

# THE GRAVES FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Mrs. Jean R. Carmichael, 1120 Trailwood Dr., Hurst, TX 76053-4318, sent the following obituary from *The Dallas Morning News*, Nov. 17, 1993, p. 39A. She is not familiar with the family.

“Services for **Claude Graves Jr.**, co-founder of Graves Fashion Shops for women, will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Webb’s Chapel United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch. Burial will follow at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Mr. Graves, 78, died of prostate cancer Monday at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

The Tioga, Texas, native began his business career on his parents’ dairy farm, working there until 1948.

After the farm closed, a friend introduced Mr. Graves to children’s clothing sales, and he later shifted his interest to women’s clothing. Mr. Graves converted a pottery store that he ran with his wife into Graves Fashion Shop, a ladies’ ready-to-wear dress company.

Over its 30 years, Graves Fashion Shop grew to a 47-store chain with many shops in Dallas and others as far away as suburban Houston and Louisiana.

After closing the chain in 1982, Mr. Graves opened Jackie B’s Boutique in Plano, which he operated until his death.

Survivors include a daughter, Gayla Graves of Grand Prairie; a son, Claude Graves III of Richardson; a brother, Jim Graves of Richardson; and one grandson.”

Mr. Phillip L. Graves, Sr., Box 134, Gifford, PA 16732, descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA, is sorry to report the death of his oldest and last brother, **Floyd R. Graves**, 74 , of 27 Jackson Ave., Bradford, PA. He died at the Bradford Nursing Pavilion on March 21, 1994. He was born Dec. 15, 1919 in West Clarksville, NY, a son of John P. and Agnes (Childs) Graves. Mr. Graves had owned and operated his own dairy farm, and had been employed at Bethlehem Steel at Lackawanna, NY (Buffalo). Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons, James Graves Sr. of Gifford, PA, Paul Graves of Otto, NY, John Graves of Perrysburg, NY, and Douglas Graves of Buffalo, NY; five daughters, Dorothy Main of Port Allegany, PA, Barbara Koester of Hamburg, NY, Carolyn Baker and Shirley Maynard of Buffalo, NY, and Sharon McGrath of Martinez, CA; a brother, Phillip Graves Sr. of Gifford, PA; three sisters, Rowena Holsinger of Gifford, PA, Twila Rolfe of Niagara Falls, NY, and Beverly McCool of Bradford, PA. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers. Burial was in McKean Memorial Park, LaFayette, PA.

from JOHN GRAVES of Frederick Co., VA, has moved from LaMarque, TX to 43 Quiet Oak Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77381-3162.

Mr. Gregory M. Butterfield of Los Angeles, CA, descended from JAMES GRAVES and Jane Thompson of SC, AL & IL, has moved to 920 Westbourne Dr., #8, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Mrs. Barbara Pugh of Rolla, MO, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has changed her address to 13955 State Route E, Rolla, MO 65401.

Ms. Maxie Belue, descended from WILLIAM GRAVES and Tabitha Sanders of NC & AL, has moved from Coker, AL to 18535 Ginger Ave., Redding, CA 96003-0926.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dale Heaberlin of Knoxville, IA, descended from JOHN GRAVES of Frederick Co., VA, has an address change to 1267 112th Pl., Knoxville, IA 50138.

Mr. Robert P. Cason of Bountiful, UT, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, has moved to 483 West 1875 South, Bountiful, UT 84010-7529.

Mrs. Polli R. Turner, descended from SAMUEL GRAVES of Lynn, MA, has moved from Rogue River, OR, to 900 Juanita Way, Central Point, OR 97502.

Mrs. Betty H. Hunt, descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA, SAMUEL GRAVES of Lynn, MA, and THOMAS GRAVES of Nahant, MA, has moved from Castle Rock, CO, to 801 Gillaspie Dr., Apt. 9, Boulder, CO 80303-6549.

Mrs. Loyal Graham Hamilton (previously Mrs. M. Loyal Alexander) of Salem, OR,

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Mrs. Mildred Preston Goodwin, descended

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Mr. Arthur P. Burris, descended from Rear Adm. THOMAS GRAVES of Charlestown, MA, has moved to 1628 Oak Ave., St. Paul, MN 55112-3636.

Mrs. Patricia Vincent, descended from Deacon GEORGE GRAVES and JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA, has moved from Tacoma, WA to 1911 16th Avenue Ct. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335-1600.

Mr. Vincent Hayden, descended from Rear Adm. THOMAS GRAVES of Charlestown, MA, has moved from St. James, NY to 11 Bay-Point Ct., West Babylon, NY 11702.

### CORRECTIONS

Mrs. Janet M. Craw, HC4, Box 23-B, Payson, AZ 85541, sent a correction to her query on p. 56, 1993 GFNL. She is descended from CHARLES GRAVES, b.c. 1804, MA, m. Louise -----, c. 1838, MA. Their son Philo (or Phylo) Stacy Graves was b.c. 1844 (rather than 1855, as given in the query) in MA, d. 1 Jan. 1864 in WI, and married Ira Madora Pollock on 27 June 1863 in Waupun, Dodge Co., WI.

She is still looking for the ancestry of Charles Graves.

Mrs. Helen S. Epperson, 206 Grosh Ave., Dayton, NV 89403, descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA, pointed out an omission in the 1993 GFNL index. The name of her daughter, **Nikki Epperson**, which was mentioned on p. 25 in the obituary of her husband, should have been indexed on p. 133 with other family members.

### GRAVES FAMILY REUNIONS

March 26, 1994, Ono Grange Hall, Ono, Shasta Co., CA - Graves/Spiers/Williams Family Reunion. There will be a pot luck dinner starting at 12 noon, and other functions.

This Graves family is descended from Richard B. Graves and Cynthia Goggins, descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA.

For reunion information, contact Larry Blagrove, PO Box 290, Igo, CA 96049, (916)396-2490, or Loleta L. Graves, 1233 Descutes Rd., Palo Cedro, CA 96075, (916)547-3733. For updates and additions to family information, contact Emma L. Erickson, 3353 N.W. Crest Dr., Corvallis, OR 97300, (503)753-4329.

May 27-30, 1994, Lawrenceburg, TN - Descendants of JOHN THOMAS GRAVES of WI & IA, son of JOHN GRAVES and Elizabeth Sharpe of England & U.S. For information, contact Mrs. Betty Aldrich, 264 Baker Rd. S.W., Cleveland, TN 37311.

June 3-4, 1994, Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA (suburban Boston) - NEW ENGLAND GRAVES FAMILY REUNION for all Graves families of New England, and all other Graves descendants living in New England.

For information, contact Mr. Kenneth V. Graves, 261 South St., Wrentham, MA 02093, (508)384-8084.

June 23-24, 1994, Coach House Inn, Sudbury, MA - Descendants of REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS GRAVES of Charlestown, MA. Will include a tour of historic sites involving Thomas Graves. For information, contact Mr. Vincent P. Hayden or Mrs. Doris Moore, 149 Cambon Ave., St. James, NY 11780, (516)584-6872.

Sunday, Aug. 7, 1994, Navarre, OH - Descendants of George Smith and ELIZABETH GRAVES. She was born 1797 in Loudoun Co., VA, daughter of Launcelot

Graves and Nancy Clark, and granddaughter of THOMAS GRAVES of Northampton Co., VA. For more information, call Gladys Smith, (216)832-9954.

Sept. 11, 1994, Sunny Hill Campground, Bolivar, NY - Penn-York Graves Family Reunion for all descendants of JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA, especially descendants of BELA GRAVES. Bela was born 1750 or 1751 in Farmington, CT, served in the Rev. War, m(1) Sarah Holcomb, m(2) Sarah Griswold, d. Feb. 1852 in Shongo, Allegany Co., NY. The descent of Bela is: John<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Abner<sup>4</sup>, Bela<sup>5</sup>.

For information, contact Mr. Phillip L. Graves, Sr., Box 134, Gifford, PA 16732, (814)465-9465.

Sept. 23-25, 1994, Richmond, VA - NATIONAL GRAVES FAMILY REUNION for all Graves families.

This will be held at the downtown Holiday Inn in Richmond, in the heart of the historic area, close to shopping and genealogical facilities. There will be a couple of very interesting speakers, and we will probably also have entertainment by Living History Associates of Richmond.

For information, contact Kenneth V. Graves, 261 South St., Wrentham, MA 02093, (508)384-8084.

Sept. 25, 1994, Blue Licks State Park, Blue Licks, KY - Descendants of WILLIAM HENRY GRAVES, great-grandson of JOHN GRAVES of Frederick Co., VA. The location is just off U.S. 68, 30 miles south of Maysville, KY. Lunch at 12 noon, and business session and craft auction in the afternoon.

For more information, contact Theda Graves Howard, Rt. 1, Box 197, Mount Olivet, KY 41064.

## GRAVES FAMILY BOOKS

*Graves Families of the World* was published in March and mailed to all those who had ordered it. It is still available to anyone who wants a copy at \$41 postpaid.

The other three books are being completed as quickly as possible.

Expected for 1995 are *John Graves of Concord, MA* and *John Graves of Frederick Co., VA*.

Targeted for 1996 is the book on *Capt. Thomas Graves of VA*.

## TRIP TO ENGLAND IN MAY 1995

This trip will be May 20 through May 31, 1995. The planning is proceeding on schedule. All Graves Family Association members will be receiving a mailing with all details of the tour in August of this year. Others should contact Kenneth V. Graves, 261 South St., Wrentham, MA 02093, (508)384-8084, for information.

The itinerary will include ancient Graves family homes such as Beeley in Derbyshire and Mickleton in Gloucester, tourist attractions such as Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, and Shakespeare locations, and visits in the homes of Graves family members in England. Although there will be opportunity for genealogical research for those who are interested, this will also be a trip to enjoy and remember for everyone.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

### *New Members*

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Ancestry: John Graves (Johann Sebastian Graff); William Graves and Ellen Walker of AR

CRAWFORD-OPPENHEIMER, Mrs. Christine  
51 Forbus Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-2703  
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of DE, Quaker

DARTT, Miss I. J.

