

## COMMENTS

I must say that the only child that has been verified to be the child of Nathan Byars born 1749 in North Carolina and died in 1845 Spartanburg Dist. SC and Drucilla Harrelson is Martha Byars born 31 Dec 1774, the first wife and mother of his children, Abner Womack. This is proved in the Womack Bible and the obituary of the last child of Abner Womack and Martha Byars. His obit said he was the last child of 16 children of the same mother and father. Abner Womack's second wife was also named Martha and was much younger than Martha Byars. In his Will Abner told his children to treat her as if she was their mother because she had been the best step mother anyone could have.

There is no doubt that Nathan Byars and Delphy Logan had a son Jackson. He was a witness for his father's pension. It is believed that his full name was Andrew Jackson Byars.

There has been a question about Delilah that married Robert Martin. More than likely she was also the child of Nathan and Delphy. The 1850 Spartanburg Dist. SC census indicated she was born in 1807/1808. She named a daughter Delphy and a daughter Drucilla. Drucilla is also a Martin family name.

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I hope you find something to help in your search. Most of our members found something to help them along the way to a documented lineage. That's what we all strive for

Clovis Byars Herring,  
Buffalo, Texas,  
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## BACK INTO GENEALOGY

When I mailed Volume VI No. 2 of the Byars - Byers Family Enquirer I had no idea it would be the last issue I would publish. I had Graves Disease, a thyroid condition that had been working on me for several years. It was not diagnosed until June 1992. It seemed that each time I thought I was ready to jump back in and pick up where I left off we would have another crisis in our family. In 1995 when our son died, I put the tops on my genealogy file boxes.

Genealogy is one of the things I love. I enjoy the hunt, and savor the find. I missed it.

A couple of years ago my sister decided that I needed to get back into genealogy. On top of that, she decided I needed to learn how to use a computer. So, she bought me a computer, brought it to my house, set it up and put me online. I'm sure there were times when she thought she had made a big mistake. I called her at all hours of the day and night, asking her questions and telling her how my computer was not doing what I wanted it to do. But she never stopped loving me and thanks to her we now work as a team.

The world of genealogy has more tools and ways to prove your lineage now more than any time in history. The computer, email DNA websites etc add so much to help us find our ancestors.

However we must never forget to use them as tools and remember we still need documentation. Please don't hesitate to ask someone for their source. If they don't want you to have it, it's because they can't produce it.

I have been contacted by many people in these last few years wanting copies of *The Byars - Byers Family Enquirer*. Because of them I decided to put them on CD's. This is the most economical way to furnish them for everyone that is interested.

I still live in the country. The closest place for me to get this done is Office Depot in Palestine. They don't have all the state of the art programs and I'm not sure these will be searchable. So, I am including a list of the index for each issue. I am going to try to correct some of the errors I made also. But if you don't see a note on these first pages for a correction please keep in mind that everyone was encouraged to send in additions and corrections. So you may just find a correction in the next issue.

Back then I had Marjorie Stewart Tucker, Dorothy Hays, Steve Byars and others to keep me in line. Marjorie and Dorothy are up above asking questions they could never get answers for here on earth. Steve is still around, thank goodness, but he is not as active in genealogy as he once was. Martha Byars is now settled back in Tennessee and we have been working together on some of the problems that still plague those that think they descend from Nathan Byars and Drucilla Harrelson.

I am still a nag about documentation. We still need to document the children of Nathan Byars and Drucilla Harrelson. There are still missing pieces to each line we were working on fifteen years ago.

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### CORRECTIONS by CLOVIS

Vol. I, No.1, 9, 10, 11, 12:

The statement that the first child of Nathan Byars and Drucilla Harrelson was base born. And that Drucilla either had a child by Nathan or was pregnant. That was in error. The Bible Records of the Abner Womack Family state Martha Byars was the natural daughter of Nathan Byars and Drucilla. Did not mean she was illegitimate. The wording regarding lawful children is included in many wills. The illegitimate child of a daughter could inherit, but back then, I am told, unless a man acknowledged a child, that child could not inherit.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for being part of this research effort. I have appreciated hearing from each of you and believe that by putting all our resources together we can help each other in many ways.

You know, we may not have a common blood line, but no matter how we spell our name we do have a common bond. We are all looking for the same thing, our family history.

The first thing that I want to make clear to each of you is this: The Enquirer is OUR publication. It belongs to all of us. There is no way that I can do this alone and I need your comments, suggestions, help and support, if this venture is to succeed. By reading your letters I get the impression that you are willing to help, so I have a good feeling about this.

We are starting small, but I am not discouraged. It has been said that, "The only way to reach the end of your destination is to make the first step," and this is ours.

Because of economics we do need more members. The more members, the cheaper the printing. Once a certain membership is gained, the less postage required for mailing each copy. I hope each of you will encourage others to join so we can have a bigger issue each time. At this point twenty pages is all the membership dues will support. As our membership grows so will the pages.

There are things you should know about me. I am a serious researcher, but don't take myself very seriously, and like to see some humor in almost every situation. I can, do, have, and will, accept the fact that all of my ancestors were not perfect. Actually I rather enjoy the "spice" some of them have added to my family tree.

I like dusty-musty courthouses, Libraries, Archives, Cemeteries and lots of mail in the box. I believe in documentation and have come to realize that although there is always a grain of truth in them, family stories are NOT the Gospel.

I warn you in advance that I will ask the following questions: Where did you get that? What makes you think so? What kind of proof do you have? I ask these questions because I have been on too many "wild goose chases" in the past because I failed to ask these questions before I trotted off to the dark recesses of a distant courthouse, or wrote to a State Archives, only to find it was never there to start with.

It gives me great pleasure to see anyone get interested in tracing their family tree, and believe we should do everything we can to help and encourage them. I dislike page after page of genealogical abbreviations. Too many of them looks like a foreign language to the beginner and can turn them away forever.

Some advanced genealogist tend to forget how they struggled to learn the basics of research. They make complicated charts, with no dates or explanations and speak with a strange tongue, but I love each and everyone of them.

We all have our methods of research. What I miss, you may find, while on the other hand, I may quickly see where you should look for the answer to your problem. I am lucky. I have many friends, but there are three in particular that love to do research as much as I do. We spend a lot of time together, going to Libraries, taking research trips etc. We have found that when we hit a snag it helps to lay our papers out and have a round table discussion about it. We can never solve each others problems, but we can and do offer suggestions about the next step to take. Believe me it helps.

And that is one of the things I would like for us to do in the "ENQUIRER". Let's share, make suggestions, give each other tips and find our ancestors together. We can have fun as well as extend our lineage.

FROM THE EDITOR, continued

Seriously now, I think you all know that a mistake in genealogy, once it's printed, is almost impossible to correct. And for some reason or the other, I have noticed that many of the early genealogies are being proven wrong. So I don't think we should take any thing for granted, until we look at ALL the evidence. And how can we get all of the evidence? By sharing our sources and resources.

You have already learned that I tend to get rather long winded when it comes to genealogy. But I promise to limit this section of future issues.

GOOD NEWS

Dorothy Hays has agreed to be one of my advisers. Many of you already know Dorothy, and those that don't, soon will and I know you will appreciate her as much as I do. I would like to have a couple of volunteers to help me make decisions from time to time. It won't take a lot of time. When something comes up I'll write and explain and ask for your opinion. If you're willing, please let me know.

Now it's time to get down to business. I wait for your comments and suggestions.

*Clavis*

WILLIAM BYARS/BYERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR PERIOD

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[Dorothy has been a dedicated Byars/Byers researcher, and has shared generously with every one. I think it only fitting that this article is No. 1, in Volume I, of this publication. cbh]

In search of the parents of my great grandfather, Thomas T. BYARS, born ca 1836. He, as well as his parents, were born in SC according to the 1880 Chester Co., SC census. He raised his family in Chester Co., and is buried there.

This search has led to many interesting discoveries, not only to the variety of spellings of the two main lines, Byars/Byers, but to the frustrating fact of two persons of the same name being in the same Archive file: Spartanburg Dist., File #436, Box 3, Pkg 15. (See I & II below), and two persons of the same name filed together in the Pension Application File (see I & IV below) It was at this point I decided someone needed to try to sort out the various Williams - seven (?) of them!

The BYERS of York Co., SC (III & IV), and the BYERS of Rutherford Co., NC and Spartanburg Dist., SC (I, II & V) were two distinct families, and to date I have not found them intermarrying. The Williams (VI & VII) are not yet clear to us in their relationship to the other BYARS of S.C.

The National DAR Numbers listed by each William, are all the Williams in their records.

I believe there are many more descendants who may have information that would help in our search. We especially need to know more about those sons where no information is listed by their name. Who they married, who their children were etc. I do want to know who the parents of my Thomas T. BYARS were!

So, if anyone has knowledge of these, or any other BYARS/BYERS, or any allied line, PLEASE SHARE IT. Corrections and/or additions are most welcome. Postage gladly refunded. All letters will be answered.

## WILLIAM BYARS/BYERS, continued

- I. William Byars (NDAR Nos. 590183, 614347-SC Archives Rev. Accts. Aud.).  
Born ca 1760 VA. (Per an 1880 Census) Died 8 Nov. 1819 Spartanburg Dist.,  
SC (Estate papers in File #436, Bx 3, Pkg. 15 1819). Married ca 1785  
Elizabeth BEDFORD, born 1763 PA. Died 1847 Chickasaw Co., MS, daughter of  
Jonas BEDFORD and Amasa "Merly" RAYMOND.  
CHILDREN: (Order not known)
1. Robert Byars, born ca 1786 (see note #1)
  2. Rev. Seth Byars, born ca 1796, married Martha "Patsy" RAY, daughter  
of Frederick and Nancy (HARWELL) RAY. (see note #2)
  3. Lydia Byars
  4. Nancy Byars
  5. Joseph Byars
  6. Jonas Bedford Byars, born 1790 SC, went to Blount Co., AL 1818,  
married Sarah DAVIS.
  7. James Byars, born 1794 SC, married Mary F. RICHARDS, daughter of Rev.  
Joshua Richards. Died 1865, Calhoun Co., MS. (see note #3)
  8. Susie Byars
  9. Eunice Byars
  10. Joab Byars, born 11 Aug 1807 SC. Married 10 Aug 1829, Spartanburg  
Dist. SC, Henrietta ARENDALE (ARNOLD/ARUNDELL). (see note #4)
  11. Rebekah Byars
  12. Elizabeth Byars, married 1st cousin, James BEDFORD, son of Seth and  
Mary Francis Bedford. (see note #4)
  13. Charlotte Byars, married John W. MELTON (see note #4)
  14. Andrew Byars, married Nancy ?

NOTES:

1. Robert Byars born ca 1786 is the line of Attny William R. Byars, 314  
Cook Springs Dr. Camden, SC 29020
2. Rev. Seth Byars born ca 1796 is the line of the husband of Mrs. T.J.  
Bedford, 11305 Chanticleer Dr. Pensacola, FL 32507
3. James Byars born ca 1794 is the line of Nell Byars Thaten, 5815 Orchid  
Lane, Dallas, TX 75230. See her book, BYARS FAMILY HISTORY.
4. Joab Byars, born 11 Aug 1807 is the line of Mrs. Carol M. Backstrom,  
8623 Bayou Castelle, Gautier, MS 39553. She provided children #12 and 13.

This William Byars had a brother, James who also served in the Rev. War.  
He was born 22 Oct. 1761, Granville, Co., NC. He died 1 Jan 1835 Spartanburg  
Dist., SC. He married Sarah PEGG, daughter of Edward Pegg. She died 1 Jan 1838,  
in Pickens Co., AL. Their children were: Polly, Betsy, Amy, Franky, and John,  
who married Catherine ?, who were born between ca 1790 and 1794 in Spartanburg  
Dist., SC. The family then moved to Chester Dist., SC ca 1794-95 where Reuben,  
Sally and Susan were born between 1795-99. About 1802-3 the family returned to  
Spartanburg Dist., SC, where the youngest child, Isaiah was born ca 1803. (Isaiah  
went to Pickens Co., AL). James Byars became a tenant in 1804 for Michael  
Gaffney of Cherokee Co., SC.

The 1790 census, Spartanburg Dist. shows only ten houses between James  
BYRAR and William BIAS.

Was this the James Byars who purchased 200 acres, west side of Broad River,  
including two improvements on River 1 Jan 1787? (Vol. 11, pg 47, State Plats, SC  
28 Jan 1786). In the Index to SC Land Grants there are four listings in the year  
1787 for James Byars (Vol. 15, pg 168 & Vol. 16, pp 109 & 440). Is this the same  
James Byars ?

On 19 Nov 1805 James Byars sold 42 acres on west side of Broad River to  
William Ellis (BK. K, pg 426). Thomas Byars and William Wilson were witnesses.

## WILLIAM BYARS/BYERS, continued

Who was this Thomas, and what relationship to James? (A Thomas Byars appears on Spartanburg Dist. census records for the years 1800, 1810, 1820). Where did this Thomas go ?

Was Nathan Byars Sr., another Rev. War Soldier, born 1749 Granville Co., NC, died 1846 Spartanburg Co., SC related to William and James? Nathan had land where the National Cowpens Battleground is in Cherokee Co., SC.

Who was the William Byars (another one) who served in the Rev. War in Granville Co., NC ? (Col. Records of NC, Vol. 22, pg 371) and Colonial Granville Co., and It's People, by Ray, pg 301. The NC State Records, Vol. 22, pg 174, "Persons in Island Creek Dist. who have taken the State oath of Loyalty 22 May 1778, Nathan Byers and William Byers."

II. William Byars (BUYS) born ca 1760 NC (no DAR record). Died 1800 Spartanburg Dist., SC. His will spells his name BUYS. Will, 1819, File #436, Bx 3, Pkg 15. NOTE: Same file as I above. Married Sarah ?

Children: As listed in Will, name spelled BUISE for children.

1. John
2. Abraham
3. Jonathan
4. Eliuah
5. Elisha
6. Noah
7. Enoch
8. David
9. Lida, daughter
10. Jonathan, Grandson

NOTES:

An E.A. Byars, born 2 Oct 1800, wife Mary, buried Camp Ck. Baptist Church Cemetery in Cherokee, Co., SC.

Elisha Byars is the line of Mrs. Ethel Hamrick, Rt. 2, Bx 539, Gaffney, SC 29340

Is this the Elisha who owned land in Cleveland Co., NC ?

Who is the Noah Byars who married 23 April 1851, Emelia ROBERTSON, in Rutherford Co., NC ?

Is Noah Turner Byars, born 1808 SC related to this family ?

III. Capt. William Byers (NDAR No. 547600) born ca 1730 Ireland. To PA with father, then to VA came to York Co., SC ca 1765. (His brother David, also Rev. War Soldier, came to York Co., SC ca 1765) Married ca 1760 Elizabeth WALTON of Rockbridge, VA. She was born ca 1740 and died ca 1795.

## CHILDREN:

1. Edward born 5 Dec 1761, Augusta Co., VA, died 13 March 1832, York Co., SC. Married first, 4 May 1786, Martha ALEXANDER; married second, 16 Aug 1796, Elizabeth BYERS, a first cousin (See V); married third, 10 May 1804, Mrs. Mary (Polly SMITH) CHAMBERS, widow.
2. Nancy born 1763 VA. Died 20 May 1818, York Co., SC. Married Major Adam MEEK.
3. William JR., born 9 April 1765 VA., died 24 Aug 1816, married Sarah HOPE
4. Lorena, born 29 Jan 1767, York Co., SC, died 21 July 1837, Dallas Co., AL. Married Capt. Thomas WOOD

## WILLIAM BYARS/BYERS, continued

5. Elizabeth, born 15 Sep 1796, York Co., SC, died 21 July 1852, Logan Co., KY, married Rev. Ephraim McLEAN.
6. Susannah, born 12 March 1771, York Co., SC, died 3 April 1844, York Co., SC, married Capt. James MEEK, Brother of Maj. Adam Meek.
7. David, born 3 Oct. 1774, York Co., SC, died 16 Aug 1862, York Co. SC, married 27 Aug 1795, Mary GORDON.

NOTES:

William Byers had 130 acres granted by NC, 18 April 1771, and 320 acres conveyed 22 July 1768 from Chas. McKNIGHT.

Edward Byers and his third wife Mary, are the ancestors of E.O. Parker, 5012 Circle Dr., Columbia, SC 29206

Susannah Byers is the line of Dr. Melton Meek, 3410 N.W. Oak, Lawton, OK 73505

- IV. William Byers SR, (NDAR No. 401121) born 6 April 1747, York Co., PA, came to York Co., SC with his father David, brother of Capt. William Byers (III above). Died Feb 1837, Williamson Co., TN, where he went in 1816. He married Jane (HOPE?).

## CHILDREN:

1. Samuel born ca 1770
2. Margaret, born ca 1772, married 16 Aug 1796 ? WATSON.
3. Williamson, born ca 1776, married Martha ADAMS.
4. David, born 3 March 1778, married Elizabeth C. ?
5. Elizabeth, born 1780 married Edward BYERS. (See III)
6. William, JR, born 1783, died 2 March 1851, Williamson Co., TN. (Will Bk. 10, pg 117). Married first Keziah ? . Married second Sussanah GOLDEN.
7. Sarah, born 25 Oct. 1784, married William SMITH.
8. Edward, born 1787, married Jane HENRY. Died 3 Nov 1851, Pike Co., MO. (Will)
9. James, born 3 March 1788 married Elizabeth ?

- V. William Byers (No DAR record), born ca 1740-50. Came to Rutherford Co., NC. Died ca 1794-5 in Burke or Rutherford Co., NC. Married Sarah Ann DOGGETT, a widow (She married 3rd Joel BLACKWELL). Born ca 1745, died 12 Aug 1823.

## CHILDREN: (order not known)

1. George K., born ca 1760-70, NC., died 1843, Butts Co., GA. Married Anna BLACKWELL, daughter of Joel Blackwell.
2. Stripling, born 1768, died 1836. Married Elizabeth ?
3. Elizabeth, born ca 1774, married 9 May 1795 to John KELLY.
4. James, born ca 1770-80, died Jefferson Co., AL. Married Elizabeth WALKER, daughter of Thaddeus D. and Nancy (BYARS) Walker. Nancy was daughter of Nathan Byers, SR.
5. Sarah, married Rev. George KELLY.
6. Charles.

NOTES:

A reference to William Byers being a REV. Soldier in DOGGETT FAMILY BOOK, Pub. 1894. He took Loyalty oath.

George K. Byers is the line of Mrs. Vera Martin (Mrs. W.L. Jr.), 2969 King Alfred Dr., Macon, GA 31204. Also the line of Mrs. Faye Robbins, Rt. 6 Bx 2280, Cullman, AL 35055. And of Harold W. Rollins, 2506 Cherokee Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

## WILLIAM BYARS/BYERS, continued

For line of this William Byers see; HISTORY of BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA, 1825-1976, Pub. by the William McIntosh Chapter, DAR, Jackson, GA., pp. 554-7

- VI. William Byers (NDAR Nos. 410331, 455050) born 5 July 1764, VA. Died 24 Nov 1834, Darke Co., OH (Will Darke Co) married Susannah FRY. He enlisted 1781, age 17, Botetourt Co., VA. Rev. Pensions, pp 27-28, Cert. 25904, 27 Jan 1834.

## CHILDREN: (Known)

1. Isaac, born 9 March 1796, VA., died 22 Jan 1853, Darke Co., OH. Married Rachel PIERCE.
2. David, married Mary (Polly) ABBOTT.
3. John
4. Sarah, married Enos PIERCE.

- VII. William Byers (NDAR Nos. 308872, 299911) born ca 1735 VA. (Probably Augusta Co., now Rockbridge). Died 3 June 1811, Lawrence Co., PA., age 76 years. (Will, Mercer Co., PA. See Brumaugh's REV. SOLDIERS, pg 614. He served as a Private, given bounty land in Military Dist. in OH. Ohio borders Mercer and Lawrence Co's., PA. See pg 238, AMERICAN BOYERS) Married Ann ?, born 1739, died 15 Feb 1817. age 77 years.

## CHILDREN: (Known)

1. Samuel born 1762, died 16 Dec. 1839, age 77 years. Married first Jane KINCAID in York Co., PA. Married second Sarah ?. born 1762, died 1836

## Children: (known)

- A. James, 1800-1890, married Elizabeth PIPER.
- B. Andrew, 1804-1875, married Margaret BAIRD.
- C. Bell, married John Cunningham ORR.

2. William, born 1767.

NOTE: The two William Byers (VI & VII) above are included because the descendants of the following have believed the ancestors of William David Byers, were related in some way to these Williams. (Who were the parents of William David Byers?).

William David Byers, born ca 1765, died 1814. Married first (who?) (Had 2 daughters?). Married second Henrietta ?, born ca 1792, died 6 Feb. 1864, age 77 years.

## CHILDREN: (Known)

1. Perry Harrison, born 20 Jan 1816, died 1 March 1899 (Buried Macedonia Cemetery, Gaffney). Married 2 June 1839, Sarah (Sally) COOPER, daughter of James and Sarah (Sally) (SCRUGGS) Cooper. Is she daughter of Rev. Drury Scruggs?
2. Rev. David Dero, (Methodist Circuit Rider). Born 10 May 1823, Spartanburg Dist. SC., died 10 Sep 1887. Married 12 Sep 1855, Malissa O'DELL of Pickens, Co., SC.
3. Isaiah Iverson, born 1826, died 6 April 1835, age 9 years.

NOTES:

Perry Harrison Byers has many descendants living in Cherokee Co., SC and is the line of Mrs. Dorothy H. Andrews, 606 College Dr. Gaffney, SC 29340.  
Rev. David Dero Byers has many descendants living Pickens Co.,



NATHAN BYARS, 1749 - 1846

## A SUMMARY

by Clovis Byars Herring

It seems that every road I take in the search of the father of my Nathan Byars, born ca 1795 N.C. leads to Nathan Byars and his wife Drucilla Harrelson, through their son, Nathan Jr. But I have no proof, for Nathan Jr. is an elusive man. I may be chasing the wrong man, but I find Nathan Byars Sr., a rather interesting person. So if you will, let's go over the facts and perhaps we can better sort out the family.

Nathan Byars Sr was born in Granville Co., NC in 1749<sup>1</sup>. He married twice: first to Drucilla Harrelson; second to Delphy Logan.

We know Nathan was a soldier in the Revolutionary War<sup>2</sup> and that "his father told him that he was a small boy at the time of Gen. Braddocks defeat." I feel certain Nathan was referring to the French and Indian War of 1755.<sup>3</sup>

Nathan Sr. served as a Private. He was drafted three times and served for three months each time. He also volunteered for a three month tour, where he served in the western part of NC, guarding the frontier against the Indians. He was stationed principally at Hillsborough NC and the surrounding area.

At the advanced age of ninety-five years, when he applied for his Military Pension, Nathan was unable to remember the exact dates of his service. He remembered being in the service during the time that the battle of King's Mountain (1780) and Eutaw Springs (Sept. 1781) was fought, saying he did not participate in these battles. He served under Capt. John Cunningham, Maj. Moore, Col. Ramey and Capt. Forker.

The Byars family were early settlers in Granville Co., NC.<sup>4</sup> Both John and William Byars have been suggested as the father of Nathan. However, as of this writing, I do not feel we have enough evidence to draw a conclusion.

The date of Nathan's marriage to Drucilla Harrelson (many variant spellings) has not been found. A theory that the first child of Nathan's and Drucilla's was base born, was based on the fact that when Drucilla's father, Burgess Harrelson wrote his Will in Orange Co., NC., on 9 October, 1772, he did "give and bequeath to my daughter Drucilla Harrelson two hundred acres of land," It's possible Drucilla was pregnant or had a base born child at the time this Will was written because Burgess Harrelson added this clause to his Will. "It is my will and desire that if any of my children should died before they have lawful heirs begotten that what lands I have left it may return to the others that have lawful heirs and be equally divided amongst them."<sup>5</sup> (If anyone has found copies of Burgess Harrelson's probate records, or when his Will was proved, please share.)

Drucilla was born ca 1743-50. Her mother was Elizabeth, whose maiden name is in question. According to Mrs. Irene Charlton, a genealogist of many years states that the name Gaines was published in error many years ago, but there is not any proof.

In 1777, Nathan Byars is shown in Caswell Co., NC<sup>6</sup>. On August 2, 1778 he took the oath of fealty and was certified. There were many land transactions both selling and buying in Granville, Co., NC from 1780 through 1784,<sup>8</sup> yet in Caswell Co., he made Indentures for land there in 1781 and 1784.<sup>9</sup> We assume the family moved to Rutherford Co., NC<sup>10</sup> about 1793-95 for we find him there in the land records, beginning in 1793

It is apparent that Nathan's performance as a husband left a lot to be desired, and in 1801, the marriage began to break apart, due to his actions. Drucilla's divorce petition tells the story. [ A typed copy of the document was submitted by Dorothy Hogwood. Thank you very much Dorothy. Will you send us the Volume and page number, so we can complete the record?] Drucilla's petition reads as follows:

NATHAN BYARS, continued

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

The humble petition of Drusilla Byars of Rutherford County in the said State wife of Nathan Byars of the same County she with, that your petitioner when married was worth a considerable estate, that her said husband had little or no property; that your petitioner lived in harmony with her husband for a great many years in which time she had 10 children during all which time ever since she hath used her best endeavor to improve their property and support their family, did use unremitted exertions to render her said husband happy. That about seven years ago her husband did withdraw his affection from her and did refuse giving her any protection or support and did convince her to leave his house, she repeated and returned and was often obliged to abandon his house to resort to the cold charity of the world for subsistence.

Your petitioner on representing these facts to the Court of Equity of Morgan District had a decree was made in her favor, but she finds no decree can be availing until she is authorized to hold any property she may acquire as she can find no friend who feels sufficient interest to induce him to act as a trustee, and to secure and defend any property to which she might be entitled.

Now your petitioner humbly prays that an act of Assembly be made authorizing her to hold property which she may acquire and to maintain and defend suit in her own name.

October 11, 1808

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Drusilla X Byars  
markPetition of  
Drusilla Byars  
of Rutherford CountyState of North Carolina  
Burk County

Court of Equity

I Adolphus L. Erwin Clerk

Master in Equity for said County do hereby certify that Drusilla Byars, did prefer a Bill of Complaint in the Court of Equity for the district of Morgan against her husband Nathan Byars, and obtained a decree in her favor for a separate maintenance in said Court that Writs of purefacing up side from several terms of said Court, and the Sheriff hath not found by his ruling sufficient property to satisfy the Court of the said Suit and that no part of the decree hath been yet satisfied.

Given under my hand at office in Morgantown November 2nd 1808

A.L. Erwin Clk

Petition of Drusilla Byars of Rutherford County

Praying a law be passed securing to her such property as she may herself later acquire.

In Senate November 24th 1808

Read and referred to the committee on Divorce  
and Alimony E/e

By order M. Stokes Clk Mr. Pickens

Granted In House of Commons 24 November 1808 read orders at by the Senate

By order

Honorable H.B.

This document not only settles the question of divorce, but it also leaves no doubt as to the number of children that were born to Nathan and Drusilla. Drusilla did finally get some money from Nathan with the help of her son-in-law Thaddeus Walker, on 13 July 1809.

No one seems to know when and where Drucilla died. I read (cannot find my source) that at that time the aggrieved (Drucilla) in a divorce could remarry, but the aggriever (Nathan) could not, without the permission of the aggrieved. Could this mean that

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Drucilla lived until ca 1818-19, when Nathan married Delphy Logan? We know she was living with her daughter in 1809. Is it possible she remarried? How can we locate her grave ?

Now that we know for sure that Nathan and Drucilla had only ten children (See also 1790, Rutherford County Census) we must learn to ignore the things previously written, giving them eleven children or more. I have read several accounts that say after Drucilla died Nathan married Delphy and this may be true. We believe the five daughter and five sons born to Nathan and Drucilla were: (order and exact birthdates are not known, except for one child) [NOTE: The material below is compiled from Dorothy Hays worksheets, my research and material from others] CHILDREN: [SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON DOCUMENTATION, All agree on first nine children]

I. Drucilla Jane, born ca 1772, ~~was the first wife of Abner WOMACK~~. Abner was born 10 Feb, 1769, the son of Thomas H. and Louvica RICE WOMACK. There is some question about which children were born to Drucilla and which were born to her sister Martha. There were eighteen to twenty-two children attributed to Abner and it has been suggested [By Irene Charlton] that the Martha mentioned as his wife was in fact a third wife named Martha. I tend to agree with Irene, because Abner says in his will "Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Martha Womack, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and bearing in the county of Warren and State of Tennessee on Mountain Creek, it being the same tract that I am possessed of by my marriage to her." [Has anyone found a deed of gift from Nathan Byars to any of his daughters? If the Martha named in the Will, was Nathan's daughter where else would she have gotten land if not from him? Have any of Abner's descendants checked his land transactions? You may be able to determine about when Drucilla died by the signature of the wife]

Russell L. CLARK, 245 E. Standley St. Ukiah, CA 94582, is a descendant of Abner Womack and Drucilla Jane Byars, through their son William.

1. William Womack was born 23 March 1792 in Rutherford Co. NC. He married Didama WEBB, 7 Nov 1811 in Warren Co., TN. Didama was born 6 June 1792 VA., the daughter of Jesse and Didama (TOWNSEND) WEBB. Their children were:
  - A. Abner Byars Womack, born 31 Mar 1813, McMinnville, Warren Co. TN, married Mary M \_\_\_\_?. He died 31 Jan 1887 Eldorado Springs, Cedar Co., MO.
  - A. Nathan Womack, born ca 1814 married Ann Mariah? 2nd Julia Ann Minks.
  - C. Thomas Townsend Womack born 1819, married Elizabeth HARMON, died 2 Aug 1855, Shelby Co. IL
  - D. Jesse Womack born 3 June 1829, married 24 Jan 1850 Lydia HAM, died 22 Sep 1899, Moultrie Co., IL. Buried Liberty Cemetery.
  - E. Berry Harrel Womack, born 9 Oct 1831, Warren Co. TN, married first 21 May 1851, Shelby Co. IL to Mary E. DUNN. Married second 2 July 1856, Milly DUNN. Died 23 April 1913, Shelby Co., IL, buried Sandcreek Cemetery.
  - F. Drucilla Womack born ca 1823 TN. Married first 19 May 1841, Shelby Co., IL, Adolphus WAGGONER. Married second William B. ?
  - G. Lucinda Didama Womack born 14 May 1835, Shelby Co. IL, married 25 Dec 1853 Euphrates ELDER. Died 23 Mar 1891, Eldorado Springs, Cedar Co., MO.
  - H. Martha B. Womack, married Isaac CURRY, died 30 June 1877, Eldorado Springs Cedar Co., MO, buried Clintonville Cemetery.
  - I. Senia (Serena) J. Womack, born ca 1833, Shelby Co. IL, married 11 Jan 1854 Wm. B. DODSON. Married second, Mr. ERWIN. Died 1914, buried Liberty Cemetery, Moultrie Co., MO.
  - J. Bal WOMACK (Female) born 1831 ??

SEE RUSSELL'S QUERY THIS ISSUE, MORE ON HIS LINE NEXT ISSUE

NOW WE HAVE A PROBLEM REGARDING CHILDREN. SEE NEXT PAGE AND HELP US FIGURE IT OUT

Did Not Marry  
Abner Womack  
1811 - and James Womack

NATHAN BYARS, continued

PROBLEM, ABNER WOMACK'S CHILDREN. BY WHICH WIFE?????

Gertrude BOYER, 5127 East 31st St., Tulsa, Oklahoma, also descends from Nathan and Drusilla through the Abner Womack marriage. But, he did in fact also marry their daughter:

- II. Martha, born 31 Dec 1774, Granville Co., NC. the second wife of Abner WOMACK. [Gertrude also lists William Womack, married Didama Webb as Abner's first born, but she gives Martha as his mother. Thomas Townsend Womack and his wife Esther Elizabeth Harmon are her great grandparents. THERE SHOULD BE SOME WAY TO FIND OUT WHICH BYARS DAUGHTER HAD WHICH OF ABNER'S CHILDREN. DOES ANY ONE HAVE ANY SUGGESTION ?] Since I don't know I am going to continue listing the known children born to Abner Womack by his two Byars wives.
1. William Womack (see previous page) His son Abner Byars Womack (A.) is Russell Clark's ancestor.
  2. John Burgess Womack, born 16 Sep 1793, married Rebecca RENFRO, died 31 Oct 1846, Lauderdale Co., AL
  3. Nathan Womack, born 8 March 1795 married Louisa WOMACK (1st cousin), died 2 Oct. Tishomingo Co., AL
  4. Burgess (Harrel "Bird") Womack, born 17 April 1796, NC married Sarah WEBB, died 29 April 1874.
  5. Drucilla Womack born 27 Oct 1797 married 14 Jan 1813, Jesse WEBB.
  6. Martha Womack born 5 Feb 1824 (Russell has a ? here & Gertrude does not show her) married Robert CARR.
  7. Patsy Martha Ann Womack born 10 May 1800, married Zeb BAKER
  8. Abner Clemons Womack born 8 Feb 1799, Rutherford Co., NC married Asenth HAND.
  9. Elizabeth Womack born 7 Feb. 1802 married John CARR
  10. Lucy Womack born 29 Aug 1803 married Jack PIGG
  11. Harrell Byars Womack born 29 Mar 1805 (Gertrude does not sho him)
  12. Ransom Pinkney Womack born 12 Nov 1803/8? married Nancy Burkes.
  13. Artelesa (variant spelling) Womack born 1 Aug 1810
  14. Mary "Polly" born 29 Mar 1812
  15. Robert B. Womack, born Oct 1813 married Martha \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  16. Greenberry H. Womack born 1804, killed in a mill.
  17. Lecy Womack (no dates, not on Gertrudes list)
  18. Berryman H. Womack born 18 June 1817, not on Gertrudes list.
- III. Nathan Byars Jr. born ca 1773, Granville Co., NC. Married Milly TURNER. Shown on 1812 Warren Co. TN Tax Roll. [Is the Nathan on the Spartanburg Dist. 1820 census him? There are two Nathan's there at the time. One of them went to Butts Co., GA (I do not have his lineage) The other one is often confused with Nathan Sr. This Nathan had 1 male, under 10, 2 males between 10 & 16, 1 males between 16 & 18 and 1 male over 45. 2 females under 10, 1 female 20 to 16, and 1 female 45 and over. (I don't think it was Nathan Sr. & Delphy because Delphy would have been just 41 at the time) I also found a Nathan Byars in Jefferson County KY in 1810. There was also a Abner Womack in Butler Co. KY in 1810] Nathan Jr. was in Warren Co. TN again in 1830. According to Ura McWhorter Byars, Exits & Entrants, printed in 1974, He was in Lawrance Co., AL on 21 Nov. 1850, and applied for Bounty land. He said he was a first Sergeant in the Company commanded by Col. William Carroll, under Capt. Isaac Cole in a Tennessee Regiment, during the War between the United States and the Creek Indians. However, I have not been able to locate him on an 1850 census. According to McWhorter, He was the father of my Nathan Byars, born ca 1795 NC and married Elizabeth Womack, born ca 1800 in Kentucky. Does anyone have any other information on him?

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- IV. Elizabeth, born 1 Jan 1775, married first Daniel WATKINS Sr. They had four children. Daniel died or was killed in May 1800 and she married second Enoch ANDERSON. They went first to Warren Co. TN, then to Jefferson Co., AL where Elizabeth died 26 Oct 1888. [ I do not have a family group sheet for her]
- V. Nancy, born ca 1776, NC married 16 March 1795, Thaddeus Dudley WALKER. This is just one of the three Byars ancestors of George B. BELL, Rt 1 Bx 138 F, Windsor, SC 29856. I need family group sheets on this couple. There may be someone out there that can connect to this line besides George.
- VI. John Byars Sr. born ca 1777, Caswell ? Co., NC. married Mary Ann "Passie" Logan, daughter of John and Passey (COLLINS) LOGAN. [There has been some confusion about the relationship of Mary Ann and Delphy, the second wife of Nathan Byars Sr. Some think Mary Ann was Delpha's daughter. It would seem from their ages that they could be sisters, rather than mother and daughter. Does anyone have further information on the Logan's?] This family went to Jefferson Co., AL and John died 13 April 1852. He is buried at Tuscaloosa. [Is there a descendant with a family group sheet?]
- VII. Harrel Sr. born 1779 Rutherford Co. NC (per tombstone) is the ancestor of:  
 \*Dorothy Hogwood (Hers husbands line), 412 Parkside Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76108;  
 \*\*Jackson A Byars, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502;  
 \*\*\* Patricia McReynolds, 900 Cypress, Allen, TX 75002  
 \*\*\*\*Audrey Glen, Greenfield IN (Sorry but her mailing address was not on the material which was sent to me by Pat McReynolds.  
 Harrel married Jane "Jennie" GILL, born ca 1785 NC (~~died 1769~~) daughter of Joseph Gill. Harrel died Feb 1874 and both he and "Jennie" are buried in the Womack Family Cemetery, Warren Co., TN. —
- Their Children were: [I have taken this info from several different family group sheets. Please let's verify and correct any information that conflicts.]
1. Joseph G., born 28 Feb 1805, died 1 May 1873, Brown Co. IL, married Sarah "Sally" CLARK.
  2. John L. born 1807 died 1854, married Mary HOPPER. Sncesor of Jackson A. Byars through his son Harrel, b. 1840 Warren Co. TN, died 1923, married Sarah Ann Catherine "Kate" SAUNDERS.
  3. James ( not listed by some)
  4. Nathan, born 27 Dec 1808, died 12 Jan 1894 married Nancy HAND. This is the line of Dorothy Hogwood and Pat McReynolds.
  5. Drucilla born 15 Sep 1810, Warren Co. TX, died 7 Oct 1853, Adams, IL, married James T. HOPPER
  6. Abner no further info
  7. Harrel, born ca 1820 married \_\_\_\_\_ HUMPHRIES.
  8. Jane, no further info
  9. Asenath, no further info
  10. Mary, born 31 Mar 1828 Warren Co. TN, married James WEBB
- VIII. Robert Byars, born ca 1784, Rutherford Co. NC married (?Jane Houston?)  
 Went to Warren Co. TN, in Madison Co. AL 1830
- IX. Delilah, born 1786, died ca 1860-65 married Robert MARTIN

X. The tenth and last child is UNDER QUESTION!! Was it Drury? He was born c. 1809, died 1 May 1845, age 36. He is buried in the Patrick Family Cemetery. Did Drucilla have another child by Nathan after 1801 when their troubles started? THIS SHOULD GIVE SEVERAL PEOPLE SOMETHING TO CHEW ON!! BE SURE TO LET ME KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS. SEND ME SOME DOCUMENTATION TO PROVE OR DISPROVE. YOU WILL NOT MAKE ME MAD OR HURT MY FEELINGS. ONLY BY LOOKING AT ALL THE EVIDENCE CAN WE COME TO THE RIGHT CONCLUSIONS. I'M SURE I DON'T HAVE ALL THE EVIDENCE, DO YOU????

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George, Andrew and Joseph have also been named as the tenth child, some even adding them for a total of 14. We have not gotten into Nathan's life with Delphy, so this summary will continue in the next issue, along with family groups of his descendants as well as comments etc. from those of you that descend from him. Now, remember We are just sorting out here and I am not questioning anyone's research.

NOTES:

- 1 Rev. War Pension Application , Spartanburg Dist. SC #W6223 BL Wt. 30.601.160
- 2 IBID
- 3 A CONDENSED SCHOOL HISTORY of the UNITED STATES, Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co. 1878. pg 100."When within ten miles of Fort Du Quesne, July 9, 1755, Braddock leading as advanced body...was attacked by the French and Indians concealed in the woods. Braddock was not accustomed to American bush fighting...The whole column was thrown into confusion, and fled in panic. Braddock was killed.
- 4 Ray's Colonial Granville & It's People.
- 5 Will of Burgess Harrelson, Orange Co. NC. dated 9 Oct 1772. No proved date found.
- 6 Trace-Dex, Inc Computer Search, Invoice #A001001 pg 10
- 7 Colonial & State Records of NC, vol. XXII,pg 174
- 8 Land Deed records, Granville Co NC. Vol. page #s my files.
- 9 Nathan Byars, Indenture for land Caswell Co. NC, 1st dated 3 Dec 1781, Copy my files. Will publish if anyone interested.
- 10 Nathan Byars, Land Deed Records, Rutherford Co. NC, Vol. pg#'s in my files. Caswell Co NC formed 1777, from Orange Co. Rutherford Co NC formed 1779 from Burke & Tyron.
- 11 Affidavit of William Frederick Franke, Sr. pg 12. Deed Book 25 pg 174
- 12 Will of Abner Womack, dated 28 Dec 1842, Warren Co. TN, Proven Jan term Court 1856.

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From: Jackson A. Byars, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhatten, KS 66502  
[Jackson is a member of the faculty, Kansas State University. He has three children: Jeffery, 20; Steven, 17; and Julie 14]

He say's: "My most burning genealogical research question is that of the ancestry of Nathan BYARS (1749 - 1846). It seems that only a few more connections need to be made to sort out all of the Byars families in the North/South Carolina area from 1700 on." [ I agree and any information you have that will help us do that will be appreciated cbh]

From: James H Gordon, 2360 Bonita St., Lemon Srove, CA 92045

"Would appreciate any information at all, about the father of Mary (Gordon) Byers, Henry GORDON (and his wife Mary JOHNSON); the parents of David Byers and the children of David and Mary Byers.

Enclosed was the following:

1. Deeds of York Co., S.C. 28 Nov 1795. David Byers and wife Mary, of York Co., SC(formerly Mary GORDON daughter of Henry Gordon deceased) to Hugh Gordon, Lincoln Co., NC, do quit claim to said Hugh Gordon land on both sides of the line between the two counties, lines of James HILL, Martin and William ADAMS, 250 acres being part of two tracts bequeathed by James Gordon Sen'r to said Hugh Gordon and Henry Gordon (deceased).

From the above, it is obvious that Henry Gordon died sometime between 1792 and 1795. He is mentioned in the will of his mother dated 12 Oct 1791 and recorded 30 April 1792---and is mentioned as Henry Gordon

## QUERIES, continued

2. A pamphlet entitled "Revised Directory of Beersheba Presbyterian Cemetery (1981)" lists the following:  
 Byer, Mary G. wife of David, Dec 25, 1779 - July 19, 1876  
 Byers, David, Oct 3, 1774 - Aug 16, 1862

From: Carolyn M. Backstrom, 8623 Bayou Castelle Dr., Gautier, MS 39553

Am searching for parents of James (Jonas) BYARS, born c 1730, died c 1807, Spartanburg SC and wife Frances (Fannie COLLINS. They lived in Tryon Co., and Rutherford Co., NC and Spartanburg SC. Their son, William BYARS (c1755-1819) married Elizabeth BEDFORD; their daughter, Henrietta BYARS, married Joel BLACKWELL.

[Are you in touch with George Bell? His notes indicate this also his line cbh]  
 SEE CAROLYN's Family Groups, this issue.

From: Judy Michael Mable, 409 Harvard St. Vestal, NY 13850

"Looking for a researcher/library that might have inherited Worth BUIS' book on the Elijah BUIS Family that he was working on at the time of his death in the 1960's.

"Also wish to correspond with descendent of DAR Patriot, William BYERS from SC. Did he have a son Elijah?"

From: Mrs. James C. Gilmer Jr. 134 Valley Rd. Toccoa, GA 30577

My Thomas T. BYARS (1836 - 1900) of Chester Co., S.C. has been a stone wall for me and I hope to locate his parents through your publication. [Dorothy surely you are already in touch with this lady. cbh We have a standing order to point ALL THOMAS BYARS TO DOROTHY HAYS, without fail. cbh]

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## JOHN and JACOB BYARS

Submitted by: Mary Louise Alcorn, 2818 119th St., Toledo, OH 43611

Two brothers, John and Jacob Byars, came to KY from PA in 1794 and settled on Little Bracken Creek near the present town of Chatham in Bracken County. From census records, John was at least ten years older than Jacob.

1810 Census, John Beyers 1 1 0 0 1 = 1 2 0 1 0. His will was written 24 Dec 1827, proved Jan 1834. Names wife Catherine and children : Betsy, JOHNSON, Cathy LANCASTER, Peggy DAYLEY, Daniel BYARS, Samuel BYERS and Nancy POWERS. Death record, 14 Aug 1875 of Nancy Power, age 74, married, born Bracken Co., parents John and Catherine Byars, both born PA. Daughters were not traced and Samuel not found in Bracken Co., census. Daniel born ca 1805, married 1 Jan 1829, Elizabeth HOOK. Had children: Isaac, Samuel, Joseph, Harriet, John, Minerva and Jerome.

Jacob Byars, born PA c 1774 (age 76 in 1850) married 1798, month and date not entered in record, Evorah DILLMAN, daughter of Andrew Dillman and Barbara ROUSH. Jacob died 25 Feb 1859 and Evorah (Eva) died 14 Jan 1855. Their children: John H. born 1799, married 19 Oct 1820 Jane (Jennie) TIBBLES; Jacob Jr. born 1801, married 1826 Catherine (Polly) TIBBLES, sister of Jane; Mary (Polly) born 1804, married 23 Sep 1823 James BOOTHE.

Known children of John H. and Jane Byars: Eliza Ann married Isaac COTTEY; Conrad married Sarah ?; James N. married Jane P. TAYLOR; Sarah married Abijah PALMER; Mary E. married Joseph PALMER; Catherine married William SANDERS; Caroline D. married John K. HOLTON; Martha Jane married O.G. McNeill; Theresa; John H. Jr. married Hannah SNODGRASS.

Jacob Byars, Jr. died 27 June 1851. His will written 20 June <sup>unc</sup> does not give names of children. From census records he had: Lucy M.; William M.; Richard M.;

JOHN and JACOB BYARS, continued

Nelson T.; George S.; James O.; Sarah I.; and Jacob M.

Mary Byars and James BOOTH had known children: Mary, Eliza J., William, Amanda, John, Elizabeth, Isaac, Catherine, James, Frances and Penelope.

My line is from Martha Jane Byar and Oliver G. McNeill. I would welcome correspondence with anyone from any of these Bracken Co., KY, Byars.

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## JAMES (JONAS) BYARS

Submitted by: Carolyn M. Backstrom, 8623 Bayou Castelle Dr. Gautier, MS 39553

James (Jonas) BYARS, born ca 1730 (probably VA). Died ca 1807., (probably Spartanburg, SC) married ca 1755, Frances "Fanny" COLLINS.

## CHILDREN:

- I. Henrietta, born ca 1750 VA? married ca 1765, Joel BLACKWELL. Died before 1783, Rutherford Co., NC. Joel born ca 1740 VA? His Will probated, April 1821, Rutherford Co., NC.
- II. William born ca 1760 VA, married Elizabeth BEDFORD (See below)

NOTES: This Byars family first appears in Granville Co., NC recorded in the 1754 Militia Muster Roll, Vol. 22, NC State Records, pp 370-80. The 1880 Calhoun Co. MS census (for Joab Byars, son of William) states William was born VA. There were surely more children born to James and Frances, but I have no knowledge of them

William as stated above was born ca 1760 VA. His wife Elizabeth, born PA, ca 1763-5, was the daughter of Jonas BEDFORD and Mercy RAYMOND. William died ca 1819, Spartanburg, SC.

## CHILDREN:

1. Robert born ca 1786 NC? was alive in 1819 and settled his fathers estate.
2. Rebekah ? born ca 1788 and not named on all lists as Williams child.
3. Jonas Bedford, born ca 1790, Spartanburg, SC married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin DAVIS. Jonas died in AL.
4. Lydia born ca 1792.
5. James, born ca 1794, Spartanburg, SC, died ca 1865, Calhoun Co., MS. Married Mary Francis RICHARDS.
6. Seth, born ca 1796, Spartanburg, SC, died perhaps in Pickens Co., AL, Married Martha "Patsy" daughter of Frederick RAY.
7. Nancy born ca 1798, Spartanburg, SC
8. Joseph (See below)
9. Susie? not sure she is one of their children
10. Eunice? not sure she is one of their children
11. Joab (see below)

NOTES: Mercy Raymond traces back to Peter BROWN, passenger on the MAYFLOWER and signer of the Compact. Jonas BEDFORD was born in Elizabethtown, NJ, 1735, died 1820-23, Rutherford Co. NC. Children above may not ALL be correct.

SOURCES: Deeds, census records, cemetery stones at Macedonia Cemetery, Calhoun Co., MS for Elizabeth Bedford Byars, Joab & Henrietta (Arendale) Byars & James Byars.

#8. Joseph, son of William and Elizabeth.

Taken from: Bulletin of Genealogical Society of Old Tryon Co., NC. Vol. XIII, no2, May 1985. pp 86, 100.

Byars, Joseph, born 1792, died ? Married before 1814 Nancy BLANTON, born 1792.

## Children:

1. Elizabeth born ca 1814, married first 10 Dec. 1833 James BEDFORD, son of Seth BEDFORD and Mary Francis. Married second Wylie BRIDGES.
2. Perry Harrison (1816 - 1898) Buried Macedonia Church Cemetery,



## JAMES (JONAS) BYARS, continued

Perry Harrison, continued

- Gaffney, SC. married Sarah COOPER (1832-1911)
3. Peter R. (1818 - 1888) married Delanie ? (1825 - 1902)
  4. George B. (1820 - 1864) married Martha B. DOGGETT (1821 - 1889)
  5. Noah \* born 1822
  6. Charles B. (1824 - 1897) married Narcissa SILVIRY (1824 - 1906)
  7. Rev. Daniel, Methodist Circuit Rider, (1823 - 1887) married Malissa O'DELL
  8. Burwell Benson (1828 - 1898) married Mary BLANTON (1827 - 1901) Buried in Oak Grove Church Cemetery, Rutherford Co., NC.
  9. William (1831 - 1892) married Nancy ? (1836 - 1911)
  10. Joseph Crayton (1832 - 1915) (1832 - 1915) married Delphia Emeline PRICE.

I am not sure this is son and grandchildren my William and Elizabeth BEDFORD BYARS

\* From: BYARS FAMILY HISTORY, by Nell Byars Thaten, pg 137: Noah BYARS married on 23 April. 1851, in Rutherford Co., NC to Emaline ROBERTSON.

## IS THIS THE SAME NOAH BYARS AS ABOVE ?

11. Joab Byars, son of William and Elizabeth (see pg 14) was born 11 Aug 1807, Spartanburg, S.C. Died 24 Dec 1884, Calhoun Co., MS, buried at Macedonia Cemetery, Calhoun Co., MS. Married 10 Aug 1829, Henrietta ARENDALE (ARNOLD), born 8 Feb 1805, died 2 Sep 1892, Calhoun Co., MS Buried Macedonia Cemetery with her husband.  
CHILDREN:
  - a. Rufus King, born 14 May 1830, Spartanburg, CA, died Dec 1860, Calhoun Co. MS. Never married. He was a School teacher.
  - b. Richard Pinkney, born 6 Sep 1831, Spartanburg, SC, died 14 Feb 1891, AR, married Nancy daughter of Jerome VAUGHN.
  - c. William Cuton Butterfield, born 17 Jan 1834, Spartanburg, SC, died 20 July 1926, Calhoun Co., MS, married first, ca 1857-8, Eliza Minerva MCGUIRE, born ca 1840, died 24 Nov 1874, Calhoun Co., MS
  - d. Nancy Ann, born 9 Jul 1835, probably AL, died 1870, Calhoun Co., MS, married Thomas HAMBY.
  - e. Philip Gustavus, born 7 Aug 1837, Pickens Co., AL died 1860's, Calhoun Co. MS. unmarried
  - f. John Marion, born 30 July 1839, Pickens Co., AL, died 30 July 1914, Calhoun Co. MS., married first Rose McDONALD.
  - g. Mary Emily, born 6 Feb 1841, Pickens Co. AL., died Sept. 1841, Pickens, AL., unmarried, died young.
  - h. Susan Elizabeth, born Sept 1842, Chickasaw Co., MS (Now Calhoun) died 1860's, Calhoun Co. MS. Unmarried
  - i. George Randolph, born 7 Mar 1845, Chickasaw Co., MS (Now Calhoun) died 12 Nov 1929, Calhoun Co., MS. Married Virginia LEE.
  - j. Charles Kinney Horton, born 12 July 1846, Chickasaw Co., MS, died 11 Feb 1935, Calhoun Co., MS. Married 3 Aug 1864, Martha Louise HARROD born 2 Feb 1843, died 15 Feb 1923.

NOTES: Mary BLACKWELL's mother was Henrietta BYARS, sister of William BYARS, father of JOAB, MAKING Henrietta ARENDALE, Joab's first cousin, once removed. All of Joab's and Henrietta's sons were in the Confederate Army, except Rufus, who died in 1860.

SOURCES: Deeds, census records, cemetery records, family records.

CAROLYN'S LINE CONTINUES WITH WILLIAM CUTON BUTTERFIELD BYARS TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE

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JOSEPH BYARS 1769 - 1853

WAS NATHAN BYARS SR. HIS FATHER ?

Submitted by: Neva Fern Young Byars, 3410 Deer Trail, Temple, TX 76501

Joseph BYARS was born in <sup>1769</sup>~~1768~~ (NC ?) and died in 1853, Spartanburg Co., SC. We think his wife may have been Elizabeth COOPER, born 1765 Spartanburg Co, SC., the daughter of David Cooper. We have not proven this.

Joseph is buried in a family Cemetery north of Gaffney SC, off S.C.# 11. His son John is buried there also. Joseph's Will was written 7 Feb 1851 and recorded 7 March 1853. His Will names son John (married Mary WATKINS), son David, "who is deceased". It also mention's the children of David who are "living out of state", but does not give their first names. He names daughters Anna and Temperance.

His Children:

1. David born ca 1798, died 1839 Butts Co., GA, married ca 1823-4 SC to Susan. We believe Susans maiden name may have been RICHMAN, but have no proof. Davids Children were:
  - A. Daughter, given name unknown, born ca 1825, died SC
  - B. Joseph R. boorn ca 1826 SC
  - C. Susan, born ca 1827 SC
  - D. Temperance F., born ca 1828, SC
  - E. John F., born 3 May 1829, Butts Co., GA (This is our ancestor, his family information will follow, see below)
  
2. John was born in 1800, Spartanburg, SC. He married Mary Watkins, born 1798, in Rutherford Co., NC, the daughter of William WATKINS and Sarah DAVIS. Mary died in 1869, Spartanburg, SC and John died in 1874. Both are buried in the same family cemetery that Joseph is buried in. John and Mary's children were:
  - A. Susan, married a POPE
  - B. Temperance, born 3 March 1829, died 9 Oct 1891, buried Camps Creek, NC married C.A. McCRAW
  - C. Elmira E. born 1831. married John DAVIS
  - D. Sarah A. born 1833 married 14 Dec 1876 S. PAINTER
  - E. Mary Louisa, born 19 Dec 1834, died 13 June 1911, Cleveland Co., NC married Rico HARRIS
  - F. Narcisse, born ~~1837~~ 1835/37 D 1852
  - G. John D. born 1844, died 26 Feb 1862

JOHN'S FAMILY INFORMATION COMPILED BY JEAN ROCK

3. Anna, born 1806, died 5-9-1878, buried Byars - Wood Cemetery, Cherokee, SC
4. Temperance, born 1809 married Joel MCVAY

NOTES:

My husband's ancestor, David BYARS bought land in Butts Co., GA ca 1828 from William BYARS who came from Spartanburg Co., SC. The only "Byars" families living in Georgia in the 1830 census lived in Butts Co. This fact leads me to believe that they were all related and came, originally, from Spartanburg Co., SC. My DAVID BYARS died in 1839, and would fit the description of the "Deceased son David" in Joseph BYARS Will, written in 1851. When Joseph wrote his Will he mentions his "grandchildren" living out of state " who were David's children. Thus, the children of my deceased David, who were living in Pickens Co., AL at that time fit the description of "grandchildren living out of state" Also, the names of my David's four children living in Al in 1850 appear to match the names of Joseph of Spartanburg, SC and his children. For instance: Joseph (Note that the oldest son of my David was named Joseph, for his grandfather); John (note that my David's second son was named, John (F.), also in Spartanburg Co., there lived a RICHMAN family, whom I

## JOSEPH BYARS, continued

believe to be the source of the name of J. Byars oldest son, Joseph Richman; Temperance (note that my David had one daughter names Temperance (F) for her aunt) And John F.'s remaining daughter was named "Susan" in honor of her mother.

Also, note the fact that the graves of Anna and John Byars, children of Joseph Byars (1851 Will) have been located in the Spartanburg area of SC. The grave of David, Joseph's son, has not been located in that area, which indicates to me that he left the area before he expired. So, my David fits that category too.

Neva Fern Young Byars, wife of  
R.D. Bidwell Byars.

SOURCES: Will of Joseph Byars, Butts Co., GA records, Pickens Co., AL records, Pickens Co., AL 1850 Census, Jean Rock.

[NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Neva Have you seen the Report of the Government Study done by the U.S. Park Service on Cowpens National Battleground? Nathan had a granddaughter, Nancy WILLIAMS, who was 70 years old in 1898. Some information about Nathan's house where she was born is quoted from THE LEDGER, (Gaffney, SC), March 3, 1898. The Ledger (what ever that is, and I'd like to know if there is more Byars material in it) may have something about Joseph Byars. Joseph could be the reason Nathan came to the Spartanburg area. Have you checked the Power of Attorney records in Spartanburg and Pickens Co. AL? If those records are in tact and if a family member living out of State could not return to receive their portion of the estate, they give the power of attny to someone in the area and tells where that person is living. Also, when a parent got too old to take care of business themself, they often gave a Power of Attn'y to one of their children. Is there anyone in the Spartanburg area that could check the Power of Attn'y records there? We don't rule out the fact that Joseph could be Nathan's son, but we do need some kind of proof. cbh]

## JOHN F. BYARS, SON OF DAVID

Submitted by Neva Fern Byars, address above.

John F. Byars, son of David and Susan Byars, was born 3-5-1829, Butts Co., GA. He married ca 1852 Sarah C. (maiden name unknown), born 4-1-1834 GA. John died 24-4-1905, Brown Co., TX and is buried at Bangs. Sarah C. died 12-3-1922.

John F Byars served in the Confederate States Army, a Private in the Third Military Infantry.

John and Sarah had eleven children, they were: ALL SURNAME BYARS

1. Joseph Richman Byars, born 8-9-1853 MS, married 4-12-1874 Josephin (Feney) MABRY, died 29-3-1928
2. Susan A., born 18-5-1855 MS, married 5-10-1876 Benj. C. STEPHENS, died 14-2-1927
3. David Shelby, born 9-6-1857 MS, married Martha G. FRONDREN
4. Maron James, born 15-8-1859 MS, married 2-2-1890 S.L. GEYER, died 7-7-1893
5. Mary Jane, born 15-8-1859 MS, married 31-7-1884, A.D. LIGGETT
6. Sarah A., born 24-1-1860, married 2-2-1888, V.L. PHILLIPS, died 24-10-1901
7. Cora L., born 19-12-1866, married 17-5-1885 A.R. CLARDY, died 5-5-1950
8. Bidwell Chesterfield, born 12-1-1869, Newton Co., MS, married 18-5-1888, Fannie CASON. Died 20-7-1924, W. Las Vegas, NM, buried Old Town Cemetery, W. Las Vegas.
9. Sebell K. born 28-3-1871, married 3-11-1889 E.H. PHILLIPS
10. Miney S., born 7-11-1874, married H.W. PHILLIPS
11. Ha Ann, born 1877.

## JOHN F. BYARS, SON OF DAVID, continued

Sources: 1880 Census, Texas; Records from Cherokee Co., Tx court house Rusk; Bible records, copied from Byars family Bible of John F and Sarah C. Byars; Other Byars family records; Newton Co MS records.

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## ELISHA BUIS

Submitted by Judith Michael Mable, 409 Harvard St. Vestal, NY 13850

Elisha Buis was born ca 1775, Spartanburg Co., SC, married Mary Jane "Polly" ? ca 1799 (perhaps in Spartanburg), died 1822 Claiborne Co., TN. Polly born ca 1779, Spartanburg Co., SC died 1824, Claiborne Co., TN and both are buried at Cedar Fork Cemetery there. Elisha and Polly had eleven children and the first three (Caleb, Elizabeth, and Abraham) were born in Spartanburg Co., SC. The rest were born at Tazewell, Clairborne Co., TN. Elisha and Polly left SC after the birth of their third child in 1805 and moved to Claiborne Co. TN, where Elisha served on a jury in 1806 and bought land in 1807 from a Peter NEIL. Elisha was a farmer and went to the Baptist Church.

Elisha and Polly's children were: All surname BUIS

1. Caleb, born 12 Sep 1800, married first ca 1818-20, Margaret MCCARTY HURST, married second Catherine HURST STALEY, who was Margaret's cousin. Margaret died in 1853. Margaret and Caleb had at least ten children. Caleb moved from TN to Putnam Co., Indian, living first in Warren then in Jefferson. They helped found the Mill Creek Regular Baptist Church in 1830. Caleb died 25 Nov. 1869 and is buried at the Mill Creek Cemetery.
2. Elizabeth, born 1802 married Reuben RICHARDSON, she died 1843-5 in Casey Co, KY and is buried at Old Willow Springs Cemetery there. Had four ch to live.
3. Abraham, born 28 April 1805, married 17 Aug. 1826, Casey Co. KY, Margaret WILLIAMS. He died 5 Dec. 1877, Claiborne Co., TN. Had five children. Abraham and his brother Jesse started to Indiana where their brother Caleb lived after their parents died. They walked and worked their way as far as Casey Co., KY, where they both married and settled down.
4. Jesse, born 1806-7 married 25 Feb 1830 (24 Jan 1830) Alice DOUGLASS. He died in 1892 and is buried at Popular Hill Cemetery in Casey Co. KY Had at least ten children.
5. Riley born 16 April 1808, married 20 Sep 1832 in Putnam Co., IN, Elizabeth MULLINIX, Died at Marion, in Putnam Co., 16 April 1881 and is buried at Mill Creek Cemetery. He was a farmer, tailor, and Tavern-keeper. He had ten children and was a member of the Mill Creek Baptist Church. When his sister died in 1850 he was appointed guardian of her nine children under 16.
6. William T. was born 6 June 1810, married 1829, Martha "Patsy" HURST. Patsy was Catherine's (Caleb's wife) cousin. William and Patsy were married in TN, went to IN where their first three children were born. Prior to 1842 the family moved to Andrews Co., MO. William died 16 Nov 1864 and Patsy did in 1889, both in Andrews Co., MO.
7. Sarah was born in 1811 and in 1830 married Samuel LAYNE. They moved to Putnam Co., IN and at least ten children. Samuel Jr. died of cholera in Sept. 1849, and both Sarah and Samuel Sr. died in March of 1850, leaving nine children. William Buis, sarah's brother was the administrator of the Layne estate. Riley Buis was the guardian of the children. In the 1850 census, six of the nine living children had been farmed out to live with other families in the area.
8. Sterling C., was born in 1815 and went to Casey Co. KY. His wife was Jane ?. He was a Blacksmith and had two children by 1850.
9. Irvin, born 1816 married Mary Ann CUSICK, 17 June 1841 in TN. They lived in IN where two children were born and by 1847 they were living in Polk Co. MO. where Irvin was a farmer.

## ELISHA BUIS, continued

10. Robert, born ca 1814-18, married first ca 1840, wife's name unknown. Married 1 Aug 1845 at Indianapolis, Marron Co., IN his second wife, Sarah Ann Vandergriff. His third wife was Irene Douglas. It has been rumored that Robert was the "black sheep of the family. He was married at least three times and had at least one child. He was always moving and changing jobs. He was listed as a carriage maker, a wagon and plough maker. He married a widow with four children in 1867 at Greencastle IN. By 1870 he and his third wife Irene owned a grocery store in Mattoon, IL and no children were listed at home. Irene died in 1873. In 1880 Robert returned to IN for a visit and was not heard of again.
11. Greenbury Henderson was the last child born to Elisha and Polly. He was born in 1819 and married 9 May 1850, Putnam Co., IN to Sarah HAMMOCK. They had a daughter in 1851. He was a farmer and may have moved to MO.

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## JUDGE JOHN BYARS of KENTUCKY and UNION CO., ILLINOIS

Submitted by: Martha Ruff, P.O. Bx 98, Modesto, IL 62667

Judge John Byars is Martha's third great grandfather and she wants to know more about him. Many court records in southern IL list his name, but nothing personal. His daughter, Martha's great great grandmother, Polly Byars Vancil was well known in the community. (see family group below) Martha's descends from :

Imri Byars VANCIL, b. 15 Oct 1825 Union Co. IL. Married 4 April 1860 Elizabeth Strother Rice, her great grandparents.

Ida Amy VANCIL married Leonard BROWN (her grandparents) Her mother Ruth Elizabeth BROWN married George V. STALEY, her father. Martha Ruth STALEY, b. 8 March 1921, Modesto, IL, married (divorce) Virgil H. RUFF.

Judge John BYARS married 1780, Elizabeth THOMAS. Their daughter was:

## MARY "POLLY" THOMAS BYARS

born 7 Feb 1802 in KY. She married Edmund C. VANCIL, son of Tobias BANCIL and Mrs. Nancy JACK, born 10 May 1799, Muhlenberg Co., KY. They married 24 Aug 1824 and has seven children. Polly died 25 May 1890 and Edmund died 31 Dec 1891, both died at Modesto, Macoupin Co., IL and are buried at Pulliam Cemetery.

Their children were: ALL SURNAME VANCIL

1. Imri Byars, born 15 Oct. 1825, Union Co., IL. Married 4 April 1806, Elizabeth Strother RICE. He died 23 March 1907, at Modesto and is buried at Pulliam Cemetery.
2. Amanda, born 11 Dec 1826, Union Co. IL, died 1866, never married.
3. Amelia Emaline, born 30 May 1828, Modesto, Macoupin Co., IL, married Dr. Chauncey MOFFET, 29 Aug 1850 in Morgan Co. IL. She died 10 Jan 1904 at Modesto.
4. Mordecai, born 25 Nov 1830, Modesto married first Mary MARION, died ca 1906 Stockton, CA.
5. Perry W. born 6 June 1832, Modesto, IL, died in Texas
6. William Alonzo, born 9 June 1834, Modesto, married Lucy SEATON, 18 May 1863 in Christian Co. IL. He died 11 April 1899, at Waverly, Morgan Co. IL and is buried at Waverly Cemetery (Private ABBY)
7. Mary, born 1838, Modesto, died 1843 Modesto, age 5.

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## MARY ANN BYERS AND ROBERT YATES

Submitted by: Mrs. Jane Bye, 156 Rosebud Row, Zephyrhills, FL 34248

## MARRIAGE BOND

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Know all men by these presents that we Robert YATES and John BOYD are heto and firmly bound unto his Excellency Christopher Greenup Esq Govr of State of Kentucky and his Successors in the sum of fifty pounds current money which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our Heirs firmly by these presents sealed and dated

MARY ANN BYERS and ROBERT YATES, continued

this 18th day of April 1808

The Conditions of this obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to prevent a marriage intended between the above bound Robert YATES and Mary Ann BYERS for which a license has issued then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force.

Robert Yates (seal)

John Boyd (seal)

[This appears to be a copy of the original and anyone who has connections will surely want a copy. Jane what county in KY is this from?]

Jane says: " This Mary Ann BYERS and Robert YATES moved into Indiana, before in became a state in 1818, was Indiana Territory then." She is not currently working on this line, but is busy getting her genealogical material into book form for photo copying and giving the finished product to her children, grandchildren, cousins and libraries. Jane is doing this because she has known so many people who did not get their genealogy material into order and when they had strokes or died etc, so one could make any sense out of their notes. Jane makes a good point. I doubt anyone could figure out my system if I were gone. So let's all make it a point to get as much of our material into print as possible.

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Well, here I sit, with a half page left. It's not enough room to publish some of the goodies I have, and I'm not going to waste it.

It don't take much to fill up twenty pages. So go beat the bushes for more members so we can afford to make this bigger. Some of our members subscribed, but did not send in their lineage or group sheets. Perhaps they are the ones who want to know but don't have time to actually do research. I will publish a complete list of our membership in the last 1986 issue. If you want your surnames listed along with your name and address, please send me a 3 x 5 card with the Surname and area where you are looking for them.

I have tried to see that everyone who sent information was represented in this issue. We have a lot of material to publish and I do so hope it brings results. Again I remind you that your comments and suggestions are welcome.

ALSO do tell me about my errors. This is a new typewriter and I am still not used to it. It does crazy things even when I don't push a button. And as my luck would have it all my friends are off participating in a parade and I have no one to proof read this for me. I'm going to do it myself, but I warn you I have a talent for over looking my own mistakes (but I'm accused of seeing other peoples).

I am sure all of you know this is TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL. There are celebrations all over the State, something every day. As a member of the Leon County Historical Commission, I'd like to invite you to come to Texas and help celebrate our 150th Birthday. And if any of your relatives came to Texas, let's get the facts published in the Enquirer this year. Every thing printed in Texas in 1986 will become very collectible someday.

Remember to send in reunion notices especially if people related to/or descend from Byars/Byers or variant spellings. Reunions can spark interest in genealogy and the more people searching, the more we find.

Thats all for this time, but we have lots more coming Let me hear from you.

NOTICE: When writing dates most genealogist prefer to us day and write out or abbreviate the month. This is because it is very easy to transpose the numbers we sometime use for the month into the day column. You can use the three letter abbreviation to save room. But saving room is not as near as important as getting it right is.

*Chris*

Abbott, Mary (Polly) 6	BUIS	BYARS/BYERS	BYARS/BYERS
Adams, Martha 5	Irvin 18	Isaac 6,13	Thomas 2,3,4,13
Adams, Martin 12	Jesse 18	Isaiah 3,6	Ura McWhorter 10
Adams, William 12	Riley 18	Jackson 11,12	William 2,3,4,5,6, 7,13,14,15,16
Alcorn, Mary L 13	Robert 19	Jacob 13,14	Williamson 5
Alexander, Martha 4	Sarah A. 18	James 3,4,5,6, 11,13,14,15	Bye, Jane 19
Anderson, Enoch 11	Sterling C 18	Jane 11	Carr, John 10
Andrews, Dorothy 6	William T 18	Jerome 13	Carr, Robert 10
Arendale(Arnold/ Arundell), Henrietta 3,15	Worth 13	Joab 3,14,15	Cason, Fannie 17
Backstrom, Carol 3,13	BUISE	John 3,6,7,11, 13,15,16,17, 18,19	Chambers, Mary 4
Baird, Margaret 6	Abraham 4	Jonas 3,13,14, 15	Charlton, Irene 9
Baker, Zeb 10	David, 4	Joseph 3,11,12, 13,14,15,16,17	Clardy, A.R. 17
Bedford, Elizabeth 3,13, 14,15	Elisha 4	Lorena 4	Clark, Russell 9
James 3,14	Eliuah 4	Lydia 3,14	Clark, Sarah(Sally) 11
Jonas 3	John 4	Lucy 13	Collins, Frances/ Fannie 13,14
Mary 3	Jonathan 4	Margaret 5	Passey 11
Mercy 14	Lida 4	Maron James 17	Cooper, David 16
Seth 3,14	Noah 4	Martha 10,13,14	Cooper, Elizabeth 16
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Blanton, Mary 15	Andrew 3,6,	Nathan 4,5,7,8, 9,10,11,12,16, 17	Cusick, Mary Ann, 18
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Catherine 14	Asenath 11	Neva Fern 16	Davis, John 16
Eliza J. 14	Bell 6	Noah 4,15	Davis, Sarah 3,14,16
Elizabeth 14	Betsy 3,13	Peggy 13	Dayley, Peggy 13
Frances 14	Bidwell 17	Perry H 6,14	Dillman, Andrew 13
Isaac 14	Burwell 15	Peter R. 15	Dillman, Evorah 13
James 13,14	Caroline 13	Philip G. 15	Dodson, Wm. B 9
John 14	Catherine 13	Polly 3,19	Douglas(s), Alice 18
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	Harriet 13		Hamby, Thomas 15
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 Harris, Rico 16  
 Harrod, Martha L 15  
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 Henry, Jane 5  
 Hill, James 12  
 Hogwood, Dorothy 7  
 Holten, John 13  
 Hook, Elizabeth 13  
 Hope, Jane 5  
   Sarah 4  
 Hopper, James 11  
   Mary 11  
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   Margaret M 18  
   Martha(Patsy)18  
 Jack, Nancy 19  
 Johnson, Betsy 13  
   Mary 12  
 Kelly, George 5  
 Kincaid, Jane 6  
 Lancaster, Cathy 13  
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 Mullinix, Elizabeth 18  
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 Painter, S 16  
 Palmer, Abijah 13  
   Joseph 13  
 Parker, E.O. 5  
 Pegg/Pigg Jack 10  
   Sarah 3  
 Phillips, E.H. 17  
   H.W. 17  
   V.L. 17  
 Pierce, Enos 6  
   Rachel 6  
 Piper, Elizabeth 6  
 Pope, \_\_\_ 16  
 Power, Nancy 13  
 Price, Delphia 15  
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   Nancy 3  
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   Mercy 14  
 Renfro, Rebecca 10  
 Rice, Elizabeth S 19  
   Louvica 9  
 Richards, Joshua 3  
   Mary F. 3,14  
   Reuben 18  
 Richman, Susan 16  
 Robbins, Faye 5  
 Robertson, Emelia 4  
   Emaline 15  
 Rock, Jean 16  
 Rollins, Harold 5  
 Roush, Barbara 13  
 Ruff, Martha 19  
   Virgil 19  
 Saunders/Sanders Sarah 11  
   William 13  
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 Seaton, Lucy 19  
 Silviry, Narcissa 15  
 Smith, Polly 4  
   William 5  
 Snodgrass, Hannah 13

Staley, Catherine 18  
   George V 19  
   Martha R 19  
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   Jane(Jennie)13  
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   Mary 19  
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   Perry 19  
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 A good genealogist will not depend entirely on an index in a publication of this size.



15 May 1986

Dear Fellow Researchers,

Your response to the first issue of the BYARS -BYERS ENQUIRER is deeply appreciated by your editor.

Due to the sudden death of my mother, Jessie Mae (Price) Byars on April 6, some of you have not received replies to your letters. In time I will catch up or answer in the Enquirer.

AS you can imagine, the past six weeks has been an emotional time for our family, but Mama always told us, "Time heals all" and I must believe she was right.

On the third of May I received a most welcome telephone call about this publication. That call renewed my genealogical spirit, boosted my self confidence, and convinced me that any effort to make this publication a success, will be time well spent. It came from Col. George Byers of South Bend, Indiana. Col. George is 93 years young and has been doing family research since he was twelve years old. IN his 'phone call and in a letter which followed, he assured me that our publication would have the full support of both he and his son, Col. John Byers of Alexandria, Virginia.

I'm sure Col. George does not know what an inspiring man he is. Just knowing that someone of his caliber and experience approves of these efforts gives me the feeling that our group is "on the right track."

I was sorry to learn that "our" sharing, caring, Dorothy Hays has had surgery and she says she, "hasn't got her zip back yet." You would never know that she's not zipping from the wonderful package of material she shared with me. She has even found the time to write to some of the Genealogical Societies and tell them about our publication and sharing group. That's a good way to contact more members.

Included in this mailing is the Index to Vol. I No.1. This issue and all those that follow will come to you indexed. For future reference PLEASE staple the index into your first issue.

Also you will find our present membership roll in this issue. New members will be added as they join. You can help spread the word about our efforts by writing to those on your mailing list that have not yet subscribed. We can't leave any stone unturned when it comes to reaching others who might be interested.

And speaking of stones-we have a lot to roll over if we are to have a true and proven family history. Share your research, cite your sources and check out undocumented information you receive.

Last year when I was at the Archives in Richmond, Va. I found a document on my Lovett line, that had been prepared by a well known genealogist. I was thrilled to say the least and when I spoke to the Archivist I said, "Look what I found, all the works been done for me." Do you know what he said? He said, "Don't take any thing for granted. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ is a fine genealogist, but he makes errors too. Use that material as a guide and check out his sources, then you'll know you have a proven genealogy." I think that's good advice for all of us don't you?

As I promised last time, I'm keeping this short, at least shorter than last time anyway. Thank you for your contributions and please keep them coming.

*Clavis*

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South Bend, IN 46615
- (36B) BYERS, Col. John R.  
8218 Chancery Ct.  
Alexandria, VA 22038
- (23B) BYERS, Sylvia  
840 Mission Canyon Rd.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
- (37B) CARTER, James Byars  
2802 Northwood Rd.  
Austin, TX 78703
- (38B) CARDEN, Don W.  
420 So. Wilson  
Olympia, WA 98504
- (4B) CLARKE, Russell L.  
245 East Standley St.  
Ukiah, CA 95482
- (10B) EVERETT, Mrs W.G. (Mary Jo)  
1770 Ferguson Rd. #206  
Allison Park, PA 15105
- (25B) FREUDENBERG, Margaret  
Sem Laurels, Apt 151  
Milford, OH 45150
- (18B) GILMER, Mrs J.C.  
134 Valley Rd.  
Toccoa, GA 30577
- (15B) GORDON, James H.  
2360 Bonita St.  
Lemon Grove, CA 92045
- (28B) GRIMM, Libby  
713 Calhoun St.  
Macomb, IL 61455
- (9B) HAYS, Dorothy Eubanks  
1300 Merry Hills Rd.  
High Point, NC 27260
- (3B) HOGWOOD, Mrs. Dorothy  
412 Parkside Dr.  
Ft. Worth, TX 76108
- (14B) IRWIN, Mr. W.T.  
209 North St.  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- (26B) ISAACSON, Judith  
1005 South 19th St.  
El Centro, CA 92243
- (34B) LAGOW, Mrs. Dorris  
343 W. Park Dr.  
Columbia, IL 62236
- (29B) LIVINGSTON, Columbine  
200 Warren Cr.  
Alexander City, AL 35010
- (21B) McREYNOLDS, Pat  
900 Cypress Dr.  
Allen, TX 75002
- (16B) MABLE, Judith  
409 Harvard St.  
Vestal, N.Y. 13850
- (30B) MAYFIELD, Patty  
3710 Del Norte  
Temple, TX 76502
- (22B) MEEK, Melton M.D.  
3410 N.W. Oak  
Lawton, OK 73505
- (17B) RUFF, Martha  
P.O. Bx 98  
Modesto, IL 62667
- (24B) STOCKMAN, Lee T  
2725 Garrow Dr.  
Antioch, CA 94509
- (35B) STORY, Frankia  
P.O. Bx 607  
Meeker, OK 74855
- (33B) TURPIN, Joan  
17461 Keswick St.  
Northridge, CA 91325
- (31B) WILSON, Judy\*  
13144 Queens Forest  
San Antonio, TX 78230
- (27B) YOUNG, Charlotte  
1286 Fourth Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94122

PLEASE NOTE: The two names with \* by them. Charles Byars and Judy Wilson are my brother and sister. They don't do research and only subscribed out of self defence. I threatened them!

## CORRECTIONS &amp; ADDITIONS

The following additions and corrections were brought to my attention by Dorothy Hays.

Vol. I No. 1, page 11, Children of Harrell Byars Sr. VII.

2. John L. is buried in the Womack Family Cemetery, Warren Co. Tenn.

3. James ? Dorothy does not show him.

5. Drucilla was born Warren Co. Tenn, not Texas as shown (bloomin typewriter)

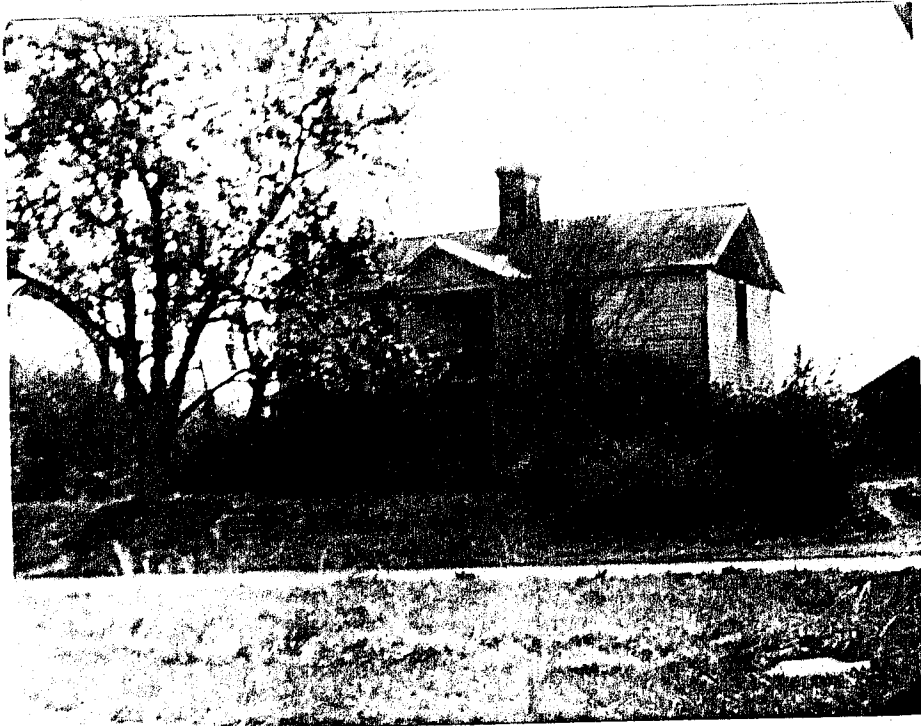
7. Harrel- Here Dorothy shows a Harrel born 1814 Warren Co. TN married Nancy Tackett. I have written to Dorothy to find out where she got that info. The Harrel she has the info for is MINE and he does not belong in this household. See my family sheet, this issue.

10. Mary is Mary Ann born 25 Aug. 1842 m James Webb. (This info given to Dorothy by Mr. E.M. Rasmussen.)

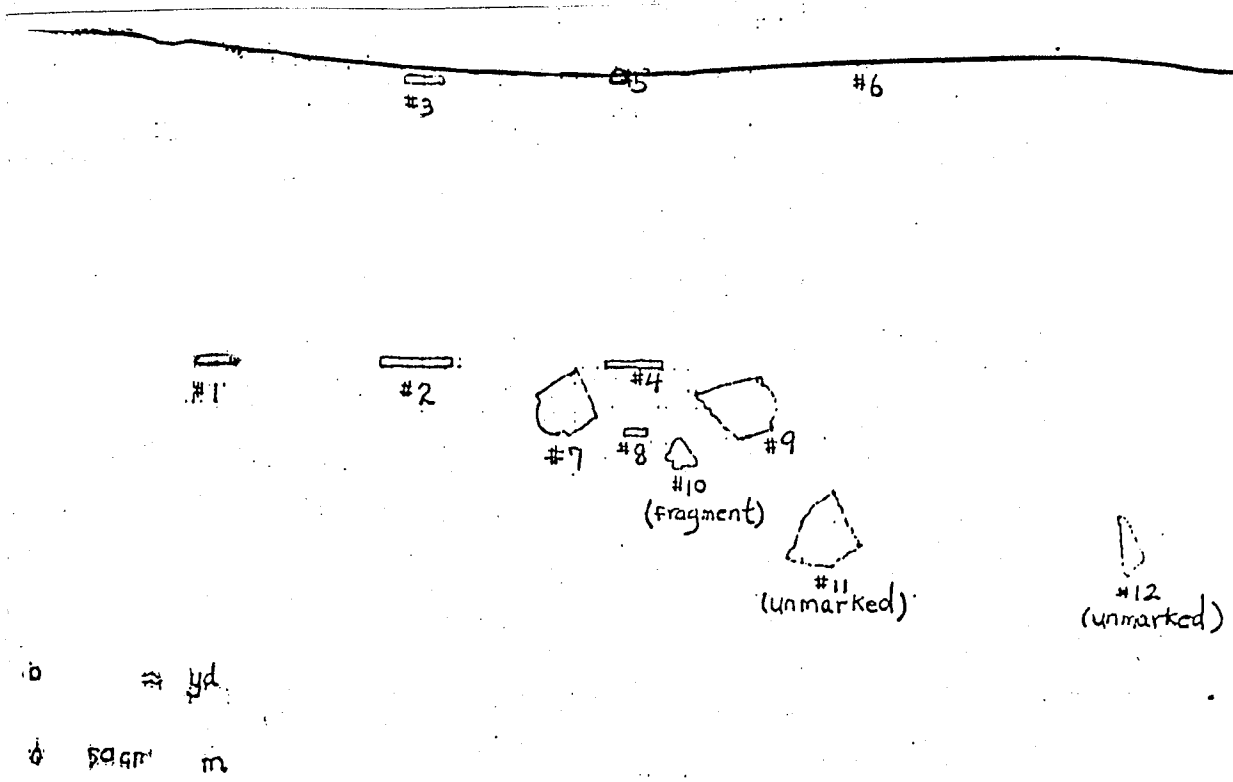
Page 11, VIII. Robert Byars: Dorothy wrote. "I do not know if this is the son of Nathan and Drucilla, but this is what I have on A Robert Byars.

Capt. Robert Byars, lived Oakville, AL (Lawrence Co.), b/d & wife no info. Had a son, James Napoleon Byars, born Oakville, AL who married Ann Eliza Moody, daughter

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BYARS-EZELL House. Once stood in Cowpens Battleground National Park. Cherokee County, South Carolina. The picture courtesy Dorothy Eubanks Hays, was taken 14 April 1978. Even though it was recommended that the house be studied the National Parks Service tore it down. It stood not far from the now neglected Byars-Ezell Cemetery a plat of which is shown below (Also courtesy Dorothy)



On the following page is a list of the grave markers. In 1985 when your editor visited the cemetery Nathan Byars stone was in pieces and there was no sign of the DAR marker that was put there. And so goes so many of our records, unkept and untended they soon fade away forever.

## BYARS - EZELL GRAVESTONE DISTRIBUTION

- #1 J.B. Martin, Died Nov. 19 1869, aged 1 y 6 mo
- #2. Sacred to the Memory of John V. Ezell, Son of Capt. J.H. and A.S. Ezell, who departed this life March 6th, 1859. Aged 7 Years 7 Months and 6 Days.  
 Death May the bonds of life unloose  
 But not dissolve my love  
 Millions of infant souls compose  
 The Family above.
- #3 J.V.E.
- #4 No Name broken
- #5 (nothing on list)
- #6 (nothing on list)
- #7 No name broken
- #8 (nothing on list)
- #9 In Memory of Nathan Byars Sen Who died Aug. 18, 1846 in his 97th year.
- #10 fragment (nothing on list)
- #11 Unmarked
- #12 Inmarked

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## A QUESTION ANSWERED

In the last issue I said (page 17, Note from the Editor) "The Ledger (what ever that is.)" and Dorothy Hays explained.

This is the Gaffney Ledger, the newspaper published in Gaffney, S.C. It is an old established paper and back issues are on microfilm. The microfilm can be used in their building. There are several records that many of us need checked in Cherokee Co, Gaffney, S.C. Dorothy and I are interested in sharing the cost of having someone there check records and perhaps the earliest Gaffney Ledgers for Byars/Byers information. Dorothy knows a very good reliable lady there that does this kind of work. If anyone else is interested in sharing the cost please let me know. Working and sharing will mean we can all accomplish more with less expense.

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## CORRECTIONS &amp; ADDITIONS, Continued from page 24

Edward and Susan Moody of Moulton, AL. They had four children." [EDITORS NOTE: Dorothy, the Robert Byars you have is supposedly, the son of L. Nathan Byars, according to Ura McWhorter Byars in Exits & Entrants, 1974 pgs 50,51. See Nathan Byars, 1795 - 1860 this issue] Dorothy goes on to say [she certainly did read and digest every page and I do so appreciate all the time she spent doing so.] "Queries- I agree with Jackson A Byars (Query page 12) but think we will have to deal with the VA Byars to find more about the NC Byars." About the query from James H. Gordon, [who lives in Lemon Grove, not Srove like my typewriter said] Dorothy says, "Mr. Elmer O. Parker [5012 Circle Dr. Columbia, SC 29206] has done almost all of this line. He is an Expert and knows much about these allied lines too." [James you had better contact Mr. Parker if you have not already done so.] Page 14,15- Note #8. Dorothy says, " I was sent typed notes on this same family by a man in Rock Hill, SC who could not tell me his source." Dorothy has contacted a Mr. Jack Blanton who has much on this line.

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## CORRECTIONS &amp; ADDITIONS, Continued from page 26

Page 18,19. Also from Dorothy Hays. "I'm very much interested in Elisha Byars (Buis?) I have a Cleveland Co., NC land map which shows an Elisha owning plot #3797 in 1834 (This was recorded in Rutherford Co.,) (Mrs. Ethel Hammrick, Bx 537, Gaffney, S.C. 29340) This one [Elisha] descends from William VI and Sarah Byars, Will file #436, William Buise, Box 3 Pkg 15, Feb. 5, 1795 or 1799, Spartanburg Dist., SC. Elisha had a daughter Jane Byars born 8 Jan 1828, died 4 May 1892, buried Cherokee Creek Baptist Church, married James Ruppe (son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Neighbors) Ruppe. James was Civil War Veteran. I have their children. (Ethel [Hammrick] descends from Jane through daughter Mary Parthina Caroline Rapps.)" Thanks Dorothy, your comments and help is appreciated.

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## WILLIAM CUTON BUTTERFIELD BYARS

Submitted by:

Carolyn M. Backstrom, 8623 Bayou Castelle Dr. Gautier, MS 39553

William Cuton Butterfield Byars was born 17 Jan 1834, Spartanburg Dist., SC. He was the son of Joab Byars and Henrietta Arendale. He married ca 1857/8 Calhoun Co., MS, Eliza Minerva McGuire, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Maiden name unknown) McGuire. Eliza was born ca 1840 MS. She died 24 Nov 1874, Calhoun Co., MS and is buried in the Macedonia Cemetery there. William Cuton Butterfield married second, Susan Patterson. There was no issue from this marriage.

William C.B. Byars was in the service of the CSA during the Civil War. In later years he mentioned being wounded in the charge of Stone River near Murfreesboro, TN., in 1862. He wrote a letter from Rock Island Prison, Illinois, to his wife Eliza on 26 May 1864. William and Eliza had five children:

1. William Randolph Byars, born 29 Oct 1858, Calhoun Co., MS, Died 26 Apr 1940 at Pittsboro, Calhoun Co., MS. He married 2 Jan 1884, Martha Ann Morgan. Martha Ann was the daughter of DeWitt Clinton Morgan and Patience Elizabeth Ross. The Morgan family moved to Brown Co., TX. near Brownsville after the Civil War. Within a month after the move, both parents died of pneumonia (ca 1875). Patience's father, Joseph Jackson Ross, went to Texas for the four children, of whom Martha Ann was the oldest. He brought them back to Calhoun Co., MS., and they were reared in the grandparent's home. The grandmother was Fereby (Oakley) Ross. Parents of Dewitt Clinton Morgan were: John Morgan and Martha Gordon. Martha Ann died 20 Dec 1940, Pittsboro, MS. Both she and William are buried in the Pittsboro Cemetery.
2. Rosa L Byars, born ca 1866, Calhoun Co., MS, died Arkansas. She married John Dean.
3. John Raleigh Byars, born ca 1868, Calhoun Co. MS.
4. Joseph Joab Byars, born ca 1870, Calhoun Co., MS
5. Son, died in infancy, name unknown.

SOURCES: Bible Records, Census Records, Military service Records, DAR Records, Mayflower Descendants Records, Personal knowledge, Older family member's knowledge.

## WILLIAM RANDOLPH BYARS

William Randolph Byars [see above] and Martha Ann Morgan had ten children. Carolyn compiled five pages of material on these children for a Byars Family Reunion in 1985. She brings them down to the present. In the interest of space I am abstracting just the names of children, birth year and spouses. Certainly if you connect to this family and desire more data you should contact Carolyn. The children:

1. Roy Dewitt Byars M.D., born 1884 married Ruth Doris Rice
2. Ora Eliza Byars born 1886 married Foster W. Martin
3. Ivey Lee Byars born 1892 married Victor Hugo Ellard
- 4.\* Junior Elizabeth (June) Byars born 1895 married Stanley Thomas Murphree  
\*Carolyn's parents.

## WILLIAM RANDOLPH BYARS, Continued

5. Jewell Frances Byars born 1895 [I am sure this is a typo and should read 1895] married William Stratford Haman.
6. Morgan Peyton Byars born 1897 married Laurinda Pauline Strain.
7. Lester Randolph Byars, born 1899 married Stella Louise Harrelson.
8. William Wirt Byars, born 1901 married Christine Barton.
9. Shed Hill Byars born 1903 married Edna Raye Pitts.
10. Robert Archie Byars born 1907 married Lucille Sherwood.

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**BIDWELL CHESTERFIELD BYARS**

Submitted by:

Neva Fern Byars (Mrs. R.D.) 3410 Deer TRail, Temple, TX 76501

[Editors Note: Fern is one of the folks that did not get a reply to her nice letter. Here's a short reply until I can do better Fern. No you did not write and say you thought that Nathan of Cowpens was the father of Joseph of the 1851 Spartanburg Will. But it has been suggested to me by others. Vanish the thought that you have either Alzheimer's Disease or "Old-Timer's Disease"! ] I really got a kick out of Fern's letter. She said, "I am researching my husband's family history because some of my grandchildren (or descendants) may be interested in their history. But, otherwise, I am wasting my time, as my husband and his present-day siblings are certainly not interested. For instance one day R.D. was teasing me about my interest in genealogy. I said, "Well, I'll bet you do not even know the names of your grandparents!!" He replied, "I do too--their names were Grandpa Byars and Grandma Byars!!" I know how you feel Fern, although I truly must say my husband is interested in his family history, but he's the only one in his family that is.

Bidwell Chesterfield Byars was born 12-1-1869 in Newton Co., MS. [see Vol. I No. 1 page 17 this publication for his father John F. Byars] He married 18-11-1888 in Brown Co., TX, Fannie N. Cason. Fannie was born 7-2-1872, daughter of Henry G. Cason. She married second, Billy Johnson ca 1932.

Bidwell died 20-7-1924 at Los Vegas, San Miguel Co, New Mexico and is buried at Old Town Cemetery there. Fannie died 19-5-1937 and is buried at Roswell, New Mexico. Bidwell and Fannie had five children:

1. Marvin Spencer Byars, born 30-8-1889 at Bangs, Brown Co. TX. Married 6-12-1908 Bessie Bell Teague at Maverick, TX. Marvin died 28-8-1950 and is buried at the Lawndale Cemetery, Houston, TX. This is Neva's in-laws, the parents of her husband, R.D. Marvin Spencer married second, Lillian Mildred Dunlap.
2. Hattie Speaks Byars, born 21-3-1891, Maverick, Texas married 10-11-1907, Jeff J. Harper. She died 21-2-1975 in New Mexico, and is buried at Corpus Christi, TX.
3. Corine Charlotte Byars was born 16-2-1893. She married Alfred Caperton first and Grover Pickett second. She died in 1983.
4. John Henry Byars was born 28-7/8-1895, at Claremont, Brown Co. TX. He married 1 June 1919, Minnie Wylma Russell at Wichita Falls, Wichita Co., TX. John H. died 7 March 1954 at Ft. Worth, Terrant Co., TX and is buried at the Greenwood Cemetery there.
5. Nevada Byars was born 9 May 1901. In 1917 she married Emmet Eller at Lovington, Lea Co., N.M. She died in Yuma, AZ, death date unknown.

Sources: Family Records, Marvin Auston Byars, Minnie Wylma Russell Byars, Wylma Byars Kline, Hattie Speaks Byars.

[Please note: Fern also brought her material to the present. In the interest of space, for the time being at least, we will publish only that material that originates prior to 1900. In other words, we can publish info on those born either prior to or right around the turn of the century. Perhaps later space will allow us to include more recent members of our families. cbh]

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## NATHAN BYARS 1808 - 1894

Submitted by:

Dorothy Hogwood, 412 Parkside Dr. Ft. Worth, TX 76108

[Please note: On pg 7/8 Vol.I, No.1 We published the Divorce papers of Nathan & Drucilla (Harrelson) Byars. I asked Dorothy Hogwood if she would send us Vol. and page numbers for our records. She sent me copies of the record and it has no numbers. I often order copies from courthouses and archives and when I get them they have no identifying numbers. So, it's there folks, we just don't have a reference #. Dorothy also listed ALL her Byars sources, so she has them. On page 7 of her letter she said, "I found another record on this sale (referring to a land item above) several years ago. That said the money was to be paid to his children (Nathan's) I didn't find it in going through the books today and I haven't found it in my papers. Drury was on the list of children, Harrel and Robert was not. I can't remember just how many were named, I think eight. Maybe I'll find it later." Dorothy if you do come across that record do please let us know. That could help so many, in more ways than one. Thanks again for all your time and sharing. cbh]

This Nathan Byars, born 12 Dec. 1808, Old White Co., \*TN was the son of Harrell and Jane (Jenni) Gill Byars [See pg 11, Vol.I No.1] He married ca 1830 Nancy Hand born 12 Mar. 1812, TN, [Daughter of Samuel Hand and Mary Campbell cbh] Nancy died 9 Sept 1889 and Nathan died 12 Jan. 1894, both in Warren Co. TN and buried in the Family Cemetery. They had either ten or eleven children:

1. Martha born ca 1831 [married 23 Dec 1852, Thomas Tittsworth\*\*]
2. Samuel H. born ca 1834 married 24 Sep 1855, Adeline Smith [He died 1 Sep 1905\*\*]
3. Drucilla H. born [28 Oct 1835\*\*, married 6 Dec. 1852 James Dodson Evans\*\*]
4. Harrell born ca 1837 died in Civil War.
5. Mary W. born 15 June 1840, married 27 Nov. 1855, Wm. J. Fuston. Her group sheet to be published.
6. Jane born ca 1843/4, [died 9 Aug 1908] never married.
7. John L. [Lanier, born 10 Nov. 1845, married 22 Sep 1867, Melvina Purser. He died 13 Mar-1901\*\*]
8. Ozias D. [Denton born 5 Apr 1848, died ca 1896\*\*] Married Nancy A. Reeder, 28 Oct 1866. [Married 2nd Josephine Potter\*\*]
9. Joseph [G. born 1 Oct 1848 died 6 Dec 1913, married Mary Purser\*\*]
10. Frank [Franklin Pierce, born 4 April 1852 died 21 Mar 1936, married Charlotte Blaine Cantrell\*\*]
11. [Willie O. born 18 May 1857, died 1933 married Jane Purser\*\*]

Please note: I took the liberty of adding information from a family sheet sent to me by Patricia McReynolds the data you find marked with [\*\*] Pat gives her sources as 1850 Warren Co. TN Census, 1860 Warren Co. TN Census, Mrs Audrey Glenn, Greenfield, IN, H.C. Collier Tullapowa, TN, Warren Co. Marriage REcords, which Pat sent me copies of. cbh]

Sources: Dorothy Hogwood, Census Records and Warren County Tn Records.

\*White County, TN formed 1806 from Overton, Jackson & Smith Counties. Warren Co., TN formed from White Co., 1807. The Handy Book for Genealogist, Seventh Edition, by Everton Publishers.

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#### WORDS of WISDOM from our SENIOR ADVISOR, Col. GEORGE BYERS

A few thoughts about the Enquirer. Make certain that our younger colleagues becoming members know about the Tax Lists in several States, and of course the decennial U.S. Census reports as basic research tools after 1790. Ask that when we respond to an Enquirer query, we send a copy of the letter to you, so you can measure effectiveness. Whenever in future I write a letter about any Byers or Byars, I'll mark a copy to

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## WORDS of WISDOM, Continued

the Enquirer. Shortly I'll try to tell you about William BYERS who took land in Conccrd Township of Chester County, PA in 1683. The Colonel also said, " In whatever years I have left to me, I am trying to keep maximum effort on the Byers and Dewese lineages of my parents and only on their earliest generations... I cannot wholly divest the collateral families, but I only respond to inquiries relating to early generations. I cannot undertake to handle more correspondence, but I will indeed help you." He sent in two family group sheets for his immediate family and I'm going to do my very best to get them in this issue. But please, let's don't flood the gentleman with questions. He will, I'm sure, contribute as his time and energy allow.

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## JOHN BYER 1833 - 1890

Submitted by:

Charles L. Byer, 11 N. Srant Dr. Pensacola, FL 32506

John Byer was born ca 1833, Byern, Bavaria, Germany. He married 4 July 1854 in Monongalia Co., VA, to Cecelia Spence. Cecelia Spencer was born ca 1830 in Monongalia Co., VA the daughter of Joseph Spencer and his wife Jane (Maiden name unknown). Cecelia died 23 July 1911, at Piedmont, Mineral Co., W.VA. and is buried at the Philos Cemetery, Westernport, MD. John died 10 July 1890, Windon Mine, Mineral Co., W.VA and is buried at the Sinclair Memorial Park there.

John served in Co. A, First Reg't, West Virginia Cavalry Volunteers 1861-1865(1863) He died in an explosion at the Newburg mine which killed thirty-nine men, including John Byer Jr. John and Cecelia had eight children: The first four were born in Monongalia Co., W.VA. and the last four in Preston Co., W. VA.

1. William Henry born ca 1854 married Agnus Love
2. Mary E. born ca 1858
3. Galep D. born ca 1860 \*
4. John Jr. born ca 1862 married Dec. 1885 in Preston Co., W.VA Belle Guy
5. Francis Lawrence, born 24 April 1866 in the Lyon Dist., Preston Co., W.VA. Married 24 Sept 1891, Allegany Co. MD, Susan Amoretta Flowers. Susan was born June 1872 in Allegany Co., MD the daughter of Emory E. Flowers and his wife Martha E. Kimmell. Susan died 20 Aug 1919 at Clarksburg, Harrison Co., W.VA. and is buried at Heavner Cemetery, Upshur Co., W.VA. Francis Lawrence died 5 Apr. 1943 also at Clarksburg and he too is buried at the Heavner Cemetery. Francis Lawrence and Susan had six children: Bessie E., Ruth, Darius H., Oliver, Harry B., and Edward. Harry B. Byer is Charles father.
6. Thomas A born ca 1868 married Rosa Kramph
7. Margrette born ca 1871 married a \_\_\_\_\_ Newcome
8. David H. born ca 1872 married 27 Mar 1894, Mary Grant.

Sources:Record of marriage of John Byer and Cecelia Spencer recorded Bk B, pg 1 Marriage Book, Monongalia Co., W.VA. Copy of letter from Adjutant General's Office to David Byer, dtd 10 Jan 1940 confirming John Byers Civil War Service and giving place of birth. Original letter held by Mrs. Elivabeth Weakeley, Ridgeley, W.VA. Copy of Declaration for Original Invalid Pension for John Byer dated 25 Nov 1882, claim # 466,999, provided by Nat'l Archives, Washington, D.C. THE JOURNAL, Kingwood, Preston Co., W.VA. Thursday, January 28, 1886, pg. 2 (West Virginia Room, Library, West Virginia Univ., Morgantown, W.VA. This gives the account of the Newburg Mine Explosion which killed thirty-nine men including John Byer Jr. \*Tombstone found in old cemetery, about one-half mile off W. VA Rt 92 to the right of Scotch Hill Road lists a Galep D. Byer, son of J & S Byer died 8 June 1867, aged 7 yrs, 9 mos, 8 d. This cemetery is one-half mile from Newvurg, Preston Co., W.VA. Widow claim for Pension of Siscelia(sic) Byer #313947, dated 9 Aug 1890. Headstone inscription for John Byer, Sinclair Memorial Park, three miles west of Barnum on W. VA State Rt 47. Personal visit, 2 July 1983.

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## CAPT. WILLIAM BYERS 1730 - 1798

Submitted by:

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Dr. Meek descends from Capt. William Byers of York Dist. S.C. and says he has been researching over twenty years. His collection takes up about 30 feet of shelf space and I look forward to seeing some of his contributions to our Enquirer.

Capt. William Byers was born ca 1730, North of Ireland. He married ca 1760, Augusta Co. VA (Rockbridge) Elizabeth Walton. He died ca 1798/9, York Co., SC and is buried at Beersheba Cemetery. Elizabeth was born ca 1740, Augusta Co., VA (?) and died ca 1795, York Co., S.C. She is also buried at Beersheba Cemetery.

Children:

- 1.\* Edward Byers, born 5 Dec. 1761, Augusta Co., VA Died 13 Mar 1832, York Co. SC. and buried at Beersheba Cemetery. He married 4 May 1786 (1)Martha "Patsy" Alexander. Patsy was the daughter of Rev. Joseph and Esther (Davies) Alexander. She died 11 Sep 1794, York Co. SC and is also buried at Beersheba Cem. Edward married (2) 16 Aug 1786, Martha Elizabeth Byers (his second cousin) Martha was the daughter of William and Jane (?) Byers and granddaughter of David and Margaret (Carson) Byers. She died 8 Oct 1803, York Co., SC and is buried at Beersheba Cem. Edward married (3) 10 May 1804, Mary (Smith) Chambers, born 6 Oct 1773. She died 26 Jan 1807, York Co., SC and is also buried at Beersheba Cem. Mary was the granddaughter of Francis McCown and descendant of David Byers.
2. Nancy Ann "Agnes" Byers, born ca 1763, Augusta Co. VA died 20 May 1818, York Co., SC and is buried at Beersheba Cem. She married ca 1783, Maj. Adam Meek. Maj. Meek was born ca 1760 and died 26 Jan 1807, York Co., SC and also buried at Beersheba Cem. Maj. Meek was the son of Adam and Jane (Mitchell) Meek, and the brother of James Meek that married Susannah Byers. [This is one of Dr. Meek's lines]
3. William Byers, Jr. born 9 Apr 1765 in Virginia, died 24 Aug 1816, York Co. SC and he too is buried at Beersheba Cem. About 1796, William married #1, Catherine Hope born ca 1776 and died 16 June 1815, York Co. SC, buried Beersheba Cem. She was the daughter of John and Jane (Meek) Hope. William married #2, Sarah who died ca 1822/23. Was her maiden name Hope? Was she Catherine's sister?
4. Lorena Byers, born 29 Jan 1767, York Co., S.C. died 31 Jan 1837, Dallas Co., AL. She married 23 Dec 1783, York Co. SC, Capt. Thomas Woods. Capt. Woods was born 13 Dec 1758, Williamsburg Twp, York Dist. SC. He died 22 June 1834 at Selma, Dallas, Co. AL. He was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Logan) Woods. This info sent to Dr. Meek by Mrs. Thomas Pierce.
5. Elizabeth Walton Byers, born 15 Sep 1769, York Co., SC, died 21 July 1852, Todd or Logan Co., KY. She is buried at the McLean Cemetery, which is located 2½ miles N.W. of Olmstead, KY. She married ca 1788/89, York Co., SC., Rev. Ephraim McLean. Rev. McLean was born 26 June 1768, Mecklenburg Co., NC, the son of Col. Charles and Mrs. Susan (Howard) (Allison) McLean. He died 1 Jan 1813, Russellville, Logan, Ky (Lincoln) and is buried in the McLean Family Cemetery
6. Susannah Byers, born 12 Mar 1771, York SC died 3 April 1844, York and is buried at Beersheba Cemetery. She married 21 Jan 1790, Capt. James Meek. Capt. Meek was born ca 1758, near Annapolis, MD? He died 3 Mar 1819 at Col. Anderson's Ferry Plantation on the Seneca River, S.C.(Murdered). He was reburied at Anderson Baptist Cemetery. He was the son of Adam and Jane (Mitchell) Meek and the brother of Maj. Adam Meek that married Nancy Ann "Agnes" Byers. This is the direct lineage of Dr. Meek. He says he has, "10 to 12 large albums on this line. Wills, deeds, Cemetery photoes, all descendants lines traced etc."

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CAPT. WILLIAM BYERS 1730 - 1798, Continued

7. David Byers born 3 Oct 1774, York, SC., died 16 Aug 1862 and is also buried at Beersheba Cemetery. He married 27 Aug 1795, Mary Gordon. Mary was born 25 Dec 1779, died 19 July 1867 and she too is buried at Beersheba. Mary was the daughter of Henry and Mary (Johnston) Gordon and the step-daughter of John McCaw.

Sources: \* #1 Edward is the ancestor of Elmer O. Parker; Joseph Hart, Jr; General Allison's Meek Genealogy; Personal search of cemeteries; Will and Estate papers of many of the above.

NOTE from Dr. Meek:

Capt. William Byers lived in Craven Co., SC., witnessed deeds in York Co., SC. A member of Second Provincial Congress of SC., 1775-6. Commanded a Co. of Horse in Col. Thomas Neel's Reg't of Militia from New Acquisition District 1776-79. Elizabeth Byers (his wife) living at "Home" in N.C. 1780, made a trip with "family" to Virginia (to see relatives??). York Co. S.C. was then in North Carolina. [Editors note: Dr. Meek can you tell me where you found the information that said York Co., SC was in North Carolina? According to the Seventh Edition of The Handy Book for Genealogists pg 253 "In 1713 the southern Carolina region was separated from North Carolina and was recognized as a royal colony in 1723." pg 260, York Co., created 1785 from Camden & Pickney Dist." pg 257 "Camden Dist created 1769, 1 Original Dist(discontinued) Name changed to Granville 1700." Since it is so difficult to establish old boundries, and that does play such an important part in our research, it would be most interesting to know about this. Even Everton's make mistakes. cbh]

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QUERIES!!!! QUERIES!!!! QUERIES!!!!

Note from the editor: It will help me keep up better if you will send your queries in on a separate sheet of paper. Please be sure your name and address is on that page. I file queries in a folder and it does take time (which I'm a wee bit short of right now) to look up addresses. It has been proven that short, to the point, queries get better results than long involved ones. Try to include at least one date and area such as County and State or just the State if County unknown. There is no limit to queries or the length of them for our members.

I need proof that David P.(Porter?) Byers is the son of Samuel Byers (b. ca 1770) and grandson of William Byers Sr. No. IV [On page 5, Vol.I No.1 ] in Article on William Byers/Byars by Dorothy Hays.

Sylvia Byers, 840 Mission Canyon Rd. Santa Barbara, CA 93105

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Information needed on Roland Byas, Amherst Co., VA, Cabell Co. W.VA.

Margaret Freudenberg, SEM Laurels Apt 151, Milford, OH 45150

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Wish parents and/or marriage date for Michael Byers and Mary Ann Duff

Joan Turpin, 17461 Keswick St. North Ridge, CA 91329

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I seek contact with anyone researching the BICE, BUICE, BUIS family Georgia, North & South Carolina. I am seeking to determine the parents of brothers, Jonathan, Noah J.(Jack), and Elisha Bice, who settled in eastern AL about 1840's. Will Share information.

Columbine Livingston, 200 Warren Circle, Alexander City, AL 35010

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QUERIES!!!! QUERIES!!!! QUERIES!!!!

My husband's great grandmother was a Byers. Her name was Francis Emmialine. She was born Dec 1847, Marion Co., GA. She married John Lewis Clark in 1865 in GA. After the Civil War, she came to Texas, living in Orange, Bell, Williamson then to Fisher Counties. The 1880 Census, Williamson Co., TX shows her father born NC and her mother SC. Need information on her parents.

Mrs. Frankia Story, P.O. Box 607, Meeker, OK 74855

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I believe Mary Ann "Molly" Byers married my grandfather in Polk Co. TN. Then they moved to Denison, TX about 1878. Prior to that they lived in Hutchinson Kansas. Mary Anns parents, David and Rebecca (Maiden name unknown) Byers also lived in Tenn and TX and came to Indian Territory ca 1887. I know nothing else and need more information.

Don W. Carden, 420 So. Wilson, Olympia, WA 98501

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THIS MAY INTEREST & HELP YOU

Our member Lee T. Stockman has started publishing a quarterly, THE STOCKMAN FAMILY OF TEXAS. If you have a Stockman line contact Lee at 2725 Garrow Dr. Antioch, CA 94509.

Our member Joan Turpin says, "Congratulation and deepest sympathies on starting the Byars - Byers Enquirer. I say this because I print a newsletter called The Turpin Times and it has become almost a full time job." [Sure it's work but I love it cbh] So, if you have a Turpin line drop Joan a note 'cause she loves genealogy too. Her address is 17461 Keswick St. North Ridge, CA 91329

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE MACEDONIA CHURCH

From the Butts County Georgia Church Records, copied in the Salt Lake City Archives by Neva Fern Byars. Reel #22764, page 2.

Rev. William Byars served the Church in 1827. But neither was he sound in faith. He belonged to a large and influential family of the same name that came from Spartanburgh District, S.C. in 1824. He united with Smyrna Church about 3 miles east of Jackson, in 1825. And he was baptized by John Reeves, joining Macedonia in 1826. In 1827 the Church called for help from Bethel, Sardis and Smyrna Churches to examine the gifts of William Byars and Samuel Leak. The Commission met and after due deliberation and prayer, it was decided that the gifts of William Byars was a preaching gift. But Samuel Leak was limited to public exhortation and prayer. Our fathers showed the greatest concern before a man was allowed to enter sacred (work?). Their grandchildren would do well in this respect to pattern after them. He was ordained in 1828, at Smyrna Church by John Reeves and Moses D. White. In 1830 he left regular Baptist Church and joined the United Baptists. In 1839, he was a delegate to the State Convention. In 1840, he came back to the old Baptists and joined Sardis Church. Afterward, he was Pastor and Missionary of the Central Association and stood high in estimation of brethren. In 1846, he was the clerk of Central Association, and at McDonough, he preached introductory sermon. In 1849, he was an agent of American Tract Society. He died before the war.

The Church was constructed in Butts on Sept 13, 1826, with the following members: Thomas Thomas, William Redman, Samuel Leak and Jane, Joseph Byars, Nancy Thomas, Silas Lee, Jane Lee.

[Fern believes that the above William Byars is the one who sold so much land in Butts Co. GA during that period. He sold land to her David Byars in 1826. Several of the Byars families bought land from him. She does not yet know if he obtained his land from Military service or the Georgia land lotteries.

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Documentation is the key to a real genealogy. Without it we are just putting names and dates on paper.

## MICHAEL BYER (BYERS) 1828 - 1900

Submitted by:

Joan Turpin, 17461 Keswick St., Northridge, CA 91325

Michael Byer (Byers) was born 27 Sept 1828 in Bavaria, died 1 Feb 1900, Newark, Rock Co., Wisc. He is buried Beloit Catholic Cemetery. He married Mary Ann Duff born Oct 1839 in Ireland, died 20 Mar 1905 Beloit, Rock Co., Wisc and buried in Catholic Cemetery. They had three children:

1. Joseph born ca 1860
2. \* Mary Jane, born 10 April 1861, Beloit, Rock Co., Wisc died 17 Dec 1929, Rock Co., Wisc. She married 24 Dec 1884, Rock Co. Wisc [Joan you failed to give Mary Jane's husband's name cbh]
3. Margaret "Maggie" born ca 1865.

Sources: Michael Byer's death certificate; 1860,1870,1880, Rock Co., Wisc Census; Mary Jane's death certificate; Mary Jane's Wedding License, Mary Ann's death certificate.

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## BICE FAMILY IN ALABAMA, THE FIRST GENERATION

NOAH J. BICE

Submitted by:

Columbine Livingston, 200 Warren Circle, Alexander City, AL 35010

Noah J. Bice (A.J.---Jack) was born 1805-1818 in Georgia. He died 2 Aug 1898, Tallapoosa Co., AL. He married twice. First on 6 Feb. 1839, Jasper Co., GA to Nancy Ann Childs. Nancy was born about 1822 in GA and died Tallapoosa Co., AL before 22 Dec. 1888 when Noah married second, Elizabeth Wheeler. Elizabeth was born JULY 1834 and died in Tallapoosa Co.

Noah and his first wife Nancy Ann had fourteen children:

1. Martha A. born ca 1843-45, married 10 Oct. 1858, G.W. Welch (Tallapoosa 4-474)
  2. William born ca 1845
  3. Susan A.E. born ca 1847, married Wm Reeves.
  4. Mary born ca 1850
  5. Nancy Ann born ca 1850, married 16 Nov 1871, Wm. L. Truett (Tallapoosa 7-562)
  6. Andrew J. born ca 1852, married 9 Dec 1878, Sarah Catherine Craddock (Tallapoosa 8-461)
  7. Sarah Frances born 1854-55, married 19 Dec 1878, W.J. Wilkerson (Tallapoosa 8-462)
  8. Milly born ca 1856
  9. Harriett A.P. born ca 1856-57, married 8 Apr 1879, John W. Neighbors. (Tallapoosa 8-497)
  10. Jane born ca 1858
  11. Joseph G. born December 1859-60. Married 22 Oct 1882, Mary Ellis Melton (Mollie). He died 26 Oct 1918.
  12. Robert L. born ca 1860, married 30 Jan 1890, Lucinda Ballard (Tallapoosa 10-158)
  13. William N. born Nov 1862-64, married 9 Oct 1889, E.E. Duke (Eunice Elmira ?) (Tallapoosa 10-116)
- Julius C. born April 1864-68, Married Tina R. Duke (Tallapoosa 10-181)

Noah J. Bice was among a group of Bice family members who settled in Tallapoosa Co., AL during the 1840's. He acquired property just east of Alexander City, in the Sunny Level community and farmed there until his death. He and several members of

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## NOAH J. BICE, CONTINUED

of his family are buried in Fellowship Primitive Baptist Cemetery on the Hillabee Road east of Alexander City.

Sources: Military Records, State of AL, Alabama State Archives; Tallapoosa Co., Register of Deaths, Tallapoosa Co., Courthouse, Dadeville, AL.; Tallapoosa Co., Census 1850, 1860, 1870. Marriage Records Tallapoosa Co., [Book and page #'s given above] Georgia marriage records.

## BICE - BUICE, SECOND GENERATION

Andrew Jackson Buice, [#6] born 1852, died 1919, Goodwater, Coosa Co., AL was the son of Noah J. and Nancy Ann Bice. He married Sarah Catherine Craddock, 2 Jan 1878, in Tallapoosa Co., AL. The marriage was performed by J.M. Ingram, PC. James M. Stark, Bondsman. Sarah was born 1857 died 1933. Their children:

Willie Pearl Buice born 1879, died 1963, married Wm. McLeroy Selman  
Daisey C. Buice born 1883 died 1957.

Craddock Chester Buice born 24 June 1888, died 17 June 1889

Essie B. Buice born 4 Aug 1890, died 18 Feb 1892.

Starlight Buice born 1894, died 1960, married J.T. "Red" Williams.

Andrew Jackson Buice settled in Goodwater, Coosa Co., AL., where he worked with the police department. His daughters, Willie Pearl and Starlight worked in the Post Office. This family is buried in the Goodwater Cemetery. They consistently spelled their name Buice instead of Bice.

Joseph G. Bice [#11] was born December 1859-60 in Tallapoosa Co AL., and died there 26 October 1918. He married Mary Ellis Melton, 22 Oct 1882 in Tallapoosa Co. She was born Jan 1869, Hogansville, GA and died 9 April 1931 at Dadeville, Tallapoosa Co., AL. Their children :

John William Bice born 25 Sep 1884, Tallapoosa Co. AL., died 21 June 1957 Coosa Co.

Jessie Lythonia born 14 Sep 1886, Tallapoosa Co. AL.

Ocie Annie Franklin Bice, born 9 Sep 1888, Tallapoosa Co. AL.

Joseph Ellis Bice, born 28 Jan 1891, Tallapoosa Co. AL.

Joseph G. Bice was a shoemaker in Alexander City, AL. He and his wife are both buried in Fellowship Cemetery on Hillabee Rd.

**Harriett A.P Bice.** [#9] was the daughter of Noah J. and Nancy Ann Bice. Born 1856-57 she died 1 Aug 1889, in Tallapoosa Co., AL. Her nickname was apparently "Loda." On 8 April, 1879 she married John W. Neighbors and to this union four children were born, one of them an infant daughter born 27 July 1889, died 10 Aug 1889. The other children were Largus, William and Cordia Neighbors. John and Harriett's marriage record is listed: John W. Neighbors and Miss L.W. Bice married 8 April 1879, by J.J. Cleveland. On the marriage bond, with W.B. Osborn as bondsman, the bride's name appears as H.A. Bice. A note says, " Judge, My son is not of age but you are welcome to issue his license. F. (H?) C. Neighbors.

[Note: Columbine is a good genealogist. It was a pleasure working with her neat, well documented material. More of it will be published in future issues. She wrote: " In the several years I've been researching our Bice family, I've only been able to find about six other Bice researchers...until I received my Byars-Byers Enquirer..... I did find a family group of great interest to me on pg 4 of the Enquirer....II. William Byars (Buys)...Children (Buise)...My Jonathan, Elisha and Noah Bice were all born after 1800, so they are not likely the children of (II)...but they could be his grandchildren. Could the grandson, Jonathan, listed in Will be our Jonathan, who settled in Tallapoosa-Coosa Counties of AL during the 1840's? This is the only time I have found these three Bice names listed together, except in Tallapoosa Co., AL. I have a very strong feeling that this may be my family." It is certainly possible this will prove to be Columbine's family. Does anyone have any thing that they can add to Dorothy's material on William Byars(Buys)? Thank you Columbine, your a great addition to our group.]

## HENRY CLAY BYARS

By Clovis Byars Herring

I was born in Houston, Harris Co., TX, 5 Sept 1931 to Charles Burton "Bert" Byars and Jessie Mae Price. When I came along I already had two brothers, Charles Jr., and Kenneth Harland (dec'd). For some reason unknown to me, my Daddy named me Clovis Marie. My given name has caused people to think I was a male and that's the reason I always add Mrs. J.M. to my name. When I was fourteen my sister Judith Lynell "Judy" was born. During my childhood I was never called anything but "Sister" and although it may sound corney to some, I don't mind being called that by my family today. After twenty-three years of marriage our parents divorced and that has been a barrier to my research, since I waited until I had grandchildren to start. After the divorce I saw very little of my paternal relatives so the information I have obtained started from scratch.

My grandfather was Henry Clay Byars, the son of Daniel Webster Byars and Amanda Stewart. He was born 15 Dec 1869 in Texas and died 18 Oct 1957 in Ellis Co., TX. He married first, Sarah "Sally" Emaline Magill, the daughter of John Henry Magill and Mary Catherine Posey. Henry and Sally married 24 Aug 1890 at Cameron, Milam Co., TX. Six children were born to this union:

Pearl born 1892 married Calvin Bench; still living Athens, TX

Alymer (male) born 1894, died 12 Aug 1968, Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX

Albert died aged two and buried in unmarked grave, Conroe, Montgomery Co. TX

Myrtle, born 27 Dec 1901, died 31 Nov 1980, Houston, Harris Co. TX., buried at Rosewood Memorial Cemetery, Harris Co., TX. Aunt Myrtle married Louis Dillard.

I have always been close to this branch of the family as they lived near us when I was a child. My three cousins: John, Horace "Bubba" and Carl, are very interested in this research.

Charles Burton (Daddy of course) was born 28 June 1904 in Nacogdoches Co., TX.

He died 8 June 1964 in Houston and is buried at Rosewood Memorial Cemetery there. My parents married 23 Sept. 1922 in Houston.

Velma "Vada" was born in 1911 and her last marriage was to Glenn Landrum. She died 8 Sept 1966 and is also buried at Rosewood Cemetery. She had no issue.

My grandparents divorced in 1917 and Henry Clay Byars married second Vinea Ray "Bill" Barnes in Chigler, OK on 18 Nov 1917. They had two children: Cecil Marie married Joe Clemmons; and Henry Clay Jr. This event gave me two divorces to overcome in my search.

Sources: Personal interview with Pearl Byars Bench; Family records of Jessied Mae Price Byars; Newspaper obituaries, Marriage Records, Milam Co., TX (original license for Henry Clay Byars and Sarah Magill in possession of compiler: Top portion give Henry Clay Byars, bottom Henry Clay Byars.) Personal interview with Vinea Barnes Byars; Death records.

## DANIEL WEBSTER BYARS

My great grandfather was Daniel Webster Byars. He was born 3 Dec. 1835 in Oakville, Lawrence Co., AL. He was the son of Harrel Byars and Nancy Tackett. In the latter part of 1854, Daniel, his father, mother, brothers and sisters left AL and arrived in TX., settling near present day Randolph in Fannin Co.

On 6 June 1857, Daniel married Sarah Ann Triplet(t). Sarah died along with her first child during child birth.

On April 11, 1860 Daniel joined the Texas Rangers. He served under Capt. Wm Woods in the Rangers of the Frontier Battalion. When the Civil War broke out most of these Ranger Companies were transferred to the Confederate States Army. Daniel's CSA records show he served as a Second lieutenant, in Co., A, 22nd, Texas Cavalry, a Company also known as Taylor's Regiment and Steven's Regiment. He enlisted at Bonham, in Fannin Co., TX Dec. 8, 1861.

When the war was over Daniel returned to his family in Fannin Co., but his stay there was short lived. On 5 March 1865, Daniel was involved in a war related

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## DANIEL WEBSTER BYARS, Continued

shooting that left two men dead. This story and the outcome was written by me with full documentation and published in the magazine True West, #47305, Jan. 1985 titled 47 Years of Running From The Law, pgs 35,36. In short, Daniel was indicted for murder on 19 Dec 1865. He was not arrested until 27 June 1911. He was tried and acquitted on 20 March 1912. All the records and evidence proved that the killing was clearly self-defense.

Even before Daniel was indicted, he had met and married a Civil War widow, with small children. She was Amanda Stewart Smoot. Her first husband, William Smoot died at Ft. Smith, AR., in 1863. Amanda's parents have not been determined. She was born 14 Jan 1840 in AR., and died 15 Mar 1908 in Hunt Co., TX. She is buried in the Wesley Chapel Cemetery at a community called Pecan Gap, near Celest. Her death certificate does not give her given name, date of birth, parents etc. It reads, "Mrs. Byars, died 15 March 1908."

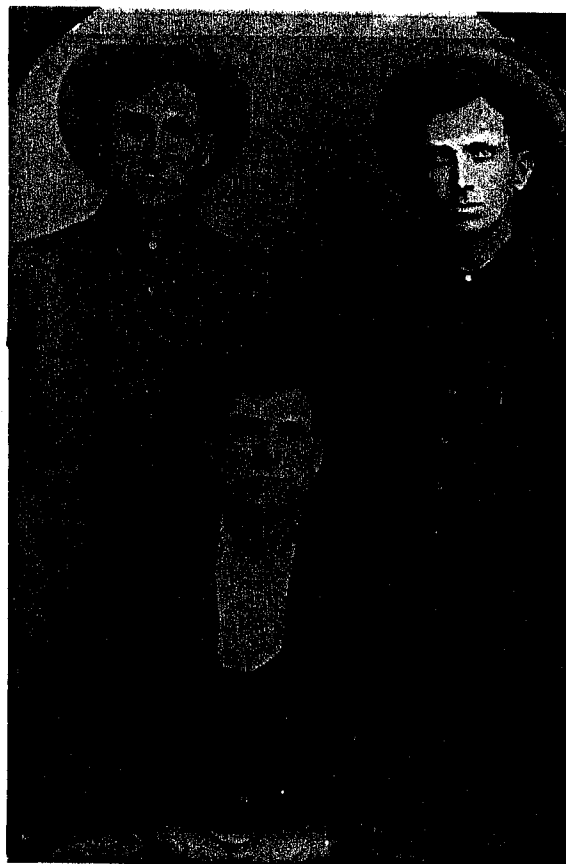
Daniel Webster Byars never allowed his picture to be made but his physical description is given in the Texas Ranger roster. He was six foot-four inches tall, had black hair and blue eyes. He and Amanda married at Whitesboro, Grayson Co., TX. on 20 April 1865. Their children, all born while running from the law, were:

1. Nannie (the only daughter) born 27 Nov 1866, married Henry Wynn. She died in Freestone Co., TX.
2. Henry Clay (see his sheet page 36)
3. Dewitt C. born 23 Dec. 1872, married Bettie (No further info)
4. Robert Dale (Twin) born 15 Sept 1875, died 3 Mar 1963, buried Cold Spring Cem. Nacogdoches Co., TX married Bertie Brown (his twin married her sister)
5. Walter Pardue (Twin) born 15 Sept 1875, died 12 Jan 1938, buried Sandy Grove Cem. Nacogdoches Co., TX., married Annie Brown.
6. William Stewart born 10 Feb 1878, married first Madaline Kenner (Patty Mayfield I believe is his descendant and I need a family group sheet on him, please)

Daniel Webster Byars was called Captain by all his children and grandchildren. He has been described as being very careful with his dress, rather a dandy, in fact. His children knew nothing of their fathers problems during the years they were growing up. They only knew they never stayed in one place long. This became a way of life for them and Henry Clay, his son, could never overcome the urge to move on. This was one of the things that caused my grandmother to divorce him.

Daniel Webster Byars died 8 May 1919 at Swift, Nacogdoches Co., TX, while visiting a son. He is buried at Elmgrove Cemetery there. In 1983 I placed a CSA marker on his unmarked grave. Books published on Hunt County TX Cemeteries give his burial place as Wesley Chaple Cem.

but his death certificate and his living grandchildren prove this incorrect. SOURCES: Texas Ranger Record, Texas State Archives, Austin TX: CSA Military records Texas State Archives: Fannin Co., TX civil records, Case 701. Bonham News, 28 June 1911, pg 1. 1850 Lawrence Co. AL census; 1860 Fannin Co. TX census; Several personal interviews with descendants. Grayson Co. TX marriage records and much more.



Seated in Center, Henry Clay Byars ca 1890. Men standing believed to be two of his brothers.

## DANIEL WEBSTER BYARS, Notes and sources continued

The research of the life of Daniel Webster Byars has proven to be one of the most interesting I have encountered. Regarding the picture of Henry Clay Byars. This was given to me by my cousin Horace Dillard, when my mother died. He did not know who it was. Note to Patty Mayfield. Can you identify the other two? Had I seen it before Mama died she could have told me who they were. See note pg 48 regarding publication of pictures.

## HARRELL BYARS 1814 - 1862

My great great grandfather, Harrell Byars was born 22 Mar 1814, as best we can tell from a broken tombstone. [That year also agrees with the 1850 Lawrence Co., AL census. However, the 1860 Fannin Co., TX census indicates him born in 1808.] He married in Lawrence Co., AL, 23 Jan 1833, Miss Nancy Tackett. Nancy is believed to be the daughter of George Tackett, born ca 1780 NC and Elizabeth Nicholson born ca 1783 SC. Nancy was born 13 July 1812 in AL.

Harrell was a farmer and served as a Constable in Lawrence Co. AL. The family left AL., in 1854 and on 8 Sept. Harrel purchased two hundred acres of land in Fannin Co., TX near the present town of Randolph. When the census was taken in 1860 all eleven children were shown in the household, but some of them were also shown in households of their own. [This really threw me off for awhile until I learned that this often happens] Their children were all born in Lawrence Co. AL:

1. Amanda E., born 21 Oct. 1833, Lawrence Co., AL, married Fannin Co., TX 27 May 1861, H.G. Verner. She died 23 Feb 1867 and is buried at Lindsey Cemetery, at Randolph, Fannin Co., TX. She had at least one child that is also buried there. It is not known if she had other children.
2. Daniel Webster (his material appears this issue)
3. Mary L., born 1837 was living in 1860, Fannin Co. TX at time of census. Her fathers estate papers indicate at least one child had died by 1862. Was that Mary?
4. Martha E. born ca 1839, married 9 July 1857, Fannin Co., TX. Thomas Story. [Family 786, Fannin Co., TX Census taken 19 July 1860 shows: Thos. Story 29, born, Tenn. a Blacksmith. M.E. age 21, born AL. Frank, 1, born TX]
5. John G., born 1 May 1840, died 1867 and is buried at Lindsey Cem. Fannin Co. TX. No marriage record has been found to indicate that he may have left a family.
6. Julia A. (July Ann) born ca 1842 married Fannin Co., TX 27 Oct 1864, Richard Campbell. The compiler has their original marriage license from Fannin Co., TX and would be delighted to find a descendant to give it to.
7. Henry Clay (A popular name in this branch of the family) born ca 1844. It is believed that he married Scintha Gossett on 13 July 1863 in Hunt Co. TX. He may have been living in Grayson Co. TX in 1880 and had children: John T. Henry C., Jackson P., and an unnamed baby in the household. Family tradition says He had a son named Henry Clay and ran a Livery Stable in Ardmore, OK for many years. I have been unable to locate his descendants.
8. Nathan Harrell born 14 Jan 1848 married Katie Johnston: the following was published in Outstanding Men of Indian Territory, by D. Gideon, Pub. 1901 pages 823-24.

"Nathan H. Byars, who follows farming in Johnson, in the Chickasaw nation, was born in Alabama January 14, 1848. His father H. Byars, was a native of Tennessee, whence he removed to Alabama and afterward to Texas, locating in the last named state during the boyhood of his son Nathan. There the father died in 1863\*. His wife bore the maiden name of Nancy Tackett and was a native of Alabama. They were the parents of twelve\*\*children, but only two are now living, and the mother passed away in 1892\*\*\* The father devoted his life to farming pursuits and through that occupation was enabled to provide comfortably for his family. While in Alabama he served for some years as sheriff. [according to records he was a constable] W.L. Byars, a brother of our subject, was born in Alabama in 1849, and in 1877 came to the Indian Territory, where he became a leading representative of the cattle interests of the Chickasaw nation. He was married September 22, 1877 to Miss Juda Adaline Barr, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom six are yet living. Mr. Byars died October 25, 1900, but his widow yet survives



## HARRELL BYARS 1814 - 1862, Continued

and now makes her home at Paul's Valley.

Nathan H. Byars is indebted to the common schools for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He spent about three months each year in the schools of Texas, but through reading and observation as well as experience he has added largely to his knowledge. In 1863 he enlisted as a Texas ranger and served throughout the war. [No record of this has been located at the Texas State Archives] During the greater part of the time since the close of hostilities he has made his home in the territory and has always engaged in the raising of cattle. At the present time he owns sixteen hundred acres of land, which is cultivated or is utilized for pasture purposes.

Mr. Byars was married, September 22, 1878, to Miss Katie Johnston, a daughter of Judge T.B. Johnston and a cousin of Governor Johnston. Her brother Levi Johnston, is a prominent cattle man who resides in the vicinity of Purcell. Isaac W. and Albert Sidney, younger brothers, were reared and educated in the territory and now reside on the old homestead. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Byars have been born eight children, namely: Mary A., born November 4 1880; Thomas N., born February 24, 1882; Willie C., born September 5, 1883; Charles T., born February 1885; Samuel T., born December 24 1886; Katy M., who was born December 23, 1888 and died November 10, 1898; Nancy E., born August 15, 1890; Roy N., born July 3, 1892; and Alice O., who was born on the 11th of September, 1898." [Note:Records prove \*Harrel died in 1862 not 63: \*\*Records found indicate they had eleven, not twelve children; \*\*\*Nancy the mother died in 1893, not 1892 according to her tombstone ]

A survey of the Old Johnsonville Cemetery, located not far from Byars, McClain Co., OK shows that Nathan H. Byars died 5 Nov. 1911. His son Thomas died 23 Oct 1909, Samuel Talmage, died 10 Oct 1917. We learn from the Oklahoma Travel Handbook, Kent Ruth 1977:"Byars (McClain Co., pop. 247, on OK 59. A dwindling town, founded in 1903 and named for a local rancher Nathan H. Byars...was known for a time as Beaverville. Chickasaw leader Judge T.B. Johnston later built a home here, and the settlement existed as Johnson and Johnson from 1876 until Byars was established on a now abandoned Santa Fe branch line. [Every effort to contact descendants have failed. The post master at Byars OK gave me the addresses of some of them and even though I sent SASE's and wrote several times, my letter were neither answered or returned]

9. William Levi was born 2 May 1849. from Outstanding Men of Indian Territory, by D. Gideon, Pub 1901, pages 825-26 we have the following:

W.L. Byars, deceased, was one of the wealthiest and most prominent cattlemen of the Chickasaw nation, and his loss in the community was widely and deeply mourned. He was born in Alabama in 1849, and in 1877 came from Texas to the Indian Territory, where he acquired a fortune through the raising and sale of cattle. He thoroughly understood the business in every department and his plans were readily formed and carefully executed. He annually made large sales and at all times had a very extensive drove of cattle upon his ranch. This is the leading industry of the territory, owing to the splendid natural resources which this portion of the country furnishes, the broad prairies and fertile fields giving excellent pasturage for stock. Far-sighted and enterprising business men have taken advantage of the opportunity and through the careful conduct of business have achieved splendid prosperity. Prominent among these was Mr. Byars.

In 1877 occurred the marriage of Mr. Byars and Miss Juda Adaline Barr, who was born, reared and educated in Missouri, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Strange) Barr. Her father died during the war at Fort Smith, Arkansas, while working for the government, after which the mother with her children, three sons and a daughter, came to Indian Territory, in 1877. One son now deceased, and Job Thomas and Tobe now reside in Texas. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Byars were

## HARRELL BYARS 1814-1862, Continued

- born seven children, namely: William Edgar, Maggie J., Nellie May, deceased, Joseph Philip, Samuel Harold, Conrad Clinton and Leona Gertrude. Mrs. Byars is a devoted member of the Methodist church, takes an active interest in its work and does everything in her power for the promotion of the cause of Christianity in this locality. [Efforts to contact descendants of this branch of the family have also failed] William Levi is buried at the Old Johnsonville Cemetery.
10. Crockett M. born ca 1851. It is possible he married Melissa Hart. No further record or information found.
11. Nancy Alabama born ca 1854, married Thomas D. Buie in Fannin Co., TX, 21, Aug 1870. No further records have been found. I also have the original marriage record of this couple from Fannin Co., TX. and would be delighted to find a descendant to give it to.

Harrell Byars died 2 Oct. 1862 in Fannin Co., TX and is buried at Lindsey Cemetery near Randolph. Nancy Tackett Byars went to Indian Territory in 1877 with her sons Nathan H. and William Levi. She died there 26 Feb. 1893 and is buried in the Old Johnsonville Cemetery near them.

## WHAT IS THE LINDSEY CONNECTION TO HARRELL and NANCY (TACKETT) BYARS??

On the 1860 Fannin Co., TX census two Lindsey children were shown in the household with Harrell and Nancy Byars (That census lists him as either N or H). These children were: J.S. Lindsay, male, age 5, born TX and Rebecca Lindsay, female, age 4, born in TX. The 1870 Fannin Co., TX., census shows Nancy as head of household. Nathan, Wm. L. Crockett, and Alabama (Nancy) are still at home and John Lindsey age 14 and Rebecca age 12 are still living with the family. There was also a Joe B.C. Campbell, 18 born Ark. living there. Fannin Co., Marriages show Louisa Byars married Thomas Lindsey, 27 Oct. 1854. Family # 986, 1860 Fannin Co. TX is Thos. Lindsay age 42 m Tenn, and L. Lindsay age 49 f born Ind. I feel this may be the Thomas and Louisa that married in 1854 but on the other hand I cannot help but wonder if perhaps Harrell and Nancy did have twelve children and the Lindsay children are their grandchildren. There appears many Lindsay families in Lawrence Co. AL. in 1850 but the Lawrence Co., marriage license do not show a Byars/Lindsay connection.

