

THE GRAVES FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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of Duxbury. Funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Village Congregational Church, Whitinsville.”

We were also very sorry to hear of the death of **Mrs. Sue Davis** (Mrs. Joe L. Davis) of Benton, AR. Her husband was descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, and was listed as #427 on p. 119 of the Robert Graves book.

Sue was a talented genealogical researcher who made very important contributions to research on the family of Capt. Thomas Graves.

The obituary in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, Little Rock, AR, April 4, 1996, stated: “Sue Davis, age 70, of Benton died Tuesday (April 2, 1996) at Saline Memorial Hospital. She was born March 27, 1926 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Mrs. Davis was of the Episcopal faith and was an Avon sales representative. Survivors: husband, Joe L. Davis, Benton; two sons, Stephen B. Davis, Brentwood, Tenn., Richard B. Davis, Benton; sister, Sara L. Synnott, Benton; six grandchildren, Kimberly Gamble, Jennifer Davis, Riki Bagley, Kayla Harrington, Britany Synnott, Adam Davis; four great-grandchildren, Blake Harrington, Bryson Harrington, Brock Bagley, Laura Bagley; one step-grandchild, Benjamin O’Pry. Graveside services will be Friday (April 5, 1996), 2 p.m. at Bauxite Cemetery by Ashby Funeral Home.”

GRAVES FAMILY NEWS

We were very sorry to learn of the death of GFA member **Roland B. Graves** of Whitinsville, MA. He was descended from SAMUEL GRAVES of Lynn, MA, and was listed as #3203 in the book. According to an obituary in *The Boston Globe*, Sept. 23, 1996, he was 81, and died Friday (Sept. 20) “in Providence Extended Care Center, Worcester, following an illness. Survived by his wife, Muriel (Kollet) Graves; a son, Bradford R. Graves of Winchendon; two daughters, Bonnie Wilder of Chelmsford and Brenda Alexander

We were sorry to receive the following brief notice of the death of another GFA member. "Husband W. Brewer, and the family of **Eleanor D. Grant**, announce with sadness Eleanor's death on Saturday, July 27, 1996."

Eleanor and her husband resided at 11101 Briarwood Terrace NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. He is descended from Rear Adm. THOMAS GRAVES of Charlestown, MA.

Earl and Olivelle Graves, 404 South 79th St. West, Muskogee, OK 74401-8593, sent the information that their daughter, **Valerie Olivelle Graves** of Muskogee, married Gary Bullard on June 8, 1996 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Muskogee.

Also, they have a new grandson. Dr. and Mrs. Gregory R. Graves of Santa Barbara announced the birth of their first child,

William Moore Graves, born July 14, 1996 in Santa Barbara.

FRANCIS GRAVES, SON OF CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES

There have been a couple of articles in the newsletter discussing the question of whether Francis Graves was a son of Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, or perhaps a son of a mysterious Richard Graves, and whether the child of Capt. Thomas Graves was actually a daughter, Frances Graves. The articles were on p. 23, 1995 GFNL, and pp.104-106, 1995 GFNL.

Mr. Richard W. Kesler, P.O. Box 906, Pinehurst, NC 28374-0906, has been conducting extensive research into this issue and is now convinced that **there is sufficient evidence to accept Francis Graves as a son of Capt. Thomas Graves**. His analysis of this is below.

An article prepared by the writer was published in the October 1995 issue of *The Graves Family Newsletter*. The article suggested that credible evidence exists to support Mrs. Mason Jones' hypothesis that Francis Graves was daughter rather than son of Capt. Thomas Graves.

If attention is focused only on 10, 25, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33 and 34 below, one might conclude that the same 200 acre tract of land was involved in each instance, that the Francis Trewett of 26, 27 and 32 below was the Orphan Francis Graves of 25 below, and that the orphan was therefore daughter rather than son of Capt. Thomas Graves. Before reaching these conclusions, however, we should examine carefully all other evidence available to us. Such a careful examination has led the writer to believe that Francis Graves was son of Capt. Thomas Graves just as several published sources unanimously say that he was.

The writer and others have qualified their line of descent from Capt. Thomas Graves

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through his presumed son Francis Graves with the Jamestown Society. That organization's requirements for documentation are quite strict. The writer has also joined the Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters on this line. From the information presented herein, the writer does not find justification for disqualify this line with either organization.

The available evidence follows.

- 1) Thomas Graves came to Virginia in the "Mary and Margaret" and was listed among those arriving in the second supply, 1608 (APP325)
- 2) At some time following his arrival [possibly around 1609], while on an exploring expedition with Captain John Smith, he was captured by the Indians and was rescued by Ensign Thomas Savage (APP325, 15W[2]385 & Wise28)
- 3) About June of 1618, Capt. Graves, an ancient officer of the Company, was placed in charge of Smythe's Hundred (APP326 & 15W[2]385)
- 4) Capt. Thomas Graves was a member of the First Legislative Assembly in America for Smythe's Hundred when they met at Jamestown, 30 Jul 1619 (2V60 & 15W[2]385)
- 5) At a Quarter Court held for Virginia on 20 Nov 1622, a patent for land was received by Thomas Graves of Dublin in the Realme of Ireland, Gent., for agreeing to transport 100 persons to VA (2Kingsbury132, APP326 & 15W[2]386)
- 6) On the 16 Feb 1623 "Lists of the Livinge & Dead in Virginia at the Eastern Shore", Thomas Graves was listed (APP68-71, 15W[2]386 & Wise37)
- 7) On 8 Feb 1624, Capt. Graves was questioned before the General Court of Colonial Virginia (15W[2]386)
- 8) On 11 Jan 1626, Capt. Tho. Graves was living in Virginia (15W[2]386)
- 9) On 8 Feb 1627, Capt. Thomas Graves was appointed commander of the "Plantation of Accawmacke" (APP326 & 15W[2]387)
- 10) On 14 Mar 1628, Capt. Thomas Graves was granted "... two hundred acres of Land

as his first dividant and on a second division to be augmented and doubled to him and his said heires and assignes when hee or they shall sufficiently haue peopled and planted the land situate and lying on the Eastern side of the shoare of the bay of Chesepeake and abutting Southerly on land of Capt Henry Fleet and thence extending Northerly along the bankes by the water side one hundred poles Westerly upon the said Bay and Easterly directly striking into the maine Woods ...", "... Yeilding and paying for every fifty acres of land herein by these presents given and graunted yearly at the feast of St Michael the Archangell the fee rent of one shilling Provided alwaies that if the said Thomas Graies his heires or assignes doe not plante and seate upon the said lands within the time and course of three years now next ensuing the date hereof That the it shall and may be lawfull for any Adventurer or planter to make Choice of and seat upon the same ...", by virtue of his adventure of 25 Pounds paid to the Virginia Company - Patent Book No. 1, Part I, p. 72 (1C&P13, APP326 & 15W[2]387)

- 11) On 24 Mar 1629/30, Capt. Thomas Graies was one of seven persons chosen to oversee the construction of a fort at Poynt Comfort (15W[2]388)
- 12) Capt. Thomas Graves was Burgess for Accomac in 1629/30 and 1632 (2V70, 15W[2]388 & Wise343)
- 13) In November, 1631, Col. William Claiborne was recorded as purchasing from Captain Thomas Graves 2 lb. of powder for 5 shillings (15W[2]388)
- 14) On 7 Jan 1632, Capt. Thomas Graves headed the list of Commissioners [Justices] at the first extant court of record held for Acchawmacke (APP326 & Wise43)
- 15) On 9 Feb 1635, Hannah Scarbrough of Accomac, widow, sold to Captain Thomas Graves, Esq., one cow and calf (15W[2]388)
- 16) At Court held at Accawmacke 14 Sep 1635, Captain Thomas Graves was

- appointed one of the first vestrymen of Hungar's Parish, and he attended the first meeting of the vestry on 29 Sep 1635 (APP326, 15W[2]388, 1Ames43 & Wise257)
- 17) In Nov 1635, Capt. Thomas Graves witnessed a deed in Accawmack Co. (APP326 & 15W[2]389)
 - 18) On 28 Nov 1635, Capt. Thomas Purifye (Purefoy), Esqr. received 100 acs. Eliz. Citty Co., due by assignment from Capt. Thomas Graves as by order of court 29 Feb 1631, to whom it was due as his pers. dividant as being an Ancient Planter (1C&P36)
 - 19) At court held at Accawmack on 5 Jan 1635/6, a suit was entered against a "servant to Mrs. Graves" (APP326 & 1Ames47)
 - 20) On 20 May 1636, reference was made to the land of Mrs. Graves (15W[2]389)
 - 21) On 10 Jul 1637, William Cotton, Clerke, patented 350 acs., bet. two maine branches of Hungars Cr., 100 acs. for his own and the per. adv. of his wife, Ann Graves & 250 acs. for trans. of 5 pers. (1C&P59, Wise263 & APP327)
 - 22) On 9 Aug 1637, John Graves was granted 600 acs. Eliz. Citty Co. due in right of descent from his father Thomas Graves whoe trans. at his own cost: himselfe, Katherine Graves his wife, John Graves the pattentee & Thomas Graves, Junr. & 8 pers (1C&P62)
 - 23) On 28 Dec 1638, Henry Penington 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 (15W[2]389 & 1Ames145)
 - 24) At Northampton Court 10 Feb 1643/44, "Know all men by these presents that wee Nathaniell Oldis of Kicoughtan gentleman and William Parry of Kicoughtan aforesaid doe by these presents as our Acts and

deeds for us and either of us our heyres and Assignes promise Assume Covenante and agree to and with Mr. William Cotton Clerk Captayne William Stone and Capt. Roper the late administrators of thestate of John Graves and Thomas Graves deceased upon their Relinquishing the said Commission of Administration and leaveing the same unto the sayde William parry and the full power thereof to secure save harmles and at all tymes keepe indemnyfyed the said Mr. Cotton Capt. Stone and Capt. Roper of and from any molestation trouble dammage and incumbrance that may hereafter grow or Arise or any way happen unto them or either of them for or by reason of the said Estate or in or concerning the same or concerning the bond entered into by the said Mr. Cotton Capt. Stone Capt Roper with security for the saving harmles and indempnifying the Court upon the graunt of the same For the performance of which our Act and deede wee and Either of us have hereby firmly bound our heyres and Assignes in the full Summe of two hundred pounds sterling upon forfeiture of these presents to bee paid unto all demaunds unto the said Mr. Cotton Capt. Stone Capt Roper their heyres or Assignes In witness of all which wee have hereunto put our hands this 30th day of Aprill 1640" - Orders, Deeds, Wills, etc., No. 2, 1640-45, f. 179 (2Ames330 & APP327)

