMONT, MAINE

The fourth annual Graves family reunion was held Friday, Aug. 11 through Sunday, Aug. 13, 1995 at the Dixmont Snowmobile Club in Dixmont, ME.

This family is descended from Joseph Graves (or possibly his brother Samuel) who married Rebecca D. Young, lived in Topsham, Bangor and Wayne, ME, and was descended from SAMUEL GRAVES of Lynn, MA as follows: Samuel¹, Mark², Abraham³, William⁴, Joseph⁵, Joseph⁶ (#330 on p. 47 of the Samuel Graves book). This family was discussed on pp. 51-52, 1995 GFNL.

Many of the family members brought their campers or set up tents at the club and stayed the weekend. The club is on a dirt road just a short distance off Rt. 7 and is ideal for the reunion, with a large meeting area and kitchen in the clubhouse, and plenty of room outside for camping, games, etc.

On Saturday morning at the business meeting, it was decided to continue to hold the reunion annually on the 2nd Saturday of August at the same location. Marvin Graves of Carmel, ME was elected to organize the reunion again next year, and other officers and committee heads were elected.

The mid-day meal was a real treat. Turkeys cooked in cans of oil (for about 45 minutes until they float) and corn on the cob were both cooked over a wood fire in a giant homemade metal cooker. Pot luck salads, deserts and punch rounded out the menu.

After the meal an auction of donated items, most made by family members, raised more than \$400 towards reunion expenses for this year and next. Bidding was entertaining and enthusiastic.

Family members were also very interested in learning more about their ancestry and making their family tree as complete and accurate as possible.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Mrs. Thomas Edgar Graves (Sammie Gresham Graves) of Houston, TX, descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, has moved into their new home at 2041 Dryden Rd., Houston, TX 77030.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

New Members

ARNOLD, Mrs. Lee M.
P.O. Box 778, Astoria, OR 97103
Ancestry: unknown

BREEDING, Mrs. Caroline Kay Jones
494 Hickory Hills Trail, Stone Mountain, GA 30083-4372
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Thomas³, John⁴, John⁵, Thomas⁶, Anne⁷ m(1) Richard Wait, and Thomas⁵ m. Ann Davenport, Susanna⁶ m. William Pettus

DIXON, Mr. David W.
4368 Millcreek, Dallas, TX 75244-6715
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Thomas⁵ m. Ann Davenport, Thomas⁶, Ann⁷ m. John Hancock

DOLEY, Mrs. Margaret S.
120 Horseshoe Dr., Williamsburg, VA 23185-5006
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Thomas⁵ m. Ann Davenport, Solomon⁶, Sally⁷ m. John Pennington

FREIBOTT, Mrs. Win
41 Marbella Place, Dana Point, CA 92629-4118
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA (probably)

GARRAPUTO, Mrs. Janet N.
315 Frost Pond Rd., Glen Head, NY 11545
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT, via #1925

GIBSON, Mrs. Martha Graves

2123 Braman Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis²,
Thomas³, John⁴, Isaac⁵, Francis⁶, Leonard Henry⁷,
Charles Henry⁸, Robert Garnett⁹

GRAVES, Mrs. Louise
4565 Shriver Rd., North Canton, OH 44720-1117
Ancestry: John Graves and Sarah ----- of VA & OH

GRAVES, Mr. Richard T.
1904 Chatsworth Way, Tallahassee, FL 32308
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of NC & Maury Co., TN

GRAVES, Mr. Thomas F.
4119 Heatherglen St., Bay City, TX 77414-6929
Ancestry: Sylvester Graves and Harriet Morrison of
MA & CT (probably Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT)

MALCOLM, Mr. W. David, Jr.
565 East Mountain Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458
Ancestry: Rear Adm. Thomas Graves of Charlestown,
MA, via #87

MASSENGALE, Mrs. Belinda B.
412 Ashley Ave., Rayville, LA 71269
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John²,
Thomas³, John⁴, John⁵, Thomas⁶, Lewis⁷, Lewis⁸

MEINART, Mrs. Betti
516 Chester St., Danville, IL 61832-1549
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Thomas²,
William³, Edmund⁴, John⁵, Easom⁶, Beamon⁷, Sarah⁸ m.
Philip M. Ray

MITCHELL, Mr. David L.
35 Highland Rd., Apt. 1209, Bethel Park, PA 15102
Ancestry: John Graves of Concord, MA

RUSSELL, Mr. Charles W.
6016 Rhonda Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24502
Ancestry: Joshua Graves of MD

RUSSELL, Mrs. James M.
506 Peterson Lake Rd., Collierville, TN 38017-1843
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Thomas⁵ m.
Ann Davenport, William⁶, Mary⁷ m. Green Bouldin of
Henry Co., VA

SAKAHARA, Mrs. Kaye
RFD 2, Box 411, Guilford, ME 04443-9637
Ancestry: Samuel Graves of Lynn, MA, via #1385

SCHONE, Mr. Gary
RR 1, Box F125, Frankfort, SD 57440-9076
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John²,
Thomas³, John⁴, John⁵, Joseph⁶, Nancy⁷ m. James
Coleman Goodwin

WADE, Mrs. Rowena E.
409 Tam O'Shanter Blvd., Williamsburg, VA 23185
Ancestry: unknown

WILSON-WILSON, Ms. Melzie
922 East 7th St., Jeffersonville, IN 47130
Ancestry: James Graves of Randolph Co. & Surry Co.,
NC

**IDENTIFICATION OF WIFE OF JOSEPH
GRAVES, SON OF REAR ADM.
THOMAS GRAVES OF
CHARLESTOWN, MA**

The following article was submitted by Mr.
W. David Malcolm, Jr., 565 East Mountain
Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458, a descendant of
Rear Admiral THOMAS GRAVES of
Charlestown, MA. It is about the reputed wife
of Joseph Graves, listed as #8 on p. 21 of the
Thomas Graves book.

He entitled it:

Mary Ross of Sudbury -- Gleason or Graves?
Preliminary Report -- W. David Malcolm, Jr.
13 September 1995

According to the Middlesex County record,
included in the published Sudbury,
Massachusetts, Vital Records (hereinafter
SVR), Mary Ross was born Dec. 25, 1656,
daughter of James Ross and Mary Goodenow
[SVR page 128 (M.R.)]. Incidentally, Mary
Ross's birthdate is also given as 1659; since
her parents were married Dec. 5, 1658 [SVR p
263 (M.R.)] after having been earlier charged
with fornication, and since the next child was
apparently not born until 1660, this may have
been an attempt to clean up the record and
"legitimize" Mary.

Some sources state that this same Mary
Ross married, in 1678 (or 1673) John Gleason
[*Gleason Genealogy, Book of Ross,
Goodenows who Originated in Sudbury...* (and
Goodenow Family Association), Torrey].
Other sources claim that this Mary Ross
married, in 1678 (as his second wife) Joseph
Graves [Rear Admiral Thomas Graves (and

Graves Family Association), Starkeys, State of Vermont, Torrey]. Recently I spent a week at the NEHGS library trying to resolve this apparent discrepancy.

Again according to SVR (M.R.), John and Mary Gleason were the parents of children born in 1681 and 1688; other sources indicate births in 1684 and 1686 as well. Also according to SVR (M.R.), Joseph and Mary Graves were parents of children born in 1680, 1681, and 1689. Since the children of both marriages were born during the same time period, and since both husbands were presumably alive during the childbearing years, it seems clear that Mary Ross did not marry these men serially.

Even though both Gleason and Graves sources claim the same birthdate and parents for Mary Ross, might there have been another Mary Ross in Sudbury during the time period in question? A search of SVR and the *Book of Ross* produced no such results, with but one exception: Mary Goodenough who, as the wife of James Ross would have been known as Mary Ross. However, this Mary Ross had her last (known) child Daniel with James Ross Oct. 28, 1681 [SVR page 127 (M.R.)], at the age of 41. She presumably remained married to James Ross until his death on Sept. 18, 1690 [SVR page 324 (M.R.)], following which she signed as "Mary Ross widd" [*Book of Ross* volume 2 page 2497]. While obviously not the Mary Ross for whom we are searching, her presence in Sudbury during the same time period may have been cause for some confusion.

Thus it would seem that the Mary Ross born in 1656 was the wife of either John Gleason or of Joseph Graves; the next step would be to try to determine which. During my week at the NEHGS library, I attempted to find as many sources as possible which would help to make this choice. These, together with my comments, are presented below.