## WAS HARRELL'S FATHER NATHAN BYARS, 1795 - 1860?

Yes, according to some information I have found. This Nathan Byars was born ca 1795 in NC. According to Exits and Entrants, published in 1974 by Ura McWhorter Byars, he married Elizabeth Womack, born ca 1800 KY. In trying to confirm and verify the information Mrs. Byars published I wrote to the newspaper in Moulton, Lawrence Co., Ala, the Chamber of Commerce there, and the Public Library, trying to get an address for her. I received no replies. In 1983, I made a quick trip to Moulton to check out the courthouse records. Alas and alack! That is not the genealogists idea of Heaven. Few record books have indexes, the older ones are in a cold, damp basement, that you get to by way of a narrow spiral stairway. The records in the basement have no order, are piled high on shelves that are too high to reach. Employees at the courthouse have different stories to tell. Some say the courthouse burned, others say it flooded. They did not attempt to help or explain their system. You get the message loud and clear, strange genealogists are not very welcome there. I guess no one has ever told them that we are really very nice people, and that the area benefits when we travel around spending money on food, motels, and other various things.

I don't doubt that the information published in Exits and Entrants on this Nathan Byars was correct. Mrs. Ura McWhorter Byars was a resident of the area and she included the family of her husband along with hers. However, errors made in the book, on the generations of Byars' prior to this Nathan, indicated to this genealogist that it would be prudent to verify all of it. So far this has proven to be quite a task. Although there are errors in her information she gives L. Nathan Byars III, as being the son of Nathan Byars born 1776 in North Carolina, as his father. Since I have felt for many years that my branch of the Byars family comes from

## NATHAN BYARS 1795 - 1860, Continued

Nathan Byars and Drucilla Harrelson, I think it is necessary to consider the information in Exits and Entrants. While researching for her book Ura and her husband Jim Byars went to Oklahoma and visited, in 1967, Mrs. Gertrude Byars Gaylord, daughter of William Levi (Child #9, Harrell Byars, 1814-1862) Mrs. Gaylord was 71 years old at the time. This and other documentation gives me enough evidence to believe the Byars research done by Mrs. Ura Byars on this generation is correct. The following is abstracted from her book, pages 49 through 57.

## L. NATHAN BYARS

L. Nathan Byars, born 1795 NC, died about 1860. [was on 1850 Census, with wife Elizabeth and son Thomas B.] Buried at Bald Knob Cemetery where I presume his father, wife and some of his children are buried without markers. L. Nathan moved from Milledgerville, Tenn., with his father and other Byars families in the early 1800's to Lawrence Co., AL. In 1850 census all children of L. Nathan said they were born in AL.

Record Book B [I was unable to locate this record cbh] On 24th day of December 1832 there was a court case against L. Nathan, but a jury of twelve good men...found him not guilty. Tract Book I, Land Grants, Pg 33, Nathan Byars, October 24, 1836 ...40 acres [located this record] Dee Adair now (1972) owns and lives on this place, across the road from J.W. "Jimbo" Byars [Her husband] L. Nathan Byars married Elizabeth Womack [I have been unable to verify this maiden name] who said in the 1850 census of Lawrence County AL. "her age was 50 and born in Kentucky."

To this union were born seven children:

1. Harrel Byars, who was born 1814 [see his group this issue]
2. Robert "Bob" Byars, born 29 Jan 1819, married first Lucinda DeVault, 18 Sept 1839 in Lawrence Co. AL. Married second Mrs. E. Leeper. He served in the Mexican War 1846-47. Robert had one child to live by his first wife: James Napoleon Byars born 21 Mar 1845, died 5 July 1917. Married Anne E. Brooks. He served in CSA. Robert and his second wife also had one child: Georgia Ann born 17 Dec 1853, married Tell Brown and moved to Texas.
3. Levi B. Byars born 1822, died 25 May 1894. Buried Bald Knob Cem. Married 1858 Sarah Livingston. Children: Catharine (Kate) married James F. Moore died 1942. Parlee married Will Alexander; Robert born 1871, married 1st Ellen Barnes, 2nd Bell Warmix; Nancy married William Warmix; Elizabeth, unmarried; Jane, unmarried.
4. Sarah A. Byars, married Rowen T. Blasingame. [born ca 1824] Children: J.N. married Rebecca Livingston, Robert married Elizabeth H. Cooper, Margaret married Burrell Casteel, Elizabeth married William Rufus Byars.
5. Elizabeth Byars born 9 Nov 1828, married 20 April 1845, Gabriel Moran, died 1917 buried Liberty Methodist Church Cem. Lawrence Co. AL. Children: Jim married Martha Bracken; William N, married 1st Martha A. Daniel, married 2nd Mary P Watson; Mary Ann married Wesley Hill [and four other daughters, which were on pages I failed to copy]
6. Thomas B. Byars, born ca 1837. No record of him after the 1850 census. Ura asks "Did he die or go to Texas with his older brother Harrel?" [I found no record of him thus far.]
7. George W. Byars born ca 1839. Enlisted 16th Reg't, Ala. Inf. August 10, 1861. Died 26 Dec. 1861 at Knoxville, Tenn. [I have his Military Record]

NOTE: According to Exits and Entrants Nathan Byars, born 1776 North Carolina, died after 1855, Lawrence Co. AL. was L. Nathan's father. She also stated that this Nathan served in the Creek Indian Wars and applied for bounty land. I have sent for those records. Does anyone have any documentation that would prove Nathan Byars Jr. was L. Nathan's father?

Sources for Harrell Byars 1814-1862: 1850 Lawrence Co. AL Census, marriage records, land deeds; 1850, 1860 Fannin Co. TX Census, marriage records, land records, tombstone inscriptions, Estate records; Grayson and Hunt Co. TX marriage records; Outstanding Men of Indian Territory, D. Gideon; Old Johnsonville Cemetery survey, located McClain Co., OK;

## BEERSHEBA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHYARD

Submitted by:

Col. George Byars

From THE SOUTH CAROLINA MAGAZINE OF ANCESTRAL RESEARCH, Volume XIV, No.1, Winter 1986 pages 14 and 15. No exact location given.

In memory of the infant daughter of Saml. B. Byers and Jane M. Byers who died Sept 26th 1817 aged 1 day.

In memory of Alemeth L. Byers born Jany 13th 1835 Died Feby 3d 1862.

Amanda M. Byers December 6, 1829 August 29, 1908.

In memory of Betsy Byers who died October 8th 1803 in the 28th year of her age.

Sacred to the memory of Catharine Byers who died June 16, 1815 aged 39 years.

D. Theodore Byers June 9 1822 Nov. 21 1897.

Sacred to the memory of David Byers Born Oct. 3rd 1774 and died August 16th 1862.

He was a good citizen, a kind husband and father. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church for more than fifty years. [same stone different inscription]

Infant of J.A. & E.A.B. [same stone different inscription] Mary G. Byers wife of David Byers Born Dec. 25, 1779 Died July 19, 1867.

Sacred to the memory of Edward Byers who departed this life March 13th 1832 in the 71st year of his age.

Edward G. Byers Born Aug 13, 1816 Died May 19, 1887

Jane M. Byers was born October 9th 1794 and departed this life September 25th 1850.

Libbie T. Byers Sept. 13, 1865 Feb. 23, 1943

In memory of Louisa Byers who departed this life the 6th September 1816 aged 4 years 5 months & 16 days.

Sacred to the memory of Martha Ann Byers who was born 22nd April 1822 and died 19th of May 1839.

Mary D. Byers was born November 19th 1831 and departed this life October 23rd 1850.

In memory of Patsy Byers who died September 5th 1794 in the 27th year of her age.

Sacred to the memory of Samuel B. Byers who was born 22nd of February 1787 and died 29th of April 1839.

In memory of William Byers who departed this life on the 24th of August 1816 aged 51 years 4 months and 15 days.

In memory of William Byers Junr. who departed this life Jany 31st 1823 aged 19 years 6 months and 10 days.

## NATHAN BYARS &amp; DRUCILLA HARRELSON

At this point we have so much conflicting information one this couple and their children that I have decided to see how much real proof we can gather before we go any further. Material received just today indicates that their daughter Drucilla Jane did not marry Abner Womack. This material seems to prove that the William Womack Bible records did not prove this as has been previously published. In view of this material and other records that have been ordered but not yet received, we will go into this family again after we have more concrete proof to go on. CBH

## PLEASE WELCOME ANOTHER MEMBER TO OUR RESEARCH TEAM

(#40) Marjorie S. Tucker, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226. She is the author of the EVANS FAMILY 1700 - 1983. 564 pages, illustrations, 173 photographs, index of approximately 7,000 names. Price \$27.95. Write to Marjorie for further details. She is a Byars descendant and I believe she will prove to be a valuable help to all of us. Welcome aboard Marjorie.

SOME BYARS BIBLE RECORDS

[In Salt Lake City in 1984 I copied a couple of Byars Bible Records that was on microfilm. Here's my transcriptions taken from those copies. They are on over size paper, so drop me a card if they are your folks, and we can make arrangements to get copies to you. cbh]

Film # 848,575 [This was typed and they copied it with punctuation and spelling]

Holy Bible; Old and New Testaments, The Original Tongues,  
The Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised;  
The Text Conformable To The Oxford Edition, and The  
American Bible Society's Edition of 1816. Harding and Crown  
Edition, Philadelphia; William W. Harding, 1877

Original Owner: John F. Byars and wife, 1852, Miss.  
Present Owner; Mrs Lee Dud Byrd (Virgie Mary Phillips)  
Brownwood, Texas, 1964

John F. Byars was born May 3 1829, Sarah C. Byars was Born  
January 4, 1834. Joseph R. Byars, was born September, 8. 1853  
Susan A. Byars, was born May, 18. 1855, David S. Byars was born  
June 9. 1857. Maron James and Mary Jane Byars, was born  
August, 15.1859. Sarah A. Byars was born Janurary 24.1860.  
Cora L Byars was born, December, 19. 18 66, Bidwell C. Byars  
was born, Janurary 12, 1869, Sebell K Byars, was born  
March 28, 1871, Miney S. Byars was born, November 7, 1874

Joseph R. Byars was married to Jesph Fene Mabry, Dec.4.1874  
Benjamen C. Stephens , was married to Susan A. Byars, Oct.5, 1876.

David S. Byars was married to Martha J, Fondren, 1800  
Mary J Byars & A.J. Liggett was married, July 31, 1884

Cora L Byars to A.R. Clardy, May 17, 1885

V.L. Phillips and S.A. Byars was Mar Feb. 2, 1888

B.C. Byars and Fannie Cason was Mar. May 18, 1888

E.H. Phillips and Sebell K Byars was Mar. Nov, 3. 1889

M.J. Byars and S.L. Geyer married Feb.2.1890

H.W. Phillips and M.S. Byars was Mar. Feb.11.1894

John F. Byars dies April 24, 1905, Sarah A. Byars, died Oct, 24  
1901

Maron James Byars Died July 7, 1893

J.H. Byars Dec. Sept 1894 Jane Gilbert Decs 1702

Sarah C Byars Died March, 12. 1922. Bidwell C Byars died  
July 20, 1924. J.R. Byars Died March 29,1928

Susan A. Byars died Feb.14. 1927, Maron J. Byars died July 7  
1893

Cora L. Byars died May 5, 1950

"I swear that the above is a true and exact copy of the  
inforamtion given in the above stated Bible, which I  
copied from Bible, owned by Mrs Lee Dud Byrd, Brownwood, Tex.  
on November 16, 1964. Signed; Elizabeth L Clardy  
Grace E. Beauchamp was the Notary Public.

[Please note: I have checked my transcription carefully and believe  
it's exact cbh]

Neva Fern Byars do you have/or  
want/copies of these?

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THE

HOLY BIBLE

containing the

old and new Testaments

Translated out of

The Original Tongues;

and with  
The Former Translations Diligently  
Compared and Revised  
NEW YORK:  
American Bible Society  
Instituted in the year MDCCCXVI  
1867

Bible in possession of Mrs Stephen Jones RFD Jackson, Ga. [hand written]  
MARRIAGES

W.L. Standard and Mrs. M.J. Byars was married 1864, May 16th  
BIRTHS

W.L. Standard was born in the year of our Lord 1844 May 1

M.J. Byars was born in the year of our Lord Oct. 10,  
1850. Wife of W.J. Standard

Robt. Byars son of James and Elizabeth was born in the  
17th day of Jany A.D. 1810.

Sallie M. Byars was born the 3rd day of January 1810.

George W. Byars was born the 9th day of Augt 1828.

Anna Byars was born 17th June 1830.

Andrew J. Byars was born the 7th day of March 1835.

July Ann Byars was born the 29th Dec. 1832. (mothr of Call Meridith)

James L. Byars was born May the 25th 1837.

Richard Byars was born 17th Feb. 1840. (Walter Byars father)

\*Lucy A. Byars was born the 2nd day of Feb. 1842. (Granny Lycz).

Hard written under this (She was the wife of Augustus Jones  
the Mother of Stephen & Jesse Jones)

Joel B. Byars was born the 1st day of June 1844.

John Thomas Byars was born the 31st of May 1846.

Sallie Byars was born the 28th day of October 1848.

George Ann Byars was born Jany 1st 1848 daughter of George and Martha.

Martha Byars was born Sept. 17th 1852.

Robert Byars (lady) was born Augt. 17th 1855 (married a Thompson)

#### DEATHS

July Ann Byars departed this life Augt. the 1st 1847.

George W. Byars departed this life Augt. 24th 1849

Martha Byars Departed this life April 13th 1853.

Robt. Byars Departed this life Aug. 24th 1855.

John T. Byars Departed this life Dec. the 3rd 1862. [same date for these]

Joeel B. Byars Departed this life Dec. the 3rd 1862.

R.G. Byars Departed this life Oct. 3, 1902.

Mary J. Standard departed this life October 3th 1902 (Uncle Jack's wife).

W.J. Standard died Jan. 11, 1929.

Lucy A. Jones died May 19, 1927. (Granny Lucy)

Bobby Thompson died Jan. 23, 1931.

(Robert Byars--lady) Unadilla, Ga.

[There is no statement on these typed pages cbh]

#### RESEARCH TIP

If you are a beginner or a seasoned reasearcher your can learn something from  
Ancestry's GUIDE TO RESEARCH, BY Johni Cerny & Arlene Eakle. It's one of the best  
I have seen. If possible every genealogist should have this on their book shelf  
for reference. Sometime we tend to forget some of the basics and this book offers  
those, as well as more detailed sources and ways of finding our ancestors.

#### FILLING OUT FAMILY GROUP SHEETS

If you will list your sources on the back or on an attached piece of paper you'll  
not have to go back to your files everytime someone ask's "Whats your source?"  
Also it makes them easier to read if you use the genealogist standard method of  
dates=Day, Three letter Abbreviation, year. There is a reason for this you know.

## SURVEY RESULTS

About 20% returned their sheets. About one-half subscribe to the Genealogical Helper. Almost 100 % (98%) Have and use the Handy Book, Belong to Genealogical Societies, Has access to a Library or Archives. 100% will share. 95% said they needed Research Tips and our members have been doing research from 5 to 80 years. 100% have read "How To" books and 75% have attended workshops or seminars.

Just a little over half of you are interested in forming an organization for our group. I do believe we could benefit from organizing, but at this particular time I don't think I can devote the necessary time it would need. Also, it is my opinion that as time goes by, through the 'Enquirer' we will make contact with more and more people and eventually have more than enough support to carry out and organize a wide spread "REunion". That's when we should organize. But, those of you that are interested should be thinking about it and jotting down ideas for the future.

I appreciate those of you that took time out of your schedule to send the survey sheets back to me. As space permit's I'll extract your feelings and publish them.

CBH

## TID BITS from the FILES of the EDITOR

Notices From Alabama Newspapers and Family Records by Helen S. Foley

12 Aug 1884, Mr. Eugene Byars, the proprietor of the Georgetown (GA) Echo died in Culbeth last Thursday

Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution, by Bobby Gilmer Moss Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1983

Byars, John

He served as a captain under Col. LeRoy Hammond. (Hillen, George, S7006)

Byars, John

He served under Capt. Absalom Timmy or Lenny (?) and Col. Brandon and was in a skirmish with Tories near Island Ford on the Saluda River (Sarrett, Allen S4661)

Byers, Edward

b. 5 December 1761, Augusta (now Rockbridge)County, VA. d. 13 March 1832. m.

1. Martha Alexander 2. Elizabeth Byers 3. Mrs. Mary Smith Chambers. At an early period he joined Sumter;s army. IVV186;15VV144113DD 50a; Carolina Spartan, 26 August 1885

Byers, James

m. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ In September 1780, he entered service under Capt. George Taylor and Col. Brandon in the Spartanburg Dist. He also served under Andrew Leister of Brandon's regiment. His second tour was under Capt. Ridgeway and Col. White and his third tour which lasted until the end of the war, was as a scout in his neighborhood.

Byers, Samuel

He served in the militia under Lt. James Marshall during 1779 and under Capt. John Peters during 1781. C.S.:AA 974; I111.

Byers, William Sr.

b. 1730, Northern Ireland. d. 1798. m. Elizabeth Walton. He was a member of the South Carolina Provential Congress during 1775-76 and a captain in Co. Neel's regiment in the Snow Campaign, the Cherokee War, the Briar Creek Campaign and the relief of Charleston. He resigned his commission 20 June 1779. (McElwee, James, W9553); AA975;AA5036A;AA1913;AA445;C.S; A.G., p.122; C.B.; R6; Y54.

Byers, William

b. 6 April 1747, York County, PA. d. 1837. m. Jane \_\_\_\_\_. He moved to York District, South Carolina during 1765 and his first service was under Capt. William Byers, Sr. (his uncle) and Col. Neel as a wagoner in the campaign against the Cherokees. He was also in the Georgia Expedition. In 1780, he enlisted to go to Wilmington as a wagoner to haul supplies. Thereafter, he served under Capt. Daniel McClaren and

## TID BITS

## ROSTER of SOUTH CAROLINA PATRIOTS, Continued

Col. Bratton as a scout until after the battle at Guilford Courthouse. At some time he was a sergeant. (Moved to Tenn.) A.A. 975.

[All above from page 131]

History of Henry County Iowa, Henry Co., Bicentennial Comm. 1982

Winona Maude Nicholson b. 1 Feb. 1884, died 28 Nov. 1960 married Alfred Byers.

Winnifred Taylor, daughter of Fred and Mable (Simpson) Taylor married Alfred Byers. [I failed to note the page #'s. But this may be a lead for someone cbh]

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### GEORGE BYERS

Submitted by:

Col. George Byers, USA (Ret.) 3104 Corby Blvd. South Bend, Indiana 46615.

The Col. was born 28 June 1893, Birdseye, Dubois Co., Ind. He is the son of George Wesley Byers and his wife, "Lillie" Elizabeth Ann Deweese. He married first, Nellie Ethaldred Kessler, born 14 Mar. 1896, Brentwood, Green Co., KY. She was the daughter of Thomas Hoskins Kessler and Flora Bird Wisdom. Nellie married second James D. Tillman.

Eight children were born to Col. and Mrs. Byers, seven are still living.

1. Mary Elizabeth, born Chang Chun China married 1st William Tu, 2nd Nicholas Seldon.
2. George William born Washington D.C. married 1st Esther Sparks, 2nd Gloria Wong.
3. Margaret Ann born Washington D.C., unmarried
4. John Robertson born Brooklyn, NYC. married Margaret Wilson Shipp.
5. William Morgan Hall born Lafayette, Ind. married Mary Joyce Zenger.
6. Helen Louise, born Lafayette, Ind. married Alec Bernstein M.D.
7. Janice Barbara born Lafayette, Ind. married Raymond L. Colford
8. Emily Carolyn born Lafayette, Ind. Died 1972, unmarried.

On April 10, 1947, in Illinois, Col. George married second, Mei-Ching Lei (Pronounced LAY). She was born 1 Nov., Tsinan fu, Shantung, China, the daughter of Lei, I. Lun and Li, Yin. Three children were born of this marriage.

1. Lili Ching born Urbana, Champaign Co. IL married Harold L. Spencer
2. Cornelia Mei (M.D.) born South Bend, Ind. married Ernest E. Smith
3. Alicia Lei (M.D.) born South Bend, Ind. married Marvin E. Vollmer.

The Col. is a PHD. He joined the Army in 1917 and was promoted through the grades to Col. in 1927, regimental and higher unit comdr., 1923-53 His achievements have been great throughout his life time and he is listed in Who's Who. He is the author of: *Currency of Manchuria*, 1924; *Some Tendencies of Integration in Industry*, 1927; *Family Genealogies of Byers-Lei-Deweese-Skelton-Swaney-Garrison-Sherry*, 1959; *Scales Family and Conn Family Genealogies*, 1961-62; *John Phillips and Agnes Gentry Decendants*, 1967; *Tennison Family of Southern Indiana*, 1968.

[ I think we are all very fortunate to have this gentleman support our efforts. WE will do well to listen to any advise or suggestions he makes to us. cbh]

#### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I have gotten behind in indexing material as it comes in. So, at present I am not able to make family connections etc, until I put the material into this publication. Eventually I will catch up. I think an index to each issue will serve more people but I do warn you: No matter how careful I am I do make mistakes (even the computer indexes have an error rate of 10%.) So, please don't take this index or any index for the "Gospel." Especially should you be careful not to take a census index to mean your family was not in a State at a particular time. Look for yourself if you think your family should be there and are not listed. When you do find the family you think is yours, you MUST verify and prove that they are. Just because a child is in the household does not mean the head of the household is his parent. Grandparents, aunts and uncles raised children when parents died. CBA



Note: Membership roll not included in index.

ALEXANDER,	BYARS/BYERS	BYARS/BYERS	BYARS/BYERS	DILLARD,
Esther 31	Agnes 31	Joel 44	Samuel 29,32	Louis 36
Joseph 31	Albert 36	John 24,27,28,	39,40,42,46	DUFF, Mary
Martha 31,46	Alfred 47	29,30,38,46,	Sarah 41,43	32,34
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Christine 28	Conrad 40	Libbie 42	41,42,46,47	Susan 30
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Essie 35	42,43	Maron 43	Richard 38	GILL, Jane 29
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Jessie 35	Drucilla 24,29	Marvin 28	CAPERTON,	GORDON, Henry 32
John 35	42	Mary 24,29,30,	Alfred 28	James 26
Jonathan 32	Drury 29	33,34,38,39,	CARDEN, Don 33	Martha 27
Joseph 34,35	Edward 30,31	42,43,47	CASON,	Mary 32
Martha 34	42.46	Michael 32,34	Fannie 28,43	GOSSETT,
Milley 34	Emily 47	Minnie(ey)28,43	Henry 28	Scinthia 38
Nancy 34	Elisha 27	Mollie 33	CASTEEL,	GUY, Belle 30
Noah 32,34	Elizabeth 31,32	Morgan 28	Burrel 41	HAMON, Wm 28
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Willie 35	44,47	Nevada 28	CLEMONS, Joe 36	Drucilla
BLANTON, Jack 26	Georgia 41	Neva Fern 28,33	COLFORD,	28,41,42
BLASINGAME,	Gertrude 41	Oliver 30	Raymond 47	Stella 28
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Margaret 41	Hattie 28	Ozias 29	COOPER,	Joseph 32
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Bertie 37	Jane 27,29,33,41	Roland 32	DEWEESE, Lillie 47	HOPE,
BUIE, Tho's 40	42	Rosa 27	DILLARD,	Catherine 31
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- JONES,  
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- KENNER,  
 Madaline 37
- KESSLER,  
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 Thomas 47
- KIMMELL,  
 Martha 30
- KRAMPH, Rosa 30
- LANDRUM, Glen 36
- LEAK, Sam'l 33
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- LINDSAY,  
 John 40  
 Rebecca 40  
 Thomas 40
- LIVINGSTON,  
 Rebecca 41
- LOGAN, E'beth 31
- LEE,  
 Jane 33  
 Silas 33
- LOVE, Agnes 30
- MCCAW, John 32
- MCGUIRE,  
 Amos 27  
 Eliza 27  
 Sarah 27
- MCLEAN,  
 Ephraim 31  
 Charles 31  
 Susan 31
- MCREYNOLDS,  
 Patricia 29
- MCWHORTER,  
 Ura 40
- MABRY, Jesh 43
- MAGILL,  
 John 36  
 Sarah 36
- MARTIN,  
 Foster 27  
 J.B. 26
- MEEK,  
 Adam 31  
 Allison 31  
 Jane 31  
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 Melton 31
- MELTON,  
 Mary 34
- MEREDITH,  
 Call 44
- MITCHELL,  
 Jane 31
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 Anne 24  
 Edward 26  
 Susan 26
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 Gabriel 41  
 Jim 41  
 Mary 41  
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 Fereby 27
- PARKER,  
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- PICKETT,  
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- PRICE,  
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- PURSER,  
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 Will publish your family Pictures too, if you will send them in.

Also:  
 This index was done very hurriedly. More than likely there are errors. For these I do apologize. CBH

## ARE WE POSSESSED WITH GENEALOGY ??

Sure, some of us are. Recently a very nice young man, my distant cousin from my PATE line called me. He just got interested in his ancestors about three months ago, and he's trying to learn all he can about doing research. We were going over his progress and he asked me a question that is both funny but not so funny either. He said, "Have you ever felt obsessed with finding your ancestors?" Well, I had to admit that sometimes I do. Why, I simply don't know. He went on to say that he often wakes up at night wondering about those early folks, how they felt about things, and why they went from place to place and his wife was beginning to think he is "possessed with genealogy and is losing his mind." I assured him that many people are infected with the disease and that I doubted he would end up in a padded cell, or at least I hoped he wouldn't.

His enthusiasm about his search gave me a lift and reminded me how much fun genealogy really is. I thought about the many people I have come to know and love, although I have never met them face to face, through my research. My life pretty well revolves around genealogy, and I feel mistreated if I can't go researching. That's one of the reasons I appreciate my husband of 38 years so very much. He supports me in all of my endeavors and hardly ever complains (except when I get so involved I burn the beans.)

We live seven and a half miles from town, out in the woods. When our little house got so crowded with boxes of records that he could not get to his favorite chair, he enclosed a shed on the back of our pump-house and built me an office. This hide away has become known as the "genealogical rat's nest." He just recently added on to my rat's nest, although he may be facing some very serious surgery in the future. I can tell you this, 1986 has not been my year, in the family crisis dept.

Since genealogy gets pretty personal I thought you wouldn't mind if I shared with you some of my personal thoughts and told you about my life style. I hope you will feel free to do the same.

I have had some problems with the printers schedule, and what with my husband's recently discovered illness, I am trying to get material prepared ahead of time, in order to stay current with each issue. It would be helpful to me if you would send in corrections, queries etc. as soon as possible.

Just look at our new members if you please. From zero to forty-seven in just six months, quite impressive don't you think?

We are delighted to have each of you join our group.

## PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

41B-GARWOOD, Mrs. Anne, Rt 1 Bx 445, Pleasant Lake, Indiana 46779

42B-CRAIG, Dr. Marion S., 300 Beckwood Rd. Little Rock, AR 72205

43B-VELASQUEZ, Terry J. Box 277, Wamego, KS 66547

44B-ROBBINS, Faye, Rt. 6 Bx 2280, Cullman, AL 35055

45B-THATEN, Nell Byars, 2108 Denfield Lane, Childress, TX 79201. Nell says she cannot contribute now, but when her life gets less hectic she will. So, glad to have you Nell.

46B-BURCH, Ruth, 3021 Blackshear Ave. Pensacola, FL 32503

47B-JOHNSON, Elspye, P.O. Bx 53, Montmorenci, S.C. 29839

## MY DEEP APPRECIATION

My deep appreciation and a special word of Thanks to each of you that sent cards and wrote notes regarding the death of our mother. Each was a comfort to me and I cannot tell you how much each of them meant to me.

*Clovis*

## DANIEL BYERS

From: Col. George BYERS, BSA, MFS, Ph.D., 3140 Sorby Blvd. South Bend, IN 46615

"Much of the material I'll be sending you will be related to our search for the parentage of my 3-Greats Grandfather, Daniel BYERS. We trace back up our lineage to him in old Yohogania Co., of Virginia, in the West Augusta area of Augusta Co. That area is now in Beaver County of southwest Pennsylvania. He took land there by purchase and deed, in 1775, not by Virginia grant.

The migratory path from me leads back to Grayson/Hardin/Nelson/Jefferson County of Kentucky; Kaintuck and Yohogania Co., Virginia, "west of Laurel Ridge (mountain)".

We are now searching for him in earlier records. And the present thrust of our searches is in Lancaster Co., of Pennsylvania, cut from Chester Co., in 1729 and lying west of Chester."

EDITORS NOTE: Included was various material from Pennsylvania records. Since I believe we can all learn how to better analyse our findings I have taken the liberty of abstracting from one of the Col.'s letters his reasoning.

"The enclosed copies of the 1790 and 1800 census entries show that the Daniel BYERS(BAYERS) of Colerain Township, Lancaster Co., PA, there in 1790 is still there in 1800. We shall follow him into the 1810 census to determine whether he is aged with the Daniel in Dromore Township in the Tax Lists of 1771, 1772, and 1773, or is, as expected, a somewhat younger man. The purpose of this search is to strengthen the indication that the Dromore Daniel is the person who moved westward to Yohogania County of Northwest Augusta Co., by 1775. The Dromore Daniel BYERS is not in Dromore in the tax records of 1779 or 1782.

Now we go into the 1810 census, and we discover that the Colerain Daniel BYERS is recorded as over 45, whereas in the 1800 census he was only 26 to 45, or under age 45. In the decade 1800/1810 Daniel passed his 45th birthday. Let us assume that he was 44 in 1800. Then he would have been 54 in 1810. Then let us subtract 54 years from the 1810 date and we get 1756 as the earliest date for Daniel's birth.

We know that our Daniel in Yohogania took land in 1775, and would have to have been aged 21 or over at that time. We subtract from the date 1775 the age 21 of adulthood, and get 1754 as the latest year for our Daniel's birth. We reason that he was born around 1745.

The conclusion must be that the Colerain Township Daniel BYERS is not identical with our Daniel BYERS of Yohogania. The Dromore Daniel BYERS who paid taxes there in 1771, 1772, and 1773 could well have gone to Yohogania by 1775."

## WILLIAM BYERS, IMMIGRANT

Col. George had promised me the story of the immigrant William BYERS of Concord Twsp, Chester Co., PA. On May 19, 1986 I received a packet from him and he said, "Here it is." The file included photo copies of:Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Printed under direction of William Francis Harrity. Secretary of the Commonwealth. Edited by William Henry Engle, M.D. Harrisburg: Clarence M. Busch, State Printer 1894. Vol. III. (copy of title page, Old Rights, PhiladelphiaCo. pgs 102,103,104,105; 4 pages of Maps ; Record of the Courts of Chester County Pennsylvania 1681-1697, published by the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, 1910, pages 115,116,117.

The Colonel's story about the immigrant was short and sweet. Here it is!

The immigrant William BYERS of Concord Township, Chester County PA. We do not yet identify his children or grand-children.

His 1683 land, south of Philadelphia, is believed now in the much later (1789) Delaware County PA. It lies, as the plat shows, in Concord Township.

He deeded the land, as Grantor, in 1693, after ten years of ownership. We have not (1986) found him afterwards.

Some of our searches in the England/Scotland border areas of County Durham appear as likely places of William's derivation.

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Submitted by:

LEE T. STOCKMAN, 2725 Garrow Dr., Antioch, CA 94509

[Thank you for the copy ready material. It really does help your editor]

### WILLIAM RILEY BYAS

William Riley Byas was born in Pickens County, Alabama ca 1827. At the age of 10 years he ran away from home and traveled with a freight wagon train to Texas in ca 1837. William Riley Byas followed the trade he had been introduced to by this episode and eventually owned his own wagons hauling freight. William Riley spelled his last name in several ways, Bias, Byas, and Biers.

One of his partners in the freighting trade was James Billings. James had married Louisa Naomi Kent and while freighting in central Texas they stopped for water at the Kent Branch Spring where the home of the Kent family was located. There William Riley met Mary Ann Kent. They applied for their marriage license on 6 June 1845 and were married seven days later in Gonzales County.

Mary Ann Kent was the daughter of Andrew Kent and Elizabeth Zumwalt, she had been born ca 1825 in Missouri and came to Spanish Texas with her family when they moved to De Witts Colony at Gonzales in June 1830. Andrew Kent was a strong believer in Liberty and when the Dictator Santa Anna moved north Andrew left his family in Gonzales and along with 32 other immortal souls fought their way through the Mexican lines into the Alamo where they died along with Davy Crockett and the other defenders of the old Mission. It was ten years after the death of her father that Mary Ann married William Byas.

William Riley Purchased land in what is now Lavaca County on Little Brushy Creek and moved his family there. Their children were:

	Born	Died
Joseph	ca 1847	23 Apr 1925
John C	ca 1852	ca 1870
Mary A	ca 1854	ca 1870
Isaac	ca 1856	ca 1870
Susan Emily	22 Jan 1858	24 Aug 1930
William Benjamin	ca 1861	ca 1870
William Riley David	25 Dec 1864	28 May 1949

William Riley Byas Joined 34th Texas Cav on 15 Jan 1862 at Grape Vine, Texas. Enlisted by Captain Davenport for one year, he held the rank of private. He served beyond his initial enlistment but suffering from Malaria was in poor health and on March 23 1864 William Riley was admitted to the CSA General Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. William Riley's health continued to deteriorate and later in the year he was sent home. Early in 1865 he was caught out without a coat in a freezing rain in Lavaca County. He became ill and died from congestive Malaria chills.

## WILLIAM RILEY BYAS

Submitted by LEE T. STOCKMAN, CONTINUED

From his enlistment in the Confederate Army William Riley spelled his last name Byas and his family did the same. Mary Ann moved her family to a better climate in Kerr County, Texas, but there in 1870 four of the Byas children died on the same day from Typhoid Fever. The remaining three lived into the twentieth century. Joseph married and raised his family in Texas. Susan Emily married James Nathan Brunson and moved to Arizona and then Oregon where she died. William Riley David Byas raised his family in Texas.

Information in this report was obtained from Marriage records, newspaper articles, National Archives Records, and from interviews of family members. Most of this material was preserved by Mr. Chester Wilkes who is married to a descendant of the son Joseph Byas and interviewed many family members and friends in the days before family history became popular.

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## CAPT. JOHN BYARS &amp; ELIZABETH THOMASSON

According to: MARY-LOUISE BIXBY, 2141 E. Vine Ave. West Covina, CA 91791, [Who has traced her line back to early Virginia, "and perhaps shall not try beyond that." and decided she had too many commitments to become a member of our group.] Capt. JOHN BYARS, was born 16 March 1734, Hanover Co., VA. m. ELIZABETH THOMASSON, 23 Dec. 1754, and died 23 Nov. 1781, Louisa Co., VA. He was in the Revolution, serving in the Louisa Co., Militia. His parents were HENRY BYARS and PEGGY GENTRY. Mary-Louise descends through the son of John and Elizabeth, GEORGE BYARS, b. 15 Aug 1771, Louisa Co., VA., m. 8 Sept. 1814, Washington Co., VA. SARAH C. WATKINS and d. 11 May 1843, Smyth Co., VA. through their daughter, CASSANDRA AMERICA BYARS, b. 5 Aug. 1826, Washington Co., VA, m. 6 Oct 1846 Smyth Co., VA., GEORGE WASHINGTON STEFFY and died 7 June 1883, Henderson Co., KY.

In her letter Mary-Louise states she got her BYARS line from the Washington Co., VA. Historical Society and it is in manuscript form. However, the author of the manuscript did not follow the line of George, and she followed it on her own. She also added: "(All because I note that you live in Texas.) JOHN BLESSING BYARS b. 7 Jan. 1824, Washington Co., VA. d. Collin Co., TX., date not given. If you relate to that man you also relate to me."

Mary-Louise added: I know nothing about the parents of SARAH WATKINS, wife of GEORGE BYARS, except she was born in N.C. in 1794.

PERHAPS THE ABOVE WILL HELP SOME OF OUR MEMBERS.  
IF IT DOES, PLEASE LET YOUR EDITOR KNOW

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Book C-15, Page 235-240- 23 May 1846

Estate of JESSE YOUNG, Administratrix: MARY YOUNG, widow; Securities: JAMES MITCHELL, THOMAS THOMPSON: Appraisers: P.H. HAYS, J.S. HUNTER, JAMES MITCHELL.

Headright of deceased: 1 league of land on ?Labia Road (excepting 640 acres sold to JOHN BYERS, and 160 Acres sole to THOMAS G. CRABB.

Petition to transfer papers to new Walker Co.

## BYARS - BYERS, TEXAS DATA

From the 1840 CENSUS of the REPUBLIC of TEXAS, Ed., Gifford White, 1966  
The Pemberton Press, Austin, Texas

BYERS, N.T., paid 1 poll tax [ White males over 21 paid 1.00 ] He had title  
to 2000 acres and one gold watch.

BYERS, WM. W., paid 1 poll, had 5 slaves and he had a silver watch.

Both lived in Travis County, Texas at the time.

From: FOUNDERS and PATRIOTS of the REPUBLIC of TEXAS

Second Edition, 1963, by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas

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MITCHELL, Mrs. FLORA BYARS, No. 4294, Admitted August 24, 1955

1. FLORA BYARS, b. Floyd Co., TX, m. JAMES WEAVER MITCHELL
2. ADONIRAM JUDSON BYARS, b. 5-6-1846, d. 10-8-1916, m. 7-22-1872, MAGGIE MARGARET RAYBURN, b. 12-5-1856, d. 5-19-1932.
3. NOAH T. BYARS, b. 5-17-1808, Spartanburg, South Carolina, d. 7-18-1888, m. 1-27-1838 SOPHIA A. BYARS.

NOAH T. BYARS, operated the Blacksmith Shop at Washington on the Brazos where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed. Organizer of early Baptist Churches.

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GREER, Miss EMMA ANNETTE, No. 4720, Admitted May, 1959.

1. EMMA ANNETTE GREER, b. Alvin, Brazoria Co., TX.
2. WILLIAM CLEMENT GREER, b. 5-26-1885, Van Alstyne, TX., m. 12-26-1906, FRANCES LUCILLE GREER, b. 5-15-1887, Whitehouse, TX.
3. JOSEPH GREER, b. 4-17-1844, New Harmony, Alabama, d. Alvin, TX, 2-19-1908, m. 12--/1872, SARAH EMMA MAHAR, b. 9-29-1853, Collin Co., TX., d. Houston, TX 10-10-1926.
4. THOMAS MAHAR, b. 11-1813, South Carolina, d. Van Alstyne, TX, 11-1894, m. about 1840, ELVIRA (BUCKNER) BYERS, b. 3-29-1813, Cape Girardeau Co., Missouri, d. Van Alstyne, TX 9--/1894.

THOMAS MAHAR, Soldier: rec'd Certificate No. 233 for land, September 7, 1838.

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WILKES, Mrs. MILDRED DORIS, No. 5005, Admitted Feb. 22, 1961

1. MILDRED DORIS BIERSCHWALE, b. Hunt, Kerr Co., TX, m. CHESTER P. WILKES.
2. ROBERT OTIS BIERSCHWALE, b. 1-1-1902, TX., d. San Antonio, TX., 10-17-1953, m. 11-15-1925, SALLIE MILDRED DUBOSE, b. 6-27-1909, Hunt, TX.
3. ADKINSON D. DUBOSE, b. 5-21-1876, Gonzales, TX., d. Hunt, TX 7-20-1930 m. 12-9-1906, SALLY MAY BYAS, b. 6-18-1882, Hunt, TX., d. San Antonio, TX 5-17-1945.
4. JOSEPH BYAS, b. 8-10-1847, Lavaca Co., d. Hunt, TX 4-23-1925, m. 7-13-1881, SALLIE AUGUSTA NORTH, b. 11-25-1862, Mississippi, d. Hunt, TX., 8-20-1903.
5. WILLIAM BYAS, b. about 1820, Alabama, d. Lavaca Co., [TX?], 1865, m. 6-6-1845, MARY ANN KENT, b. 5-8-1825, Missouri, d. Hunt, TX 2-24-1917.
6. ANDREW KENT, b. about 1790, Green Co., Kentucky, d. San Antonio, Texas, at The Alamo, 3-6-1836, m. 1816, ELIZABETH SUMWALT, b. about 1788, d. 1844 or 1849.

ANDREW KENT, Soldier in the Texas Army capturing San Antonio, 1835; a Hero of the Alamo.

## BEYER, AUGUST

FROM: An Early History of Fayette County, [Texas] by Leonie Rummell Weyland and Houston Wade, 1936, Eakin Press, P.O. Box 178, Burnet, TX 78611.

P. 234

Ross Prairie. The first German immigrants to settle in the eastern section of Fayette County were JOHN H. MEYER and JOSEPH F.M. SARRAZIN who came to Texas in 1834 and to Ross' Prairie in 1843.....German pioneers who were prominent here were....AUGUST BEYER.

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## BIAR

FROM: MATCHLESS MILAM, HISTORY OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS  
By the Milam Co., Heritage Preservation Society, 1984.

JOHANN OTTO BIAR..."Otto" came to Thorndale in 1900. His brother GERHARD, who proceeded him in 1899.... Otto was born at Serbin on Oct 1, 1879, son of ANDREAS BIAR and his wife, MARIA HOTTAS. His father was born in 1851 in Groeditz, Saxony and came to Texas in 1854 with his parents and older brother. They were among a group of over 550 Wends who left their Saxon and Prussian homeland and settled in Serbin in Lee County....

Biar ancestors have been traced to a JURI (GEORGE) BIAR, born in Groeditz before 1700....Page 53

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## BEYER - BYARS - BYERS

FROM" A DIRECTORY OF CEMETERIES IN WALLER COUNTY [TEXAS] Pub.The Waller County Historical Commission, 1977.

## HEMPSTEAD CEMETERY, HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

BEYER, ALVIN W. \* 8-13-1902                      BEYER, ETHEL L. \* 8-5-1908  
BYERS, ROBERT RILEY, Sr., Age 71, 4-13-1976

\* One date only. Many of these listings give no dates, but it may help someone locate a relative or ancestor that they have been looking for.

## OAKWOOD CEMETERY, N.W. of Hempstead

BYARS, SOPHIA, 1847-1912                      BYARS, ANDY d. 1908

## PATTISON CEMETERY, on the Pattison, Hempstead Rd.

BEYER, SALLY EDNA 11-13-1884, 1-25-1976  
BEYER, CELESTE 2-18-1905,?  
BEYER, RICHARD J. 5-10-1880, 5-19-1911

## WESLEY CHAPEL CEMETERY, No location given

BYERS, LOUISE 4-27-1888, 9-25-1972  
BYERS, IDA MEA 1887-1976.

## SAMUEL BYERS and HIS DESCENDANTS

FROM: Anne M. (ELLER) GARWOOD and her address from May until October each year is Rt. 1 Box 445, Pleasant Lake, IN 46779-but, from 1 Nov. until April she's at, P.O. Box 112, St. James City, FL 33956.

## This is Anne's WORKSHEET

"Once upon a time in old Donegal twp. of Washington Co., PA. lived a Jolly, Scotch-Irishman by the name of Samuel BYERS. He was surely of above average build and intelligence--for wasn't he my Gt.Gt.Gt.Gt. Grandfather? He was born before 1745. I don't know who his wife was--not even her name, or where and when b. m. d. But surely she DID exist and must have been a Bonny Beauty!



## SAMUEL BYERS and HIS DESCENDANTS, ANNE'S WORKSHEET, Continued

We don't know if Samuel was the emigrant ancestor as my family history doesn't reach back that far. The good Col. BYERS found the following -- the earliest records I have: (Thank you "Uncle George".)

1779-A SAMUEL BUYERS was appraiser of the estate of a JAMES LEEPER.

1785-Tax list for Donegal Twp. shows a SAMUEL & JAMES BYERS. A following tax list in 1793, same place, shows SAMUEL & JAMES again, and also an ANDREW BYERS

1789-SAMUEL, JAMES & ANDREW BYERS acquired a track of land around "Relique".

1790-U.S. CENSUS: We find my SAMUEL BYERS in Washington Co., p.257. Neither ANDREW of JAMES shown on this census--so are probably unmarried sons of SAMUEL and not yet "Head" of a family. Andrew was about 24 at this time. The 1790 census show Samuel's household was made up of: 1 male over 16 (himself); 4 males under 16, and 4 females (presumably wife and 3 dau.) (ANDREW BYERS married CATHERINE LAWSON sometime after the 1790 census)

1793-JAMES sold his interest in the land to SAMUEL & ANDREW.

1795-SAMUEL & ANDREW sold the land around "Relique"(not Relique itself)(An ELIZABETH LAWSON was a witness to this transaction.)

1800-Deed Book 1Q,p.546: "Relique", containing 43 acres & 47 perches, was part of a larger track granted to ANDREW BYERS by Patent bearing date of 15 Nov. 1800

1801-By this time ANDREW had likely gone West, across the Ohio to Jefferson Co., of the N.W. Territory, as on 7 Feb. 1801, ANDREW alone, with wife "Caty"(LAWSON) sold the residence place "Relique", near Three Ridges Church, which is near present West Alexander Town.

ANDREW sold FROM Jefferson Co., of the N.W. Territory. He had moved westward across the Ohio river.

## QUESTION

Did SAMUEL BYERS die before Andrew sold "Relique" and moved to Ohio? Or did he also move there? (am unable to locate them in 1800, Washington Co., census)

Let us keep in mind that CATHERINE(CATY) LAWSON, wife of ANDREW BYERS(1766-1815) was from Berkley Co., VA (now W. VA.),the earlier north part of Frederick Co.,VA. Her birthplace was given in my family history, but NOT date of birth,and I can only speculate that she was born between 1765-1770. The family history shows she died 15 Feb. 1840. The same history (and probate records) show ANDREW BYERS died 30 Dec. 1815. (the history says he was 49 years old when he died.) This gave me his year of birth, 1766.

1807/15-Belmont Co. OH.(Richland Twp.) tax lists show ANDREW BYERS\*\*\*

1815-ANDREW BYERS, Sr., died 15 Dec.1815, Belmont Co.,Richland Twp.,OH. He had written his will the day before he died. The signature was very shaky. His wife Catherine and THOMAS LAWSON were named adm. of his estate along with a SAMUEL BYERS--probably his eldest son.

1832-In Morgan Co.,OH.,(where the family had moved shortly after Andrew died) the eight children signed a final settlement release. Their signatures show: THOMAS BYERS, SAMUEL BYERS, JOHN BYERS, ANDREW BYERS, BETSY CAVNER(late BYERS) KATHERINE SHORT(late Byers), NANCY BYERS, SARAH STRANATHAN (later Byers.)

Anne descends from ANDREW BYERS, Sr. and wife CATHERINE LAWSON., through their son ANDREW BYERS Jr. and his wife MARY PRICE. Their daughter MELISSA married ABRAHAM R. KELTNER.

## RESEARCH TIP

When searching courthouse records do you extend your search to the divorce records? We often assume the first spouse died, when we find a wife with a different name. That dear friends is called "jumping to conclusions." Search those divorce records, because there were more divorces "back then" than many of us care to admit. One of my "Quaker" ancestors "gave" his wife all the land if she would "promise to never bother me again." Now, he wanted out of that marriage pretty bad to give up both his Church and his land. I have decided that she was a terrible nag, what do you think? cbh.

THANKS TO:

DR. MELTON P. MEEK, M.D., 3410 Oak, N.W., Lawton, OK 73505

For the following info. about the border between North and South Carolina. This proves we must look in many places before we find all the answers. The introduction of NORTH CAROLINA LAND GRANTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA by Brent H. Holcomb, C.A.L.S. says:

"The border between North and South Carolina was a point of controversy for many years. Finally in 1764, the border east of Satawba River was surveyed. However, it was not until 1772 that it was surveyed west of that river. Before these surveys, over 1,000 land grants were issued by North Carolina in territory which is no South Carolina. These grants are in the present counties of Marlboro, Chesterfield, Lancaster, York, Chester, Union, Cherokee, Spartanburg, Greenville, Laurens and Newberry. AS most researchers know, these counties did not come into existence until many years after the border was surveyed. In the period just after the survey, these grants were considered in Craven or Berkeley Counties, and St. Mark's or St. David's Parish, South Carolina. The North Carolina counties from which these land grants were issued were Bladen, Anson, Mecklenburg, and Tryon. Bladen County was formed in 1734; Anson was formed from Bladen in 1748 or 1749; Mecklenburg, from Anson in 1763; Tryon, from Mecklenburg in 1769. Of course, if land could be granted, it could be sold or inherited. Therefore, the other records of these North Carolina counties should be consulted, especially deeds and probate records. Conveniently for the researcher, all of these records are published in abstract form, and are easily accessible. Records of these grants after the border survey can be found in the South Carolina Land Memorials, the Charleston Deeds until 1785, and the deeds of the various couties involved."

ALSO FROM THE GOOD DOCTOR !

"FAMILY DATA in some PENNSYLVANIA LAND PATENTS, 1762-1769"

Published: NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY, Vol.68, June 1980, p. 84

"At the consent and direction of the land commissioners, there was surveyed in 1736, a tract of 332 acres in Donegal Township, Lancaster County, to DAVID BYERS, who since received a warrant 24 Oct. 1739. DAVID BYERS died intestate leaving two sons, DAVID and JOHN BYERS, and two daughters, JANE, wife of THOMAS SMITH, and MARTHA CAMPBELL, widow, who by their deed conveyed the land to JOHN WILSON of York County (PA)

A re-survey was made, showing it included 342 acres adjoining, JOHN BAYLEY, JAMES ANDERSON, JACOB DOWNER, ALEXANDER LOWRY, JAMES ALLISON, and GEORGE KLINGHAM. Patented to WILSON, 17 Sep 1762. Recorded: 17 Sep 1762. (AA-4:24)"

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DAVID BYERS

Married \_\_\_\_\_ . B. \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_ . Where \_\_\_\_\_ Bur. where \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN:

- 1. DAVID BYERS 2. JOHN BYERS 3. JANE BYERS m. THOMAS SMITH 4. MARTHA BYERS  
m. \_\_\_\_\_ CAMPBELL. : ~~~~~

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND: LANCASTER CO., PA., dated 23 May 1743 (photocopy of same sent to Dr. Meek by Lois Stewart)

DAVID BYERS, JOHN BYERS, JAMES MITCHEL and PATRICK CAMPBELL...bound to PETER EVANS sum of 100 pounds...

DAVID and JOHN BYERS, ADMINISTRATORS..... to make inventory of goods, chattels and credits of DAVID BYERS, Deceased....signed: DAVID BYERS, JNO. BYERS, JA. MITCHELL PATT CAMPBELL. Wit: JNO. A. WRIGHT? and JOHN BOWAN??  
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LANCASTER CO., PA., ABSTRACTS of WILL, 1721-1820, pp. 577-1152-797, from PA. State Library, 1 Nov. 1982, (Photo copy sent to Dr. Meek by Georgia Eberly)  
PATTON, JAMES: Dated 15 Sep 1745, Proved 23 Sep 1746. Exec: THOMAS PATTON and

## LANCASTER CO., PA., ABSTRACTS OF WILLS, Continued

JOHN BYERS, Donegal (Twp), wife MARY PATTON

PATTON, MARY: Dated 6 Jan 1746, Proved 10 Jan 1746, Exec: JAMES ALLISON & DAVID BYERS, Donegal (Twp), Legatees: ISABELLA MILLER, MARY CASSENY & \_\_\_\_\_ (incomplete)

PATTERSON, WILLIAM: Dated 22 Sep 1745, Proved 22 Oct 1745. Exec: ROBERT TAYLOR, ROBERT BAKER, (Paxton TWP). Children: SAMUEL, FRANCIS, ANNA GAYTRON, JAYN? & MARY (MPM-DAVID BYERS, married MARGARET CARSON, dau of: SAMUEL and JANE PATTERSON) of London Grove, Twp, Chester Co., PA.

PORTER, ROBERT: Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Proved 9 Sep 1745. Exec: MARY PORTER, Drumore, (Twp). Wife: MARY PORTER. Children: ROBERT JOHN, JAMES, SAMUEL & JANNET. (MPM-See CAPT. WILLIAM BYERS, SC. data, PORTER family, close friends and neighbors York Co., S.C. area, REV. WAR.) Also: CAPT. WILLIAM BYERS, land deed 1755, Fork of James River, Augusta Co., VA., (Rockbridge Co.) Tithe list: 1755, lists; MATTHEW PATTON, (James Patton, Gent. bought land as early as 1744, from MOSES THOMPSON, located on Christians Creek (Tinkling Springs Church area).

PLEASE NOTE: According to Dr. Meek there is a very remote chance that DAVID BYERS is the father of his CAPT. WILLIAM BYERS. He does not think it probable. Have we further info on the DAVID above that is available?

## CASPER BYERS (CHANGED TO BOYERS)

LINDA VARDEMAN, Rt. 5, Box 13, Pittsburg, TX 75686, found the following family group sheet in THE LAMBERT NEWSLETTER. Since this shows a name change it may provide some clues for someone. The sheet was submitted by: HELEN HADDEN, 1248 Chintonville, Paris, KY 40361.

CASPER BYERS born 17 Jun 1732, Wittenburg, Germany, died 23 May 1793, Littleston, PA., Adams Co. and is buried at the Kreider Cemetery, Westminster, MO. His father was PETER BEIER and his mother D. CATHERINE \_\_\_\_? Casper came to PA on the "Tiger" from Alsace Lorraine. He married ELIZABETH CATHARINE LAMBERT, born 1733, Wittenburg, Germany. She died 20 Aug 1835, Littleston, PA. CHILDREN:

1. JOHN BOYERS\* b. c 1754, Wittenburg, Germany, to KY in 1780.
2. MICHAEL BIERS b. c 1755, Wittenburg, Germany. To U.S. in 1771, and fought in War of 1812. Married c1835, CATHERINE ARTER
3. LAMBERT [No last name given on sheet cbh] b. c 1756/7, Wittenburg, Germany To U.S. 1771.
4. PETER BYERS, b. c 1760, Wittenburg, Germany. TO U.S. 1771. 1st Lt. Rev. War. Married MARY MUSSETER
5. GABRIEL BYERS, b. 1 Dec 1766, d. 29 Jul. 1834/5, Westminster, PA. To U.S. 1771.
6. DETRICH BYERS b. c 1768, Wittenburg, Germany, to U.S. 1771
7. JACOB BOYERS\* b. 12 May 1771, Wittenburg, Germany. To U.S. 1771, to KY 1780 M. 1 Jul 1795, DOROTHY (DOLLY) LEMMONS. Died 11 May 1943 [should this have been 1843? cbh]
8. CATHRAN BOYERS,\* b. c 1773, Frederick Co., MO. died Harrison Co., KY. Married PAUL REUKER (?)
9. ELIZABETH BOYERS,\* b. c 1775 Frederick Co., MO. D. 1851 Harrison Co. KY. Married DAVID LEMMON
10. DAVID BYERS, b. 25 Jul 1777, Fredrick Co., MO., d. 17 Oct [no year given] m. ELIZABETH WILLIAMS.
11. FREDRICK BYERS b. 10 Oct 1781, Westminster, PA, d. 28 Mar 1836, buried Kreider Cemetery.

\*Came to KY 1780, changed name to BOYERS.

SOURCES: Family records; Kreider Cemetery; DAR # 13423; DAR Patriot Index, p.77.

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THE VESTRY BOOK of ST. PAUL'S PARISHHANOVER COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1706 - 1786

C.G. Chamberlayne

Transcribed from photo copies obtained by the Editor;

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In Obedience to an Order of new Kent Court, dated 28th Feb, 1709/10 [1709] Its ordered the Henry MILLS, Joseph POORS, Joseph BROWN, Henry FARMUR, Col, Dukes Quarter, Roger SMITH, Charles RHODES, William HOWLET, Samuel RENNOLDS, John BYAS Rob WALKER, John KIMBROW Jun, John HARRIS, Rennold ALLEN, Wm HAT-FIELD and Daniel DISHMAN, with all their Male Tithables, are to afsist John GLENN to clear the road According to the Said Order of Court Signed.

p212 #12

The lands of John Glenn, Joseph Brown, Samuel Reynolds, Jn BYARS and Henry Farmur lying Adjacent to each Other being made one Precinct, the s,<sup>d</sup> John Glenn & Joseph Brown were appointed Overseers thereof, and made this return viz

In Compliance with an order of vestry for S, Pauls Parish, bearing date Sep, 24..1708 we the Subscribers with John BYARS, Sam, Reynolds and, Henry Farmur procefsiond the land that Sam, Reynold and Henry Farmur lives on, John BYARS lives on, Nineteen hundred Acres of Land, but knows not the Bounds; we live on, Six hundred Acres belonging to a larger Tract but not yet laid out, therefore can act no farther.

Subscribed Joseph Brown &amp; Jn Glenn

AND FOLLOWING IS 212 (166) WHICH MAY PROVE HELPFUL TO SOME

The Lands of Paul Harroldson Jn Perkins Jun, Nich Gentry Jo Gentry John Tyler, John Tinsley, & Rees Hughes lying Adjacent to each Other, being in one precinct Paul Harroldson and John Perkins were Appointed Overseers, thereof, and made this return on the back side of the Ord. Viz

[This does indicate that the Harroldson (Harrelson) families were in the same area as John Byars, who some believe may be Nathan's father. cbh]

There are three entries for Burgess Harroldson, one Nov. 17, 1755, another November 19, 1759 and then the last one:

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Sep. 30, 1767

Ordered into one precinct for proscfsioning the Lands of Thomas Tinsley William Allsup, Hardin Burnley, Burgefs Harroldson remov'ed, [and others]

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Nov 12, 1771, No 20

Ordered into precinct for procefsioning the Lands of....James Byarfs.....

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November 12, 1779, No 19

Ordered into one precinct for Procefsioning the Lands of ....James Byafs the Land that was Rob. Priddy's....

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GOOD NEWS

How lucky can a research group like ours get? Pretty lucky I'll say.

Mrs. MARJORIE S. TUCKER, 617 Paden Dr., Birmingham, AL 35226, has agreed to be on our advisory board. Marjorie descends from, 1- NATHAN BYARS, 2-HARRELL BYARS, 3-NATHAN BYARS & NANCY HAND through their daughter DRUCILLA H. BYARS m. JAMES DODSON EVANS. She is the suthor of The Evans Family 1700-1983. See Vol.I, No.2, p.42. She has a microfilm viewing machine at home and belongs to the American Genealogical Lending Library. She has also asked for an inter-library loan for the Gaffney Ledger. Marjorie is really looking for so many of us. Some of her observations will appear through out our publication.

TENNESSEANS IN THE CIVIL WAR

Part II, published by the Civil War Centennial Commission, Nashville, TN, 1965

Photocopies of pages 71 and 484, from Col. George BYERS. Names abstracted by the editor. pg 71

BYARS, A. Cpl F. Co. 46th Inf.  
 " , C.F., Sgt C Co. 4th (Murray's) Cav.  
 " , C.F., Sgt. G. Co. 22nd Inf.  
 " , C.I., Pvt. G. Co. 9th Inf.  
 " , D.W., Pvt D Co 16th Inf.  
 " , Enoch, Pvt. D Co 16th Inf.  
 " , G.P., Pvt F Co 46th Inf.  
 " , H.D., Cpl D Co. 18th Cav.  
 " , H.D., Pvt G Co 9th Inf.  
 " , J.M., Pvt E Co 8th Inf.  
 " , J.T., Pvt D Co 35th Inf.  
 " , Nathan, Pvt D Co 35th Inf  
 " , P.G. Pvt B Co 22nd Inf. Bn  
 " , P.G. Pvt C Co 23rd Inf.  
 " , Q.P. 46th Inf.  
 " , S.H., 2 Lt B Co 22nd Inf. BN  
 " , Thomas, 8th Cav  
 " , W.H., Pvt H Co 16th Inf.  
 " , W.H., Pvt B Co 22nd Inf. BN  
 " , William H. Pvt D Co 35th Inf  
 " , William T. Cpl K Co 13 Inf.  
 BYERS, Andred N., Pvt B Co 28th Inf.  
 " , A.S., Cpl F Co 25th Inf.  
 " , Charles W., Pvt I Co 1sr Cav.  
 " , Daniel W., Pvt G Co 8th Cav.  
 " , David A., Pvt A Co 4th Cav.  
 (McLemore's)  
 " , David K., Capt B Co 4th Cav.  
 (McLemore's)  
 " , David K., 1 Lt K Co 63rd Inf  
 " , F.M., Sgt G Co 25th Inf  
 " , H.C., Sgt K Co 63rd Inf  
 " , James Pvt 10th Cav  
 " , James F., 1 Lt F Co Nicon's Cav  
 " , James F., Pvt G Co 44th Con Inf  
 " , James I., Pvt I Co 10th Inf  
 " , Joseph A., Pvt F Co 40th Inf  
 " , M.A., Pvt C Co 4th (McLemore's)  
 " , Orsburn W., Sgt G Co 13th Cav  
 " , R.H., Pvt A Co 4th (McLemore's)  
 " , Robert A., Pvt D Co 32nd Inf  
 " , Samuel H., Sgt A Co 2nd (Robinson's)  
 Inf  
 " , S.C. Pvt Fulcher's Co Nashville  
 Inf  
 " , W.C., 2 Lt F Co 17th Inf  
 " , William, Pvt G Co 13th Cav  
 " , William H., Pvt I Co 25th Inf  
 BYRES, Andrew N., Pvt B Co 28th Inf  
 " , J.A., Pvt F Co 40th Inf  
 " , Orsbern W., Sgt E Co 13 Cav  
 " , W.H., Pvt 13th Cav  
 BYRE , George, Pvt G Co 14th Cav

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BYARS, John R., Pvt I Co 6th Cav  
 " , King D., Pvt I Co 5th MI  
 BYAS, Calep, Pvt C Co 6th US Cld H-Arty  
 BYASS, Joshua, Sgt E Co 1st U.S. Cld "  
 BYERS, Alexander, Mus G Co 3rd U.S. Cld  
 " , David, Pvt D Co 5th MI  
 " , Essex, Pvt B Co 16th U.S. Cld  
 " , Foster, Pvt H Co 1st MI  
 " , James A., Pvt M Co 13th Cav  
 " , Jerone C., Pvt H Co 1st MI  
 " , King David, Pvt H Co 3rd MI  
 " , Preston, Pvt K Co 13th U.S. Cld

## EDITORS NOTE:

During the Civil War men enlisted for a period and when that was over they went home for awhile then reenlisted in another Company. You may find your ancestor served in more than one Company.

In Dr. MARION S. CRAIG'S BOOK MY BYERS-BONAR-SHANNON AND ALLIED FAMILIES, 1695-1976, he gives a very interesting quote from Thomas Jefferson.

" The lost cannot be recovered; but let us save what remains; not by vaults and locks which fence them from the public eye and use, in consigning them to the waste of time, but by such a multiplication of copies, as shall place them beyond the reach of accident."

I hope each of you appreciate what both Thomas Jefferson and Dr. Craig is trying to tell us. That we should spread our material around, so it cannot be lost to others. That's really what our Enquirer is all about and if you have not sent in some information on your family I hope you'll reconsider and do so, that it can be spread around and never get lost.

## CAPTAIN WILLIAM BYERS OF THE REVOLUTION

by Elmer Oris PARKER

[The following article was sent by Dorothy Hays, and was published by the Chester Dist. Gen. Society. (no dates given). I do hope Mr. Parker does not mind us sharing his material with others. CBH]

William BYERS was born about 1730 in the north of Ireland and came in his youth with an older brother David, and perhaps their parents to America and settled in Lancaster, York or Chester county in the province of Pennsylvania. Upon reaching his maturity William migrated down the Shenandoah valley to Augusta, now Rockbridge county, Virginia. Here thirty miles north of Natural Bridge he had surveyed for him in 1755 a tract of 335 acres "on ye north side of Cedar Creek in the forks of the James River joining land of Samuel McDOWELL."

In 1758 he was enrolled in the Virginia militia raised for the protection of the frontiers of the province. He met in the neighborhood young Elizabeth WALTON and soon they were married. After the birth of their first three children they moved about 1765 to what is now York County, S.C. and settled on the headwaters of Bullock Creek. About the same time his brother David migrated from York county, Pennsylvania and located near him on Turkey Creek. William at first built a cabin about three miles south of Bethany Presbyterian Meeting House and had as near neighbors Col. John MOFFETT, Col. Ezekiel POLK, grandfather of future President James K. POLK, and Col. Charles McLEAN, whose home served as the Tyron county Courthouse, 1769-71.

When the Rev. William TENNENT visited the Carolina Up Country during the summer of 1775 to enlist support for the patriot cause, he lodged in the home of BYERS and persuaded him to raise a Company of horsemen for Col. Thomas NEEL'S regiment of militia. Soon afterward an election for delegates to the Provincial Congress was held and Colonel NEEL, Captain BYERS, and Captain POLK, were among those chosen. BYERS went to Charleston and took his seat in the State House on November 3, 1775, but four days later Colonel NEEL, with BYERS' Company and those of the other Captains in his regiment, was ordered to join Col. Richard RICHARDSON'S expedition against the "Scovillites" in what later became known as the "Snow Campaign." Upon its conclusion, Captain BYERS resumed his place in the Congress only to be called out with Colonel NEEL for service under Gen. Andrew WILLIAMSON in the Cherokee War of 1776, in which his company was involved in some bloody engagements with the Indians. His Company marched next to Gen. WILLIAMSON'S camp at Adams Ferry on Savannah River opposite Augusta, Georgia, but Capt. BYERS on account of a disabling sore leg was unable to command his Company in the battle of Briar Creek on March 3, 1779. He afterward marched to the relief of Charleston, but resigned his commission after Col. NEEL was killed in the battle of Stono on June 20th.

After the fall of Charleston in 1780, BYERS and his family refuged in North Carolina, and after the battle of Cowpens, his wife Elizabeth and children, fled in advance of the British Army under Lord CORNWALLIS, to her former home in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

During the war BYERS' indigo farm was ruined by the British. He sold it and moved down Bullock Creek to the vicinity of present Sharon and built another home in the fork of Bullock Creek and Clark's Fork. In the low ground west of the creek he cultivated rice successfully.

In 1784 the South Carolina legislature appointed him one of the tax assessors and collectors for the New Acquisition District, as York County was then called.

He was an elder in the Beersheba Presbyterian Meeting House in 1785 and for many years afterward. The date of his death has been lost but it appears to have been in the year 1799. It is likely that he was buried in the Churchyard AT Beersheba, but if his grave was marked, the stone has long since disappeared.

Capt. William and Elizabeth (WALTON) BYERS had the following children:

1. Edward BYERS (5 Dec 1761-13 Mar 1832, married (1), May 4 1786, Martha "Patsy" ALEXANDER (1767-11 Sept 1794), daughter of the Rev. Dr. Joseph ALEXANDER; married (2), Aug 16, 1796, Elizabeth "Patsy" BYERS (1776-8 Oct 1803), daughter of William BYERS (1747-1837), and married (3), May 10, 1804 Mrs. Mary "Polly"

## CAPTAIN WILLIAM BYERS OF THE REVOLUTION, Continued

(SMITH) CHAMBERS (6 Oct. 1773-3 June 1849), widow of James CHAMBERS (1771 - 28 June 1803).

2. Nancy "Ann" Agnes BYERS (1763 - 20 May 1818), married 1783, Maj. Adam MEEK (1760 - 1807)
3. William BYERS, Jr. ( 9 Apr 1765 - 24 Aug 1816), married (1) Catharine HOPE (1776 - 1815), and (2), Sarah, maiden name unknown.
4. Lorena BYERS (29 Jan 1767 - 31 Jan 1837), married 1784, Capt. Thomas WOODS (1758 - 1834); moved in 1804 to Christian County, Kentucky, and in 1816 to Dallas County, Alabama.
5. Elizabeth BYERS (15 Sep 1769 - 21 July 1852, married 1788, Ephraim McLEAN (1768 - 1813), son of Col. Charles McLEAN, who lived next to Captain BYERS in 1767, but later moved to the vicinity of Crowder's Mountain in Lincoln County, N.C. and in 1796 to Logan County, Kentucky. Ephraim, first ordained Minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Elizabeth were the parents of: John McLEAN (1791 - 1830), first U.S. Congressman from Illinois and U.S. Senator; Dr. William Byers McLEAN (1792 - 1846) for whom McLeansboro, Illinois was named; and Finis Ewing McLEAN (1806 - 1881), U.S. Congressman from Kentucky.
6. Susan BYERS (12 Mar 1771 - 3 Apr 1844), married January 21 1790, Capt. James MEEK (1758 - 1819), brother of Adam MEEK.
7. David BYERS (3 Oct 1774 - 16 Aug 1862), married August 27, 1795, Mary GORDON (1779 - 1867), daughter of Henry GORDON, and step-daughter of John McCRAW.

It is interesting to note that all three sons of Captain William and Elizabeth BYERS gave the name "WALTON" to one of their sons. Edward and William used "William Walton" and David used "Amzi Walton." William, Jr. named a daughter "Lorena Woods" for his sister, and Elizabeth named a daughter "Elizabeth Walton" for her mother. The father of Elizabeth WALTON has not been proved, but Edward is the only WALTON who appears in the area at the time of her marriage to William BYERS. He may have been her father, for she named her first son Edward.

Ed Note: Please notice how Mr. Parker, a long time genealogist, prefers to document Elizabeth's father before he states Edward is for a fact her father. Mr. Parker is a careful researcher and I'm sure he wants to see ALL THE EVIDENCE before he jumps to conclusions. CBH

*William Byers*

*Edward Byers*

*William Byers junr*

*Ephraim McLean*

*Moses Beatty*

*Adam Meek*

*David Dickey*

About 75 inhabitants of York, Chester and Union Counties, living within ten miles of Broad River, signed a protest to the General Assembly of South Carolina in Dec. 1788 protesting an act requiring them to bear all cost of improving navigation in the river.

Capt. William BYERS and all his sons, Edward and William (except David, then only 14) and his sons-in-laws Ephraim McLEAN and Adam MEEK signed this petition. It appears that their names were appended to it at Capt. BYERS home, perhaps at the time of the marriage of his daughter "Eliza" to McLEAN, as their wedding occurred in 1783, according to their grandson Col. James David WALKER (1830-1906), U.S. Senator from Arkansas 1879 - 85. Otherwise, why would Ephraim, who had been living with his father Col. Charles McLEAN in Lincoln County, N.C., have placed his signature to this petition? Moses BEATTY seems to have also lived in N.C.

## CAPTAIN WILLIAM BYERS OF THE REVOLUTION, Continued

and may have been there for this event. David DICKEY (1747 - 1823) and his new wife Margaret (1760 - 1814), youngest daughter of John and Jane STEPHENSON of Bullock Creek were living at present Sharon, but afterward moved to Pendleton County, and later to Livingston County, Kentucky.

## BYARS LINEAGE

OF: Faye Hodges ROBBINS, Rt. 6, Bx 2280, Cullman, AL 35055

Frances "Faye" HODGES, born in Jefferson Co.,AL, the daughter of:

Noah Manuel HODGES (24 Dec 1896 - ) and Gertrude Mahalie HARRIS (31 Dec 1907 - 14 Apr 1977). Gertrude the daughter of:

Charles Richard HARRIS (15 Apr 1883 - 2 Nov 1924) and Flora Frances BRASWELL ( 14 Mar 1890 - 19 Aug 1960). Charles the son of:

Benjamin Franklin HARRIS (16 July 1837 Butts Co.,GA.-25 Mar 1917, Cullman Co.,AL) and Mahala Ann BYARS (16 Feb 1847, Butts Co.,GA - 1931, Cullman Co.,AL), Daughter of Benjamin M. BYARS (1823 Rutherford Co.,N.C. - 1857 Butts Co.,GA) and Eliza Jane MEREDITH (10 Mar 1827 Laurens Co.,SC - 17 Feb 1905, Butts Co., GA). Benjamin the son of

George K. BYARS (1760/70 NC - 1843 Butts Co.,GA) and Anna BLACKWELL(1785 NC - 1855 Butts Co.,GA). George the son of:

William BYARS (1740/50 - During R.W., Rutherford Co.,NC) and Sarah Ann DOGGETT(d. 12 Aug 1823, Rutherford Co.,NC.)

## SOME GEORGIA RECORDS

From the files of Dorothy Hays  
Courtesy George B. Bell

Clarke Co., GA, 1830 Census; p 326 (according to reel at GA. Dept. Archives)  
Town of Athens: John BUYERS 1 male age 50-60; 2 female slaves.

## Will of JOHN BUIS

Randolph, Jasper Co., GA. Inv. & Appr. Acct. Returns, Book A-1809-1815 pp68-70.

Beloved wife, Nancy BUIS...Children when they come of age....

Dau SALLY PATTERSON, son[s] Zachariah BUIS, John BUIS, Caswell BUIS, Elbert BUIS, daughter, Eliza BUIS. Give to my two sons Caswell and Elbert all of my father's estate that is to come to me at my mothers death.

Mar. 9, 1810. Good friend Wood MORELAND and Robert (X) E. RICHARDSON as Exec.

Witnesses: Milton AMOS, Mich?1 LAURENCE, Wood MORELAND.

Probated May term 1810.

A Noah BUIS bought at sale.

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Randolph, Jasper County Georgia, Marriage Book D, 1835 - 1856, p 32  
Feb. 10, 1839. Jackson BYUS to Nancy Ann CHILDS by Jubal COCHRAN, J.P.

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## Will of OBADIAH BYARS

Jasper Co., GA., Will Book 14, p 398

Mentions wife Malinda (Dorothy's note says she was Malinda TEDDOR)

2 Children, George W. BYARS, Frances B.K. BYARS

also executors. Witnesses: Thos. J. McMICHAEL, George W. WHITE, Hugh M. MARTIN.

Proved Nov. 16, 1880 F.M. SWANSON, Ord.

(George added a note:This was the grandfather of Judge Chester A. BYARS of Griffin)

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1853 Tax Digest of Monroe County, GA.

John C. BYUS, Caswell BYUS, Henry BYUS

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## BYARS - JONES FAMILIES

By Vera Jones Edwards Martin (Mrs. W.L. Jr.)  
from

HISTORY OF BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

Published by The William McIntosh Chapter DAR, Jackson, Georgia

Contributed by Dorothy Hays

BYARS, BYERS, BIAS families were coming to this country in the 1600's, settling in Virginia and Pennsylvania. Our branch was in Hanover and Louisa counties, Virginia; Caswell, Orange, Burke, and Rutherford counties, N.C.; Spartanburg District, S.C.; Elyten District, Alabama; Tennessee; and Georgia.

William BYARS, born between 1740 - 1750; married Sarah Ann DOGGETT, born between 1745 - 1755, daughter of Bushrod DOGGETT and Ann STRIPLING (STRIBLING). William BYARS was a Revolutionary soldier and was killed in the war. Sarah Ann BYARS married (2nd) Joel BLACKWELL: no issue. Joel died Apr 11, 1821 and Sarah Ann died Aug. 12, 1823 in Rutherford Co., N.C.

According to the early history of the DOGGETT family published in 1894, William and Sarah Byars had 7 children. The known children were:

I. George K. BYARS, b. (1760 - 1770) N.C.; d. 1843 Butts Co., Ga.; m. Anna \_\_\_\_\_, 1785 N.C.; d. 1855 Butts Co.

After the final settlement of his mother affairs in N.C., George K BYARS and his family left N.C. and came to Butts County. They settled in the area around Indian Springs along with the McWATKINS, their relatives, who had intermarried with the BYARS and SUTTLE families in N.C. The Mc was dropped and the many descendants of this WATKINS family still live in the county. George K. BYARS and wife, Anna, had the following children.

1. Joel B. BYARS, b. Nov. 2, 1800; d. Dec 8, 1871; m. Temperance McWATKINS, b. Nov. 2, 1805; d. Apr 24, 1875. No issue.
2. Sarah M. BYARS, b. Jan. 3, 1810; d. Jan. 3, 1886; m. Robert BYARS (1st cousin) b. Jan. 17, 1810; d. Sept. 24, 1855, son of James BYARS and Elizabeth WALKER, Issue:
  - (1) George W. BYARS, b. Aug. 9, 1828; d. Aug. 24, 1849; m. Aug 6, 1846, Butts Co., Martha Jane MEREDITH, daughter of Nelson MEREDITH and Mahaly GRAY.
  - (2) Anna BYARS, b. June 17, 1830; d. \_\_\_\_; m. Sept. 24 1846 Butts Co., James Albert MEREDITH, b. Feb 2, 1825; d. Feb. 6, 1887.
    - (a) Minerva MEREDITH, b. Mar. 8, 1849; m. James D. PETTYJOHN.
    - (b) James Carrel MEREDITH, b. Oct. 15, 1853; d. July 12, 1923; m. Nov. 5, 1876, Ida S. WEAVER, b. July 1859; d. Jan. 1, 1942.
    - (c) Elizabeth MEREDITH, b. Feb. 8, 1857; M. Oct 24, 1875 William J. WEAVER.
  - (3) Andrew J. Andrews, b. Mar. 7, 1835 [I believe this is a printing error and should read Andrew J. BYARS cbh]
  - (4) July Ann BYARS, b. Dec. 29, 1832; d. Aug 1, 1847.
  - (5) James Lafayette BYARS, b. May 25, 1837; d. \_\_\_\_; m. Jan 9, 1856 Butts Co., Virginia F. PRESTON, b. 1840. James L. BYARS was a member of "Bailey Volunteers" from Butts County in the War Between the States. Issue:
    - (a) Charles BYARS, b. 1857; m. Jan 29, 1871 Emma HEATH.
    - (b) Robert BYARS, b. 1859
    - (c) Loula BYARS, b. 1870
    - (d) William BYARS, b. 1872
    - (e) Henry BYARS, b. 1874.
    - (f) Gordon BYARS, b. 1874. [? Twins? cbh]
    - (g) Lela BYARS, b. 1877.
  - (6) Richard G. BYARS, b. Feb. 17, 1840; d. Apr. 11, 1891; m. Dec. 22, 1859 in Butts Co., Mary Ann Clementine JONES, b. Dec. 11, 1844; d. Aug. 2, 1898. Richard BYARS a private in the "BYARS VOLUNTEERS" (Co. I, 45th Reg. Ga. Vol. Inf. Army of Virginia), surrendered at Appomattox Apr. 9, 1865.

Issue: Notes in parenthesis added by Dorothy Hays.

- (a) James R. BYARS, b. 1861. (3-30-1862; d. 4-13-1932)  
 (b) John M. BYARS b. 1864. (2-8-1864; d. 3-6-1925)  
 (c) Thomas Jefferson BYARS, b. 1866 (4-27-1866; d. 12-15-1936)  
 (d) Sallie BYARS, b. 1868.  
 (e) George W. BYARS, b. 1872. (6-5-1870 d. 3-16-1933)  
 (f) Mary S. BYARS b. 1874. ( b. 1873; d. 5-26-1900)  
 (g) Nannie BYARS, b. 1877. (Nancy Jane d. 10-28-1917)  
 (h) Bobbie BYARS, b. 1880. (1878)  
 (i) Richard BYARS, birth date unknown. (b. 5-2-1880; d. 12-11-1943)  
 ((j) Walter Wm. BYARS, b. 11-11-1881; d. 1-28-1946))
- (7) Lucy Ann BYARS, b. Feb. 2, 1842; d. May 19, 1927; m. Dec. 29, 1860 Butts Co., Augustus Roe JONES, b. Feb. 2, 1842; d. May 5, 1864 in Virginia from wound received in Battle of Wildreness. Issue:  
 (a) Stephen Alexander JONES, m. (1) Telera VICKERS (2) Annie Lou THORNTON.  
 (b) Jesse Carter JONES, b. Nov. 30, 1863; d. Aug. 12, 1937; m. Dec. 26, 1889, Althea Josephine MOORE, b. Sept. 17, 1868; d. Jan. 6, 1955, daughter of William Woodson MOORE and Martha Anderson IVY.
- (8) Joel B. BYARS, b. June 1, 1844; d. Dec. 3, 1862.  
 (9) John Thomas BYARS, b. May 31, 1846; d. Dec. 3, 1862 [died on same day?]  
 (10) Sallie BYARS, b. Oct. 28, 1848.  
 (11) Mary Jane BYARS, b. Oct. 10, 1850; d. Oct. 3, 1902; m. May 16, 1864, Butts Co. W.J. STANDARD, b. May 1, 1844; d. Jan. 11, 1929.  
 (12) Robert BYARS ("Bobbie"-female), b. Aug. 17, 1855; d. Jan. 23, 1931, buried in Unadilla, Ga.; m. Sept. 25, 1873, Butts Co., Ensign THOMPSON.
3. Lucy D. BYARS, m. Jan. 27, 1833, Butts Co., John K. AMOS. Known children:  
 (1) Joel AMOS, b. 1834  
 (2) William AMOS, b. 1836  
 (3) Haral M. AMOS, b. 1846
4. Richard Goode BYARS, b. 1813; d. \_\_\_; M. Dec. 22, 1833 Elvira KIMBROUGH.
5. Harrell N. BYARS, b. May 20, 1820; d. Aug. 22 1902; m (1st) Nov. 23, 1843, Butts Co., Ann Eliza NUTT; no issue; m. (2nd) Nov. 25, 1865 Mrs. Mary I Moore NUTT, widow of James B. NUTT. (see William B. NUTT genealogy).
6. Benjamin M. BYARS, b. 1823 (b. 7-4-1825; d. 12-14-1856); d. \_\_\_; M. Jan. 1, 1846., Eliza Jane MEREDITH, b. Mar. 10, 1827; d. Feb. 17, 1905. Issue:  
 (1) Mahala Ann BYARS, b. 1847; m. Jan. 8, 1866 Butts Co., Benjamin F. HARRIS, son of William HARRIS. Issue:  
 (a) Ella J. HARRIS.  
 (b) Eva HARRIS.  
 (c) James H. HARRIS.  
 (d) Welcome Harvey HARRIS.  
 (2) James M. BYARS, b. 1849.  
 (3) Anne Eliza BYARS, b. 1851; m. Oct. 27, 1872, Butts Co., Thompson J. WOOD.  
 (4) Elvira BYARS, b. 1853; m. Dec. 21, 1871 Butts Co., William N. BREWER.  
 ((5) Richard Goode BYARS, b. 16 Jan 1855; d. 7 May 1940; buried Oakland Cemetery, Gaffney, S.C.; m. Sarah Elizabeth DAVIS))
- II. Stripling BYARS, b. between 1760-1770, N.C.; d. Jefferson County Alabama 1836; m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. Issue:
1. Mary BYARS.
  2. Nancy BYARS.
  3. Margaret BYARS.
  4. Sarah BYARS.
  5. Abraham BYARS.
  6. Agnes BYARS.
  7. Jane BYARS.
  8. Elizabeth BYARS.
  9. Martha BYARS.
  10. William BYARS.

## BYARS - JONES FAMILIES, Continued

- III. Ann (Nancy) BYARS, b. Mar. 24, 1766; d. July 7, 1837 Rutherford County, N.C.  
m. George SUTTLE, son of Joseph SUTTLE and Mollie DOGGETT. Issue:
1. William Byars SUTTLE.
  2. Sarah SUTTLE.
  3. Elizabeth SUTTLE.
  4. Joseph SUTTLE.
  5. Benjamin Franklin SUTTLE.
  6. Nancy SUTTLE.
  7. George SUTTLE.
  8. Susannah SUTTLE.
  9. John Byars SUTTLE.
- IV. Elizabeth BYARS, b. between 1770-1780 m. May 29, 1795 Rutherford County, N.C.  
John KELLY; moved to Alabama.
- V. James BYARS, b. between 1770-1780; m. Elizabeth WALKER, b. 1797, daughter of  
Thaddeus D. WALKER and Nancy BYARS. James BYARS moved from Rutherford County  
N.C. to Elyton District, Ala. when Alabama was a territory. He died in Jeffer-  
son County, Ala. in 1830. Issue:
1. William BYARS
  2. Jane BYARS
  3. Robert BYARS
  4. Andrew J. BYARS
  5. James Carrell BYARS
  6. Evan W. BYARS
  7. Martha BYARS
  8. Thaddeus BYARS
  9. Drucilla BYARS
  10. Nancy BYARS.

[Evidently the other two children did not get listed in this or these were the only  
five of the seven that were known about]

Stephen JONES ( 1801 - 1863) married Malinda DYSON, b. 1805, daughter of John and  
Mary DYSON of Newberry District, S.C. Stephen and Malinda JONES left Abbeville  
District, S.C. in 1835 and settled in Monroe County near Indian Springs. As the  
BYARS and JONES families were neighbors and Baptists, it was not long before marriages  
were taking place between the two families. Children of Stephen and Malinda JONES:

1. Silas Mercer JONES, b. Mar. 10, 1828; d. Aug. 18, 1884; m. Oct 3, 1856,  
Monroe Co., GA. Samantha TINGLE, b. Oct. 5, 1827; d. Feb. 20, 1893.
2. John P. JONES, b. 1834; d. 1878 Henry Co., Ga.; m (1st) Minerva\_\_by whom  
he had 2 children; m. (2nd) Mar. 8, 1867 Butts Co., Georgia Ann BYARS, b.  
Jan. 1, 1848; d. post 1878, only child of George W. BYARS and Martha Jane  
MEREDITH.
3. Eliza JONES, b. 1834; m. (1st) Apr. 12, 1860 Cevalal M. KIMBROUGH, (2nd)  
Benjamin SUTTON.
4. Elizabeth JONES, b. 1836; m. Abraham WELDON.
5. Washington Lafayette JONES, b. 1838; m. \_\_\_BLOODWORTH.
6. Augustus Roe JONES m. Lucy Ann BYARS. (see William BYARS genealogy)
7. Mary Ann Clementine JONES, m. Richard BYARS (see William BYARS genealogy)
8. Emily Millege JONES, b. 1846; m. Francis Marion WELDON.
9. William Junius Flaveus JONES, m. Mollie MAYO.

## THE DRATTED TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR AND MISSPELLED WORD

Both of them elude me when I'm proof reading, and I really do hate that. Please  
"SEND" me notes on all my errors, especially when it comes to dates and names.

IS IT HOT IN YOUR AREA?

Well, cool off at the Library or courthouse. It's a perfect time to do research.

BYARS-BYERS from the HISTORY of BENTON, WASHINGTON, CARROLL, MADISON,  
CRAWFORD, FRANKLIN, & SEBASTIAN COUNTIES, ARKANSAS, ;Chicago

The Goodspeed Publishing Co. 1889.

Contributed by: Sylvia BYERS

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Alma. First Residents: Alma is a beautifully situated town-the second of Crawford County business centers. Its land was entered August 3, 1836, by Ira SMOOT,.... Col. LOCKE built his present house the same year (1869), and also his gin. A Mr. A.W. GRIFFIN kept the first store, and acted as postmaster for the settlement. RENFROE & BYARS next built a store on Main Street. In 1870 a residence, now the McKinney House, was built by J.D. JAMES, who also kept a livery stable and stage stand. RENFROE, L.B. BYARS, J.E. SMITH, followed next in building.....

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Later Growth....1889...The legal lights [Lawyers] are J.P. BYERS, W.H. BYERS,....

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William H. BYERS, loan and real estate agent at Alma, was born in Fort Smith in 1862, and is a son of W.H. and Ann C. (WILLIAMS) BYERS, natives of Carolina and Tennessee, respectively, who were married in Nashville, Tenn. In 1855 they settled in Little Rock, Ark., and shortly after went to Fort Smith, where the father engaged in the shoe tanning business until 1865, and then removed near Alma, where he died in 1885. He was of Irish descent, a strong Whig, and a member of the Masonic fraternity and I.O.O.F. The mother is still living. William H. BYERS is the youngest of a family of six children, five of whom are still living. After attending the common school he spent the winter of 1883-84 at Oxford, Miss., in a law school. He then taught school ten months in Crawford County, but has since devoted his attention to the practice of his profession in connection with the real estate business. He has been very successful and in 1887 was elected mayor of Alma. He practices in the Crawford County Court and the United States Court at Fort Smith, and has bought a farm of 156 acres, near Alma, which is well improved and cultivated. In 1884 he married Rosie B., daughter of Josiah and Julia C. FOSTER, and by this marriage has one child. Mr. FOSTER was a pioneer settler of this county, who came here a poor young man, but steadily accumulated property until he became one of the wealthiest men in the county, owning 2,500 acres at the time of his death, in 1872. He was twice married, and Mrs. BYERS is his twenty-sixth child. He was a life long and zealous Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. BYERS belong to the Missionary Baptist Church, and the former is a Mason.

L.B. BYARS, senior partner of the firm BYARS & CO. was born in DeSoto County, Miss., in 1842, and is a son of Abraham and Sarah (MORELAND) BYARS, natives of Rutherford District, S.C., who after their marriage, went to Alabama. From there they went to Mississippi, and in 1874 came to Crawford County, Ark., where the father died in 1885, and the mother is still living, at the age of eighty-five. Mr. BYARS was a son of Strippling BYARS, who settled in Alabama in an early day. Our subject is the eighth of a family of nine children, and during his youth received a common-school education. In 1866 he married Nancy J. CATHY, also a native of DeSoto County, Miss., in which county he farmed until 1870. After coming to Crawford County, at that time, he farmed here one year, and then engaged in the mercantile business with B.P. RENFROE for three years, after which he farmed five years and clerked one year. In 1883 he established his present business with L.T. BYARS, his nephew, as a partner, but the firm, which is now known as BYARS & CO., is composed of our subject and H.S. LEWERS. They transact one of the largest businesses in the county, their stock being valued at \$4,000, and their annual sales amounting to about \$8,000. Their stock of general merchandise is well selected and they are prosperous and leading men in the community. Mr. and Mrs. BYARS belong to the Christian Church, and have had seven children, four of whom are living. Mr. BYARS is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for SEYMOUR, in 1868. During the war he served in the Confederate army in Company B, in Wirt ADAMS' regiment of Mississippi cavalry, operating in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. He was present at the fights of Shiloh and Vicksburg,

## BYARS-BYERS from the HISTORY of ARKANSAS, Continued

and participated in a number of skirmishes. He surrendered at Gainesville, Ala in 1865.

Thomas T. BYARS, chief of police of Alma, was born in what is now Tate County, Miss., in 1845, and is a son of Abraham and Sarah (MORELAND) BYARS. [See sketch of L.B. BYARS] He was the ninth of a family of ten children, and during his boyhood attended the common schools of the neighborhood. When but sixteen years of age he joined Company B, of Wood's regiment of Mississippi cavalry, and was inactive service nearly all the time until the close of the war, serving in Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana and Alabama. He surrendered near Gainesville, Ala., in April, 1865. In 1868 he married Blanche CATHY, of Mississippi, who died at Alma in 1871, leaving one child, also deceased. In 1876 Mr. BYARS was married a second time, the Maty BYARS, a native of Tennessee, who came with her parents to Fort Smith, Ark., prior to the war. To them four children have been born, all save one now living. Mr. BYARS came to Crawford County, Ark., in 1870, and settled five miles southeast of Alma, where he lived seven years. He is now the owner of 160 acres of well-cultivated land, situated near Alma, which is all the result of his industry and business ability. Having farmed until 1887 his health became impaired, and he has since made his home in Alma. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Seymour. In 1888 he was elected chief of police, and is now holding that position. Since 1868 he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity and K. of H. He is a member of the Christian Church and Mrs. BYARS is a member of the Baptist Church.

[EDITORS NOTE: Goodspeed Publishing Co., did a wonderful job when they set out to publish these Histories. In them we can find some personal information that we would not find otherwise. However, it must be remembered that at the time these bio's were written, it was fashionable to embellish the family history, so the statistics should be confirmed by other documents. I give this warning because in our recently published Leon County Texas History Book, there are gross errors because those writing the stories did not care to take the time to prove some of the stories they had heard from parents and grandparents. PLEASE REMEMBER: As we age, some of us become confused and get generations mixed up. I have found that there is usually a grain of truth in family tradition, and the stories were not deliberate falsehoods. For the most part Family Stories were told to entertain and to add to them was the mark of a good Story Teller. Also, then as now, some become nervous when being interviewed and cannot think straight. As family Historians it is our responsibility to build our History on good documentation. CBH]

## MARRIAGES IN N.C. BY HUNTING FOR BEARS INC., P.O. BOX 355, N. SLK, UT 84054

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| MONTH-DAY-YEAR |                                          | COUNTY     |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|------------|
| 4 19 1809      | BUYERS, ANDREW+GREEN SARAH               | BURKE      |
| 12 7 1816      | BYARS, ANN + FOWLER, WILLIAM             | GRANVILLE  |
| 12 5 1788      | BYARS, BARBARA + BECK, FREDERICK         | GRANVILLE  |
| 11 13 1827     | BYARS, BETSY + SMITH, WILLIAM JR.        | RUTHERFORD |
| 3 5 1833       | BYARS, CHARLOTTE + MELTON, JOHN W.       | RUTHERFORD |
| 2 27 1812      | BYARS, EDWARD + HENRY, JANE              | LINCOLN    |
| 5 29 1795      | BYARS, ELIZ + KELLY, JOHN                | RUTHERFORD |
| 12 10 1833     | BYARS, ELIZABETH + BEDFORD, JAMES        | RUTHERFORD |
| 12 8 1813      | BYARS, GEORGE + FLEMING, SALLY           | GRANVILLE  |
| 11 5 1822      | BYARS, HENRY + BYARS, MARTHA             | GRANVILLE  |
| 11 6 1827      | BYARS, JAME + CLARKE, LEVI               | GRANVILLE  |
| 2 11 1869      | BYARS, JOHN + CANTRELL, AMANDA           | POLK       |
| 11 5 1822      | BYARS, MARTHA + BYARS, HENRY             | GRANVILLE  |
| 4 17 1775      | BYARS, MARY + LYALL, THOMAS              | ROWAN      |
| 11 8 1827      | BYARS, MILLY + SULLINS, NOAH             | RUTHERFORD |
| 3 16 1795      | BYARS, NANCY + WALKER, THADDEUS (DUDLEY) | RUTHERFORD |

## MARRIAGES IN N.C., Continued

| MONTH-DAY-YEAR |                                                | COUNTY     |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 4 23 1851      | BYARS, NOAH + ROBERTSON, EMALINE               | RUTHERFORD |
| 3 24 1804      | BYARS, ROBERT + HOUSTON, JANE                  | LINCOLN    |
| 9 11 1811      | BYARS, SALLY + DAVIS, CYRUS, JR.               | GRANVILLE  |
| 3 4 1840       | BYARS, SARAH + PADGETT, WILLIAM                | RUTHERFORD |
| 7 27 1826      | BYARS, WILLIAM + MCOME, ANDESS                 | RUTHERFORD |
| 7 26 1790      | BYARS, WILLIAM + NUNN, LUCY                    | GRANVILLE  |
| 9 12 1847      | BYAS, MARY + FEAGINS, HENRY                    | POLK       |
| 1 18 1845      | BYAS, SARAH + GIBBS, THOMAS                    | RUTHERFORD |
| 5 18 1854      | BYAS, VEDO + BRADLEY, JANE                     | RUTHERFORD |
| 2 9 1767       | BYER, PHILLIP + SOMESON, MARY                  | ROWAN      |
| 12 16 1841     | BYERES, LUCINDA + SANDERS, WILLIAM             | WILKES     |
| 2 16 1813      | BYERS, ALEXANDER + BYERS, ELIZABETH            | GRANVILLE  |
| 12 24 1867     | BYERS, AMERICA JANE + MCGLENNY, JOHN           | WILKES     |
| 3 29 1860      | BYERS, AVALIN + HAYNES, JACOB                  | HAYWOOD    |
| 8 25 181?      | BYERS, CERNELIAS + CURCH, SUANA                | WILKES     |
| 3 3 1835       | BYERS, CLEARINDA + DOBSON, W.W.                | MACON      |
| 12 29 1826     | BYERS, DAVID + HAILEY, SALLY                   | GRANVILLE  |
| 12 30 1800     | BYERS, DAVID + MCCLAIN, REBEKAH                | RUTHERFORD |
| 10 16 1847     | BYERS, DAVID MCS + HENRY, MARY CAROLINE        | HAYWOOD    |
| 2 16 1813      | BYERS, ELIZABETH + BYERS, ALEXANDER            | GRANVILLE  |
| 11 24 1830     | BYERS, EPHRAIM + RATCLIFF, MILY                | HAYWOOD    |
| 9 10 1835      | BYERS, FRANCIS + MEDFORD, SARAH                | HAYWOOD    |
| 5 19 1819      | BYERS, GEORGE + JOPLIN, FRANCES                | GRANVILLE  |
| 3 2 1848       | BYERS, HAMILTON + DOWNSLEY, NANCY              | ROWAN      |
| 11 4 1840      | BYERS, HANNAH + JACKSON, AMBROSE               | RUTHERFORD |
| 6 14 1851      | BYERS, HARRIET CAROLINE + BALDING, DAVID B.    | HAYWOOD    |
| 10 5 1866      | BYERS, HARRIETT + BICKNEL, JORDAN              | WILKES     |
| 2 3 1789       | BYERS, JAMES + CAMPBELL, SARAH                 | GRANVILLE  |
| 4 9 1867       | BYERS, JAMES + MABERRY, SARAH ANN              | WILKES     |
| 1 6 1866       | BYERS, JAMES I + MILUM, MARTHAAN               | WILKES     |
| 1 6 1866       | BYERS, JAMES S + MILUM, MARTHAN                | WILKES     |
| 3 20 1811      | BYERS, JANE + GRIGGS, JOHN                     | GRANVILLE  |
| 4 3 1852       | BYERS, JAS S + SUMERLIN, EMELINE               | WILKES     |
| 6 10 1816      | BYERS, JOSEPH JR. + LOCKE, MARTHA              | ROWAN      |
| 9 30 1869      | BYERS, L.A. + KINGSMORE, H.L.                  | HAYWOOD    |
| 3 18 1869      | BYERS, LAURA ANN + KIRKPATRIC, MILAS ELEXANDER | HAYWOOD    |
| 8 5 1858       | BYERS, MALAAN + MINTING, HUGH SR.              | WILKES     |
| 11 30 1826     | BYERS, MARGARETT + GADIES, ELIJAH              | HAYWOOD    |
| 1 27 1853      | BYERS, MARTHA J. + CALDWELL, JAMES             | HAYWOOD    |
| 2 23 1848      | BYERS, MARY + SANDERS, JAMES                   | WILKES     |
| 2 20 1809      | BYERS, PASY + HOUSTON, JOSEPH                  | LINCOLN    |
| 12 7 1833      | BYERS, REBECHA + GREEN, WILLIAM                | HAYWOOD    |
| 2 25 1833      | BYERS, SAMUEL E. + MCCRACKING, EMELTA          | HAYWOOD    |
| 6 13 1852      | BYERS, THEOPHILUS + CRANFORD, ELIZA            | ROWAN      |
| 4 10 1824      | BYERS, WASHINGTON + LOCKE, ANN C.              | ROWAN      |
| 1 8 1796       | BYERS, WM + ? , ?                              | LINCOLN    |

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## ILLEGITIMATE

It means born without the parents having benefit of clergy. But there are nicer ways to say it. Try "Natural Born", "Base Born" and for goodness sake don't get upset if you find it happened in your family. Nowadays it's nothing and in our very early days it may have happened because: No preacher handy or the cost of a marriage bond was too high. In Texas it took a priest of the Catholic Church and even though the early settlers agreed to become Catholic many of them did so just to get land. Many of them just signed a contract and forgot to have clergy.

## WILLIAM BYERS, JR. (1765 - 1816)

Family Sheet submitted by: Dorothy E. HAYS, 1300 Merry Hills Dr. High Point, NC 27260

William BYERS Jr. born 9 Apr 1765, VA., married ca 1797, York Co., SC., Catheryn "Kitty" HOPE. Catheryn born ca 1776, died 16 June 1815, York Co., SC (and possibly buried Beersheba ?) William was the son of Capt. William BYERS, (born Ireland) and Elizabeth WALTON. He died 24 Aug. 1816, York Co., SC and is buried Beersheba Church Yard. He also married Sarah HOPE, daughter of John and Jane (MEEK) HOPE. Children of William and Catheryn: All born York Co., SC.

1. Elizabeth BYERS born ca 1798 married Alexander BARRY
2. Jane Meek BYERS born after 1801
3. John Hope BYERS born c 1803 and living out of State in 1828.
4. Emmaline BYERS born ca 1805, died before 1835/36 married Eleazer PARKER
5. Lorena Woods BYERS born 15 Apr 1808, died 24 Feb 1866 AL, married 1st cousin Alemeth BYERS, 17 Nov 1831.
6. William Walton BYERS born ca 1811, died Texas.
7. Edward BYERS born ca 1812
8. Clarinda BYERS born ca 1814.

SOURCES: Elmer O. Parker, 5012 Circle Dr. Columbia, SC 29206  
Carol H Duncan, 132 Anthony St., Gaffney, SC 19340

## PLEASE NOTE

Dorothy's ancestor Thomas T. BYARS/BYERS? may possibly descend from Lorena Woods BYERS and her husband Alemeth BYERS. If you have family group sheets on these or any other families please share. WE can make connections if we can all see those sheets. This way we can also correct any errors we may have in our lineage. Dorothy has been trying to find her link for so very long, I say we ALL try to help her. And why help Dorothy? Because Dorothy goes out of her way to help all of us. CBH

## I AM STILL LAGGING BEHIND

In my indexing. On some of my other lines I have connections with computers and they just keep right up to snuff. I'm telling you, one of these days I'm gonna' get me one of those contraptions and see what a mess I can really make out of all my files. I feel bad when I'm behind like this but, maybe you are too! Why, some of you have not sent in your family group sheets, ancestor charts, or even a query. We don't want just your money for the Enquirer, we want you to be part of our group. I don't mind getting behind a bit further. Come on send in your sheets, who knows you just might hit the jack pot with a query too. CBH

## BYARS DATA from the file of HILMA BYARS

2802 Doaks Ferry Road N.W., Salem, Oregon 97304

[Ed. Note: The following was taken from a letter Hilma wrote to George BELL, 14 Jan 1986. I publish it in the hope that it will give clues to some of you. CBH]

She begins her letter: " I have a partial family record that was compiled by my husbands great grandfather, William Henry BYARS. He made a rough chart and I have tried, as best I could, to fill in the missing links. So, this is what I have.

John BYARS, born 3/16/1734, Hanover Co., VA., died 11/23/1781 (A Captain in the Rev.) married on Dec 23, 1754 Elizabeth THOMASON, born 2/27/1738, died Oct 12, 1828 and buried Old Glade Cemetery, Washington Co., VA. Their children:

1. John BYARS, born 11/12/1764. His children:
  - a. John BYARS born 1811, died 1890
  - b. George
  - c. Arthur

BYARS DATA from the file of HILMA BYARS, Continued

2. George BYARS born Aug 15, 1771. His children:
  - a. Fleming BYARS
  - b. Clayburn BYARS
  - c. Thomas BYARS
3. Fleming BYARS, born 3/17/1766(or 68), died 1853, married 1804. His children:
  - a. Eliza BYARS
  - b. William BYARS (one girl)
  - c. Fleming BYARS (my Husbands ancestor)
  - d. Nathan BYARS (Henry, Odie, Rebecca, Mary, Elizabeth)
  - e. Mary, died young
4. James BYARS, born 3/12/1761, married Lovina SMITH, went to KY. and was lost (according to the chart. I found a James BYARS who married Mary Jane FLOYD 5/2/1842, Boyle Co., DANville Court House, KY)
5. William BYARS, born 11/18/1776. His Children:
  - a. John BYARS (record of two children for him Elisabeth & Sarah)
  - b. William BYARS, no children
  - c. James BYARS (children William, J. Cloyd born 12/9/1868 and another name that look like Clan or maybe Elan??)
6. Betsy BYARS, born 9/29/1769 (another date for her is 11/21/1774)
7. Anna BYARS b. 22/29 Sept 1769, m. Wm SMITH, 8 Oct 1789, Louisa Co. VA.
8. Sally or Sarah BYARS, (born 1/12/1763 d. 1810, m. 1/15/1789 to Wm. Bibb COLE.)
9. Mary BYARS born 11/1/1755, married David SMITH
10. Jane BYARS married Harod/Harold MATHEWS
11. Jemina BYARS born 11/16/1772, d. 4/24/1817
12. Martha BYARS b 5/17/1766, m Nathaniel HARRIS.

The BYARS family record seems to start with Hanover Co., VA. which was created from New Kent County since Hanover Co., wasn't created until 1720.[Ed. Note: Records should be searched in New Kent Co., VA which was created in 1654 from York Co. York Co formed 1634 formerly Charles River Co., VA. Source:Evertons Seventh Editon The Handy Book For Genealogists]

From a compilation by a Bob Saunders in 1983, we start with a John BYARS son of ? His residence on Spt 24, 1708 was New Kent Co. VA, source: The Vestry Book, St. Pauls Parish, Hanover Co., VA pp 130 and 183. One son, James Henry [BYARS] was born 1713 in Hanover Co., source above Vestry Book, son John born 1718, source Dorris Lagow, Columbia, IL to Bob Saunders, 1983. (I have searched through the entire file of material Bob sent to me and have no address for him.)[ Hilma is he Robert D. SAUNDERS, 1825 Hamlet Ct. S., Salem, OR 97302? Doris Lagow do you have his address? CBH]

CORRECTIONS      CORRECTIONS      CORRECTIONS      CORRECTIONS  
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FROM Dorothy Hays  
 VOL.I NO. 1, page 4. Notes: An E.A. Byars, born 2 Oct 1800, wife Mary, buried Camp Ck. Baptist Church Cemetery in Cherokee Co., S.C. **SHOULD READ**--Camps Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Cleveland Co., SC.  
 Additional information:

From Vol. 2 of Cherokee Co., SC. Cemetery Records:  
 E.A. BYARS b 2 Oct 1800, d. 7 Oct 1871 - Mary his wife b 26 May 1802 d. 2 Oct 1865, both buried Camps Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.  
 Also under children of III Capt William BYARS, child #4, Lorena d 31 July 1837 and child #3 was married twice, see correct info Vol.I, No.2 pp 31-32 from Dr. Mel. Meek.

AND at the bottom of page 24 it says ccontinued page 30. Well it is NOT either. Should have read Continued page 27. AND since these corrections ARE so important I do hope you found them.



## MORE CORRECTIONS

From Marjorie TUCKER, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226  
 The marriage date for ELIZABETH BYARS and JOHN KELLY, p. 5, Vol I, No.1 is given as May 9, 1795--this differs from the date of May 29 given on the enclosed marriage search I had made for N.C. [Due to the fact that transcribers and printers can make errors I'd like to know if anyone has a copy of the marriage record itself? If anyone has it will you give us the date on it, just so all the records will be right?cbh]

## AN ADDITION

From Faye ROBBINS, Rt. 6 Bx 2280, Cullman, AL 35055  
 Vol.I, NO.2, page 44. Bible Record of W.L. STANDARD and Mrs. M.J. BYARS. I have additional data on that family. Mrs. M.J. BYARS, (don't know why she was listed as Mrs.) was the daughter of ROBERT and SARAH (SALLIE M. BYARS). ROBERT was the son of JAMES BYARS, SARAH was the daughter of James' brother, GEORGE K. BYARS, so ROBERT and SARAH were first cousins. I have more info. on all of George K.'s children and some data on James.

## SUGGESTION

From Jack BYARS, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502.  
 Vol.I, No.1, p.16--JOSEPH BYARS (1764-1853). I doubt he was the son of NATHAN BYARS Sr. NEVA FERN YOUNG BYARS might do some real looking at--I. WILLIAM BYARS, Vol.I No.1, p.3. Nell Byars Thaten mentions on page 13 of her book that JOSEPH BYARS (son of Wm.) was a frequent purchaser at his estate sale in 1819, in Spartanburg Co. The name, dates, and location are about right, but not yet proof. This seems [a] better possibility than Nathan, for whom a Joseph is questionable.

## PLEASE GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

From the editor.

I am afraid we are all guilty of failing to give proper credit to others that have been kind enough to send us vital information. Do please add the names and the addresses (if possible) of the people that have helped you, to your list of sources when you send material to either a publication or another individual. We do this to show our appreciation of the work of others, and it's just as important as any other documentation we may show. As your editor, I have no way of knowing where or from whom you may have received your information, unless you note it on your material, so if you don't want to offend someone please include those who share with you. After all it's just good manners and sort of an unwritten law among knowledgeable genealogists.

QUERIES ? QUERIES ? QUERIES ? QUERIES ? QUERIES ? QUERIES ? QUERIES

Joel BLACKWELL d. 1821 Rutherford Co., NC. Who was his wife, Rebecca WATKINS or Henryetta BYARS ? [Ed. Note: This may be answered in Nell Byars Thaten's, BYARS Family History. I, like a dummy, have loaned my copy of her book to a friend that keeps forgetting to return it. Will someone that has a copy check for her please. Or this may be George Bell's line. I have a touch of "Oldtimers" and cannot put my hand on this at the moment. cbh]

Faye Hodges ROBBINS, Rt 6 Box 2280, Cullman, AL 35055

Seeking information concerning James M. BYAS, born 21 Sept 1848, married (1) Rhoda MORRIS, Cass Co., MO; (2) Lillie BARNES 27 Apr 1899, Siloam Springs, Benton Co., AR. Died 16 May 1915 according to Family Bible (place unknown). Had daughter, Nora Ann BYAS born 14 June 1908 and son Arthur BYAS.

(Mrs.) Terry VELASQUEZ, Box 277, Warnego, KS 66547

Need the parentage of a SAMUEL E. BYERS (b. 1801, d. 23 Feb 1880) who married 25 Feb, 1833, AMELIA MCCracken.

JAMES H. GORDON, 2360 Bonita St. Lemon Grove, CA 92045

Also need all info on MARGARET BYERS who married JOHN GORDON. John was born c 1765 and died in Sep. 1802, York Co., SC.

JAMES H. GORDON, ADDRESS ABOVE.

## QUERY CORRECTION

FROM: JAMES H. GORDON, 2360 Bonita St. Lemon Grove, CA 92045

"I have made a rather "dumb" error in my query published on pg.12, Vol.I, No.1... regarding HENRY GORDON. He is NOT Mentioned in his mother's will dated 12 Oct 1791. I had the name mixed up with another..."[Hey James, WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, It's just "Dumb" when we don't admit them and try to correct them. It takes a GOOD Genealogist to do that. cbh]

## MORE QUERIES

Dr. MEL MEEK of Lawton,OK., informs me that HENRY GORDON was killed at the battle of King's Mountain which occurred 7 Oct 1780. I have several books, pamphlets,etc., on that battle but cannot find HENRY GORDON mentioned in any of them. Can anyone confirm that he did participate-and was killed- at that battle?

JAMES H. GORDON, 2360 Bonita St. Lemon Grove, CA 92045

I need info on the ancestry of NATHAN BYARS ( 1749-1846)[WE have several suggestions or candidates for this Jack but no REAL PROOF cbh]

JACKSON (JACK) A. BYARS, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502

I would like to have some information on the children of BENJAMIN M. BYARS, b. 1823 Rutherford Co., N.C. d. 1857 Butts Co., GA., m. ELIZA JANE MEREDITH. I have been unable to trace any of them other than my g. grandmother, MAHALA ANN BYARS HARRIS. Their other children were:JAMES M., ANNE ELIZA (m. WOOD), ELVIRA BREWER (m. STEINFELT) and RICHARD.

FAYE HODGES ROBBINS, Rt 6, BX 2280, Cullman, AL 35055

[Faye see the info on your line from Butts Co., GA this issue cbh]

## QUESTION, COMMENT and more than likely we need a CORRECTION!

I question the death date for ELIZABETH BYARS WATKINS ANDERSON, pg 11, Vol.I,No.1 (Oct 26, 1888) She was born Jan. 1, 1775, which would have made her age 113 at her death. [Now that you point it out we should all question it]. I wonder if that was a typographical error somewhere and if the date should be 1838? [I rechecked the group sheet I used and that was the death date(1888) on it] She was NOT in the 1850 or 1860 census for Warren Co., TN., with ENOCH ANDERSON and their daughter MARTHA. See below.

Census of 1850, Warren Co., Tenn.

|                  |    |       |
|------------------|----|-------|
| Enoch Anderson   | 75 | N.C.  |
| Martha Byers     | 30 | Tenn. |
| Daniel Byers     | 11 | Ala.  |
| William H. Byers | 8  | "     |
| Nathan Byers     | 7  | "     |
| John C. Byers    | 4  | Tenn. |
| Elizabeth Byers  | 1  | Tenn. |

Census of 1860, Warren Co., Tenn.:

|                |    |       |
|----------------|----|-------|
| Martha Byers   | 39 | Tenn. |
| Enoch          | 23 | "     |
| Daniel         | 20 | "     |
| Wm. A. or H.   | 18 | "     |
| Nathan         | 16 | "     |
| John           | 12 | "     |
| Mary           | 11 | "     |
| Enoch Anderson | 75 | N.C.  |

I don't know where Enoch Byers was in 1850, or why Enoch Anderson's age is the same in both census records.... or where Elizabeth Byers Watkins Anderson was unless she had already died.

MARJORIE TUCKER, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226

[I have a new name for the people that descend from NATHAN BYARS(1749-1846). Hence forth they shall be known as the NATHANITES, so NATHANITES please check your files and give us an answer.

## HINDSIGHT IS ALWAYS 20/20

Your editor should have started out numbering the queries. That would have made it easier to refer to them. It is too late for Volume I, but this I will do in Volume II. Yes, it's already time to start thinking about Vol.II. Which means time flies.

## DESCENDANTS of NATHAN BYARS &amp; DRUCILLA HARRELSON

In order to clarify and perhaps correct some information published in Vol. I, No. 1 pages 9, 10 & 11, the following Bible records have been taken from The Descendants of Thomas and Louvisa Rice Womack, compiled by Oscar B. Womack, The Ben Lomond Press, 105 Donnell St. McMinnville, Tennessee 37110. 1970. page 6 & 7.

Bible Record of William WOMACK  
Son of Abner WOMACK

William WOMACK, the son of Abner WOMACK and Martha his wife was b. March 23, 1792.  
Didama WEBB, the daughter of Jesse WEBB and Didama his wife was b. June 6, 1792.  
William WOMACK and Didama WEBB was joined in the Holy Estate of matrimony Nov. 7, 1811.  
Abner WOMACK, the first born of William WOMACK and Didama his wife was born March 31, 1813.  
Bal--? WOMACK the daughter of William WOMACK and Didama his wife was born----31.  
Lossen Hill WOMACK was born July 19, 1837.  
James K. POLK was born Sept. 14, 1839.  
James A. WOMACK was born Oct. 2, 18--.  
Samuel RENTFRO was born August 15, 1797.  
Rebecca WOMACK, wife of John WOMACK, was born Sept. 14, 1799.  
John WOMACK was born Sept. 1794.  
Martha WOMACK, the natural born daughter of Nathan BYARS and Drucillah, his wife was born Dec. 31, 1774.  
William WOMACK and Didama WEBB was joined in the Holy Estate of Matrimony on Thursday the 7th of November, in the year of our Lord 1811.  
Drucilla WOMACK and Jesse WEBB was joined in the Holy State of Matrimony on Thursday the 14th of January 1813.  
Zebadiah BAKER and Martha WOMACK was joined in the Holy State of matrimony on Thursday the 25th of September, in the year of our Lord 1817 for better or worse and so finish.  
Abner WOMACK Jr. and Aseneth HAND were joined in the Holy Estate of matrimony on Sunday the 17th of June in the year of our Lord 1821. Abner WOMACK, Jun.  
(his signature)

Abner C. WOMACK was born November 24, 1799.  
William WOMACK was born March 23, 1792.  
Didama WOMACK was born June 6th, 1794.  
Abner WOMACK was born February 10, 1769.  
John WOMACK was born September 16, 1793.  
Nathan WOMACK was born March 8, 1795.  
Birges WOMACK was born April 17, 1796  
Drucilla WOMACK was born October 27, 1797.  
Abner WOMACK was born February 8, 1799.  
Patsy WOMACK was born May 10, 1800.  
Elizabeth WOMACK was born February 7, 1802.  
Lucie WOMACK was born August 29, 1803.  
Harrel B. WOMACK was born March 29, 1805.  
Ransom P. WOMACK was born November 3, 1808  
Artilisen WOMACK was born August 1, 1810.  
Polly WOMACK was born March 29, 1812.  
Robert B. WOMACK was born October (torn)  
Berryman H. WOMACK was born June 18, 1817.  
Samuel RENTFRO was born August 15, 1797.  
Abner UZREY was born June 20, 1824.  
William UZREY was born Jan. 28, 1820.  
Lucy UZREY was born Oct. 27, 1817.  
John UZREY was born May (torn)  
Ransome Womack PIGG was born Nov. 21, 1827.  
Martha Ann W. PIGG was born Feb. 19, 1832.

DESCENDANTS of NATHAN BYARS & DRUCILLA HARRELSON, Continued  
Bible record of William WOMACK, Son of Abner WOMACK

Irene WEBB was born March-- , 1813.  
Henry BAKER was born Oct. 13, 1818.  
William BAKER was born Sept. 7, 1820  
John CARR was born Oct. 10, 1801.  
Martha P. CARR was born Feb. 5, 1824.

This Bible was printed and published by Matthew Carey of Philadelphia in 1810.

from The DESCENDANTS of THOMAS and LOUVISA RICE WOMACK

[Abner WOMACK is listed as #4. and on page 14 we find]

"Abner WOMACK, b. Feb. 10, 1769 in Virginia; d. in Warren Co., Tenn. before Jan. 7, 1856. He was married first to Martha BYARS, b. Dec. 31, 1774, daughter of Nathan and Drucilla (Harrelson) Byars. Her father was a Revolutionary soldier (North Carolina Line). Martha died sometime after 1820. Of the twenty-two children born to Abner and Martha, fourteen lived to adulthood. They moved to Warren Co., Tenn. from Rutherford Co., N.C. in 1810 and settled near a cave spring in the 15th District community known as Crossroads. In 1816 he erected on his grant a large 2-story log house which was known for more than a century as "Old Hightop." During the 1920's his great granddaughter, Miss Daisy Womack (371), moved the house to a site about one mile West of McMinnville on the Nashville Highway where it has since been her residence, and widely known as "My Grandfather's House." After the death of Martha in Warren Co., Abner journeyed to Rutherford Co., N.C. to marry another named Martha who, according to tradition, was also a member of the BYARS family. He mentions her in his will as the step-mother of his children."

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- #4. Children of Abner and Martha BYARS WOMACK:
35. William WOMACK, b. Rutherford Co., N.C., March 23, 1792; m. November 7, 1811, Didama WEBB, b.\* June 6 1794, dau. of Jesse and Didama WEBB of Warren Co., Tenn. Moved to Shelby Co., Ill. before 1840.
  36. John Burgess WOMACK, b. Rutherford Co., N.C., September 16, 1793; m. Rebecca RENFROE. Went to DeKalb Co., Tenn. Was county official in Lauderdale Co., Ala. ca. 1828-31; died DeSoto Co., Miss., Oct. 31, 1846.
  37. Nathan WOMACK, b. Rutherford Co., N.C., March 8, 1795; d. October 2, 1850 in Tishomingo Co., Miss. Lived in Lauderdale Co., ALA. Was living in Madison Co., Ala., in 1831. Married about 1816-18 to first cousin Louvisa WOMACK(49) dau. of Abraham WOMACK(5).
  38. Burgess Harrelson WOMACK, Sr., b. Rutherford Co., N.C., April 17, 1796; d. Warren Co., Tenn., April 29, 1874; m. Sarah WEBB, b. N.C. June 13, 1800, d. March 25, 1875.
  39. Drucilla WOMACK, b. Rutherford Co., N.C. October 27, 1797. Married Jesse WEBB Jan. 14, 1813.
  40. Abner Clemmons WOMACK, b. Rutherford Co., N.C., Feb. 8, 1799; d. Warren Co., Tenn., April 15, 1877; m. June 17, 1821 to Aseneth HAND, b. May 27, 1804 in Rutherford Co., N.C., d. Warren Co., Tenn., July 25, 1877. Aseneth was dau. of Samuel and Mary HAND.
  41. Martha Ann (Patsy) WOMACK, b. May 10, 1800 in Rutherford Co., N.C., d. Dec. 3, 1883 in Buchanan Co., MO., m. Sept. 25, 1817 to Zebadiah BAKER. (Until recently we had no record other than that found in the William WOMACK(35) Bible. Mrs. Martha THOMPSON (A-182) of Redding, Calif. gathered the data to be found in Appendiz A, q.v.)
  42. Elizabeth WOMACK, b. Feb. 7, 1802, Rutherford Co., N.C.; m. John (Jack) CARR, March 4, 1822 at the home of her brother in Lauderdale Co., Ala., where the marriage license is recorded.
  43. Lucy WOMACK, b. Rutherford Co., N.C., Aug. 29, 1803; m. John (Jack) PIGG

## DESCENDANTS of NATHAN BYARS &amp; DRUCILLA HARRELSON, Continued

## ABNER WOMACK &amp; MARTHA BYARS

44. Ransom Pinckney WOMACK, b. Nov. 3, 1808, Rutherford Co., N.C.; m. Nancy BURKS in 1813. [A note made by Marjorie S. Tucker says no by 1813 date. Her note says he d. Jul. 20, 1892, Warren Co., Tenn.]
45. Artalesa WOMACK, b. Aug 1, 1810. (Artalesa was born the year Abner and Martha came from N.C. to Warren Co., Tenn. There is no record of the place of her birth or who she married.)
46. Mary (Polly)WOMACK, b. March 29, 1812 in Warren Co., Tenn. (According to tradition one of the daughters of Abner and Martha married a USRY. This seems to be substantiated by the William WOMACK Bible record which mentions Abner USRY, b. June 20, 1824; William USRY, b. Jan 28, 1820; Lucy USRY, b. Oct. 27, 1817; and John USRY, b May---. The probability is that the second husband of one of the older daughters was a USRY as no minor grandchildren were mentioned in the will of Abner.)
47. Robert B. WOMACK, b. Sept. 1814 in Warren Co., Tenn.;m. Martha----,b. 1813.
48. Greenberry H. WOMACK, b. June 18, 1817, Warren Co., Tenn.(Killed in sawmill accident.)

(Twenty-two children were born to Abner and Martha. Fourteen of them lived to adult age and are listed in the will of Abner dated Dec. 28, 1842.)

[EDITORS NOTE: The pages from The DESCENDANTS of THOMAS and LOUVISA RICE WOMACK were sent to me by Mrs. Marjorie S. TUCKER, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226. She questions the marriage of Abner WOMACK to both Martha and Drucilla BYARS. In an effort to find documentation on both marriages I called Mrs. Irene CHARLTON of Chattanooga, Tenn. Mrs. Charlton has been doing research many, many years on the HARRELSON line and in so doing has picked up various information related to Drucilla HARRELSON and her husband NATHAN BYARS. In the 1930's, Mrs. Charlton interviewed a grandson of Nathan and Drucilla through their daughter Nancy that married Thaddeus Dudley WALKER. It was this direct descendant that told her that Abner WOMACK married first Martha BYARS and after her death married her sister DRUCILLA BYARS. About ten years or so ago, Mrs. Charlton gave all her BYARS data to a direct descendant of the BYARS line and has since lost touch. We have NO DOCUMENTATION for the marriage of Drucilla and Abner, other than the statement of the descendant. I strongly encourage those who believe they descend from the marriage of Drucilla BYARS and Abner WOMACK to find some documentation for same. If in fact Abner did marry Drucilla there should be some record, perhaps in the land records of Warren Co., TN. Often the wife signed land records and those should be examined, as well as ALL marriage records for N.C. and Tenn. Until you do, you don't have a proven lineage. CBH]

## WHERE DID OUR SURNAME COME FROM?

According to MR. JACKSON (JACK) BYARS, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502, "It would seem our BYARS folks were probably English/Scotch/Scotch-Irish in origin. Some later immigrants of our name group did come from Germany.

" ' The BIER group - all thirteen names - derive from the old English word aetbyrum meaning "at the cowsheds".<sup>1</sup> The thirteen names are later given as BIER, BIERRUM, BIERS, BIRAM, BUYERS, BYARS, BYERS, BRYAM, BRYAN, BYRE, BYRES, BYROM, BYRON.<sup>2</sup> Reference: Dolan, J.R., English Ancestral Names: The Evolution of Surnames from the Medieval Occupations. New York, Clarkson N. Potter Inc. Pub. 1972. 1 p.190, 2 p.202.

This is confirmed in: Reaney, P.H. A Dictionary of British Surnames. London, Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1961. "BYARS, BYERS, BYRE, BIER, BIERS, BUYERS: ---One employed at the cow-house." (p. 56)

This becomes more interesting when we recall that NATHAN BYARS owned land and is buried on the land on which the Battle of Cowpens was fought. It would seem that it could have been called the Battle of Byars and had the same meaning."

MARION S. CRAIG, M.D. 300 BECKWOOD ROAD, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72205

Still has copies available of his book

MY BYERS - BONAR - SHANNON AND ALLIED FAMILIES 1695-1976

It is a hard cover, 8½ x 11, 113 pages, with a full name index. Includes family group sheets and pictures. Dr. Craig compiled it in 1976 and is still gathering material. The price is \$15.00. His BYERS line begins in the book with SAMUEL BYERS b. ca 1708/9 and died 1786, Washington Co., PA.

COMMENTS FROM OUR MEMBERS

From JANE BYE, 156 Rosebud Row, Zephyrhills, FL 34248

"HOORAY FOR THE BYERS ENQUIRER! Without it I'd have never found MARTHA RUFF... All those years I was hunting for my Byers in KY, they had moved to IL after Mary Ann (which I suspect was Maryan, as I've found it in some places) married and moved to IN. If people would only have stayed put! Mine were all rovers." [We are delighted you made connections.]

From LEE T. STOCKMAN, 2725 Garrow Dr., Antioch, CA 94509

"I was looking forward to the second issue of the Byars Family Enquirer and I was not dissapointed....Col. GEORGE BYERS fills the bill as a family patriarch every family needs."

From Mr. JACKSON (JACK) BYARS, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502

" I have been having a ball reading the Byars - Byers Family Enquirer. I have had some correspondence as a result of having my name listed, which caused me to look up some information again and this time write down the sources...." [Jack also sent several pages of info. regarding NATHAN BYARS (He's one of our many Nathanites) which seems to agree basically with our info that has been published thus far.]

From FAYE ROBBINS, Rt. 6 Box 2280, Cullman, AL 35055

"....I wish you much success with the quarterly, this just may be what we need to sort our and correct all the information that has been written on the Byars family. And just maybe some of will find some of the answers we need....I too have tried to find Ura McWhorter Byars, with no success...."

From Mrs. O.R. (IRENE) CHARLTON, 1340 A Joni Circle, Chattanooga, TN 37415

[When I talked to her on the phone she was planning a research trip. I don't know if she got to make it or not. According to her letter she skinned her knee on 20 June and ended up in the hospital having surgery. Hopefully she will be up and at 'um soon.]...."Your Byars - Byers Enquirer is truly wonderful. Over thirty-nine years of research and I've seen many come and go or fall by the way-side, yours [It's really "OURS" please Irene] will succeed for many reasons. You will ask for proof, or whence it came, a sense of humor will lighten the rattle of the skeletons in the old ancestral closet, the material is direct and to the point. I would like to help in anyway possible. I'm close to Warren Co., TN., Rutherford Co., N.C. is not too far away and I have the State Archives at Nashville to call on." [Oh Irene, you never should have said that. For starters when it's possible would you check on the land that Abner Womack (husband of Martha and possibly Drucilla Byars) got when he married his wife Martha (that was still living) when he died? She must have signed over her rights to it. And he may have sold land while his first wife (and second wife) was living and they may have signed too. That is just for starters but we'll try not to impose on you.]

EDITORS NOTE

There were many letters with comments like the ones above, and they were each one appreciated. Your comments and suggestions are all welcome and I encourage every one to participate so that we can accomplish much. We seem to have a lot of NATHANITES among our members and I am delighted of course, but we must remember that this publication is for the benefit of ALL so we cannot devote more space than is fair to him and his descendants.

## RESEARCH TIP

Did you ever wonder what the terms "INMATE" & "FREEMAN" means? Well, Col. George found out for us. He wanted to know so he wrote to Jonathan R. Stayer, Assistant Archivist, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Stayer says:..."The terms "Freeman" and "Inmate" have related but not synonymous meanings. "Freeman" usually designates an unmarried man who was at least 21 years old. On the original tax lists, "Single Men" and "Freeman" often are used interchangeably. "Inmate" generally is considered to have the same definition as our present word "renter." Since many single men did not own real estate, they could be listed in both categories. However, inmates could have been married men unless otherwise indicated. As you may guess, these individuals often were the poorer folks in the county." This information could help you define the status of your ancestor.

## MR. JOHN A. BYERS

[From a footnote, abstracted by the editor. Hayden, Rev. Horace Edwin: Virginia Genealogies. A Genealogy of the Glassell Family of Scotland and Virginia. Reprint Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1966. p 560]

Mr. JOHN A. BYERS, Civil Engineer, was at this time Chief Engineer of the western division of the James River and Kanawha Canal Co., at Charleston, West Va. It is on the basis of his valuable maps, purchased from his widow by the United States, that the latter is continuing the improvements of this great water course. Mr. BYERS was the son of JOHN and HARRIET (WEBB) BYERS of Lewes, Del., and gr. son of JOHN BYERS, M.D., who em. from Scotland to Lewes after the Revolutionary War. Mr. BYERS was Civil Engineer on the North Branch, Susquehanna R., for many years....His brother JOSEPH BYERS, also a Civil Engineer, was Asst. Eng., 1836-40, on the J. River at Warminster, VA.....CHARLES BYERS son of JOSEPH was for years the Chief Engineer of the Phila. and Reading R.R. JOHN M. BYERS, and JOSEPH BYERS, also sons of JOSEPH B., Sr., were Civil Engineers of repute.... After the War between the States....Mr. JOHN A. BYERS became Chief Engineer and Superintendent of the Coal River Navigation Co., West Va. He was b. Lewes Del., Sep. 15, 1806; d. West Va., Apr. 7, 1872; m. Mar. 30, 1830, at the residence of her aunt MRS. Col. HUGH WHITE, Northumberland Co., Pa., CHARLOTTE MARY WEITZEL DAVIS (James K. 5, John 4, David 3, David 2, Rees David 1, of Pa., 1680) b. Kentucky Mar. 23, 1807; d. Aug. 4, 1891, age 84. She was gr. dau. of Hon. JOHN WEITZEL of Pa., who was in 1771 Commissioner of North'd Co. at 19; mem. Committee of Safety 1776; Provincial Conference 1776; Constitutional Conv. of 1776 [etc.].... (Weitzel Memorial by Rev. H.E. Hayden) Mr. JOHN A. BYERS had, b. Hancock Md. i. ISORA MARY, m. WILLIAM BLACKWELL. ii. HARRIET ANN, d. June 1880; m. SAMUEL STEPHENS, mcht. Balto., Md. iii. MARY LOUISA, d. Aug 23, 1891; m. TALIAFERRO STRIBLING, Cashier Nat. Bk., Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. iv. JAMES DAVIS, C.S.A., Colour Sergeant 8th Va., Cav., C.S.A., wounded Bunker Hill, July 3, 1863, his flag riddled by balls and the staff shot in two in his hands. He was killed carrying his flag, in the battle near Newton, Va., Nov. 12, 1863. v. ALFRED WEITZEL, Neadville, Pa. vi. KATE ELIZABETH, m. Rev. HORACE EDWIN HAYDEN, C.S.A. (note p.26) vii. CORDELIA AGNES, m. JOHN McCULLOCH Jr., Point Pleasant, W. Va. viii. JOSEPHINE, d. July 10, 1885.

## "MY DADDY TOLD ME"

"Whenever you meet somebody that spells their name BYARS we are related, but we are not related to those that spell their name BYERS." And my Daddy believed that because his Daddy told him. But I'm sorry to say that it was not true.

Some of us have a hard time accepting that fact, but until we do we won't go back very far.

The good Col. GEORGE BYERS says. "KEEP YOUR EYES ON CHESTER CO., PA"

I think we had ALL best listen to him. He may know something we don't!

The form below may be photocopied as many times as you wish. Trim it and fill it out and send it, along with \$1.00 to the address shown at the top. It may be the best \$1.00 investment in genealogy that you ever made. Many of you are not familiar with some of the services provided for ALL family researchers by the LDS Church. If you don't have exact dates try to estimate and provide as much info as you can.

**JUST ONE WORD OF WARNING**

If you do receive material from the IGI (International Genealogical Index) or the TIB (Temple Records Index Bureau) use it for clues and check for documentation. In those records as in all records errors have been made. As you can see by reading the form they will search three records for you. There may be nothing on file, but then you'll know that and can go on to other searches.

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| <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">THE CHURCH OF<br/>JESUS CHRIST<br/>OF LATTER-DAY<br/>SAINTS</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Temple Ordinance Indexes Request</p> <hr/> <p>Genealogical Department<br/>50 East North Temple Street<br/>Salt Lake City, Utah 84150</p> <hr/> <p>This form may be used to request searches of the temple ordinance files (Temple Records Index Bureau [TIB], International Genealogical Index [IGI], Family Group Records Archive [FGRA]). You may request a search of these files for any of your direct-line ancestors—those appearing on your pedigree chart and their children. The purpose of these searches is to determine which, if any, temple ordinances have been performed for the ancestor you ask about. The cost of this service is \$1.00. Please include payment with your request and mail both to the address above.</p> <hr/> <p>We will search either the TIB or IGI or both, as requested. If the TIB indicates the existence of a record in the FGRA, we will search it also. If it is found that ordinance work has been performed for the individual you ask about, a photocopy of the record(s) will be sent to you.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Person About Whom Information Is Requested</b> Be as specific as possible</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Surname (maiden name for female)</td> <td>Given names</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birth or christening date (at least year)</td> <td>Parish or town, county, and state or country at birth or christening.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Full maiden name of the mother</td> <td>Full name of the father</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Your relationship to the person (this request will be honored for direct-line ancestors only)</td> <td>Full name of the spouse (maiden name if wife)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marriage date (at least year)</td> <td>Parish or town, county, and state or country of marriage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Death date</td> <td>Received (for Genealogical Department use only)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Searches requested (charge is US \$1.00 whether one or both are checked)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IGI      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TIB                 </td> </tr> </table> <hr/> <p><b>Your Mailing Address</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Name</td> <td colspan="3"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Address (street and number)</td> <td colspan="3"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>City</td> <td>State</td> <td colspan="2">Zip code</td> </tr> </table> | Surname (maiden name for female)                                  | Given names | Birth or christening date (at least year) | Parish or town, county, and state or country at birth or christening. | Full maiden name of the mother | Full name of the father | Your relationship to the person (this request will be honored for direct-line ancestors only) | Full name of the spouse (maiden name if wife) | Marriage date (at least year) | Parish or town, county, and state or country of marriage | Death date | Received (for Genealogical Department use only) | Searches requested (charge is US \$1.00 whether one or both are checked) |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IGI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TIB |  | Name |  |  |  | Address (street and number) |  |  |  | City | State | Zip code |  |
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Dear Family & Friends:

Since our last issue was mailed some nice things have happened. First I had the pleasure of meeting one of our newest members, Mrs. Margaret D. Byars, of San Angelo, TX and her daughter Martha Wetherholt of Canton, TX. They came way out in the boondocks to see me, in the hopes that I might help them on their Byars lineage, (When bad weather sets in maybe I'll get my files indexed) but I couldn't. However I did have some Castleberry material that may have been of benefit to them.

I also had the pleasure of meeting our own Colonel George Byers. He was in San Antonio, TX. to help commission his grandson Daniel Byers, who is in the Airforce. His return flight called for an hours lay over at the Dallas-Ft. Worth airport, on Saturday, Oct. 25. Always delighted to have an excuse to go to the Dallas Library, three friends and I were at the airport to greet Colonel George. Alas, we had no time to visit. The gentleman travels in a wheel chair and was the last to disembark from his San Antonio plane and the first to board the homebound one. Of course my friends and I were disappointed, but so very pleased that we at least had the opportunity to meet him. He called today to say he made the trip home fine and had already cut his grass. He's an amazing youngster for 93. How fortunate for us all to have the benefit of his experience plus his encouragement. The Colonel was raised in Kentucky and has retained the manners taught to him in his boyhood. He is simply a delight !

Can you believe that we have come to the last issue of our first year of publication? We have made progress and proven that we can search, share, and work together. I do hope this feeling of helping each other will continue to grow in the future as it has in our first year. I do hope you will continue to point out my typographical errors. Please do make suggestions that will help our publication. Now, I certainly do realize the we cannot please everyone, nor will this publication be the answer to all our research problems. But, we can be a big help to each other if we continue to concentrate on gathering all available data and make it a point to concentrate on good clear documentation.

This paragraph is a test to see if you are reading each issue of the Enquirer. It's time to renew your membership (unless you paid for two years). Subscription rate is now \$15.00 for one year or \$25.00 for two years. I consider each of you Charter Members of our group, so if you send in your renewal by January 15, 1987, you get the reduced rate of \$12.50 per year or \$22.50 for two years. If you want to send a gift subscription to family, friends, or your favorite Library or organization, you may do so for \$12.50 each. Just include them with your renewal. I'll be happy to let them know who the gift is from.

THANK YOU for helping make this a successful first year.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,

*Clavin*

GIVE A BIG WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

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FROM ZERO TO 55 MEMBERS IS GREAT. NOW, IF EACH OF YOU RENEW AND ENLIST JUST ONE MORE PERSON, WE WILL BE A MOVING FORCE IN THE FIELD OF BYARS/BYERS (ALL VARIANTS) GENEALOGY. I AM PROUD OF OUR GROUP AND HOPE YOU ARE TOO!!

RESEARCH TIPS-FROM THE EDITOR

When I started learning how to do genealogical research a very good teacher told me, "Write queries 'till your tongue hangs out!" That's very good advise (as long as you remember to document the material you get from others). Newspaper queries are very good since they may reach descendants that do not subscribe to the various genealogical publications. Here's one that may interest some of you (and if you know of others please share). Mrs. FRANK STEWART, Sr. publishes queries free in her column in the Cherokee County (Alabama) Herald. Send SASE for instructions to: Mrs. Frank Stewart, P.O. Box 295, Centre, AL 35960.

The General Land Office, 1700 N. Congress, Austin, TX 78701 is filled with Texas land records that date back to the Spanish era. Send a large SASE and ask for ordering information. They will send you forms and a list of material.

DO YOU HAVE AN ANCESTOR THAT WAS A DOCTOR???

For information try: Division of Library & Archival Services, American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn St. Chicago, IL. 60610. Send SASE. They will research for a fee.

PLANNING A TRIP TO TEXAS??

Be sure to stop at the Welcome Station when you enter the State. You will get a Texas Travel Handbook, an excellent Texas map, plus some interesting brochures about the State. The Texas Travel Handbook should be in your personal Library for reference if you have Texas ancestors or present day relatives. I'm a native Texan (clear back to 1846) and was I ever surprised when I stopped last year (one seldom stops to be welcomed home) and saw what gems our State has to give. All of this is FREE. And Texas is not the only State that offers this type of material at their Welcome Stations. Employees at most Stations will even call ahead and make motel or hotel reservations for you. Some of the motel chains also offer special rates to those who visit the Welcome Stations. Research is expensive and we can all use a few discounts especially when we're traveling. doing research.

A NEW HELP FOR THOSE WHO HAD ANCESTORS IN  
OLD SPARTANBURG DIST.