- 25) On 28 Nov 1642, a certificate was granted unto Francis Graves, orphan of Capt. Thomas Graves deceased, for transportation of Richard Cainhoe, Capt. Tho: Graves, Mrs. Fraunces Jefferd, William Deaton and Richard Cox - Northampton Co. Will Book #2, p. 116 (15W[2]390, Marshall12 & 2Ames223)
- 26) 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 - Northampton Co. Will Book No. III, f. 4 (Marshall12)
- 27) On the same date, Hen: Pedendon deposed that Francis Trewett lying sick at the deponent's house said that her husband George Trewett might sell his land at the Old Plantation as he pleased (Ibid, f. 5, & Marshall17)
- 28) Mrs. P. W. Hiden cited Winthrop's History of New England, "Addenda", Vol. 2, p. 342, in regard to Capt. Thomas Graves, "He and his wife and divers of his children died and his whole family was ruined about a year after. Only one daughter escaped who being left a maid with a good estate married after to that apostate Nathaniel Eaton who having spent all she had fled away and left her miserable. 1646. That Ann² Graves was a widow and not a maid when she married Nathaniel Eaton has been proved, and we have Francis Doughty's own statement that she had kinspeople in Va. and was not alone. We conclude, therefore, that Winthrop was correct in making her the daughter of Thomas Graves, but wrong in identifying her father with the Mass. emigrant." (2GVF[W]769 & Wise260-63)
- 29) On 29 Jun 1647, inventory of the estate of Henry Peddenton was returned, referring to his widow Mary Peddenton, admtrx., and to his son Henry Peddenton, Jr. - Northampton Co. Deeds, Wills, etc., III, No. 3, 1645-1651 (Marshall20). He died intestate (Torrence330)
- 30) On 24 Jul 1651, George Truhett was granted 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, the said land being due unto the said Geo. Truhett for the transportation of four persons into the Colony; Richd. Cainhoe, Fran. Jeffords, Wm. Deaton and Richard Cox - Patent Book No. 2, 1643-1651, Reel 2, p. 327 (1C&P217)
- 31) On 11 Nov 1651, William Parry (Perry) was granted 550 acs. of land in Northumberland Co. for the trans. of 11 persons including Thomas Graves, Katherine his wife, John Graves and Thomas Graves, Junr. (1C&P221-2)
- 32) On 1 Sep 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 escheate to his Majesty as by an inquisition dated 17 Apr 1663 - Patent Book No. 5, 1661-1665, Reel 3, p. 448 (1C&P539)
- 33) On 20 Jan 1663/4, Melling sold 100 acres at the East end of the 200 acres to Mr. Robert Hutchinson - Northampton Co. Bk. IX:119-20 (1C&P534 & Whitelaw141)
- 34) On 27 Jun 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. Bk. IX:119-20 (Whitelaw140-42)
- 35) On 4 Oct 1672, reference was made to the "land of Graves" in a deed in Rappa. Co. (2C&P116)
- 36) 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 (2C&P120)
- 37) On 6 Mar 1674/5, Thomas Graves and Jeffery Graves, sonnes of Tho. Graves, Senr., dec'd., were granted land in Gloucester Co., Abbington Par., due them under the will of their father (2C&P160)

There are six fundamental reasons for believing that Francis Graves was son and not daughter of Capt. Thomas Graves.

The **first fundamental reason** concerns 25 and 26 above.

The hypothesis that the Francis Graves of 25 above was female is based on the suppositions that 1) the land that Francis Trewett (Truitt, Truhett, etc.) said that her husband George Trewett could sell as he pleased in 27 above was the land to which the certificate of 25 above was applicable, that 2) the land to which the certificate of 26 above was applicable was the 200 acre tract of 10 above so that 3) the Francis Trewett of 27 above was therefore daughter of the Capt. Thomas Graves of 10 above. The supposition is that it was by this mechanism that George Trewett came into possession of the 200 acre tract of 10 above.

Why would Frances Trewett be relinquishing her dower rights to land for which her husband George Trewett had just that same day received only a certificate and had not yet received a patent? Trewett didn't receive a patent to the 200 acre tract until 24 Jul 1651 (30 above). He certainly did not intend to sell land to himself as would have been the case if the relinquishment of 26 above was effected so that he could receive the certificate of 25 above. The obvious answer is that the land to which Francis Trewett was relinquishing dower rights, which was of unspecified acreage, was a different tract from the 200 acre tract that was described by metes and bounds in 10, 30 and 34 above.

The hypothesis that Frances Graves was daughter of Capt. Thomas Graves is based on the supposition that the land that she was relinquishing in 26 above was the 200 acres of 10 above. Proving the supposition wrong proves the hypothesis wrong.

The **second fundamental reason** for believing that Francis Graves was son of Capt. Thomas Graves is found in 25 above.

Two references (15W[2]390 & Marshall112) name only four headrights in connection with the certificate, omitting Capt. Thomas Graves as one of the headrights. These references are books, which are often

unreliable. Primary source documents such as those cited in 25, 26 and 27 above are reliable. Capt. Tho: Graves is clearly mentioned as one of five headrights in the certificate of 25 above, a photocopy of the original court record of which was obtained by the writer from the Clerk of Court of Northampton Co. Two publications (2Ames223 & 2GVFW[2]738) correctly include Capt. Tho: Graves as one of five headrights.

This is the third mention of Capt. Thomas Graves as a headright. A person apparently could be claimed as a headright each time he returned to VA from a trip to England. This headright probably resulted from such a return trip.

No quantity of land is specified in the certificate, but at 50 acres per headright, five headrights corresponds to 250 acres. It is not credible that an individual who was entitled to receive 250 acres of land would settle for receiving only 200 acres. If Francis Graves ever received a patent for land based on the certificate, the patent should have been for 250 acres. A cursory review by the writer of certificates issued during that period of time revealed no instance in which the applicable land patent, when it was issued, was for any acreage other than the exact multiple of 50 times the number of headrights.

We lack positive proof that Francis Graves or anyone else ever patented the 250 acres of land to which he was entitled by the certificate. The certificate apparently simply expired by default.

The hypothesis that Frances Graves was daughter of Capt. Thomas Graves is based on the supposition that the certificate for the 200 acre tract of land of 24 above was issued to a female Frances Graves. The evidence is that no patent was ever issued to anybody based on this certificate. If any patent was ever issued, it was for 250 and not for 200 acres. Proving the supposition wrong again proves the hypothesis wrong.

The **third fundamental reason** for believing that Francis Graves was son of Capt.

Thomas Graves is found in 25, 26 and 30 above.

That the same four headrights were referenced in 25, 26 and 30 above [plus a fifth headright in 25 above] does not mean necessarily that the same 200 acre tract of land was involved in each instance. Headrights apparently were negotiable in those days in the same sense that stocks and bonds are today. We know that headrights were often sold or otherwise transferred or manipulated sometimes fraudently. For example, the same eight headrights were used to patent land in two different counties at two different times by two different persons in 22 and 31 above. The possession of headrights by an individual signified only that he had acquired the headrights by some means fair or foul and that he was entitled to receive a land patent of 50 acres for each headright. Headrights were often accumulated so that larger blocks of land could be patented sometimes years after the individual headrights were imported.

The fact that the same four headrights were mentioned in 25, 26 and 30 above [plus a fifth headright in 25 above], does not prove that the same 200 acre tract of land was involved in the three instances. Five headrights were definitely mentioned in the certificate of 25 above, while only four headrights were mentioned in certificate of 26 above and the patent of 30 above, on the photocopies of the original court records that the writer obtained from Northampton Co. Even if the same four headrights had been involved in all three instances, the same 200 acre tract of land may not necessarily have been involved in each instance because of the ease with which headrights could be sold or otherwise transferred and/or manipulated.

The hypothesis that Frances Graves was daughter of Capt. Thomas Graves is based on the supposition that the land applicable to the four headrights of 25 above was the same land as the land applicable to the four [actually five] headrights of 25 above. We have explained why this supposition and hypothesis could be wrong.

The discussion has so far been rather complicated. It becomes even more complicated and convoluted in discussing the **fourth fundamental reason** why Francis Graves was son of Capt. Thomas Graves. This reason concerns the circumstances surrounding the death of Capt. Thomas Graves.

John Graves, son of Capt. Thomas Graves, probably was born in England possibly by 1605 (APP327). He apparently was eldest son and heir-at-law because on 9 Aug 1637 he received the grant of 600 acres of land in Elizabeth City Co. mentioned in 22 above, where he established his home. His father, mother and brother Thomas Graves, Jr. came to VA on the same ship with him (22 & 31 above). He was deceased by 30 Apr 1640 when William Parry [Perry] gave bond to indemnify his former administrators [his three brothers-in-law] (24 above).

Thomas Graves, Jr., son of Capt. Thomas Graves, probably was born in England. He may have patented 300 acres of land in Westmoreland Co. on 2 Mar 1656, in Gloucester Co., 55 acres and 240 acres on 20 Mar 1657, and in Lancaster Co. 700 acres on 20 Mar 1661, which he sold on 14 May 1662 (1C&P344,358,416,417,437). He probably was deceased by 6 Mar 1674/5 (APP327 & 2C&P160) [See discussion later.]