Under Sudbury Marriages in SVR is "GLEISON..., Jo[h]n and May Ross Jan. 15 1678." [SVR page 200 (M.R.)]. Of course, "May" could be a misspelling of "Mary", or a

transcription error. In Random Notes from Part II of Sumner C Powell's Copy of Sudbury, Mass., Records we find: "...widow Mary Gleason, a daughter of James Ross (and widow of John Gleason), mentioned as see order 17 Dec. 1689." [Register 113/77]. In the Gleason Genealogy, published in 1909: "4. JOHN GLEASON...d. Sudbury, Mass., in 1689; m. in Sudbury, Mass., Jan. 10, 1673, Mary, dau. of James and Mary (Goodnow) Ross, who was born in Sudbury, Mass., Dec. 25, 1656, or 1659." [Gleason Genealogy page 26].

Ernest E. Fewkes's *Book of Ross*, consisting of some 14 volumes of typescript, is a carefully compiled work containing biographies or genealogies of any and all Rosses, as well as transcriptions of all applicable town and court records. The copy I used from the NEHGS manuscript collection is comparable in scope and size to the original Torrey New England Marriages manuscript. Under Town Records in the *Book of Ross*, we find "Jn^o Gleison & Mary Ross Jan. 15. 78" [Book of Ross volume 2 page 2263], presumably the same entry as found in SVR, but note "Mary" rather than "May", suggesting a transcription error in SVR. Under County Records, James Ross's Inventory of Estate has: "ffor memorandum Such things formerly given to his children...To his Eldest daughter Glesen 2 stears and a swine 5 - 8 - 0" [Book of Ross volume 2 page 2498] Finally, under Personal Histories: "1. MARY ROSS..born at Sudbury, Dec. 25, 1656: married John Gleason, at Sudbury, Jan. 15, 1678." [*Book of Ross*, volume 4, page 2706].

Banvard's *Goodenows who Originated in Sudbury...* has: "i. Mary... Born, 25 Dec. 1659. She married John Gleison, 15 Jan 1677/8." [*Goodenows who Originated in Sudbury...* page 8]. The source for this is given as Mary Catherine Wyne Whitney, *Whitney, Wyne and Allied Families: Genealogical and Biographical*, Fort Wayne IN, 1928 (I was unable to find this in the NEHGS library). Lastly, Torrey shows: "GLEISON, John &

Mary ROSS; 15 Jan 1678; Sudbury" [Torrey page 305].

Favoring Joseph Graves is Hiram Carleton's *State of Vermont*, which gives genealogical and family history of "her people in the making of a commonwealth and the founding of a nation". Published in 1903 in four volumes, it appears to contain no references. So far, this is the earliest mention of Mary Ross I've been able to find: "JOSEPH GRAVES... his wife died June 5, 1676, and he married in 1678 Mary Ross." [*State of Vermont*, volume 2, page 268]. Note that this gives Mary's surname as Ross, but does not mention her birthday or parents.

A few years later, Emily Wilder Leavitt presented the Greaves-Graves lines in Starkeys (published in 1910). There are several paragraphs about Joseph Graves, culminating with: "He married (2) in 1678 Mary, daughter of James and Mary (Goodnow) Ross. She was born at Sudbury, December 25, 1656." [Starkeys page 113].

Kenneth Vance Graves published *Rear Admiral Thomas Graves* in 1994, as volume 8 of the Graves Family Genealogies series. His version of Joseph's second marriage: "After his first wife died in 1676, Joseph secondly married Mary Ross, daughter of James Ross and Mary Goodnow, in 1678. She was born 25 Dec. 1656 in Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA." [*Rear Admiral Thomas Graves*, p. 22]. Several references are given for Joseph's entry: W. S. Heywood, *History of Westminster, Mass., 1728-1893*, 1893 (contains information about Joseph but nothing on his second wife Mary). Hiram Carleton, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Vermont*, vol. 2, New York, 1903 (see above). John Card Graves, "Family of Rear Admiral Thomas Graves of Charlestown, Mass.", unpublished manuscript, about 1922 (I was unable to find a copy of this, even among the NEHGS manuscript collection). Also referenced is Mrs. Larry Spurgin of Carlsbad CA. Through correspondence with her I've learned that Mrs. Spurgin has been trying to solve this dilemma much longer than I have, and while originally

subscribing to the Joseph Graves/Mary Ross theory, she now questions it.

Finally, Torrey has: "GRAVES, Joseph & 2/wf Mary [ROSS]; b 1678: Sudbury" [Torrey page 319]. The brackets around Mary's surname are significant: "...a surname in brackets is one not derived from a marriage record..." [Torrey page xiv]. In the Torrey manuscript, only two references are given for this marriage, rather than the dozen or so often found: Starkeys and (I believe) State of Vermont.

In conclusion, the evidence seems to favor John Gleason as Mary Ross's husband, rather than Joseph Graves. Reluctantly, since I am descended from Joseph Graves, I will have to change Joseph's wife in my records from Mary Ross to Mary ?, thus pruning my family tree a bit.

It is interesting to ponder how this discrepancy might have come into being. Perhaps Carleton (or a predecessor) happened upon Mary Ross as being of the right age and in the right place to be Joseph's second wife. The published Vital Records of Sudbury were unavailable, being published the same year as *State of Vermont*, and it might have been difficult to find the Gleason / Ross marriage in the original records. Over the years, others apparently picked up the same piece of misinformation, and repeated it. It seems that I'm the latest to do so, for on page 73 of the August 1995 issue of *Goodenows' Ghosts* (newsletter of the Goodenow Family Association), under my name, is a descendancy chart showing my line from Thomas Goodenow, through Mary Ross and Joseph Graves! At least it's presented as needing clarification.

More research is needed; my work so far is preliminary. The challenge now is to find a source for Joseph Graves's second wife, as well as her surname, parents, and birth.

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**IDENTIFICATION OF
FRANCIS/FRANCES GRAVES, SON OR
DAUGHTER OF CAPT. THOMAS
GRAVES OF VA**

The following article was prepared by: Mr. Richard W. Kesler, P.O. Box 906, Pinehurst, NC 28374-0906, 9/14/95. Although he is a descendant of Francis Graves, born about 1630, long believed to be a son of Capt. Thomas Graves, he has reluctantly concluded that: (1) his Francis Graves was probably not a son of Capt. Thomas Graves, and (2) there was probably a daughter of Capt. Thomas Graves who was born about 1616-1621 and was named Frances or Francis. Additional information on this subject would be appreciated. This subject was first mentioned in the newsletter on p. 23, 1995 GFNL.

Several articles in *William and Mary Quarterly* and *Tyler's Quarterly* and several books say that Francis Graves was son of Capt. Thomas Graves who died in Northampton Co., VA ca. 1635. Mrs. Mason

Jones is quoted on page 23 in the February 1995 issue of *The Graves Family Newsletter* as suggesting the hypothesis that Francis Graves was not a son but a daughter. To try to prove or to disprove Mrs. Jones' hypothesis, a search has been made of published abstracts and other published information on Accomac/Northampton records. In addition, photocopies of two original documents were obtained from the Office of the Clerk of Court of Northampton Co. and two photocopies of land patents were obtained from Virginia State Library & Archives. No effort was made to search Maryland records. The search revealed the following:

- A) On 14 Mar 1628, Capt. Thomas Graves was granted 200 acres of land on Chesapeake Bay butting Sly. on land of Capt. Henry Fleet, extending Nly. along the water side & Wly. on the bay, by virtue of his "adventure" of 25 Pounds paid to the Virginia Company - Patent Book No. 1, Part. I, p. 72 (S-1, p. 13 & S-3, p. 387)
- B) On 28 Dec. 1638, Henry Penigton received 100 pounds of tobacco and a cow calf for the use of Francis Graves in full satisfaction for a parcel of land that Henry Wilson bought that did belong unto Francis Graves the cow calf and tobacco being paid by Alice Wilson widow - Northampton Co. Will Book I, p. 140 (S-4, p. 145)
- C) On 28 Nov. 1642, a certificate was granted unto Francis Graves, orphan of Capt. Thomas Graves deceased for transportation of Richard Cainhoe, Capt. Thomas Graves, Mrs. Fraunces Jefferd, William Deaton, Rich. Cox - Northampton Co. Will Book 2, p. 116 (S-6, p. 12 & S-5, p. 223)
- D) On 11 Nov. 1645, a certificate was granted unto Geo: Trewett in right of his wife Francis Trewett deceased for 200 acres of land for transportation of Richard Cainhoe, Fraunces Jefferd, William Deaton, Richard Cox Hen: Pedendon deposed that Francis Trewett being sick at

the deponent's house said that her husband George Trewett might sell her land at the Old Plantation as he pleased - Northampton Co. Will Book No. III, p. 4 & p. 5 (S-6, p. 17)

