

# THE GRAVES FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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On Oct. 3, 1995, the family welcomed the birth of Cody, son of Heidi Black, Christie's sister becoming a great-grandmother.

Christie's nephew Thomas Graves of Princeton, NJ remarried to Clara Castaño on May 21, 1994, and they had a son, Thomas Eugene Graves, born May 1, 1995.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of **Mr. James C. Graves** of Keene, NH, descended from THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT. He was born 11 Nov. 1913 and died 3 Dec. 1995. He is survived by his daughters, Donna Caron of Keene, and Debra Warner.

Congratulations to Mr. Jack Graves, P.O. Box 48, Chula, MO 64635, descended from THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT, who sent this article on his first grandchild.

"Jason and Andrea Graves [photo on p. 1, 1995 GFNL] of Chillicothe announce the birth of a daughter, born at 3:33 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31, 1995 at Hedrick Medical Center. Maggie Elizabeth weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces, and measured 20½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are David and Sandra Walker of Chillicothe.

Paternal grandparents are Jean Graves of Independence and Jack Graves of Chula.

Paternal great-grandmother is Louise Graves of Chula.

Mr. B. Leon Graves, P.O. Box 255568, Sacramento, CA 95865-5568, descended from

## GRAVES FAMILY NEWS

Mrs. Christine G. Heiberg, 165 Burtis Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 11570-2923, descended from the Graves family of Shirland, England, reported that she went to Dallas last July to help her sister and her husband celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, with their 4 children, 3 grandchildren, and their brother Freeman P. Graves from California.

JOHN GRAVES (Johann Sebastian Graff), sent the following news item from the *Sacramento Bee*, Mon., Feb. 13, 1995, datelined Kaufman, Texas.

“L. C. Graves, the Dallas police detective who wrestled the gun away from Jack Ruby, after he shot Lee Harvey Oswald, died Saturday of heart failure. He was 76.

Mr. Graves was one of three Dallas officers escorting Oswald, charged with assassinating President John Kennedy, from the city to the county jail on Nov. 24, 1963. In the moment after Ruby fired a single fatal shot at Oswald in the basement of Dallas City Hall, Graves grabbed the revolver and Ruby’s wrist.

Graves served with the Dallas Police Department for 21 years, retiring in 1970.”

(ED. NOTE: Does anyone know the ancestry of L. C. Graves?)

Mrs. Bruce F. (Laura Belle) Macrae, 306 Surrey Rd., Savannah, GA 31410-4407, sent an article from the *Madison County Eagle*, Madison, VA, telling about the marriage of Brenda Gail Tucker and James Rogers Berry, II on Oct. 21, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, VA.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers Berry of Charlottesville. Mrs. Berry is the former Patricia Elizabeth Graves, first cousin of Laura Belle. They are descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA via Paschal Graves.

### E-MAIL, THE INTERNET, & THE GFA HOME PAGE

The usage of computers is changing rapidly, becoming ever more commonplace in our society. With this issue we have started putting **Internet addresses** for **e-mail** in the newsletter queries. Many people still don’t have an e-mail address, but just within the last few months it is amazing how many people have begun using electronic communication.

If any of you would like to contribute articles on how to get the most out of this or other uses of the computer, and how to avoid the inevitable problems, that would be much appreciated.

The **Graves Family Association home page** (sometimes known as a web site) is at <http://www.andrews.edu/~calkins/gravesfa.html> and is being maintained by Keith G. Calkins. It will be gradually expanding to contain more and more helpful information. Take a look at it, and encourage other Graves descendants to visit it also.

### MISLEADING MAIL OFFERS

This is another warning to beware the mail offers from companies like Halbert’s in Bath,

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Newsletter only available to individuals as part of Graves Family Association membership.

Next National GFA Reunion: Sept. 27-29, 1996,  
Dallas, Texas

Next New England Reunion: June 14-15, 1996,  
Wrentham, MA

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OH. The books offered are not genealogies, and their other products have very little genealogical significance.

Probably all of you have received one or more offers from Halbert's in Bath, OH for a "family history" book for your family, supposedly from a person of your same surname. This very lucrative "family heritage" business should not be confused with genealogy, although the difference is often not at all clear in the advertisements. The books are usually very general historical summaries and sources of genealogical information which apply to any surname. Then there is usually a small amount of specific information on the surname of interest, plus a listing of everyone of that surname from phone directories (not especially up-to-date).

The National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies submitted a complaint to the U.S. Postal authorities requesting investigation of Halbert's for false representation. A 120-page report prepared by Helen Hinchcliff was submitted in support of this complaint.

Another type of offer is for coats of arms. The coat of arms provided is generally either one that was created by an artist and was never used historically, or is one that has no existing descendants who can legitimately claim it as their own. As decoration, it may be fine, but not as family history.

Finally, there are other products that are occasionally offered. I just recently received an offer from MBNA America for a credit card, "The No-Annual-Fee Graves Family Card® Visa®". The letter from them said: "This may be your last chance to request your own Graves FamilyCard Visa with your family name on it, right where you'd expect to see a bank's name... Members of the Graves Family League carry our FamilyCard Visa wherever they go. And talk about prestige -- wow!" There is absolutely no genealogical connection with promotions like this!

## GFA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

You will soon be receiving your new Graves Family Association Membership Directory. Those of you who have been members for at least a couple of years will notice that it has expanded from the previous directory. Since the Association has grown, of course it includes more members.

However, it also includes new features that some of you have suggested. Telephone numbers (where not unlisted) and e-mail addresses are both new. We have also included all known Graves/Greaves ancestors (not just those of members, but also those of people not listed in the directory), and have indicated the date of birth of each and which ones were immigrants to America. (For those of you who want more information about these ancestors, the book *Graves Families of the World* is the best reference.)

All comments and suggestions will be appreciated.

## GRAVES FAMILY REUNIONS

The **National Graves Family Reunion** will be held Sept. 27-29, 1996, in the Dallas, TX area. The exact site hasn't yet been selected. We expect to have some outstanding speakers, lots of family information, and a large crowd of Graves relatives. Plan to attend! More details later.

The **New England Graves Reunion** will be June 14-15, 1996, probably in Wrentham, MA. Gary Boyd Roberts, director of research at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston and author of several books, will be the featured speaker. This is for all descendants of New England Graves families plus any other Graves/Greaves descendants living in the New England area.

## GRAVES FAMILY BOOKS

*Graves Families of Randolph Co., NC* will be ready soon.

Targeted for later in 1996 are *John Graves of Concord, MA* and *John Graves of Frederick Co., VA*.

Targeted for 1998 is the book on *Capt. Thomas Graves of VA*.

Although this is the order in which these books will be published, the actual timing is subject to slippage. Remember that the publication of these books, like everything else associated with the Graves Family Association, is understaffed and completely volunteer.

### ADDRESS CHANGES

Mrs. Gretchen Overright, descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA, has moved from Herscher, IL to 124 West Elizabeth St., Apt. 2A, Wilmington, IL 60481-1412.

Mr. Albert W. L. Moore, Sr., of Independence, MO, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has moved back to 1425 North Spring St., Independence, MO 64050-1733.

Mrs. Kathryn M. Paulsen of Roswell, NM, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has moved to 505 Sunrise Rd., Roswell, NM 88201-6720.

Mr. James C. Graves, 191 Key Rd., Apt. 11, Keene, NH 03431-5912, descended from THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT, has moved from Keene, NH to 74 Pondview Rd., West Swanzey, NH 03469-3323.

Ms. Sandra Cointreau, descended from Rear Adm. THOMAS GRAVES of Charlestown, MA, has moved to 12 Church St., P.O. Box 241, Roxbury, CT 06783.

Mr. Edward B. Outhouse, descended from JOHN GRAVES (JOHANN SEBASTIAN

GRAFF) has moved from Mesa, AZ to 995 E. Baseline Rd., Apt. 1163, Tempe, AZ 95283.

Mrs. Kaye Sakahara, descended from SAMUEL GRAVES of Lynn, MA, has a new address because of a Post Office realignment. It is RR 1, Box 411, Abbot Village, ME 04406.

Mrs. Barbara Rogers, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, is now at 3068 Poplar Springs Dr., Gainesville, GA 30507.

Ms. Phyllis A. Noble, descended from JOHN GRAVES and Susannah ----- of SC & Carter Co., TN, has moved from Hampton, VA to 310 Esther Ct., Prattville, AL 36067.

Mr. David F. Graves of Charlotte, NC, descended from THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT, has changed his address to P.O. Box 25426, Charlotte, NC 28229-5426.

Mr. Leland L. Smith, descended from JOHN GRAVES and Margery Harvey of Randolph Co., NC, has moved from Friendswood, TX to 1 Rob Roy Rd., Austin, TX 78746-3137.

Ms. Regina R. Rogers, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has moved from Stony Creek, VA to 17217 Courthouse Rd., Yale, VA 23897.