Gainey Research Services, P.O. Box 8250, Spartanburg, SC., 29305 is now publishing a fine quarterly, OLD SPARTANBURG DISTRICT GENEALOGY. Mr. Joey Gainey, the Editor, says, "It is my desire, as editor, to share with you not only the commonly used genealogical records but also the obscure that often go overlooked, yet contain genealogical gems." He includes material for the historian as well as the genealogist. This publication began in March 1986. It is very well done. Subscription rates are \$16.00 per calendar year. Individual copies, when available are \$5.00 each. The editor also includes Book Reviews and Queries. This is not an organizational publication. I mailed copies of our Byars - Byers Enquirer, Vol.I, No.1,2, and 3, plus a query for our Nathanites. If you had ancestors in that area you may want to subscribe.

FROM MRS. SIBYL NORTHCUTT, DESCENDANT of STRIPLING BYARS  
We want to welcome Sibyl to our group. She is a dedicated historian and genealogist. Her health prevents her from doing active research now, but she keeps in touch, exchanges info and passes on clues to those that can follow up on them. Sibyl wrote such an interesting letter, that I wanted to share at least part of with you. cbh

..."My GOODE cousin in Ft. Worth found the Will of STRIPLING BYARS in Jefferson Co. AL. for me. The GOODE, BYARS, COOPER and AUTRY families were early pioneer settlers at Terryville, Texas, Dewitt County (near Lavaca Co. line). I figured that there had to be some family connection when I learned they all came from Ala. to Miss. and on to the same community in Texas. The Will of STRIPLING BYARS gave us the answer. ....

My great grandmother, MARGARET ANN (BYARS) GARRETT and her brother JOSEPH J. BYARS b. 1842 and 1844 in Chickasaw Co., MS were raised by their grandmother JANE MIDDLEBROOKS after their parents died.

We did not know the given names of their parents. We knew that their father was \_\_\_\_\_ BYARS and their mother was \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLEBROOKS. (They died before the 1850 census). A number of us have worked for years, but could not come up with given names for them

GENEVA GARRETT of Santa Anna [another of our new members] has found some Byars data, but she has found a flood of info on our MIDDLEBROOKS/CRAWFORD line, some in Nacadoches Co., TX.

I gave a lot of BYARS/AUTRY information to VINA MAE MEINE the past few years. She was able to use it and uncovered a lot of other info. My help to her paid off this past week. She found a deed in the Lavaca Co. Courthouse at Hallettsville, TX. Deed Book I, Pg. 125. JOSEPH J. BYARS to MARGARET ANN GARRETT. Dated 1865.

" I JOSEPH J. BYARS, for my love and affection for my sister, MARGARET ANN GARRETT, deed to her my share of the inheritance from our father and mother, JOHN BYARS and MELISSA BYARS, now in the hands of JANE C. GALLOWAY..."

This paper gave us the given names of the parents of JOSEPH J. BYARS & MARGARET ANN (BYARS) GARRETT.

## FROM SIBYL NORTHCUTT, Continued

Vina Mae Meine remembered that I had mentioned my ancestor MARGARET ANN GARRETT in one of my letters. This gave me the info I had searched for, for the past 15 years. There is no other deed deed of any kind in Lavaca Co. TX for JOSEPH J. BYARS, or MARGARET ANN GARRETT. The deed was recorded at the end of the Civil War. MARGARET ANN (BYARS) GARRETT had lived with relatives in Lavaca Co. while her husband was gone to the war. Her daughter ALUCIA ANN, (my granny "Lou" (GARRETT) GOODE) was born there.

My mother, now age 89, says that her mother LOU GOODE spoke many times of the ISHAM AUTRY family and spoke very fondly of them. Mrs. ISHAM AUTRY was ALIENA BYARS, daughter of STRIPLING BYARS. MARGARET ANN (BYARS) GARRETT was the daughter of JOHN BYARS, youngest son of STRIPLING BYARS.

After the Civil War, MARGARET ANN (BYARS) GARRETT and her husband went to Terryville, TX in Dewitt County and bought land that joined the home place of WILLIAM H. BYARS and wife ELIZABETH (GOODE) BYARS. They lived out their life there and are buried in the County Line Cemetery.

WILLIAM H. BYARS, ELIZABETH JANE (GOODE) BYARS and some descendants are buried in the Old Terryville Cemetery. We cleaned and fenced this old cemetery this past year. JIM BYARS from Blanco, TX did most of the clean-up work.

I did the history of Terryville, TX and we dedicated a Texas Historical Marker there in May 1986. Three of WILLIAM BYARS' sons volunteered in the Capt. A.J. Scarborough's Davis Guard at Terryville, TX in June 1861.

MARGARET ANN (BYARS) GARRETT and her husband WILLIAM MANSFIELD GARRETT bought up the site of Terryville, TX after the village moved 2 ½ miles, to a new location in 1881. Descendants of MARGARET ANN (BYARS) GARRETT still own this land today. The old cemetery is back in the N.W. corner of the pasture.

JIM BYARS is working in a gold mine out in Colorado, but will come back to Blanco, TX for the cold winter months. He will do some more work at the Old Terryville Cemetery where his ancestors are buried and do some research. He stays at my house when he works out at the Cemetery. ...

Everything I learn I pass on to GENEVA GARRETT, VINA MAE MEINE and others....(They are my legs.)

...Please mention how important it is to share and exchange information. Believe me, it pays off.

JIM BYARS worked his heart out cleaning the old abandoned Terryville Cemetery....He could not come home to read the history at the marker dedication, so his brother Bill filled in for him and read the history that I wrote.

Our son, WM. H. NORTHCUTT, who is a Major and pilot in the Air force, came home and read my history at the Hebron Community Marker dedication. He is a descendant of the HOLLAN, GOODE, BYARS, GOODSON and GARRETT families who were all early pioneer settlers in the Hebron/Terryville area. I worked for many years to see those markers placed at Hebron and Terryville....My work with the Dewitt County Historical Commission has been very rewarding."

FROM SIBYL NORTHCUTT, Continued

[Sibyl, I commend you for your work and am always delighted to hear that another abandoned cemetery has been reclaimed. How I wish all of them could be, but many are lost forever. Please know that your work in the field of history and genealogy will not be forgotten and that it is appreciated now and for all the years to come. Sibyl also sent copies of the dedication of these two Official Texas Historical Markers.cbh]

QUERIES      QUERIES      QUERIES      QUERIES      QUERIES

I am researching my father's line, Dr. PERRY J.C. BYARS, Jr. M.D. b. 27 Sep. 1911, Lebanon, TN., d. 7 Aug 1977, San Angelo, TX., m. MARGARET ELSIE DOBBINS.

My grandfather was Rev. JULIUS CAESAR BYARS, b. 3 Jun 1875, Bildad (Smithville) DeKalb Co., TN. d. 18 Mar 1944, Denton, TX., m. ZORA ELIZABETH TALLEY 7 Aug. 1898, Moody, TX. He came from TN at age 21.

My great grandfather was Rev. PERRY GREEN BYARS, b. 1846 Bildad, DeKalb Co., TN, d. Feb 1908 (1907?) m. SENITH (SEENA/SENA) MAE POTTER who was b. 14 Oct 1845, d. Nov. 1913 (25 Oct 1913). Rev. PERRY GREEN BYARS was raised by his uncle, WATSON POTTER and his wife HARRIETT MAGNESS. He had 10 half brothers & sisters.

My great great grandfather was HARRELL (HOWARD?) BYARS m. ELIZABETH MAGNESS. Who were his parents? Is he a descendant of NATHAN & DRUCILLA (HARRELSON) BYARS? Could he be the son of HARRELL that m. JANE GILL or the son of JOHN that m. MARY ANN "PASSEY" LOGAN ? ~~(Martha I don't think he belongs to Harrell & Jane Gill or John & Mary Ann "Passey" cbh)~~ All help appreciated.

MARTHA E. WETHERHOLT, Rt.4      Box      222, Canton, TX      75103  
(214/567/2914)

Does anyone have a record of \_\_\_?\_\_\_ BYARS (Male) who married \_\_\_?\_\_\_ MIDDLEBROOK (Female) ca 1840's. I need the first names of the parents of MARGARET ANN (BYARS) GARRETT and her brother JOSEPH JEREMIAH BYARS. [NOTE: Shortly after this query was sent to me the answer was found. See page 83 this issue. But, I'm sure Geneva, Sibyl, and others would turn handsprings, if they had the actual date and place of this marriage. cbh]

GENEVA GARRETT, HCR 77 Bx 72, Santa Anna, TX 76878-9706

?? DOES ANYONE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MARY WHITNEY ??

NEVA FERN BYARS, 3410 Deer Trail, Temple, TX 76501 received in the mail a card advertising "Byarses Across America" a limited edition book which supposedly gives the history and development of American origins, development of family crests, origins of family names, recording and documenting of family heritage and much, much, more. Is this for real or another Beatrice Bayley scam? The books are \$29.85 + \$3.00 shipping & handling. It is ordered from Mary Whitney, Genealogy Room, 306 Easton Rd. Ottsville, PA 18942. I don't want to knock anyone but fear the unethical have penetrated the world of genealogy. If you know anything about this book please let us know

CORRECTIONS -ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE DO!!

This particular column should be studied by each member and notes made in previous issues. By documenting and correcting we will one day KNOW we have a proven lineage. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO POINT OUT BOTH TYPOGRAPHICAL & GENEALOGICAL ERRORS. Sincere genealogist WELCOME both and DO NOT RESENT THEM. These corrections are NOT INTENDED to cast doubt on anyone's ability, but are made that we may know the truth. We would have fewer corrections to make if your editor was a better proof reader. I do apologize for not checking the material I put in No.3 against No. 1 & 2. I'll try to do better in the future. The only excuse I can offer is, I had a lot on my mind at the time.

From:THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121  
 "Vol.1 No.3, North Carolina Land Grants in South Carolina. This is not a case of sour grapes but it should read; The border east of CATAWBA RIVER. Not Satawba. [Sorry about that! cbh]

From:Col. GEORGE BYERS

Vol.I, No.3, 1986

Page 50, line 3. 3104 (not 3140). CORBY (not Sorby).

Page 50, line 42. DR. EGGLE (not Engle)

Page 55, line 9. tract (not track)

Page 56, line 5. BRENT HOWARD HOLCOMBE of Columbia SC and I are SKELTON related, and long time correspondents. ELMER O. PARKER, also now of Columbia is well acquainted on NC/SC subjects. Page 56, mid-page. "Also from the good.." The DAVID BYERS in that paragraph is a son of the Immigrant WILLIAM BYERS of 1683. I'll write the Doctor, -he adds two daughters. David Sr. probably born 1698 or earlier.

Page 57, mid-page. CASPER BYERS is German-derived and unrelated to us BYERSes. I wish them well.

Page 58, Script required, so please see attached page [included in this issue cbh]

Page 60, 1st para-I am sure that Elmer O. Parker has long since amended the first paragraph quoted. I regret its getting published. Any correction should come from Elmer.

[Dorothy Hays have you heard from Mr. Parker? I have not. I would certainly like to have a correction to publish cbh]

I note that I have made an error in the Zip Code given you for my Col. JOHN R. BYERS. Correct one is 22308.

From:MELTON P. MEEK, M.D.3410 N.W. Oak, Lawton, OK 73505

THURLO V. BYERS...has just written me concerning an error on:MARY SMITH CHAMBERS, 3rd wife of EDWARD BYERS. Vol.I, No.2, page 31. Death date of 26 Jan 1807 is incorrect!! She died 3 June 1849. Correct info as follows: MARY SMITH CHAMBERS.B 6 Oct 1773, York Co., S.C? d. 3 June 1849, York Co. SC., buried Beersheba Cemetery, Widow of JAMES CHAMBERS. Sorry for the mistake in the sheets I sent you. Please make the correction in the Enquirer. So glad Thurlo contacted me on this error, but mistakes will happen. [Dr. that may have been my error, but I haven't the time right now to check. I do hope we don't get too involved in who is responsible for an error, just make every effort to correct them. You are so right, mistakes do happen no matter how hard we try to be accurate. cbh]



## CORRECTIONS CONTINUED

From: DOROTHY HAYS, 1300 Merry Hills Dr., High Point, NC 27260

[She also pointed out the typo on Catawba River]

Page 58, 4th para. PAUL HARROLDSON (This is really HARRELSON) line of DRUCILLA (HARRELSON) BYARS.

Page 60. The article by Mr. ELMER O. PARKER was from Vol.IX, No.1, March 1986, pp 2-3 of the CHESTER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, SC. quarterly.

Page 63. I'm hoping to learn more about these allied lines: DOGGETT, STRIPLING, SUTTLE, WALKER. I have some, but need more. I'm in touch with a WATKINS, (MCWATKINS) who has sent me considerable, but I've asked for more. When I get it I'll send you this line to show the many marriages to BYARSes.

Page 65. 8 lines from bottom of page, opposite 6 and 7. (See WILLIAM BYARS genealogy). This is most misleading, there is no WILLIAM BYARS genealogy, other than what Vera provides (see pg 63). I wrote to her when I first got in touch with her about this History of Butts County Georgia., thinking she was referring to another source for WM. BYARS. She said none existed, she was just referring to the above data. BY THE WAY, VERA MARTIN is really working on the up-date of the Butts Co. GA. BYARSes. [I sure hope she'll share with us Dorothy. It would be nice if she'd become one of us wouldn't it? cbh]

Page 66. This family intrigues me! When time permits I'll explore this and send to you. NOTE: 3rd line from top. Col. LOCKE in Rowan & Iredell Co., NC. The LOCKES, CHAMBERS, ROBINSONS and BYERS' are kin--I've a copy of the data from a family Bible on some of this line. These used the BYERS spelling. [Dorothy, we'd like to have copies of the Bible records for publication if possible.cbh]

Page 66. Last paragraph. L.B. BYARS. Vera Martin recently sent a family group sheet for STRIPLING BYARS....[Dorothy note the one in this issue. Perhaps Vera's has additional info.cbh]

Page 67. The THOMAS T. BYARS, has long haunted me, because my gr. gr. grandfather was also THOMAS T. BYARS. (Wish they had included the names of L.B. and Thomas T.'s children.) [DOES ANYONE HAVE THESE NAMES FOR DOROTHY??cbh]

Page 69. This line of WM. BYERS Jr. I wrote to ELMER O. PARKER again and he is always so gracious. He said NO my Thomas T. did not descend from LORENA WOODARD ALEMENTH BYERS--he checked, but did not send me a copy of their family data.

Page 69,70 I'm delighted to see this on the VA, BYARSes (from Hilma via George Bell). If you compare it to the family group sheets I sent you, you'll find some differences and additions, I'm in hopes we will really get all of them in time, and be able to get them correct.

Page 70. Under corrections. Camps Creek Baptist Cemetery is in Cleveland Co. NC (not SC)

Page 71 JOEL BLACKWELL, Sr. d. c 1821 m. HENRIETTA BYARS, daug of JAMES (JONAS) and FRANCIS (COLLINS) BYARS. Their daug. ANNA m. GEORGE K. BYARS, son of WM. & SARAH ANN (DOGGET/DOGGETT) BYARS.

Page 72 Query from FAYE ROBBINS, I do have more for on her BEN.M. BYARS. Am sending her a family group sheet. This again is part of the update by Vera Martin.

## CORRECTIONS CONTINUED

From: DOROTHY HAYS

Page 72. ELIZABETH BYARS WATKINS ANDERSON. I checked her death date and also have 26 Oct 1888. Since I'm working on the Watkins I checked my material from KIRBY D. WATKINS, 1511 Tulip Dr. Arlington, TX 76013-no difference. Will try again when next I write him. I'm sure that Marjorie is correct in thinking her death was in 1838. Does anyone have the 1850 census for ENOCH ANDERSON in Jefferson Co. AL? He evidently went back to TN after Elizabeth died to live with daughter Martha, because Martha's husband WILEY BYARS died before the 1850 census.(Wiley, her 1st cousin, was son of JOHN (son of Nathan & Drucilla) and MARY ANN "PASSEY" LOGAN) The WM. H. is Harrison not A.

THANKS DOROTHY. I know that took lots of your very valuable time to go through No.3 "kiver to kiver." Sure wish you lived close enough to proof for me before printing.

From: MARJORIE S. TUCKER, 617 Paden Dr., Birmingham, AL 35226

Page 63. GEORGE K. BYARS his wife is given as ANNA. Vol.I No.1, page 5 gives her name as ANNA BLACKWELL, daug. of JOEL BLACKWELL. Notice the first child of George K. and Anna is JOEL B. BYARS. [One of the things I should have pointed out cbh]  
Page 72. Query about wife of JOEL BLACKWELL. He married first HENRIETTA BYARS, b. ca 1750 VA? d. before 1783, Rutherford Co., NC (from Vol.I, No.1 pg 14), daug of JAMES (JONAS) BYARS and FRANCES "FANNY" COLLINS. Joel Blackwell m. 2nd SARAH ANN (DOGGET) DOGGETT, widow of both BENJAMIN DOGGETT (this from the Byars Newsletter by Nellida [More about this in this issue cbh] ) and WILLIAM BYARS (our No.V.WILLIAM). There was no issue of the second marriage. Henrietta was the mother of all of Joel's children. I am enclosing a copy of the will of JOEL BLACKWELL. It indicates that Sarah had only 1 child by her marriage to BENJAMIN DOGGETT and he was BUSHROD DOGGETT, named for her father. Notice that JOEL BLACKWELL did not mention all of his children in his will. Anna was not mentioned, and there was also a daug.,MARY BLACKWELL (from Vol.I,No.1 pg 15.)

In Vol.I, No.1, pg 5. It is stated that SARAH ANN DOGGETT, a widow married 3rd JOEL BLACKWELL. This is correct. In Vol.I, No.3 pg 63, it is stated that Sarah Ann m 2nd Joel Blackwell. She m. 1st Benjamin Doggett, 2nd William Byars and 3rd Joel Blackwell. Isn't that a bit confusing? [You bet it is! I really should have pointed out in No.3 that we had conflicting information. Thank goodness you and others are catching the things I overlook cbh]

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

From; THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121  
 VOL I, No.3.TENNESSEANS in the CIVIL WAR [pg 59]  
 BYERS, SAMUEL H. Sgt. A Co.2nd Inf. Regt. CSA. Born:1843 Wilson Co.,TN. Height: 5'10",Blue Eyes, Light hair, Light Complexion, He was a brick mason. Enlisted 27 Apr 1861, Murfreesboro,TN. Wounded in the Battle of Chickamauge 19 Sep 1863. Died 12 Oct 1863 in Marietta, GA from wound. National Archives Records (NNMS)

JOSEPH BYARS (1769 - 1853)  
 COMMENTS, FROM: MARJORIE S. TUCKER

These comments concern JOSEPH BYARS (1769 - 1853), Vol.I, No.1, page 16. In No. 3 page 71, under "SUGGESTION" from JACK BYARS, the date of birth is transposed [probably a typo] 1796 instead of 1769. The date is also transposed in No.1 pg 16, in the first sentence of the material submitted by NEVA FERN BYARS. The census of 1850, Spartanburg Dist., SC confirms the 1769 date as follows:

|       |             |    |      |
|-------|-------------|----|------|
| #2278 | JOSEPH BIAS | 81 | S.C. |
|       | ELIZABETH   | 85 | "    |
|       | MARY        | 44 | "    |

Jack Byars suggested that Neva Fern "might do some real looking at I. WILLIAM BYARS, Vol.I No.1, pg 1" I took that suggestion and did some real looking myself and I see that I. WILLIAM was born in 1760 and could not be the father of JOSEPH BYARS (1769 - 1853).

In the census of 1850, Spartanburg Dist., living next door to Joseph was his son, John. I find this record interesting:

|       |            |    |      |
|-------|------------|----|------|
| #2279 | JOHN BYERS | 50 | S.C. |
|       | MARY RUSS  | 52 | "    |
|       | TEMPERANCE | 20 | "    |
|       | ELMIRA     | 19 | "    |
|       | SARAH      | 17 | "    |
|       | M. RUSS    | 15 | "    |
|       | NARSISSI   | 13 | "    |
|       | JAMES      | 6  | "    |

Does anyone know where the name RUSS comes from? Vol.I, No.1 pg 16 states that she was MARY WATKINS. I suppose she could have been MARY RUSS WATKINS. [Marjorie, any chance that the census taker misunderstood or erred in writing down what he thought he heard? I also notice that the child between Sarah and Narsissi in the census above is M. RUSS, while on Neva Fern's sheet it is MARY LOUISE. I'm sure Fern & Jean Rock both have documentation for their information that would tell us why there is a discrepancy between the two records.cbh]

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING  
 DOROTHY HAYS HAS BEEN TRYING TO LOCATE A COPY OF  
 THE "SUTLE-SUTTLE FAMILY BOOK"

Her library has not been able to get it on inter-library loan. If your library has a copy please let Dorothy know. We also need additional information on the LOGAN FAMILY. Is there a book?

NOAH T. BYARS

Vol.3, pg 53. Noah T. Byars, b. 5-17-1808 in Spartanburg Dist.SC. Dorothy has been working on him a long time. She believes that if we ever find and prove his parents we will unlock a lot of the BYARS/BYERS data. DO YOU HAVE INFO ON HIM? PLEASE SHARE.

I'M TOLD THAT THE BEST WAY TO PROOF READ AND MAKE CORRECTIONS IS BY USING A WORD PROCESSOR, SO WE'LL JUST SEE.

You put up with me learning to use a new typewriter, I hope you'll be patient once more while I learn to use my new Personal Word Processor, by Smith Corona.cbh

OUR OWN COL. GEORGE BYERS SENT THIS IN FOR PUBLICATION  
 [Thank you Col. George for all the kind words,cbh]

A born BYERS, who has been plugging along on BYERS family history for 81 years and more, in the first 50 years of which he found not one colleague, can really appreciate what Clovis BYARS HERRING and her Jimmy are doing for us. Her BYARS/BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER will be the clearing house for our data. She wisely wishes us to "Search and Share"; she cautions us to try always for name and place and date. She avows her purpose to "trace & document", and this long-timer begs to add, "and to preserve." So many bits of family history, affectionately gathered, have wasted away in attic trunks or home burnings. Let's preserve. Let's secure.

The items Clovis publishes are so well connected to the contributors that we are able to recognize our near cousins, and can then correspond with them ever more productively. But let us always try to send copies of our letters to "Miss Clovis."

G.B.

SURNAMES LISTED IN THE 1790 UNITED STATES CENSUS  
 CONTRIBUTED BY: DOROTHY HAYS

This booklet was reprinted from A Century of Population Growth, first published by the U.S. Government Printing Office in 1909.... This booklet is invaluable for anyone who might have American family lines that reach back to the revolutionary period. It can help you establish in what states your ancestors may have lived and possible variations of their surname....Price is \$6.00 plus 80¢ postage & handling. Order from: The Researchers Bookshelf, Division of Heritage Quest, P.O. Bx 40, Orting, WA 98360. Washington State residents add applicable sales tax. Allow 30 days for delivery. Of interest to our members on page 6:

BYERS, BAYEAUX, BAYEUX, BEYA, BEYEA, BEYOR, BEYRES, BIARS, BIAS, BIERR, BIERS, BIOR, BUYER, BUYERS, BUYHE, BYAR, BYARS, BYAS, BYASS, BYER, BYRAR, BYRE, BYRES, BYRS, BYUERS,

Average size of family-6.2 Heads of families-106

All other members-546

Vermont-1 Massachusetts-2 Connecticut-2 New York-10

Pennsylvania-65 Maryland-5 Virginia-5

North Carolina-7 South Carolina-9

I AM DELIGHTED TO REPORT THAT MY COPY OF BYARS FAMILY HISTORY, BY Nell Byars Thaten has been returned to me. Nell are they still available? Present price? I know of some that would like to have a copy if available.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Always put your full name and address on each page of material. Number your pages if possible. This helps keep material together and if by chance pages get separated they can soon be put back in place. Correct dating--Day, Month (3 letter) year:Example 10 Nov 1877. Do you know why the majority of genealogists use some type of regulation family group sheet for recording data? Because it's much easier to keep families straight that way.....

SAMPLES OF LETTERING STYLE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA 1800 POPULATION SCHEDULE

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|---|---------------|-------------|------------------------|
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| B | B B B B B B B | b b         | bu = be                |
| C | C C C         | c c c       | bu = ch                |
| D | D D D D       | d d d d     | ctt = dt               |
| E | E E E E       | e e         | u = ee                 |
| F | F F F F F F F | f f         |                        |
| G | G G G         | g g g g g g |                        |
| H | H H H H H H H | h h h       |                        |
| I | I I I I I I I | i i i       |                        |
| J | J J J J J J J | j j j       |                        |
| K | K K K K K K K | k k k       |                        |
| L | L L L L L L L | l l         |                        |
| M | M M M M M M M | m m m       | M <sup>rs</sup> = Mrs. |
| N | N N N         | n n         |                        |
| O | O O O         | o o o       |                        |
| P | P P P P P P P | p p p       |                        |
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| V | V V V V V V V | v v v       |                        |
| W | W W W W W W W | w w w w     |                        |
| X | X X X X X X X | x x x x x x | se = x = sc            |
| Y | Y Y Y Y Y Y Y | y y y       |                        |
| Z | Z Z Z Z Z Z Z | z z z z z z | f = tz                 |

SAMPLE COURTESY: COL. GEORGE BYERS. His comments: "Vol. I, No. 3, p 58, p 491 & 558. Our colleague may be unacquainted with the early script for double s, as in Byarss, not Byarfs. The script double s was written [See arrow on sample]. That letter is not an f. Note the difference in the lower loop. The first letter double s has a left lower loop; the letter f has a right lower loop."

## JAMES BYERS &amp; ELISABETH LEFLER MYRES

From; JOYCE GREGG, 419 Ninth Ave., Leavenworth, KS 66048

[This is all the data Joyce has found about her Byers family. Her source is the Family Bible belonging to ELLEN BYERS HOSTETTER. Please help her if you can. cbh]

JAMES BYERS b. ca 1803 Indiana, married ELISABETH LEFLER MYRES ca 1845. Elisabeth b. ca 1810 [Do you know where she was born?] Elisabeth's first husband was \_\_\_\_\_ Myres. Four known children were born to them. James and Elisabeth's children:

1. JOSEPH ALONZO BYERS b. 21-5-1846
2. JAMES ROBERT BYERS b. 19-8-1847
3. ELLEN BARBRA BYERS b. 25-12-1851 Franklin Co. Indiana. Ellen was my great grandmother. In 1870 James and Elisabeth were living in Mills Co., Iowa. [Have you tried to find them in 1860 and 1850? You should be able to locate them by using the 1850 Indiana Census Index. Both the older children were born by then which will help you to identify the right family.] I have been unable to find their death dates and have checked cemetery records in Mills and Fremont Co. [Joyce, you should check the Probate records in possible counties too. Too many times graves were not marked so we must go to courthouse records. Check land deeds also. If they had any property when they died you should be able to find some record that will indicate the year of death any way. Keep digging]

## ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS ANOTHER BYARS PUBLICATION

In September, ELSPYE JOHNSON of Montmorence, SC sent me a copy of BYARS FAMILIES & GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH. Vol.I, No. 2, November, 1984 by NELLDA STEWART BYARS, 2944 East Point St. East Point GA. 30344. I wrote to Nelllda and learned that she had planned to publish on a regular basis. However, her "age caught up with her and she had to retire." She sent a copy of No.1 and said she'd share her mailing list and the material in her files. Her BYARS research is her husband's family. Her husband:

LOY WARWICK BYARS, b. 3/29/1912, East Point, Fulton Co. GA. A welder and Welding Instructor, Loy died 4/16/1970, East Point, GA. He was the son of:

WILLIAM HENRY BYARS & ANNIE LIZZIE ASKEW  
 William Henry b. 8/8/1881, Dahlonga, GA., died 4/29/1966 Atlanta, GA. He and Annie had three children: BLANCH EUGENIA BYARS m. A.L. SCHOFIELD; CHARLES HENRY BYARS and LOY. WILLIAM HENRY BYARS was the son of: JOSEPH JUDSON BYARS & MARY ANN (MAMIE) DEARMAN. [I believe the picture at the right is LOY WARWICK BYARS. Nelllda is that right? you failed to identify cbh]



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WILLIAM HENRY BYARS, Continued, was the son of:

JOSEPH JUDSON BYARS & MARY ANN (MAMIE) DEARMAN

Joseph Judson was born in Spartanbury Co., SC [no dates given] and married Mary Ann (Mamie) Dearman who was born at Rock Hill, SC. Mary Ann died in Newnan, GA and is buried at Oakhill Cemetery there. Joseph Judson and Mary Ann had four children:

1. WILLIAM HENRY [see above]
2. GERTRUDE MARIE (GERTIE) b. 4/13/1885 died 10/25/1963, Greenville, SC., married WALTER SAMUEL TURNER.
3. J. BYRON born ca 1888 died 1916, buried Oakhill Cemetery, Newnan, GA
4. ANNIE m. a Mr. SMITH from Sargent, GA and is buried at Oakhill Cemetery in the Smith Family Plot located in the oldest part of the cemetery.

Note: MARY ANN DEARMAN BYARS, married WILEY MORRIS after the death of JOSEPH JUDSON BYARS. From this union came: ETHEL MORRIS, m. JOHN GRADY DEAN; Ethel is buried at Oakhill Cemetery.

SOURCES: Close family members.

#### STRIPLING BYARS

From: VINA MAE MEINE, 212 W. Centre, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

STRIPLING BYARS the son of WILLIAM BYARS and SARAH ANN DOGGETT was born c 1768, Rutherford Co., NC., died between Feb/Apr 1836 Jefferson Co., AL, buried there at Union Hill Cemetery. He m. ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ [Maiden name unknown]. There were twelve children born to them:

1. MARY "POLLY" BYARS, m. 26 May 1813, Christian Co. KY, THOMAS GOODE Jr.
2. NANCY BYARS m. 15 Mar 1814, Christian Co. KY, WILLIAM CANNON
3. JOSEPH BYARS m. 27 Oct 1817, Christian Co. KY, MARGARET GROSVENOR. He d. before 1836.
4. SARAH BYARS b. 9 Apr 1799, Rutherford Co. KY, m. 24 Dec 1817, Christian Co. KY, CADER COOPER. She d. 18 Oct 1864, Chickasaw Co., MS.
5. ABRAHAM BYARS m. SARAH MORELAND [Had 9 children, d. 1885, Crawford Co. AR, see Vol. I, No. 3, p 66 Byars-Byers Enquirer cbh]
6. AGNES BYARS m. 1st 4/19/1821 JOSEPH R. FINLEY. M. 2nd 21 Apr 1824, WM. J. GEE.
7. JANE BYARS m. 26 Mar 1830 Jefferson Co. AL. EASON GEE (LEE?)
8. ELIZABETH BYARS m. JOHN R. GOYNE d. Lavaca Co. TX.
9. MARTHA BYARS m. 24 May 1838, Jefferson Co. AL, JAMES R. WHARTON?
10. WILLIAM HENRY BYARS b. 3 Oct 1802, Rutherford Co. NC., m. 23 Mar 1824, Jefferson Co. AL, ELIZABETH JANE GOOD, d. 5 Oct 1887, Terryville, DeWitt Co. TX.
11. ALIENA LOUISE BYARS\* b. 24 Mar 1817, Christian Co. KY, m. 16 Sep 1837, Jefferson Co. AL, ISHAM AUTRY. She d. 7 Nov 1886, Lavaca Co. TX, buried Hallettsville Memorial Cemetery.
12. JOHN BYARS

SOURCES: 1790/1800 NC Census Records; Jefferson Co. AL Court records, Orphan's court, marriages, deeds; Christian Co. KY deed records; KY marriage records.

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## STRIPLING BYARS, Continued

NOTES: Stripling got 100 acres, survey dated 29 Mar 1812 on Muddy Creek watercourse below Green River in Christian Co. KY. They were still in Rutherford Co., NC in 1810 according to the census. He sold this property Oct 25, 1817 and probably left soon after for Jefferson Co. AL. I have a copy of the bill of sale from the Christian Co. KY records in Hopkinsville, KY. They sold this land when my great grandmother, ALIENA BYARS was only a few months old, since she was born 24 Mar 1817.

AGNES BYARS m. 1-JOSEPH R. FINDLEY, 19 Apr 1821, JEFFERSON CO. AL. (Vol. 1 pg 202 lic. #150). He apparently died within 2 years because she was appointed his adm. in 1824. She m. WM. J. GEE, 21 Apr 1824 Jefferson Co. AL (Vol 1 p 26) and according to Pauline Jones Gandrud, Marriages & Death Notices 1819-1893, Wm. J. GEE was dead and she was named his administrator. I question this because in Stripling's Will, WM. J. GEE is listed as the one receiving on behalf of AGNES, her share of her father's estate, \$321.45 (Vol 112 p 136) [Very good work Vina, this is a good example of why we must verify even published works cbh]

JANE BYARS m EASON GEE 25 Mar 1830, Jefferson Co AL. (Vol. 1 p355) but looking at the original marriage record in the Jefferson Co. Courthouse in 1985, I think it could be LEE instead of GEE. [Vina, take a look at p 91, in the old script often a G was made like an L. What does it look like in Striplings Will?cbh] For some reason JANE was not included in her father's will. Verification of children comes from Jefferson Co. AL. Orphans Court records.

PLEASE NOTE: VINA HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO DOCUMENT HER MATERIAL IF EVERYONE WOULD DO THIS, THERE WOULD BE LESS CHANCE OF ERRORS. THANKS VINA, IT WAS A PLEASURE WORKING WITH YOUR DATA!!!  
CAN SOMEONE HELP VINA LOCATE A BOOK ON THE DOGGET/DOGGETT FAMILY?  
She would like to find a Library so she can use the inter-library loan system.

## ALIENA LOUISE BYARS &amp; ISHAM AUTRY/AUTERY

ALSO FROM VINA MAE MEINE

ISHAM AUTRY, b. 11 Mar 1817, Sampson Co. NC was the son of FREDERICK AUTRY & ELIZABETH HAMPDEN?. He and ALIENA LOUISE BYARS were m. 16 Sep 1837 in either Talladega or Jefferson Co. AL. [see her vital stats above] Isham d. 14 Oct 1902, Hallettsville, Lavaca Co. TX. Isham & Aliena had eleven children:

1. JOHN E. AUTRY, b. 8 Aug 1838, AL, m. 19 June 1860, Mrs. ELLEN CRUMBLY. He d. 28 July 1862 of a fever during the Civil War.
2. ELIJAH JAMES AUTRY, b. 5 Mar 1840, Jackson, MS., d. 20 July 20 July 1862 also of a fever during the Civil War. [Note that these brothers died just 8 days apart cbh]
3. JOSEPH EARL AUTRY, b. 15 Jan 1842 Jackson, MS., m. 7 Nov 1865 LOUISIANA HOLLAN, d. 17 Oct 1893 Gonzales, DeWitt Co., TX and buried in the Hollan Family Cemetery.
4. MARTHA E. AUTRY, b. 13 Nov 1843 Jackson, MS., d. 25 May 1847 Jackson, MS.
5. ELISA ANN AUTRY, b. 5 May 1845 Jackson, MS., d. 8 Dec 1859 Lavaca Co., TX.
6. THOMAS J. AUTRY, b. 24 May 1847 Jackson, MS., d. 24 Oct 1868 Lavaca Co., TX

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ALIENA LOUISE BYARS & ISHAM AUTRY FAMILY, CONTINUED

7. GEORGE W. AUTRY, b. 23 Feb 1849 Jackson, MS., m. 20 AUG 1873  
MARY ANN NORRELL, d. 24 Dec 1904, buried Lavaca Co. TX
8. MARGARET S. AUTRY, b. 31 Mar 1850 Jackson, MS, d. 10 Jan 1871  
Lavaca Co. TX.
9. FRANCES ASBURY AUTRY\* b. 20 Dec 1851 Jackson, MS m. 1 July  
1875, VINIA ELMIRA REAGAN at Hallettsville, Lavaca Co. TX.  
D. 1 June 1930 Hallettsville, TX and buried there in the City  
Cemetery.
10. MARY AGNES AUTRY, b. 4 Feb 1854, d. 19 Oct 1936, Halletts-  
ville, TX and buried there in the City Cemetery.
11. SARAH JANE AUTRY, b. 17 Oct 1855 Jackson, MS. d. 27 Sep 1866  
Lavaca Co., TX

SOURCES: Sybil Northcutt, Yoakum, TX; Texas State Archives, CSA records; Vina Autry Jackson, San Angelo, TX; Autry Family Bible; Jim Bryan, Houston, TX; Personal knowledge.

NOTES: Isham & Aliena came to Texas with their family in 1857. They had 11 children, but one, Martha died before they left MS. Two sons died during the Civil War and some of the others died pretty young. Of the eleven just four lived to maturity.

JOHN BYARS & MELISSA MIDDLEBROOK

From: GENEVA GARRETT, HCR 77, Bx 72 Santa Anna, TX 76878-9706

[Evidently this JOHN BYARS is child # 12, page 93 of this issue. Both he and Aliena (child #11, p 93) were not listed as children of STRIPLING BYARS in Vol. I, No. 3, p. 64 of this publication. cbh]

JOHN BYARS m. MELISSA MIDDLEBROOK and they had two children:

- I. JOSEPH JEREMIAH BYARS b. 17 June 1842 Chickasaw, Co. MS  
Married 8 Aug 1867, DeWitt Co. TX. GEORGIA ANN MELVINA SIMONS  
She b. 1 Feb 1848 LA. d. 8 Feb 1930, Austin, TX. He died 20  
Feb 1907, Dripping Springs, Hays Co, TX. Both he and his wife are  
buried in the Middlebrooks Cemetery. They had seven children:
  1. SARAH MELISSA BYARS b. 26 Oct 1868, Terryville, TX, d. 24  
May 1947, m. COLUMBUS A. PICKEL
  2. JULIA ANN BYARS b. 23 Dec 1870, d. 1 Jan 1950, m. WM. HENRY  
WHITE.
  3. MARY ELIZABETH BYARS b 16 Dec 1872 Hays Co. TX, d. 18 Aug  
1911, m TOM GREEN PATTON
  4. ELLEN MORANDY BYARS b Dec 1875 Hays Co. TX, d. 5 Jul 1926  
m. WM. JOHNSON PATTERSON.
  5. W. KELLY BYARS b 7 Aug 1877 Hays Co. TX, d. 22 Dec 1879
  6. SAMUEL WALTERS BYARS b 16 Sep 1879 Fayetteville, TX d. 16  
Mar 1962 Austin, TX, m. HATTIE C. MCGARETY
  7. LULA JANE BYARS b 22 Sep 1884 Hays Co. TX, d. 11 Sep 1967  
m. HUGH JOSEPH FAIRLY.

NOTES & SOURCES: Melissa's grandparents were IBZAN & JANE MIDDLEBROOK. Ibzan is shown in Nacogdoches Co., TX in the Republic of Texas Poll List in 1846. In 1848-49 we find Jane Middlebrook using credit... And in 1850 JANE MIDDLEBROOK is in Limestone Co. TX

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FAMILY OF JOSEPH JEREMIAH BYARS

Left to Right:

Back Row:  
SAMUEL WALTERS BYARS  
JULIA ANNIE BYARS  
MARY ELIZABETH BYARS  
ELLEN MORANDY BYARS  
Front Row:  
LULA JANE BYARS  
JOSEPH JEREMIAH BYARS  
GEORGIA ANN MELVINA BYARS  
SARAH MELISSA BYARS



WILLIAM MANSFIELD  
GARRETT & his wife  
MARGARET ANN BYARS

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MARGARET ANN BYARS & WILLIAM MANSFIELD GARRETT

- II. MARGARET ANN BYARS b.1 Jan 1844 Chickasaw Co. MS, d. 26 Jun 1918 Wharton Co. TX. Married Jan 1857 Karnes Co.TX WILLIAM (BILL) MANSFIELD GARRETT, b. 12 May 1831 Christian Co.KY d. 23 Dec 1916 DeWitt Co.TX. Both are buried County Line Cemetery, DeWitt Co.TX. They were the parents of ten children:
1. JOHN BYARS GARRETT b. 19 Jul 1858 Karnes Co.TX d. 7 Jul 1941 DeWitt Co.TX. M. 24 Sep 1879, JOSEPHINE CARROLL.
  2. JOSEPH KELLY (J.K.)GARRETT b.3 Apr 1860 Karnes Co.TX. d. 16 Oct 1928 San Antonio,Bexar Co.TX. M. 1st CHRISTIAN FRAZER-2nd MARTHA COLLINS.
  3. ALUCIAN ANN (LOU) GARRETT b. 17 Nov 1863 Antioch, Lavaca Co.TX. d.11 Nov 1961 DeWitt Co.TX.m.BUDDY GOODE
  4. WILLIAM ELDRIDGE (EBB) GARRETT b. 14 July 1866 DeWitt Co TX. d.3 Nov 1932 m. DOSE STEVESON.
  5. HARRIETT ELIZABETH GARRETT b. 18 Nov 1869 DeWitt Co.TX d. 19 Jan 1955 DeWitt Co.TX m. PRESTON BROWN (BAPT. PREACHER)
  6. JAMES TERRY GARRETT b. 26 Jan 1874 DeWitt Co.TX d.17 Jun 1946. M.1st CONNIE WILLIAMS, 2nd ELIZABETH DEBOSE.
  7. PATTERSON SMITH GARRETT b. 26 Jan 1874 DeWitt Co.TX d.same day.
  8. ISHAM BEASEN GARRETT b. 27 Feb 1876 DeWitt Co.TX d.8 Sep 1967,m. 1st FRANCE KYLE, 2nd DORA FINTO.
  9. MARY EMMA (MOLLY) GARRETT b. 24 Jan 1880 DeWitt Co.TX d. 25 Apr 1964 m. JAMES BADGETT.
  - 10.ROBERT THOMPSON GARRETT b. 21 Oct 1881 DeWitt Co.TX d.11 Sep 1964 m. VELMA PIERCE.

NOTES: On the footstone of WILLIAM M. GARRETT at the County line cemetery it says "WILLIAM M. GARRETT, Pvt. Co. E. 17th Regt. Texas Cav. Confederate States Army. Margaret Ann was about fourteen years of age when she married.

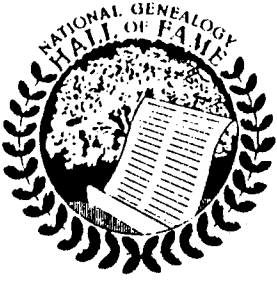
NO SOURCES WERE SHOWN ON THESE GROUP SHEETS, HOWEVER I AM SURE THAT BOTH GENEVA and SYBIL HAVE DOCUMENTATION AND WILL SHARE.

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Our publication does not have a copyright on it because I want everyone to feel free to use our material. So, if someone does not want their data published they had better say so:.....if they send it to me. May I remind you that we should not fail to give credit where credit is due, and I would appreciate it if you will make every effort to document the material you send in for publication and note anyone that has sent data to you.Thanks. cbh

REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE

Several have written asking about the many variant spellings of our common name. The Booklet on p 90, as well as many other books that are available in most libraries, should be studied for each surname we research. I am the Librarian for our local Genealogical Society and keep a list of all our acquisitions including all exchange quarterlies, and I am always on the look out for data that will help our group. Since many of our members do not have easy access to this type of data, I am including an article that is one of the best short studies on names that I have read. It was published in the NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER. Vol.12, No.5, Sep/Oct 1986, pp 123 &124.The NGS gives permission to quote as long as proper credit is given.



DONALD LINES JACOBUS

ON NAMES

A hallmark of the movement in American genealogy led by Donald Lines Jacobus in the years between the two world wars was its insistence that genealogical research be based on original sources. However, as Jacobus emphasized throughout his career, the use of an original source may be meaningless if the researcher does not understand, or misunderstands, what he finds in that source. The ability of the researcher to correctly interpret the evidence is all important.

One of the first lessons the genealogist must learn is how to recognize changes and variations in both surnames and given names as he seeks to establish the identities of his ancestors.

#### Surnames

- Because surnames were derived in various ways--from patronymics, from landed property (in the case of the aristocracy), from places of residence, from occupations, from physical traits, from habits of dress, it should never be assumed that two persons with the same surname have a common ancestry.

- In pursuing family lines through the generations, the researcher will find that certain types of changes and variations in surnames occurred. At the time of the first settlements in this country, it was English practice to accent the first syllable of a surname, moving quickly over succeeding syllables, where today we would accent the final syllable. When surnames were recorded as they were pronounced, spelling variations resulted. In some instances, shortened forms of surnames were adopted. The last syllable of a surname derived from a patronymic was often dropped, e.g., Atkinson/Atkins. The slurring of the final syllable produced such variants as Andrews/Andrus and even syllable changes such as Marvin/Marvell.

Changes in the pronunciation of vowels was a common factor in surname changes, turning Clerk into Clark and Pierson (originally pronounced as in "pear") into Parson and then Parsons. A shift in consonants resulted in surname variants such as Langdon/Lankton. Suffixes

were anglicized, e.g., -ville to -field. A silent "e" was added to some surnames in some cases, e.g., Cook/Cooke. Some surnames were spelled with and without a final "s," it being a matter of chance which form became the more prevalent.

On the subject of surname changes, Jacobus wrote: "The beginner may conclude that almost any name could be converted into almost any other name. But that would be too hasty a conclusion. The changes that occurred followed definite philological principles. . . . A real understanding of the shifts in pronunciation and spelling could not be gained without a considerable study of Old English, Old French, and Middle English. . . . For the average genealogist it is sufficient to learn that changes of certain types were found and that changes of other types were not found."

#### Given Names

As Jacobus pointed out, "the inexperienced genealogist finds it almost more important to learn what changes took place in Christian names." In establishing the identities of ancestors, it is essential to be able to recognize the various given names and nicknames with which he or she may have been recorded in original sources.

- In Puritan New England the most commonly used given names were Biblical names. Also popular, especially for girls, were names intended to have a moral significance, e.g., Obedience, Charity, Thankful. Traditional English names, although sometimes used, were in disfavor because of their association with the Established Church. From the middle of the eighteenth century, changes in nomenclature began to occur with the reappearance of English names and the selection of names from classical and English literature.

- With rare exceptions, middle names are not found before 1700, and they did not become common until the end of the eighteenth century.

- Given names had variants that were used interchangeably, e.g., Ann/Anna/Hannah and Ellen/Eleanor/Helen/Helena. Austin was derived from Augustine and was sometimes changed back to Augustine or even to Augustus. Other variations that are common in modern times were not used in early American history. The French form Marie and the German form Maria were unknown in early New England as variants of Mary. When Marie is found in an early New England record it represents another way of spelling Mary. Annie was not used in early New England.

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DONALD LINES JACOBUS (cont'd)

When found in a printed source, it indicates that the transcriber probably misread Amle, an old way of spelling Amy.

- It was not uncommon for a second child in a family to be given the same name as an older child who had died. Although less common, it was not unheard of for two living children in a family to have the same first name.

- Because women's nicknames were frequently used in official records, the genealogist must learn what nicknames were derived from each given name, e.g., Molly or Polly for Mary, Patty for Martha. The inexperienced researcher may make the mistake of concluding that Martha and Patty were two wives when they were in fact the same woman.

In certain times and places it was common to use the "a" ending in place of the "y" ending, e.g., Sally/Salla. The old English custom of putting an "n" in front of a name beginning with an "e" produced Ned as a shortened form of Edward and Nell as a nickname for Ellen.

It is also important to be able to recognize the difference between a name abbreviation and a nickname or variant. Elizabeth was often abbreviated as Eliza:, but this is not the same as Eliza, which was not used early as a variant of Elizabeth.

Jacobus wrote: "The amateur has much to learn about the use of names, and most of such knowledge he can acquire for himself as he handles original record sources more and more. The use of names and nicknames varied to some extent in different sections of the country, hence it is not always safe to speak dogmatically of what was customary, since regional variations may be found."

Recommended Reading

The following articles by Donald Lines Jacobus are recommended to those who would like to pursue this subject:

"Early New England Nomenclature." *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 77 (January 1923):10-16. Reprinted (with modifications) as "Early Nomenclature" in *Genealogy as Pastime and Profession*. 1930. 2nd ed. rev. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968.

"Names." *The American Genealogist* 9 (October 1932):66-71.

"Brothers and Sisters of the Same Given Names" (with John G. Hunt). *The American Genealogist* 36 (July 1960):158-59.

"Changes in English Surnames." *The American Genealogist* 36 (October 1960):219-22.

WILLIAM BYARS/BYERS SR. (1747-1837)

From:THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121  
Reference to VOL.I, NO.1,[p 5] WILLIAM BYARS/BYERS in the Rev. War.

IV. WILLIAM BYERS SR. b. 6 Apr 1747 PA.,d. 17 Jan 1837 TN. This is WILLIAM J. BYERS SR.

WILLIAMSON CO. TN., Will Book 1851, p 31. WILLIAM J. BYERS-Dec'd-Inventory May Term, 1851. This is WILLIAM J. JR. Name entered a second time, same way, same book.

CHILDREN of WILLIAM J. BYERS Sr. in correct order of birth.

I. MARGARET BYERS b. ca 1772, d. before 23 Jan 1826 as per Will of William Sr. Married JOHN WATSON b. 1767 York Co.SC, Will dated 15 Jul 1840, probated 14 Aug 1840 Pike Co.,MO. Children:

1. ELIZABETH WATSON b. 29 Feb 1792 SC d. 6 Nov 1867 MO [Is Watson her md name?cbh]
2. JAMES M. WATSON b. [ca] 1794
3. LEVINA WATSON b. [ca] 1799, m. JACOB BAXTER
4. CYRUS B. WATSON b.[ca] 1806
5. PATSEY A. MITCHELL [Is Mitchell her married name or a given name? cbh] b. 1809
6. LENUS H. WATSON

After the death of Margaret JOHN WATSON m. NANCY KUTTON 7 Mar 1826, Pike Co. MO.

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- II. WILLIAMSON BYERS b. 1774 York Co.SC d. 12 May 1854 York Co. SC. Married 1 Aug 1798 MARTHA ADAMS b. 1781 York Co.SC, daughter of FRANCIS ADAMS. DAVID & JAMES BYERS of York Co. SC signed as heirs at law of Williamson in 1854 on a receipt to EDWARD BYARS Estate, Pike Co.,MO. In 1850 MARTHA HOWE age 41, and MCIVOR HOWE age 8 were living with Williamson & his wife Martha. Relationship unknown
- III. ELIZABETH BYERS b 1776 York Co. SC., d.8 Oct 1803 York Co.SC (Note: Vol.I, No.2 Beersheba Presbyterian Churchyard. Betsy Byers d. 8 Oct 1803 in the 28th year of her age.) Married EDWARD BYERS 16 Aug 1796 son of Capt. WILLIAM BYERS. Children:  
 1.MIJAMIN BYERS  
 2.MARTHA BYERS
- IV. DAVID BYERS b. 3 Mar 1778 York Co.SC d. 2 Aug 1855 Williamson Co.TN. He is buried in the BROWN-TEMPLE Cemetery on Temple Rd, on a farm owned by BILLY TEMPLE in 1979 He m. ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_. Their children:  
 1. ABIJAH BYERS  
 2. JOHN M. BYERS  
 3. WILLIAM M. BYERS  
 4. JENNETT BOYD [Is Boyd her married name or middle name?cbh]  
 5. ELIZABETH SMITH (MIJAMIN) her first cousin [Thurlo, I'm sorry, but I don't understand this. Will you elaborate for us please? Do you mean she m. Mijamin Smith listed below? cbh]  
 6. MARY "POLLY" MEEK.[Her married name?]  
 They had three boys die young.
- V. SAMUEL BYERS b. ca 1780 York Co.,SC.,d. ca 1843 Williamson Co.TN. Will of ISABELLA, his daughter, dated 18 Mar 1841 said her father and mother were living. Will of WILLIAM J. Jr. dated 3 Apr 1846 said SAMUEL dec'd. Children:  
 1. DAVID P.BYERS  
 2. FRANCIS W.BYERS  
 3. SAMUEL A. BYERS  
 4. JOHN E. BYERS  
 5. JENNETT BYERS  
 6. ISABELLA E.  
 7. ELIZABETH A.
- VI. WILLIAM J. BYERS Jr. b. 1783 York Co.SC, d. 2 Mar 1851 Williamson Co.TN. No known children.
- VII. SARAH BYERS b. 25 Dec 1784 York Co.SC.,d. 7 Sep 1860 Lincoln Co.,TN. Married WILLIAM SMITH b 8 Jan 1777 York Co.SC d. 16 Apr 1857 Lincoln Co.TN. William the son of JAMES SMITH and MARY HENRY. Children:Have a source for other children.  
 1. MIJAMIN SMITH  
 2. JAMES A. SMITH
- VIII. EDWARD BYERS b. Dec 1786 York Co.SC., d. 9 Nov 1851 Pike Co MO. Married 10 Feb 1812 Lincoln Co.,NC.,JANE HENRY b.17 Apr 1792 Lincoln Co.NC.,daughter of WILLIAM HENRY and ROSSANA MOORE. Children none. They reared three orphans. Jane's probate records, Pike Co.MO, Box 5-lists about 35 nieces and nephews of the HENRY line who were living in MO., TN.,SC., and GA. Pike Co., has good records on the following families who removed from the Carolina's in the early 1800's JORDAN, WATSON, CARROLL, HENRY, TEMPLETON.

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BYARS - BYERS ENQUIRER, VOL.I, NO.4  
WILLIAM BYERS SR.(1747-1837) CONTINUED

Both Edward and Jane are buried in the Buffalo Cemetery, three miles south of Louisiana, MO. This is a well kept cemetery with a good lawn and beautiful countryside. At the entrance is a monument to the pioneers who settled there.

ABSTRACT of the WILL of EDWARD BYERS

I bequeath to JANE BYERS the farm, slaves, household furniture, etc. I give to the heirs of my eldest sister MARGARET WATSON, the sum of \$5. I give to my eldest brother WILLIAMSON BYERS, the sum of five dollars. (Williamson died before the Will was probated. Thus the receipt mentioned [above]) I give to the heirs of my sister, ELIZABETH BYERS the sum of \$5. I give to the heirs of my brother SAMUEL, the sum of five dollars. I give to my youngest sister, SARAH SMITH, the sum of five dollars. I give to my youngest brother, JAMES BYERS, two hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to EMILY WATSON, wife of JAMES WATSON, \$1,000.00 (EMILY A. FRANKLIN was one of the orphans. She married JAMES WATSON 15 Oct 1835. This is NOT James M. Watson.) I give and bequeath to JANE BYERS FINLEY, daughter of SAMUEL W. FINLEY, five hundred dollars. (Judge SAMUEL W. FINLEY died before the Will was probated and JANE BYERS FINLEY was orphaned at the age of 10.) I give and bequeath to my nephew JAMES M. WATSON, the amount of a certain note I hold on him (\$200.54).

JANE BYERS, Executrix-JAMES M. WATSON & SAMUEL W. FINLEY Executors. James M. Watson also signed a receipt as the heir of MARGARET WATSON, formerly MARGARET BYERS.

- IX. JAMES BYERS b. 3 Mar 1788 York Co.SC., d. 10 Apr 1858 Williamson Co.TN. Married ELIZABETH C. \_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_ .b.13 Feb 1787 d. 27 Sep 1858 Williamson Co.TN. She is buried in the BROWN-TEMPLE Cemetery. No known children.  
MANY THANKS THURLO.ALL SOURCES NOT LISTED,BUT BET HE HAS THEM!!!!

BOOKS AVAILABLE ABOUT THE BYARS, ETC

Courtesy: LEE T. STOCKMAN, 2725 Garrow Rd. Antioch, CA 94508  
Compiled from GENEALOGICAL & LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS IN PRINT

BAKER, WOMACK AND OTHER KIN (BYARS, HALARSON, ETC) compiled by Martha McDaniel Thompson, C.G. 1978, Paper \$8.00. 3782 Alma, Redding, Ca 96002

THE SEVENS TREE (Includes Byars) by Joe M Clark Jr., 550 pages \$33.00 including postage, 4310 Feagon St, Houston, Texas 7707.

THE BOOK OF LIPPS AND REALATED FAMILIES OF CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA, 1828-1983 (Includes Byers) by Francis L Lipp 1500 pages \$75.00/set, 609 North Columbia St, Frankfort, In 46041

THE BERKEY BOOK (Includes Byers) by Rev. William A Berkey and Ruth Berkey Reichley. 560 Pages \$21.00. 2939 North Nottingham St, Arlington, Va 22207.

I have not seen any of these books and do not recommend them, but present the information in the event someone is looking for these books.

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BYARS - BYERS - GUILFORD, NO. 4  
HUNTING FOR BEARS MARRIAGE SEARCH-ALABAMA

Courtest GENEVA GARRETT, HCR 77 Bx 72, Santa Anna, TX 76878-9706  
and many thanks to Geneva. She also sent the same for Texas which  
will be published.

| MO.                       | DA | YEAR | NAME FOUND        | SPOUSE             | COUNTY     |
|---------------------------|----|------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| ** For The Surname: BYARS |    |      |                   |                    |            |
| 04                        | 19 | 1821 | BYARS, AGNES      | FINDLEY, JOSEPH R  | JEFFERSON  |
| 07                        | 05 | 1891 | BYARS, DORA A     | STANSELL, W B      | FRANKLIN   |
| 04                        | 04 | 1860 | BYARS, ELIZA      | CONNER, W R        | TUSCALOOSA |
| 01                        | 05 | 1832 | BYARS, ELIZABETH  | BYARS, NATHAN      | JEFFERSON  |
| 04                        | 05 | 1838 | BYARS, ELIZABETH  | LOGAN, SAMUEL      | JEFFERSON  |
| 05                        | 09 | 1838 | BYARS, ELIZABETH  | TURNER, GEORGE W   | JEFFERSON  |
| 06                        | 09 | 1838 | BYARS, EVAN       | JORDON, WINNY A    | JEFFERSON  |
| 03                        | 30 | 1839 | BYARS, FRANCIS    | TURNER, MEEKNESS M | JEFFERSON  |
| 01                        | 23 | 1833 | BYARS, HARRAL     | TACKETT, NANCY     | LAWRENCE   |
| 01                        | 08 | 1851 | BYARS, HENRY K    | MASSEY, LAURA      | JEFFERSON  |
| 08                        | 04 | 1900 | BYARS, J I        | PILGRIM, MOLLIE    | FRANKLIN   |
| 03                        | 02 | 1854 | BYARS, JAMES H    | ARMSTRONG, JANE E  | JEFFERSON  |
| 03                        | 25 | 1830 | BYARS, JANE       | LEE, EASON         | JEFFERSON  |
| 05                        | 09 | 1850 | BYARS, JOSEPH W   | CROW, LOUISA D     | TUSCALOOSA |
| 08                        | 04 | 1897 | BYARS, L J        | STANSELL, MARY M   | FRANKLIN   |
| 03                        | 14 | 1901 | BYARS, LILLIE N   | HALE, S R          | FRANKLIN   |
| 11                        | 10 | 1883 | BYARS, M J MISS   | KIRK, J R          | PICKENS    |
| 05                        | 24 | 1838 | BYARS, MARTHA ANN | WHARTON, JAMES M   | JEFFERSON  |
| 02                        | 09 | 1899 | BYARS, MATTIE F   | HURST, FRANK       | FRANKLIN   |
| 03                        | 17 | 1832 | BYARS, NANCY      | BROGDEN, JAMES     | JEFFERSON  |
| 12                        | 28 | 1840 | BYARS, NANCY      | ELLINGTON, DRURY A | JEFFERSON  |
| 05                        | 22 | 1819 | BYARS, NANCY      | KILLOUGH, ALLEN    | JEFFERSON  |
| 01                        | 05 | 1832 | BYARS, NATHAN     | BYARS, ELIZABETH   | JEFFERSON  |
| 02                        | 26 | 1825 | BYARS, NATHAN     | REAVICE, ELIZABETH | JEFFERSON  |
| 02                        | 06 | 1838 | BYARS, OSBOURN W  | COOK, PERMELIA     | JEFFERSON  |



## ALABAMA MARRIAGES, CONTINUED

| MO.                       | DA | YEAR | NAME FOUND            | SPOUSE               | COUNTY     |
|---------------------------|----|------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 04                        | 03 | 1853 | BYARS, ROBERT         | LEEPER, ELIZABETH    | LAWRENCE   |
| 06                        | 30 | 1850 | BYARS, SARAH A        | BLAPENGAME, ROWEN    | LAWRENCE   |
| 02                        | 15 | 1891 | BYARS, VICTORIA E     | HURST, LEE E         | FRANKLIN   |
| 03                        | 23 | 1824 | BYARS, WILLIAM        | GOODE, JANE          | JEFFERSON  |
| 04                        | 30 | 1850 | BYARS, WILLIAM D      | WEATHERFORD, EMALINE | TUSCALOOSA |
| 01                        | 12 | 1854 | BYARS, WILLIAM G      | THOMAS, MARY JANE    | JEFFERSON  |
| 01                        | 09 | 1855 | BYARS, WILLIAM P      | THURSTON, LUCY A     | JEFFERSON  |
| ** For The Surname: BYERS |    |      |                       |                      |            |
| 09                        | 17 | 1844 | BYERS, JOSEPH         | HICKMAN, CLARISSA    | JEFFERSON  |
| 09                        | 05 | 1844 | BYERS, LYDIA A        | BASS, LEWIS GRIFF    | JEFFERSON  |
| 02                        | 02 | 1846 | BYERS, MARY ANN       | GRIFFIN, PHILIP T    | JEFFERSON  |
| 02                        | 02 | 1851 | BYERS, MARY C         | MOOR, DINFORD        | JEFFERSON  |
| 10                        | 27 | 1845 | BYERS, PEGGY N        | FAULKNER, F A        | TUSCALOOSA |
| 12                        | 25 | 1845 | BYERS, REBECCA        | TURNER, SAMUEL JR    | JEFFERSON  |
| 10                        | 14 | 1851 | BYERS, SAMUEL P       | MCDONALD, MELVINA    | JEFFERSON  |
| 02                        | 05 | 1846 | BYERS, T D            | SHAW, MALISSA        | TUSCALOOSA |
| ** For The Surname: BYER  |    |      |                       |                      |            |
| 10                        | 07 | 1846 | BYER, ALLY            | ELLIS, SIMPN         | LIMESTONE  |
| 03                        | 19 | 1861 | BYER, MARY A          | WINSLET, JOHN G      | BARBOUR    |
| ** For The Surname: BYRES |    |      |                       |                      |            |
| JUN                       | 20 | 1836 | BYRES, ELIZABETH MISS | WOODALL, DAVID K     | GREENE     |
| 03                        | 23 | 1854 | BYRES, JULIA C        | BURT, J W            | JACKSON    |

Copy of Application courtesy PATRICIA MCREYNOLDS, Abstracted by the editor. PLEASE NOTE: dates are given in numbers with the month first, day second and year last. Also note the differences between this lineage and the one given in Vol. I, No. 3, pp 69, 70.

Application of: ROSAMON MCARTHUR NOELL, 2102 Scroggins Rd. Alexandria, VA. Dated Jan. 14, 1964:

Lineal descent ...CAPTAIN JOHN BYARS

Mrs. Noell, the daughter of FRANK DUNCAN MCARTHUR b. 7/21/1879 McDavid, FL., d. Birmingham, AL 11/19/1949 and AMY ROSAMOND, b. 3/4/1877, Jasper, AL.

AMY ROSAMOND the child of WILLIAM CAPERS ROSAMOND b. 8/24/1832 Laurens Co., SC., d. 4/23/1904 Jasper, AL and MEDORA FREEMAN b. 11/15/1842 AL, d. 10/24/1881 Jasper, AL.

MEDORA FREEMAN the child of REV. JAMES HAWKINS FREEMAN, b. 1808 GA and MATILDA COLE b. 2/21/1804 Louisa Co. VA, d. Fayette Co. AL.

MATILDA COLE the child of WILLIAM BIBB COLE b. 5/2/1768 Fayette Co AL., d. 7/9/1857 Fayette Co., AL and SALLY BYARS b. 1/12/1763 Louisa Co. VA. d. 9/10/1810, Fayette Co., AL. Married Louisa Co. VA., 1/15/1789.

SALLY BYARS the child of JOHN BYARS b. 3/16/1734 Hanover Co. VA. d. 11/23/1781, Louisa Co. VA, Trinity Parish. and ELIZABETH THOMASON [Thompson] b. 2/27/1738, d. after 1810, Washington Co. VA. Married 12/23/1754 Louisa Co., VA. [See Vol. I, No. 3, p 52]

CHILDREN of JOHN BYARS & ELIZABETH THOMASON:

- I. MARY BYARS b. 11/1/1755 m. DAVID SMITH
- II. JANE BYARS b. 9/24/1757 m. SHERROD MATTHEWS
- III. ELIZABETH BYARS b. 6/9/1759
- IV. JAMES BYARS b. 3/12/1761 m. LAVINIA SMITH
- V. SALLY BYARS b. 1/12/1763 m. WILLIAM BIBB COLE
- VI. JOHN BYARS b. 11.12.1764 m. AGNES BOWEN
- VII. MARTHA BYARS b. 5/ /1766 m. NATHANIEL HARRIS
- VIII. FLEMING BYARS b. 3/17/1768
- IX. ANNA BYARS b. 9/29/1769 m. WILLIAM SMITH
- X. JEMINA BYARS b. 11/16/1772
- XI. BETSY BYARS b. 11/21/1774
- XII. WILLIAM BYARS b. 11/18/1776 m. \_\_\_\_\_ BEATTIE
- XIII. REBECCA BYARS b. 7/17/1780

#### JOHN BYARS SERVICES

Capt. JOHN BYARS was Captain of a Company Louisa County, Virginia, Militia (50 men) which he marched to Hillsboro, N.C.... and continued in the service until the 18th of August, the day of the defeat of General Gates.....He contracted an illness while in camp and although he returned home, he never fully recovered, and died the following year (1781).

#### PLEASE NOTE:

We have been warned time and time again that there have been many errors made in DAR records and that they are almost impossible to correct. Please do not think that I am throwing rocks at DAR, I am not. Some of the most noted genealogist are continually telling us to verify these records. They are simply wonderful for clues and anyone should be able to prove or disprove. cbh

GENEALOGIES IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Abstracted from Genealogies in the Library of Congress, edited by Marion J. Kaminkow. Magna Carta Book Company, Baltimore, MD 1972. Abstracted by the editor from photo copies in her files.

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BYERS. A history of the Byers Family, by JANET MCCULLOCH BYERS, Millerport, Ohio, Quality Print Shop 1969. 72 p. illus., CS71.B99916

BYERS. See also WEITZEL, 1883

Abstracted from A Complement to Genealogies in the Library of Congress, Compiled and edited by Marion J. Kaminkow, Magna Carta Book Co. Baltimore, Maryland 21215, 1981

BYARS. Byars family history: by NELL B. THATEN. 185 p. Ft. Worth Texas, Miran Pub. 1976.

BYERS. Genealogies of the Byers family. By A.W. BYERS, Franklin, Ind., author, 1907 69 p.

BYERS. Memorial to PETER SMITH BYERS at his funeral in Christ Church, Andover..1856(with genealogical appendix) by SAMUEL FULLER. Cambridge, 1856. 16 p.

BYERS. JACOB BYERS (1750-1801) of Pennsylvania and his descendants. By WILLIAM A SAUSAMAN. Springfield, Ill., 1974. 233 p.

BYERS. My BYERS-BONAR-SHANNON and allied families. By MARION S. CRAIG. Little Rock, Ark. Craig, 1976. 113 p.

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
VIRGINIA - KENTUCKY

Early Marriages, Book 1, 1781-July 1826, The Filson Club. Cook & McDowell Publications, 719 E. 6th St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, 1980.

Abstracted by the editor from photo copies of pages in her files:  
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CHAPMAN, WILLIAM to BYERS, MARY (widow), bond dated 3-26-1792, bondsman SAMUEL WELSH. Married 3-26-1792 by JOHN WHITAKER

BYERS (signature looks like BOYCE), DAVID to PARKS, REBECCA. bond dated 4-2-1792, bondsman GEORGE CRIVENSTIN. (her step-father)

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BYERS, HENRY to COLLIER, MELINDA, WIDOW OF GEORGE COLLIER, dec. Bond dated 7-19-1828, bondsman RICHARD FINLEY. Witness: EDM. P POPE, Deputy Clerk. Married 7-20-1828 by JAMES WARD.

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BYERS, HENRY S. to STOKES, ELIZABETH, consent given by LAVINA STOKES, her sister. Bond dated 12-12-1833, bondsmen; JOHN CRAWFORD and LAVINA STOKES. Witness: THO. JOYES and ALES'R H. POPE, Deputy Clerk. Married 12-12-1833 by W. HOLMAN.

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## JEFFERSON CO. Marriages Continued:

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QUERTERMOUS, THOMAS J. to BYERS, LAVINIA (Father NATHANIEL BYERS, dec'd- late ward of BENAMIN CAWTHON, dec'd) Bond dated 4-18-1835 bondsman JOHN SHANKS, Witness, WORDEN POPE. Married 4-20-1835 by RICH'D DEARING.

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BYERS, EDMUND to DEMMING, MARY (lawful age) bond dated 1-10-1822 Bondsman ROBERT WALLACE, Jr., Witness ROBERT TYLER. Married 1-10-1822 by DANI'L SMITH.

## 1820 KENTUCKY CENSUS

Abstracted from microfilm by the editor:

1820-BUTLER COUNTY KENTUCKY;

ABNER WOMMACK-Males 1-0 to 10, 2-10 to 16, 1-45 & up.

Females 2-16 to 26, 1-45 up

1820-JEFFERSON COUNTY KENTUCKY;

NATHAN BYERS-Males 1-10 to 16, 1-16 to 26, 1-26 to 45

Females 2-0 to 10, 3-16 to 26, 1 45 & up.

I have published the above in the hope that it will be food for thought. Another Abner Wommack born before 1775 and what about this NATHAN? I hope we can get some further information about these two people. Who was the above Abner Wommack's wife? Who does this Nathan belong to and who was his wife? It should also be noted that one HUGH LOGAN lived very near this NATHAN BYARS in 1820. The census as follows:

HUGH LOGAN: Males; 1-16 to 18; 2-18 to 26; 1 45 and over

Females; 1-16 to 18; 1-18 to 26; 1 45 and over

## MIRACLES NEVER CEASE!!!

from THURLO V. BYERS, 1432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121

My dad, THOMAS A. BYERS, an only child, was born 6 Nov. 1871 TN and died 6 Feb 1971 MO. He was orphaned at the age of 14 (in 1885). From that time he, nor any of his children, had made contact with any of his blood line relations. A dear lady in Bellaire, TX sent me a two year old letter from a party in CA seeking information on the BYERS line. In August of this year, after a span of 101 years, I contacted my sixth cousins, LeRoy R. and Sylvia BYERS of Santa Barbara, CA. Well, I say after a century sixth is close. Our common ancestor is SAMUEL BYERS, son of WILLIAM J. BYERS Sr. [See page 100 this issue-See Sylvia's query Vol.I, No.1, p 32 BYARS-BYERS ENQUIRER.]

ROBERT BYERS, also from Thurlo

Ref: Vol.I, No.3, p 59-TENNESSEANS in the CIVIL WAR:

BYERS, ROBERT A. Pvt. D Co., 32 Inf. was captured 21 Feb 1862 at Ft. Donelson, TN. He died 21 Mar 1862 in a prison hospital at Camp Morton near Lafayette, Indiana. He was the son of FRANCIS W. and CHARLOTTE (WILLIAMS) BYERS of Williamson Co. TN. Does anyone have a clue as to where he was buried? The Tippecanoe Co., Public Library could give no help.[Have you tried the State Archives? CONTINUED, Next page

You might check and see if there is a chapter of the UDC (United Daughters of the Confederacy) or SCV (Sons of Confederate Veterans) in the area. UDC encourages their members to locate all confederate graves and report them. In Texas these grave locations are in the UDC Museum in Austin, TX. I don't know how they handle it these files in other states. cbh]

GEORGE, WILLIAM B. & WILLIAM P. BYARS  
From: DORRIS LAGOW, 343 W. Park Dr. Columbia, IL 62236  
COMMENTS: "The BOB SAUNDERS, with whom I corresponded is the one at the address mentioned in your September Enquirer. I do not think I am the proper source of the material, and I am sending copies of some of the material that he sent me. I am also sending copies of the will of GEORGE BYARS and of the marriage license of WILLIAM B. BYARS and SUSAN? It seems there has been a question in the mind of some people that WILLIAM P. that was mentioned in the Will of George Byars was the William that married Susan. This marriage license shows clearly that it was a WILLIAM B. that married Susan."  
[Note: Susan's last name looks like OURY to me. cbh]

MARRIAGE LICENSE—Printed by D. A. St. Clair, Job-Printer, Wytheville, Va.

Know all Men by these presents. That we *William B. Byars*  
*Thomas A. Oury*

Are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars, to be paid to the said Commonwealth; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, &c. jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this the *9<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 185*0*.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the above bound *Wm B. Byars* hath this day obtained from the Clerk of the County Court of Smyth, a License for his intermarriage with *Susan B. Oury* of *Smyth* County: Now, if there be no Lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage. then the above obligation to be void, else remain in full force and virtue.

Signed and delivered }  
in the presence of }

*Wm B. Byars* [SEAL]  
*Thomas A. Oury* [SEAL]

WILL of GEORGE BYARS, transcribed from photo copy by  
the editor. Photo copy courtesty DORRIS LAGOW  
SMYTH COUNTY VIRGINIA WILLS, no Vol. & page number noted:

I GEORGE BYARS of Smyth County Virginia do hereby make this writing to be my last will and testament

1st I direct that all my just Debts be paid. And for this purpose as much of my estate as may be necessary, is to be sold as soon as is convenient after my decease

2nd I will and bequeath to my wife SARAH O.[C?]BYARS, all my estate both real and personal during her life or widowhood, subject to the payment of my Debts and of such \_\_\_ ? \_\_\_ to my children as shall before in after directed, ? the estate to be kept together under the control and management of my said wife who is to provide for maintain and educate the children and as the children arrive at full age they are to be furnished with the same amount and as near as may be the same kinds of property as I have furnished my daughter LOUISIE FLEMING until all the children are then made equal, and when my youngest child is of age the whole her legal dower and to such of my children (except my sons JOHN and WILLIAM P.) one full equal share of the residue. My son JOHN has already received as much of my estate as will amount to his full share, he is therefore to recieve no more of I will and bequeath to my son WILLIAM P. one hundred Dollars to be paid out of my estate when my youngest child attains the age of twenty one years. Should my wife marry again I then will and direct that all my estate (except her legal dower) be then given up to my executor herein after named, or else that good and suffecient security be given that the estate shall not be wanted, and that the same shall be paid or delivered to my children as herein before directed.

My Children SARAH ANN KESNER [?] and MARY, J.T.[?] ALFORD have not received quite all the estate necessary to make them equal with my daughter LOUISA as will appear by the account of advancements kept by me. My \_\_\_ ? \_\_\_ and desire that they shall receive these articles whenever demanded.

In conclusion I hereby nominate and appoint my wife SARAH C. BYARS executrix and ALBERT B. MOORE of Smyth County executor of this my last will and testament. Hereby revoking and annulling all other former wills made by me. I testimony whereof I have hereto Subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 18th day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

GEORGE BYARS (SEAL)

WITNESS:

A.B. BYARS, MARTHA ANN KIRKLAND, GEORGE WOKLFORD [?]

Virginia at a Court held for Smyth County the 16 day of May 1843 This last will and testament of GEORGE BYARS Deceased was proved in Court by the oathes of ARTHUR B. BYARS and MARTHA ANN KIRKLAND two of the subscribing witnesses thereto: And is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of SARAH C. BYARS the executrix therein named who made oath thereto: and together with WILLIAM BYARS HENRY B. THOMPSON EDWARD S. WATSON and ARTHUR B. BYARS her securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$5000,00 conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate of said will in due form [the last line on the page is too dim to read cbh]

More from Dorris Lagrow, next page

FROM THE EDITOR: Please note: I wrote to Mr. Saunders and mailed a copy of the Enquirer. He hasn't replied. His data plainly states that his information for, "#1 JOHN BYARS is tenative and requires more research to confirm." He notes that according to The Vestry Book, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover Co. VA, pp 130 and 183 that JOHN was living 24 Sept 1708 New Kent Co. VA, that he resided in St. Paul's Parish, Hanover Co. VA before 1734 and was living in St. Martin's Parish on 8 Feb 1734.

Mr. Saunders gives the following info for the possible children for the above JOHN.

JAMES HENRY BYARS b. ca 1713

JONAS BYARS b. ca 1718 m. FRANCIS COLLINS [Mr. Maurice Rasmussen is given as his source]

His data for JAMES HENRY BYARS is: Married 1st PEGGY GENTRY, 2nd RACHEL MATHEWS [data for 2nd marriage from HILMA BYARS]

JAMES HENRY rec'd land from his father 8 Feb. 1734, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover Co. VA. [from Vestry Book, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover Co. VA. pp 130 and 183] Died 1792 [from HILMA BYARS]

Children of JAMES HENRY BYARS:

JOHN BYARS b. 16 Mar. 1734, Louisa Co. VA.

JAMES BYARS b. ca 1740

WILLIAM BYARS b. 6 Apr 1747

NATHAN BYARS b. 1749

In additional information he states; "Son William, possibly married SARAH ANN DOGGETT" [his source MAURICE RASMUSSEN]

"Son Nathan possibly married DRUCILLA HARRELSON" [his Source MAURICE RASMUSSEN] [PLEASE NOTE: possibly does NOT mean proven. I beg you not to accept as fact that which is not yet documented!]

AND A LETTER FROM: E.M. (MAURICE) RASMUSSEN

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He says "I received a letter from MARTHA BYARS, Rt. 10, Bx 141, Murpheysboro, TN 37130, who claims to have proof that ABNER WOMACK was never married to DRUCILLA JANE BYARS, instead, to two MARTHAS, perhaps BYARS. How do I prove it? Perhaps by other documents. I also have BOB SAUNDERS review on the BYARS. My earliest record is of JAMES HENRY BYARS b. 1713 m. PEGGY GENTRY and brother JONAS b. 1718 m. FRANCIS COLLINS. Their parent JOHN BYARS is not my conclusion-neither is a 2nd marriage to RACHEL MATTHEWS part of my research. My genealogy has a comment about NATHAN b. 1849 as being NATHAN #1 that married DRUCILLA HARRELSON until proven otherwise. My logic is as follows:

NATHAN'S parents concluded to be JAMES HENRY [BYARS] and PEGGY GENTRY. Nathan b. 1749 is oldest "NATHAN" that I have found. That he is of the right age and born in Granville Co., NC. NATHAN next oldest "NATHAN" was his son "NATHAN" b. c 1770. JAMES BYARS and LOVINA SMITH had a NATHAN b. c 1789. WILEY BYARS and MARTHA WATKINS had a NATHAN b. c 1843. [And there was a Nathan b. 1795 NC living in Lawrence Co. AL, 1850 and many others. cbh]

NATHAN BYARS b. 1749 Granville Co. NC m. in Orange Co. NC [Do you have proof of Orange Co. NC? cbh] DRUCILLA HARRELSON, dau. of BURGESS HARRELSON. Nathan and Drucilla may have separated or divorced ... [We have proof they divorced cbh] DRUCILLA BYARS went to live with her daughter ELIZABETH WATKINS then died at her daughter NANCY'S home in 1816. [Please Mr. Rasmussen what is your source/documentation for Drucilla's death? cbh] As per my records NATHAN & DRUCILLA had 10 children...

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FROM MR. RASMUSSEN, CONTINUED

Without question I have some mistakes and will be happy to stand corrected with reasonable proof. I did not send for the NC records but took the word for GOSPEL TRUTH. Send me copies if you get them."

MR. RASMUSSEN, I do not believe it has been proven that ABNER WOMACK married DRUCILLA JANE BYARS, daughter of NATHAN & DRUCILLA (HARRELSON) BYARS. His marriage to their daughter MARTHA is documented in the WOMACK FAMILY BIBLE. cbh

## MORE ABOUT ABNER WOMACK'S WIVES

From Mrs. O.R.(IRENE) CHARLTON, 1340 A Joni Circle, Chattanooga, TN 37415: Irene says:

..."I never checked out TAD WALKER'S statement that DRUCILLA BYARS married 2nd ABNER WOMACK as his 2nd wife in Rutherford Co. NC. I just accepted the statement....Suppose we take a look at the census records of 1800 Rutherford Co. NC.

NATHAN BYARS:Males:1 -10 years; 2-16 to 26 years; 1-45 +(Nathan)  
Females:1-10 to 16; 1-45+ (Drucilla)

The male under 10 yrs is probably a grandson, as Drucilla states that she had ten children by Nathan and the young male under 10 would have made 11. The female 10/16 years is either a daughter or a daughter-in-law. When you check out Drucilla's daughters you discover that she may not have had a daughter between the years of 10/16 in 1800." [There is some doubt that Delilah was Drucilla's child, and where does it say they had five sons and five daughters. The 1790 census shows 6 males and 6 females but that is not proof that the children were born to Nathan & Drucilla. There are many records that prove that grandchildren nieces, nephews and orphan's of neighbors were taken into homes.cbh ]

"Returning to WILLIAM WOMACK b. 23 Mar 1792, Rutherford Co.NC. Bible Records. As you can plainly see this is not an exact copy [See Enquirer, Vol.I,No.3 p 73.]...as Bible records are divided into pages of marriages deaths & births, not all jumbled up and taken out of context. [Does anyone have photo copies of the original pages from the WOMACK BIBLE? If so please share cbh] If there were eight children who died, why were their births and deaths not given? They would have been if that was an exact copy. Was it because the eight missing children were children of DRUCILLA (BYARS) \_\_\_\_\_ by a first husband? Abner Womack's step-children?...Note: ABNER WOMACK'S first nine children were b. Rutherford Co.,NC. Then a break and another child born there, with the next one being born either in Rutherford Co.,NC or Warren Co.,TN. Then the last three children were given as born in Warren Co.,TN. Doesn't that tell you something?

"All this about him returning to NC for a 2nd wife is pure fiction! From all appearances ABNER m. a 3rd time a MARTHA \_\_\_\_\_? who had land in Dist. 15, on Mountain Creek in Warren Co.,TN..... Now, take a look at ABNER'S fourteen children. There is no way eight more could have been crowded in unless they were born in litters. Look at the births and think! Now, take another look at the birth pattern-the first nine were born in the same pattern then after a break when LUCK WOMACK was b 29 Aug 1803, and the next RANSOM PICKNEY WOMACK b. 3 Nov 1808 through GREENBERRY H. b. 18 Jan 1817-note the different pattern. Therefore there is seemingly only one conclusion to be made. And that is that MARTHA

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FROM IRENE CHARLTON, Continued

BYARS b. 31 Dec 1774 died between 29 Aug 1803 and 1807 in Rutherford Co. NC where she is buried. [Irene do you know of a tombstone or about other documentation that would prove she is buried there? cbh] That ABNER WOMACK m DRUCILLA (BYARS) ?  
Widow with 8 children in Rutherford Co. NC and they came to Warren Co., TN in 1810, either before or after ARTALERA was born 1 Aug 1810. Now here you have 18 or 19 of the children in ABNER WOMACK'S household....By that time Abner's oldest son WILLIAM b. 23 Mar 1792 was 18 years old. Did the Bible record contain the names of Abner's step-children by his second wife ? I have no documentation for the above...."

MORE ON THIS FROM IRENE, TO BE CONTINUED, VOL.II, NO.1

CALEB BUIS, son of ELISHA & "POLLY" MARY JANE BUIS

From: JUDY MICHAEL-MABLE, 409 Harvard St. Vestal, NY 13850

[Note: Judy recently became a new Mom. She say's her genealogy time has been cut back, but she does enjoy the Enquirer. This is a query/information sheet for her family. Hope someone can help her.cbh]

CALEB BUIS, son of ELISHA and "POLLY" MARY JANE BUIS (see family summary Vol.I, No.1, pp 18,19,) married first MARGARET "PEGGY" McCARTY HURST. After Peggy died 25 Aug 1853 in Jefferson, Putnam Co., IN, CALEB m. her cousin, a widow, CATHARINE HURST STALEY, on 15 Sep 1854. Caleb was a farmer and a founding father of the Millcreek Baptist Church in Putnam Co., IN. He and Margaret had 10 children. I am looking for additional information on all of them.

1. SARAH ANN BUIS b.18 Dec. 1820 TN d. 23 Aug 1853 IN.,m. possibly WILLIAM WOODS. Had 6 unknown children.
2. RUSSEL BUIS b. ca 1825 IN d.1843 IN. "Killed in a run-a-way" accident.
3. JAMES P. BUIS b.1827 IN d.1863 Harrison Co.,MO. m. \_\_\_?\_\_\_  
5 children unknown.
4. WILLIAM RILEY BUIS b.10 Jan 1830 Jefferson, Putnam Co.,IN d. 8 Mar 1893 Putnam Co.IN. M. 27 Oct 1853 CYNTHIA ANN PRICHARD 12 Known children.
5. Dr. G. BUIS b. 19 Sep 1831 IN,d. Sep 1913 IL,m.?. 8 unknown children.
6. LEWIS MCCARTY BUIS b.15 May 1833 IN d. 4 Jun 1905 IN m. 3 Oct 1853 REBECCA WALLACE. 12 Known children.
7. MARY C. BUIS b. 1836 IN, d. July 1849 Putnam Co.IN."sick 7 days died of fever"
8. CALEB F. BUIS b.1839 IN d.17 Feb 1922 IN m. CATHERINE HURST 8 known children.
9. LEVI LEMUEL BUIS b. 3 Sep or 3 Feb 1841 Putnam Co.IN d. 28 Apr 1921 Oscaloosa, IL. m. 29 Apr 1860 JANE ELLEH,13 children M. 2nd. 17 Feb 1901 MARY ANAPA DAVIS, 1 child.
10. MARGARET JANE BUIS b. 1844 IN.d. 18 Nov 1911 IN. M. GREEN-BERRY PRICHARD. 3 Known children.

SOURCES: History of PUTNAM CO. IND. 1887 by Littell; 100 Year Masonic History of Eminence, IN by Littell; Putnam Co., IN Mortality Schedule; 1850-1880 Census; Everett D. Buis; Worth M. Buis; Woodrow Hurst; Mill Creek Cemetery visit, Putnam Co. IN.

PHILIP BYERS

From: SANDY MUSSELMAN, 4125 Marwick, Lakewood, CA 90713

PHILIP BYERS born 27 Feb. 1822, Franklin Co., PA. Married 9 Apr 1843 Seneca Co., OH. RUTH ELIZABETH MCDOUGLE. Ruth the daughter of BENJAMIN MCDOUGLE and NANCY UPDIKE was born 25 Apr 1826 Culpepper Co. VA, d. 17 Mar 1916 Sycamore, OH. Philip d. 10 Mar 1893 Deputy, Jefferson Co. IN. Both are buried at Fountain, Fostoria Co. OH. They had eight children all born Seneca Co. OH:

1. VIRGINIA BYERS b. 18 Jan 1845 d. 23 Dec. 1906 m. 5 Feb 1867 JOHN CULBERTSON
2. MARY BYERS b. ca 1848, m. DAVID KING.
3. JOHN BYERS b. ca 1851
4. LAURA E. BYERS b. 20 Dec 1854 (town of Bascom) d. 24 Oct 1926 m. 19 Dec 1876 ISSAC W. COOKSON.
5. JAMES MADISON BYERS b. 25 Dec 1857, d. 24 Jun 1931, m 3 May 1881 LODENA ILER
6. ANDREW BYERS b. ca. 1864
7. LUCY J. BYERS b. ca. 1864 [Were they twins or is this a typo?] d. 10 Jan 1936, m. 13 Oct 1881 WILLIAM W. BETZER
8. CATHERINE BYERS b. ca 1859

SOURCES:Marriage certificates; Family records; 1860 & 1870 Census Seneca Co. OH

Well folks, I really blew the budget on this one. I have so much great material I want to share with you. Just today our Col. George send me the indexes for the 1790 census records for every state where our BYARS/BYERS (& variants) lived. Our cup runneth over. And...I must say once more. If we continue to care, and share our research while gathering all the data possible we will eventually have our proven lineage. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.



*Olivia & Jimmy Herring*

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FROM THE EDITOR

Although 1986 holds some sad memories for me, it marks the beginning of our combined efforts to search, share, document and preserve our family genealogy. Your letters of encouragement are treasures that I will always hold dear. Thank you once more for ALL your help.

I will be using my word processor for compiling. This allows me to enter data as I receive it. I can add, take out etc. as I go, and when time comes to publish, (if all goes well) I can have our publication ready in no time.

I hope I can do a better job of proof reading this year, but it's a proven fact that errors are seldom caught by the one that made them. So, please don't fail to send corrections.

It was brought to our attention that there were two groups of BYERS/BYARS, those descending from Scotch/English ancestry and those from German ancestry. Can we serve both factors in this publication? Well, MARJORIE TUCKER, DOROTHY HAYS and myself gave this careful consideration, and we think we can. Until we find our immigrant ancestor, we won't know if he came from England or Germany. Certainly given names will give us a clue, but that alone cannot determine the origin of the family. By sharing data we will eventually be able to sort out the German lines and the Scotch/English lines and who knows, we may even find a common connection for them.

I had the pleasure of talking to Dr. MARION CRAIG. Both he and ANNE GARWOOD got a fine Christmas present. They found some new data and feel they have proven their common ancestor. Dr. Craig called me on Dec. 19th to share his glad tidings. It makes me feel so good when someone in our group has a break through and shares with us. This data will be published as soon as space permits.

Instead of a "hat & horn" Jimmy and I finished old 1986 off with a box of "kleenex & medicine" for some kind of bug. A perfect ending for a less than perfect year I'd say. Hope your Year ended on a better note.

Our friend, Marjorie Tucker, has been as busy as a bee, abstracting data from microfilm and typing it up Copy ready. You cannot know how many hours this saves me. I am using much of her work in this issue, and in many issues to come.

*Clavis*

SETTLE-SUTTLE FAMILY HISTORY

From GEORGE BELL, Rt.1 Box 138F, Windsor, SC 29856 we learn that MRS. LENA BLOMSTOM, P.O. Box 2705, St. Petersburg, FL 33731 has a copy of the above for sale [George says, Mrs. Blomston is no doubt a relative of Mrs. CLYDE FISHER, who edited the book. Thanks George.]

CORRECTIONS-ADDITIONS & COMMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: When making corrections and additions please give Vol., number, issue number and page number of published data. Please cite your source/reason for correction. It would help your editor if corrections were noted on a separate sheet of paper. If you include them in a letter I may fail to get them properly sorted. Remember this column is not meant to cast doubt on the ability of any researcher. This is simply an effort to assure everyone that our data is as error free as possible.

From: VINA MAE MEINE , 212 W. Centre St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624. (48B)  
Vol.I, No.4, p 93. Birth place of SARAH BYARS, should read RUTHERFORD CO. NC, not KY. [a pure typo, on the part of cbh]

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From: SIBYL NORTHCUTT, 508 Coke St., Yoakum, TX 77995 (54B)  
Vol.I, No.4, p 95, JOSEPH JEREMIAH BYARS married GEORGIA ANN MELVINA SIRMONS [not SIMONS as published, another error by cbh]

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CORRECTIONS-ADDITIONS & COMMENTS, CONTINUED

From: GENEVA GARRETT, HCR 77, Box 72, Santa Anna, TX 76878-9706 Vol.I, No. 4, p 95, MELISSA'S parents were IBZAN & JANE MIDDLEBROOK, they were not her grand-parents. [Geneva also called my attention to the errors above] Geneva's sources for her Family Group Sheets were: Texas Census records, 1850/60/70/80; 1900/10 Middlebrook Cemetery, Hays Co. TX, tombstone, birth record, death record; Marriage license, DeWitt & Hays County TX; Civil War Record, Widows application for pension, wife of J.J. Byars gives his death date & date of marriage. Sources for Family Group sheet of MARGARET A BYARS & WILLIAM MANSFIELD GARRETT. Texas Census Records, 1870/80-1900/10; Family Bible; Death Certificate; Marriage Licenses for children & spouses in DeWitt Co., TX; Tombstones, County line cemetery; Obit for William Mansfield Garrett; Land Deed Records; Old letter from Mrs. Buchanan; Lavaca Co. TX, Land Deed. [Geneva, please don't leave the "sending of information to other more experienced people." More than likely I made the typos, not you. As for the documentation yours is fine]

From: DOROTHY HAYS, 1300 Merry Hills Dr. High Point, NC 27260  
Vol.I, No.4 pg 94. JANE BYARS m EASON GEE, 26 Mar. 1830  
Vol.I, No.4 pg 109, 17 lines from bottom of page. NATHAN b 1749 not 1849 [some more of my, by now famous, typos. cbh]

From: VINA MAE MEINE, 212 W. Centre St. Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
I just received the 4th edition of the Enquirer, and needless to say I was delighted to see so much of my information in there....Through the Enquirer, I have been in touch with LEE STOCKMAN, VERA MARTIN & FAYE ROBBINS, and each shared so much info with me and I have happily shared everything that I had with them. This search and share is the only way to go.....  
I think my husband FRANK, will soon be like SIBYL NORTHCUTT says GENEVA GARRETT's husband is. She said Geneva's husband brings the mail in at noon (they live out in the country) and he won't give her the mail until she puts his lunch on the table. He has learned that if there is genealogy mail, that comes first with us "addicts."

From: SYBIL NORTHCUTT, 508 Coke, Yoakum, TX 77995  
"I am all snuggled down by the fire and engrossed in my BYARS FAMILY ENQUIRER, Vol.I No.4, Dec. 1986. How nice to read about Vina Mae, Geneva, Jim and myself and all the other BYARS....I want to give you my special thanks for all the hard work you have done to publish the Enquirer in 1986. My best wishes for 1987. GENEVA GARRETT and VINA MAE MEINE have both done a lot of hard work on the BYARS research in 1986. My special thanks go them also..."\*\*\*\*

From GEORGE BELL, Rt.1 Box 138F, Windsor, SC 29856  
"I looked in S.C. Archives at material on three court cases involving NATHAN BYARS. Looked in vain for any really important info, except for some of the witnesses involved: JOSHUA RICHARDS, well known Baptist preacher who presided at the marriage of NATHAN and DELPHIA (and whose daughter POLLY m JAMES BYARS, of the JONAS BYARS/FRANCIS COLLINS line)...was a witness on behalf of NATHAN. Also THOMAS BYERS and JOSEPH CAMP, the latter, ancestor of the CAMPS who published the CAMP BULLETIN in Atlanta, and from which so much of the SUTTLE/BYARS material in the Suttle Family History is taken. One lawsuit was begun before 1819, MOLLY TURNER vs JOSEPH PRICE. Another lawsuit was in 1839, which was NATHAN BYARS vs DRURY BYARS, concerning a promissory note. I was unable to tell what relation this NATHAN & DRURY were. In the last issue of the Bulletin of Old Tryon Co. Gen. Soc. there is an item about DRURY LOGAN being a juror (in 1787). Perhaps DRURY BYARS

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was a step-son of NATHAN; the name DRURY belongs to the LOGAN family rather than the BYARS. I have a feeling that DRURY was DELPHIA'S son by NATHAN (born without the benefit of clergy, as they say) but have no proof of this. [That "OLD" Nathan must have been a smooth talker, something that I have noticed some of his descendants have inherited. Anyway you may have opened some doors regarding DELPHIA's parentage. Something we should follow up on. I am ordering copies of the material mentioned above and will share in the "Enquirer."cbh.]

George added: The census of 1860 ...are very important. Let's follow up on them Some genealogists say DELIAH is a daughter of NATHAN'S.If so she is another of his children [base born?]She was born 1806 according to the census. If she is the wife of ROBERT MARTIN then, like her mother DELPHIA, she married a man much older than herself."

MORE CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS & COMMENTS, PAGE 19

JOHN BYARS S/O NATHAN & DRUCILLA

From: RUTH BYARS BURCH, 3021 Blackshear Ave. Pensacola, FL 32503 (46B) Please note: The worksheet Ruth sent us was compiled by DOROTHY HAYS and the sources noted are Dorothy's. The data in parenthesis ( ) was added by Ruth and the data in brackets was added by cbh.

JOHN BYARS (Farmer, Millwright, Merchant) was b. ca 1776/7, Caswell Co., NC. s/o NATHAN BYARS Sr. and DRUCILLA HARRELSON.

He m. ca 1798, Spartanburg Dist. SC, MARY ANN "PASSIE" LOGAN d/o JOHN LOGAN and PASSEY COLLINS. MARY ANN "PASSIE" b ca 1780 Spartanburg Dist. SC, d 9 Sep 1854 Jefferson Co. AL., buried Union Hill. JOHN d 13 Apr 1852, Tuscaloosa, Jefferson Co. AL.,buried Watkins Cemetery.

Children:

- I. NATHAN BYARS b ca 1797 d 30 May 1858 Jefferson Co.AL.m.1st ELIZABETH REAVIS [Vol.I,No.4 p102, AL marriages:26 Feb 1825, NATHAN BYARS m.ELIZABETH REAVICE, Jefferson Co. AL].m. 2nd ELIZ. WALKER BYARS widow of JAMES BYARS.
- II. NANCY CAROLINE BYARS b 13 Nov 1801 Spartanburg Co. SC d. 16 Oct 1889, Tuscaloosa, AL. m. 3 Feb 1817 Spartanburg Dist. SC, WILLIAM WILEY.
- III. DRUCILLA BYARS b 7 July 1803, Spartanburg Dist. SC d. 6 Dec 1872, Jefferson Co. AL buried Mt. Brook. m. DANIEL WATKINS JR.ca 1820 Cowpens,Spartanburg Dist SC.
- IV.\* JOHN LOGAN BYARS b 14 May 1808, Spartanburg Dist. SC d 28 Jun 1854, E.Lake, Jefferson Co., AL, m. 10 Feb 1831 Jefferson Co, AL, CATHERINE DANIEL. Catherine b 26 Jun 1812, d. c 1890/91 Jefferson Co. AL. d/o JOHN DANIEL Jr.& MARY PUGH. Children:
  1. JAMES H. BYARS b 7 Dec 1831
  2. JOSEPH BYARS b 17 Sep 1833
  3. WILLIAM PATTON BYARS b 29 Jul 1835 m LUCY THURSTON
  4. MARY ANN BYARS b 13 Aug 1837
  5. DANIEL MARTIN BYARS b 7 Nov 1839
  6. GEORGE L.(LOGAN?) BYARS b 18 Jan 1842
  7. PERSIA CHRISTINA BYARS b 4 Jul 1844
  8. NANCY ELIZABETH BYARS b 6 Jan 1846
  9. \*JOHN ANDREW BYARS b 18 Oct 1848 Jefferson Co. AL d.2 Jun 1939 Moulton AL. m. LOUISA CAROLINE STUBBS, d/o JOSIAH THOMAS STUBBS & MARY ANN ELIZABETH [?Maiden name unknown?]. John & Louisa m. 6 Jan 1867, Trussville, AL., (He and Louisa were married 72 years) They had ten children:
    - a. MARY ANN CATHERINE BYARS, m. JOHN ALPHA WALKER, in Elgin, TX.
    - b. VICTORIA ELLEN BYARS m L. EDWARD HURST lived Town Creek AL & Texola,OK.



JOIN BYARS, CONTINUED

- c. THOMAS JOSIAH BYARS d. Moulton, AL
- d. DORA ALICE BYARS m WM. BENJAMIN STANSEL lived Jacksboro TX & Texola OK.
- e.\*JOIN D. LOGAN BYARS m LENA ELIZ. RATCLIFF, d 1962 Greensboro, Hale Co. AL., buried Pine Apple, AL.,
- f. LOUIS JEFFERSON BYARS m. PATTIE STEWART lived Moulton, AL
- g. MATTIE FANNIE BYARS m BENJ. FRANKLIN HURST lived Moulton, AL (buried together in one grave)
- h. JAMES WILLIAM BYARS m. CLEORA KEY lived Moulton,AL.
- i. GEORGE DANIEL BYARS m BESSIE LEE STEWART. He was a Sheriff, lived Moulton, AL
- j. LOUISA CAROLYN "CARRIE" BYARS m (1)LUKE PRYOR ALEXANDER (2) WALKER BARKER,lived Mouton, AL.

Sources: Carrie Lela Hurst Harrison; Byars Bible Record; Census Records; Cemeteries.

- 10. THOMAS JEFFERSON BYARS b 4 July 1851 m. NANCY CAROLINE COUNTIE ?COUNTS?
- V. MARY "POLLY" CAMPBELL BYARS b 3 June 1813, Spartanburg SC d 28 Jan 1891, Tuscaloosa Co. A. m 18 Mar 1832, JAMES T. BROGDEN. James b 23 July 1806, d 6 Feb 1860, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- VI. JAMES BYARS b ca 1818 Spartanburg Dist. SC m. ELIZABETH ANDERSON d/o ENOCH A. ANDERSON.
- VII.WILEY(WYLIE) BYARS b c 1820 Spartanburg Dist SC d. before 1850. m MARTHA ANDERSON, d/o ENOCH A. ANDERSON.
- VIII.MARTHA "PATSY" BYARS b ca 1821 m JAMES STAMPS
- IX. ELIZABETH BYARS b ca 1823 m SAMUEL LOGAN s/o LARKIN & FANNIE LOGAN (cousins)
- X. THADDEUS DUDLEY BYARS b 23 Mar 1824 Jefferson Co. AL d. 16 Oct 1885 TN m.12 Feb 1846, Tuscaloosa City, AL MELISSA SHAW.
- XI. MARGARET "PEGGY" ANN BYARS b Jefferson City, AL m. ALEXANDER FAULKNER (Killed in GA)

SOURCES: Ancestral Chart of WM. F. FRANKE of Birmingham, AL-VERA MARTIN file; RUTH BYARS SPOONER, Beloit, Wisc.; Baker Manuscript "Bridges to the Past"[Note: We have since learned that some of the data from this source is erroneous]; IGI records, Salt Lake City, UT.1474.

NOTES:PASSEY, age 63, 1850 Census, Tuscaloosa, ALA. She died at home of daughter DRUCILLA & DANIEL WATKINS, Jr. This family to Jefferson Co. AL 1820/21.

A QUESTION FROM CLOVIS

As we study the NATHANITES we learn they married relatives more often than not. Take this JOHN for instance: His daughter DRUCILLA m. DANIEL WATKINS JR. and his sister ELIZABETH m DANIEL WATKINS SR.[see Vol.I, No.1 p 11]. His daughter ELIZABETH m SAMUEL LOGAN and Dorothy's notes say they were first cousins. After DANIEL WATKINS Sr. died ELIZABETH his wife m. ENOCH ANDERSON. If our data is correct, two of ENOCH ANDERSON's daughters married their cousins: JAMES VI above m. ELIZABETH ANDERSON and WILEY VII. m. MARTHA ANDERSON, both daughters of ENOCH. If they were also the daughters of ELIZABETH BYARS, WATKINS, ANDERSON, four of JOHN & PASSIES children m. first cousins. Do we have any documentation for the above, like marriage records, Bible records, etc. or has this all been handed down and around,until we don't really know where it all originated from?

Nathanites beware!! We are not looking hard enough for those documents!!! It's just too easy to accept that which has not been proven and go on to the next generation.

NOTICE

Clovis is way behind on correspondence. A middle ear infection has really put me behind. If I owe you a letter please don't despair. I'll catch up, sooner or later. Probably later.

Until further notice(until I can remember to take originals to the printer) I am out of copies of Vol. I, all four issues of our Enquirer.

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???QUERIES???QUERIES???QUERIES???QUERIES???QUERIES???

#1-RE:ENOCH ANDERSON, ELIZABETH BYARS

ENOCH ANDERSON, shown 1850 Warren Co. TN census with MARTHA BYARS, age 30 b. TN. [See Vol.I No.3, p 72] Then he is shown again in 1860. I suggest that the MARTHA BYARS is his daughter that married WILEY(WYLIE) BYARS, s/o of JOHN BYARS and MARY ANN "PASSIE" LOGAN. I also suggest that his wife, ELIZABETH (d/o of NATHAN & DRUCILLA (HARRELSON) BYARS was already dead, unless they divorced and she remarried. Have the divorce records of Warren Co. TN been searched? Who has access to those records? Is it possible that the death date of 26 Oct. 1888, is in fact the death date of ELIZABETH ANDERSON BYARS, wife of JAMES BYARS, s/o JOHN BYARS and MARY ANN "PASSIE" LOGAN?[see page 4 & 5 this issue]

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#2-CONRAD BOYER/MARGARET RIEL

I have been researching the descendants of CONRAD BOYER and MARGARET RIEL of Westmoreland Co., PA., and would like to contact others researching the same family. So far the Association of American Boyers have refused to share their mailing list or even correspond with members.

(58B12/87) KAREN BYERS CAVANAUGH, 2238 Cimarron Pass, Ft. Wayne, IN 46815

[Karen, I notice your maiden name is BYERS, so I assume you have reason to believe that the name changed from BOYER to BYERS. There are many that subscribe to that particular name change theory, but just as many who do not. I would like to have some data on this name change to publish if you have any. And in defense of the Boyer Assoc. I must say, it takes a lot of time to answer each letter and/or request that is received. (Some of our members can testify that I don't always get around to answering my mail either) Do they have a publication such as a newsletter or quarterly? If they do I'd sure like to have an address, perhaps they would be interested in an exchange with our publication. That would be an excellent way to check on data between the different names. cbh]

#3-MARY ANN(MOLLIE) BYERS, DAVID BYERS

This is my second inquiry. I would like to correspond with anyone that has info concerning MARY ANN (MOLLIE) BYERS, b 22 Nov. 1843 in GA. She was d/o DAVID BYERS, b ca 1823 NC? His wife REBECCA was from GA. MARY ANN BYERS m JAMES FRANKLIN BLACKWELL 12 Oct 1866 in or near Blount Co. TN. Could my DAVID BYERS possibly be DAVID P. BYERS the s/o SAMUEL BYERS as shown in Vol.I, No.4 pg 100? Any info what so ever would indeed be deeply appreciated. I'm sure MARY ANN (MOLLIE) BYERS had siblings. [Thurlo can you help Don? You seem to have much data in your files on that family. How about you Dr. Meek. Do you have anything to pass on to Don?]

(38B12/86) DON W. CARDEN, 420 So. Wilson, Olympia, WA 98501

QUERIES CONTINUED ON PAGE 14 & 22

"PLEASE SEND QUERIES IN ON SEPARATE PAPER  
& INCLUDE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS"



WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE MAKING TRACKS? WHERE ARE THEY GOING?  
Why are they so excited? What are they rushing for? They are  
"TRACKING NATHANITES"

I just hope they will soon track on down to headquarters with some very important "ancestor information." That is what they are rushing for you know. Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow will slow them down. As an ex-newspaper person, I believe that searching in every nook and cranny and in all the cracks and crevices will pay off. I believe we are on track of something many of us have been desperately searching for, proof of NATHAN's father. We are increasing our knowledge by bits and pieces and several of you have contributed.

I was on one of my tracking ventures when AUDREY GLEN gave me a clue. She was kind enough to send the information she has on her line. At the bottom of the page she listed JAMES BYARS and wife RACHEL MATTHEWS as NATHAN's parents. I almost fell out of my chair. As far as I know, no one has suggested this before. I have written for source and am sure I will hear back soon. If we get this authenticated we will, hopefully be on the right track.[Ruth went over some of the data published in Vol.I. She had written this before she rec'd No. 4.]

All this info sent me on a NATHANITE TRACKING TRIP....Unfortunately it rained almost the entire two weeks, but we had fun anyway.

#### VIRGINIA LAND RECORDS

In Hanover Co. VA there are only two old books in the clerks office. The oldest is designated the "Small Book" This book covers the years 1734-35 and contains order, wills, deeds etc. The "Larger Book" is a deed book for 1780-1790.

Pg 93, Feb 1734: JOHN X BYARS to his son JAMES BYARS. (James having been born 1713 was 21 years old and legally able to receive land by deed).

Pg 109, Oct 17, 1787: JEREMIAH BYARS 100 a.- $\frac{1}{2}$  mill, called New Market Mill, formerly owned by JAMES BYARS and by him given to his son JEREMIAH.

Pg 109, Mar 15, 1788: Examination of RACHEL, wife of JAMES BYARS, & C ( I do not know what & C means RB)[Nor do I cbh]

Pg 109, Feb 8, 1890 [surely this is an error and should read 1790] JAMES BYARS and RACHEL his wife to PLEASANT FERRILL, mill on Little River.

Pg 116, Oct 4 1787; WILLIAM X DAVIS and SARAH X his wife, to JEREMIAH BYARS "New Market Mill" and land there to adjoining THOMAS TREVILIAN, JEREMIAH BYARS on Little River

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VIRGINIA LAND RECORDS, CONTINUED

Pg 125, Nov. 22, 1784: JOHN HENDRICK of Hanover to his children, WM. HENDRICK, ELIZABETH BYARS, BARBARA ANDERSON, NANCY HENDRICK, POLLY HENDRICK AND SALLY HENDRICK.

The above facts of course are not conclusive but they do, hopefully present a few pertinent facts. We have parents for NATHAN (JAMES & RACHEL) of Hanover Co. VA.

"CLOVIS ON A SOAP BOX!!"

HOLD

IT!!

The facts above don't prove James & Rachel are Nathan's parents. They prove James had a son JEREMIAH, but until we find a document that names NATHAN as a son, or even indicates he's a son we must not assume they are his parents. I don't mean to be rude, but I truly feel the "Nathanites" are jumping to conclusions without having all the evidence. I know it's been a long, hard search but PLEASE don't start putting names down on your ancestor chart as Nathans father yet. I understand some have already gone into patriotic groups with a JOHN as NATHAN's father, but let's not fool ourselves into thinking we have the problem solved. I hope those people make tracks to original records (much is left out of abstracts) and find ALL THE EVIDENCE before they draw conclusions that are apt to be proven wrong. If you must put a given name to Nathan's father, there must be a question mark beside it. I get off my box.cbh

VIRGINIA, BITS

from Ruth

VA., Master index: Surveys & Grants, 1774-1791 p28 K.H.S. Vol. 32, original survey 7968: JAMES BYARS 551 3/4 acres.

Census Index [No year given] First census taken p 24, listed JAMES BYARS & JEREMIAH BYARS.

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ISAAC BYERS, VA, OH, IL

From: (13B) JANE BYE, 156 Rosebud Row, Zephyrills, FL 34248

[Jane calls this Bits & Pieces in her files]

From SHIRLEY PARISH, found in History of Sangamon Co. IL.

"ELIZABETH BYERS, Springfield, IL was born Hancock Co., O[OH?], March 27, 1836, daughter of Dr.A.F. and DIDEMA (WHITLOCK) BAIND.

Mrs. BYERS married Jan 1861 to ISAAC BYERS born in Virginia near Harpers Ferry. Was a farmer in native state and Ohio from which state he came to and located in Sangamon Co., near Springfield, Nov. 1861. Mr. BYERS educated in VA served in Union Army of the late war by joining the 37th IL infantry. [He] died Oct. 9, 1877 after an affliction of paralysis for 3 years. Had four children: JOHN, MAY, MARY E. and GROVER.

JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA

Land Entries: JAMES BYERS from Fleming Co. KY, 9-13-1816

BARREN CO. KENTUCKY

Order Book #1 & #2, 1799-1805

p 29, JOHN BYERS, 200 acres, Nov. Court 1804

p 47, JOHN BYERS appointed Constable in 3 precincts July 1805

p 61/2 JAMES BYERS for stealing a canoe [Jane did not copy all of this.]

HARDIN CO. KENTUCKY

[Marriages?] 1792-1812

JAMES BYERS m MARGARET BRATCHER, surety JOHN BYERS; Consent for MARGARET signed WM. BRATCHER. Consent for JAMES signed by DANIEL BYERS, Mar 12, 1806

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EBENEZER BYERS

REVOLUTIONARY PENSION APPLICATION

Transcribed from a photocopy of the original handwritten copy by MARION STARK CRAIG, M.D., 300 Beckwood Rd. Little Rock AR 72205 14 Dec. 1986. EBENEZER was son of SAMUEL BYERS, Sr. and brother of my [Dr. Craig's] THOMAS BYERS

State of Pennsylvania - Mercer County:

"On the 26 day of June A.D. 1837 personally appeared in open court Ebenezer BYERS a resident of Mercer County in the State of Pennsylvania, aged about seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That in the year 1777 he resided in Washington County, Pennsylvania. The Indians there committing such depredations and annoying that settlement, that the inhabitants were forced to protect themselves in forts. That this deponent was stationed in WALLER'S Fort on the waters of Buffalo in Washington County from the first of May until the first of November, except for three weeks in harvest, of that year under the command of Capt. James BUCHANAN. During that time was engaged scouting the country. In the year 1781, he served as a volunteer for one month on Robinson's Run, Washington County, under the command of Captain Robert MILLER. During this time the company were engaged in protecting the frontier and in the same year served another month under the command of Capt. Van SWEARINGIN in the same neighborhood as above. In the year 1782 he served one month under the command of Ensign David RUPLE. This was in the month of April and May of that year and the service performed on the water of Wheeling Creek, Washington County. In all the above service there were no General or Field Officers. No officer in that service higher than a Captain. In the same spring, deponent volunteered in a company commanded by Capt. CHARLES BILDERBACK as a mounted volunteer and went into service under Colonel CRAWFORD, and was in CRAWFORD'S defeat on the plains of Sandusky, which took place on the 4th, 5th & 6th of June 1782.\* This tour was for two months. In the services above referred to deponent was discharged by parole and not in writing. Hence he has no written discharge to exhibit.

"He was born in Adams County, then York, in the State of Pennsylvania. The year he cannot recall. That he has no record of his age but believes from the best information the he is the age above stated. That he was living in Washington County, Pennsylvania when called into service and that he has lived ever since in Pennsylvania. That in all his service he was a volunteer and served from a sense of duty to protect the county from the ravages of the Indians. That there are no officer, nor is there any one whose testimony he can procure now living who were in service with him. That he served in no other capacity than a private. There are many whom deponent could name who could testify as to his character for veracity & he will only name Alexander BOYD, a clergyman, and William S. RANKIN. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll agency of any state except the State of

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Pennsylvania for forty dollars.

"Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written in open court 26th June 1837.

(Signed) E. BYERS

\*Col. Crawford was tortured and burned at the stake by the Indians!!.

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SAMUEL BYERS

Data from: DR. MARION CRAIG, address above. Also see ANNE GARWOOD'S work sheets, Vol.I, No 3, page 55.

The following was sent to Dr. Marion by RAYMOND M. BELL, 413 Burton Ave. Washington, PA 15301. He is a retired professor at W & J. [I'm not sure of full name of college] I have abstracted data from page 233, History of Beers and Washington County, Pennsylvania.

"Rev. GEORGE MC DONALD, the leading character in this sketch, was born February 25, 1825, in Donegal Township, Washington Co., Penn., near West Alexander. GEORGE MC DONALD, his grandfather, was a native of Scotland, from either Rosshire or Sutherlandshire, and related to FLORA MC DONALD, the heroine of two dynasties and two continents....Grandfather MC DONALD was twice married: first to Miss GORDON, and they had one son WILLIAM. After the death of his first wife, he married BARBARA MC DONALD the result of which marriage was two sons, JOHN and GEORGE. He (grandfather) immigrated to America in the good ship "Janet," in 1773, and located on the Potomac near Mt. Vernon. After the close of the war for Independence, he with his family crossed the Alleghanies, and purchased a farm on Chartiers creek, near the present county home. Here his son JOHN was born. There he remained from 1780 to 1792, when he purchased and moved to a farm in East Finley township, south of Claysville, where he passed the remainder of his life....He died November 25, 1811, and was laid to rest beside his wife, who had preceded him, in the church burial ground at West Alexander.

JOHN MC DONALD, son of GEORGE, was born in 1788, in Chartiers township, Washington Co., Penn., but in early life went with his parents to their new home in East Finley township. In his early

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IS IT A FACT?

PLEASE don't stake your genealogy on just one source!!! Check all Will records, Probate records, and look for newspaper obits for that period, Bible records will also verify dates. When a man dies, he is no longer listed on the tax roll. His widow, or his children take his place. Find land records and follow that land until it is sold out of the family. Use land records for clues to family relations. Usually witnesses are related by blood or marriage. But, remember there are exceptions to the rules (and I think all of my ancestors took delight in being exceptions to rules).

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JOHN BYERS(BEYERS/BOYERS)

From:(57B) MRS. RAYMOND VOGEL, Rt.1, Box 85, Newell, IA 50568  
JOHN BYERS(BEYERS/BOYERS) b ca 1794 Maryland (Perhaps Hagerstown) was dead by 1881. He married 15 Apr 1819, Stark Co. OH, ELIZABETH SHAFFER b ca 1800 PA (?d 15 Aug 1856?, buried Liberty Cemetery, Paris Twp, Stark Co. OH??) They had six [known] children:

1. ELIZABETH BYERS b ca 1830 OH
2. CATHERINE BYERS b ca 1832 OH
3. JEREMIAH BYERS b ca 1833 OH
4. \*WILLIMA ELI BYERS b 4 March 1835 Stark Co.,OH.
5. JOHN BYERS b ca 1837 OH
6. LEVINA BYERS b ca 1840 OH

In 1850, JOHN BYERS (b ca 1794) living in Paris Twp, Stark Co. OH. BEYERS in 1850 Census.

[Mrs. Vogel, it's doubtful that #1. Elizabeth was the first child born to this couple. Were there other BEYERS/BYERS in Stark Co., in 1850 that were the right age to have been this couples children? They married in 1819, and you can see the birth pattern of the six known childred. It's more than probable that there were children born before 1830 when ELIZABETH was born. Perhaps a further study of Stark Co. records will reveal data regarding the family.

ADDRESS CHANGE

JAMES H. GORDON #15B has moved. His new address is: 1115 Sumner St. Apt #5, El Cajon, CA 92021

FROM OUR AD IN THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER

This info was sent to us by: TREE TRACKERS LIBRARY, PHYLLIS ELDRIDGE FRIESNER, HCR-01, Box 41, Eagle Rock, MO 65641. Ms. Friesner said, " The enclosed info was gleaned from a 58 pg of family history book, of hand copied pedigree charts, family group sheets, photocopy pages of photographs of tombstones, clippings from newspapers, Bible Sheets and typed family info pages. The book mostly is the WILHITE family lineage...The book evidently was compiled by Mrs. BOBBIE LEVIRL BYARS LYNCH (Mrs. Richard) the daughter of TILDON PIERCE BYARS. [The] book was rescued from destruction in Feb 1984 at Des Moines, IA and donated to the above [Tree Trackers Library] I have many such books papers, notebooks that have been saved from trash piles, throw away items at auction sales, found in attics of old houses...I save them all and occasionally advertise or submit queries in hopes of finding someone interested. Some of the family histories I have added information to the lineages and place all correspondence received with the books." [Ed note: I have written to Phyllis for info on copies]

Front page inscription hand written: Family record of BILLY D. BYARS, 1976. Merry Christmas from your sis' Bobbie.

Pg 1: Hand written pedigree chart:

1. BILLY DEAN BYARS b 20 Feb 1926 Springdale, AR
2. TILDON PIERCE BYARS b 7 May 1906 Greer Co OK, d 5 Jan 1976 Santa Monica CA. m 13 May 1926 OK to ANNIE NORENE WILHITE

PLEASE NOTE: I had planned to complete this is this issue, but simply ran out of room. I don't like continued articles my self but have no choice, this time cbh.

BULLITT COUNTY KENTUCKY

From JANE BYE's Bits & Pieces  
[Marriages?]

NATHAN BYERS, SALLY SAUNDERS m. Dec. 21 1814 (d/o CHRISTIAN JAMES SAUNDERS).  
DANIEL BYARS, Poll Tax March, 1795

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HARDIN COUNTY KENTUCKY

1793, [Tax Roll?] Sep 10

DANIEL BYARS: 1 white male over 21, 2 horses, mares, mules, or colts, 7 cattle,  
taxes on land 250.No females listed.

1794, April list

JAMES BYARS 1 white male over 21, 3 horses, 7 cattle, 230 land

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INDIANA TERRITORY, CENSUS 1807

SILAS BYERS, RANDOLPH CO.

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DOROTHY HAYS WORK SHEETS

For years Dorothy has been gathering data on our variously spelled name. Her address is: 1300 Merry Hills, High Point, NC 27260. If you have additional info on these families, Please share it with Dorothy through our publication. In that manner she can update and so can all our members. PLEASE REMEMBER, these are WORK SHEETS and subject to change upon receipt of further documentation.

I. JOHN BYARS, Hanover & Louisa Co. VA

JOHN BYARS b ca 1690, Hanover Co. VA. m. ELIZABETH GLEN (d/o of JAMES GLEN & HANNAH (UNKNOWN)) Elizabeth d. ca 1763 Hanover Co., VA. Known children:[Child]

1. JAMES HENRY BYARS b ca 1713 Hanover Co. VA. d. 1792 St. Johns Parish, Granville Co., NC. M. 1st PEGGY GENTRY m.  
2nd. RACHEL MATHEWS.

SOURCES:VA Mag. of Hist. & Bio., Vol.47 Pgs 16-19, Will of JOHN GLENN; American BOYERS, Pgs 238-40;Wash. Co. Hist. Soc. of Abingdon, VA, Bulletin,9-18,1941-1943; 1900 acres Hanover Co. VA., St. Paul's Parish, 24 Sep 1708, Vestry BK p 130; JOHN BYARS of St. Martin's Parish Deeds to JAMES & HIS HEIRS, everything. 8 Feb 1734, Vestry BK p 183;Louisa Co.VA, Deed BK C,p168, JAMES BYARS of St. Martin's Parish, Hanover Co.gives 12 Oct 1762 to son JOHN in Trinity Parish, Co of Louisa, Land & Plantation in Louisa Co., Trinity Parish (Homeplace on waters of Contrary Creek).

I. 1.JAMES HENRY BYARS

Known child by first marriage to PEGGY GENTRY, who d. after 1734

\*1A CAPT. JOHN BYARS b 14 Mar 1734, Trinity Parish, Louisa Co. VA. d. 21 Dec 1781 Louisa Co. VA.,m ELIZABETH THOMASON.[See Vol.I, No.4 pg 104]

Sources: American Boyers pp 238-239; Wash. Co. Hist. Soc. Abingdon, VA. Bulletin 4-18, 1941-43 p 5-10; Mrs. W.J. Byars, 2802 Doaks Ferry Rd.,NW, Salem, OR 97304  
Children by second marriage to RACHEL MATHEWS ca 1749

2A JEREMIAH "JENNY" BYARS b ca 1750 m LUCY THORNTON MINOR

3A BARBARA BYARS b ca 1752 d. 1821 Mercer Co.,KY m CHARLES COSBY

4A JAMES HENRY BYARS JR.b ca 1761 (Granville Co.NC?) m. ELIZABETH HENDRICKS  
d/o JOHN HENDRICKS, Hanover Co. VA.

Sources: American Boyers pgs 238-39; Wash.Co.Hist. Soc., Abingdon, VA Bulletin 9-18, 1941-43 pgs 5; Mrs. W.J. Byars, 2802 Doaks Ferry Rd. NW, Salem, OR 97304; Byars Family History, by Nell Byars Thaten, pgs 126-131; The Minor Family of VA. p 44.;Louisa Co. Deed BK c p168.



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DOROTHY HAYS-WORK SHEETS , CONTINUED

NOTE:The following children have been suggested:

?5A? NATHAN BYARS m. 1st DRUCILLA HARRELSON 2nd DELPHY LOGAN

?6A? WILLIAM BYARS, Rev. Sol. b Granville Co. NC. d. Rutherford Co. NC.

?7A? GEORGE BYARS b & d Granville Co. NC

NOTE:Between JOHN b 1734 and JEREMIAH b 1750 is 16 years. Did he wait 15 years to remarry?

\*1A ADDITIONAL DATA on CAPT. JOHN BYARS & ELIZABETH THOMASON

See: Vol.I, No.4 pg 104

Child #1 MARY BYARS d. 16 July 1785. m. DAVID SMITH, Oct 1775

Children: BETSY SMITH, PLEASANT SMITH, ROXANNA SMITH.

Child #2 JANE BYARS m SHERROD (SHERWOOD) MATTHEWS 8 Jan 1779, Louisa Co. VA.

He left will, 1822, Wash. Co., VA. Known children: "POLLY"MATTHEWS m NELSON HOPKINS 1802 Louisa Co. VA, & ANDERSON BYARS MATTHEWS.VA.Line of DOROTHY TODD, 11533 Pine Cone Ct.,Reston, VA 22091)

Child #3 ELIZABETH BYARS d 28 Apr 1766, Louisa Co. VA

Child #4 JAMES BYARS d 17 Sep 1817 Jefferson Co. KY, m LOVINA SMITH 19 Dec 1782

(Line of MARY JO EVERETT, 1770 Ferguson Rd.,No. 206, Allison PK, PA 15101

Child #5 SALLY BYARS m 12 Jan 1789 Louisa Co. VA, WILLIAM BIBB COLE

Child #6 JOHN BYARS Jr. settled Smyth Co. VA, d 1 Nov 1814 (Annals of S.W.VA, 1769/1800, by Lewis Preston Sommers. Wash. Co.VA p1335 "Sept. 6,1797; ISAAC ROSMAN & wife MARY to JOHN BYARS, 167 a on waters of Middle Fork of Holton River. Wit: FREDERICK ICKES, JACOB BLESSING,ARTHUR BOWEN) Remember he m AGNES BOWEN

Child #7 MARTHA BYARS m 27 May 1788 Louisa Co. VA., NATHANIEL HARRIS

Child #8 FLEMING BYARS, to Indiana, d 1853, m FANNIE MC CLURE

(Line of husband of Mrs. W.J. HILMA BYARS)

Child #9 ANNA BYARS m 6 Oct 1789 WILLIAM SMITH, s/o EDWIN

Child #10:GEORGE BYARS b 15 Aug 1771, Louisa Co.VA.m (1) REBECCA SIMS,8 Sep 1814.

(2) SARAH C. WATKINS. He was not listed on the NSDAR papers. He is the line of: DORRIS LAGOW, 343 W. Park Dr. Columbia, IL 62236; Mr. ELSON F. SPANGLER, 1465 Sodon Dr. Bloomfield Hills, Mich 48013; MARY L. BIXBY, 2141 E. Vine Ave.West Covina, CA 91791

Child #11 JEMIMA BYARS d 24 Apr 1817, m \_\_\_WAMPLER

Child #12 BETSY BYARS m. \_\_\_FOX

Child #13 Capt/Col. WILLIAM BYARS d 12 Feb 1865 Washington Co.Va. m ELIZABETH

BEATY d/o WILLIAM a Pioneer of Washington Co., VA.

Child #14 REBECCA BYARS d 16 July 1812 Washington Co. VA

Dorothy's Sources: Hist. Sou. Familie by Boddie Vo.10; Will of Capt JOHN BYARS Bk 2 p 379 Louisa Co. VA June 1780; Wash. Co. VA. Hist. Soc. Abingdon, VA Bulletin #9-18, 1941-43 p 10 "When Capt. JOHN BYARS died his widow and her son WILLIAM and a younger sister (REBECCA) moved to Wash. Co. VA and built a log house near the home of Col. DYSART on the creek between Brock Hall and Cove Spring, home of the of the late A. MACK BYARS.";Estate Settlement Deed BK I p603, 25 Sep 1798 (18 yrs later); Byars Family History by Thaten p126-7; American Boyers pp 238-9; VA & Virginians p707; VA Homes & Churches p 466.

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I.1A.#4. JAMES BYARS, DOROTHY HAYS, WORKSHEET

JAMES BYARS (s/o Capt. JOHN BYARS Sr.& ELIZABETH THOMASON) b.12 Mar 1761 Louisa Co. VA d. 17 Sep 1817, Jefferson Co.,KY. M. 19 Dec 1782, Louisa Co. VA., LOVINA SMITH d/o JOHN SMITH & ELIZABETH LIPSCOMB. She d 1815 VA. Children:

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JAMES BYARS by Dorothy, Continued

1. ELIZABETH "BETSY" BYARS b 3 Apr 1784 d. by 1851, m WILLIAM WINSLOW
2. JOHN S (SMITH?) BYARS b 1 Feb 1788 d. by 1851
3. NATHAN BYARS b 17 Dec 1789 d by 1851
4. NANCY BYARS b 24 Oct 1791 d. by 1851
5. MARY "POLLY" BYARS b 25 Oct 1793 Louisa Co. VA d 1786 Lyon, KS., buried Maplewood Cemetery. Married 23 Feb 1813 Clarke Co., IN., SAMUEL HINKLE (Line of MARY JO EVERRETT, 1770 Ferguson Rd.#206, Allison Pk., PA 15101)
6. JAMES DILLARD BYARS b 6 Dec 1795 Culpepper Co., VA d. 1 Mar 1879, Simpsonville, Shelby Co., KY. m. 1st NANCY BAYNE 28 Mar 1822/3, Had a son: FRANCES ASBURY BYARS b. 16 Nov 1836 KY., d 9 Sep 1882. m 1 May 1864 MARY LOUISE OWEN. JAMES D.m. 2nd CAROLINE BUCKNER. (Line of JAMES BYARS CARTER, M.D.2802 Northwood, Austin, TX 78703
7. PATSY BYARS b 5 Jan 1798 m (1) JOSEPH HARDY 18 Mar 1830. m(2)? JERRY? WELLMAN.
8. LUCINDA BYARS b 22 Jul 1800, d by 1851, m. 8 Mar 1836 ?THOMAS WELLMAN??
9. MALINDA BYARS under 21 in 1819, d by 1851 m JOSHUA NORTON 20 Dec 1834?
- 10.??WILLIAM BYARS under 21 in 1819

SOURCES: Byars Family History by NELL BYARS THATEN, pp126-27; American Boyers pp238-39; Family Bible of JAMES & LOVINA (SMITH) BYARS: Descendants listed above.

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I.1A.#6. JOHN BYARS JR. & AGNES BOWEN

JOHN BYARS JR. & AGNES BOWEN had the following [known] children:

1. JOHN BYARS b ca 1811 d. 1890 m JANE B. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. GEORGE BYARS
3. ARTHUR BYARS
4. ELIZABETH BYARS b ca 1839
5. SARAH AMANDA BYARS b ca 1847 d 31 Dec 1856.

SOURCES: Byars Family History by NELL BYARS THATEN p 127; Notes:

JOHN settled N of Marion, now Smyth Co. VA. Source, Letter 3 Feb 1983 Wash. Co. Hist. Soc. Some Descendants went to Warren Co. TN.

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I.1A.#8 FLEMING BYARS Sr. & FANNIE MCCLURE

FLEMING BYARS Sr. m. FANNIE MCCLURE 1804, [Rockbridge Co. VA?] Their children:

1. ELIZABETH "ELIZA" BYARS
2. WILLIAM BYARS
3. FLEMING BYARS JR.
4. NATHAN BYARS
5. MARY BYARS d young.

Sources: Byars Family History by NELL BYARS THATEN p 127

Hist. Rockbridge Co., VA p 407, marriage record; Mrs. W.J. (Hilma) Byars, Salem, OR

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I.1A.#10 GEORGE BYARS, DOROTHYS WORK SHEETS, CONTINUED

GEORGE BYARS (s/o CAPT. JOHN BYARS & ELIZABETH THOMASON) b 15 Aug 1771, Louisa Co. VA. d. 11 May 1843, Smyth Co. VA. He m. 1st REBECCA SIMS. He was a Captain in the War of 1812. He lived near Seven Mile ford, Smyth Co. VA

He and Rebecca had two known children:

1. JOHN BYARS
2. WILLIAM PEYTON BYARS b 11 May 1792 VA d. 26 Aug 1873, Marion Co. IL., Haynes Twp. buried Byars Cem. Married NANCY SUTTON in TN.

Sources: Byars Family History by Thaten p 128; Child #2 line of DORRIS LAGOW, 343 West Park Dr. Columbia, IL 62236; ELSON F. SPANGLER, 1465 Sodon Lake Dr. Bloomfield Hills, Mich 48013

GEORGE BYARS, CONTINUED

On 8 Sep 1814, Washington Co. VA., GEORGE BYARS m 2nd. SARAH C. WATKINS. Their children:

- 3.(1 ELIZABETH BYARS
- 4.(2 SARAH ANN BYARS
- 5.(3 MINERVA BYARS
- 6.(4 MARY JANE BYARS
- 7.(5 FLEMING BYARS (ancestor of ELSON F. SPANGLER)
- 8.(6 THOMAS J. BYARS
- 9.(7 CASSANDRA AMERICA BYARS b 5 Aug 1826 Washington Co. VA. d 7 June 1883, Henderson Co. KY. m 8 Oct 1846, Smyth Co. VA GEORGE WASHINGTON STEFFY (ancestor of: MARY LOUISE BIXBY, 2141 E. Vine Ave, West Covina, CA 91791 & ELIZABETH MARTIN, P.O. Box 6262 Hayward, CA 94540
- 10(8 CLAYBORNE M. BYARS.

Sources: Byars Family History by Thaten p 128 & Descendants listed above.

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???QUERIES???QUERIES???QUERIES???CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

#1-JOIN BYERS (BOYERS) & ELIZABETH LANIZ

Need info on parents of:

JOHN BYERS, b 12 Sept 1779, VA d 18 June 1855, Shepardstown, WV. He m 10 Aug 1809 at Shepardstown, ELIZABETH LANIZ. Elizabeth b 12 Sep 1774 d 5 Dec 1859. They had a son:

1. JOHN BYERS, b 23 June 1810, Shepardstown, d 10 May 1875. He m, 24 Jan 1833, ANN MARGARET WEIS.

Sources: Cottage Bible.

CHARLISE (Mrs. T.R.) HOPKINS, 3402 Par Rd. Sebring, FL 33870

MORE QUERIES PAGE 22

SANDS of HISTORY

by: THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121

On Sat. Nov. 22, 1884 in Cairo, IL "BUFFALO BILL" CODY and his Wild West Circus were giving a performance. My Dad, THOMAS A. BYERS, a lad of thirteen, was there and met "Buffalo Bill." When CODY patted THOMAS on the shoulder it scared him stiff. Now, that was no earth shaking event, but this was!

On Wed., Oct 26, 1898 in Malden, MO my grandfather, WILLIAM RICHARD SPEARS (1830 TN -1917 MO) and his son LONEY (1880 IL- 1963 MI) performed a service for the Ringling Bro's Circus.

While in Ft. Smith AR, on the 21st one of their railway cars caught fire. Three animals died at once and another was seriously injured. The Circus moved to Little Rock, Pine Bluff and Paragould AR and while in route to Cape Girardeau, MO the fourth animal died in Malden. That is when the Spears buried an elephant.

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GET WELL WISHES

to SYLVIA BYERS, 840 Mission Canyon Rd. Santa Barbara CA 93105. Sylvia is recovering from surgery. Her husband and THURLO B BYERS are "cousins." The first connections that Thurlo has ever found.

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Our good Col. GEORGE BYERS, sent 1790 Census for all States that had BYERS "Heads of Families" including variants, but with doubtful variants questioned. This should be a most helpful reference tool for all of us.

NOTE: The 1790 Census for GEORGIA & NEW JERSEY were lost.

The 1790 Delaware Census has been reconstructed.

| HEAD of HOUSEHOLD | MALES AGE-16 & OVER | MALES AGE-UNDER 16 | FEMALES | OTHERS-SLAVES Free |
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| CONNECTICUT    |   |   |   |     |
| TOLLAND COUNTY |   |   |   |     |
| BYERS, LEONARD | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 0 |

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| MARYLAND           |   |   |   |     |
| ANN-ARUNDEL COUNTY |   |   |   |     |
| BAYER, WILLIAM     | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 0 |

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| BALTIMORE COUNTY |    |   |   |     |
| BIAS, JOSEPH     | 5  | 1 | 5 | 0 1 |
| BIAS, JAMES      | 5  | 2 | 2 | 0 3 |
| BIAS, CAPT.      | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 |
| BYER, ELISABETH  | 0  | 2 | 2 | 0 0 |

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| WASHINGTON COUNTY |   |   |   |     |
| BYER, JOHN        | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 0 |

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| MASSACHUSETTS    |   |   |   |     |
| HAMPSHIRE COUNTY |   |   |   |     |
| BYERS, JAMES     | 2 | 3 | 6 | 0 0 |

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| SUFFOLK COUNTY |   |   |   |     |
| BIERS, JOHN    | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 0 |

DELAWARE:NO ENUMERATION

NORTH WEST FORK HUNDRED

BYAS, STANDLEY

AREA NOT NOTED

BYARS, JAMES

BYARS, SAM[UEL]

NORTH CAROLINA

NOT LISTED BY Col. GEORGE, but a possible variant:

GRANVILLE COUNTY, FISHING CREEK DIST.

BASS, NATHAN, No Enumeration

BASS, REUBEN, No Enumeration

BYART, MARY, No Enumeration, Big question mark by Col. George

GRANVILLE COUNTY, ISLAND CREEK DIST.