511 East Church, Box 278, New Harmony, IN 47631  
Ancestry: John Greaves of St. Mary's Co., MD

DOYLE, Mrs. Maurine  
6602 West Orange Dr., Glendale, AZ 85301  
Ancestry: Samuel Graves of Lynn, MA, via #16

GRAVES, Mr. Carl L.  
2168 Mager Drive, Herndon, VA 22070  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis<sup>2</sup>,  
Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Paschal<sup>7</sup>, James  
Madison<sup>8</sup>

GRAVES, Ms. Kelly Diane  
835 Ridge Dr., McLean, VA 22101-1630  
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GRAVES, Mrs. Pauline  
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Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT

GRAVES, Mr. William G., II  
17 Jeffrie Trail, Whippany, NJ 07981  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis<sup>2</sup>,  
Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, J. Reuben<sup>6</sup>, John James<sup>7</sup>

JENSON, Mrs. Glenda M.  
P.O. Box 36112, Louisville, KY 40233-6112  
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Francis<sup>2</sup>,  
Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Luca<sup>5</sup> Graves m. James Spearman

LOEFFLER, Mrs. Marian E.  
7298 Oxford Ct. NW, Bremerton, WA 98310-8940  
Ancestry: Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT, via #4158

McWHORTER, Mrs. Ruby Clara Graves  
254 North Tumbleweed Rd., Bishop, CA 93514  
Ancestry: Jacob Graves and Elizabeth Quiring of Russia  
& CA

### *Changes and Corrections*

As is mentioned in a query in this issue, it has been determined that Susanna Graves who m. Thomas E. Martin (gen. #260) is descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via Thomas<sup>5</sup> m. Ann Davenport, David<sup>6</sup>, Susanna<sup>7</sup>. Therefore, the ancestry of Mr. Ben H. Coffinan and Mrs. Tada Lyons Darsie should be changed to that.

It has also been determined that Amos Graves who married Betsey Martin of NY & MI (gen. #35) is descended from Rear Adm. Thomas Graves of Charlestown, MA, and the ancestry of Mr. Gary Fangboner and Mr. and Mrs. W. Brewer Grant should be changed to that.

## **DESCENDANTS OF JACOB GRAVES AND ELIZABETH QUIRING OF RUSSIA & CA**

The information in the following genealogy is from Mrs. Ruby Clara Graves McWhorter, 254 North Tumbleweed Rd., Bishop, CA 93514. She would like to learn more about this family and the ancestry of Jacob Graves.

### GENERATION 1

Jacob Graves (1) was born 21 March 1855 in Russia, died 26 Nov. 1926 in Los Angeles, CA, and was buried 29 Nov. 1926 in Evergreen Cem., Los Angeles, CA. He married Elizabeth Quiring. She was born in Russia.

#### Children - Graves

2. Jacob Jay Graves, b. 22 Dec. 1877, m. Agnes Roop, d. 18 Nov. 1939.

### GENERATION 2

Jacob Jay Graves (2) was born 22 Dec. 1877 in southern Russia, died 18 Nov. 1939 in Los Angeles, CA, and was buried 18 Nov. 1939 in Pacific Crest Cem., Redondo Beach, CA. He married Agnes Roop (or Coop). She was born in KS (according to her marriage application) or in Germany (according to her death certificate).

#### Children - Graves

3. Dan Graves
4. Al Graves
5. Louise Graves
6. Ruby Graves, m. ----- Foote (?).
7. Sally Graves
8. Henry Jay Graves, b. 10 Aug. 1902, m(1) Lottie Bray, 26 Dec. 1925, m(2) Cora L. -----, d. 14 Sept. 1951.

### GENERATION 3

Henry Jay Graves (8) was born 10 Aug. 1902 in OK, died 14 Sept. 1951 in rural Torrance, Los Angeles Co., CA, and was buried 20 Sept. 1951 in Pacific Crest Cem., Los Angeles, CA. He first married Lottie Bray on 26 Dec. 1925 in Los Angeles, CA. She was

born 8 Feb. 1901 in Henry Co., MO, died 5 Dec. 1948 in Sonora, Tuolumne Co., CA, and was buried in Modesto Cem., Modesto, Stanislaus Co., CA. He secondly married Cora L. -----.

Children - Graves

- 9. Lottie Velma Graves
- 10. Ruby Clara Graves, m. ----- McWhorter.
- 11. Freda Joyce Graves

**DESCENDANTS OF DAVID GRAVES AND ELIZABETH ROSINA DOROTHEA SCHUZ OF PA & OH**

The information in the following genealogy is from Mrs. Helen D. Baker, 3330 Kirkwall Rd., Toledo, OH 43606. She had a previous query on p. 11-12, 1994 GFNL. She is interested in more information on her part of the family.

GENERATION 1

David Graves (1) was born 2 Nov. 1819, probably in Allegheny Co., PA, and died 21 April 1905 in Bryan, Williams Co., OH. He married Elizabeth Rosina Dorothea (or Dortha) Schuz, daughter of Johann Conrad Schuz and Elizabeth Dorothea Fink, on 3 Dec. 1848 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. She was born 24 April 1821 in Mendelsheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, and died 11 Oct. 1884 in Bryan, Williams Co., OH. They were both buried in Fountain Grove Cem., Bryan, OH.

He was a cooper, served in the Civil War, and belonged to the Methodist Church. All their children were born in Tuscarawas Co., OH, except the last one, who was born in West Buffalo, Williams Co., OH.

Children - Graves

- 2. Mary Caroline Graves, b. 24 July 1850, d. 13 Aug. 1854 (Tuscarawas Co., OH).
- 3. Elizabeth Phillippine Dortha Graves, b. 7 May 1852, m. Adam Fyke (or Veick), d. 15 March 1924 (Bryan, OH). Bur. Fountain Grove Cem., Bryan, OH.

- 4. John Thomas Graves, b. 1 Aug. 1854, d. 19 July 1857 (Tuscarawas Co., OH).
- 5. Rosina Mary Graves, b. 12 April 1857, m. W. Henry Hackett.
- 6. Priscilla Anna Graves, b. 25 July 1860, m(1) August Robert Scheetz, 17 Dec. 1885, m(2) Edwin E. Mote, d. 1 April 1947.
- 7. Clara Bates Graves, b. 26 May 1864, m(1) Frank White, m(2) ----- Tuttle, m(3) ----- Smelzer, d. 3 June 1926 (Bryan, OH). Bur. Fountain Grove Cem., Bryan, OH.

GENERATION 2

Rosina Mary Graves (5) was born 12 April 1857 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. She married W. Henry Hackett. He was born in OH. They were both buried in Fountain Grove Cem., Bryan, Williams Co., OH.

Children - Hackett

- 8. Clara Belle Hackett, b. June 1881 (OH).

Priscilla Anna Graves (6) was born 25 July 1860 in Shanesville, Tuscarawas Co., OH, died 1 April 1947 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH, and was buried in Toledo Memorial Cem., Toledo, OH. She was Methodist. She first married August Robert Scheetz on 17 Dec. 1885 in Bryan, Williams Co., OH. He was born 15 Oct. 1862 in Germany (?), and died 2 March 1891 in Butte, MT. She secondly married Edwin E. Mote.

Children - Scheetz

- 9. Maude Rosina Scheetz, b. 14 Sept. 1886, m. Thomas Dennett, 2 Nov. 1910, d. 11 Aug. 1976.

GENERATION 3

Maude Rosina Scheetz (9) was born 14 Sept. 1886 in Bryan, Williams Co., OH, and died 11 Aug. 1976 in Sebring, Highlands Co., FL. She married Thomas Dennett, son of John Dennett and Lucretia Jones, on 2 Nov. 1910 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH. He was born 23 July 1880 in Franklin Co., IN, and died 11 March 1970 in Sebring, FL. They were both buried

in Pinecrest Cem., Sebring, FL. He was a draftsman. She was a Methodist.

Children - Dennett

10. Helen Anne Dennett, b. 1 July 1919, m. William Wright Baker, 20 April 1943.

#### GENERATION 4

Helen Anne Dennett (10) was born 1 July 1919 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH. She married William Wright Baker, son of Elmer Larkin Baker and Sophia Mae Wright, on 20 April 1943 in Toledo, OH. He was born 4 Dec. 1917 in Toledo, OH. He served in World War II, and worked in insurance. She was a school teacher. They both belong to the Methodist Church. Both their children were born in Toledo.

Children - Baker

11. Barry Thomas Baker, b. 18 April 1947, m. Mary Candace Dimke, 3 April 1970.
12. Bonnie Sue Baker, b. 14 Dec. 1951, m. William C. Quillen, 10 Aug. 1974 (Toledo, OH).

#### GENERATION 5

Barry Thomas Baker (11) was born 18 April 1947 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH. He married Mary Candace Dimke, daughter of John Henry Dimke and Mary Caroline Haywood, on 3 April 1970 in Toledo, OH. She was born 18 Jan. 1950 in Toledo, OH. He works in insurance and she works in real estate. They are both Methodist. Both their children were born in Toledo, OH.

Children - Baker

13. Courtney Haywood Baker, b. 15 Oct. 1970.
14. Brandon Barry Baker, b. 3 Aug. 1974.

### **IMPORTANT GRAVES GENEALOGISTS**

There have been a number of people who have contributed very significantly to gathering, compiling, and publishing information on the various Graves/Greaves families. In this century, these have included Mrs. P. W. Hiden (whose research was almost

entirely on the Graves families of VA), John Card Graves, and Mr. Aubrey E. Graves.

**Aubrey E. Graves** published a book, *Graves Family History and Genealogy*, in 1968. The emphasis was on his own family of NC and Blount Co., AL, but it also included other Graves families. He then published *The Graves Newsletter* from 1969 to 1971, part of that time with Barbara Billings of Pine Bluff, AR. An obituary for Aubrey appeared on p. 121, 1991 GFNL. He was born 14 Nov. 1906 at Fyffe, AL, and died 11 Oct. 1991 in Chattanooga, TN. He held a master's degree from the Univ. of Alabama. He was a lawyer. His picture from his book is below.







