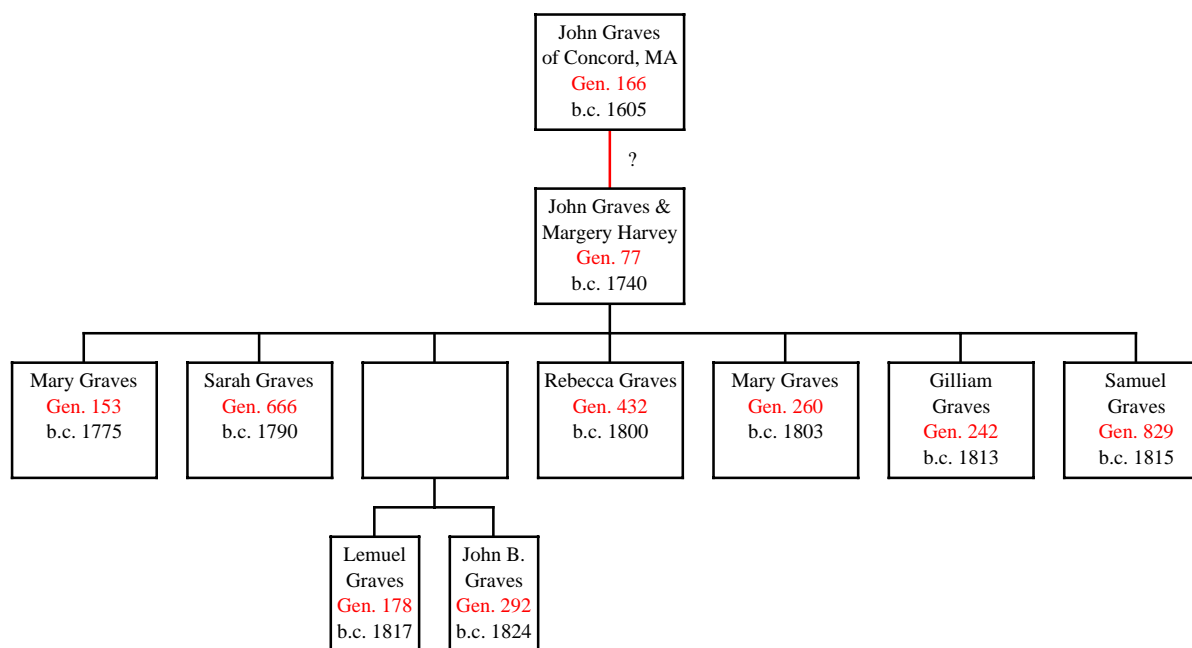


PROBABLE CONNECTIONS FOR JOHN GRAVES AND MARGERY HARVEY OF RANDOLPH CO., NC (GEN. 77)

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The main reason for thinking that John Graves of genealogy 77 was descended from John Graves of Concord, MA (genealogy 166) is that Phanny Graves (b. 1803) stated that her grandfather, John Graves, was from a John Graves, born in England, who came to America about 1635. This date matches that for John Graves of Concord. The DNA match between descendants of gen. 166 and gen. 77 supports this connection.

Another descendant stated that John Graves came to NC with explorers of the same last name, some sons of Thomas Graves of Spotsylvania Co., VA. They came to the area by 1755. The origin of the other group of Graves explorers is supported by the observation that most of the families believed to descend from Francis Graves (of Essex Co., VA) were from Culpeper Co. and Spotsylvania Co. (formed partly from Essex Co. in 1720), VA. Culpeper and Spotsylvania counties were next to each other.