- E) On 24 Jul 1651, a certificate was granted George Truhett for 200 acres of land in Northampton Co. near the Old Plantation Creek, bounded on the Western part by the main bay, on the Southern by land of Jonathan Gills, on the Northern by the land of Geo. Smith, running Easterly into the woods, for the transportation of Richd. Cainhoe, Fran. Jeffords, Wm. Deaton and Richard Cox - Patent Book No. 2, 1643-1651, Reel 2, p. 327 (S-1, p. 217)
- F) On 1 Sept. 1663, William Melling was granted a patent for 200 acres of land in Northampton Co., according to the ancient bounds thereof, the said land being formerly granted unto Frances Trevitt and lately found to escheat to his Majesty as by an inquisition dated 17 Apr 1663 - Patent Book No. 5, 1661-1665, Reel 3, p. 448 (S-1, p. 539)
- G) On 20 Jan 1663/4, Melling sold 100 acres at the East end of the 200 acres to Mr. Robert Hutchinson (S-1, p. 534 & S-7, p. 141)
- H) On 24 June 1665, Melling sold to William Sterling as 120 acres the balance of the 200 acres formerly belonging to Capt. Graves and now escheated to him the said William Melling, bounded Southerly on the land of Jonathan Gills, Westerly on Chesapeake Bay, Northerly on William Sterling, running Easterly into the woods - Northampton Co. Deeds, IX, p. 119-20 (S-7, pp. 140-42)
- I) On 20 Oct. 1672, Francis Graves patented 714 acres of land in Rappa. Co., on S. side sd. Riv., part on branches of Gilson's Cr. & part in Hodgins Cr; adj. Mr. Beverley, near Button Bridge (Range); over the new Road &c., for trans. of 15 persons - Patent Book No. 6, p. 436 (S-2, p. 120)

It appears that the same tract of 200 acres of land at the Old Plantation in Northampton Co. is involved in A and C through H above.

The birth date of the Francis Trewett discussed above is not definitely known. He or she would have to have been born after 1616 for Henry Pennington to have been his or her guardian in 1638. He or she would have to have been born by 1621 to have received the certificate of C above in his or her own right since no guardian was involved. His or her birth date can therefore be set at 1616-1621.

From S-8, pp. 327-329, birth dates of Capt. Thomas Graves' daughters can be approximated. Ann was born 1620 (according to S-9, p. 772), Verlinda was married before 1640, and Katherine was married by 1637. If Frances was the fourth and youngest daughter she must have been born close to 1621.

The birth date of the Francis Graves of I above, who died in Essex Co. by 1691, is given as about 1630 in S-9, p. 743. The earliest record of a confirmed land purchase found for this Francis Graves in the (Old) Rappahannock Co. area was in 1672 as cited under I above. He married, by 1678, Mrs. Jane Maguffey, a widow with three children by a previous marriage or marriages. If he had been born about 1616-21 as suggested in connection with Frances Trewett above, he would have to have been upwards of 57-62 years old when he married the widow Maguffey. Every article, book or other publication that the writer has read on the subject, with but the one exception cited at the beginning of this discussion, has identified him as the youngest son of Capt. Thomas Graves.

The writer and others have qualified their descent from Capt. Thomas Graves through his presumed son Francis Graves with the Jamestowne Society. That organization's requirements for documentation are quite strict. The writer has also joined the Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters on him.

Nevertheless, the evidence cited in A through H above leads one to conclude that

Francis Graves was daughter rather than son of Capt. Thomas Graves.

Mrs. Jones suggests that the Francis Graves who died in Essex Co. by 1691 may have been the son of the Richard Graves who was a headright of John Neale on 18 June 1636 (S-1, pp. 43, 55). Richard Graves was mentioned as a servant of John Wilkins in Court held at Acchawmack on 5 Sep 1636 and as a headright of Wilkins on 18 May 1637 (S-4, p. 56 & S-1, p. 56). A "Rich. Groves (first written Graves)" was a headright of Robert Pitts in Isle of Wight Co. on 14 Feb. 1637 (S-1, p. 85). A Richd. Graves was a headright of Mr. Henry Aubery on 4 Oct. 1675 (S-2, p. 165). No further record of any Richard Graves has been found until we learn that Francis Graves had a son named Richard. Several persons surnamed Graves appear in the early Essex Co. records (Essex. Co. was formed from [Old] Rappahannock Co. in 1692) but no person named Richard Graves has been found in Essex Co. before the Richard who was son of Francis. No record has been found that the Richard Graves of Acchawmack or the Richard Graves of Isle of Wight left any issue. No record prior to 1672 has been found of any Richard Graves connecting him to the Francis Graves who died in Essex Co. by 1691. Further research is needed to establish the origin of this Francis Graves.

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DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM GREAVES OF GREENHILL, NORTON, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND

(concluded from p. 84 of Aug. issue)

GENERATION 5

William Thomason (24) of Grainfoot, near Derwent, married Elizabeth Crawshaw of Bankhouse, near Bradfield.

Children - Thomason

- 63. William Thomason, m. Anne Eyre.
- 64. Sarah Thomason, m. William Brumby (of Hayfield).
- 65. Elizabeth Thomason, m. Richard Creswell (of Small Dale).
- 66. Ann Thomason, m. John Bacon (of Hallfield, near Bradfield).

Joseph Greaves (32) married -----.

Children - Greaves

- 67. William Greaves
- 68. Christopher Greaves

Benjamin Greaves (34) was of Alderman's Head. He married ----- Howe of Horderm, parish of Peniston.

Children - Greaves

- 69. Mary Greaves
- 70. John Greaves
- 71. Rachel Greaves
- 72. William Greaves
- 73. Benjamin Greaves
- 74. Hannah Greaves, m. ----- Nelson.
- 75. Charles Greaves
- 76. Betty Greaves

Mary Greaves (35) married Richard Ellis of Midhope Hall.

Children - Ellis

- 77. William Ellis, m. ----- Greaves (dau. of ----- Greaves of Alderman's Head).

78. Ellen Ellis, m. John Ellis (her cousin, of Chapeltown).

Christopher Greaves (37) married Mary Bocking of Hope. They were both buried at Hope.

Children - Greaves

79. William Greaves, never married. Bur. at Hope.

80. Mary Greaves, m. John Middleton.

Benjamin Greaves (38) married ----- Champion of Nether Booth, Edale. She was buried at Manchester.

Children - Greaves

81. Champion Greaves, d. Oct. 1826 (Manchester).

82. William Greaves

83. Martha Greaves

84. Mary Greaves

85. Elizabeth Greaves

Rachel Greaves (39) married Christopher Siddal of Hope. They were both buried at Sheffield.

Children - Siddal

86. Christopher Siddal

87. Mary Siddal

88. Elizabeth Siddal

89. Anne Siddal

90. Sarah Siddal

91. Margaret Siddal

92. Catherine Siddal

Elizabeth Greaves (40) married William Holmes of Hope.

Children - Holmes

93. William Holmes

94. Betty Holmes

Charles Greaves (42) was born 28 Oct. 1740, died 6 Nov. 1800, and was buried in the Church of Wood Street, London. He married Anne Pierrepoint of London, sister of Evelyn Pierrepoint, supposed to be the next heir male to the Duke of Kingston. She died 6 July

1805, and was also buried at the Church of Wood Street, London.

Children - Greaves

95. Sarah Greaves, m. Kirkman Gardener.

96. John Greaves, b.c. 1786, d. 1805 (age 19)

97. Hannah Greaves, b.c. 1788, d. 1801 (age 13).

98. Pierrepoint Greaves, m. Martha Alcock, d. by 1847.

99. Richard Greaves, m. ----- Wilson.

100. J. P. Greaves

101. Mary Anne Greaves

102. Charles Greaves, m. Charlotte Mylne, d. 20 Oct. 1829.

103. Alexander Greaves; M.A., of Queen's College, Cambridge.

Thomas Greaves (43) was born 25 Jan. 1745 and died 7 July 1800. His will was dated 3 Feb. 1797. He married Mary Bradwell of Abney, parish of Hope, co. Derby. She was born about 1753 and died 30 Jan. 1836 at age 83. They were both buried in the Church at Hope.

Children - Greaves

104. Charles Greaves, b. 14 Jan. 1774, m. Milicent Stringer, 24 Sept. 1807.

105. Hugh Greaves, b. 21 April 1779, m. Mary Lomas, 2 Dec. 1802.

106. Thomas Greaves, b. 30 Sept. 1780, m. Martha Heiron Radford, 1 April 1807.

107. George Greaves, b. 15 Jan. 1794, d. 22 Feb. 1833.

108. Charlotte Greaves, b. Sept. 1791, d. 23 July 1833.

109. Mary Greaves, b. 26 Feb. 1775, m. Arthur Spear.

110. Ruth Greaves, b. 22 April 1784, m. John Barlow.

William Greaves (44) was born 2 April 1748, died in Nov. 1818, and was buried at St. James', Sheffield. He married Elizabeth Bromhead of Sheffield, daughter of Joseph Bromhead.