**John Card Graves** is probably the best known of the three. He compiled genealogies of most of the major Graves families in America, but only published the genealogy of Thomas Graves of Hartford, CT and Hatfield, MA in 1896, as *Genealogy of the Graves Family in America*, vol. 1. The rest of his work was preserved as a series of manuscripts, and was used as the starting point for several of the books now being published. He was born 18 Nov. 1839 in Herkimer, NY, was a lawyer in Buffalo, NY, and was Brigadier General of the 8th Brigade of N.G.S., NY. He was descended from immigrant John Graves of Concord, MA. His portrait appears on the preceding page.

### GRAVES CREST, COAT OF ARMS, AND MOTTOES

The following discussion is taken from the book by John Card Graves. The Graves crest and coat of arms is shown at the top of the next column.

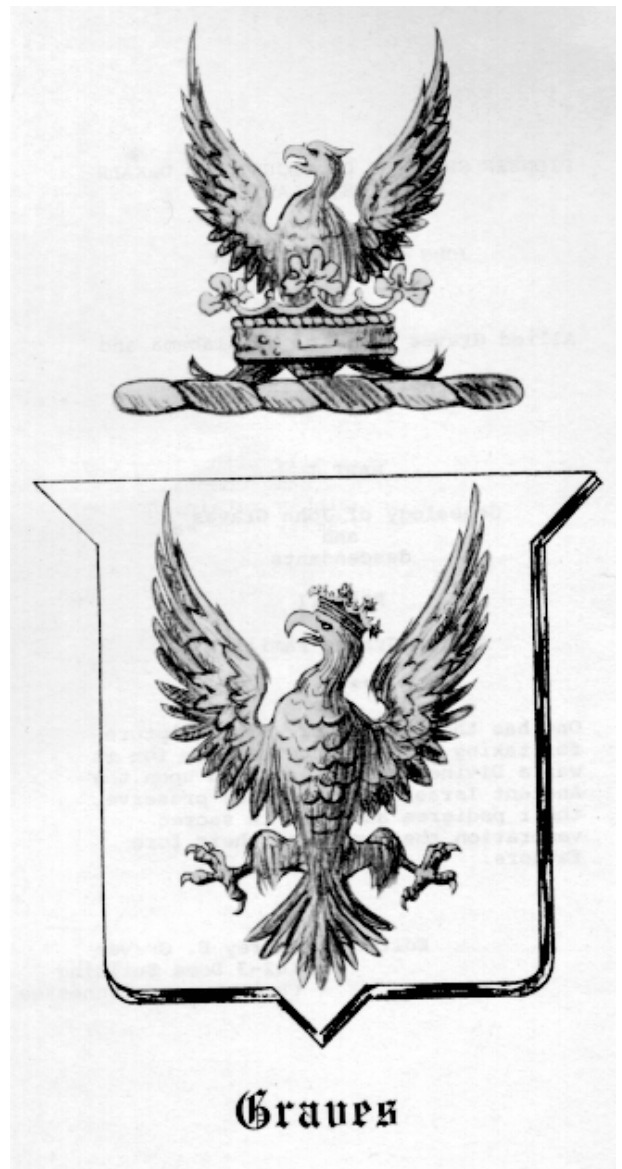
The distinctive arms of the Graves family are "Gu. an eagle displayed or. ducally crowned arg."

The crest is "A demi-eagle displayed and erased or. enfiled round the body and below the wings by a ducal coronet arg."

By the alliance of members of the family with other families, and the marshalling of different arms in the same composition, variations are frequently found; they almost invariably retain, however, as quarterings, the distinctive arms of the family, the eagle displayed or.

Various mottoes have been adopted, some of which have been used by the members of the family exclusively, and others by this and other families.

The following are the mottoes used, as far as can be ascertained, and translations:



"Aquila non captat muscas." or "Aquila non capit muscas."

The eagle does not catch flies.

"Graves disce mores."

Learn grave manners.

"Gravis dum suavis."

Grave while suave.

"Spes mea in Deo."

My hope is in God.

"Dum spiro spero."

While I breathe I hope.

"Deo, non fortuna."

Through God, not by chance.

"Esse quam videri."

To be rather than to seem.

"Huic habeo non tibi."

I hold to this one, not to thee.

"Per Sinum Codanum."

Through the Gulf of Codanus.

"Spero infestis metuo secundis."

I hope in adversity, and fear in prosperity.

"Superna quaerite."

Seek things above.

"Superna quaero."

I seek heavenly things.

"Suprema quaero."

I see the highest.

## QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

### *GRAVES FAMILIES OF CANADA*

Mrs. Anne Ungard, 16504 Stagecoach Dr., Garrettsville, OH 44231, descended from ELIJAH GRAVES of U.S. and Ontario, Canada, is still looking for more information on the family of Elijah and his earlier ancestry.

Elijah was born about 1788 in the U.S., and moved to Ontario, Canada, probably either Brantford Co. or Elgin Co. He was a shoemaker. He first married Jane Gardiner. She died 8 April 1844. He secondly married Mary Axford in 1844. Probable children by his first marriage were: Hiram Graves (her ancestor), b. 1815, m. Margaret Ferguson; Emeline Graves, b. 1819, m. Andrew Farrell, 1840; John Graves, b. 1820 (NY), settled in Houghton Twp., Norfolk Co., Ontario; Mary Graves, prob. b. 1829-30, m. David Ferguson, 1848-49.

Other Graves people living in the area, who may be related, include: Peter Graves, b.c. 1799-1800, U.S., shoemaker, received land in Elgin Co., Ontario, 1831, m. Hannah Warren; James Graves; Daniel Graves, b.c. 1770-90, NH, m. Mary Ferguson; Franklin Clarke Graves (possible son of Elijah); Olive Graves, m. David Ferguson, 1836.

She wonders whether the family of Elisha Graves who had son Jonathan or John Franklin Graves could be connected. They lived in VT, NY, and possibly Canada.

(ED. NOTE: Regarding Elisha Graves, see query of Mrs. Jim Kendall on p. 70, 1990 GFNL, and mention of Elisha Graves genealogy on p. 126, 1992 GFNL.

See her previous query on p. 5, 1993 GFNL, and a summary of the family of Elijah Graves on p. 29, 1993 GFNL. See also the summaries of Graves families of Canada on pp. 51-52, 1992 GFNL, for other possible connections.)

Mrs. Margaret Johnston, 801-288 Mt. Albion Rd., Hamilton, Ontario L8K 5T1, Canada, wrote that her husband is descended from FRANCES ELIZABETH GRAVES, his

grandmother. Her family lived in Truro, Nova Scotia. She was born 21 June 1842, died 12 Aug. 1912, and married Robert Johnston, a fisherman and farmer in the period 1858-1861. They lived on the south shore of NS, and had 10 children. Their first child was her husband's father, Charles Augustus Johnston, born 16 July 1860.

She would like to find the earlier Graves ancestry.

### *GRAVES FAMILIES OF ENGLAND*

Mr. Alfred William West, "Northangle" M.S. 5, Dubbo, 2830, New South Wales, Australia, wrote: "My g-g-grandmother was Mary Ann Greaves, born circa 1816 at Middlesex, England. There is a baptism entry in the I.G.I. which might be 'my' Mary Ann -- 10 June 1816 at Hammersmith, Waterloo Street, Wesleyan, with parents John Greaves and Mary. To date I have not been able to prove that this is the correct entry for my ancestor.

The husband of Mary Ann was Timothy Leary from Cork (?), County Cork, who for a period was a 'Bobbie' in the newly formed Metropolitan Police Force of London (from 1 Feb. 1830 to 14 Nov. 1837) and later served as a Superintendent of Police, Manchester, London, from sometime between 1839/1842 until 1861. The date and place of marriage between Mary Ann and Timothy is still not known. Their first born, John James, was born circa 1837 at Middlesex, the second either in Manchester or Ireland (conflicting records) and the remaining six in Manchester.

Timothy Leary was born circa 1809 in Shandon, Cork, County Cork, Ireland (or Shandrum, Co. Cork -- again conflicting evidence), so it is possible that his marriage to Mary Ann Greaves was either in Middlesex or County Cork."

He would appreciate any information on Mary Ann and her parentage.

### *MISCELLANEOUS GRAVES FAMILIES*

Mrs. Gerald J. (Helene E.) Hughes, 3501 North Freeway, #42, Tucson, AZ 85705, descended from WILLIAM GRAVES of TN & IN, thinks she may have finally found her earlier ancestry. William was born 8 Jan. 1816 in TN, died 13 May 1884, probably in Hartford City, Blackford Co., IN, m(1) Sarah Ballinger about 1837-38 in IN, and m(2) Elizabeth Connett on 7 April 1862 in IN. He served in the Civil War, and was a farmer in Grant Co., IN in 1870.

In a letter last year from Mrs. Julian Kelley Smith, 954 North Sinova, Mesa, AZ 85205-5427, descended from JOHN GRAVES (JOHANN SEBASTIAN GRAFF), she suggested that a William George Graves, b.c. 1816 in Knox Co., TN, might be Mrs. Hughes' William Graves. The descent from John/Johann is: John<sup>1</sup>, Boston<sup>2</sup>, m. Sarah Efland, George<sup>3</sup>, b.c. 1785, Orange Co., NC, d. Oct. 1860, Knox Co., TN, m. Ann (or Anna) Rutherford, 1809, Knox Co., TN, William George<sup>4</sup> Graves, b.c. 1816, Knox Co., TN.

(ED. NOTE: Based on names and places, this connection looks quite possible. More evidence would be appreciated.)

The children of Boston<sup>2</sup> were: Catherine, Daniel, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Peter, George, Henry, and David. The children of George<sup>3</sup>, all born in Knox Co., TN, were: Maria, b.c. 1810; Sarah Eleanor, b.c. 1812, m. ----- Reeder; Ragan, b.c. 1814; William George, b.c. 1816; Frank Marion, b.c. 1818.