(To be continued & concluded in next issue)

GRAVES FAMILY BOOKS

Books on all the various Graves and Greaves families will be published in the future. It is apparent that it is not possible to predict exactly when each of these will be ready. The order of publication, however, will be:

- 1) *Graves Families of Randolph Co., NC*
- 2) *John Graves of Concord, MA*
- 3) *John Graves of Frederick Co., VA.*
- 4) *Capt. Thomas Graves of VA.*

Following that, other books will be for the Graves/Greaves families of the British Isles, John Graves (Johann Sebastian Graff) of PA, NC & TN, the Quaker Family of Thomas Graves of New Castle Co., DE, William Graves of NH, and others.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, descended from EMILY GRAVES and ----- Bassfield of MS, has moved to 6316 Ash St., Prairie Village, KS 66208.

Mrs. Jean Gurney Rigler, descended from THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT, has moved from Honolulu to 936 Mokulua Dr., Kailua, HI 96734-3108.

Mrs. Virginia Castleton, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has moved from Boca Raton, FL to 1706 Island Dr., Monroe, LA 71201.

Ms. Marna L. Clemons of San Diego, CA, descended from JOHN GRAVES and Sarah ----- of VA & OH, has moved to 12120 Mil Pitrero Rd., San Diego, CA 92128.

Mr. Woody Burnett, descended from JOSEPH GRAVES of Cumberland Co., KY, has moved from Belleville, IL to 3795 Michael John Dr., Swansea, IL 62226.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

New Members

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ADAY, Mrs. Elizabeth M.
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Ancestry: Rear Adm. Thomas Graves of Charlestown, MA, via #125

ARNOLD, Mrs. Barbara C.

1325 County Road 307, Dawson, AL 35963
Ancestry: John Graves of NC & Blount Co., AL

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3535 Webb Chapel Ext., #1220, Dallas, TX 75220
Ancestry: unknown

BENSON, Mrs. Celeste Graves
938 Sandy Lane, Lynn Haven, FL 32444-3441
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, Ralph⁵, Richard⁶, William⁷, Josiah⁸

BOPP, Mrs. Georgia Kinney
502 Paopua Place, Kailua, HI 96734-3538
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis², Thomas³, John⁴, John⁵, Absalom⁶, Willis⁷, Thomas Conn⁸

BROTHERS, Mrs. Phyllis E.
41 Mt. Hitchcock Rd., Wales, MA 01081
Ancestry: Olive Graves and Reuben Prentice of MA & CT

BURNETT, Mr. Woody
3795 Michael John Drive, Swansea, IL 62226
Ancestry: Joseph Graves of Cumberland Co., KY (prob. from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Thomas⁵ m. Ann Davenport, Rice⁶, Thomas⁷)

BURRELL, Ms. Jane
P.O. Box 2448, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-2448
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, Ralph⁵, Unity⁶ m. William Hilliard

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104 North Epworth Street, Brazil, IN 47834
Ancestry: John Graves and Margery Harvey of Randolph Co., NC

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2832 Teakwood Lane, Plano, TX 75075
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis², Richard³, Mary⁴ m. Richard Nixon

CLARK, Dr. George Gann
907 C. Kay Drive, Hewitt, TX 76643-3642
Ancestry: James Graves and Sarah ----- of SC & GA

COOK, Mr. James F.
118 Beechwood Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39402
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FAIRWEATHER, Mrs. Leva Swim Drummond
319 South Wood Ave., Hominy, OK 74035-3025
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Ancestry: George Robert Graves and Mary Frances Kennedy of WI & TX

GRAVES, Mr. George T., III
4438 Arcady, Dallas, TX 75205
Ancestry: unknown

GRAVES, Jack & Beverly
17619 North 35th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85032
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GRAVES, Mr. Paul V.
10297 North 1500 East Rd., Pontiac, IL 61764
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109 Horncastle St., New Maryland, NB E3C 1E9, Canada
Ancestry: Lt. William Graves & Elizabdh Williams of MA, NS & NB, Canada

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Ancestry: Samuel Graves of Lynn, MA, via #1429

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Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT (#5641)

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Ancestry: unknown

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33851 Shelley Lynne Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312-6055
Ancestry: Sarah Graves and Michael Stroup of PA

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Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT, via #609

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Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, Henry White⁵, William⁶, William⁷

LYNCH, Mrs. Grace W.
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Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, Henry White⁵, Rachel⁶ m. Benjamin Hendrick

McANDREWS, Mrs. Betty Hamilton
4020 La Homa Lane, Cottonwood, CA 96022
Ancestry: Deacon George Graves of Hartford, CT (#2788)

McMARTIN, Mr. Donald
60 West Passaic Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT, via #509

MELTON, Mrs. Frances C.
816 Linwood, Denton, TX 76201
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis², Thomas³, John⁴, Isaac⁵, Claiborne⁶, Isaac Finks⁷

MILLER, Mrs. Karen Avery
8508 Town House Row, Dallas, TX 75225
Ancestry: unknown

MORRISSEY, Mrs. Addie B.

3710 Clubhouse Road, Lakeland, FL 33813
Ancestry: John Graves of Roxbury, MA

NABORS, Mrs. Melody Tice
5798 Sunset Point Rd. North, Memphis, TN 38135
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis²,
Francis³, William⁴, William⁵, Peyton Smith⁶

POLLARD, Mrs. Joy
8 Glencoe Road, Ardross, W. Australia 6153, Australia
Ancestry: John Graves and Amelia Cassan of
Nottinghamshire, England

REDINGTON, Ms. Penelope Graves
412 West Marvin, Waxahachie, TX 75165
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA

SMITH, Ms. Diane Graves
612 Farine Drive, Irving, TX 75062
Ancestry: unknown

TAYLOR, Mrs. Donna Lynne Edge
Route 2, Box 200, Tenaha, TX 75974
Ancestry: George H. Graves and Pernecia Mills of TN
& MS

VAN VALKENBURG, Mr. John W.
P.O. Box 765, Orange Beach, AL 36561-0765
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of DE, Quaker

VERDOW, Ms. Elizabeth
36811 Blanchard Blvd., Apt. 202, Farmington, MI
48335-2946
Ancestry: unknown

WALLER, Mrs. Frances
3211 Central, Melissa, TX 75454-9724
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA

WEAKS, Mrs. Nancy Graves
4724 Hilton Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
Ancestry: Bachelor/Bartlett Graves and Rhoda Clay of
VA & Wilson Co., TN

WHITTEN, Mrs. Toni Rene Graves
2568 Janice Circle, Birmingham, AL 35235-2137
Ancestry: Benjamin Graves and Margrett Weever of SC

WILSON, Mr. Sam Walker, Jr.
225 Highridge Dr., De Soto, TX 75115-6223
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of DE, Quaker

Mr. Harold K. Graves, 21 Gregg Place,
Novato, CA 94949, would like to learn more
about his Graves ancestry.

“My father, James Henry Graves, was born
22 Feb. 1884 in Hamilton Co., TN, the last of
four children. The U.S. census for Hamilton
Co. in 1880 has his family recorded with his
father, JOHN C. GRAVES, as head. John’s
age is listed as 35 and his birthplace Michigan.
His father’s birthplace, Ireland; his mother’s,
Scotland.

That’s all we have. We don’t know their
given names nor whether they were married
before migrating to America or after. We
don’t know when they migrated. We know
that many of the Irish came through Canada to
Michigan. I have a National Archives near me
and have searched census records in Michigan
and have found no Graves listed with a son
named John.

John C. Graves married Rachael P. Jones in
Dec. 1875. He left the family about the time
Henry was born, so father never knew him.
Rachael lived until 1941 but would never talk
about John except to say that he came to Tenn.
from Holland, MI. We don’t know when.
Since he would have been born anywhere in
Michigan even if he left Holland, MI to
migrate to Tennessee.”

Mrs. Judith A. Fullmer, 2786 Carolina Ave.,
Redwood City, CA 94061, has been searching
for information on her ancestor, ABRAHAM
GRAVES, believed to be from Ireland, Canada
and NE. She has now found that Abraham’s
grandfather was JOSIAH GRAVES of MA.

Abstracts of Rev. War Pension Files states:
“GRAVES, Joseph, Mary, W7578, BLW
#36748-160-55. MA Line & War of 1812 Srv,
wid appl 8 Jan. 1856 Middlesex Co in the Prov
of Canada aged 94, sol enl in the Boston
Troops & after his disc he lived at
Schenectady NY then to what is now Selina in
Onondaga Co NY & sol d there in 1814 aged
64, sol & wid had m in 1784, wid moved to
Canada in 1824, sol & wife raised a large
family of children, a son Abraham Graves of

QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

MISCELLANEOUS GRAVES FAMILIES

Caradoc Twnshp in the London Dist of Canada West was aged 50 in Jun 1857 & stated he was the 10th child of sol & wid & stated his grandfather Josiah d of smallpox in the Rev War, the oldest child was Henry aged 70 in 1856 & living 30 miles from Erie PA.”

A preliminary genealogy of the first 3 generations follows.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSIAH GRAVES
OF MA

GENERATION 1

Josiah Graves (1) died of smallpox in the Rev. War. He lived in MA. He may have been born about 1720-30.

Children - Graves

- +2. Joseph Graves, b.c. 1750, m. Mary Beard, 1784.
- 3. Richard Graves
- 4. John Graves

GENERATION 2

Joseph (or Josiah) Graves (2) was born about 1750 in MA. He married Mary Beard in 1784 at Scotch Church, NY, maybe in Johnstown. She was born about 1762 in NY, and died after 1856 in London Dist., Middlesex Co., Ontario, Canada. The following list of their 13 children is not in order of birth.