Children - Greaves

111. Mary Bromhead Greaves

- 112. Joseph Greaves, m. Eliza Spear.
- 113. Arabella Greaves

Benjamin Greaves (45) was born 22 Nov. 1750, died 8 July 1834, and was buried at Hope. He was B.A., Curate of Middleton Stony, and built the Chapel at Loxley. He married Anne Green of Chapel le Frith. She died in Feb. 1802, and was buried at Chapel le Frith.

Children - Greaves

- 114. George Agrippa Greaves, d. 2 May 1814 (Rowlee). He was a cutler at Sheffield. Bur. at Hope.
- 115. Elizabeth Greaves
- 116. Joseph Greaves, d. 1816. Bur. at Sheffield.
- 117. John Green Greaves; lived in London.
- 118. Mary Anne Greaves
- 119. Alexander Benjamin Greaves; apprenticed in Manchester, ran away, went to Jamaica, killed by the natives on the coast of Madagascar in 1826.
- 120. James Josiah Graves
- 121. Charles Caesar Graves

John Greaves (46) was born 31 March 1753, died in May 1824, and was buried at Hope. He married Elizabeth Roe of Bakewell, Derbyshire. She died in Sept. 1812, and was buried at Peniston.

Children - Greaves

- 122. Mary Greaves, m. Edward Core.

George Greaves (47) was born 6 March 1756. He married Mary Priestley of London. She died in Feb. 1833, and was buried at South End.

Children - Greaves

- 123. George Greaves (M.A. of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge), not married in 1830.
- 124. Ebenezer Greaves, m. Charlotte Jendur (?), 1824. She was dau. of Joshua Jendur, Esq., of Chigwell, but who was of right a Baronet; sister to Rev. Henry Jendur who m. Caroline Smelt of

Gedling, co. Nott., niece to the Earl of Chester. They had 2 sons.

- 125. Joseph Greaves, m. Maria Anne Pearson, 1826.
- 126. Ann Greaves
- 127. Charles Greaves
- 128. Samuel Greaves, m. Lydia Abdy.
- 129. Mary Greaves, m. Rev. Richard Pearson (M.A., of St. John's College, Oxford, only son of Richard Pearson, M.D.). 8 children.
- 130. Edward Greaves
- 131. Henry Addington Greaves; he was M.A., of Corpus Christi College, not married in 1830.
- 132. Rebecca Greaves
- 133. Eliza Greaves
- 134. Alfred Greaves (B.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, 1830).

Christopher Greaves (48) was born 20 June 1758, and died 30 Jan. 1833, age 74. He married Mary Bradwell of Offerton, parish of Hope. She was born about 1869, and died 1 Aug. 1822 at age 53. They were both buried at Hope.

Children - Greaves

- 135. William Greaves
- 136. Alexander Barker Greaves
- 137. Mary Greaves, married.
- 138. Charles Greaves, m. ----- Riley.

Mary Brownhill (49) married Richard Oliver of Bamford.

Children - Oliver

- 139. John Oliver
- 140. Samuel Oliver
- 141. Joanna Oliver
- 142. George Oliver

Hannah Brownhill (51) married ----- Ibbotson of Sheffield. He was a grocer.

Children - Ibbotson

- 143. George Ibbotson
- 144. Thomas Ibbotson
- 145. Edward Ibbotson
- 146. William Ibbotson

- 147. Sarah Ibbotson
- 148. Mary Ibbotson, m. J. Horn (of London).
He m(2) Martha Louise ----- of
Strangways.

Charles Greaves (52) married Miss -----
Beardmore of Southwell. He was buried at
Bath.

Children - Greaves

- 149. Charlotte Greaves, m. ----- Fowler.

Frederick Greaves (53) married Ellen
Bennet of Thornset Fields, parish of Glossop.
He died 6 or 8 Jan. 1826, and was buried at
Norton.

Children - Greaves

- 150. Henry Greaves, m. Hannah Hill.
- 151. Thomas Greaves; "went abroad".
- 152. Bennet Greaves, died abroad.
- 153. John Greaves
- 154. Mary Greaves, m(1) ----- Singleton (of
Manchester), m(2) William Cannah.
- 155. Anne Greaves, m. John ----- (of
Manchester).

Caroline Greaves (54) first married Francis
Tay of Peak Forest. He was buried there. She
secondly married Christopher Booth of The
Wood, Woodlands. She died in 1818 at The
Wood, and was buried at Hope.

Children - Tay

- 156. Catherine Tay (only child), m. Zaccheus
Middleton (of Twothorn field). No
children.

Maria Greaves (56) first married Henry
Wardlaw of Bradway, parish of Norton. She
secondly married Thomas Barnes of Sheffield.
He was a cutler. There were no children by
the second marriage. Maria died in 1819 at
Bradway.

Children - Wardlaw

- 157. Catherine Wardlaw, m. Robert Lilliman.

Elizabeth Greaves (57) married John Oldale
of Cold Aston.

Children - Oldale

- 158. John Oldale; an exciseman in Kent.
- 159. Mary Oldale, m. Thomas Biggen.
- 160. Catherine Oldale, m. ----- Turner.
- 161. Sarah Oldale, b.c. 1788, d. Nov. 1807
(age 19).
- 162. Francis Oldale, m. Miss Wylde.
- 163. Sidney Oldale, m. Miss Jenkins.
- 164. Charles Oldale, d. 1818.

Susanna Greaves (58) married John
Hammerton of Embley.

Children - Hammerton

- 165. Henry Hammerton
- 166. John Hammerton
- 167. Grace Hammerton
- 168. Catherine Hammerton
- 169. Elizabeth Hammerton
- 170. Joseph Hammerton

GENERATION 6

William Thomason (63) of Grainfoot
married Anne Eyre of Howden.

Children - Thomason

- 171. William Thomason (of Grainfoot in
1836)
- 172. Hugh Thomason, married (in India), d.
1832 (India).
- 173. Thomas Thomason, m. Miss Eyre (of
Thurlston).
- 174. Frances Thomason, m. Samuel Bray (of
Owler-brook, Edale).
- 175. Catherine Thomason, m. G. Eyre.

Mary Greaves (80) married John Middleton
of Hope. He was born about 1767, died 30
Aug. 1828 at age 61, and was buried at Hope.

Children - Middleton

- 176. William Greaves Middleton
- 177. John Middleton
- 178. Christopher Middleton
- 179. Robert Middleton
- 180. Mary Middleton, b.c. 1807, d. 22 April
1824 (age 17).

Sarah Greaves (95) married Kirkman Gardener of Wandsworth. He was an insurance broker.

Children - Gardener

181. Caroline Gardener, b. 23 Sept. 1810 (King's Arms Yard, London).
182. Kirkman Gardener, b. 5 or 6 Dec. 1811 (Lambeth), d. 1816.
183. Henry Gardener, b. 1814.

Pierrepoint Greaves (98) of Chorley, co. Lancaster, married Martha Alcock of Heaton Norris near Stockport. He was dead by 1847.

Children - Greaves

184. Mary Anne Greaves, died young.
185. son
186. Sarah Greaves, b. 1817.
187. Harriet Greaves, d. 1829.

Richard Greaves (99), M.A. of Wadham College, Oxford, married ----- Wilson, daughter of William Wilson, Esq., of Worton, co. Oxon. She was sister of the wife of Daniel Wilson, D.D., Vicar of Islington and Bishop of Calcutta.

Children - Greaves

188. Richard Greaves
189. Evelyn Greaves
190. child

Charles Greaves (102) married Charlotte Mylne of Amwell, Hertfordshire. She was daughter of William Mylne, the engineer of Black Friars Bridge, and niece of Sir ----- Gordon of Edinburgh, Bart., cousin of Rev. Sir Henry Thompson. Charles Greaves died 20 Oct. 1829.

Children - Greaves

191. Charles Greaves, b. 1816.
192. Charlotte Greaves, b. 1817.
193. Robert Greaves
194. Sophia Greaves
195. Evelyn Greaves
196. Mary Greaves

Charles Greaves (104) was of Rowlee. He was born 14 Jan. 1774, and was living in 1836.

He married Milicent Stringer, daughter and heir of John Stringer of Dungworth, on 24 Sept. 1807. At the time of her marriage, she was of Catcliff, parish of Rotherham.

Children - Greaves

197. Mary Greaves, b. 3 Sept. 1810, not married in 1836.
198. Frances Greaves, b. 27 March 1812, not married in 1836.
199. Charles Greaves, b. 9 Nov. 1814, not married in 1836, and living at Rowlee.
200. Thomas Greaves, b. 9 April 1818, not married in 1836.

Hugh Greaves (105) was born 21 April 1779. He married Mary Lomas of Strangways near Manchester on 2 Dec. 1802.