The children of Mrs. Hughes' William Graves were: Elizabeth C., William, Anna, John, Timotha, Arminda, Valinda, Joseph B., Mary, Christopher, George W., Amanda Jane, James, and Peter Herman.

See previous queries of Mrs. Hughes on pp. 4, 109, 1992 GFNL.)

Mrs. Carol Lathrop Pierson, 1908 Edgebrook Dr., Marshalltown, IA 50158, is looking for information on her Graves family. She is descended from JOSEPH GRAVES, b. England, lived in Lafayette Co. and Grant Co., WI. His son was John Joseph Graves, b. 12

Aug. 1848, WI, d. 23 March 1924, IA, m. Catherine Melvina Ramsey, 6 Dec. 1871, WI. Their daughter was Ethel Graves (Mrs. Pierson's grandmother), b. 25 March 1877, IA, d. 22 May 1935, IA, m. Harmon G. Lathrop, 10 Jan. 1900.

#### *THOMAS GRAVES OF HARTFORD, CT*

Ms. Andree C. Swanson, 3908 Sparkle St., Norman, OK 73072, has been searching for a Graves family that lived in Murray Co., GA and Scott Co., AR. Her earliest known Graves ancestors were Stephen Graves, and his son Stephen Graves, Jr., who married Harriet King.

(ED. NOTE: See her previous queries on pp. 15, 16, 64, 66, 1993 GFNL.)

It has now been determined that she is descended from THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT. Stephen Graves who married Harriet King is shown as #2296 on p. 311 of the book. Her descent is: Stephen<sup>8</sup> Graves, b. 1810, m. Harriet King, John B.<sup>9</sup> Graves, b. 1837 (#3803 on p. 311), m. Ethalene Glisson, John Garland<sup>10</sup> Graves, b. 1885, m. Leota May Pettus, Hoyt Eugene<sup>11</sup> Graves, b. 1924, m. LaVerne Ellon Stringer.

Mrs. Marian E. Loeffler, 7298 Oxford Ct., Bremerton, WA 98310-8940, wrote that she has been trying to research her Graves ancestry but hasn't gotten very far, and she would like help.

Her grandmother was Elsie (Graves) Jones, b. 16 Oct. 1876, Clinton, WI, d. 30 April 1909, Beloit, WI. Her g-grandfather was LYMAN SPERRY GRAVES, b. 20 Aug. 1838, Chenango, NY, d. 2 March 1904, Beloit, WI.

(ED. NOTE: This Graves line is descended from THOMAS GRAVES of Hartford, CT. Lyman is listed as #2563 on p. 340 of the book, and his daughter Elsie is #4158. Lyman Sperry Graves served in the Civil War and was a son of Justin Graves and Lucretia Preston.)

#### *JOHN GRAVES OF CONCORD, MA*

Mr. Phillip L. Graves, Sr., Box 134, Gifford, PA 16732, is anxious to find information on the two wives of BELA GRAVES. Bela was born 4 Sept. 1750 (or 23 Sept. 1751) in Farmington, CT, died Feb. 1852 at Shongo, Allegany Co., NY, and was a Rev. War soldier from CT. He was descended from immigrant John Graves as follows: John<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Abner<sup>4</sup>, Bela<sup>5</sup>.

Bela Graves m(1) Sarah Holcomb. He secondly married Sarah Griswold before Aug. 1782. She was born 23 Sept. 1751. More information on these wives would be appreciated.

Mr. Phil DeSilva, 15 West Glebe Rd., A-23, Alexandria, VA 22305, wrote that "one of my ancestors is REBECCA GRAVES who married Jonathan Daniels. Their daughter, Rebecca Daniels, married William Tubbs 31 Oct. 1729 in Lyme, New London Co., CT." He is looking for help on these ancestors.

(ED. NOTE: Rebecca Graves was descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA. As discussed in the query of Mrs. Betty Kay Anderson on p. 16, 1994 GFNL, Rebecca was apparently a younger daughter of Benjamin<sup>2</sup> Graves, son of John Graves.)

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

Mrs. Marion C. Magnussen, Trinity Pines, Apt. 203, 326 West Pine St., Lake Mills, WI 53551, is a descendant of "Anna Graves of Sudbury", probably b.c. 1740. She was looking for the parents of Anna.

Anna Graves "of Sudbury" married Abijah Livermore on 4 Nov. 1760 in Spencer, MA. They had children (last name Livermore): Ezra, b. 1762; Anna, b. 1763; Abijah, b. 1766; Lot, b. 1768, m(1) Ruth Daniels, m(2) Lucy Higgins; Martha, b. 1772, m. Adam Wellman; Phineas (Mrs. Magnussen's ancestor), b. 1775, m. Molly Lackey; Phebe, b. 1777, m. Isaac Underwood; Jesse, b. 1780.

(ED. NOTE: Anna Graves is descended from Rear Adm. Thomas Graves as follows:

(1) Thomas, (2) Joseph, (3) Samuel, (4) Ezra, b. 1701, Sudbury, m(1) Rebecca -----, (5) Anna, b. 23 May 1742, m. Abijah Livermore.

There is also a Livermore genealogy that gives Abijah's ancestry.)

#### *THOMAS GRAVES OF DE, QUAKER*

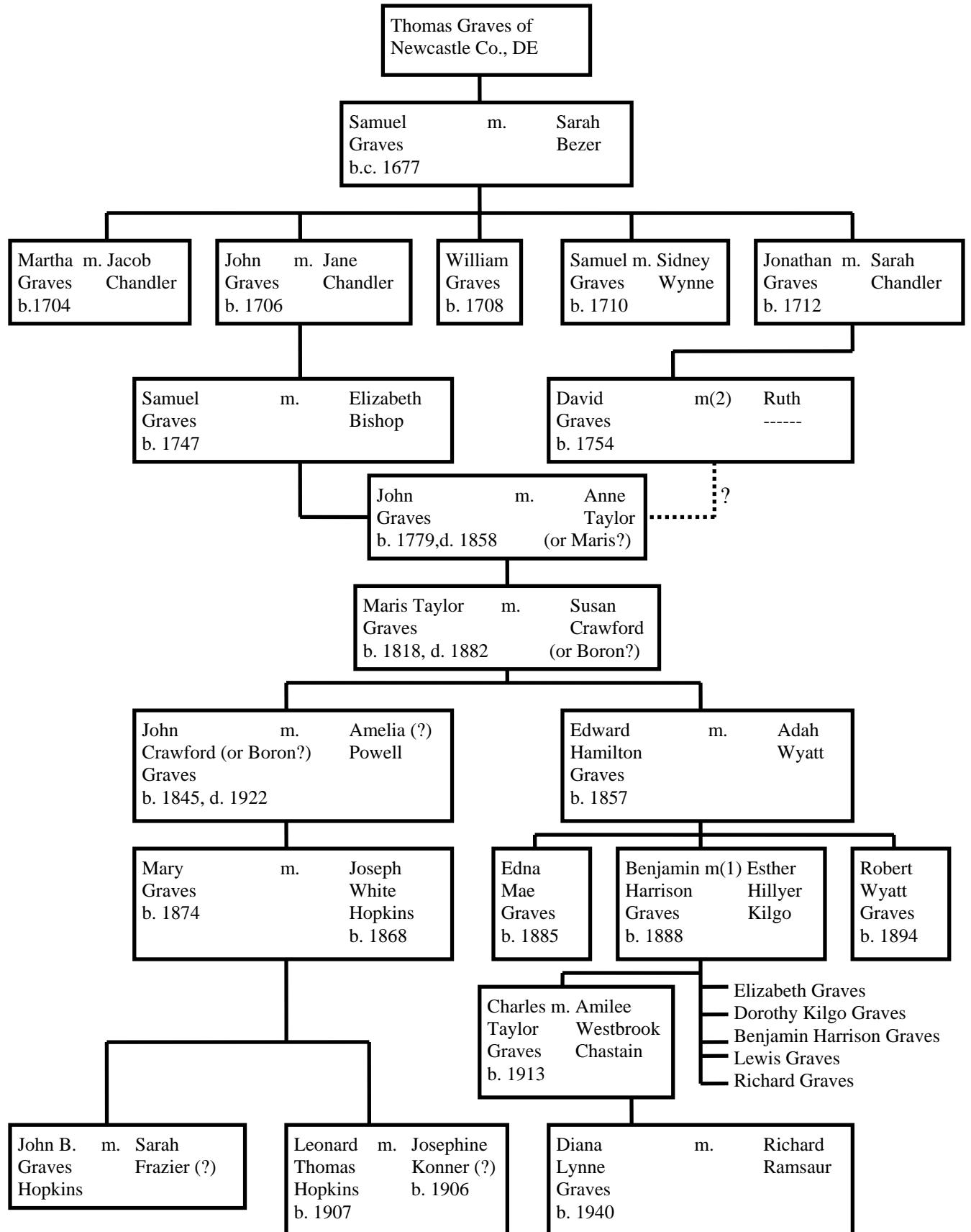
Mrs. Lynne Graves Ramsaur, Rt. 1, Box 1432, Clarkesville, GA 30523, was aware that she was descended from MARIS TAYLOR GRAVES and Susan Crawford, her great-grandparents, who moved from PA to GA. There have been 3 generations of her Graves family in the newspaper business. Her Dad and grandfather owned the *Tri-County Advertiser* in Clarkesville, GA. Her grandfather, his brother, and their father worked on and later owned *The Toccoa Record* in Toccoa, GA.

She had an aunt in Toccoa, GA who had researched their ancestry, but the written record she left was almost impossible to decipher because it was so faded. However, by making a very dark photocopy and with some clues, the ancestry was determined to be as shown on the chart on the next page.

As can be shown on the chart, there is some uncertainty about part of the early descent. Specifically, it is not known for sure whether John Graves, born 1779, was a son of Samuel or David, since both versions seem to be shown on her aunt's records. It is believed that the descent through Samuel Graves is the correct one.