Children - Graves

- 5. Henry Graves, b. 1785-6 (Onondaga Co., NY).
- 6. William Graves
- 7. John Beard Graves
- +8. Peter Graves, b. 1799-1800, m(1) Mary Mann, m(2) Hannah Warren.
- 9. Francis (?) Graves
- 10. James Graves, b.c. 1803 (Onondaga Co., NY), m. Mary -----.
- 11. Alvis (?) Graves
- 12. Ira Graves
- 13. Lois (or Louis?) Graves, m. Elijah Mann (?).
- +14. Abraham Graves, b. 6 June 1806, m. Mary Suydam, 2 June 1830.

- 15. Polly Graves
- 16. Phebe Graves
- 17. Lena Graves

GENERATION 3

Peter Graves (8) was born about 1799-1800 in the U.S. (according to the 1851-52 and the 1861 censuses for Elkfrid Twp., Middlesex Co., Ontario, Canada). He was naturalized as a Canadian citizen in 1841, therefore should have immigrated from the U.S. before 1834.

He married Hannah Warren. She was born about 1817-19 in Canada (according to the census records), although some family members say Pontiac, Mich. In the 1871 census for Elkfrid Twp., Middlesex Co., Hannah was listed with children Euphoma and George W., but Peter was not included and had apparently died by that time.

According to the census records, Peter was a shoemaker and a farmer, and they were Baptists.

There was a James Graves living about 5 miles from Peter Graves in the 1851 census whose age and background were similar. James's wife was Mary, born in the U.S. of German ancestry, age 48. Also living with them was a widow Mary Graves, age 84, born in the U.S. (probably his mother?). Both families were Baptist. There is no proof of relationship between James and Peter, but they may have been brothers.

The census information seems to be at odds with the family legend (from Albert Charles Graves), which is that the family in North America was the result of the migration of a group (number unknown) of brothers who came to Canada in the 1800's from Ireland.

According to R. B. Graves, "This is borne out by the fact that we did possess a series of tintypes that my father had. They were of relatives in Ireland; the holder had the name of a photographer in Dublin. Unfortunately, in the early sixties my father lent these to the local museum which lost them. The costumes of the women in the pictures were circa 1840's. This would place the migration at the time of

the potato famines and the arrival of the death boats in the port of Halifax. As the ships were overloaded and their human cargos often succumbed to disease to the extent that many of these ships arrived with as much as 9/10ths of their passengers dead or dying, the information on these people is almost nonexistent."

"There are several family stories about the family at this time, but very little in the way of documented proof to back them up. The family name was said to be O'Graves, the O being dropped when we came to Canada. We do know that in the 1840's the name of Peter Warren Graves can be found in the records in Ontario, Canada, including Glencoe, Ontario. Sometime after 1867 the family disappears from Canadian records. Family stories place them in the U.S.A. in Pennsylvania, and finally in North Dakota (specifically Langdon and Pembina, N.D.), where the documentation paper trail is picked up again."

Children - Graves

18. Annas P. (possibly Phoebe) Graves, b.c. 1846.
19. Peter Warren Graves, b. 25 Dec. 1848, m. Lucinda Rae, 15 June 1874, d. 15 Jan. 1917.
20. Eupherme (Euphoma) A. Graves, b.c. 1849.
21. George W. Graves, b.c. 1850.
22. Liddie B. Graves, b.c. 1855.
23. A. A. (Hannah) Graves, b.c. 1857.
24. G. Martial Graves, b.c. 1859.
25. Ann B. Graves, b.c. 1861.

Abraham Graves (14) was born 2 June 1806 in Ireland [this obviously disagrees with the preceding information], according to his naturalization papers, and probably died 18 May 1885 in Gage Co., NE, probably in rural Pickrell. He was a farmer and a Protestant. He migrated from Dublin to North America in 1830 with his parents and brothers and sisters, and a family named Dixon. His father was born in Ireland, and his mother was supposedly born in New York (although that

does not seem likely unless the father did not marry until after he arrived in America).

Abraham married Nancy Seidan (or Suydan or Suydam) on 2 June 1830 in St. Thomas, London Co., Ontario, Canada; marriage performed by Rev. Mark Bureham. The Old English Church (Anglican) where they were married was the first church in St. Thomas. Witnesses to the marriage were Elijah Mann, Christopher Long, and Benjamin Fuller.

Nancy was born 22 Nov. 1813 in Canada, and probably died 2 June 1885, probably in Pickrell, Gage Co., NE. Both Nancy and Abraham were most likely buried at the old Chrisman Cem. in Pickrell, NE. It was just down the road from their son Enoch's home. They were living with Enoch and Sarah Jane when they passed away. Nancy was Baptist, daughter of Humphrey Suydan and Anna Smith. Her father was born in New York and her mother in Canada. She was descended from Rev. John Smith who arrived in 1630 on the White Angel. Her ancestors were among the 40 families that walked from the Delaware River to Niagara-on-the Lake, the area just west of Niagara Falls, in Revolutionary War times. They were Loyalists.

Abraham and his family may have stayed in Quebec for awhile, then were in the St. Thomas, Ontario area until about 1859-1860, when they all moved to Gage Co., Nebraska except for Almirah. Nebraska became a state in 1860. There is a Gage County Honor Roll which lists the settlers who owned land before statehood. Abraham Graves and some of his sons are on that list.

Mrs. Winkle was advised to check the census for Mosa Twp., London Co., Ontario for 1842 (C-1345). By 1851 it was part of Middlesex Co., and recorded on microfilm C-966 and 967.

Henry Leonard Graves, grandson of Abraham Graves, wrote the following account: "The first Graves we know of came from Dublin, Ireland. They came with a family by the name of Dixon and there were 18 children in the group. They came by sail boat and

landed on Lake Erie off the shore of Ontario. They settled along the St. Lawrence River in Quebec. There is a discrepancy in the date they came to Canada, or what date they moved to Nebraska. According to Grandpa Graves (Abraham) they nearly starved in Quebec, and three of Abraham's brothers were killed by the Indians coming across the territory on the way to Nebraska. They think a sister stayed in Ontario and maybe others too. Abraham was the son of the Graves and was born in Ireland, perhaps one of the 18 children in the group."

All their children were probably born in Canada, probably in St. Thomas. The first 6 children were listed in the 1852 census of Cardoc Township. (Why weren't the other 5 children listed? When were they born?)

It is possible that Abraham Graves was related to a James Graves who lived in the vicinity of St. Thomas, Ontario at the same time.

Children - Graves

26. Humphrey Joseph Graves, b. 4 April 1832, m. Nancy -----.
27. Anna Graves, b. 5 Jan. 1834, m. Joseph Martin, 23 Oct. 1860, d. 15 March 1917.
28. Almirah Graves, b. 9 Oct. 1835. Probably stayed in Canada.
29. Enoch Graves, b. 3 Oct. 1837, m. Sarah Jane Dixon, 3 Sept. 1865, d. 4 July 1911.
30. Lewis Graves, b. 10 Jan. 1840, m. Eliza Wilson, d. 2 March 1884.
31. Henry Graves, b. 19 Jan. 1842, m. Julia Ann Dixon, 30 Dec. 1865, d. 16 Oct. 1909.
32. Samantha Graves
33. Eleanor Graves
34. Martha Graves
35. John Graves
36. Nancy Graves

(ED. NOTE: This family may be descended from Rear Admiral Thomas Graves of Charlestown, MA. In that family the name Peter is relatively common. There was a Josiah Graves, b. 1717, probably in Sudbury, MA, who m. Beulah Treadway of Framingham, MA. He had children John, Lois

and Benjamin, and is obviously not the Josiah of interest. Many of the descendants of Rear Adm. Thomas Graves moved to Canada.)

Mrs. Lois M. Wedge, 65 Gratiot Blvd., Marysville, MI 48040, is descended from Elizabeth ("Betsey") Graves, b. 1812, NY, m. Samuel Provost. Elizabeth's parents were Josiah Graves and Mary -----. All their children were born in Ontario, Canada. Could Elizabeth have been a daughter of Josiah Graves and Mary Beard? See her query on p. 90, 1995 GFNL.

See also the query of Mrs. Patricia McRaidl, 11 Kingswood Gate, Guelph, Ontario N1G 3S1, Canada, on pp. 53, 55, 1991 GFNL. She is descended from Hiram Graves, b. 1815 in Penfield, NY (Monroe Co., next to Rochester), lived in and was married in Brant Co., Ontario in the 1800's to Margaret Ferguson, and then settled in Norfolk Co., Ontario. She discussed the possible connection of Hiram Graves with Peter, Abraham and Elijah Graves.)

Mrs. Fullmer also wonders about a possible relationship to a John and Elias Graves (b. 1810, m. Sophia Draper) who lived in New Brunswick.

(ED. NOTE: This Elias Graves who married Sophia Draper was descended from Lt. William Graves of NS & NB: William¹, William², William³, Elias⁴. He and his family were in the 1851 census for Kent Co., ON.

It is also suspected that the family of Lt. William Graves may be descended from Rear Adm. Thomas Graves, so that is another clue for a connection.)

Mrs. Doris R. White, 1113 North Napa, Spokane, WA 99202, would like information about Tinsley Graves and Mable Graves, minors under 14 in 1900 in Mosca, CO (according to some mortgage papers filed in 1900 for her grandmother, Rebecca Miller Tagg). They were the children of JAMES FRANK GRAVES (called Frank) and Ida Tagg who were married 2 Aug. 1892 in Ross Co., OH.

Her father was Pearl Tagg who went west about 1911 and changed his name to Montague. "I never knew the name of a single relative of his, except his death certificate which showed his father as William Montague and his mother as Rebecca Miller, born Ohio. I did find his first family, but they did not want to share any information with me."

Mr. George Robert Graves III, 5 Hickory Creek Circle, Gun Barrel city, TX 75147, wrote: "GEORGE ROBERT GRAVES, Sr., my grandfather, came to Texas after the Civil War. Family records state that he was born in Wisconsin and served in the U.S. Army under the name of William Weaver.

We don't know what part of Wisconsin he was from, and we don't know why he served in the Army under a different name. Family records also say that he was of Scotch-Irish ancestry."