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

#### *New Members*

CARON, Mrs. Donna G.  
74 Pondview Dr., West Swanzey, NH 03469  
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT (#6571)

CAMPBELL, Mrs. Wanza J.  
570 D St., Patterson, CA 95363  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis<sup>2</sup>, Francis<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Peyton<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, Catherine Nowlin<sup>7</sup> m. John Henry Palmer

COX, Mrs. Norma Lee (Foster)  
624 West Melody Lane, Republic, MO 65738-9503  
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT, via #5024

DEHNEL, Mrs. Wynell  
2800 Newkirk Ct., Euless, TX 76039  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA

GESTWICK, Mrs. Darlene  
1C Bristol Ct., Amherst, NY 14228  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA

GRASTY, Ms. Delores  
Box 334, Sublette, KS 67877  
Ancestry: J. D. Graves and Helen Logan of TX

GRAVES, Mr. E. T. Clark, Jr.  
P.O. Box 212, Blairs, VA 24527-0212  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John<sup>2</sup>,  
Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John Herndon<sup>7</sup>,  
William<sup>8</sup>, Elijah<sup>9</sup>

GRAVES, Mr. George D.  
8417 Hickory Place NE, Bremerton, WA 98311  
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT, via #2880

GRAVES, Mr. Nim K.  
9301 Heatherwood Drive, Austin, TX 78748  
Ancestry: Joseph W. Graves of SC, AL & TX

GRAVES, Dr. Thomas L.  
3400 Eleventh St., Gulfport, MS 39501  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John<sup>2</sup>,  
Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Lewis<sup>7</sup>, Lewis<sup>8</sup>

GRIFFITH, Mr. Thomas W.  
17223 Alder Way, Lynnwood, WA 98037  
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT, via #724

HULSEY, Mrs. F. L., Sr.  
301 Caldwell St., Kilgore, TX 75662  
Ancestry: Gilliam Graves of Randolph Co., NC

NELSON, Mrs. Cynthia D. Whirley  
2014 Highway 25, Iuka, MS 38852  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of Va, via John<sup>2</sup>,  
Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Mary<sup>6</sup> m. Benjamin Cleveland

SATTLER, Mrs. Leslie G.  
7604 Chapel View Court, Temperance, MI 48182  
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT, via #4772

SMITH, Mr. Kirk E.  
811 Rauscher Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Thomas<sup>5</sup> m.  
Ann Davenport, Rice<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>7</sup>, Jane<sup>8</sup> m. Joseph  
Coffey

STEELE, Mr. Charles T.  
P.O. Box 655, Saugerties, NY 12477-0655  
Ancestry: Deacon George Graves, via #1350

THEIMER, Ms. Myrle Cook  
1520 Parkhill Drive, Billings, MT 59102  
Ancestry: Samuel Graves of Lynn, MA, via #10; John  
Graves of Roxbury, MA; Thomas Graves of Nahant,  
MA

TINDLE, Mr. Dewey E.  
549 Gratz Brown, Moberly, MO 65270-3543  
Ancestry: John Graves of Frederick Co., VA

WALBERG, Mrs. Cheryl E.  
P.O. Box 95, Britton, SD 57430  
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT, via #2505.

WILLIAMS, Mr. Homer  
1902 Boxwood Ct., Austin, TX 78745  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA

## NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES FAMILIES

Mr. Kenneth B. Graves, 1027 Elliott Ave., Petersburg, VA 23805, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, wrote that there are many Graves family members listed in the records relating to various Indian tribes. He wrote: "Medically this information is valuable. Ethnic heritage is important if one is to take pride in one's origins. Each culture has much to offer that is good."

He sent the following list of people named Graves from *Cherokee Roots, vol. 1, Eastern Cherokee Rolls*, by Bob Blankenship, Official U.S. Government Census of the Cherokee Indian from 1817 through 1924 Residing East of the Mississippi River. Address Bob Blankenship, P.O. Box 525, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Reservation rolls, 1817: Graves, Nancy, reservation.

Emigration rolls, 1817 (all on reservation): James, Laughter, Moses, Mrs., Nancy, Sally, Sally, Walter.

Henderson roll, 1835 (AL, GA, TN, NC, to be moved to Oklahoma): Edward (AL), Tuten (GA).

Baker roll, 1924: Eva, Fred, Hoyt, Inez, Mary, Myrtle.

### **ORIGIN OF THE NAME GRAVE/ GRAVES/GREAVES AND VARIATIONS**

On the trip to England last May, Dr. George Redmonds of Lepton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire gave a talk one evening at Tong Village Hotel, Bradford, West Yorkshire. This was an after-dinner meeting attended by many Graves/Greaves descendants from the local area. One of the things he said was that the name Grave has the following three possible origins.

(1) There was a by-name used occasionally by the Vikings, i.e., **Greifi**. It can be found in the eastern counties of England where Scandinavian influence was strong, from the time of the Norman Conquest to the early 1200's:

1086, Greve, Lincolnshire, Domesday Book  
1232, Greive de Pincebec, Lincolnshire, Patent Rolls

The potential for this to give rise to a surname can be demonstrated in East Anglian records, and parts of the Danelaw:

1161-77, Lefsi the son of Greive, Norfolk  
1161-77, Æthewold the son of Grevi, Norfolk (both from Ramsey Cartulary)  
1221, Adam, son of Graive, Ely, British Museum MSS  
1255, Robert Greyue, Borough Records of Nottingham  
1327, Walter Greyve, Cambridge, subsidy rolls

The meaning and origins of the Personal name are discussed by Gilliam Fellows-Jensen in her book *Scandinavian Personal Names in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire*, published Copenhagen, 1968.

(2) There was also the Scandinavian word '**greifi**' which was the word for a steward, as on a manor. Its English equivalent was 'Reeve'. Once again, this word was found in the counties which had been occupied and settled by Vikings:

c. 1250, Hubert le Greyve, Colchester Cartulary (of Suffolk)  
1275, Thomas le Greyve, Hundred Rolls of Norfolk  
1334, William le Grayve, Lancashire Feet of Fines

The continuity of the name, as a hereditary surname, can be demonstrated using Yorkshire records:

1274, Richard le Grave, Wakefield Court Rolls  
1298, Adam, son of the Grave, Wakefield C.R.

This manor was subdivided into 'Graveships', with a 'grave' acting as steward.  
1452, Robert Grave, Ripon, SS.64  
1545, Robert Grave, Cleckheaton, Subsidy Roll (Birstall)

Other Grave families in Rothwell, Soothill, Almondbury, Tong and Pudsey, Swillington. All near to Wakefield. One of the outlying 'graveships' was Eccleshill, and the name appears to have originated there before spreading into Birstall parish (Tong and Cleckheaton).

(3) From the Old English '**graefe**', meaning a thicket. In the 16th and 17th centuries, these names sometimes acquired a final 's'.

1556, John Greaves, son of John Graves of Windhill, Yorks., Fines  
1641-47, Jonas Grave of Graves of Birstall, Parish Register  
1667-69, Jonas Greave or Grave of Birstall, Parish Register

Another very interesting comment by Dr. Redmonds, was that he believes there are only a very few origins of the Graves/Greaves surname and its variations. That is, perhaps fewer than a half dozen ancestors (perhaps as few as 2) account for all the present descendants.

He also said that, in general, the name Greaves originated in Derbyshire around Beeley (evolving De Greve→Greave→Greaves, referring to the place), and the name Graves originated in Yorkshire around Eccleshill (Le Greyve→Le Grave→Grave→Graves, referring to the position). But as people moved and time passed, spellings were changed, so that Graves might become Greaves and vice versa.

## QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

### *MISCELLANEOUS GRAVES FAMILIES*

Mr. Dean Merriman, 216 Eleventh St., Hoboken, NJ 07030 (dpmdean@aol.com), is looking for information on 2 Graves family members who both connect with the Maraman-Maryman-Merriman family of St. Mary's Co., MD, from which he is descended.

The first was JOHN M. GRAVES, b.c. 1812 in KY, m. 22 Jan. 1839 in Nelson Co., KY to Lucinda A. Maryman, who was b.c. 1813 in Nelson Co., KY to John Baptist Maryman (1771-1850's) and Jennet Muir (c. 1782-1836). John and Lucinda were in Ralls Co., MO in 1850, and in Union Co., KY in 1860, but can't be found after that. Where did they go? Their children through 1860 were: Ann V., b.c. 1840, KY; George M., b.c. 1842, KY; William P., b.c. 1843, KY; Mary J., b.c. 1845, KY; John M., b.c. 1847, KY; James M., b.c. 1849, KY; Joseph P., b.c. 1850, MO; and Thomas J., b.c. 1853, KY.

The other one was GEORGE F. GRAVES, who married 13 Sept. 1875 in New Albany, Floyd Co., IN, to Martha Maraman, b.c. 1854 in Shepherdsville, Bullitt Co., KY, daughter of Wilford Walton Maraman (c. 1829-1860's) and Elizabeth Ross Orme (c. 1830-1860's). He has not been able to find them in the federal census for 1880 or 1900 in KY or IN. What happened to them, and who were the parents of George?

(ED. NOTE: I don't know who George F. Graves was, but there is the possibility that he

was descended from the Graves family of St. Mary's Co., MD.

John M. Graves definitely was. He was a son of John M. Graves who married ----- Barnes. They lived in Marion Co., KY, and were the ancestors of the late Mrs. Ella Graves Timmons, previously of Ina, IL. Can anyone provide more information about either the earlier ancestry or descendants? The first 2 generations are given below.

### GENERATION 1

John M. Graves (1) married ----- Barnes. Their names were shown on the marriage license of their son, John M. Graves, and her name looked like Gideon Barnes, but that might be a misreading. They lived in Marion Co., KY.

The members of this family were Catholic, and much family information has been obtained from baptismal records and other early Catholic records in western KY. They were under the parish of the well-known priest Father Elijah Durbin of the Louisville, KY diocese. Records found include documentation for the children of slaves of the family. Dr. John M. Graves and wife are recorded as godparents to slaves and later servant children. As godparents, other family names mentioned include Blandford, Shelby, Medley, Elliott, and Boone.

They may have been closely related to the John Graves who married Sarah Catherine Noble, was about the same age as John M. Graves, and also settled in Marion Co., KY. This John Graves was from St. Mary's Co., MD.

#### Children - Graves

2. John M. Graves, b. 17 Nov. 1811, m. Lucinda Ann Merriman, d. 18 Dec. 1883.
3. (Dr.) William S. Graves, m. Helen A. Shelby. He was in the Paducah, KY area.

### GENERATION 2

Dr. John M. Graves (2) was born 17 Nov. 1811 in Marion Co., KY, and died 18 Dec. 1883. He married Lucinda Ann Merriman

(given as Ann Lucinda in some documents). She was born about 1815 (or 1812) in Nelson Co., KY, in the vicinity of Bardstown, and died 28 Jan. 1870. One of their fathers, probably hers, was supposedly named William, and was a shipping merchant from Ireland. Her mother was Mary Janette Tou of France. However, the marriage license of John and Lucinda gives her father's name as John Maryman (should be Merriman).

There is a family legend that there were 7 original Graves brothers, and that there were 7 doctors in the family, all educated in England.