Also, only some of the descendants of Maris Taylor Graves are known. His other known children were: Mary Elizabeth Graves m. E. Raley, Ella Nora Graves m. Will Lewis, and Charles Taylor Graves m. Edna McCracken. Is it possible that Maris Taylor Graves was married twice, and that one wife was Susan Boron and the other was Susan Crawford? More information and help would be appreciated.

ANCESTRY OF LYNNE GRAVES RAMSAUR  
DESCENT FROM THOMAS GRAVES OF NEWCASTLE CO., DE



Mrs. Christine Crawford-Oppheimer, 51 Forbus St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-2703, is descended from the Quaker family of THOMAS GRAVES of New Castle Co., DE. Her descent is: (1) Thomas Graves, (2) Sarah Graves m. Jonathan Wynne, (3) Mary Wynne m. Noah Abraham, (4) Mary Abraham m. Robert Walker, (5) Alexander Walker, b. 1768, (6) Robert Walker, b. 1795, (7) Sarah Abrams Walker, b. 1837, m. James Altman, (8) Angeline Altman, b. 1857, m. Aaron Calvin King, (9) Effie Mary King, b. 1885, m. Samuel Wilson Reese, (10) Helen Catherine Reese, b. 1921, m. Vincent Leon Crawford, (11) Christine Fay Crawford, b. 1950, m. James Walter Oppheimer.

An ancestor chart for the early part of her family is shown on the next page. She is interested in more information.

#### *SOUTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES*

Mrs. Wilma Hoffman, 1303 South Jackson, Casper. WY 82601, descended from THOMAS GRAVES and Miss Liles of TN, has sent more information on her Graves and Perkins ancestry, and some of the connections between the two families. She is still looking for more information on her Graves family and the earlier ancestry. A chart summarizing some of her information and showing possible connections between several Graves families is shown on page 40. All help and suggestions would be appreciated.

Referring to the chart, John Graves and Thomas Graves may have been brothers. They both lived in SC and in Carter Co., TN. Who were their parents? They may have had another brother, Hardy, since there was a Hardy Graves, b.c. 1750, in NC and SC, and Hardy appears as a name in the descendants of John Graves. It is also believed that another Hardy Graves and an Archibald Graves may have been brothers, and both may have been sons of John Graves (or possibly Thomas Graves). Both Hardy and Archibald lived in SC and in Pike Co., AL. Can anyone help?

Ms. Phyllis A. Noble, 40 Rotherham Lane, Hampton, VA 23666-1472, is descended from JOHN GRAVES and Susan ----- of Carter Co., TN, as discussed in the preceding query. She states that her John Graves was definitely a brother of Thomas Graves who married Miss Liles.

She wrote that John Graves may have had a son James, b.c. 1770, who married Sarah Hetherly 18 Nov. 1789 in Washington Co., TN.

Benjamin and Rachel (Asher) Graves (her ancestors) had the following children living in their household, but it is not known whether all the children were theirs:

- Elizabeth, b. 1802, m. Mike Perkins
- James, b. 1803
- Solomon, b. 1804, m. Nancy Kinnick
- Millie, b. 1805, never married
- Mary, b. 1808, m. ----- Braden
- William R., b. 1810, m. Anna McGinty Starnes
- Joseph, b. 1813

Also possibly:

- Jacob, b. 1814, m. Jane Rogers
- Abraham, b. 1816, m. Margaret Snider

Mrs. Kathryn R. McNabb, 302 West 23rd Pl., Panama City, FL 32405, is descended from HARDY GRAVES of Pike Co., AL, who was born about 1775 and married Emma ----- . This Hardy Graves is shown on the chart with the preceding query of Mrs. Wilma Hoffman.

She has some changes to the genealogy for Hardy Graves that was published on pages 31-34, 1993 GFNL.

She believes that Hardy Graves was probably only married once, rather than secondly marrying Rhoda Ann (Grubbs) Thompson, widow of Robert Thompson. She can find no record of a second marriage, in the 1850 Pike Co., AL census Hardy Graves was living with his son John but no wife, and Hardy and Emma were buried together in Pea River Baptist Church Cem., Pike Co., AL.

Children of Hardy Graves and Emma were:

GRAVES AND WYNNE ANCESTRY OF CHRISTINE CRAWFORD-OPPENHEIMER

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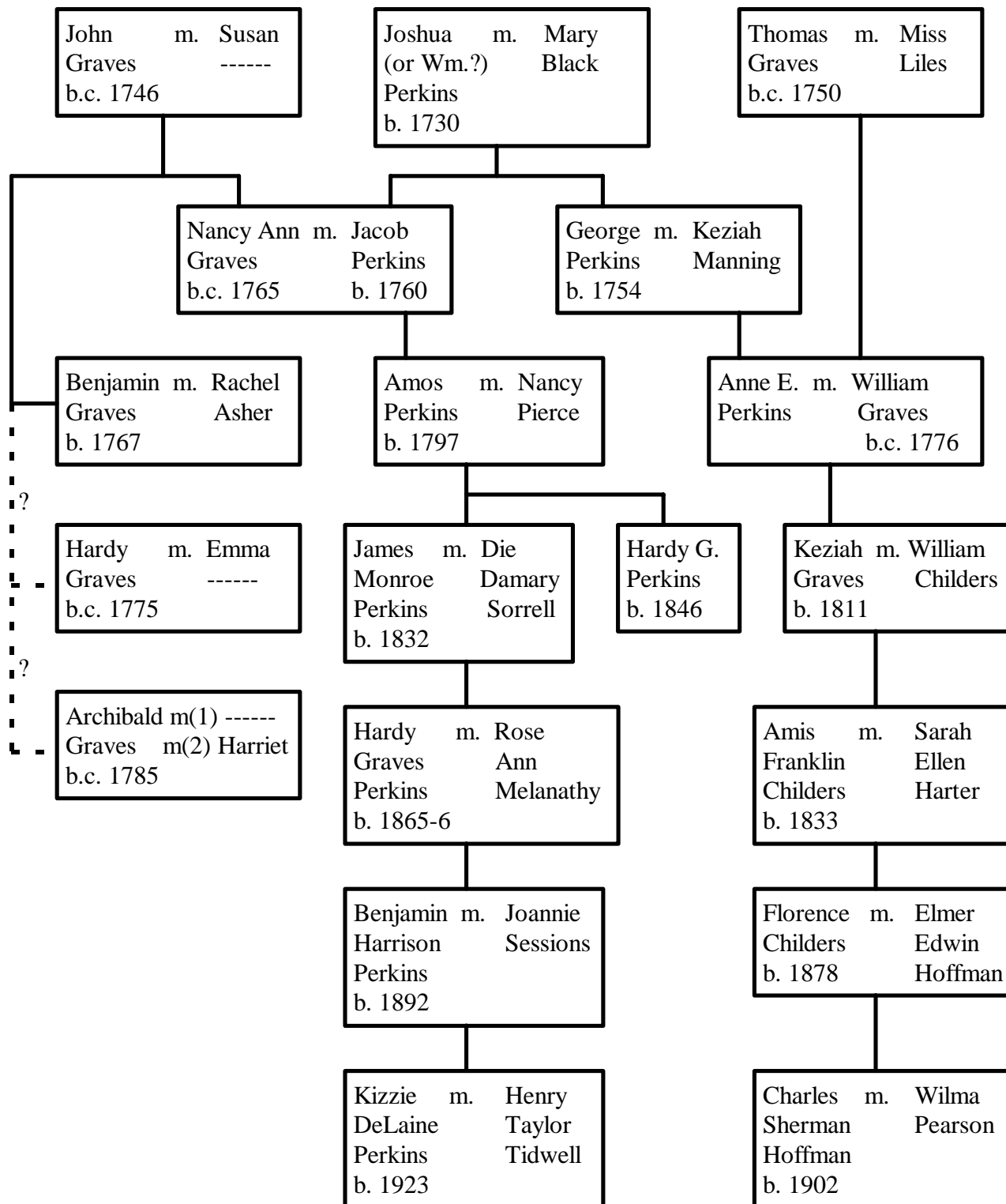
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RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SOME GRAVES FAMILIES OF SC, TN & AL





- John Graves, b.c. 1798, m. Nancy E. -----, 1834, d. 23 July 1855.
- Rachael Graves, b.c. 1798 (SC), m. Stephen Graves.
- Martha Graves, b.c. 1799 (NC), m. C. J. Mahoney.
- James Graves, m. Sarah -----, d. Jan. 1859.
- Charles Graves, b.c. 1807, m. Sara -----, d. 28 April 1888 (Pike Co., AL).
- Sarah Graves, b. 12 Jan. 1810, m. Elisha Williams, 9 March 1830, d. 13 April 1874.
- Lucinda Graves, b. 1812-19, m. William Thompson, 3 Nov. 1839, d. 13 Aug. 1882.

Mrs. Maxine Lawhorn, Rt. 1, Box 116, Stillwater, OK 74074, is still looking for the parents of her LANCE GRAVES, b.c. 1793 in VA, d. 1860-70 in KY, m. Lovena (or Levina or Louvina) V. McCoy. She was b.c. 1812 (or 1822) in SC. They lived in Marshall Co., KY, and for a short time in Pulaski Co., MO.

It is believed that Lance's parents were Launcelot (or Lancelot or "Lot") Graves, b.c. 1760 in Northampton Co., VA, possibly died in Loudoun Co., VA, m. Nancy Clark, lived in Loudoun and Fairfax counties, VA. Lancelot's father was Thomas Graves who married about 1758, probably in Northampton Co., VA.

Proof is needed that Lancelot Graves was the father of Lance. More information is needed about Thomas Graves, his family and ancestry.

In the 1870 census of Marshall Co., KY, Levina (McCoy) Graves, widow of Lance Graves, was listed as head of household. Next door was a household headed by Furn F. McCoy, b.c. 1836 in TN. Could this be Levina's brother? Mrs. Lawhorn would like to learn more about Levina and her family.

(ED. NOTE: See query of Mrs. Rosella Glover, descended from Thomas Graves of Northampton Co., VA, on p. 44, 1993 GFNL.)