His descent is: (1) George Robert Graves, Sr., b. 11 March 1848, WI, d. 10 March 1911, Dallas, TX, m. 6 Sept. 1877, Belton, TX, Mary Frances Kennedy, b. 22 May 1859, Brenham, TX, d. 30 Jan. 1941, Dallas, TX, (2) George Robert Graves, Jr., b. 10 Feb. 1888, Kerens, TX, d. 16 Nov. 1951, Dallas, TX, m. 6 July 1926, Ellis Co., TX, Pearl Folley Smith, b. 1 Oct. 1906, Dallas, TX, d. 6 Oct. 1988, Athens, TX, (3) George Robert Graves III, b. 7 Aug. 1930, Dallas, TX.

Mr. George P. Graves, P.O. Box 277, Decatur, GA 30031-0277, is looking for information on his great-grandfather, CHESTER GRAVES, and the earlier ancestry.

His descent is: (1) Chester Graves, m. Elizabeth Ringer (probably in New York City), (2) Charles Graves, b. 7 April 1863, m. Catherine Cotter, b. 14 Feb. 1886, (3) Charles Paul Graves, b. 28 Sept. 1903, New York City, m. 12 Sept. 1928, New York City, Catherine Lynch, b. 19 June 1905, (4) George P. Graves, b. 19 July 1934, Brooklyn, NY.

Mr. Roy A. Manous, P.O. Box 1161, George West, TX 78022-1161, is looking for the parents of his grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth Graves, born about 1859 in AR (according to the censuses of 1870 and later. Her death certificate gives the name of her father as GEORGE GRAVES, and says she was born 31 July 1854 in AR, and died 23 Dec. 1939 in Kiowa, OK. Many records disagree with each other, however, and her date of birth is more likely about 1859.

Sarah had a brother, Thomas Graves, who was born about 1862 in AR. His family later lived in Denton Co., TX (just north of Fort Worth and Dallas). Their mother Mary Graves married Auston Coulter, 1865, Chicot Co., AR. A son by this second marriage was Sigmon Coulter.

(ED. NOTE: The 1850 census index of AR lists a George Graves in Jackson Co., AR, and a George W. B. Graves in Saline Co., AR. I suggest looking at both of these, and also checking the 1860 census for AR.

Since Chicot Co., AR is right on the Mississippi River in extreme southeastern AR, it is possible that the family migrated down the river from KY or TN. There was a George Graves, son of Joseph Graves and Margaret A. Hayes, born about the right time who married Mary Keen, in Fayette Co., KY, descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA.

He had a previous query for this ancestor on p. 45, 1981 GFNL.)

GRAVES FAMILIES OF THE BRITISH ISLES

Mrs. Alyce Mitchem Jenkins, 11 Hunter's Trail, Warren, NJ 07059-7105 (sjxf44b@prodigy.com), would like to learn more about the family and ancestry of her THOMAS GRAVES of Birmingham, England. She had a previous query on p. 60, June 1996 GFNL. A genealogy for her family follows.

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS GRAVES AND HANNAH -----

OF BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE,
ENGLAND

GENERATION 1

Thomas Graves (1) married Hannah -----.
They were listed as the parents of their son
Harry on his baptismal record. It is not known
whether there were more than the 2 children
listed below. They lived in 1835 on Cheapside
Street, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.
Thomas was a grocer.

Children - Graves

- +2. Harry Graves, b. 1 Feb. 1833, m. Sarah
Jackson, d. 28 Dec. 1878.
- 3. Kate Graves, probably never married.

GENERATION 2

Harry Graves (2) was born 1 Feb. 1833, was
baptized 17 Sept. 1835 in the parish of St.
Philip, Birmingham, County of Warwick,
England, and died 28 Dec. 1878 at age 45. He
married Sarah Jackson. They moved to
Chicago, IL, probably in the 1868 or 1869.
They had 5 children, only one of whom
survived. After Harry died, Sarah married
Donald Cameron in 1880. She died 11 May
1906.

Children - Graves

- 4. Elizabeth Graves, b. March 1865, d. 16
Feb. 1869.
- 5. Harry Graves, b. and d. 1 Nov. 1868.
- +6. Victoria Graves, b. 19 Jan. 1870, m.
James Robert Black, 3 June 1890, d. 22
Nov. 1905.
- 7. child, b. and d. 1 April 1872.
- 8. Edith M. Graves, b. July 1874, d. 10 Aug.
1876.

GENERATION 3

Victoria Graves (6) was born 19 Jan. 1870
and died 22 Nov. 1905 in childbirth. She
married James Robert Black on 3 June 1890.

Children - Black

- +9. Queenie Harriet Black, b. 7 Dec. 1900,
m. John Foster Mitchem, d. 19 Aug.
1988.

- 10. Muriel Black, b. 22 Nov. 1905, d. May
1906.

GENERATION 4

Queenie Harriet Black (9) was born 7 Dec.
1900 and died 19 Aug. 1988. She married
John Foster Mitchem. They only had one
child.

Children - Mitchem

- 11. Alyce Mitchem, b. 3 Nov. 1935, m.
Reese Valmer Jenkins.

Dr. Geoffrey M. W. Mann, Baytrees,
Burnhams Rd., Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey
KT23 3AU, England, has sent the following
information on his wife's descent from
GEORGE GRAVES and Jane ----- . Help
with learning more would be appreciated.

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE GRAVES
AND JANE ----- OF HERTFORDSHIRE &
ESSEX, ENGLAND

GENERATION 1

George Graves (1) was probably born about
1750. He married Jane -----, probably about
1775. The first 2 children listed below were
baptized in Langley, Essex, and the third was
baptized in Furneaux Pelham, Hertfordshire,
England.

Children - Graves

- +2. George Graves, bapt. 21 Sept. 1777, m.
Sarah Negus, 20 Feb. 1798.
- +3. Thomas Graves, bapt. 28 May 1780, m.
Catherine Tofts, 19 Dec. 1797.
- 4. William Graves, bapt. 15 Jan. 1786.

GENERATION 2

George Graves (2) was baptized 21 Sept.
1777 in Langley, Essex. He married Sarah
Negus on 20 Feb. 1798 in Langley. All their
children were baptized in Langley.

Children - Graves

- 5. Thomas Graves, bapt. 29 April 1804.
- 6. Mary Graves, bapt. 31 Jan. 1807.

7. Sarah Graves, bapt. 31 July 1808.
8. Jane Graves, bapt. 3 Feb. 1811.

Thomas Graves (3) was baptized 28 May 1780 in Langley, Essex. He married Catherine ("Kitty") Tofts on 19 Dec. 1797 in Langley. All their children were baptized in Langley.

Children - Graves

9. Sarah Graves, bapt. 22 Nov. 1801.
10. Grace Graves, bapt. 6 Nov. 1803.
+11. Eliza Graves, bapt. 6 Oct. 1805, m. William Cranwell, 22 Jan. 1828, d. by 1841.
12. David Graves, bapt. 19 July 1812.

GENERATION 3

Eliza Graves (11) was baptized 6 Oct. 1805 in Langley, Essex, and died by 1841. She married William Cranwell on 22 Jan. 1828 in Newport, Essex.

Children - Cranwell

- +13. Sarah Cranwell, b. 1835, m. Thomas Short, d. 1887.

GENERATION 4

Sarah Cranwell (13) was born in 1835 and died in 1887. She married Thomas Short. He was born in 1835 and died in 1917.

Children - Short

- +14. Thomas Short, b. 1856, m. Martha Kilbourn, d. 1919.

GENERATION 5

Thomas Short (14) was born in 1856 and died in 1919. He married Martha Kilbourn. She was born 1850 and died 1904.

Children - Short

- +15. Thomas Short, b. 1878, m. Alice Mansfield, d. 1961.

GENERATION 6

Thomas Short (15) was born in 1878 and died in 1961. He married Alice Mansfield. She was born in 1879 and died in 1961.

Children - Short

- +16. Nellie Short, b. 1908, m. Roderick Stevenson, d. 1993.

GENERATION 7

Nellie Short (16) was born in 1908 and died in 1993. She married Roderick Stevenson. He was born in 1902 and died in 1957.

Children - Stevenson

17. Jean Stevenson, b. 1934, m. Geoffrey M. W. Mann. He was b. 1930.

NORTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES

Mr. Leland E. ("Lee") Graves, 11814 East Skyview Ave., Spokane, WA 99206-7008 (dadgraves@aol.com), is looking for the ancestry of his ALEXANDER GRAVES who married Harriet M. Rose. A partial genealogy follows.

(ED. NOTE: This family has some similarities to that of immigrant Deacon George Graves of Hartford, CT, but no connection has been found.)

DESCENDANTS OF ALEXANDER GRAVES AND HARRIET M. ROSE OF NY & PA

GENERATION 1

Alexander ("Alex") Graves (1) was born about 1836, probably in NY. He married Harriet ("Hattie") M. Rose, daughter of John Rose. She was born 12 Nov. 1843, probably in NY, and died 18 Jan. 1929 in Sandpoint, Bonner Co., ID.

Alexander and family lived in Pennsylvania, moved to WI between 1865 and 1872, and then moved to Idaho about 1905. Some of the family stayed in WI and are still there.

Children - Graves

- +2. Elmer Ellsworth Graves, b. 9 June 1865, m. Florence G. Loper, 5 April 1889, d. 5 Jan. 1951.
3. Alexander Graves, Jr., b. WI, m. Dehelia -----, d. Libby, Lincoln Co., MT.