Children - Greaves

201. Mary Lomas Greaves, b. 1803, d. 1834.
202. Thomas Greaves, died young.
203. George Greaves, b. 3 Aug. 1806. (There is apparently some question as to whether this could be the same as #107.)
204. Martha Anne Greaves
205. Charles Greaves
206. Hugh Greaves
207. William Greaves
208. Jane Lomas Greaves
209. Elizabeth Greaves
210. Sarah Gardener Greaves, died young.
211. John Greaves, died young.
212. Edward Joy Greaves, died young.
213. Mary Lomas Greaves
214. Charlotte Greaves, died young.
215. Henry Greaves, died young.
216. Sarah Anne Greaves

Thomas Greaves (106) was born 30 Sept. 1780. He married Martha Heiron Radford of Winsley Hall near Matlock on 1 April 1807. She died 20 Aug. 1836 at Hull.

Children - Greaves

217. Martha Radford Greaves
218. Elizabeth Greaves

Mary Greaves (109) was born 26 Feb. 1775. She married Arthur Spear of Manchester.

Children - Spear

- 219. Mary Anne Spear, b. 15 March 1798, d. 9 Feb. 1799.
- 220. Mary Anne Spear, b. 1 May 1799.
- 221. Arthur Greaves Spear, b. 22 Oct. 1800 (Hackney), d. 1815.
- 222. Harriet Spear, b. 17 March 1802.
- 223. Robert Spear, b. 15 June 1803 (Sarvie, France), d. 9 Aug. 1805.
- 224. Eliza Spear, b. 15 March 1805 (Havre, France).
- 225. Caroline Anne Spear, b. 21 Sept. 1807 (Nantz, France).
- 226. Sarah Spear, b. 29 Jan. 1809 (Paris, France).
- 227. Sophia Spear, b. 12 July 1815 (Berwick-house, Essex).

Ruth Greaves (110) was born 22 April 1784. She married John Barlow of Sheffield, iron-founder.

Children - Barlow

- 228. John Greaves Barlow, died young 21 Dec. 1812. Bur. at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Carver St., Sheffield.
- 229. Charles Barlow, died young.
- 230. Thomas Greaves Barlow
- 231. James Barlow
- 232. Charlotte Barlow
- 233. Anne Barlow, died young.
- 234. George Barlow, died young.
- 235. Mary Anne Barlow, b. 1823 (Belfast).
- 236. John Barlow, b. 15 May 1825 (Shankelwell).
- 237. Charles Henry Barlow
- 238. Reginald Barlow

Joseph Greaves (112) married Eliza Spear. He lived in London, and went to Australia about 1851.

Children - Greaves

- 239. Frederick Greaves
- 240. Henry Greaves
- 241. Josephine Greaves
- 242. child
- 243. child

Mary Greaves (122), heir of her father, married Edward Core. He was Rector of Woolhampton, co. Berks.

Children - Core

- 244. Edward Core

Joseph Greaves (125) married Maria Anne Pearson in 1826. She was only daughter of Admiral Pearson, son of Sir Richard Pearson of Greenwich Hospital.

Children - Greaves

- 245. Richard Greaves
- 246. child

Samuel Greaves (128) married Lydia Abdy. She was daughter of Rev. William Jervis Abdy, M.A., Rector of St. John's, Horsly Down.

Children - Greaves

- 247. Samuel Greaves, died young.
- 248. Cyril Abdy Greaves

Charlotte Greaves (149) married Rev. ----- Fowler of Southwell.

Children - Fowler

- 249. Caroline Beardmore Fowler

Henry Greaves (150) married Hannah Hill of Birchet, parish of Dronfield.

Children - Greaves

- 250. John Greaves, m. Mary Lowe (of Unthank).
- 251. Thomas Greaves

Catherine Wardlaw (157) married Robert Lilliman of Stockport. He was a schoolmaster and exciseman.

Children - Lilliman

- 252. Maria Lilliman
- 253. Joseph Lilliman
- 254. Matilda Lilliman
- 255. Robert Lilliman

Mary Oldale (159) married Thomas Biggen of Cold Aston.

Children - Biggen

256. Nancy Biggen
257. Joseph Biggen

Catherine Oldale (160) married ----- Turner of Cold Aston, sicklesmith.

Children - Turner

258. Francis Turner

household of his parents, probably in the Cincinnati area.

Could there be a connection with the Quaker family of New Castle Co., DE, or with descendants of Capt. Thomas Graves of VA living in the Cincinnati area? Or could the Robertson connection indicate a link with the family of St. Mary's Co., MD?)

QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

MISCELLANEOUS GRAVES FAMILIES

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Graves III (Bill and Anita), 12 Clerbrook Lane, St. Louis, MO 63124, are searching for their Graves ancestry. They have now gone back one more generation to THOMAS J. GRAVES. His Civil War discharge certificate gives the following information: Thomas J. Graves, Sergeant of 1st Lt. W. T. Warner's Co. C, 4th Regt. of Delaware Infantry Volunteers, who was enrolled 18 Sept. 1862 to serve 3 years or during the war, is hereby discharged 13 May 1865 at Philadelphia, PA. He was born in Cincinnati, OH, is 21 years of age (presumably this means 21 or older), 5 feet six inches high, dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Morocco Dresser (leather worker).

His son, William Middleton Graves, was born 26 April 1863 in Wilmington, DE, died 12 Nov. 1953, and was buried at Mt. Olive Cem., Chicago, IL. He married Ellen Marie Daley, born and raised in Phoenixville, PA (near Philadelphia, PA). They had 3 children: Ethel, John Paul, and William Middleton Graves, Jr. They were living in Wilmington, DE in 1896, according to the 1900 census. W. M. Graves, Sr., was raised by an aunt who was married to Robert R. Robertson (a prominent family of that time).

(ED. NOTE: The first thing to do is check the DE census for 1870 to find the approx. date of birth for Thomas, then check the 1860 censuses for DE and the Cincinnati area (including both OH and KY) to find where Thomas was living at that time. Then check the 1850 census to try to find Thomas in the

Mrs. Louise Graves (Mrs. David W. Graves), 4565 Shriver Rd., North Canton, OH 44720-1117, says that her husband is descended from JOHN GRAVES of VA & OH (gen. 160) via John¹, Lewis², Wesley³, Henry⁴, Samuel⁵, William⁶, David⁷ Graves.

John¹ Graves married Sarah ----- . It is believed that she was probably Sarah Moab, since that name was carried through middle names of some descendants for about 3 generations. John died 1816 in Pike Co., OH. They lived in Harrison Twp., Ross Co., OH.

Estate settlement papers dated 1816, Pike Co., OH show that his estate was divided among his widow (2/3) and 10 heirs (the other third). No names were given in the estate papers, except for George Graves, as administrator of the estate. From Pike Co. records we find the names of sons Lewis, George, John D., and Zachariah.

The following 8 people are believed to be his children:

- Alexander Moab Graves, b. 21 May 1773 (NC), m. Rebecca Comer, 28 Nov. 1803, d. 26 Jan. 1852 (Vinton Co., OH).
- Lewis Graves, b.c. 1777 (MD), m. Sarah Hanson, Aug. 1804, d. 30 April 1848 (Ross Co., OH).
- George W. Graves, b. 11 May 1781 (VA?), m(1) Aramiah Moor, 17 April 1803, m(2) Sarah Hunt, 27 March 1834, d. 7 Feb. 1839 (Scioto Co., OH).
- John D. Graves; said to have lived many years near Lexington, KY.
- Zachariah Graves, b.c. 1783 (Parkersburg, VA, later WV), m. Tabitha ----- . Lived in Hamilton Co., OH. Land records show that a Zachariah had land next to that of

George and Lewis Graves in 1816 in Pike Co., OH.

- Nellie (or Eleanor?) Graves, m. William Rush, 24 Jan. 1804.
- Catherine Graves
- William Graves, m. Lydia Dugan, 18 March 1806.

There is an unconfirmed story that John was a wealthy landowner in Culpeper Co., VA. However, no records have been found to substantiate this.

It is interesting to note that there was a William Graves, b. 2 Aug. 1756, who lived in Lexington, KY, where all his children were born. He was descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA as follows: Thomas¹, John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, Ralph⁵, Richard⁶, William⁷. The children of William were Josiah Graves, b. 1778, m. Sarah Lynn; John Graves; George Graves, b.c. 1782, lived in Portsmouth, Scioto Co., OH; Eleanor Graves, m. Nelson Rush (of OH); Mary Graves, m. Tillman Lewis. This George would fit as the George who is listed as a son of John Graves above. Is it possible that there were 2 people named George Graves living in Scioto Co. at the same time, or that William Graves (b. 1756) died young and his brother John raised George, or that John was the one who lived in Lexington, KY, and the information about William is wrong?