Children - Graves

4. Joseph Edmund Graves, b.c. 1840, m. Martha Ellen Blandford.
5. Ann Virginia Graves, b.c. 1841, m. Thomas Wilkins Campbell.
6. George Marion Graves, b.c. 1841-45, m. Elizabeth Anna Markham.
7. William Lon (or Don) Graves, m. Mary Louise Blandford.
8. Mary Janette Graves, b. 6 March 1845, m. William Franklin Aton, 1882.
9. William Pascal Graves, b.c. 1847, m. Phoebe -----.
10. James Muir Graves, b.c. 1849, m. Fatie Cassidy.
11. John M. Graves, Jr., m. Martha Haynes, c. 1889.
12. Thomas Jefferson Graves, b.c. 1852, m. Nancy Mary Martin, 6 June 1888, d. 26 Aug. 1920.)

Mrs. Charlotte K. Walker, 4847 Willow Lane, Dallas, TX 75244, is looking for the descendants of George Greaves/Graves, son of John Graves (d. 1748) of St. Mary's Co., MD, and inheritor of "Graves Swamp with Additions" from his father. This is the George Graves who married Margaret Alvey, daughter of Margaret Alvey. George sold "Graves Swamp, etc." to John Baptist Mattingly in St. Mary's Co., MD. "He must have left St. Mary's Co.? Where did he go?"

(ED. NOTE: Mrs. Walker is descended from John Graves and Sarah Catherine Noble of MD & KY, and she apparently believes that

her John Graves may be descended from this George Graves.

George was born about 1717, and John Graves who married Sarah Catherine Noble was perhaps born about 1760, so John could have been a son of George, or possibly even a grandson. John moved to KY before 1800, and it is interesting to note that one of his sons was named George N. Graves, and that the family was closely associated with and intermarried with the Mattingly family.

See also the next query.)

Mr. Robert Lee Alvey, 23617 Archibald Ave., Carson, CA 90745-5707, wrote that he has in his Alvey database a Margaret Alvey who married a George Graves/Greaves about 1746 in St. Mary's Co., MD (same as in the preceding query).

"Margaret and George had at least 3 children, Jeremiah, Margaret and Jesse. All of these names are very common in the Alvey line. ... Most of my line migrated to KY with so many other St. Mary's Co., MD Catholics after the Revolutionary War. The first arrived in the early 1780's and were followed annually by others until around 1810. Most stayed in KY until this century when movement even further west was the trend."

Mr. Charles W. Russell, 6016 Rhonda Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24502, is descended both from JOSHUA GRAVES of MD and JOHN GREAVES of St. Mary's Co., MD.

There was a Joshua Graves who left a will in Charles Co., MD in 1694 naming children Joshua, Dorothy, Mary, Samuel, and Sarah. It is believed that this Joshua was probably the father of the Joshua who was Mr. Russell's ancestor. Was there a relationship between Joshua Graves and John Greaves.

John Greaves was probably descended from William Greaves of Greenhill, Norton, nr. Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England, possibly his grandson. (See article on this family in 1995 GFNL, pp. 82ff.) William Greaves of



descended from JANE GROVE, born 1800 in PA, d.c. 1870 in IN, married John Moore. Their children, all born in PA and at least the 2nd and 3rd in Franklin Co., PA, were: James D. Moore, m. Catherine -----; Joseph W. Moore, m. Effie McCune; David Moore, m. Mary B. Connell; Mary Moore, m. William Waggoner.

Is his Grove family related to any of the Graves families?

*GRAVES FAMILIES OF THE BRITISH ISLES*

Ms. Janet Graves, 3 Cranfield Court, Cranfield Rd., Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN40 1QB, England, is looking for information on her part of the Graves family and the ancestry of her John Graves. She has submitted the following information.

**JOHN GRAVES OF BASSINGHAM,  
LINCOLNSHIRE, ENGLAND**

GENERATION 1

John Graves (1) was born in Bassingham, Lincolnshire, England. He married -----.

Children - Graves

- +2. John Graves, b. 1833, m(1) Mary Ann King, m(2) Jemima Wrench.
3. Ruth Graves, b. 1847.
4. Robert Graves, b. 1850.
5. Charlotte Graves, b. 1853.
6. Edmund Graves, b. 1855.

GENERATION 2

John Graves (2) was born in 1833. He first married Mary Ann King. She was born in 1829 and died in 1878. He secondly married Jemima Wrench. She was born in 1849.

Children - Graves, by Mary Ann King

7. Henry Graves, b. 1853.
8. Sarah Graves, b. 1857.
9. Hannah Graves, b. 1859.
10. Eliza Graves, b. 1862.
11. Mary Ann Graves, b. 1864.
12. Emily Graves, b. 1867.
13. Arthur Graves, b. 1870.

Greenhill may be related to the Greaves family of Beeley, Derbyshire, England. The chart on the left shows the ancestry of Mr. Russell from these 2 ancestors.

Mr. Shawn Gray, P.O. Box 155, Muncie, IN 47308 (03slgray@bsuvc.bsu.edu), is

Children - Graves, by Jemima Wrench

- +14. Edward Proctor Graves, b. 1880, m(1) Edith E. Graves, m(2) Louisa Jane Mansfield, d. 1931.

### GENERATION 3

Edward Proctor Graves (14) was born in 1880 in Bassingham, Lincolnshire, and died in 1931 in Kingsbury, London. He first married Edith E. Graves. They divorced. She died in 1948. He secondly married Louisa Jane Mansfield. She was born in 1883. Edward moved to the Farnham area, Surrey, and finally settled in Kingsbury, London.

Children - Graves, by Louisa J. Mansfield

- 15. Emily Agnes ("Cicily") Graves, b. 1904.
- +16. Emily Louise Graves, b. 1907, m. Charles James Cootes, d. 1994.
- 17. Doris Victoria Graves, b. 1908.
- +18. Leslie John Proctor Graves, b. 1911, m. Rosemary K. Fogden.
- +19. Stanley George Graves, b. 1913, m. Alma Graves.
- +20. Edward Arthur Julian Graves, b. 1914, m. Pearl Anne Walder.

### GENERATION 4

Emily Louise ("Dora") Graves (16) was born in 1907 and died in 1994. She married Charles James Cootes.

Children - Cootes

- 21. Patricia Cootes, b. 1937.
- 22. Margaret Cootes, b. 1941.
- 23. James Edward Cootes, b. 1944, d. 1956.

Leslie John Proctor Graves (18) was born in 1911 in Tongham or Seale, Farnham, Surrey. He married Rosemary K. Fogden. She was born in 1923.

Children - Graves

- +24. Bryan Leslie Graves, b. 1944, m(1) Victoria M. Lester, m(2) Carol Ann Demeza.
- +25. Janet Ann Graves, b. 1947, m(1) Brian Jewell, m(2) Sanjay Kumar Sharma.

- +26. Linda Daphne Graves, b. 1954, m(1) Christopher Leonard Howard, m(2) David Gray.

Stanley George Graves (19) was born in 1913. He married Alma Graves.

Children - Graves

- 27. Barry Graves, b.c. 1944.
- 28. Thomas Graves, b.c. 1948.

Edward Arthur Julian Graves (20) was born in 1914. He married Pearl Anne Walder. She was born in 1929.

Children - Graves

- +29. Teresa Graves, b. 1960, m. Andrew Mark Sykes.

### GENERATION 5

Bryan Leslie Graves (24) was born in 1944. He first married Victoria M. Lester. She was born in 1948. He secondly married Carol Ann Demeza. She was born in 1950.

Children - Graves, by Victoria M. Lester

- +30. Rachel Elizabeth Graves, b. 1969, m. John Barden.
- Children - Graves, by Carol A. Demeza
- +31. Kirsty Amanda Graves, b. 1976, m. Jason Griffiths.
- 32. Kerry Teresa Graves, b. 1979.

Janet Ann Graves (25) was born in 1947. She first married Brian Jewell. He was born in 1947. She secondly married Sanjay Kumar Sharma. He was born in 1964.

Children - Jewell

- 33. Emma Louise Jewell, b. 1973, m. Steven Michael Baldock. He was b. 1969.
- 34. Helen Lesley Jewell, b. 1976.
- 35. Katherine Jane Jewell, b. 1977.

Linda Daphne Graves (26) was born in 1954. She first married Christopher Leonard Howard. He was born in 1949. She secondly married David Gray.

Children - Howard

- +36. Claire Louise Howard, b. 1977, m. Carl Mitchell-Davies.
- 37. Kathryn Christine Howard, b. 1980.

Teresa Graves (29) was born in 1960. She married Andrew Mark Sykes. He was born in 1961.

Children - Sykes

- 38. Claire Louise Sykes, b. 1988.
- 39. Laura Jane Sykes, b. 1986.

GENERATION 6

Rachel Elizabeth Graves (30) was born in 1969. She married John Barden. He was born in 1961.

Children - Barden

- 40. Liam John Barden, b. 1991.
- 41. Harry Barden, b. 1993.

Kirsty Amanda Graves (31) was born in 1976. She married Jason Griffiths. He was born in 1976.

Children - Griffiths

- 42. Natasha Patricia Griffiths, b. 1992.

Claire Louise Howard (36) was born in 1977. She married Carl Mitchell-Davies. He was born in 1973.

Children - Mitchell-Davies

- 43. Ethan H. Mitchell-Davies, b. 1995.

Mrs. Frances R. Trickett, 19 Canford View Dr., Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 2UW, England, is descended from a THOMAS GREAVES, carpenter, who married Mary ----- and lived in Chatham, Kent, England. They had a daughter, Margaret Greaves, born in Chatham, bapt. at St. Mary's, Chatham, who married Francis Sharp, ropemaker, on 21 June 1845 at Woolwich, Kent (now Greater London). Her g-g-grandfather, son of Margaret and Francis, was born in 1846. She is looking for help on her ancestry.

Mr. Michael W. Hall, 33 Somerset Rd., Failsworth, Manchester M35 0NU, England,

would like to learn more about his Greaves family and their earlier ancestry. A partial genealogy follows.