4. Ione Ulala Graves, b. 19 Feb. 1872 (Eau Claire, Eau Claire Co., WI), m. Dimmick Louis Brown, 16 April 1887, d. 12 Sept. 1908. He d. 10 April 1938.
5. Jessie Graves, b. WI, m. Chris Nelson, d. Sandpoint, ID.
6. Benjamin Graves, b. 5 Feb. 1879 (Ludington, WI), m. Rosa Burger, d. 21 July 1948 (Sandpoint, ID).
- +13. Lawrence Bryan Graves, b. 14 Feb. 1902, m. Madeline Ida Ella Drew, 1926, d. 4 Nov. 1975.
14. Elmer Paul Graves, b. 9 Nov. 1903, d. 25 June 1967 (Everett, WA). He had children with Pansie Merle Tremblay, but never married.
15. Clayton Roy Graves, b. 10 Jan. 1912, m(1) Doris Baird, June 1940 (Sandpoint, Bonner Co., ID), m(2) Athena Jeanne Gussick, living in 1996. His first marriage ended in divorce. Athena was b. 26 Sept. 1918 in Conrad, Pondera Co., MT, d. 21 Aug. 1992 in Spokane, Spokane Co., WA. No children.

GENERATION 2

Elmer Ellsworth Graves (2) was born 9 June 1865 (or 1864, according to death certificate) in Pennsylvania, and died 5 Jan. 1951 in Everett, Snohomish Co., WA. He married Florence G. Loper, daughter of Samuel Loper and Lillian Alexander, in 5 April 1889 in WI. Florence was born 5 April 1868 in Brownsville, Houston Co., MN, and died 15 Sept. 1957 in Everett, WA. Elmer was a farmer. They moved to Idaho in 1923. They were both buried in Cypress Lawn Cem., Everett. All their children were born in Stanley, Chippewa Co., WI, with the possible exception of Eva whose birthplace is just given as WI.

Children - Graves

- +7. William Lafayette Graves, b. 24 March 1892, m. Marian Dorothy Brixen, 24 March 1927, d. 9 Oct. 1982.
8. Lillian ("Lillie") Violet Graves, b. 30 April 1894, d. 29 Nov. 1987.
9. Eva Lois Graves, b. 25 July 1896, m. Ben Harrison Tarbox, 21 Dec. 1918 (Wilson, Eau Claire Co., WI), d. 7 July 1982 (WI). He was b. 1893 in WI.
10. Ida Belle Graves, b. 29 Jan. 1898, m. Frank Rykal, Sept. 1919 (WI), d. 5 Nov. 1936 (Cadott, Chippewa Co., WI). He was b. 1896 in WI.
11. Jeanette (Jennie") Doris Graves, b. 9 Feb. 1900, m. Willard Marshall Hudson, 23 July 1922 (Ludington, WI), d. 7 Aug. 1983 (Everett, WA). He d. 7 Aug. 1965 in Everett, WA.
12. Winifred Graves, b. 1900, d. 1905.

GENERATION 3

William Lafayette Graves (7) was born 24 March 1892 in Stanley, Chippewa Co., WI, died 9 Oct. 1982 in Sandpoint, Bonner Co., ID, and was buried in Pinecrest Cem., Sandpoint. He married Marian Dorothy Brixen, daughter of Andrew C. Brixen and Anine Fredrika Keller, on 24 March (or 26 April?) 1927 in Sandpoint. She was born 8 Aug. 1907 in Alder, Madison Co., MT, and was living in 1996. All the children of William and Marian were born in Sandpoint, ID. William also fathered a child out of wedlock.

Children - Graves, by unknown mother

16. Kenneth William Graves, b. 23 Jan. 1918 (Eau Claire, WI), m. Nellie Marie Stoll, 5 March 1941 (Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai Co., ID), living in 1996. She d. 11 Feb. 1986 in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

Children - Graves, by Marian D. Brixen

17. Dorothy Louise Graves, b. 3 June 1928, m. Charles Adair Hilligoss, 19 July 1953 (Sandpoint, ID). Charles was b. 19 Nov. 1921 in Sandpoint, ID. Both living in 1996.
18. Milford Andrew Graves, b. 19 Dec. 1930, m. Colleen Clairce Crane, 6 April 1952 (Sandpoint, ID). She was b. 24 June 1933 in Loesch, Powder River Co., MT. Both living in 1996.

19. Leland ("Lee") Ellsworth Graves, b. 12 Sept. 1932, m. Joyce Lorraine Crane, 4 April 1952 (Sandpoint, ID). She was b. 30 March 1933 in Loesch, Powder River Co., ID. Both living in 1996.
20. Lucille Elaine Graves, b. 31 Aug. 1935, m(1) Collins Lynn Crane, 16 April 1954 (Sandpoint, ID), m(2) Harlan Hylton, 28 Aug. 1994 (Sandpoint, ID). Collins d. 24 June 1982 in Dillon, Beaverhead Co., MT. Lucille was living in 1996.

Lawrence Bryan Graves (13) was born 14 Feb. 1902 in Stanley, Chippewa Co., WI, died 4 Nov. 1975 in Everett, Snohomish Co., WA, and was buried in Everett. He married Madeline Ida Ella Drew, daughter of Earnest Drew and Helen Mable Halverson, in 1926. She was born 7 Nov. 1908 and died 23 Dec. 1934, both in Sandpoint, Bonner Co., Idaho, and was buried in Sandpoint. All their children were born in Sandpoint.

Children - Graves

21. Donald Alvin Graves, b. 6 May 1929.
22. Richard Elmer Graves, b. 7 July 1930.
23. Ralph Lawrence Graves, b. 13 Sept. 1931.
- +24. Garry Phillip Graves, b. 9 March 1933, m. Yolanda Joan Matchett, 23 Dec. 1954.

Mrs. Phyllis E. Brothers, 41 Mt. Hitchcock Rd., Wales, MA 01081, is looking for the ancestry of her ggg-grandmother, OLIVE GRAVES.

Olive Graves from Belchertown, MA married Reuben Prentice April 23, 1789. She transferred from the church in Somers, CT to the Belchertown church in 1807, and returned to the Somers church in 1812. Olive and Reuben had 9 children, surnamed Prentice, all born in Somers from 1790 to 1813. They were:

- James, b. 29 March 1790
- Olive, b. 13 April 1792
- Benjamin, b. 15 May 1797

- William, b. 7 July 1799
- Olive, b. 24 Jan. 1802
- Mary, b. 24 Dec. 1804
- Sophia, b. 16 Sept. 1807
- child, b. 6 July 1810
- child, b. 31 Jan. 1813

Her descent from Olive is: (1) Olive Graves, (2) Sophia Prentice, (3) Emeline Sophie Bowers, b. 26 Aug. 1837, d. 7 April 1923, Stafford, CT, (4) Bert Lamb (grandfather of Mrs. Brothers), b. 14 May 1870, d. 4 March 1956, Stafford, CT.

Mr. Sam F. Heal, 33851 Shelley Lynne Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48312-6055, is looking for information on his g-g-grandmother, SARAH GRAVES. What he has come from an old biographical sketch book for Kent Co., MI, published in the 1880's. "It states that my great-grandfather, Henry Stroup, was born 1815 in PA and was raised and educated in Seneca Co., NY. He was the son of Michael and Sarah (Graves) Stroup, 'natives of Pennsylvania and of English descent'. The only other clue given is that Henry's great-grandmother Amanda Whitmore 'lived to the enormous age of 126 years'. Henry came to MI and married a Sanford and the rest is pretty much known history."

"Henry, Michael's son, worked on the Erie Canal as a driver for 7 years and then spent about 20 years driving logs on the Flat River her in MI, and married a Mary Sandford in 1841 from NY of Scotch and English descent." Children of Henry Stroup were: Edward, Oscar, George, Henry, Harriet, and Annette.

Ms. Janet J. Carr, 1219 Lashbrook, Houston, TX 77077-2528, previously thought she was a Graves descendant, as discussed in her query on p. 16, 1996 GFNL. However, she has now found that the line is Geer and not Graves.

Mrs. Addie B. Morrissey, 3710 Clubhouse Rd., Lakeland, FL 33813 (searchn@gte.net), is

a descendant of JOHN GRAVES who emigrated from Nazing, Essex, England and settled in Roxbury, MA in 1633. He also had connections with Hertfordshire, England.

She is descended through his daughter, Hannah Graves, born 1636, who married John Mayo, and through the daughter of Hannah and John, Mehitable Mayo, who married Samuel Morris. Mehitable and Samuel are her 6th great grandparents.

She would like to communicate with any other descendants of John Graves.

JOHN GRAVES OF CONCORD, MA

Dr. Leslie L. Wilkes, 318 East 44th St., Savannah, GA 31405, was looking for the ancestry of his ancestor, Joel Spenser Graves, as shown on the descendant chart on this page. The descent from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA is: John¹, Benjamin², Benjamin³, Jedediah⁴, Allen⁵, Cyrus⁶, Joel Spenser⁷.

One interesting discovery from his information is his son, Cherry Hiram Graves. The ancestry of this person, who lived in Thomas Co., GA, previously couldn't be found. It was assumed he was from a southern Graves immigrant. Once his parents were identified, it was apparent that he was from a northern family. (ED. NOTE: He was shown in my draft of the genealogy as Henry Cherry Graves. This is an example that migration from unexpected areas should always be considered as a possibility.)