BYARS, WILLIAM, No Enumeration

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| LINCOLN COUNTY, MORGAN DIST. 2nd COMPANY     |   |   |   |      |
| BYERS, Jno.                                  | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 0  |
| RUTHERFORD COUNTY, MORGAN DIST. 3rd COMPANY  |   |   |   |      |
| BYERS, Jno                                   | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 0  |
| RUTHERFORD COUNTY, MORGAN DIST. 10th Company |   |   |   |      |
| BIAS, NATHAN                                 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 0  |
| IREDELL COUNTY, SALISBURY DIST.              |   |   |   |      |
| BIARS, JAMES                                 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 6  |
| BIARS, JOSEPH                                | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 21 |
| BYERS, WILLIAM                               | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 0  |

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| SOUTH CAROLINA            |   |   |   |     |
| YORK COUNTY, CAMDEN DIST. |   |   |   |     |
| BYERS, Dd                 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 4 |
| BYERS, WM                 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 0 2 |
| BYERS, WM                 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 8 |
| BYUERS, EDWD              | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 6 |
| BYERS, SAML               | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 1 |

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1790 CENSUS CONTINUED

SOUTH CAROLINA

| HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD                                   | MALES AGE-MALES AGE-FEMALES |          | OTHERS-SLAVES |     |
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| CHARLESTON DIST. ST. PHILLIPS & ST. MICHAELS PARISH |                             |          |               |     |
| BUYER, JOHN GOODY                                   | 1                           | 0        | 2             | 0 0 |
| SPARTANBURG COUNTY, NINETY-SIX DIST.                |                             |          |               |     |
| BISE, WM [? by Col]                                 | 4                           | 1        | 2             | 0 0 |
| BISE, JONATHAN [?"]                                 | 1                           | 0        | 1             | 0 0 |
| BISE, ABRAHAM [?"]                                  | 1                           | 0        | 3             | 0 0 |
| BISE, JOHN                                          | 1                           | 2        | 2             | 0 0 |
| BYRAR, JAMES                                        | 2                           | 4        | 3             | 0 0 |
| BIAS, WM[?by Col.]                                  | 1                           | 2        | 3             | 0 0 |
| BISE, JENOT                                         | 0                           | 2        | 3             | 0 0 |
| BOYES, JOHN[?by Col]                                | 1                           | 0        | 0             | 0 0 |
| BYAR, RACHEL[?"]                                    | 0                           | 0        | 2             | 0 1 |

VIRGINIA

| HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD                                                 | WHITE | BLACK                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| AMELIA COUNTY, List of SAM'L SHERWIN                              |       |                        |
| BYASSE, JOHN                                                      | 6     | 1                      |
| BYASSE, JOHN                                                      | 7     | 0[not on Sherwin list] |
| HANOVER, Capt. JOHN THOMSON & THOMAS PRICE & Gent'l JOHN LAWRENCE |       |                        |
| BYARSE, JAMES                                                     | 2     | 8                      |
| BYARSE, JEREMIAH                                                  | 4     | 4                      |
| AMHERST COUNTY                                                    |       |                        |
| BYAS, JOHN                                                        | 7     | 0                      |
| BYAS, JAMES                                                       | 6     | 0                      |
| BYAS, LARKIN                                                      | 5     | 0                      |
| BYAS, OBEDIAH                                                     | 1     | 0                      |
| BYASS, LARKIN                                                     | 6     | 0                      |

PENNSYLVANIA

PLEASE NOTE: I took the privilege of adding a few names that I noticed while typing. These are variants and not accepted by everyone. I simply feel, that given the handwriting style, and dialect of each area, that we may be over looking some of our ancestors. These additions are marked with \* cbh

| HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD              | MALE AGE-MALE AGE-FEMALES |          | OTHERS-SLAVES |     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------|-----|
|                                | 16 & UP                   | Under 16 |               |     |
| BEDFORD COUNTY                 |                           |          |               |     |
| BIRES, FREDRICK                | 1                         | 3        | 2             | 0 0 |
| BOYER, GEORGE*                 | 1                         | 0        | 4             | 0 0 |
| CHESTER COUNTY: BRANDYWINE TWP |                           |          |               |     |
| BYERS, SAM                     | 2                         | 2        | 2             | 0 0 |
| : CHARLESTON TWP               |                           |          |               |     |
| BOYERS, SAM                    | 1                         | 0        | 5             | 0 0 |
| BYARNS, WM                     | 2                         | 1        | 3             | 0 0 |
| : GOSHEN TWP                   |                           |          |               |     |
| BYERS, JOHN                    | 2                         | 0        | 4             | 0 0 |
| : KENNET TWP                   |                           |          |               |     |
| BARR, ROBERT                   | 3                         | 1        | 4             | 0 0 |
| : UWCHLAND TWP                 |                           |          |               |     |
| BYERS, MARGARET                | 1                         | 1        | 8             | 0 0 |
| BYERS, MARGARET                | 0                         | 0        | 4             | 0 0 |

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| HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD                                              | MALE AGE- | MALE AGE- | FEMALES | OTHERS- | SLAVES |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|
| :WEST TOWN TWP                                                 |           |           |         |         |        |
| BYERS, NICHOLAS                                                | 1         | 0         | 4       | 0       | 0      |
| CUMBERLAND COUNTY:HOPEWELL,NEWTON, TYBORN & WEST PENSBORO TWPS |           |           |         |         |        |
| BICE, SAMUEL                                                   | 1         | 2         | 1       | 0       | 0      |
| BYERS, JOHN                                                    | 3         | 4         | 4       | 0       | 0      |
| BYERS, JAMES                                                   | 1         | 4         | 5       | 0       | 0      |
| BYERS, JOHN                                                    | 1         | 1         | 1       | 0       | 0      |
| BYERS, FREDERICK                                               | 1         | 1         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| :EASTERN PORTION OF COUNTY                                     |           |           |         |         |        |
| BYAR, JACOB                                                    | 1         | 1         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| BYER, FREDRIC                                                  | 1         | 1         | 5       | 0       | 0      |
| BOWER, MARTAIN*                                                | 3         | 1         | 3       | 0       | 0      |
| BYERS, HENRY                                                   | 3         | 0         | 1       | 0       | 0      |
| BOYS, ROBERT*                                                  | 1         | 1         | 3       | 0       | 0      |
| BYARS, WILLIAM                                                 | 1         | 1         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| DAUPHIN COUNTY:HARRISBURH TOWN                                 |           |           |         |         |        |
| BARR, ALEXANDER*                                               | 1         | 1         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| :REMAINDER OF COUNTY                                           |           |           |         |         |        |
| BYERS, JAMES                                                   | 2         | 0         | 1       | 0       | 1      |
| BOYER, MARGARET*                                               | 0         | 1         | 6       | 0       | 0      |
| BOWER, GEORGE*                                                 | 1         | 0         | 3       | 0       | 0      |
| BYERS, JOHN                                                    | 1         | 3         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| BOWER, CONRAD*                                                 | 1         | 0         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| BUYER, GEORGE                                                  | 1         | 3         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| BUYER, JOHN                                                    | 3         | 4         | 3       | 0       | 0      |
| BYER, PETER                                                    | 1         | 1         | 4       | 0       | 0      |
| BYER, FREDERIC                                                 | 1         | 1         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| DELAWARE COUNTY:CHESTER TWP                                    |           |           |         |         |        |
| BYER, JACOB                                                    | 2         | 2         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| FAYETTE COUNTY:BULLSKIN TWP                                    |           |           |         |         |        |
| BOWERS, JOHN*                                                  | 1         | 1         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| :FRANKLIN TWP                                                  |           |           |         |         |        |
| BYRES, ANDREW, SR                                              | 4         | 2         | 1       | 0       | 0      |
| BYRES, JOHN                                                    | 1         | 1         | 3       | 0       | 0      |
| BYRES, ANDREW, JR                                              | 1         | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| BYRES, JAMES                                                   | 1         | 1         | 4       | 0       | 0      |
| HUNTINGSON COUNTY:                                             |           |           |         |         |        |
| BYRS, PETER                                                    | 2         | 3         | 1       | 0       | 0      |
| BYERS, HENERY                                                  | 1         | 1         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| LANCASTER COUNTY:COCALICO TWP                                  |           |           |         |         |        |
| BOYER, NICHOLAS                                                | 1         | 0         | 1       | 0       | 0      |
| BOYER, JACOB                                                   | 1         | 0         | 1       | 0       | 0      |
| BEYER, JOHN                                                    | 1         | 0         | 4       | 0       | 0      |
| BARR, JACOB*                                                   | 1         | 7         | 5       | 0       | 0      |
| BARR, ABRAHAM*                                                 | 2         | 2         | 5       | 0       | 0      |
| BAYERS, DANIEL                                                 | 2         | 2         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| :DRUMORE TWP                                                   |           |           |         |         |        |
| BUYERS, JACOB                                                  | 2         | 0         | 4       | 0       | 0      |
| :MARTICK TWP                                                   |           |           |         |         |        |
| BOYER, JACOB                                                   | 1         | 2         | 5       | 0       | 0      |
| BUYERS, PETER                                                  | 3         | 0         | 3       | 0       | 0      |
| BARR, HUGH*                                                    | 2         | 2         | 3       | 0       | 0      |
| BOYER, MARTIN*                                                 | 2         | 0         | 2       | 0       | 0      |
| BOYER, MARTIN, JR*                                             | 1         | 2         | 3       | 0       | 0      |

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HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD    MALES AGE-MALES AGE-FEMALES    OTHER-SLAVES  
16 & OVER    UNDER 16

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

|                |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEYER, JACOB   | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| BEYER, ABRA'M  | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| BEYER, JACOB   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| BEARS, JOHN*   | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BOGER, MARTIN* | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| BEYER, ABRA'M  | 3 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| BOYER, HENRY   | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

NORTHLUMBERLAND COUNTY

|                 |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BOYERS, CONRAD* | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| BUYERS, JOHN    | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY:NORTHERN LIBERTIES TWP

|                   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BOYER, VALENTINE* | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| BOWERS, SAMUEL*   | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BYER, MARGARET    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| BEYER, ADAM       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

WASHINGTON COUNTY

|                 |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BOYER, LEANARD* | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BEER, ALEX'R*   | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BOWERS, ROBERT* | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, WILLIAM  | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, THO'S    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, SAMUEL   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, EBENEZER | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ** , SAMUEL     | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

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WESTMORELAND COUNTY:DONEGAL TWP

|                    |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BYERS, CHRISTEFOR  | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, PHILIP, JR. | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, PHILEP, SR  | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

:HEMPFIELD TWP

|               |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEAR, WM*     | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, GEORGE | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

:MT. PLEASANT TWP

|               |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEAR, RHEUDY* | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BEAR, JOHN*   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| BEAR, ADAM*   | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, CONROD | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

YORK COUNTY:MANCHESTER TWP

|             |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAIR, HENRY | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|

:MONAGHAN TWP

|                 |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEYRES, CHARLES | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| BEYRES, JO      | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

:YORK TWP

|              |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEYER, JACOB | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|

:HUNTINGTON, MANALLEN, MANHEIM & TYRONE TWPS

|                 |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BYERS, ABRAHAM  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, HENRY    | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, JOHN     | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, HENRY    | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, BENJAMIN | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| BARE, JACOB*    | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

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                           16 & OVER    UNDER 16

YORK COUNTY :BERWICK, CUMBERLAND, FRANKLIN, GERMAN, HAMILTOBAN  
                           HEIDELBERG, MT. PLEASANT, MONTJOY, & STRABAN TWPS

|                |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| BYERS, JONAS   | 4 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, ABRAHAM | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BYER, JACOB    | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| BYARS, WILLIAM | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BYERS, DAVID   | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| BYER, TOBIAS   | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

[NOTE: Many BEAR families:CHRISTIAN,ADAM, PHILLIP, JACOB, LENARD  
                           ISAAC.]

I strongly suggest that the original microfilm should be read for any area that you feel your ancestor lived. When doing so researchers should have at hand a copy of old handwriting so they can compare. Remember, many errors have been made by transcribers and you may discover that the person you need, was right where they should have been, but the data was misread. Please remember too that the Col. and & may have overlooked a variant name.

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[My apologies to MARTHA WETHERHOLD, concerning her g. grandfather, REV. PERRY GREEN BYARS. He is indeed the s/o HARRELL BYARS & JENNIE GILL. MARJORIE TUCKER has shown me my error. So, Martha, join the NATHANITES]

From MARJORIE S. TUCKER, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226. "The info I have comes from Miss JENNY BYARS, of Chapel Hill, NC. She was a daughter of WILLIAM HARRELL BYARS, who was a brother of JULIUS CAESAR BYARS. She is now deceased. In 1972 she and three sisters made a trip out west to visit their uncles and aunts...It has just come to my attention that we have conflicting info of PERRY HARRISON BYARS.

Vol.I, No.1 pg 6, Byars-Byers Enquirer: PERRY HARRISON BYARS as b 20 Jan 1816, d 1 Mar 1899, m. SARAH (SALLY) COOPER and is named a son of WILLIAM DAVID BYARS. Same issue, pg 14,15: PERRY HARRISON BYARS was b 1816 d 1898 m. SARAH COOPER (1832-1911) and on that page he is named as a son of JOSEPH BYARS and NANCY BLANTON. SARAH could not have been b in 1832 and married in 1839. I find in the census of 1870, Spartanburg Co.,SC:

#352: Limestone Township:

|                |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|
| BIAS, HARRISON | 54 | SC |
| SARAH          | 48 | SC |
| MARY           | 23 | SC |
| JAMES          | 17 | SC |
| MALISSA        | 14 | SC |
| JULIA          | 12 | SC |
| EDWARD         | 10 | SC |



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 PERRY HARRISON BYARS, from MARJORIE, Continued

On the census for 1850, Spartanburg Dist. SC I find:# 2229

BYARS, H. m 30 SC  
 SALLY f 26 SC  
 NEWTON m 10 SC  
 Q (?) f 8 SC  
 L. f 5 SC  
 M. f 4 SC  
 SARAH f 2 SC

[Martha has heard from several of our members and is very excited.]

RE: Marriage of Mar. 25, 1830, Jefferson Co., AL to EASON GEE. The marriage records of AL compiled by Hunting for Bears, Vol.I, No.4, p 102 list him as LEE not GEE. Also printed in the marriages of Jefferson Co. AL 1818-1864 by PAULINE JONES GANDRUD, she discusses the two names GEE & LEE....The majority agree on LEE. Perhaps this can be clarified in the Jefferson Co. Census records, which I haven't viewed yet. [Nor have I. But that would probably clear it up. cbh]

FOR THE NATHANITES:

1850 Census, Spartanburg Dist. S.C.

Family #1277

BIAN, JACKSON 34 SC [k ca 1816]  
 TABY 34 SC  
 DELILA 16 SC  
 NATHAN 12 SC  
 ROBERT 7 SC  
 MARY 5 SC  
 JOHN 4 SC  
 DELPHIA 3 SC  
 NANCY ½ SC

Family #1278

BIAN, DELPHIA 65 SC [b c 1785]  
 TURNER, JUDA [male] 36 SC WHO IS THIS?  
 ??RUSS??, SIMPSON 22 SC  
 MIRANDA 10 SC  
 JOHN H. 8 SC  
 BARBARA 5 SC  
 SARAH 3 SC

(The name RUSS is not clear, am not positive this is right. The children appear to have the same last name as Simpson.)

[Does anyone know who this TURNER is. Was he related to NATHAN Jr.s wife? What about the others in the household with DELPHIA?]

NOTE: Marjorie has looked very hard for JACKSON & DELPHIA on the 1870 Census records. Has anyone found them ??

BYARS/BYERS DATA BASE

Our Cousin, JACKSON A. BYARS, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502 has gone to work on his computer for us. He has included all names of persons born before 1900 (a few after) except those who died young from: Vol.I, Byars/Byers Family Enquirer; BYARS FAMILY HISTORY by NELL BYARS THATEN; his family group sheets; IGI Index for VA,NC,SC,GA,KY,AL,TN,AR,MO,NE,TX, PA,DE,MD,IL. He says he did not set this up with the idea of sharing for pay, but cannot respond to unlimited requests for printouts (The Byars' runs about 15 full pages), or searching. He will be glad to send a current copy to researchers who have new (to him) info to share. He would enter the data and then send the print out. For others who are interested Jack will send the Data base which includes BYARS/BYERS Names, Byars Marriages etc., for \$5.00. A custom print out is \$10.00. He offers material for the Enquirer and I truly appreciate it. [Jack, please send what you think we need.] While entering data from the Enquirer Jack found the following errors:

Vol. I, No.1, pg 6= Rev. DAVID NERO BYARS [1823-1887] whose miraculous birth occurred 9 years after the death of his father on that page - he married MALISSA O'DELL. Same issue, pg 15=Rev DANIEL BYARS (1823-1887) married MALISSA O'DELL. His birth seems more routine.

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From: Mrs. O.R.(IRENE) CHARLTON, 1340 Joni Cir. Chattanooga, TN 37415

Vol.I, No.4 pg 87=In correction of DOROTHY HAYS. She stated "FAUL HARROLDSON was really HARRELSON." NOT SO. I have seen the original St. Paul's Vestry Book and it is HARROLDSON, the Norwegian son of the immigrant. There are six if not seven English HARRELSONS from Maine to Barbadoes. However, there are now 17 variants of the name.

From THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO. 63121.

Vol 1, No.3 pg 50=WILLIAM BYERS - Immigrant. "The immigrant WILLIAM BYERS of Concord Twp, Chester Co.,PA. We do not yet identify his children or grand children. Yet in Vol. I, No. 4 pg 86 Corrections [from Col. George] mid page: "Also from the good...'The DAVID BYERS in that paragraph is a son of the immigrant WILLIAM BYERS OF 1863 etc.' Are we speaking of two different WILLIAM BYERS'? If not, is there some new found knowledge to support the statement in No. 4? [Col. George, this one is for you]

Vol.I, No.4,pg 99=I.1.ELIZABETH WATSON never married. I.5.PATSEY A. WATSON m JOHN MITCHELL (Children: SANDUSKY D. MITCHELL b 1837 MO; AURELIA C. MITCHELL m JAMES GIBBS). JOHN WATSON m 2nd NANCY HUTTON (not KUTTON). pg 100=IV.4. JENNETT BYERS m a BOYD. IV.5. ELIZABETH SMITH m MIJAMIN SMITH her first cousin. IV. 6. MARY "POLLY" BYERS m a MEEK. This was a case of a clear take off from the brain and a foggy landing on the paper,said Thurlo.

From: DOROTHY HAYS, 1300 Merry Hill Dr. High Point, NC 27260

Vol.I, No.4, pg 87=page 67 Should have read: "My THOMAS T. BYARS did not descend from LORENA WOODS BYERS and her husband and cousin, ALEMETH (NO N) BYARS."

PLEASE NOTE:

Our corrections are most important. Since we are only human we are bound to make them and if it's an error in theory: by discussing, looking at data and having others put in their feelings/findings we are bound to come up with the right answer. I've said this before and excuse me while I say it again. Some of us are great researchers, others are talented in analysis;together we make a great team don't you think!!

HEADS UP: IF YOU BELIEVE YOU DESCEND FROM DRUCILLA BYARS/ABNER WOMACK

From: MARJORIE TUCKER 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226

Proof that MARTHA BYARS d/o NATHAN BYARS & DRUCILLA HARRELSON was the mother of all of ABNER WOMACK'S Children: They (Abner & Martha) had a son: Mr. RANSOM P. WOMACK. Ransom b Nov 3, 1808, Rutherford Co.,NC d 20 July 1892. His obituary was published in The Southern Standard McMinnville, TN, Sat. July 23, 1892: Quote:

"MR. RANSOM P. WOMACK died at his home in this county, 9 miles from McMinnville, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, July 20th, in the 84th year of his age. In his death Warren County has lost one of her best and most beloved citizens. In many respects he was a very remarkable man. Born in North Carolina in the year 1808, he moved to this county at an early age, and has lived here ever since. HE WAS ONE OF A FAMILY OF 22 CHILDREN, ALL BY THE SAME FATHER AND MOTHER, and was the last of the number to pass away...."Unquote.

PLEASE NOTE: RANSOM P. WOMACK were MARJORIE'S grandparents. Her mothers parents.

THIS IS ALSO CONFIRMED IN

THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS AND LOUVISA RICE WOMACK, Compiled by OSCAR B. WOMACK, Ben Lomond Press, 105 Donnell St., McMinnville, TN 37110, 1970.

Also, Dorothy Hays received a letter from: MARTH McDANIEL THOMPSON C.G. 3782 Alma Ave. Redding, CA 96002. The letter was written 10 Feb. 1987 and she was answering Dorothy's question concerning her documentation on her BYARS/BYERS line. About the wives of ABNER WOMACK she said:"According to Oscar Womack in "Descendants of Thomas A. Womack and Louvisa Rice", MARTHA BYARS was the mother of ALL his

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ABNER WOMACK & MARTHA BYARS

children. After Martha died Abner returned to Rutherford Co.,NC and married a younger MARTHA BYARS. I have a record for a younger MARTHA BYARS, but no marriage record for her. DRUCILLA BYARS, who is sometime given as a wife of Abner, was married to JONAS WOMACK according to a correspondent. I know nothing of this JONAS. A number of years ago I was misled by a DAR application and had to ask later to have some of my information changed."

[So, I strongly suggest that those of you that are in DAR showing Drucilla as the wife of Abner, ask to have your record changed. Until those records are corrected ladies will go on, and on, spreading the wrong information. I don't know how you feel about it, but I don't care who mine were or what they might have done, I just want to know that they are MINE. P.S. I'm sorry Gertrude cbh]

ATTENTION MARTHA WETHERHOLD

Yes we have the Weiland Collection from Salt Lake City. I believe that therein lies some of our misconceptions. Those sources were not confirmed. Also FRANKE, much of his info was back before DAR started truly investigating documentation. Not that I mean to say they deliberately misled. They did not have the resources we have today, and no way of ordering copies of actual documents. We must learn to ask for source, book and page and not worry that someone will take offence.

From: NELLDA S. BYARS, 2944 East Point St. East Point, GA 30344  
Vol. I, No.4, pg 92=This is a picture of RAPHAEL SPEIGHTS, s/o MARIE C. ASKEW SPEIGHTS, an aunt of my husband.[Which means he is a BYARS descendant?] NELLDA has had illness in the family and we hope things are better now.

THANK YOU DR. MEL MEEK

I do appreciate all the fine data you sent. Rest assured it will all be shared in due time.

NICE TO HAVE MR. E.M. RASMUSSEN JOIN OUR GROUP

He lives at 265 West Sixth St., Colby, K. 67701 and has been researching for many years. He says, "I have sent some of my original proof material to others making inquiries without making copies as I figured I was done with it. I was my own worst teacher." Mr R said some awful nice things about your editor too but no need to go into that. I'm glad to know he approves of our efforts and if we can keep him away from his fishing pole long enough, I'll bet he'll help us too.

???QUERIES???QUERIES???QUERIES???CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

#5-ELISHA BYARS

An ELISHA BYARS had land in what is now Cleveland Co.,NC. This ELISHA was a Deacon in the Camps Creek Bapt. Church in 1847. Is he the s/o WILLIAM BYARS (b c 1760, d 1800, Spartanburg, Co.SC) and his wife SARAH? (See I, Vol.I, No.1 p 4) Who did ELISHA BYARS marry? Was ELIZABETH JANE BYARS (b 9 Jan 1828) who m JAMES RUPPE s/o DANIEL & ELIZABETH (NEIGHBORS) RUPPE a d/o of this ELISHA? Did ELISHA have other children: ELIZABETH JANE and JAMES RUPPE had 7 children; 3 of whom died young and are buried in Camps Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Cleveland Co.NC. ELIZABETH JANE d 14 May 1892 and is buried at Cherokee Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Cherokee Co., SC., near Cleveland Co.,NC border. JAMES RUPPE m (2) KISIAH ADALINE MC CRAW-no issue. The above ELISHA BUIS, is not the same at the ELISHA BUIS, Vol.I, No.1 Pg 18. Possible connection?

DOROTHY E. HAYS (Mrs. L.M.) 1300 Merry Hills Dr. High Point NC.

#6-ELIZABETH BIAS (ANY SPELLING)

Elizabeth Bias (any spelling) was born 12 DE 1809 in Cabell County, Virginia, m. James Ray (Rea) unknown date, d. JE 1890 in Bond County, Illinois. She and James had lived in Ohio, to Illinois in late 1830s, moved to Texas staying weeks, back to Illinois, moved to Neosha County, Kansas 1877- 1886, then back to Illinois where she died. Her mother's maiden name was JENKINS. There is a marriage in Amherst County, Va., for Rowland Bias and Nancy Jenkins, daughter of Thomas Jenkins, 19 SE 1804. Could this be Elizabeth's parents? Elizabeth had a unnamed sister, who married James's brother, Joseph RAY. Most of this information came from her grandson, who lived in the same household with her for 12 years. Census Schedules bear these moves out. Also, she had a brother, Obediah Bias, who came to Fulton County, Illinois, near the time they did, married Jane Shields there and died in AU 1850. Any help with my BIAS family will be appreciated.

Children: (all were married in Bond County, Illinois)

1. John T. b. 7 SE 1827 in Va., m. Rachel Gracy in 1849.
2. William b. 5 MY 1828 in Cabell County, Va., m. Matilda Paine in 1850, d. ca 1870 in Mo.
3. Charles no known information.
4. Nancy b. 19 JL 1830, m. Joel Thompson.
5. Stacy Ann b. 29 JL 1834 in Ohio, m.(a) Marion Haun in 1853, (b) Charles Brown in 1883, d. 16 MY 1921 in Bond County, Il.
6. James R. b. 16 MY 1836 in Il and m. Rebecca Willy.
7. Albert (my great grandfather) b. 5 SE 1839 in Fulton County, Illinois, m. 1861 to Nancy M. Paine, d. 31 AU 1914 in Bond County, Il.
8. Thomas b. 1 SE 1841 in Il., m.Sussannah Carroll 1862.
9. Andrew b. 1843, m.Harriet Rutherford in 1866. Lived in Parsons, Kansas.

LIBBY BERRY GRIMM, 713 West Calhoun St. Macomb, IL 61455

Another James D. BYERS with unknown ancestry. My great great grandfather was James BYERS, b. in Pennsylvania in ca. 1787, m. Deborah YARNELL ca 1818. She was b. ca 1798 in Maryland and d. 1859 in Fulton County, Illinois. He was a farmer. Family legend states James' parents were born in Ireland. James d. 1 JA 1857 in Liverpool Township, Fulton County, Illinois. The first documented thing I can find on this family is Daughter, Betsy's, marriage in Fayette County, Ohio in 1839. They moved from Ross County, Ohio ca. 1848 to Fulton County, Illinois, where most of their descendants stayed. I desire any information on this family; and regardless how small, it will be appreciated.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Ann (Betsy) b. 15 OC 1819 in Bedford or Botetourt County, Virginia, m. Isaac BLACK in OC 1839 in

- Fayette County, Ohio, d. 14 FE 1889 Liverpool Township,  
Fulton County, Illinois. 12 children.
2. Martha Mariann. b. 1822 in Virginia, m. 26 DE 1842 in  
Ross County, Ohio to James V. Gilfillin, d.between 1861 and  
1869 in Liverpool Township, Fulton County, Illinois. 7 known  
children.
  3. Henry b. 8 JA 1826 in Ross County, Ohio, m. Rachel Ann  
BOYER in Fulton County, Illinois 28 FE 1853, d. 22 FE 1899  
in Buckheart Township, Fulton County, Illinois. 6 children.
  4. Mary Jane, b. 6 SE 1830 , m. Phillip BERRY 20 JL 1848 in  
Fulton County, Illinois, d.1 SE 1860 in Fulton County,  
Illinois. 4 known children.
  5. James, b. 1831 in Ohio- mentioned in father's estate and  
with family in 1850 census.
  6. Francis M.(male), b. ca 1833, mentioned in father's  
estate and with family in 1850 census.
  7. Isabele, b. ca 1836 in Ohio and appears with the family  
in 1850 census. No other information.
  8. Louisa (my great grandmother), b. 15 AU 1840 in Concord  
Township, Ross County, Ohio, m. John BERRY in Fulton County,  
Illinois on 1 JA 1860, d. 6 NO 1911 in Fulton County,  
Illinois of consumption. 12 children.
  9. Sarah, b. ca 1843 in Ohio, appears in 1850 census and no  
other information.
  10. Isaac (Ike), b. 1845 in Ohio, m. Margaret Winn in Fulton  
County, Illinois in 1862. Served in 103 Ill. Inf., Co G. 1  
known daughter.
  11. Archibold. no information
  12. Marion. no information

ADDRESS SAME AS #6 ABOVE.

WE WANT TO WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

NOTE: Each quarterly will give the name of all NEW members and in Vol. II, No.4 a complete membership list will be published which will include the charter members that have continued to have faith in us.

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(Cindy is getting the Enquirer courtesy Lee T. Stockman)
- [62B] FREDERICK T. NEWBRAUGH, Six Rockwell Circle, Berkley Springs, WV 25411  
(Mr. Newbraugh is not yet a full time member. He ordered a sample and said he would send some data on his wives line)
- [63B] CHARLIE BYARS, c/o The State Newspaper, P.O. Bx 1333, Columbia, SC 29202  
(Mr Charlie writes some interesting articles, I have one to share. He is getting the Enquirer courtesy WILLIAM BYARS.)
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ANSWER TO QUERY by JAMES GORDON, Vol.IV, No.3, pg 71

From: JACKSON A BYARS, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502

While browsing through materials at the Kansas State Historical Society Library, I came across a partial answer to a query by James Gordon in VI No. 3 page 71 concerning the ancestry of Samuel E. Byers who married Amelia McCracken. Reference: The Annals of Haywood Co., NC by W.C. Allen, 1935. 975.61 H336 AR 54 pages 529-531.

"XLII. THE BYERS FAMILY

David Byers, the first of the name to come to what is now Haywood County, came here from Rutherford about the beginning of the nineteenth century, and settled in what is now Clyde township. The record is not clear as to whether or not he had a family when he came to this section, but it is on record that later in life his family consisted of seven children whose names are given as follows: Samuel E. Byers, who married Amelia McCracken; Ephraim, who married Millie Ratliff; David, who married Mary Henry; Francis, who married Sarah Medford; Margaret, who became the wife of Elijah Gaddis; Polly who died unmarried; and Rebecca, who married Thomas Green.

Samuel Byers, who married Amelia McCracken, daughter of Joseph McCracken and Sarah Vaugh McCracken, at one time lived on Jonathan's Creek, but, later, he moved from the country and located in Clay where he died."

The article goes on with the children and some grandchildren of each of the six married offspring of David Byers. I have a Xerox copy. A custom report from the Byers Marriages Data Base follows:

File: Byers et.al mar

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Report: marriages

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Selection: ref contains AHC  
and ref contains IGI

| husband name       | wife name            | date        | place          | ref            |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Byers, David       | Henry, Mary Caroline | 1847 16 Oct | Haywood Co, NC | igi NC AHC 529 |
| Byers, Ephraim     | Ratliff, Millie      | 1830 24 Nov | Haywood Co, NC | igi NC AHC 529 |
| Byers, Francis     | Medford, Sarah       | 1835 10 Sep | Haywood Co, NC | igi NC AHC 529 |
| Byers, Samuel E.   | McCracking, Emelia   | 1833 25 Feb | Haywood Co, NC | igi NC AHC 529 |
| Haynes, Jacob      | Byers, Avaline       | 1860 29 Mar | Haywood Co, NC | igi NC AHC 530 |
| Kingsmore, Henry   | Byers, Louisa A.     | 1869 30 Sep | Haywood Co, NC | igi NC AHC 530 |
| Kirkpatrick, Milas | Byers, Sarah Ann     | 1869 21 Mar | Haywood Co, NC | igi NC AHC 530 |

I was a bit disappointed to see that James Gordon was after a Margaret Byers who married a John Gordon. A multigreat aunt of mine Jane Byars married a James Gordon in Shelby Co., MO in 1855 and had a son James who was a dentist. When I first saw his name in an earlier issue, I thought for sure that he was another Nathanite.

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IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS

By JACKSON A. BYARS, address above.

As we push back the dates of known Byars/Byers ancestors to near 1700, the question arises concerning the immigrant ancestors of these persons. I have identified three possibilities for consideration. Perhaps someone else can tie these to our better known ancestors. The reference for each of these is Cavaliers and Pioneers - Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants by Nell Marion Nugent. This was originally published in 1934 and has since been reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Each of the three volumes contains exactly one possibility for us. Each of the land grants were to a person who was being paid in land for the transportation of a number of immigrants to Virginia. In two cases the possible ancestor was among those so transported.

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IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS, CONTINUED

Volume I page 253 Patent Book No. 3

Abraham Moon, 1700 acs. Lancaster Co, last of Mar 1653, p. 69. Upon S. Side of Rappa. Riv. oposite land of Lady Chichley; bounded S.E. along Lady Chisleys land till it cometh to land of Capt. William Brocas, Esqr. &c N.W. & N. Upon Nyemcock Cr. & N.E. to beg., being down the sd. Cr. upon land of the afosed Lady Chisley alis. Sir Henry Chichley. Due for trans. of 34 persons: ... William Byer ...

Volume II page 271 Patent Book No. 7

Coll. Edward Hill 980 1/2 acs. Chas. City Co., Westover Par. on S. side of James River 20 Nov 1683, p. 338. 600 acs. part bounded as in a patent to James Warrading 13 Oct 1652, who deserted &c; 380 1/2 acs adj., beginning at lands of Byears (?) on N. side of gr. Road to Mr. Francis Peytheris; on Roger Tilman; James Binford; Robert Abernathy; &c Wallace &c. Due, viz: 600 acs by order of the Genril Court at James city 22 Nov. 1682 & for importation of 12 pers.; the remainder for imp. of 8 pers.

The (?) after Byears is in the Nugent book. I don't know if it is in the original documents.

Volume III page 1 Patent Book No. 9

Col. Edward Hill 5060 acs. King & Queen co: far up in the freshes of Pamunkey Riv; 25 Oct. 1695, p. 1. Beg. at land taken by Col. William Claybourn in behalf of one of his children; up the river to Hill's Cr. &c. Imp of 102 pers: ... Jno Byass ...

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SPECULATIONS:

Could William Byer who was transported by Abraham Moon be the ancestor of some of the Byars/Byers who like the name William so well? Was it his (or his son's) land that was adjacent to that of Col Hill in 1682?

Was Jno Byass actually John Byars who had an adult son James in Hanover Co. by 1734?

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Microcopy No. 313, Roll 14: Read and Compiled by MARJORIE TUCKER

NUMBERS

Wid. Orig. 44049

SOLDIER: BYERS, JOHN

BOUNTY LAND

WIDOW: BYERS, ELIZABETH

MAIDEN NAME  
OF WIDOW:

SERVICE: Capt. John Hite & J. Stattler's Co., Pa. Mil.

MARRIAGE OF  
SOLDIER AND WIDOW:

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NUMBERS

S.O. 24868  
S.C. 15906

SOLDIER: BYAS, JAMES  
BIAS, JAMES (or)  
BIUS, JAMES

BOUNTY LAND  
51123 - 80 - 50  
8679 - 80 - 55

WIDOW:

SERVICE: Pvt., Capt. Samuel B. Jeter's Co., Va. Mil.

ENLISTED: Aug. 28, 1814

DISCHARGED: Feb. 8, 1815

REMARKS: Soldier's discharge certificate  
in brief

RESIDENCE

OF SOLDIER: 1850, 1853, 1855, Amherst Co., Va.  
1871, Amherst C.H., Amherst Co., Va.

RESIDENCE

OF WIDOW:

MAIDEN NAME

OF WIDOW: WIFE: ELIZABETH WHITTEN

MARRIAGE OF

SOLDIER AND WIDOW: Nov. 22, 1802

DEATH

OF SOLDIER: Apr. 22, 1872

DEATH

OF WIDOW:

NUMBERS

Wid. Orig. 7741

SOLDIER: BYAS, RICHARD

BOUNTY LAND

WIDOW: BYAS, SUSANNAH

SERVICE: Capt. H.P. Taylor's Co. 18th U.S. Inf.

ENLISTED:

DISCHARGED:

REMARKS:

RESIDENCE

OF SOLDIER:

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MAIDEN NAME

OF WIDOW:

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NUMBERS

W.O. 12121  
W.C. 12415

SOLDIER: BYERS, ANDREW

BOUNTY LAND

20199 - 80 - 50  
33582 - 80 - 55

WIDOW: BYERS, HANNAH

SERVICE: Pvt., Capt. John McClean's Co., Pa. Mil.

ENLISTED: Apr. 18, 1813

DISCHARGED: Oct. 25, 1813

REMARKS: Soldier's discharge certificate  
in brief

RESIDENCE

OF SOLDIER: 1851, Fayette Co., Pa.; 1855, Hancock Co., Ill.  
1858, Rough and Ready, Hancock Co., Ill.

RESIDENCE

OF WIDOW: 1876, 1877, 1878, McDonough Co., Ill.

MAIDEN NAME

OF WIDOW: HANNAH BEAL

MARRIAGE OF

SOLDIER AND WIDOW: Mar. 21, 1814, Fayette Co., Pa.

DEATH

OF SOLDIER: Jan. 19, 1861, Hancock Co., Ill.

DEATH

OF WIDOW: About 1880

NOTE FROM: MARJORIE  
JOHN McLEAN (1791-1830) is mentioned  
Vol.I, No.3 p 61.  
He was son of EPHRAIM McLEAN and  
ELIZABETH BYERS. Was 1st  
Congressman from IL & U.S. Senate.

NUMBERS

W.O. 35960  
W.C. 24506

SOLDIER: BYERS, ISAAC

BOUNTY LAND

16583 - 80 - 50  
5247 - 80 - 55

WIDOW: BYERS, RACHEL

SERVICE: Pvt., Capt. Joseph C. Hawkin's Co., Ohio Mil.

ENLISTED: Sept. 30, 1813

DISCHARGED: Mar. 29, 1814

REMARKS:

RESIDENCE

OF SOLDIER: 1850, Darke Co., Ohio

RESIDENCE

OF WIDOW: 1853, 1855, 1878, Darke Co. (P.O. Delisle) Ohio

MAIDEN NAME

OF WIDOW: RACHEL DAVIS

MARRIAGE OF

SOLDIER AND WIDOW: May 11, 1815, Preble Co., Ohio

DEATH

OF SOLDIER: Jan. 22, 1853, Darke Co., Ohio

DEATH

OF WIDOW: Nov. 16, 1882

NOTE FROM: MARJORIE  
THIS ISAAC BYERS is a son of  
our WILLIAM VI.

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WAR of 1812 PENSION RECORDS, CONTINUED

NUMBERS

W.O. 5049  
W.C. 5700

SOLDIER: BYERS, MOSES

BOUNTY LAND

31626 - 80 - 50  
27694 - 80 - 55

WIDOW: BYERS, ELIZABETH

SERVICE: Pvt., Capt. Samuel Maxwell's Co., Tenn. Mil.

ENLISTED: Jan. 28, 1814

DISCHARGED: May 10, 1814

REMARKS: Discharge certificate and family  
record are in brief

RESIDENCE

OF SOLDIER: 1851, Jackson Co., Tenn.  
1855, Putnam Co., Tenn.

RESIDENCE

OF WIDOW: 1871, Jackson Co. (P.O. Gainsboro) Tenn.

MAIDEN NAME

OF WIDOW: ELIZABETH COOKE

MARRIAGE OF

SOLDIER AND WIDOW: Oct. 13, 1811, Greenville, Tenn.

DEATH

OF SOLDIER: Jan. 12, 1862, Jackson Co., Tenn.

DEATH

OF WIDOW: About 1882

NUMBERS

S.O. 29023  
S.C. 20997  
W.O. 40881  
W.C. 31595

SOLDIER: BYERS, JOHN

BOUNTY LAND

93488 - 160 - 55

WIDOW: BYERS, SARAH

SERVICE: Fifer, Capt. Richard Sloan's Co., Ohio Mil.

ENLISTED: Oct. 8, 1812

DISCHARGED: Apr. 7, 1813

REMARKS:

RESIDENCE

OF SOLDIER: 1860, Reynolds Co., Mo.  
1873, Iron Co. (P.O. Edge Hill, Reynolds Co.) Mo.

RESIDENCE

OF WIDOW: 1881, Iron Co. (P.O. S. Lem ?, Dent Co.) Mo.

MAIDEN NAME

OF WIDOW: SARAH SUMPTER

MARRIAGE OF

SOLDIER AND WIDOW: Jun. 1, 1824, Greencastle, Mo.

DEATH

OF SOLDIER: Dec. 1880, Iron Co., Mo.

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THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF

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\*\* COLONEL GEORGE BYERS, USA (Retired) \*\*  
\*\* Born: 28 June 1893 \*\*  
\*\* Died: 25 March 1987 \*\*  
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The world of Genealogy in general, and BYERS/BYARS researchers in particular, will mourn and miss this kind, knowledgeable gentleman. He was an inspiration to our group. Publication of the Byars-Byers Family Enquirer, was supported by Col. George, and his death will not lessen his influence over this humble editor. Knowing the kind Colonel will no longer be around to gently point out obvious omissions of genealogical proof and errors, will serve to remind me that great care must be taken if this publication is to be a reliable source of information.

The Colonel will be honored for his work in genealogy as long as the printed page lasts. The mere fact that he left this world possessing the clarity of mind of a person many, many years younger, must be mentioned. I know he will rest in peace knowing that his work will continue.

The editor of this publication and all the subscribing members offer our condolences and sympathy to each surviving member of the Colonel's family.

CBH

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FROM the EDITOR

The best laid plans of mice and men (women too) often go awry. That's the way my plans to get out our first issue for 1987 went. Two episodes with a weird flu bug, followed by a middle ear infection, delayed me to say the least. When I put our first issue together I was full of antibiotics and pain killers, so I don't feel that publication was my best effort. When I arrived at the post office to mail them I discovered, to my dismay, it was Friday the thirteenth. So, if any of you failed to get Vol.II, No.1, please let me know and I'll get you another copy in the mail post haste.

Upon rereading that issue, I felt I had come down a bit hard on the "Nathanites" and for that I apologize. Remember please, I believe myself to be a "Nathanite" so I guess I take privileges that I should not. I feel bound though to remind everyone that descends from NATHAN BYARS & DRUCILLA HARRELSON that some grave errors have been made on that line, and to caution them to research carefully, and forget what has been stated as fact. I have included in this issue a summary of facts, as I see them, regarding Nathan & Drucilla. It would be beneficial to all concerned, if we attempt to just publish such facts and documentation for them in the future, lest we cloud this family even more with supposition and un-proved theories.

*Clavis*

GET WELL WISHES

JANE BYE, 156 Rose Bud Row, Zephyrhills, FL 34248, has had surgery on both eyes. She says her "mail is stacking up until I can see to read it." Hurry and get well Jane, genealogy misses you.

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MARLYS A. BIAS, 112 East Pershing, Riverton, OH 82501 says her husband, ELWOOD ALBERT (JACK) BIAS, was hospitalized with a blood clot in his leg, medication for that problem sent him back to the hospital with two bleeding ulcers. Hope he is much better now.

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JACOB BIAS, NY, IA, MO.

From MARLYS A. BIAS (see address above)

Lineage of her husband:

- I. ELWOOD ALBERT (JACK) BIAS b 24 Aug 1916, Callaway Co. MO.
- II. ALBERT CLIFTON BIAS b 5 Nov 1887, Callaway Co. MO. d 18 Dec. 1967, Callaway MO. m. 13 Oct 1909, LUCY VICTORIA SCHANUTH.
- III. JACOB BIAS b 10 Sep 1862, IA., d 15 Jul 1923, Callaway Co. MO. m. 19 Aug 1884 MATTIE ELIZABETH LAYNE d/o JOHN JACOB LAYNE & DESIRE R. MARLAND. Mattie b 5 Jun 1864 Callaway Co. MO. d 5 May 1951. Both she and Jacob buried Union Hill Baptist Cem. Holt Summit, Callaway Co. MO. Mattie m (2) \_\_\_\_\_ BASINGER. Children of Jacob & Mattie all born Callaway Co. MO:
  1. EDNA BIAS [no dates] d Rochester, NY.
  2. ALBERT CLIFTON BIAS.
  3. WALTER R. BIAS b c 1891 d Moline, KS m ARMA DRINKARD.
  4. JOHN J. BIAS b c 1893.
  5. ANNA E. BIAS b c 1898, d 1984 m LUTHER E. NICHOLS.

JACOB BIAS, Continued

6. EARL C. BIAS b c 1900 m LENA \_\_\_\_.  
SOURCES: Census Records: 1870 Henderson Co.IL; 1900 Callaway Co.MO.: IL death certificate; Estate papers; Land papers.

IV. JACOB BIAS b c 1805/10 NY m (2) 6 Dec 1860 Clark Co.MO., SARAH SALYERS.  
Jacob m (1) HARRIET (No maiden name) who d. Aug 1859 age 54, Clark Co.MO.  
SARAH SALYERS b ca 1838 OH. Children of Jacob & Sarah:

1. JACOB BIAS [see above]
2. MATTIE BIAS b c 1863 Henderson Co. IL.
3. CLARK ELFONZO BIAS b 6 Mar 1865 Henderson Co.IL d 30 Jul 1951,m 20 Mar 1887, Morgan Co. MO., JENNIE HASTY.
4. MINNIE J. BIAS b c 1867 Henderson Co. IL.
5. CHARLES BIAS (Changed his name to BICE) b Jun 1868 Henderson Co. IL.m 12 Oct 1901, Callaway Co.MO, SALLY A. GIBONEY.
6. SARAH A (PET) BIAS b 10 Dec 1871, Henderson Co.IL d 24 May 1939, Versailles, MO. m (1)\_\_\_GEE (2) ELMER WEAVER.
7. ALICE BIAS b c 1876 Boone Co. MO.
8. JESSIE BIAS b c 1877 Boone Co. MO d 1958 Versailles, MO. M 9 Jun 1896 Morgan Co.MO, GEORGE SIDEBOTTOM

SOURCES: 1860 Clark Co. MO Fed. Census; 1870 Henderson Co.IL Fed. Census; Vol 1,Clarke Co.MO.,Marriages; Mortality schedule; 1880 Boone Co.MO. Fed. Census.

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JAMES BYARS:Pension File 15249

Courtesy: MARJORIE S. TUCKER

Know all men by these presents that I - ISAIAH BYARS a resident of the County of Pickens and State of Alabama, son of JAMES BYARS (a pensioner of the United States who was placed on the pension roll of the State of South Carolina and who died at his residence in Spartanburg District in the state aforesaid)and of his wife SARAH who removed after the death of said ISAIAH (note - should be JAMES-MST) to the County of Pickens and State of Alabama and who died at the residence of ISAIAH BYARS in the County of Pickens and State of Alabama on or about the 1st day of January 1838, do hereby Constitute and appoint CATHARINE BYARS (widow of



JAMES BYARS, Pension File 15249, Continued

JOHN BYARS) of Spartanburg District and State of South Carolina my agent to ask demand and receive from the Government of the United States the pension due me as son and heir of said SARAH BYARS dec'd widow of said JAMES BYARS dec'd hereby authorize her to employ an attorney or attorneys under her to ask and demand a Certificate of the pension due me to be sent in her name to her.

Hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said CATHARINE BYARS may do or her constituted attorney under her may do in the premises.

Witness my hand and seal  
this 13 day of June - 1853

Signed and sealed in presence of )  
M.L. STANSEL )  
I.M. BRYAN )

ISALIAH BYARS (Seal)

State of South Carolina)  
Spartanburg District )

At a court of Pleas and General Sessions held at Spartanburg on this 6th Oct. 1853 present and presiding the Hon. I.N. WHITNER personally appeared in Open Court DR. I.G. GAFFNEY a resident of Spartanburg So. Carolina, who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath says that from an examination of Books in the possession of deponent's Father, he is perfectly satisfied that JAMES BYARS a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States died in said District the 1st Jany 1835 and from evidence presented to said deponent he is perfectly satisfied that SARAH the wife of said pensioner died in Pickens County Alabama the 1st Jany 1838 - and is also satisfied that ISALIAH BYARS of Pickens Ala. is the only living child of said JAMES & SARAH BYARS dec'd.

I.G. GAFFNEY

State of South Carolina)  
Spartanburg District )

Know all men by these presents that I, CATHARINE BYARS, widow of JOHN BYARS, decd - a resident of the District of Spartanburg and State aforesaid do hereby in Virtue of a power of Attorney made to me by ISALIAH BYARS of Pickens County State of Alabama which power is herewith sent, Constitute and appoint under me JOHN ANDERSON of Burke County No. Car. my true and lawful Attorney and agent to prosecute the claim of SARAH BYARS dec'd widow of JAMES BYARS dec'd a pensioner of the U. States on the South Carolina Roll and who rec'd 96 Dollars per annum for any amount of Revolutionary Pension that may have been due said SARAH BYARS dec'd widow aforesaid at the time of her death and I hereby authorize my said agent or Atty. to examine all papers and documents on file at Washington City or elsewhere in relation to said claim, and to receive the certificate which may be issued for said claim, Hereby retifying and confirming all that said Atty or Agt may do lawfully in the premises, and I hereby revoke all former powers. Witness my hand & seal this 13th day of Oct'r 1853.

Signed & Sealed in presence)  
of William Lipscomb, Jr. )

her  
CATHARINE x BYARS  
mark

JAMES BYARS Pension File 15249, Continued

Sworn to and acknowledged before me, the day and year before written, by said CATHARINE BYARS personally appearing before me WILLIAM LIPSCOMB, Jr. a magistrate of Spartanburg District and state aforesaid, she acknowledging the foregoing power of Atty to be her act & deed for the purposes therein mentioned and I further certify that said CATHARINE BYARS is a respectable resident of said District and State.

In testimony of which I have hereunto subscribed my hand the day and year before written; WILLIAM LIPSCOMB, Jr., Magistrate.

State of South Carolina)  
Spartanburg District )

On this 22nd day of June 1854 personally came before me WILLIAM LIPSCOMB, Jun'r a Magistrate within and for the District of Spartanburg and State aforesaid ROBERT BYARS a resident of the aforesaid District and State aged sixty eight years last March who being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath says that JAMES BYARS dec'd of this district and who as deponent understood was placed on the pension roll of South Carolina was an uncle of deponent's, knowing his uncle from his deponent's childhood, states that he is satisfied his uncle JAMES was married before deponent's father was from the fact that in the year 1794 or 1795 his uncle JAMES and his wife SARAH removed from this district to Chester district in this state - at that time, they had the following children towit POLLY, BETSY, AMY, FRANKY & JOHN, that they returned back to this district in the year 1802 or 1803 bringing back REUBEN, SALLY & SUSAN in addition to those they took away. ISAAH was born after their return, - and he further says that his uncle remained in this district until he died, after his death his wife SARAH removed to Pickens County, Alabama and as he understands and believes died, believes that his uncle JAMES & SARAH PIGG, daughter of EDWARD PIGG were lawfully married never heard their marriage questioned, and am disinterested.

his  
ROBERT x BYARS  
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of June 1854 and I certify that I am personally acquainted with ROBERT BYARS who subscribed the foregoing affidavit, a respectable resident of this district and I further Certify that he is known amongst his acquaintances as remarkable for the retention of his memory, a man of strict veracity.

WILLIAM LIPSCOMB (Jr.), Magistrate

State of So. Carolina)  
Spartanburg District )

On this 22nd day of June 1854 personally came before me WILLIAM LIPSCOMB, Jun'r a Magistrate within and for the District aforesaid, Capt'n MICHAEL GAFFNEY, a resident of Spartanburg District aged 78 years last September who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath says that he was acquainted with JAMES BYARS, a Revolutionary pensioner on the Roll of So. Carolina and also with his wife SARAH as far back as about the year 1804 that about that time one or more of their daughters were employed by him as nurses in his family that the girls were of the age at least 10 or 12 years, that said JAMES BYARS was a tenant of his up to his death, was acquainted with him and his wife and "family" for 30 years, knew them as man and wife "esteemed so by all who knew them, never heard it doubted."

MICH'L GAFFNEY

JAMES BYARS Pension File 15249, Continued

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of June 1854 and I certify that I am personally acquainted with Captain MICHAEL GAFFNEY who is a resident of the aforesaid District, whose character for intelligence and probity is far - far above the mediocrity of men.

WILLIAM LIPSCOMB (Jr) Magistrate

State of South Carolina)  
Spartanburg District )

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WILLIAM BYARS:Pension File S.3112

Transcribed Courtesy: MARJORIE S. TUCKER, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226

Birmingham, Alabama  
September 4, 1937

Mr. A.D. Hiller  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I was born April 27, 1857, the son of WILLIAM GEORGE BYARS, born March 6, 1826, and his wife MARY J. THOMAS, born Nov. 19, 1835, and who lived at Blount Springs, Alabama.

WILLIAM GEORGE BYARS was a son of JONAS BYARS, born near Spartanburg, S.C. in 1790 and who married a MISS DAVIS and removed to Alabama in Jan. 1818, settling near Blount Springs, in Blount County.

JONAS BYARS was the youngest of seven sons of WILLIAM BYARS and his wife ELIZABETH BEDFORD.

WILLIAM BYARS lived in Morgan District, North Carolina in 1790, and who took the sate oath of allegiance according to the Acts of the Assembly passed at New Bern on the 15th day of November, 1777, being one of the seventy-seven persons in the Island Creek District so doing and on May 22, 1778 subscribed their names.

My grandfather, JONAS BYARS, had several brothers to come to this section, among them SEIHA BYARS and JIM BYARS. Two of the brothers I am told remained near Spartanburg.

Numerous descendants of WILLIAM BYARS and his wife ELIZABETH BEDFORD reside in this state and Mississippi and will be everlastingly grateful for the War (Revolutionary) Record of the above alluded to JONAS BYARS, and any information contained in such records as to his family.

Very truly yours,

TRAVIS M. BYARS

(Rev.) Travis M. Byars

[Editors Note: This line is traced & documented in BYARS FAMILY HISTORY, by NELL BYARS THATEN, 1976. Anyone who descends from this line should, by all means, have a copy of Nell's book. She still has copies, soft cover, \$12.50 post paid.

WILLIAM BYARS Pension File S.3112, Continued

WILL. F. FRANKE & COMPANY  
REAL ESTATE  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

January 28, 1938

Veterans Administration  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am descended from WILLIAM BYARS who in 1790 in Morgan District, Rutherford County, North Carolina, and who took the State Oath of Allegiance, according to the Acts of the Assembly passed at New Bern the 15th day of November, 1777, in the second year of the Independence of the State of North Carolina, being one of seventy-seven persons in the Island Creek District so doing and who on May 22, 1778 subscribed their names.

He was probably born in Granville County, North Carolina, and entered the Revolutionary from some point nearby. After the war he probably moved to Rutherford County, North Carolina, and a little later to near Spartanburg, South Carolina, where my grandfather, JONAS BYARS was born 1790.

He married SARAH DAVIS, dau. of COL. DAVIS (a Colonel of the American Revolution), in 1816. In 1817 he moved to West Georgia, near the Alabama line and January 1818, moved to Blount County, Alabama, and married January 12, 1854, MISS MARY J. THOMAS, who was born November 19, 1835.

I was born April 27, 1857, and am one of two surviving children of my father.

Will you give me all the information relative to my Revolutionary ancestor, WILLIAM BYARS, as to his family that your records disclose.

I should also greatly appreciate any data as to land grants that your records disclose.

Very sincerely,

TRAVIS M. BYARS  
714 Protective Life Building  
Birmingham, Alabama

[Editors note: Was the WILL F. FRANKE of the above letter head, the same FRANKE, that prepared the DAR papers on NATHAN BYARS? If so, does anyone know what, if any, family connection there was between TRAVIS M. BYARS & FRANKE?]

March 29, 1938

WILLIAM BYERS  
S.3112

Mr. TRAVIS M. BYARS  
714 Protective Life Building  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard

WILLIAM BYARS Pension File S.3112, Continued

to WILLIAM BYARS, who served in the Revolutionary War from North Carolina, and later settled in South Carolina.

You were furnished, October 25, 1937, the Revolutionary War record of WILLIAM BYERS, pension claim, S. 3112. This is the record of the only WILLIAM BYERS or BYARS of either North or South Carolina, found on file in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

This office is unable to furnish the record of a soldier of the Revolution, unless a claim for pension or bounty land has been made to the United States, based upon his service in that war.

Very truly yours,  
A.D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator

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THE ASSOCIATION of AMERICAN BOYERS, INC.

According to the Preface: First volume, seventh edition American Boyers, family names included are BAYER, BEYER, BOWYER, BOYER, BOYERS, BYER, BYERS, etc. The organization [as I understand it] does not publish a Newsletter or Quarterly. They do have a reunion each year in Selinsgrove, PA. The first edition of American Boyers was published in 1915, with supplements in 1916, 1918 and 1924, compiled by the late Rev. Dr. CHARLES C. BOYER. The fifth edition, which was a complete edition, appeared in 1940, with a supplement issued in 1963. These were compiled by the late MELVILLE J. BOYER. The seventh edition compiled by DONALD ARTHUR BOYER. As of July 28th 1985 the seventh edition was available for \$30.00 (Postage included), PA residents add 6% sales tax. Book to be ordered from: Association of American Boyers c/o ROBERT A. BOYER, 20 Beverly Dr. Allentown, PA 18104.

Editors Note: The above info was sent to me by Mrs. Cyril Hladik, of Hennessey, OK. She subscribes to the COLE CHRONICLE and upon noticing my maiden name, sent me the data (genealogists are the nicest people). Our member KAREN BYERS CAVANAUGH, 2238 Cimarron Pass, Ft. Wayne, IN 46815, has ordered the first two volumes of the new AMERICAN BOYERS and has offered to do a review for us. We'll look forward to it Karen.

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CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS & COMMENTS

By the Editor: Vol.II, No. 1 page 9, Above IT'S A FACT, under SAMUEL BYERS from Dr. Marlon Craig. Reads Continued page 22. Should have read: Continued Vol.II, No. 2. I apologize for this error. cbh.

I LEARNED SOMETHING FROM THIS!!

I won't work on genealogy, especially quarterlies, when I am sick again, even if I feel pressured by a dead-line. It's real easy to make mistakes in the first place and trying to work at a time like that only leads to disaster.

WARNING

From:NGS Newsletter, Vol.13, No.1, Jan-Feb 1987; "An Elizabeth Ross for All Families. "Elizabeth Ross," a publisher of "family Albums," has hit on a new advertising scheme. She now assumes, as her maiden name, the name of the family to whom she is attempting to sell her books....We also note the "Elizabeth" is no longer associated with American Genealogies Inc., whatever that may be. She now gives her address as Genealogy Room, P.O. Box 5300, Scranton, PA 18505-5300..."

Note: Vina Meine has ordered some of these for the address's which have been abstracted from telephone directories. Through these addresses she has made some contacts. But do be warned, they do NOT contain family histories, and it is Not a good idea to order these books and thus encourage these people to false advertise.

THE BYARS-BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER, VOL.II, NO.2

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(The WILHITE lineage contains four more generations)

4. WILLIAM HAMPTON BYARS b 21 Oct 1879 McMinnville, TN d 4 Aug 1941 Springdale AR. m 25 Oct 1903, Forrest, TN to MINNIE LOU BARNES (The BARNES/GILLENLINE lineage is carried out 7 generations).
8. FRANKLIN PIERCE BYARS b 6 Apr 1852 d 21 Mar 1936, McMinnville, TN, m 12 Mar 1874 CHARLOTTE BLANE CANTRELL.
16. NATHANAEL "NATHAN" BYARS b 12 Dec 1807, d 12 Jan 1894 McMinnville, TN m NANCY HAND.

OBIT: W.H. BYARS [No.4] (Newspaper clipping undated, unnamed)  
"Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the Holcomb Street Church of Christ for WILLIAM HAMPTON BYARS, 60, resident of Springdale for the past 16 years, who died at his home here at 11:35 Monday night. The services were conducted by DOTSON J. LEWIS of Rogers with special music by the Church choir. Pallbearers were JOHN KELLY, DICK WEBB, HERMAN MCCOLLOUGH, PAUL GOLDEN, LOWELL BYARS and HILTON BYARS. Burial was in the local Bluff cemetery. Funeral arrangements were directed by the local Callison and Riggs Funeral home.

Mr. BYARS was born October 21, 1880 at McMinnville, Tenn., and was a son of FRANKLIN PIERCE and CHARLOTTE BLAIN BYARS of Tennessee. Mr. BYARS is survived by his wife, MRS. MINNIE LOU BYARS: by three sons, TILDEN PIERCE BYARS of Santa Monica, Calif, WILLIAM LEO and LEB EUGENE BYARS of Springdale: two daughters, MRS. BONNIE LEE CARTER of Lowell and Mrs. BELVA L. MCCLAIN of Fort Sill.

Mr. BYARS is also survived by two brothers, S.J. BYARS of McMinnville, Tenn. and N.A. BYARS of Martinez, Calif., and two sisters, MRS. A.B. SNIPES of Fort Cobb, Okla., and Mrs CHARLOTTE GOLDEN of McMinnville Mr. BYARS had operated a grist mill here for a number of years.

The following out-of-state relatives were here for the funeral services; Mr. and Mrs. ALLEN MCCLAIN, Fort Sill, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. TILDON BYARS and family, Santa Monica, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. N.A. BYARS and family, Martinez, Calif.; Mrs. and Mrs. B.F. GOLDEN and son, PAUL, McMinnville, Tenn.; Mrs. A.B. SNIPES of Fort Cobb, Okla."

Included in this data is: Newspaper clippings and photographs of the WILHITE family. Photograph of four people; ANNIE NORENE WILHITE BYARS, BOBBIE LEVIRL BYARS LYNCH, BILLY DEAN BYARS, SAMUEL TILDEN BYARS, dated 1948. Photo copy of marriage certificate of W.H. BYARS and MINNIE BARNES.

Page from a Bible: BIRTHS

W.H. BYARS was borned Oct 21. 1880  
MINNIE S. BYARS was borned Feb 17, 1887  
CHARLIE GOLDEN BYARS was borned Oct 8, 1904  
TILDON PIERCE BYARS was borned May 7, 1906  
BONNIE LEE BYARS was borned Aug 16, 1911  
WILLIAM LEO BYARS was borned Feb 2, 1914

DATA FROM TREE TRACKERS LIBRARY, CONTINUED

BELVA LORENE BYARS was born Oct 19, 14/19 [?]

DEBBIE (----) BYARS was born May 11, 1924

(looks as if written by same person same time)

Included from Bible, Marriages and deaths.

Also photocopy of death certificate of TILDON PEARCE BYARS, family group sheets for TILDON PIERCE BYARS, BILLY DEAN BYARS, SAMUEL TILDON BYARS. [Have had an answer to my letter and will get a complete copy when she gets back from vacation. My cost will be \$10.00. I will share. See Vol.I #2, pg 10]

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FROM YOUR EMBARRASSED EDITOR:

PLEASE EXCUSE MY ERROR in VOL.II, NO.1

On page 9, Vol.II, No.1, the note "Continued on page 22" was my error. It should have read "Continued next issue." I will make every effort in the future to refrain from using material that must be continued. I am trying to find someone in the area that will proof read for me and hopefully errors of this nature will not happen again. cbh

SAMUEL BYERS, Continued from page 9, Vol.II, No.1

manhood he married MARGARET BYERS, of the same county, daughter of THOMAS and MARGARET (SHANNON) BYERS, the former of whom was a son of SAMUEL BYERS, who was born in Chester county, Penn., the connection had resided for generation. SAMUEL was there married to JANE WHITE, and their children were: WILLIAM (who settled near Maysville, KY.), SAMUEL, JAMES, THOMAS\*, EBENEZER (of Mercer County), ANDREW\*\*, NANCY and RACHEL.\*\*\* SAMUEL BYERS, Sr. came west from Chester county in 1777, and located on a farm near Canonsburg. He was a staunch Presbyterian and did good work in planting the church in that region. THOMAS, the son, with his wife was most courageous in battling with danger in their new home in East Finley, because of the attacks of Indians. The following are the names of their children: JOHN, a physician\*\*\*\*; SARAH, wife of ADAM WYLIE, M.D.; THOMAS, a farmer, married to MARGARET HAMILTON; JANE, wife of DAVID STEWART; MARGARET, wife of JOHN MCDONALD; ANNE, wife of ANDREW YATES; JAMES, a farmer, married to MARY STEVENSON; NANCY, wife of JOHN BRICE, a farmer; RACHEL, wife of HUGH WILSON, a merchant; SAMUEL, a farmer, married to ANNE WILSON, and WILLIAM, also a farmer, married to REBECCA MCCURDY, and then to Miss THORN. One son and five sons-in-law were ruling elders in the Presbyterian Church. THOMAS BYERS was a vigorous farmer and a prominent business man. He was a bright example of Christian piety. In 1813 he was installed an elder in the Presbyterian Church of West Alexander, which office he filled with great acceptance, being called the peacemaker of the Session."

NOTES:(by Dr. Marion) SAMUEL BYERS born in Chester Co.,PA is Senior. \*\*THOMAS is my line. \*\*ANDREW is ANNE M. GARWOOD's ancestor. \*\*\*AGNES is another daughter. JOHN the physician (son of THOMAS) is my line. The only previously known children of SAMUEL BYERS Sr. were: JAMES, SAMUEL Jr., THOMAS, AGNES and EBENEZER.

Letter to Dr. MARION CRAIG from Prof. RAYMOND M. BELL, dated 16 Dec 1986.

"Dear Dr. Craig.

Since writing you I have found your excellent BYERS history

SAMUEL BYERS, CONTINUED

in our local library and the enclosed page from Beers' Wash. Co. We can now write:

SAMUEL BYERS Sr b 1719 d apr 1796 m c 1750 JANE WHITE b c 1727 d Nov 1801.

1. William b c 1751 m MARY FROMAN to KY before 1777. Land in Wash Co. 1786 & 1793.
2. SAMUEL b c 1753 d Jan 19, 1828 m c 1782 AGNES LAWSON (dau of THOS & MARY) Thos. d in Fayette Co 1783/4.
3. JAMES b 1755 d Aug 30, 1825, single.
4. THOMAS b Sep 7, 1757 d Aug 30, 1825 n Sep 18, 1783 MARGARET SHANNON (dau of JOHN & SARAH) JOHN d in Lancaster Co 1766.
5. AGNES b c 1759 m \_\_\_\_\_STONE.
6. RACHEL b c 1761.
7. EBENEZER b c 1763 lived Mercer Co PA 1837 m c 1790.
8. ANDREW b 1766 d 1815 Belmont Co. OH m aft 1788 CATHARINE LAWSON, sister of AGNES above.

SAMUEL lived earlier in Chester & Adams cos.

Since you published your book several events have happened:

- (1) We found at Harrisburg our Wash. Co. tax records 1782-89.
- (2) I found the Ohio Co, (W) VA records in the Draper papers at Madison WI. They show SAMUEL BYERS SR. a taxable in 1778 with 4 males over 16. Listed in Capt. JAMES BUCHANAN'S Co.(1778) are SAMUEL JR., JAMES THOMAS. (The oaths of allegiance for the above 4 were published many years ago in a Wheeling history.)
- (3) A local committee has made an all-name index of Beers (and other books) which enabled me to find page 233 (enclosed)

I am writing up my findings as they relate to Washington Co. I have also found Eagleson's write up on BYERS from the local paper.

Sincerely Raymond M. Bell."

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Since the above was received, a forty page monograph has been prepared by Dr. Bell, THE BYERS FAMILY of Washington County, Pennsylvania, With an introduction by MARION STARK CRAIG. A copy of this document may be ordered from RAYMOND M. BELL, 413 Burton Ave. Washington, PA 15301 for \$7.00 post paid. Even though you may not descend from this family, this well documented monograph can help even the most seasoned genealogist understand how we should use records as proof, even to correct a tombstone error. I encourage any one interested in the surname Byars/Byers to get a copy and study it well. Dr. Bell is a historian and not a Byers descendant, so his research and conclusions, are in no way colored by a desperate search for another generation. All Byars-Byers researchers, owe a debt of gratitude to this historian that was interested in finding and publishing the facts. The monograph was dedicated to Col. George Byers, dec'd

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"KEEP YOUR EYES ON CHESTER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA"  
we have been told by Col. George Byers (dec'd). and Dr. Marion Craig advises us to heed this advice. As time goes by, more and more Byars/Byers researchers will be reviewing and digging into the records of Pennsylvania.

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BYARS/BYERS MILITARY INDEX

For service excluding RW & War of 1812

Does not include War Between the States

Abstracted from Microfilm by CBH, Dallas Public Library, Dallas, TX.

BYARS,

ANTONIO: Served: Hanson's & Pillicer's, Florida Mtd. Volunteers=Florida War

JAMES W.: McAdory's Co. 4 Ala. Mtd. Vols (McMillion's 1st Batt'n=Creek War

JOHN B.: Haley's[?] Hardee's Batt'n.GA Militia=Creek War

NATHAN:McAdorys Co. 4th AL Mtd. Vol. McMillian's 1st Batt'n.=Creek War

OBADIAH: Wilson's Co. Ross Mtd. Batt'n, GA Militia=Florida War

JAMES D.; Cox's Co., Col. Fry's Reg't, Illinois Mtd. Vol=Black Hawk War

BYCE,

J.: Florida Mtd Vol.=Seminole War; Original order filed under JONATHAN BICE

BYERS,

CARTER, Bishop Co. Highland Batt'n Geogria Militia=Cherokee Dist & Removal

DAVID, Cunninghams? Co. 3 NC Militia=Cherokee War

E.J.:Marshalls, Kentucky Mtd Gunmen(Combs) Called out for the protection of the Sabine Frontier 1836 under authority of Gen.Gaines.

ELI L.:Martins, Chisolm's Ala Militia Vol.=Florida War

HENRY: " " " " " " "

\*HENRY: " " " " " " "

JAMES K.:Sutton's Co. 1st GA Mtd Vol.

LAZARUS: Boyl's Co. Mtd. Rangers, ALS=Seminole War 1817-1818

MIJAMIN: Capt Thomas' Mtd Gunmen, Col. Moore's Rgt. Mtd. Vol., Illinois War=Black Hawk

MILTON: Turney's Co. Tenn Mtd. Vols, Called out for protection of the Sabine Frontier, 1836.

SAMUEL: Sutton's Co. 1st GA Mtd. Vol.=Florida War.

\*Two HENRY's listed, same Co. etc.

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SAMUEL BYERS, 1797 - 1870, PA.,KS.

By: WILLIAM W. TUCKER, 5435 Hearn Rd. Ellenwood, GA 30049 [Searching his wife's line]

HUSBAND Samuel Byers-404

BORN: ABT 1797 PLACE: ,,Pa.  
 CHR.: PLACE:  
 MARR: 16 AUG 1825 PLACE: ,Morgan Co.,Ohio  
 DIED: AFT 1870 PLACE: ,Leavenworth Co.,Kans.  
 BUR.: PLACE:  
 Father:  
 Mother:  
 OTHER WIVES:

WIFE Rebecca Wyley-405

BORN: ABT 1801 PLACE: ,,Pa.  
 CHR.: PLACE:  
 DIED: PLACE:  
 BUR.: PLACE:  
 Father:  
 Mother:  
 OTHER HUSBANDS:

THE BYARS - BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER, VOL.II, NO.2

SAMUEL BYERS, 1797 - 1870, Continued

SEX CHILDREN LIST EACH CHILD (LIVING OR DEAD)  
M/F IN ORDER OF BIRTH

|     |                           |                                       |                          |
|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.  | NAME: Anne Byers-407      |                                       | SPOUSE:                  |
| --- | BORN: ABT 1826            | PLACE: ,,Ohio                         |                          |
| F   | MARR:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
|     | DIED:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
| 2.  | NAME: Andrew Byers-83     |                                       | SPOUSE: Jane Thompson-84 |
| --- | BORN: FEB 1829            | PLACE: ,Morgan Co.,Ohio               |                          |
| M   | MARR: SEP 1852            | PLACE: Noble Twp,Morgan Co.,Ohio      |                          |
|     | DIED: 20 JAN 1903         | PLACE: Maryville,Nodaway Co.,Mo.      |                          |
| 3.  | NAME: Martha Byers-408    |                                       | SPOUSE:                  |
| --- | BORN: ABT 1831            | PLACE: Brookfield twp,Morgan Co.,Ohio |                          |
| F   | MARR:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
|     | DIED:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
| 4.  | NAME: Elizabeth Byers-409 |                                       | SPOUSE:                  |
| --- | BORN: ABT 1833            | PLACE: Brookfield twp,Morgan Co.,Ohio |                          |
| F   | MARR:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
|     | DIED:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
| 5.  | NAME: William Byers-410   |                                       | SPOUSE:                  |
| --- | BORN: ABT 1835            | PLACE: Brookfield twp,Morgan Co.,Ohio |                          |
| M   | MARR:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
|     | DIED:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
| 6.  | NAME: Sarah Byers-411     |                                       | SPOUSE:                  |
| --- | BORN: ABT 1838            | PLACE: Brookfield twp,Morgan Co.,Ohio |                          |
| F   | MARR:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
|     | DIED:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
| 7.  | NAME: Samuel Byers-412    |                                       | SPOUSE:                  |
| --- | BORN: 1844                | PLACE: Brookfield twp,Morgan Co.,Ohio |                          |
| M   | MARR:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |
|     | DIED:                     | PLACE:                                |                          |

DOCUMENTATION

CENSUS-1860: Iowa, Van Buren Co., Koesauqua Twp

|       |              |        |                                     |
|-------|--------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Byers | Samuel       | age 63 | b.Pa                                |
| "     | Rebecca      | " 59   | b.Pa                                |
| "     | Samuel M.    | " 15   | b.Oh                                |
| "     | Martha E.    | " 5    | b.Iowa                              |
| "     | * Rebecca J. | " 2    | b. * (Rebecca Jane Elizabeth Byers) |

CENSUS-1850: Mogan Co Ohio; See Andrew Byers, (BYR-010)

THE BYARS - BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER, VOL.II, NO.2

SAMUEL BYERS 1797 - 1870, Documentation Continued

CENSUS-1840: Morgan Co., Ohio, Brookfield Twp (BYR-011)

Samuel Byers (Head)

Males 00-05 = 1 (died?)

" 05-10 = 1 (William age 5)

" 10-15 = 1 (Andrew age 11)

" 40-50 = 1 (Samuel age 43)

Females 00-05 = 1 (Sarah age 2)

" 05-10 = 2 (Elizabeth age 7 & Martha age 9)

" 10-15 = 1 (Anne age 14)

" 30-40 = 1 (Rebecca age 39)

Census-1830: Morgan Co., Ohio, Brookfield Twp (BYR-011)

Samuel Byers (Head)

Males 00-05 = 1 (Andrew age 1)

" 30-40 = 1 (Samuel age 33)

Females 00-05 = 1 (Anne age 4)

" 20-30 = 1 (Rebecca age 29)

MARRIAGE: 16 Aug 1825, Samuel Byers to Rebecca Wyley; Marriage Records Morgan Co., pg 82 (BYR-014)

CENSUS-1870: Leavenworth Co., Kans., Tonganoxie Twp (BYR-15)

Byers Samuel age 73 M Farmer b.Pa

" Rebecca " 70 F b."

" \* Rebecca J. " 12 F b.Iowa

WIFE - Rebecca Wyley-405

CHILD 1 - Anne Byers-407

CHILD 2 - Andrew Byers-83

CENSUS-1900: Mo., Maryville City, Nodaway Co. (BYR-008)

Byers Andrew Head 71 m.33yrs b.Oh f.b.Pa m.b.Pa

" Amanda Wife 71 " " b.Oh f.b.Oh m.b.Pa

" Leonard Son 31 b.Ks

(Married in 1867, Amanda is Andrews 2nd wife)

(Andrew b.Feb 1829, Amanda b.Apr 1829, Leonard b.Jun 1869)

DEATH-Pension Files (BYR-012)

CENSUS-1880: Mo., City of Maryville, Nodaway Co. (BYR-009)

Byers Andrew Head 51 b.Oh f.b.Pa m.b.Pa

" Amanda Wife 51 b.Oh f.b.Oh m.b.Pa

" Leonard Son 11 b.Ks

" Effie L. Daugt 8 b.Ks

(Effie born about 1872)

MARRIAGE: Andrew Byers married Jane Elizabeth Thompson on 7 Sep 1852 in Noble Co Ohio. Noble Co Marriage Records, pg 69 (BYR-013)

SAMUEL BYERS 1797 - 1870, Documentation Continued

CENSUS-1850: Ohio, Morgan Co., Brookfield Twp (BYR-10)

|       |           |        |      |
|-------|-----------|--------|------|
| Byers | Samuel    | age 53 | b.Pa |
| "     | Rebecca   | " 49   | b.Pa |
| "     | Anne      | " 24   | b.Oh |
| "     | * Andrew  | " 21   | "    |
| "     | Martha    | " 19   | "    |
| "     | Elizabeth | " 17   | "    |
| "     | William   | " 15   | "    |
| "     | Sarah     | " 12   | "    |
| "     | Samuel    | " 6    | "    |

MARRIAGE: Amanda APPLE-Pension Files (BYR-12)

MILITARY SERV: Vol., 4 July 1861, at Osceola Iowa, discharged at Roswell Ga. 16 July 1864 - Wounded in leg, 6 April 1862, at Pittsburg Landing Tenn. Sent to 4th St. Hosp., St. Louis Mo. for one month, then furloughed home. Rejoined Reg. on 26 April 1864, at Davenport Iowa. 13th May 1864 was left at Hosp. at Resaca Ga., then sent to Roswell Ga. to be mustered out.  
Pension Files (BYR-012)

RESIDENCE: 6 Dec 1869, Leavenworth Co. Ks. Pension Files (BYR-012)

CENSUS: 1870 Leavenworth Kans., Tonganoxie Twp (BYR-13) Pg 536

|       |         |        |   |           |         |
|-------|---------|--------|---|-----------|---------|
| Byers | Andrew  | age 41 | M | Carpenter | b.Ohio  |
| "     | Amanda  | " 41   | F |           | b. "    |
| "     | Howard  | " 17   | M | Farmer    | b.Iowa  |
| "     | Nellie  | " 15   | F |           | b. "    |
| "     | Leonard | " 1    | M |           | b. Kans |

CHILD 3 - Martha Byers-408

CHILD 4 - Elizabeth Byers-409

CHILD 5 - William Byers-410

RESIDENCE: 17 Mar 1890, Garnett, Anderson Co., Kans. - Andrew BYERS  
Pension Files BYR-012

MILITARY RECORD: Enlisted, 14 Aug 1862, in Co. H, 19th Iowa Infantry, Vol., at Keosauqua Iowa. BYR-012

BIRTH: 54 in 1900 = 1846 BYR-012

CENSUS-1860: Van Buren Co. Iowa, Van Buren Twp, PD Pittsburg (BYR-016)

Pg 285

|       |                |        |        |                                |
|-------|----------------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Byers | W.W. (William) | age 25 | Farmer | b.Ohio                         |
| "     | Mary J (Eliza) | " 22   |        | b.Ky (Eliza from Pension File) |
| "     | Julia          | " 1    |        | b.Iowa                         |

SAMUEL BYERS 1797 - 1870, Documentation Continued

CENSUS-1860: Chautauqua Co. Kans., Little Caney Twp (BYR-017) Pg 15

| Byers | W.H. | age  |      | b.   |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| •     | E.J. | 45   | Head | Ohio |
| •     | H.E. | 42   | Wife | Ky   |
| •     | H.E. | 19   | Son  | Iowa |
| •     | M.E. | 13   | Daug | "    |
| •     | C.C. | 11   | Son  | "    |
| •     | S.F. | 8    | Son  | Kans |
| •     | W.A. | 3    | Son  | "    |
| •     | E.M. | 7/12 | Daug | "    |

CHILD 6 - Sarah Byers-411

CHILD 7 - Samuel Byers-412

CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS & COMMENTS, CONTINUED FROM PG 38

From: Col. GEORGE BYERS, letter dated 19 March, 1987 and mailed by Col. John on 22 March:

Vol.II, No.1, pg 7. foot; That is my family, so buck inquiries to me. [Since his untimely death, we'll publish them and perhaps Col. John will answer. cbh]

Page 11, second item, same as above.

Page 21, Comment from THURLO V. BYERS (see letter of response to Thurlo V.)

"Re: Immigrant William BYERS issue B/B Fam. Enq. Vol.2, #1, p21.

"Dear Thurlo, member of the family,

"A little "typo" got into the intended 1683 date on page 21.(Not 1863, as in line 6.)

"Your surmise is correct. Commendations on your keen eye and good memory! My son, Colonel John R., and I found in Lancaster County PA the report of administration appointment of DAVID BYERS, Senior's Estate, of his two sons, DAVID (Jr.) and JOHN W. Dr. MEL MEEK made a similar and fuller, but separate, finding. The date of death and Administration is 1743. Both DAVID and the younger JOHN W. had to be of adult age. 1743 minus 21 or more yields ca. 1720 or earlier as birth year of Junior. Birth of the deceased father DAVID, Sr. is reckoned as 1720 or earlier minus estimated young fatherhood of 23/24 or more. That yields birth year of David, Sr. of ca. 1696 or earlier.

"The only BYERS sire of record in the Chester County area at that time was WILLIAM BYERS of the 1683/1693 land transaction in Concord Township.

"Arithmetic calculation from dates and legal adulthood compel the resulting acceptance: no documentation."

Page 28.

Miss Marjorie, please note that I am probably best posted source on that Fayette Co. PA., ANDREW BYERS, son of JOHN, grandson of ANDREW, Sr. Command me if needed. [Hopefully Col. JOHN R. will be able to step in here, at some point in the future.]

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From MARJORIE TUCKER

Vol.II, No.1 pg 3: JOHN BYARS d 13 Apr. 1852, Tuscaloosa (which is in Tuscaloosa Co. AL., not Jefferson Co.

CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS & COMMENTS, CONTINUED

Page 4: X THADDEUS DUDLEY BYARS gives d. Oct. 16, 1885. My records show Oct. 16, 1865 (from the Emma Brown Weiland Collection). If someone can't help us on this I can probably prove which is right when I have time to search more census records.

Page 5: Query #1; the death date of 26 Oct. 1888 is the death date of DANIEL WATKINS, Jr. This date is shown at the bottom of pg 48 of Exits & Entrants by Ura McWhorter Byars.

Page 21: RANSOM P. WOMACK was not my ancestor. My mother's grandparents were DRUCILLA BYARS and JAMES DODSON EVANS. DRUCILLA BYARS was d/o NATHAN BYARS (1808-1894) and NANCY HAND. NATHAN was s/o HARRELL BYARS and JENNIE GILL. HARRELL was, of course, s/o NATHAN BYARS and DRUCILLA HARRELSON. [Sorry about my "goof" cbh]

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From DOROTHY HAYS

Vol.II, No.1 pp 19,20; Re: PERRY HARRISON BYARS. Dates for SARAH COOPER should be 1822 - 1911.

The family of JOSEPH BYARS & NANCY BLANTON:

I rec'd info on this family in response to a query I had in Bulletin of the Genealogical Society of Old Tryon Co. NC. I asked for his sources but he "couldn't remember." (See Vol.I, No.1 pp 6 and 14.) The more I check on the children listed for JOSEPH & NANCY (BLANTON) BYARS, the more I feel it is full of errors. I do know JOSEPH BYARS m 27 July 1818, NANCY BLANTON, who was b 11 Feb 1792, Cleveland Co., NC. She was d/o BURWELL BLANTON (Rev. War Soldier) b 1 Nov 1762, Dinwiddie Co. VA., d 14 May 1861 (99 yrs), Cleveland Co. NC., buried Blanton Family Cemetery. He m PHOEBIA MARGARET BRIDGES. (Sources: MONA A WAMICK, 2475 River Oak Dr. Decatur, GA 30033; Cleveland Co. N.C. Heritage Book., Article #257) Other corrections/additions to the list of this couples children (Vol I, No.1 pg 15)

3. PETER R. BYARS m DELANIE ST JOHN.

7. Should be REV. DAVID DERO BYARS

10. JOSEPH CRAYTON m DELPHIA EMELINE PRICE (1832-1900)

Note: All these ten children MAY NOT BE THEIRS. Vol.I, No.1, p 6; Note PERRY HARRISON BYARS & Rev. DAVID DERO BYARS are listed as children of WILLIAM DAVID & HENRIETTA (no maiden name) BYARS.

Vol.II, No.1, p 20, 1850 Census Family #2229: The children listed by initials for PERRY HARRISON and SALLY (COOPER) BYARS are; NEWTON m 10; JUNIUS FRANKLIN male not female 8; LUTHER GRAHAM male not female, 5; MARY JANE 4; SARAH 2; per DOROTHY H. ANDREWS.

Page 20, JACKSON BYARS discovery, re: "miraculous birth."; I Love that! I'll have to send this to Dorothy Andrews. I've been hoping she and others of this family would do more research on the parents of PERRY HARRISON & DAVID DERO BYARS.

[EDITORS NOTE: There seems to be as much confusion here as there is in the "NATHANITE" branch. I hope the following will not "muddy up the waters" even more. cbh.]

My records: Family Group Work Sheets; WILLIAM DAVID BYARS b ca 1765, m (1) 1786, d after 1823 SC. Married #1(Who?) by whom he had two daughters. m (2) HENRIETTA ?\_\_\_\_\_? b ca 1792. She died 6 Feb 1864 (72 years) buried Macedonia Cemetery, Cherokee Co., S.C.

CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS & COMMENTS, CONTINUED

There is another named WILLIAM DAVID BYARS b 1851 who is s/o PERRY HARRISON BYARS. There is another named PERRY HARRISON BYARS b 20 Jan 1816 who is s/o WILLIAM DAVID BYARS. [See Dorothy's family group WORK SHEET, this issue cbh.

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From [47B] VINA MAE MEINE, 212 W. Centre St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
Vol.I, No.4, p 109:... "Have you heard from BOB SAUNDERS, he "thinks" that #1. John had a son, JAMES HENRY BYARS who m 1st PEGGY GENTRY, 2nd RACHEL MATHEWS, and that his children included WILLIAM who "possibly" married SARAH ANN DOGGETT. I am most interested in knowing if this has been proven.

Vina, I have not been able to get a response from Bob Saunders. I have written, sent samples of our quarterly and nothing comes back. Either he's lost interest in BYARS/BYERS research, or is buried in another project right now. May I suggest that you do all you can to document that data yourself. We all "think" and anything is "possible." I "think" there is not enough evidence to come close to proving Bob's theory yet. And I did not mean to "throw water" on Ruth's research. and I do hope I did not offend her with my remarks. But, I have heard from several members, that agreed it was much too soon to draw any conclusions about the next "Nathanite" generation. You might try writing to Mr. Saunders and see if you come up with anything concrete. I enjoyed your letter very much cbh.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Please give the following some careful thought.

What will become of your genealogical files when you are no longer around? Have you made any arrangements for their care and safe keeping? Many genealogist have no close relatives that are presently interested in family history. One may not appear in your family until your treasures have been lost or destroyed.

Knowing how difficult it is to decipher the working notes of a deceased genealogist leads me to encourage you to sit down today and make clear, concise notes in your records on any data that has not been fully documented. Once this is done, either mention your records in your will or leave clear, written instructions with a member of your family for preserving your work. Don't let years of knowledge and hard work be destroyed because you failed to make known your wishes.

Col. George knew he was a mortal man and would pass on to a better world someday. He made copies of his letters to others for his son John, and since the beginning of his association with this publication, he often sent copies to me too. These letters were not for publication, but his way of sharing his method of working out a problem, or his thoughts, on a particular item. Your work is so very important and I hope you will see to it that your data is not lost or destroyed.

None of us will likely use the Colonel's method of sharing and preserving our material, but we can find our own way of doing the same thing. CBH

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From the editor's files: East Texas Family Records, Vol.10, No.4, Winter 1986, p 28  
Smith County, Texas - Registered brands & marks:

By

J. W. BYARS

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Feb 24, 1881

A DOUBLE CONNECTION  
ELIZABETH M BYERS & EDWARD BYERS

From: THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121

ELIZABETH M. BYERS b 1776 SC d 8 Oct 1803 SC, d/o WILLIAM J. BYERS Sr.  
EDWARD BYERS b 5 Dec 1762 VA d 13 Mar 1832 SC, s/o WILLIAM BYERS Sr.

Children:

- I. MIJAMIN BYERS born 27 Apr 1799, SC., d ca Aug 1864, married ELIZABETH A STEVENSON b ca 1807 KY d 1860 MO. Children:
  - a. JERUSHA BYERS b 1827 KY., m 17 Sep 1846 MO., CALEB S. BURNS.  
At the time of their marriage, Caleb built a new home for the family in what is now, Maryville, MO. They dwelled in it for fifteen years, then moved to Texas. (1870 Grayson Co. CP 53, 1st Prct. Sherman PO) The house in Maryville weathered well and in 1977 the Nodaway County Historical Society purchased it and maintains it as a museum. It has been accepted and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
  - b. ELIZABETH ANN BYERS, B 1830 IL m 1845 MO. PERRY HOLLAND
  - c. RANDOLPH BYERS b 1831 IL., d 1848 MO.
  - d. BOLIVAR BYERS b Feb. 1833 IL., d 190\_ MO. m. (1) SERELDA J. BROWN, (2) MARTHA L. ? \_\_\_\_\_?
  - e. SOPHIA BYERS b 1835 IL m 13 Apr 1854 MO., THOMAS A RAY.
  - f. MARY J. BYERS b 1837 MO, d 10 Apr 1859 MO., m 6 Oct 1853 MO. DUNCAN M. VINSONHALER.
  - g. MARTHA "MATTIE" BYERS b 1839 MO m 7 Jun 1859 MO., JOHN SAUNDERS JR.
  - h. LEMUEL D. BYERS b 1841 MO (no further information)
  - i. HUGH A BYERS b Feb 1844 MO d 6 Oct 1921 MO. m 1867 LAURA A. ABBOTT.
  - j. ISABELLA BYERS b 1848 MO (no further information)
  - k. One Son, b ca 1820/25, unknown to me. Probably died before 1850.
- II. MARTHA A. BYERS b 6 Sep 1801 SC d 21 May 1852 AL, m 25 Sep 1823 SC, ANDREW MOORE HANNA. Andrew b 10 Jan 1799 SC, d 4 June 1840 AL. Children:
  - a. EDWARD BYERS HANNA b 3 Oct 1824 SC, d 28 Jul 1836 SC.
  - b. MIJAMIN BYERS HANNA b ca 1827 SC.
  - c. ROBERT C HANNA b ca 1829 SC m 25 Sep 1857, MARY E. SMITH.
  - d. MARY ELIZABETH HANNA b ca 1831 SC m 25 Sep 1857, JAMES E. HENDERSON.\*
  - e. THOMAS J. HANNA b ca 1834 SC.
  - f. MARTHA IRENE HANNA b ca 1837.
  - g. ANDREW MOORE HANNA b ca 1840 AL.
  - h. WILLIAM J. HANNA b ca 1841 AL.\*\*

[\* Was this a double wedding? \*\*Thurlo, was II-h. WILLIAM J. HANNA born posthumously? His father died in 1840 according to your data. cbh]

Sources: Marriage Records of Nodaway Co., Ellsberry 1 & 2, 1845-1874; Various Cemetery records of Nodaway Co; Nodaway Co. probate records, Box 76 File 2; The Nodaway Democrat, 9 Aug 1906; The Weekly Tribune, Maryville, MO. 21 Nov 1912; Data on MARTHA A BYERS & ANDREW MOORE HANNA courtesy Dr. MEL MEEK.

Notes: ELIZABETH A. BYERS - Her estate Apr 1861: MIJAMIN BYERS appointed Guardian for the following; LEMUEL D. BYERS, HUGH A. BYERS, WILLIAM W. BYERS, ISABELLA BYERS, BENJAMIN B. HOLLAND and THOMAS ANN HOLLAND. Each BYERS child received \$422.00 plus interest. Each HOLLAND received \$211.00 plus interest. An overplus was paid to RANDOLPH BYERS, the eldest living son of MIJAMIN BYERS.

"Nov. 1865 Helena City, Mont. Ter.  
Received of THOMAS A RAY and JOHN SAUNDERS, one hundred twenty dollars and sixty cents. It being in full balance of amount of dividend due me as heir at law and legal representative of ELIZABETH BYERS dec'd arising from the sale of slaves sold for the purpose of partition between the heirs of said deceased."

Signed March 1, 1866

RANDOLPH BYERS



MIJAMIN BYERS & ELIZABETH A. STEVENS, CHRONICLE OF EVENTS  
 Compiled by THURLO BYERS

CP=Census Page; HN=History of Nodaway Co., 1882, Unigraphic Inc. 1972, Indexed;  
 PR=Probate Records of Mijamin Byers, Nodaway Co. Box 72 F.2

- 1830 MIJAMIN & ELIZABETH and children living in Vermillion Co. IL.(CP107)  
 1832 23 May to 23 Jun 1832 - Black Hawk War (Black Hawk War, Whitney Vol.I p 489) Third Sgt. MIJAMIN BYERS served as a Volunteer Mounted Gunman in the Independent Reg. Co. of Vermillion Co., under Capt. JOHN B. THOMAS, Col. ISAAC R. MOORE'S Command.  
 1833 23 May:MIJAMIN rec'd pay at Danville for above service (Black Hawk War, Whitney,Vol.II, Part 2, p 1263)  
 1836 About: The family rafted across the Mississippi and settled in Monroe Co forty miles west of LA, in that area of Missouri known as "Little Dixie" EDWARD BYERS, an uncle of Mijamin, lived near by in Pike Co.  
 1840 While living in Marion Twsp of Monroe Co (CP124) Mijamin purchased a claim from ELIJAN BUNTEN (HN)The family moved to the claim site in Andrew Co. MO.  
 1845 Their claim site was in the area formed as Nodaway Co. and was in the White Cloud Twsp.  
 1847 Summer: SOPHIA, age 12, attended the first school in Maryville. Class was held in a log cabin which was also used as the Court House. (HN)  
 1849 RANDOLPH and BOLIVAR BYERS, THOMAS A RAY, PERRY HOLLAND, CALEB BURNS, and JOHN SAUNDERS Jr. were afflicted with "El fiebre oro" ["Gold Fever"] and went to California. All but RANDOLPH and HOLLAND would return to MO (HN)  
 1850 20 Nov: Living with the family was HUGH A. STEVENSON,(b 1805 KY) brother of Elizabeth, BENJAMIN B HOLLAND, a grandson, and THOMAS ANN, a granddaughter, were also with them. Nodaway Co.(CP393) 64th Dist.  
 1851 18 Jan: RANDOLPH BYERS (laborer) was in El Dorado Co., CA. in the vicinity of Georgetown. Age 19. (CP 457)  
 1851 20 Jan: BOLIVER BYERS (miner) was in El Dorado Co.,CA on the middle fork of the American River. Age 18. (CP 460).  
 1861 Apr: The slaves of ELIZABETH A. STEVENSON BYERS were sold to make a division of her estate. It was divided between her children and some of her grandchildren. (PR & See notes above).  
 1864 June: MIJAMIN and his children, LEMUEL, WILLIAM, and SOPHIA, Sophia's husband, THOMAS A RAY and their three children, and Mijaimin's grandson, BENJAMIN B. HOLLAND, packed their possessions and started on the long journey to Helena City, Mont. Ter. There they would be met by RANDOLPH, Mijamin's eldest living son. At an unknown time and place on the Plains, Mijaimn Byers expired in the 65th year of his age. His effects were sold in Montana Territory in Sep. 1864. Where one life ended on the plains, another began. VARINIA L. RAY, a daughter of SOPHIA BYERS and THOMAS A RAY, was born in 1864 in Nebraska on the Oregon Trail.  
 1870 1 Aug: The RAY family was in Helena, M T - Lewis and Clark Co. (CP20). THOMAS A. RAY was a "Water Collector".  
 1870 26 Aug: LEM BYERS - Helena MT Lewis & Clark (CP57) "Horse Speculator".

Compiler has additional information on the children and grandchildren of Mijamin & Elizabeth A Byers, which he will send upon request.

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EVERYONE APPRECIATES GOOD DOCUMENTATION

Editor's note: This material is an excellant example of good documentation. How fortunate for all of us, that we can depend on researchers that seek the truth,

and in so doing, gather all the evidence possible. Note the well documented material compiled by WILLIAM TUCKER pp 42-46. I see some connections being made by the material in this issue, and I am delighted. cbh

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#### KENTUCKY TID BITS

From the Editor's files: Kentucky Traces, Butler Co Historical & Genealogical Society, Vol. 9 No. 3, Spring 1986. Grayson County Deaths, 1852-1907

Pg 39: BEYERS ELIZABETH, age 70, married, d 2 Jan 1857 of old age; b Grayson Co. Parent, JOHATHAN ANDERSON.

Pg 40: BYERS, ELIZA J., age 35, d 24 Dec 1856; b Campbell Co. VA.

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#### WILLIAM BYARS & SARAH DOGGETT: THE WASHINGTON CONNECTION

Compiled by:[6B] GEORGE B. BELL, Rt. 1 Box 138F, Windsor, SC 29856

[Editor's note: George compiled this, using several sources. He says "If anyone wants further sources, he will supply them."]

SARAH DOGGETT (1745/50 - 1823) was a great granddaughter of the Rev. BENJAMIN DOGGETT, who came to this country from England about 1667. The Rev. Doggett was the first rector at St. Mary's White Chapel Church in Lancaster Co., VA. Among his parishioners were JOSEPH and MARY BELL, grandparents of GEORGE WASHINGTON. However, it was on the side of Sarah's maternal great grandparents, the BUSHRODS, that intermarriages with the Washingtons and other prominent families took place.

HANNAH BUSHROD, Sarah Doggett's second cousin, married JOHN AUGUSTIN WASHINGTON, GEORGE WASHINGTON'S brother. Another cousin of Sarah's, APPHIA BUSHROD, married Col. GRIFFIN FAUNTLEROY, descendant of Charlemagne, and of King Henry I of France, and Edward III, King of England. The Fauntleroy's daughter, BETSY, was one of the most dazzling beauties of her day, and is reputed to have spurned young GEORGE WASHINGTON'S marriage proposal.

JOHN and HANNAH (BUSHROD) WASHINGTON lived at Bushfield, inherited from Hannah's father. They had four children:

1. JANE (JENNY) WASHINGTON, who married her cousin, WILLIAM A. WASHINGTON.
2. MILDRED WASHINGTON, who married into the prominent LEE family.
3. BUSHROD WASHINGTON, who served as a Supreme Court Judge and also served as family lawyer to his uncle GEORGE WASHINGTON.
4. CORBIN WASHINGTON, who also married a LEE, and whose son (Sarah Doggett's fourth cousin) inherited Mt. Vernon upon the death of MARTHA WASHINGTON.

JOHN and HANNAH (BUSHROD) WASHINGTON spent their honeymoon at Mt. Vernon. They were there on June 19, 1773, when George Washington made the following entry in his diary: "At home all day. About five o'clock poor PATSY CUSTIS (Martha Washington's daughter by her first marriage) died suddenly." Washington described his step-daughter's death in a letter to a friend: "She rose from Dinner about four o'clock in better health and spirits than she appeared to have been in for some time; soon after which she was seized with one of usual Fits, and expired in it, in less than two minutes without her uttering a word, a groan, or scarce a sigh. This sudden and unexpected blow, I scarce need add, has almost reduced my poor Wife to the lowest ebb of Misery...."

SARAH DOGGETT was married first to her cousin, BENJAMIN DOGGETT (by whom she had one child); second, to WILLIAM BYARS (six or seven children); third, to JOEL BLACKWELL. Sarah named many of her children after other family members: her first son, BUSHROD, after her father; another son, STRIBLING, after her mother, ANN (STRIBLING) DOGGETT; and a daughter, NANCY (ANN) after her mother. (A picture of ANN (BYARS) SUITILE appears in the SUITILE FAMILY HISTORY; the picture was taken in the 1830's, and is the oldest picture of a Byars in existence, so far as is known)

WILLIAM BYARS, SARAH DOGGETT, WASHINGTON CONNECTION, CONTINUED

Although there is no record (as yet found) of Sarah's meeting GEORGE WASHINGTON, it quite likely that she did, as Washington was a frequent visitor to her cousin Hannah's Bushfield estate. Sarah named her eldest son GEORGE, and the name has been used time and time again in this branch of the Byars family. (Indeed, this humble chronicler of the Byars' goings-on, was named for his grandfather, GEORGE WASHINGTON BYARS. How the mighty have fallen!)

There seemed to have been much beauty, and spirit, in the BUSHROD - DOGGETT women. SARAH DOGGETT BYARS' grandmother, ELIZABETH BUSHROD DOGGETT, a young widow at the time (1720's) spent a night on the town that resulted in the following complaint: "ELIZABETH DOGGETT wid. MARY TAYLOE, APPIA DOGGETT, JULIAN BOYD and GEORGE DOGGETT of this County in the night of the Sixteenth day of November last unlawfully assembled & frightened & disturbed divers of his Majestys good Subjects Contrary to the Kings peace..."

However, not all DOGGETT/BUSHROD women were beautiful, or outrageous in their conduct, or bold. The diary of the dancing instructor, PHILIP FITHIAN, hired by the CARTER'S of Naomi Hall, near Bushfield, recorded his impressions of Sarah's cousin Jane (Jenny):...."She has not a handsome face," he wrote, "but is neat in her Dress, of an agreeable Size, & well proportioned, & has an easy winning Behaviour; She is not forward to begin a conversation, yet when spoken to She is extremely affable, without assuming any Girlish affectation, or pretending to be overcharg'd with Wit; She has but lately had opportunity of Instruction in Dancing, yet She moves with propriety when she dances a Minuet & without any Flirts or vulgar Capers, when she dances a Reel or Country-Dance; She plays well on the Harpsichord, & Spinnet; understands the principles of Musick, & therefore performs her Tunes in perfect time, a Neglect of which always makes music intolerable, but it is a fault almost universal among young Ladies in the practice; She sings likewise to her instrument, has a strong, full voice, & a well-judging Ear; but most of the Virginia-Girls think it labour quite sufficient to thump the Keys of a Harpsichord into the air of a tune mechanically, & think it would be slavery to submit to the Drudgery of acquiring Vocal Music; Her Dress is rich & well-chosen, but not tawdry, nor yet too plain; She appears today in a Chintz cotton Gown with an elegant blue Stamp, a Shy-Blue silk Quilt, and spotted apron; Her Hair is a light brown, it was crap'd up, with two Rolls at each Side, & on the top a small cap of beautiful Gawze and rich Lace, with an artificial Flower interwoven - Her person & carriage at a small distance resembles not a little my much respected Laura. But on close examination her Features are something masculine, those of Laura are mild and delicate...." And he adds a few days later that after dinner, "when Women were to be toasted, I gave Miss JENNY WASHINGTON." [This from: Potomac Squire by Elwyth Thane pg 89]

Sources:

Suttle Family History; Potomac Squire by Elwyth Thane; The True George Washington by Paul Leicester Ford; Persons of Gentle Birth; no author given.

Editor's note; This is great! It puts some meat on the bare bones of genealogy. Some of you may be interested in knowing that the Genealogical Publishing Co. has just come out with a reprint of: Pedigrees of Some of the Descendants of the Emperor Charlemagne Vol.II. But be aware that if you do connect to Royalty, you are going to find a lot of illegitimate ancestors, so be prepared to accept that as part of your family tree.

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\* A TRIBUTE TO COLONEL GEORGE BYERS from NELL BYARS THATFN \*  
\*"Not just Byers/Byars genealogist has lost a friend, the world of genealogy has \*  
\* lost one." \*  
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NATHAN BYARS 1749-1846, A SUMMARY of FACTS

By: Clovis Byars Herring

There has been a variety of misinformation published, and circulated among genealogists, regarding NATHAN BYARS, born in Granville Co. NC 1749. This is a summary of the facts as I find them, at this point in time. This is by no means the final word on this man, his ancestors or his descendants. However, to avoid clouding this family even more, I have decided that in the future, we will publish only those documented facts that we find on this family. I have come to this decision, not to deprive the "Nathanites" of space. From the letters I receive, I have come to realize that some family historians fail to take the time to consider the data that clearly shows a supposition has been made but not proven, and they pass it on to others as fact. In an effort to sort fact from theory the following is presented. If you have documentation, other than another researchers name and address, for additional family information, please contribute it so that data can be added to our fact sheet. cbh.

NATHAN BYARS was born in Granville, Co. NC in 1748. When he was ninety-five years old, he applied for a Revolutionary War Pension, and said at the time that "his father [Not named] told him that he was a small boy at the time of General. Braddocks defeat.-[French/Indian War, 1755].

Nathan married (1) DRUCILLA HARRELSON d/o BURGESS HARRELSON after 9 Oct 1772 when Drucilla's father made his will. Nathan lived in Granville, Caswell and Rutherford Co's NC, then moved to Spartanburg Dist. SC. Nathan and Drucilla divorced in 1808 and she stated they had ten children. She did not say all of them lived to maturity. She also said their problems began in 1801, so any child born after that date must be clearly documented as Drucilla's before they can be considered as an offspring of that marriage.

Nathan married (2) DELPHY LOGAN in 1816, and we know they had a son JACKSON born prior to that date. There may have been other children born to this marriage.

The established children of Nathan and Drucilla are:

- I. DRUCILLA BYARS b ca 1772 (probably a natural daughter). Thought by some to married ABNER WOMACK. Although we have no documentation she may have married JONAS WOMACK. We do have evidence that her sister Martha was the mother of all of Abner's twenty-two children.
- II. MARTHA BYARS, a natural daughter, born 31 Dec 1774 m ABNER WOMACK and gave birth to twenty-two children
- III. NATHAN BYARS Jr. b 1770/80 m ?MILLY? (EMELINE) TURNER, was in Warren Co. TN in 1812 according to the tax lists. He was not listed again. Another NATHAN BYARS was listed in the 1830's. He went back to Spartanburg Dist. SC. and was involved with his father-in-laws estate.
- IV. ELIZABETH BYARS b 1 Jan 1775 m (1) DANIEL WATKINS Sr., had four children. m (2) ENOCH ANDERSON. They went first to Warren Co. TN, then to Jefferson Co. AL.
- V. NANCY BYARS b ca 1776 m THADDEUS DUDLEY WALKER.
- VI. JOHN BYARS Sr. b ca 1777 m MARY ANN "PASSIE" LOGAN d/o JOHN and PASSEY COLLINS Logan.
- VII. HARREL BYARS Sr. b 1779 Rutherford Co. NC m JANE "JENNIE" GILL. They went to Warren Co. TN.
- VIII. ROBERT BYARS b ca 1784 m (?JANE HOUSTON?). Went to Warren Co. TN then to Madison Co. AL.

Please remember that FRANKE & WEILAND did not have the resources we have today. They gave us a base, but WE have to extend that research. We do indeed owe a debt of gratitude to the early pioneers in genealogy, and no disrespect is intended when we find and correct any errors they may have made.

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PERRY HARRISON BYARS s/o WILLIAM DAVID BYARS

WORK SHEET of Dorothy Hays:

PLEASE NOTE: We do have conflicting info on the family below. This is a work sheet and subject to corrections.

PERRY HARRISON BYARS (s/o WILLIAM DAVID BYARS b ca 1765 & 2nd wife HENRIETTA. Henrietta b ca 1792, d 6 Feb 1864, buried Macedonia Cem.) b 20 Jan 1816, d 1 Mar 1899, Cherokee Co. SC. buried Macedonia Cemetery. Married 2 June 1839, Cherokee Co. SC by Rev. DRURY SCRUGGS. Sarah d/o JAMES COOPER (who was s/o of JAMES & MOLLIE (HICKS) COOPER) b 1 Jan 1822, d 5 Feb 1911, also buried Macedonia Cemetery. Her mother was SARAH "SALLIE" SCRUGGS. Children of Perry Harrison & Sarah "Sally" Cooper; all born Cherokee Co. SC.

1. LORENZO NEWTON BYARS b 6 Apr 1840, d 14 July 1862, Charleston, SC. Killed in Civil War, did not marry.
2. JUNIUS FRANKLIN BYARS b 6 Jan 1842, d 11 Oct 1864, Charleston, SC., buried in Magnolia Cemetery. Killed in Civil War, did not marry.
3. LUTHER GRAHAM BYARS, b 19 Sep 1844, d 21 Nov 1902, Gaffney, SC. m SALLY A COOPER. Buried Oakland Cemetery. He was Confederate veteran.
4. MARY JANE BYARS b 17 June 1847 m JAMES E. HUMPHREY 1870. Went to TN.
5. SARAH HENRIETTA BYARS b 1 June 1849, d 11 Aug 1879, Gaffney, SC. m ASA WARREN TINDALL, Jr. 23, Dec. 1869.
6. WILLIAM DAVID BYARS b 11 Jan 1851 d 1 Sep 1930, buried Macedonia Cem. m (1) MEDORA CAROLINE LAVENDAR, 10 Mar 1870 (2) NANNIE C. TINDALL.
7. JAMES WESLEY BYARS b 17 May 1853, d 25 Jan 1930, buried Macedonia Cem. m CYNTHIA JANE McCRAW, 29 Mar 1877.
8. MELISSA ANN BYARS b 28 Aug 1855, d 23 Dec 1898 Gaffney, SC. m ASA WARREN TINDALL Jr. 1880. She was his 2nd wife.
9. JULIA JOSEPHINE BYARS b 29 Nov 1857 d 1899, m ALBERT WILLIS SMITH 14 Jan 1883
10. EDWARD HARRISON BYARS b 5 Feb 1860 d 24 Oct 1932, Marion, SC m (1) NANNIE PARRIS (2) MATTIE ? ?
11. Daughter b 18 apr 1865 d 4 May 1865.

Sources: DOROTHY H. ANDREWS, 606 College Dr., Gaffney, SC 19340; Family Bible Records; Shuford Hatcher Funeral Home Records; Cherokee Co. Cem. Vol I.;

Notes: JOSEPH E. HART, Jr. 3 Kings Mt. St., York, SC 19745 sent data showing father of Perry Harrison Byars was JOSEPH BYARS who m NANCY BLANTON. Note, pp 19,20, BB Enquirer, Vol II, No.1

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BILDAD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1812-1816  
WARREN CO. TN, now DeKALB CO.

Partial list courtesy MARTHA BYARS , Rt 10, Box 141, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

[Note: Martha is trying to find time to check early records in Warren Co. & at the Archives. Thank you!! That will help a lot cbh]

NATHAN BYARS-rec'd by experience-excluded\*

ROBERT BYARS-rec'd by letter-dismissed by letter.

ENOCH ANDERSON-restored.

JULIOS WEBB-rec'd by exp.-dismissed by letter.

HARREL BYARS-rec'd by exp-dismissed by letter.

ELIZABETH ANDERSON

HANNAH WEBB

JANE BYARS

[\*Editor's note: This is the man I believe to be the s/o NATHAN & DRUCILLA and is my "Nathanite" connection. And since I see he was excluded from the Church, I'm even more convinced. No good, christian, ancestor would lead me such a rat's race.c]

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????QUERIES???QUERIES???QUERIES???

Not many queries this issue, but I know everyone does not have all their questions answered. If you have not sent in a query or some information for publication on your line, you are missing the boat. Folk's won't know what you need, unless you tell them.

#6-SARAH BYERS+MEEKER HARRIS

My SARAH (poss. Ann middle name) BYERS b ca 1825, OH m 12 June 1842 R. MEEKER HARRIS (supposedly part Indian) in Butler Co. OH. Meeker b 15 Dec 1825, Butler Co. OH, was in Clark Co. IL in 1858. Meeker Harris d 31 Jan 1870, U. Union, IL. SARAH d 17 Nov 1886, York, Clark Co. IL. Children:

1. HESTER A. HARRIS b 19 Jan 1844 OH d Apr 1871, m BENJ. ADAMS.
2. WM HENRY HARRIS b 19 Jan 1844 [Were they twins or is this typo?cbh] d 2 Aug 1916, W. Union, IL m LIZZIE STEVEN.
3. DAVID R. HARRIS b 17 Dec 1846 OH d 10 Jan 1872 m MARTHA WILLIAMSON.
4. NANCY LUCY HARRIS b 1847 OH m 6 Jan 1869, Clark Co.IL m MASTON GILBERT MAXWELL (my g grandfather and also part Indian).
5. MARGARET F. HARRIS b 1849 OH.
6. ELIZABETH "LIBBY" HARRIS b 28 Nov 1850 d 5 May 1932 m BILL MONG.
7. SAMUEL F. HARRIS b ca 1855 m ?\_\_\_? HALL.
8. JANE HARRIS m JAMES SMITH.

I need info on the parents of both SARAH & MEEKER. Sarah said on one census that her father was b PA and her mother in Ireland.

[72B] Mrs. JEAN RUNYAN, 4401 Meadow Lane, South Bend, IN 46619

#7-BYARS in Warren Co. TN.

On page 13, Vol.II, No.1, you state that some descendants of JOHN BYARS Jr. (s/o Capt. JOHN BYARS & ELIZABETH THOMASON went to Warren Co. TN. PLEASE do you have more info about this? [That data came from DOROTHY HAYS so I direct this one to her cbh] On page 12 it states JOHN BYARS Jr. d 1 Nov 1814, yet ELIZABETH & SARAH AMANDA (his children) were supposed to have been b 1839 & 1847 [Also Dorothy's] There is an ELIZABETH BYARS in early Warren Co. that I haven't been able to account for b ca 1802-5, does anyone know who she is?

[65B] MARTHA BYARS, Rt 10, Box 141, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

#8-ELIZABETH GLEN T. BYARS & WILLIAM SKINNER

Seeking info on the family of ELIZABETH GLEN T. BYARS, b 25 Nov 1789 d 25 Aug 1876 Williamson Co. TN, m 27 Nov 1815, Loch Leven Dist, Lunenburg Co. VA to WILLIAM SKINNER b 1779 Lunenburg Co. VA. Children: JOHN MARSHALL SKINNER, GRIFFIN T. SKINNER, GILLIE JAMES SKINNER; WILLIAM (BOLIN) BENNETT SKINNER, BRANCH JONES SKINNER and IUCY ANN SKINNER.

RONNA LOUNSBERY, Box 67, Ottosen, IA 50570

[Note: Ronna is not a member, but placed this paid query. If you can help her please do and tell her you saw it in the Enquirer. Perhaps she'll join our group.]

#9-SARAH BYARS+STEPHEN RAINS

Need documentation and proof of parentage of SARAH BYARS that wed STEPHEN RAINS. Rains md (1) MARY ANN WILEY, d/o JAMES T. WILEY in 1840. In 1850, Polk Dist. Rutherford Co. NC, Stephen Raines and Susan were living a short way from BURGESS RAINES, in 1860 they were living in Polk Co. NC (cut off from Rutherford) Was Sarah/Susan d/o JAMES BYARS? A JAMES BYARS lived beside JAMES T. WILEY in census.

[69B] MARY MIJIS, P.O. Box 281, Chesnee, SC 29323

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WE SHALL ALL MISS HIM

The death of our Patriarch Col. George Byers touched many people. The following letter was sent to Col. John R. Byers, (Our Colonel's son). Col. John was kind enough to share it with your editor and I want to share it with all of Col. George's friends. cbh

Dear Colonel Byers:

In the death of Colonel George Byers the Byers clan suffers irreparable loss. No member has rendered more unselfish service in the area of research and the dissemination of valuable findings and new information. At a time when he seemed to be on the brink of a great breakthrough we lost him.

He had a mind that was richly stored, and disciplined almost to perfection. I shall never forget our meeting in my office in the National Archives many years ago, and the delightful conversation that we had. It was the beginning of a long and rewarding friendship. I shall greatly miss him -- a dear friend!

Sincerely,

ELMER O. PARKER

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- [69B] Ms MARY MILLS, Box 281, Chesnee, SC 29323
- [70B] New York Public Library, 5th & 42nd, NY, NY 10018
- [71B] VIRGINIA P. BYERS, 1135 Tenth St. Apt 19, Los Alamos, NM 87544
- [72B] NORMA J. RUNYAN, 4401 Meadow Lane, South Bend, IN 46619

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BYERS MARRIAGES, BUTLER CO. OHIO

Courtesy Norma J Runyan, address above.

- BYERS, Abraham m. Mary Busby, 16 July, 1819
- Alex m. Sophronia Simmonds 24 June, 1832
- Alex S. m. Bill H. Childers 30 Nov., 1867
- Alfred m. Mary Eliz. West 27 June, 1850
- Alfred m. Mary E. Board 8 July, 1860
- Amanda m. Alex. Morris 31 Jan., 1846
- Andrew m. Rebecca Eliason 12 Sept., 1852
- Ann m. San'l Garver 24 April, 1853
- Anna E. m. Wm. E. Noel 8 Nov., 1877
- David m. Mary Freeman 15 May, 1853
- Delia Ann m. Jacob M. Ellsworth 12 Nov. 1857
- BUYERS, Eliz. m. John Philip Schwab 24 April, 1848
- Eliz. m. James H. Harden 2 Sept., 1868
- Geo. W. m. Mary A. Johnson 27 Oct., 1857
- Jabish G. m. Margaret Tritch 11 Aug., 1853
- James m. Dela Ann Wilcox 25 Jan., 1852
- John m. (no name) 12 Aug., 1841
- John m. Sarah Christman, 3 Aug., 1865
- John I. m. Nancy A. Garland 28 May, 1857
- Joseph m. Bertha Ann Cruzen 1 Feb., 1838
- Martha m. Alex L. Deneen 16 June, 1825
- Nancy Ann m. Alen Dunn 25 Dec. 1840
- " " m. Dan'l Smith 26 Aug., 1862
- Permela m. Alonzo Harris 20 Jan., 1852
- Philip m. Nancy Mills 20 Nov., 1834
- Sarah Jane m. James Ledwell 16 July, 1850
- " " m. Alex M. Hall 30 Aug., 1852
- Wm. m. Eliz. Erwin 19 March, 1863

The following newspaper articles was written by

[63B] CHARLIE BYARS. He's not into research yet, but we may just make a convert out of him before it's over. The clippings were sent to me by a subscriber to one of my other publications, because of my maiden name. Mr. Charlie may not have realized it, but he made a very good point when he told about Uncle Fred changing the way he spells his name. And Mr. Charlie, if you feel so disposed, I'd sure like to have copies of those pictures of the Byars, Oklahoma town hall and square. The man that town was named after was my great uncle. I have a question for you. Do you remember the name of that old history book you read? cbh  
From:THE STATE, Columbia, SC, Sunday, August 24, 1986

# An ego trip: A tale of two small towns...

*Personally.*

By Charlie Byars

**MOVE OVER STROM THURMOND,** George Rogers, Rembert Dennis and all other prominent personalities who have their names attached to streets or buildings or towns.

Jimmy Chaffin, a lawyer friend of mine here in Columbia, has been looking at oil leases in Texas and has struck it rich, as far as I am concerned.

He rushed the good news into my office recently, spread a detailed map of a section of Texas on my desk and excitedly pointed out his find to me.

Right up there northeast of Wichita Falls near the famous Red River and the Oklahoma border lies the town called Charlie. Well, I be doggoned!

**BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!** Due east, about six miles away, plain as day on the map is a town called — are you ready for this? — Byers!

Chaffin said he really did a double take on his business trip to Petrolia, Texas, when he saw the road sign:

Charlie, 10

Byers, 8

Now, ain't that the cat's meow!

**YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE ME** for strutting a little bit about the Byars name and trying to explain why some folks spell it with an "e" and others spell it with an "a". My buddies may call it an ego trip, but if they don't want to read about it, they might as well stop reading now because that's what the rest of this column is about.

My uncle Fred, a dirt farmer near Clover before he died, spelled his name with an "e". I asked him one day long ago why he spelled our last name one way while Daddy, and the rest of the family, spelled it another.

"Ain't no big thing, Charles," he answered, that one sentence slowly drawn out like an old phonograph record running down. Uncle Fred's speech was attuned to the kind of life he led and the time in which he lived — no rush, no hurry, no traffic jams. Who needed a clock when man lived by the sun and moon, and by the seasons? If folks back then talked as fast as they do now, they would have run out of stories to tell and the long nights around the fire would be engulfed in silence. No need to rush a story. Not much else to do on those long nights except spin the tales and let them run their natural course.

**UNCLE FRED TOOK AN ETERNITY** to tell me why he spelled our last name differently but it boiled down to the first time he went into Clover to borrow seed money from the banker to tide him over until harvest.

The banker didn't know Uncle Fred but finally let him have the money. When he presented the papers for Uncle Fred to sign, he had spelled his last name as Byers.

"I wasn't gonna do anything to mess up the loan," Uncle Fred drawled, "So I just signed it Byers like the banker had it and I been doing it ever since." Uncle Fred slapped his thigh, as storytellers of that day would do, and roared with laughter as if it was the biggest joke in the world.

**WHAT'S TEXAS GOT TO DO** with the Byars, or Byers, name. A lot. I read in an old history book that two Byars brothers came from Ireland (we're Scotch-Irish) through Charleston and settled in upper Union County. One Byars brother stayed (that's the line I came from) and the other one migrated through Georgia, Alabama and on to Oklahoma and Texas. There also is a Byars, Okla., near Oklahoma City.

That's just gotta be my kinfolks out there in Texas and Oklahoma naming towns. We Byars, and Byers, folks get around.

End of ego trip.

This Article was published Saturday, Sept 13 1986.

THE COLUMN about the two towns in Texas named Charlie and Byers stirred two letters. Marguerite H. Booth of Darlington rural route wrote and confirmed that the two towns exist. She is a former resident of Byers. The other letter came from James T. Barr whose family lived in Byars, Okla., and he enclosed photo copies of the Byars town hall and town square. I really appreciated both letters.



DAVID BYERS of CHESTER CO. PA

From: [71B] VIRGINIA P. BYERS, 1135 Tenth St. Apt 19, Los Alamos, NM 87544

DAVID BYERS b 2 Feb 1758, Chester Co. PA, d 5 Jan 1817 Nicholas Co. KY m (1) 27 Feb 1788, Bourbon Co. KY, RACHEL NESBIT. Rachel b 3 Sep 1766, Chester Co. PA, d 23 Mar 1804 Nicholas Co. KY.

Rachel had a brother THOMAS NESBIT b PA, age 81 in 1850, living next door to David Byers and family in Monroe Co. IN. Rachel was the mother of David's first six children:

According to NELLIE BRADSHAW, David's father came to America in 1740; sailed from Hook of Holland. Supposedly Scots ancestry.

David & Rachel's children were:

I. JOHN BYERS b 18 Mar 1789, Bourbon Co. KY (later Nicholas Co.) d 28 Dec 1862 Nicholas Co. m (1) 12 May 1809, SARAH (SALLY) RAY; m (2) ZIPPORAH FOSTER (no issue this marriage) SARAH "SALLY" RAY was d/o JAMES and MARGARET RAY. She b 26 Sep 1778, d 26 Jan 1834. John was twenty and Sarah was thirty-one when they married. Both are buried at Concord Church of Christ Graveyard, Carlisle, KY. Zipporah Foster b 18 Jan 1798, d 22 Mar 1856. Children of John and Sarah:

1. JAMES RAY BYERS [see below]
2. RACHEL BYERS (spelled Racel in Bible records) b 9 Sep 1812 KY, d 13 Dec 1844. m 24 Oct 1833, SAMUEL M. EWARD.
3. ARLANN BYERS b 11 Dec 1814 KY.
4. MARGARET BYERS b 17 Mar 1817 KY, m 12 Dec 1839 THOMAS M. McCUNE.
5. SARAH BYERS b 28 Apr 1821 KY.

Sources: Nicholas Co. History p 505; Births, deaths and marriages from Byers Family Bible, in possession of FRANK MILTON BYERS, Jr. 125 Everett St. Lakewood, CO 80226

II. NANCY BYERS b 15 May 1791 Nicholas Co. KY, d 7 Dec 1818. Died unmarried. Estate settled Apr 1819.

III. SUSANNAH BYERS b 14 Mar 1793 Nicholas Co. KY m 10 Aug 1837 JOHN H. SMITHER.

IV. REBECCA NESBIT BYERS b 15 Apr 1795 Nicholas Co. KY. m 11 Oct 1814, GEORGE RAY B 26 Mar 1792.

V. RACHEL BYERS b 15 Apr 1795 Nicholas Co. KY d 8 Jan 1816 Nicholas Co. KY.

VI. MARGARET BYERS b 31 Aug 1800, KY [Virginia I see a discrepancy on your group sheets, you show this Margaret as marrying Thomas M. McCune same date as Margaret d/o of John. Please let us know which is right. Thanks, cbh]

DAVID BYERS m (2) ELIZABETH "BETSY" TURNER, 16 May 1805, after the death of Rachel. They had three sons:

VII 1) DAVID BYERS b 20 June 1806, Nicholas Co. KY (letter to older brother John 1848). Had six children by 1850, m ca 1833, Rachel ? \_\_\_ ? b KY. In Monroe Co IN, 1850 census, ED245.

VIII 2) NATHAN BYERS b 30 Nov 1807 Nicholas Co. KY, [no further info]

IX 3) BARTON R.S. BYERS b 30 Sep 1811, Nicholas Co. KY m SAVANNAH ? \_\_\_ ? b KY. In Monroe Co. IN, Mt. Tabor Dist. 1850 census No. 74 ED267.

Sources: Will of David Byers (xerox copy); Wedding bond 23 Feb 1788; Byers Family Bible in possession Frank Milton Byers Jr.; Bess Byers Davison, 1968.

I. 1. JAMES RAY BYERS b 12 Oct 1810, Nicholas Co. KY d 12 Aug 1882, Decatur Co. IN. d 12 Aug 1882, Decatur Co. IN. m 28 May 1835, Nicholas Co. KY, SARAH C. CARR d/o GEORGE CARR (s/o BENJAMIN CARR) and SOPHIA MARSH (d/o THOMAS MARCH). Sarah (known as "Aunt Sallie" in the community) b 8 Nov 1817, Nicholas Co. KY, d 10 Jan 1901, Decatur Co., IN. Both James and Sarah buried Milford Cemetery, Milford, IN. They are members of the

DAVID BYERS of CHESTER CO. PA, CONTINUED

Christian Church [Virginia has a picture, tintype of this couple] They moved by covered wagon from KY to IN in 1838, settling in Marion Twp, Rush Co. IN. near Milroy. In 1857 they bought a farm in Clay Twp, Decatur Co. IN and lived there until they died. James and Sarah had four sons:

- a. JOHN M. BYERS b 24 Mar 1836 Nicholas Co. KY d 19 Jan 1871. m 10 Mar 1864, EUPHEMA JANE BRADEN, d/o ROBERT & PAMELIA BRADEN. A son EDGAR BYERS b 2 Feb 1865, had a son HOWARD BYERS.
- b. GEORGE WRIGHT BYERS b 28 June 1840, near Greensburg, Decatur Co. IN d 1 Jan 1920/21. m (1) FRANCES JOHNSON, 28 Jan 1868. Frances d/o JAMES F. JOHNSON and MARY MCGAUNAW, was b 28 Aug 1844, d 29 Apr 1882. After the death of Frances, George m her sister, LUCY LUCY JOHNSON, 10 Jan 1884. Lucy b 13 May 1848, d 22 Dec 1897. George and Frances had one son:
  1. ADOLPHUS M. BYERS b 7 Oct 1868, d 26 Aug 1870. George and Lucy had two children:
    2. 1) FRANK M. BYERS d 27 Mar 1885 in infancy.
    3. 2) SARAH BYERS b 28 Apr 1891.
- c. JAMES MILTON BYERS b 1 Nov 1845 IN. Did not marry, willed his farm to his younger brother Joseph Wright Byers.
- d. JOSEPH WRIGHT BYERS b 30 Oct 1852, near Greensburg, Decatur Co. IN. d 7 May 1933 Coles Co IL. m 22 Dec 1881, Shelbyville, Shelby Co. IL NELLIE BRADSHAW d/o Capt. CYRUS BRADSHAW & LUCRETIA WHALEY. Nellie b Apr 1865/62? ?Sparta? Shelby Co. IL d Jan 1945. Both are buried Greenslawn Cemetery, Ft. Wayne, IN. Joseph practiced farming but his main occupation was as a Dentist. He and Nellie had three children:
  1. BESSIE B. BYERS b 30 Jun 1883, Charleston, Coles Co. IL m HOMER G. DAVISSON, artist professor at Ft. Wayne, IN Art School. Bessie d Sep 1970. She was a teacher and had no issue.
  2. \*FRANK MILTON BYERS b 11 Sep 1885, Charleston IL d 17 June 1945 Moline, IL m 21 June 1911, STELLA THERESA SURMAN of Carlinville, IL. d 17 Jun 1945 Moline, IL., buried there Riverside Cemetery.
  3. JOSEPHINE BYERS b 7 Apr 1898 Charleston, IL, d 7 Sep 1978, Birmingham, AL. m Dr. RALPH DONER, math professor, Auburn University, AL. Two adopted children: Joyce & Tommy.

\*Is Virginia's father-in-law.

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PROOF ONCE MORE THAT WE HAVE SOME EXCELLENT MINDS IN OUR GROUP!!

About the wills

JONAS WATKINS: He is a s/o WILLIAM WATKINS & SARAH DAVIS. It is interesting to see how he treats his sister, NANCY AMOS.

JONATHAN BUISE: I think he is a son of WILLIAM (Our No.II), but have no proof.

JOSEPH BYARS: He is the JOSEPH BYARS (1769-1853) Vol.I, No.1, pg 16. Fern has researched him very well and refers to this will.

DAVID BUICE: I think he is another son of WILLIAM (Our No.II). Notice that he married twice. The name of the first wife is not given, but I have located a David in the records of Rutherford Co., NC who could be this same David, but again no proof. The following is copied from: Rutherford County, North Carolina Wills and Miscellaneous Records, 1783-1868, by James W. and Vivian Wooley: Book A, pp. 132-133

Page 132. 14 April 1802. Proved, April term 1802. I, JANE H. CLAIMS, in consideration of love, good will and affection that I have and bear unto my dtr. REBECCA BYERS, living near myself, have given, granted unto said REBECCA and her heirs one negro woman named PEGG forever. Wit: B. FINLY, HUGH KILPATRICK. Signed: JEAN CLAIR.

Page 133. 14 April 1802. Proved, April term 1802. I, JEAN H. CLAIM, in consideration of love, good will and affection that I have and bear towards my dtr. MARGARET MURRY, living near myself, have given, granted one negro boy named Peter forever. Wit: P. FINLY, HUGH KILPATRICK. Signed: JEAN CLAIR.

Also notice in the marriage records of Rutherford Co. NC that DAVID BYERS m Dec. 30, 1800, REBEKAH McClAIN. Also notice in his will that a dau. by the first marriage was ELIZABETH N. INLAN. I wish I could see the original writing of her name. She could have been ELIZABETH McClAIN.

I was disappointed not to find the will of WILLIAM BYARS(BUYS) (Our NO. II) in the Enquirer, Vol I, No.1, pg 4 - is said to be recorded 1819, File \$436, Box 3, Pkg 15 and that the name of his children were spelled BUISE. This will was not on the roll of microfilm that I had. MT

will of  
JONAS WATKINS

Oct. 19----1844  
Spartanburgh District  
South Carolina

By the Grace of God being in a low State of health but Sound mind I thus make my last will & Testament as follows----

Article 1 As to my negro property my will and Desire is that my negro property is not to be Sold but to be loted of in Families and appraised by three or four Disinterested men and Divided among my brothers and Sisters Except NANCY AMOS.

ALFRED WATKINS, TEMPY BYARS----

Article 2 All my perishable property Except my negroes is to be Sold on a Credit of twelve months with my land on a credit of twelve months and the money to be Equally Divided between all my brothers and Sisters Except NANCY AMOS----

Article 3 owing to the love I bare my Sister NANCY AMOS I Leave her and her heirs three hundred Dollars not at her Disposal but to be put in the hands of my brother in law JOHN BYERS To be given her and her heirs for their Support as their gardeen the three Hundred dollars which I leave to my Sister NANCY AMOS and her heirs is to be Taken out of the Sales of my land and other perishable property before a Division of the Same among my other Brothers & Sisters.

witness my Hand and Seal  
JONAS WATKINS (SEAL)

Oct. 19 1844----  
NB I Leave JOHN BYERS, THOMPSON ROBS, and THOMAS HARRIS my Lawful Executors

Attest  
( FELIX M. LITTLEJOHN (SEAL)  
( HEZEKIAH WILLIS (SEAL)  
( JACOB KIRBY (SEAL)

Recorded in Will Book D page 74  
Box 16 Package 35  
Recorded October 28th 1844  
R. BOWDEN O.S.D.

will of  
JOSEPH BYARS

State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.

Be it known

That I, JOSEPH BYARS of the State and District aforesaid being in as good a State of health as Common, but calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and being of Sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following

1st It is my will that after my death that my body be decently buried  
2nd It is my will that after my death that my son JOHN BYARS do have one negro girl named Carolina together with all her increase exclusive of one negro boy named John that I have heretofore given him. And it is also my will that after my death that my son JOHN BYARS do have one negro boy named London and in consideration whereof my said son BYARS is by these presence bound to pay unto the lawful heirs of my son DAVID BYARS deceased the Sum of three hundred dollars which payment is to be made annually without interest fifty dollars is to be each year. But it is to be understood that if the Said negro boy London was to die before the payments are made or any part thereof my Son JOHN BYARS is not to pay any more than what has become due at the death of Said negro boy.  
It is also my will that my son JOHN BYARS to have my black Smith tools.

3rd At my death I lend unto my daughter ANNA BYARS one negro woman named Betty, one negro boy named Jefferson, one negro girl named Harriet with her increase also the tract of land whereon I now live containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less together with all my farming tools also two choice horses and my three horse wagon and harness three choice Cows and Calves and three other Small cow brutes all my hogs and Sheep and Crop on hand and other provisions also my household and Kitchin furniture except one feather bed and furniture that I here in bequeath unto my daughter TEMPERANCE McVAY. I also

lend unto my daughter ANNA BYARS one lady's Saddle for her Support during her natural life except She sees fit to marry if She was to marry I only lend her the Said negro girl Harriet and her increase, one choice horse and Choice Cow and Calf, two feather beds and furniture during her natural life at her marriage or death it is my will that my Son JOHN BYARS have the Said negro woman Betty the Said negro boy Jefferson and the tract of land whereon I now live containing two hundred & fifty acres more or less. Furthermore at the death of my daughter ANNA BYARS it is my will that my daughter TEMPERANCE McVAY and the heirs of her body do have the Said negro girl named Harriet with her increase. It is also my will that the remaining part of the property that I have lended to my daughter ANNA BYARS be Sold (if any) when the lones is out and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between my lawful heirs.

4th It is my will that after my will that after my death that my daughter TEMPERANCE McVAY and the heirs of her body do have one negro woman named Mary Ann and Said Mary Ann's child Martha and their increase.

5th It is my will that the property that is not herein bequeathed nor lended be Sold by my executor that I Shall hereinafter appoint and after my Just debts burial expences and ordinarys fees be paid the remaining part (if any) is to be equally divided between my Son JOHN BYARS and my daughter ANNA BYARS.

6th I herein appoint my Son JOHN BYARS my lawful executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I hereunto Set my hand and affix my Seal in presence

of

GEORGE PETTY  
SAUL A. CAMP  
W.D. CAMP

This the Seventh day of  
February one thousand eight  
hundred & fifty one

his  
JOSEPH X BYARS (LS)  
mark

Recorded in Will Book D, Page 368, Recorded March 7, 1853  
Box 18, Pkg. 24  
R. BONDEN, O.S.D.

Will of  
DAVID BUICE

State of South Carolina )  
Spartanburgh District )  
Know all men by these presents that I DAVID BUICE, SENIOR of the Said State and District above, being old and approaching my end, but of Sound Mind and Memory, do Make this my last will and testament in the name of God Amen, viz, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, MARTHA BUICE, and my four children JOHN ROSS RICHARD BUICE, SARAH BUICE, TEMPY W. BUICE, and JAMES RUSSEL BUICE, and all other children that may hereafter be lawfully born of her to me, all the property hereinafter named.

First, I give unto them my House and House Plantation, and all other Lands that I own that I own adjoining thereto, being about three hundred acres. I also give them my Household and Kitchen furniture Excepting the bed I got by my wife when I married her; which bed and furniture I give to her Daughter POLLY GRIFFIN, I likewise give to them all my Horses and plantation tools of all Kinds. also my Stock of Cattle and Hogs that I may die possessed of, then I also give unto my Said wife and children, My Negro Woman named Julia, and her children, Syntha, Senutha, Ben and Ardelia, them and their increase; I also give unto them my Negro Boy Spencer, untill my youngest child becomes Sixteen years of age, then the boy Spencer to be given up to my first wife's children to be disposed of as herein-after directed. I also give unto my Said wife MARTHA and her children my wagon and Carriage, my two Saddles, and all the money notes and crops that I may have on hand at my death after paying all my just debts, I give unto my first wife's children hereafter named, the boy Spencer to be Sold and Equally divided between them after my youngest child is Sixteen years old, (viz) HENRY BUICE. ELISHA BUICE, DAVID BUICE, JOSHUA BUICE, PATSY DEWBERRY and ELIZABETH M. INLAN (McCLAIN) untill the Shares they have already received be Equal to the Share my oldest Son WILLIAM BUICE has received, if not Sufficient to make them equal

to WILLIAM BUICE, he must pay back to them untill their Shares be Equal to his, if the proceeds of the Sale of the boy Spencer Should be more than will make their Shares Equal to WILLIAM BUICE's Share the ballance must be divided Equally among them including WILLIAM BUICE. NOW MY WILL IS that my wife's interest in all the property above named to her Shall only be during her lifetime or widowhood, and at her death or marriage to another to return to my children by her. I do hereby appoint Dr. F.W. Littlejohn, and my wife MARTHA BUICE, Executor and Executrix to this my last will and testament, in testimony whereof I hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Sixth day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty three.

Test  
FELIX H. LITTLEJOHN  
SAML.  
SUSAN  
his  
DAVID X BUIIS (Seal)  
mark

Recorded in Will Book D. Page 406  
Box 9, Package 38  
Recorded 19th January 1855  
R. BOWDEN, O.S.O.

THE BYARS - BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER, VOL.II, NO.2  
WILLS, CONTINUED

will of

JONATHAN BUISE

South Carolina, Spartanburgh District

In the name of God Amen. I JONATHAN BUISE of the State and District aforesaid being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following (Viz) I will my Soul to God who gave it and my body to my friends to be decently buried and the expences thereof - paid out of my estate. I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife MAHALA BUISE all my lands lying on the side of the creek whereon is my dwelling. I also give to my wife one negro boy named Tom during her life and then to descend to my daughter LEVINA BUISE and her heirs. I also will to my wife MAHALA BUISE all my other property after the payment of my just debts and funeral expences consisting of stock of every description farming tools household & kitchen furniture Notes and accounts to her untill my daughter LEVINA shall become twenty one years of age and then to be equally divided between my wife MAHALA BUISE and my daughter LEVINA BUISE. I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter LEVINA BUISE all my lands lying on the north side of the creek also two negroes named Isabel and William to her and her heirs forever and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife MAHALA BUISE my sole Executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all and every other will or wills at any time by me heretofore made and do declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said JONATHAN BUISE have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of March 1845.

his  
JONATHAN X BUISE  
mark

Signed in the  
presence of  
THOMAS VAUGHN  
DAVIS MOORE  
his  
JAMES X HILL  
mark

Recorded in Will Book D Page 95  
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R. BOWDEN, O.S.D.

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FROM the EDITOR

The fall of the year is upon us, and there is no better time for the family researcher. It's the best time of year for a trip, especially if it takes us away from home for the night. Motel rates are cheaper, the weather is cool enough to survey cemeteries without fear of heat stroke, and most of the snakes and ticks have gone away for the winter. It's advisable for us to get in as much research time as possible now, because before long bad weather will keep us at home.

For those of you who are sick and tired of me harping about documentation I'd like to ask you to read the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol.75, No. 2 June 1987. If you are not a member of NGS, ask your librarian about it. In this issue The Editors' Corner asks, "Are We Genealogists or Are We Name Gathers?" Among the other fine articles in this quarterly are two that really hit home. One by Richard A. Pence is entitled, "Which JACOB PENCE? A Case Study in Documenting Identity," pp 117-123. This study points out that errors in identity do indeed exist and that even DAR records must be proven if a true lineage is the researchers goal. In 1928 a Revolutionary War headstone was placed on the grave site of one Jacob Pence, in a family cemetery on Indian Creek, Monroe Co. W.VA. Pence points out the conflicting info in DAR applications and shows his full references and proof of previous errors on this line. He also shows how hard it is to correct an error after so many years.

Another excellent article in this quarterly is "Viewpoints: Documentation for Lineage Papers: Two Perspectives.", pp 124-140. by: Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr. and Elizabeth Pearson White,. View One by Sheppard, "What proves a Lineage? Acceptable Standards of Evidence" discusses: "Types Of Evidence; Preponderance Of The Evidence; Biased Evidence; Hereditary Society Pedigrees As Evidence; Acceptable Forms Of Evidence For Lineage Applications; and Standards For Documenting Lineage Papers. View Two: "Documentation for Lineage Societies: A Survey of Requirement, Procedures, and Pitfalls," by Elizabeth Pearson White, even discusses the "Problem of Illegitimacy." Which my friends did happen and must be accepted and shown in our respective family histories.

I believe we never stop learning, and articles such as these will benefit the experienced as well as the inexperienced. As we continue to study our families, let us not get so obsessed with filling in the next generation on our chart that we fail to heed the many warnings about errors that are being given to us today.

If you have some "suggested reading" that you think will benefit our members please do not fail to send it in.

Have a good time this fall, and don't forget to Share Your Findings, through this publication.

*Cloué*

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CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS & COMMENTS

From: [71B] VIRGINIA BYERS, 1135 Tenth St. Apt. 19, Los Alamos, NM 87544

"Rec'd Vol II, No.2...and read it from cover to cover with interest. A tribute to Col. GEORGE BYERS. I too am so sorry this fine elder statesman is no longer lending us his support and influence. I rec'd several fine letters from him with many enclosures, all of which I greatly appreciated."