He would also like to learn what happened to Martha Greaves (#12) after 1831. He has not been able to find a marriage for her in South Lancashire or North and East Cheshire, or a burial record in the Manchester area. He has also done a partial search of the 1841 census without success.

**DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH GREAVES  
AND MARY STREET OF LANCASHIRE,  
ENGLAND**

GENERATION 1

Joseph Greaves (1) was a weaver. He married Mary Street on 21 May 1731 in St. Mary, Oldham, Lancashire. She died in Hollinwood, Oldham, and was buried 15 Nov. 1733 in St. Mary, Oldham, Lancs. Both their children were born in Oldham.

Children - Greaves

- 2. Joseph Greaves, bapt. 10 Oct. 1731 (St. Michael, Ashton-under-line, Lancs.).
- +3. Matthew Greaves, bapt. 10 Dec. 1732, m. Mary Whitiker, 10 April 1757.

GENERATION 2

Matthew Greaves (3) was born in Moss Greave, Oldham, Lancs., and was baptized 10 Dec. 1732 at St. Mary, Oldham, Lancs. His occupation was hatter. He married Mary Whitiker on 10 April 1757 in St. Michael, Ashton-under-line, Lancs. All their children were born in Ashton-under-line, and the first 3 were baptized in St. Michael, Ashton-under-line.

Children - Greaves

- 4. Mary Greaves, bapt. 15 May 1760.
- 5. Ann Greaves, bapt. 10 March 1762.
- 6. Catherine Greaves, bapt. 9 April 1765.
- +7. Alexander Greaves, bapt. 21 Aug. 1768, m. Mary Booth, 12 Oct. 1786, d. 1 Sept. 1856.

GENERATION 3

Alexander Greaves (7) was born in Ashton-under-line, Lancs., was baptized 21 Aug. 1768 at St. Mary, Oldham, Lancs., died 1 Sept. 1856 in Newton Heath, Manchester, Lancs., and was buried 3 Sept. 1856 in Newton Heath Cem., Manchester. He married Mary Booth on 12 Oct. 1786 in Manchester Cathedral, Lancs. She was born about 1754, died in Failsworth, Lancs., and was buried 3 Sept. 1829 in All Saints, Newton Heath, Manchester. All their children were born in Failsworth, Lancs., and were baptized in All Saints, Newton Heath.

Children - Greaves

8. Betty Greaves, bapt. 5 Feb. 1787.
9. Mary Greaves, bapt. 28 Sept. 1788.
10. Ann Greaves, bapt. 9 May 1790.
11. Silas Greaves, bapt. 19 Aug. 1792, d. Failsworth, Lancs. Bur. 10 Sept. 1792, All Saints, Newton Heath, Manchester.
- +12. Martha Greaves, bapt. 12 Nov. 1793.
13. Esther Greaves, bapt. 31 July 1796, d. Failsworth, Lancs. Bur. 2 April 1797, All Saints, Newton Heath, Manchester.

GENERATION 4

Martha Greaves (12) was born in Failsworth, Lancs, and was baptized 12 Nov. 1793 at All Saints, Newton Heath, Manchester, Lancs. She never married. She is listed in the rate books of Failsworth, 1819 to 1828. Sarah, Silas and Paul were the illegitimate children of Joseph Ogden and Martha Greaves. Joseph made payments to the Overseers for the upkeep of his illegitimate children. The last payment was made to Martha on 19 Oct. 1831. This was also the last reference found to Martha. Nothing is known of her after this date.

In 1832, Joseph Ogden married Alice Cherry. They had a daughter Jane bapt. in 1853 at All Saints, Newton Heath. At the time of the 1841 census they were living at Pauldens Place (now Paulden Drive), Failsworth. Joseph was a farmer. The marriage record of Martha's daughter Sarah Greaves confirms that Joseph Ogden, a farmer, was her father.

Children - Greaves, by Joseph Ogden

- +14. Sarah Greaves, bapt. 2 July 1815, m. John Worthington, 31 May 1859.
- +15. Silas Greaves, bapt. 25 Nov. 1821, m. Elizabeth Booth, 1 Jan. 1844, d. Sept. 1905.
- +16. Paul Greaves, bapt. 25 Nov. 1821, m(1) Mary Berry, 9 Oct. 1842, m(2) Emma Marsden, 17 Oct. 1861, d. 6 Jan. 1880.

GENERATION 5

Sarah Greaves (14) was born in Failsworth, Lancs., was baptized 2 July 1815 in All Saints, Newton Heath, Manchester, died at Newton Heath Cem., Manchester. She married John Worthington on 31 May 1859 in Manchester Cathedral, Lancs. He was born about 1816 in Chadderton, Lancs., died in Newton Heath, and was buried 30 July 1867 in Newton Heath Cem. She was a silk weaver and housekeeper, and he was a carter.

Both her children were born in Newton Heath and were baptized in All Saints, Newton Heath. (Who was their father, since they were born before Sarah's marriage?)

Children - Greaves

17. Mary Greaves, bapt. 15 March 1840.
18. Heseekiah Greaves, bapt. 25 Dec. 1853, d. Newton Heath. Bur. 4 Feb. 1855, All Saints, Newton Heath.

Silas Greaves (15) was born in Failsworth, Lancs., was baptized 25 Nov. 1821 at All Saints, Newton Heath, died in Failsworth, and was buried 28 Sept. 1905 in Philips Park Cem., Manchester, Lancs. He married Elizabeth Booth on 1 Jan. 1844 in Manchester Cathedral, Lancs. She was born about 1822 in Manchester, Lancs., died in Failsworth, and was buried 22 March 1901 in Philips Park Cem., Manchester. He was an overseer of weavers. All their children were born in Newton Heath, and were baptized in All Saints, Newton Heath.

Children - Greaves

19. Jane Greaves, bapt. 25 Aug. 1844, m. Joseph Johnson, 12 Dec. 1874

- (Manchester Cathedral, Lancs.), d. Blackpool, Lancs. Bur. 23 Sept. 1901, Philips Park Cem., Manchester, Lancs. His occupation was slotter. He d. Salford, Lancs., bur. 27 June 1893, Philips Park Cem., Manchester.
20. Heseekiah Greaves, bapt. 18 Oct. 1846, d. Newton Heath, Manchester. Bur. 13 April 1852, Newton Heath Cem., Manchester.
21. Sarah Greaves, bapt. 24 Oct. 1852, m. John Stone, 27 June 1874 (Manchester Cathedral, Lancs.). He was a spinner.

Paul Greaves (16) was born in Failsworth, Lancs., was baptized 25 Nov. 1821 in All Saints, Newton Heath, Manchester, Lancs., died 6 Jan. 1880 in Newton Heath, and was buried 10 Jan. 1880 in Newton Heath Cem., Manchester. He was a blacksmith. He first married Mary Berry on 9 Oct. 1842 in Manchester Cathedral, Lancs. She was born about 1816 in Failsworth, Lancs., and was buried 21 July 1859 in All Saints, Newton Heath. She was a silk winder.

He secondly married Emma Marsden, daughter of John Marsden and Sarah Jackson, on 17 Oct. 1861 in Manchester Cathedral, Lancs. She was born in Newton Heath, was baptized 24 Aug. 1834 in All Saints, Newton Heath, died 12 Dec. 1899 in Prestwich Workhouse, North Manchester, and was buried 16 Dec. 1899 in Manchester General Cem., Harpurhey. She was a silk winder.

All of Paul's children were born in Newton Heath, and were baptized in All Saints, Newton Heath.

- Children - Greaves, by Mary Berry
- +22. Cornelius Greaves, bapt. 4 June 1843, m. Nancy Kay, 30 Sept. 1865.
23. Martha Greaves, bapt. 14 Sept. 1845, d. Newton Heath. Bur. 14 Oct. 1846, All Saints, Newton Heath.
24. Martha Jane Greaves, bapt. 27 May 1849. Silk winder.
25. Alexander Greaves, bapt. 29 March 1852, d. Newton Heath. Bur. 23 June 1862, Newton Heath Cem., Manchester.

- +26. Sophia Greaves, bapt. 9 March 1854, m. John Rodgers, 30 Sept. 1872, d. 15 Feb. 1919.
27. Elizabeth Greaves, bapt. 17 April 1859, d. Newton Heath. Bur. 26 June 1859, All Saints, Newton Heath.  
Children - Greaves, by Emma Marsden
28. Mary Ann Greaves, b.c. 1863, d. Newton Heath. Bur. 29 Nov. 1863, Newton Heath Cem., Manchester.
- +29. Alice Greaves, b. 10 Nov. 1864, m(1) Wheeler Welling Hall, 24 Nov. 1886, m(2) Arthur Ridings, 26 Aug. 1899, d. 31 Jan. 1921.
- +30. Alexander Greaves, bapt. 5 April 1868, m(1) Eliza Jane Brundritt, m(2) Charlotte Lightfoot, c. 1900, d. April 1914.
31. Sarah Greaves, bapt. 29 May 1872, d. Newton Heath. Bur. 29 Jan. 1886, Newton Heath Cem., Manchester.

#### *GRAVES FAMILIES OF CANADA*

Ms. Terri L. Huber, 2514 Pine Oak Court, Midland, MI 48640 (tlhuber@aol.com), thought she was descended from Amanda Graves and Uriosis Bass. She has now learned that her ancestor is Almeda Graves (#720 on p. 67 of the Rear Adm. THOMAS GRAVES book) and Uriah Bass. Daughter Angeline Bass (Terri's g-g-grandmother) was born in 1857 in Ontario, Canada, and married Simon Hetherington in Lambton Co., Ontario. She would like to find Almeda's family and ancestry.

#### *NORTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES*

Mrs. Jane B. Runyan, 1490 Hilton Ave., York, PA 17404-9777, had a query on pp. 66-67, 1995 GFNL. She has been trying for a long time to find a record of marriage for Edward Daniels, born 17 Feb. 1735, to Thankful -----. She wonders whether the Rev. John Graves (of Providence, RI) may have married Edward and Thankful (not Mary Graves and Ebenezer Daniels as stated in the

previous query). Edward Daniels was a son of Ebenezer Daniels and Mary Graves.