Joel Spenser Graves 1812 - 1887
+Eunice Whedon
..... 2 Roxanna Graves 1837 -
..... +Oliver Hayes
..... 2 Sarah Graves 1839 -
..... +William Way Thompson
..... 2 Nathan Graves 1843 -
..... +Sara Watkins
..... 2 Spencer Graves 1843 -
..... +Hattie Watkins
..... 2 Charles Graves 1848 -
..... +Margaret E. Roberts
..... *2nd Wife of Charles Graves:
..... +Lola Ford
..... 2 Cherry Hiram Graves 1850 - 1887
..... +Sallie A. Watkins
..... 3 Hattie V. Graves 1871 -
..... +Gus Patterson
..... 3 Lemuel Graves 1874 -
..... +Jessie Hadly
..... 3 Alice L. Graves 1879 -
..... +Tom Mills
..... 3 Viola Graves 1881 -
..... +George Washington Wilkes 1866 -
..... 4 George Harrold Wilkes 1904 - 1968
..... 4 Sara Melissa Wilkes 1908 - 1991
..... +Alvin Edward Blanton 1900 - 1976
..... 5 Barbara Ann Blanton 1942 -
..... +William Albert Owen 1942 - 1982
..... 6 William Alpert Owen Jr 1972 -
..... 6 Melissa Lynn Owen 1975 -
..... *2nd Husband of Barbara Ann Blanton:
..... +William Rudolph Allen 1948 -
..... 4 Earl Bond Wilkes 1910 - 1926
..... 4 Lillian Wilkes 1912 - 1990
..... +L.B. Moore - 1975
..... 5 Bud Moore
..... 5 Jackie Moore
..... 4 Leslie Lamar Wilkes 1915 - 1962
..... +Rachel Davidson Blackwell 1914 -
..... 5 Leslie Lamar Wilkes II 1940 -
..... +Lois Ge-Juan Hood 1940 -
..... 6 Leslie Lamar Wilkes III 1970 -
..... 3 Sallie Graves 1883 -
..... +Dock Crenshaw
..... 3 Orrie Graves 1889 -
..... +Beatrice Redfern
..... 2 Cyrus Graves 1853 -
..... +Nellie McKennon
..... 2 Alice Graves 1856 -
..... +Erasmus Hailey
..... *2nd Husband of Alice Graves:
..... +Unkown Dell

SAMUEL GRAVES OF LYNN, MA

Mrs. Grace Pittman, 239 East South Temple #502, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, is not a Graves descendant. However, she wrote that she and two others are preparing a book on the two main Bruce immigrants to Massachusetts, Thomas of Sudbury in the 1670's and George of Woburn in the 1650's.

She noticed in the Samuel Graves book that Elizabeth Barron Graves (#1696 on p. 141) married Joseph H. Bruce. In the book, his parents are given as James A. Bruce and Rosina of Omaha, NE. Actually his father was Joseph A. Bruce, his mother was Rosina Young, and they lived in Charlestown and Somerville, MA, from the 1840's until about 1862-3. The censuses of 1850 and 1860 show the family, including son Joseph H. Bruce.

They moved to Nebraska, and Omaha City directories list both Joseph A. and his son Joseph H. Bruce from 1867-1869, but not after that, so they must have moved away.

"Although I have a good idea who his parents were, I have not found a death record or anything else to prove it... Joseph A. Bruce was born in NH and, if he is who I think he is, he was a descendant of George Bruce of Woburn." She would appreciate help on this Bruce ancestry.

She would like to contact anyone descended from Elizabeth B. Graves and Joseph H. Bruce.

Also, on p. 93 of the book is an Abisha Collins (#483) who married Sarah Farrar, daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Bruce) Farrar. Lucy is descended from George Bruce. They have her complete line back to George and will be happy to share the information with anyone who wants it.

Ms. Priscilla A. Blount, 250 Ogden Rd., Wenonah, NJ 08090, descended from SAMUEL GRAVES of Lynn, MA, has been researching her Hibbert/Hibbard ancestors who intermarried with the Graves family, and has found some discrepancies in published information that she would like to reconcile.

Page 16 of *Genealogy of the Hibbard Family* by Augustine G. Hibbard states that John Hibbard (son of Robert) married 10 Oct. 1670 Abigail Graves of Lynn, MA. Page 17 states that Joseph Hibbard married 20 Oct. 1670 to Elizabeth Graves.

In the Samuel Graves book by Kenneth V. Graves, page 21, it is also stated that John

Hibbard married Abigail Graves in 1670. But Beverly, MA, Vital Records, page 160, states Joseph Hibbert and Abigail Graves were married 20 Oct. 1670.

On another similar issue, *Introduction to the Bennett Family Genealogy of Guilford, ME*, page 1, states John² Bennett married Elizabeth³ Hibbert. Page 2 states John² Bennett married 27 Aug. 1711 Elizabeth³ Hibbert (John², Robert¹). *Gloucester Marriages*, page 82, confirms the wedding date and their children are listed on pages 88-91. However, *Genealogy of the Hibbard Family*, page 17, states Elizabeth Hibbert married 1704 John Gray.

Can anyone help resolve these discrepancies?

(ED. NOTE: These Graves-Hibbard marriages are discussed on page 27 in the Samuel Graves book. The information there was probably from the Hibbard book mentioned above. It is not known who Abigail Graves was, but it is believed that she was probably a granddaughter of immigrant Samuel Graves.)

On pages 39-40, 1996 GFNL, was a query from Mr. Robert E. Graves, P.O. Box 10125, Glendale, AZ 85318, about his search for the ancestry of his PETER GRAVES, b. 1806-08, NY, m. Lucy or Louise Ann -----.

The Editor's Note speculated that this Peter was the same as Peter Harder Graves, b. 12 May 1806, descended from SAMUEL GRAVES of Lynn, MA. However, on p. 40 it was noted that the death date of Peter Harder Graves of 14 Sept. 1854 was either wrong or this was not the same Peter Graves, since the Peter Graves of Robert E. Graves was alive in 1860 and listed in the census.

Mrs. Betty Kay Anderson, East 10111 Hwy. 106, Union, WA 98592, has sent a copy of a Bible record confirming that Peter Harder Graves was born 12 May 1806 and died 14 Sept. 1854, aged 48 years, 4 months, 2 days. Therefore, the two Peters cannot be the same.

Because of the circumstantial evidence mentioned in the previous query, there may be a relationship, however. Help is needed.

*REAR ADM. THOMAS GRAVES OF
CHARLESTOWN, MA*

Mrs. Helen Graves Ames Neidner, 1911 Sherwood Forest Dr., #20, Houston, TX 77043, previously knew of her descent from Deacon GEORGE GRAVES of Hartford, CT (she is #2398 in the book). However, she has now discovered that she is also descended from Rear Adm. THOMAS GRAVES. Her descent is from Cornelius Waldo (#95 in the book) and Abigail Walden.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Aday, 5805 SE Westfork Rd., Portland, OR 97206, is interested in learning more about her part of the family and the earlier ancestry. Her descent from Rear Adm. THOMAS GRAVES is: (1) Thomas, (2) Rebecca Graves m. Samuel Adams, (3) Susannah Adams m. Daniel Waldo, (4) Bethiah Waldo m(1) Edmund Littlefield, (5) Esther Littlefield m(1) Samuel Soper, (6) Oliver Soper m. Ruth Staples, (7) Sally Soper m. Ebenezer Dean, (8) Relief Soper Dean m. Bradford Dean, (9) George Standish Dean, b. 1835, Taunton, MA, m. Mary Louise Linderman, (10) Mary Ethel Dean, b. 1886, Seward Co., Nobles Co., MN, m. John Tremain, (11) Russell Paul Tremain, b. 1915, Bellingham, WA, m. Dorothy Virginia Dodgson, (12) Elizabeth Marylou Tremain m. Roger Alvin Aday.

*JOHN GRAVES (JOHANN SEBASTIAN
GRAFF)*

Mr. David L. Graves, 1450 Holyoak Lane, Lucas, TX 75002 (dngraves@msn.com), is interested in his part of the family. He is descended from JOHN GRAVES (Johann Sebastian Graff) as follows: John¹, Jacob² m. Turley Coble or Cople, David³ m. Margaret Bower (?), Martin⁴ m. Elizabeth Meloy, Charles F.⁵ m. Minnie Gray, Ivan C.⁶ m. Celia

Robinson, Marvin L.⁷ m. Anna Montgomery, David L.⁸ m. Nancy Stapert.

There seems to be a question about generation 3, since David is said to have first married Miss Fogelman and then married Dolly Shoffner.

SOUTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES

Mrs. Mickey McVey Paulk, 12500 John Williams Rd., Pascagoula, MS 39581-9127, is still looking for the parents and ancestors of her JONATHAN GREAVES.

Jonathan was born about 1764 in VA or NC, and died about 1821 in Lauderdale Co., AL. He married Elizabeth Dickson, daughter of General Joseph Dickson and Margaret McEwen, in 1789. Their children were: (1) Margaret ("Peggy") D. Greaves m. Thomas Jarrett Smith; (2) Joseph Decatur Greaves m. Virginia Smith; (3) Adeline Greaves, never married; (4) Elizabeth F. Greaves; (5) Isabelle Greaves.

It is possible that Jonathan Greaves was descended from the Quaker Greaves/Graves family of New Castle Co., DE. A letter to Ray Graves of Richland Springs, TX in 1985 from Mrs. Reeves Hughes said: "The Greaves family is believed to have come to NC from Christiana, Delaware -- cannot prove as yet."

Mrs. Paulk wants to know whether his father was FRANCIS GREAVES, b. 1740, of Duplin Co., NC.

In a 1986 letter from Mrs. Reeves Hughes to Mrs. Paulk, she said: "I have an estate probated in

Ms. Sidney Ford Tatom, 2165 Rio De Janeiro Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33983, is working with member Agnes J. Ranseen on some of the Fords of Amelia and neighboring counties of VA. They would appreciate help.

"I am especially interested in one Hezekiah Ford, who appears in the 1790 census of Fairfield Co., SC, in the Fairfield Co. records between 1791 and 1799, and as administrator, along with Milleyson Graves, of the estate of

JAMES GRAVES in 1791. In the will are named the widow, Milleyson, daughters Mary and Sarah (to whom he bequeaths £50 'due me from Hezekiah Ford'), and son William, who was evidently not of age. A Sela Ford was a witness to the will, and a John Miller was apparently residing on the property at the time. I have been unable to determine the relationship of Sela Ford (presumably Hezekiah's wife) to this family and would appreciate any help you might offer in solving this puzzle.

Hezekiah served in the American Revolution in the same regiment with a Gardner and a Nathaniel Ford, who were evidently kin, but how, I don't know. Hezekiah owned property adjoining Nathaniel Ford, and the name Hezekiah is carried forward in Nathaniel's line. After 1800 Hezekiah Ford disappears from Fairfield Co., and we don't know where he went or even who his children were. One story is that he went to France as part of Benjamin Franklin's staff, but no one has been able to confirm this."