Mrs. Margaret J. Robertson, 3101 Adams St., N.E., Washington, DC 20018, descended from JOHN SANDERS GRAVES of MD & KY, has been very helpful over the years in researching the Graves/Greaves families of MD, especially of St. Mary's Co. She recently sent a copy of the will of Joshua Nelson who married Elizabeth Greaves, daughter of John Greaves who died in 1748 in St. Mary's Co., MD. (This is the ancestor of Mrs. Marjorie J. Albrecht, 1018 West Division, Downs, KS 67437.)

The will of Joshua Nelson was written in 1744, filed in St. Mary's Co., MD, and mentions his wife Elizabeth, children Lancelot, Mary Ann, Chloe, and Seneca, and slaves. Joshua apparently died between the codicil date of 11 May 1744 and 9 July 1744 when the will was proved.

The will in part states: "In the name of God, Amen, I Joshua Nelson of Northumberland Co. (VA)... I leave to Elizabeth, my loving wife, the use of four negroes... I give to my son Lancelot forty-five pounds sterling..." It is believed that Lancelot may have been by a previous marriage, before Joshua married Elizabeth Greaves.

It is interesting to note that the names of Mary Ann and Chloe were also used by Elizabeth's brother Thomas Greaves for his children. Considering that the name of Lancelot is very rare and has not been found among the descendants of Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, is it possible that Lancelot Graves (son of Thomas Graves of Northampton Co., VA) could be part of this family of St. Mary's Co., MD?

Northampton Co. and Northumberland Co., VA are close to each other. Also, Lancelot Graves' children are believed to have included Lance (named after him), Elizabeth and Joshua (these last 2 might have been named for his

sister and brother, since Thomas Greaves had a sister and brother by this name).

Lancelot Graves is mentioned in the preceding query of Mrs. Maxine Lawhorn.

Mr. William Carl Spurlock, 5125-C Beverly Glen Lane, Norcross, GA 30092, is looking for help in learning more about his great-grandmother, Millie A. Graves, and her ancestry. She was a daughter of GEORGE GRAVES and Louraine Mason. Millie was b. 10 March 1867 in Sumner Co., TN, d. 10 Jan. 1924 in Petroleum, Allen Co., KY, and married William Grant Land on 30 April 1882 in Sumner Co., TN.

Children of Millie and William were: Albert Land; daughter, m. Ed Durham; Alfira Lane, b. 10 June 1890, Petroleum, KY, m. John S. Braswell; Virgie Land, b. 26 May 1893, Petroleum, KY, m. Marvin Andrew Spurlock.

Mr. Donald Alfred Graves, 4717 West 65th Terrace, Prairie Village, KS 66208, is descended from THOMAS GRAVES of VA, TN & AR. He was born about 1784 in VA, according to the 1860 census of Saline Co., AR. The name of his wife is not known. The 1830 census for Dickson Co., TN, shows a Thomas Graves, age 40-50, with 4 boys, 3 girls, and a female 40-50, presumably his wife.

Children of Thomas Graves are: (1) possibly William H. Graves, b. 1810-15, m. 1845, Saline Co., AR, (2) daughter, b. 1810-15, (3) John R. Graves, b. 1820, TN, (4) Eliza Graves, b. 1815-20 (or 1824), m. 1844, Saline Co., AR, (5) Thomas William Graves, b. 1822, m. Margaret Jane Brown, 22 Nov. 1849, (6) Elizabeth Graves, b. 1825-30, m. 1850, Saline Co., AR, (7) son, b. 1825-30, (8) possibly Giles R. Graves, b. 1837, TN, m. Martha H. -----.

Children of Thomas William Graves, all born in Bryant, Saline Co., AR, are: (1) Susan Graves, b. 2 Jan. 1849, m. Albert Norton, (2) Alfred Rice Graves, b. 15 March 1851, m. Sarah Bliss Morris, 6 April 1876, (3) William Chester Graves, b. 1853, d. 1864, (4) Mary

Graves, b. 1855, m. Robert Seymour, (5) Sallie Graves, b. 1860, died in infancy.

Help on the ancestry of this Thomas Graves would be appreciated.

(ED. NOTE: See his previous query on pp. 58-59, 1991 GFNL.

For those who didn't see it or don't remember it, there was an article on p. 122, 1990 GFNL about how the state of Virginia between 1781 and 1863 comprised a much larger area than the present boundaries. Therefore, a person such as the Thomas Graves of this query could have been born in what is now KY (was VA, 1775-1792), NC (1728-1803), or various other states mentioned in the article.

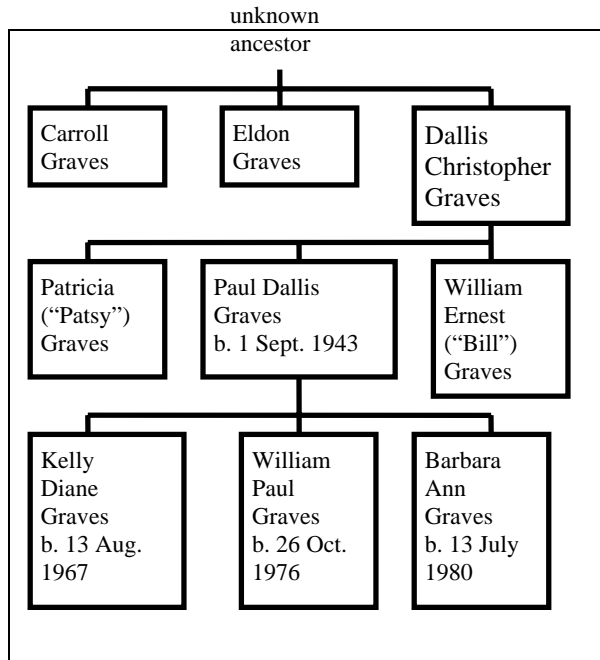
It has been suggested that this Thomas Graves may have been a son of William Graves of Abbeville Co., SC, and Franklin Co., TN, born 1750 (gen. #37). See pp. 29-35, 1986 GFNL for more discussion of this family.

Mrs. Ava L. Nelson, 12843 Monroe St., Thornton, CO 80241, is descended from THOMAS GRAVES of NC & Maury Co., TN, by the following line of descent: (1) Thomas, b. 1780's, NC, m. Peggy Wall (?), (2) Sylvia Graves, b.c. 1806, NC, m. Leonard Mayton Thompson, (3) Francis Marion Thompson, b.c. 1833, TN, m. Rebecca Briley, d. 1881, Carroll Co., AR, (4) Parlee Cinthy Thompson, b. 1872, Fannin co., TX, m. Isaac Lafatte Martin, (5) Lydia Jewel Martin, b. 1898, Carroll Co., AR, m. Charles Ernest Walker, (6) Ava Maxine Walker, b. 1918, Henryetta, OK, m(1) Glenn Robert Capps, m(2) Hiram Charles Capps, (7) Ava Lorene Capps, b. 1942, Ordway, CO, m(1) Tice Vern Caldwell, m(2) Robert Wayne Nelson.

She is interested in her part of the family and would like to learn about the earlier ancestry.

Ms. Kelly Diane Graves, 835 Ridge Dr., McLean, VA 22101-1630, is looking for the ancestry of her grandfather, DALLIS

CHRISTOPHER (“PAT”) GRAVES, as shown in the following chart. He was born somewhere in Oklahoma.



(ED. NOTE: It is suggested that a check be made of the marriage and death certificates for her grandfather to find the name of his parents. Then the death certificate of her grandfather’s father can be looked for, as well as a search of census records.)

Mr. Charles L. Purvis, 4274 Lakeview Dr., Ogden, UT 84403, wrote: “My g-g-g-grandfather, William A. Purvis, of Anson Co., NC, married a SARAH JANE GRAVES about 1862. They had one child, a son, William James Purvis.

My interest is to determine the birth date and place of birth for Sarah Jane (about 1833) and the names of her mother and father.”

(ED. NOTE: I have been unable to locate a connection. I have checked the newsletter indexes, the Graves families of Randolph Co., NC, the descendants of Robert Graves of NC & SC, and other sources.

My suggestion is the check the 1850 and 1860 censuses for Sarah Jane Graves listed in the household of her parents. This could

include a search in both NC and SC, since Anson Co. was on the state line.)

Dr. James L. Graves, 49975 Highway 95, #38, Parker, AZ 85344, is descended from WILLIAM GRAVES and Elizabeth Nunnely of Pulaski Co., KY, via their son William Logan Graves, born 1829, who married Catherine Claunch (or Clonch).

William Logan Graves farmed in Pulaski Co., KY, and owned much land. Tobacco was the main crop. He owned slaves prior to the Civil War. Children of William and Catherine, all born in Pulaski Co., KY, were:

- Francis Newton Graves, b. 4 March 1852, m. Sally B. Mitchell, d. 10 Oct. 1933.
- Millard Filmore Graves, b. 14 June 1855, m. Elizabeth H. (“Lizzie”) Jamison, 11 Dec. 1875 (Fentriss Co., TN), d. 31 Dec. 1875.
- William C. (“Kit”) Graves, b. 5 Dec. 1858, m. Maggie L. Cox, 20 May 1884, d. 19 Dec. 1936.
- George Washington Graves, b. 19 Dec. 1862, d. 29 March 1864 (Pulaski Co., KY).
- Henry Clay Graves, b. 19 Dec. 1862, m. Sarah J. Bryant, 19 May 1883, d. 12 April 1937.
- Patrick Henry Graves, b. 1863, died young.
- James Logan Graves, b. 14 Feb. 1866, m. Sarah Cole, 29 (or 27) Oct. 1891, d. 29 March 1941.
- Horatio Seymour Graves, b. 30 Dec. 1867, m. Etta A. -----, d. 28 Feb. 1945.
- Florence Graves, b. 17 July 1873, m. John Lee Mounger, 18 Oct. 1892, d. 21 May 1954.