Mr. Ted Chadbourne, 1 Fides Dr., Saco, ME 04072 (75113.3230@compuserve.com), is looking for information on his ancestor, MARTHA GRAVES, b.c. 1685, who married Philip Kneeland in 1709 in Ipswich, MA.

His deceased uncle only knew of Martha Graves from the record of her husband's family (*Kneeland Family*, p. 654?, p. 731). "He left me notes that she and Philip Kneeland (Sr.), b. 1685, had 4 children, including Philip (Jr.) born 1715 (a Rev. War soldier perhaps credited to Topsfield, MA). Philip Jr. probably married Elizabeth Wooding, not Mary Potter per Albert Sears' book on Standish, Maine families. (That's where my next generations, David Sr. and Jr. are recorded.)"

(ED. NOTE: It seems possible that Martha was a granddaughter of Samuel Graves and Grace Beamsley, both of Ipswich. Samuel was born 1628 in England and was a son of immigrant Samuel Graves of Lynn. The Samuel b. 1628 had a son John, b. 1660, who m. Martha Kneeland, dau. of Edward Kneeland of Ipswich. Samuel b. 1628 had another son Samuel b. 1658 who had a dau. Martha who m. Jacob Foster.

I can't find any definite connection. Help is needed.)

Mrs. Cora Graves Hoff, 5194 Cedar Hammock Lane, Sarasota, FL 34232-2246 (steveh3139@aol.com), is looking for information on her ancestor, ELISHA GRAVES. The first 2 generations of this family is shown below.

#### GENERATION 1

Elisha Graves (1) was born in 1816 in NY, and died 22 Nov. 1885 in LaSalle Co., IL. He first married Martha Rogers. She was born in 1828 in NY, and died 16 Feb. 1865 in LaSalle

Co., IL. He secondly married Emma B. -----. She was born in 1817 in NH.

It is believed that there may be a relationship of Elisha with the Elisha Graves who was born by 1792 in VT and also had a son named Clark. This other Elisha may have been a son of a John Graves, born about 1760, who was listed in the 1790 census for Canajoharie, Montgomery Co., NY. It is also believed that Elisha may have been descended from immigrant John Graves of Concord, MA, because of living in the same area.

#### Children - Graves

2. Clark Graves, b. 7 Dec. 1856, m. Lorena A. Cook, 8 Oct. 1876, d. 21 March 1919.
3. Betsey Graves, b. 1858, d. 25 Feb. 1865 (LaSalle Co., IL).
4. Mary Graves, b. 1859, d. 22 March 1886 (LaSalle Co., IL).
5. George L. Graves, b. 1861, d. 13 Feb. 1865 (LaSalle Co., IL).
6. Lillian Graves, b. 1862 (IL).

#### GENERATION 2

Clark Graves (2) was born 7 Dec. 1856 in Sandwich, DeKalb Co., IL, and died 21 March 1919 in DeKalb Co., IL. He married Lorena A. Cook, daughter of John Cook and Harriet Smith, on 8 Oct. 1876 in DeKalb Co. She was born 7 Sept. 1858 in Mendota, LaSalle Co., IL, and died 19 Dec. 1948 in DeKalb Co., IL. Their first child was born in Burlington, IA, and the other 2 in Sandwich, IL.

#### Children - Graves

7. Ward Clark Graves, b. 7 Nov. 1878, m(1) Lena Christopherson, 7 Dec. 1901, m(2) Emma Celia Dannewitz, 4 April 1923, d. 14 Feb. 1957.
8. Raymond Alman Graves, b. 5 Oct. 1884, m(1) Gertrude -----, m(2) Edna Virginia Williams, 23 July 1923, m(3) Cora Ponder, d. 7 June 1968.
9. Jesse Claude Graves, b. 2 Oct. 1886, m. Ida Hanson, 12 Feb. 1912, d. 5 March 1967.

The first 2 generations of the genealogy for the other Elisha Graves who seems connected is given below. This information was submitted by descendant Mrs. James A. Kendall, P.O. Box 215, Middleton, MI 48856-0215. Help on either Elisha is needed.

### GENERATION 1

Elisha Graves (1) was born by 1792 in VT. His wife was born in NY. The family was listed in the 1820 NY census.

The children of Elisha Graves are not proven. They are believed to be his children because of living in the same areas and matching the ages in census records. It is not certain that Martin and Clark Graves are brothers of Jonathan.

#### Children - Graves

2. Martin Graves, b.c. 1802 (1804-1810, NY), m. Mary Ann -----. The 1860 Ingham Co., MI census shows M. C. Graves, and the 1870 census shows Martin.
3. Clark Graves, b.c. 1808 (1810-1820, NY), m. Forina M. -----, d. 1864. She was b. 1813, d. 1867. Both bur. Leslie Cem., Leslie Twp., Ingham Co., MI. Information from census and cem. records. The 1850 census shows Clark Graves, but the 1860 Ingham Co., MI census shows C. Graves, and Charles Graves in 1870.
4. daughter, b. 1810-1820.
5. daughter, b. 1810-1820.
6. Jonathan Franklin Graves, b. 2 Sept. 1818, m. Mary Jane Davis, 5 April 1845, d. 30 Sept. 1886.

### GENERATION 2

Jonathan (or John) Franklin Graves (6) was born 2 Sept. 1818, possibly in Blenheim, Schoharie Co., NY, and died 30 Sept. 1886 in Jackson Co., MI. He married Mary Jane Davis, daughter of David Davis and Amanda -----, on 5 April 1845 (?), possibly in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. She was born 18 June 1828, probably in Canada, and died 21

Oct. 1891 in Jackson Co., MI. The 1880 Ingham Co., MI census shows her born in Canada, and her father and mother both born in NY. Both Jonathan and Mary Jane were buried in Walker Cem., Jackson Co., MI. They were listed in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses for Jackson Co., MI, and the 1880 census for Ingham Co., MI.

#### Children - Graves

7. Mary Graves, b. 29 Aug. 1848 (MI), m. Joe Bidgood, July 1870.
8. Geneva Graves, b. 26 Dec. 1850 (Jackson Co., MI), m. Columbus Bennett, 4 July 1869.
9. Sarah A. ("Ade") Graves, b. 6 Jan. 1853 (MI), m. John Lybolt, 15 March 1875, d. 1 Dec. 1933 (Ingham Co., MI).
10. Elisha Graves, b. 8 May 1855, m. Mariah Walker, 20 June 1878, d. 10 June 1925.
11. Laura ("Lott") Graves, b. 18 June 1857 (Jackson Co., MI), m. Alfred Walker (son of Mall? Walker), 5 March 1878, d. 20 July 1921 (Leslie, MI).
12. Francis Graves, b. 6 March 1860 (Rives Twp., Jackson Co., MI), m. Clayton Hunn (son of James O. Hunn and Catherine Winchell), 15 March 1879, d. 29 April 1941 (Jackson Co., MI).
13. Emma ("Em") Graves, b. 1 Oct. 1862 (Rives Twp., Jackson Co., MI), m. Amasah D. Walker (son of William N. Walker and Flora Isham), 17 March 1880, d. 18 Feb. 1938.
14. Lilly M. Graves, b. 17 May 1867 (Livingston Co., IL?), m. Charley Corwin (son of John Corwin and ----- Triga), 3 Feb. 1887, d. 24 March 1925 (Jackson, MI).
15. Leonard Graves, b. 17 March 1869 (IL?), m. Cora Bennett (dau. of William Bennett and Delilah Kellogg), 28 Oct. 1892, d. 2 March 1950 (Leslie, MI).
16. Nettie Graves, b. 25 March 1870 (Rives Twp., Jackson Co., MI), m. Alfred French (son of James French and Elmira Short), 6 April 1889.
17. George Graves, b. 30 Sept. 1873 (Ingham Co., MI), m. Laura Masey (dau. of

Samuel Masey, b. London, England), 4 Dec. 1901, d. 4 Oct. 1955 (Leslie, MI).

Ms. Janet J. Carr, 1219 Lashbrook, Houston, TX 77077-2528, is looking for information on Mary Graves who married John Prior (b. 14 Feb. 1664 in Windsor, CT) on 15 April 1686.

Her name may have been Geare rather than Graves. Pynchon's Index to Hampshire County (MA) Records shows that Mary Geare (Geer) married John Pryor on April 6, 1685 in Enfield, CT.

From Barbour's Connecticut Vital Records Collection: John Prior married Mary Geare on April 15, 1886 in Enfield, CT. Mary Geare, daughter of George Geare and Sarah [Allen] b. Mar. 26, 1671/2 in Enfield, CT.

"John Prior and Mary Geare had children, and my connection is through their daughter Mary Prior who married Isaac Gleason of Enfield, CT... This information comes from the *Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Gleason of Watertown, MA*, 1900. The book does not give Mary's (wife of John) maiden name."

Mrs. Cheryl Petrou, 8741 West Taos Dr., Palos Hills, IL 60465 (ppetrou@aol.com), is looking for the ancestry of MAHETABLE ("HETTIE") GRAVES, b.c. 1837 in NY, married Milton Walters about 1855. They probably married in IN, since Milton was born in IN. The family was in Adams Twp., Parke Co., IN in 1860, Menard Co., IL in 1870, and Cass Co., IL in 1880 (but without Mahetable -- was she deceased?).

Their children were:

- Franklin ("Frank") P. Walters, b. Dec. 1856, Parke Co., IN, m. Nancy Jane Vaughn
- Mary Walters, b.c. 1857, IN
- Charles Walters, b.c. 1858, IN
- Laura Walters, b.c. 1859, IN, m. ----- Showalter
- Acenath (?) Walters, b.c. 1862, IL

- Catharine Walters, b.c. 1866, IL
- Eraline Walters, b.c. 1868, IL
- Emaline Walters, b.c. 1868, IL
- Alice A. Walters, b.c. 1870, Menard Co., IL, m. William Morris
- Leroy Walters, b.c. 1873, IL
- Ollie Walters, b.c. 1878, IL

Her descent is: (1) Mahetable Graves m. Milton Walters, (2) Frank Walters m. Nancy Jane Vaughn, (3) Vurn Walters m. Nora Bell Dyer, (4) Francis Walters m. Henry Foss, (5) Harold Foss m. Loretta Hruby, (6) Cheryl Foss m. ----- Petrou.