There is some uncertainty as to whether the above Lewis Graves is the one who was the son of John and Sarah. In addition to supposedly being born in MD and raised in PA (not part of the tradition of his supposed siblings, but typical of the Quaker Graves family), he lived in Ross Co. Is it possible that he was part of the Quaker family descended from Thomas Graves of Newcastle Co., DE, many of whom lived in Ross Co., OH?

However, not all Graves family members who lived in Ross Co. were from the Quaker line. For instance, there was the family of Willis Graves and Jane Carruthers of Culpeper Co., VA and Ross Co., OH, whose ancestry has not yet been determined, but is probably from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA.

Louise Graves says: "my husband's family were Methodists [not Quakers], including Lewis. He is buried at Concord Church in Walnut Creek, Ross Co., OH.

I believe that the son Alexander is the one who, if anyone, does not belong in John and Sarah's list of children. He was born in NC, whereas the others that we know about were born in VA. Lewis was listed as having been born in MD, but remember the boundary disputes. Although he could have been born before the move to VA."

"The name Alexander does not repeat in any of the families of John's children that I am aware of. Also, the fact that Alexander is not listed in the Pike Co. area where they first settled. He is said to have come from NC with his father and settled in Ross Co. This does not fit John... I have not been able to locate the name Moab anywhere ... Could Alexander be in the wrong family?"

"I would like to find others tracing Lewis's line. So far there hasn't been a clue as to who the parents of Martha McKinley [wife of Wesley⁸ Graves, son of William⁷] were. Only thing that is known is that she was a cousin of Pres. McKinley."

Can anyone help? Is at least one of the descendants of the Quaker Graves family mixed incorrectly with descendants of Capt. Thomas Graves of VA?

GRAVES FAMILIES OF THE BRITISH ISLES AND AUSTRALIA

Mr. Frank Shapland Graves, Box 589, Millicent, South Australia 5280, Australia, wrote: "The birthplace and the manner in which my great-grandfather, SHAPLAND VALENTINE GRAVES arrived in Australia remain a mystery. His first marriage certificate gives his father's name as WILLIAM VALENTINE GRAVES. Where he was born we have no idea. Having searched locally held BDM indexes, convict musters prior to the founding of the state (South Australia was not founded by convicts as were N.S.W., Tasmania, Queensland and

Victoria) without success, the time has come to appeal for help.

... The only other clues are the possibility Shapland was related to Thomas Graves, born at Cambridge, U.K., who was in the grocery trade at the time and in the general locality, at the time of Shapland's marriage. Thomas's wife was Elizabeth (nee Grose), and Shapland's first wife, son William, and daughter Charlotte are all buried in a multiple grave site registered to the Grose family. So obviously there must be some close relationship, although their respective birth dates discounts them being brothers."

A paragraph from *Copper to Gold, A History of Wallaroo*, states that Shapland Valentine Graves was first recorded in the Adelaide Directory as "Storekeeper" in 1853, then "Grocer" in 1854. Thomas Graves was listed from 1849 to 1864 as "Wholesale Grocer" in Adelaide. In 1882, Shapland set up as a General Storekeeper/Grocer in Wallaroo.

A letter was sent by W. Graves, Master of the *Hoang Ho* of Liverpool, in 1868 to the Manager of the Kadina & Wallaroo Railway and Pier Co. Frank S. Graves wrote: "Another possibility is that if the Master of the *Hoang Ho* was William Valentine Graves and had made previous voyages to the one mentioned in *Copper to Gold*, even if he was not Shapland's father, Shapland could have walked off the ship in any port in Australia, leaving no record of his arrival."

A partial genealogy of this family follows.

GENERATION 1

William Valentine Graves (1) probably married. He had at least the one son listed below.

Children - Graves

2. Shapland Valentine Graves, b. 16 Sept. 1819, m(1) Sarah Lavinia Garey, 5 Oct. 1852, m(2) Lydia Louisa Garey, 4 Oct. 1862, d. 17 July 1904.

GENERATION 2

Shapland Valentine Graves (2) was born 16 Sept. 1819, died 17 July 1904, and was buried

in Wallaroo, South Australia. He lived at Mt. Lofty, Salisbury, Pt. Wakefield, Green Plains and Wallaroo. He first married Sarah Lavinia Garey on 5 Oct. 1852. She was born in 1830, and died and was buried 17 July 1859. She was the oldest daughter of George Daniel Garey, tailor of Melbourne St., North Adelaide. Shapland secondly married Lydia Louisa Garey, 2nd daughter of George Daniel Garey, on 4 Oct. 1862.

Children - Graves, by Sarah L. Garey

3. William Graves, b. 9 Aug. 1853, d. 20 Oct. 1853.
4. Maria Marcella Graves, b. 15 Nov. 1854, m. Sam Green, 25 Dec. 1880 (Medindie). At Shapland's death they were living in Johannesburg, South Africa.
5. Charlotte Elizabeth Graves, b. 6 April 1857, d. 31 March 1861.
6. Lavinia Louisa A. Graves, b. 4 July 1859, m. Edward B. Stibbles.
Children - Graves, by Lydia L. Garey
7. Lydia May Mary Graves, b. 22 July 1863, m. Joe Edwards, 1 May 1884.
8. Elizabeth Vincent Graves, b. 2 Nov. 1864, m. John Alexander Anderson, 18 July 1885, d. 1942.
9. Annie Graves, b. 6 April 1867, m. Albert H. Gunter, 1887.
10. Ebenezer George Graves, b. 21 May 1871, m. Ida Bessie Wagstaff, 26 Aug. 1897, d. May 1940.
11. Ruth Graves, b. 15 April 1876, d. 6 Dec. 1876.

NORTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES

Mr. Thomas F. Graves, 4119 Heatherglen St., Bay City, TX 77414, wants to learn more about his g-g-grandfather and the earlier ancestry. He was SYLVESTER GRAVES, born 13 Feb. 1818 in Berkshire Co., MA, died 14 Oct. 1880 in Marshfield, MO, married 12 Sept. 1840 to Harriet Morrison. She was born 22 Nov. 1824. They were married at a place called North East, MA, by Charles Patterson, JP.

Most of the information is from an old family Bible of his g-grandfather, and from

Civil War and pension papers. He did find a deed for a farm in Mount Washington, MA (in southwestern MA) where Sylvester had been trying to make it as a farmer. The farm was foreclosed on in 1844, and it appears that Sylvester may have been a carpenter after that.

Sylvester served in the Civil War, enlisting at Cornwall, Litchfield Co., CT. He was in the 11th Conn. USV and 2nd Regt. C.V. Heavy Artillery. His normal trade when enlisting was a carpenter. In Marshfield, MO he was listed as a farmer in the 1880 census for Ozark Twp., Webster Co., MO.

Children of Sylvester and Harriet were: Warner Graves, b. 22 Jan. 1842; Sena Lucretia Graves, b. 17 Feb. 1844; Andrew Jefferson Graves, b. 5 Nov. 1846, d. 20 Sept. 1864; Mary Elizabeth Graves, b. 23 Aug. 1848, never married, d. 6 Nov. 1872; Lucelia ("Celia") Permelia Graves, b. 6 Oct. 1850, d. 10 Oct. 1868, m. ----- Harrington; Henry Martin Graves, b. 13 Sept. 1852; Thurry Ann Graves, b. 16 Nov. 1854; Eatith (Edith?) Ellen Graves, b. 30 March 1857, d. 19 Sept. 1861; Eatith Ellen Graves, b. 25 Nov. 1861; Mirra Arsella Graves, b. 24 Sept. 1866.

The line of descent is: Sylvester¹, Warner², John Wesley³, Thomas Bayse France⁴, Thomas France⁵ Graves. Warner Graves was also known as Warren and Downing Warner Graves. He was born 22 Jan. 1842 at Mount Washington, MA, married 22 July 1870 at Marshfield, MO to Anna L. Sartain, died 29 Aug. 1910, was buried at Napa, CA, and served in the Civil War.

(ED. NOTE: The first step should be to check the 1820 and 1830 censuses for Berkshire Co., MA to find all Graves head of households with a male child of the right age to be Sylvester. One of these will almost certainly be the right one. Then, finding a will or probate record, or identifying the heads of household in an existing genealogy may give the connection.

It would also be helpful to look for more information about Sylvester in Berkshire Co., MA. Also look for other family members

associated with him in records. The 1850 census may give more about him and his siblings and other relatives.

It seems likely that Sylvester was descended from Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT, based on places and names. It is interesting to see that there was a Downing Warner Graves listed as #2055 on p. 284 of the Thomas Graves book. Although this is not the same person as the g-grandfather of Thomas Graves, there may be a close relationship.)