Re: Vol II, No. 2, p 58: DAVID BYERS, Chester Co., PA-It was David's granddaughter MARGARET VI (d/o David's son JOHN) not his daughter who m. THOMAS M. McCUNE. Sorry, always seems to me to be difficult to type an error free form. [true for many of us, and it's rather nice to be able to correct these errors cbh]. Also p

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58, NATHAN BYERS, VIII, was shown in Fed. 1840 census in Monroe Co., IN (ED 060). In 1850 census for Monroe Co. there is shown: BARTON R. BYERS, 267, Mt. Tabor Twp; DAVID BYERS, 245, Richland Twp; SARAH BYERS, 296, Bloomington Twp; (but no NATHAN). [Those Nathan's can really get away from you cbh]

From [40B] MARJORIE S. TUCKER, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226

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PP. 3-4 JOHN BYARS s/o NATHAN BYARS and DRUCILLA HARRELSON, d. Apr. 13, 1852, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. His wife, MARY ANN "PASSIE" LOGAN, d. Sept. 9, 1854, Jefferson Co., Ala. They were both living when the census of 1850 was taken, but they were not living together. Does anybody know why?

Census of 1850, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.

Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., Ala.

District No. 2

Elyton Beat

Family #260

Family # 32

|                   |    |                   |
|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| Thaddeus D. Byars | 25 | Ala., brick mason |
| Melissa           | 22 | "                 |
| Mary E.           | 4  | "                 |
| John L.           | 2  | "                 |
| Passey            | 63 | SC.               |

|                |    |               |
|----------------|----|---------------|
| Drury S. Lacey | 37 | Ky.           |
| Harriet A.     | 25 | SC.           |
| Franklin R.    | 10 | Ala.          |
| Sarah E.       | 7  | "             |
| Thomas A.      | 4  | "             |
| James L.       | 2  | "             |
| John Byars     | 73 | NC., mechanic |

Note: Drury S. Lacey m. Oct. 11, 1838, Jefferson Co., Ala., Amanda Scott. Who was Drury S. Lacey?

Their son, NATHAN BYARS, m.1st. Feb. 26, 1825, Jefferson Co., Ala., ELIZABETH REAVIS, ALLEN REAVIS, bondsman.

Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., Ala.

Truss Beat, District 32, Family #77

|              |    |             |
|--------------|----|-------------|
| Allen Reavis | 55 | NC., farmer |
| Jane         | 54 | Va.         |
| Allen        | 23 | Ala.        |
| Sarah        | 22 | "           |
| Jane         | 17 | "           |
| John         | 11 | "           |
| Henry        | 9  | "           |
| Joseph       | 8  | "           |

NATHAN BYARS m.2nd Jan. 5, 1832, Jefferson Co., Ala., ELIZABETH (WALKER) BYARS, widow of JAMES BYARS (s/o WILLIAM BYARS, our no. V, and SARAH ANN (DOGGETT) DOGGETT). See attached sheets giving children of both Nathan and James Byars.

Editor's Note: See pg. 69 for this family

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P. 4 MARTHA "PATSY" BYARS m. JAMES STAMPS. She was not born 1821. See below:

Census of 1850, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.

District No. 2

Family #459

|              |    |            |
|--------------|----|------------|
| James Stamps | 53 | Ga.        |
| Martha       | 47 | SC.        |
| Sarah D.     | 22 | Ala.       |
| Lovina       | 18 | "          |
| Nancy E.     | 15 | "          |
| Brittian     | 13 | " (female) |
| William      | 4  | "          |

P. 3 NANCY CAROLINE BYARS, b. Nov. 13, 1801, m. WILLIAM WILEY. They were living in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. in 1850.

Census of 1850, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.

District No. 2

Family #258

|                       |    |      |
|-----------------------|----|------|
| William <u>Willie</u> | 58 | SC.  |
| Nancy                 | 49 | SC.  |
| Mary A.               | 14 | Ala. |
| Nancy C.              | 12 | "    |
| William N or H        | 9  | "    |

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P. 53 NANCY BYARS, b. ca. 1776, m. Mar. 16, 1795, Rutherford Co., N.C., THADDEUS DUDLEY WALKER, b. ca. 1775. In 1850 they were living in Marion Co., Ala.

Census of 1850, Marion Co., Ala.

Beat No. 6

Family #10

|                      |    |      |
|----------------------|----|------|
| Thadeus Walker , Sr. | 75 | Va.  |
| Nancy                | 74 | Va.  |
| Nancy                | 20 | Ala. |
| Martha               | 1  | "    |

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 NATHAN BYARS, son of JOHN

By: MARJORIE S. TUCKER

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3                      2                      1  
 Children of NATHAN BYARS (JOHN BYARS, NATHAN BYARS) and his 1st. wife,  
 ELIZABETH REAVIS:

1. THOMAS A. BYARS

"said to be living in the state of Mississippi" - June 7, 1860

2. MARY ANN BYARS, b.                      1828, Ala., d.                      , m. Feb. 2, 1846,  
 Jefferson Co., Ala., PHILIP T. GRIFFIN, b.                      1819, S.C.

3. HENRY K. BYARS, b.                      1829, Ala., d.                      , m. Jan. 8, 1851,  
 Jefferson Co., Ala., LAURA MASSEY  
 dau. of JAMES MASSEY

Child of NATHAN BYARS and his 2nd. wife, ELIZABETH (WALKER) BYARS:

4. NATHAN BYARS, JR., b.                      1839, Ala., d. before 1860.

Sources:

Probate Book Minutes 1860-1862, Jefferson County, Ala., page 63:

"NATHAN BYARS deceased. June 7, 1860. Heirs: HENRY K. BYARS, MARY A.  
 now wife of PHILIP T. GRIFFIN, NATHANIEL HAWKINS, administrator of  
 NATHAN BYARS, JR., deceased, all of this state and county, also  
 THOMAS A. BYARS said to be residing in the state of Mississippi and  
 MRS. ELIZABETH BYARS, the widow".

Census of 1850, Jefferson County, Ala., Elyton Beat:

| Family #20                 | Family #23            | Family #24                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| GRIFFIN, PHILIP T. 31 S.C. | BYARS, NATHAN 51 N.C. | KELLY, SARAH 27 Va.        |
| MARY ANN 22 Ala.           | ELIZABETH 52 N.C.     | KELLY, JAMES 13 Ala.       |
|                            | NATHAN 11 Ala.        | BYARS, HENRY K.<br>21 Ala. |

Children of JAMES BYARS (WILLIAM BYARS, Our NO.V) and ELIZABETH WALKER:

1. NANCY BYARS, b.                      , d. before 1831, m. May 22, 1819, Jefferson  
 Co., Ala., ALLEN KILLOUGH

They had 2 daus., ELIZABETH and NANCY KILLOUGH.

2. WILLIAM BYARS, b. before 1810 (was 21 by 1831)

3. JANE BYARS, b. before 1810 (was 21 by 1831)

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Children of JAMES BYARS & ELIZABETH WALKER, CONTINUED

- \* 4. ROBERT BYARS, b. Jan. 17, 1810, d. Sept. 24, 1855, m. SARAH M. BYARS (1st cousin), b. Jan. 3, 1810, d. Jan. 3, 1886, dau. of GEORGE K. BYARS and ANNA BLACKWELL (from Byars/Byers Enquirer, Vol. I, No. 3, page 63, Sept. 1986).
- 5. ANDREW J. BYARS
- 6. JAMES CARROLL BYARS
- 7. EVAN BYARS
- 8. MARTHA BYARS
- 9. THADDEUS BYARS
- 10. DRUCILLA BYARS

Sources:

The following is an abstract of the administration of the estate of James Byars, Sept. 3, 1831, Jefferson Co., Ala.:

Page 462. JAMES BYARS deceased. JOHN BYARS, adm'r. Ten legatees: WILLIAM BYARS, over 21; JANE and ROBERT BYARS, over 21 and ANDREW J., JAMES CARROLL, EVAN, MARTHA, THADDEUS and DRUCILLA BYARS, infants under 21 and ELIZABETH and NANCY KILLOUGH, under 21, who are entitled in right of their mother, NANCY KILLOUGH, deceased, late NANCY BYARS, daughter of said JAMES BYARS. JOHN BROWN appointed guardian of ANDREW J. BYARS, JAMES CARROLL BYARS, EVAN BYARS, MARTHA BYARS, THADDEUS BYARS and DRUCILLA BYARS.

These are possibilities for JAMES CARROL & THADDEUS BYARS

Census of 1850, Jefferson Co. AL.

Elyton Beat, Family #43

|                    |    |                 |
|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| Washington R. Ware | 35 | Tenn., clerk    |
| Mary J.            | 33 | Ky.             |
| James              | 11 | Ala.            |
| Mary C.            | 9  | "               |
| Susan D.           | 7  | "               |
| William            | 5  | "               |
| Sarah F.           | 4  | "               |
| Anna               | 3  | "               |
| Florence R.        | 1  | "               |
| John Salmons       | 37 | Tenn., merchant |
| James C. Byers     | 35 | Ala., grocer    |

Census of 1850, Marion Co., Ala.

|                      |
|----------------------|
| Beat No. 6           |
| Family #9            |
| Thadeus Byas 22 Ala. |
| Permelia 25 Tenn.    |
| Sarah 8 "            |
| James C. 5 "         |

Note: They were living next door to Thaddeus Dudley Walker, Sr. and his wife, Nancy Byars d/o Nathan and Drucilla.

From the Marriage records of Jefferson Co. AL. transcribed by Jones & Gandrud:  
WASHINGTON WARE m Mar. 23 1838, MARY J. MUDD, who d 1854, d/o JAMES MUDD and SARAH SWEARINGEN.

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THE MARTIN CONNECTION

In an effort to connect the Spartanburg Dist., SC., Martin family to the Byars family of the same area, Marjorie transcribed from microfilm the pension file of MARTIN MARTIN, Pension File W. 9170. In brief it is believed by some that DELIAH wife of ROBERT MARTIN, was d/o NATHAN BYARS & DRUCILLA HARRELSON. MARTIN MARTIN filed his application 1 Mar 1819 and was sixty four years old at the time. On 9 Apr 1823 he stated his family numbered seven; his wife, sixty years of age; daughter ANNA, thirty one; Willis [no relationship mentioned] twenty one; grand-son, WINSTON WRIGHT, ten years; granddaughter POLLEY aged eight years. Martin Martin was m to DICY in Laurens Dist. SC. ca 1781, they moved first to Rutherford Co. NC., then to Spartanburgh Dist. SC in 1813. Martin d 24 Feb 1837 and on 9 Sep 1839, Dicy filed for a widows pension. RICHARD SCRUGGS and JESSE SCRUGGS vouched for Dicy. On 7 Mar 1857, ROBERT MARTIN of Spartanburg Dist., SC. appointed A.S. WALLACE of York Dist. SC to prosecute the claim of his father and mother in the matter of the pension.

Included in these papers were several letters regarding the Martin family. One dated 3 Mar 1932 was written by Mrs. R.E. MARTIN 2502 County, Texarkana, AR. In this letter she states; Martin Martin of Virginia was married to DICEY HICKS, they had ten children and lived and died somewhere near Spartanburg, SC, were buried near Cowpens. In 1938 a Mr. THOMAS C. LITTLEJOHN, Sr. of Cowpens, SC also wrote to the Nationa Archives and a return letter mentions the War of 1812 record of RAWLEIGH ROBERT MARTIN of Cherokee Co. SC., s/o MARTIN MARTIN. Also in 1938 a Mrs. McCALLISTER PEARCE of West Memphis, AR made inquiries at the Archives as did a RUTH P. SUTHERLAND on Hanover, Indiana in 1914.

In order to establish proof of Deliah's maiden name more research is needed on this family. Please see query in query section. cbh

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CONNECTIONS MADE

[42B] Dr. MARION STARK CRAIG, 300 Beckwood Rd., Little Rock, AR 72205 wrote to say: WILLIAM TUCKER'S, SAMUEL BYERS, Vol.II, No.2, p 42, is s/o ANDREW, s/o SAMUEL & wife JANE WHITE. This makes Mr. Tucker's Samuel a nephew of Dr. Marion's Thomas. Mr. Tucker and ANNE ELLER GARWOOD come from the same Andrew s/o Samuel, Sr., & wife Jane White. So, Anne and Dr. Marion have both found "new cousins". I am always delighted when folks make connections. [Did this publication help in any way? cbh]

Also Dr. Marion, very nicely mentioned that his middle name STARK does not end with an e, leave it to me to misspell a name, my face is red again.cbh

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RECOMMENDATION

[67B] WILLIAM W. TUCKER, 5435 Hearn Rd., Ellenwood, GA. 30049, wrote to say: "I recently obtained a copy of Dr. Raymond Bell's monograph "The Byers Family of Washington County, Pennsylvania" and it connected me with my Byers of Morgan Co., OH. I would highly recommend it to anyone who suspects their Byers could have come from Washington Co.

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#10-MARTIN+BYARS CONNECTION

Would like to correspond and compare data on the family of RAWLEIGH ROBERT MARTIN,

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s/o MARTIN MARTIN, who was living in Spartanburg, Dist. SC. in 1857. Need proof of his wife's maiden name.

CLOVIS BYARS HERRING, Rt 1 Box 123A, Buffalo, TX 75831

#11-JOHN BYARS & MARY ANN "PASSIE" LOGAN

Both JOHN BYARS and his wife MARY ANN "PASSIE" LOGAN were living when the census of 1850 was taken. "Passie" was living with THADDEUS D. BYARS in Tuscaloosa Co. AL and JOHN was living with DRURY S. LACY in JEFFERSON Co. AL [See pg 67] Does anyone know why they were not living together? Also would like to know who DRURY S. LACEY was.

[40B] MARJORIE S. TUCKER, 617 Paden De. Birmingham, AL 35226

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JAMES L. BYERS of LEAVENWORTH CO. KS.

Photocopies courtesy: [67B] WILLIAM TUCKER. Note: Mr. Tucker says."While this has no connection to my line I thought it might be of interest to someone." Surely may and we thank you for your consideration.cbh. From History of Leavenworth County" no pub. or publication date given.pp 692-694



JAMES L. BYERS.

JAMES L. BYERS, who came to Leavenworth in the fall of 1855 and is now one of the oldest surviving settlers of this city, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1824, and is of Scotch descent. His father, ROBERT BYERS, emigrated from Belfast, Ireland to America and settled in Pittsburgh, PA., but soon removed to Dayton, Ohio, and bought a tract of land near that city. As soon as he was permanently settled he sent for his mother and brothers in Ireland, and they joined him in Dayton. He became a successful farmer and stock-raiser and was a highly esteemed citizen of his community. In politics he supported the Whig party and was a warm admirer of Henry Clay. He was a young man at the time of his death. His wife, NANCY, who was a sister of JAMES and ALEXANDER LAUGHLIN, of Pittsburg, PA., passed away at the age of seventy-six years. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are living, viz.: JAMES L., ROBERT, GEORGE, and AGNES, who is the wife of D.D. MARQUIS.

The education of our subject was such as the common schools afforded. Being the oldest son at home he took charge of the farm at an early age, remaining with his mother until the younger sons were able to assume the management of the place. In 1851 he went to southern Illinois and for a few years was in partnership with his brothers, ALEXANDER and ROBERT, in a general mercantile business in Olney and Louisville, Ill. In October, 1855, he came to Leavenworth, bringing with him from St. Louis a stock of goods and opening



JAMES L. BYERS, CONTINUED

a store in the town. The surrounding were unpleasant, owing to border warfare between the free-state and pro-slavery parties. In 1857 he sold his grocery, after which he carried on a real-estate business until 1860. He then began freighting over the plains to points in Colorado and New Mexico, continuing in this occupation until the Union Pacific Railroad reached Denver in 1869. At that time he loaded his wagons with goods purchased in St. Louis, Mo., and Leavenworth, Kans., and drove through to Salt Lake, Utah, where he opened a store and sold his goods, cattle and wagons. It was during this time that the Union Pacific Railroad was completed to Ogden and Salt Lake City. Later he made a few trips to Boise City.

In the spring of 1869 Mr. Byers took a stock of goods from Kansas by boat up the Missouri River to Ft. Benton and then freighted the goods to Helena, Mont., where he opened a general store and remained for three years, successfully engaged in merchandising. On his return to Leavenworth he began to improve the lots and the several acres of land that he owned in the city. He built a one-story brick block on Shawnee street, which a few years later was destroyed by fire. He then erected a large block, which is one of the best in the neighborhood. At different times he has built other business houses and residences, some of which he still owns. He is also the owner of three hundred acres of farm land in Stranger Township. During his younger days he was one of the most extensive buyers and sellers of property in Leavenworth.

While in the main Mr. Byers has been successful, yet he has met with some heavy losses, but he has always managed to "keep his head above water," and has never become discouraged, no matter how dark the outlook. His success is commendable when it is remembered that in boyhood he assisted in caring for other members of the family and had few opportunities for acquiring an education. When he started out for himself he was without means, but by industry and honest dealing he has become well-to-do. He has never cared for office, but, wherever located, he has always taken an interest in local politics, and supports Republican principles. He is generous in his dealings with all, a man of irreproachable character, kind-hearted and wholesouled, with a good word for all. He has won and retained the confidence of the business men with whom he has dealt and stands high among his fellow-citizens. Fraternally he is connected with Leavenworth Lodge No. 2, I.O.O.F., in which he has passed all the chairs.

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CHESTER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

Our thanks to MELTON P. MEEK, M.D., 3410 Oak, N.W. Lawton, OK 73505. Dr. Mel. has done extensive research on Chester Co., plus had much correspondence with Col. George before his death. Dr. Mel has sent us his research notes on that county for publication.

Index to Chester Co., PA. Wills and Administrations, 1714/4 - 1850  
 Pub. by Chester Co. PA. Historical Society, no pub. date given.

BYERS:

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| JOHN     | E. Caln       | 1767 | Will      |
| JOHN     | E. Caln       | 1849 | Inventory |
| JOSEPH   | E. Caln       | 1761 | Will      |
| MARGARET | Brandywine    | 1810 | Will      |
| SAMUEL   | Bran.         | 1797 | Will      |
| SAMUEL   | Bran.         | 1797 | Inventory |
| WILLIAM  | Upper Owchlan | 1788 | Will      |

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From:[73B] ALDEN S. BYERS, 200 East Racquet Club Rd. #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262 [And we all welcome this learned gentleman to our membership. He is doing (and has been for the past 13+ years) extensive research in PA. See more of his data this issue. Below are excerpts from his letter dated 12 June 1987.]

Vol.II, No.2 pg. 58:

I can prove the origin of DAVID BYERS b 2/2/1758 who was b. in Cumberland Co., not Chester as shown on pg 58. David was the s/o JOHN BYARS, b 1729, (Montour Church Records), who m AGNES ROSS 1755 in Paxtang Presbyterian Church near Harrisburg, PA. I believe and can almost(!) prove that John was the father of my JACOB. My Jacob was first listed as a freeman (over 21 and unmarried) 1778 (earliest I have found) meaning that Jacob was probably b either 1757 or possibly of a first marriage just before Agnes 1755.

This JOHN BYARS was a Presbyterian Elder in the Centre Church near Loysville, then (1777) Toboyne Twp., Cumberland Co., now Perry Co. (Northeast Madison twp). I have a wealth of data on John & Agnes, and have traced their sons JAMES, DAVID, JOHN, ROSS and SAMUEL. The 2nd marriage was the widow MARGERY DAVIDSON DUNNING, m 1782. I've traced the Davidson connection which ties to my Jacob.

JOHN BYARS lived first in Middleton Twp (Tax records 1756-9), Cumberland Co., near Carlisle after marrying Agnes, and was probably a protege of Judge John. John is listed once as a wagonner, and there is proof that he helped Judge John build the military roads, possibly thereby getting money to buy what became a 500 acre farm at the junction of Cisna's Run with Sherman's Creek in Toboyne twp. I think the relationship was more than neighbors with the same name, but have not finished proving it. In any event VIRGINIA P. BYERS can get a copy of John Byars Will 1808 from Moon twp., Allegheny County (Coraopolis), near Pittsburg, where John became an Elder in the Montour Church. 1796-1808. I have a copy and have contacted some descendants. The Coraopolis farm is now the greater Pittsburg Airport!!

AGNES ROSS d ca 1778-80, maybe in childbirth of the 5th son JONATHAN [not listed above] seems to have himself died young. She was d/o ARCHIBALD ROSS, who d 1783 in Tyrone twp., then Cumberland Co. He seems to trace to JAMES ROSS, d 1699 of Carrick-Fergus, Ireland.

IF John Byars came to America in 1740, he would have been age 11, therefore must have been with a parent or other close relative. (Maybe with John of Downington 1741). I'd appreciate any more info NELLIE BRADSHAW may have. The Hook of Holland data is suspect, because John was Scottish, but it could be because the BYARS/BYERS/BYRES/BUYERS were all actually de Byres tracing to 1066 Norman French Boii. The de Byres over the centuries were internationalists and traders, and had branches in Holland and Ireland before the Battle of the Boyne.

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BOYER to BYERS

From:[57B] Mrs. RAYMOND VOGEL, Rt 1 Box 85, Newell, IA 50568

Vol.II, No.1, p 5:

Name change from Boyer to Byers. For four generations we have used BYERS, but before that is was variously BEYERS, BOYERS. Here is my proof. I'm from JOHN BYERS m ELIZABETH SHAFFER.

History of Stark Co. Ohio, Wm. Henry Perrin 1881, p 1009; Wash. twp, sketch of JOHN SHAFFER, (father of above Elizabeth), "Eliz. married JOHN BYERS." p 503,

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Paris Twp. "John Byers came into the twp in 1809."  
Stark Co Ohio Marriages 1809-1840, Alliance Gene. Soc.1986. "BOYERS, JOHN & ELIZABETH SHAFFER m 15 Apr 1819 by JOHN A MEYER, Methodist, Vol A p 39.  
1850 Census, Paris twp., Stark Co. Ohio, p 411, entries 429/437  
BEYERS, John, wife ELIZABETH, 6 children, one of whom was my g g grandfather ELI. Dates agree with what is in my family Bible. Bible was my g g grandmothers & is in my possession. From 1830 on, the family used the name BYERS.

[Thanks Eugenia. This is a very good example of the name change from Boyer to another spelling. The different ways of spelling a certain name seems to be a problem, especially to many new to the game of genealogy. However, one of the best researchers I know, and she's been at it for some time, often slips up and says "not mine, not the right spelling." I almost lost a friend one day when I insisted that she was overlooking possibilities. She said finally, "Oh I know that they could be mine, but it's a hang up I have not been able to overcome." Well, my own Daddy told me several times that if Byars has an a they are kin, but if it has an e they are not. Well, my Daddy may have been right about the "now" generation, but bless his heart, he was wrong about the "then" generation. cbh]

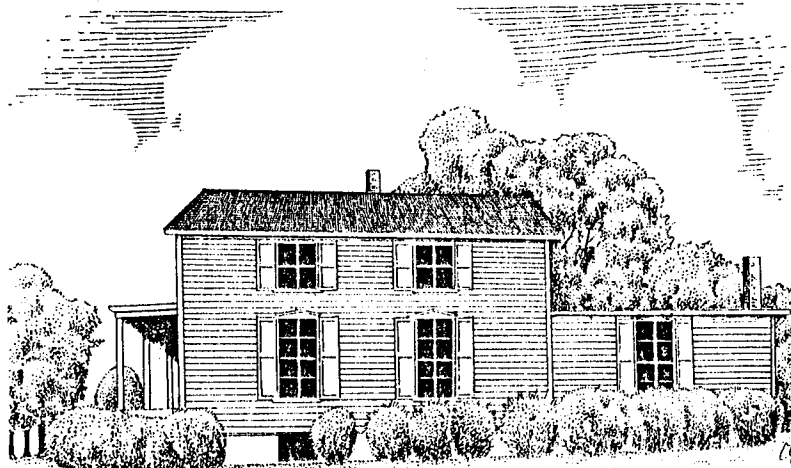
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A FAMILY SPLIT BY THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

From: [52B] THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121  
[Some interesting highlights about the descendants of MIJAMIN BYERS & ELIZABETH A STEVENSON, see Vol.II, No.2, pg 49. I. MIJAMIN i. HUGH. The following are excerpts from a letter written to MR. ELMER O. PARKER in 1963 by HUGH BYERS son OTTIS R. BYERS (1875-1971). Mr. Parker sent a copy of the letter to Thurlo.]  
Feb 20, 1963, Mr. E.O. Parker, Washington, D.C. Dear Mr. Parker, No doubt you know there was lots of bitterness and hatred among some families during the war. Many families were split over the issue of the North and the South and that did happen to my grandfathers family. My father (Hugh) was the only one that joined the Federal forces and TOM RAY, his brother-in-law, and his two brothers, Lem (LEMUEL BYERS) and Jack (JOHN RANDOLPH BYERS), took exception to it for they all were for the South and that caused a very bad split in our family. (Hugh was 18 at the time) A part of it never did heal. From that day until my fathers death he never did hear from Lem and Jack for they left soon after for the West Coast (Montana) and as for SOPHIA, his sister who married TOM RAY, he and mother went to Miles City, Montana to see her in 1894 after he heard Tom Ray had died and it happened this way.

In 1893 (Ottis was 18 at the time) I was in Chicago at the Worlds Fair and at the hotel where I stayed during the Fair, by chance, I got to talking to a man some years older than I and he said he was from Miles City, Montana and his name was Ray. I asked him if his father's name was Tom and his mother's maiden name was SOPHIA BYERS and he said it was....but who are you? We had a fine visit and went all over the family troubles caused by the war and when I returned home I gave father this information and told him Tom Ray was dead. So he thought it would be safe now to write to his sister, Sophia. She was so happy to hear from her brother after so many long, long years, from 1864 to 1894. So, in 1894, that summer father and mother went out to Miles City and spent the summer there.

Editors note: Thurlo recently made a trip to Northwest Missouri and made pictures of the Nodaway Co. Historical Museum, Maryville, MO. (see next page) and went to Savannah and took pictures of the grave sites of OTTIS BYERS & his wife and HUGH BYERS & his wife. Thanks Thurlo, beautiful story I think all will enjoy.cbh



Nodaway County Historical Society Museum

Maryville, Missouri

This is a line drawing of the house built by CALEB S. BURNS and his wife JERUSA BYERS. Jerusha d/o MIJAMIN. Evidently the Nodaway Co. Historical Society sells stationary with this picture on it to raise money to maintain the house.

Thurlo was kind enough to send me two colored photos, but colored pictures do not copy well.

Thurlo, you probably already know it and take precautions but for the rest of our members I'd like to mention that colored pictures fade with time. Most genealogists make black and white copies of all their colored pictures to insure that the later generations will have good pictures of both people, places and family artifacts. Kodack also recommends this practice. I do hope all those fine pictures you have made are preserved in this manner too.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

[73B] ALDEN S. BYERS, 200 East Racquet Club Rd. #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Mr. Alden's work is focused on only three families and their possible origins, the JOHN BYERS family of Brandywine/Downingtown, Chester Co. PA; the DAVID BYERS family of the Historic Donegal Mill Plantation & Mill, Lancaster Co. PA and the JOHN BYARS family of TOBOYNE twp., Cumberland Co. PA. He says he is 80 and wants to finish this. He is preparing a paper (already up to 30 pages with 8 more in an appendix) that he hopes to publish soon. He sent our Col. George a first draft of it, but the Colonel passed away before he could send Mr. Alden a critique. You'll see more of his material in this issue.

[74B] JIMMY L. BROWN, 215 N Bellevue, Memphis, TN 38105 [Between June 4 and Aug 17 Jimmy will be at 106 W. Sunbury, Shamokin, PA 17872. He is researching the Byars/Byers of Iredell Co. NC and says he will share his data.

[75B] FRANCES CONDRA, P.O. Box 200192, San Antonio, TX 78222. Frances is working on JONAS BYARS (b ca 1730 Va, d ca 1807 Spartanburg Dist. SC?) and his wife FRANCIS COLLINS. See her query this issue.

[76B] MARGARET B. HAWKINS (MRS. R.J.), 3217-D Via Carrizo, Laguna Hills, CA 92653 Margaret is interested in one of the WILLIAM BYARS/BYERS that was in Dorothy Hays article in Vol.I, #1. She also has a Herring line but at this point I see no connection to ours.

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

[77B] MR. DANA A. BATCHELDER, 259 South Sea Avenue, West Yarmouth, MA 02673.  
See Dana's ancestor Chart this issue.

[78B] JOHN W. COPELAND, 3320 Lincoln Lane, Gastonia, N.C. 28052  
See John's query and family data this issue

[79B] CHARLES ROACH, P.O. BOX 44785, Tacoma, WA 98444.  
See Charles' query this issue.

[80B] VEDA NETHING, (Mrs. Arthur) 926 McGregor Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44703  
See Veda's query this issue

[81B] KATHY CARLSON, P.O. BOX 372, Santa Clara, CA 95052.  
See Kathy's query this issue

[82B] MAX E. SAUERBRY, 16765 S.W. Matador Lane, King City, OR 97224  
See Max's query this issue

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#12-JOEL BLACKWELL & LYDIA, WILLIAM BYARS, HENRIETTA BYARS, ELIZABETH BYARS, JONAS BYARS, FRANCIS COLLINS

Is the LYDIA who married JOEL BLACKWELL, Jr (s/o JOEL BLACKWELL & HENRIETTA BYARS) a dau of WILLIAM BYARS and his wife ELIZABETH? I have been compiling data on many descendants of JONAS BYARS and his wife FRANCIS COLLINS, and have several hundred pages of computerized data regarding these people. I would like to correspond with other descendants and will be happy to exchange data.

[75B] FRANCES CONDRA, P.O. Box 200192, San Antonio, TX 78222

Frances, I hope after you go over all the issues of the Enquirer you will share some of your data that we have not yet published. I know several of our members descend from your line and it could help others eliminate them as possible ancestors. Many times, the only way you can learn who your ancestors are, is to find out who they are not. cbh

#13-JOSEPH & JOHN BYERS, Augusta Co. VA.

Does anyone connect with the BYERS' of Augusta Co. VA? Have you any records of JOSEPH and/or JOHN BYERS (BARRS) in VA 1700's? I will exchange with and answer any other Byers researcher.

[78B] JOHN W. COPELAND, 3320 Lincoln Lane, Gastonia, NC 28054

John I know some of our members are working in VA and feel sure exchanges and help for all will be forth coming. cbh

#14-BYERS, LENHART, MILLER, Franklin Co. PA.

Working on JOHN BYERS m. NANCY LENHART. Had dau ELIZ BYERS b ca 1830 Franklin Co. PA m. HENRY S. MILLER.

[79B] CHARLES ROACH Jr. P.O. Box 44785, Tacoma, WA 98444

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#15-BYERS, MOORE, OH

My g g grand father, GEORGE BYERS b OH 15 June 1822 m. 2 Dec 1841 MELINDA MOORE b 20 Sep 1823. The 1880 census says his parents were b in OH. Where? George & Melinda m in Belmont Co. OH. Who were his parents & siblings? Who were her parents & Siblings. Any help appreciated.

[80B] VEDA NETHING, 926 McGregor Ave. N.W., Canton, OH 44703

#16-BYERS,BOOR, PA, OH IA

Need info MARTIN BYERS b PA and his wife ELIZABETH BOOR b 1816 OH. They m 1838 OH. Lived in OH & IA. Children: WILLIAM, REBECCA, JOHN, LEANDER, MARTHA, THERESA.

[81B] KATHY CARLSON, P.O. BOX 372, Santa Clara, CA 95052

#17-BYERS, HARDGROVE, WEAVER, OH, PA, MD

PETER BYERS m 1838, Stark Co. OH, RACHEL HARDGROVE. Son EMPHRAIM H. BYERS m 1862, BARBARA ELLEN WEAVER. Peter b in PA-Rachel b in MD-so they say on 1880 census. Any info appreciated.

[82B] MAX E. SAUERBRY, 16765 S.W. Matador Lane, King City, OR 97224

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LINEAGE of JOHN W. COPELAND  
(see address above)

- I. JOSEPH BYERS d. 1835 Augusta Co. VA. m 1st 1791 ELIZABETH BLAIR. Children: JAMES, SAMUEL C.
- II. SAMUEL C. BYERS b 1794 d. 1860 Augusta Co. VA (Old Stone Church) m 1823, NANCY PATTERSON. Children: JOHN, JAMES, WILLIAM B. LELIA BIRD, ROBERT CRAIG JANE, MARGARET, ELIZABETH, MARY.
- III. ROBERT CRAIG BYERS b 1847 Ft. Augusta VA d. 1931, Ft. Defiance VA. m 1872 REBECCA ELIZABETH McCLUNG. Children: EDWARD CRAIG, HOWARD S., LELIA BIRD, ROBERT McCLUNG, CHARLES WILLIAM, MARGARET.
- IV. CHARLES WILLIAM BYERS b 1884 Ft. Defiance, VA d 1963 Windy Hill Beach, SC. m HAZEL EILEEN WILLIAMS. Children: VIRGINIA, CHARLES, REBECCA, MARY JANE, EUGENIA.
- V. VIRGINIA BYERS b 1915 Ft. Defiance VA, m JAMES R. FROST. Children: ANN, DOROTHY.
- VI. ANN FROST b 1939 Knoxville, TN m JOHN WESLEY COPELAND. Children ANN, JOHN.\*

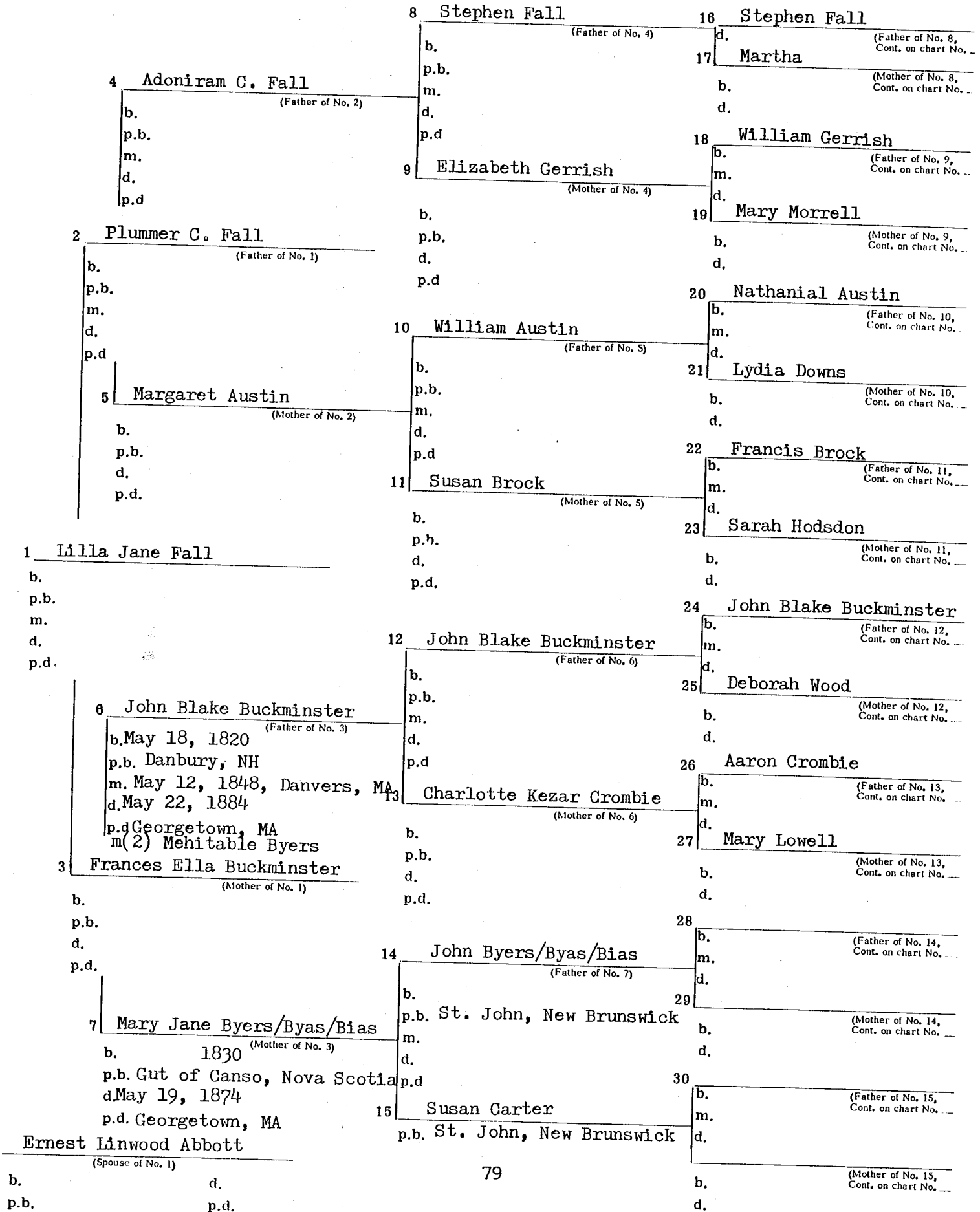
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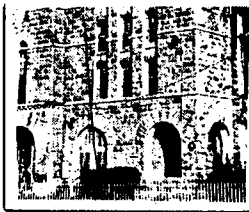
A WORD TO THE WISE

Remember the data in this publication should be considered SECONDARY and the original documentation should be checked before you have a proven lineage.cbh

THE BYARS-BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER, VOL. II, NO. 3  
 ANCESTOR CHART of DANA BATCHELDER (Address p 77)



It's so nice to be able to count considerate genealogist's among my friends. The following was sent to me by Estelle Martin of Brownwood, TX. She is NOT connected in anyway to Byers/Byars research. She belongs to our local Genealogical Society and knew I would appreciate having these articles for my files. Sooner or later we hope to learn where NOAH T. BYARS fits, and won't these two articles be a boon to those researching his family? cbh.



## Scrapbook

Brown County Historical Society

### A tribute to Noah T. Byars

Noah Turner Byars, in whose building at Washington-on-the-Brazos the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed, is buried in Greenleaf Cemetery. As a Sesquicentennial project, on Sunday, March 2, 1986, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Brown County Historical Society, Brown County Sesquicentennial Committee, and the Brown County Museum Board dedicated a grave marker designating him a "Citizen of the Republic of Texas." The following tribute was given at that dedication.

It is appropriate that the day on which we are paying tribute to Noah Turner Byars is not only the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence but also a Sunday. For Noah T. Byars distinguished himself as a patriot of Texas and as a minister of the Gospel.

He arrived in Texas early in 1835 and established a blacksmith/gunsmith shop and a real estate business in partnership with Peter B. Mercer at Washington-on-the-Brazos. It was in a building co-owned by Byars and Mercer that the Texas Declaration of Independence was written and signed by 59 representatives of the people of Texas, that the last appeal from William Barrett Travis at the Alamo was received, read, and argued over, that the Constitution for the provisional government of Texas was written, and that the officers of that government were elected. This all took place during the first three weeks of March 1836.

Byars had already committed himself to the cause of Texas independence. He had served as armorer to Sam Houston's army the year before. He was a high-spirited young man of 27. When Santa Anna first tried to impose martial law on Texas in 1835, Byars wrote a light-hearted verse that is recorded in Dr. T.R. Havins' doctoral dissertation on the life and career of Noah T. Byars. The verse begins, "Clean your guns, boys, and sharpen your flints," and concludes that Santa Anna would learn that his martial law would not rule in lands washed by the Sabine or the Brazos.

Byars's light-hearted spirit of the year before must have been somewhat chastened as he heard the words of the Texas Declaration of Independence read for the first time. And the mood became even more serious three days later when a dispatch arrived from Travis at the Alamo. Byars was among the first to hear his words read: "I feel confident that the determined valor, and desperate courage, heretofore evinced by my men, will not fail them in the last struggle; and although they may be sacrificed to the vengeance of a gothic enemy, the victory will cost the enemy so dear, that it will be worse for him than a defeat." Travis and his men made true that boast. After the fall of the Alamo, a Mexican officer wrote, "Another victory like this and we are ruined." Byars also heard the conclusion of Travis's letter: "God and Texas-Victory or Death!!

Three days later the full tragic dimensions of war and human mor-

ality were exposed in the news of the fall of the Alamo. And the last words of Travis — "God and Texas" — must have echoed in the sound of Noah T. Byars through the years to come as he became increasingly committed to the service of God in Texas.

Byars joined Sam Houston's army in the field and served as armorer for a month before being given leave because of illness. Therefore, he just missed the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836.

From the autumn of 1836 till the spring of 1840, he served as Sergeant-at-Arms to the Senate of the Republic of Texas. From 1840 till 1842 he served as Associate Judge of Travis County. He was elected for a second term of two years but declined to serve because he had assumed the pastorship of the Providence Baptist Church in Milam.

He had been ordained as a Baptist minister on October 16, 1841, by Z.N. Morrell, who had organized the very first Baptist church in Texas in 1837 at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Byars had been one of the eight charter members of that church and had been licensed to preach there in 1838. His ordination, near Bastrop, was attended by Mirabeau B. Lamar, President of the Republic of Texas, and his entire cabinet.

In 1848, Byars was appointed the first missionary of the Texas Baptist Convention. His mission field covered more than thirty present-day Texas counties. He helped found five Baptist Associations in Texas, including Brown County's Pecan Valley Association in 1876 and the Hamilton County Association in 1877. He founded more than 60 churches in Texas including First Baptist, Brownwood, in 1876; First Baptist, Stephenville; First Baptist, Coleman; and the Baptist Church in Trickham, which became a Union Church (Baptist, Methodist, and Cumberland Presbyterian) in 1903.

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Seven of the churches he founded were in Brown County. And he officiated at the wedding of the parents of Katherine Anne Porter, another of the famous persons buried in Brown County (at Indian Creek Cemetery). — to be continued next week.

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**Scrapbook**

Brown County  
Historical Society

The following is the conclusion of an address given in honor of Noah T. Byars at Greenleaf Cemetery on Sunday, March 2, 1986.

Byars served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Brownwood for 14 months in 1881-1882. His last full charge was Clear Creek Baptist Church in Brown County in 1884. In that same year he was appointed missionary to the Texas Baptist Convention without definite charge (probably as a means of giving him a livelihood rather than for actual services). But Byars was not content with such a charge and returned to the pulpit in the last months of his life.

In April of 1888 he petitioned the conference for permission to preach at least one sermon a month in the Coggin Academy Building across the street from his home on Austin Avenue in Brownwood. Permission was granted he preached his last sermons now bear a Texas State Historical Marker as the oldest building in continuous use for educational purposes west of the Mississippi. It is appropriate that byars preached his last sermons in that building.

As a Texas patriot and Baptist missionary, who had taken Travis's words — "God and Texas" — so much to heart, Byars was concerned that the church should lead the way in providing quality education for Texans. Under his leadership, the Brazos River Association founded a school at Golconda (now Palo Pin-

to). He later found a school known as the Byars institute in Houston. Neither of these schools endured. But Byars served on the First Board of Managers of the Texas Baptist Education Society. While he served on the Board, the Society founded Baylor and Mary Hardin Baylor. When he moved to Brownwood in 1876, he began talking to everyone about the need for a Baptist school in Brownwood. One of the men who listened was Dr. John D. Robnett, pastor of First Baptist Church in Brownwood.

Byars did not live to see his dream of a Baptist school in Brownwood come true. But one year after Byar's death, Dr. Robnett founded Howard Payne College.

Because of Byar's lifelong commitment to the Christian ministry, to education, and to Texas a later president of Howard Payne — Dr. Thomas Taylor, chose to honor him in a Thanksgiving Homecoming service during 1936, the Texas Centennial year. A large spire was erected in Byar's honor on the Howard Payne campus and later moved to his gravesite.

In considering the past, it is interesting to note the things that haven't changed. One of those is the need for ingenuity on the part of a Baptist college president. Dr. Taylor described how he obtained this momentum. "The monument is of Llano granite built by Teich's Studio of Memorial Art at Llano... Thomas Cox of Rising Star was agent for Teich's Studio; and the college having more tuition than money and Brother Cox having neither, we traded him tuition for his children in exchange for the beautiful monument."

Speaking at the 1936 dedication of the marker, Mr. C. Y. Early of Brownwood said of Howard Payne, "It has its trials and hardships in its beginning, and they are not yet over."

To properly pay tribute to Noah T. Byars we must realize that none of the goals he worked for are yet over, and we must commit ourselves to continue working for them. In these times of economic trouble when

commentators are predicting that Texas is going down the drain with oil prices, Texas still needs patriots. Texas and Brownwood need people who will commit themselves to historic preservation, particularly of the Coggin Academy building where Byars preached his last sermons.

Texas still needs people who will commit themselves to bettering the education of Texans both by supporting public education reforms and funding and by supporting private education, such as Howard Payne University. And most of all, Texas still needs every Christian to serve as a missionary of the Gospel in all of our relationships. Byars led the way and showed us that where the needs are great so are the opportunities for greatness. Our tribute to him today, symbolized by the bronze plaque on the memorial stone, must be a renewed commitment to the greatness of God and Texas.

**A tribute to  
Noah T. Byars**

A BYERS/BYARS PAPER in PROCESS

The following is from the appendix of the paper being prepared by ALDEN S. BYERS and mentioned on page 74. They are copies of his Appendix pp 2 & 3 and are reprinted with Alden's permission. I know correspondence is flying back and forth already between Alden and several of our members that I contacted because I felt they connected. Thank you Alden. cbh

The first Byers in Pennsylvania of which we have knowledge came in 1682, either with or immediately after the arrival of William Penn. His name was William Byers, and he applied for 200 acres in what is described as the "Mendenhall Tract", then Concord twp., intended by the Penns for a Quaker settlement. This seems to be in the northeast corner of Kennett twp., which contains the present city of Kennett Square. There was a road from Philadelphia to Chester by 1701 and from there to the Nottinghams by 1719, but there was a road from Wilmington to New Garden, apparently constructed by the Swedes, as early as 1646, extended to the Nottinghams in 1704, and it is supposed that the New Garden settlers used this way in in 1682. William, however, is said by Quaker authorities not to have been a Quaker, which is supported by the fact that he did not live on the property and even failed to pay taxes on it. Ultimately, in 1693, he forfeited it, the property being sold to Nicholas Pyle, whose descendants are still in the Kennett area as historically famous artists and painters (Howard Pyle, et. al.).

The origins of William Byers are unknown, but data unearthed abroad by another Byers researcher seems to show that he came intending to be a fur trapper, apparently from an England border area rather than from Scotland or Northern Ireland (this was of course before the Battle of the Boyne 1690 and the wholesale appearance of Byers in Ulster). If William was indeed from the Borders this could account for his being in a Company of Friends even though not one himself. In any event, he must have had good sponsorship, because he became for 6 years a Member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, the governing body of the Colony at the time.

Since it is now known that he did not reside on his original grant, there is considerable speculation as to where he did go. Many Byers appeared some years later in townships to the west on both sides of the Susquehanna, and it may well be that William Byers was the progenitor of some lines of Scotch-English descendants there, including perhaps some of those who appeared ca. 1720-30 in New Garden twp., the Nottinghams, and/or in Delaware. The persistence of the name William among the Byers of Chester and York counties could lend support to such a theory, however we believe his known membership in the Assembly ca. 1690 makes it more likely that he settled in Philadelphia (?). A researcher of the William Byars (sic) family of Washington County, southwest Virginia, asserts that a large family of Byars later stopped in

A BYERS PAPER in PROCESS, Continued

Philadelphia en route to Virginia as guests of a Matthew Byars (sic), and these immigrants are supposed to have come from Scotland rather than North Ireland. It is shown that their in-laws were related in both Ireland and Scotland, and the indication by the surnames is that these were from County Fife (?).

If William was indeed from the English border area, he probably was not the father of the Scotch-Irish David Byers family of Donegal Mills, but he could well have been the father of the John Byers family of Brandywine/Downingtown 1741 (see pg. 17-18). We think Brandywine John Byers, who died 1767, was likely born ca. 1690-5 and quite possibly in Pennsylvania as his signature, while English, supposes limited schooling. If educated abroad, we would expect better penmanship! (--And yet, there is the matter of his signet ring, discussed pg. 17!)

As noted, several Byars/Byers researchers are working on William as their possible New World progenitor.

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SCOTS-IRISH IMMIGRANTS to NEW ENGLAND

Abstracted from: The Carolina Herald, Vol.XV, Spring 1987., No.1 by cbh

Pg. 17

...."Mr. JAMES FLEMING of Tucker, GA was interested and through the facilities of the New Hampshire Historical Society obtained a copy of the petition...."ancestors whose names appeared on the petition eventually came to North and/or South Carolina, we may well assume that many of the others also migrated southward into our areas of interest."

Petition to Governor Shute of New England dated 26 March 1718:

BYERS, JOHN, file 589 page 7.

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INDIAN CONNECTIONS?

Abstracted from: THE JOURNAL of AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY RESEARCH, Vol. VIII, No.3, 1987 by cbh

pg.25,26,27.

"Reservation Under the Cherokee Treaty. Letter from the Secretary of War transmitting a list of persons entitled to reservations under the treaty, of the 27th February, 1819 &c."...distinguishing between those who are entitled to reservations for in fee simple, and those who are entitled to reservations for life only..." [I do not know what fee simple means. Can some one advise?cbh.

Fee Simple, No. 37 NICHOLAS BYERS [No. 38 is a JOHN WALKER, Sr.]

PERRY GREEN BYARS

The data below was submitted by: MARTHA WETHERHOLT, Rt. 4 Box 222, Canton, TX 75103. Martha is not a subscribing member of our group but her mother, [51B] MARGARET D. BYARS, 3226 Southland, San Angelo, TX 76904 is. Martha submitted this material for her mother and is actively doing the Byars research. Martha, please note: You did not show JULIUS CAESAR BYARS as a son on the Family Group Sheet you sent for PERRY GREEN BYARS & (SENA, ASCENITH) MAY POTTER. From the correspondence you included in your packet, I believe this was just an oversight. I have included him as a son and if this is incorrect please do notify me as soon as possible.

PERRY GREEN BYARS was the only child of HARRELL(HOWARD)(HAROLD) BYARS, b 1825, Warren Co. TN. and ELIZABETH MAGNESS. Perry G. was reared by his uncle, WATSON POTTER and his aunt, HARRIETT MAGNESS POTTER. Harriett and Elizabeth were sisters, and daughters of PERRY GREEN MAGNESS, Jr. and MARY CANTRELL. Watson Potter and his wife Harriett Magness were first cousins.

PERRY GREEN BYARS was b 22 Nov 1845, Bildad, DeKalb Co., TN., d 25 Feb 1908 (in his sleep) in DeKalb Co. He m 20 Feb 1866, (SENITH)(ASCENITH) MAY POTTER. She b 14 Oct 1845, Bildad, TN., d 25 Nov (Oct?) 1913. Both are buried at the Byars Cemetery, Bildad Church, Bildad, TN. May was d/o WATSON POTTER & HARRIETT MAGNESS. Their Children:

1. WILLIAM HARRELL BYARS b 21 Nov 1867, DeKalb Co. TN., d 26 Feb 1947, buried Byars Cemetery, DeKalb Co. TN. m 10 Mar 1898, Warren Co. TN., SARAH ANN STEVENS, b 9 July 1872, Warren Co. TN., d 3 May 1947. William Harrell b Byars Cemetery, DeKalb Co. TN. Sarah b Webb Cemetery, Warren Co. TN. Children:
  - a. STEVENS CLIFFORD BYARS m EDNA EARL HENRY.
  - b. JIMMIE TURNMIRE BYARS m C.E. CARROLL (twin)
  - c. Still born twin to Jimmie, name/sex unknown.
  - d. JENNY WOODWARD BYARS, never married.
  - e. WILLIAM HARRELL BYARS, Jr. (Rev.) m NELL BURNETT.
  - f. JOHN BYRNS BYARS m FANNIE MILDRED BRUMMETT.
  - g. MARY LOU BYARS m CLAYTON BYRD.
  - h. LILLIAN BYFORD BYARS. b 1894 d 1895
  - i. FRANKLIN HOWARD BYARS m LORA MAE TEMPLETON.
  
2. JOSEPH b 1871, d CA. m BELL McFADDEN. Children:
  - a. IRENE BYARS m JOHN LAY
  - b. WALTER HARREL BYARS, d age 10.
  - c. EDNA MAE BYARS m EVERT BURNS.
  
3. FLOYD BYARS b 6 Aug 1873, DeKalb Co., TN., d 8 Sep 1966, m GRACE CHRISTINA BARBER, b 18 Nov. 1882, Stroud OK, d 4 Jul 1972. Children:
  - a. ROY BYARS

PERRY GREEN BYARS, Continued

4. JULIUS CAESAR BYARS b 3 Jun 1875, Smithville, DeKalb Co. TN., d 18 Mar 1944, Denton, TX. m 7 Aug 1898, Moody TX., ZORA ELIZABETH TALLEY, b 18 Sep 1879, Thaxton, TN., d 1970 Denton. Both bur Rose Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Denton.TX. Zora d/o ROBERT LAYFATE TALLEY & AMANDA ALLISON. Children:
    - a. SENA AMANDA BYARS b/d 1899.
    - b. CLARENCE EDWARD BYARS.
    - c. FRANKIE LOUCILLE BYARS m RAYMOND HARRELL.
    - d. JOSEPH WELDON BYARS m IZABELLE LEONA PANCOATS.
    - e. \*PERRY J.C. BYARS, Jr. m MARGARET ELSIE DOBBINS.
    - f. JAMES HOOPER BYARS b/d 1915.
    - g. CHESTER WOODROW BYARS m BONNIE CALDERILLA.
    - h. GRACIE NELL BYARS m JACK M. BRYANT.SOURCES: Cemetery Markers & records; Death certificates; marriage records.  
\*Martha's father & mother.
  5. POPER BYARS b 27 Jan 1887, DeKalb Co.TN, d 1945 Wichita Co. TX. m (1st) OCTA AVON GRIBBLE (2nd) CLARISSA ELLEN GRIBBLE (Sisters) [Octa d. 1907 and although Martha did not indicate on her sheets Clarissa would have been the mother of Poper's last child. cbh] Children:
    - a. CLARA ETTA BYARS m EUGENE PRICE BROWN.
    - b. LILLIAN BYARS b 1906 d 1907.
    - c. CLINTON BYARS.
  6. JOHN WATSON BYARS b 30 Sep 1869, d 8 Apr 1937, m JULIA CANTRELL, b 9 May 1873 d 15 Dec 1949. Children:
    - a. ?ROBERT LOUCILLE BYARS.
    - b. PERRY GREEN BYARS m VERINA ELVIRA SWINDELL.
    - c. ANNIE LEE BYARS m WALTER HARDING.
  7. PERRY GREEN "DOCK" BYARS, Jr. b 13 Feb 1879, DeKalb Co. TN., d 1 Dec. 1958, McMinnville, TN. m (1st) MATTIE BROOKS BELL (2nd) JENNIE FUGITT(FUGATE). No issue, 2nd marriage. Children:
    - a. PERRY GREEN BYARS III. m MARJORIE LOIS GRIFFIN.
  8. MARY ELIZABETH BYARS b 8 Mar 1881, DeKalb Co.,TN d 23 Jun 1952,Oakridge, TN, b. Byars Cemetery, Smithville, TN. m. 20 Jul 1913, Smithville, DeKalb Co.,TN. WILLIAM PEYTON CANTRELL. Children:
    - a. THOMAS RYE CANTRELL m LAVADA COOLEY.
    - b. MARY LOUISE CANTRELL m DALLAS JEROME HENNESSEE.
  9. HARRIETT ETTA BYARS b 30 Oct 1882, d 30 Oct 1933. Never married.
- NOTE: Martha stated that she has some discrepancies and does not have proof for all of her data. Also one of the sons, under heading "Children of Elder Perry Green Byars & Senith May Potter" was not identified. Please give us his name for the next issue. cbh.

Elder PERRY GREEN BYARS, 1845-1908



John Watson



Julius C.



Poper



Floyd



Elder Perry Green Byars  
& Children



Not Identified



Mary

THE BYARS-BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER

BYERS-BYARS in PENNSYLVANIA

From: MELTON P. MEEK, MD., 3410 N.W. Oak, Lawton, OK 73505

Dr. Mel says he and THURLO BYERS have been busy exchanging info. He sent some of the sheets he has worked up on the PA Byers'-Byars' and I am including them as is to avoid my "terrible typos." Dr. Mel. adds, "Unfortunately, these materials seem to prove that my ancestor: Capt. WILLIAM BYERS, with brother : DAVID...were not directly connected with the DAVID BYERS, of Donegal Twp. area. However, negative proofs are just as important as many positive proofs, I find. My BYERS line seemingly did come to S.C. from what is now Adams Co., PA. area and from Rockbridge Co., VA."

BYERS, DAVID (Donegal Twp, Lancaster Co., PA.)

IMMIGRANT Son of: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: Primary information from: Thurlo V. Byers, June 1987

Plus , prior information, see prior worksheets etc.

|                                     |                |                 |              |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <u>DAVID BYERS</u>                  | <u>Married</u> | <u>MARY</u>     | (See Below!) |
| B:                                  | Ireland?       | B:              |              |
| W: No. of Ireland                   |                | W: Ireland?     |              |
| D: 20 May 1743 , Intestate          |                | D: Aft: Husband |              |
| W: Donegal Twp., Lancaster co., Pa. |                | W:              |              |
| Bur: Donegal Pres. Ch. Cem.????     |                | Bur:            |              |
|                                     | Dau of:        |                 |              |

Ireland to Donegal @ 1730.

Plantation late owned by Jacob Mumma (1887).

1736 - survey 332 ac., Warrant in 1739, by Penn. Byers family lived here until 1762, when property was sold to JOHN WILSON. Probably in same area for @ 16 years before 1736. Donegal Pres. church @ 1½ miles from plantation. "Donegal Mills Plantation, P.O. Box 204, Mount Joy, Pa, 17552.

CHILDREN: (not in order of birth)

|                               |                |                        |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <u>DAVID BYERS</u>            | <u>Married</u> | <u>ELIZABETH BYERS</u> |
| B: BEfore 1720?               | June 1747 *    | B:                     |
| W: Ireland                    |                | W:                     |
| D: @ 1762, Intestate          |                | D: Aft: 1764           |
| W: Reading Twp, York co., Pa. |                | W:                     |
| (Now: Adams County)           |                |                        |
| Bur:                          |                | Bur:                   |

(\*)"Pennsylvania Marriages", from PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS (1983)

DAVID BOYERS to ELIZABETH BYERS, June 1747.

" Ran mill in Donegal Twp, Lancaster co., Pa. after his father died."

See: MARY PATTON, will: 6 Jan 1746/7 - witness: DAVID BYERS.

Deed: 29 Nov 1760, DANIEL HEAR to DAVID BYERS, of Lancaster co., Pa., Yeoman, for 120 lbs..106 acres, (Patent: 27 Oct 1748 to PATRICK WILSON, land in Reading Twp, Lancaster co., Pa.)

Wit: John BOYD and Samuel Hamilton (See xerox)

ELIZABETH BYERS, Wife: Dau. of JOHN BYERS and Florence ( ) Byers, "Miller:, Dowington Twp., Chester co., Pa. will: 31 May 1766 - 7 Feb 1767. East Caln, Pa.

THE BYARS-BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER

BYERS-BYARS in PENNSYLVANIA, CONTINUED

BYERS, DAVID: Continued

ELIZABETH BYERS, WIFE;

SHE REMARRIED

2. JOHN BYERS

<1764

B:  
W:  
D: Aft: 1764  
W:  
Bur:

Son of:

" Of Cumberland Twp., York Co., Pa."

Note: JOHN AND ELIZABETH (Byers) BYERS, were Administrators of 1st Husband: David Byers' estate. See: Orphans Court Information: 7 Mar 1764.

(!) (Xerox-Original) Inventory of DAVID BUYORS, 23 May 1743, Signed: MARY (Mark) BUYORS. Names "two sons: DAVID AND JOHN BUYORS," Mary gave up rights of administration to sons.  
CHILDREN:

JOHN BYERS, Capt-"Col"

Married

MRS. REBECCA ( ) GALBRAITH

B: @ 1715  
W: No. of Ireland  
D: 13 Feb 1788, age 73.  
W: "Near" Carlisle, Pa.  
Bur: Pres. Church Cemetery.

B:  
W:  
D:  
W:  
Bur:

Cumberland Co., Pa. Dau of:

Widow of: ROBERT GALBRAITH

(2 children: one of these -  
Rebecca, mar Col. Ephraim  
BLAINE.

B:  
D:  
Son of: JOHN GALBRAITH

(See: Galbraith)

B:  
D:

Nephew of: COL. JAMES GALBRAITH, Hopewell Twp., Cumberland co., Pa.

John Byers: To Donegal Twp, @ 1740 (??After Father???)  
To Cumberland Co., Pa. @ 1754/55

Note: Capt. John Wilkins to Cumberland @ same time.  
(See: John Kirkpatrick/Wilkins sheet)

Lived: Prospect Hill, 5 miles west of Carlisle (Elmer ). Parker info).  
Exor of NATHANIEL LITTLE/LYTLE (D: Nov 1748), farm near Donegal Meet-  
House, near Marietta, 1 miles SE of BYERS PLANTATION.

Note: NATHANIEL LITTLE, married Mrs. Jennet ( ) Wilkins, widow of  
WILLIAM WILKINS. Jennet, relation to John byers????)

MARTHA BYERS

Married

PATRICK CAMPBELL

B:  
W:  
D: Aft: husband  
W:  
Bur:

B:  
W:  
D:  
W:  
Bur:

Son of:

Signed sales of lands in 1762.

Patt. Campbell, Signed: Administration bond of DAVID BYERS, SR.(1743)



THE BYARS-BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER

BYERS-BYARS in PENNSYLVANIA, CONTINUED

BYERS, DAVID Continued  
CHILDREN, Continued

|                   |                |                           |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| <u>JANE BYERS</u> | <u>Married</u> | <u>1. THOMAS MITCHELL</u> |
| B:                |                | B:                        |
| W:                |                | D:                        |
| D:                | Son of:        | <u>2. THOMAS SMITH</u>    |
| W:                |                | B;                        |
| Bur:              |                | D:                        |
|                   | Son of:        |                           |

|                    |                |      |
|--------------------|----------------|------|
| <u>JAMES BYERS</u> | <u>Married</u> |      |
| B:                 |                | B:   |
| W: No. of Ireland  |                | W:   |
| D:                 |                | D:   |
| W:                 |                | W:   |
| Bur:               |                | Bur: |
|                    | Dau of:        |      |

" To America @ 1740 with Brother: JOHN"

BYERS, DAVID (Wife: Mary)  
D: 20 May 1743.

(Abstracted)

Letters of Administration: 23 May 1743.

....We, DAVAID BYERS, JOHN BYERS, JAMES MITCHEL AND PATRICK CAMP-  
BEL, All of County of Lancaster and Province of Pennsylvania, Yeomen,  
..bound to PETER EVANS, Registor General.....sum of 100 lbs..to make  
inventory etc.....

Wit: Jno<sup>a</sup> Wright  
John ?owne

Signed: DAVID BYERS  
JNO. BYERS  
Jm. MITCHELL  
PATT CAMPBELL

(Original) Inventory of Goods and Chatls Rights and Credits of  
DAVID BUYORS...23 May 1743 , of DONEGAL, in Lancaster County...  
Total: Lbs 83..16..0

Taken by: JM. MITCHELL, Patt Campbell (Signed)

" I relinken my right of admiftratcion to my two sons DAVID and  
JOHN BUYORS, as witnefs my hand this 23 day of May 1743.

Wit: Mm. Mitcell

Signed: MARY (x) BUYORS

(Note: ON Back of original: Inventory of DAVID BYERS, 1743)

Lancaster Co. Pa., Abstractsof Wills, 1721-1820

By:

(From: Georgia Eberly)

.pp. 577-1152.

PATTON, JAMES, Dated: 15 Sep 1746 Prov: 23 Sep 1746

Exor: THONAS PATTON and JOHN BYERS, Donegal Twp.

Wife: MARY PATTON

(Thurlo Byers  
info: 1740, not 46.)

THE BYARS-BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER

BYERS-BYERS in PENNSYLVANIA, CONTINUED

BYERS, DAVID, Continued  
CHILDREN, Continued

PATTON, MARY, Dated: 6 Jan 1746 Prov: 10 Jan 1746  
 Wit: JAMES ALLISON & DAVID BYERS (Donegal Twp.  
 Legatees: Isabella Miller & Mary Casseny & .....  
 (Thurlo V. Byers info: Typed copy of will:  
 " Signed, seal, published and decared in the presence of us.  
 JAMES ALLISON, DAVID BYERS, AND MARY (x) ALLISON  
 Lancaster County (to wit) January Tenth 1746/47.

BYERS, DAVID \_\_\_\_\_ Son of: DAVID AND MARY ( )  
 BYERS (D: 1743)

SEE: FATHER'S SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION:

|                                                       |                                         |                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>DAVID BYERS</u>                                    | Married                                 | <u>ELIZABETH BYERS</u> |
| B: Before 1720?                                       | June 1747                               | B:                     |
| W: Ireland                                            |                                         | W:                     |
| D: @ 1762                                             |                                         | D: Aft: 1824           |
| W: Reading Twp., York co.,<br>Pa. (Now: Adams County) | Dau of: John and florence ( )<br>Byers. | W:                     |

After David's Death"

SHE REMARRIED  
 Bef: 1764

JOHN BYERS  
 B:  
 W:  
 D:  
 W:  
 Bur:

Son of:

" Of Cumberland Twp . Pa., York County.

Elizabeth Byers, Reading Twp, 1762, Taxes: 3 shillings 9 pence.

"Orphans Court Records, 7 Mar 1764" Book 29.

DAVID BYERS, over 14 years, JOHN BYERS, Esq. of Cumberland  
 Twp., York Co., Pa.--Guardian

JOHN BYERS and MARY BYERS, also chose JOHN BYERS, AS guardian.

CHILDREN: (of David and Elizabeth byers)

|                   |         |       |
|-------------------|---------|-------|
| <u>JOHN BYERS</u> | Married | _____ |
| B: 1748           |         | B:    |
| W:                |         | W:    |
| D:                |         | D:    |
| W:                |         | W:    |
| Bur:              |         | Bur:  |
|                   | Dau of: |       |

|                    |         |       |
|--------------------|---------|-------|
| <u>DAVID BYERS</u> | Married | _____ |
| B: 1750            |         | B:    |
| W:                 |         | W:    |
| D:                 |         | D:    |
| W:                 |         | W:    |
| Bur:               |         | Bur:  |

THE BYARS-BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER

BYERS-BYERS in PENNSYLVANIA, CONTINUED  
(Of DAVID & ELIZABETH) Continued

CHILDREN

|                         |                |                     |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
|                         | Dau of:        |                     |
| <u>MARY BYERS</u>       | <u>Married</u> | _____               |
| B:                      |                | B:                  |
| W:                      |                | W:                  |
| D:                      |                | D:                  |
| W:                      |                | W:                  |
| Bur:                    |                | Bur:                |
| LAND SURVEY 1 Sept 1762 | Son of:        |                     |
| + <u>MARTHA</u>         | <u>Married</u> | <u>CAMPBELL</u>     |
|                         |                | D Ca.1763           |
| <u>JANE</u>             | <u>Married</u> | <u>THOMAS SMITH</u> |

BYERS, JOHN

Son of: David and Mary ( ) Byers

See: Father's sheet.

JOHN BYERS  
B: Q 1715  
W: No. of Ireland  
D: 13 Feb 1788, age 73  
W: "Near" Carlisle, Pa.  
Bur: Pres. church Cem,  
Cumberland Co., Pa.

Married MRS. REBECCA ( ) GALBRAITH  
B:  
W:  
D:  
W:  
Bur:

Dau of:  
Widow of: ROBERT GALBRAITH  
B:  
W:  
D: 1747  
W:  
Bur:

Son of:  
John Byers, Capt. (later: Colonel)  
To Cumberland co., Pa. 1744/45  
Deed: 18 Nov 1751..300 acres, 5 miles West of Carlise, Pa.  
" of Lancaster Co, Middleton Twp"

Elmer O. Parker, Letter. John Byers, settled at Prospect Hill, 5 miles west of Carlisle, Pa. He was a Capt. during the French and Indian War. Cumberland County Treasurer: 1758-59  
Provincial Justice: 1756-75  
Member of Supreme Executive council, 1781-84  
Died at Carlisle, on 13 Feb 1788, in his 73rd year.

BYERS, JOHN Continued (son of David & Mary ( ) Byers)

CHILDREN:

(Rebecca's Marriage to Robert Galbraith)

|                                                     |                  |         |                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <u>                                </u><br>B:<br>D: | <u>GALBRAITH</u> | Married | <u>                                </u><br>B:<br>D: |
|                                                     |                  | of:     |                                                     |

|                                                     |                          |              |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| <u>                                </u><br>B:<br>D: | <u>REBECCA GALBRAITH</u> | Married      | <u>COL. EPHRAIM BLAINE</u><br>B:<br>D: |
|                                                     |                          | Son of:      |                                        |
|                                                     |                          | GGFather of: | Hon. James G. Blaine                   |

JOHN BYERS- WILL: Dated: 7 Feb 1788, West Pennsboro, Cumberland  
Co., Pa.  
Proved: 18 Feb 1788  
Letters to JAMES BYERS and JOHN ALEXANDER.

Names: Children:

|             |                                                                              |              |         |                  |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|------------------|
| <u>MARY</u> | <u>                                </u><br>B:<br>W:<br>D: 1804<br>W:<br>Bur: | <u>BYERS</u> | Married | <u>UNMARRIED</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|------------------|

|             |                                                                         |              |         |             |                                                                         |                  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>JANE</u> | <u>                                </u><br>B:<br>W:<br>D:<br>W:<br>Bur: | <u>BYERS</u> | Married | <u>JOHN</u> | <u>                                </u><br>B:<br>W:<br>D:<br>W:<br>Bur: | <u>ALEXANDER</u> |
|             |                                                                         |              | Son of: |             |                                                                         |                  |

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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue concludes two years of publication of this periodical and we are growing in strength all the time.

In two short years we have grown from zero to eighty-eight. We ended up 1986 with fifty-five charter members. Ten of them did not renew for 1987 and we truly regret losing them, but who knows, perhaps in time they will see fit to come back into the group. In any event our Byars-Byers Family Enquirer is holding it's own and making progress and what more could we ask for.

When I realized I wanted to know about my roots, I also realized I knew nothing about research. I attend genealogical workshops and seminars, subscribe to many worthwhile periodicals and read every thing I can get my hands on regarding genealogy. However, being the editor of a surname quarterly has been, and I know will continue to be, the greatest learning experience in my life.

I know, and I hope each of you realize too, that nothing is perfect and there is always room for improvement. If I had my "druthers" I'd never make a typo and each item that we publish would be backed up with documentation. But the fact is, we are all human and make mistakes so that's the reason we MUST continue to have our Correction column. It's so very important that you do send in corrections and point out errors no matter who may be responsible. It's important too that no one get their feelings hurt when corrections are needed.

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If your research is at a standstill please don't get discouraged and stop. Sooner or later you'll get a break and things will fall into place.

I hope each of you will continue to explore all resources, share and preserve your findings and support "The Byars-Byers Family Enquirer."

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Sincerely,

*Chris*

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\*Note: Jimmy Brown moves with his work. Since he joined in May I have had three address changes and in Sept. received a post card from PA with no return address. So, I don't think the address above is a current one.

NOTICE

If you requested back issues and have not received them please let me know. I have a few copies of Vol I left and do not plan to reprint. If I promised to send you copies of Vol I and you have not received them it is vital that you contact me at once before they are all gone. cbh

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## EARLY MARRIAGES in the STATE of TEXAS

Courtesy: (49B) GENEVA GARRETT, HCR 77 Box 72, Santa Anna, TX 76878-9706

These marriage records were obtained by Geneva through a surname search made for her by Hunting for Bears. We appreciate source material such as this. Those who need copies of these marriage records should write to the County Clerk of the County where the marriage was filed. Addresses may be found for each county in Everton's "Handy Book." Write to the clerk and ask for copy charges. Be sure to give the names of bride & bridegroom and the date the marriage was preformed. Be sure to enclose a SASE. PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT a complete list of Texas Marriages. If you believe your ancestor married in Texas and they are not shown write to the County where you think they married. Do not give up looking for their marriage simply because they do not appear on this list. I know for a fact that not even all the Fannin Co marriages are listed. cbh

| MO-DA-YEAR  | SURNAME | GIVEN NAME       | SPOUSE                  | COUNTY     |
|-------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 3/14/1849   | BYERS   | A.M.             | CAMP, NANCY             | CHEROKEE   |
| 8/31/1904   | BYERS   | ANDREW           | BAILEY, JESSE           | CHEROKEE   |
| Oct 25/1857 | BYERS   | ARMSTRONG        | BASS, CATHERINE         | RED RIVER  |
| 3/3/1961    | BYERS   | BOBBY LOYD       | JONES, CAROLE JANE      | DEAF SMITH |
| 9/25/1851   | BYERS   | CATHERINE L.     | FILES, ADAM H           | GRIMES     |
| 1/3/1873    | BYERS   | CROCKETT         | HART, MELISSA           | HUNT       |
| 9/24/1879   | BYERS   | D. ELIZABETH     | AUSTIN, J.W.            | TARRANT    |
| 10/23/1879  | BYERS   | FLORENCE H.      | BROOKS, WM. H.          | DALLAS     |
| Mar 19/1849 | BYERS   | FRANCES          | STILES, WILLIAM         | RED RIVER  |
| 10/8/1882   | BYERS   | HARRIET          | SMITH, ELIJAH           | CHEROKEE   |
| 9/10/1889   | BYERS   | J.T.             | KING, EMMA              | HUNT       |
| 9/12/1900   | BYERS   | LAURA            | STARLING, L.V.          | CHEROKEE   |
| 7/22/1886   | BYERS   | LETIE            | MILAM, W.H.             | HUNT       |
| 12/24/1890  | BYERS   | MALRY J.         | RAMSEY, J.N.            | WISE       |
| 4/9/1850    | BYERS   | MARTHA E.        | DUKE, JOHN L.           | GRIMES     |
| 5/13/1873   | BYERS   | MARY A.          | JOHNSON, HENRY G.       | PALO PINTO |
| 8/2/1903    | BYERS   | MATTIE           | MARTIN, G.P.            | CHEROKEE   |
| Jan 21/1838 | *BYERS  | NOAH T.          | LOWDEN, SOPHIA A.       | WASHINGTON |
| 11/26/1905  | BYERS   | O.B.             | ARNOLD, JENNIE          | CHEROKEE   |
| 1/14/1961   | BYERS   | PATRICIA MARY F. | BELLOWS, JERRY ROSS     | DEAF SMITH |
| 3/17/1996   | BYERS   | PEARL E.         | MANN, JAMES E.          | DEAF SMITH |
| 6/28/1879   | BYERS   | R.M.             | BUTLER, ELLEN           | HUNT       |
| 2/21/1892   | BYERS   | R.R.             | EASLEY, LOTTIE E.       | WISE       |
| Oct 15/1865 | BYERS   | RHODA            | HOLCOMB, J.H.           | RED RIVER  |
| 4/1/1885    | BYERS   | SAM E.           | NELMS, CARRIE BELLE     | STEPHENS   |
| 9/17/1867   | BYERS   | TOBE             | ALLEN, PHYLLIS          | CHEROKEE   |
| 11/23/1946  | BYERS   | VERNA LORENE     | RUTTER, LELAND          | DEAF SMITH |
| 1/15/1953   | BYERS   | VIVIAN C.        | CARGO, RAY C.           | DEAF SMITH |
| 11/7/1897   | BYERS   | WILL             | JORDEN, CARRIE          | CHEROKEE   |
| 9/12/1891   | BYERS   | WILL             | SNEED, MARY E.          | CHEROKEE   |
| 8/9/1952    | BYARS   | BILLY GLENN      | EDWARDS, MARGARET FAYE  | DEAF SMITH |
| 10/9/1880   | BYARS   | D.S.             | FONDREN, M.J.           | CHEROKEE   |
| 6/14/1857   | BYARS   | DAVID W.**       | TRIPLETT, SARAH ANN     | FANNIN     |
| 7/6/1890    | BYARS   | EMILY E.         | RAMZY, R.M.             | WISE       |
| 10/11/1848  | BYARS   | ISAAC            | YARBROUGH, ELIZABETH T. | CHEROKEE   |
| 10/27/1864  | BYARS   | JULY ANN***      | CAMPBELL, RICHARD       | FANNIN     |
| 11/2/1854   | BYARS   | LOUISA****       | LINDSAY, THOS. W.       | FANNIN     |

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EARLY MARRIAGES in the STATE OF TEXAS, CONTINUED

| MO-DA-YEAR | SURNAME | GIVEN NAME   | SPOUSE                   | COUNTY     |
|------------|---------|--------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 7/9/1857   | BYARS   | MARTHA E.*** | STORY, THOMAS M          | FANNIN     |
| 10/18/1888 | BYARS   | R.L.         | CRABB, Mrs.MARTHA J.     | WISE       |
| 4/9/1948   | BYARS   | WM. RODNEY   | MEREDITH, Mrs.LILLIAN I. | DEAF SMITH |
| 2/6/1881   | BYARS   | SERENA A.    | FUNDERBURGH, JAMES H.    | STEPHENS   |
| 8/9/1881   | BYEARS  | Miss. J.F.   | WILLIAMS, R.M.           | PALO PINTO |
| 3/29/1866  | BYRES   | NANCY        | LASATER, M.L.            | PALO PINTO |

NOTES:

\* The list shows this marriage three (3) times. Twice with the brides surname spelled LOWDEN, once with it spelled LOWDON, all in Washington Co.cbh

\*\*This is a mis-transcription. It should read DANIEL W. BYARS. I have a copy of the original and it clearly reads Daniel not David as shown here. He was my gr. grandfather, Sarah died in childbirth along with their first child. There were no surviving issue from this marriage. cbh

\*\*\* A sibling of my DANIEL W. BYARS. cbh

\*\*\*\*See query this issue. cbh

JAMES BYERS, FACTOR for the UNITED STATES at TELLICO

Courtesy:[29B] COLUMBINE LIVINGSTON, 200 Warren Circle, Alexander City,AL 35010

Source: A Combination of A Sketch of the Creek Country, in the Years 1798 and 1799 By Benjamin Hawkins (1848) and Letter of Benjamin Hawkins 1798-1806 (1916).  
 These letters were written to James Byers from Benjamin Hawkins.

"Tellico, 15th of April, 1797

I request you to pay to Chohaddookoh (The Bark) 15 dollars, upon his delivering of a sorrel mare, stolen from me, belonging to the Creek Department, and you will oblige,

15 dollars

Your obedient servant,

B.H.

P.T.A. for I Affiars South of Ohio

MR. JAMES BYERS

Factor for the U. States."

"Cusseta, 9th November, 1797.

I have not heard one syllable of you since you left me; I suppose, notwithstanding, that you are well, or I should have heard your death announced in the newspapers. I find a number of my Creek family are likely to visit you this winter; they have gone towards Cumberland to hunt, and they have taken the traders' horses and some from the provident Indians who keep horse stamps.

I have written to Colonel HENLEY to aid me to put a stop to this abominable traffic. I have, at the request of the Upper Creeks, notified those who have horses to sell that they must have a certificate from me, or one from the head men

JAMES BYERS, FACTOR for the UNITED STATES at TELLICO, CONTINUED

of the town, countersigned in the last case by a trader. I expected some of these may be offered in your neighbourhood for sale, and in that case, I request you to note the purchaser and report him to Colonel HENLEY or our friend, Mr. DINSMOOR.

I was informed some time past that you owed your appointment to a great man, who you have had the ingratitude to undermine. I am told Colonel Henley owed his appointment to the same man; the latter I said I believed, but as for you, I said I understood that a short billet from the Secretary of War had picked you up far to the east and placed you at Tellico.

I am informed you have Mrs. Butler with you and her amiable family; I wish it may be true; you must present my love to her, and assure her that I have been anxious ever since I had the pleasure to be acquainted with her, to be nearly allied to her, but I was too old for her daughters, and for herself too, if she was a widow; but as fortune would have it, behold, she is my daughter. I must send her a chapter on the rights of my Cherokee daughters, to the end that if she has any contest with the Commandant, she may easily prove at all times she is in the right.

I would be glad to hear from the Cherokee hatter; I want a hat, and I fear I must send to Philadelphia for one. May I venture to apply to you for a chapter on gardening? Do you understand this business well? If you do not, let me inform you that the first thing to be done is to have the lot well fenced, the next place well planted, and lastly, well worked and kept free from weeds. I am, with the sincerest regard and esteem,

Your obedient servant,

B. H.

MR. JAMES BYERS

U.S. Factor, Tellico."

Who was this JAMES BYERS? Does anyone know anything else about him. These letters, as noted by Columbine, place him in East Tennessee by April 1797. She knows of no connection to her family but hopes this data will help someone.

#### JONATHAN BICE in ALABAMA

Courtesy: COLUMBINE LIVINGSTON, address above.

JONATHAN was a brother to Columbine's NOAH J. BICE [see Vol.I, No.2 pp 34,35]. She keeps hoping descendants of this branch will join in the search, but so far no interest has been generated. She says, "Much of my JONATHAN BICE info was obtained from descendants, and I do not have other documentation. The birth/death dates ....are from their tombstones. Census records offer some documentation. Should anyone wish further info I can furnish names and addresses of some descendants."

#### FIRST GENERATION in ALABAMA

##### JONATHAN BICE

Born 1809 Georgia  
Died 1862 Alabama

Married Sarah Ann Johnson  
Born 1899 South Carolina  
Died 1872 Alabama

JONATHAN BICE in ALABAMA, CONTINUED

Jonathan Bice and his family were among the group of Bice family members who migrated from Georgia, settling in the east central Alabama counties of Coosa and Tallapoosa in the late 1840s and early 1850s.

Jonathan Bice was a farmer with his farm lying on the Coosa/Tallapoosa county line. It is said that his old homestead actually was in Coosa county while much of his property was in Tallapoosa county, including the acre of land he set aside for the BICE CEMETERY.

The Jonathan Bice family apparently resided in Jones county, Georgia for some time before moving to Alabama. Jonathan Bice's son William Jackson Bice listed Jones county, Georgia as his birthplace on his military records.

Family legend indicates that the Civil War was indirectly responsible for Jonathan Bice's death. At the onset of the War, the Bice sons enlisted in the Confederate service and Jonathan carried them to Loachopoka, Alabama some forty-five miles to the southeast to catch a train to camp. The sorrow and pain of sending his sons off to war, coupled with the physical strain of the journey proved too much for him to bear. The attending physician said he died of a broken heart, that his heart just burst. Jonathan Bice and his wife, Sarah Ann Johnson Bice are buried in the BICE CEMETERY.

Jonathan and Sarah Ann Bice had six children:

Nancy Ann      Born 11 December 1833      Georgia  
                   Died 31 May 1902      Alabama

William Jackson      Born 19 August 1834, Jones County, Georgia  
                           Died 25 February 1909      Alabama

Elizabeth      Born            1838      Georgia

James            Born            1841      Georgia

John Thomas      Born            1844      Georgia

Lurana            Born 26 September 1846      Georgia  
                   Died 10 October 1928

Sources: Military Records, AL State Archives; Tombstone Records, Bice Cemetery; Tallapoosa Co. AL census records; Tallapoosa Co. AL, land deeds; Coosa Co. AL, land deeds. This data was largely furnished by Mrs. MARJORIE BICE ROGERS, great granddaughter of JONATHAN BICE and granddaughter of WILLIAM JACKSON BICE.



JONATHAN BICE in ALABAMA, CONTINUED

SECOND GENERATION

1. NANCY ANN BICE

Born 11 December 1833 Georgia  
Died 31 May 1902 Alabama

Married Mitchell S. Barnett  
Born 17 September 1827  
Died 7 May 1878

Nancy Ann Bice and Mitchell S. Barnett had twelve children:

Sarah Percillia  
John Glynn  
Buddy  
Jessy  
Jim Mitchell  
Mary Jane  
Dora Ella  
Abie  
Mattie  
Lizzie  
Hassie  
Olie

SOURCES: Cemetery Records; Census Records; info from family members.

2. WILLIAM JACKSON BICE

Born 19 August 1834, Jones County, Georgia  
Died 25 February 1909, Alabama

Married 13 September 1854, Tallapoosa County, Al, Mary Caroline Williams,  
daughter of Buck Williams and his wife, Pauline Jones. (3-198)  
Mary Caroline Williams  
Born 9 October 1837 Georgia  
Died 29 August 1937 Alabama

William Jackson Bice was a farmer in the Hackneyville community of Tallapoosa county, Alabama. He entered the Confederate Army in April 1862 at Notasulga, Alabama and served in the 8th Alabama Infantry, Company E, until June 1865.

Military Records, Alabama State Archives:

William J. Bice, 28 August 1862                      Camp Watts, Alabama.

Conscript, wounded at Battle of Salem Church. 3 May 1863.  
Wounded at Bristow Station. 14 October 1863.  
Detailed to Brigade Hospital.  
Captured near Burkeville, Virginia. 6 April 1865.  
Sent to Point Lookout Prison, Maryland.  
Released 9 June 1865.

JONATHAN BICE in ALABAMA, CONTINUED

William Jackson Bice and his wife, Mary Caroline Williams had twelve children:

|                   |                      |                       |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| James Pleasant    | Born 16 March 1856   | Died 20 October 1931  |
| John William      | Born 1 May 1858      | Died 16 July 1881     |
| George Thomas     | Born 21 October 1860 | Died 10 February 1937 |
| Jackson Lafayette | Born 25 April 1863   | Died 10 October 1865  |
| Sara Ida (twin)   | Born 11 June 1866    | Died 12 October 1947  |
| Mary Alice (twin) | Born 11 June 1866    | Died 28 August 1883   |
| Joseph M.         | Born 8 April 1869    | Died 2 December 1951  |
| Robert J.         | Born 20 March 1871   | Died 24 March 1941    |
| Lucinda Elizabeth | Born 9 April 1873    | Died 4 March 1948     |
| Obadiah           | Born 25 March 1875   | Died 9 October 1935   |
| Nancy Louranie    | Born 15 March 1877   | Died 12 June 1966     |
| Minnie Lee        | Born 25 June 1879    | Died 22 August 1967   |

William Jackson and Mary Caroline Bice and several of their children are buried in the BICE CEMETERY.

SOURCES: Tallapoosa Co. AL. Marriage Bk 3,p 198; Military Records, AL. State Archives; Tombstone Records, Bice Cemetery; Tallapoosa Co. AL., census records; Mrs MARJORIE BICE ROGERS.

3. ELIZABETH BICE

Born 1838 Georgia  
Died

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Middlebrooks

4. JAMES BICE

Born 1841 Georgia  
Died

Married Stacey Martin

5. JOHN THOMAS BICE

Born 1844 Georgia  
Died

Married Harietta Martin

James and John Thomas Bice married sisters, Stacey and Harietta Martin.

JONATHAN BICE in ALABAMA, CONTINUED

Elizabeth, James and John Thomas Bice and their families are thought to have moved to Louisiana.

SOURCES: Family members; Tallapoosa Co.AL. Census records

6. LAURANA BICE

Born 26 September 1846 Georgia

Died 10 October 1928 Marshall County, Alabama

Married 15 November 1866, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, Joel Jesse Brown.  
(VI-513)

Joel Jesse Brown

Born 24 November 1839

Died 10 September 1910 Marshall County, Alabama

Laurana Bice and Joel Jesse Brown were the parents of:

John William Brown

Born 20 November 1869 Tallapoosa County, AL

Died 15 February 1947 Marshall County, AL

Married:

1st) Amanda Elizabeth Shipp, 10 July 1890

Born 30 August 1875

Died 13 December 1914

2nd) Zannie Cahill Jackson, 26 September 1915

Born 29 May 1892

Died 19 May 1983

SOURCES: Tallapoosa Co. AL Marriage Bk, Vol.VI, pg 513; Family material furnished by descendants of Laurana Bice and Joel Jesse Brown.

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BYARS LINEAGE of [83B] MICHELLE SCHOHN  
2119 Marley Dr., Columbia, SC 29210

1. FRANCIS JULIA BYARS b 17 May 1929 (Michelle's grandmother) Columbia, SC m JACK MELVIN HALL b 1 Oct 1928, Columbia, SC.
2. MILLEGE MELVIN BYARS b 29 Dec 1890, Spartanburg, SC d 6 Dec 1948, Columbia, SC m. LOLA PEARL DERRICK b 20 July 1891, Lexington, SC d 2 Nov 1983, Columbia, SC  
Children:
  - A. FRANKLIN M. BYARS b 3 July 1913 d 13 Feb 1968, never married.
  - B. ERVIN BYARS m BUELA \_\_\_\_\_. Children: WILLIAM, DIANA
  - C. ALVIN BYARS m MERLENE \_\_\_\_\_. Children: RIBIN, BLAINE, JAY, GREG.
  - D. MELVIN MARK BYARS m ANNIE E. SELBY Children: MELVIN ELBERT.
  - E. MARGARET BYARS d age 2.
  - F. FRANCIS JULIA

LINEAGE of MICHELLE SCHOHN, CONTINUED

3. LEWIS F. BYARS b July 1870, Statesville, NC d 10 May 1927, Columbia, SC m MARTHA JULIA CARR b 15 July 1867 Calhoun Co.SC d 2 Aug 1935, Columbia, SC.  
Children:
  - A. MILLEGE MELVIN BYARS
  - B. CHARLEY C. BYARS
  - C. ANNIE MAY BYARS m \_\_\_\_\_ BOSTON.
  - D. ESTES B. BYARS
  - E. ELSIE BYARS
  - F. AGNES MARIE BYARS m WALTER SCOTT HERBERT
  - G. DEWEY LEWIS BYARSNote: Martha Carr had son OLLIVER G. LANHAM by a previous marriage.
4. HAMILTON BYARS m NANCY ARADALE.

Michelle, may I suggest that you look at the 1850-1860 Census Index for HAMILTON BYARS then look at those microfilm for a list of his children. It would also be helpful if you start using county names along with the names of towns. Most research is directed to County records. Check at your local library. If they do not have census indexes and census records they can borrow them from other libraries.

ATTENTION DOROTHY HAYS

Michelle thinks she may be connected to your family. I know you can't help her at this time but if you do see a connection maybe you can drop her a card.

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BOB SAUNDERS to VINA MAE MEINE

[48B] VINA MAE MEINE, 212 W. Centre St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624 wrote to ROBERT "BOB" SAUNDERS, 1825 Hamlet Ct. S., Salem, OR 97302. The "Nathaniets" will recall that Bob has been cited for information on NATHAN BYARS' father. Bob had this to say in his letter to Vina.

"....I checked my notes for WILLIAM and SARAH (DOGGETT) BYARS and the only thing I found was the info. sent by MAURICE RASMUSSEN. So, I guess I can't help you.

Due to a lack of documentation in correspondence sent to me, I've been slowly working back generation-by-generation to where we have a common ancestor. I'm trying to document relationships, starting with my wife's great grandmother, MARY JANE (BYARS, COPENHAVER) BONNEY (1857-1932). The lineage goes back as follows:

1. MARY JANE BYARS
2. \*CLAIRBORN M. BYARS (1833/4-ca 1897)
3. \*GEORGE (W.) BYARS (1771-1843)
4. JOHN BYARS (1734-1781/2)
5. JAMES HENRY BYARS (1713-1792)
6. JOHN BYARS (before 1708-after 1734)

\*Most of my research here."

Note:Bob is not a member of our group so if anyone writes to him don't forget to tell him about the "Enquirer." Since he is researching in the proper manner, generation to generation and documenting as he goes, he may have some needed documentation regarding the relationships above. cbh.

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WESTMORELAND CO. PENNSYLVANIA

BYERS BURIALS at LIGONIER VALLEY CEMETERY, LIGONIER TWP.

Contributed by:[80B] VEDA NETHING,926 McGregor Ave.NW, Canton, OH 44703

Veda says these do not connect to her family but perhaps they will help someone.

| CEMETERY LOCATION | SURNAME | GIVEN NAME              | BIRTH/DEATH YEAR             | OTHER INFORMATION    |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 0-10-37           | BYERS   | PORA M.                 | 1878-1967                    | "Mother"             |
| S-06-04           | BYERS   | BEN F.                  | 1880-1918                    | Co.M 110 Inf.        |
| D-10-38           | BYERS   | CHARLES W.              | 1909-1938                    | "Son"                |
| S-06-05           | BYERS   | DANIEL<br>MATILDA       | 1839-1901<br>1843-1896       | (GAR #635)           |
| S-06-08           | BYERS   | ELIZABETH               | 1815-1894                    |                      |
| E-06-19           | BYERS   | ELIZABETH A.            | 1865-1892                    |                      |
| E-02-23           | (BYERS) | EMMA J.                 | 1867-1927                    |                      |
| G_05-03           | BYERS   | GEORGE T.               | 1884-1912                    | IOOF                 |
| D-08-20           | BYERS   | GEORGE T.<br>MAE E.     | 1912-1973<br>1915-_____      |                      |
| S-05-22           | BYERS   | GROVER C.               | 4 Mar 1892-19 Aug 1892       |                      |
| E-11-10           | BYERS   | HARRY H.<br>MARY H.     | 1878-1949<br>1892-1959       |                      |
| E-07-02           | BYERS   | HENRY<br>MATILDA        | 1846-1916<br>1847-19__       | "His Wife"           |
| E-11-12           | BYERS   | I. WILSON<br>N. BELLE   | 1872-1941<br>1883-1958       |                      |
| D-10-36           | BYERS   | J. WALTER               | 1874-1938                    | "Father"             |
| E-11-11           | BYERS   | JACOB<br>ELIZA          | 1843-1912<br>1842-1925       | (GAR)                |
| S-06-07           | BYERS   | JACOB                   | 1803-1860                    |                      |
| G-01-08           | BYERS   | JOHN C.<br>CATHARINE M. | 1888-1937<br>1892-19__       | "Father"<br>"Mother" |
| E-02-22           | (BYERS) | LEMON                   | 1867-1938                    |                      |
| D-10-39           | BYERS   | LOUIS C.                | 1911-1963                    | "Son"                |
| S-05-21           | BYERS   | LUCY S.<br>PALMER A.    | 1857-1930<br>1872-1938       |                      |
| E-02-24           | (BYERS) | MARGARET                | 1893-1905                    |                      |
| 0-03-07           | BYERS   | MARY JANE               | (See Mary Jane Byers ANKNEY) |                      |
| E-11-14           | BYERS   | MAUDE                   | (See JOSEPH MILTON NICELY)   |                      |

LIGONIER VALLEY CEMETERY, CONTINUED

| CEMETERY LOCATION | SURNAME | GIVEN NAME   | BIRTH/DEATH YEAR | OTHER INFORMATION |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| S-06-06           | BYERS   | NOAH         | 1848-1907        |                   |
|                   |         | ANNA SHAULIS | 1855-1930        | "His Wife"        |
|                   |         | PEARL        | 1890-1961        |                   |

Veda, Thank you for this info. Do you know why some of the names are in parenthesis and what GAR stands for?

CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS & COMMENTS

From:[6B] GEORGE B. BELL, Rt 1 Box 138F, Windsor, SC 29856

Vol.II, No.2, p 51, 1st paragraph: Among his first parishioners were JOSEPH and MARY BALL not Bell as printed. [excuse the typo cbh]

NOTICE!! IMPORTANT to REMEMBER when searching in SC ARCHIVES

From:[45B] NELL BYARS THATEN, 2108 Denfield Lane, Childress, TX 79201

Vol.II, No.2. p 60 [Also Vol.I, No.1 p 4]

"After looking through and reading Vol.2,#2, p 60, I felt that I just had to get in touch with you about that file #436, SC Archives.

Several years ago when I was actively researching my Byars line, I discovered that File 436 had TWO (2) DIFFERENT WILLIAMS in it. One is a WILL, the other (my William who m E. BEDFORD) is an ESTATE SETTLEMENT-entirely two different instruments-two different people. I have had the hardest time getting people to realize this. I'll bet I have written 50 letters to people explaining to them that one is a will and one is an Estate settlement (my William). I informed DOROTHY HAYS about it a few years back and she has written to the Archives, but I don't think it has done any good."

Ed Note:

Thank you Nell. We appreciate this. I hope your loved one gets better soon and you can get back to research. Folks Nell cannot do research at this time but when she can we will all benefit.cbh.

From: [40B] MARJORIE S. TUCKER, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226

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pp. 3-4 Children of JOHN LOGAN BYARS and CATHERINE DANIEL:

1. JAMES H. BYARS, b. Dec. 7, 1831, Jefferson Co., Ala., d. ca 1868, m. Mar. 2, 1854, Jefferson Co., Ala., E. JANE ARMSTRONG, d/o ROBERT ARMSTRONG - they lived and died in Miss.
2. DR. JOSEPH W. BYARS, b. Sept. 17, 1833, Jefferson Co., Ala., m. May 11, 1850, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala., a widow, LOUISE PEARSON CROW - they were married at the residence of MARGARET PEARSON.

CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS & COMMENTS from MARJORIE TUCKER, CONTINUED

3. WILLIAM PATTON (I have PULLEN) BYARS, b. Jul. 29 (I have Jul. 4), 1835, Jefferson Co., Ala., m. Jan. 9, 1855, Jefferson Co., Ala., LUCY A. THURSTON, d/o WILLIAM S. THURSTON - William went to Ark. where he probably died about 1908.
  
4. MARY ANN BYARS, b. Aug. 13 (I have Aug. 19), 1837, Jefferson Co., Ala., m. JAMES GAINES ACTON, s/o REV. WILLIAM ACTON and ELIZABETH LEE (this info from the book, ACION FAMILY, 1970, by Faye Acton Axford).
  
5. DANIEL MARTIN BYARS, b. Nov. 7, 1839, Jefferson Co., Ala., d. 1859.
  
6. GEORGE LOGAN BYARS, b. Jan. 18 (I have Jan. 16), 1842, Jefferson Co., Ala., m. Aug. 7, 1860, Jefferson Co., Ala., LURINDA TAYLOR, who d. ca 1862, d/o JOHN TAYLOR.
  
7. PERSIA (in the Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., Ala. her name is given as PORTIA) CHRISTINA BYARS, b. Jul. 4, 1844, Jefferson Co., Ala.

Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., Ala.

Green's Beat  
District 32

Family #37

|               |    |      |        |
|---------------|----|------|--------|
| John L. Byers | 42 | SC   | farmer |
| Catherine     | 38 | SC   |        |
| James H.      | 18 | Ala. |        |
| Joseph W.     | 17 | "    |        |
| William       | 15 | "    |        |
| Mary          | 13 | "    |        |
| Daniel        | 11 | "    |        |
| George        | 9  | "    |        |
| PORTIA        | 6  | "    |        |
| Nancy         | 4  | "    |        |
| John          | 2  | "    |        |

She d. ca 1897, m. JAMES C. GOODWIN.

8. NANCY ELIZABETH BYARS, b. Jan. 6, 1846, Jefferson Co., Ala., d. ca 1921, m. LEWIS C. CARLISLE, b. 1847, Jefferson Co., Ala., s/o JAMES and SUSANNA CARLISLE (this info from the Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., Ala., Self's Beat, District 32, Family #6)
  
9. HON. JOHN ANDREW BYARS, b. Oct. 18, 1848, Jefferson Co., Ala.
  
10. THOMAS JEFFERSON BYARS, b. Jul. 4, 1851, Jefferson Co., Ala. - he m.2nd. a MRS. WEAVER of Colbert Co., Ala.

CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS & COMMENTS from MARJORIE TUCKER, CONTINUED

The following is from an analysis of the Jefferson Co., Ala. 1850 census, by Will Franke and is located on microfiche in the Birmingham Public Library (MS 976.149, v. 7):

page 26 Mud Creek Baptist Church, established April 1837 - 7 Baptist preachers residing in Jefferson Co. 1850:

7. JOSEPH BYERS, born N.C., age 70 (b. 1780), wife, CLARISSA PULLEN, age 40. Mother-in-law, MARY PULLEN, born Va., age 80, widow of WILLIAM PULLEN, Rev. Soldier, and two children, born Ala., living with them in Elyton Beat.

I transcribed the census record as follows:

Elyton Beat

|            |              |    |      |                   |
|------------|--------------|----|------|-------------------|
| Family #67 | Joseph Byers | 70 | SC   | Baptist Clergyman |
|            | Clarissa     | 45 | SC   |                   |
|            | Marshmon W.  | 5  | Ala. |                   |
|            | Mary L (?)   | 3  | "    |                   |
|            | Mary Pullin  | 80 | Va.  |                   |

|            |                      |    |    |        |
|------------|----------------------|----|----|--------|
| Family #68 | Samuel Byers         | 43 | NC | farmer |
|            | Mary E.              | 33 | "  |        |
|            | Elizabeth E. Roberts | 19 | "  |        |

NOTE: Child #3 of JOHN LOGAN BYARS and CATHERINE DANIEL was named WILLIAM PULLEN BYARS.

MORE CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS & COMMENTS from MARJORIE, page 126

BARTHELEMY BUYER

From:[6B] GEORGE B. BELL (address above)

"At Lyon (France), BARTHELEMY BUYER, a wealthy merchant, in 1473 paid to have a work printed by WILHELM KONIG (G. Le Roy), the first printer of Lyons. Buyer's name appears on the joint imprint. Buyer died before 1483."

SOURCE: The Story of Printing by DOUGLAS C. McMURTRIE

LAURA ANN BIAS

Mr. EDGAR TRUMAN PENNINGTON, 2108 Virginia Ave. Lima, OH 45801 wrote to ask why the BIAS name is used as a variant in the ad for "The Byars-Byers Family Enquirer". I hope I explained to him and I did send him our members working on this spelling. His mother was LAURA ANN BIAS b Lincoln Co. WV., 1890. If any of our members have info about his line, please write him and tell him you "read it in the Enquirer."



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JOHN BYARS, 1797, Virginia

WORK SHEET from:[84B] JULIA HARMAN BLANTON, Rt 1, Box 343, Steelville, MO 65565

PLEASE NOTE: Julia says these are POSSIBLE children listed on her sheet. Which means she will welcome documentation.

By: Julia Harman Blanton No:126/127 Surname: BYARS

Husband's  
 Full Name: John Byars  
 Vital data: Day Month Year Town County State/Country  
 Birth: ca 1797 VA USA  
 Marriage:  
 Death:  
 Cemetery:  
 Father's Mother's  
 Full Name: Maiden Name:  
 Other Wives:  
 Remarks: Military:  
 Wife's Full  
 Maiden Name: Sarah  
 Vital Data: Day Month Year Town County State/Country  
 Birth: ca 1811 KY USA  
 Death:  
 Cemetery:  
 Father's Mother's  
 Full Name: Maiden Name:  
 Other Husbands:  
 Remarks:

CHILDREN

Arrange in order of birth

| Sex | Full Name             | Vital Data: Date                              | Place |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| f   |                       | Birth ca 1829                                 | IND   |
|     |                       | Death                                         |       |
| *1  | Nancy Ann             | Marriage 26 Jul 1849 To: John Harrison Tinker |       |
| f   |                       | Birth ca 1831                                 | IND   |
|     |                       | Death                                         |       |
| 2   | Rachel                | Marriage 22 Nov 1844 To: James Richardson     |       |
| f   |                       | Birth ca 1835                                 | IND   |
|     |                       | Death                                         |       |
| 3   | Elizabeth             | Marriage To:                                  |       |
| f   |                       | Birth ca 1841                                 | MO    |
|     |                       | Death                                         |       |
| 4   | Mary Ann              | Marriage To:                                  |       |
| f   |                       | Birth ca 1844                                 | MO    |
|     |                       | Death                                         |       |
| 5   | Mahala                | Marriage To:                                  |       |
| f   |                       | Birth ca 1846                                 | MO    |
|     |                       | Death                                         |       |
|     | Sarah Ann             | Marriage To:                                  |       |
|     | ABOVE POSSIBLE        | Birth                                         |       |
|     | CHILDREN OF JOHN      | Death                                         |       |
|     | AND SARAH BYARS       | Marriage To:                                  |       |
|     | From 1850 Reynolds Co | Birth                                         |       |
|     | CENSUS.               | Death                                         |       |
|     |                       | Marriage To:                                  |       |

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JOHN HARRISON TINKER & NANCY ANN BYARS

From: JULIA BLANTON, address above.

Husband's

Full Name: John Harrison Tinker

| Vital data | Day | Month | Year    | Town | County     | State/Country |
|------------|-----|-------|---------|------|------------|---------------|
| Birth      |     |       | ca 1800 |      |            | KY USA        |
| Marriage   | 26  | July  | 1849    |      | Washington | MO USA        |

Death

Cemetery

Father's

Mother's

Full Name:

Maiden Name

Other Wives: md. 1st 16 Oct 1828 Washington Co, Mo.

Remarks: Delilah Harris 4 chil. Military:

Wife's Full

Maiden Name: 2nd wife: Nancy Ann Byars

| Vital Data | Day | Month | Year    | Town | County | State/Country |
|------------|-----|-------|---------|------|--------|---------------|
| Birth      |     |       | ca 1830 |      |        | IND USA       |

Death

Cemetery

Father's prob.

Mother's prob.

Full Name: John Byars

Maiden Name: Sarah Sumpter

Other Husbands:

Remarks:

CHILDREN

Arrange in order of birth

| Sex | Full Name           | Vital Data | Date                                      | Place                    |
|-----|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|     | (first 4 by 1st mg) | Birth      |                                           | MO                       |
| m   | (Bert)              | Death      |                                           |                          |
| 1   | James Mayberton     | Marriage   | 30 Dec 1855 To: Rebecca Sellers           |                          |
|     |                     | Birth      | ca 1842                                   | MO                       |
| m   |                     | Death      | Nov 1862                                  | Died age 20 in Civil War |
| 2   | William             | Marriage   | To:                                       |                          |
|     |                     | Birth      | ca 1844                                   | MO                       |
| m   |                     | Death      |                                           | Died age 18 in Civil War |
| 3   | Hiram               | Marriage   | To:                                       |                          |
|     |                     | Birth      | ca 1846                                   | MO                       |
| m   |                     | Death      |                                           |                          |
| 4   | Wesley              | Marriage   | To: Melzina Stewart                       |                          |
|     | (next 5 by 2nd mg)  | Birth      | ca 1851                                   | MO                       |
| m   |                     | Death      | 1921                                      |                          |
| 5   | Allen               | Marriage   | To: Rebecca Dyer Willis                   |                          |
|     |                     | Birth      | 1852                                      | MO                       |
| * f |                     | Death      | 1930                                      | MO                       |
| 6   | Elizabeth           | Marriage   | 11 Sep 1873 To: John C Coleman (2nd wife) |                          |
|     |                     | Birth      | 6 May 1855                                | Dent Co MO               |
| f   |                     | Death      | 14 Jun 1953                               | Sapulpa, Oklahoma        |
| 7   | Mary                | Marriage   | 31 Oct 1870 To: John Pyatt                |                          |
|     |                     | Birth      | ca 1856                                   | MO                       |
| m   |                     | Death      |                                           |                          |
| 8   | Harrison            | Marriage   | To: Avie                                  |                          |
|     |                     | Birth      | ca 1860                                   | MO                       |
| m   |                     | Death      |                                           |                          |
| 9   | Henry               | Marriage   | To: Rosa Askins                           |                          |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: CHILDREN of JOHN BYARS & ELIZABETH THOMASON

The following information was compiled by NELL EMMICK, 901 E. Bendix Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283 and sent to me by DOROTHY HAYS. This data should be compared with previous material on this family: see Vol. I, No.3 p 53; Vol. I, No.4 p 104, Vol.II, No. 1 pp 11,12,13,14. This pertains to Child #10, Vol.II, No.1 p 12 and shown as I.1A.#10 p 13. There seems to be some conflicting data on this family. Descendants should correspond and together try to fully document their respective branches. cbh

GEORGE BYARS, VIRGINIA & INDIANA

Capt. GEORGE BYARS fought in the War of 1812 and was a plantation owner. Born 15 Aug. 1771, Louisa Co. VA, the s/o Capt. JOHN BYARS & ELIZABETH THOMASON, he died 11 May 1843, Smyth Co. VA. He m 1st. REBECCA SIMS. Two sons were born to this marriage:

1. WILLIAM P. BYARS b ca 1792, d 26 Aug 1873, m NANCY SUTTON of Tennessee.
2. JOHN BYARS b ca 1800, d 17 Mar 1887, Knox Co. IN, buried Greenlawn Cem.

Sources & Notes: JOHN & WILLIAM P. were mentioned in their fathers Will. Record found in unpublished Byars History, info given to me by my cousin, Mrs. EVA PATTERSON, R.R.1, Vincennes, IN 47591

GEORGE BYARS m 2nd SARAH C. WATKINS b NC d 22 Aug 1869, Smyth Co. VA. Their children:

3. GEORGE J. BYARS b 1818, Smyth Co.VA d. 12 Oct 1873, Knox Co. IN. He m 1st 11 Jan 1837, Smyth Co.VA, MARY MINERVA THOMPSON. She d 7 July 1842 Knox Co. IN and was buried Royal Oak Cemetery, Palmyra Twp. They had four children:
  1. GEORGE F. BYARS b c 1837
  2. MARY J. BYARS b c 1839, Knox Co. IN., d 13 July 1842.
  3. SARAH E. BYARS b c 1840, Knox Co. IN., d 3 Jan 1846, b Royal Oak Cem.
  4. CAROLINE BYARS b c 1842, Knox Co. IN.

GEORGE J. BYARS m 2nd, 21 Dec 1844, Knox Co. IN., MARY STEELE b c a 1825 Knox Co IN. They had 12 Children, all born Knox Co. IN.

5. WILLIAM BYARS b c 1845.
6. Daughter b/d 1847.
7. \*MINERVA VICTORIA BYARS b 8 Feb 1848, d at her home in Washington, IN 10 Feb 1924, buried Oak Grove Cemetery. She m 26 Aug 1866, Knox Co.IN. JOHN ELLIOT LUCAS s/o THOMAS D. LUCAS & SARAH ANN SHEPHERD. John b 8 Feb. 1848, Daviess Co. IN d 29 Apr 1926, Washington, Daviess Co.,IN bur. Oak Grove Cemetery. Their children:
  1. \*WILLIAM SAMUEL LUCAS b 6 Sep 1867, Washington, Daviess Co.IN m 1st MAY RENO, 2nd IDA CLARISSA PAGE. [Nellie Emmick's parents]
  2. TEMPA L. LUCAS b 27 Nov 1870 m CHENNISH COVALT.
  3. CENTENNIAL M. LUCAS b 11 Aug 1876 d 13 Sep 1904.

Sources & Notes: Marriage License, Vincennes, IN (copy in possession) Children & dates taken from Family Records; Death Certificates of JOHN ELLIOT LUCAS & MINERVA VICTORIA BYARS (copies in possession).

GEORGE BYARS, CONTINUED

8. LOUISA BYARS b c 1849.
  9. EMILY BYARS b 1850, d 1852.
  10. GEORGE W. BYARS b c 1854.
  11. AMANDA E. BYARS b c 1856.
  12. ALICE A. BYARS b c 1858 m \_\_\_\_\_ LIBLE(LIEBLE). Had son OSCAR. She owned a ladies hat shop in Bicknell, IN.
  13. THOMAS M. BYARS b c 1859. From the Vincennes Sun Comercial newspaper [no date of publication given]  
"A coal mining company has been organized at Bicknell, Ind. with a capital stock of \$10,000.00. Among those intersted are W.A. CULLOP of Vincennes, D.R. BALKE of Indianapolis and T.M. BYARS of Bicknell. The mines will be operated on the cooperative plan."
  14. LAURA B. BYARS b c 1861
  15. CHARLES G. BYARS b c 1864.
  16. MARY M. BYARS b c 1864.
- Note: #15 & 16 are twins.

Sources & notes: Tombstones on Byars lot in Royal Oak Cem. Palmyra Twp, Knox Co. IN.; Marriage of GEORGE J. BYARS & MINERVA THOMPSON listed in "Marriages of Smyth Co., VA. Records"; Geo. F. listed age 13 1850 census Knox Co. IN. Also listed Caroline as 9 yrs old. GEORGE J. BYARS m 3rd HULDA RUDARMEL.

4. ELIZABETH L. BYARS b 5 Aug 1819, Smyth Co.VA d 1843 in MS, m 29 Jan 1835 RUFUS FLEMING
5. MARY JANE BYARS b 19 Sep 1821 d 16 Mar, Coles Co.IL, m 24 Nov 1840, ISAAC ALFORD.
6. SUSANNAH BYARS b c 1823 d 9 Apr 1889, unmarried.
7. MINERVA BYARS m \_\_\_\_\_ LANKFORD.
8. KASSANDRA AMERICA BYARS (grandmother of EVA PATTERSON) b 5 Aug 1829 d 7 June 1883, Henderson, KY. m 7 Oct 1845, GEORGE STEFFY.
9. THOMAS J. BYARS b c 1836, Washington, VA.
10. CLAYBORNE M. BYARS b c 1834 m 1st ELIZ. WOLFE, 2nd HANNAH TILTON.
11. SARAH ANN BYARS b Washington Co.VA, d IL, m CHARLES KERNER.

Sources & notes: Capt. GEORGE BYARS fathered eleven children; Info found by EVA PATTERSON in Smyth Co.VA and in Eva's grandmother's Bible. Eva's grandmother was Catherine Minerva d/o KASSANDRA AMERICA BYARS STEFFY; Will dated 27 Sep 1897, Smyth Co. VA of CLAYBORNE M. BYARS.

Ed Note: There is a FLEMING BYARS, ancestor of ELSON F. SPANGLER shown pg 14, Vol II, No.1. So, if there were just 11 children born to George Byars there is a problem with the documentation on this family.

CHECK THE MEMBERSHIP LIST  
IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO RENEW????

???QUERIES???QUERIES???QUERIES???

Remember there is NO LIMIT on queries for our members. There is just one restriction. The queries published must be BYARS/BYERS (any variant thereof) related. When possible put all queries on a separate sheet of paper (Please don't include in a letter, lest I fail to get it in the query box) and be sure your full name and address appears on that sheet.

#18. LOUISA BYARS & THOMAS LINDSAY

Who is the LOUISA BYARS that married THOMAS W. LINDSAY in Fannin Co. TX Nov 2 1854. I thought at first she was a sister to my DANIEL WEBSTER BYARS and she may well be but I have found no evidence of this. HARREL BYARS and his wife NANCY TACKETT raised two LINDSAY children, but I have not been able to find out their relationship, if any, to Harrell and Nancy. Does anyone have any documentation or information that might solve this puzzle?

CLOVIS BYARS HERRING, Rt 1 Box 123A, Buffalo, TX 75831

#19. JOHN BYERS & SARAH CARTER

Seeking info and ancestors of great (3) grandparents, JOHN & SARAH (CARTER) BYERS, both reportedly b St. John, New Brunswick, early 1800's. Emigrated to U.S. early 1830's. Their children included:

MARY JANE BYERS (my great (2) grandmother) b ca 1830, Gut of Canso, Nova Scotia m.1848, JOHN B. BUCKMINSTER, in Danvers, MA, d 1874, Georgetown, MA.

MEHITABLE BYERS, b c 1836 MA, m 1876, JOHN B. BUCKMINISTER, d 1903.

JOHN BYERS d bef 1850 while Sarah and her daughter, Mehitable, were living in Portsmouth, NH in 1850. However, by 1855, Mehitable had returned to MA and was living with her sister. After the death of her sister, Mehitable married her sisters husband, John B. Buckminister.

[77B] Mr. DANA A. BATCHELDER, 258 South Sea Ave. West Yarmouth, MA 02673

#20. PRUDENCE BOYIS

The name PRUDENCE BOYIS seems to "crop up" from time to time in my research and after seeing the various spellings of the name Byars/Byers, and especially if a southern drawl is used when pronouncing the name, I can see where Boyis could possibly be "Byahs" or "Byers".

PRUDENCE BOYIS was supposedly the wife of an INMAN (possible BENJAMIN) and the mother of my third great grandfather, AARON INMAN. According to his Revolutionary War pension application, AARON INMAN was b 1767 in Orangeburg (now Newberry Co/Dist. SC. He died sometime aft 1850 in Monroe Co., MS. His wife was FRANCES "FANNY" ANN (GREGORY) INMAN and she was the same age as Aaron.

Possibly this family were Quakers and Aaron may have been excommunicated because he joined the army. His request for a pension was denied as he was only 13 years of age when he enlisted and it was felt his outfit was only a "home guard" type outfit. I believe that PRUDENCE (BOYIS) INMAN was b ca 1745 and d ca 1780. Any further info will be most gratefully appreciated.

[15B] JAMES H. GORDON, 1115 Sumner Ave. Apt 5, El Cajon, CA 92021

MORE CORRECTIONNS, COMMENTS, ETC.

From:[7B] CAROLYN BACKSTROM, 8625 Bayou Castelle Dr., Gautier, MS 39553

Concerning the BYARS family of VA. DOROTHY HAYS' worksheets, Vol.II, No.1 pp 11-13. Children of JAMES HENRY BYARS and 2nd wife RACHEL MATHEWS, are shown among others:

1. JEREMIAH BYARS b c 1755 d 1796 m LUCY THORNTON MINOR
2. JAMES HENRY BYARS Jr. b c 1761 m ELIZABETH HENDRICKS, d/o JOHN HENDRICKS Hanover Co.VA.

My records differ, in that ELIZABETH HENDRICKS is listed as the wife of JEREMIAH BYARS, not JAMES HENRY BYARS Jr., with sources as follows:

DAR PATRIOT INDEX, p 108; BYERS (BYARS), JEREMIAH, b c 1755, d 11-18-1796, m ELIZABETH HENDRICKS; Patriotic Service, VA.

HANOVER COUNTY COURT RECORDS, 1783-92, Part 2, p 257: Two deeds of JEREMIAH and ELIZABETH BYARS; (1) Dated 17 Oct 1787, recorded 6 Dec 1787, Jeremiah Byars and Elizabeth, his wife, of Hanover Co.,VA, sold 100 acres to JAMES BYARS, land formerly the property of JAMES BYARS and given by him to his said son, JEREMIAH BYARS. Witnesses were JAMES BYARS JR., and ANNIE COOK. (2) Dated 1 Nov 1787, recorded 6 Jan 1790, JEREMIAH BYAS and ELIZABETH BYARS, of Hanover Co.,VA conveyed to ( ? ) TREVILIORN (or TERRILL), of said county, ½ of New Market Mill, with 40 acres, mill sold to JEREMIAH BYARS by WILLIAM DAVIS. Jeremiah, Elizabeth, and James Jr., signed; no marks were used. This Elizabeth could be a second wife of Jeremiah, with LUCY THORNTON MINOR being his first wife. I have not seen the reference The Minor Family of VA p 44.

Concerning NATHAN BYARS (b 1749, Granville Co. NC, m 1st DRUCILLA HARRELSON, 2nd DELPHY LOGAN). I do not believe he was a son of JAMES HENRY BYARS and RACHEL MATHEWS, for this reason:I have found no evidence, so far, that suggests that either JAMES HENRY BYARS or son, JEREMIAH ever moved from Hanover Co. VA, to Granville Co.,NC. The two deeds listed above place them in Hanover Co. VA in 1787. It does not seem logical for James Henry and wife Rachel, to have moved from VA to Granville Co. NC,for the birth of a son in 1749, then to return to Hanover Co. VA for the birth of another son, Jeremiah, in 1755 , then continue to live there on through 1787.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I appreciate the manner in which Carolyn made her corrections. Notice the way she gave us references as to why her records are different than Dorothy's work sheets. By showing our references on our family group sheets, others working on these lines can double check. Dorothy's reference was a good one, but secondary, in that it came from a publication and is not a primary source. Since we all well know errors can creep into any publication, either in the compiling, typing or from using undocumented sources, I suggest that a review of the Hanover Co. VA land records be made, to see if anything else turns up.cbh

ON THE SUBJECT OF CORRECTIONS

I suggest that we all pay careful attention to documenting our family sheets and when the need arises for us to make a correction use the method Carolyn used. Cite the sources that your record is based on. Remember, primary sources are those that come from original records. Secondary sources are from books, family members etc.

SPOTLIGHT

MEET DOCTOR MARION STARK CRAIG



Dr. MARION S. CRAIG has developed a reputation as a genealogist skilled in research techniques. He has a bibliography of four books and 24 published genealogical papers.

This picture and an article entitled FOR LOVE AND AFFECTION was published in The Mayo Alumnus, October, 1984, Volume 20, Number 4, Published by Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota. The article says in part:

"Doctor Marion Craig was a Mayo Clinic fellow in proctology from 1945-48. In Little Rock, Arkansas, he established his private practice in 1948 and retired in 1982." The article goes on to say Dr. Craig has developed several subspecialties, one of which is the study of land records: he is a genealogist skilled in research techniques, and has been described as "the" authority on the history of Lawrence Co. Arkansas, during the territorial period.

DR. MARION CRAIG, CONTINUED

In the article Dr. Craig advised those who are considering genealogy as a hobby: "Proof, not tradition or family tales, is the keystone of a good genealogical compilation. The four key items in genealogical and family history research are names, dates, places and relationships.

"There is a certain merit in family tales because they often have a basis in some kind of fact, and these may lead you where you want to go."

"Dr. Craig says, "Sonetime I wonder if future generations of my relatives will give a hoot about their roots. If they do, they will have my records to build upon. For now and for as long as I am able, I shall continue my searchings knowing I'll always have this to stimulate my mind and intermittently bring joy to my heart. As in so many fields of life, there are splendid peaks and lonely valleys along the ancestor trail. I've seen many a splendid peak and the valleys, so far, have been too promising to be really lonely."

Currently Dr. Craig is working on his Pennsylvania Byers line and I understand he and several others are keeping the post man busy with letters flying back and forth. We, the membership of the "Enquirer" are indeed fortunate to have a man of this caliber among our ranks.

BYERS from the PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES

This collection of data is courtesy [67B] WILLIAM W. TUCKER, 5435 Hearn Rd. Ellenwood, GA 30049. As Mr. Tucker went through the Published Pennsylvania Archives he fed the data into his computer. It sorts by County, Name and Date. He has abstracted only the spelling BYERS. The reference code is as follows: 3-21 (626) = 3rd Series-Vol. 21 page 626. This is a great method of getting "all your eggs in one basket" so to speak. These print outs will be published as space permits.

BYERS-Sorted by Name, York Co. PA

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|   |                            |      |                       |      |   |        |
|---|----------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|---|--------|
| 1 | f. Lancaster               | 1749 | York Co.              | /    | / | ( )    |
| 2 | Charles Byers<br>Tx 80 Ac  | 1780 | (Manahan) York Co.    | I    | M |        |
|   |                            |      |                       | 3-21 | / | (218 ) |
| 3 | Charles Byers<br>Tx 100 Ac | 1781 | (Manahan) York Co.    | I    | M |        |
|   |                            |      |                       | 3-21 | / | (430 ) |
| 4 | George Byers<br>Tx         | 1782 | (Cumberland) York Co. | I    | M |        |
|   |                            |      |                       | 3-21 | / | (626 ) |



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YORK CO. PA, CONTINUED

|   |                           |      |                           |   |   |      |   |        |
|---|---------------------------|------|---------------------------|---|---|------|---|--------|
| 5 | John Byers<br>Tx 50 Ac    | 1780 | (Cumberland) York Co.     | I | M | /    | / | (316 ) |
|   |                           |      |                           |   |   | 3-21 |   |        |
| 6 | John Byers<br>Tx 50 Ac    | 1779 | (Cumberland) York Co.     | I | M | /    | / | (155 ) |
|   |                           |      |                           |   |   | 3-21 |   |        |
| 7 | John Byers<br>Tx 50 Ac    | 1782 | (Cumberland) York Co.     | I | M | /    | / | (625 ) |
|   |                           |      |                           |   |   | 3-21 |   |        |
| 8 | John Byers<br>Tx 50 Ac    | 1783 | (Cumberland) York Co.     | I | M | /    | / | (735 ) |
|   |                           |      |                           |   |   | 3-21 |   |        |
| 9 | Samuel Byers (Se'r)<br>Tx | 1780 | (Hamiltons Bann) York Co. | I | M | /    | / | (279 ) |
|   |                           |      |                           |   |   | 3-21 |   |        |

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BYERS-Sorted by Date, DAUPHIN CO.PA

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|   |                             |             |             |   |   |      |   |        |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|------|---|--------|
| 1 | f.Lancaster                 | 1785        | Dauphin Co. |   |   | /    | / | ( )    |
| 2 | James Byers<br>Tx 121 Ac    | 27 Feb 1786 | Dauphin Co. | I | M | /    | / | (572 ) |
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| 3 | Eliza Byers<br>Tx 25 Ac     | 28 Dec 1792 | Dauphin Co. | I | F | /    | / | (576 ) |
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WILLIAM BYARS (1802-1887) NC-AL

From: [87B] AUDREY STEVENS, RT 2 Box 255, Madisonville, TX 77864

WILLIAM BYARS s/o STRIPLING & ELIZABETH BYARS [See Vol.I, No.4, pg 93, Child #10] was born 3 Oct 1802 NC, d 5 Oct 1887, Terryville, DeWitt Co. TX. He m 23 March 1824, Jefferson Co. AL (Marriage BK 1, p 20 #427), ELIZABETH JANE GOODE. Elizabeth b 26 Dec 1806 NC, d 7 June 1883, Terryville, DeWitt Co. TX. Both are buried Old Terryville Cem. DeWitt Co.TX.

Children:

- I. LAWRENCE WILLIAM BYARS b 3 Jan 1825, Jefferson Co.AL d 15 Aug 1912, Blanco, TX., m 24 Dec 1847 SUSAN GAYNE
- II. JAMES MARION BYARS b 23 Feb 1826, d 1915, m 1st \_\_\_\_\_ CLARK, 2nd MARTHA PETIT
- III. JOHN WESLEY BYARS b 27 Apr 1828, Jefferson Co.AL d 27 Jan 1829.
- IV. ADALINE ELIZABETH BYARS b 22 Oct 1829, Jefferson Co. AL d 1856 DeWitt Co.TX m 1846 FRANCIS M. ROSS.
- V. SARAH AGNES BYARS b 22 Nov 1832, Jefferson Co.AL d 10 Dec 1841
- VI. MARGARET BYARS b 2 Oct 1834 d Aug 1835.
- VII.\*JOSEPH J. BYARS B 18 Dec 1836, Jefferson Co.AL d 28 Jan 1902, m 30 Nov 1865, at Clinton, DeWitt Co.TX (Marriage BK.,Vol. C p 141), SAFRONIA CALDONIA FATHEREE d/o ALFRED FATHEREE & ELIZABETH W. HOLLAN. Safronia b 30 Jan 1846, Bienville Parish, LA d 25 May 1913. Both buried Hebron Cemetery, DeWitt Co.TX.Joseph J. was a Confederate Veteran. He enlisted in Apr 1861 at Hallettsville, 2nd Cavalry, Pyron's Regiment, Co. D. Safronia lived in TX in 1856. She drew a Confederate Widows Pension. (Texas State Archives pension #15053. Their Children:
  1. DELILA JANE BYARS b 2 Jan 1868 De Witt Co.TX d 3 Mar 1962 buried Hebron Cem. DeWitt Co.TX. She m J. MADISON GRANBERRY.
  2. MATTIE S. BYARS b 1875 m [? copy cut off]
  3. \*NANCY EVELYN BYARS b 12 Sep 1876 DeWitt Co.TX d 1 May 1960, San Antonio, TX, buried Oak Grove Cem. Yoakum, TX., m TEXAS HULLEN STEVENS, s/o SAMUEL STEVENS & AMANDA M. DOOLITTLE. TEXAS HULEN STEVENS was a minister in the Church of Christ. Children:
    - i. LAURA VIRGINIA STEVENS m 1st RUFUS C. DOWLEARN, 2nd ZYEK DAMERON.
    - ii. JESSE HUGH STEVEN m CHLOE STEVENS
    - iii. MADISON ROY STEVENS m HALLIE MAE BENTON.
    - iv. MYRTLE JANE STEVENS m 1st PARKS McLARTY, 2nd JIM SLAUGHTER.
    - v. ESLI PAUL STEVENS m EUNICE HILBUN.
  4. ANNIE ELIZA BYARS b 31 Jan 1878, DeWitt Co.TX d 25 Feb 1964, buried Hebron Cem., DeWitt Co.TX., m 7 Oct 1876, JOHN LEONARD STEVENS, s/o SAMUEL STEVENS & AMANDA M. DOOLITTLE. Children:
    - i. SARAH FRANCES STEVENS b 1897 d 1898.
    - ii. CARRIE ELIZABETH STEVENS m BILL SPARKS.
    - iii. IRMER BELL STEVENS m WENDELL PHILLIPS.
    - iv. SAMUEL OREN STEVENS b 1902 d 1903.

WILLIAM BYARS, CONTINUED

- v. JESSIE STEVENS m JIMMY BIRDWELL.
  - vi. IVA STEVENS m TALLIE FARRER.
  - vii. EMMITT JOEL STEVENS m IONE SHERROD.
  - viii. DELILA JAN STEVENS b 1910 d 1930.
  - ix. MAUD LOW STEVENS b 1913 d 1915.
  - x. LAURA LEE (JACKIE) STEVENS
5. JOSEPH ROY BYARS b 1880, DeWitt Co. TX d 4 Aug 1950 buried Hebron Cem. DeWitt Co., m 25 Nov 1900 (Marriage BK, Vol G p 409 DeWitt Co. TX) ADA BEIJ. HILL.
6. WILLIAM HENRY BYARS b 20 Aug 1882, DeWitt Co. TX d 1 Feb 1947, buried Hebron Cem. DeWitt Co., m 18 Mar 1906 (Marriage BK Vol.1, DeWitt Co. TX) LAURA DEIDA COOK.
- VII. SUSAN HALL BYARS b 7 Dec 1838, Chickasaw Co. MS d 15 Apr 1932, m 31 Jul 1856 THOMAS J. THIGPIN.
- IX. WILLIAM H. BYARS b 20 Aug 1840, Chickasaw Co. MS d 13 Oct 1904.
- X. GEORGE CLAYTON BYARS b 12 Oct 1843, Chickasaw Co. MS d June 1862 in the Confederate Army.
- XI. NANCY MIRANDA BYARS b 29 Apr 1846, Chickasaw Co. MS d 1869, DeWitt Co. TX m 20 Jan 1866, ANDREW JACKSON NEEL.
- XII. ROBERT STRIPLING BYARS b 5 May 1849 Chickasaw Co. MS m 1st Miss MARY LORAN 2nd MARTHA DeBOSE.

VII.3.ii.

JESSE HUGH STEVENS  
born 2 Aug 1897  
died 11 May 1949

and his mother

NANCY EVELYN BYARS STEVENS  
born 12 Sept. 1876  
died 1 May 1960



WILLIAM BYERS, CONTINUED

Editors Note:

Audrey is (like all good wives) researching her husbands family. Audrey is the Editor of the Madison Co.TX. Genealogical Society, quarterly. In September, their program chairman called and asked me to speak at their meeting. So, my co-horts in crime, NETA ELLIS and MARGARET WOOD went along to give their moral support and add their 2 cents worth. I met Audrey for the first time at that meeting and she mentioned her research on Byars and said she had been planning to contact me because of my maiden name. I told her about the Enquirer and asked her to send me what she had, so I could see if I could find her some connections. Can you believe I never even asked which Byars! Well it looks like VINA MAE MEINE, GENEVA GARRETT & SIBYL NORTHCUTT now have another "cousin" to help research and they should be tickled to have her. She is a very nice lady and really enjoys research when she can find time to work on her own lines.

WILLIAM WALTON BYERS (1810-1881)

Thanks to [87B] AUDREY STEVENS for the following information. Like any good genealogist, Audrey collects data on family names, regardless of a connection. In this instance the information collected is an extension of the data Work Sheet of DOROTHY HAYS published VOL.I, No.3, pg 69, Child #3 & #6

WILLIAM WALTON BYERS b 22 Oct 1810, SC d 15 June 1881, buried Old Bethel Cemetery, Grimes Co.TX. He was s/o WILLIAM BYERS, Jr (1765-1816) and CATHERYN "KITTY" HOPE, (1776-1815). He married JANE SALENA McWHORTER, d/o ANDREW McWHORTER. Jane Salena b 1813 d 24 July 1866, also buried Old Bethel Cem.

From an article "Bethel Presbyterian Church, Madison County, Texas, Sketches and Reminiscences" by E. L. BYERS (Circa 1906) comes the following:

"WILLIAM WALTON BYERS, whose wife JANE SELENA was a daughter of ANDREW McWHORTER, was also raised in South Carolina. He was a faithful Elder of Bethel Church for nearly forty years, and was one of the church's strongest supporters. He also ruled his own household well. In 1849 he moved seven miles away from the church and settled on the Labahia road, the oldest road in Texas, three miles south of where Madisonville now is. Here he built, fifty years ago\*, a house upon a tract of land, supposed to be half a league, bought by his brother JOHN HOPE BYERS, from ELISHA and ELIZABETH CLAPP; a couple of ponie and an old carry-all being the chief consideration. This house where he spent his last days, is still standing.\*\*

"For some years ox-wagons were the only means of transportation; and often did he and his whole family travel by such conveyance over that seven miles to attend the church meetings, and were never late. He died in 1881, his wife having gone before in 1866.

"Mr. Byers and Mr. McWhorter each owned a few negro slaves and these always received kind treatment at their hands. They had good shelter, good food and clothing, care when sick; and when Christmas came a week of liberty to go and do as they pleased. Some of them were intelligent members of the church.

"In 1844 a house was built of posts and clapboards and served for both school and meeting house....

"The Rev.P.H. FULLENWIDER taught two or three sessions in this house and here in 1844 he organized Bethel Church which he served, all told, about twenty years. The first sessional records are lost' but as well as can be ascertained, the charter members were ANDREW McWHORTER and his wife MARGARET, JAMES H. McWHORTER

WILLIAM WALTON BYERS, CONTINUED

and his wife CATHERINE LOUISA, WILLIAM WALTON BYERS and his wife JANE SELENA, AMZIE A. McWHORTER a bachelor son of ANDREW McWHORTER and MARTHA C. QUIRL [d/o ANDREW McWHORTER]

"The Bethel grave-yard is one of the oldest in this section. The first grave made there was for a man named LEWIS, a traveling stranger who died at the home of WILLIMA WALTON BYERS in 1843....."\*\*\*

There is no date on this material but the compiler was DEE SALLENBACH and the sources were shown as follows:

1. Bethel Presbyterian Church, Madison County, Texas: Sketches and Reminiscences by E.L. Byers written about 1806.
2. A PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN PREACHER by E.L. Byers written in 1908 or later.
3. "Early Days of Midway", a newspaper article published in the Meteor (Madisonville Newspaper) by E.L. Byers, 1909.

The Acknowledgements read:

"The compiler would like to express appreciation to MAY MADOLE CARMICHAEL and her husband DEAN CARMICHAEL of 1835 Willowmoss, Houston, Texas 77008 who located, typed, and Xeroxed these original articles written by EDWARD LEONIDAS BYERS, Mrs Carmichael's grandfather, among the papers of OUIDA BYERS MADOLE (Mrs Carmichael's mother) in the Madole home in Madisonville.

"Thanks is also given to ROSS MADOLE, P.O. Box 66, Madisonville, Texas 77864 who helped the compiler in locating the Old Bethel Cemetery and in recording inscriptions from the many McWhorter and Byers tombstones located there. [There are three names and addresses of people that gave McWhorter info and if any one needs to follow up on the McWhorter line let me know. cbh.]

In the footnotes of the article the following info is found about WILLIAM WALTON BYERS:

"From the Family Record of WILLIAM W. BYERS and his wife JANE SELENA McWHORTER we find that they left Mississippi for Texas on the 22nd of November 1839. From oaths made before the Board of Land Commissioners we find that the McWhorters and William W. Byers immigrated to the Republic of Texas the 27th of December 1839....

"EDWARD LEONIDAS BYERS was born on May 5, 1838 near College Hill, Lafayette County Mississippi. This is probably the area from which they left.[for Texas].....

"Montgomery Co, Texas Deed Bk K p 71...sale of 200 acres for \$200 by ZORASTER & MARTHA ROBINSON to W.W. BYERS, 20 Sep 1842....

"The WILLIAM W. BYERS family record lists three of ANDREW'S marriages [m.4 times]: ANDREW McWHORTER and ELIZABETH M. WATSON were married Febuary 11th 1806. ANDREW McWHORTER & MARY ANN DAVIS WALLOR were married the 28 day of November 1826. ANDREW McWHORTER & MARGARET RIDDLE were married the 13th day of January, 1829..... From a family record compiled by SAM McWHORTER the grandson of Andrew, "He was married four times...No.3 was Margaret, died 1853. No.4 was HANNAH WIGGINS.

"Grimes Co.Texas Deed BK B, p 331...1st March 1849, ELISHA CLAPP & ELIZABETH CLAPP his wife of the County of Leon sold to JOHN H. BYERS for \$800...the East half of a League...

"In the will of JOHN H. BYERS made 21 June 1850 all monies, real and personal property was left to JANE S. BYERS the wife of WILLIAM WALTON BYERS. The witness JOHN R. McWHORTER gave testimony on 29 June 1850....

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"It is possible that the family of WILLIAM W. BYERS moved to this location in 1849 while the land belonged to Williams's brother JOHN HOPE, but it is also a possibility that they moved after his death when the land would have legally been the property of Jane S. It is interesting to note that the original deed (which is in the Texas State Archives) shows "JOHN H. and WILLIAM W. BYERS of the second part" with WILLIAM W. marked through.

\*[ca 1859]

\*\*The house was destroyed by fire after E.L. BYERS wrote this article.

\*\*\*In an article published 3 Aug 1967, Madisonville Meteor, it says, "In 1842 Mr. ANDREW McWHORTER and Mr. W.W. BYERS left the site of Midway to settle on North Bedias, near the present site of Old Bethel cemetery. In 1843, a man by the name of LOUIS, a stranger, stopped at the W.W. BYERS home and died with smallpox...."

WILLIAM WALTON BYERS served as a Pvt. Co. I 13th Regt. Texas, CSA, (Pension # 17232, Texas State Archives.)

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS, OLD BETHEL CEMETERY, GRIMES CO. TX.

|                         |             |              |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| BYERS, ANDREW McWHORTER | 18 Mar 1851 | 1853         |
| BYERS, JANE SELENA      | 1813        | 24 July 1866 |
| BYERS, JOHN HOPE        | 1801        | 22 June 1850 |
| BYERS, WILLIAM WALTON   | 22 Oct 1810 | 15 June 1881 |

Audrey notes that there are 52 McWhorter graves in this cemetery.