Mr. Wayne L. Wilbur, P.O. Box 158, Hamshire, TX 77622 (wilrice158@aol.com), has found the parents of his John Franklin Graves of Panola Co., TX.

They are "GEORGE GRAVES and Pernecia Mills, married 9 Feb. 1837 in Leake Co., MS. Based on census records on John and brother Lorenzo, they stated their father was from Tennessee. In my Family Tree Maker index finder, I show a George H. Graves in Leake Co., MS in 1840, 1841, 1845. Also a N. T. Mills in Leake Co., MS in 1840, 1841, 1845, and then in 1846 in Shelby Co., TX. Shelby Co. adjoins Panola Co. My Graves family lived on the county line, so I found information about them in both counties. I am figuring George was born about 1817."

He also mentioned that, as a result of his previous query on pp.67-69, 1996 GFNL, Ms. Clara Jane Tennyson sent him the death

certificate number for John Franklin Graves. He wrote the Bureau of Vital Statistics and obtained a copy to confirm his parents.

Mrs. Donna Lynne Edge Taylor, Rt. 2, Box 200, Tenaha, TX 75974, is also descended from the GEORGE H. GRAVES of the preceding query. She would like to learn more about her part of the family.

Ms. Doris McGee, Rt. 1, Box 143C, Bay City, TX 77414, is descended from R. B. GRAVES through his daughter, Jerusha Clementine Graves, b. 7 April 1846, Hunt Co., TX, m. J. W. Eakey in 1865. They or their children moved to Erath Co., TX. It is possible that either R. B. Graves or another part of the family had Indian ancestry. She would like to learn more about these ancestors.

Mrs. Toni Rene Graves Whitten, 2568 Janice Circle, Birmingham, AL 35235-2137, is descended from BENJAMIN GRAVES and Margrett Weever of SC. She would like to find the earlier ancestry. A partial genealogy follows.

DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN GRAVES AND MARGRETT WEEVER OF SC

GENERATION 1

Benjamin Graves (1) married Margaret Weever. They lived in SC.

Children - Graves

+2. George Anderson Graves, b. 5 June 1814, m. Nancy Jane Shaw, d. 27 March 1902.

GENERATION 2

George Anderson Graves (2) was born 5 June 1814 in SC, and died 27 March 1902 in Lamar Co., AL. He married Nancy Jane Shaw. She was born 28 Feb. 1824 in TN, and died 8 Feb. 1904 in Lamar Co., AL.

Children - Graves

3. Francis Rebecca Graves, b.c. 1842, m. John W. Morton, 14 Nov. 1875 (Lamar Co., AL).
- +4. Calvin Polk Graves, b. 24 Aug. 1845, m. Francis Mullinax, 7 July 1867, d. 5 Dec. 1919.
5. Moses J. Graves, b. 12 March 1848, m. Mary Jane Newell, 30 Nov. 1876 (Vernon, Lamar Co., AL), d. 16 July 1889 (Lamar Co., AL).
6. Margaret J. Graves, b.c. 1850, m. Simeon B. Thomas, 18 March 1880 (Lamar Co., AL).
7. Mary Jane Graves, b. 13 Jan. 1853, m. Charles Raphael Burnett, d. 27 Nov. 1947.
8. Sarah Graves, b.c. 1855, m. Edgar Perkins.
9. Martha Ann Graves, b. 12 Aug. 1860, m. James Burton Oakes, 8 Sept. 1878 (Lamar Co., AL), d. 31 March 1948.
10. Georgia A. Graves, b. 7 Sept. 1867, m. Mentau Guin, 5 Jan. 1890, d. 2 April 1903.
11. Benjamin Graves
12. Nancy Eveline Graves
16. James William Graves, b. 17 Feb. 1875, m. Ethel Littleton Livingston, 30 Oct. 1895 (Vernon, Lamar Co., AL), d. 29 Sept. 1953 (Birmingham, AL).
17. Sarah Frances Graves, b. 6 May 1877, d. 29 Sept. 1880.
18. Amanda Graves, b. 26 Oct. 1878, d. 28 Sept. 1880.
19. infant, b. and d. 1 Oct. 1880.
20. Carrie Graves, b. 28 Oct. 1881.
21. Clara A. Graves, b. 18 March 1885, d. 8 March 1938.
22. Hiram A. Graves, b. 8 April 1889.

GENERATION 3

Calvin Polk Graves (4) was born 24 Aug. 1845 in AL, and died 5 Dec. 1919 in TX. He married Francis Mullinax on 7 July 1867 in Fayette Co., AL. She was born 22 Oct. 1853 and died 23 May 1935. At least their first 4 children were born in Lamar Co., AL.

Children - Graves

13. Nancy Jane Caroline Graves, b. 16 April 1869, m(1) J. D. Adair, 11 Sept. 1883 (Lamar Co., AL), m(2) John Thomas Ruso, d. 30 Aug. 1961 (Beckville, Panola Co., TX).
14. Perry Lee Graves, b. 1 Aug. 1871, m. Lucinda C. Platt, 19 Nov. 1890, d. 24 Jan. 1943.
- +15. Calvin Houston Graves, b. 16 March 1873, m(1) Martha Angeline Lawrence, 14 Feb. 1892, m(2) Mary Jane Maddox Jones, d. 11 Nov. 1961.
23. John Calvin Graves, b. 29 Jan. 1891, m. Willie D. -----, d. 26 June 1973 (TX).
24. Rose Mary Graves, b. 8 Oct. 1893, m. Samuel Young Shelton, d. 6 Sept. 1974 (Lamar Co., AL).
25. William Grady Graves, b. 15 March 1895, m(1) Emma Collins, m(2) Mary -----, d. 4 Feb. 1974 (Birmingham, AL).
26. Lee B. Graves, b. 11 Sept. 1896, m. Mellie Newman, d. 18 July 1959.
- +27. Elbert Washington Graves, b. 13 March 1898, m. Avis Wilma Thompson, 10 Sept. 1922, d. 10 Aug. 1976.
28. Icie Pearle Graves, b. 8 Jan. 1900, m. Roll O. Collins, d. 14 Jan. 1980 (Vernon, Lamar Co., AL).
29. Francis Myrtle Graves, b. 30 Sept. 1902, m. Sampson S. Hubbert, d. 30 June 1984.
30. James E. Graves, b. 1906, m. Jessie Carl Allen, d. 1979 (Birmingham, AL).
31. Kittie Cobb Graves, b. 12 Feb. 1908, m. Hardy Riley.

32. Lucille Graves, b. 11 Jan. 1910, m. David Durham Hughes, d. 29 May 1985 (Birmingham, AL).
33. Latta Graves (male), b. 20 Jan. 1912, d. 28 Jan. 1912 (Lamar Co., AL).
34. Irene Graves, b. 25 May 1913, m. ----- Eckels, d. 20 Sept. 1972.
35. Leon Dodd Graves, m. Penny -----.
36. Ona Geraldine Graves, m. Homer Edgeworth.

CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES OF VA

Mrs. Rowena E. ("Jill") Wade, 409 Tam O'Shanter Blvd., Williamsburg, VA 23185, is descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA as follows: (1) Thomas, (2) Francis, (3) Francis, (4) William, (5) Peyton, (6) Peyton, (7) Dolly Ann Graves, b. 1825, m. Harden Perkins Edwards, (8) Harden Hairston Edwards, b. 1855, m. Rowena Graves, (9) Peyton Graves Edwards, b. 1883, m. Elizabeth Ava Parker, (10) Woodrow W. Edwards, b. 1912, m. Doris Elizabeth Morgan, (11) Rowena Elizabeth ("Jill") Edwards, b. 1938, m. Ronald Lee Wade.

Her husband is also a Graves descendant. They would like to know morer about his ancestry. His line is: (1) THURSTON AUGUSTUS GRAVES, prob. b. in Staunton, VA, m. Evelyn Shields Wood, (2) Anna Lee Graves, b. 30 July 1895, Albemarle Co., VA, d. 27 Feb. 1981, Lexington, VA, m. Arthur Hall Fulwider, (3) Lucille Camden Fulwider, b. 17 Feb. 1917, Rockbridge Co., VA, m. Albert Theodore Wade, (4) Ronald Lee Wade, b. 25 March 1935, Lexington, VA, m. Rowena Elizabeth Edwards.

Ms. Jane Burrell, P.O. Box 2448, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-2448, is still trying to validate her Hilliard family connection with the Graves family. She believes that her descent from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA is: Thomas¹, John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, Ralph⁵, Unity⁶ m. William Hilliard.

"According to tax records filed in Ohio, my ancestor, Elizabeth Hilliard Crump had to pay taxes on William Hilliard's property in Williamsburg, VA. However, there were several Williams who lived there."

Mrs. Grace W. Lynch, 1805 Ruby Rd., Irving, TX 75060, is descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA as follows: (1) Thomas, (2) John, (3) Ralph, (4) Ralph, (5) Henry White Graves, b.c. 1692, York Co., VA, d.c. 1745, m. Mary Williams, (6) Rachel Graves, b. 30 Dec. 1734, d. 27 Dec. 1806, Anson Co., NC, m. Benjamin Hendrick, (7) John Williams Hendrick, b.c. 1760, NC, m. Ann Baker (?), (8) Rachel Hendrick, b.c. 1775, m. Christopher C. Collins, (9) Christopher B. Collins, b.c. 1807, NC, m. Emily Scarborough, Zilphia Collins, b. 1840, Springhill, AL, m. Rev. Michael (Heavey) Cox, (10) John Wesley Cox, b. 1862, Harrison Co., MS, m. Sleety Jane Flurry, (11) Vivian Cox, b. 1902, Jackson Co., MS, m. Robert Olin Warnick, (12) Grace Warnick, b. 1938, m. Charles Francis Lynch.

She needs documentation to prove that Rachel Graves was a daughter of Henry White Graves and Mary Williams.