Around 1889 or so, William Logan Graves sold his farm and moved his family to Missouri, and then to Oklahoma Territory. Dr. Graves’ grandfather, James Logan Graves, was born in Somerset, KY, and died in Moore, OK, according to his obituary. His son, Dr. Graves’ father, was born 1 Dec. 1909 in Oklahoma City, OK.

He would like to learn more about his family and its history.

(ED. NOTE: This is the line of Mrs. Louise F. Wilcox, 1301 South Reno St., El Reno, OK 73036. Her last query was on p. 80, 1978 GFNL.

See also the following query of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graves.)

Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Graves (Ed and Mavis), Rt. 1, Box H-191, Jasper, GA 30143, are descended from WILLIAM GRAVES who married Susannah Noble of Pulaski Co., KY. They believe that it is possible that their William Graves or that of Dr. Graves and Mrs. Wilcox in the preceding query may be a son of Isham Graves, who left a will dated 26 April 1831 in Somerset, Pulaski Co., KY. Unfortunately, it is not presently proven which, if either, William was a son of Isham. Can anyone provide help with the family and descendants of Isham Graves or the ancestry of either William Graves?

**Ancestry of Isham Graves**

GENERATION 1

John Graves (1) was born about 1750 in Chesterfield Co., VA, and died about 1798. He was a planter. He married Mary -----.

Children - Graves

2. John Graves, b.c. 1774, m. Sarah -----, 1797, d. after 4 Sept. 1798 (date of his will in Chesterfield Co., VA).
3. Isham Graves, b.c. 1775, m. Eleanor Perdue, 1799-1801, d. after 26 April 1831.
4. Armstead Graves, m. Mary Ann Atchinson, 1784 (Chesterfield Co., VA), d. (Manchester Par., Chesterfield Co., VA).
5. Arthur Graves, m. Elizabeth Clark (?).
6. Sally Graves, m. ----- Donnavant.
7. Patty Graves, m. ----- Ferguson.
8. Nancy Graves, m. ----- Baugh.

GENERATION 2

Isham Graves (3) was born about 1775 in Chesterfield Co., VA, and died after 26 April 1830 in Pulaski Co., KY, the date of his will. He was a planter. He was in the 1812 voter

list in VA, and in the 1820 tax list for Chesterfield Co., VA. He married Eleanor Perdue, daughter of Ezekiel Perdue and Mary ("Molly") -----, about 1801.

The siblings of Eleanor Perdue were Peter, John, Francis, Thomas, Daniel, Bartholomew, Littlebury, Sukey, Nancy, Polly, and Lucy. It is likely that at least Ezekiel, Littlebury and Daniel in the following list of children were named for her side of the family.

Children - Graves

9. John Graves, b.c. 1802.
10. Ezekiel Graves, b.c. 1803.
11. Lucy Graves, b.c. 1804, m. ----- Taylor.
12. William Graves, b.c. 1805.
13. Littlebury Graves, b.c. 1807.
14. Mary Graves, b.c. 1809.
15. Nancy Graves, b.c. 1811.
16. Elizabeth Graves, b.c. 1813.
17. Daniel Graves, b.c. 1815.
18. Martha (?) Graves, b.c. 1817.

**Descendants of William Graves and Susannah Noble**

GENERATION 1

William Graves (1) was born about 1805 in VA, and died about 1852 in Pike Co., IL. He was a wagon maker and a Protestant. He married Susannah Noble. She was born about 1819 in KY, and died about 1880 in IL. William's marriage to Susannah may have been his second, since she would have been very young at the birth of the first child. It is possible William first married Winny Cooper on 21 July 1832.

After William died, Susannah secondly married R. C. Allen on 3 Feb. 1853 and had 3 children.

The first 4 children listed below were born in KY, and the others were born in Pittsfield, Pike Co., IL.

Children - Graves

2. Thomas Graves, b. 6 Oct. 1833, m. Sarah Ann Johnson, 11 Sept. 1856, d. 22 Oct. 1914.
3. James E. Graves, b.c. 1835, m. Sarah -----, c. 1865 (Pittsfield, Pike Co., IL).

4. Lucy A. Graves, b.c. 1837, m. James Robert Hornback, 20 Feb. 1861 (Pittsfield, Pike Co., IL).
5. Elizabeth Graves, b.c. 1839, d. before 1914.
6. Ellen Graves, b.c. 1842, d. before 1914.
7. Montraville Graves, b.c. 1845.
8. William E. Graves, b.c. 1849, m. Anna Brown, 29 April 1875 (Pike Co., IL).

#### GENERATION 2

Thomas Graves (2) was born 6 or 26 Oct. 1833 in Crabtree or Crab Orchard, Pulaski Co., KY, died 22 Oct. 1914 in Pomona, Franklin Co., KS, and was buried 23 Oct. 1914 in Greenwood Cem., Pomona, KS. He married Sarah Ann Johnson on 11 Sept. 1856 in Pittsfield, Pike Co., IL. She was born 8 April 1839 in Newcastle, IN or PA, died 10 April 1910, and was also buried in Greenwood Cem., Pomona, KS. Thomas was a Republican, farmer, and deacon, and Sarah was a homemaker. They were both Baptist. Their first 5 children were born in Pittsfield, IL, and the others in Pomona, KS.

##### Children - Graves

9. Porter Graves, b. 14 Sept. 1857, m. Mary Viola Dyer, 1884 (Franklin Co., KS), d. 19 Feb. 1916 (Garden City, KS).
10. Edmund Graves, b. 29 Nov. 1859, m. Jessie Remaley, 28 March 1889, d. 8 Aug. 1955 (Ottawa, KS).
11. James Graves, b. 4 Nov. 1862, m. Jessie Wadson (?).
12. Flora Graves, b. 8 Feb. 1865, m. William Evans.
13. Anna Wilson Graves, b. 10 April 1870, m. Merritt Springer.
14. Charles Graves, b. 18 July 1873, m. Lilly May Armstrong, 25 Dec. 1902 (Munice, OK), d. 17 April 1967 (Wichita, KS).
15. Myra (or Mira) Graves, b. 6 Aug. 1875, m. John Alex Hensey, 24 Jan. 1900, d. May 1965.
16. Albert Kinsey Graves, b. 7 April 1878, m. Ella Owens, d. 1958 (Garden City, KS).
17. Oliva Graves, b. 27 Sept. 1884, d. 6 Aug. 1885 (Pomona, KS).

#### GENERATION 3

Porter Graves (9) was born 14 Sept. 1857 in Pittsfield, Pike Co., IL, died 19 Feb. 1916 in Garden City, KS, and was buried 21 Feb. 1916 in Garden City. He married Mary Viola Dyer, daughter of John M. Dyer and Martha Jane Shred (?), in 1884 in Franklin Co., KS. She was born 22 Aug. 1864 in Fulton Co., IL, and died 5 April 1927 in Salina, KS. He was a Mason, a deacon, a Republican, and worked in a sugar factory. She was a housewife. They were Baptist.

##### Children - Graves

18. John Floyd Graves, b. 30 Aug. 1885 (Melvern, KS), m. Lola Lefferson, d. 16 March 1962 (CA).
19. Otis Harrison Graves, b. 15 Aug. 1888 (Pomona, KS), m. Anna M. Hughes, d. 12 June 1912 (Garden City, KS).
20. Thomas Herman Graves, b. 18 Oct. 1894, m. Faye Marguerite Selby, 6 June 1916, d. 8 Nov. 1967.

#### GENERATION 4

Thomas Herman Graves (20) was born 18 Oct. 1894 in Pomona, Franklin co., KS, died 8 Nov. 1967 in DeKalb Co., GA, and was buried 10 Nov. 1967 in Floral Hills Cem., DeKalb Co., GA. He married Faye Marguerite Selby, daughter of Joseph Walter Selby and Mary Jane Houser, on 6 June 1916 in Newton, Harvey Co., KS. She was born 14 April 1896 in Pomona, KS, died 26 May 1981, and was buried 28 May 1981 in Floral Hills Cem., DeKalb Co., GA. He was a newspaper advertising salesman, a Mason, a Shriner, a Republican, and a Protestant. She was a homemaker, a member of the Eastern Star, a Republican, and a Presbyterian.

##### Children - Graves

21. Edward Gilbert Graves, b. 15 Dec. 1924, m. Mavis A. Warttman, 6 Nov. 1948.

#### GENERATION 5

Edward Gilbert ("Ed") Graves (21) was born 15 Dec. 1924 in Salina, KS. He married

Mavis A. Warttman on 6 Nov. 1948 in Mahtomedi, MN. He served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II in Europe, and has worked in advertising sales.

Children - Graves

22. Thomas Edward Graves, b. 15 July 1950 (MT).
23. Jeffrey Bruce Graves, b. 13 March 1952 (SD).

(ED. NOTE: There is at least one part of the descendants of Capt. Thomas Graves of VA that lived in Chesterfield Co., VA. William<sup>4</sup> Graves (William<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was baptized 29 April 1688 in St. Peter's Church, Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., VA. He married Martha ----- and they settled in Chesterfield Co., VA. The only son who is known is William<sup>5</sup> Graves, born 4 July 1725 in Chesterfield Co., VA, died 24 Jan. 1776, who married Sarah Cox. Their children were: King, Arthur, Charles, Martha Winifred, Frances, William, Henry, Pliny, Matthew, Sarah, and Benjamin. This family may be related to that of the John Graves of Chesterfield Co. discussed earlier in this query.

Edmund<sup>4</sup> Graves, brother of William<sup>4</sup> Graves, had a son John<sup>5</sup> who had a son Esom<sup>6</sup> Graves, b.c. 1764, probably in Halifax Co., VA. Is it possible that the name Esom was a variation of Isham?)

*CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES OF VA*

Mr. Irvin C. Sanders, 2362 East Dartmouth Ave., Englewood, CO 80110, has submitted a tentative ancestry for Tabitha Graves who married John D. Vaughn. He has received much help from his cousin, Mr. Gene S. Morrow, 2704 Peach Lane, Pasadena, TX 77502-5414. On the ancestor chart on the next page, it can be seen that they have 2 lines of descent from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, both through Thomas Graves and Ann Davenport.