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS, MADISONVILLE CITY CEMETERY, MADISON CO. TX.

|                       |                               |              |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Sec.1.                |                               |              |
| BYERS, KATE           | 28 Aug 1875                   | 21 Sept 1880 |
| BYERS, ELIZABETH      | 8 Apr 1807                    | 3 Mar 1893   |
| Sec.4.                |                               |              |
| BYERS, JOHN BURTIS    | 26 Sep 1910                   | 4 Feb 1972   |
| Sec.5.                |                               |              |
| BYERS, ALLIE B.       | 8 Aug 1884                    | 18 May 1966  |
| BYERS, FRANK STERLING | 1912                          | 1943         |
| BYERS, JOHN A.        | 5 Aug 1881                    | 20 Aug 1956  |
| BYERS, JOHN ALEMUTH   | 18 Nov 1843                   | 13 Aug 1927  |
|                       | Co.I, 35 Texas Cavalry [CSA]  |              |
| BYERS, MABEL C.       | 30 Apr 1874                   | 3 Jan 1938   |
| BYERS, THOMAS W.      | 11 July 1869                  | 10 July 1957 |
| BYERS, ZUE A.         | 28 Dec 1843                   | 10 Apr 1924  |
| Sec.6.                |                               |              |
| BYERS, ILA M.         | 27 May 1898                   | 9 May 1975   |
| BYERS, THOMAS ALBERT  | 1898                          | 1963         |
| Sec.7.                |                               |              |
| BYERS, EDWARD L.      | 5 May 1838                    | 6 Jan 1915   |
|                       | Sgt. Co.I 35th Texas Regt CSA |              |
| BYERS, SUSAN C.       | 1 Mar 1842                    | 4 Jan 1916   |

PLEASE NOTE

If you have ancestors from Madison Co. Texas write to Audrey. She publishes a fine quarterly for that area, and those nice ladies will help you all they can.

pp. 84-85 Children of PERRY GREEN BYARS and SENTH POTTER:

1. WILLIAM HARRELL BYARS, m. Mar. 10, 1893, not 1898 (per their dau., Jenny Woodward Byars).
5. POPER BYARS' last child, CLINTON BYARS, was born Nov. 29, 1910, and was by his 2nd. wife, CLARISSA ELLEN GRIBBLE. Both wives were daus. of DALLAS CALHOUN GRIBBLE and MARY A. THOMAS (per Mrs. Peggy Allison, who has researched the Gribble family).
6. JOHN WATSON BYARS, d. Apr. 8, 1931, not 1937, tombstone and word of Jenny Woodward Byars. His wife, JULIA CANTRELL was dau. of ROBERT CANTRELL and LETTIE CLOUTZ.
7. PERRY GREEN "DOCK" BYARS, m. 1st. MATTIE BROOKS, at Bell Buckle, Tenn., b. Feb. 24, 1878, d. 1913, buried in Bedford Co., Tenn.
8. MARY ELIZABETH BYARS, m. WILLIAM PEYTON CANTRELL, b. Dec. 12, 1887, DeKalb Co., Tenn., d. Oct. 15, 1959, son of ROBERT GREEN CANTRELL and SINDRILLA RICE JUDKINS. (Info on the Cantrell family from the Cantrill-Cantrell Genealogy, by Susan Cantrill Christie, 1938).
9. HARRIETT ETTA BYARS, d. Oct. 15, 1933, not Oct. 30. See below:

Southern Standard  
Thurs., Oct. 19, 1933

TWO ARE BURNED  
TO DEATH AS FIRE  
DESTROYS HOUSE

Miss Harriet Byars and Oscar  
Ward Lose Their Lives in Con-  
flagration at Seven Springs Sun-  
day Night

Trapped in an upper story of a 17-room house, Miss Harriet Byars, 51, and Oscar Ward, 11, were burned to death at Seven Springs late Sunday night.

Miss Byars, cousin of Mrs. Lilly Scott, owner of the dwelling, had made her home with the latter for the past 15 years, while young Ward had made his home there since the death of his mother who was killed by lightning three years ago.

Just what started the conflagration is a mystery. Mrs. Scott was awakened about 11 p.m. Sunday night by the crackling of the flames. Arousing Miss Byars and young Ward, Mrs. Scott attempted to lead them from the burning building. The two became confused, however, and lost their way and were soon overcome by the fumes.

The twisted and shapeless torsos of the two victims were found in the ruins after the flames had subsided. Funeral services for Miss Byars and young Ward were held Tuesday morning with burial being made in the Bildad cemetery, DeKalb county, under the direction of the John W. High Funeral Home.



CHILDREN of PERRY GREEN BYARS, Continued

The Scott home was located on the bluff, just a few hundred feet east of the Seven Springs Hotel. Mrs. Scott was formerly owner and operator of the Seven Springs Hotel.

The residence was completely furnished throughout. None of the contents were saved and very little insurance was held on the house and its contents.

THE SETTLE/SUTTLE FAMILY

Thanks to FAYE ROBBINS we now have access to the Byars data in that book. Faye also has a copy of the DAGGETT/DOGGETT book which she will send if our readers need it. She sent me 16 pages of the Settle/Suttle material and it is now part of our ever growing files. Thank you so much Faye and I'm glad you enjoyed my Byars story in True West. Fay's address is Rt 6 Bx 2280, Cullman, AL 35055.

HAVE I BEEN LOOKING IN THE WRONG STATE??

I was prompted to get a copy of my g grandfather's death certificate on a recent trip to Austin. Because of my research I always believed that my DANIEL WEBSTER BYARS father, HARREL BYARS was b either in AL or TN and his mother, NANCY TACKETT was b in AL. The 1850-1860 census records say Harrell was b in AL, but a bio. of two sons say TN. The 1850-1860-1870 say Nancy was b AL. But, I have not been able to find an 1840 census listing in AL or TN. Low and behold!! His death certificate says both his mother and his father were born in Mississippi. Does anyone have any info on a Harrell Byars in 1830-1840 in Mississippi?? The death certificate can be wrong, many of them have errors of info., but maybe that's why I haven't been able to locate them in those years. cbh.

FROM SIBYL NORTHCUTT

I received a great packet from Sibyl, which included a small History of the Hebron Community by Sherie Carroll, and a newspaper clipping from the May 8, 1984 Victoria Advocate about "Decoration Day" at Hebron. Sibyl, who by the way has met AUDREY STEVENS had a cute story to tell about Audrey.

Seems as though Audrey and her family attended the Hebron Cemetery Decoration Day this year. Now, the Byars line belongs to Audrey's husband, but she is the one that really gets carried away. People started asking Audrey questions about the family, and in no time Audrey was completely involved in telling them the family history. Her family started moving away, because they knew that she would be there as long as there was someone interested in her story. As they moved away, one of Audrey's grandsons said, "There goes Grandma, all involved in her gynecology work again."

Thanks Sibyl, I did indeed set down, put my feet up and thoroughly enjoyed reading all you sent. You know of course I'll simply have to share it all as soon as space permits. cbh

DON'T FORGET TO RETURN RENEWAL & INFORMATION FORM, PLEASE & THANK YOU.

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FROM THE EDITOR

It's cold today in Texas but nothing warms my blood like the mail man (or should I say mail person) bringing new information. There is one way to insure a full mail box, and that's by writing queries.

By now I hope some of you have gotten some response to your queries that have been republished in Lost & Found National Genealogical Query Newsletter. This newsletter is devoted entirely to queries, is published six times a year and is distributed to over 1100 Genealogical Societies. It not only reaches people in the U.S.A., it goes to Germany, England, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. By special arrangement, all queries published in the Byars - Byers Family Enquirer will be republished in Lost & Found. You now get double coverage on this branch of your family tree and at no extra cost.

There are but two requirements: Each query (there is no limit), may not exceed fifty (50) words, and in our case it must be BYARS/BYERS (variant) connected. So, please take advantage of this and send in those queries. You may put them all on one sheet, (if 50 words is not enough, make several) be sure your name & address appears on that sheet. Please, do not include queries in a letter. I put queries in a separate folder to be included in the next issue. Letters are in a stack waiting for a time that I can devote to answering them. Getting the Enquirer out on time takes priority over mail.

I'm looking forward to a lot of new discoveries in 1988, and if you have any suggestions about how our group can make them, please tell us.

I am always looking for others working on our common surnames. Anytime I see a query regarding it I mail a note and application blank to that researcher. I have mailed quite a few over the past two years and the researcher has either joined our group, or was not interested and did not respond. I did get a response last week that was different. It said, "The only BYARS I'm kin to spell their name BYARS. I don't know what you want besides money. What are you trying to do?" Well, I could not resist sending her a sample issue because I do not want our group classed with the "Beatrice Bailey's" of the world. I must admit it sort of hurt my feelings at first, but after I thought about it, I decided that I must expect something like that once in awhile. It does trouble me though that many researchers simply refuse to accept variant spellings and because of that will not be able to find the next generation.

Remember now!! Get those queries in soon for the next issue. Oops! I almost forgot. If you're interested in subscribing to Lost & Found for publication of queries on other families of interest, rates are \$12.00 per year. Write to: Lost & Found, 3060 Blackhills Dr. Boise, ID 83709. Glenda Suite is the editor.

*Clarice*

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

89B MARY DELL WALLACE, 61 W. Sutter Rd. Paradise, CA 95969  
90B CHARLES D. BYERS Jr. 14305 Aliconte Rd. La Mirada, CA 90638

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BYERS LINEAGE of [89B] MARY DELL WALLACE  
61 W. Sutter Rd. Paradise, CA 95969

- I. URSUL MAE WOODY b 1 Dec 1911, Nodaway, Adams Co., IA m.EARL WESLEY BOYD.
- II. ALBERT ERASTUS WOODY, b 3 Jun 1888, Prairie City, Jasper Co., IA. d 22 Apr 1967, IA. m 23 Jun 1909 GRACE DELL ENSIGN d/o ORRIN S. ENSIGN & HULDAH BUGH
- III. PERRY OLIVER WOODY b 14 Jul 1859 IA. m EMMA VIOLA BYERS b Jul 1864, IA.
- IV. ANDREW JACKSON BYERS b OH., married: ELIZA J. BALES.

#I. Is Mary Dell's mother.

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WILLIAM BYERS - SCOTLAND

[90B] CHARLES DEAN BYERS Jr. 14305 Alicante Rd. La Mirada, CA 90638

WILLIAM BYERS, born Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland, married ??, Died ??, Children:

- 1. WILLIAM BYERS
- 2. AGNUS BYERS.
- 3. JEAN BYERS.
- 4. ADAM BYERS.
- 5. JAMES BYERS.
- 6. JACK BYERS.
- 7. IRENE BYERS.
- 8. ELLISWORTH BYERS.
- 9. WALTER SCOTT BYERS b 12 Oct 1852, Lanaconing, Allegany Co. MD, d 15 apr 1910 [1916?]. Married PHOEBE EDITH LOUISE DEAN.

Notes/Documentation: Walter Scott Byers was grandfather of Charles D. Byers Jr.

Charles D. Byers Sr., father of Charles Jr. and s/o Walter Scott Byers always insisted the family was in Allegany Co., Maryland. Have been unable to find Walter Scott Byers or his father William in any of the census records for that county. No documentation so far, just word of mouth.

Editors note: May I suggest you look in surrounding MD counties, then check the W. VA (Virginia at that time) and Pennsylvania adjoining Allegany in your time frame. Don't over look variant spellings. Using the census indexes can save you time especially if you remember to jot down the page numbers. This can really save time. If this does not turn up something, you may have to look through each county census, because the truth of the matter is-those wonderful census indexes do have errors and omissions. Don't give up, some of our members may have some help for you. cbh

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ROBERT BYERS - IRELAND

[91B] LANCE McRAE, 9865 Petunia Wy., Sandy, UT 84092

ROBERT BYERS, s/o JOHN BYERS & MARGARET SOMERVILLE. b 2 Feb 1829 or 1832, around Belfast or Dublin, Ireland. Came from port of Belfast, Ireland to New York on 17 Mar 1850 on the Annie. He d 15 Oct 1911, Greenleaf, Sanilac, MI. Married 25 Oct 1873, Port Huron, St. Clair Co. MI., ELIZA JANE STUFFLE, d/o JOHN STUFFLE & JERUSHA HINDS, b 22 Sep 1848, Newmarket, York, Ontario, d 10 Jan 1936 Cass City, MI. Children [1 through 5 born Port Huron, St. Clair Co. MI- 6 through 9 in Greenleaf, Sanilac Co. MI];

1. JOHN R. BYERS b 16 Dec 1874 d 1885.
2. GEORGE F. BYERS b 20 May 1875 d 28 Feb 1952 m 11 Nov 1911, ALMA HALVERSON
3. MARGERET JERUSHA BYERS b 25 Aug 1878 d 17 Mar 1960 m 1st 26 Dec 1895, JOHN HENRY McRAE, m 2nd ALBERT R. INDRESS.
4. JAMES BYERS b ca 1880 d 28 Feb 1939 m SADIE OLDS.
5. ROBERT BYERS b 15 Mar 1882 d Oct 1942 m 29 Sep 1902, IDA ANDREWS.
6. WILBERT BYERS b May 1886 d 30 Apr 1955 m 28 Aug 1908, AMANDA PETERS.
7. AMANDA BYERS b 30 June 1888 d 19 Jan 1968 m 5 Oct 1905, CASPER WHALEN.
8. IDA BYERS b 22 Sep 1891 d 28 Mar 1939 m 1909, HARRY DETCHER.
9. RALPH BYERS b 14 Aug 1893 d 3 Oct 1957 m 1919, ELLEN BUCK.

Editors Note: No documentation or sources listed.

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LINEAGE of SHARON CLARK

1466 Troy Lane, Pocatello, ID 83201

Granddaughter of # I

- I. HELEN IRENE BYAS b 30 Sep 1915, Ziesing, Harrison Co. W.VA. m WALTER A. JENKINS.
- II. JAMES ALEXANDER BYAS b 15 May 1886, Cabell Co. W.VA d 12 May 1948 Jackson Co. OH m NANNIE BELL WOODRUM.
- III. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BYAS b ca 1861, Cabell Co. W.VA d 11 Feb 1917 Harrison Co. W.VA. m 2 Feb 1882, JENNIE JENKINS BIAS b 22 Apr 1861 Amherst Co. VA. [See below for her ancestry].
- IV. JAMES ALEXANDER BYAS b May 1830 Cabell Co. VA, m 1 Apr 1858, ELIZABETH WILKES [b 21 Apr 1834, Cabell Co. VA] d/o JAMES & MARY WILKES.
- V. JAMES R. BYAS b ca 1789 VA d July 1879 Cabell Co. W.VA m 4 Mar 1819, Amherst Co. VA., MARY D. BRYANT.
- VI. JAMES BIAS m ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_.

Wife of III above:

- aI. JENNIE JENKINS BIAS
- aII. HENRY BIAS b 25 Dec 1827 Amherst Co. VA m 20 Apr 1848, CASSANDRA VEST [b 4 July 1830, Amherst Co. VA d 1 Mar 1885, Cabell Co. W.VA.] d/o WILLIAM VEST & MARY BYAS. [see below].
- aIII. JOEL BIAS b 1785 Amherst Co. VA m 7 Feb 1818, ELIZABETH HARRISON.



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- aIV. LARKIN BYAS d ca 1840 m POLLY \_\_\_\_\_?  
aV. JAMES BYAS m ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_.

Wife of aII above:

- bI. MARY BYAS b ca 1806 m 7 Mar 1823, WILLIAM G. VEST.  
bII. LARKIN BYAS m POLLY \_\_\_\_\_.  
bIII. JAMES BIAS/BYAS m ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_.

Editors note: Sharon, your chart looks like mine on my PRICE line. It does get confusing when there is a double/triple lineage, but remember this was often the case back then. We would welcome any info you have on the BIAS/BYAS/BYERS in Amherst Co.VA & Cabell Co. W.VA. Many of us go back to VA on this name and your records may help us get them all straight. cbh.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON BYERS & DRUSILLA CRISPIN

From [93B] JANET B. HOUSTON, 7116 Lundeed, St. Joseph, MO 64505

GEORGE WASHINGTON BYERS, s/o ISAAC & MARY \_\_\_\_\_BYERS, b Feb 1822 W.VA., d 1904 Netawaka, Brown co., KS buried Webber, Jewell Co. KS., m DRUSILLA CRISPIN.

DRUCILLA CRISPIN b 7 Jul 1833 OH., d 9 Jun 1890 Kirwin, Phillips Co. KS. buried Webber, Jewell Co. KS. She was d/o MATHIAS CRISPIN b ca 1804 ?Germany? d prior to 1850 Clark Co. OH (s/o FRANCIS & ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_CRISPIN), and his wife SARAH WHITE b ca 1790 W.VA (d/o NATHANIEL & PHEBE \_\_\_\_\_WHITE). Drucilla had three (3) siblings: ABRAHAM CRISPIN; SARAH CRISPIN; ISAAC N. CRISPIN m SARAH BREWINGTON.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BYERS & DRUSILLA CRISPIN had seven (7) children:

- I. SARAH ALICE BYERS b OH m 1st a PARKER, 2nd a McLAUGHLIN, 3rd a HENSLEY.
- II. ?FRANCIS E. BYERS? (may be s/o JOHN N. BYERS)
- III. SAMUEL SMITH BYERS.
- IV. WILLIAM BYERS b Jan 1862 Madison Co. OH d 20 Jul 1928 Carlisle, Lonoke Co.AR m SARAH MASON d 2 Apr 1928, Carlisle, AR. Children:
  1. STELLA BYERS m \_\_\_\_\_KASTLE.
  2. CHARLES H. BYERS.
  3. GEORGE O. BYERS
  4. FRANK BYERS.
  5. JESSE R. BYERS
  6. WILLIAM MERLE BYERS.
  7. HARRY BYERS.
  8. TON BYERS.

Info from family letter 1928.

- V. JOHN GRANT BYERS b 23 Apr 1864 Clark Co.OH d 16 Dec 1914 Kirwin, Phillip Co KS m 22 Apr 1889 Kirwin, KS., ADDIE MAY McFADDEN (d/o MAIRS JAMES McFADDEN & HANNAH ELIZABETH KILMER) b 4 Mar 1872 Prairie City, Jasper Co. IA d 30 Oct 1948 Concordia, Cloud Co. KS buried Kirwin Cemetery, Phillip Co.KS. Children:
  1. EDITH MAY BYERS b 1889 d 1890 buried Kirwin Cemetery.

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2. BESSIE MARIE BYERS b 5 Jun 1891 Kerwin, KS d 30 Apr 1954 buried Lenora South Cemetery, Lenora, KS. m 15 apr 1908, Norton Co.KS CLARENCE W.ALLEN.
  3. CLARENCE HOWARD BYERS b 8 Apr 1893 Phillips Co. KS d 7 Feb 1951, Cloud Co. KS buried Kirwin Cemetery.
  4. ROY CHESTER BYERS b 30 Jan 1895 Phillips Co. KS d 28 May 1977 buried Crown Hill Cemetery, Arvada, CO.
  5. ELSIE MATTIE BYERS b 28 Nov 1896 Phillips Co.KS d 19 Jan 1897.
  6. GERTRUDE BELLE BYERS b 1897 d 1898.
  7. FLOYD IVAN BYERS b 27 Aug 1898, Edmond, Norton Co.KS d 29 Jan 1974 buried Kirwin Cemetery.
  8. RALPH HAROLD BYERS b 21 Jun 1901, Netawaka, Brown Co. KS d 27 Jun 1964 buried Kirwin Cemetery.
  9. GEORGE WILLIAM BYERS b 30 Oct 1903 Netawaka, Brown Co.KS m GLADYS HOUSER.
  10. LESLIE RAYMOND BYERS b 31 Dec 1905 Edmond, Norton Co.KS d 27 Jan 1984 Johnston, Co buried Creely, Co. m 24 Aug 1929 EVELYN KIRK.
- VI. IOWA MAY BYERS b Mar 1867 IA d 1902 m JOHN GRAHAM.
- VII. G.I.N. BYERS b 1876 KS. Marker, no dates, Fairview Cemetery Webber, KS.
- No documentation shown. ....

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Some of our members are willing to exchange research time in one area for equal time in another. Others have offered to help in other areas just because they are great folks. This sort of thing will help everyone but remember to "play fair." If you are exchanging time, come to an understanding about copy costs and postage fees. If everyone pays their share no one will get offended. I think it's simply great that we can work and help each other in this manner.cbh.

JUST LOOK AT THIS!!

[80B] VEDA NETHING 926 Mc Gregor Ave NW, Canton, OH 44703, would like to exchange time in Stark Co. OH for time in Berkley Co. W.VA & Hagerstown, MD.

[24B] LEE T. STOCKMAN, 2725 Garrow Dr. Antioch, CA 94509 will exchange time in Contra Costa & Alameda Co. (San Francisco Bay Area) CA., needs most of Texas. Lee has Old Tuscaloosa Land Office Records & Military Warrants 1821 - 1855 by Marilyn Davis. He has sent us Byars/Byers and a few other related entries (see this issue) and will check for any other related families for our members. Send the surname and a large SASE.

[65B] MARTHA BYARS, Rt 10 Box 141, Murfreesboro, TN 37130 will be glad to do what she can for anyone in Warren Co. TN and she say's, "doesn't have to be an exchange."

Editors note: Martha, I have been told that many TN records are filed under the Administrators name. If this is true I doubt we'll ever get the records we need on the Byars/Womack line. A glance at the indexes may show names you might recognize as neighbors of them on the census. If you could scan those it might help us. Land records are needed too on all the variants. Grantee & Grantor

lists would help. Since so many of us have connections there anything you dig up would be worth while.cbh.

[52B] THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121 says will give time for research in his area, no exchange requirer. [Thurlo is an especially nice person. We are glad to count him friend & family].

[59B] MARLYS A. BIAS, 112 E. Pershing, Riverton, WY 82501 says she will exchange time in Fremont Co. WY and LDS Branch Library (or main library in Salt Lake City where she usually goes twice a year) for time in Boone, Callaway, Clark, Douglas, Greene, Howard, Morgan, Ozark, Scotland or Webster Co's-MISSOURI.

[67B] WILLIAM W. TUCKER, 5435 Hearn Rd. Ellenwood, GA 30049 says, "As time permits I will check any GA. County whose records are on microfilm at the GA State Archives (should be all) - Also Confederate Records & Rev. War Records at branch Nat. Archives. No exchange necessary-just glad to help."

[49B] GENEVA GARRETT, HCR 77 Box 72, Santa Anna, TX 76878-9706 will do research in Coleman Co. & Brown Co. TX, "will help just for fun."

[83B] MICHELLE SCHOHN, 2119 Marley Dr., Columbia, SC 29210, will do research in Richland Co.SC for time in Rowan & Iredell Co's NC.

[15B] JAMES HAVILAH GORDON, 805 E. 2nd St. Post Falls, ID 83854 will exchange time in Spokane Co. WA & Kootenai Co. ID for equal time in York & Cherokee Co's SC and Eastern MO.

[6B] GEORGE B. BELL, Rt 1 Box 138F, Windsor, SC 29856 will exchange time in Edgefield & Barnwell Co's. SC for time in Marion Co. AL; Lancaster, Fauquier & Hanover Co. VA.

[16B] JUDITH MICHAEL-MABLE, 409 Harvard St. Vestal, NY 13045 will exchange time in Cortland or Broome Co. NY for equal time in Claiborne Co. TN; Putnam Co. IN; Owen Co. IN; Morgan Co. IN.

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ADDRESS CHANGES

[15B] JAMES H. GORDON, 805 East Second St. Post Falls, ID 83854.  
[17B] MARTHA RUFF, P.O. Box 128, Modesto, ILL. 62667

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LINEAGE of [9B] DOROTHY HAYS  
1300 Merry Hills Dr. High Point, NC 27260

- I. DOROTHY BERYL EUBANKS m LEOPOLD M. HAYS
- II. REUBEN LEE EUBANKS b 6 Oct 1886, Union Co.SC d 12 Feb 1970, Jacksonville,FL m 23 Dec 1911, Knoxville, TN, HARRIET BERYL OGDIN.
- III. JOSEPH MARION EUBANKS (s/o ENOCH E.EUBANKS & SARAH JOHNSON) b 18 Nov 1856 Union co. SC d 12 Nov 1886 Union Co.SC m 15 Aug 1878, MARY ANN REBECCA BYARS b 5 Aug 1860 Chester Co. SC d 23 Nov 1949, Greenville, SC.

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IV. THOMAS T. BYARS b ca 1835 SC d 21 Dec 1900, Chester Co. SC m 16 May 1858, HARRIET EUSHELIA JETER (d/o RICHARD CROSBY JETER and AUGUSTA ANN JOHNSON).

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???QUERIES???QUERIES???QUERIES???QUERIES???

No limit to members. Must be BYARS/BYERS or Variant connected. Fifty (50) words per query.

#1 BYERS+MOORE - OHIO

Need info parents, siblings of: GEORGE BYERS b 15 June 1822 d 26 May 1890 Eastern OH; MELINDA MOORE (wife of George Byers) b 20 Sep 1823 d 11 Jul 1890 Eastern OH.

[80B] VEDA NETHING, 926 McGregor N.W., Canton, OH 44703

#2 BYAS - TEXAS & ALABAMA

WILLIAM RILEY BYAS d in 1965 Lavaca Co. TX. Born in Pickens Co., AL ca 1827 and ran away from home at the age of 10 years, hopping a ride on a wagon train to Texas. The name in the early days was spelled-BIAS-BIARS-BYAS. Who were his parents: I wish to correspond with anyone doing research in Pickens Co.AL

[24B] LEE T. STOCKMAN, 2725 Garrow Dr. Antioch, CA 94509

#3 BYARS - NC

Looking for info on HAMILTON BYARS b Oct 1823 in Rowan or Iredell Co.NC.

[83B] MICHELLE SCHOHN, 2119 Marley Dr., Columbia, SC 29210

#4 BYARS - MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA-TEXAS

Seeking additional data on JOHN BYARS, 1839/40's Chickasaw Co.MS; STRIPLING BYARS b KY d 1836 AL; JOSEPH JEREMIAH BYARS b 1842 Chickasaw Co.MS d Hays Co. TX 1903; MARGARET BYARS GARRETT b 1844 Chickasaw Co. MS.

[49B] GENEVA GARRETT, HCR 77 Box 72, Santa Anna, TX 76878-9706

#5 BIAS+SALYERS+CHRISTY-NEW YORK & MISSOURI

JACOB BIAS b ca 1805 NY d 1878 MO; SARAH SALYERS m JACOB BIAS 6 Dec 1860 Clark co. MO b ca 1838 OH, died when & where? Their children: HENRY BIAS b ca 1828 NY died where?; WILLIAM BIAS b ca 1832 NC d 31 Aug 1907 Scotland Co. MO; ELECTA BIAS m JOHN J. CHRISTY. Need parents of JACOB BIAS.

[59B] MARLYS A. BIAS, 112 E. Pershing, Riverton, WY 82501

#6 BYERS+RAY - PENNSYLVANIA-MONTANA & TEXAS

Want to exchange info on JOHN BYERS 1734-1753, West Nottingham Twp, Chester Co. PA. Also need info on THOMAS & SOPHIA (BYERS) RAY 1870-1900 in Helena and Miles City, MT; CALEB S. & JERUSHA BYERS 1865-1900, in Grayson Co. TX.

[52B] THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St Louis, MO 63121

#7 BYERS+SOMERVILLE+STUFFLE - IRELAND & MICHIGAN

Looking for further data on ROBERT BYERS b 2 Feb 1829 or 32, Belfast or Dublin Ireland, s/o JOHN BYERS & MARGARET SOMERVILLE m ELIZA JANE STUFFLE. Children: JOHN, GEORGE, MARGERET, JAMES, ROBERT, WILBERT, AMANDA, IDA & RALPH.

[91B] LANCE McRAE, 9865 Petunia Wy, Sandy, UT 84092

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- #8 BYERS+DEAN - SCOTLAND & MARYLAND  
Need help locating family of WILLIAM BYERS b Scotland, lived Lanaconing, Allegany Co. Maryland, when youngest son WALTER SCOTT BYERS born 12 Oct 1852. Walter married PHOEDE DEAN. Have been unable to locate on census.  
[90B] CHARLES D. BYERS Jr. 14305 Alicante Rd. LaMirada, CA 90638
- #9 BYERS+WOODY - IOWA & INDIANA  
Looking for someone with info on EMMA VIOLA BYERS b 1864, IA/IN? d/o ANDREW JACKSON BYERS (b OH) & ELIZA J. ?BALES?, m PERRY OLIVER WOODY.  
[89B] MARY DELL WALLACE, 61 West Sutter Rd., Paradise, CA 95969
- #10 BYERS+KEISTER - OHIO & INDIANA  
Would like to correspond with anyone with knowledge of LOUISA BYERS b ca 1805 OH (perhaps Montgomery Co) d before 1867, Warren Co. IN. Buried in McCabe Cemetery near Williamsport, IN. Is she d/o ISAAC & MARY BYERS? She m JOHN KEISTER, 21 Jul 1825, Montgomery Co. OH. A MARY BYERS is buried in the KEISTER family plot at McCabe Cemetery. What happened to Isaac?  
[94B] RUTH D. INGERTSON, 3336-A Rowena Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027
- #11 BYARS+COLLINS - VIRGINIA - NORTH CAROLINA - SOUTH CAROLINA  
Working on JAMES BYARS & wife FANNIE COLLINS, lived ca 1730-1750 probably VA. 1750-1760 Granville Co. NC area, 1760-1780 Rutherford Co NC & Spartanburg Dist SC.  
[7B] Mrs. CAROLYN M. BACKSTROM, 8623 Bayou Castelle, Gautier, MS 39553
- #12 BYERS - PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO, INDIANA  
Looking for parents of PHILIP BYERS b 27 Feb 1822, Franklin Co. PA. He lived in Seneca Co. OH, died Deputy Co. IN. His mother was CATHERINE.  
[55B] SANDY MUSSELMAN, 4125 Marwick, Lakewood, CA 90713
- #13 BUYERS/BYARS/BIARS/BYERS - IRELAND - DELAWARE - PENNSYLVANIA  
Looking for info on BYARS & variants in North Ireland 1600 to 1720. Has anyone seen or copied passenger lists from Belfast, etc around 1700? Probable arrival at New Castle, Delaware-then to Pennsylvania. Need info on settlers in Delaware (then PA) to about 1730.  
[73B] ALDEN BYERS, 200 E. Racquet Club Rd. #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262
- #14 BYERS/BYARS+THOMAS+PENN  
Need proof that ELIZABETH THOMAS, wife of Judge JOHN BYERS c1770 - 1825? descendant of WILLIAM PENN  
[13B] JANE BYE, 34704 Rosebud Row, Zephyrills, FL 34248
- #15 BYARS - NORTH CAROLINA & SOUTH CAROLINA  
Looking for info on THOMAS BYARS 1850-1900, York Co. SC, Kings Mountain, NC.  
[62B] CHARLES LEE BYARS, The State-Box 1333, Columbia, SC 29202
- #16 BYERS+WHITE - PENNSYLVANIA  
Need parents & siblings of my 4th great grandparents, SAMUEL BYERS & wife JANE WHITE. SAMUEL b ca 1719, JANE b ca 1727. Married Chester Co. PA ca 1750. Lived York (Adams) Co. PA 1763. Moved to

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Washington Co. PA 1777.

[41B] ANNE M. GARWOOD (Summer-Rt.1 Box 445, Pleasant Lake IN 46779  
(Winter-P.O. Box 112, St James City, FL 33956

#17 BYARS - SOUTH CAROLINA

Looking for ancestors of THOMAS T. BYARS b c 1835 SC d 1900 Chester Co. SC. I have almost all of his descendants.

[9B] DOROTHY E. HAYS, 1300 Merry Hills Dr., High Point, NC 27260

#18 BYARS+CLAYTON+NUNN - NORTH CAROLINA

Searching for parents & siblings of WILLIAM BYARS m LUCY CLAYTON NUNN d/o THOMAS CLAYTON c 1790 Granville Co. NC. William's Will submitted 25 Apr 1831, Granville Co NC. Children mentioned in Will; JANE, ANN, ALEXANDER. Grandchildren WESLEY & JOHN ALEXANDER BYARS.  
[76B] MARGARET HAWKINS, 3217-D Via Carrizo, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

#19 BYARS+GRIGGS+FOWLER - NORTH CAROLINA & TENNESSEE

JANE BYARS d/o of WILLIAM & LUCY CLAYTON BYARS, b 25 Dec 1791 m JOHN GRIGGS 1811 Granville Co. NC moved to Williamson Co. TN. Her sister ANN m WILLIAM FOWLER 7 Dec 1816 Granville Co. NC & her brother m ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_ in Granville Co. NC. Need info on these families.  
[76B] MARGARET HAWKINS, 3217-D Via Carrizo, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

#20 BYERS - PENNSYLVANIA

Have relied on statements of others that WILLIAM BYERS was a member of the PA. Assembly for six years ca 1682-1693. Now a response from Wolf-Graham Library, Widener College, Chester, PA 19013 says WILLIAM BYERS was NOT a member of the Assembly, but NICHOLAS PYLE, who bought William's defaulted 200 acres 1693 was. Is there a source that disputes the above?

[73B] ALDEN BYERS, 200 E. Racquet Club #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262

#21 BYERS

If WILLIAM BYERS was not a member of the PA. Assembly 1682-1693, we have no proof that he ever came to America. In fact, we have reason to doubt he ever set foot here, or if he did, that he remained longer than until the next ship for home sailed. Please help me on this if you can.

[73B] ALDEN BYERS, 200 E. Racquet Club #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262

#22 BUIS - SC, TN, IN, KY & MO.

Need info on ELISHA BUIS 1775-1822, Spartanburg Co. SC to Claiborne Co. TN. CALEB BUIS 1800-1869, Spartanburg Co. SC to Putnam Co. IN. JESSE BUIS 1806-1892, Claiborne Co. TN to Casey Co. KY. WILLIAM BUIS 1810-1864, Claiborne Co. TN to Andrew Co. MO.

[16B] JUDITH MICHAEL-MABLE, 409 Harvard St. Vestal, NY 13045

#23 BYERS+BOWERS - PENN. & OHIO

MARGARET ELLEN BYERS m 25 Feb 1872 GEORGE BOWERS who was b ca 1848 PA. They are both buried with children South Solon Cem. [Clark Co.?] OH. Need parents of both.

\*JERRY & JOAN SETTY, 2128 Franklin NW. Canton, OH 44709

\* Jerry & Joan are not yet members of our group, but if you have info for them please tell them where you read their query. cbh.

THREE SEEDS FROM FRANCE

I hope this little story will make you smile. I also hope you will apply it when you are using "family stories" as a basis for research.

I ran across this in an old book I had packed away about ten years ago, before I became interested in genealogy. Old books have always fascinated me and during our years in the Antique business I often confiscated the ones I could and hid them away. Recently I came across a big box I had forgotten about. They came from a New York farm house (surname Rising). This particular one is entitled Michigan Pomological Society, 1874. Fourth Annual Report of the Secretary of the State Pomological Society of Michigan; W.S. George & Co., State Printers and Binders, 1874. Lansing. I also have some from other states-not organizations of the same name-but all pertaining to agricultural interests. Now, this may be a source not yet tapped by genealogists. Perhaps we should be seeking out these books printed by the State and Federal printing offices. No surname index of course, but they contain a wealth of genealogical information. I found several little "goodies" for our membership-but first you must hear about the seeds.

It so happened that EDWIN WILLITS, Esq. was assigned the subject of the origins of "The Old Pear and Apple Trees of Monroe." He said, "There was no suggestion given as to how the subject should be treated, whether historically, botanically, or pomologically..... Of course the first consideration to be regarded was the origin and pedigree of these old trees. No person living saw them planted. Four generations have been partakers of their fruits, but no one can tell from his own knowledge of their origin.

"I addressed myself to the investigation of the subject, and the first person to whom I addressed my inquiries, was the son of a man now living in his 104th year. He told me those pear trees were raised from the seed; that three seeds were brought from France in a French emigre's vest pocket. "Three seeds," I asked, "are you sure that was the number?" He replied that it was so reported to him. I thought it plausible, that all these generation of pear trees might have sprung from those three seeds; for, it will be recollected, that in the genealogy of nearly every old family in America, three brothers invariably came over the ocean together, and why not believe this of our pear trees? At least there was nothing inconsistent with this theory, except, as often happens to well digested theories, the facts in the case.

"The truth is that the pioneer pear trees of Monroe came from the banks of Detroit River."

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BYERS' BEAUTY  
A SIBERIAN CRAB APPLE

From Michigan Pomological Society 1874

"BYERS' BEAUTY is understood to have originated in Bainbridge, Berrien Co., this State, many years since, and, so far as we have been able to learn, was first exhibited, and received its name at the meeting of this society held at South Haven, Van Buren county, in September, 1873, as will be seen from the following extract from the report of proceedings at page 304 of its Transactions for that year:

"A basket of crab apples, raised by JNO. BYERS, of Bainbridge, and shown by A.A. OLDS, is worthy of much attention. A name is desired for the fruit, which is as yet known only as a seedling. Upon the question of naming the crag apple referred to in the report it was suggested that it be called BYERS' BEAUTY, as the general opinion was that it was worth a name and due consideration by the society."

"This variety is exceedingly beautiful in coloring, and distinct in form and general appearance....it is not yet offered for sale."  
pp 253,254.  
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REGISTER OF ENTRIES, POMOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, STATE FAIR, 1874:  
Mrs. JULIA BARE entered a Sea Onion, specimen plant, on Sep 12. And for her efforts she received "First Premium" and the prize was \$1.00  
pp 409,425.  
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DISCUSSIONS OF THE PENINSULA FARMERS' CLUB.  
"The Peninsula Farmers' Club of Old Mission, Grand Traverse county, Michigan, is one of the most useful organizations of this kind in the State.....Old Mission, Jan. 11, 1875" Under discussion was the Potato and everyone had something to say about how it should be raised. Mr. CHAS. BEERS told how it was done in New Jersey.  
pp432,470  
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DISCUSSIONS OF THE SOUTH HAVEN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.  
"South Haven is now a village of about 2,500 inhabitants...situated at the mouth of South Black River, on the east shore of Lake Michigan, 64 miles (seven hours by boat) from Chicago....Van Buren County....South Haven, April 27th, 1874" The question for the evening was manures. "G.W. BYERS related a case where in draining a piece of land the subsequent crop showed where the drain lay."  
p 487.  
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OUR READERS WRITE

"I support your effort to document the BYARS family. I am not requesting any information although I am interested in the Byars family. You may better understand my position by the following,-  
I was born in Cowpens, S.C. Aug. 22, 1910. My mother was SARAH HENERATTA BYARS IRVIN and my grandfather was WILLIAM DAVID BYARS of Macedonia, Cherokee Co. SC. I moved to Texas when I was twelve years old. I am the only descendant of W.D. BYARS in Texas."  
[14B] W.T. IRVIN, 209 North St., Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Editors note: Mr. Irvin, I'll just bet you have some "cousins" among our membership. If you should feel like it, we'd all be happy to hear about the things you know about your grandfather. cbh



"Remember me and the column I wrote about how my uncle Fred started spelling his last name as "BYERS"?. Imagine my surprise as I had to track down my birth certificate, which I thought I had seen but hadn't,...I discovered my birth is recorded as a "Byers." My daddy never spelled it with an "e" so I assume the courthouse gang in 1928 in York Co., SC just took it upon themselves to record it that way. Just goes to show, I guess, how the various spellings keep getting mixed up. I am renewing my subscription for two more years. I really enjoy receiving your publications and pour over them trying to find a link somewhere with my family. I am including a request for some help in trying to pin down my grandfather, THOMAS BYARS, whom I know little about except that he married a BLANTON. I have been told they are buried somewhere in a cemetery near Kings Mountain Battleground in SC, but I've never tried to track it down. I intend to someday. Perhaps as my retirement comes about, in June of 1988, I will have time to do some checking. Perhaps I also will have time to be of more use to the work that you and the others are doing. In the meantime, keep up the good work you are doing, I really appreciate it."

[62B] CHARLIE BYARS, The State, Box 1333, Columbia, SC 29202.

Editors note: Now that we know who your grandfather was and that he married a Blanton, you may be getting some info. as soon as this reaches our members. Thanks for giving us another example of misspelled names and I'll say this; you're gonna get some bigger surprises along those lines if you really get into genealogy. Your talents will be most welcome among this group I can assure you. And of course we all appreciate the kind words regarding this humble effort. cbh.

"Your publication was first sent to me, as a gift, by THURLO BYERS, of St. Louis. He, and I, have a common ancestor, DAVID BYERS, who died in York Dist. SC 1794. H m 1st: MARGARET CARSON 2nd: SARAH ?\_. DAVID BYERS & MARGARET CARSON had a son WILLIAM BYERS, b 6 Apr 1747 in York Co., PA, according to his application for a pension after the R.W. WILLIAM BYERS m JANE ?\_\_\_\_\_? and moved to Williamson Co. TN after 1816. He left a will naming all of his children: MARGARET, WILLIAMSON, SARAH, DAVID, JAMES, SAMUEL, ELIZABETH & EDWARD BYERS.

When WILLIAM BYERS (wf Jane \_\_\_\_\_) moved to Williamson Co. TN so did their children DAVID, JAMES, SAMUEL & SARAH. I found DAVID BYERS in Lincoln Co. TN for awhile, then he moved back to Williamson Co., evidently, after his wife died. In the 1850 census DAVID was living with his bro. JAMES BYERS. DAVID had a dau., ELIZABETH "BETSY" BYERS who m MIJAMIN SMITH, of Lincoln Co. David's sister SARAH BYERS m WILLIAM SMITH, who also came from York Dist. SC. SARAH & WILLIAM SMITH were the parents of MIJAMIN Smith so Betsy & Mijamin were cousins! It took me a long time to reconcile this relationship. Their eldest daug. CYNTHIA ANNE SMITH m Dr. JACKSON CARROL McELROY and their dau ELIZABETH CORDELIA McELROY m WILLIAM H. SEITZLER, who were my grandparents.

It was not until I received the last issue [Vol.II, No.4] that I made a connection with the BYERS family of Madisonville, TX. WILLIAM WALTON BYERS was a descendant of Capt. WILLIAM BYERS (m

ELIZABETH WALTON) bro to my first DAVID BYERS (m MARGARET CARSON).

I called MAY M. CARMICHAEL, of Houston...and we had a long discussion regarding our BYERS family. She is just as enthused as I about the discovery of our lineage. We live within a few miles of each other and have agreed to meet & exchange info. It is a small world, isn't it?

...I was in Nashville, TN for the General Meeting of UDC and coming back South stopped at Franklin, TN. An hour of research, in the Courthouse brought forth some more data on my WILLIAM & DAVID BYERS. I am very excited about this find. I am most anxious to distribute to other interested parties.

...renew my subscription and wish you much success in your future issues. THANK YOU."

[60B] Mrs. JOHN R. (JUDY) BARNETT, 106 McTighe Dr. Bellaire, TX 77401.

Editors note: Judy, you were Register, Texas Div. UDC the year I was organizing president of the Samuel Raymond Burroughs Chapter #2445. I hesitate reminding you because I'm sure you'll recall how little we knew about preparing papers. We are all delighted that this publication has been of benefit. Our goal to assist everyone. cbh.

"I know BYARS is your main thrust but how about some other variations?"

[16B] JUDITH MICHAEL-MABLE, 409 Harvard St., Vestal, NY 13045

Editors note: Judy I know it appears that we are not concerned with the variants, but I assure you we are! I particularly always look at the Bu's, for Buis and because I have a BUSICK line. However I seldom run across anything. But I promise I'll try harder in the future and hope the rest will too. We all know that u could be an unclosed a, or we should. cbh.

"I haven't been sending you copies of my correspondence with Dr. Bell because it is simply too voluminous. At his request I sent him a complete copy of the Paper I have been working on for the last 10-15 yrs, but this is incomplete and "unauthorised" in the sense that a lot of it is speculative and unproved working notes which are not ready for publication. I am particularly shaky about William 1682...."

[73B] ALDEN BYERS, 200 E. Racquet Club #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

Editors note: Alden I'm delighted that Dr. Bell has taken such an interest in our BYERS ancestors. We appreciate the work you are doing and wait with baited breath for the finished product. cbh.

"Hopefully, I'll be back early in 1988. I miss writing to you, and hearing from you. Making good progress on the Ogden book-then I'll be back to pester you."

[9B] DOROTHY E. HAYS, 1300 Merry Hills Dr. High Point, NC 27260.

Editors note: Oh my dear! that everyone was a "pest like you!" We

have certainly missed your help, but so glad your Ogden's have reached the publication point. Can only wish the same for the BYARS Branch! cbh

"Was surprised and flattered to see my photo in the most recent Enquirer! I appreciate this and all the kind remarks and comments. You are doing a splendid and credible job...I wish you continued success. The idea of a "Spotlight" in each issue is a good one. I hope subscribers follow your request and send in their photos, et al.  
[42B] MARION S. CRAIG, M.D. 300 Beckwood Rd. Little Rock, AR 72205.

Editors note: So far Dr. Marion no one has sent the needed info., but I have hopes. As far as my remarks & comments go, I do believe in telling it "like it is." cbh.

"I like the idea of a "Spotlight." However I think it would generate more readers interest if it's "light" were directed on pictures of our ancestors. Their old homesteads, covered wagons, mills, towns named for them, etc...."  
[41B] ANNE M. GARWOOD see addresses page 10.

Editors note: Yes Anne those too. However I've already published all I have in my files and don't think anyone would care to see more of "my" family. Send them in!cbh

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BUIS - ELISHA, CALEB, WILLIAM RILEY  
CENSUS HISTORY  
by JUDITH MICHAEL-MABLE

ELISHA BUIS b. ca 1775 Spartanburg Dist. SC d 1822 Claiborne Co.TN

1800, Spartanburg Dist. SC listed as ELIJAH BYCE, 2 males 0-10, 1 male 26-45, 1 female 25-45.

1810, Spartanburg Dist. SC listed as ELIJAH BICER, 2 males 10-16, 1 male 26-45, 3 females 0-10, 1 female 26-45

1820, should have been Claiborne Co.TN, but records were destroyed.

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CALEB BUIS b 27 Sep 1800 Spartanburg Dist.SC d 14 Nov 1869 Putnam,IN

1800, Spartanburg Dist SC. one of the 2 males 0-10 in h/h of ELIJAH.  
1810, Spartanburg Dist SC. one of the 2 males 10-16 in h/h of ELIJAH  
1820, records destroyed.

1830, Putnam Co. IN listed as CALEB BUIS, 3 males 0-5, 1 male 30-40, 1 female 10-15, 1 females 20-30.

1840, Putnam Co. IN listed as CALEB BUIS, 1 male 0-5, 2 males 5-10, 3 males 10-15, 1 male 30-40, 1 female 0-5, 1 female 30-40.

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1850, Putnam Co. IN, P.O. Jefferson, p 478-171/171

|                    |       |             |    |
|--------------------|-------|-------------|----|
| CALEB BUIAS        | 51 mw | Farmer 3000 | SC |
| MARGARET(1st Wife) | 51 fw |             | TN |
| JAMES T.           | 22 mw | Farmer      | IN |
| WILLIAM R.         | 20 mw | Farmer      | IN |
| DOCTOR G.          | 19 mw | Farmer      | IN |
| LEWIS M.           | 17 mw | Farmer      | IN |
| CALEB              | 12 mw |             | IN |
| LEVI               | 8 mw  |             | IN |
| MARGARET           | 4 fw  |             | IN |
| LUCINDA McCAMMACK  | 14 fw |             | IN |
| CHARITY LANE       | 5 fw  |             | IN |

1860, Putnam Co. IN, P.O. Jefferson, Mt. Meridan p 92-629/626

|                      |      |        |    |
|----------------------|------|--------|----|
| CALEB BUIS           | 59 m | Farmer | SC |
| CATHARINE (2nd wife) | 50 f |        | TN |
| MARGARET J.          | 16 f |        | IN |
| MARY LANE            | 26 f |        | IN |

[Judith follows the children in Putnam Co.: CATHERINE m M. PRITCHARD there in 1870: SAMUEL NICHOLS wife MARTHA with CATHARINE BUIS in h/h in 1880]

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WILLIAM RILEY BUIS b 10 Jan 1830, Putnam Co. IN d 17 Dec 1893, Putnam Co., IN.

1830, Putnam Co. IN, one of the 3 males 0-5 in h/h with CALEB BUIS  
 1840, Putnam Co. IN, one of the 2 males 5-10 in h/h with CALEB BUIS  
 1850, Putnam Co. IN, age 20 farmer in h/h with CALEB BUIAS.

1860, Putnam Co. IN, P.O. Mill Creek; Mt. Washington p 104-709/706

|                    |        |        |    |
|--------------------|--------|--------|----|
| WM. R. BUIS        | 30 m   | Farmer | IN |
| CYNTHIA A.         | 25 f   |        | IN |
| MILFORD S.         | 5 m    |        | IN |
| AMANDA E.          | 4 f    |        | IN |
| MARGARET E.        | 3 f    |        | IN |
| JNO. M.            | 7/12 m |        | IN |
| ELIZABETH MARSHALL | 10 f   |        | IN |
| CALEB BUIS Jr.     | 21 m   | farmer | IN |

1870, Putnam Co. IN, P.O. Jefferson, Mr. Meridan p 22/162-161

|               |        |            |    |
|---------------|--------|------------|----|
| BUIS, WILLIAM | 40 m   | Farmer     | IN |
| CYNTHIA       | 35 f   |            | IN |
| MILFORD       | 15 m   | farm labor | IN |
| AMANDA        | 13 f   |            | IN |
| MARGARET      | 12 f   |            | IN |
| JNO.          | 10 m   |            | IN |
| ARTHMACO[?]   | 8 f    |            | IN |
| ELISHA        | 6 m    |            | IN |
| HARVEY        | 4 m    |            | IN |
| (Baby)        | 5/12 f |            | IN |
| AMERICA       | 2 f    |            | IN |

1880, Putnam Co. IN, p 546, Jefferson, 11

|               |      |          |    |    |    |
|---------------|------|----------|----|----|----|
| BUIS, WILLIAM | 50 m | farmer   | IN | IN | IN |
| CYNTHIA       | 45 f | wife     | IN | KY | KY |
| LEMUEL        | 25 m | son      | IN | IN | IN |
| AMANDA        | 23 f | daughter | IN | IN | IN |
| MARGARET      | 21 f | "        | IN | IN | IN |
| JOHN W.       | 20 m | son      | IN | IN | IN |
| ARTAMASA      | 18 f | daughter | IN | IN | IN |
| HARVEY        | 14 m | son      | IN | IN | IN |
| AMERICA       | 12 f | daughter | IN | IN | IN |
| OCTAVIA       | 10 f | "        | IN | IN | IN |
| ALVA          | 8 m  | son      | IN | IN | IN |
| EMMA          | 6 m  | son      | IN | IN | IN |
| EVERETT       | 3 m  | son      | IN | IN | IN |

If you are not in the habit of doing a census history on your ancestors, it's one you should get into. There are forms available and you'll be surprised at how much clearer the family becomes when you have the census records all in one place. cbh.

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CORRECTIONS - ADDITIONS - COMMENTS

GAR stands for "Grand Army of the Republic," Northern Army members in the Civil war formed this organization in 1866 and it was a powerful political force in the 1890's, when it had over 4000,000 members. Last GAR member died in 1956.(according to my encyclopedia!) says, LEE T. STOCKMAN, 2725 Garrow Dr. Antioch, CA 94509.

Thanks Lee, the encyclopedia's wonderful, if I'd use them.cbh

HAMILTON BYERS & NANCY DOWNSLEY - UPDATE

From [83B] MICHELLE SCHOHN, 2119 Marley Dr., Columbia, SC 29210

"...I have found the following info on HAMILTON BYERS [Vol.II, No.4 pp 105-106]. HAMILTON BYERS m NANCY DOWNSLEY 2 Mar 1848 Rowan Co. [NC?], he was born Oct 1823 d after 1900. Nancy b 1829 d after 1880 1880, NC Census-ED 141, Sheet 21, Shilow Twp, Iredell Co.: Hamilton & Nancy are listed as having the following children: MARY b 1852; JOHN b 1854; SUSAN b 1856; MAGGIE b 1858; JULIUS b 1862; HENRY J. b 1861 [?]; ANITA M. b 1864; LEIS FRANKLIN b July 1870 d 5/10/1927 m MARTHA JULIA CARR; CHARLIE H. (grandson) b 1876.

Hamilton is listed on the 1900, Iredall Co. NC Census as living alone."

Good Michelle, now may I suggest you start getting into the habit of writing dates in the accepted manner-day-month (3 letters)-year. You'll find out further down the road that you'll make fewer mistakes and that's the way the world of genealogy understands them best. cbh.

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WHO MARRIED LUCY THORNTON MINOR???

From JACKSON A. BYARS, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502

"I hope to shed a little light on the question "Who married LUCY THORNTON MINOR?" There are two references in previous issues of the "Enquirer."

1. JEREMIAH "JENNY" BYARS b ca 1750 m LUCY THORNTON MINOR, V2, No1 p 11.
2. JEREMIAH BYARS b ca 1755 d 1796 m LUCY THORNTON MINOR, V2, No4 p 116. In this article the correspondent disagrees with that statement.

I too disagree with the statement for the following reason. Several years ago I found an article entitled "Minor Family" in Series 1, Vol 9, pg 53 of the William and Mary Quarterly which gave the following genealogy for LUCY THORNTON MINOR:

JOHN MINOR b 13 Nov 1735 d 21 Mar 1800 He was known as Maj. Minor and was an officer of the Revolution being present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis in 1781. He m ELIZABETH COSBY and had 11 children. The third child, born ca 1760, was WILLIAM MINOR of "Hybla" Hanover county. He m MILDRED T. LEWIS, d/o Capt. JOHN LEWIS of Fredericksburg and had three children including "LUCY THORNTON MINOR, married JAMES BYARS and moved to KY or TN."

It is clear from this that Lucy was not born before about 1780 and thus not married much before 1800. This makes her a very unlikely bride for a person of the generation of JEREMIAH BYARS. The 1850 Federal Census of Montgomery Co., TN list the following couple:

BYARS, JAMES Age 66 born VA.

LUCY T. Age 56 born VA.

This James does not show up in the 1830 or 1840 census of TN. Although I am getting in pretty good shape on TN, I have no idea of any other background or children of this couple. Could this be our missing James & Lucy? If so, who was James? Did they have children somewhere.?"

Thanks Jack. Perhaps this will help and we'll get some answers.cbh

MORE CONFUSION in the DESCENDANTS of ABNER WOMACK & MARTHA BYARS  
From MARJORIE TUCKER 627 Pader Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226

"THURLO V. BYERS recently sent me a copy of an article on the BAKER family, written by MARTHA McDANIEL THOMPSON, and printed in the Buchanan Co.(MO) Heritage, Vol.I....I have some comments. Martha also sent this info. years ago to OSCAR B. WOMACK, which he included in Appendiz A. of The Descendants of Thomas and Louvisa Rice Womack, 1970.

In the Buchanan Co. article there is a confusion of the wife of two ZEBADIAH [BAKERS]. The Zebadiah, Jr., b. Mar 29, 1829, s/o Zebahiah, Sr. and MARTHA ANN (PATSY) WOMACK [d/o ABNER WOMACK and MARTHA BYARS who was d/o of NATHAN BYARS & DRUCILA HARRELSON), m 9 June 1852, FRANCES (SARA) RAY. Their son, ZEBADIAH, III, m 2 Jun 1890, SARA ELIZABETH (BROWN) FINNEY, widow of HENRY ROBERT FINNEY."

So, descendants of Abner & Womack, please make note of this in your records.cbh.

COMMENTS from MARJORIE TUCKER

Reading the Census of 1850, Pickens County, Ala. has revealed some interesting Byars data. The following families were enumerated:

Southern District

|       |               |          |       |                   |              |
|-------|---------------|----------|-------|-------------------|--------------|
| # 647 | Abraham Byars | 51 SC    | #1292 | Littleton Byars   | 45 SC        |
|       | Matilda       | 44 NC    |       | Hulciah ?         | 28 Ala.      |
|       | Drury         | 22 NC    |       | Mary              | 6 "          |
|       | Joseph        | 16 NC    |       | Sarah             | 5 "          |
|       | Edward        | 11 Ala.  |       | John              | 3 "          |
|       | Nancy         | 9 "      |       | Rebecca           | 1 "          |
|       | Eliza         | 6 "      |       |                   |              |
| #1265 | Josiah Byars  | 42 SC    | #1322 | Seth Byars        | 54 SC        |
|       | (Shoemaker)   |          |       | Martha            | 57 Ala.      |
|       | Elizabeth     | 39 SC    |       | James W.          | 29 "         |
|       | Nancy C.      | 17 SC    |       | Susan T.          | 21 "         |
|       | Elizabeth     | 13 Ala.  |       | Milton B.         | 19 "         |
|       | Lucy          | 13 "     |       | Mary L.           | 17 "         |
|       | Lucinda       | 11 Miss. |       | Jonas A.          | 27 "         |
|       | Susan         | 9 Ala.   |       | Benjamin Williams | 20 SC        |
|       | Frances       | 6 "      |       |                   |              |
|       | Ella          | 4 "      |       |                   |              |
| #1290 | Massey Byars  | 52 NC    | #1641 | J.J. Byars        | 31 Ala.      |
|       | Joseph        | 29 SC    |       | Elizabeth C.      | 27 SC        |
|       | Peter         | 20 NC    |       | William A.        | 6 Ala.       |
|       | Christianna   | 13 NC    |       | Martha J.         | 5 "          |
|       | Martin        | 13 Ala.  |       | John W.           | 4 "          |
|       | Martha        | 11 "     |       | Sarah F.          | 2 "          |
|       | John          | 8 "      |       | Lucinda F.        | 2/12 "       |
|       | Susan         | 5 "      |       |                   | taken Dec. 3 |

Of these families I can only identify the #1322 SETH BYARS. He is son of WILLIAM (our no. I) BYARS, and he married MARTHA "PATSY" RAY - see Vol. I, No. 1, page 3.

The #647 ABRAHAM BYARS I think is possibly the son of WILLIAM (our no. II) BYARS - see Vol. I, No. 1, page 4.

The other four are not familiar to me. Perhaps some of our readers will recognize them.

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LOVINA SMITH, wife of JAMES BYARS, I.1.A.#4, d. Apr. 27, 1842, Oldham Co., KY, not 1815, VA (per Pension File W.8407 of JAMES BYARS).

ALABAMA - LAND & MILITARY WARRENTS

From LEE T. STOCKMAN, 2725 Garrow Dr. Antioch, CA 94509

"OLD TUSCALOOSA LAND OFFICE RECORDS & MILITARY WARRANTS 1821 - 1825"  
 File: Tusc. Land.1

Report: Old Tuscaloosa Land

| Page | Date      | Christian  | Sur Name  | County     | Sec | Town | Ran | Located by        |
|------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------|
| 65   | Sep 13 50 | Peter      | Gill      | ?          | 9   | 13   | 50  | Henry K Byars     |
| 134  | Oct 23 51 | Drury S    | Lacy      | ?          | 27  | 18   | 3W  | Jas c Byers, Atty |
| 134  | Nov 19 51 | Nathan     | Byars     | ?          | 24  | 18   | 3W  | Jas c Byers, Atty |
| 136  | Jun 18 52 | Joseph a   | Byars     | ?          | 2   | 15   | 3W  |                   |
| 141  | Dec 24 52 | James K    | Byars     | ?          | 6   | 18   | 3W  | Thomas B Spencer, |
| 142  | Feb 2 53  | Houstin    | Alexander | ?          | 2   | 18   | 15W | Isaiah Byars, Ass |
| 147  | Mar 6 55  | Samuel     | Garner    | ?          | 11  | 16   | 2E  | Alemeth Byers & F |
| 137  | Aug 27 52 | Joseph     | Rivers    | ?          | 15  | 15   | 3E  | Alfred Goode, Ass |
| 23   | Jun 9 25  | Stripling  | Byars     | Jefferson  | 22  | 18   | 3W  |                   |
| 37   | Dec 14 32 | John       | Byars eta | Jefferson  | 28  | 18   | 3W  |                   |
| 104  | Feb 14 48 | Thomas     | Byars     | Jefferson  | 6   | 18   | 1W  |                   |
| 109  | Dec 11 49 | John L     | Byers     | Jefferson  | 34  | 16   | 2E  |                   |
| 111  | Sep 13 50 | Henry K    | Byers     | Jefferson  | 13  | 18   | 3W  |                   |
| 116  | Dec 18 54 | James K    | Byers     | Jefferson  | 3   | 19   | 1E  |                   |
| 116  | Dec 30 54 | Francis    | Byers     | Jefferson  | 4   | 17   | 1W  |                   |
| 125  | Jan 15 55 | Samuel P   | Byers     | Jefferson  | 3   | 19   | 1E  |                   |
| 125  | Jan 16 55 | Joseph     | Byers     | Jefferson  | 5   | 18   | 2W  |                   |
| 129  | Feb 1 55  | Catherine  | Byars     | Jefferson  | 1   | 16   | 2W  |                   |
| 34   | Sep 28 32 | Robert     | Goode     | Jefferson  | 20  | 19   | 3W  |                   |
| 13   | Feb 11 22 | Edward     | Goode     | Jefferson  | 10  | 18   | 3W  |                   |
| 31   | Jan 26 32 | Thomas Jr  | Goode     | Jefferson  | 21  | 16   | 3W  |                   |
| 126  | Jan 16 55 | William    | Goode     | Jefferson  | 5   | 19   | 3W  |                   |
| 10   | Dec 26 21 | Robert     | Byers     | Monroe, Ms | 29  | 18   | 17W |                   |
| 61   | Jan 12 35 | Robert     | Byars     | Pickens    | 18  | 18   | 14W |                   |
| 63   | Feb 13 35 | Eli J      | Byars     | Pickens    | 3   | 20   | 16W |                   |
| 63   | Feb 20 35 | Seth       | Byars     | Pickens    | 7   | 20   | 13W |                   |
| 78   | Nov 10 36 | Perry      | Byars     | Pickens    | 4   | 18   | 14W |                   |
| 126  | Jan 17 55 | Jonas W    | Byars     | Pickens    | 24  | 20   | 14W |                   |
| 35   | Oct 17 32 | Benjamin H | Stribling | Pickens    | 19  | 18   | 15W |                   |
| 95   | Dec 25 38 | Joseph A   | Byers     | St Clair   | 8   | 15   | 3E  |                   |
| 106  | Feb 23 49 | William    | Byers     | St Clair   | 8   | 15   | 3E  |                   |
| 109  | Jan 12 50 | Alemeth    | Byers & F | St Clair   | 23  | 15   | 3E  |                   |
| 118  | Dec 28 54 | Richard L  | Goode     | Talladega  | 19  | 21   | 1W  |                   |
| 34   | Sep 19 32 | Lewis      | Ottery    | Tuscaloosa | 4   | 24   | 3E  |                   |



DAVID BIRES - JOHN BOYERS in VIRGINIA  
From THURLO V. BYERS 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121

DAVID BIRES 1742 Orange Co Va )  
JOHN BOYERS 1746 Augusta Co Va)... Same area near Natural Bridge.

Kegley's Virginia Frontier by F B Kegley 1938 SW Va Hist Soc Roanoke  
Copy #1404 of the Second Printing - St Louis Central Public Library

Community life on the James and the Roanoke 1740-1760.

The people who made these early settlements on the James River and  
the Roanoke were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians who moved southwest  
from the eastern counties of Pa and NJ through Maryland into this  
unoccupied region.

The Forks of James Community. (Map of 1740 available)

The Local Officials 1738-1745 while yet in Orange County Va.

The Militia Officer for this area was Capt John McDowell who had  
land on the James but lived farther north. (In northcentral of  
present day Rockbridge Co).

June 1742: Every adult male belonged to some company.

The following are the members of John McDowell's Company and they  
constituted the adult male population of the Lower Forks Community.

A total of 50 are listed including DAVID BIRES, John McNabb (McNabb)  
John Gray, Malcolm Whiteside, Charles Quail, Loromor Mason, David  
Dreden, Erwin Patterson, Halbert McClure and Samuel McRoberts.

(I mention these because they are not that common and perhaps someone  
checking the Pa and NJ records prior to 1742 may come across these  
people. This would help us to determine the area from whence they  
came. Many of the 50 moved to the Carolina's between 1755-1765.)

This area is in the present counties of Rockbridge and Botetourt Va  
and includes Natural Bridge Va. Among those listed was John Peter  
Salling (from Germany) and in an account of his travels he says,  
"We set off from my house and went to Cedar Creek about five miles,  
where is a Natural Bridge over said Creek, etc."

In Nov 1746 the Augusta Court (the area became Augusta in 1746)  
ordered a road from the North Fork of James (near Lexington) to  
Looney's Ford on South Fork of James (Fort Fauquier) - with all  
tithables except JOHN BOYERS', Joseph Long's and John Peter Salling's  
families to work on it. The families excepted lived on the extreme  
edges of the community and would get no direct use of this section  
of the road. (The Great Road from Pa to Carolina).

In Nov 1753 and Mar 1754 William Byers (of the Rev War from York Co  
SC - see B/B Enquirer Vol 1 Nr 1 Page 4 - he is Nr 111) worked on  
the Great Road in this area. In 1755 he was surveyed 335 ac on the  
north side of Cedar Creek. (Aug Book 1 Page 88). In 1758 William  
Byers was in the Militia of Augusta Co (Hening's Va Statutes at  
Large Vol 7 P196.) In 1758 John Boyers was paid 12 shillings for  
provisions for the Militia. (Hening's Vol 7 P192). In 1760 the  
335 ac surveyed for William Byers was patented to Edward Sharp.  
Tracing deeds through Edward Sharp, Robert Whitley, William  
McClenachan and Hugh Barclay, it is a certainty that his survey  
of 335 ac was within one mile (west) of the Old Barclay Tavern  
and Red Mill of a later period. William Byers was married ca 1760  
to Elizabeth Walton. On 10 Sep 1765 William Poage was granted 35 ac  
James River adjoining John Boyers. On 27 Feb 1767 John Byers (Buyers),  
blacksmith, to Samuel McClure for £28.9.6 a mortgage on cows and

smith tools. Aug DB15. Teste: John Walker and James Trimble. This report may possibly be of interest to those descendants of the Rowan Co NC 1764/5 Byers, Robert, James, David and Joseph. Additional information will be sent upon request. Tnx to Jimmy Brown 74B, John Copeland 78B, Dorothy Hays 9B and Elmer Parker.

WILLIAM BYERS - VIRGINIA  
Also from THURLO BYERS

William Byers in Augusta Co - Botetourt Co - Montgomery Co Va

7 Feb 1754 William Byers received a patent from James Patton (Agent for a land company) for 160 ac on Tom's Creek, a branch of New River. His patent joined land which he already owned. William Byers then purchased land from Jacob Harman. Aug DB.6 Page 46. (This was to the southwest of Natural Bridge Va)

3 Feb 1768 Jacob Harman and Sarah to Joseph McDonald. Land on Tom's Creek corner of William Byers. Aug DB 14 Page 261.

1781: William Byers and John Byers in Botetourt Co Va. Tithables Vol 1 Page 215-216 Capt May's Company. Part of the residents of the Catawba Valley belonged to Capt May's Company, the other part with the residents on the upper part of Tinker & Glade Creek area made up the Company of Capt Robinson.

1783: John Byers in Catawba Company of Militia. Capt May's Company 2 Horses 4 Cattle

1788: Montgomery Co Tax List by Yantis; Males 15-21 Slaves Horses  
John Boyers Sr Page 11 List C 0 0 2  
John Boyers Jr Page 11 List C 0 0 1

1789: Montgomery Co Tax List by Netti Schreiner-Yantis  
Page 29 William Byers - John Byers Sr - John Byers Jr.  
Page 95 John Byers Jr located in area of Sinking and Tom's Creek - Greenbrier Run mouth of Spruce Run.  
Page 97 John Byers Sr located in area of Doe Creek and Sinking Creek - Greenbrier Branch of New River. Site location for William Byers not given. (This area is now in Giles Co Va)

William Byers in the Rev War S8130 - NDAR 410331-455050.

(See B/B Enquirer Vol 1 Nr 1 Page 6 - he is Nr VI)

Born: 5 Jul 1764 Augusta Co Va - Botetourt Co in 1770.

Died: 24 Nov 1834 Darke Co Ohio. Will in Darke Co Ohio.

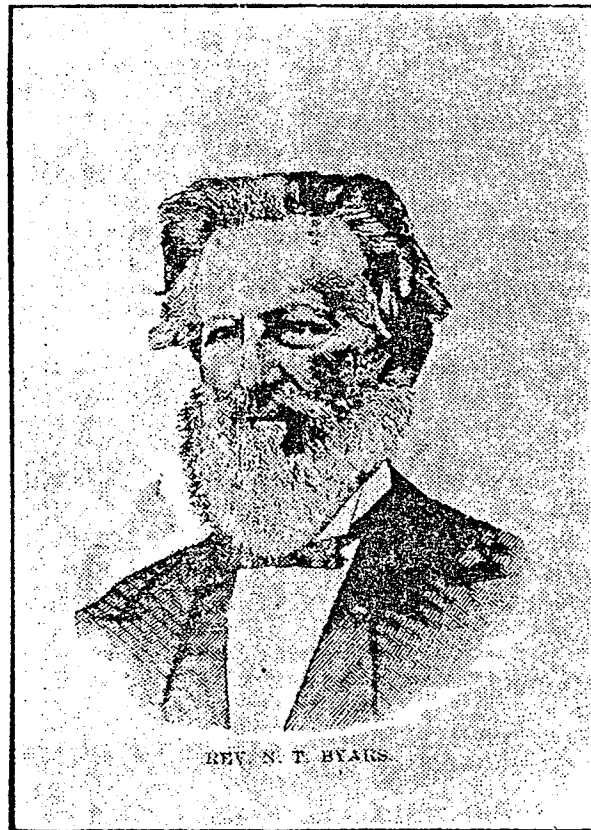
From his pension statement:

In 1781 was a resident of Botetourt Co Va. In Spring of year enlisted in Capt David May's Company of Col Cloyd's Regt. States he was born 5 Jul 1764 and entered the service in his 17th year. Volunteered again around the first of July 1781 for three months service with Capt Galnay in Col Lewis's Regt. He was living in Fincastle at the time. He took part in the siege of Yorktown and was there when Cornwallis surrendered his Army. He enlisted for only three months in his last tour yet at the expiration of said tour the siege of Yorktown was about to commence and that he considered that his country needed his service then if ever and he therefore continued

in the service until after the surrender.  
After Nov 1781 he lived in Botetourt Co 2 years, Montgomery Co for 10 years, Powell Valley Va for 8 years, Gallia Co Ohio 2 years, Ross Co Ohio 2 years, Preble Co Ohio 25 years, then to Darke Co where he was residing at the time of his application. (1834)

Descendants of the above may possibly be interested in the report on David Bires of Orange Co Va 1742.

FRONTIER'S GENERATION



NOAH TURNER BYARS

Courtesy LEE T. STOCKMAN

From Frontier's Generation, Brown County, Texas. See Vol.I No.3 p53 and Vol.I no.4 p 89, Byars-Byers Family Enquirer for story. Lee also says, "In this same book is a story of a JOE BYERS who was killed by Indians about the end of the Civil war....Joe's name is variously reported as BYERS & BOWERS. This is the first time I have seen Bowers are one of the variants..."

Where's yo' Southern drawl Lee? I talk like a Texan I know, because up North they tell me where I'm from the minute I open my mouth. cbh

ANDREW BYERS - FAYETTE CO., PENNSYLVANIA

From ANNE GARWOOD

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

In the name of God Amen. I, ANDREW BYERS of Franklin Township, Fayette County, State of Pennsylvania, Being weak in body but of sound memory & mind Blessed be God for the same, Do make & publish this my last will & testament in Form following (that is to say.) First I will that after my decease my body be buried in a Christian and Decent manner at the direction of my executors and that the expenses be paid out of my personal estate and that all my debts be paid out of the same. Secondly, I will & bequeath that my Beloved wife MARTHA BYERS & my sons BENJAMIN BYERS & THOS. BYERS shall have use of my Mansion(?) House where I now live and also one hundred & twelve acres adjoining the house to include all the clear(?) land on the left end of ----- the Right of property --- lands to be Vested(?) equally in BENJAMIN & THOS. BYERS. Then at such time as their Mother shall Require it, must build her a house and give her a separate maintainance during her natural life and further I will that BENJAMIN and THOS. BYERS shall find their Mother a horse(?) anytime she chooses to ride abroad. I give & bequeath all my personal estate to my beloved wife MARTHA BYERS & to my sons SAMUEL, DAVID, ISAAC, BENJAMIN & THOS. BYERS to be equally divided amongst them, after all expenses & debts are paid. Thirdly, I give & bequeath to my son JAMES BYERS five Shillings, Pennsylvania Currency. Fourthly, I give & Bequeath to my son JOHN BYERS the sum of five Shillings. Fifthly, I give & bequeath to my son ANDREW BYERS the sum of five Shillings. Sixthly I give & bequeath to my daughter JANE (JEAN?) SCOTT five Shillings. Seventhly I give & bequeath to my daughter RACHEL DUNLAP five Shillings. Eighthly I give & bequeath to my Daughter JEAN's two sons, (viz) JOHN ANDREW SCOTT & ANDREW the sum of Twenty Shillings to each when they are of the age of twenty one years. Ninethly I will & bequeath to my sons SAMUEL, DAVID & ISAAC BYERS the Residue of my land to be equally divided according to Quantity & Quality. And I do appoint MATTHEW GILCREST(?) JAMES RANKIN & JOHN ALLEN to Divide(?) the same unless they can do it themselves. I further will that if any of my five youngest sons should die before they are of age (at which time they are to receive the land) that the surviving four younger should have it equally divided amongst them -- and do hereby appoint my beloved wife MARTHA BYERS and my son ANDREW BYERS Executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal this eighteenth day of June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & eighty -- Signed, Sealed & Published & Declared by the above named ANDREW BYERS to be his last will & testament in the Presence of us who have here unto Subscribed our names.

(signed)

ANDREW BYERS

(his mark)

Witness :

....

Fayette County, Pa.

The fifth day of March, Anno Domini 1793 Before me personally came JOHN ALLEN Esquire and HENRY GRIER(?) Two of the signing Witnesses to the foregoing last will & testament, and on their solemn oaths declared that they saw ANDREW BYERS, deceased, Execute the same---(?)

for his last will & testament and that he was at the time of doing the same of sound disposing mind & memory and not influenced by any person whomsoever to their knowledge or belief.

Witness my hand the (same day?)  
18th March 1793

(signed)  
ALEXANDER (? \_\_\_\_\_?)  
Registrar

Anne notes that this ANDREW BYERS SR. (1723-1793) is a brother of her SAMUEL and is the only sibling of his that they have proof of. She failed to include Vol. and page on her transcript, if you need it drop her a line. Her addresses appear on pg 10.

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NATHANITES NICHE

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT SOUTH CAROLINA LAND TRANSCRIPTS  
By MARJORIE TUCKER

Spartanburgh County Deeds  
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May 5, 1817

WILLIAM WILSON to NATHAN BYARS

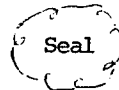
WILLIAM WILSON )  
                  ) So Carolina  
NATHAN BYARS    )  
5th May 1817    ) Know all men by these presents that I, WILLIAM WILSON for

and in consideration of one hundred dollars to me paid by NATHAN BYARS have granted bargained and sold unto the said NATHAN BYARS a certain tract of land in Spartanburgh District and State aforesaid beginning on a post oak at the head of the long branch of Sarial ? Creek running down said branch as it meanders to a large poplar a conditional corner thence running northwardly with a conditional to a post oak corner in the old line thence with said line to the beginning by computation one hundred acres more or less together with all and singular the rights members hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining. To have and to hold all and singular the said premises unto the said NATHAN BYARS his heirs and assigns forever against myself and my Heirs and assigns and against all other persons claiming under later titles they had of DANIEL McCLOLAN, JR. on said land. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of November 1816.

WILLIAM COLLINS

JOSEPH RICHARDS

WILLIAM WILSON



South Carolina                    )  
Spartanburgh District    ) Personally came WILLIAM COLLINS before me and made  
oath that he saw WILLIAM WILSON sign seal and acknowledge the within deed to NATHAN BYARS and that he saw JOSEPH RICHARDS sign his name as an evidence and that he signed his name as a concurring witness - Sworn to and subscribed this 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1816.

J. CAMP, J.Q.

WILLIAM COLLINS

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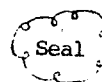
ABISCHA CAMP to NATHAN BYARS

ABISCHA CAMP )  
\$50 ) South Carolina )  
NATHAN BYARS ) Spartanburgh District ) Know all men by these presents  
5th May 1817 ) that I, ABISCHA CAMP of the

State and District aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars to me paid by NATHAN BYARS of the State and District aforesaid hath granted bargained sold and released and by these presents do grant bargain sell and release unto the said NATHAN BYARS a certain tract or parcel of land situate in the District aforesaid and on the branches of Turner's fork of Thickety Creek beginning on a chestnut oak, Byars old Corner thence N 110 E 12 chs 50 links (note - an engineer's chain is 100 links or 100 feet - mst) to a blackjack (note - an eastern U.S. scrub oak - mst) on Turner's land thence South 47 E 35 chains to a black oak on Crocker's (?) line thence South to a large Chestnut thence S 52 W 26 chains 60 links to a large pine thence North 26 chains to a red oak thence N 19 W 39 chains to the beginning by computation one hundred and forty acres more or less together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining To have and to hold all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the said NATHAN his Heirs and assigns forever and I do hereby bind myself my Heirs executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and Singular the premises above mentioned unto the said NATHAN BYARS his heirs and assigns (but no further). In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 20th day of August 1805 - Signed sealed and delivered in presence of -

JOSEPH CAMP  
his  
JAMES X REDING  
mark

ABISCHA CAMP



Spartanburgh )  
District ) Personally came JOSEPH CAMP before me and made oath that he saw ABISCHA CAMP sign seal and acknowledge the within deed of conveyance to NATHAN BYARS for the use and purposes within mentioned and that he saw JAMES REDING subscribe his name as a witness and that he subscribed his name as a witness to the same.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 20th day of August 1806. (note - there is a discrepancy in dates - mst)

JOHN LIPSCOMB, J.Q.

JOSEPH CAMP

(note - J.Q. stands for a Justice of the Quorum - mst)

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Nov. 12, 1825

THOMAS THOMAS & NATHAN BYARS to CABERD McCRAW

THOMAS THOMAS & )  
NATHAN BYARS )  
N<sup>o</sup> 116 ) Know all men by these presents that we THOMAS THOMAS  
CABERD McCRAW ) and NATHAN BYARS for and in consideration of the sum  
12th November 1825 ) of one Hundred and thirty one dollars and 25 cents to  
us paid by CABERD McCRAW have granted, bargained and

sold unto the said CABERD McCRAW a certain tract of land situate in Spartanburgh district and state aforesaid on the waters of Island Creek of Pacolate Beginning at a red oak running S 45 E 2.50 chs to a red oak thence N 45 E 12 chs to a post

oak thence N 78 E 20 chs to a pine thence N 16 E 42 chs to a pine thence N 87 W 46.50 chs to a red oak thence S 63 E 59 chs to the beginning (except what is included in Bonners tract ) by computation 211 acres. Together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments & appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining. To have and to hold all and singular the said premises unto the said Mc CRAW his heirs and assigns forever. And we do hereby bind ourselves and heirs executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend the said premises unto the said McCRAW his heirs & assigns against ourselves our heirs & assigns & against all other persons whatsoever claiming the same or any part thereof. In witness whereof we have set our hands & seals this 24th of October 1825. Signed, sealed and acknowledged before

JOHN MARTIN

THOMAS THOMAS



STERLING GORDON

NATHAN BYARS



State of South Carolina )  
Spartanburgh District ) Personally came JOHN MARTIN before me and made oath that he saw THOMAS THOMAS and NATHAN BYARS sign, seal and acknowledge the within deed to CABERD McCRAW and that he saw STERLING GORDON sign his name as a witness, and that he subscribed his name a concurring evidence. Sworn to and subscribed this 24th October 1825 before me.

J. CAMP, J.Q.

JOHN MARTIN

State of South Carolina )  
Spartanburgh district ) NANCY THOMAS, wife of THOMAS appeared before me GEO. CAMP a Justice of the Quorum in and for the district aforesaid separate and apart from her husband and acknowledges before me that she freely, voluntarily and without being under any kind of fear or dread from her husband relinquishes unto CABERD McCRAW his heirs and assigns forever her right and dower in the within described land and premises. Witness her hand & seal the 31st October 1825 before me.

GEO. CAMP, J.Q.

her  
NANCY X THOMAS  
mark



Vol. W, pp. 243-244  
April 5, 1837

NATHAN BYARS to SC MFG. CO.

NATHAN BYARS )  
To No. 18 ) State of South Carolina  
So. Ca. M. Co. ) Spartanburgh District

Know all men by these presents that I NATHAN BYARS of the state and District aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and nine dollars to me in hand paid by WILLIAM CLARK, agent for the So. Ca. M. Company of the state and district aforesaid, hath granted, bargained, sold and released and by these presents do grant, bargain sell & release, unto WILLIAM WALKER, SAMUEL N. EVINS, JOHN BOMAR, JR., HUGH BAILY & SIMPSON BOBO, President and directors of the said So. Ca. M. Company and their successors in office, a certain tract or parcel of Land, situate in the district aforesaid and on the branches of Turner's fork of Thickaty Creek Beginning on a stake (on said Byars line) Running N 40 E 113.50 to a Black Jack on Turner's old line, thence S 47 E 35 chs to a Black Oak thence S 33 ch to a large Chestnut, thence N 30 W 37.5 to a stake thence S 65 W 33.50 to the beginning by computation 76 acres more or less together with all and singularly the rights, members, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining. To have and to hold, all and singular, the premises before mentioned, unto the said President and directors, aforesaid, of the So. Ca. M. Co. aforesaid, and their successors in office, against myself, my heirs, Executors & assigns, and all person or persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming the same or any part thereof. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of September 1836. Signed & sealed In presence of

JOHN R. RICHARDS

NATHAN BYARS



JOHN BYARS

State of So. Carolina )  
Spartanburgh District ) Personally came JOHN R. RICHARDS before me and made oath that he saw NATHAN BYARS Execute the within deed of conveyance to WILLIAM WALKER, SAMUEL N. EVINS, JOHN BOMAR, JR., HUGH BAILY & SIMPSON BOBO, President and directors of the So. Ca. M. Company, and that he saw JOHN BYARS subscribe as a concurring evidence with himself. Sworn to and Subscribed this 20th day of Nov. 1836 before me J. CAMP, J.Q.

JOHN R. RICHARDS

State of South Carolina )  
Spartanburgh District ) I JOSEPH CAMP one of the Justices of the Quorum for the District do hereby certify EMILIA BYARS, wife of NATHAN BYARS, did this day appear before me and upon being privately and separately Examined by me, did declare that she does freely, Voluntarily, and without any compulsion, Dread or fear of any person or persons whomsoever release and forever relinquish unto the within named WILLIAM WALKER, SAMUEL N. EVINS, JOHN BOMAR, JR., HUGH BAILY & SIMPSON BOBO, or their successors, all her interest in the Estate and also all her right & claim of dowery of, in and to all and singularly the premises within mentioned and Released. Given under my hand and seal the 6th day of October Anno Domini 1836.

J. CAMP, J.Q.

her  
Signed EMILIA X BYARS  
mark

This dear lady is a "ten day wonder" and I can't say "THANK YOU" enough to her. Marjorie, I'll send the Turner papers as soon as I can dig down to them. We had to shuffle some things and I was looking for that file box, when I discovered the old books. Sorry but I got distracted. cbh.

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JAMES BYRES in SOUTH CAROLINA - 1703  
From GEORGE B. BELL, Rt 1, Box 138F, windsor, SC 29856

"Will of JOHN ASH, made April 9, 1703, proved Oct. 19, 1704....appointed wife MARY ASH sole executrix....Witnesses: L.E. BELLINGER, JAMES KIMLOCH, JAMES BYRES." from Salley, A.S.: Abstracts From The Records of the Court of Ordinary of the Province of South Carolina, 1700-1712. published in the SC Historical and Genealogical Magazine, July 1911.

JAMES BYRES also signed two more wills, one in 1703, the other in 1704.

The SC Historical Commission in Charleston is searching their records for more information.

What a find George. Thank you. We'll look forward to the Commissions findings. cbh.

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Our friend, [25B] MARGARET FREUDENBERG, 151 Sem Laurels, Milford, OH 45150, has an illness in her family and cannot do research right now. We hope a quick recovery is made and she is back digging soon.



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FROM the EDITOR

Thunderstorms, tornado warnings, high winds and torrential rains, impede my progress. After lightning struck a tree last week, knocked out the T.V. and almost set the T.V. stand on fire, I cannot bring myself to continue working at the word processor, when the weather flags are out.

With another crisis going on in our family, I fear this issue may be late. Our son has a serious back problem with partial paralysis in one leg. He has been in and out of the hospital since May 9, goes into the Hospital in Houston on June 6 for more tests and hopefully surgery that will alleviate the problem. I will, of course, be spending a great deal of time at the hospital with him and must be on hand during his recovery. I had hoped to get this issue compiled prior to June 6, so I could be working on the index while sitting around at the hospital, but the foul weather may not allow that either.

But your editor will do her best and if this issue is late I'm sure our members will understand.

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Queries are free to members and there is no limit. Please confine your queries to BYARS (ALL VARIANTS) or related families. Queries should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper with your membership number, name and full address on that sheet. If possible limit each query to no more than fifty (50) words, for republication in Lost & Found. Queries included in a letter could be overlooked.

#24 BYERS/BEYERS-MD, OH, PA.

Looking for info on following: JOHN BYERS(BEYERS) 1794-1880 b MD in Stark Co.OH by 1819. ELIZABETH BYERS 1766-1850 b MD, listed Stark Co. OH 1850 next door to JOHN BYERS. Was this his mother?

[57B] EUGENIA VOGEL, Rt 1 Bx 85, Newell, IA 50568

QUERIES, CONTINUED

#25 BYERS/BEYERS+SHAFFER-PA, OH  
 ELIZABETH SHAFFER b PA d/o WILLIAM & SOPHIA, md the JOHN BYERS(BEYERS)  
 query #24. Am interested in info on the SHAFFER family.  
 [57B] EUGENIA VOGEL, address above.

#26 BYERS/BEYERS+MORROW+TAYLOR-PA, OH  
 WM. MORROW, Jr. b c1802 PA md 1827 NANCY "ANN" TAYLOR, Columbiana  
 Co.,OH. Their dau MATILDA MORROW m 1857, Stark Co.OH, WM. ELI BYERS  
 1835-1862. Interested in the MORROW family.  
 [57B] EUGENIA VOGEL, address above.

#27 BOYER-PA  
 Looking for info: CONRAD BOYER 1744-1806 Westmorland Co. PA and ADAM  
 BOYER 1710-1754, Northampton Co. PA  
 [58B] KAREN BYERS CAVANAUGH, 2238 Cimarron Pass,Ft.Wayne, IN 46815

#28 BYERS-OH  
 I need names of children of ANDREW BYERS whose will was written 29  
 Dec 1815 in Belmont Co.OH. (Belmont Co.OH Wills, Vol.A, p 270). Did  
 he have a son GEORGE? If this is my connection, it will take me  
 back three generations.  
 [80B] VEDA NETHING, 926 McGregor Ave.NW, Canton, OH 44703

Editors Note: You should check for the estate settlement of this  
 will. If it is extant it should show how the estate was divided and  
 who received what. That would be the best proof of relationship.cbh

#29 BEYERS+HARDGROVE+WEAVER-OH,CA, NV, OR  
 PETER BEYERS b PA. His son EMPHRAIM BEYERS b Stark Co. OH c1840.  
 PETER md RACHAEL HARDGROVE, 1835, Stark Co.OH. EPHRAIM md BARBARA  
 ELLEN WEAVER, 1862 and moved to CA, NV and OR. I need parents of  
 PETER BEYERS and places in PA.  
 [82B] MAX E. SAUERBRY,16765 S.W. Matador Ln. King City, OR 97224

Editors Note:You and EUGENIA VOGEL should be helpful to each other,  
 see her queries above.cbh.

#30 BYERS+SHAFFER  
 I am a descendant of LAVINA BYERS b 1840 d/o JOHN BYERS & ELIZABETH  
 SHAFFER. Much of my info was provided by BARBARA PALMER [no address  
 given]. Am interested in more info on BYERS & SHAFFER.  
 [97B] PHILIP B. ARMSTRONG, 31 Vom Eigen Dr.,Convent Station,NJ 07961

Editors Note: It might be helpful if you would provid Barbara  
 Palmer's address to Eugenia Vogel-see her queries above-and work  
 with her and Max Sauerbry-see his query above.cbh.

#31 BIAS/BYAS-TN,AL  
 ROBERT BIAS/BYAS on 1850 Bledsoe Co.TN b NC is my 3rd g grandfather.  
 Was he the ROBERT BYAS in Cherokee Co. AL., 1840?  
 [100B] STEVE D. BYAS, 1310 Abbey Dr. Norman, OK 73071.

QUERIES, CONTINUED

#32 BYERS+SHANNON+HAMILTON-IL

I descend from THOMAS BYERS - MARGARET SHANNON through their son THOMAS BYERS - MARGARET HAMILTON, then through their son SAMUEL BYERS - MARY ?\_\_\_\_? who moved to IL prior to 1850. Would appreciate info.

[101B] DOROTHY SAWTELLE, 1075 Maplewood Dr., Reno, NV 89509

Editors note: Dorothy is corresponding with Dr. Marion Craig and has asked for back issues that contains info. Will check indexes as soon as possible for her. Others connected to this line may want to contact her.cbh.

#33 BYERS+ROBERTS, LA

My grand parents were BERNARD BYERS & SUSAN ROBERTS of Alsito Springs, LA. He may have come from MS. Would appreciate any help.

[103B] DOUGLAS BYERS, Rt 3 Box 512, Deville, LA 71328.

Editors Note: Doug, you should do some census research. If there is a library in your area, ask in the genealogy section for help in learning how to do this. Hopefully someone in our group will have help for you. cbh.

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BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MISC. FINDINGS

From: 80B VEDA NETHING, 926 McGregor Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44703

Belmont County, Ohio Wills, Vol.A pg 270

The Last Will and Testament of ANDREW BYERS late of Belmont County Deceased.

In the name of God Amen, I, ANDREW BYERS of Richland Township Belmont County State of Ohio Being weak in body but of sound mind blessed by god for that. I Doe this twenty ninth day of December 1815 make & publish this my last will and testament in manner as follows:

I Doe give and bequeath into my wife CATHERINE 86 acres of the Land which I have lately entered to be hers & for the use of the family during her natural life and for the use of the children under age is she should die before the youngest child is of age also it is my will that the family should repair to the said 86 acres in the spring and make an improvement(sic) upon it And each sun to Consider it as his home & work on it as such til the(sic) are of age to make A comfortable(sic) improvement(sic) such as a house Barn and orchard and a sufficiency of land Cleaned. To be left in good repair all the Children to have a sufficiency of Schooling also it is my will that at my wifes death if the youngest Child is of age it is to be sold and Equally Divided Between my four Daughters, also it is my will that other Four hundred acres of land Should be divided equally amongst my four sons and give to them as the(sic) come of age.

Also it is my will that the moveable property goods and Chattles should remain in my wifes hands for the use of the family, my lawful debts to be out of the same. It is my will that my

ANDREW BYERS, Will, CONTINUED

daughter BETSY shall have her house and fifty Dollars worth of property twenty dollars to be paid the Course of a year. The remainder to be paid in the year 1817. Likewise to order and appoint that CATHERINE my wife & SAMUEL my Son & THOMAS LAWSON be my Executors and administrator of this my last will & Testament Duly & truly I Executors & Administrator the same according to my entent(sic) and meaning in witness hearof I the Said ANDREW BYERS have set my hand and Seal the day and Year above mentioned.

Witness WILLIAM BOGG ANDREW BYERS (Seal)  
Present ROBERT COCHRON  
ELIZABETH BOGG

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I Certify that all the costs Respecting the above Note that is due to JOSIAH HEDGES Clerk is Paid, Sept 27, 1833  
STERLING JOHNSTON Acting for said Hedges

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Editors Note: See B-B Vol.I, No.3 p 55 for info from ANNE GARWOOD on this family.

ANDREW BYERS is listed on the Belmont Co., OH tax records as paying taxes 1805 through 1810, Richland Twp.

SAMUEL BYERS md ELIZABETH WILSON 13 Oct 1803 [performed] by JAMES ROBERTS, J.P. (From History of Belmont & Jefferson Counties pg 426) Is this Andrew's son? VN.

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FAMILY WORK SHEETS

Grouping families together from known records is a good idea, however until everything is proven they should be Work Sheets. By stating plainly on your work sheet where you derived the information will give others with additional sources the opportunity to give additional information which may prove helpful. It is hoped no one takes offence when their lineage is questioned. If our work can't stand up to questions, perhaps we don't have all the information. We are in the process of sorting, proving and trying to correct errors which have led to faulty lineages in the past. We all want a proven error free lineage and proper documentation is the only way to have it.

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NO CORRECTIONS FOR THIS ISSUE?

I'm completely lost. I've received no corrections or comments from either MARJORIE TUCKER or DOROTHY HAYS. I know I owe them both letters, and I hope they are forgiving of my neglect. Please girls don't desert me now! You have both been so great until I'm spoiled, do hope neither is ill, hopefully just really busy digging up ancestors. cbh.

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PLEASE BE SURE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS APPEARS ON EACH SHEET YOU SEND IN

BYARS - BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER, VOL.III, NO.2

EARLY TENNESSEE MARRIAGES

Surname Search from Hunting for Bears: Courtesy, MARJORIE TUCKER

\*\* For The Surname: BYARS

|              |                               |                            |            |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| SEP 29 1858  | BYARS, ALEXANDER              | PARKES, SUSAN              | WEAKLEY    |
| JUN 14 1847  | BYARS, ANDERSON               | MINCY, MARY ANN            | WILLIAMSON |
| DEC 23 1857  | BYARS, ANDREW                 | WINSTEAD, MARY A           | WEAKLEY    |
| NOV 03 1845  | BYARS, ARMENTA                | COX, SIMPSON               | HENRY      |
| DEC 24 1832  | BYARS, CARTER                 | HARVEY, POLLY              | KNOX       |
| NOV 24 1878  | BYARS, CELIA M                | GARTH, THOMAS W            | WARREN     |
| DEC 17 1893  | BYARS, DOVIE BELLE            | GRIBBLE, JOHN THOMAS       | WARREN     |
| JUL 25 1853  | BYARS, ELIZABETH              | TITSWORTH, JOHN P          | WARREN     |
| JUL 31 1894  | BYARS, ELLEN FLORENCE         | HENNESSEE, JOHN D          | WARREN     |
| SEP 17 1899  | BYARS, EVELINE                | NORTHCUTT, THOMAS C        | WARREN     |
| MAR 12 1874  | BYARS, FRANKLIN PIERCE        | CANTRELL, CHARLOTTE BLAINE | DEKALB     |
| JAN 08 1853  | BYARS, JANE                   | GORDON, JAMES              | WARREN     |
| SEP 22 1867  | BYARS, JOHN LANIER            | PURSER, MELVINA            | WARREN     |
| FEB 15 1877  | BYARS, JOHN LANIER            | ZWINGLE, SARAH JOSEPHINE   | WARREN     |
| AUG 13 1856  | BYARS, JULIA                  | WINSTEAD, SAMUEL           | WEAKLEY    |
| FEB 06 1870  | BYARS, MARTHA                 | NICHOLS, JOHN              | WARREN     |
| DEC 23 1852  | BYARS, MARTHA W               | TITTSWORTH, THOMAS M       | WARREN     |
| JUL 29 1855  | BYARS, MARY                   | FUSTON, WILLIAM J          | WARREN     |
| NOV 11 1889  | BYARS, MARY                   | CANTRELL, BETHEL           | WARREN     |
| DEC 24 1889  | BYARS, MARY (MOLLIE) GERTRUDE | WOMACK, ABNER CLEMONS      | WARREN     |
| MAY 11 1898  | BYARS, MILTON                 | BROWN, JOSIE               | WARREN     |
| DEC 12 1899  | BYARS, MOLLIE                 | MASON, JAMES               | WARREN     |
| JUL 12 1888  | BYARS, NANNIE                 | CLARK, JAMES               | WARREN     |
| OCT 14 1897  | BYARS, NELLE MISS             | BRATTEN, HENRY             | WARREN     |
| OCT 28 1866  | BYARS, OZIAS DENTON           | REEDER, NANCY A            | WARREN     |
| DEC 15 1874  | BYARS, OZIAS DENTON           | POTTER, HELEN A. JOSEPHINE | DEKALB     |
| APR 05 1873  | BYARS, S J MISS               | MEEKS, THOMAS              | GRUNDY     |
| APR 24 1855  | BYARS, SAMUEL H               | SMITH, ADELINE             | WARREN     |
| OCT 25 1856  | BYARS, SARAH                  | LOW, EZEKIEL               | WARREN     |
| DEC 14 1852  | BYARS, SARAH                  | THACHER, PLESANT           | WEAKLEY    |
| OCT 31? 1896 | BYARS, STONEWALL JACKSON      | SAFLEY, AMERICA MISS       | WARREN     |
| AUG 15 1889  | BYARS, W H (male)             | WHITLOCK, S M              | WARREN     |
| JAN 23 1878  | BYARS, WILLIAM OSBURN         | PURSER, JANE               | WARREN     |
| JUL 15 1846  | BYARS, WM                     | CAPS, MARTHA               | WEAKLEY    |



EARLY TENNESSEE MARRIAGES, CONTINUED

\*\* For The Surname: BYERS

|             |                    |                           |            |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| NOV 16 1843 | BYERS, ABIJAH      | HILL, MARGARET            | WILLIAMSON |
| MAY 09 1845 | BYERS, ALEXANDER   | GOODWIN, ELIZABETH        | WILLIAMSON |
| DEC 01 1872 | BYERS, ANDERSON    | BATES, ELIZABETH          | HICKMAN    |
| JUN 10 1851 | BYERS, CHARLES P   | MCADDO, ANN G A           | CARROLL    |
| OCT 24 1858 | BYERS, DAVID A     | COOK, ELIZABETH F         | WILLIAMSON |
| MAR 28 1825 | BYERS, DAVID P     | HILL, LAVINIA             | WILLIAMSON |
| JUL 17 1856 | BYERS, ELIZABETH A | SHORT, SILAS S            | WILLIAMSON |
| DEC 18 1885 | BYERS, FLORENCE    | RICKETS, WM H             | KNOX       |
| JAN 07 1875 | BYERS, FRANCIS     | NUNNELLEE, AMERICA        | HICKMAN    |
| OCT 26 1858 | BYERS, FRANCIS W   | ALEXANDER, ELIZABETH JANE | WILLIAMSON |
| DEC 22 1830 | BYERS, FRANCIS W   | WILLIAMS, CHARLOTTE       | WILLIAMSON |
| MAR 26 1889 | BYERS, J A         | MALUGIN, HARRIETT         | HICKMAN    |
| JAN 19 1878 | BYERS, JAMES       | MCFARLAN, ELIZABETH       | KNOX       |
| AUG 02 1874 | BYERS, JAMES A     | MCCLARIN, MARY            | HICKMAN    |
| JAN 07 1884 | BYERS, JAMES W     | ROEHL, LORENA C           | KNOX       |
| SEP 23 1847 | BYERS, JOHN M      | BINGHAM, ELIZA A M        | WILLIAMSON |
| SEP 04 1856 | BYERS, JOHN M      | HILL, SUSAN E             | WILLIAMSON |
| APR 03 1856 | BYERS, JOHN M SR   | GRAY, MARTHA E            | WILLIAMSON |
| MAY 06 1884 | BYERS, L L         | SAMPLE, H E               | BRADLEY    |
| OCT 10 1872 | BYERS, M A MISS    | BYERS, W R                | SEQUATCHIE |
| JUN 25 1883 | BYERS, MAGGIE M    | WARDELL, JAMES M          | KNOX       |
| DEC 21 1851 | BYERS, MILTON A    | HULME, FRANCES E          | WILLIAMSON |
| JUN 15 1839 | BYERS, NICHOLAS    | HATTER, MARTHA A          | HENRY      |
| DEC 08 1895 | BYERS, NIMROD      | HOVEN, RACHEL E           | KNOX       |
| SEP 11 1887 | BYERS, ROBERT      | CARVER, CARRIE            | KNOX       |
| JUN 30 1849 | BYERS, ROSINA      | FRICK, JNO G              | SHELBY     |
| JUN 30 1849 | BYERS, ROSINA      | FRICK, JNO G              | SHELBY     |
| DEC 30 1894 | BYERS, SAMUEL      | SMITH, JOSIE              | KNOX       |
| DEC 29 1842 | BYERS, SAMUEL A    | MCCOWEN, SUSAN            | WILLIAMSON |
| MAR 28 1869 | BYERS, SUSAN A M   | REDFORD, WM T             | WILLIAMSON |
| MAY 03 1891 | BYERS, W A         | JEWELL, LENA              | HICKMAN    |
| OCT 10 1872 | BYERS, W R         | BYERS, M A MISS           | SEQUATCHIE |
| JAN 03 1854 | BYERS, WM M        | ROLAND, MARTHA J          | WILLIAMSON |
| OCT 12 1858 | BYERS, WM T        | CARTHEL, EMILY L          | GIBSON     |

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VIRGINIA, 1787

BYAR, BYARS, BYRE, BYRES, BIAS, BIAR, BIARS, BYOR, BYORS, BAYRE, BYARES, BYAER, BAYERS, BAIR, BAIRS, BUYER, BEYER(none), BEYERS(none) BUYORS, BUIS(none), BUICE(none).

The 1787 Virginia Tax Roll is an important one for those working in VA. The following list contains those of variant spellings as shown on the actual roll. Those in parenthesis were added by the editor since the letter E is often translated as n or r. See following page for more info. on the published rolls. This print out comes from Netti Schreiner-Yantis. She gave her permission for it to be published in the Byars - Byers Family Enquirer.

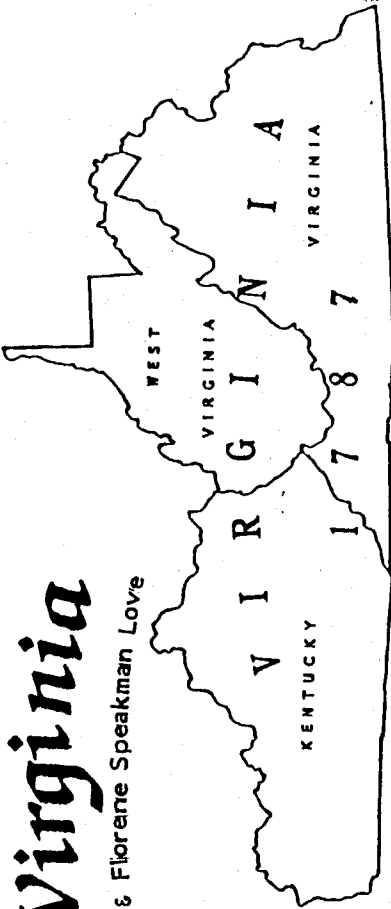
| SURNAME<br>AS TRANSCRIBED | GIVEN NAME | COUNTY         |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------|
| BIASA                     | JOHN       | AMELIA         |
| BIAS                      | JOHN       | AMHERST        |
| BIAS                      | LARKIN     | AMHERST        |
| BIAS                      | OBADIAH    | AMHERST        |
| BIAS                      | ROLING     | AMHERST        |
| BYERS                     | DAVID      | AUGUSTA        |
| BYERS                     | CONROD     | BERKELEY       |
| BAIRE                     | GEORGE     | BERKELEY       |
| BAIRE                     | HENERY     | BERKELEY       |
| BAIRE                     | MATHIAS    | BERKELEY       |
| BAIR                      | JOHN       | BOURBON        |
| BAYSE                     | JOHN       | FREDERICK      |
| BAYSE                     | RICHARD    | FREDERICK      |
| BAYSE                     | THOMAS     | FREDERICK      |
| BYAN (?BYAR?)             | ADAM       | GREENBRIAR     |
| BYARS                     | JAMES      | HANOVER        |
| BYARS                     | JAMES, JR. | HANOVER        |
| BYARS                     | JEREMIAH   | HANOVER        |
| BYAN (?BYAR?)             | PETER      | HENRY          |
| BAYS                      | PETER      | HENRY          |
| BYRN (?BYRE?)             | THOMAS     | KING GEORGE    |
| BYNE (?BYRE?)             | MARY       | KING & QUEEN   |
| BYRN (?BYRE?)             | BENEDICT   | LOUDOUN        |
| BYARS                     | ELISABETH  | LOUISA         |
| BYARS                     | JAMES      | LOUISA         |
| BUYERS                    | WILLIAM    | MONTGOMERY     |
| BYERS                     | DANIEL     | NELSON         |
| BYE                       | JOHN       | NELSON         |
| BYRN (?BYRE?)             | ANNE       | PETERSBURG     |
| BAYS                      | JOHN       | PITTSYLVANIA   |
| BAYS                      | JOSIAH     | PITTSYLVANIA   |
| BAYS                      | JOHN       | PRINCE WILLIAM |
| BYRN (?BYRE?)             | SAMUEL     | PRINCE WILLIAM |
| BAYS                      | PETER      | RUSSEL         |
| BAIR                      | BLAER      | SHENANDOAH     |
| BAIR                      | CHRISTIAN  | SHENANDOAH     |
| BAIR                      | JACOB      | SHENANDOAH     |
| BAYS                      | WILLIAM    | WASHINGTON     |

# The 1787 Census of Virginia

NEW!!!

Compiled by Nettie Schreiner-Yantis  
Foreword by Louis H. Manarin  
State Archivist of Virginia

**Virginia**  
Florene Speakman Love



*Photoduplicate of taxable property to be made by the commissioners.*

List of taxable property within the district of A. B. commissioner in the county of C., for the year 1787

| Parish | Ward  | Household | White Males | White Females | White Children | Black Males | Black Females | Black Children | Indian Males | Indian Females | Indian Children |
|--------|-------|-----------|-------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A. D.  | A. C. | A. U.     | 1           | 2             | 3              | 4           | 5             | 6              | 7            | 8              | 9               |

At the left is a facsimile of the form which was included as a part of a law passed by the Virginia General Assembly on October 16, 1788 providing for the 1787 taxes. This law was repealed October 15, 1787; thus the 1787 tax lists are unique. Three of the columns make this form of particular value to genealogists:

**Column 1 -** Date of receiving list from individuals, and the taxpayers came to him. The new law dictated that the commissioner was to "call on every person subject to taxation . . ." It is obvious that the persons whose lists were collected on the same day would have been neighbors. That's important information.

**Column 3 -** Names of white male tithables above 21. Yes! Every white male over 21 years is listed by NAME! Not just heads of household. This means that you will find names of sons/sons-in-law/grandsons/fathers/hired workers—and they will be shown in the household in which they were residing. Some tax commissioners gave relationships to head of household.

**Column 4 -** Number of white males above 16 and under 21. In many lists, their names are given. Amazingly, almost all of the 1787 tax lists have survived. Why haven't these valuable lists been published before now? The editors considered publishing them fifteen years ago, but abandoned the idea when time and cost were projected. It was still a monumental task, but the computer made it feasible.

**THE 1787 CENSUS OF VIRGINIA** contains all the tax data concerning number of slaves and livestock as recorded in the original manuscripts. If your ancestor was a doctor, operated an inn, owned a carriage or a billiard table, you will find that out, too. Tax lists were made for 84 counties and six cities. Only a few are missing. Those are indicated on the opposite page. An attempt to reconstruct the 1787 population has been made for these missing counties using contemporary records.

This work is being offered in two formats: (1) as a casebound, Smythe-sewn composite containing all the counties. This has over 2,000 pages in three volumes. It has a fold-out map, is bound in an excellent grade cloth and has reinforced endpapers—ready for heavy useage. (2) as paperback individual county booklets. Each is self-contained with a map of the county showing the 1787 boundaries, and an every-name index. The lists have been printed twice in these county booklets, first in the original order and then rearranged by the date they were called upon. It was impractical to print the lists twice in the composite as it would increase the cost of the already-expensive work.

Dr. Louis H. Manarin, State Archivist of Virginia, stated in his foreword to this work, "Inasmuch as [The 1787 Census of Virginia] contains the same type of data that some other censuses have, it should be considered a census, and not just a tax list being used as a census. Actually, more census information is recorded in the 1787 tax lists than in the 1780 census in some areas. . . much can be learned from studying these records. . . this book will be used to great advantage by historians, genealogists, sociologists, demographers. . . Order a copy—or suggest that your society do so—today."

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
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| Hallfax                                            | 5.00  | Powhatan                                     | 2.75  | Nelson (Part of 1787 in part of records)                                      | 4.00  |
| Hanover                                            | 5.00  | Prince Edward                                | 3.50  | WEST VIRGINIA                                                                 |       |
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1466 Troy Lane, ID 83201

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SPOTLIGHT

In this issue we "SPOTLIGHT" 22B Dr. MELTON P. MEEK, 3410 N.W. Oak, Lawton, OK 73505.

Dr. Mel suffered a heart attack on 27 Aug. 1987, but as of 23 Feb. 1988 was doing very well. He is an avid researcher and has been working with THURLO BYERS, ALDEN BYERS & others. In his last correspondence he included eight (8) pages of McWHORTER data, after DOROTHY HAYS wrote him mentioning a Byers/McWhorter connection. McWHORTERS intermarried with his MEEK line-now up pops a Byers-McWhorter connection and he has accumulated a large file on them that should prove helpful. Dr. Mel's generous sharing of his work speaks for it's self. The picture and article presented here appeared in The Sunday Constitution, May 15, 1983, Lawton, OK.



(Self photo)  
Lawton's Dr. Melton P. Meek, genealogist extraordinary, displays a pistol that was carried by his grandfather, Amzi Meek Jr., of Kosciusko, Miss., during the Civil War

During the trip he was attacked by a party of British soldiers. His horse was stiff with fatigue, but Young made a run for it. He turned into a cross road, but a party of three or four mounted Britishers dashed through the woods and intercepted him.

He wrote:

"My pistol was empty, so I drew my sword and made battle. I never fought so hard in my life. I knew it was death anyhow, and I resolved to sell my life as dearly as possible.

"In a few minutes one finger on my left hand was split open; then I received a cut on my sword arm by a parry which disabled it. In the next instant a cut from a saber across from my forehead, (the scar of which I shall carry to my grave,) the skin slipped down over my eyes, and blood blinded me so that I could see nothing. Then came a thrust in the right shoulder blade, then a cut upon the left shoulder, and a last cut (which you can feel for yourself) on the back of my head — and I fell upon my horse's neck. They took me down, bound up my wounds, and placed me again on my horse a prisoner of war.

"When they joined the party in the main road, there were two Tories who knew me very well — Littlefield and Kelly. Littlefield cocked his gun, and swore he would kill. In a moment nearly 20 British soldiers drew their swords, and cursing him for a . . . coward, for wanting to kill a boy without arms and a prisoner and ran him off . . ."

Young and another prisoner subsequently escaped. He made his way to the home of "old Mrs. Brandon," who nursed his wounds. He had violent fever for about 10 days, then hid in the woods for about three weeks. After that, he returned to combat. Both Young and his uncle Thomas Brandon are buried in the Old Union Cemetery at Monarch, S.C., the top portion of the state, a few miles from the North Carolina border.

There are some mysteries in every family that no amount of research can solve. The Meek family has the story of Adam Meek and the ghost. The story was told by Adams's brother, Capt. James Meek, great-great-grandfather of Dr. Meek, and was published in 1870 by the Yorkville, S.C. Enquirer.

Adam Meek was one of York's earlier sheriffs and was known for his good character, common sense, and "perfect veracity." Gordon's Old Field, in the immediate vicinity of Adam's place, was a big open field with a road running through the middle of it, and was surrounded by woods. An apparition had appeared to many traveling the road at night. When people saw the phantom-shape, they invariably put whip to their horses and made off to the woods which skirted the field. The ghost walked only in the clearing, and as soon as they reached the wood, the ghost vanished.

Adam said that he would talk with the ghost. He and his brother, James, had always confided in each other. Adam told James that he had met the ghost one night. When he was in the middle of the field, he said, he saw the apparition approaching and stopped his horse until it reached his side. It accompanied him some 200 yards, talking all the while, he said, until he reached the woods. But he told his brother, James, that he could not then reveal the contents of the conversation. He said that perhaps later he might be able to do so.

A few weeks later, Adam Meek left home without telling anyone his intention — not even his wife or brother. He was gone almost two months. After he returned, he never divulged the meaning of his long absence of its purpose. "I cannot tell you now," he said. "I may before I die . . . This I can tell you, the ghosts of Gordon's Old Field will never be seen again."

The ghost was never seen again. And Adam Meek never divulged his secret.



# Paul McClung

## Doctor traces his roots

Roots. Dr. Melton P. Meek has found his and traced them by the dozen, back through six and into seven generations.

One Meek ancestor ran away from home and took to the seas in early 1700s. One was a Revolutionary War hero. Others served in the Civil war. Some were doctors. And there's a ghost story — an unsolved mystery — in the family's history.

The Lawton pediatrician has documented six generations of his family, all in America, and his delved into the seventh generation. During his years of research, he has accumulated ~~hundreds~~ — huge notebooks — on his families, and about ~~dozens~~ of other families intermarried into his life. **220 ALBUMS**

He will discuss the importance and methods in organizing genealogical records when he speaks Monday night at the meeting of the Southwestern Oklahoma Genealogical Society. The meeting, at McMahon Foundation, 716 C, will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the public is invited.

Meek talks about ancestors who lived 200 years ago as though he visited them yesterday. Old John Sallis, his great-great-great-grandfather, is one of my favorites. An independent sort. He was born in 1717 in England, ran away from home at 17, took to the sea, and was disinherited. A ship captain abandoned him in New Guinea, and he lived with natives there three years, and only white man among them. The natives wanted him to stay, but he went to Savannah, Ga. He moved to North Carolina, then, about 1750, to Wilkes County, Ga. He had seven sons and three daughters. Sallis, Miss. is named for the family. An old sea chest, that was owned by John Sallis, is still in the family. It was made of thin wood and metal brads, and covered with leather. The leather rotted and wore away generations ago.

Then there was Maj. Thomas Young, one of Meek's great-great-great-grandfathers on his mother's side. Young was born Jan. 17, 1764 and was 16 years old when his brother, John Young, was betrayed by Tories, Americans who were British sympathizers, and was killed by the enemy.

Young swore vengeance, and, as he wrote in his memoirs, published in the Orion Monthly Magazine, published in 1843: "Subsequently a hundred Tories felt the weight of my arm for the deed . . ." He served under his uncle, Col. Thomas Brandon, later general, commander of the 1st Spartan Regiment of South Carolina.

Young was a participant in and an authority on the Battle of King's Mountain, South Carolina, fought in 1780. He was 17 in 1781 when, after the Battle of Cowpens, N.C., he was dispatched alone to take two captured horses laden with booty, two British captives, and two Negroes, back to his headquarters.

THE DAY BLACK BART LINKED ME TO HISTORY

The following article appeared in The State, March 27, 1988, Columbia, S.C. It is a moving account, that explains feelings of so many family researchers I had to share it with all of you. It was written by 62B CHARLIE BYARS, % State Newspaper, P.O. Box 1333, Columbia, SC 29202 and sent to me by JAMES T. BARR, 108 Blacksmith Rd. Lexington, SC 29072. A collateral member of J.T.'s Barr family married into the OK branch of my Byars family. J.T.'s note said, "Looks like Black Bart and others have been working to 'hook' Charlie on genealogy." We of the BB Enquirer certainly hope he's 'hooked' good. He certainly has a way with words.

# The day Black Bart linked me

*Personally*

By Charlie Byars

I NEVER THOUGHT a census report could stir such emotions in me. My heart double-clutched from low to high when Black Bart exclaimed, "I've got it!" Black Bart is really Charles Patrick: an inventor, a businessman, a quick-draw artist, a former Cold War special services man who knows a thing or two about intelligence work and tracing records. His buddies at the Hilltop call him Black Bart because the tall, straight-backed, black-mustached Gaffney native dresses only in black. Western-type garb complete with black Stetson and black boots.

He's been helping me trace my roots since I told him I knew little about the Byars family beyond my father's brothers and sisters, all of whom have died. Like too many other young and busy folks trying to get ahead in the world, I had lost touch with my aunts and uncles and never bothered to know about my grandparents or other ancestors. Finally, when life moved into the slow lane for me, I started checking up on my kin. All had died. Their first-hand knowledge was lost to me. And then Black Bart came into my life and offered to help.

WE WERE SEATED next to each other staring at the lighted screens of two microfilm readers in a dimly lit room at the State Archives building. Squinty-eyed and frustrated at staring at the scrolling screen, I was about to call it quits when Black Bart excitedly announced he had found what we were looking for.

We quickly exchanged seats and I stared at the 1910 count of a farm family in Limestone Township, Cherokee County. The head of the household was Wil-

liam Thomas Byars. Nine children, ranging in age from 16 to 2, were counted by name.

The 2-year-old, a boy, was named Guy. That was my father. I swallowed away the sudden dryness in my throat. My eyes misted over. The simple listing of all my aunts and uncles, with their ages, suddenly was transformed into a movie in my mind.

I COULD "SEE" the weathered, two-story farmhouse, chickens and guineas scratching for food in the bare, dirt yard, swept clean by stick brooms. Sweat-stained mules waited patiently near the rusting tin-roofed barn, patched-up and even more weathered than the house.

I "smelled" the rich, earthy-sweet mix of hay and fodder and corn shucks, manure and sweating animals as my uncle Raymond, the oldest at 16, helped my grandfather with the evening chore of feeding the mules and preparing the barn for the night. My uncle Manning, 12, and open boots flapping, mixed bran, corn cob remnants and food scraps from the house to slop the squealing pigs.

Inside the darkening house, Aunt Pearl, the oldest girl at 13, and Aunt Strassie, 12, had already lit the

to history . . .



THE DAY BLACK BART LINKED ME TO HISTORY, CONTINUED

kerosene lamp on the big, square kitchen table. Supper waited on the warmer at the big wood cookstove. The two oldest girls had been the "mother" of the house for a year now, ever since my grandmother, Julia, died, leaving two babies in the house, Aunt Nell, 3, and my father, 2.

**MY MIND SAW THE FAMILY** gathering at the table in the dim light of the single lamp and dying wood coals in the open box of the cook stove — the lone man, tired and spent from a long day in the hot fields, and his nine motherless children.

I was not ashamed of the tears in my eyes as I stared at the microfilmed, simple list of names and ages. Through some mysterious means, spirit or otherwise, I not only looked back into history, but I felt as if I were there at the table with them.

**THE DISCOVERY**, and connection with the past, swelled my heart with pride and joy.

I looked through the mist in my eyes at a grinning Black Bart and said, simply:  
"Yep, that's my folks."

□

**POSTSCRIPT:** That day we traced my family back to 1900 when my grandmother was still alive but with fewer children. Black Bart even went back to the Archives the next day and produced more "pictures" for me of my great-grandfather's family in 1880 and my widowed great-great-grandmother's family of eight in 1850. He vows he'll trace my bloodline to Ireland before he's through.

QUERIES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 34

#34 MEEK+MITCHELL+BYERS+WALTON, MD, SC  
Exchange info, extensive files, 25 yr research with descendants of ADAM MEEK, d 1767 Cecil Co. MD., wife JEAN MITCHELL, son JAMES MEEK d 1819 York Dist. SC md SUSANNA d/o Capt. WILLIAM BYERS & ELIZABETH WALTON.  
[22B] MELTON P. MEEK, M.D. 3410 N.W. Oak, Lawton, OK 73505

FORMATION of AIKEN CO. S.C.

From: 47B ELSPYE JOHNSON, Box 53, Montmorenci, SC 29839  
Abstracted from ?History? of South Carolina, no author/publisher noted, pg 695. [Elspye the full name of book not noted will you be kind enough to send it for the next issue? Thanks much].

AN ACT to Establish a New Judicial and Election County from Portion of the Counties of Barnwell, Edgefield, Lexington and Orangeburg, to be known as Aiken County. No.420  
"....Sec.2 That ....and B. BYAS, be, and are hereby, appointed Commissioners to run out and properly make and define the said boundary lines..." "Sec.4. That an election shall be held in the County of Aiken...on the third Wednesday of October, A.D. 1872..."

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

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PROOF COMES FROM PRIMARY SOURCES  
We should give credit where credit is due with full citations!

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JAMES BYRES/BYERS 1703-1704 SOUTH CAROLINA

More data from 6B GEORGE B. BELL, P.O. Bx 118, Windsor, SC 29856

See BB Vol.III, No.1, pg 28 for additional info.

From the South Carolina Historical Society, Meeting & Chambers St. Charleston, SC 29401-2299, letter to George Bell, dated 7 Jan 1988: ".... After checking the Society's SC General files: Immigration, Passenger, and Naturalization Lists; and various Warrants and Deed abstracts for lands in SC; I found no mention of JAMES BYRES. I also checked for various spellings of his last name (BYERS, BYARS, BYAS, etc). After finding no mention of JAMES BYRES in the sources you requested...I checked several which I felt might prove helpful. There was no information on him in pertinent Directories, Tax lists, Census Indexes, and Church Registers. The only information I found came from the South Carolina Historical Magazine (Volumes 12 and 81)... enclosed copies of that material..."

The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, published quarterly by the South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston, S.C. Vol.Xii., No.4 October 1911,

Abstracts from records of the Court of Ordinary:  
pg 204

Dec. 1, 1703, JOHN WRIGHT, ALEXANDER PARRIS and JAMES BYRES executed a bond to Governor Johnson for White's proper administration of the estate of WILLIAM MALLAGAN. Witness: GEORGE EVANS. (page 75).  
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June 15, 1704, MILDRED SHORY, ELIAS CLIFFORD and JAMES BYRES executed a bond to Governor Johnson for Mildred Shory's proper administration of the estate of ANTHONY SHORY.(page 87).  
Pp 211-212

Will of JOHN ASH of Dauho in the county of Colleton in South Carolina Gent., made april 9, 1703...Witnesses:...JAMES BYRES... (pages 93-94)

South Carolina Historical Magazine, Vol. 81, 1980.

Mount Dearborn

Pg 224;footnote 39.

DEARBORN to JAMES BYERS, Springfield Armory, 4 Apr. 1806, NA RG 107, Misc. Letters Sent OSW (M370/2)...

Editors Note: George's research efforts have certainly proven that a JAMES BYRES/BYERS was in SC by 1703. What happened to him? Did he leave descendants?

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LAND SURVEYS of lower NC & upper SC  
Courtesy GEORGE B. BELL, address above.

NORTH CAROLINA

No.380: Tryon County, JAMES BYARS, 300 Acres, Grant No. 234, Issued 18th Apr 1771, Warrant No.\_\_\_\_,Entry No.\_\_\_\_,Sur 4 Aug 1769, Book No.20 Page No. 685, Location on both sides Mill Creek [Beginning at DAVID BYARS"S Corner. 2 pgs copy].

No.384: Tryon County, WILLIAM BYARS, 130 Acres, Grant No. 238,

LAND SURVEYS, CONTINUED

Issued 18 Apr 1771, Warrant No.\_\_\_\_, Entry No.\_\_\_\_, Sur. 4 Jan 1767, Book No.20, Page No. 686, Location on both sides of a branch of Bullocks Creek.[2 pages of copy]

No.417: Tryon County, DAVID BYARS, 300 acres, Grant No.70, Issued 14 Nov 1771, Warrant No.\_\_\_\_, Entry No. 424, Entered 10 Dec 1770, Book No.20, Page 701, Location on the head waters of Turkey Creek [2 pgs of copy].

No.587: Tryon County, PETER WATKINS, 100 acres, Grant No. 478, Issued 23 May 1772, Warrant No.\_\_\_\_, Entry No.\_\_\_\_, Entered 22 May 1772 Book No.22, Page No.113, Location Both sides Suck Creek.[2 pgs copy]

No.1411: Tryon County, REBECCA WATKINS, 300 Acres, Grant No.284, Issued 28 Feb 1775, Warrant No\_\_\_\_, Entry No. 1123, Entered 19 Jan 1773, Book No.27, Page No. 58, Location On both sides of Suck creek of Broad River. [2 pgs copy].

NO.1556: Tryon County, JOHN LOGAN, 200 Acres, Grant No.98, Issued 25 Mar 1780, Warrant No.\_\_\_\_, Entry No.146, Entered 7 Oct 1778, Book No.37 Page No.449, Location On the forks of BYARS Creek bounding on the line of the South State.[4 pgs of copy].

No.1603: Tryon County, WILLIAM BYARS, 200 acres, Grant No 150, Issued Oct 28, 1782, Warrent No.\_\_\_\_, Entry No.506, Entered Nov 2, 1779, Book No.41 Page No 227 Location On Townsends Branch of main Broad River.[JAMES LOGAN was Entry Officer of Claims, 4 pgs of copy]

George notes:REBECCA WATKINS was one of six women awarded grants out of 1,867. [Since there is a definite connection to the Byars surname to LOGAN & WATKINS these surveys should be helpful.]

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 GEORGE BYERS, Green Co. INDIANA

From 80B VEDA NETHING, 926 McGregor Ave.NW, Canton, OH 44703

Abstracted from: First Families of America, The Compendium of American Genealogy, no author/publisher noted: pp 83-84

"BYERS, HESTER ANN LONG (Mrs. GEORGE W.) b Terre Haute, IN., Dec. 23, 1859...m Sept 7, 1887, GEORGE WILLIAM BYERS, b Terre Haute, IN., Dec 2, 1859: s/o GEORGE BYERS (1840-1909); Civil War Vet; m MARGARET FERGUSON: Issue: HELEN b Mattoon, IL, June 19,1893...WILLIAM BYERS.

Editors note: Use for clues only.

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 THE FIRST WILLIAM BYERS in PENNSYLVANIA

73B ALDEN BYERS, 200 E. Racquet Club Rd., Palm Springs, CA 92264 has continued his research on this first PA BYERS. In Vol.II No.3 pp 82-83 we published some of his findings. Now, after a multitude of research and correspondence he has found new data and revised his paper. The following pages are his work and if you have new info that has not come to his attention please let him know. He will keep us updated as the tedious work progresses. The pages references are to Alden's pages numbers. This is from his appendix.

BYERS in PENNSYLVANIA, CONTINUED

The first Byers in Pennsylvania of which we have knowledge supposedly came in 1682-3, either with or shortly after William Penn. His name was William Byers (sic), and he applied for 200 acres in Concord twp., northwest of and partly in what is now the town of Concordville. William's tract contained a tributary rivulet to the West Branch of Chester Creek; by 1707 this tract was bisected by two small roads, one leading southeast to Concord station (later on the B&O RR). William's intersection or one at the west is now known as Painter's Cross Roads.

In *The Colonial Legacy*, Vol. 1, published 1983 by the Concord Township Historical Society, it is said that a Mill was established ca. 1700 nearby on Concord creek, named Society Mill because jointly owned by eight neighboring families, most or all of whom were Quakers. These settlers are said to have been from the county of Wiltshire in southern England (vicinity of Salisbury and Stonehenge), and it is said that most probably knew each other in England before emigrating to Pennsylvania. If so, this could be significant, in that it might indicate that William Byers was basically English rather than Scotch or Scotch-Irish (some later Southern Byers/Byars are known to have been Methodist, deriving from the Episcopal Church of England rather than from the Presbyterian Church of Scotland).

The early map of Concord Township contains several surnames which recur up to 100 years later in Byers chronology, e.g.: John and BENJAMIN MENDENHALL (see Samuel Byers' papers pg. 37), Andrew MCCLURE (see Judge John Byers), Caleb PERKINS (see John of Toboyne pg. 25), Joseph PHIPPS (mentioned by Brandywine John Byers), Jasper YEATES (a Yeates was an attorney in our Jacob's "Marcus Hook" litigation), and Joseph EDWARDS (see John Byers "of Scotland", below). Some or all of these were probably related to Byers families--several being named in Byers Wills.

Jane Davidson, Historian of Downingtown, states that Concord and New Garden twps. were primarily settled by Quakers; the Nottingham twps. farther west by Scots. She says that while very few Scots were Quakers, it is known that many Quakers became Presbyterian by the second generation.

There was a road from Philadelphia to Chester by 1701 and from there to the Nottinghams and the Octoraro river by 1719, but there was a road from Wilmington to New Garden twp., apparently constructed by the Swedes, as early as 1646 (extended to the Nottinghams in 1704) and we suppose that the Concord and New Garden settlers used this way in from the Delaware River in 1682.

William is said by Quaker authorities not to have been a

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Quaker (his name is reportedly not on either the Concord or New Garden Monthly Meeting records). This negative conclusion is further supported by the fact that he may not have even occupied his 1683 Concordville property, as he failed to pay taxes or land rent on it. Ultimately, in 1693, he forfeited it, the property being resold to Nicholas Pyle, whose descendants are still in the area as historically famous artists and painters of the "Brandywine School" (e.g., Howard Pyle, for whom Painters' Cross Roads was named, and his pupil N. C. Wyeth, et. al.).

Parenthetically, it may be remarked that the history of William's claim was not unusual, in that there was considerable sale and exchange of properties in the Concord settlement during the first few years after arrival. Many families soon moved elsewhere, destinations conjectural. It is known that several acquired lots in Chester and Philadelphia, but information on William Byers is unfortunately missing or lumped with others.

The background of William Byers is unknown, but undocumented data said to have been unearthed in England by another Byers researcher (Col. George Byars, deceased) purports to show that he came intending to be a fur trapper, supposedly from England (see above) rather than direct from Scotland or Northern Ireland (this was of course before the Battle of the Boyne 1690 and the wholesale appearance of Byers in Ulster). If William indeed came independently from somewhere in Wiltshire this might account for his being with a Company of Friends even though not one himself; it indirectly could support the data from the Concord Historical Society and if he were a trapper might even account for a failure to live or pay rent on his Concord property.

Previous research, based on data now known to have been in error, wrongly asserts that William was for 6 years a Member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, the government of the Colony. The basis for this claim appears to have been an ambiguous passage on page 483 of Ashmead's History of Delaware County, 1884. The confusing paragraph reads:

..." Above the Mendenhall tract William Byers had 200 acres surveyed to him Jan 17, 1683-4 which in 1693 passed into the ownership of Nicholas Pyle. HE SETTLED IN CONCORD IN 1686, at which time he may have already occupied the estate. In the Company's mills he took an active part as one of the owners. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, serving as such for six years ... IN 1701 HE PURCHASED the western half of the 500 acres taken up by William Hitchcock, which extended from the east to the west across the township, for on that part of the estate bought by him the Society Mills were located ..." (our emphasis)

It now appears that the ambiguous use of the pronoun "he" was

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intended to refer to Nicholas Pyle, NOT William Byers, because on tract maps it was PYLE who bought from Hitchcock, not William Byers. We are also informed from a Chester County librarian that it was PYLE, not William Byers, who became a Member of the Assembly.

Obviously, in light of the above, even though it is established that William applied for property in Pennsylvania, there is presently no concrete evidence of his actual presense. Since he did not patent or pay rent on his original Concord allotment, there is considerable room for speculation as to where he did settle, or whether in fact he actually appeared or remained in the New World at all. Many Byers appeared some years later in townships further west on both sides of the Susquehanna, where fur trapping or trading with the Indians might have been more productive, and it may well be that William Byers was the progenitor of several lines of Scotch/English families there, including perhaps some of those who appeared ca. 1720-30 in New Garden/Kennett Square, the Nottinghams (Oxford area), and/or across the Mason-Dixon line in Delaware. The persistence of the name William among the Byers of Chester and York counties could lend support to such a theory, however we believe his apparent disappearance from Concord suggests as an alternative that he may have abandoned the idea of trapping and settled in or near Philadelphia.

A researcher of the William Byars (sic) family of Washington County, southwest Virginia near Abingdon, asserts that a large family of Byars stopped in Philadelphia ca. 1740 (?) en route to Virginia as houseguests of a Matthew Byars (sic), possibly a son or grandson of William (?). These immigrants may have come direct from Scotland rather than North Ireland; the indication by the surnames is that they may have been originally from County Fife (?), Scotland (e. g., they were associated with a Dysart, an important Scottish name). (Note, however, that Capt. "Col" William Byars who d. 1865, married Elizabeth BEATY, Irish name of a pioneer Holston River family).

If William was indeed from Wiltshire in England, this would probably eliminate him as father of the Scotch-Irish David Byers family of Donegal Mills, who are reliably said to have been "from North Ireland" (or at least Capt/Judge John Byers is so said--see pg. 29). However William could well have been related to David of Donegal in some other manner, perhaps as a peripatetic brother, or father, of one of the related (?) Biers/Byers/Buyers lines of New Garden and/or East Nottingham twps. 1717-1740 (?)

Possibly, but unlikely (?), William may have been the progenitor of the John Byers family of Brandywine twp. (East Caln/Downingtown), 1741 (see pgs. 31-37), whose neighbors included several families bearing familiar Concord twp. names (n.b., MENDENHALL). One of Downingtown John's sons, probably

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the first-born, was named William, conceivably for his grandfather(?). We think Downingtown John Byers, who died 1767, was likely born ca. 1690, quite possibly in Pennsylvania, as his signature, while English, supposes limited schooling. (If educated abroad, we would expect better penmanship, as was the case with Capt/Judge John of Donegal, whose middle name, perhaps coincidentally, was William.) Downingtown John had difficulty in scribing his signature ("Bayers"? "Boyers"? "Buyors"?), although his sons and tax authorities, etc., had no such difficulty in signing their names "Byers". In this connection, it is reported in the Compendium of American Genealogy, pg. 278, that Hugh WILSON (1689-1773, son of Capt. Thomas who fought for King William in the Battle of the Boyne 1690), and of Ann BOYERS (sic., d. 1716), came from Ireland ca. 1730. Hugh married Sarah CRAIG, apparently abroad, ca. 1720. Since it can be shown that the Wilsons, Byers, and Craigs were related in America, this clue may suggest one way the Byers name could have been spelled abroad prior to 1690.

Suspected by another researcher as also a possible descendant (grandson?) of William Byers of Concordville is the David Byers who m. ca. 1745 Margaret Carson, daughter of Samuel Carson and Jane (PATTERSON) Carson of London Grove twp. (adjoining New Garden twp.), Chester County. David and Margaret, and by 1762 David's sister Sarah Byers and husband Samuel Porter, settled in the "Marsh Creek" area of York/Adams county, near Gettysburg, where David's first son William was b. 1747. (This is the same area where John Byers (sic), wife Elizabeth Byers-Byers-Byers, died 1799, and could suggest a sibling relationship.) David's younger brother William, wife Elizabeth Walton, migrated ca. 1758 to the James river country in Augusta County, Va., where there is a Byers Branch to the North River, vicinity of Burketown (see Mt. Sidney on a detailed map).

In 1764, David and Margeret leapfrogged William and Elizabeth in Virginia all the way to South Carolina, and within two years William and the Porters followed them. (Genealogy notes of Elmer Parker and Dr. Mel Meek, 3410 NW Oak, Lawton, OK)

The Carolinas, incidentally, are a principal locus for Clan Lindsay, USA, activities, further confirmation of the proved migration of many Byars/Byers families through the Shenandoah valley of Virginia to then unclaimed lands in North and South Carolina.

In the absense thus far of any solid clues to siblings of our John Byers of Toboyne, we consider it questionable, although possible, whether David, William, and Sarah of the above paragraph were in John of Toboyne's direct line, although almost certainly related. We speculate a birthdate of ca. 1720-3 for David and ca. 1724-7 for William and Sarah, compared to 1729 for John of Toboyne and an assumed death of

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ca. 1730 for James of New Garden.

For some charts of some hypothetical relationships, see pgs. 10-12.

Several Byars/Byers researchers are working on William as their possible New World progenitor. The problem will probably not be solved unless his Will or Bible can be found.

NATHANITES NITCHE  
SPARTANBURG COUNTY RECORDS  
Transcribed by MARJORIE TUCKER

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Writ in Debt.

*Spartanburgh District*

TO ALL AND SINGULAR THE SHERIFFS OF THE SAID STATE - Greeting:

YOU, and each of you, are hereby commanded, without delay, to attach the bodies of *Drury Byars and William Clark* the defendants whosoever found within your and each of your respective Districts, so that you compel said Defendant to be and appear before the Associate Judges of the said State, at the Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at *Spartanburgh Court House* in and for the District of *Spartanburgh* on the *Second Monday in April* next, to answer to *Nathan Byars, John Byars, Real Pltffs.* of a plea that Defendants render unto Plaintiff the sum of *One Hundred & Sixty One* dollars — cents, which to said Plaintiffs owe and from said Plaintiff unjustly detain to the damage of said Plaintiff *Three Hundred* dollars.

And have you there this Writ, before the Clerk of the said Court, fifteen days next before the sitting of the said Court.

WITNESS *J. Tapp* \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Esquire, Clerk, Court of Common Pleas, in and for the District aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, the *Twelfth* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty *Eight* and in the *Sixty Second* year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

*H.H. Thomson, Pltss Atty.*



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Declaration on Bond.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
Spartanburgh District.

To wit.

*Drury Byars and William Clark are attached to answer to Nathan Byars, John Byars, Real Plaintiffs of a plea that they render to them the sum of One Hundred & Sixty One Dollars which to them they owe & from them*

*— — — unjustly detain and so forth: Whereupon the said Plaintiff by H.H. Thomson, his attorney, complain that Whereas, the said Defendants on the Twenty Sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thirty Six at Spartanburgh Court-House, in the District and State aforesaid, by his certain writing, obligatory, commonly called a Bond, sealed with the seal of the said Drury Byars & William Clark acknowledged themselves to be held firmly bound unto the said Plaintiff in the aforesaid sum of One hundred & Sixty Dollars to be paid to the said Nathan Byars or bearer on or before the Twenty fifth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & thirty seven: Nevertheless the aforesaid Defendants although often required, the said sum of One hundred & Sixty Dollars have not as yet rendered, but the same to the said Plaintiffs have refused, and still refuse to render: Wherefore the said Plaintiff is injured, and has sustained damages to the value of Three hundred Dollars and therefore he bring suit, and so forth. And the said Plaintiff produced here in Court, the writing obligatory aforesaid, which testifies the debt aforesaid, in the form aforesaid; the date whereof is the day and year above written, and so forth.*

H.H. Thomson, Plffs Atty

*On or before the twenty fifth day of December Eighteen hundred & thirty seven we or either of us do promise to pay Nathan Byars or bearer the sum of One hundred and Seventy One Dollars with interest from the date for value Received of him. Witness our hands and Seals September 26<sup>th</sup> 1836.*

Attest: P. Quin Camp

Drury Byars

Ⓛs

William Clark

Ⓛs

Rec<sup>d</sup> of them all - then \$24 January the 5<sup>th</sup> 1838

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Fall TERM, 18 38

Judg. on Writ of Enq. Damage, ass'ed. by Clerk

AND now at this day, to wit, the ~~Last Monday after the fourth~~ Monday in *October* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *Thirty Eight* come the said *Nathaniel Byars, John Byars, real Plaintiffs*

the Plaintiff by *his* Attorney aforesaid, and pray/ that the said *Drury Byars & William Clark* the Defendant, to the declaration of *him* the said Plaintiff may answer; and the said defendant being solemnly called, come not, but make default, whereby the said Plaintiff remain thereof against *him* undefended. Wherefore it is considered by the Court now here, that the said Plaintiff ought to recover against the said Defendant the damages by *him* sustained by reason of the premises: But because it is unknown to the Court what those damages are:

*It is therefore Ordered*, That the same be referred to the Clerk of the said Clerk, to ascertain the sum actually due by the said Defendant to the said Plaintiff pursuant to the direction of the Act of the General Assembly of the said State, in such case made and provided; and the said Clerk thereupon having ascertained the same, and assessed the Damages of the said Plaintiff by reason of the premises, besides *his* costs and charges by *him* expended in and about prosecuting *his* suit in this behalf, to *One Hundred and seventy one Dollars & Interest from the 26<sup>th</sup> of September A.D. 1836*

*Therefore*, it is considered by the Court now here, that the said Plaintiff do recover against the said Defendant the damages so ascertained and assessed as aforesaid; and also for *his* costs and charges aforesaid, to *him* by the Court now here, with *his* assent adjudged; which said damages, costs and charges, in the whole, amount to

and be the said defendant in mercy, and so forth.