Mr. Donald G. Weymouth, 119 Winthrop Lane, Holden, MA 01520 (weymouth@tayexchange.mse.tay.dec.com) is looking for the ancestry of FRANCIS STANLEY GRAVES, as shown in the following genealogy.

#### GENERATION 1

Francis Stanley Graves (1) was born in 1831, and died 8 Oct. 1892 in Albany, NY. He married Charlotte Adelaide -----.

Children - Graves

- +2. Francis DeWitt Graves, b. 1868, m. Helen Mar Fisher, 8 Aug. 1895, d. 24 Dec. 1928.
- 3. George B. Graves, m. Blanche McKenna, d. 7 July ----. She d. 18 Aug. 1949, and was bur. 22 Aug. 1949 in Menands, NY.
- 4. Evelyne Graves, m. ----- Valentine.

#### GENERATION 2

Francis DeWitt Graves (2) was born in 1868 in Albany, NY, and died 24 Dec. 1928 in Longmeadow, Hampden Co., MA. He married Helen Mar Fisher on 8 Aug. 1895. She was born in 1867 in Utica, NY, and died in 1921 in Longmeadow, MA, daughter of Anson C. Fisher (1832-1900) and Katherine Coburn. Both children of Francis and Helen were born in Albany, NY.

Children - Graves



5. Carl Fisher Graves, b. 25 April 1896, m. Maud Gage, d. Oct. 1965 (Yonkers, NY). Bur. Minoa, NY.
- +6. Helen Fisher Graves, b. 23 Oct. 1897, m. Charles Haines Weymouth, Jr., 30 Sept. 1922, d. 24 Feb. 1975.

### GENERATION 3

Helen Fisher Graves (6) was born 23 Oct. 1897 in Albany, NY, and died 24 Feb. 1975 in Falls Church, VA. She married Dr. Charles Haines Weymouth, Jr. on 30 Sept. 1922 in Longmeadow, Hampden Co., MA. He was born 5 Aug. 1897 in Holyoke, MA, died of an embolism in Nov. 1972 in Boston, MA, and was buried in Harwich, MA, son of Charles Haines Weymouth (1868-1966) and Etta May Davis (1870-1961).

He was a doctor of medical dentistry, and graduated from Tufts Univ. in 1918. A newspaper article dated 24 June 1956, Rockland, ME stated:

“Eastern Maine Men on Dental Society Board

Two Eastern Maine dentists were elected to the executive board of the Maine Dental Society as the organization ended its annual convention at the Samoset Hotel Saturday. Named to the board were Dr. Frank Gilley of Bangor and Dr. Charles H. Weymouth, Jr. of Belfast.”

Children - Weymouth

- +7. Gordon Haines Weymouth, b. 20 July 1926, m. Jean Elvira Cragin, 3 July 1948.
- +8. Helen Jean Weymouth, b. 4 Aug. 1934, m(1) Eugene Whitten, m(2) John Graham Smith.

### GENERATION 4

Gordon Haines Weymouth (7) was born 20 July 1926 in Springfield, Hampden co., MA, and was baptized in 1939 in Springfield. He married Jean Elvira Cragin on 3 July 1948 in Manchester, CT. She was born in 1926. Gordon was a personnel manager at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, North Haven, CT. He belonged to the Congregational Church.

Children - Weymouth

9. Roger Mitchell Weymouth, b. 1949.
- +10. Virginia Ann Weymouth, b. 1951, m(1) Kevin McClanahan, m(2) Matthew D. Gentile.
- +11. Donald Gordon Weymouth, b. 1954, m. Amy Elizabeth Goodwin.

Helen Jean Weymouth (8) was born 4 Aug. 1934 in Springfield, Hampden Co., MA. She first married Eugene Whitten. They divorced. She secondly married John Graham Smith.

Children - Whitten

12. John Smith-Whitten

Children - Smith

13. Jean Victoria Smith

### GENERATION 5

Virginia Ann Weymouth (10) was born in 1951. She first married Kevin McClanahan. She secondly married Matthew D. Gentile.

Children - Gentile

14. Brian Gentile
15. Tracy Gentile

Donald Gordon (“Don”) Weymouth (11) was born in 1954. He married Amy Elizabeth Goodwin.

Children - Weymouth

16. Drew Gordon Weymouth, b. 1980.
17. Elizabeth Jean Weymouth, b. 1983.

### *REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS GRAVES OF CHARLESTOWN, MA*

Mrs. Florence E. McDonough, 515 Sandtree Dr., Lake Park, FL 33403, is anxious to find more information on WILLIAM GRAVES (#157 on p. 42 of book) who was b. 12 May 1737, moved to Killingly, CT, and married there. He served in the French and Indian Wars, and in the Rev. War.

His known children were:

- Lebbeus, b.c. 1768, m. Lucy May (?);
- William, b. 6 July 1769, m(1) Lucy North, m(2) Sarah Souls, m(3) Sally Purdy.

- Asahel
- Ephraim, never married, d. Marcellus, NY.
- daughter, m. Hosea Day.
- daughter, m. Ephraim Dennison.

He probably also had 2 other daughters: Sabastian Graves who m. John Cleveland, and Polly Graves who m. Stephen St. John.

Mr. LaVerne E. Graves, 905 North 28th Pl., Renton, WA 98056, recently came across a book in his local public library called *Biographical Record of Mehitable (Reed) Lilly and George Lilly*. Mehitable and George were married in 1762 in Woolwich, Maine. There are quite a few Graves family members listed in the index, the earliest being PHILIP GRAVES, 1798-1879, husband of Hannah Hinton Lilly. Hannah was a daughter of Capt. Converse Lilly and Sarah Lincoln Reed.

Does anyone know the ancestry of this Graves family?

*JOHN GRAVES (JOHANN SEBASTIAN GRAFF)*

Mr. B. Leon Graves, P.O. Box 255568, Sacramento, CA 95865-5568, has been working on deciphering the 22-page manuscript of William Carroll Graves, and putting the information into his computer. As of last March, he had over 1200 people entered into his computer and he was working on another 400.

He would like to correspond with other descendants of Johann Sebastian Graff.

(ED. NOTE: For you other descendants who may wonder why we don't publish more articles and queries on this family, send in your information, and it will be published.)

Ms. Donna Martin, 214 Dogwood Lane, Russellville, AR 72801 (donna7232@aol.com), has been searching for information on PETER GRAVES and his wife Mary Kivett. They married in 1825 in Randolph Co., NC, and he died before 1830. She appeared in the 1830 census with 1 son

under 5 years, but no record can be found of her remarriage or any other trace of her after 1830. Any leads would be appreciated.

Donna is preparing a book on the Kivetts in Randolph Co., NC, and welcomes correspondence on that subject also.

(ED. NOTE: This Peter Graves was a son of Boston Graves and Rosanna Courtner. Boston was a son of Jacob Graves and Turley Coble, and Jacob was a son of JOHN GRAVES/Johann Sebastian Graff.)

*SOUTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES*

Mr. Leslie B. Baynham, 637 Teakwood Dr., Lexington, KY 40502, is looking for the ancestry of MARTHA ARCHER GRAVES.

He wrote: "My Thomas Brome Jefferson was a son of Field Jefferson and Elizabeth Harrison both of VA. they moved to Sumner co., TN about 1811 and then to Trigg Co., KY about 1836. Thomas Brome Jefferson was born 1805 in Pittsylvania, VA. He married Martha Archer Graves in Nashville, Davidson Co., TN in 1827. One of Thomas Brome Jefferson's brothers, Albert Gallatin Jefferson married a sister of Martha's, Sara Elizabeth Graves."

The following descendancy chart shows Martha Archer Graves, Sara Elizabeth Graves, and their aunt by marriage, Jane Graves. Because of similarity in names and places, it seems likely that Jane was related to the other two. Jane Graves is descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA as follows: Thomas<sup>1</sup>, Francis<sup>2</sup>, Francis<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Peyton<sup>5</sup> m. Charlotte Pinkard, Jane<sup>6</sup> m. Thomas Brome Jefferson.

- 1-- John Robertson JEFFERSON (1740-1818)  
sp-Elizabeth BROOME (1745-1800)
  - 2-- William JEFFERSON (1764)
  - 2-- Sarah Elizabeth JEFFERSON (1764)  
sp-Samuel Allen JEFFERSON (1776-1855)
    - 3-- John Garland JEFFERSON
    - 3-- Martha Jayne JEFFERSON (1819)
  - 2-- John Pinckard JEFFERSON (1764)  
sp-Sarah Frances Steptoe BROWN