JOHN GRAVES OF CONCORD, MA

Mr. David L. Mitchell, 35 Highland Rd., Apt. 1209, Bethel Park, PA 15102, has been looking for information on his ancestor, DAVID GRAVES, who was born 25 Jan. 1773, and married Judith Chase on 20 May 1801. She was born 22 May 1785 in Townsend, and later moved to Lee, Oneida Co., NY.

They had 14 children: (1) Lucinda, b. 10 Feb. 1802, (2) Polly, b. 15 Dec. 1804, (3) Hiram, b. 6 Feb. 1807, (4) David, b. 11 May 1809, (5) Judith, b. 10 June 1811, (6) Olive, b. 14 Sept. 1813, (7) Belinda, b. 5 Dec. 1815, (8) Joseph, b. 17 Jan. 1817, (9) Sylvia, b. 2 March 1819, (10) Jacob, b. 6 June 1821, (11) Lev(r)ias, b. 6 Dec. 1823, (12) William, b. 2 March 1826, (13) Annis, b. 8 Oct. 1829, (14) John, b. 8 Oct. 1832.

All his information has come from the Flower Memorial Library in Watertown, Jefferson Co., NY, in their genealogy dept. The above information was copied by Miss Florentine Vincent of the town of Cape Vincent Sept. 1931 from the family record of Mrs. Alphonso Vincent of Schenectady, NY. Alphonso was a son of Washington Vincent and Belinda Graves. The marriage date of David and Judith was from *Seven Generations of Descendants of Aquila and Thomas Chase* by John Carroll Chase and George Walter Chamberlin, p. 162, under Jacob Chase. The 1855 census for the town of Clayton, Jefferson Co., NY lists Olive Graves as born in Oneida Co., NY.

Mrs. Lonna Hoogewind, 3868 Manning Ct., Muskegon, MI 49444, has been looking for the ancestry of ANSEL GRAVES, born 22 Feb. 1802 in Chester, Warren Co., NY, married Sophia Leland. An ancestor chart for Lonna's g-grandma, Arlie May Graves, is on the next page.

(ED. NOTE: This family is descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA, as follows: John¹, Benjamin², Benjamin³, James⁴, Ansel⁵, Ansel⁶ m. Sophia Leland.)

Dr. and Mrs. Lemuel C. Allison, 5231 Range Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236-2846, are researching his descent from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA via Benjamin², Benjamin³, Mary⁴ m. Ebenezer Daniels.

They would like to learn more about their part of the family, and would like to contact others descended through this Daniels connection.

He also wrote that the *Jefferson County Gazette*, p. 672, shows a Jonathan Graves who moved from Shelburne, Mass. to Vienna, Oneida Co., NY, and who married Elizabeth Lisk. Vienna is only 5 or 6 miles from Lee. How was this person connected to David Graves?

(ED. NOTE: David Graves was descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA as follows: John¹, Benjamin², Joseph³, Benjamin⁴, Joseph⁵, David⁶.

Jonathan Graves who married Elizabeth Lisk was David's 2nd cousin once removed. His descent was: John¹, Benjamin², Benjamin³, Jonathan⁴, Jonathan⁵ m. Bettie Lisk.)

David Mitchell's descent from David Graves is: David⁶, Olive⁷ Graves m. Stillman Whittier, Manchester⁸ Whittier m. Caroline Nichols, Mary Grace⁹ Whittier m. Leroy Walen Priest, Helen Whittier¹⁰ Priest m. Hubert Glen Percy, Beverly Ann¹¹ Percy m. Robert D. Mitchell, David L.¹² Mitchell b. 30 Dec. 1950.

THOMAS GRAVES OF HARTFORD, CT

Mr. David A. Wyatt, 246 West VanBruggen Dr., Plainwell, MI 49080, has been searching for the ancestry of LEMUEL GRAVES of Jefferson Co., NY. The only source he has found listing him is on the death record of his daughter, Sarah ("Sally") Graves, who was born 7 Dec. 1806 in Ellisburg, Jefferson Co., NY. Allegan Co., Michigan Deaths, vol. 2, p. 146: Sally Clover, widow, died 23 Sept. 1891 at Monterey, aged 86 years, 16 days. Female, white, widow, cause: old age, born NY, father: Lemuel Graves of Ellisburg, NY, mother: Eleanor Graves of Ellisburg, NY.

"I have not been able to find a death record of Sally's first husband (Jedidiah Bates) but Sally married her second husband (Frederick Clover) on 4 Sept. 1845 at Geauga Co., OH and is found in the 1860 census of Hopkins, Allegan Co., MI."

The children of Sally Graves were: (1) Harriet S. Bates, b. 1827, (2) Eleanor E. Bates, b. 1833, m. Henry Guyot, (3) Andrew E. Bates, b. 1835, m. Sarah A. Beelis, (4) Lorinda S. Bates, b. 1836, m. Martin T. Smith, (5)

Bradley Monroe Bates, b. 1839, m(1) Emiline R. Miller, m(2) Mary J. Reed, (6) Jonathan L. Bates, b. 1841, m. Sarah A. Norton, (7) Frederick A. Clover, b. 1849, (8) S. Frederick Clover, b. 1850, m. Claus Buck.

(ED. NOTE: This Lemuel Graves was probably descended from THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT. The probable descent is: Thomas¹, John², Samuel³, Jonathan⁴, Elisha⁵, Jonathan⁶, Lemuel⁷ b.c. 1772. This Lemuel is shown as #1097 on p. 93 of the book.

The reasons for believing that this is the correct Lemuel Graves are: he was born about the right time, this is the only part of any of the New England Graves families where Lemuel is such a common name, this is the only Graves family known to have lived in Ellisburgh, NY, and Lemuel's daughter Sally had a son named Jonathan, perhaps for her grandfather.

More information on Lemuel, his siblings, and their descendants is needed to confirm this relationship. Help would be appreciated.)

Ms. Merle Kimball, 2 Bromley Dr., Williamsburg, VA 23185, noticed the discussion of NATHANIEL GRAVES, born 1793 in Litchfield, CT, on p. 103, 1992 GFNL, and has provided his ancestry. "I feel he is the son of Nathaniel Graves and Sarah Orcutt" (p. 97 in the Thomas Graves of Hartford book), "as the query stated he had two brothers, William and David", etc. There were a number of similarities. "I am interested in the family because Nathaniel Graves, the father, was a brother to my ancestor, William Graves."

She pointed out that there were several errors and omissions in the book concerning the family of Nathaniel Graves, the father (#495 in the book), born 22 Sept. 1763. He did not die until 30 March 1849 in Conneaut twp., Erie Co., PA, where he was buried in Valley Cem. He married Sarah Orcutt, according to the family Bible, on 10 Aug. 1786, but no place was given.

Ms. Kimball also wrote that she has more information on the descendants of the senior Nathaniel Graves, and will be happy to share it with descendants.

(ED. NOTE: I agree that the Nathaniel Graves who was mentioned in the 1992 GFNL was definitely the son of Nathaniel, born 1763. The younger Nathaniel, listed as #1159 in the book, was born 25 March 1793 at New Hartford, Litchfield Co., CT, and died 29 March 1876 at Lafayette, WI. He married Amanda Wilmarth on 2 May 1815 in Victor, NY.

One other error in the book was that the death date given for the son was actually for his father.)

SAMUEL GRAVES OF LYNN, MA

Mr. Fred Meserve, 62 Hamilton Rd., Northboro, MA 01532, is interested in a couple of Graves-Meserve marriages and would like more information. The first is ELIZABETH GRAVES who married Joseph Meserve in 1831. He was born in Scarborough, ME. The second is SAMUEL H. GRAVES who married Sarah/Sally Meserve on 13 Oct. 1816 in Machias, ME.

(ED. NOTE: Elizabeth Graves is descended from Samuel Graves of Lynn, MA, and is shown as #743 on p. 75 of that book.

I cannot find any connection for Samuel H. Graves. Can anyone else help?)

SOUTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES

Mr. Louis F. McDonald, 4250 Lansdowne Dr. NW, Atlanta, GA 30339, is descended from the JOSEPH GRAVES who migrated from Orange Co., VA to Rowan Co. (later Surry, now Wilkes), NC about 1763-69. His daughter, Mary Graves, b.c. 1738, married Benjamin Cleveland about 1758-60. Mr. McDonald is looking for the ancestry of Joseph Graves.

He sent a copy of pages 126-129 from the *History of North Carolina*, including sketches of Hon. Jesse Franklin and Hon. Jesse Franklin

Graves. This state: Jesse Franklin “was a son of Bernard and Mary (Cleveland) Franklin. His mother was a sister of Col. Ben Cleveland of Wilkes Co., North Carolina.” “Governor Jesse Franklin married Meeky Perkins. Their family consisted of three sons and five daughters: ... Mary Cleveland Franklin (who married Gen. Solomon Graves and was the mother of the late Judge Jesse Franklin Graves of Surry Co.)”