He would appreciate all references to or copies of primary documentation proving these relationships.

(ED. NOTE: My records show that Eleanor Graves married Thomas Kimbrough, son of John Kimbrough and Elizabeth Bradley. Since that differs from the ancestor chart, which is correct?

Also, can anyone provide information on descendants of the children of Thomas Graves who married Hannah Simmons, especially the other children and descendants of Jacob Graves?

Also, there is still uncertainty about the wife or wives of John<sup>6</sup> Graves, the son of Thomas<sup>5</sup> Graves and Ann Davenport. One theory is that John first married Catherine Herndon and then m(2) Isabella Lea, possibly in 1752 or 1753. Isabella may have been a daughter of James Lea and Ann Herndon, or perhaps of James Lea and Ann Tolbert, as shown on the chart. If Thomas<sup>7</sup> Graves was born in 1740 as shown on the chart, and if his father really was married twice, then Catherine Herndon was probably his mother. Can anyone provide more evidence?)

Mrs. Kay Mattson, 60 Sierra Dr., Sedona, AZ 86336, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, via Thomas<sup>5</sup> m. Ann Davenport, David<sup>6</sup>, Edmund<sup>7</sup>, John William<sup>8</sup>, Fleming R.<sup>9</sup>, is still trying to find proof that Edmund<sup>7</sup> Graves is the one called Roman Graves in a family history.

She also sent information on the descendants of David<sup>6</sup> Graves that provides the ancestry for two Association members, both descended from **Susanna Graves** and Thomas E. Martin. On p. 41, 1993 GFNL was a query for Ms. Tada Lyons Darsie, and a query for Mr. Ben H. Coffman was on p.61, 1992 GFNL.

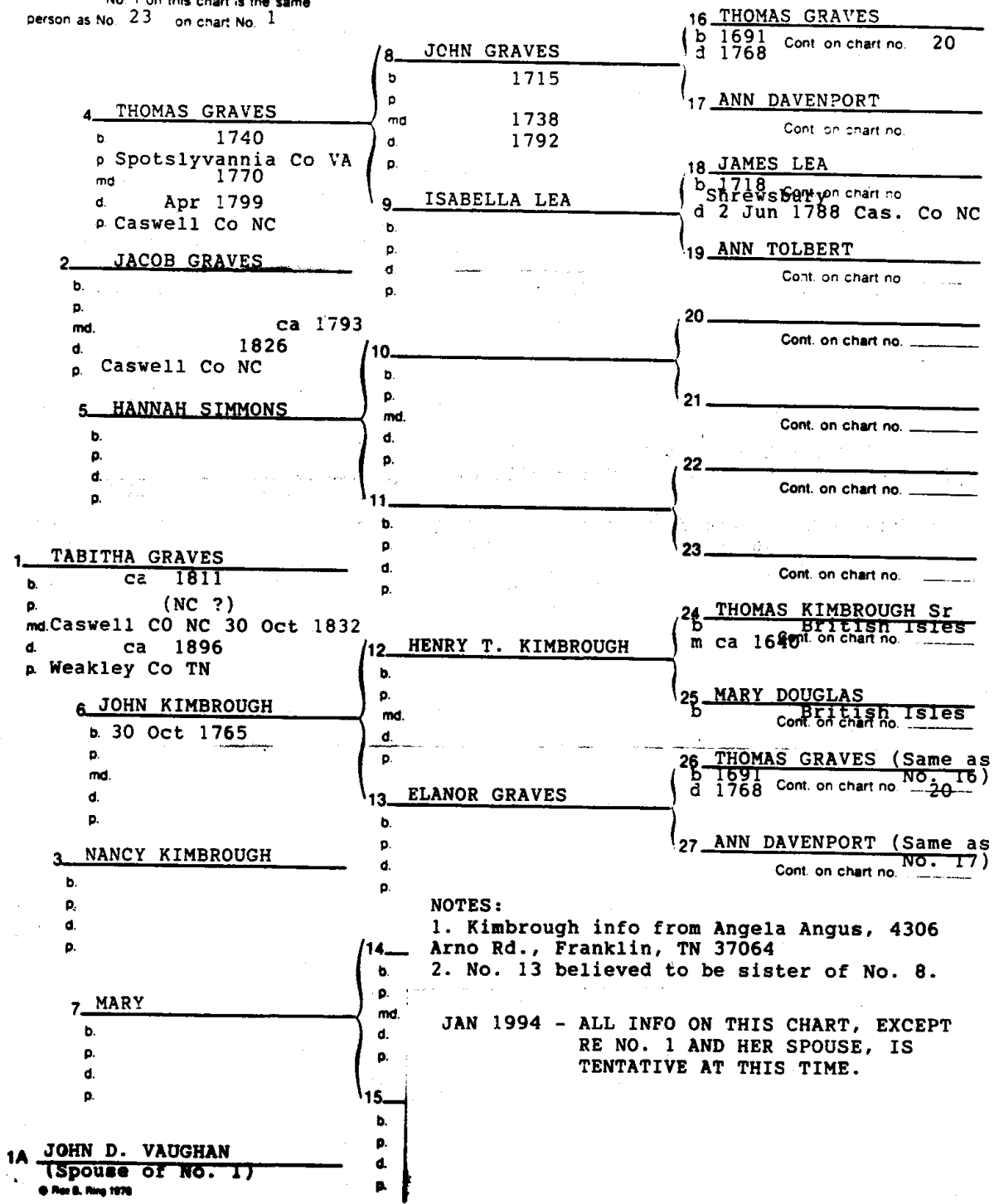
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# LINEAGE CHART

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Chart No 19  
Jan 1994

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 23 on chart No. 1



### NOTES:

1. Kimbrough info from Angela Angus, 4306 Arno Rd., Franklin, TN 37064
2. No. 13 believed to be sister of No. 8.

JAN 1994 - ALL INFO ON THIS CHART, EXCEPT RE NO. 1 AND HER SPOUSE, IS TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME.

Mrs. Mattson shows the children of David Graves as:

- Edmund Graves, b.c. 1762 (Mrs. Matson's ancestor)
- Elizabeth Graves, b. 1775-76, m. John (or David) Leatherman.
- Richard ("Dickey") Graves, b. 1776-77, m. Nellie Tilley.
- Susannah ("Sukey") Graves, b.c. 1780, Surry Co., NC, d. 19 Sept. 1851, Putnam Co., IN, m. Thomas E. Martin, 22 or 28 Aug. 1801, Shelby Co., KY.
- daughter, m. William Burgin
- daughter, m. William Connally

(ED. NOTE: I also have as children William Graves, b. 1763, and Samuel Graves, b. 1791, m. Priscilla Hedden.)

Mr. Ben H. Coffman, Box 67, Center Point, IN 47840, also found that his Susanna Graves (mentioned in the preceding query) was a daughter of David Graves, and has submitted more information on the descendants.

Mrs. Glenda M. Jenson, P.O. Box 36112, Louisville, KY 40233-6112, wrote that two of her aunts and some other relatives have done a lot of research on the family, and she has been entering much of it into her computer.

The information she has received shows the lineage as follows: (1) Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, (2) Francis Graves, b.c. 1630, (3) Francis Graves, b. 1677, (4) William Graves, b. 1700, (5) Francis Graves, b. 1724, m. Susannah Longest, (6) Luca Graves, b. 1766, m. James Spearman, (7) Graves Spearman, b. 1793, m. Rhoda Worthington, (8) Zora (?) Elizabeth ("Betsy") Spearman, b. 1820, m. Richard Field Adams, (9) Archibald L. Adams, b. 1842, m. Selah Ann ("Anna") Harrison, (10) Zora Spearman Adams, b. 1866, m. Nancy Clara Callaway, (11) Hazel Lillie Adams, b. 189-, m. Isaac Napoleon Mitchell, (12) Horace Lee Mitchell, b. 1912, m. Oleva Mae Shaw, (13) Glenda Lee Mitchell, b. 1934, m. Jerry Joe Jenson.

Her branch of the family moved to TX from GA when Zora Spearman Adams was about 8 years old.

(ED. NOTE: There is an error in this line of descent. William<sup>4</sup> Graves did have a son Francis, but he died without wife or child and his heirs were his brothers Peyton and William Graves. Also, William<sup>4</sup> was b.c. 1724 rather than 1700, so he could not have had a son Francis born in 1724.

The correct descent is: Thomas<sup>1</sup>, Francis<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, b.c. 1684-5, m. Elizabeth Moody, Francis<sup>4</sup>, b. 1724, Luca<sup>5</sup> Graves.)

In addition to the suggestion that the name of the Francis Graves who was born 1724 married Susannah Longest (possible daughter of Timothy Longest), the information also contains the suggestion that the name of Capt. Thomas Graves' wife was Katherine Stone (others have suggested it was Katherine Croshaw). Can anyone provide substantiation for any of these claims?

Ms. Verna Lerdall, 6042 NW 48th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73122-4009, is descended from HENRY GRAVES and Nancy Daniel. Henry was b.c. 1765, d. May 1808 in Person Co., NC, and married 2 Dec. 1789 in Granville Co., NC.

Their children were: Martha ("Patsey") Graves, b.c. 1789, NC, m. Jacob Couch, 3 Nov. 1813, Person Co., NC; John W. Graves, b.c. 1791, NC, m. Martha Bull, 8 Nov. 1814, Person Co., NC; Mary ("Polly") C. Graves, b.c. 1794, Person Co., NC, m. Jesse Brandon, 2 March 1816, Person Co., NC; Leah Graves, b.c. 1796, Person Co., NC; Nancy Graves, b. 1800, Person Co., NC, m. Williamson Moore, 3 March 1817, Person Co., NC.

She would like to learn more about her part of the family and its ancestry.

(ED. NOTE: Henry Graves is descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA as follows: Thomas<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>3</sup>, Ralph<sup>4</sup>, Henry White<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, Henry<sup>7</sup> m. Nancy Daniel.)