- 2-- George H. JEFFERSON (1764)  
2-- Nancy B. JEFFERSON (1764)  
2-- Thomas Brome JEFFERSON (1764)  
sp-**Jane GRAVES**  
2-- Peter Field JEFFERSON (1776-1847)  
sp-Elizabeth HARRISON (1784-1846)  
3-- Thomas Brome JEFFERSON Dr.  
(1805-1873)  
sp-**Martha Archer GRAVES**  
4-- Sarah Elizabeth JEFFERSON  
sp-John Wesley CHAPPELL  
5-- Emma G. CHAPPELL  
5-- Thomas (Dick) CHAPPELL  
5-- Mattie C. CHAPPELL  
sp-DABNEY  
5-- John Jefferson CHAPPELL  
5-- Elizabeth CHAPPELL  
sp-GILL  
5-- William Banks CHAPPELL  
5-- George CHAPPELL  
5-- Florence G. CHAPPELL  
sp-HEADLEY  
5-- Edward McCarthy CHAPPELL  
5-- Charles Allen CHAPPELL  
5-- Ethel CHAPPELL  
4-- George Henry JEFFERSON MD  
sp-Nancy Jane HOPSON (1838-1886)  
5-- Leah Allen JEFFERSON  
5-- Thomas B. JEFFERSON MD  
(1866-1905)  
5-- Joe Bob JEFFERSON (1868-  
1937)  
5-- Lucy Dyer JEFFERSON  
5-- Wade Hampton JEFFERSON MD  
sp-Jennie WHITE  
5-- Emma Dabney JEFFERSON  
4-- William Harrison JEFFERSON-  
251 ( -1874)  
4-- John Garland JEFFERSON-252  
(1834)  
sp-Elizabeth S. BANKS-258  
4-- Thomas Cisero JEFFERSON  
sp-Mary Louise BANKS  
4-- Peter Sutton JEFFERSON  
sp-Corrie BAKER  
4-- Mary Catherine JEFFERSON  
(1844-1902)  
sp-Gregory Eggleston BAYNHAM  
(1836-1917)  
5-- Carrie E. BAYNHAM (1860)  
5-- Mattie Forest BAYNHAM (1862-  
1862)  
5-- Thomas John BAYNHAM (1864-  
1947)  
sp-V. E. MEACHUM  
5-- Sallie M. BAYNHAM (1867-  
1948)  
5-- Ritchie George BAYNHAM  
(1869-1962) (MY GRANDFATHER)  
sp-Vara Selma FORD (1881-1945)  
5-- Rebecca E. (Bessie) BAYNHAM  
(1872-1944)  
sp-John T. HILL ( -1949)  
5-- Robert (Bobbie) M. BAYNHAM  
(1875)  
sp-BAKER  
5-- Wilmuth (Willie) Archer  
BAYNHAM (1878)  
sp-Charles L. NOURSE Rev.  
5-- Joseph Henry BAYNHAM (1881-  
1934)  
5-- Leslie Brome BAYNHAM (1884-  
1962)  
sp-Elizabeth Frances WEBB ( -1992)  
5-- Frank Allan BAYNHAM (1887-  
1966)  
sp-Mary MCDANIEL  
5-- Ruth Jefferson Ethel BAYNHAM  
(1893-1992)  
sp-Randolph DADE (1886)  
4-- Martha Archer JEFFERSON (1846-  
1846)  
3-- Albert Gallatin JEFFERSON (1808)  
sp-**Sarah Elizabeth GRAVES** (Sister of  
Martha Graves)  
3-- George Harrison JEFFERSON  
sp-Elizabeth MOORE  
3-- John Garland JEFFERSON (1812-  
1837)  
3-- Samuel Allen JEFFERSON  
sp-Frances Ann KIRKPATRICK  
3-- Judith JEFFERSON (1812)  
sp-Joseph KIRKPATRICK  
3-- Katherine Hammond JEFFERSON  
sp-William CLEMENTS

- 3-- Elizabeth Broome JEFFERSON  
sp-NOEL
- 3-- Adaliza JEFFERSON (1817-187)  
sp-D. R. CURLEE
- 3-- Emmaline JEFFERSON (1819-1820)
- 3-- Martha Tennessee JEFFERSON  
(1820)  
sp-Robert PATTERSON

Mrs. Willietta I. N. Freibott, 41 Marbella Pl., Dana Point, CA 92629-4118 (winfreibot@aol.com), had a query on pp. 92-93, 1995 GFNL, about her Eliza Jane Graves of AL. She has now proven that the parents of Eliza Jane were JOHN DOUGLAS GRAVES and Mary Magdalene Ziegler, and would like to learn the earlier ancestry. The first couple of generations are given below.

GENERATION 1

John Douglas Graves (1) was born about 1800 in GA. He married Mary Magdalene Ziegler about 1819 in Autauga Co., AL. She was born 1793-99 in SC, and died about 1855 in Elmore Co., AL. All their children were apparently born in Autauga Co., AL. John secondly married Emily Susan Betsell on 31 May 1857 in Autauga Co., AL.

Children - Graves

- 2. Nancy Graves, b. 4 Oct. 1820, m. John S. Goree, 5 April 1838.
- 3. Eliza Jane Graves, b. 1821, m. Milton Andrew Goree, 23 Jan. 1841, d. 1887.
- 4. daughter, b.c. 1825.
- 5. Catherine ("Katie") Graves, b. 1827.
- 6. Sarah ("Sallie") Graves, b. 1832.
- 7. John Douglas Graves, b. 1834, m(1) Katherine Hogan, m(2) Sara Jane Strock.
- 8. Thomas A. Graves, b. 1836.
- 9. Robert Graves, b. 1838.
- 10. Alabama ("Puss") Graves, b. 1844.
- 11. William Graves, b. 1847.
- 12. son, b.c. 1850.

GENERATION 2

Nancy Graves (2) was born 4 Oct. 1820 in Autauga Co., AL. She married John S. Goree,

son of Ephriam Goree and Celia -----, on 5 April 1838 in Autauga Co., AL. He was born 15 Oct. 1811 in Newberry Dist., SC, and died 6 June 1877 in Robinson Springs, Elmore Co., AL. All their children were born in AL, at least the first 3 in Robinson Springs.

Children - Goree

- 13. Mary Elizabeth Goree, b. 10 Feb. 1839, d. 15 Dec. 1913 (Elmore Co., AL).
- 14. Elizabeth ("Betty") Jane Goree, b. 29 Aug. 1841.
- 15. John Ephriam Goree, b. 25 Jan. 1844, d. after 1870.
- 16. Harriett ("Hattie") Columbus Goree, b. 18 March 1846, m. William Thomas Mason Light, 7 Jan. 1868, d. 6 Nov. 1933.
- 17. Matilda Goree, b. 15 Dec. 1848.

Eliza Jane Graves (3) was born in 1821 in Autauga Co., AL, and died in 1887 in Elmore Co., AL. She married Milton Andrew Goree, brother of John S. Goree, on 23 Jan. 1841 in Autauga Co., AL. He was born 1 April 1814 in Newberry Dist., SC, and died in 1889 in Elmore Co., AL. All their children were born in Autauga Co., AL, except for the last one or two who were born in Elmore Co.

Children - Goree

- 18. Sarah Goree, b. 1842.
- 19. John L. Goree, b. 1843.
- 20. William Rice Goree, b. 4 Oct. 1845, m. Celena Emerline Strock, 23 Nov. 1871, d. 1 Nov. 1935.
- 21. Susan Goree, b. 1848.
- 22. James S. Goree, b. 1850, m. Ellen J. -----, c. 1876, d. 1891.
- 23. Lewis T. Goree, b. 1857.
- 24. Albert Gallatin Goree, b. 1859.
- 25. Caroline ("Carrie") Goree, b. 1860.
- 26. Martha Goree, b. 1862.
- 27. Milton Goree, b. 1866.
- 28. Catherine Goree

John Douglas Graves (7) was born in 1834 in Autauga Co., AL. He first married Katherine Hogan. They had no children. He secondly married Sara Jane Strock, daughter of John D. Strock and Ann Livingston of

Autauga Co. They probably had more than one child. (Source: *Graves Newsletter*, vol. 1, #2, p. 8, and vol. 1, #3, p. 8)

Children - Graves

29. William Arthur Graves, b. 1874 (Speigner, Elmore Co., AL).

Ms. Rose Gross, 2165 Houser Rd., Moscow, OH 45153 (dgross25@aol.com), is searching for information on a g-grandfather, ROBERT GRAVES, born in 1867 in Monterey, Owen Co., KY, died in 1943 in Dayton, KY. His death certificate says his mother's name was Mary Graves and his father's name was unknown. Several family members say they can remember talk about Robert being raised by people other than his mother and not knowing who his father was. The family that raised him was supposedly named Greenwall.

He married a woman named Jennie Reeves in 1894, maiden name Lawrence. She had 3 children when they married, May, Homer and Nanny Reeves. Then Robert and Jennie had 2 children: Lena Florence Graves, b. 1897, and Mary Lee Graves, b. 1903. Their mother Jennie died in childbirth in 1903 in Louisville, KY. "I found Robert and Jennie, her 3 children plus their 2 children, her mother Nancy, and a nephew Thomas Tolbert in the 1900 census in Louisville, KY... I cannot find out what happened to the 3 Reeves children.... Lena Florence Graves was my grandmother."

She checked the 1870 census and found a Robert Greenwall of about the right age in a Greenwall household. She asked, "How am I to be sure that he is the Robert I am looking for?"

(ED. NOTE: The first thing I would suggest is to check the 1870 census for a Mary Graves as either head of household or in someone else's household, who might be Robert's mother. Then check the 1860 census for a household with Mary Graves as the wife of a Graves man, in case she was married at that time.

Then check all Graves households in both the 1860 and 1870 censuses in the area of

Monterey. It is likely that one of them contains the father of Robert Graves. If a Graves male is found in the 1860 census but not in the 1870 census (possibly because he died before Robert was born), that could be the one.)

Mrs. Dottie Powell Graves, Rt. 3, Box 235 East, Leander, TX 78641, is looking for information on her husband's ancestor, JEFF N. GRAVES, who lived around Alexandria, Rapides Par., LA, and was in the lumber business. A son was Richard Wesley Graves, born 1904, employed by Missouri Pacific RR, d. Dec. 1966, m. Leala (Wilbanks) Brown, b. 1904, LA. Her husband is their son, Richard Wesley Graves, Jr., b. 12 April 1927, m. Dorothy Y. Powell, 29 June 1985. He has 3 grown children: Gary, Bruce and Gail.

(ED. NOTE: The first thing to do is find the family of Jeff N. Graves in the 1910 census. With the clues from that census, I would then look in the appropriate earlier censuses to find Jeff as a child in the household of his parents.)

Mr. Stephen C. Roberts, 125 Parker Dr., Grayslake, IL 60030 (srobe45949@aol.com), has been looking for information on JOHN WALTER GRAVES, b. 1840, KY, and his parents, FELIX GRAVES and Mary Long.