The ancestry of Jesse Franklin Graves is given (incorrectly) in the sketch as: Thomas¹, John², John³, John⁴, Barzillai⁵, Solomon⁶, Jesse Franklin⁷.

Because of the connection of Benjamin Cleveland with the family of Jesse Franklin Graves and Solomon Graves, who were descended from Capt. Thomas Graves, Mr. McDonald thinks that Joseph Graves may also be related to this part of the family and descended from Capt. Thomas Graves.

(ED. NOTE: The correct ancestry of Jesse Franklin Graves is: Thomas¹, John², Thomas³, John⁴, Thomas⁵ m. Ann Davenport, John⁶ m. Isabella Lea, Barzillai⁷ m. Ursula Wright, Solomon⁸, Jesse Franklin⁹ Graves.

The following chart shows some of this part of the family.

There are certainly many similarities between Joseph Graves and the family of Thomas⁵ Graves who married Ann Davenport. Many people, including well-known genealogist Mrs. P. W. Hiden, have thought there was a relationship. Joseph Graves appears to have been born no later than about 1718, and my guess is that he may have been born about 1700 or soon after that. Since he is too old to be a grandson of Thomas⁵ Graves or of his brother John⁵, and he is definitely not a son of either of them, he may well be a younger brother. Such a brother has never been proposed to my knowledge, but it seems reasonable that John⁴ would have had more than the 2 children he is presently credited with.

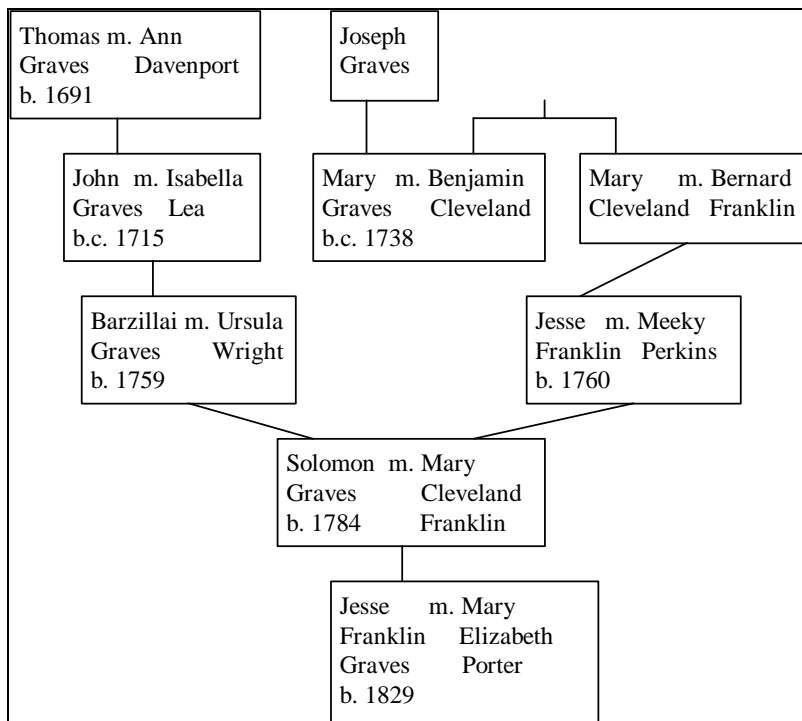
Comments would be appreciated.)

Mr. Brice M. Claggett, Holly Hill, P.O. Box 86, Friendship, MD 20758, is also descended from the JOSEPH GRAVES of the preceding query. He has recently had research done on the ancestry of Joseph Graves by professional genealogist Neil D. Thompson. It was very interesting to learn that Mr. Thompson arrived at the same conclusion as in the preceding query, that is, that Joseph was probably a brother of John⁵ Graves and of Thomas⁵ Graves who married Ann Davenport.

Excerpts from his report (with minor editing for clarity) follow:

“Work on this fell into two parts: (1) to verify what is known about Joseph Graves of Orange Co., Va. and Surry Co., NC and his wife Sarah; and to try to place Joseph Graves in a defensible reconstruction of this difficult family ...

... the will of Joseph Graves, dated 12 July 1774, proved Aug. 1774 [Surry County Wills 1:25, original will at NC State Archives also], from which it appears he was survived by his wife Sarah and his daughter Mary (Graves) Cleaveland... Surry County was taken out of Rowan County in 1770 ...”



Various references are then cited, showing Joseph Graves in Orange Co., VA between 1746 and 1761, including his appearance with 6 persons in his household on the Orange Co. tithable list for Feb. 1754, Nov. 1755, and Nov. 1756.

“Records of Louisa, Spotsylvania and other nearby counties have nothing on Joseph; the fact that he was set to labor on a road in 1750 would indicate that he was 35 or less, I would think, and I would place his birth at 1715-20. It is very interesting that in Feb. 1754 the other Graves tithables were John Graves (2) and Thomas Graves (4). John Graves of Spotsylvania Co. had owned land in Orange Co. since 23/24 Nov. 1737 [Orange Co. LR 1:177] and Thomas Graves since 7/8 Jan. 1742/3 [id. 2:77] so it is not surprising that they were also taxed there. There are no Graves entries at all in the early Orange Co. court order books and a Samuel Graves with four in his household who was a tithable in 1739 ... does not recur.”

He then argues convincingly that Joseph could not be a son of Thomas⁵ Graves, nor could he be the Joseph who was son of John⁵ Graves and who married Frances Coleman.

“But there is nothing to say that Thomas and John Graves, sons of John Graves of King and Queen Co. in 1704 and who was set levy free as ‘ancient’ on 7 June 1737 ... could not have had any number of siblings. Thomas was born about 1691 ... Given the ages of John’s children, he was a younger brother...”

“‘Our’ Joseph Graves was buying land in 1746 and by Aug. 1756 his daughter Mary was old enough to testify for him, so 1715-20, and perhaps a few years earlier - but not much - remains a good estimate for his birth. This would fit without much difficulty in a 25 year child bearing span for the unknown wife of John Graves of King and Queen and Spotsylvania Co. But is there any evidence at all that Thomas Graves, born in 1691, had a brother named Joseph?”

“The answer is ‘Yes’, ... In the *Graves Family Newsletter* 6:118 (1981) is an extract

from a family Bible record furnished by William T. Graves of Charlotte, NC from a Bible owned by Solomon Graves, son of (Rev.) Barzillai Graves, grandson of John Graves who came to NC - like your Joseph Graves - and who was eldest son of Thomas Graves born in 1691. That record reveals ... that Thomas Graves was twice married, but, more important for our purposes, that Thomas Graves had a brother Joseph. I see no reason to doubt this statement even though it does not mention another brother named John or other siblings.

(ED. NOTE: I had forgotten about that 1981 article. The Bible record also states that Thomas⁵ Graves, b. 1691, m(1) Mary Perkins and had 3 children, 2 daughters and a son. The son was John Graves who m. Isabella Lea. “He then married a second time and by this marriage he had many sons.”)

Mrs. Raymond Spell, 21118 Hufsmith Kohrville, Tomball, TX 77375, wrote that in about 1675 her ancestor William Eaves named a son GRAVES EAVES. William lived in Northumberland Co., VA. Could William’s wife have been named Graves?

Her descent is: Jon¹ Eaves (the immigrant), William², Graves³ m. Miss Matthews, Graves⁴, b.c. 1718, m. Nancy or Martha Yancey, Bartlett Yancey⁵ Eaves, b.c. 1765, m. Charity Berryman Lewis, David Davis⁶ Eaves, b.c. 1767.

Graves³ Eaves was living in Brunswick Co., VA when he made his will in 1746. Graves⁴ Eaves was in Rutherford, NC in 1800. Was the father of his wife James or Bartlett Yancey, who were in Granville, NC in 1755, or could it have been Robert Yancey? David Davis⁶ Eaves was in Madison Co., AL in 1819.

(ED. NOTE: See previous query on this family on p. 45, 1995 GFNL, and genealogy on pp. 59, 61-62, 1986 GFNL.)

CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES OF VA

Mr. David Dixon, 4368 Millcreek, Dallas, TX 75244, is interested in his part of the family and his ancestry. He is descended from Ann/Nancy (Graves) Hancock.

(ED. NOTE: The descent from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA is: Thomas⁵ m. Ann Davenport, Thomas⁶, Ann⁷ m. John Hancock.)

His descent from Ann is: (7) Ann Graves, (8) Isabella Hancock, (9) Phebe or Phoebe Clem, (10) James Dixon, (11) Henry Hamilton Dixon, (12) Norval Wayne Dixon, (13) Norval Wayne Dixon, Jr., (14) David Dixon.