He has now found that Felix was a son of John Graves and Margaret Stinnette, who lived in Washington Co., KY. John was a son of LEONARD GRAVES, probably born in VA, died 1811 in Mercer Co., KY, married Sally -----. Leonard and Sally had children John, Rice, Levy, Greenvil, Scott, Polly, Patsy, Levin, Sally, Lally, and James.

His descent from Leonard Graves is: Leonard<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Felix<sup>3</sup>, John Walter<sup>4</sup>, James Felix<sup>5</sup>, Earl Ellsworth<sup>6</sup>, Earlene<sup>7</sup> Almema Graves m. Warren Walton Roberts, Stephen C. Roberts<sup>8</sup>.

Information on Leonard Graves and his ancestry is needed.

Ms. Glydie Nelson, 6110 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Apt. 4402, Arlington, TX 76016 (glydie@aol.com), has an ancestor whose name is Isabella Graves Henderson. She would like to find out whether Isabella is a Graves descendant and, if so, how.

The known ancestry of Isabella is: (1) William Henderson m. Nancy Woolfolk, (2) John Henderson (d. 1779) m. Sarah Brockman, (3) Joseph Henderson (1737-1812) (he was from VA and moved to Wilkes Co., GA) m. Delphi Lea (1748-1813), (4) Isabella Graves Henderson (Wilkes Co., GA) m. Joshua Henderson Callaway (1786-1816).

On the Brockman side, the ancestry is: (1) Thomas Brockman m. Amy -----, (2) Henry Brockman, (3) Samuel Brockman (b. 1674) m. Mary Madison (c. 1695-1776), (4) Sarah Brockman m. John Henderson, etc. (as above).

All these names were very closely associated with the descendants of Capt. Thomas Graves in VA, NC & GA.

For example, the children of Jacob Graves (son of Isaac Graves, and grandson of John Graves and Susannah Dicken) and Frances White of Orange Co., VA included Isaac W. Graves who m. Eliza C. Brockman, Frances Ann Graves who m. John Henderson, Jr., and Susan Jemima Graves who m. Lindsay E. Brockman.

Another branch of the family, descendants of Thomas Graves and Ann Davenport, included a daughter Nancy Graves, b. 1735 who m. William Lea and died 1809 in Wilkes Co., GA. A brother of Nancy, John Graves, b.c. 1715, m. Isabella Lea (a sister of William Lea), and they moved to Caswell Co., NC. Their children included an Isabella Graves who m. Thomas L. Slade. There were other connection in this part of the family, also.

In summary, it seems likely that Isabella Graves Henderson had Graves ancestry. Can anyone help prove or disprove this?

Ms. Christie Ferguson Cirone, 715 North University St., Peoria, IL 61606 (christiefc@aol.com), is looking for a Graves

connection in Bedford Co., VA. A Mary Gill married John Ferguson (or Ferguson) in Bedford Co., VA in the 1750's. After John died in 1786, Mary is believed to have m(2) Mr. Graves by 1790. Who was he? Was he Francis Graves, deputy sheriff of Franklin Co. (or Bedford Co.), VA?

Francis Graves signed as surety of marriage bond of John Ferguson, Jr. (son of Mary and John Sr.) and Keziah Belcher in 1790 in Franklin Co., VA. (A record compiler apparently incorrectly transcribed his name as John Paulevon. Does anyone know where this marriage record can be located?) Mary was named as Mary Graves in the wills of both her brother and her son (King Ferguson) in the 1830's.

A John Ferguson was qualified as deputy sheriff in Franklin Co., VA in 1788, after the death of John Sr. Was this John Jr.?

Mrs. Jeanne F. Thomas, 8494 Wesley Drive, Flushing, MI 48433-1165, descended from JOHN GRAVES and Susan ----- of SC & Carter Co., TN, sent some very interesting information, part of which was originally from Mrs. Mary E. Darrah of Kirkland, WA.

A letter from Mrs. Darrah to the father of Mrs. Thomas stated: "... I believe the first John Graves, Indian trader, was the ancestor... since he was in SC so early and trading with the Westos in the vicinity of Ashley River convinces me further that he came to the area with the Congregationalists from New England."

(ED. NOTE: The group she was referring to was probably the descendants of the settlers who originally came from England and settled in Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1630. They later migrated to Windsor, CT, then to Dorchester, SC in 1696, and then to what became Liberty Co., GA in 1752, where they established Midway Church..

There was an article about this group in the *Graves Family Newsletter*, pages 65-68, 1979. I have never had any reason to think that this part of the Graves family was descended from

them, but it would be worth looking into. I don't know much of anything about the descendants of this group.

For information on John Graves of SC & TN, see 1994 GFNL, pp. 38, 40, 41.

Another intriguing thought relates to the Thomas Graves of Dorchester, Mass., who was said by Gov. John Winthrop of Mass. to have left to go to VA and to have perished with all his family except for one daughter who survived. He has been believed by some to have been Capt. Thomas Graves of VA. Could he have instead been part of the group who went to SC?)

Mr. Nim K. Graves, 9301 Heatherwood Dr., Austin, TX 78748 (vlpv85a@prodigy.com), is looking for help with the ancestry of his g-grandfather, JOSEPH W. GRAVES. He was born about 1850 in SC, according to census records. He was in Barbour Co., AL in 1870, living alone. He had married Anne Benefield in 1866 in Barbour Co., AL. In 1871 he married Elizabeth Passmore in San Augustine Co., TX.

#### *CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES OF VA*

Mrs. James M. Russell, 506 Peterson Lake Rd., Collierville, TN 38017-1843, is apparently descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA by way of Thomas<sup>5</sup> who m. Ann Davenport, William<sup>6</sup>, Mary<sup>7</sup>. Mary Graves married Green Bouldin in Henry Co., VA, and they moved to Morgan Co., AL.

She believes that the wife of William<sup>6</sup> Graves may have been Mary Massey, although her last name has never been known. The reason for this is that Mary<sup>7</sup> and Green Bouldin named 2 of their children Massey (a daughter was Massie Bouldin and a son was James Massey Bouldin). Also, Sarah<sup>7</sup> Graves, sister of Mary, who married Thomas East named a son Thomas Massey East. It seems reasonable that the Massey name could have come from the mother of Mary and Sarah.

Can anyone add more information?

Ms. Elaine Gambill Lambert, 2000 Ashland Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107, is looking for her Graves ancestry. Her g-grandfather was Louis Greene Graves, b. 13 Jan. 1870 in Cumberland Co., KY, d. 27 June 1937 in Rawlins Co., KS, m. Minnie Ann Cottingham on 8 Nov. 1900 in Rawlins Co., KS. His father was Benjamin Pinckney Graves, b. 13 March 1832 in KY, d. 10 Oct. 1875 in Beloit, Mitchell Co., KS, m. Catherine or Cassandra A. Black. The 1870 census for Cumberland Co. has a Logan Graves, as an infant, born to B. P. Graves. "The reason I think this is the same person as Louis Greene Graves is because the brothers' names match."

(ED. NOTE: Benjamin Pinckney Graves was a son of John W. Graves and Casandra Philpott, and was descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA as follows: Thomas<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup> m. Ann Davenport, Rice<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>7</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Benjamin Pinckney<sup>9</sup>.

To learn more, it is suggested that the death certificate of Louis Greene Graves be checked. Also find him in the 1880 and 1900 census to see whether he might have changed his name, and compare the 1850-1880 censuses for complete information on all children of Benjamin.)

Mrs. Patricia B. Ashford, 124 April Wind Ct., Montgomery, TX 77356, is descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA via Francis<sup>2</sup>, Francis<sup>3</sup>, Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Graves m. Benjamin Higginbotham, Ann Higginbotham<sup>5</sup> m. Jacob Higginbotham, James Higginbotham<sup>6</sup> m. Mary Brown, etc. She is anxious to prove her line for membership in the Jamestowne Society and possibly Colonial Dames. She would appreciate help in obtaining the specific documents to prove her line of descent.

She and her husband, John, have owned and operated a graphic design firm in Houston for 18 years. They are now pursuing a new business, selling genealogy forms that she has created over the years. They also plan to

expand into inputting other people's information into computer genealogy programs for them for publishing.

Mr. Ellis R. Brockman, 505 Kane St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, wrote: "The information I have, suggesting a link between my Brockman family and the Graves family, comes from the books of W. E. Brockman (*Orange County Virginia Families* and *The Brockman Scrapbook*).

W. E. Brockman suggests that Samuel Brockman (c. 1717-1790) of Orange Co., VA may have married, as his second wife, REBECKER GRAVES (b. 4 Sept. 1735, d.c. 1814). Brockman mentions that Rebecker was probably the daughter of John and Susanna (Dicken) Graves and that she was only 15 years old, a 'child bride,' when she married Samuel Brockman. He also suggests that, due to her youth, she never left her name on any Orange Co., VA documents.

None of the Graves research papers I have read suggests anything conclusive about Rebecker other than that she may have died at a young age. I wonder, did she really die at a young age or did she leave her family at a young age when she married a much older man ... in 1750.

I have consulted the following for my Graves information: (1) *Geneal. VA Fam., Tyler's Quart.*, pages 37-81, (2) *Wm. & Mary Quart.*, 2nd Ser., 16(4):650-668, (3) Baker, W. T., *The Baker Family of England and Central Virginia*, p. 279-304."

He would appreciate help.

(ED. NOTE: The Rebecca Graves referred to here was a daughter of John Graves and Susannah Dicken, descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, probably: Thomas<sup>1</sup>, Francis<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Rebecca<sup>5</sup>.

Mrs. Cynthia Whirley Nelson, whose query follows this, sent a copy of p. 48 of *Orange County Virginia Families*, Vol. 3, mentioned above. It states: "...Charles Hughes Hamlin ... in a copyright article gives the ancestry of the Graves family. He states that John Graves,

will 1747, was born 1706, son of John and wife Rebecka, son of Thomas and wife Mary, ... He notes that Rebecka, daughter of John and Susanna Dicken is unaccounted for and she may have married Samuel Brockman, as per speculation in my previous books.")