*H.H. Thomson*  
*Plffs Atty.*

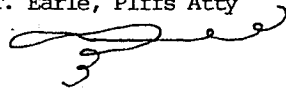
State of South Carolina    )  
                                                          ) To wit  
Spartanburgh District    )

JOSEPH PRICE and NATHAN BYARS were attached to answer to MOLLY TURNER, executrix and WILSON NESBITT, executor of the last will and testament of MATHIAS TURNER, deceased, in a plea of why they, the said Joseph and Nathan (seized) with force and arms one sorrel mare ( note - SORREL is a light bright chestnut horse often with white mane and tail - mst), one sorrel horse, colt, four cows and calves, two stears, one year old, three other year old, straw, four heiffers, one feather bed, one cupboard, and one clock, to the value of three hundred dollars, took, carried away and converted to thier own proper use and other wrongs and enomity to them did against the peace and dignity of this State to the great damage of the sail Molly & Wilson. Whereupon the said Molly and Wilson by J.T. EARLE, their attorney, complains that the said Joseph and Nathan on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen at Spartanburgh Court House in the District and State aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this court with force and arms (seized) one sorrel mare, one sorrel horse, colt, four cows and calves, two stears, one year old, three other year old stears, four heiffers, one feather bed, one cupboard, one Dow clock, of the value of three hundred dollars - found at Spartanburgh Court House in the District and state aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this court, took and carried

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away, they being the goods and chattles which were of and belonging to the estate of Mathias Turner, deceased, and other outrages then and there done against the peace and dignity of this state and to the great damage of the said Molly and Wilson - six hundred dollars and therefore they bring suit & so forth & the said Molly & Wilson produce now into court Plaintiff's testamentary which certifies their executorship aforesaid.

J.T. Earle, Plffs Atty



April Term 1820

THEREFORE it is commanded that the Sheriff of Spartanburgh District do summon Forty-Eight good and Lawfull men to be drawn by ballot according to the directions of the General Assembly of this State in such case made and provided, to be and appear before the Justices of the said State at the court of common Pleas to be holden at Spartanburgh court house on the Second Monday after the fourth Monday in March, inst.; by whom and so forth, and who neither and so forth to recognize and so forth, because as well and so forth and the same day is given to the parties aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, and afterwards to wit, on the day and at the place aforesaid, before the Justices aforesaid come as well as the said Joseph and Nathan by his attorney aforesaid as the said Molly and Wilson by his attorney aforesaid. And the Jurors aforesaid being demanded, some of them to wit: MOSES WILKINS, Foreman, LINSY WEST, WILLIAM GRIST, JESSE BROWN, THOMAS BROWN, WILLIAM BRANNON, SAMUEL TROLLINGER, JOSEPH SHIELD, RICHARD BERRY, ANTHONY SHANDS (?), DAVID DRUMMOND and DAVID FOWLER come, and being drawn by ballot according to the direction of the said atty of the General Assembly aforesaid and Sworn of the Jury aforesaid to say the truth of the within contained, do on their oaths say that the said Joseph and Nathan are not Guilty of the premises as the said Molly and Wilson have above thereof declared against them, therefore it is considered that the said Molly and Wilson take Nothing by their action aforesaid against the said Joseph and Nathan, but that they go thereof without delay (?) and so forth and it is further considered that the said Joseph and Nathan do recover against the said Molly and Wilson the sum of Ninety Dollars and Fifty two cents and 6 mills for their costs and charges by them, in and about defending themselves in their behalf expended, to them, with their assent, by the court have adjudged and be the said Molly and Wilson (?) Mercy and so forth.

Gist & Roddy

Bill of costs

|                  |            |         |         |
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| Defts Atty       | appearance | \$ 4:29 |         |
| Plea & Issue     |            | 3:75    |         |
| 6 Sub Writs      |            | 6:44    | 6       |
| Arguments        |            | 5:36    |         |
| Posted etc.      |            | 2:14    |         |
| Exon (Execution) |            | 1:29    |         |
| Cash to Jury     |            | 1:00    |         |
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| Clerks cost      |            | 8:25    |         |
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Witnesses

|                 |          |            |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| Isaac Williams  | \$ 9:93  |            |
| John Wood       | 8:93     |            |
| Thomas Byers    | 9:93     |            |
| Joshua Richards | 2:31     |            |
| Russell Price   | 9:93     |            |
| Mathew Guttsy   | 8:93     |            |
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| Joshua Richards | 4:00     |            |
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Examined & Allowed

E. Bomar  
C.C.C.P.



South Carolina            )  
                                  )  
Spartanburgh District    )

Whereas a trial has been had before the ordinary of the District aforesaid, to wit on the 17th August 1818, to ascertain whether JOHN TURNER, dec'd. was of sound & disposing mind & memory when he executed his last will and testament; and whereas this Ordinary aforesaid decided & adjudged that the JOHN TURNER was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time he executed his said will & testament & from this decision <sup>Mary & WILSON NESBITT, executors</sup> ~~REBECCA TURNER admr~~, of the estate of former MATHIAS ~~the said JOHN TURNER~~ appeal to the Court of Common Pleas to have said decision reversed - First Because she says the said ordinary had no power or authority to decide upon the said soundness of the mind of the said JOHN TURNER on the said 17th August 1818 inasmuch as the said ordinary had before that time to wit, on the 5th day of July 1813 decided & adjudged that the said JOHN TURNER was not of sound & disposing mind & memory, from which decision there was no appeal within forty days after it was pronounced - And Secondly Because she says that the said JOHN TURNER at the time of executing the said paper purporting to be his last will and testament was not of Sound mind & memory; and she is ready to verify \_\_\_\_\_

J.T. EARLE, Counsel for Appellant

SPARTANBURG CO. SC, CONTINUED

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Fi Fa. in Debt.

TO ALL AND SINGULAR THE SHERIFFS OF THE SAID STATE--GREETING.

YOU, and each of you, are hereby commanded  
without delay, that of the Goods and Chattels, Houses, Lands and other  
Hereditaments and Real Estates of *Drury Byars & William Clark*

you cause to be levied  
a certain debt of

which *Nathan Byars, & John Byars real Plaintiff*

in the Court of Common Pleas, before the Judges of the said State, at  
*Spartanburgh Court House* lately recovered against the said

*Drury Byars and William Clark*

And also, the sum of *One hundred and Ninety dollars* awarded to the said  
*J. Tapp, Clk.* for his damages, which he sustained, as well by reason  
of the detention of said debt, as for his Costs and Charges by him  
expended in and about prosecuting his suit in that behalf, whereof the  
said *Drury Byars & W<sup>m</sup> Clark* are convicted as appears on record. And that  
you have the said Monies before the said Judges at the Court of Common  
Pleas, to be holden at *Spartanburgh* on the *Second* Monday after the  
fourth Monday in *March* next, to render to the said *Nathan Byars, John  
Byars real Plaintiff* for his debt and damages aforesaid. And have you  
there this Writ, before the Clerk of the said Court, fifteen days next  
before the sitting of the said Court.

WITNESS *J. Tapp* Esquire, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, in  
and for the District of *Spartanburgh* at *Spartanburgh* the  
*fourth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and *thirty Eight* and in the *sixty third* year  
of the Sovereignty and independence of the United States of America.

*H.H. Thomson*, Plaintiff's Attorney.

ANCESTOR CHART of SARAH BYERS WILLIAMS

From NANCY C. PUCKETT, P.O. Bx 813, Morganton, NC 28655

Editors Note: The following chart was sent with an enquiry  
regarding the Enquirer. Nancy C. Puckett, is a friend of Mrs. Sarah  
Byers Williams and appears to be helping her with her genealogy. I  
could not pass up publishing this when I saw the names on it. Some  
one will surely want to make contact. Just look at the multiple lines.

Males are even numbers, female odd numbers. Double the number for  
the parents.

1. SARAH ROSALIND BYERS, b 19 Oct 1906, Caroleen, Rutherford  
Co., NC. md JAMES CLIFTON WILLIAMS
2. JOSEPH CHIVOUS BYERS, b 6-26-1883 d 4-26-1927.
3. OLLIE MAE WEBB b 5-12-1881 d 11-12-1912, Rutherford Co. NC
4. JOHN JAMES (DOCK) BYERS b 12-29-1857 d 12-2-1905.
5. ROSELINE R. SMART b 1-10-1863 d 8-21-1898.
6. JAMES TAYLER (sic) WEBB b 5-14-1848 d 11-16-1883 m 3-23-1876.

ANCESTOR CHART, CONTINUED

7. SARAH MARTHA BLANTON b 11-28-1858 d 5-19-1899.
8. BURWELL BENSON BYERS b 2-3-1828 d 8-24-1898 md 4-2-1856.
9. MARY BLANTON b 5-13-1827 d 6-14-1900.
10. WILLIAM AMBRISTER SMART.
11. LOUISE HOLLIFIELD.
12. CHARLES C. WEBB
13. MARY A. BLANTON b 3-26-1825 d 11-23-1880
14. ELIJAH BLANTON b 12-16-1823 d 2-11-1884
15. NANCY HARRILL
16. JOSEPH BYERS b 6-7-1792 d 7-27-1813
17. NANCY BLANTON b 2-11-1792.
18. JOHN BLANTON.
19. REBECCA HUGHES
22. ??(LEE)
23. NANCY HOLLIFIELD
28. JEREMIAH BLANTON b 12-7-1772 d 12-24-1872 m 2-22-1798.
29. SARAH WOMACK b 8-10-1782 d 1-29-1858
34. BURWELL BENSON BLANTON 1762-1861
35. MARGARET (PHEOBIE) BRIDGES
36. BURWELL BENSON BLANTON 1762-1861
37. MARGARET (PHEOBIE) BRIDGES
38. WILLIAM HUGHES 1750-1833.
39. NANCY BOWERS d 1833.
68. GEORGE BLANTON
69. ELVIRA LEE.
72. GEORGE BLANTON
73. ELVIRA LEE.

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BAKER - BYERS CONNECTION

From 41B ANNE GARWOOD, Rt 1 Bx 445, Pleasant Lake, IN 46779  
The Report, Vol.X, No.1, 1970, Spring Issue, pub. Ohio Gen. Soc. pp  
 15-16: THE BAKER FAMILY: Contributed by Irene Walker, R.D. 1 Dover,  
 OH 44622; Begins with HENRY BAKER(BAIECKER) Sr. b Hesse-Cassel,  
 German 24 Jan 1753. His son HENRY BAKER Jr. b Somerset Co. PA 1795  
 md 1st ANNA MIDDAUGH, 2nd BARBARA MILLER, 3rd CATHERINE DIETZ.  
 Henry's son EPHRIAM BAKER md CATHERINE BYERS. Anne would like to  
 know who's family Catherine belongs to.

[And Anne, my THOMAS PRICE fought RW SC, settled in Barnwell Co., md  
 SARAH ?\_\_\_? beyond that ? I come through his only proven son WILLIS  
 PRICE who md ELIZABETH ?\_\_\_? Have any connection to yours?cbh]

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FROM our CANADIAN COUSIN

HUGH SAVILLE, 1921 Leyns Rd. Victoria, B.C. V8N 2Z9, has been trying  
 to find time to contact us since we started publication. He has  
 been to Ballyjamesduff, County Craven, Ireland and met a Byers  
 family that farmed a few miles from the village. While they were  
 unaware of any branch of the Byers family in Canada, when he showed  
 them names of several Ontario Byers families, they were surprised at  
 the number of Christian names that are in common usage among the  
 Byers they know. The Irish family told him the Byers' had come from  
 the Scottish Lowlands to become tenants on the estates of Lord

CANADIAN COUSIN, CONTINUED

Farnham who was given land grants in the Ballyjamesduff (Ballyduff by locals) area. Lord Farnham was ROBERT MAXWELL. Hugh sends family sheets and other data which will be published as space permits. He says he received some info from Lt. Col. JOHN BYERS, Oropi Rd. R.D.3, Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand. His father inherited land in Ballyjamesduff, County Craven Ireland, but John left home at age 18 to join the British Army. He is now retired and living in New Zealand. Anyone interested in the areas described may want to correspond with these two gentlemen. And wouldn't you know it, Hugh's great grandfather was none other than a WILLIAM BYERS.

WILLIAM BYERS & MARY ELIZABETH FISHER

WILLIAM BYERS b 10 Jun 1838 (Census indicates both Ireland and Canada, older siblings b Ireland). d 20 Sep 1918, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, buried Union Cemetery, Oshawa. md 27 March 1867 or 1871, Clarke Twp, Durham Co. Ontario, Canada. MARY ELIZABETH FISHER. WILLIAM s/o JOSEPH BYERS and MARY ANN ? \_\_\_\_\_? MARY ELIZABETH FISHER d/o NEWBURY & LAVINA FISHER b 18 Feb 1842, Niagara Co. NY, d 30 Aug 1884, Durham Co. Ontario.

Children:

1. WILLIAM HENRY BYERS b 4 Feb 1868 Clarke Twp, Durham Co. Ont. md ANNIE CLINE at Niagara Falls, NY.
2. MARY LAVINA (MINNIE) BYERS b 6 Jan 1872, Manvers Twp, Durham Co. Ont. md ALBERT WRIGHT.
3. ROBERT DAVID BYERS b 10 Dec 1874 Manvers Twp, Durham Co. Ont d 30 Nov. 1911. md MARY EMMA SOPHIA SAWDON.
- 4.\* JULIA ANN BYERS b 10 Sep 1876 Manvers Twp, Durham Co. Ong d 26 Mar 1946., md 7 Jun 1898, WILLIAM JOHN LYND.

\* Julia Ann Byers is Hugh's grandmother.

SOURCES: Federal Census for Durham Co., Ont. for 1842, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881: Marriage Certificate for Wm. Byers and Mary Fisher indicated the marriage was 27 Mar 1871, but the Byers Family Bible gives the date as Mar 27, 1867. The Bible has Wm. Byers Sr's birth as 1 Apr 1838. Birth certificates were rec'd for (3) Robert and (4) Julia, and the birth dates of all four children were recorded in the Family Bible along with the marriage of WM & Mary and Mary's date of death. Death Certificate for WILLIAM BYERS was also rec'd. WM. Byers Jr., reportedly d in Mobile, AL (not confirmed).

Editors note: It is not difficult to figure out why the family Bible shows an earlier marriage date-hard to accept maybe-but not hard to understand. The family Bible recorder probably thought the Bible record would never be questioned. How shocked they would be to know how things are today. These "little shockers" must be accepted, recorded and forgotten. Perhaps there was no preacher in the area of Canada where they lived and they just waited until they could get to town.

MORE IRISH RECORDS TO COME, THANKS TO HUGH.

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| ARMSTRONG,<br>PHILIP 32,33                          | JOSIAH 38                                                   | GORDON, JAMES 36                             | PYLE, NICHOLAS 49,50          |
| ASH, JOHN 46                                        | JULIA 36,45,59                                              | GRAY, MARTHA 37                              | HOWARD 49                     |
| BAKER, EPHIRIAM 58<br>HENRY 58                      | L.L. 37                                                     | GRIBBLE, JOHN 36                             | QUARLES, WILSON 40            |
| BARKER, BENJ 41                                     | LARKIN(G) 38,41                                             | GRIST, WILLIAM 55                            | REDFORD, WM 37                |
| BATES, ELIZABETH 37                                 | LAVINA 33                                                   | GUY, THOMAS 41                               | REEDER, NANCY 36              |
| BEATY, ELIZABETH 50                                 | M.A. 37                                                     | GUTTSY, MATHEW 56                            | RICHARDS, JOSHUA 56           |
| BELL, GEO 40,45,46                                  | MAGGIE 37                                                   | HAMILTON, MARGARET 34                        | RICKETS, WM. H. 37            |
| BERRY, RICHARD 55                                   | MARTHA 36                                                   | HARDGORVE, RACHAEL 33                        | ROBERTS, JAMES 35             |
| BINGHAM, ELIZA 37                                   | MARY 36,38,40,59                                            | HARGET, THOS 41                              | REUBEN 40                     |
| BLAIR, Jr. 40                                       | MATHIAS 38                                                  | HARRILL, NANCY 58                            | SUSAN 34                      |
| ELIZABETH 40                                        | MATTHEW 50                                                  | HARVEY, POLLY 36                             | ROEHL, LORENA 37              |
| JANE 40                                             | MILTON 37                                                   | HATTER, MARTHA 37                            | ROLAND, MARTHA 37             |
| MARY 40                                             | MOLLE 36                                                    | HAYS, DOROTHY 35                             | SAFLEY, AMERICA 36            |
| BLAKELY, BETSY 40                                   | NANNIE 36                                                   | HEDGES, JOSIAH 35                            | SALLIS, JOHN 43               |
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| ELIJAH 58                                           | NIMROD 37                                                   | MARGARET 37                                  | SANDOWN, MARY 59              |
| GEORGE 58                                           | OBADIAH 38,40                                               | SUSAN 37                                     | SAWTELL, DOROTHY 32,34        |
| JEREMIAH 58                                         | OZIAS D. 36                                                 | HOLLIFIELD, LOUISE 58                        | SHAFER, ELIZABETH 32,33       |
| JOHN 58                                             | PEARL 44                                                    | NANCY 58                                     | SOPHIA 32                     |
| MARY 58                                             | PETER 33,38                                                 | HOVEN, RACHEL 37                             | WILLIAM 32                    |
| NANCY 58                                            | RAYMOND 44                                                  | HUGHES, REBECCA 58                           | SHANDS, ANTHONY 55            |
| SARAH 58                                            | RICHARD 38                                                  | WILLIAM 58                                   | SHANNON, MARGARET 34          |
| BOGG, ELIZABETH 35                                  | ROBERT 33,37,59                                             | HULME, FRANCES 37                            | SHIELD, JOSEPH 55             |
| WILLIAM 35                                          | ROLING 38                                                   | JENKINS, THOMAS 41                           | SHORT, SILAS 37               |
| BOMAR, E. 56                                        | ROLLONG 41                                                  | JEWELL, LENA 37                              | SHORY, ANTHONY 46             |
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| BRANDON, THOMAS 43                                  | SARAH 36,37,51,57                                           | STERLING 35                                  | SMITH, ADELINE 36             |
| BRANNON, WILLIAM 55                                 | STEVE 32,33                                                 | KING, JAMES 40                               | JOSIE 36                      |
| BRATTEN, HENRY 36                                   | STONEMALL 36                                                | KNOW, TERRIE 32                              | ROSANNA 40                    |
| BREEZE, WILLIAM 40                                  | STRASSIE 44                                                 | LAWSTON, THOMAS 35                           | STATAIME, 41                  |
| BRIDGES, MARGARET 58                                | SUSANNA 45                                                  | LAYME, JOS 41                                | STUART, FRANCIS 40            |
| BROWN, JESSIE 55                                    | THOMAS 32,34,38,56                                          | LEE, ELVIRA 58                               | TAYLOR, NANCY 33              |
| JOSIE 36                                            | THURLO 42                                                   | LOGAN, JAMES 47                              | THACHER, PLESANT 36           |
| THOMAS 55                                           | W.A. 37                                                     | JOHN 47                                      | THOMAS, H.H. 52,53,54,57      |
| BURRUS, CHAS 41                                     | W.H. 36                                                     | LONG, WILLIAM 40                             | THOMPSON, JOHN 40             |
| BYARS-ALL VARIANTS                                  | W.R. 37                                                     | LOW, EZEKIEL 36                              | TITSWORTH, JOHN 36            |
| ADAM 38                                             | WILLIAM 33,36,37,38<br>40,44,45,46,47,48,<br>49,50,51,52,59 | LYND, WILLIAM 59                             | THOMAS 36                     |
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| BENEDICT 38                                         | SAMUEL 51                                                   | MALJAGAN, WILLIAM 46                         | VOGEL, EUGENIA 32,33          |
| BERNARD 34                                          | CARTHEL, EMILY 37                                           | MALUGIN, HARRIETT 37                         | WALKER, SAMUEL 40             |
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| BLAER 38                                            | CAVANAUGH, KAREN 33                                         | MASON, JAMES 36                              | WARDELL, JAMES 37             |
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| CHRISTIAN 38                                        | COCKRON, ROBERT 35                                          | MIDDAUGH, ANNA 58                            | WEST, LINSY 55                |
| CONROD 38                                           | COINER, JACOB 40                                            | MILLER, BARBARA 58                           | WHITLOCK, S.M. 36             |
| DANIEL 38                                           | COLEMAN, JNO 41                                             | MINCY, MARY 36                               | WILKINS, MOSES 55             |
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| FRANCIS 37                                          | DUNCAN, GEO 41                                              | NUNNELLEE, AMERICA 37                        | WRIGHT, ALBERT 59             |
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| J.A. 36                                             | FERGUSON, MARGARET 47                                       | PATTERSON, JANE 51                           | ZWINGLE, SARAH 36             |
| JACOB 38                                            | FISHER, LAVINA 59                                           | PERKINS, CALEB 48                            |                               |
| JAMES 37,38,41,46                                   | MARY 59                                                     | PHIPPS, JOSEPH 48                            |                               |
| JANE 36                                             | NEWBURY 59                                                  | PORTER, SAMUEL 51                            |                               |
| JEREMIAH 38                                         | FOWLER, DAVID 55                                            | POTTER, HELEN 36                             |                               |
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FROM the EDITOR

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At our house we are doing a lot of being thankful, and keeping our fingers crossed. Our son had surgery on July 7, is at home in a back brace, which he will have to wear for at least six months. He is up and around some, but don't have full use of his leg yet. According to the Dr. it may take a year or more before he is fully recovered.

The notes I received from some of my "thoughtful" friends really were appreciated.

I'm still on the road a lot going back and forth to help, which has left me little time to focus completely on genealogy. But hopefully things will be back to normal soon, and I'll be able to dig up some data on areas we have not touched on yet.

*CBH*

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It's exciting to see our numbers grow. We welcome each one to our group with open arms. You are encouraged to submit queries, family sheets and other material for publication.

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|       | GIVEN NAME           | COUNTY      | DEATH DATE | CERTIFICATE # |
|-------|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| BYAR  | ANDERSON W.          | Tarrant     | 10-3-37    | 52372         |
|       | CLARK                | Harris      | 4-18-30    | 19102         |
|       | JOE                  | Kerr        | 4-24-25    | 14953         |
| BYARS | (unknown) Inf.       | Fannin      | 11-11-08   | 26967         |
|       | AGNES DONLEY         | McClennan   | 11-15-33   | 51795         |
|       | ALDA LAVERNE         | Wheeler     | 11-19-22   | 32991         |
|       | ALVIN FRANKLIN       | Wilbarger   | 1-9-22     | 3222          |
|       | ANNA JOE             | Wilbarger   | 10-8-30    | 51066         |
|       | ANNIE                | Harris      | 6-14-33    | 28135         |
|       | ANNIE                | Hunt        | 3-13-16    | 7269          |
|       | ANNIE ELIZABETH      | Haskell     | 11-9-17    | 31625         |
|       | ARTHUR J.            | Hopkins     | 2-23-39    | 8432          |
|       | B.T.                 | Parker      | 4-2-16     | 10190         |
|       | BERTIE BELL, Mrs.    | Dallas      | 10-19-40   | 45110         |
|       | BROOKS               | Lamar       | 12-20-33   | 56459         |
|       | C.G.                 | Houston     | 10-21-28   | 44275         |
|       | CLABORN              | Galveston   | 6-20-29    | 30432         |
|       | CLARENCE EDWARD      | Coryell     | 12-30-36   | 72251         |
|       | CLAUDE FRANKLIN, Jr. | Harris      | 9-9-36     | 45455         |
|       | CLORIS GUILD         | Bexar       | 2-18-33    | 6294          |
|       | CORA MAY             | Wheeler     | 12-22-34   | 57445         |
|       | CURTIS               | Ft. Bend    | 2-24-29    | 10186         |
|       | DANIEL               | Nacogdoches | 5-28-31    | 59416         |
|       | *DANIEL WEBSTER      | Nacogdoches | 5-8-19     | 16785         |
|       | DAVID                | Tarrant     | 7-16-24    | 24691         |
|       | DAVID                | Harris      | 3-5-26     | 10296         |
|       | DELIA                | Parker      | 7-3-25     | 26984         |
|       | DONALD LEE           | Wilbarger   | 8-25-29    | 42881         |
|       | DORA VIVIAN          | Tarrant     | 8-13-32    | 36189         |
|       | DOROTHY DEAN         | Travis      | 4-17-27    | 14350         |
|       | E.W., Mrs.           | Hale        | 4-20-28    | 16685         |
|       | ELLA                 | Bastrop     | 11-8-03    | 715           |
|       | ELLA                 | Harris      | 5-24-38    | 23430         |
|       | EMILINE J.           | Collin      | 7-7-05     | 12715         |
|       | EMILY                | Colorado    | 5-7-10     | 3180          |
|       | EMILY D.             | Blanco      | 1-1-36     | 70837         |

\*Editors Great Grandfather

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| BYARS EMMA OCTAVIA | Colorado  | 5-15-18    | 19895         |
| EMMETT M.          | McLennan  | 1-23-37    | 4107          |
| EDWARD             | Wichita   | 12-23-31   | 58919         |
| EULA MAY           | Hall      | 4-4-20     | 13877         |
| FERRELL            | Jackson   | 3-5-18     | 12653         |
| FLORENCE           | McLennan  | 1-21-17    | 2481          |
| **FLORENCE         | Nolan     | 1-25-36    | 4359          |
| FLOSSIE DOLL       | Wheeler   | 12-8-34    | 57446         |
| FRANK, Inf. of     | Bexar     | 3-26-23    | 7347          |
| FRANK, Inf. of     | Collin    | 5-22-30    | 22766         |
| FRED               | Harris    | 5-23-33    | 23340         |
| GEORGE             | Harris    | 11-16-28   | 48284         |
| GEORGE             | DeWitt    | 6-9-14     | 12026         |
| GEORGE ANSON       | Johnson   | 12-6-27    | 41388         |
| GEORGE NATHANIEL   | Johnson   | 9-15-33    | 42141         |
| GERTRUDE           | Austin    | 6-12-37    | 29246         |
| GERTRUDE           | Harris    | 6-7-37     | 31395         |
| GLENN EDWARD       | Nueces    | 11-28-33   | 52046         |
| GRACE ANN          | Colorado  | 4-13-40    | 18077         |
| GRACE B., Mrs.     | Tom Green | 12-13-38   | 58082         |
| H.R., Inf of       | Harris    | 6-1-24     | 20146         |
| HARREL G.          | Lamb      | 4-4-36     | 21740         |
| HATTIE T.          | Harris    | 3-15-32    | 11911         |
| HAZEL PAULINE      | Wilbarger | 8-11-29    | 42879         |
| HENRY R.           | Harris    | 12-2-19    | 35571         |
| HENRY R.           | Wilbarger | 7-24-28    | 33164         |
| HERBERT L., Jr.    | Lamar     | 11-21-14   | 22876         |
| J. DORRANCE JOSEPH | Lubbock   | 11-12-36   | 56008         |
| J.H., Mrs.         | Tarrant   | 4-16-34    | 19901         |
| J.H., Inf. of      | Hidalgo   | 2-18-21    | 4873          |
| J.L., Mrs.         | Hale      | 11-23-30   | 53216         |
| JAMES              | Travis    | 9-15-30    | 46257         |
| JAMES ALBERT       | Randall   | 12-4-22    | 35466         |
| JAMES E.           | Ellis     | 6-14-14    | 12042         |
| JAMES EDWARD       | Brazos    | 3-19-38    | 11475         |
| JAMES PERRY        | Dallas    | 12-30-36   | 59005         |
| JESSIE             | Harris    | 5-15-21    | 14111         |
| JOE, Inf Of        | Colorado  | 2-11-11    | 2937          |
| JOHN               | Ft. Bend  | 11-24-34   | 49194         |
| JOHN ALLEN         | Johnson   | 1-1-22     | 2111          |
| JOHN R.            | Collin    | 10-8-35    | 45572         |
| **JOLENE           | Nolan     | 1-25-36    | 4360          |
| JOSEPH             | Lavaca    | 3-15-34    | 14057         |
| JOSEPH CARTHEL III | El Paso   | 12-23-24   | 38460         |
| JOSEPH OSBORNE     | Hale      | 12-1-39    | 55347         |
| JOSEPH RICHMAN     | Brown     | 3-29-28    | 10062         |
| JOSEPH W.          | McLennan  | 3-25-39    | 14584         |
| JOSEPHINE          | Brown     | 12-28-37   | 58760         |
| JOUCE LUCILE       | Ellis     | 12-22-24   | 38322         |
| LAFFETTE           | Robertson | 8-3-13     | 18992         |

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| BYARS, LANCY REBECKER     | Wood       | 3-19-35    | 16590         |
| LEB                       | Austin     | 11-3-40    | 48656         |
| LESLIE LEONARD            | DeWitt     | 9-23-36    | 44714         |
| LON L., Jr.               | Wilbarger  | 8-3-27     | 29066         |
| LORAINÉ                   | Jefferson  | 1-18-29    | 49825         |
| LOUIS                     | Harris     | 3-23-29    | 16141         |
| LUCILE                    | Wheeler    | 2-18-20    | 8572          |
| LUELLE                    | Harris     | 8-5-27     | 27224         |
| LUERETIA ANN <u>BAUUS</u> | Parker     | 10-5-38    | 47411         |
| M.M. Mrs.                 | Callahan   | 5-19-32    | 20085         |
| MABEL                     | Tarrant    | 3-23-21    | 8889          |
| MARIA                     | Colorado   | 12-21-38   | 54300         |
| MARTHA O.                 | Bexar      | 12-23-29   | 57034         |
| MATELENE                  | Hunt       | 12-19-33   | 56098         |
| MARY                      | Wilbarger  | 7-29-37    | 39043         |
| MARY A.                   | Bexar      | 4-24-26    | 12952         |
| MARY ELIZABETH            | Palo Pinto | 12-26-27   | 41979         |
| MARY FRANCES              | McLennan   | 11-2-36    | 56158         |
| MARY L.                   | Lubbock    | 12-28-25   | 44210         |
| MARY M., Mrs.             | Parker     | 4-13-39    | 20116         |
| MELINDA                   | Harris     | 4-1-33     | 18383         |
| MELVINA                   | Travis     | 2-8-30     | 10707         |
| MINERVA OPHELIA           | Hill       | 1-12-17    | 2059          |
| MOLLIE                    | Jefferson  | 2-25-10    | 3181          |
| NANCY LOUISE              | Wheeler    | 5-17-33    | 25587         |
| O.R.                      | Tarrant    | 2-14-34    | 9757          |
| OLLIE LANDRUM             | Polk       | 12-28-37   | 52454         |
| R.F.                      | Harris     | 10-23-36   | 50055         |
| R.J.                      | Bexar      | 7-27-30    | 32828         |
| R.J.                      | Tarrant    | 1-16-30    | 5065          |
| RADIE                     | Colorado   | 5-6-11     | 10266         |
| ROBERT                    | Harris     | 3-15-39    | 13372         |
| RODNEY E.                 | Colorado   | 6-20-10    | 3182          |
| ROSIE                     | Bexar      | 5-27-23    | 14274         |
| ROSIE                     | Tarrant    | 1-30-27    | 3356          |
| ROY VINSON                | Brown      | 9-2-34     | 39765         |
| S.C.                      | DeWitt     | 5-25-13    | 10342         |
| SAM JONES                 | Smith      | 6-3-37     | 33388         |
| SAMUEL                    | Harris     | 12-17-27   | 40816         |
| SAMUEL ADAM, Jr.          | Brazos     | 4-30-25    | 13001         |
| SARAH                     | Ft. Bend   | 12-25-36   | 59529         |
| SARAH S.                  | Bexar      | 3-13-22    | 6654          |
| SHARON LA DON             | Wichita    | 3-23-39    | 16180         |
| SOPHIA, Mrs.              | Waller     | 7-2-12     | 18729         |
| STANLEY                   | Bexar      | 9-26-39    | 40484         |
| SUSSIE ELIZABETH          | Hall       | 9-14-20    | 29318         |
| TAYLOR                    | Austin     | 6-3-39     | 26260         |
| THELMA GERTRUDE           | Hunt       | 9-9-34     | 41508         |
| THOMAS, Inf. of           | Ellis      | 12-1-19    | 34932         |
| TOBY WELDALEN             | Palo Pinto | 8-30-38    | 38756         |
| VAN                       | Colorado   | 12-2-22    | 33682         |

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TEXAS DEATH RECORDS 1903-1940, CONTINUED

| GIVEN NAME           | COUNTY      | DEATH DATE | CERTIFICATE # |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| BYARS, W.L.          | Parker      | 5-16-30    | 25741         |
| WALLACE M.           | Wilbarger   | 9-8-24     | 30961         |
| WALTER P.            | Nacogdoches | 1-12-38    | 4101          |
| WILLIAM E.           | Blanco      | 3-26-25    | 9093          |
| WILLIAM HOWARD       | Tarrant     | 10-8-36    | 51977         |
| BYARSE, PATE         | El Paso     | 11-20-31   | 51103         |
| BYAS, ALBERT LEONARD | Hidalgo     | 4-24-31    | 59586         |
| ALENE ELIZABETH      | El Paso     | 5-15-17    | 12969         |
| ALMA B., Mrs.        | El Paso     | 7-10-17    | 18768         |
| ALPHA GENEVA         | Lamar       | 1-10-30    | 3895          |
| ANDREW JACKSON       | Tarrant     | 9-12-28    | 41285         |
| ASPASIA ANN          | Hidalgo     | 6-23-37    | 31936         |
| C.                   | Parker      | 4-6-15     | 8615          |
| CHARLES CONWEY       | Wichita     | 4-27-39    | 21114         |
| D.C., Mrs.           | Tarrant     | 2-6-15     | 4091          |
| HAMMOND              | Austin      | 11-26-18   | 47173         |
| HENRY                | Austin      | 8-25-27    | 25587         |
| JAMES WALKER         | Tarrant     | 11-24-30   | 55418         |
| JEWEL                | McLennan    | 7-24-26    | 25999         |
| JOANNE               | Tarrant     | 12-26-22   | 35702         |

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ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS & COMMENTS

From: 72B-ALDEN BYERS, 200 E. Racquet Club #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Vol.III, #2, pg 38:

The DAVID BYERS of Augusta Co. VA.(1787 VA Tax Roll) was the DAVID BYERS III, s/o DAVID II and g s/o DAVID I of Donegal Mills, Lancaster Co. PA. DAR records, plus Cumberland/York/Adams Co's records clearly prove this.

Vol.III, #2, pg 40:

Of greater interest are the gleanings on pg 40 anent JOSEPH BYERS, contributed by SHARON CLARK. This Joseph was s/o SAMUEL BYERS of Chester Co.,PA., vicinity of Downingtown, who d. 1796-7 leaving a paltry 20 shillings to his son Joseph, who according to Virginia researchers was not of sterling character. Be that as it may, we now have the names of two of Joseph's wives: ELIZABETH BLAIR & ELIZABETH BLAKELY. If the citation from pg 316 [Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlements in Virginia] is not a miss-print, Joseph must have had yet a previous wife, because he m. Elizabeth Blair in 1791, whereas his daughter Mary (per the citation) m. JACOB COINER in 1795. Fast work. Actually, maybe this MARY BYERS was the d/o DAVID III BYERS (?) not Joseph. David III had m. ROSANNAH COINER (KOYNER) ca., 1782, about right for a daughter Mary to marry one of Rosannah's cousins. Note that ELIZABETH BYERS, d/o David III, m JOHN DAUGHERTY in 1798.

Joseph's grandfather was JOHN BYERS of Downingtown, who d 1767. John goes back at least to 1741 in Chester Co.[PA], and is a likely candidate for a s/o WILLIAM BYERS of Concord, 1683.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS & COMMENTS, CONTINUED

Vol.III, No.2, pg 46.

JAMES BYRES in S.C., 1703 is very interesting.[data from George Bell] This needs close attention as the spelling is right for the de Byres of Scotland, and the date is 20 years before the Scotch-Irish influx. This James COULD be the James of the Darien Scheme, or a descendant from the Jamestown Colony!

From: 52B-THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121

Vol.III, No.2 pg 51 [Toward end of second paragraph: Byers in Pennsylvania by ALDEN BYERS] "David's younger brother, William, wife of ELIZABETH WALTON, migrated ca 1758 to the James River country in Augusta Co., VA. where there is a Byers Branch to the North River, vicinity of Burketown (see Mt. Sidney on a detailed map)."

That WILLIAM BYERS did not live in the Mt. Sidney area, but was farther south in the Natural Bridge area. (See B/B Enq. Vol.III, No. 1, pg 21.

The land owner in the Mt. Sidney area was SAMUEL C. BYERS (1794 - 1860) who md NANCY PATTERSON, the d/o JAMES CRAIG PATTERSON and JANE CRAIG. Samuel C. Byers was s/o JOSEPH BYERS and ELIZABETH BLAIR. (See Vol.III, No.2 pg 40...notes from SHARON CLARK, taken from LYMAN CHALKLEY's, Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlements in VA. He was the Joseph mentioned several times.) Other Byers' in that area were DAVID, JOHN, JAMES, the brother of Samuel C and Old Joseph who is buried in the Tinkling Springs Cemetery near Waynesboro and his head stone reads: In memory of JOSEPH BARRS (BYERS) who departed this life August the 21st 1810 in the 85th year of his age.

Vol.II, No.4, pg 125:

WILLIAM W. BYERS, Pvt. Co.I, 13th Reg't, Texas CSA. This was WILLIAM WALLACE BYERS, s/o WILLIAM WALTON BYERS. Correction courtesy ELMER O. PARKER.

From: 22B-Dr. MEL MEEK, 3410 N.W. Oak, Lawton, OK 73505

"I retired (again) on 1 June; this time for good....Bought a fancy new Smith-Corona typewriter, also a Word Processor that connects to it. [Sounds like mine Dr. Mel, and it looks like your doing great on it. Once you master it, you'll wonder how you ever managed to do with out it, and you'll also wonder why you didn't go ahead and get a computer. I'm told if you can operate a WP you can manage a computer. Now I'm wishing I had gone to the computer when I went to W.P.]. Enjoyed the June issue of the "Enquirer" especially pp 42-43...Thanks for the nice write-up. ...The article by ALDEN BYERS is most interesting. Maybe, someday, we can get it straightened out..."

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LINEAGE of 106B-GERALD R. STEFFY

6206 N. Hamilton Rd. Peoria, IL 61614

- I. HENRY BYERS & PEGGY GENTRY
- II. Capt. JOHN BYERS (1734-1781 RW Soldier) & ELIZABETH THOMPSON (1735-1810). [Thompson spelled variously THOMASON/THOMASSON]

LINEAGE of GERALD STEFFY, CONTINUED

- III. JOHN BYERS (1764-1819 & NANCY AGNES BOWEN (1772-1845).
- IV. DAVID WAMPLER (1798-1862) & JANE BYARS (1810-1899).
- V. JOHN STEFFY (1812-1908) & ANN ELIZA. WAMPLER (1831-1915).
- VI. HENRY KELLY STEFFY (1865-1946) & EMMA JANE WATSON (1878-1940).
- VII. RICHARD RAYMOND STEFFY (1902-1985) & EMMA MARIE YOUNG (1905-1986).
- VII. GERALD RAY STEFFY (1932- ) md. BETTY LOU HOXSEY (1933- )

Editors Note: Gerald, there has been some info published on your line. However, not ALL of it appears to have good documentation. Others that are working on these are: NELL EMMICK, 901 E. Bendix Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283; MARY LOUISE BIXBY, 2141 E. Vine Ave. West Covina, CA 91791; DOROTHY TODD, 11533 Pine Cone Ct., Reston, VA 22091 (they are not members of our group) and VINA MAE MEINE, 212 W. Centre St., Fredericksburg, TX 78626 (one of our most avid researchers.) I can send you copies of the data previously published if you wish, but it would be much more helpful to all concerned if you will send in some documented family group sheets for publication. That way we may be able to avoid a little confusion. cbh.

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JOSEPH BYAS (1847-1925) & SALLIE AUGUSTA NORTH (1862-1903)  
Ancestors of

107B- DORIS (Mrs. Chester P.) WILKES  
11626 Lida Rose, San Antonio, Texas 78216

JOSEPH BYAS b 10 Aug 1847, Big Brushy Creek, Lavaca Co., TX, d 23 Apr 1925, Byas home, Hunt, TX, buried Nichols Cemetery, Kerrville, TX. Married 1st. 24 July 1879, EMLEY THOMAS CHAMBERS b 14 Oct 1864, d 4 Nov 1879 (age 15). Married 2nd. SALLIE AUGUSTA NORTH (d/o THOMAS COLLINS NORTH & ELIZABETH ROBINSON) b 15 Nov 1862 in Miss., d 20 Aug 1903, Hunt, Kerr Co. TX buried also Nichols Cemetery.

JOSEPH was s/o WILLIAM RILEY BYAS & MARY ANN KENT [See Vol.I, No.3 pp 51-52 by LEE T. STOCKMAN, 2725 Garrow Dr., Antioch, CA 94509)].

CHILDREN:

- I. SALLIE MAY BYAS b 18 June 1882, Byas Branch, Mountain Home, TX d. 17 May 1945, San Antonio, TX, buried Nichols Cemetery, Ingram, TX [On the family sheet for Joseph you show a Nichols Cem. in Kerrville, TX. Is this the same cemetery? Perhaps a better location description for the cemetery would help future researchers locate it, if its the same one cbh.] She md. 9 Dec 1906, ADKINSON D. DuBOSE (s/o JOHN EDGAR DUBOSE & MARY JANE HART) b 21 May 1876 Gonzales Co. TX d. 20 July 1930, Hunt, TX.  
Children:
  - 1. BEULAH MARIE DUBOSE b 24 Sep 1907 md 9 Jan 1926 REAGAN GREATHOUSE.
  - 2. SALLIE MILDRED DUBOSE b 27 Jun 1909, md 14 Nov 1925, ROBERT O. BIRSCHWALE [Parents of Compiler].
  - 3. MERRILL CLARE DUBOSE b 4 Mar 1915, md 4 Jan 1947 FLOYD DELAMATER.
  - 4. JOSEPH CARLTON DUBOSE b 13 May 1919, d 1969, md WILMA KELSEY.



JOSEPH BYAS & SALLIE AUGUSTA NORTH, CONTINUED

5. EUNICE MAY DUBOSE b 15 July 1921 md 1st IRL CALENTINE, md 2nd HERMAN GLANTON.
6. DOROTHY NELL DUBOSE b 20 Apr 1926, md ROY ACREE.
- II. WILLIAM OLIVER BYAS b 30 Sep 1883, Byas Branch, Mountain Home TX d. 23 Oct 1961. Never married.
- III. JOSEPH LEE BYAS b 29 Sep 1885, Tegener Creek, Hunt, Kerr Co.TX Never married.
- IV. MABLE CLARE ALVANENA BYAS b 17 Jul 1887, Tegener Creek, d 14 Jan 1951 md 6 May 1910, ROBERT F. HUNT.
- V. THOMAS CARROLL BYAS b 19 July 1889, Tegener Creek.
- VI. MARY ELIZABETH VERA BYAS b 15 Sep 1891, Tegener Creek d 5 May 1984 md 25 Dec 1910, ROWLAND V. NICHOLS.
- VII. BEULAH PEARL BYAS b 20 Oct 1893, Tegener Creek, d 16 Nov 1961 md JOHN EDGAR DUBOSE.
- VIII. LINNIE EULA BYAS b 21 Oct 1898, Tegener Creek md 25 Nov 1919, ENOCH DEWITT DUBOSE.
- IX. IVA ALBERTA BYAS b 23 Jan 1901, Tegener Creek md LELAND RICHESON.
- X. ELLEN NORTH BYAS b 25 June 1903, Tegener Creek md 11 Jan 1922 Rev. ROGER CLARENCE WALKER.

Note: All of the children of Joseph & Sallie died by 1985, but all death dates not available at this time.

Sources: Byas Family Bible; Kerr Co.TX marriage records; 1860 Census, Lavaca Co.TX; 1870-1880 Census' Kerr Co. TX.

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A BYAS FAMILY HISTORY

By: 100B - STEVEN D. BYAS

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"....How many families came from the British Isles with the name Byas and when they came is still unclear, but a check of colonial records would indicate that there could only be a very few families with the name of Byas.

It appears that the Byas family tended to settle in the southern colonies of British America. The Byas lineage is discussed in the Granville County History by Ray (North Carolina). This is the northern part of NC along the border of Virginia. There are Byas families recorded in colonial records in Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina. It is my belief that my Byas family were in North Carolina for a long time.

In the Colonial Records of NC, Vol.9, covering the years 1771-1775, three Byas men are mentioned in making an appeal to the Royal Governor of NC. They were concerned that Orange Co. was too large, and needed to be broken up. Orange and Granville Counties are ... northern NC along the VA border. The three Byas men were JOHN BYAS, ROBERT BYAS and WILLIAM BYAS in the Caswell Co. area. In June 1783 JOHN BYAS and NATHAN BYAS are mentioned along with several others as among the purchasers of the estate of ELKANAH HARALSON.

## BYAS FAMILY HISTORY, CONTINUED

This connection with Haralson leads to some, as of yet, unresolved problems. According to a family file I received from Warren Co., TN there was a NATHAN BYARS, who was born in Granville Co., NC in 1749, md DRUCILLA HARRELSON. He died in Orange County in 1846. [That is in error, he died in Spartanburg Dist, SC and is buried at Cowpens National Park, in the Byars/Ezell Cemetery. See B/B Enquirer, Vol.I, No.2, pg 26 for tombstone inscription. cbh]....One of Nathan Byars' children was ROBERT BYARS, born 1786. He interests me because the name Robert appears over and over in my direct family line. [Nathan's son Robert went to Warren Co.TN then to Madison Co.AL., see B/B Enquirer Vol.I, No.1 pg 11. cbh].

What is the connection between BYAS and BYARS? Here are some interesting facts: In the 1777 Colonial census of NC, there is listed NATHAN BYAS in Caswell Co. NC. There is also a NATHAN BYARS listed. By 1790, there is a NATHAN BIAS in Rutherford Co. NC; in 1800 he is NATHAN BYAS of Rutherford Co.; in 1810 he is NATHAN BYARS of Rutherford Co. The same thing happens with the name of ROBERT BYAS, JAMES BYAS, GEORGE BYAS, and STRIPLING BYAS.

By 1820, there is a ROBERT BYERS in Buncombe Co.NC. I am convinced that they are all the same family, but I have yet to make the connection with my direct line.

Moving to the 1830 census, there is a ROBERT BYAS in Franklin Co. TN, ROBERT BYERS in Iredell Co. NC and ROBERT BIAS in Madison Co. AL.

At any rate, my direct line begins with ROBERT BIAS (BYAS), who appears on the 1850 Bledsoe Co.TN census.He was born in NC according to this census. He md HULDAH EWTON, sister of CASWELL EWTON and A.B. EWTON born 1813 in TN. Robert and Huldah had several children, including ALLIS (1834); CASWELL my great-great grandfather, born 1836; JONAS (1840); ROBERT (1843); JAMES (1845); THOMAS (1847); POLLY (1849); NANCY (1852). Using the birth places of these children, we can see that Robert and Huldah lived in TN from at least 1834 to at least 1836. Sometime after 1836, they moved to AL, remaining there until sometime between 1845 and 1847.

[Editors note: By using the Bledsoe Co.TN tax rolls you can tell when Robert came on the roll. His father might even be on the tax rolls, or they will give you a clue to his father if another Byas or variant is shown.]

There was a ROBERT BYAS in Cherokee Co. AL in 1840. Since the census records prior to 1850 did not give the names of spouse and children we can only guess that this is probably the same Robert. He would have been twenty-seven and the one listed is between 20 and 30.

Tragedy struck the Byas family in 1860. Robert died of pneumonia in April. He was preceded in death by his son James in March, as from pneumonia. His son Jonas died of the measles also in 1860. By 1860 Huldah is a widow, living in Sequatchie Co.TN. Sequatchie Co. was formed in 1857 (the northern part from Bledsoe Co.).

BYAS FAMILY HISTORY, CONTINUED

HULDAH BYAS evidently remained a widow. She is listed on the 1880 Sequatchie Co. TN census as a widow. Living with her was her thirty year old, unmarried daughter, MARY. I have found no record for Huldah's death. She was sixty-seven in 1880.

CASWELL BYAS (listed as BIAS by the census taker), my great-great grandfather, is listed on the 1870 Sequatchie Co. TN census, as 34 years old. His wife JANE is listed with him age 37. His wife, TABITHA JANE STANDIFER was the d/o S.C. STANDIFER and NANCY KANEARD and the grand d/o Congressman JAMES STANDIFER.

The children of CASWELL and "JANE" BYAS were: NANCY md JOHN ROBERT WALL (b ca 1856); ROBERT (b ca 1861); PERNINA "BETTY" (shown as ELIZABETH on 1870 census, b ca 1863); JONAS LAFAYETTE (shown as Lafayette on the 1870 census b ca 1866), my great grandfather. It is not clear where the name JONAS (or Jonah of the Bible) came from. There is a JONAS BYAS in Fayette Co., AL in 1860. That Jonas was b in NC ca 1829. I suspect he could have been a brother to ROBERT BIAS (1813-1860) Caswell had a brother Jonas, as well. Interestingly, for the Byars connection, there was a JONAS BYARS in Blount Co. AL in 1850.

[Editors note: The JONAS BYARS in Blount Co. AL was probably a descendant of Jonas b 1790, SC s/o our WILLIAM BYARS NSDAR #s 590183-614347, see B/B Enquirer Vol. I, No. 1 p 3. Jonas b 1790 went to Blount Co. AL in 1818, md SARAH DAVIS cbh]

CASWELL BYAS and his family left Tennessee sometime after the 1870 census, moving to Texas, probably Parker Co. At any rate, JONAS L. BYAS married KATHRYN MITCHELL in Aug 1885, and the Mitchell family was from Parker Co. TX. By 1900, CASWELL BYAS was in Parker Co., a widower, living with his oldest son ROBERT and his family. CASWELL d Apr 1915 in Parker Co at the age of 79.

JONAS L. BYAS and his wife KATHRYN (Kate or Katie) had several children: FLORA ESTELLE, d 1897. Other children: WILLIAM LAFAYETTE b Feb 1887, TX; LILLIE M. b Jan 1889 md MARION SPARKS; ROBERT LEE b Dec 1891, TX; HENRY b Sep 1893, TX; and after the move to Oklahoma, CHARLES b Mar 1896; my grandfather, CLYDE EDWIN BYAS b Nov 1897.

JONAS L. BYAS homesteaded in Brinton Twp, Pottawatomie Co., Oklahoma Territory, April 11, 1894, obtaining 160 acres for \$14.00. Jonas (or J.L. as he often called himself) evidently moved back to Texas sometime between the summer of 1900 and 20 May 1902, when he was deputized as Sheriff in Montague Co., TX. Jonas also farmer near Bowie, Texas where he raised watermelons.

Jonas spent his remaining years in Montague Co., TX where he conducted a great deal of business, judging from the multitude of records he left behind. KATIE BYAS died of a heart attack in Mar 1930 and Jonas died of a stroke 8 Nov 1938.

BYAS FAMILY HISTORY, CONTINUED

My grandfather, CLYDE E. BYAS md AUGUSTA MAE WILLIAMS (d/o JOHN W. WILLIAMS and ELIZABETH CATHERINE RICE) April 18, 1920 in Montague Co. TX. They had three children: VIVIAN, NOLAN, and J.L. my father born 15 Oct 1929, Hollis, OK. My father, J.L. was named for JONAS LAFAYETTE BYAS and JAMES LEONARD RICE.

CLYDE E. and AUGUSTA moved to western OK, where they rented a farm near El Dorado and McQueen, OK. Augusta died in childbirth with J.L. and is buried in Hollis, OK. Clyde divested himself of his live stock, and went back to Montague Co.,TX, to get help raising his small children from his mother. She died suddenly in March 1930, but Clyde received a great deal of help from the Williams family, particularly from Augusta's sister Sina.

Clyde worked at a variety of jobs during the Great Depression of the 1930's, including the WPA. His job with the WPA included dispensing first-aid type medical assistance. He once pulled a tooth for WILLIAM ZACARIAH KITCHENS, (my great grandfather on my mother's side) with out any pain killers, which must have been quite interesting.

Clyde's son Nolan died of diptheria.

Clyde went to California in search of work, returning to Oklahoma in the 1940's. He went back to California in the 1950's, where he died of a stroke, in July 1964, at Porterville, CA.

My father, J.L. BYAS lied about his age, and joined the U.S. Army at age 16. He served in the Army 1946-1949. He served in Italy and was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. He was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. He reached the rank of Corporal, and after his Army tenure, he returned to Duncan, OK. In Duncan he met and married my mother, ROBERTA EVELYN KITCHENS. They had two sons: my brother JACKIE LYNN BYAS, b 3 Oct 1950 and me, STEVEN DALE BYAS, b 6 Nov 1954.

After several jobs, like driving a cab and clerking in a grocery store, my father went to work for Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Service in Duncan, OK. He started working for them 6 Nov 1950 and retired in 1986. He worked in the photography lab and was supervisor of his department when he retired.

[Steven graduated from Central State University in 1977. He taught history at Olive Public Schools, Creek Co.OK 1978-1983. During this time he obtained his Master's Degree. In 1983 he moved to Norman, OK where he teaches at Dibble, OK (rural McClain Co.). He married 27 May 1984, DONNA MARIE MOORE.]

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RULES for the CENSUS TAKER

Did you know that the census taker was instructed to list family members that died after June of previous year just as if they were still living, and also list them on the mortality schedule. They were not supposed to list children born after June of the previous year either, but we all know how reliable the early census takers were!

THE BIG LETTER

"In the fall of 1903, FIRMAN SCHENCK of Tonganoxie, Kan., wrote his sister suggesting they begin a round-robin letter. The third of ten children, Firman had become concerned about the lack of communication among his scattered brothers and sisters. He asked his siblings to add their letters to his and send the packet around in descending order of birth. When the bundle came around again, each was to take his letter out and add a new one. Firman thought they should try it and see how long they could keep it up. Seventy-eight years later, the Schenck family is still at it. The original ten writers are long gone, but the "Big Letter" is kept alive by their descendants.

In the early days it took just two months to make one round; now it takes about two years. There are currently 28 writers in nine different states, who range in age from their late teens to their mid-nineties."

Readers Digest, September 1981.

[I happened to see this while reading some very old Readers Digest piled in a corner of one of the Doctors office, this last month. I could not help but think what a wonderful way to keep in touch and share genealogy with family members that don't do research. I wish one of my family members had done this a long time ago. cbh].

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DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

From: 103-DOUG BYERS, Rt.3 Bx 512, Deville, LA 71328

Doug says, " I have recently come across some documents on BYARS. Enclosed in a list of names from those documents and if you will publish it, I will be happy to furnish interested persons with what I have." The numbers are his reference numbers in his file. Please refer to them when you write and don't forget the SASE.

- 1 J.G. BYARS
- 1 GEORGE FINLEY BYARS
- 1 RANDOLPH BYARS
- 1 Sen. MILTON V. BYARS
- 2 WILLIAM BYARS
- 2 JOAB BYARS b 11 Aug 1807 d Dec 1884
- 2 & 3 RUFUS KING BYARS b 14 May 1830 d 1860
- 2 PHILLIP "GUSTY" BYARS b 7 Aug 1835 d Civil War 29 May 1863
- 2 & 3 SUSAN ELIZABETH BYARS b Sep 1842 d Civil War [?]
- 2 & 3 RICHARD PINKNEY BYARS b 6 Sep 1831 d 14 Feb 1891
- 2 & 3 W.(WILLIAM) C.(CUTON) B.(BUTTERFIELD) BYARS b 17 Jan 1834 d 20 Jul 1914
- 2 & 3 JOHN MARION BYARS b 30 Jul 1839 d 30 Jul 1914
- 2 GEORGE R. BYARS b 7 Mar 1845 c 12 Jan 1929 (is he Randolph above?).
- 2 CHARLES KINNEY HORTON BYARS b 7 Dec 1846 d 11 Feb 1935
- 3 NANCY ANN BYARS b 9 Jul 1835
- 3 MARY EMILY BYARS b 8 Feb 1841 d Sep 1841

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE, CONTINUED

3 SUSAN ELIZABETH BYARS b 14 Jun 1842 d 18 Sep 1864 (may be same  
as above, although on two documents birthdays are different)  
4 Miss RITTIE BYARS (RITTA?)  
5 JAMES BYARS  
5 MOLLIE R. BYARS  
5 W.R. BYARS  
7 HENRIETTA BYARS b 11 Jul 1874 d 11 Nov 1949.  
7 ARNOLD BYARS 7 RALEIGH BYARS  
7 JOSEPH BYARS 7 ROSA BYARS  
7 OLIVIA BYARS 7 MAUD BYARS  
7 EVA BYARS 7 IDA BYARS  
7 ABBYE BYARS 7 ALICE BYARS  
7 ZACH BYARS 7 GEORGE SHANDS BYARS  
7 ARKA BYARS 7 GASTON BYARS  
7 DORA BYARS 7 LEONA BYARS  
7 PEARL BYARS 7 ZORA BYARS  
7 SUSAN CORNELIA BYARS 7 MARY ROSE BYARS  
7 JOHN GUSTAVUS BYARS b 9 Apr 1872 d 1 May 1872  
7 NANCY ANN BYARS b 23 Dec 1876 d 19 Aug 1892  
7 OTHO PICKNEY BYARS b 20 Oct 1879 d 26 Aug 1892  
7 RUBY ABBIE BYARS

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EARLY SETTLERS in HARDIN CO. KENTUCKY

DANIEL BYERS-Little Clifty JAMES BYERS-Little Clifty

List and place of residence was taken from an Estray Book containing entries from 1806 to 1815. At this time Hardin Co. included a large area from which other counties were formed.

From: Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Vol XIII No.2 pg 56

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SOUTH CAROLINA from the files of GEORGE B. BELL

Contributed by 6B-GEORGE B. BELL

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Holcomb, Bret, South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research, Fall 1983 pg 195

"Spartanburg (SC) County Records of the Commissioners of the Poor, Feb 7, 1819:"

"Ordered that SETH BYARS, ROBT BYARS & JOHN ARRENDALES bond for Bastardy be put in EPHRAIM RODDYS had for collection."

[I'm not surprised! The thought has crossed my mind, more than once, as I have tried to get my proof of relationship to the Spartanburg group. Jokes aside folks, it happened then and is more than acceptable now. We have not dug around enough in the criminal court records for any of our ancestors, but we should. They might answer those questions. cbh]

SOUTH CAROLINA FILES of GEORGE BELL, CONTINUED

Abstracts of Wills of the State of S.C. 1760-1784, [No pub/author page #s noted]

JOHN ROBINSON, his mark, Twp Williamsburg, planter. Wife: MARY, one third estate for life. Children: ALEXANDER & ROBERT BYARS, other part of estate. Executors: WILLIAM PRESSLY, FRANCIS DROZE, ISAAC (X) DROZE. Date: 28 May 1770.

ROBERT BYERS of Nelson's Ferry on Santee River. Wife: ELIZABETH. Son: ROBERT. Daughter: MARGARET; MARY ALLISON w/o JOHN ALLISON. Mentions: RICHARD BARLOW, my wife's son; ANN SIMSON and her son ANGUS SIMSON, my wife's daughter. Executors to sell estate for benefit of wife and my 3 children. Executors: brother, WILLIAM BYERS of Nelson's Ferry; JAMES FRIERSON, Jr., St. Mark's Parish; JARED NEILSON of Neilson's Ferry Santee, St. Matthews Parish. Witnesses: SAMUEL CARLEY, JOSIAH CANTY, WILLIAM TOOK. Date: 21 Sep 1776.

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ABSTRACTS OF RECORDS OF SECRETARY OF THE PROVINCE OF S.C. 1692-1721 (Compiled from wills in Charleston) [No pub/author pg #s noted]

Memorandum: Mr. JAMES BYARS came before me and swore he was present when JAMES & HERCULES COULTTS acknowledged within acct between RICHARD COOK and JAMES & HERCULES COULTTS and he saw them sign with three instruments....Date and Rec'd: 9 Apr 1703.

On 1 Jul 1703, JAMES BYARS witnessed paper recording the seizure of a ship carrying contraband. On 15 Jun 1704 he witnessed another estate paper.

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ABSTRACTS of WILLS of CHARLESTON DISTRICT, 1783-1800 [No pub/author pg #s noted]

Will of WILLIAM BYERS, Charles Town shopkeeper. Mentions wife, ANN; daughter ELIZABETH; brother ROBERT; nephew ROBERT. Dated 25 May 1783.

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COLONIAL SOLDIERS OF THE SOUTH 1732-1774 [No pub/author pg #s noted]

8 Oct 1754: In Reg't of Col. WILLIAM EATON, Granville Co. NC., WILLIAM BYAS (pvt).

Cherokee Expedition 1759; Reported 6 Jun 1760: S.C. Militia; Col. JOHN CHEVILLETTE's Battalion, PETER BUYER (pvt), PETER WATKINS (pvt). "All our men stood their ground" in the battle of the Cherokee Expedition.

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NORTH CAROLINA from the Files of GEORGE BELL

Powell, William S., North Carolina Gazetteer, A Dictionary of Tar Heel Places, p 79.

NORTH CAROLINA FILES of GEORGE BELL, CONTINUED

BYERS BRANCH rises in central Clay County and flows sw into Shooting Creek.

BYERS CREEK rises in e Henderson County and flows sw into Lewis Creek

BYERS CREEK rises in n Henderson County and flows sw into Mud Creek

BYERS CREEK rises in sw Iredell County and flows s into Davidson Creek.

BYERS MOUNTAIN in n Henderson County on Byers Creek.

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Editors note: According to Everton's Handy Book for Genealogists Seventh Edition pp 212, 214:

Clay Co. NC formed 1861 from Cherokee Co.; Henderson Co. NC formed 1838 from Buncombe Co.; Iredell Co. NC formed 1788 from Rowan Co. As you can see with 3 Byers Creeks you must read the complete land description in order to learn just what part of the county and state a family lived in.

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NATHANITES NICHE

Editors note: This column was conceived by your editor in order to help our members who descend from NATHAN BYARS (1749-1846) and his two wives, DRUCILLA HARRELSON & DELPHY LOGAN. The editor believes she descends from this branch of the "Big Tree" but has no proof. While the editor does not mind "Constructive Criticism" she does believe in being fair to all our members. I feel the pages that are devoted to this family have been more than ample, and ask that the Nathanites not get "mad" if the information they send in on this family is not published when they think it should be. It is not always easy to edit material for a publication such as this. Space along with many other things must be considered when compiling each issue. While we do have a lot of Nathanites on our membership roll, we must realize that other branches of this big family must have a fair share of space.

THADDEUS WALKER & NANCY BYARS  
Compiled by: SHELTON WALKER  
Contributed by: GEORGE B. BELL

THADDEUS WALKER, Sr., born in Virginia in 1775 and died in 1860. Wife - NANCY\* born in Virginia\*\* and died in 1850. They are buried in East Winfield, Alabama at Goodwater Cemetery next to Eastside Baptist Church. Graves are unmarked. They had 7 children: ELIZABETH WALKER BYARS, JOHN WALKER, DRUCILLA WALKER HARRIS, RUBEN WALKER, MARTHA (PATTY) WALKER WEBB, dates of birth and death unknown; THADDEUS WALKER, Jr. born 1812 died 1878; and CAROLINE WALKER MILLS, date of birth and death unknown.

THADDEUS WALKER, Jr., born 1812 and died 1888, wife - SOPHA SMITH, born 1850 and died 1924, married in 1875, parents of 8 children.



THADDEUS WALKER & NANCY BYARS, CONTINUED

WILLIAM F. WALKER, served in the Confederate Army, dates unknown.[?] Children are: JOHN STANESLAUS WALKER, born 1876 died 1943, married EMMIE L. BRIDGES in 1896; MARY MURRAY WALKER, born 1877 died 1954, married JAMES FORSTER in 1919; THADDEUS JOSEPH WALKER, born 1878 died 1961 married MINNIE SMITH in 1900; LUCY AGNES WALKER, born 1880 death unknown, married S.T. JEFFRIES in 1900; WILLIAM RUSSELL WALKER, born 1882 died 1967 married ETHEL TUCKER in 1905; WILHELMINA WALKER born 1883 death unknown, married DAVID LAMBERT in 1901; ROBERT J. WALKER born 1885 died 1931, married LULA McCALEB date unknown; ETHEL WALKER born 1886 died 1931, married W.R. ELLIS in 1906.

My father was THAD [DEUS] JOSEPH WALKER, born 1878 died 1961, wife - MINNIE SMITH, born 1885 died 1971. They had 9 children: ANNIE PAULINE WALKER McWHIRTER, born 1901 died 1981; THADDEUS GRADY WALKER born 1902 died 1960; FRANCES ALINE WALKER SMOTHERS, born 1906 died 1984; RAY BROWN WALKER, born 1911 died 1974; LUCY WALKER HEAD, born 1914 died 1979; GRACE MARY WALKER MANN, born 1916 died 1985; MINNIE CATHLEIN WALKER, born March 1918 died Oct 1918; SHELTON GRAY WALKER, born 1919; JOHN JOSEPH WALKER, born 1922.

I, SHELTON WALKER md RUTH LEE WALKER, born 1914. We have one son, JOSEPH DOUGLAS WALKER born in 1944. ....

Foot notes by Editor: \*Nancy was NANCY BYARS d/o NATHAN BYARS & DRUCILLA HARRELSON. \*\*Although the 1850 census says she was born in Virginia, records indicate that all of Nathan's & Drucilla's children were born in NC. However this may mean we should look for Nathan in Virginia about 1776.

Notes by George Bell: Mr. Shelton Walker recently showed me where the cemetery where Nancy & Thaddeus were buried. I had been searching for the cemetery for some time.

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ESTATE SETTLEMENT of THADDEUS WALKER

Contributed by GEORGE B. BELL

Abstracted by the Editor

Please note: This is a typed version of the settlement and appears to have had spelling and punctuation added by typist. Some counties have had people typing old documents, and if this is the case may I remind you that each time a document is typed and retyped the chances for errors increase. cbh.

Vol. Number not noted, pp 1-5

April 17 1860 A.D., State of Alabama, Marion County:

...all matters as to the accounts current heretofore filed by THADDEUS WALKER as the Executor of the last will and testament of THADDEUS WALKER, Sr. late of said county deceased...it is also shown to the satisfaction of the court, that all of the heirs of said estate are of full twenty-one years of age...Executor has received of the assets of said Estate the sum of fifteen thousand three hundred thirteen dollars and 61 cents (\$15,313.61) mainly real estate and

THADDEUS WALKER ESTATE SETTLEMENT, CONTINUED

personal property that he has justly expanded in and about the costs and charges and incident to said administration and in the payment of the just debts of said deceased, the sum of eight hundred ninety one dollars and 50 cents (\$891.50) which amount deducted from the above leaves in the hands of said Executor a balance of fourteen thousand four hundred and twenty two dollars and 11 cents (\$14,422.11) for distribution among those entitled thereto....allotted off into seven separate lots...said lots there being placed in a box or hat and divided among said heirs by the following drawings to wit: ELIZABETH BYAR daughter of Deceased negroes...valued at \$1700. JOHN WALKER (now dead) drew negroes...valued at \$1650. MARTHA WEBB daughter of the dead (and she is also dead) children drew negroes valued at \$1700 RUBEN WALKER (son of the dead who is also dead) children three in number drew negroes...valued at \$1800 DRUCILLA HARRIS daughter of the dead drew...valued at \$1850 THADDEUS WALKER son of the dead drew negroes...valued at \$1700 and CAROLINE MILLS daughter of the deceased drew negroes...valued at \$1700...the whole valuation of said negroes amounting to \$12,100...Executor will still leave remaining in his hands in cash the sum of \$3,213.61 which is subject for an equitable distribution among said heirs...

And it being shown to the satisfaction of the court, that the deceased left heirs surviving his two sons, and three daughters to wit JOHN WALKER, and THADDEUS WALKER, ELIZABETH BYAR (widow) DRUCILLA HARRIS wife of MOSES HARRIS and CAROLINE MILLS wife of JAMES C.MILLS, and eighteen grandchildren to wit fifteen of whom is the sons and daughters of MARTHA WEBB (deceased) who was daughter of the dead, to wit SILAS WEBB, JOHN WEBB, THADD WEBB, ELISHA WEBB, ELIJAH WEBB, SARAH wife of WILEY GANN, NANCY wife of WESLEY MISE, NATHAN WEBB, WM WEBB, DRUCILLA wife of THOS. BERRYHILL, CAROLINE wife of WM HAWKINS, MARTHA wife of WM BEASLEY, ELIZABETH wife of HAIFF, THOS WEBB and HARRIL WEBB and three daughters of RUBEN WALKER dead to wit ELIZABETH wife of W. POE, NANCY wife of SULLIVAN and MARTHA C. WALKER and since the advertisement of this settlement the said JOHN WALKER has departed this life, leaving to share in his stead his children to wit-BENJAMIN WALKER, MARTHA wife of JOHN LARVERY, FRANCES wife of PARKER, GEORGE WALKER, JOHN WALKER, and KATHARINE wife of WARREN....

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NOTE: Info on Thaddeus Walker & wife Nancy Byars has been published in B/B Enquirer: Vol.I, No.1 p 5; Vol.I, No.3 pp 65,67; Vol.II, No.2 p 53; Vol.II, No.3 p 68.

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PLEASE SUBMIT QUERIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PRODUCTION OF VOL.III, NO 4 WILL BE EARLY TO AVOID THE CHRISTMAS MAILING RUSH!!

#34 LOGAN+BYARS+HARRELSON, NC

Is the JOHN LOGAN that rec'd Land Grant Tryon Co., NO 25 Mar 1780 the fater of PASSIE LOGAN that md JOHN BYARS s/o NATHAN BYARS & DRUCILLA HARRELSON? John & Passie to AL c1819

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BYARS - BYERS FAMILY ENQUIERE, VOL.III, NO.3  
QUERIES, CONTINUED

#35 BYARS+BLACKWELL+DOGGETT, NC

WILLIAM BYARS rec'd a land grant #150 issued 28 Oct 1782 in Tryon Co. One of the chain bearers was JOEL BLACKWELL. Was this WILLIAM BYARS the husband of SARAH DOGGETT or is he JOEL BLACKWELL's brother-in-law (brother of his wife HENRIETTA)? Has that property been traced to see what signature the wife made?

6B GEORGE B. BELL, address above.

#36 BYERS, NC

Would welcome info and correspondence on Buncombe Co. NC Byers/Byars, SAMUEL, FRANCIS, ROBERT, JAMES and JOSEPH BYERS of Haywood Co., NC. all before 1830. I feel SAMUEL BYERS was the brother of WILLIAM J. BYERS, Sr. of York Co. SC., and the other were his sons.

52B THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121

#37 HENDERSON+BYARS+DUNLAP,VA,NC,SC

Capt. JAMES HENDERSON (1740?-1797) b VA, in Granville Co.,NC c20 yrs. Is said by some that he md. ANN (or NANCY DUNLAP) c Christmas 1773. after he moved to what is now Laurens Co. SC. The difficulty with the story is that by the middle of the 1780's, JAMES & ANN had several married daughters and more than one grandchild. A deed in Granville Co. NC dated Oct 1773, by which JAMES HENDERSON sold his land there on his way to SC bore a dower revocation by wife Ann, so he md before going to SC. James' land in Granville, which he bought from his uncle Nathaniel, adjoined a piece that Nathaniel had sold to a JAMES BYARS. Is it possible that neighbor Byars had a lady relation named Ann who md James Henderson about the time he acquired the land in 1761? William is not a usual name in the Henderson family during that time, yet James & Ann Henderson named one of their three sons William. Can anyone help me solve my problem. Can it be solved?

109B JIM HENDERSON, 727 Westover Ave. Norfolk, VA 23507

#38 BYERS+MARTIN+McCUNE+BALES+GOLDEN+HALL, OH, IA

ELISHA BYERS (d 26 Feb 1849, Keokuk Co.IA) & wife PRUDENCE had issue: ELIJAH ELISHA BYERS b 6 Feb 1829 md ANN ELIZA MARTIN Jan 1851, Keokuk Co.IA; MARTIN GREEN BYERS, b c1831, md JANE McCUNE, 3 Feb 1868, Washington Co. IA; ANDREW JACKSON BYERS b c1834 md ELIZA BALES; ISAAC V. BYERS b 4 Jul 1837 d 21 Oct 1882 from gunshot wound md EMMA E.; EMARIETTA BYERS md \_\_\_\_\_ GOLDEN; ORA BYERS md LEE HALL. This family from Darke Co. OH to IA. Need maiden name of PRUDENCE, ELISHA's parents, etc.

89B MARY DELL WALLACE, 61 W. Sutter Rd. Paradise, CA 95969

#39 DIRR to BYERS, NAME CHANGE

SEBASTIAN DIRR arrived N.Orleans, LA c1850, had sons: SEBASTIAN Jr., JAMES, JOSEPH, BERNARD, EDDIE; who changed their surname to BYERS. They were b c1869-1878 St. Tammany Parish, LA. Sebastian had 2 other sons and 7 daughters that kept the name DIRR. Would like to correspond with descendants. Have documentation. It's almost like finding out you're adopted to learn your ancestor changed his name.

103B DOUGLAS W. BYERS, Rt 3 Box 512, Deville, LA 71328

WILLIAM BYARS, EARLY LAND GRANT in GEORGIA

From: GEORGE B. BELL

LETTER TO GEORGE B. BELL from Georgia Dept. of Archives & History dated 13 July 1988:

"In searching our records for the name WILLIAM BYARS I find that WILLIAM BYARS received land grant for 700 acres of land in Wilkes Co. in 1874. There are no applications for people to received (sic) land in Georgia. There were accompanying plats of survey for the grants but this plat apparently is missing.

I further checked our records for the name WILLIAM BYARS/BIARS. There was a WILLIAM BYARS, Sr. in the 1805 Land Lottery. He was living in Oglethorpe Co. at that time and he drew two blank tickers for this lottery.

Some people in the lotteries would draw a blank ticket or tickets. If there were, for example, 1000 land lots and 2000 people registered to draw, there would be 1000 blank tickets added so that the tickets would equal the number of people drawing. With the exception of the 1805 Land Lottery the State has no record of those who drew blank tickets.

In the 1807 Land Lottery there was a WILLIAM BIERS, Sr., living in Oglethorpe Co. He drew land lot #75 in the 12th Dist. of Wilkinson Co.

This person did not accept this land. It reverted to the State and was sold to someone else at public auction on the steps of the Capitol at Milledgeville. Therefore there is no grant for this person for this land.

I further checked the other lotteries ... did not find WILLIAM BYARS listed as a fortunate drawer in any other lottery ..."

[Copy of the land grant was attached cbh]

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WILLIAM & THOMAS BEUS (BEWES) (BUIS) in VIRGINIA & NORTH CAROLINA

Researched & submitted by: 52B-THURLO V. BYERS  
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F.B. Kegley, Kegley's Virginia Frontier, 1938, SW VA. Hist. Soc. Roanoke, VA.

SETTLEMENTS on branches of James and Roanoke Rivers. From the early grants we learn that the main river of Roanoke was called Goose Creek, that it's north branch now called Tinker Creek was called Buffalo Creek with its lower part designated Smith's Creek and the south branch of Roanoke as later, called the South Fork of Roanoke.

19 Nov 1746 WILLIAM BEUS and his brother to work on road (Chalkley).

BEUS (BEWES) (BUIS), CONTINUED

- 27 Mar 1747 WILLIAM BEUS (BEWES) 400 ac north side Goose Creek, corner GEORGE HOLMES. Purchased from FINLA McCLURE. Aug DB1 p 520. (Finla McClure was an absentee landowner. This land is now a part of Salem, VA in the county of Roanoke. Map of plot available.) According to Kegley: the McClure land became the Bryan land at the Great Spring, now West Salem.
- 14 Feb 1748 WILLIAM BEUS to WILLIAM BRYAN 400 ac on Goose Creek Corner JOSEPH LOVE. Aug DB2 p153.
- 28 Feb 1749 JOSEPH LOVE, 200 ac on Goose Creek corner WILLIAM BEUS. From EPHRAIM VAUSE. Aug DB2 p 408.
- Aug 1750 SAMUEL BROWN of the Cowpasture and RoanOak died in 1750. The land consisted of 200 ac on the south side of Roanoke and 125 ac along the west side of Mason's Creek. From the appraisal made in Aug 1750 by EPHRAIM VAUSE, WILLIAM BEUS and THOMAS BEUS, it would appear that his household furniture was on the RoanOak.
- 21 May 1751 WILLIAM BEUS a Juryman. (This name appears frequently.) (Chalkley, Vol.2).

WILLIAM and THOMAS BUIS in Rowan Co. NC:

Linn, Jo White, Abstracts of Wills & Estate Papers of Rowan Co. NC 1753-1785; Tax List for 1759 & 1778.

- 22 Aug 1759 THOMAS BUIS made his will. Probated Oct 1759. Wife (unnamed) gets one third plantation. Brother, WILLIAM BUIS, gets two thirds. Land devised to THOMAS BUIS, s/o WILLIAM BUIS. Exec: WILLIAM BUIS, brother. Wit: FRANCIS BORSETT, PETER DICTS, WILLIAM LETFORD, NC Archives Files 85.8014 p21.
- 28 Sep 1759 WILLIAM BUIS a witness to JOHN MILLS will, probated 1762 (A.122).
- 1759 WILLIAM BUIS on 1759 Rowan Co. NC Tax list.
- 1763 WILLIAM BUIS died in Rowan Co., NC. Left plantation on Deep River. Children: JOHN, THOMAS, GRIZELLA, SUSANNAH, ANN and REBECCA (minor). Exec: Wife (unnamed) WILLIAM BALDWIN, ISAAC BEESON. Wit: WILLIAM GRAY, WILLIAM SIMMONS, ANN X HARRY.
- Oct 1765 A judgement by the Court against WILLIAM BUIS' estate to be paid by his Executors in Salisbury, NC.
- 1778 Rowan NC Tax List - Capt. Morris' Dist...JOHN BUIS.

NOTE FROM THURLO:

If the interested parties will check the 1790 census and other articles in the B/B Enq., they may come up with some answers. It appears that JOHN BUIS stayed in NC, but, I believe the widow in the 1790 census S. C. may be related to THOMAS BUIS. They never spelled that name the same anytime.

[Thank you Thurlo, I appreciate your contributions more than I can say. I will use all data, provided it has not been published before space is found.]

AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DEED ABSTRACTS

From the Files of:92B SHARON CLARK, 1466 Troy Ln. Pocatello, ID 83201

30-290, BK M-N, pg 488, 2 Apr 1814: JAMES BIAS, attny for ROBERT NUCKLES of Amherst Co., sells land to BOLLING MITCHELL.

Bk N pg 456, Oct 1818: LARKIN BIAS and MARY, his wife, sells 140 ac to GEORGE P. LUCK of Amherst Co.

30-293, Bk T pg 306, 3 Jan 1831: LINSEY BYAS of Amherst Co sells for \$1.00 to GEORGE SHEADER, trusted in behalf of WILLIAM WRIGHT of Bedford Co.

30-294, Bk X [no pg #] 21 Nov 1840: LARKIN BYERS of Amherst Co to JAMES ROWSEY same for PHEBE ROWSEY, daughter. To JOEL BYERS of Amherst Co 189 3/4 ac on Dancing Creek, special trust for wife ELIZABETH BYERS. To TALBERT NOEL 75 ac for wife NANCY. To JOSEPH HARMEN 8 ac Dancing Creek. To WILLIAM VEST 150½ ac Dancing Creek for NANCY VEST, daug. To JOHN WARREN 67 ac Dancing Creek for ELIZABETH, daugh.

(These deed were the way LARKIN BYAS gave his children, sons and daughters, land, so that it could not be taken away. Sharon Clark)

30-294, Bk X pg 428: LARKIN BYERS of Amherst Co sells to NEALY BYERS for \$1.00 acknowledges and for in consideration of the uses and trust herein after declared and hereby for the ? purpose of making a seperate provision for MATILDA BYERS to be enjoyed by her - seperate and apart from her said husband and not liable for his debts or subject to his control as herein after more paticularly specified 84¼ ac.

30-295, Bk Y pg 516, 17 July 1843: JAMES R. BYAS sells land to pay debts to PETER RUCKER and FINNEY BRYANT.

30-296 AA, BB, pg 26, 12 Mar 1846: Heirs: JAMES B. BYAS, HENRY BYAS, LITTLEBERRY BYAS, NANCY, wife - ZACHARIAH NICLEY, JULIA ELIZABETH, wife - NANCY F. BYAS, sells to GEORGE H. RAY.

BB/139, 22 Nov 1849: JAMES BIAS and SARAH his wife, to ROWLAND BIAS of Cabell Co. VA., willed by LARKIN to NANCY NOEL and her children the above SARAH BIAS being one of her children.

BB/126 1850: ROWLAND BIAS of Cabell Co. VA., sells for \$5.00 to LARKIN NOEL for NANCY NOEL, daughter - ROWLAND purchased land from JAMES BIAS and SARAH his wife.

BB/130, Dec 1850: RICHARD BIAS of Amherst Co sells 89 ac to JAMES BIAS of Amherst Co same land conveyed by LARKIN BIAS to the heirs of BESTY BIAS, dec'd, wife of JOEL BIAS...the object of this deed is so conveyed to JAMES BIAS - RICHARD BIAS interest in said land - JAMES BIAS having purchased from RICHARD BIAS all his interest.

BB/261, 21 Dec 1850: HENRY BIAS and CASSANDRA, his wife of Amherst Co sell 189 ac for \$5.00 to JAMES BIAS of Amherst Co. Same land conveyed as in above deed.

BYARS (BYAS) FAMILY - AMHERST CO. VIRGINIA  
ROUGH OUTLINE

Compiled by SHELIA FRITTS & SHARON CLARK

Submitted by Sharon Clark

Additions, corrections and comments on this outline are solicited and welcome. Documentation not cited, but can be furnished.

JAMES BYARS (or variant) patented land in Amherst Co.VA., 1771, md ELIZABETH as per name on deed 1784.

I. LARKIN BYARS d c 1840 md POLLY (maiden name unknown)

1. LINDSEY BYARS d by 1839 md MATILDA.
  - A. CORNELIUS BYARS
  - B. MARY BYARS b c1818 md LARKIN NOEL, 17 Jan 1838.
    - a. THOMAS NOEL b c1840
    - c. RODERICK NOEL b c1842
    - d. MARY NOEL b c1847
    - e. Male b c1848
  - C. NANCY BYARS b c1822 md WILLIAM HARRELL, 21 June 1841
  - D. ELIZABETH BYARS b c1822 md WILLIAM MITCHELL 6 Sep 1843
  - E. ROLAND BYARS b c1822
  - F. JAMES BYARS
  - G. JEREMIAH BYARS b c1829
  - H. SARAH BYARS
  - I. WILLIAM BYARS b c1832
  - J. EMILY BYARS b c1834
  - K. LINDSAY BYARS b c1840
2. PHEBE BYARS md 1st LEWIS BRYANT, 23 Dec 1805; md 2nd JAMES ROWSEY 21 Oct 1812.
3. JOEL BYARS b c1785 md 1st ELIZABETH HARRISON 7 Feb 1818; md 2nd LAVINIA MARTIN, 2 Dec 1841.
  - A. HENRY BYARS b 25 Dec 1827 md CASSANDRA VEST 25 Apr 1846
    - a. MARY ELIZABETH BYARS b 25 June 1847 md WILLIAM WOODWARD.
    - b. JAMES BENJAMIN BYARS b 16 May 1849 md G.A. WALLACE.
    - c. HENRY CLAY BYARS b 14 Feb 1851 md M.A. SHAMBLIN.
    - d. LINZY FRANKLIN BYARS b 15 Aug 1853 md ALZADIA PEYTON.
    - e. SARAH CATHERINE BYARS b 23 Mar 1855 md WILLIAM BYAS.
    - f. EMELINE FRANCES BYARS b 25 Jan 1857 md T.W. FISHER.
    - g. MAZANN BYARS b 2 Apr 1859 md JOHN WOODARD.
    - h. JINY JENKINS BYARS b 22 Apr 1861 md FRANK BYAS
    - i. CAROLINE P. BYARS b 22 Apr 1863.
    - j. WILLIAM LUDWELL BYARS b 15 July 1865.
  - B. WILLIAM BYARS b c1830 d 25 Dec 1864 md NANCY TAYLOR, 28 Feb 1852.
    - a. ELIZABETH BYARS b c1855 md 20 Feb 1878 CHARLES VEST.
    - b. JOHN BYARS b c1858
    - c. ONEY JANE BYARS b 1 Jan 1860 d 5 Aug 1941 md WILLIAM DAVIES, 10 Oct 1882.

BYARS (BYAS) OUTLINE, CONTINUED

- 1 ROBERT G. DAVIES b c1885 d 4 Sep 1928.
- 2 CATHERINE E. DAVIES b 7 Jan 1887 d 8 Jan 1968
- 3 WILLIE MASSIE DAVIES b 21 May 1889 d 18 Jan 1946.
- d. SARAH W. BYARS b c1862 md ALEXANDER NOEL 15 Dec 1881.
- C. NANCY BYARS b c1823 md JACKSON NOEL, 30 Dec 1841.
  - a. JOHN NOEL b c1842.
  - b. JOSEPH NOEL b c1844.
  - c. MANSFIELD NOEL b c1846.
  - d. WASHINGTON NOEL b c1849.
- D. JAMES B. BYARS b c1824 md MATILDA NOEL, 17 Apr 1852.
  - a. JAMES H. BYARS b c1854 md ELLEN HUMPHREY 6 Jan 1881.
  - b. HIRAM BYARS b c1859.
  - c. LARKIN BYARS b c1861.
  - d. PALATINE BYARS b c1863.
  - e. MARIE BYARS b c1865 md NICHOLAS COLEMAN 11 Nov 1886.
  - f. LUCY ANN BYARS md ALLEN NOEL 3 Jun 1879.
- E. PALATINE BYARS b c1842 d 19 Aug 1861.
- F. MARY A. BYARS b c1848
- G. ELIZABETH BYARS b c1848
- H. Male b c1820-1835.
4. MARY BYARS b c1806 md WILLIAM VEST, 7 Mar 1823.
  - A. ELIZABETH VEST b c1825.
  - B. MATILDA VEST b c1825 md RODERICK NOEL.
  - C. CASSANDRA VEST b 4 July 1830 md HENRY BYAS 25 Apr 1846
  - D. Female
5. ELIZABETH BYARS b c1800 md JOHN WARREN 21 Dec 1822
  - A. WILLIAM WARREN b c1827.
  - B. LARKIN WARREN b c1836.
  - C. BURKS WARREN b c1838.
  - D. BLUFORD WARREN b c1840.
6. NANCY BYARS b c1795 md TALBERT NOEL, 5 Aug 1808.
  - A. SARAH NOEL b c1827 md JAMES BYARS, 24 Dec 1845 (had 13 children)
  - B. EMMELINE NOEL md WOODSON HALLEY, 3 May 1842.
  - C. POLLY NOEL b c1822.
  - D. MANSFIELD NOEL b c1827.
7. JAMES BYARS b c1780? md ELIZABETH WHITTEN 20 Nov 1802.
  - A. PERMELIA BYARS md ?JEFFERSON ROWSEY 1 Feb 1830?
  - B. SARAH BYARS b c1820 not married.
  - C. WILLIAM BYARS b c1815 md MARTHA
    - a. JAMES BYARS b c1859.
    - b. EMILY BYARS b c1861.
    - c. ELIZABETH BYARS b c1867.
  - D. ALFRED BYARS b c1825 not married.
  - E. MATILDA BYARS b c1830 not married.
  - F. NANCY J. BYARS b c1839.
  - G. SUSAN BYARS md LEWIS ROWSEY 3 Jan 18??, 13 Children.



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- II. ROLAND BYARS md 1st ?? 2nd NANCY JINKINS 19 Sep 1804.
  - 1. NANCY BYARS md SAMUEL B. MITCHELL 19 Oct 1804.
  - 2. POLLY BYARS md SAMUEL ORENDORF, 8 Mar 1810.
  - 3. JANE BYARS md JONAS NICELY 27 Nov 1811.
  - 4. LUCINDA BYARS md SAMUEL NICELY 28 Sep 1818.
  - 5. BENNETT BYARS b c1811 md 1st PEGGY ?? 2nd SUSAN CHAPMAN d 1896, Putnam Co.W.VA.
  - 6. ELIZABETH BYARS b 12 Dec 1809 md JAMES REA.
  - 7. ROLAND BYARS Jr. md FRANCES ANN TURNER 18 Nov 1850.
- III. JOHN BYARS
  - 1. OBADIAH KNUCKLES (illegitimate son)
- IV. OBADIAH BYARS b c1780-1791, Logan Co.VA
  - 1. OBADIAH BYARS Jr. b c1810-1820 md c1835
    - A. male
    - B. male
    - C. at least 10 other children.
- V. ?? BYARS md ELIZABETH b c1800-1810
  - 1. male b c1800-1810.

UNACCOUNTED FOR

- I. JAMES R. BYARS md POLLY BRYANT 4 Mar 1819
  - 1. ANDERSON BYARS md NANCY b c1823
  - 2. JULIA ELIZABETH BYARS md ZACHARY NICELY
  - 3. LITTLEBERRY BYARS
  - 4. JAMES A. BYARS b c1830
  - 5. MARY BYARS b c1830

Believe there were several more daughters.

II. REUBEN BYARS

III. SAMUEL BYARS

IV. LUCY BYARS b prior to 1765 living Amherst Co.Va in 1810.

Editors note: Sharon & Sheila have put this together from census, land, marriage, will & probate records. All of Sharon's notes will be published when space allows. Others in our group may be able to spot any problem areas now and let us know. May I remind Sharon that relationships of minor children in census records to the head of the household, prior to 1880 and especially prior to 1850 are not known. We should not assume that minors listed were children of head of house hold.

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DAVID BYERS (1778-1855) SC & TN

Compiled by THURLO V. BYERS

DAVID BYERS b 3 Jan 1778 SC, d 2 Aug 1855 TN., s/o WILLIAM J. BYERS, Sr. Wife: Unknown at this time. d c1847 Lincoln Co.TN. David, along with his brother, JAMES BYERS, and ELIZABETH C. HALL, wife of James, are buried in the Brown-Temple Cemetery just west of Old Natchez Trace, and south of Temple Rd. in Williamson Co., TN., on the grounds of the Temple Hills Country Club and golf course. This adjoins land owned by WILLIAM J. BYERS, Sr. which he purchased in 1818 after moving from York Co. SC. In June 1987, my grandson, MICHAEL E DOHRMANN, age 10 and I visited the area.

DAVID BYERS, CONTINUED

The Children of David were:

- I JENNETT BYERS b c1800 SC d c1837 TN md JOSEPH BOYD.
  - a. DAVID A. BOYD b c1834 TN.
  - b. ELLEN JANE BOYD b c1834 TN md 21 Dec 1853, JOHN McPHERSON.
- II MARY BYERS b c1802 SC d 185? TN md WILLIAM MEEK.
  - a. ELIZABETH JANE MEEK b c1822 TN md MILES T. GIBBS.
  - b. THOMAS S. MEEK b c1824 TN, single in 1880.
  - c. HARRIET M. MEEK b c1826 TN, md THOMAS ORR.
  - d. ANN B. MEEK b c1828 TN, single in 1860.
  - e. MARY ADALINE MEEK b c1831 TN.
  - f. WILLIAM MORRIS BYERS MEEK b c1834 TN md MARY C.[?]
  - g. SARAH D. MEEK b c1841 TN, single in 1880.
  - h. NANCY ELVINA MEEK b c1845 TN, single in 1870.
- III ELIZABETH BYERS b c1803 SC d 11 Feb 1891 TN md MIJAMIN SMITH.
  - a. CYNTHIA A. SMITH b c1824 TN md [JACKSON CARROLL] McELROY  
(Line of JUDY BARNETT\*)
  - b. MARGARET SMITH b c1828 TN md a COLTER.
  - c. FELIX MIJAMIN SMITH b c1829 TN md a FREEMAN.
  - d. DAVID B. SMITH b c1832 TN md a EDDINGS.
  - e. PINKNEY HOPE SMITH b c1834 TN md a LEDBETTER.
  - f. HARTWELL SMITH b c1836 TN.
  - g. PTOLOMY C. SMITH b c1838 TN.
  - h. STANHOPE P.C. SMITH b c1840 TN md a FREEMAN.
  - i. FRANCES E. SMITH b c1841 TN md a McELROY
  - j. MARY ELVIRA SMITH b c1843 TN.
  - k. TINO STANNA SMITH b c1846 TN.
  - l. CYRUS SMITH b c1850 TN.
- IV ABIJAH BYERS b 1 Dec 1805 SC d 16 Oct 1877 TN. Md 1st MARGARET STEPHENSON: Children:
  - a. JOHN M. BYERS, Jr. b 12 Jan 1830 TN d 4 Jun 1859 TN, md SUSAN HILL.
  - b. DAVID A. BYERS b c1833 md ELIZABETH F. COOK.
  - c. ELIZABETH A. BYERS b c1835 md SILAS S. SHORT.
  - d. WILLIAM C. BYERS b c1837 md 2nd MARGARET C. HILL.
  - e. ROBERT H. BYERS b c1844 TN.
  - f. EDWARD JAMES BYERS b c1846 TN md SARAH FRANCES FORBES.
- V WILLIAM M. BYERS b 18 Jan 1810 SC d 12 Feb 1888 TN md MALENA McCOWN.
  - a. JAMES F. BYERS b 3 Mar 1837 TN md 1st ELIZABETH F. GRUBBS md 2nd A. ELIZABETH GRANTLAND, md 3rd LIZZIE BALDRIDGE.
  - b. MILTON BYERS b c1839 TN.
  - c. MARY A. BYERS b c1842 TN md GEORGE W. SULLIVAN.
  - d. DAVID WESLEY BYERS b 12 Nov 1846 tn. md L.V. PETTY.
  - e. JOSEPHUS F. BYERS b 9 Jun 1850 TN d 14 Oct 1881 TN.
  - f. M. LYCORGUS BYERS b c1852 TN, living in 1901.
  - g. ELIZABETH BYERS b c1856 TN md T.D. GRIFFIS.
  - h. ALICE C. BYERS b c1859 TN md Dr. J.C. COATS.
- VI JOHN M. BYERS Sr. b c1821 TN md 1st ELIZABETH BINGHAM, 2nd MARTHA E. GRAY.
  - a. DAVID PORTER BYERS b c1857 TN (s/o second wife).

\*Editors note: Judy Barnett's ancestors would be very proud of her. She is a candidate for President of the Texas Division, UDC. To be nominated is an honor and we wish her luck at the Convention in Oct.

HOME REMEDIES, BUTTERMILK & OLD JEFF

Catoosa County, Ringgold, Ga  
April the 6th 1863

Dear mother and father,

I Take my pen in hand to let you know that I am getting along I am at the hospital in Ringgold I have been down here about three days now. I was taken sick at Tulahoma and was sent down here I think that I can go back before very long I have not been sick any more since I have been here mother you need not to be uneasy about me for I have not taken any of these doctors medisen yet and I don't think that I will some of the boys get furlows but I don't reckon that there is any chance for me to get one for the yankes are getting to close. mother I can go any where I please over town I can get as much butter milk as I want for about 25 cts per qt and mother you know that pleases me mother I always thought that if I went to the hospital that I would be scared to go up but I believe I am in the best hospital that old Jeff has got they keep very thing clean and nice here I have A very good bed to sleep in and I sleep fine Landon is here with me he says that he thinks that he is in better health than he has been in a good while I havent got much of importance to write to you. I want you all to write to me So I must close write soon as you get this Direct your letter to Ringgold Ga So no more at present only I Remain your affectionate son unti Death from H.A. Smith to Gincy Smith

This letter was written by HUGH A. SMITH, s/o JAMES SMITH and GINCY BURFORD, grs/o SARAH BYERS SMITH, nephew of ELIZABETH BYERS SMITH.

During the battle of Chickamauga, 19-20 Sep 1862, Hugh was killed at the age of nineteen. He was in the 32nd TN Inf. Reg't. Co. E. C.S.A.

Letter courtesy WILLIAM F. CAMPBELL, Austin, TX submitted by THURLC V. BYERS.

Editors note: Evidently this was an educated family. Although he did not punctuate, of make paragraphs, his writing was very legible and his spelling was very good for that day and time.cbh.

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JOSEPH BYERS of IRELAND

Prepared by HUGH SAVILLE, 1921 Leyns Rd. Victoria, B.C. V8N 2Z9

[Editors note: Items marked with asterisk not confirmed by compiler]

JOSEPH BYERS b 4 May 1809, Parish of Lurgan, Townland of Callanbrahan, Calvin County, Ireland\* d 10 Jun 1885, Manvers Twp, Durham Co., Ont. (in 1974 [1874?] Manvers included in Victoria Cty) s/o WILLIAM BYERS\* and LIDDIA BYERS\* Married (date unknown) MARY ANN [no maiden name] b 1 Dec. 1812, Cavan Co., Ireland\* d 23 Jun 1887?, Manvers Twp, Durham Co., Ont. (now Victoria Co., Ont.). Children:

1. SARAH JANE BYERS b c1829, Cavan Co. Ireland md WILLIAM McINDO.
2. ROBERT BYERS b 11 Jan 1833, Cavan Co. Ireland md FANNY ??

JOSEPH BYERS of IRELAND, CONTINUED

3. JOHN BYERS b 14 May 1836, Cavan Co. Ireland md MARY ANN FERGUSON (b c1843).
4. JOSEPH BYERS, Jr. b 16 Feb 1837, Cavan Co. Ireland d 21 Apr 1920 md c1862, ELIZABETH H. GRAHAM.
5. WILLIAM BYERS [See data B/B Enq. Vol.III, No.2]
6. DAVID BYERS b c1841, Manvers Twp, Durham Co.Ont. died of lockjaw age 10 years.
7. ELIZABETH BYERS b 15 Jun 1845, Manvers Twp, Durham Co.Ont. md c1871, JOSEPH BIGELOW.
8. ANN JANE BYERS b 6 May 1846, Manvers Twp, Durham Co.Ont., d 1923 md 7 Dec 1864, JAMES CHAMBERS.
9. HENRY BYERS b 6 Nov 1848, Manvers Twp, Durham Co.Ont.
10. HUGH BYERS b 17 May 1849, Manvers Twp, Durham Co.Ont, d 16 Feb 1929 in B.C. md JANE ??
11. LYDDIA BYERS b c1851, died at birth.

Sources: Federal Census for years 1842 to 1881, Durham Co. Ont. Canada; Irish Census 1821 for Parish of Lurgan, Townland of Gallanbrahan, County Cavan, Ireland; WM BYERS' & MARY ELIZABETH FISHER's Marriage Certificate which lists his parents names. Wm. Byers Bible gave his birthdate as 1 Apr 1838, and his marriage 27 Mar 1867, while the Marriage Certificate lists the marriage as March 27, 1871. Mary (Fisher) Byers' death is listed in the same Bible.

WILLIAM BYERS\*

WILLIAM BYERS b c1787, Cavan Co. Ireland, d Cavan Co. Ireland, Lurgan Parish, Townland of Gallanbrahan. Md LISSIE "LIDDY" b c1789, Cavan Co., Ireland, Ballyjamesduff, Townland of Gallanbrahan, d 15 Sep 1870 Manvers Twp, Durham Co. Ont., Canada. Children all born Parish of Lurgan, Gallanbrahan Townland, Cavan Co. Ireland:

- I. WILLIAM BYERS b Jan 1808 d 4 Nov 1870 md ISABELLA MCGILL(b 12 May 1812)
- II. JOSEPH BYERS [SEE ABOVE]
- III SARAH BYERS b c1810.
- IV BELL BYERS b c1812.
- V JOHN BYERS b c1813.
- VI JANE BYERS b c1814.
- VII ROBERT BYERS b c1818.

Sources: Data taken from Cavan Co. Ireland 1821 census; Marriage & Death Records Manvers Twp, Durham Co. Ont., Canada. Tombstone in Manvers Twp. indicate that several Byers were from Cavan Co. Ireland. The connection between the Irish records and the Ontario data is not yet confirmed, although the names and Birth Dates of the Byers' in both locations appear to be the same.

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GENEALOGICAL EVIDENCE

"When I enter a genealogical room and see the many workers industriously copying from the printed records, I have a feeling of almost dismay, realizing that each one is perhaps adding to the already tangle of twisted pedigrees." William Bradford Brown, was an outstanding genealogist and was speaking of errors in transcriptions and published genealogies. American Soc. of Gen., Genealogical Research; Methods and Sources, Vol.I, pg38.

USING NSDAR RECORDS AS DOCUMENTATION

By Clovis Byars Herring

Using records from The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has been accepted as proof of ancestry for years and years, yet lately many experts have written that we must use these records with care. Even members in long standing have expressed doubts about some of the early applications and now many of the previously accepted DAR lineages have been closed. If a prospective member wants to join on a closed line, they can no longer use the number of a relative, but must reprove that line.

In making these comments I assure you I mean no disrespect to DAR, it's methods, or it's membership. I attended a DAR workshop at the NGS conference in Mississippi, in April this year and MARY McCAMPBELL BELL discussed this subject at length.

A Case in Point

Remember DAR records are suspect unless we verify them. An approved application killed my Elkins ancestor off in 1845, and caused me five years of frustration before I finally got some bounty land applications that proved he was still living in 1856. No one could, or would explain to me who the man by the same name (wife and several of the older children matched the DAR application in all respects) was that appeared on an 1850 MS census. My direct ancestor, BENJAMIN ELKINS, son of ERWIN (IRWIN) ELKINS was in Erwin's household in 1850, but I could not find another Erwin in the South. The only possible father for him was WILLIAM ELKINS of Oglethorpe Co. GA., the Revolutionary War soldier, whose son Erwin was the ancestor of applicant.

My questions (letters including SASE's) to the applicant and other descendants went unanswered. One Bounty land application for the War of 1812, put my Erwin in Oglethorpe, then Henry Co.'s, GA and then in Kemper Co. MS., in 1849. The next one put him in Wayne Co. MS in 1856. Clearly Erwin Elkins, s/o of William did not die in Henry Co. GA in 1845. There were no GA records indicating his death, no tombstones for him or his wife in the GA cemetery where the DAR applicant claimed they were buried. Although I realized that some of Erwin's descendants would not be happy to correct their records, I did think some of them would welcome the truth. As a matter of fact I was so happy that I had made a break through on one of my lines, I immediately copied all of my documentation and mailed it to the DAR applicant, and all the descendants known to me, in May. Guess what? I have yet to hear from any of them.

I did not work for five years just to prove someone was wrong. I just wanted to know who the next generation was in my line. Now, I'm even more convinced that eventually the Nathanites will have to admit that WILL FRANKE's data on the DAR application for NATHAN BYARS has some errors in regard to his children. Hopefully we will find documentation for them.

I hope my experience will serve to warn everyone even DAR records can be in error. Those records, like all secondary sources must be verified.

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As our group continues to grow and expand I can't help but think of Col. GEORGE BYERS. His words of encouragement echo in my mind, and I know beyond any doubt that he is proud of these efforts and the way we are all learning to search, share, document and preserve.

Since publication began in 1986, it seems my world has been turned upside down several times, making me wonder if I had the strength and energy to continue to edit and published these pages. Because of your generous help, even when my spirits were at their lowest, it was possible to compile an issue and get them in the mail.

Please do continue to send in your data. We need your comments, corrections and etc. By working, sharing and reasoning together, I believe that someday, we'll have all our folks properly placed and documented.

Jimmy and I send you our love and best wishes for the holidays and the coming year. May the good Lord Bless and Keep us all.

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BYERS LINEAGE of KATHLEEN N. JONES  
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1. KATHLEEN MARIE JONES b. 13 Oct 1953
2. WILLIAM TALBO JONES b 16 Apr 1921
3. WILLIAM TALBO JONES, Sr. b 2 July 1886
4. MABEL [?] ANN BYERS JONES b 2 Feb 1860 Skelton Twp, Warrick Co.IN
5. URIAH BYERS b 2 Apr 1837, Spencer Co. IN
6. JAMES BYERS b 1811, Grayson, KY
7. THOMAS BYERS b c1781 VA.

Editors Note: Kathleen, some documented family group sheets for publication may help others, help you, make connections.

???QUERIES???

#40 BYERS, KY, VA

Need info on JAMES BYERS b 1811 Grayson Co. KY and THOMAS BYERS b c 1781 VA.

109B KATHLEEN M. JONES P.O. Bx 563, Syracuse, IN 46567

#41 BYAS, TN

Need info on parents, siblings, children, etc. for ROBERT BYAS listed on 1830 Franklin Co.TN census.

100B STEVE BYAS, 1310 Abbey Dr., Norman, OK 73071

QUERIES, CONTINUED

#42 BYERS, TN

Need info on descendants of TOMMY BYERS, in Montgomery Co. TN 1900 census. He was brother of my g g grandfather, CASWELL BYAS. Tommy changed his last name from BYAS to BYERS late in the 19th century.

100B STEVE BYAS, address above.

#43 BYAS, TN

Need info on ANDREW BYAS listed on 1850 Bedford Co. TN census.

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CIVIL WAR PENSION RECORDS

67B WILLIAM W. TUCKER, 3779 Grant Rd. Box 96, Ellenwood, GA 30049, sent the following abstracts and says, "If anyone is interested I would be happy to furnish copies."

SAMUEL BYERS

SAMUEL BYERS, b 4 May 1840 Mercer Co. PA d 11 Jul 1916, Olin Jones Co. IA; md MALINDA EMERSON, 13 Mar 1861, Jones Co. IA. Malinda d 18 May 1918; living children as of 11 Jul 1898 - LEWIS ARNOLD BYERS, b 1 Feb 1873; enlisted as Pvt. 27 Sep 1864, in Co."E" 2nd Reg't Iowa Inf.; Brother WILLIAM BYERS who lived Jones Co. IA, brother JOHN & sister MARY JANE lived in KS.

WILLIAM W. BYERS

WILLIAM W. BYERS, b 27 May 1836, Noble Co. OH; d 31 May 1918, Romona, Washington Co. OK; md ELIZA J. \_\_\_\_\_ 13 March 1858, Van Buren Co. IA, JACOB SMITH, JP - Residences since service: Van Buren Co. IA until Apr 1871, Chautauqua Co. KS until 1877, Anderson Co KS until 1880, Montgomery Co. KS until 1889, Chautauqua Co. KS until 1910-11, Washington Co. OK until 1918 - Enlisted as a Pvt. 14 Aug 1862, Co. 19 Reg. Iowa Inf. Vols. at Keosauqua, IA.

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HORSE STEALING, WHIPPING & LYNCHING

Courtesy, WILLIAM TUCKER

From: History of Keokuk County [Iowa] pp 448 - 451. "Lynchings in Iowa" from Iowa Journal of History and Politics, Vol. 10; p 201, published 1912.

The exact date of these happenings are unknown. It is generally conceded to have been about 1858, and incidents tend to indicate this was about the date. Some correspondents place it as early as 1844.

There were four of the BYERS brothers. ISAAC had been arrested for horse stealing but had escaped from jail. On the day following his

HORSE THIEF, CONTINUED

escape the Vigilance Committee came to his house, dragged him from bed, took him to the woods. Here they stretched him by the neck to force a confession from him. This did not produce the desired effect, so the mob tried whipping him, but this seemed of no avail and finally he was ordered to leave the country. Later the family moved from "Brushy Bend" to Richland township. They were believed to be moving into a Quaker settlement thinking they would not be bothered by the peace loving Quakers. Stealing did not cease in the county and again the Viligance Committee visited the Byers home. They caught one of the boys and tied him to the tail of a horse and made him run after the horse into the woods, where he was loosed and whipped. He was then ordered to the the country. Not long after this incident LIGE BYERS was caught in a theft and was taken to the woods, whipped and banished. He did not remain away, however and when he returned the Vigilance Committee again took him to the woods and whipped him. Still another of the Byers brothers was lynched before the committee had completed its work.

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The four BYERS brothers were the sons of ELISHA BYERS and his wife PRUDENCE. Elisha came to Iowa, with his family, ca 1842. They came from Darke Co. Ohio and all the sons were born there. Elisha died 26 Feb 1849, in Keokuk, Iowa. The sons are as follows:

- I. ELIJAH ELISHA BYERS b 6 Feb 1829, m ANN ELIZA MARTIN, Jan 1851.
- II. MARTIN GREEN BYERS b abt 1831 m JANE McCUNE in Feb 1868.
- III. ANDREW JACKSON BYERS b abt 1834 m ELIZABETH BALES.
- IV. ISAAC V. BYERS b 4 Jul 1837 m EMMA E., d Oct 1882 from gunshot wound.

Abstracted from a BYERS family history by an unknown author by WILLIAM W. TUCKER.

Editors note: Hey MARY D. WALLACE, I believe these belong to you. I hope you don't mind having them. Remember most of us have a few skeletons but some of us don't like to admit it. Personally, I don't mind, just gives a little spice to research. cbh.

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PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH

Editor's note:

DOROTHY SAWTELL, 1075 Maplewood Dr. Reno, NV 89509 (see query #32, Vol. III, No.2 p 34) seems to have located data on Chester Co. PA. that may lead, eventually, to documenting one of (or the) earliest immigrants. At the suggestion of ALDEN BYERS she has set some interesting data. Dorothy's comment's are abstracted from her cover letter and Alden's are abstracted from his. Comments, observations, and further documentation are welcomed and will be published.

Dorothy says:

In corresponding with ALDEN BYERS, I learned I had found data he didn't have. He suggested I send it to the 'Enquirer.' I am hoping that someone can tie the JEAN/JANE in the THOMAS WHITE will to the JANE WHITE that md. SAMUEL BYERS, Sr. It really looks like a good match. I do not have time to do anything more with the info at the present time.

WILL of JOHN WHITE<sup>1</sup>

E.Nottingham, Feb. 15, 1758; Mar. 9, 1758.  
 Dau. MARY; WILLIAM SHIELDS married to my dau. MARY.  
 Son PATRICK CARSON & dau JEAN CARSON  $\frac{1}{2}$  plantation.  
 Dau. AGNES WHITE other half of plantation.  
 Son ROBERT CRESWELL.  
 Gr. dau's ESTER CARSON, ELIZABETH SHIELDS.  
 Exrs. Nephew JOHN WHITE of Oxford; PATRICK CARSON.  
 Wits. ANDREW BUYERS, SAM'L BUYERS.

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Will of THOMAS WHITE

West Calm, 6 Nov. 1736; 3 May 1737. Wife ANN; Children, JEAN, THOMAS, JOHN: Bro. JOHN WHITE; Exrs. JOHN LOVE, SAMUEL HENRY; Wit. WILLIAM GREGORY, SAM'L HENRY.

At orphans court 15 Mar. 1742/3: ROBERT ANDERSON petitioned guardians be appointed for JANE, THOMAS & JOHN WHITE, children of THOMAS WHITE, dec'd. ROBERT ANDERSON, JAMES LOVE and JAMES GRAHAM appointed.

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1. LDS Library, Salt Lake City, UT., Film # 566496, Chester Co. PA Church (Misc. Records) DAR Collection. pp 1-2.

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CHESTER CO. PA, LAND WARRANTS

On the following pages you will find copies of Land Warrants copied from microfilm at the LDS (now FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY) Library, Salt Lake City, UT. Microfilm #1028712, Vol. C-91 thru Vol M-15; #1028713, Vol M-16 thru Vol W-60.

Info given on each page from Microfilm #1003198, Warrant Index, Chester Co. PA.



# By the Proprietaries.

Pennsylvania, D.

**W** H E R E A S *John & Byers* of the County of *Philadelphia* hath requested that We would grant *them* to take up *one hundred & fifty* Acres of Land *situate in West Nottingham Township*

*has been 3 years with* *John Luckey* for which *he* agrees to pay to our Use *at the Rate of* Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings current Money of this Province for *each* Hundred Acres, and the Yearly Quit-rent of One *Half* penny Sterling for every Acre thereof; THESE are therefore, to authorize and require thee to survey or cause to be surveyed unto the said *John Byers* at the Place aforesaid, according to the Method of *Te...*ships appointed, the said Quantity of *150* Acres if not already surveyed or appropriated, and make return thereof into the Secretary's Office, in order for further Confirmation; for which this shall be thy sufficient Warrant; which Survey in case the said *John Byers* fulfil the above Agreement within *one* Months from the Date hereof, shall be valid, otherwise void. GIVEN under my Hand, and the lesser Seal of Our Province, at Philadelphia, the *3* Day of *October* Anno Dom. 1737.

Surveyor-General.



Warrant #45: Warranter JOHN BYERS: Discription of Warrant, Survey: Quantity 150 acres: Date of warrant, 3 Oct 1737: Date of Return, 9 Jan 1844: Acres Ret. 102.24: Name of Patentee, ROBERT ROWLAND: Where Recorded, Vol. H 44 pg 458: Where survey is copied, Nottingham D36/157, also C17/201

Pennsylvania, S.

# By the Proprietaries.

WHEREAS

*Samuel Byers* of the County of *Chesks*

hath requested that we would grant *him* to take up *One Hundred* Acres of Land, *more or less adjoining the West Side in East Bethel.*

*(1) in the*

*Said* County of *Chesks*, for which *One* Acres, to pay to our Use the Sum of *15* in the *Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings*, current Money of this Province, *for the said One Hundred Acres* and the yearly Quit-Rent of *One Half Penny Sterling* for every Acre thereof.

These are therefore to authorize and require you to survey or cause to be survey'd unto the said *Samuel Byers* at the Place aforesaid according to the Method of Townships appointed, the said Quantity of *One Hundred* Acres, if not already survey'd or appropriated, and make Return thereof into the Secretaries Office, in Order for further Confirmation, for which this shall be your sufficient Warrant; which survey in Case the said *Samuel Byers* Months from the Date hereof, shall be valid, fulfil the above Agreement within *Three* Months from the Date hereof, shall be valid, otherwise void. GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of the Land Office, by virtue of certain Powers from the said Proprietaries, at Philadelphia, this *25<sup>th</sup>* Day of *March*.

*Annus Domini, 1749*

*Yo Nicholas Schulz, Surveyor General*



Warrant #94: Warranter SAMUEL BYERS: Discription, Survey: Quantity 100 acres: Date of Warrant 25 Mar 1749: Date of return 5 Jan 1763: Acres Ret. 107: Name of Patentee, WILLIAM BYERS: Recorded Vol AA 4 pg 340: Where survey is copied, East Cain A88/130.

Pennsylvania, D.

# By the Proprietaries.

WHEREAS, James Byers of the County of Chester requested that we would grant him to take up Twenty Five Acres of Land for survey

John Byers and William Kennedy in the Township of *Nottingham*

County of Chester for which he agrees to pay to our Treasurer the sum of Fifty Dollars in the full current Money of this Province, for One Hundred Acres of Land at the Rate of One Half-penny Sterling for every Acre thereof. These are therefore to authorize and require you to survey or cause to be surveyed unto the said James Byers at the Place aforesaid, according to the Method of Townships appointed, the full Quantity of 25 Acres if not already surveyed or appropriated and make Return thereof into the Secretary's Office, in Order for further Confirmation, for which this shall be your full and final Survey Warrant, which survey in Case the said James Byers shall fail to fulfill the above Agreement within six Months from the Date hereof, shall be void otherwise void. GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of the Land-Office, by Virtue of certain Powers from the said Proprietaries at Philadelphia, this Twentieth Day of February 1753. *James Darnley, One of the Secretaries*

To Nicholas Scull, Surveyor General

*James Byers*

Warrant #112: Warranter JAMES BYERS: Description Survey: Quantity 25 Acres: Date of Warrant 20 Feb 1858 [error by transcriber of index, plainly states 1753 above cbh]: Date of return [none given on index cbh]: Acres ret. 35: Name of Patentee [none given cbh]: Where recorded, Vol P 4 pg 485: Where survey is copied Nottingham D36/156.



# By the Proprietaries.

Penn<sup>s</sup> via J.

**W**HEREAS *William Byers* of the County of *Chester* both requested that we would grant him to take up *50* Acres of Land lying *Robert Roberts David Roberts Jun<sup>r</sup> and Joseph Phipps in Uchlan Township*

*County of Chester* for which he agrees to pay to our Use and the use of *Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings* current Money of this Province, for *One Hundred Acres*, *50* and the *Yenly* Quit-Rent of *One Half-penny Sterling* for every Acre thereof *50* These are therefore to authorize and require you to survey or cause to be surveyed unto the said *William Byers* at the Place aforesaid, according to the Method of Townships appointed, the said Quantity of *50* Acres if not already surveyed or appropriated, and make Return thereof into the Secretary's Office, in order for further Confirmation, for which this shall be your sufficient Warrant: Which Survey, in case the said *William Byers* fulfil the above Agreement within six Months from the Date hereof, shall be valid otherwise void. GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of the Land-Office, by Virtue of certain Powers from the said Proprietaries at *Philadelphia*, this *Twentieth* Day of *June* Anno Domini *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Seven*.

To *Nicholas Scull*, Surveyor General.

*William Byers*

Warrant #121: Warranter WILLIAM BYERS, Discription, Survey: 50 acres: Date of Warrant 16 Jun 1757: Date of return, 27 Feb 1801: acres returned 32.73: Name of Patentee: MARGARET BYERS et Al.: Recorded, Vol.P 46 pg 12: Where survey is copied, ?Uchlan A74/217.

PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH, CONTINUED

Editor's note:

Often land records were not recorded until a death in the family required it. These dates could be death date clues. It would also help for these lands to be traced down to the time that the BYERS name is no longer involved (or even later if there is a chance that a daughter or grandchild received some of it).

Abstracted from a letter from ALDEN BYERS, 200 E. Racquet Club #42, Plam Springs, CA 92262 to DOROTHY SAWTELL.

A lot of us have been hovering around the source for the earliest BYERS/BIERS/BUYERS, etc., of Chester Co. PA. There may be good reason to think that JOHN BYERS, 1737, and or JAMES BYERS, 1737 were our first American ancestors. I have not been in West Chester, PA. have had to rely on professional genealogists for research at the Historical Society there. Since I had to narrow my inquiries considerably to keep costs within reason, my efforts were directed toward the JOHN BYERS/BUYERS who bought from JAMES and SARAH ELDREDGE near Downingtown 10/20/1741. I have a great deal of material on him and his descendants through c1806, but until now no lead as to where he may have come from. Your data on JOHN of 1737 could supply the missing link, because there are several indications that suggest he could have been in America before 1741 - probably somewhere along the lower Brandywine.

I suspect that we may find the JOHN and JAMES were brothers, and between them progenitors of several lines that we all have in common.

Four or five years ago I located descendants of the JOHN BUYERS of Pega (1702-1756), wife MARY LETITIA PATTON (1716-1801), whose son Capt. ROBERT BUYERS is well covered in history of the "Flying Camp" in the Revolution. Data from this family confuses the origin of this JOHN, who is said to have come "from Ireland", and it may be that your JOHN will turn out to be this JOHN instead of "my" JOHN of Downingtown. However, I feel that your JAMES could have been my direct line. I think I descend from the JOHN BYARS who m. AGNES ROSS\* in Paxtang Presbyterian Church 1755, and I suspect that this JOHN (b 1729) was a son of a JAMES -- very possibly "your" JAMES. If so, there are a great many BYARS/BYERS descendants of JOHN and AGNES who will be very interested.

Your SAMUEL 1749 and WILLIAM 1757 are of interest to several lines being researched in the Enquirer, although I don't think they are related to the ones I have worked on, unless they may have been sons of JOHN BYERS of Downingtown. JOHN's sons were property holders in and around East Caln twp., upper Brandywine, in about these years, so if your land records are for lower Chester County or Delaware County, this would seem to point to other BYERS'.

One of the intriguing names in your research is the THOMAS REED BYERS. My father was named REED CASE BYERS and I have put a lot of

## PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH, CONTINUED

effort into trying to learn where the name REED came from. I was by far the youngest in my family and I thought one of my brothers or sisters, etc., would be able to tell me who our father was named for, but it remains a mystery. Of course there were several REEDS in the Revolution, including the Colonel who played so significant a role in the Battle of the Brandywine, so maybe Reed is not a clue, either for your THOMAS or my father, but it is certainly challenging.

As for your SAMUEL BYERS who m. MARY \_\_\_\_\_. Did you find his Will? If so, perhaps it named an executor or witness with his wife's name? Or perhaps she was a Reed? Middle names so frequently were for the maternal grandparents. I thought this might be my father's reference, but a very detailed and most comprehensive genealogy by a distant cousin of mine rules this out for me.

Because of the genealogy prepared by WILLIAM SAUSAMAN\*\* thirteen years ago, I have concentrated entirely on correcting and filling in data on the first generation of JACOB BYERS and ANN DOUGLASS, and in tracing the evolution and derivation of the name BYERS back into pre-history. The missing link is to identify our first American ancestors and connect him/her to a defined area or family in Ulster or Scotland/England, etc. Once I nail this down - if I ever do - I will wrap it up and publish my Paper, which I describe as notes rather than a serious scholarly work. As it is now, it contains so much that is based on inference and speculation that I do not think I should release it except to a very few who might be able to offer corrections from their own research. When I decide to publish it will go very quickly as it is all on computer and it is easy to delete and add without retyping. I rewrote four or five times before I got the computer and then had to start all over again.

My guess is the we trace to the same family - you to JOHN 1737 and I to JAMES 1737. What degree of cousinry would that make us?

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\*See B/B Enquirer, Vol.II, No.3 pg 74 for mention of JOHN BYARS and AGNES ROSS.

\*\*Sussaman's work not available for purchase according to response from him to letter of enquiry by the editor.

JOHN BYARS & AGNES ROSS  
from Alden's "Notes"

In identifying the John Byars who m. Agnes Ross 1755, Rupp (Egle?) says his father (James?) had died before 1750. Could this have been the James Biers of New Garden, subsequently the James of East Nottingham (?), who we suggest per the above later had a son John of York/Adams? Alternatively, could Rupp have confused John Byars with Captain/Judge John

PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH, CONTINUED

Byers of Carlisle, whose father David I of Donegal died 1743? It clearly was not the John Buyers (1702-1756) of Pequa, wife Mary Letitia Patton (1714-1801), father of the celebrated Captain Robert Buyérs of the "Flying Camp" in the Revolution. Robert's brother John Buyers II was born 5/29/1749 (also far too late to be our Jacob's father). John II married Ann Fullerton (1749-1808). These Buyers trace to Monaghan, Ireland. Descendants still live in Paradise, Pa., near Pequa. William was John Buyers I's first born, then Mary (Cowen), Robert, Cathrine (sic), John, Ann, and GEORGE. John I's widow married Thomas Sharp ca. 1762, who subsequently sold/traded a town lot the widow had inherited in Carlisle.

Some of our Jacob's descendants have attempted to connect to John of Pequa and Mary Letitia Patton, incorrectly.

\*And from another letter to the editor, written 19 Sep 1988 (Please forgive me for not getting back to you sooner) Alden asks:

Could this GEORGE have been the ancestor Col. GEORGE was looking for?

As usual, I am unable to lay my hands on the letter Col. George sent me concerning his GEORGE, so I don't know whether the dates would fit. Somewhere I have correspondence from the Pequa Buyers family but I don't think it contains their George's birthdate. It would have been prior to 1756, because the father, JOHN BUYERS I. d 1756. I know that at least some of the children scattered west and south, so maybe ...

I have lost Col. George's son's address. Please forward if you have it.

I also have, somewhere, a wide-ranging "connected warranty" map of the first claimants of the Pequa settlement. It contains scores of first family names, but only the one BUYERS/BYERS family.

Editor's note:

Col. JOHN BYERS, son of Col. George, is #36B on our membership list. I have not heard from Col. John since right after the death of our Col. George. I feel he is still recovering from losing his father and believe that a time will come when he'll take up the search he and his father were conducting. I'm sure going through the Colonel's research papers is not going to be easy for him either as I'm still having problems dealing with my mother's papers and she died in April 1986.

And it appears that Alden too has so many files it's hard for him to "take" time to find documents. Guess we all have that problem from time to time.

BYARS - BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER, VOL.III, NO.4

ADDITIONS, COMMENTS & CORRECTIONS

From: MARJORIE S. TUCKER, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226

Re: Vol.III, No.2

pp. 57-58 ANCESTOR CHART of SARAH BYERS WILLIAMS:

- 16. JOSEPH BYERS, b. 6-7-1792, d. 7-27-1813
- 17. NANCY BLANTON, b. 2-11-1792

The date of death for Joseph, 7-27-1813, is unreasonable. It could be the date of his marriage to Nancy Blanton, but needs proof. From Vol. II, No. 2, p. 47, from Dorothy Hays:

"I do know JOSEPH BYARS m. 27 July 1818, NANCY BLANTON"

From Vol. I, No. 1, pp. 14-15, the dates of birth of their children range 1814-1832.

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- 8. BURWELL BENSON BYERS, b. 2-3-1828, d. 8-24-1898, md. 4-2-1856
- 9. MARY BLANTON, b. 5-13-1827, d. 6-14-1900

their son:

- 4. JOHN JAMES (DOCK) BYERS, b. 12-29-1857

Although Benson Byers is enumerated in the Census of 1850, 1860, and 1870, for Spartanburg Dist., SC, the records do not help to verify these dates. In 1850 Benson was living next door to JACKSON BYARS, and is enumerated as follows:

Census of 1850, Spartanburg Dist., SC:

|       |              |   |    |    |        |
|-------|--------------|---|----|----|--------|
| #1276 | BENSON BIERS |   | 35 | SC | colier |
|       | (can't read) | f | 63 | "  |        |
|       | MARY A.      |   | 30 | "  |        |
|       | JOHN         |   | 1  | "  |        |
|       | (can't read) | f | 45 | "  |        |
|       | DRUCILLA     |   | 18 | "  |        |

QUESTIONS:

Who is this DRUCILLA, and does this indicate that Burwell Benson was related to NATHAN BYARS?

Is MARY A. the same person as MARY BLANTON, and if so, is 4-2-1856 the correct date of their marriage?

Is this JOHN the same as their son, JOHN JAMES (DOCK), said to have been born 12-29-1857? The Census of 1860 does not help to confirm either the name, JOHN JAMES, or the date of birth of a son for the year 1857.



ADDITIONS, COMMENTS & CORRECTIONS, CONTINUED

The Census of 1860 does not help to confirm either the name or date of birth of a son for the year 1857.

Census of 1860, Spartanburg Dist., SC:

|      |              |    |    |
|------|--------------|----|----|
| #154 | BENSON BYARS | 39 | SC |
|      | MARY ANN     | 25 | "  |
|      | JOHN         | 12 | "  |
|      | ASBERRY      | 8  | "  |
|      | GREENBERRY   | 8  | "  |
|      | DRURY        | 6  | "  |
|      | ALMIDA       | 3  | "  |
|      | RHODY BRYON  | 94 | "  |

Census of 1870, Spartanburg Dist., SC:  
(Pacolet Township)

|     |             |     |    |
|-----|-------------|-----|----|
| #4  | BENSON BIAS | 61  | SC |
|     | NANCY       | 54  | "  |
|     | ASBERRY     | 18  | "  |
|     | GREENBERRY  | 18  | "  |
|     | DRURY       | 15  | "  |
|     | ALMEDA      | 14  | "  |
|     | PRASCORA?   | f 9 | "  |
| #33 | JOHN BYARS  | 21  | SC |
|     | ANGELINE    | 27  | "  |

Editor's Note:

Did anyone contact NANCY PUCKETT that sent SARAH BYERS WILLIAMS chart? It would be interesting to know where her data comes from. Marjorie raises some interesting questions. Do we have any answers?

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From: ALDEN BYERS, 200 E. Racquet Club #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Re: Vol.III, No.3, p67.

We are indebted to THURLO BYERS for clarifying the location of JOSEPH BYERS, s/o SAMUEL and g s/o JOHN BYERS OF Downingtown, Chester Co. PA. This JOSEPH, who m. (1) ELIZABETH BLAIR, (2) ELIZABETH BLAKELY, lived in the Mt. Sidney area of Augusta Co. VA per Thurlo. Thurlo also locates DAVID III, the Ensign (flag bearer) in the Revolution as living nearby. The significance of this is that DAVID III was Joseph's cousin, David's mother having been ELIZABETH BYERS-BYERS-BYERS, a sister to SAMUEL. Joseph also served in the War, as a wagonner (DAR and application for pension 25 Aug. 1834).

Since we know Joseph's dates, we can state that Thurlo's "Old Joseph" BARR, who d 1810 in his 85th year (b. 1725) was not any

ADDITIONS, COMMENTS AND CORRECTIONS, CONTINUED

BYERS we have thus far encountered in PA. research. Waynesboro is near Staunton, where several known BYERS in-laws settled, hence "Old Joseph" could be a significant find -- if in fact he was a BYERS and not a BARR!

Is there documentation (or evidence) that JOHN and/or JAMES were the brothers of SAMUEL C.? It could be that JOHN was the brother, or son of DAVID, and/or that JAMES was the half-brother of DAVID. We need to trace JOHN(d 1799) of Adams back to his 1st wife and perhaps find JOHN's father (a JAMES?).

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Re:Vol.III No.3 pp 69-72, The account of the BYAS family.

This is another surprise. I am not aware of any BYAS in Scottish phone books. Since this is so unusual a variant, perhaps STEVEN BYAS of Norman, OK., should make an effort to locate someone in England or Wales with this spelling, if he can't tie it to Byers in America.

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From: THURLO V. BYERS, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121

Re: Vol. III No.3 pp 70, BYAS Family:

STEVEN BYAS may want to consider the following:

The ROBERT BYERS 1820 Buncombe Co. NC census was s/o SAMUEL and MARGARET, then living in Buncombe Co. He was not related to the Rutherford Co. BYAS-BYARS families. In 1840 ROBERT and wife, MARY were living in Lumpkin Co. GA. In 1850 they were living in Cherokee Co. GA. By 1860 MARY BYERS was listed as head of household and living in Dawson Co. GA. This ROBERT BYERS had five brothers; DAVID, FRANCIS, JOSEPH, JAMES and WILLIAM.

The ROBERT BYERS 1830 Iredell Co. NC census was s/o JAMES and MARGARET BYERS. He b 28 Nov 1773, Rowan Co. NC., d 25 Nov 1835 Iredell Co. He was g s/o ROBERT and MARGARET BYERS who d in Rowan Co. NC 1770's. This ROBERT BYERS m ANN ALLISON and among other children had a son THOMAS. In 1860 Iredell Co. census THOMAS and his mother, ANN, were listed on pg 175, Statesville Twp.

Another ROBERT BYERS in Iredell Co. NC b 1780 NC. He was listed in census records of 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840 and 1860, Iredell Co. He d before 1870. This ROBERT md twice and had at least six daughters and five sons. Among the sons were: JOSEPH, WILLIAM, LEANDER and EMANUEL. Three of his descendants, LEANDER, EMANUEL and g son WILLIAM md daughters of ROBERT STEWART and JANE DECORDIA SNEAD. A fourth daughter of the Stewart's md WILLIAM F. BYERS, s/o HAMILTON BYERS of that area. The present descendants of WILLIAM F. living in SC spell their name BYARS.

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ADDITIONS, COMMENTS AND CORRECTIONS, CONTINUED

Also from THURLO V. BYERS

Re:"Tar Heel Places" Vol. III, No 3 pp 75-76:

Thank you Mr. GEORGE BELL. These places are of interest to me. Until now I only knew of the one in Iredell Co.

BYERS Creek & Mountain in N. Henderson Co. This was the home ground of FRANCIS and JULIAH BYERS and at a later date their son, JOSEPH R. BYERS and wife, Mrs. MARGARET GUICE. I like this JOSEPH R. BYERS (b 1829- ). A first Lieut. in the 25th Regt., Co. H. NC Troops, CSA, he enlisted from Henderson Co. NC 15 Jul 1861 and must have been through much for on 9 Apr 1865 he was paroled at Appomattox Courthouse. In 1870 he was living with his parents. His father d before 1880 and in that year we find JOSEPH had md a widow with two children. He had four of his own and was supporting his mother, JULIAH. Census pg 7 Ed 97.

BYERS BRANCH in central Clay Co. This was the home ground of SAMUEL E. BYERS, s/o DAVID BYERS of Haywood Co. NC. Samuel was in Cherokee Co. NC 1860 and year later the area was formed as Clay Co.

BYERS CREEK in east Henderson Co. This was the home ground of WILLIAM BYERS and his wife, SARAH RUSSELL. His father was WILLIAM BYERS of Buncombe Co. in the 1810,1820,1830, census. I know very little of his father as yet.

BYERS CREEK in Iredell Co. This was the home ground for several BYERS who first settled in Rowan Co. NC. Old ROBERT d in 1775 and two of his sons, JAMES and JOSEPH Sr. owned extensive holdings around BYERS Creek. This was where the original Oliphant Mill was located. JOSEPH Sr. did not marry but left all his possessions to his nieces and nephews. I liked his style. In his will he stated. "If anyone was displeased about his bequeaths they would get nothing." This JAMES was the ancestor of one of our [past] fellow subscribers, JIMMY BROWN.

This past Spring, while two of my grandsons were on school break, we made a trip through Memphis, New Orleans, Mobile, Ft. Walton Beach, Okefenokee Swamp, Charleston, Iredell Co. and Asheville. While in Iredell Co., we visited the Centre Presbyterian Church and Cemetery. Eighteen Byers' have headstones in that cemetery. A short distance north and just off I-77 we went to the Byers Creek site. It is now a part of Lake Norman.

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Editor's note:

And Thurlo, I like your style. I notice that you include your grandchildren in your travels and that's the only way "our descendants" are going to come to know and love "our ancestors" the way we do. I think this is wonderful. We really do appreciate your generous sharing. With folks like you on our team we can't lose.

DAVID BYERS<sup>1</sup> & MARGARET CARSON  
A Case Study

From: MARJORIE TUCKER

Note: In B/B Enquirer, Vol.II, No. 1 p. 25, an article from JACKSON BYARS, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502, was published concerning the children of DAVID BYERS & MARGARET CARSON. In Vol. I, No.3 p 71, JAMES GORDON asked for the parentage of SAMUEL E. BYERS. Marjorie ordered a copy of The Annals of Haywood Co., NC by W.C. Allen so she could study the biographical sketch of the Byers family and also the Green family. This data (which is of course secondary) was compared to census records and known marriage records were included. Below is Marjorie's reversion and update. THURLO V. BYERS and Marjorie suspect he is descended from this family through a son of their SAMUEL and wife MARGARET. Further info, additions, corrections, and documentation is welcome and will be published.  
DAVID BYERS (1778 - 18 )

This David Byers appears in the records of Haywood County, NC. He is mentioned briefly in The Annals of Haywood Co., NC by W.C. Allen, 1935, pages 529-531, as follows:

"XLII. THE BYERS FAMILY

David Byers, the first of the name to come to what is now Haywood County, came here from Rutherford about the beginning of the nineteenth century, and settled in what is now Clyde township. The record is not clear as to whether or not he had a family when he came to this section, but it is on record that later in life his family consisted of seven children whose names are given as follows: SAMUEL E. BYERS, who married AMELIA McCracken; EPHRIAM, who married MILLIE RATLIFF; DAVID, who married MARY HENRY; FRANCIS, who married SARAH MEDFORD; MARGARET, who became the wife of ELIJAH GADDIS; POLLY who died unmarried; and REBECCA, who married THOMAS GREEN."

The statement here that the daughter, REBECCA BYERS married THOMAS GREEN contradicts the account of the Green Family given on pages 419-421 of this same book, which states that THOMAS GREEN married MARGARET BYERS. The Census of 1850 for Haywood County, NC also confirms that it was MARGARET who married Thomas Green.

"XXII. THE GREEN FAMILY

... JOHN (GREEN), a son of THOMAS, in the early part of the nineteenth century, came into what is now Macon County and built a home on the flats of Middle Creek. This one became the progenitor of the family in Macon and a portion of the branch in Haywood County.

John, however, became dissatisfied with conditions at his home place in Macon, left, it is supposed, for Texas, which was at the time attracting the attention of the United States on account of its struggle for independence from Mexico. At least three of his brothers, WILLIAM, THOMAS, and SILAS, and possibly ANDERSON had gone to Texas years before this from the old home in Burke County. John may have joined the Texas army in the war with Mexico and was either killed in the struggle, or disappeared in some mysterious way.

DAVID BYERS, CONTINUED

Before leaving Macon, however, he had married a MISS HEMPHILL, and a son, THOMAS, was born about 1815. Thomas grew to manhood in Macon County and lived the greater part of his life in Haywood. He married MARGARET BYERS, of this county. Two sons and a daughter were born of this union as follows: SAMUEL D. (??DAVID) GREEN married ELIZABETH ESTES of Tennessee...THADDEUS married TEMPERANCE LOUISE SHOOK; and REBECCA married HUMPHREY POSEY HOLLAND, of this county." This David Byers may have been the David who married Dec. 30, 1800, Rutherford Co., NC, REBECCA McCLAIN. The name Rebecca is certainly numerous among David's descendants.

David was living with his son, David, when the census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC was taken. Presumably his wife was deceased.

Children of DAVID BYERS (1778 - 18 )

1. SAMUEL E. BYERS, b. Feb. 23, 1801, NC, d. Feb. 23, 1880, m. Feb. 25, 1833, Haywood Co., NC, AMELIA McCracken, b. , d. probably 1846-1850 (after her last child was born and before the 1850 census). She was a dau. of JOSEPH McCracken and SARAH VAUGH.

At one time they lived on Jonathan's Creek, but, later, he moved from the country and located in Clay where he died.

Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC, Family #976:

|                 |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|
| Samuel Byers    | 48 | NC |
| Violet A.       | 16 | "  |
| Harriet C.      | 14 | "  |
| Martha A.       | 13 | "  |
| Emilla E.       | 12 | "  |
| Margaret S.     | 10 | "  |
| Luizer (female) | 7  | "  |
| Joseph Thaddeus | 6  | "  |
| Laura A.        | 4  | "  |
| Ross Balding    | 25 | SC |

(laborer)

2. EPHRAIM BYERS, b. 1806, NC  
m. Nov. 24, 1830, Haywood Co., NC, MILLIE RATCLIFF, b. 1810, NC

They lived on Jonathan's Creek, but later moved to Georgia.

Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC, Family #947:

|                     |      |    |
|---------------------|------|----|
| Ephragm Byers       | 44   | NC |
| Mila                | 40   | "  |
| Talitha             | 18   | "  |
| Lucinda             | 17   | "  |
| David               | 15   | "  |
| Luizer (female)     | 13   | "  |
| Elizabeth           | 12   | "  |
| Francis (male)      | 10   | "  |
| Asbury              | 8    | "  |
| Jasper              | 7    | "  |
| Phidilla (male)     | 5    | "  |
| Mariah              | 3    | "  |
| not named Byers     | 1/12 | "  |
| (male) taken Oct. 3 |      |    |

Children of DAVID BYERS (1778 - 18 ), CONTINUED

3. MARGARET BYERS, b. ? 1808, NC  
 m. Nov. 30, 1826, Haywood Co., NC, ELIJAH GADDIS

They may have had a son, JERRYMIAM GADDIS, who was b. 1827, and is enumerated in the Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC as follows:

Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC, Family #588:

|                   |      |    |
|-------------------|------|----|
| Jerryemiah Gaddis | 23   | NC |
| Lucinda           | 20   | "  |
| Martha            | 1    | "  |
| Mary              | 1/12 | "  |

taken Sept. 5

Elijah Gaddis was not located in the Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC. He was probably deceased and Margaret had re-married. The history of the Green Family states that THOMAS GREEN, born about 1815, married MARGARET BYERS, of this county (Haywood). Their marriage record does not appear among the records that were searched for the BYERS name. A search of records for the GREEN family of Haywood Co. may reveal a record of their marriage.

Margaret Byers and her husband, Thomas Green are enumerated in the Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC, Family #131:

|              |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|
| Thomas Green | 32 | NC |
| Margaret     | 42 | "  |
| Samuel       | 12 | "  |
| Rebecca      | 10 | "  |
| Thaddeus     | 7  | "  |

4. DAVID BYERS, b. 1813, NC  
 m. Oct. 16, 1847, Haywood Co., NC, MARY CAROLINE HENRY, b. 1828, NC

"moved to Cherokee County where he died"

Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC, Family #141:

|             |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|
| David Byers | 37 | NC |
| Mary C.     | 22 | "  |
| Rebecca     | 1  | "  |
| David       | 72 | SC |

Children of DAVID BYERS (1778 - 18 ), CONTINUED

5. FRANCIS BYERS, b. 1816, NC  
 m. Sept. 10, 1835, Haywood Co., NC, SARAH MEDFORD, b. 1812, NC

Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC, Family #647:

|                 |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|
| Francis Byers   | 34 | NC |
| Sarah           | 38 | "  |
| Mourning        | 13 | "  |
| Avaline         | 11 | "  |
| William         | 9  | "  |
| Luizer (female) | 7  | "  |
| Rebecca         | 5  | "  |
| Dillard         | 3  | "  |
| Lidda (female)  | 1  | "  |

6. POLLY BYERS

"died unmarried"

7. REBECCA BYERS

Although the history of the Byers Family states that Rebecca Byers married THOMAS GREEN, the marriage records of Haywood Co., NC indicate that she married Dec. 7, 1833, WILLIAM GREEN. This William was not identified in the history of the Green Family.

Sources: The Annals of Haywood Co., NC, by W.C. Allen, 1935,  
 XLII. THE BYERS FAMILY, pp. 529-531, and  
 XXII. THE GREEN FAMILY, pp. 419-421  
 Marriage Records in NC, by Hunting For Bears, Inc.

Children of SAMUEL E. BYERS (DAVID<sup>1</sup>) and AMELIA McCRACKEN

1. VIOLET A. (?AMELIA) BYERS, b. 1834, NC  
 m. , E.M. DAVIS

They had 8 children; KITTY, RANKIN, WARREN, CORA, SAMUEL, WILEY, CHALMERS, and JAMES DAVIS.

2. HARRIET CAROLINE BYERS, b. 1836, NC  
 m.1st. Jun. 14, 1851, Haywood Co., NC, DAVID ROSS BALDWIN, b. 1825, SC  
 (date from Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC).

They had 6 children; SAMUEL, ALEXANDER, SAMANTHA, GAYLOR, JAMES, and WILLIE BALDWIN.

She m.2nd. , PALMERSTON McCRACKEN

They had 7 children; EDGAR, LUCIUS, MINNIE, CORNELIA, HENRY, HORACE, and HERMUS McCRACKEN.

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Children of SAMUEL E. BYERS, CONTINUED

3. MARTHA A. (?ADELINE) BYERS, b. 1837, NC

If she is ADELINE BYERS, then she married ELISHA MOORE, and they had 4 children; IDA, LILLIE, AMELIA and ROSA MOORE.

4. EMILLA E. (?ELVIRA) BYERS, b. 1838, NC

If she is ELVIRA BYERS, then she married HENLY LEDFORD, and they had 7 children; BASCOMBE, BYNUM, CARL, MARTHA, DOCK, LUTHER and LEE LEDFORD.

5. MARGARET S. BYERS, b. 1840, NC  
m. STEVEN REDMOND

They had 4 children; GEORGIA, NANNIE, MARGIE, and ROBERT REDMOND.

6. LOUISA A. BYERS, b. 1843, NC  
m. Sept. 30, 1869, Haywood Co., NC, HENRY L. KINGSMORE

They had 8 children; SAMUEL, LEN, CENIE, AGNES, MAY, BEN, DAISY, and HATTIE KINGSMORE.

7. JOSEPH THADDEUS BYERS, b. 1844, NC  
m.1st. MARY COFFEY, no children.

He m.2nd. DOCIA HIGGINS

They had 2 sons and 2 daus.; ROBERT, BEN, GLAZIE, and ADA BYERS.

8. LAURA ANN BYERS, b. 1846, NC  
m. Mar. 18, 1869, Haywood Co., NC, MILES ALEXANDER KIRKPATRICK

They had 9 children; WILLIAM L., AMELIA, ADDIE, JOHN R., CHARLES S., MAGGIE, FRENCH, HATTIE, and CLEVELAND F. KIRKPATRICK.

Sources: The Annals of Haywood Co., NC, by W.C. Allen, 1935, XLII. THE BYERS FAMILY, pp. 529-531.  
Marriage Records in NC, by Hunting For Bears, Inc.  
Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC

Children of EPHRAIM BYERS (DAVID<sup>I</sup>) and MILLIE RATCLIFF

1. TALITHA BYERS, b. 1832, NC  
2. LUCINDA BYERS, b. 1833, NC  
3. DAVID BYERS, b. 1835, NC



Children of EPHRAIM BYERS, CONTINUED

4. LOUISA BYERS, b. 1837, NC
5. ELIZABETH BYERS, b. 1838, NC
6. FRANCIS (male) BYERS, b. 1840, NC
7. ASBURY BYERS, b. 1842, NC
8. JASPER BYERS, b. 1843, NC
9. PHIDILLA (male) BYERS, b. 1845, NC
10. MARIAH BYERS, b. 1847, NC
11. not named BYERS (male), b. ca. Sept. 1850, NC

Source: Census of 1850, Haywood Co., NC

Editor's Note:

Please remember that this is a CASE STUDY, and not intended as a proven genealogy. Along with the census records, (which Marjorie can order and read at home on her microfilm reader) we need tax rolls, land records, and other primary sources. A good place to read tax rolls and other vital records is the branch Family History Libraries (LDS). The film can be ordered and read at the Branch and copies can be ordered from Salt Lake City.

Many researchers are hesitant to use the LDS records because of the many errors made in the past on family group sheets. The records the Mormon Church have microfilmed are from the original records in the county and are as good as going to that county in person.

See the Pennsylvania data this issue from DOROTHY SAWTELL. That same data could have been ordered and used in a Branch LDS Library.

If you have further documentation for this family please do send it in for publication and also to those who are working on them. As you can see from just this issue, as the records are searched and data added the picture become clearer and clearer. cbh.

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MARRIAGES, CABELL CO. W. VIRGINIA

From: SHARON CLARK, 1466 Troy Lane, Pocatello, ID 83201

|                      |                   |             |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| BIAS, ROLAND         | DICY BRUMFIELD    | 15 Apr 1813 |
| BIAS, POLLY          | JAMES HATFIELD    | 30 Oct 1817 |
| BYAS, JOHN           | SALLY ADTKINS     | 27 Sep 1819 |
| BIAS, JOHN           | SALLY REA         | 1 Jan 1820  |
| BYAS, WILLIAM        | PRICILLA CHILDERS | 1822        |
| BIAS, LARKIN         | MARTHA PORTER     | 28 Dec 1826 |
| BIAS, CLARINDA       | WILLIAM RODGERS   | 8 Feb 1836  |
| BIAS, JAMES          | BETTY ADKINS      | 7 Dec 1837  |
| BIAS, ABSALOM        | ELIZABETH BUTCHER | 1 Mar 1838  |
| BIAS, ROLAND         | MARTHA MITCHELL   | 22 Oct 1839 |
| BIAS, CINTHA         | TANDY TOOLEY      | 9 Apr 1840  |
| BIAS, MARTIN*        | ARMILDA BIAS      | 26 Dec 1841 |
| BIAS, ELIZABETH      | JACOB GRASS       | 9 Sep 1842  |
| BIAS, BERRY (PERRY?) | SARAH NOFF (NESS) | 12 May 1850 |
| BIAS, AMERICA        | SOLOMAN MEDKIFF   | 1 Aug 1850  |
| BIAS, JAMES          | NANCY WILLIAMS    | 14 Oct 1850 |
| BIAS, JAMES P.       | MARY BURNS        | 1 Apr 1852  |
| BIAS, LINSEY         | MARY ANN BIAS     | 2 Apr 1852  |
| BIAS, WILLIAM        | ELIZABETH BURNS   | 20 May 1852 |
| BIAS, MARGARET E.    | SAMUEL T. TURNER  | 21 Apr 1853 |

\*Although the rest of the marriages were in chronological order the MARTIN BIAS 1841 was at the top of the list. Was the year a typo?

|                                                                                |                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BIAS, NELLY<br>b. Cabell Co. 28 yrs.<br>father, ROLIN BIAS<br>mother, DICY     | WILLIAM MORRISON 2 May 1855<br>b. Pittsviana (sic) 68 yr<br>father, JAMES MORRISON<br>mother, RACHEL |
| BIAS, JAMES C.<br>b Cabell Co. 22 yr<br>father, LARKIN BIAS<br>mother, RUTH    | MARY L. BIAS 24 Jul 1856<br>b Cabell Co. 22 yr-a widow<br>father, FRANKLIN BIAS<br>mother, D. BROWN  |
| BIAS, EMMIS<br>b Cabell Co. 23 yrs<br>father, ANDERSON BIAS<br>mother, E.      | LOUISA A. BROWN 4 Dec 1856<br>b Calell Co. 16 yrs<br>father THOMAS BROWN<br>mother, POLLY            |
| BIAS, NANCY A.<br>b Cabell Co. 20 yrs<br>father, DANIEL DIAS<br>mother, J.     | BENJAMIN ADKINS 3 Jul 1856<br>b Wayne Co. VA 24 yrs<br>father, JOHN ADKINS<br>mother, ELIZABETH      |
| BIAS, JAMES A.<br>b Cabell Co. 28 yrs<br>father, JAMES BIAS<br>mother, MARY D. | ELIZABETH WILKES 1 Apr 1858<br>b Cabell Co. 23 yrs<br>father, JAMES WILKS<br>mother, MARY            |

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CABELL CO. W. VIRGINIA MARRIAGES, CONTINUED

|                                                                                   |                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BIAS, LINDSEY<br>b Cabell Co. 30 yrs.<br>father, LINDSEY BIAS<br>mother, M.       | MARTHA McVICKERS 17 Mar 1859<br>b Cabell Co. 21 yrs<br>father, A. McVICKERS<br>mother, M.              |
| BIAS, DRUSILLA<br>b Cabell Co. 14 yrs<br>father, ROLIN BIAS<br>mother, M.         | ALEXANDER McCARIN 2 Mar 1859<br>b Cabell Co. 22 yrs.<br>father, JOHN McCARIN<br>mother, A.             |
| BIAS, EMILY<br>b Cabell Co. 19 yr<br>father, ROLIN BIAS<br>mother M.              | RICHARD ROBERTS 17 Mar 1859<br>b Cabell Co. 21 yrs<br>father, ANDREW ROBERTS<br>mother, J.             |
| BIAS, FRANCES<br>b Amherst Co. VA 17 yrs<br>father, RUBEN BIAS<br>mother, AMLINDA | PLEASANT MITCHELL 2 Apr 1860<br>b Amherst Co. VA 29 yrs<br>father, SAMUEL MITCHELL<br>mother, E.A.     |
| BIAS, WILLIAM A.<br>b Cabell Co. 23 yrs<br>father, ANDERSON BIAS<br>mother, BETTY | MARY JANE BROWN 29 Oct 1860<br>b Cabell Co. 18 yrs<br>father, THOMAS BROWN<br>mother, M.A.             |
| BIAS, DICEY<br>b Cabell Co. 23 yrs<br>father, JAMES BIAS<br>mother, POLLY         | ARTHUR R. RAMSEY 18 Dec 1864<br>b Rockbridge Co. VA 19 yrs<br>father, SEATON RAMSEY<br>mother, D.      |
| BIAS, ANNA<br>b Amherst Co. VA 17 yrs<br>father, ROLAND BIAS<br>mother, SARAH     | WILLIS NOEL 4 Dec 1864<br>b Cabell Co. 22 yrs<br>father, WINSTON NOEL<br>mother, MARY                  |
| BIAS, EMILY<br>b Cabell Co. 33 yrs<br>father, LINDSEY BIAS<br>mother, MATILDA     | JOHN MARTIN 25 Jan 1865<br>b Butler Co. VA 50 yrs<br>father, JAMES MARTIN<br>mother, MARY              |
| BIAS, SARAH JANE*<br>b Brown Co. VA 22 yrs                                        | DAVID F. SHELTON* 5 Dec 1865<br>b Cabell Co. 24 yrs.                                                   |
| BIAS, WILLIAM A.B.<br>b Cabell Co. 23 yrs<br>father, A.J. BIAS<br>mother, EMILY   | MARTHA R. DEACON 11 Feb 1865<br>b Rockbridge Co. VA 22 yrs<br>father, J.W. DEACON<br>mother, PATSEY    |
| BIAS, DRUSILLA<br>b Cabell Co. 22 yrs<br>father, ROLAND BIAS<br>mother, MARTHA    | GEORGE W. LAUSHORN 28 Jul 1866<br>b Greenup Co. KY 21 yrs<br>father, JOSEPH LAUSHORN<br>mother, JENIAH |

\*parents names not noted.

## CABELL CO. W. VIRGINIA MARRIAGES, CONTINUED

|                                                                                                |                                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BIAS, EMILY V. (widow)<br>b Cabell Co. 21 yrs<br>father, SOLOMAN BIAS<br>mother, SALLY MEDKIFF | BENJAMIN D. PERRY 22 Oct 1866<br>b Lawrence Co. OH 24 yrs<br>father, B.L. PERRY<br>mother, B.A.   |
| BIAS, ADALINE<br>b Cabell Co. 18 yrs<br>father, ROLAND BIAS<br>mother, MARTHA                  | COLUMBUS JOHNSON 10 Jan 1867<br>b Cabell Co. 21 yrs<br>father, LIB. JOHNSON<br>mother, ?          |
| BIAS, JOHN M.<br>b Cabell Co. 21 yrs<br>father, ROLAND BIAS<br>mother, MARTHA                  | REBECCA A. JOHNSON 24 Mar 1867<br>b Cabell Co. 21 yrs<br>father, HARVEY JOHNSON<br>mother, ARAMIA |
| BIAS, LEVINA*<br>b Cabell Co. 25 yrs                                                           | JOSEPH DEACON 27 Mar 1868<br>b Rockbridge Co. VA 33 yrs                                           |
| BIAS, JEANETTE*<br>b Cabell Co. 20 yrs                                                         | JOHN CHILDERS 10 May 1868<br>b Wayne Co. VA 26 yrs.                                               |
| BIAS, SARAH E.<br>b Cabell Co. 19 yrs<br>father, F.D.<br>mother, M.T.                          | G.W. BAYLISS 2 Mar 1869<br>b Putnam Co. W VA 25 yrs<br>father, F.S.<br>mother, M.V.               |
| BIAS, R.F. (female)<br>b Cabell Co. 18 yrs<br>father, D. BIAS<br>mother, J.                    | J.E. SAWYERS 31 Mar 1869<br>b Putnam Co. W VA 19 yrs<br>father, J. SAWYERS<br>mother, S.          |
| BIAS, CLAMPA<br>b Cabell Co. 23 yrs<br>father, J. BIAS<br>mother, M.                           | J.L. MORRISON 11 Apr 1869<br>b Cabell Co. 28 yrs<br>father, W. MORRISON<br>mother, M.             |
| BIAS, SARAH SHELTON*(widow)<br>b. Boone Co. VA 26 yrs                                          | DAVID McCONNERS 29 Apr 1869<br>b Cabell Co. 35 yrs                                                |
| BIAS, R. (female)<br>b Cabell Co. 24 yrs<br>father, R. BIAS<br>mother, M.                      | A.D. BLEDSON 3 Jul 1869<br>b Orange Co. VA 21 yrs<br>father, W. BLEDSON<br>mother, R.             |
| BIAS, SARAH E.<br>b Cabell Co. 18 yrs<br>father, R. BIAS<br>mother, M.                         | JOHN M. MARKIN 14 Sep 1869<br>b Ohio 25 yrs<br>father, A. MARKIN<br>mother, M.                    |
| BIAS, C.L.<br>b Cabell Co. 18 yrs<br>father, B. BIAS<br>mother, S.                             | MARY F. WARD 5 Mar 1870<br>b Cabell Co. 19 yrs<br>father, JOHN WARD<br>mother, J.                 |

\*parents names not noted

NATHANITES NICHE

Things to ponder from the Editor

1805 1806 NATHAN BYARS buys land-Spartanburg Co. SC  
Vol P pg 255, Spartanburg Deeds: Discrepancy in  
dates: ABISCHA CAMP sells to NATHAN BYARS for  
\$50.00 on Branches of Turner's fork on Thickaty  
Creek ... Byars old corner ... Turner's land...  
Dated 20 Aug 1805 in body & 20 Aug 1806 on wit-  
ness proof. Witnesses JOSEPH CAMP, JAMES REDING  
Not filed until 5 May 1817. This transaction  
was made by the NATHAN we have been calling  
NATHAN Jr. s/o NATHAN & DRUCILLA.

1836 NATHAN BYARS sold land 1836-26 Sep-Spartanburg SC  
Vol.I pp 243-244,dated 26 Sep 1836,Recorded Apr  
2, 1837:To South Carolina Mfg.Co. WILLIAM CLARK  
agent for WILLIAM WALKER, SAMUEL N. EVINS, JOHN  
BOMAR Jr. HUGH BAILY,SIMPSON BOBO...on branches  
of Turner's Fork of Thickaty Cr... Turner's old  
line...76 acres more or less ...Witnesses, JOHN  
R. RICHARDS, JOHN BYARS. EMILIA BYARS dower re-  
linquished 6 Oct 1836.

According to the Butts Co. GA. Deed Records: p 419, 13 Nov.1824,  
WM. BYARS & NATHAN BYARS of Spartanburg Dist., SC., bought land  
originally in Henry Co. GA. Witnesses were WM. BYARS and GEORGE  
BYARS.

Also there on 20 Dec 1828,BENJAMIN TURNER & WM. BYARS bought land  
there (no pg #s given in notes made by FERN BYARS and sent to me  
by DOROTHY HAYS

On 8 Nov 1830 p.315, An indention between WM. BYARS and THOMAS  
THOMAS was witnessed by NOAH BYARS & JOSEPH BYARS.

No mention was made of a NATHAN or a NOAH BYARS in the "BYARS -  
JONES Family History" by VERA MARTIN JONES in History of Butts  
County Georgia 1825-1976, Cherokee Pub. Co. 1978, Atlanta. (B/B  
Enquirer, Vol.I, No.3 pp 63-65.)

The 1805/1836 land in Spartanburg and the Turner estate papers,  
leaves no doubt that a man named NATHAN BYARS md JOHN TURNER'S  
daughter. If the early Nathan in Spartanburg was not related to  
NATHAN & DRUCILLA then whose son was he?

We must know more about that NATHAN mentioned in the Butts Co. GA  
deeds. The name NATHAN does not appear (in the notes sent to  
me) again in the Butts Co. GA. records until Sep 1858 (p 452)  
when a NATHAN BYARS is admr. THOMAS THOMAS. The records of the  
THOMAS THOMAS estate (if available) might shed some light on  
this. I would greatly appreciate having any data (please do give  
your source) on any NATHAN you find in the records in any area.

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\* HAS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRED? RENEW TODAY!! \*  
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from the editor

The beginning of a new year will also mark the beginning of a some what new format for our periodical. I believe you'll find it easier to read and for the tired eyes of the genealogists that's a plus.

Ever since day one my word processor (not to be confused with a computer) has had a bug in it. The service man had it more than I did and was never able to find it. After hauling it back and forth four times my dealer, who was just as tired of the situation as I was, offered me a new model at no cost to me. Well I spent about three weeks thinking that over because the new one uses a micro-disk for storage and all my data is stored on micro-wafers. I truly didn't want to have to restore all that material. But, I finally decided it was either go with this one or lose my mind. I figured I'd be better off storing data than spending hours of my time plus gas money running back and forth on the highway with the word processor.

The nice thing about this one is the features that the older model didn't have. Now if I can figure out how to use all of them we'll all be better off.

Since time is always pressing me I may miss an address change or two that I had stored for this issue. If you have one and I failed to get it in this issue please let me know. We want everyone to know where you are just in case they need to contact you.

Now that son Danny seems to be on the mend I hope to get out and do some real research. My two traveling buddies, one with a brand new first grandchild, and the other with her first great grandchild, keep telling me we have to go someplace because our families have forgotten what we are here for-looking for dead folks. I tend to agree with them and would sure like to get those wheels moving in the right direction. We decided not to make any plans though because it seems when we do something happens in one of our families to keep us at home. We are just going to get up one morning and declare a holiday for just us, and hit the road. Those three giggling fat ladies you see in the courthouse may just be Clovis and crew.

*CBAH*

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

111B **CHARLES BLAKLEY**, 211 Gatewood Circle West, Burleson, TX 76028  
Charles descends from **ELIZABETH BYARS** daughter of **STRIPLING BYARS**.  
He found bound volumes of the 'Family Enquirer' at the Ft. Worth Library. Someone must have donated them and that's wonderful. See his group sheets and ancestor chart in this issue.

PLEASE NOTE: NAMES APPEAR ONE TIME ONLY IN BOLD PRINT  
IF THE NAME OF YOUR INTEREST APPEARS IN BOLD READ THE ENTIRE PAGE  
TO DETERMINE IF IT APPEARS MORE THAN ONE TIME ON THE PAGE



NEW MEMBERS, Continued

112B EMMA LEE PRICE, 104 Prentiss St. Thousand Oak, CA 91360  
Emma is a NATHANITE and descends from NATHAN & DRUCILLA through  
their son HARRELL BYARS and his wife JENNIE GILL. See her data this  
issue.

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ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

71B FRANK & VIRGINIA BYERS, 125 Everett St. Lakewood, CO 80226.

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GET WELL WISHES

The parents of 29B COLUMBINE LIVINGSTON have been ill. Columbine  
says they are on the road to recovery and she can once again enjoy  
hunting ancestors. We wish them continued good health.

I'm sorry to report that SIBYL NORTHCUTT is no longer able to be a  
member of our group.(See Vol.I, No.4, pg 83+) Sibyl has been a  
wonderful genealogist and historian and now suffers from a brain  
tumor. Her condition keeps her from doing active research. We pray  
for a cure for her.

48B VINA MAE MEINE had knee replacement surgery in Dec. We hope by  
now her physical therapist has her up and running around doing  
research.

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OUR SYMPATHY

MARJORIE TUCKER'S husband lost his younger brother at Thanksgiving.  
Our sympathy goes to the family.

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OUR READERS WRITE

DOROTHY HAYS wondered if I was more than one person because of all I  
do. No Dorothy, I'm just one and sometime think I just have half a  
head. My wonderful granddaughter MELONIE is showing some interest  
in all this and has been helping me some on week-ends when she comes  
to Nana's and Papa's from college. Even though I realize she just  
enjoys using the word processor, I'm beginning to see that 'hooked'  
gleam in her eyes once in awhile.

And folks, Dorothy has written four letters already trying to find  
some SC tax rolls-we need them!

Had a great letter from 39B COL. JOHN BYERS son of our dec'd COL.  
GEORGE BYERS. I'm glad to report that Col. John's health is  
improving and he's getting back into genealogy. We know what a fine  
teacher his Dad was, and from reading his letter I can see he's a

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OUR READERS WRITE, continued

"chip off the old block" when it comes to making people feel good about their efforts.

96B EDITH DAWSON had a nice trip in Sept. Went to York Co. SC where her WILLIAM BYERS & DAVID BYERS Lived during the Revolutionary War. Edith says it was a strange feeling to walk where she knew they had walked. Yes indeed Edith, I know the feeling. I get goose bumps and have even been known to get all teary eyed in that situation.

75B FRANCES CONDRA, a descendant of JOEL BLACKWELL and his 1st wife, HENRIETTA BYARS says she really enjoys the 'Enquirer'. She's related to several of the Byars clan, and has corresponded with several relatives she contacted through the quarterly.

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ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS & COMMENTS

15B JAMES H. GORDON, 805 East 2nd ST, Post Falls, ID 83854

References:

A=Vol.I, No.3 (1986) pp 61,67,68.

B=Vol.II, No.1 (1987) p 25.

C=Vol.III, No.4 (1988) pp 111,112,114.

My query in reference A is an attempt to establish and confirm, a family relationship with a distant cousin in NC-so that we could work together to further prove the GORDON/BYERS lines.

Apparently there was more than one DAVID BYERS back then as mine is the David listed on pg. 61 reference A, as # 7 - DAVID BYERS (3 Oct. 1774 -16 Aug. a862) md 27 Aug. 1795 MARY GORDON (1779-1867), daughter of HENRY GORDON, and step-daughter of JOHN McCAW.

The above seems to disprove our family relationship which is almost as good as proving it, genealogically speaking. Instead of losing a cousin, I have gained a good friend. I recommended to her that she subscribe to B/B Enquirer.

And from our hard working helper 52B THURLO V. BYERS comes the following comments:

Vol.III, No.4 p107; MARJORIE TUCKERS comments-See B/B Enquirer Vol.I No.1 p14. Consider this, WILLIAM and ELIZABETH BYERS may have had a son JOSEPH but he was not the one who md NANCY BLANTON.

Also Vol.III, No.1 p 107, the comments on the ancestor chart of SARAH BYERS WILLIAMS (published Vol.III, No.2 pp57,58. JOSEPH BYERS probably died ca 1843.

1839 JOSEPH BYARS bondsman for SAM DUN & JULIAN BLANTON per Rutherford Co. NC Marriage Records.

1828 3 Feb BURWELL BENSON BYERS born, s/o JOSEPH BYERS

1850 Cleveland Co. NC Census, p150; BURWELL BYERS age 22 living with PEARSON.

ADDITION, CORRECTIONS & COMMENTS from Thurlo, Continued

1856 2 Apr BURWELL BYERS married.  
It appears the **BENSON BYARS** in SC is a different person.

Additional Rutherford Co NC data:

1790 Census, p116, Morgan Dist., 3rd Co.  
**JOHN BYERS** 1 male over 16; 4 males under 16; 4 females\*

1793 7 Jun, **JOHN BUYERS** bondsman for **JAMES THOMAS & MARY MORRIS**.

1827 8 Nov, **MILLY BYARS** wed **NOAH SULLINS**.

1827 13 Nov, **BETSY BYERS** wed **WM. SMITH Jr.**

1833 5 Mar, **CHARLOTTE BYERS** wed **JOHN W. MELTON**.

1840 4 Mar, **SARAH BYARS** wed **WM. B. PADGETT**.

1840 4 Nov, **HANNAH BYERS** wed **AMBROSE JACKSON**.

1850 Census, p249

**THOMAS BYERS** age 25

**MARY BYERS** age 24

**ELIZA BYERS** age 72

**WM BYERS** age 9

**HENRY BYERS** age 5

Female age 2

Female age 1/12

1861 8 May, **WILLIAM BYERS** age 32, Co. D 16th Reg't, NC Troops CSA

1861 10 Sep William died of disease.

**WILLIAM** and **ANNE HARRIS** were living near **JOHN BYERS** in 1790. **SAMUEL** and **MARGARET BYERS** were in Rutherford Co by 1792. **DAVID** and **JANE PORTER** were in Rutherford Co. by 1795. The interesting thing about this is that **SAMUEL**, **ANNE** and **JANE** were the children of **DAVID BYERS** and **MARGARET CARSON** who were mine.

\*[Thurlo, I changed your wording from sons, daughters and wife to males and females. We must always remember that we have no proof that those enumerated in the early census records were children of the head of household. Then, more than today, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and even orphans were taken into the family and raised. While the seasoned genealogist knows this, all of our members are not as well versed and we don't want to mislead them.cbh]

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REMINDER

If you are planning to move please be sure you send in a change of address as soon as possible. Your editor can no longer afford to pay return postage of \$1.00 and remail for \$1.00. Quarterlies returned with address correction will be held until I hear from you. The Post Office will not forward bulk mail. Your editor will appreciate your consideration in this matter.

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DESCENDANTS of STRIPLING & ELIZABETH BYARS

From 111 B CHARLES BLAKLEY  
211 Gatewood Circle West, Burleson, TX 76028

ELIZABETH BYARS & JOHN R. GOYNE

JOHN R. GOYNE b 18 Feb 1809 ?GA? s/o JOHN & NANCY GOYNE. He md,  
ELIZABETH BYARS. ELIZABETH was d/o STRIPLING BYARS (c1768 - 1836)  
and ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_ [STRIPLING s/o WILLIAM BYARS & SARAH ANN  
DOGGETT, William NSDA #401121. See Vol.I, No.1 p5; Vol.I, No.3 pp  
64,66; Vol.I, No.4 pp 83,87,93-95] ELIZABETH b 4 Mar 1812 ?NC? d  
?Lavaca, TX. Their children:

1. SUSAN GOYNE b 24 Feb 1830
2. HARRISON GOYNE b 26 May 1832 AL.
3. WILLIAM R. GOYNE b 3 May 1834 AL.
4. ADELINE GOYNE b 19 Dec 1836 AL md JOHN BROWN.
5. JOHN S. GOYNE b 6 Apr 1839 AL
6. NANCY E. GOYNE b 7 Oct 1841 AL.
7. J.E. GOYNE b 14 Nov 1843 AL.
8. SELINA GOYNE b 12 Oct 1846 MS.
- 9.\*GEORGE WASHINGTON GOYNE b 4 Mar 1849 MS, d 2 Jan 1907, md 28 Jul  
1872 MALINDA CAROLINE WHITE.
10. JEFFERSON DAVIS GOYNE b 8 Dec 1852.

[Charles does not give his sources, but his computer sheet has  
record numbers by each name, so I feel he has them.]

CHARLES BLAKLEY'S Connection to his BYARS LINE

1. CHARLES EUGENE BLAKLEY b 26 Nov 1935, Stephenville, Erath Co. TX  
md DORIS NORENE FILLINGIM,
2. JACK (MORAN) BLAKLEY b 12 Jan 1900, Fairy, Hamilton Co. TX, d 28  
Dec 1957, Iredell, Bosque Co. TX, md 2 Apr Hico, Hamilton Co. TX  
VINITA MAE BURSON.
3. WALTON CLINTON BLAKELY b 5 Mar 1871, Blount Co. AL, d 30 Apr 1921  
md
4. SUSAN JOSEPHINE GOYNE b 18 Mar 1870, Skidmore Pr. Lamar Co. TX d  
11 Oct 1942, Ft. Worth, Tarrant Co. TX. d/o
5. GEORGE WASHINGTON GOYNE b 4 Mar 1849 MS, d 1907 Hamilton Co. TX  
md MALINDA CAROLINE WHITE, s/o JOHN R. GOYNE & ELIZABETH BYARS.

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NATHANITE'S NICHE

DESCENDANTS of HARRAL BYARS & JANE (JENNIE) GILL

From 112B EMMA LEE PRICE 104 Prentiss St. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

[Note: EMMA LEE is related to: DOROTHY HOGWOOD (husbands), JACKSON A  
BYARS, MARTHA WETHERHOLT, MARJORIE TUCKER, and probably others.]

JOSEPH & SARAH BYARS

JOSEPH BYARS (s/o HARRELL BYARS & JANE (JENNIE) GILL) b 12 Feb 1805

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NATHANITE'S NICHE, Continued

d 1 May 1873, Concord Twp, Adams Co. IL, buried Orton Cemetery, Time-  
well, Brown Co. IL\* md ca 1824/1825 TN, SARAH SALLIE (BYARS), Mrs.  
[According to MARJORIE TUCKER she was SARAH CLARK d/o THOMAS CLARK  
and ELIZABETH UPTON] b 17 Aug 1805 KY d 9 Nov 1896, Adams Co.IL bur  
Orton Cemetery, Brown Co.IL

In the fall of 1850 the family moved to Concord Township, P.O.  
Clayton, Adams Co. Illinois, where JOSEPH & SARAH farmed for the  
rest of their lives. They united with the old Primitive Baptist  
Church in Brown County, which was adjacent to Section 12, Concord  
Twp where they lived.

Their children were:

1. ELIZABETH BYARS b 1826 TN d before 1880.
- 2.\*MARTHA JANE BYARS b 21 Dec 1830, McMinnville, Warren Co. TN, d 22  
Aug 1913, Ionia, Jewell Co. KY, md 2 Mar 1853, Clayton, Adams Co.  
IL, ANDREW WALKER PHILLIPS.
3. MARGARET BYARS b 9 Jun 1833 TN d 2 Apr 1900 Clayton, Adams Co. TN
4. DIDEMA BYARS b 1835 d after 1850 md JOHN HOPPER.
5. THOMAS C. BYARS b 1837 TN.
6. DRUCILLA BYARS b 1841 TN d after 1850
7. JOHN BYARS b 1843 TN d after 1850.
8. NATHAN BYARS b 1846 TN d after 1850.

\*[Vol.I, No.1 p11 gives his death place as Brown Co. IL. Previous re-  
searchers probably assumed this since he is buried in Brown Co.cbh]

I sent Emma copies of the pages from Vol.I that pertained to her  
family. By now she has probably contacted some of those who are  
related to her. See her query this issue. She is hoping to join  
DAR and someone surely has the proper documentation that she will  
need to connect her to NATHAN BYARS (1749 - 1846).cbh

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???QUERIES???

There is no query limit for members. Queries should be submitted on  
a separate sheet of paper. Please be sure your name and address  
appears on that sheet. Queries not exceeding 50 words will be  
republished in "Lost & Found" query magazine. One query for non-  
members will be published one time. We don't have but one member  
query for this issue. Does that mean everyone knows all they want  
to know about this branch of their family tree?

#1 Need date of marriage for JOSEPH BYARS and Mrs. SARAH SALLIE  
BYARS ca 1824/1825 TN. Also need confirmation that JOSEPH is son of  
HARREL BYARS & JANE GILL.

112B EMMA LEE PRICE, 104 Prentiss St. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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NON MEMBERS NEED HELP

**MARY MANNING**, 5728 Golden West, Temple City, CA 91780, is looking for info on **SARAH ANN BICE** b Oct 1824 SC md **WILLIAM FINDLEY**, only known child: **AMANDA ANN FINDLEY** b 30 Mar 1858 or 1862 SC md **JOHN TERREL GOFORTH**. **AMANDA** d 27 Feb 1926, Altoona, Etowah Co. AL.

**PATSY SONS**, 9627 Black Rd. Centerville, IN 47330, is looking for information on her 2nd g grandmother, **MALINDA J. BYARS/BYERS** md **ARCHIBALD UPCHURCH**. Birthplace unknown. Lived all married life in Wayne Co. KY.

If you can help these ladies please encourage them to join our group.

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DESCENDANTS of **DAVID BYERS, JR (1720 -1749)**

Courtesy 96B **EDITH R. DAWSON**, 3371 Cabrillo Ave. Santa Clara CA 95051

**editors note:** **EDITH** descends from **DAVID BYERS, Jr.** b c1720 Ireland (In her notes, Edith gives **DRUCILLA ROSSON**, a descendants through **MARY CANDACE DRUCILLA SMITH**, as her source for Ireland as b'place) and **MARGARET CARSON**. See Vol.III, No 1 pp 13-14 & Vol.III, No 2 p5 for further details on David's family.

Edith's next generation is David's son, **WILLIAM BYERS, Sr.** b 6 Apr 1747, York Co. PA d 1772, York Dist. SC. This is our **WILLIAM #IV**, Vol.1, No.1 p5, NSDAR No. 401121. See also Vol.I, No 2 p31 & Vol.I, No 4 pp 99-100. **THURLO V. BYERS, JUDY BARNETT**, and others are work-this line.

Her next generation shows a double line. **DAVID** (s/o **WILLIAM**) b 3 Jan 1778 York Co. SC d 2 Aug 1855 TN md **ELIZABETH** or **MARY McCAW**, and **SARAH** b 25 Dec 1784 d 7 Sep 1860 md **WILLIAM SMITH**.

Edith also has a double lineage from the **SMITH** clan. In Vol. I, No.4 p100 **THURLO BYERS** shows the children of **WILLIAM & SARAH (BYERS) SMITH** as **MIJAMIN SMITH & JAMES A. SMITH** and a notation that he had info on other children. Edith gives the following info on this branch.

**WILLIAM SMITH** s/o **JAMES SMITH & MARY HENRY** (d/o **WILLIAM HENRY & ISABELLA McCOWN**) b 8 Jan 1777 York Co. SC d 16 Apr 1857, Lincoln Co. TN md 4 Jan 1798, York Co. SC **SARAH BYERS** b 25 Dec 1784 York Co, SC (d/o **WILLIAM BYERS & JANE \_\_\_\_\_**) d 7 Sep 1860 Lincoln Co TN. Children:

I.\***WILLIAM MIJAMIN SMITH** b 8 Mar 1800 NC d 7 Apr 1886 md c1823 **ELIZABETH BYERS** b c1803 SC d 11 Feb 1891 Lincoln Co. TN (d/o **DAVID BYERS & JANE McCAW**).

Their children:

1. **CYNTHIA ANN SMITH** b June 1824 Lincoln Co. TN d 14 July 1869 md

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WILLIAM SMITH & SARAH BYERS, descendants of DAVID BYERS, Continued

JACKSON CARROL McELROY. Ancestors of JUDY BARNETT.

2. MARGARET SMITH b c1828 Lincoln Co. TN d 9 Aug 1897 md 1st, 28 Aug 1857 SAMUEL W. BROWNING, md 2nd 1890 HARDY H. COLTER.
3. FELIX SMITH b TN.
- 4.\* DAVID B. (BYERS?) SMITH b c1842 TN d ? md 12 July 1852 Madison, Co. AL md ANN REBEKAH EDDINS b 31 Mar 1834 Madison Co AL (d/o BENJAMIN E. EDDINS & MARY ANN CLAMPETT) d 30 Mar Rector, AR.  
Children:

- A. WILLIAM E. SMITH b c1855 TN md MARY (AUNT MOLLIE)\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. MARY SMITH b c1854 TN md LEWIS TOOLE.
- D.\* RICHARD CHESTERFIELD SMITH b 3 Aug 1857 TN (Lincoln Co?) d 12 Aug 1930 Paragould, Greene Co. AR md MARY ELIZABETH GIBBS (d/o EDWARD PORTER GIBBS & CYNTHIA OATY SMITH d/o JAMES ALEXANDER SMITH & GINCY JANE BURFORD. This is EDITH DAWSON's grandparents.
- E. JOHN SMITH b c1860 TN.
- F. CYNTHIA AMANDA "ANNIE" SMITH b c1862 TN d c1893 md 7 Dec 1880 JOSEPH WILLIAM HOLLOWAY.
- G. SUE SMITH b c1865 TN
- H. MILTON BYERS SMITH b May 1870 TN.
- I. HUGH A. (BIGY) SMITH b 7 Apr 1874 Giles Co. TN d 15 Sep 1912 MO md c1897 MARTHA E. GREGORY.
- J. ? ABIJAH SMITH?

[See also Vol.III, No 3 pp 85,86]

Sources: Census records; Marriage Records; Tombstones; MARY ELMATHUS SMITH MORRIS MORTEN, d/o HUGH A. child No.8.

5. PINKNEY HOPE SMITH b 20 Nov 1833 TN d 10 May 1917.
6. HARTWELL SMITH b c1836 TN
7. SOLOMON (PTOLOMY) b c 1838 TN
8. HANLY SMITH b c1840 TN.
9. FRANCES SMITH b c1842 TN d 12 May 1915 md 20 Apr 1857 THOMAS BENTON McELROY.
10. MARY SMITH b c1843. TN
11. TINO SMITH b c1846 TN.
12. SYRUS SMITH b c1850 TN

Sources: Census Records, Tombstones, Death Certificates children 5 & 9; JUDY BARNETT desc. child #1; Lincoln Co. TN Marriage Records; Marriage Record of DAVID B. SMITH Madison Co. AL.

- II. JAMES ALEXANDER SMITH b 18 Jan 1802 NC d 6 Feb 1889 Lincoln Co. TN (Note: his tombstone read 1896 but letters of administration is 1889) [Edith your family sheets gives his burial year 1886 and I'm sure this is just a typo cbh] md 1st GINSEY JANE BURFORD (d/o SOLOMON BURFORD) b 16 Oct 1808 TN d 15 Aug 1874 Lincoln Co. TN. Both JAMES ALEXANDER & GINSEY JANE buried Blair Cemetery, Lincoln Co. TN. He md 2nd LINA \_\_\_\_\_? Children by GINSEY:
  1. SOLOMON BURFORD SMITH b c1826 TN (not at home 1850 Census) d 24 Aug 1854 md 17 Sep 1847 MARTHA J. McELROY.
  2. JULIANNE SMITH b c1828 TN.

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3. SARAH SMITH b c1829 TN never married.
4. NARCISSA SMITH b c1831 TN d before 6 Feb 1889 md \_\_\_\_\_ HENSON
5. ELIZABETH SMITH b c1833 TN md 21 Dec 1854 JONATHAN SANDLIN.
6. WILLIAM SMITH b c1835 d before 1860.
7. LEONARD SMITH b c1837 TN
8. JAMES BYERS SMITH b 2 Apr 1841 TN d 19 Mar 1929 md 9 May 1867  
FRANCES PHELPS SIMMS.
- 9.\*CYNTHIA "OATY" SMITH b 16 Oct 1842 TN d 4 Feb 1888 AR md 26  
Oct 1858 EDWARD PORTER GIBBS.
10. HUGH SMITH b 1844 TN; died Civil War [see his letter home Vol  
III, No.3 p87]
11. COMMA/COMER/CONNER ? SMITH
12. OSBORN GOODRICH SMITH b 27 Jan 1847 TN d 1927 md 1st 23 Oct  
1871 ELLA H. SMITH. md 2nd MARY E. BRYANT md 3rd KATE V  
McDONALD
13. MARY CANDACE DRUCILLA SMITH b 5 Jan 1850 TN d 25 Dec 1904 md 9  
Oct 1873 THOMAS BEATTY HARDIN.

Sources: Tombstones; Court Records; 1880 Census; Cemetery Record;  
JUDY BARNETT 1850 Census; LDS Film; Marriage Record; Letter from  
War Dept.; WILLIAM CAMPBELL; Letter from wife of child #1;  
Lincoln Co. TN Marriages; Family Bible.

- III. WILLIAM BYERS SMITH b c1820 md EMELINE McCOWN  
IV. ELIZABETH SMITH md \_\_\_\_\_ BARROW moved to TX 1856.

Sources: Tombstone; Will of JAMES SMITH; SC Marriages; Wills of  
WILLIAM, WILLIAMSON and WILLIAM, Jr.; Application of Adms.; Census  
Lincoln Co. TN; death certificates 2 children; THURLO BYERS.

**editors note:** Edith, thank you for the copies of the wills of DAVID  
BYERS Jr. and his wife Sarah Carson. I started to publish them and  
it appeared that you sent me one page of the transcription of Davids  
will and two pages of the original. I think you missed a page of  
each because they don't jive. If you'll send me the rest I'd like  
to publish them because they are so important to so many. Your  
group sheets are well prepared and I appreciated them. And one more  
word on this family. With the surname SMITH just look at all the  
Byers descendants that may be able to tie in.

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**NEW RESEARCH AID in RICHMOND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

I just received a notice about a new organization "Society of  
Richmond County Descendants" P.O. Box 848, Rockingham, NC. Vol.I  
No.1 of their Journal of Richmond County Records has been issued.  
This should help many of us on many different line. Membership is  
\$15.00. Send them a large SASE for further details.

**MOVING? IS THE POST OFFICE CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?**

Don't forget to send in your change of address, it's important!



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ATTENTION PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCHERS  
PENNSYLVANIA COMPUTER BASE  
BYARS/BYERS/ALL VARIANTS

Now available! Our good friend 67B WILLIAM W. TUCKER, 3779 Grant Rd #96, Ellenwood, GA 30049, has been creating a PA computer base for the state of PA and is entering all variants including **Boyer** that he finds. His sources are: Pennsylvania Published Archives, Byars - Byers Family Enquirer, The Immigrant Boyers, Pennsylvania Genealogies, by William Henry Egle, The Byers Family of Washington County Pennsylvania by R.M. Bell, 1790 Pennsylvania Census, and data sent to him by **THURLO BYERS**. Mr. Tucker can manipulate this material in various ways, such as focusing on a christian name, county, or sorting by events such as dates. The print out he so kindly sent me is by date. His data is all pre 1800 Pennsylvania.

Mr. Tucker says if any of our readers are interested in a particular christian name, or a county he will be glad to pull out all the references sorted chronologically. He asks for a large SASE and two stamps for each name. Now that's a generous offer. And the beauty part of the data is you can tell at a glance where the gaps are. The data is minimal but all the sources are referenced, so if you're confused about your family in Pennsylvania prior to 1800 you need this. I just bet he'd welcome any other pre 1800 PA references you might have in your files that he could add. It is an on going project. It's so much fun to work with friends like this and we say Thank you **WILLIAM TUCKER** and I like Yankees just fine. (He says he's one of those "Damed Yankee's that came [south] and stayed." He did not quote a price for the 65 page print out he sent me, so if you feel you need that write to him. Again don't forget the SASE. Let's be very nice and remember our manners when dealing with such a generous fellow.

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**CABELL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

92B **SHARON CLARK**, 1466 Troy Lane, Pocatello, ID 83001 is trying to sort out the Cabell Co. VA **BIAS** line. She needs help putting them with the right families. Sharon takes variant spellings into consideration. If you have info for Sharon's work sheets please help her.

**BIAS, ABSOLOM** b c1820 md 1 Mar 1838 Cabell Co. **ELIZABETH BUTCHER**. In 1850 on Cabell Co. census, in 1870 in Putnam Co. WV. Children:

1. **BIAS, WILLIAM A.** b c1839
2. **BIAS, JOHN N.** b c1842
3. **BIAS, MARIETTA** b c1844
4. Male b c1846
5. **BIAS, JAMES P.** b c1848
6. **BIAS, BROADOUS D.** b c1848
7. **BIAS, MARY A.**
8. **BIAS, SARAH V.** b Nov 1853 d 19 Aug 1854.
9. **BIAS, HESTER A.** b c1856
10. **BIAS, HENRY W.** b c1859

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WEST VIRGINIA WORK SHEETS, Continued

BIAS, ALLEN G? L?, b July 1870 Cabell Co. md 5 Apr 1897 Cabell Co.  
ETTA?ESTER S. DIDDLE b Feb 1878 Kenawha Co. WV. Known issue:

1. BIAS, LUTHER b Oct 1899 WV.

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BIAS, ALVA b Lincoln Co. WV md 5 Sep 1903 BERTHA V. PERRY. One known child:

1. WILLIAM D. BIAS b 1905.

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BIAS, BENNETT md SUSAN \_\_\_\_\_, known child RHODA BIAS b 1856 Putnam Co WV d 13 Oct 1874 md \_\_\_\_\_ NICLEY.

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BIAS, BENTON JOSEPH b July 1857 md SANNAH/SAVANNAH/SARAH? \_\_\_\_\_ b July 1859. Children:

1. BIAS, LENA A. b Nov 1882
2. BIAS, NETTIE F. b Apr 1884
3. BIAS, ERRETTIE (Female) b Nov 1885
4. BIAS, IRA A. b 11 Nov 1886
5. BIAS, VENA b 6 May 1890

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BIAS, B.S. b c1875 s/o THOMAS BIAS b c1845 VA, md EVER L. \_\_\_\_\_  
Known children:

1. BIAS, WALTER b c1901
2. BIAS, LUTHER b c1906

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BIAS, CARROLL md 2nd NANNIE C. CLARK 17 Feb 1905. Children by 1st wife, name unknown.

1. BIAS, SILVESTER b c1881
2. BIAS, ANN b c1883
3. BIAS, EARNEST b c1888
4. BIAS, BEULAH b c1890
5. BIAS, ESTER b c1892
6. BIAS, NELPHA(female) b c 1896
7. BIAS, OPIE b c1899

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BIAS, CLIFTON b Sep 1874 Cabell Co. WV d 29 Nov 1929, md 24 May 1892  
IDA HENDERSON b Sep 1875 Lawrence Co. OH. Children:

1. BIAS, EMMA E. b 10 Dec 1898 d 10 Jan 1899.
2. BIAS, WILLIE MAUDE b 1 Dec 1899, Guyandotte, Cabell Co. WV
3. BIAS, JAMES b c1905
4. BIAS, CLIFTON b 7 Jun 1907 d 25 Mar 1908

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**DANIEL WEBSTER BYARS FOUND IN 1870**  
By **CLOVIS BYARS HERRING**, editor

Some of our readers will remember that my great grandfather, **DANIEL WEBSTER BYARS** b 3 Dec 1835, Oakville, Lawrence Co. AL. killed two men in self defense, in 1865 in Fannin Co. TX. (See Vol.I, No.1 pp 36,37) This episode was directly related to the Civil War, murder charges were filed and my g. grandfather choose to run rather than face a reconstruction jury. Over the years, after searching all census records in Texas for 1870 and 1880 for him and his family, I came to the conclusion that he was enumerated under an assumed name due to the warrant for his arrest. I should have known better than to assume anything. I should have been looking for him in Arkansas.

My search for the parents of his wife **AMANDA STEWART** b 14 Jan 1840 AR have been proven unsuccessful thus far, but every once in awhile I look again. **AMANDA** was the Civil War widow of **WILLIAM SMOOT** with two small children when she md **DANIEL**. My daddy, **CHARLES BURTON BYARS Sr.** always said he was named after his uncles, but **DANIEL** had no sons with either name. Aunt **PEARL BYARS BENCH** daddy's oldest sister told me **AMANDA** had a daughter they called Aunt Molly who was a half aunt. For years I had been unable to confirm these two stories because the only **WILLIAM SMOOT** I could find had no daughter Molly or Mary.

Although I have not found Amanda's parents, I have finally been able to confirm a family story (which is not always the case).

On the 1870 Polk County AR census; pg 95, taken 20 Aug 1870, family 595/595 I found:

**BYARS, DANIEL W.** age 33 mw Farmer \$500.00 p/p b AL  
**AMANDA M.** age 30 fw b AR  
**BURTON C.** age 11 mw b AR [**SMOOT**] Amanda's by first husband.  
**MARY A.** age 9 fw b AR [**SMOOT**] "Aunt Polly" " " "  
**NANCY A.** age 4 fw b AR.[Always listed on records as **NANNIE**]  
\***HENRY C.** age 5/12 mw b. Dec. AR

**HENRY C.** was my grandfather and his b'place has always been in question but now I know he was not born in Texas but in Arkansas. What Daddy failed to tell me was that he was named after a half uncle. The family did not show up on the 1880 Polk Co. census but this find narrowed my missing census records from a 40 year gap 1860 to 1900 when they turn up in Nacogdoches Co. TX to a 30 year gap.

Polk Co.AR is not too far from McClain Co.OK (then Indian Territory) where two of Daniel's brothers **WILLIAM LEVI BYARS** & **NATHAN HARRELL BYARS** settled, along with his mother, **NANCY TACKETT BYARS**.

There is a moral to this story. It's proof that we should never jump to conclusions until we have checked every possible source and that we should never discount family stories. However we should always keep in mind that tales passed down in a family should be used as clues until proven true or false.

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SOME MEEK DESCENDANTS of DAVID BYERS, Jr

Courtesy MELTON MEEK M.D.

3410 N.W. Oak, Lawton, OK 73505

Additional data on the MEEK family (See Vol.III, No 3 p86) comes to us from Dr. Mel. It gives us more complete dates and places than previously published material. Dr. Mel's primary source is taken from correspondence in Feb. 1983 with **THOMAS E. WADE, Sr.**, Rt 1 Box 537, Enville, TN 38332. See page 8 this issue for data and references for **DAVID BYERS, Jr.**

**WILLIAM MEEK** b 3 Sep 1794 Union Dist. SC d 5 Dec 1849 (TOMBSTONE) Hardin Co. TN. s/o **MOSES & AGNES (HOPE) MEEK** [Moses is brother of **JAMES MEEK** Dr. Mel's direct line] md **MARY ADLINE BYERS** b 14 Mar 1802 SC d 19 Aug 1855 Hardin Co. TN d/o **DAVID BYERS & MARGARET CARSON**. Both William and Mary Adline are buried at Liberty Cem. William's is the "Oldest stone in Cemetery" and the 1850 TN Mortality Schedule says he "Died of consumption; Hardin Co., age 56" Children:

1. **ELIZABETH JANE MEEK** b 4 Oct 1820 Lincoln Co. TN d 26 Aug 1878 Hardin Co. TN, buried near her parents in Liberty Cem., md 22 Dec 1841 Lincoln Co. TN **MILES TENPEN GIBBS** (s/o **MILES W. GIBBS**) b 29 Apr 1823 VA d 23 Feb 1901 Hardin Co. TN buried Morris Chapel Cem. [They are g-grandparents of Thomas E. Wade address above]
2. **THOMAS S. MEEK** b 18 Sep 1823 Lincoln Co TN d 11 Nov 1901 Hardin Co TN buried Liberty Cemetery, md **MARGARET M. DIXON**. He was "Single in 1880" Gave three acres of land for site of Cumberland Pres. Church. Will signed 1 Oct 1901, Bk 2 p 230 Hardin Co. TN. No issue.
3. **HARRIET M. MEEK** b 16 Dec 1825 Lincoln Co. TN d 14 Apr 1908 Hardin Co. TN buried Liberty Cemetery md **THOMAS ORR** b 7 Jun 1812 NC/KY? d 16 Mar 1886 Hardin Co. TN buried Liberty Cemetery They had eight children.
4. **ANN B. MEEK** b 29 Feb 1828 TN d 18\_\_\_. Buried Liberty Cemetery but her "Marker is broken and gone" was unmarried in 1860.
5. **MARY ADLINE MEEK** b 6 Jan 1831 TN d 28 Oct 1900 Hardin Co TN buried Liberty Cemetery md **JOHN COPELAND** b 12 Mar 1831 TN d 15 Feb 1905 Hardin Co. TN buried Liberty Cemetery.
6. **WILLIAM MORRIS BYERS MEEK** b c1834 TN md **MARY C. \_\_\_\_\_**. **JOHN W. FINDLEY**, 325 Sidney., Batesville, AR 72501 said, "Unable to locate W.M.B. MEEK after 1870, believe the War had something to do with their moving as WILLIAM M.B. MEEK had changed his name to **MORRIS MEEK** in 1870 with wife and children's names unchanged."
7. **SARAH D. MEEK** b 22 Jan 1841 TN d 7 Jun 1891 Hardin Co. TN buried Liberty Cemetery. Single in 1880.
8. **NANCY ELVINA MEEK** b 13 Nov 1844 TN d Aug 1898 Hardin Co. TN buried Liberty Cemetery md **JAMES W. JAMIESON** (?s/o **WILLIAM JAMIESON**; a WILLIAM JAMIESON witness to will of **MOSES MEEK**). No issue.

MARY ADLINE BYERS MEEK enumerated on 1850 McNairy Co. TN census with **THOMAS, HARRIET, ANN, MARY, WILLIAM M.B., SARAH, NANCY.**

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**PENNSYLVANIA PONDERINGS**

**CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA LAND WARRANTS**

**THURLO V. BYERS**, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121, has the following information concerning the Warrants published in Vol.III No 4 pp 100-103:

p100: **JOHN BYERS** in West Nottingham Twp Chester Co. moved there in 1734. The first name is the Warrantee and the rest are owners of adjoining land.

3 Oct 1737 **JOHN BYERS** 150 ac - **JOHN LUCKEY**.

6 Feb 1746 **THOMAS LEWIS-JOHN BYERS-SAMUEL EVINS-DAVID LUSK**

24 Feb 1746/47 **JOHN BYERS** witness to Will of **WILLIAM LUSK**.

20 Oct 1748 **WILLIAM KENNEDY -JOHN BYERS**

19 Nov 1748 **JOSEPH COLLINS-JOHN BYERS-SAMUEL EWING-THOMAS EWING**  
all in the Barrens.

16 Feb. 1753 **JAMES CAMPBELL-JOHN BYERS-WM KENNEDY-WM BROWN**

20 Feb 1753 **JAMES BYERS (p102) JOHN BYERS**.

The above taken from the notes of **GEORGE CHURCHMAN**, Surveyor in Chester and Lancaster Co's, PA. From the PA Hist Soc, West Chester, PA. Sent to me by Dr. **MEL MEEK** courtesy Col.**GEORGE BYERS**, Dec'd. (This **JOHN BYERS** is not the one by same name of Downingtown)

p101: **SAMUEL BYERS** 100 ac joining **MOSES CLARK** in East Caln Twp. He was s/o **JOHN & FLORENCE BYERS** of Downingtown. **SAMUEL'S** sister **FLORENCE**, wed **JOHN CLARK**. **SAMUEL BYERS** wed **ELIZABETH CALDWELL** in 1747. She d/o **MARGARET CLADWELL** of Lancaster Co. Pa. **SAMUEL BYERS** will 13 Dec 1796, probated Mar 1797 Brandywine Twp, Chester Co.

p103: **WILLIAM BYERS** 50 ac joining **ROBERT ROBERTS, DAVID ROBERTS, Jr.** and **JOSEPH PHIPPS** in Uwchlan Twp. **WILLIAM** was also s/o **JOHN & FLORENCE BYERS**, wed **MARGARET CALDWELL**, the sister of **ELIZABETH CALDWELL**. **WILLIAM BYERS** will 9 Dec 1787, probated 13 Jan 1788. **WILLIAM & MARGARET BYERS** were the administrators of the estate of **MARGARET CALDWELL**, mother of **MARGARET BYERS**, mother-in-law of **WILLIAM**. **MARGARET CALDWELL** will 24 Feb 1758, probated 8 Nov 1766 (Ashton Book 2). From the Will of **JOSEPH PHIPPS** probated 11 Feb 1772 on file in Botetourt Co. VA: "To my son **JOSEPH** of Botetourt Co. one merchant mill situate in the Province of Pa in Chester Co on a creek known as Little Brandy Wine 150 acres adjoining **ROBERT ALLISON, WM ROGERS, JAMES McCATHERINE, SAMUEL BYWERS** and **JOHN SMITH**." **WILLIAM & SAMUEL BYERS** had a brother, **JOSEPH**, who d in 1761 in East Caln.

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**EARLY PENNSYLVANIA PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOLS**

Courtesy

**ALDEN S. BYERS**

200 E. Racquet Club Rd. #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Since so many of "our people" were Bible students, Church elders, etc we should look for some Church records.

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EARLY PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOLS, Continued

By 1720 Capt. Judge **JOHN BYERS** ... was only 5 years old, hence he would presumably have had to been educated in the New World ... His subsequent history as judge and prominent church leader shows that he received an advanced education in both theology and law. Since he could apparently not have received such an education in the immediate Donegal area, it seems we must look either to upper Brandywine Creek in the vicinity of Peaquea/Buyerstown (Octorara, Pequea, and Forks of the Brandywine churches, under Rev. **ADAM BOYD**, [certificated in 1724 at Harvard by **COTTON MATHER**]), or to the "Log College" at Neshaminy (Rev. **WILLIAM TENNENT**, 1718), fifteen miles west of Trenton, and/or to Pequea 1734 under Boyd's father-in-law, Rev. **THOMAS CRAIGHEAD**, founder of several of Pennsylvania's first churches. **JOHN'S** brother **DAVID II** could also have studied with **BOYD**, or perhaps in the Nottingham area under Rev. **SAMUEL BLAIR** of Faggs Manor, established 1740 (7 miles NE of Oxford in Londonderry twp.), where the noted Rev. **ROBERT SMITH**, 1723-1793, 4th pastor at Pequea, studied. (We speculate that Rev. Smith or a close relative may have become **JANE BYERS - MITCHELL'S** (of Donegal) second husband prior to 1762.

There was also a theological branch school of the "Log College" at Nottingham, Maryland from 1744-1761, bounded by Rev. **SAMUEL FINLEY**.

**QUESTION?** How do we find these records? There is a Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, Assembly Drive, Box 847, Montreat, NC. They have records of churches throughout the world. Records can also be found at: Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., 425 Lombard St, Philadelphia, PA 19147 & Princeton Theological Seminary, Speer Library, Mercer St and Library Place, Princeton, NJ 08540 (according to The Source, Ancestry, Salt Lake City Utah, 1984)

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**THE BYERS' of DONEGAL TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER CO. PENNSYLVANIA  
A CHRONOLOGY by THURLO V. BYERS**

Colonial Donegal Mills Plantation is south of Mount Joy on Route 141, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania. There is a Mansion house, Miller's house, Bake house, Grist Mill and other things of historic interest. Near the plantation house the Donegal Church still stands. All of these things are of particular interest to our Byers researchers. If your interested in learning more about the site write: Donegal Mills Plantation, P.O. Box 204, Mt. Joy, PA 17552.

In 1977, **JOANNE B. ZINK**, Director, wrote, "**DAVID BYERS** has surely figured in the history of the Plantation. In 1736 **DAVID BYERS** had approximately 332 acres surveyed and was issued the warrant or deed in 1739 by the Penns. The **BYERS** family was here until 1762 when the family sold the property. We feel that **DAVID BYERS** had been in the area for approximately 16 years preceding the survey."

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BYERS' of DONEGAL, Continued

DAVID and MARY BYERS came from the north of Ireland and settled in Donegal Twp Lancaster Co. PA. Children:

- I. JAMES BYERS
- II. DAVID BYERS wed ELIZABETH BYERS (d/o JOHN & FLORENCE BYERS).
- III. JOHN BYERS wed REBECCA (WORK) GALBRAITH widow of ROBERT GALBRAITH.
- IV. MARTHA BYERS wed PATRICK CAMBELL
- V. JANE BYERS wed \_\_\_\_\_ MITCHELL, 2nd THOMAS SMITH

- 1720 DAVID BYERS comes to Donegal (According to Zwink)
- 1736 8 Apr A tract of land, 332 acres, surveyed for DAVID BYERS
- 1739 24 Oct A Warrant issued to accept the survey.
- 1743 20 May DAVID BYERS dies, wife, MARY, relinquishes the administration of the estate to two of her sons, DAVID and JOHN
- 1743 23 MAY DAVID BYERS, JOHN BYERS, JAMES MITCHELL and PATRICK CAMPBELL listed on Administration Bond for DAVID BYERS' estate. An inventory of goods, chattels, weights and credits show a return of 83 pounds and 16 shillings.
- 1746 15 Sep JOHN BYERS and THOMAS PATTON appointed Executors estate of JAMES PATTON. WB A Vol. 1 p117 Lancaster Co.
- 1746/7 6 Jan JOHN BYERS appointed Executor estate of MARY PATTON, DAVID BYERS was a witness.
- 1747 June DAVID BYERS wed ELIZABETH BYERS d/o JOHN BYERS of Downingtown, East Caln Twp, Chester Co. The marriage took place in Lancaster Co. Their children: DAVID, JOHN, MARY,
- 1748 Dec JOHN BYERS Executor estate of NATHANIEL LITTLE/LYTE. Little married JENNETT, widow of WILLIAM WILKINS who was an Indian trader. According to Egle Notes & Querries, 3rd Series, Vol.2 p429: Mr. Little owned the farm along the Donegal Meeting House Run near Marietta and about a mile southeast of the BYERS farm. He married JENNETT, the widow of WILLIAM WILKINS and it is quite probable that she was a near relative of Mr. BYERS.
- c1748 JOHN BYERS weds REBECCA (WORK) GALBRAITH, a widow. Their children, taken from JOHN BYERS Will: ELIZABETH, JANE, MARY, JAMES.
- 1751 Donegal Township Assessments.  
JAMES BYERS 2s 6d  
DAVID BYERS 2s 6d  
(Donegal Township Assessments published National Genealogical Society #4, Washington DC 1962. It is noted that both James and David paid identical sums we know from the list that there was just one Byers farm. James is listed first, a place usually reserved for the oldest.
- 1751 18 Nov JOHN BYERS received deed from JOHN McALLISTER for 300

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BYERS' of DONEGAL, Continued

- acres in West Pennsboro Twp, Cumberland Co.
- 1755 15 Apr JOHN BYERS (s/o JAMES) wed **AGNES ROSS** in Paxtang Church which served the Derry, Paxtang, Donegal Twps
- 1758 2 Feb DAVID BYERS s/o DAVID & AGNES (ROSS) BYERS was born.
- 1758 27 Apr JOHN BYERS commissioned a Capt. in Col **JAMES BURDS** 2nd Pa Battalion and was in Forbes expedition of that year. In the Rev. War the French spelled his name **JOHN BOYER**. (From Egle Notes & Querries 3rd Series Vol 2 p416).
- According to the Centennial Memorial Presbytery of Carlisle, Vol 2 p326: **JOHN BYERS** born Northern Ireland in 1715.
- 1760 24 Apr **MARY BYERS** d/o **JAMES** wed **HENRY DEYERMOND** in Paxtang Church.
- 1760 29 Nov **DAVID** and **ELIZABETH BYERS**, leave Donegal and go to Reading Twp, York Co. PA.<sup>1</sup>
- 1762 26 Apr **DAVID BYERS** dies Intestate in Reading Twp, York Co.
- 1762 **ELIZABETH BIARS** taxed 3 shillings 9 pence, York Co.
- After **DAVID** and **ELIZABETH** moved **JAMES** was left to manage the Donegal plantation. It is likely he died 1761/2 because on:
- 1762 1 Sep Resurvey was made showing the farm contained 342 ac. Adjoining land owners were: **JOHN BAYLEY**, **JAMES ANDERSON** **GEORGE KLINGHAM**.
- 1762 17 Sep The **BYERS** plantation was patented to **JOHN WILSON** of York Co. Signing were: **DAVID BYERS**, **JOHN BYERS**, **MARTHA (BYERS) CAMPBELL** and **JANE**, the wife of **THOMAS SMITH**.
- The bill of sale for the Byers Plantation would have been signed prior to **DAVID'S** death.
- DAVID'S** widow immediately wed **JOHN BYERS** of Cumberland Twp, York Co. Pa, who lived in the Manor of Maske. Her relationship is unproven but he may have been her cousin, perhaps the s/o either **ANDREW** or **JAMES BYERS** of East Nottingham Twp, Chester Co. Pa. Both moved West in the 1760's. One lived in southern York Co. in 1762.
- 1774 24 Jun **JOHN BYERS** of Cumberland Twp, York Co. PA involved in a land dispute with **WILLIAM MARSHALL** in the Manor of Maske (PA Archives, Series 3 Vol.2)
- Rev. War **DAVID BYERS** s/o **JOHN** and **AGNES (ROSS) BYERS** was an Ensign and flag bearer from Cumberland Co. PA.
- 1788 5 Feb Judge **JOHN BYERS** of West Pennsboro Twp, Cumberland Co. Pa., writes his will.
- 1788 13 Feb Judge **JOHN BYERS** dies.



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1788 18 Feb Judge **JOHN BYERS'** Will proven. Executors: **JAMES BYERS**  
his son and **JOHN ALEXANDER** his son-in-law.

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1. Deed Book 'A' York County PA, p51.

458-460 29 Nov 1760 - Between **DANIEL HEAR** of Reading Twp., Yeoman and **ESTHER** his wife and **DAVID BYERS** of Lancaster Co., Yeoman for the sum of - 120 pds - 106 ac A Proprietaries Patent dated 27 Oct 1748 granted unto **PATRICK WILSON** a certain Tract of Land in Reading Twp. Lancaster Co. containing 270 a. - Patent entered at Philadelphia in Patent Book A Vol. 15 Page 18. S. **PATRICK WILSON** by Deed dated 31 May 1748 to **DANIEL HEAR** 106 a. situate in York Co. then part of Lancaster Co. bounded by **WILLIAM BOAL** and **WILLIAM WILSON**. S. **PATRICK WILSON** afterwards 23 Dec 1748 made his last Will in writing and appointed **WILLIAM WILSON** and **JOHN JAMESON** Executors and by their Indenture 10 May 1750 sold to **DANIEL HEAR** part of the above described Tract of Land situate in Reading Twp. bounded by **WILLIAM BOLE'S**, **WILLIAM WILSON** and **WALTER BEATY** containing 106 a. - Recorded at York in Book A Page 12.

**DANIEL (~) HEAR**  
**ESTHER (e) HEAR**

Wts: **JOHN BOYD, SAMUEL HAMILTON**

Received day & date of above **DAVID BYERS** the sum of 120 Pds in full.  
**DANIEL HEAR**

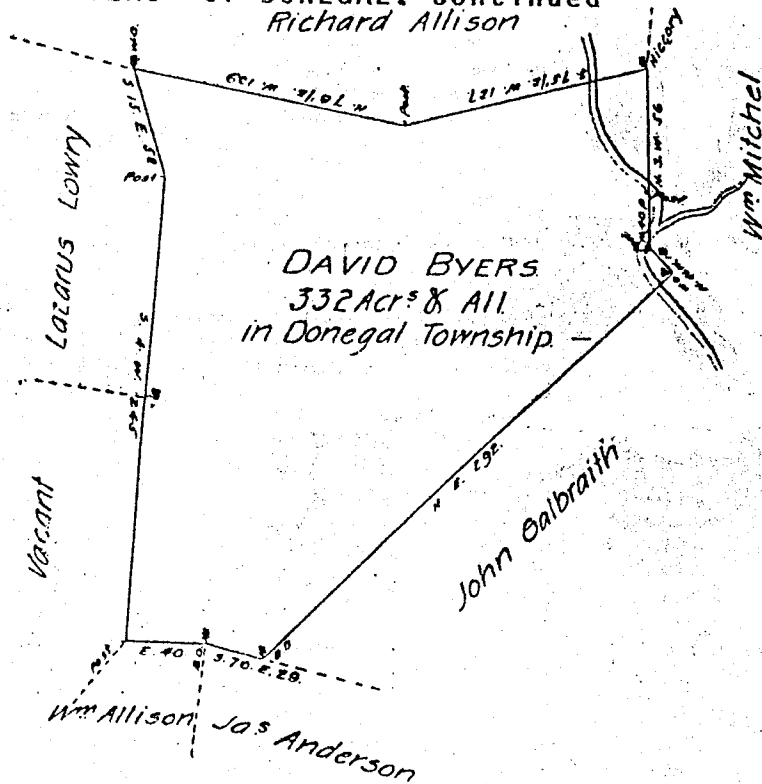
**DANIEL HEAR & ESTHER** his wife acknowledged the above as their Act & deed 29 Nov 1760. Copy compared with the Original at York 16 Dec 1760.  
**GEO. STEVENSON, Recorder.**

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This land was located near Hunterstown, a Presbyterian stronghold.

editors note: **THURLO BYERS** and **ALDEN BYERS** have been busy questioning different theories. As of this date the relationships have not been sorted out to the satisfaction of each. I do hope they continue the quest, find holes in theories and look for more documentation for that is the only way any of us will have a proven lineage. Because of a document Thurlo sent to Alden, Alden is having to revise a portion of his Paper. He has no idea when it can be released, with this in mind please do not hesitate to advise both Thurlo and Alden of any documents regarding these families that you may have in your file and offer them copies if they have not seen them. Keep in mind that no one person can have access to all the data, but it is needed for an unquestionable lineage.

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 BYERS' of DONEGAL. Continued  
 Richard Allison



By Order of the Proprietary Surveyd the eighth day of April 1736 to David Byers, A Tract of Land in the Township of Donegal in Lancaster County Beginning at a Marked Black Oak a Corner of John Galbraiths Land thence North East 292 perches to a White Oak, thence North 41 Deg. West 16 per, thence North 40 per, thence North 3 Deg. West 56 per, thence South 75 1/2 D. West 127 to a Post, thence North 78 1/2 D West 139 to a White Oak, thence South 15 Degrees East 58 to a post, then East 40 to B. Oak, then S 70 E. 29 thence South 4 D. West 245 to the place of Beginning. Containing 332 Acres & the Usual Allowance for Roads &c.

Surveyd by

So: Blunston,

A Warrt dated the 24<sup>th</sup> of Octo<sup>r</sup> 1739

to accept this Survey.

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of February 1833, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this fifteenth day of April 1907.

*Handwritten signature*

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JAMES BYERS of LINGLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

From the ongoing research paper of  
ALDEN BYERS

The ubiquitous presence of men named JAMES and JOHN among the Scotch-Irish BYERS of Pennsylvania, confounded by the lack and/or obscurity of early county records, has made accurate tracing of their family lines virtually impossible for several generations of genealogists. There are simply too many identical names.

An example of the problem which seemingly faced 19th Century historians and still devils us, is to be found in the footnote to Wing's History: "JOHN BYERS came with a brother JAMES who always lived with JOHN and never married"

Which JOHN? WHICH JAMES? WHERE? WHEN?

A JAMES BYERS ("of full age") died intestate about 1804 in Dauphin County, near Linglestown, some eight miles northeast of Harrisburg. He left four parcels of property, including a town lot in Linglestown, with a combined net valuation of \$7,266.65. Because of the size of the estate, considerable effort and time was expended to locate his heirs, with illuminating results.

First, it appears that he came with a brother JOHN, who predeceased him leaving a son ROBERT and a daughter SARAH, still a minor, both living in Lancaster County when the Distribution was finally made in 1816. This description rules him out as in any direct way identifiable with the Donegal or Toboyne Twp. BYERS or BYARS. The location, however, is intriguing, as it is not far from the Paxtang Presbyterian Church, where in 1755 JOHN BYERS of Toboyne and AGNES ROSS were married, and where some of JACOB'S descendants have attempted to place our JACOB'S origins.

JAMES had four other siblings:

WILLIAM, who remained in Ireland, alive in 1816,

ALEXANDER, deceased leaving 3 children in Ireland,

MARY, married to JOHN HASLET, both deceased, leaving:

MARY ANN, HUGH ALEXANDER, SARAH, MATILDA, and HASLET [Alden was his name really HASLET HASLET? or is this a misprint?cbh] all minors, and JOHN, deceased intestate, leaving a widow residing "so it is said" in South Carolina.

JANE, married to WILLIAM GABBY, deceased leaving a daughter JANE married to ALEXANDER McCULLOUGH, residing in Ireland.

While we have no positive evidence, it appears that the JOHN & JAMES of the foregoing estate record were probably the persons buried in the Dauphin County old Hanover Church Burial Ground, of the Derry

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**JAMES of LINGLESTOWN, Continued**

Presbyterian Church of Hershey near Harrisburg:

**JAMES BYERS** b 1746 d 8 Sep 1804

**JOHN BYERS** b 1751 d 12 Jan 1791

JOHN BYERS, possibly a son of the above JOHN (?), was married by the Rev. JAMES SNODGRASS to ELIZABETH ANDREW in 1792 (but note that if so, this would be in addition (deceased?) to the referenced son ROBERT). We have not investigated possible offspring of JOHN or ROBERT, if any.

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**NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3**

113B **KENNETH BRIGHT** 460 Ellsworth Bailey Rd. Warren, OH 44481

Got his note just in time to include in this issue. His brief note said his ancestor is CATHERINE BYERS md **JAMES BRIGHT**. Her father was **JOHN? JACOB? BOYER (BYERS)** md **BARBARY SHUMAKER**. They lived in Springfield - Columbiana, Mahoning Co. OH.

[I checked indexes of back issues and find no reference on this one. Some dates would help, but maybe someone else in our group can help you.

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**DESCENDANTS of HARRELL BYARS & JANE GILL**

**NATHAN BYARS (1808 - 1894) & NANCY HAND (1812 - 1887)**

An update from the files of:  
**MARJORIE TUCKER**

**NATHAN BYARS** (s/o HARRELL BYARS & JANE (JENNIE) GILL) b 27 Dec 1808 Warren Co. TN d 12 Jan 1894 Warren Co. md **NANCY HAND** (d/o **SAMUEL HAND** and **MARY CAMPBELL**) b 25 Mar 1812 TN d 9 Sep 1887 Warren Co. Both are buried in the old Byars Cemetery, near Salem Cemetery.

**OBITUARY of NANCY HAND BYARS**

Southern Standard, Saturday, Sept. 17, 1887.

**DIBRELL NEWS**

Mrs. **NANCY BYARS**, who had lived to an old age and had been a constant sufferer for a number of years, was released from her suffering here on Friday evening, Sept. 9th, 1887. She died in the

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faith, as she had for a number of years been a faithful member of the Baptist church, and while she is dead and her body confined to the tomb, she yet speaketh, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord," yea sayeth the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors and their works shall follow them. She was the mother of a large family of children who are all grown. Some of them are in Texas and will in sadness listen to the story of the death of mother.



NANCY HAND BYARS

Their children:

I. **MARTHA W. BYARS** b 1831 TN m 1st 23 Dec 1852, Warren Co TN **THOMAS M. TITTSWORTH**.

She m 2nd 16 Jul 1860 Warren Co TN **WILLIAM A. POTTER** (s/o **TILLMAN POTTER** and his 1st wife **ELIZABETH CANTRELL**) b c1829 DeKalb Co TN d 25 May 1889. He had m 1st 27 Jul 1852 Dekalb Co TN **NANCY CANTRELL** (d/o **GREEN CANTRELL** and **MARY CANTRELL** (per Cantrill - Cantrell Genealogy by **SUSAN CHRISTIE**)).

Martha m 3rd 1 Dec 1890 Warren Co TN **ELIJAH WOFFORD**.

II. **SAMUEL H. BYARS** b 29 Aug 1832 TN d 1 Sep 1905 m 24 Apr 1855 Warren Co TN **ADALINE SMITH** (d/o **WILLIAM A. SMITH** b c1800 NC and his wife **LUCINDA** \_\_\_\_\_ b c1811 VA.

III. \***DRUCILLA H. BYARS** b 28 Oct 1835 TN d 19 Mar 1909 m 7 Dec 1852 Warren Co TN **JAMES DODSON EVANS** (s/o **JOHN EVANS** b 30 Jan 1797 VA d 13 May 1880, and **TALITHA DODSON** b 22 Feb 1803 d 20 Oct 1851, both died in Warren Co TN [This family covered in detail in **MARJORIE TUCKER'S** book The Evans Family, contact her about availability and price]) b 27 Jun 1834 TN d 19 Nov 1891. Their children:

1. **LEONIDAS POLK EVANS** b 25 Jan 1854 Warren Co. TN d in Oklahoma m 18 Jul 1883 Warren Co TN **MARY ALICE ODUM** (d/o **DANIEL ODUM & MARY BASS**.)

2. **JOHN H. SAVAGE EVANS** b 27 Jul 1856 Warren Co TN m 1st c1877 **NARCISSA CANTRELL** (d/o **JOHN JARVIS CANTRELL & SARAH REDMON**.)

**JOHN** m 2nd **LOU PINEGAR**. No issue from 2nd marriage.

3. **MARTHA JANE EVANS**, b 16 Apr 1857 Warren Co TN d 7 Dec 1936 m 6 Apr 1879 Warren Co TN **GEORGE LUCAS ZWINGLE** (s/o **CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ZWINGLE** and **MARGARET LAVINA KELLY HUDSON**. It is said

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the ZWINGLE family has traced it's family history back to ULRICH ZWINGLE, a Swiss associate of MARTIN LUTHER.

\*4. **NANCY JANE EVANS** b 15 Oct 1860 Warren Co TN d 26 Jun 1934 buried in Riverside Cemetery, McMinnville, TN m 5 Jul 1892 Warren Co TN **THOMAS MONROE REYNOLDS** (s/o **JOHN REYNOLDS** and **MARY LAWRENCE**. **THOMAS MONROE REYNOLDS** had m 1st **MARY JANE TITTSWORTH** (d/o **THOMAS M. TITTSWORTH** who had m **MARTHA W. BYARS**. Both of his mothers-in-law were daughters of **NATHAN BYARS** and **NANCY HAND**)

5. **NATHAN W. EVANS** b 22 Sep 1862 Warren Co TN d 22 May 1882. Never married.

6. **HAROLD BYARS EVANS**, b 15 Sep 1864 Warren Co TN d 8 Nov 1943 m 26 Dec 1894 **ELIZABETH RAMSEY** (d/o **WILLIAM RAMSEY** and **MARY TAYLOR**)

7. **MARY ANN EVANS**, b 22 Dec 1867 Warren Co. TN d 23 May 1944 m 15 Mar 1883 Warren Co TN **GENERALD BEAUREGARD CANTRELL** (s/o **JOHN JARVUS CANTRELL** and **SARAH REDMON**. Both buried Webb Cem. Warren Co.

IV. **HARRELL BYARS** b c1837 TN, killed in the Civil War.

V. **MARY BYARS** b 15 Jun 1840 TN d 5 Dec 1909 m 29 Jul 1855 Warren Co TN **WILLIAM J. FUSTON** (s/o **ANDREW FUSTON** and **ELIZA \_\_\_\_\_**) b c1837

VI. **JANE BYARS** b 1841 TN d 19 Aug 1908, never married.

VII. Rev. **JOHN LANIER BYARS** b 10 Nov 1845 Warren Co TN d 13 Mar 1901 m 1st 22 Sep 1867 Warren Co **MELVINA PURSER** (d/o **JAMES PURSER & NANCY ROWLAND**) b 16 May 1844 d 15 Mar 1875. John and Melvina are buried in Concord Cemetery.

m 2nd 15 Feb 1877 Warren Co TN **SARAH JOSEPHINE ZWINGLE** (d/o **CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ZWINGLE** and **MARGARET LAVINA KELLY HUDSON**) b 4 Oct 1853 White Co. TN d 12 May 1938 buried Webb Cemetery.

VII. **OZIAS DENTON BYARS** b 5 Apr 1848 TN d c1896 TN m 1st 28 Oct 1866 Warren Co TN **NANCY A. REEDER** (?poss. d/o **WILLIAM REEDER** and **ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_**) b c1847 d probably 1874/5.

m 2nd **JOSEPHINE (POTTER) LANCASTER** (d/o **ANDERSON POTTER** and **SALLIE \_\_\_\_\_**) b 7 Aug 1852 d 23 Jun 1927. **JOSEPHINE** had m 1st **FRANK LANCASTER**, had one son **FELIX ZOLLICOFFER LANCASTER** m **LULA BRATCHER**.

"DENT" (OZIAS DENTON) was killed by a ricochet bullet one Sunday

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morning as he was passing a farm house near Salem Church. The farm family was out in the yard killing a chicken for Sunday dinner when the accident occurred. Dent was a member of the Concord Baptist Church and a Justice of the Peace.

After Dent's death JOSEPHINE (JOSIE) md 3rd RILEY WEBB. They had no children.

IX. **JOSEPH G. BYARS** b 1 Oct 1849 Salem Community, Warren Co TN d 6 Dec 1913 m 3 Mar 1869 McMinnville, TN **MARY PURSER** (d/o **JAMES PURSER** and **NANCY ROWLAND**.) b 28 Dec 1850 Warren Co TN d 25 Jun 1917. Both are buried Salem Cemetery.

X. **FRANKLIN PIERCE BYARS** b 4 Apr 1852 TN d 21 Mar 1936 m 1st 12 Mar 1874 De Kalb Co TN **CHARLOTTE BLAINE CANTRELL** (d/o **WILLIAM RILEY CANTRELL** and **CONSTANCE MAGNESS**) b 24 Nov 1857 d 12 Jul 1889. **FRANKLIN & CHARLOTTE** are buried Byers Cemetery near Salem

**FRANK(LIN)** m 2nd **JENNIE PRESTON**.

XI. **WILLIAM OSBURN (WILLIE) BYARS** b 18 May 1857 Warren Co TN d 1933 m 23 Jan 1878 Warren Co TN **JANE PURSER** (d/o **JAMES PURSER** and **NANCY ROWLAND**) b 4 Dec or 19 May 1860 d 26 May 1929. They lived in Mangum OK.

**THOMAS MONROE REYNOLDS**

&

**NANCY JANE EVANS**

Seated

Standing behind them  
are his daughters by  
his first wife:

**MATTIE CLARA REYNOLDS**

&

**CERTIE REYNOLDS**

Sitting in their laps  
are daughters:

**MAMIE REYNOLDS**

&

**DRUCILLA "DRUSIE"  
REYNOLDS**

Thomas and Nancy are the  
grandparents of

**MARJORIE S. TUCKER**

**DRUCIE** is her mother.

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LOGAN CONNECTION

Vol III No 3 p78, Query #34 **GEORGE BELL** asked if **JOHN LOGAN** of Tyron Co was father of **PASSIE LOGAN** that m **JOHN BYARS**. **DOROTHY HOGWOOD** sends the following data, evidently these connect to Passie.  
(from Rutherford County Heritage Vol.I No 4 p7)

**FRANCES LOGAN** b New York 1734. Migrated to VA and then to SC. During American Revolution he fought for the cause of Independence as a partisan, a private soldier and a officer. By 1775 he had attained the rank of Capt. in the SC Militia. Major **LOGAN** as he became known in later years, eventually settled in Rutherford Co. NC near what is known as Logan Station.

His grandson **GEORGE WASHINGTON LOGAN** b 22 Feb 1815 was 11 yrs old when **FRANCIS LOGAN** died at 92 years. **GEORGE W.** s/o **JOHN LOGAN**.

#128; **JAMES LOGAN** bought land from **ROBERT BRADEN** in 1817.

#151, **ISAAC BROOK** m **NANCY LOGAN** 1815.

(From Some Heroes of American Revolution by Bailey, p285)

Four brothers from Lincoln Co. NC. **WILLIAM & JOSEPH LOGAN** on Whig side. **JOHN & THOMAS LOGAN** on Tory side with Ferguson.

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AUGUSTA COUNTY VIRGINIA RECORDS

from the editor's files

Abstracted from Scotch-Irish Settlements in Virginia, Volume III, by Lyman Chalkley, 1912:[note: You will notice that page numbers are often out of line according to date. This means the transaction was made but not recorded until later. Sometimes years later.

|       |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1754  | 7 Feb   | Deed Bk 5 p73 <b>PATTON</b> to <b>JOHN COOK</b> , 190 ac. on Tom's Creek, Corner of <b>WILLIAM BYERS</b> , cor <b>CONRAD KINDER</b>                                                                  |
| 1754  | 7 Feb   | Deed Bk 5 p16 <b>PATTON</b> to <b>WM. BYERS</b> 160 ac on Tom's Creek. Corner <b>JOHN COOK</b> ; cor. to another tract belonging to <b>BYERS</b> .                                                   |
| 1754  | 10 Feb  | Deed Bk 5 p 97: <b>JACOB HARMON</b> to <b>WM BYERS</b> 170 ac conveyed to <b>HARMON</b> by Col. <b>JAMES PATTON</b> 1 Feb 1754 on Tom's Creek. Corner of <b>JOHN ADAMS</b>                           |
| 1754  | 11 Feb  | Deed BK 5 p88: Col. <b>JAMES PATTON</b> to <b>CONRAD KINDER</b> 290 ac on Tom's Creek. Corner of <b>MICHAEL KINDER</b> , Cor. <b>WM BYERS</b> , <b>JOHN COOK'S</b> line, <b>JACOB LINGEL'S</b> line. |
| 1754, | 15 Feb. | Will Bk 3 p202 Col: <b>JOHN PATTON'S</b> estate: List of List of bonds, bills & etc. <b>WILLIAM BYERS</b>                                                                                            |
| 1759, | 8 Feb.  | Will Bk 2 p358: Vendue of <b>JOHN WINGORD'S (VINEGARD)</b> estate; to <b>ALVENUS BYAR</b> ,                                                                                                          |



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- 1760, 20 May. Will Bk 2 p360: Above estate in account with **ALVENUS BYAR (BOYER)** administrator.  
Deed Bk 6 p315 (I left off date) **ALVANIS BYOR** and **BARBARA** to **JNO. COUTS**, L20, 140 ac, part of 280 ac patented to **ALVANIS** Aug 1759 on branch between Shanando and Peaked Mountain.
- 1762, 27 Sep. Will Bk 3 p 193: **JOHN WRIGHT'S** will. Executors qualified with **JNO. BOWYER**.
- 1767 27 Feb Deed BK 15 p338: **JOHN BYERS (BUYERS)** blacksmith, to **SAMUEL McCLURE**, L18,9,6 mortgage of cows and smith tools. Teste: **JOSEPH WALKER, JAMES TRIMBLE**
- 1768 23 Feb Deed Bk 13 p261:**JACOB HARMON**...on Toms Creek of New River ...corner of **WILLIAM BYERS**
- 1771 17 Aug Deed BK XVII p287: **JACOB BAIR (BEAR)** and **BARBARA MILLER ( ) BEAR**, his wife, and **JACOB MAYER (MOYER) (MEIRS)** and **CHRISTENAH ( )** to **MISHAEL (sic)** and **GEORGE HUFFMAN** L64, 276 ac on Shanando River, patented to **JACOB MOYER** and **JACOB BAIR** 20 Jul 1768 **DANIEL LINK'S** line....
- 1776 16 Nov Deed Bk XVII p107: **MICHAEL SIRCLE** and **CATHORINE (sic)** of Dunmore Co. to **LUDWICK FULMORE** (delivered: **JOHN SEPARS**, 20 Aug 1793) 130 ac patented to **JOHN BAIR** 10 Mar 1755 and conveyed by him to **EVE SIRCLE**; also 54 ac patented to my mother, **EVE SIRCLE**, now deceased, 10 Sep 1755, and descended to **MICHAEL** as eldest son and heir of **EVE**.
- 1776 16 Nov Deed BK XVII p111: **MICHAEL SIRCLE** to **JOHN CHRISMAN PAP** 130 ac patented to **JOHN BEAR** 10 Mar 1755 and conveyed by **JOHN** to **EVE SIRCLE** Aug 1761 and descended to **MICHAEL** as oldest son.
- 1776, 29 Nov. Will Bk V p 474:**ARNEST AMONE'S** estate sold at public vendue; **JOHN BYIRE**, one of the purchasers.
- 1780 18 Mar Deed BK 23 p196: **MICHAEL CARN (KEARN)** and **CATHERINE (CATY) ( )** to **THOMAS TURK**. Delivered: **JOHN BYERS** 1780
- 1799 5 Sep Circuit Court Deeds, BK 1 p288: **WILLIAM CHAMBERS** et als., to **HUGH DONAGHE** 50 ac on Naked Creek devised to **ELIZABETH BLAIR** by her brother **JOHN BLAIR** by will 15 Apr 1788. **ELIZABETH** has married **JOSEPH BYERS** and he gave deed of trust to grantors here.
- 1806, 1 Feb. Will BK XI p190: **FRANCIS HULL'S** Will - To sons, **HENRY** and **DANIEL**; to daughters, **ELIZABETH FULWIDER, MOLLY HANGER, BARBARA COOK**; son, **FREDERICK**; daughter, **CATHERINE WISEMAN**; son, **JOHN**; daughter, **SUSANNA**; windmill to son **JOHN**. Executors, **DANIEL HULL, JAMES HARRIS**. Tests: **JOHN** and **HUGH DAUGHTERY** (affirmed); **DAVID BYERS** (sworn). Proved 28th March, 1808, by **JNO. DAUGHERTY**, and 26 April, 1808, by others. Executors refuse. Administration granted **JNO. HULL**.
- 1811 9 Jan. Will Bk XI p340:**DAVID BYERS'** will - To son **JOHN**; to wife **ROSANNAH**; daughter, **MARY COINER**; to daughter

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BETSY DAUGHTERY. Executors wife and son JOHN. Teste WM. SPROUL, DAVID and HUGH FULTON. Proved 24 Mar 1814. Executor qualified.

Editor's comment on above: In using Chalkley's abstractions we must be very careful to examine all the variant spellings and keep in mind that this was done in 1912. It's apparent to me that he had trouble (understandably so) defining the a-o-u in the records. When someone believes a record pertains to their particular family they should write to Augusta Co. VA or the Virginia Archives to see if a copy of the original can be obtained.

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VIRGINIA CHURCHES

Abstracted from Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia by Bishop WILLIAM MEADE, Philadelphia, 1857: Vol.III,p336

Churches in Wheeling, ... Organized 11 May 1819 ... Bishop CHASE. Organized with title of "St. Matthew's Church" Wheeling ... [included in] first association P. BIER.

Conclusion: Without planning on it, this issue turned into an update and additions issue. While some of our readers may find it repetitious in some respects, may want to go back and correct some of their records. Please remember we have new members that do not have access to all our previous records. I plan to do some research at the Archives in Ft. Worth before the next issue. Hopefully that will yield us some exciting new data.cbh.

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From the Editor

Dear folks,

19 June 1989

Your editor has been slowed down considerably since the first of March with emphysema. The Doctor, says I'll soon be feeling great and I can't wait for that time to come.

Regretfully, this issue will be late, and I'm sorry about that. I'll say this though, it feels good to be back to work even if it is for short periods at each sitting.

I owe some of you back issues and answers to some letters, and will get to that as soon as this issue is in the mail.

**Please send in data for our next issue !**

I need your help, especially during the next few months. All your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

*Chris*

**PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS**

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118B Donna Jean Drennon, 945 S.W. Webster Ave. Topeka, KS 66606  
119B Beverly Donahue, 1519 Nobles Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15210  
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**ADDRESS CORRECTIONS**

- 13B Jane Bye, 34704 Rosebud Row, Zephyrhills, FL has a new zip code effective July 1 = 33541  
65B Martha Byars, Rt 3 Box 288C, McMinnville, TN 37110  
75B Frances R. Condra, 204 Glentower Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213  
82B Max E. Sauerbry, 6210 S.W. King Ave. #6, Beaverton, OF 97005  
103B Douglas W. Byers, 3839 Old Marksville Hwy, Pineville, LA 71360  
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**NON-MEMBER ASKS FOR HELP**

Frances L. Denmark, 9 Keklico Ct. East, Goose Creek, SC 29445, writes: My maternal grandmother was listed as **Minnie Beyers**, Racine or Paris, Wisc. She was b 1881, d 1957 Waukegan Wisc. I believe her parents came from Prussia or Germany. Am on SS and cannot afford to subscribe unless there is a connection to your periodical.

[I suggested writing for death certificate. That in it's self

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should give parents name. Remember our membership keeps this quarterly going. If you have info for Denmark be sure to recommend joining our group. CBH]

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Queries are free to members and there is no limit. All queries should contain at least one date and place when possible. Queries that do not exceed fifty (50) words will be re-published in Lost & Found, A National Query Newsletter, at no extra cost to our members. Please submit queries on a separate sheet of paper (a post card is perfect for this) and include membership #, name & address.

#2 BYARS, GA

Would like info on the **Nathan Byars** and wife **Mary** as shown on 1850 Butts Co. GA. 1850 census. This census says he born c1774 SC, she c1801 SC. Is he the one from Spartanburg Dist? Where was he in 1840?

Clovis B. Herring, Rt 1 Box 123A, Buffalo, TX. 75831

#3 BAYER, GERMANY & PA

**Jacob Bayer** (often spelled otherwise) b 8 Nov 1807 (1812?) Wurtemberg, Germany. Need maiden name of wife, **Elizabeth R** b 21 Jul 1827 Wurtemberg, Germany. Also need names of his/her parents and when they came to America.

119B Beverly Donahue, 1519 Noble Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

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CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

Vol.IV, #2: p9 Child #4.

**Edith R. Dawson**, 3371 Cabrillo Ave. Santa Clara, CA 95051 says "Oops!, I made a booboo. My **David B. (Byers?) Smith** was b c1831, not 1842, was 18 years old on 1850 census; and I made that error all by myself. I have put it down many times, but sure didn't realize I'd put 1842. [It's so hard to see our own errors and that's the reason I beg our members to check this publication over and send in all errors for correction. cbh]

Vol.IV, #2: p24 (data from **Marjorie Tucker**) correction by **Martha Byars**, Rt 3 Box 288C, McMinnville, TN 37110:

VIII, **Ozias Denton Byars'** second wife **Josie** was d/o **Thomas Potter** (s/o **Tillman Potter** and his 1st wife **Elizabeth Cantrell**) and **Fatama Webb** (d/o **Julius Webb** and **Hannah Watkins**. Hannah was d/o **Daniel Watkins** and **Elizabeth Byars**. After Julius death Hannah md **Tilman Potter**. Quite a family affair!) Anyway, **Josie's** death certificate shows **Thomas & Fatama** were her parents. Also, according to census

Corrections, Continued

Josie's first name was Helen. I have been searching as hard as I can to find documentation of Denton's death date and burial site.

P 25: XI, William Osburn Byars was not the son of Nathan Byars and Nancy Hand. He was a grandson. According to his death certificate, his father was Samuel Byars and his mother's maiden name was 'Smith' making him the s/o II, Samuel H. Byars & Adeline Smith. Notice that William O was never shown in the Nathan household on any census and he died 20 Jan 1934. Date of birth as per his death certificate was 18 May 1857. I imagine that the mistaken idea that William O was s/o Nathan and Nancy came from the fact that he married Jane Purser sister of the wives of Joseph and John Byars. Their children probably called him 'Uncle' because of the relationship of the wives.  
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JACOB BAYER

This family group sheet submitted by Beverly Donahue, 1519 Nobles Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15210. This is Beverly's husband's line.

Jacob Bayer b 8 Nov 1807(12?) Wurtemberg, Germany, d 28 Jul 1889, Pittsburgh, PA., buried 1 Aug 1889 South Side Cemetery, Pittsburgh, PA (Carrick). His wife Elizabeth R. b 21 Jul 1827 Wurtemberg, Germany, d 15 Jul 1893 Pittsburgh, PA, buried 17 Jul 1893, South Side Cemetery (Carrick).

Children: [Children 4 through 9 all born Pittsburgh, Birmingham) Allegany Co. PA]

1. Jacob Bayer b c1839.
2. John Bayer b c1844.
3. Caroline Bayer b c1845.
4. \*Mary Bayer b 16 Sep 1849, d 18 Feb 1914, md 17 Feb 1869 Anton Funaiock.
5. George F. Bayer b 26 Oct 1850, d 14 Dec 1919, md Julia ?
6. Charles F. Bayer b c1854, md Mary.
7. Louis W. Bayer.
8. Rose Bayer.
9. Catherine Bayer.

Write to Beverly for her documentation. She failed to list it on her family sheet. Beverly hopes someone can help her, and she hopes to help someone in the Pittsburgh, PA area.

[Beverly, we need data from that area for publication. Marriages, wills, probates, land deeds etc.cbh]

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==Please send in your address change prior to moving when possible==  
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OUR READERS WRITE

**Ruth Burch**, 3021 Blackshear Ave. Pensacola, FL 32503 says: Within the past few months I have lost my daughter-in-law to cancer and my husband is recovering from triple by-pass surgery. I'm still here, but I don't think I could stand missing an issue of the Byars - Byers Enquirer.[Get well wishes to Mr. Burch and our sympathy on the death of your daughter-in-law]

**Fern Byars (Mrs. R.D.)**, 3410 Deer Trail, Temple, TX 76501 suffered an embolus (small stroke). Fern is busy putting her family material in order and encourages every one to do the same. Fern says; "My husband, R.D., has been wonderful since my embolus, and always has been. I'm surely glad that I chose him rather than one of the other suitors those many years ago---had I known about his father, I doubt I would have. But, I'm told his grandfather Byars was just like R.D.. Just wanted folks to know that if all of the Byars men are like my husband they are wonderful men.. [Get well wishes to Fern and am glad she got one of the good ones]

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POTPOURRI

Bits & Pieces of Data from our Members

From **George Bell**:

Taken from Roll of the Dead (Civil War). Men from SC killed during the war;[no author, publisher, page #s or dates given]

**Byars, W.C.** from Fairfield Co., age 30, Corporal, killed Jan 15, 1862 at Danielsville.

**Byer, Wm.** from Union Co., age 26, Corporal, killed Dec 24, 1861 at Danielsville.

**Byars, Bedford**, from Spartanburg Co. Private, killed Oct 15, 1864 at Petersburg.

**Byars, Jonas**, from Spartanburg Co., Private, (no age given), died Feb 1862, killed by lightning at Charleston, SC.

From Websters Biographical Dictionary [No publisher, dates, pages]

**Byers, William Newton**, 1831-1903. American surveyor and pioneer, b. Madison Co., Ohio; to Colorado (c.1858); founded at Denver (1859) first newspaper in state, "Rocky Mountain News," of which he was publisher and editor (until 1878). The mineral "byerite" is named for him.

Also from American Journalism A History 1690-1960, Third Edition, by **Frank Luther Mott**[.No page #]: says William N. Byers, was an Omaha surveyor decided to start a newspaper in the Pike's Peak region. When his company reached Fort Kearney, Byers learned that another printing plant was on the way too. They arrived in what is now Denver April 20, 1859 only to find a printing establishment from St. Louis Missouri, on the ground and getting ready to issue a paper. The two printers began a race to see who would get the first paper out. The settlers were excited, bets on the two printers were placed, a committee appointed to judge the contest rushed back and

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forth between the two shops. Byers' paper won by twenty minutes, his rival sold out immediately and left to dig for gold...Byers became a leader in the community, standing for law, order and statehood. He was once captured by a band of desperados but escaped. Newspapers in the area during the civil war were priced at \$24.00 per year, due to the high cost of printing and getting news.

From St. John's (S.C.) Berkeley Road Commissioners Minutes, 1760-1798 [No author, publisher, pages given]:

Males in St. John's Parish 16 to 60 years old, given on oath to the commissioners Sept. 10, 1764:

**Byars, Joseph**, with 1 male negro, 16 to 60 years.

[No reference given, appears to be from Cavaliers & Pioneers. Mr. Bell will you send your source please.cbh]

"**Abraham Moon**, 1700 acs. Lancaster Co., last of Mar 1653, p 69.... transportation of 34 pers: includes **WILLIAM BYER**.

From Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vol.I, North Carolina [No author, publisher, page #'s given]

Perquimans Monthly Meeting, Perquimans County, North Carolina, Marriages:

1701 **Jane Byar** to **William Newby**.

From 1850 Alabama Mortality Schedule, Pickens Co.

**James Byars**, aged 50, Married, b N.C., farmer.

**Matilda Byars** (Black) 8 yrs (slave), croup, ill 7 days.

**Eli J. Byars**, 20 yrs. old, farmer, Typhoid fever, ill 5 days.

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From the editors files: This was sent to me by a Herring correspondent. From Jackson, Mississippi; "The Clarion-Ledger/Jackson Daily News" Sunday, March 12, 1989: 'Family Trees' by Nancy Parkes:

"Mrs. **Mary G. Joiner**, 507 Wagner St., Greenwood, MS 38930, asks, Can anyone help find the parents of the Rev. **Drury Alexander Ellington** born Aug. 19, 1813, in North Carolina? Drury married first **Lucinda Turner** Nov. 13, 1834, in Jefferson County, AL. They had three children. Lucinda died and Drury married second **Nancy E. Byars** about 1841. They had 11 children. Drury A. Ellington is buried at Sallis, MS. Any help appreciated.

Editors note: Queries may be sent to Family Trees, P.O. Box 387, Louisville, MS 39339.

From **Judy Barnett**

[Looks like it's from the Handbook of Texas? no publication name, author etc hope Judy will send ]

**Noah Turner Byars** = (see V.I, #4 p53, #4 p89, Vol.II #3 p80-81, Vol III #1 p23) ...spent three and one half years [1869/70/71/72] as a missionary in Mississippi.

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DAR APPLICATIONS

By Alden Byers, 200 E. Racquet Club Rd.#42, Palm Springs, CA 92262

JOHN BYERS

*B* | 3 | Pa.  
(1770.)

*John Byers*  
*Serjt*

Appears on a  
List  
of Cap' Jo' Hubbley's Comp' taken from Pay Roll  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1776.  
(Revolutionary War.)

List dated *Philad.*  
*Feb 24, 1781*

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*certificat.*

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(645m) *Scott* Copyist.

I obtained the enclosed [at left] from the National Archives, Washington, D.C. several years ago when pursuing my apparent ancestor, John Byars (1729-1808) of Toboyne Twp., Cumberland Co. PA., who died in or near Coraopolis, Moon twp. Allegheny Co. PA.

My John Byars was not listed in the DAR Patriot Index when I researched him, but may be now as I located several of his many descendants and apprised them of my findings. His grave was not recognized as it should be. All of his proved descendants are eligible for membership in either the DAR or SAR.

I recommend that all descendants who have Revolutionary War ancestors trace their lines to such men and apply for membership in DAR/SAR. This is one way by which collateral lines can be unearthed, as application papers give the names and lines of applicants and can be obtained from DAR.

Earlier DAR papers are known to have numerous holes and probable faults, but by now their research is highly reliable. Actually, their data is much more useful and reliable than that of the Mormons, in my opinion.

[Editors note: We cannot give enough emphasis to the fact that any/all secondary data should be proven. The Family History Library in Salt Lake is a wonderful place and the microfilmed county and state records are great, however the family data submitted without documentation and entered into the IGI must be suspect until proven. I was put off for 5

years by an approved DAR application that killed (and buried in a particular cemetery with no stone) my ancestor 22 years prior to his actual death.]

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### DAR Applications, Continued

**John Beyer** (1759 - 1834) of Dauphin Co. sometimes confused with **John Byars** of Toboyne, served in Capt. **James Burd's** Co. of the 4th Battallion, Derry, 1/5/1776\* to 11/25/1776 (this was the German "Byers of Derry" family). Our John Byars of Toboyne enlisted as a Sergeant in Capt. **Joseph Hubley's** Co. of Col. **John Shee's** 3rd Pennsylvania Battalion (genealogical notes by another researcher at the Presbyterian Society in Philadelphia and official discharge paper). Shee's Battalion was ordered to New York 6/11/1776, where they constructed Ft. Washington on upper Manhattan Island, intended to command passage of the Hudson River. On 8/27-28 they were sent to Long Island, arriving after the battle had ended. They covered the retreat on the 29-30th, then on the 31st marched back to Ft. Washington, where they defended the fort at considerable cost in a final engagement 11/16/1776 (Pa Archives Vol.2, pg.124). After surrender of the fort, most of the 2818 men were imprisoned on the notorious prison ship Jersey until 1777. Some officers were not released for several years, however it appears John was parolled 1777 (this narrative is subject to certification by the DAR because of incomplete records of John Shee's Battalion and the presence of other John Beyers/Byers in Cumberland Co. and environs).

As far as we know, John's service has not been claimed directly by anyone in either the DAR or SAR, although there is a garbled reference to it in the claim of Mrs. **Margaret Byers Stanford**, DAR #13752, who has apparently confused John of Toboyne with her John Beyer of Dauphin Co. ...

[\* Usually Alden's material is not retyped. However, several have written to say the computer print out is very hard to read and asked kindly that the dot matrix printouts not be used if possible. Since genealogy is hard enough on old eyes at best I will try to comply with their wishes. I have had but one member suggest that the print be reduced in order that each quarterly contain more data. Since my eyes are not the best either, I feel the majority or requests must be honored. Alden prefers to use numbers as dates, while I subscribe to that recommended by the American Society of Genealogists; day, 3 letter month abbreviation, year.]

### Potpourri, continued

From Judi Barnett,

**Byars Institute.** located at Byars Bluff near Cedar Bayou in Chambers County [TX], was founded by and named for **Noah T. Byars** ... opening of the school in 1867. ... Byars seems to have been the guiding spirit of the school. With his removal from Texas to Mississippi in 1868, interest in the institution waned, and its activity ceased in the spring of 1870.

**Byers, Texas.** Byers in northern Clay County on the Wichita Valley Railroad, was founded in 1904 by **A.W.** and **George Byers**. The brothers subdivided their ranch into farms around the town. In 1940 Byers had a population of 427.

Potpourri, Continued

**Byers Lake.** Byers Lake, an old channel of Red River in northeastern Bowie County, was named for **Wesley Byers**, the original grantee of land including the lake.

Editors note: all the data from Judi was on p259 and I'm certain she will send us the data we need to locate this source.

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**WEST NOTTINGHAM**  
and the Mason-Dixon line  
by **Alden Byers**

One of the most difficult problems in Byers family research is to locate exact points of settlement with relation to political geography. Not only did county and township boundaries and the names thereof change in subtle time frames, but so did Colony boundaries. One result is that one cannot be sure where to look for pertinent records. Further is the nagging possibility that local politics, particularly with respect to religion, may have had an undeterminable (by us) effect on in-county migration. For example, in 1755 Virginia attempted to legalize the Episcopal Church of England as the official state religion; the resistance to this by up-country Scots and Scotch-Irish produced what is apparently the longest word in the American English language: Antidisestablishmentarianism (could this have been one reason the Carolinas became so attractive to the southward wave of Scotch-Irish Buyers immigrants?).

Pennsylvania was settled by **William Penn**, mainly by Quakers, under a charter 1681 from Charles II (but there was a pre-history involving the Dutch, Swedes, and Finns). Maryland was settled by Sir George Calvert, Lord of Baltimore, preferentially by Catholics under a grant 1632 from Charles I, who had married Herrietta Maria, Catholic sister of Louis XIII of France. Delaware, originally Dutch, was provisionally transferred to Pennsylvania 1682 by the Duke of York (later James II) and did not become completely independent until the Revolutionary War.

The governments of the three colonies did not always co-exist in harmony and over the years engaged in various land and border disputes, several actually resulting in minor "wars" (one such, with Maryland, as far west as Cumberland County!). Lord Baltimore's grant was supposedly to the 40<sup>th</sup> north parallel, nearly up to Philadelphia, whereas Penn wanted the line as far south as the confluence of Octorara Creek with the Susquehanna. The impact of this was felt particularly in West and East Nottingham twps. along the Maryland border, and in New Garden and Kennett twps along the Delaware crescent. In these areas, the Penns made particularly strong settlement efforts in an attempt to legitimize their southern border. Resident in these disputed lands, we believe, were several Buyers/Byers families whose provenance and locations have proved particularly difficult to trace (e.g. see James Biers/Buyers

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West Nottingham, Continued

of Nottingham, our likely ancestor).

In an effort to settle their border problem, the Calverts and Penns finally agreed in 1764 to engage a surveyors from the Royal Observatory in Greenwich to establish an official border. **Charles Mason** and **Jeremiah Dixon** were sent over -- thus the Mason-Dixon line. That it separated several Byers families from their Pennsylvania relatives is certain, but we have been able to trace only one ... Further, we have no way of learning how many may have been forced out by voiding of their land titles, or who may have left in anticipation thereof, or because of religious or political incompatibility with their new neighbors. We suspect that our **James Byers**, in 1751 residing with **David Byers II** at Donegal Mills, may have been one such forced emigre.

We have been unable to learn form the Chester County Historical Society when or to whom John Byers of West Nottingham 1737 or James Byers, his neighbor 1753, sold their lands. The inference is strong that these two were in the two-thirds part of West Nottingham which went to Maryland in the Mason-Dixon settlement. Their subsequent land records, if any, would probably be in Annapolis Md., for Cecil Co.

Lost to Pennsylvania, and therefore to Pennsylvania research, was in addition to West Nottingham, a smaller slice of East Nottingham, a piece of New London, and substantial parts of New Garden and Kennett twps. on the Delaware crescent.

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**LINEAGE of DONNA JEAN BYERS DRENNON**

945 S.W. Webster Ave. Topeka, KS 66606

1. **Byers, Donna Jean**, b 16 Jan 1955, Gardena, CA. md 3, **Alan Drennon**, 8 May 1986 Topeka, KS.
2. **Byers, Donald Arthur**, b 27 July 1925 Stacy, MN, md **Wilma I. Phoenix** d/o **Joseph C Phoenix** and wife **Leah V. Berkey** (md. 26 May 1946 Alhambra, CA. Leah b 9 Apr 1928 Burns, WY d 5 May 1989 Redondo Beach, CA.
3. **Byers, Theodore Franklin**, b 11 June 1898 Stacy, MN md **Martha Maslowski** d/o **Theo & Agnes**. Martha (her father b Poland) b 15 July 1895 Swanville, MN d June/July? 1988 St. Paul, MN. Theodore d 17 Nov 1969, Stacy, MN.
4. **Byers, Adolph**. b 1835/36 Poshen, Germany. md 2nd **Eva Stristick** 1880. Eva b 1846 Stacy, MN d 1938 Stacy MN. Adolph d 1934 at age 98/99 years.

[Donna, have you gotten a copy of Adolph's and Eva's death certificates? They should give their parents names cbh? It would be a good idea to include counties, since we must go to county records for many things. cbh]

Donna has a lot of gaps in her lineage and would appreciate any help she can get.

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From Marjorie Tucker: Re; Vol.II, No.1 p22-line 3 "Drucilla Byars, who is sometime given as a wife of Abner, was married to Jonas Womack."

Rutherford Co. NC, 1810 Census

| Head of Family  | Males |     |     |     |     | Females |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                 | -10   | -16 | -26 | -45 | 45+ | -10     | -16 | -26 | -45 | 45+ |
| DAVID BYARS     |       |     | 1   |     |     | 2       |     | 1   |     |     |
| STRIPLING BYARS | 2     | 1   |     | 1   |     | 3       | 2   |     | 1   |     |
| NATHAN BYARS    |       |     |     |     | 1   | 1       |     |     | 1   |     |
| DAVID BYARS     |       |     | 1   |     |     | 3       |     | 1   |     |     |
| GEORGE BYARS    | 3     | 1   |     | 1   |     | 1       | 1   |     | 1   |     |
| ROBERT BYARS    | 3     |     |     | 1   |     | 1       |     |     | 1   |     |
| DAVID BYARS     | 2     |     |     | 1   |     | 3       |     |     | 1   |     |
| JAMES BYARS     | 2     |     |     | 1   |     |         |     |     |     |     |
| *JONAH WOMMACK  | 2     |     |     | 1   |     | 4       |     | 1   |     |     |
| THADEUS WALKER  | 2     | 3   | 1   |     |     | 3       | 1   |     | 1   |     |
| ABNER WOMMACK   | 3     | 2   | 2   | 1   |     | 4       | 2   |     | 1   |     |

\*He may have married DRUCILLA BYARS, d/o NATHAN BYARS and DRUCILLA HARRELSON.

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| Robert S.          |           | Martha C.E.Dubose           | F 161    |
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| Mae          |         | Frank Brown         | Q 554    |
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| Mattie S.    |         | J.M.Fatheree        | E 395    |
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These were abstracted from the microfilm by Geneva Garrett



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**Correspondence of Continental Congress**

[Author, Publisher not included]

From **William Tucker**

[In the interest of space just the first reference is given here. If anyone consults the original documents, we would be grateful for copies to publish.]

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**Buyers, John,**

Northumberland Co. PA inhabitants of. To the Pa delegates, Feb 1, 1779, 3p M247,r51,i41,v7,p31.

There are four more references.

**Byers Family.**

Byers, James. Phila. To Cong. Dec. 30, 1780. 3 p.M247, r48, I41, v1, p323.

**Byers, Daniel.**

Kentucky, inhabitants of. To Cong. 1783\* 11 p M247, r50,i41, v5,p97.

**Byers, George.**

Thompson, James return of the Wagonmaster's Dept. Feb. 1, 1778. 5 p M247, r199,i192,p383;

Two more references

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**Byers, James,**

Northumberland County (Pa) inhabitants of. To the Pa. delegates. Feb 1, 1779, 3 p. M247,r51,i41,v7, p543.

There is more than 35 references for this name including Contracts, correspondence etc.

**Byers, John,**

Gates, Horatio. To superintendants to supply the army, Jan 31, 1778. 7 p. M247,r29,i120, v2, p27.

Three more references.

**Byers, Robert,**

Thompson, James. Return of the Wagonmaster's Dept. Feb 1, 1778/ 5 p. M247,r199,i192,p383.

One more references.

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**John Bower; William Bower; Capt Bowers.**

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**Elisha Bowers; Ephraim Bowers; George Bowers; Henry Bowers; John Bowers; Joseph Bowers; Thomas Bowers; William Bowers;**

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**Boyer, Antoine; Boyer, Christian; Boyer, Daniel; Boyer, David; Boyer, Etienne; Boyer, Francois; Boyer, Jacob; Boyer, John; Boyer, Louis; [& Jr.]; Boyer, Michael; Boyer, Peter [& Jr.]; Boyer, Touissant; Boyer, William;**

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**Bowyer, Capt; Bowyer, George; Bowyer, Henry; Bowyer, John; Bowyer, Michael; Bowyer, Thomas.**

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Directory of Mahaska County [Iowa]

[Author, publisher not given]

From William Tucker

**Byers, James M.**, retired, Oskaloosa; b Mercer Co. PA, Feb 12, 1814; brought up there and learned the trade of brick lawyer; to Iowa 1851, one summer in Burlington, one year in Washington Co., to Mahaska Co. Mar 1853; engaged in building; built Presbyterian Church, St. James Hotem, and many of the best buildings; built house where he now lives the first year he came, twenty -five years ago [published in 1878?]; opened first coal bank near Oskaloosa; holds office of coroner of this [Mahaska] Co., and has held other town and school offices. Mr. Byers has been married three times; he md **Permelia E.H. Marshall**, from NC, in 1836; she was a grand niece of Chief Justice **Marshall**; she d Aug 21, 1838 leaving one son, **Samuel H.M.**; md 2nd **Eliza Birch**, from PA in 1839; shed 1845, leaving three children, **Sarah, Annie and James W.**, md 3rd **Hannah E. McVickers** from Ohio in 1847.

**Byers, Samuel H.M.**, s/o **James Byers** [above] b Lawrence Co. PA Jul 23 1838; received common school education, studied law with Hon. **Wm. Loughridge**, admitted to bar 1861; enlisted 1861 5th Reg. Iowa Inf., appointed quarter-master sergeant; promoted to adjutant of reg.; taken prisoner at battle of Mission Ridge with eighty others of his reg. Nov 25, 1863; prisoner sixteen months, taken from one prison to another and suffered almost everything but death. After two attempts to escape and being recaptured, succeeded Feb. 16, 1865. While in prison composed the song "Sherman's March to the Sea." Gen. Sherman sent for him after his escape and assigned him to duty on his staff; selected by Sherman as bearer of the first dispatches to Gen. Grant and the President after leaving Savannah. After the war he returned to Mahaska Co.; in 1869 appointed United States Consul to Zurich, Switzerland and held that position since then, nine years, and is the only one of President Grant's foreign appointments that remain abroad; md Miss **Maggie Gilmore**, from Michigan in 1869; two children, **Lawrence and Helen.**

**Byers, John**, carpenter [no write up, just listing]

No publication name or author given

Also from William Tucker

Newton Twp:

**Byers, H.V. Dr.**; b Feb 13, 1848 Mercer Co., PA; to Burlington, IA 1851; removed to Mahaska Co. 1853, began study medicine 1869 with Dr. Birge; started own practice 1872 in Oswego, KS; moved 1876 to Newton, owns residence in city; md **Mary Kendall**, May 1876; she b 1851 in Louisa Co. IA; two children - **Gibson and Charles.**

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Abstracted from Byers History

by Janet McCulloch Byers & John G. Aten, Jr.

No date of publication, Quality Print Shop, Middleport, Ohio  
Book appears to be c1940/50, found at Clayton Library, Houston, TX  
Copy in Editors files

This history begins with:

**Samuel Thompson**, to America from Scotland in 1774, settled in New Jersey and called his farm "Scots Plains". He md **Harriet (Hannah) Whitehead**, her brother (name not given) in charge of prisons in Philadelphia and was very wealthy. [if the data about the brother is true there should be some way to find his name.] Samuel Thompson and Harriet Whitehead had two daughters, **Harriet** and **Phoebe**. Samuel d prior to Revolution and his widow md Markee, leaving him after a short time and went to live with daughter Phoebe in Newcastle, DE.

After Samuel's death, daughter **Harriet** went to live with her aunt [Samuel's sister] Mrs. **Whiteside**, in NY.

**Harriet Thompson** md Captain **Jacob Webb**, a merchant and sea captain. When the Revolutionary War began Jacob Webb's ship was captured and he was imprisoned on the ship "Old Jersey" in New York harbor. After about six months the prison ship became so crowded that Webb was taken to Jamaica where he was imprisoned at "Stony Kill." Masons helped him escape and he returned to Newcastle, DE and reunited with his wife and family. Harriet had received a note from her husband advising her to go to Newcastle, where she bought a house and opened a business.

**Phoebe Thompson** md Captain Firth. Firth gave his brother-in-law Captain Jacob Webb, a berth and they went to sea. Both were captured by the British and then recaptured by Commodore **Decatur**, Sr. and allowed to go back to Newcastle. Firth died of wounds before reaching Newcastle. Nothing is known of his widow Phoebe Thompson Firth and her family following the death of her husband.

Webb returned safely and made several voyages to the Dutch Islands. He eventually returned home with the firm belief that his days were numbered; his health broken by his long confinements, exposure and inhuman treatment while in captivity. He d 18 Oct. 1795 and is buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery, near Bunker Hill, Port Penn, DE.

The children of Jacob Webb and Harriet Thompson:

1. **Nancy Webb**
2. **Harriet Webb** md **John Byers** see below.
3. **Mary Bedford Webb** b 25 Dec 1787 Newcastle, DE; d 27 Apr 1858; md **Henry Fisher Maul**, 19 Dec 1804. Henry s/o **John Maul** b 25 Sep 1783 Lewes, DE d 11 Jan 1852. Both are buried St. Peter's Churchyard.

There were thirteen Maul children; Just two were named;  
**Annie (called Nancy) Maul** md Captain Way, whose children were **Albert Way, Annie (Nancy) Way, Harriet Way; Charles Maul**

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Byers History, Continued

Mary was raised in the household of **Gunning Bedford** at Cape May and wrote the following letter to her nephew, **Joseph Byers**. The author of this history thought it strange that she made no reference regarding her sister **Harriet Webb** and her husband **John Byers**.

"Milton, Del. Apr. 2d, 1841.

My dear Nephew.

With feelings which I cannot now describe, I received your letter, for I had come to the conclusion that I was forgotten by you all: Your letter has revived many pleasing recollections of my youthful days and the mother whose memory you still love and respect. You wish me to tell you something about my parents and my own history. I had the misfortune to lose my father at the age of five years, of course I can not say much of him from my own memory. I will begin with my Grandfather on my mother's side. My Grandfather, whose name was **Samuel Thompson**, was a Scotchman. He left his native country to enjoy the free exercise of his religious principles in the new world, and settled in New Jersey, and called their settlement Scotch Plains. He had a good farm, and it was there that my mother, the youngest of his children, was born. He had several daughters, none of whom lived to the age of maturity, but my mother and one sister named **Phebe**. My grandfather died early in life, before the Revolution. My grandmother lived very comfortably until she again married, a young man from New York, by the name of **Markee**, who soon compelled her to send her children away. My mother went to New York to live with a wealthy Aunt by the name of **Baird** (?) whose husband was a merchant. Aunt Phebe went to Philadelphia to live with grandmother's brother, a Mr. **Whitehead**, who was keeper of the work house or prison. She soon after married a **Captain Firth** (?). My mother became acquainted with my father at his uncle's.

My father at that time was master and owner of a fine brig called the "Action" (Active?). They were married at Uncle's and lived in New York until War was declared. The British soon got possession of New York. My mother remained there, expecting to hear from my father, who was at sea during this time. On his return he was captured by the English, himself put on board the prison ship lying at New York and his vessel sent away. He was kept six months on board of the prisonship (sic), and not allowed to communicate with the town, so that all this time my mother heard nothing from him, he was then sent to Stonykill prison in the Island of Jamaica, where he lay twenty two months, suffering every kind of hardship. At length, he with several men broke out, and were received at the house of a widow, and by the assistance of some Free Masons, my father got back, a destitute man with a constitution broken by confinement.

In the meantime Mr. Markee had treated the old lady so badly, that she left him and came to New Castle to live with her daughter Phebe. Markee afterwards made a sale of his stock, and went away, nobody knew where.

Byers History, Continued

He found means to write to mother and let her know the sad reverse in his situation and requesting her to come to New Castle to live. On receipt of this letter, mother got leave from the commanding officer to go with her children, but had to leave her furniture behind.

She had lost all hope of my father sending her money. She got back to New Castle and was kindly received by her friends, she immediately built a house and kept her children at school. In the latter part of the war my father came home. Captain Firth offered him a berth on board his vessel, which he accepted. He made several voyages to a place called Stico (?) (original Stieico) one of the Dutch Islands. On their way down the Delaware they were taken by a Refugee barge. My uncle Firth was mortally wounded, my father slightly. The refugees were then taken to New York, but they were retaken by the old Captain **Decatur**, and carried back to New Castle, which my Uncle only lived to reach. My father was soon restored. He went to sea again, made several voyages and then came home, and with a firm belief this days were numbered, and did not survive long. The last thing I remember of him was his asking my brother to read his Bible to him. He gave us his blessing and advice which I shall never forget.

My mother lived about six years after his death.

Mary Bedford Webb Maull"

4. **Rebecca Webb**
5. **John Webb**
6. **Hiram Webb**

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John Byers & Harriet Webb

**John Byers** [s/o Dr. **John Byers**] md **Harriet Thompson Webb** [d/o Captain **Jacob Webb** and **Harriet Thompson**]. Dr. John Byers practiced medicine in Lewes, DE., md a Miss **Edwards** of New York. Nothing is known about the ancestry Dr. Byers.

John and Harriet had two know sons; **John Alfonsa Byers** and **Joseph Byers**. After the death of her first husband Harriet md **Fred Harvey**. A son **Fred, Jr.** was born to this union. After Harriet's death her husband took his son leaving the Byers children to look after themselves.

John Alfonsa and Joseph Byers were raised by **Mary Bedford Webb Maull** with the help of their uncle **Samuel Byers** who was a carpenter.

Death dates and places for John Byers and Harriet Thompson are unknown.

I. **John Alfonsa Byers & Charlotte Mary Weitzel Davis**

John A. b 15 Sep 1806, Lewes, DE., d 7 Apr 1872 Martinsburg, W. VA (at the home of his daughter Mrs. **William Blackwell**) buried at St.

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Thomas Churchyard, Hancock, MD md **Charlotte Mary Weitzel Davis** d/o **James Keimer Davis** and **Mary Weitzel**. Charlotte b 23 Mar 1807 Flemingsburg, KY. They md 30 Mar 1830, Northumberland Co. PA at the home of the bride's aunt Mrs. Col. **Hugh White**. Charlotte d 4 Aug 1891, Meadville, PA and is buried by her husband at Hancock, MD. Their children:

1. **Isora Byers** b 15 Mar 1831, Hancock, MD d 1916 or 1921 Blairsville, PA buried St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Hancock MD. Isora md **William Blackwell** b 17 Apr 1829 Hancock, MD d Nov 1903 at the home of his daughter, Miss Harriet Blackwell, in Washington, DC., buried Hancock, MD. Isora and William had one daughter, **Harriet Blackwell**.
2. **Harriet Ann Byers** b 9 Jan 1833, Hancock, MD. d 17 Jun 1876, Hancock MD. md **Samuel McPherson Stephens**, 21 Nov 1867 Point Pleasant, W. FA. Both Harriet and Samuel are buried in Hancock, MD.



THE JOHN ALFONSA BYERS HOME  
Hancock, Maryland

At the time of her death, she was in Hancock, MD watching over the restoration of their old home which her husband had bought from her mother, at her request, and was making repairs to the home. She passed away before realizing the long cherished wish to live in her dear old home once more. When she died, she left her daughter, **Lenore**, in the care of her youngest sister, **Josephine Byers**, who was unmarried. Harriet was educated at home with a governess, and then had two years of painting, in Philadelphia, Samuel and Harriet had two daughters: **Lenore Stephens** b 1 Dec 1868, d 1889 at Meadville, PA; buried Hancock, MD: **Lynn Stephens** b Baltimore, MD Jan. 1870 d July 1870, buried Hancock, MD.

3. **Mary Louise Byers** b 9 Jan 1835 in the old home in Hancock, MD d 23 Aug 1891 Point Pleasant, W. VA., buried Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant, W. VA. md 4 Dec 1862, in the old home, Hancock, MD., **Taliaferro Stribling** s/o **George W. Stribling** and **Mary A. Stribling**, b 17 Feb 1834 Point Pleasant, W. VA, d 7 Apr 1893 buried Lone Oak Cem.

Byers Family History, Continued

Mary Louise was educated at Patapsco Institute and later taught children of a wealthy family on the Eastern Shore. Later she joined her sister Hattie in Point Pleasant where she met her husband.

**Mary Louise Byers and Taliferro Stribling children:**

1. **George William Stribling** b Point Pleasant, W.VA 1864 d Huntington, W. VA 1941 buried Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant md **Annette K. Long**. No issue
2. **Kate Byers Stribling** b Point Pleasant, W.VA 1866 d in an automobile accident in Florida 1924 unmarried.
2. **Annie Tate Stribling** b Point Pleasant, W.VA 6 Feb 1868 d Point Pleasant buried Lone Oak Cemetery.
3. **Taliaferro Stribling** b Point Pleasant 16 July 1869, buried Lone Oak Cemetery. md **Margaret Estella Work**. Children: **Taliaferro Stribling** (died young), **Margaret Stribling**, **George Taliaferro Stribling**
4. **James Davis Byers** b 10 Apr 1837 Hancock, MD. Joined CSA, 8th VA Cavalry, Capt. Bannister's Co. and appointed color sergeant, killed near Winchester, VA., 12 Nov 1864, unmarried.

Letter from Commanding Officer regarding death of James Davis Byers

8th Va. Cab. C.S.A.  
Near New Market, Va.  
**John A. Byers, Esq.**

Sir: It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the death of your son, James. He fell, shot through the head in a charge against the enemy at Newton, Va., on the 12th instant and died instantly. He was buried as well as it could be done under the circumstances in a locust grove in front of and about two hundred yards from the house of Mr. Jones, three miles southwest from Newton and about half a mile from the main valley turnpike. The death of your noble son is a serious loss to us as well to yourself. By his uniform kindness and brave but gentle disposition he had won the hearts of all who knew him and by his good conduct as a soldier and his devotion to the colors he bore he had drawn towards him the warmest feelings of my heart. I loved him as a brother. You have my heartfelt sympathies in your sad bereavement. His horse is here in his company, and will be taken care of, as will his pistol-holster the one he had on when he was wounded in July last. The bullet passed through it and for that reason he once requested that it should be sent to his mother in case he should be killed. The battle flag which he bore so bravely and with so much honor to himself in so many engagements is riddled by bullets and worn to shreds. The staff was shot in two at Bunker's Hill in his hands. If it will afford you any pleasure

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to preserve it, I will give it to you for that purpose. I would not part with it under any other circumstances. It is so much shattered and worn that it can hardly be distinguished as a battle flag. So soon as I can replace it with another I will put it where it will be kept for you, if you wish it. Should you wish to write to me, any communication will reach me if addresses to 8th V. Cav. 2nd Brig., Fitzhugh Lee's Div., Army Valley Dist. Accept for yourself and family my warmest sympathy and best wishes.

I am sir, very respectfully, your friend

**A.F. Cook**

Lt. Col. 8th Va Cav. commanding."

Col. Cook was killed soon after writing the letter and the flag that was mentioned was given to his family. The pistol-holster, saddle bags, leggins and canteen belonging to James Davis Byers are in the possession of the family.

The soldiers had cut the following on the stone they placed on his grave.

**"James Byers**

Co. I 8th Va. Cav.

Killed Nov. 12, 1864"

After the war, his father had his body removed to Newtown, near Winchester, VA., as he had expressed a wish to be buried in Virginia soil if he fell. A tombstone was placed at the grave, but the family still has the original stone placed on his grave by his comrades.

In the Churchyard of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, in Hancock, MD, where many members of this family are buried an inscription was engraved on the family monument:

"In Memory of

**James Davis Byers**

b. Hancock, Md. April 10, 1837

Color Bearer 8th Va. Cavalry C.S.A.

Slain Newtown, Va. Nov. 12, 1864"

5. **Alfred Weitzel Byers** b 8 Sep 1839 Hancock, MD d 2 Oct 1912 at a hospital in Columbus, OH. Following funeral services at the McCulloch home, 1002 Main St., Point Pleasant, W. VA the body was taken to Hancock, MD for burial at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. He was unmarried.
6. **Kate Elizabeth Byers** born 8 Sep 1841 Hancock, MD d 26 Dec 1924 Wilkesbarre, PA, buried Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore, MD. md 30 Nov 1868, Point Pleasant, W. VA **Horace Edwin Hayden** an Episcopal Minister, the first rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Point Pleasant, W.VA.
7. **Cordelia Agnes Byers** b 21 May 1844, on the canal, at Sir John's Run, near Hancock, MD., d 21 Dec 1925 Point Pleasant, W.VA buried Lone Oak Cemetery. md **John McCulloch** at Christ Episcopal Church, Point Pleasant, W. VA 20 Oct 1873. John b 17 Apr 1841



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Point Pleasant s/o **Alexander McCulloch** and **Mary Eugenia Steenbergen**. He was grandson of **John McCulloch**, the pioneer and **Olivia Morgan**.

Their Children:

1. **Charlotte McCulloch** md **William Steenbergen**
2. **Mary McCulloch**
3. **Alexander Byers McCulloch** md **Julia Arthur Ryan**
4. **Janet McCulloch** md **Maxwell Cunningham Byers**
5. **John McCulloch, Jr.** md **Sadie Lancaster Grover**

II. **Joseph Byers & Jane Peplow (Peploe)**

**Joseph** b 5 Mar 1808 [according to the family Bible in possession of **Jennie M. Byers** of New Castle, PA (at time publication of this history) in Baltimore, MD. elsewhere it says he was b Lewes, MD] d 16 Dec 1854, buried at Blairsville, PA. He md **Jane Peplow. Peploe** of Philadelphia, PA, 16 Dec 1829. She was born of English parents in 1812, d 13 Oct 1888 at the home of her son **Walter Byers**. She is buried in her sons lot in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA.

Their children:

1. **John Morton Byers** b Selin's Grove, a small town on the banks of the Susquehanna River, Snyder Co. PA, 14 Jul 1832 d Swissvale near Pittsburgh, PA 4 Mar 1893. Buried Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, PA. md **Caroline Mann Lewis** d/o **James M. Lewis**, b 1839. They md Bedford, PA 12 Jun 1867. She d 1924 buried Allegheny Cemetery. Their children:

1. **Morton Lewis Byers** b 22 Mar 1868 Mauch Chunk, PA d East Orange, NJ, buried Allegheny Cemetery. md **Josephine Bringham**

2. **Caroline Byers** died in infancy.

3. **Mary Esther Byers** b Thompson, PA 2 Dec 1875 md **Hugh Arthur Barbee**. No issue.

4. **Maxwell Cunningham Byers** b Thompson, PA 2 Feb 1878. d 23 Sep 1930 Maltimore, MD. md **Janet McCulloch** d/o **John McCulloch** and **Cordelia Agnes Byers**. At the time of Maxwell's death he was President of the Western Maryland Railway and Chairman of the Board. He was shot in the office building of the Western Maryland Railway, by a deranged freight agent.

2. **Charles Edward Byers** b Sharpsburg, MD 15 Jan 1834 d Pottstown, PA 10 Jul 1871. md **Sarah Jane Weikle**. Charles was chief engineer of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. A town was named after him. Several children were born to this couple but evidently just one of them lived to maturity: They were, **Charles Byers**, **Sallie Mae Byars**, (see below), **Kathryn Byers**, **Marian Byers**, **Adah Byers**, **Lenore Byers**.

**Sallie May** b 1865, Mahoney City, PA., md 1st **William Wainwright Britton** md 2nd **Joseph Albert Cornell**. She had one daughter **Helen May Britton** b 1887 and raised by her widowed grandmother **Sarah Jane Weikle Byers**. **Helen** md **Edward James Seaborn**.

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3. **Joseph Byers, Jr.** b Hancock, Washington Co. MD. 24 Nov 1835, d of yellow fever, 21 Feb 1883 Cartagena, Columbia, South America. Served CSA, Pelham's Artillery. First drafted into the Union Army, he had to take a different name when he joined the Confederacy. He never married.
4. **Ludwell (Ellwood) Byers** b 4 1838, near Lynchburg, Nelson Co.VA



LUDWELL or (ELLWOOD) BYERS

His father was a civil engineer, and when Ellwood was born he was in charge of the Lynchburg section of the James River and the Kanawha Canal. Named Ludwell after a friend of his father's, but when his father got mad at his friend, Ludwell's name was changed to Ellwood.

In 1861 Ellwood enlisted in Maj. Henry St. Paul's "Chasseurs de Pieds," 1st Louisiana Foot Rifles. He was sick when the regiment left and unable to join them. Later enlisting in Co.K, 2nd VA. Cav. he served under Colonel T.F. Munford, who served with Gen. J.E.B. Stuart. Ellwood was paroled at Appomattox, 10 Apr 1865, but not reconstructed, until long after the war when he was arrested for a misdemeanor and forced to take the oath of allegiance to the United States, before they would release him.

On a sightseeing bus in Washington, D.C. a tour guide made the mistake of announcing, "On this bridge Grant viewed his troops after the war." Ellwood took offense to this statement, jumped to his feet and asked, "Why don't you say it was over this bridge that the Confederates chased the Union Army into Washington, D.C. after the Battle of Manassas?"

Engaged in personal business from 1865 until 1874, in 1875 he began working for the Reading Railroad in the real estate department. In 1878 he was made chief clerk to Mr. William Lorenz. Upon Mr. Lorenz's death in 1884, he transferred back to the real estate dept.

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When the Spanish-American War began he enrolled in the volunteer reserves in 1898.

He attended many Confederate reunions. He died 22 May 1910, Philadelphia. Philadelphia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy sent red and white roses to his funeral. He is buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA.

Ellwood md **Agnes Virginia Washington Dixon** b 9 Jul 1847 d 1876.

Their Children:

1. **Joseph Ellwood Byers** b 4 Sep 1817 d 1916, md **May Huddleston**.  
Children:
  1. **Ellwood Byers**
  2. **John Forest Byers**
2. **Gertrude Agnes Byers** b 14 Dec 1873, md **Neville B. Craig**.  
One child:  
**Neville B. Craig, II.**
3. **Walter Peplow/Peploe Byers** b 24 Oct 1842, Tye River Warehouse, a small town in Nelson Co. VA. d 21 Dec 1895 buried Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA., md **Mary Maloney**. Their Children:
  1. **Walter Byers**
  2. **Ethel Byers**Note: The names of these children may have been changed to Maloney after the death of their parents.
4. **Henry Ware Byers** b 13 Jan 1845, Tye River Warehouse, Nelson Co. VA. d 22 Jan 1903, md **Martha Jane "Jennie" Markell** 3 Aug 1868. Henry was an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad all his working life. He is buried Graceland Cemetery, Newcastle, PA. Children:
  1. **Jennie Markell Byers** never married.
  2. **Emily Lewis Byers** md Judge **Thomas Wilson Dickey**
  3. **John Alfred Byers** md **Frances Durban Hamilton**
  4. **Marian Hayden Byers** md Dr. **William Alexander Smith**
  5. **James McCrea Byers** md **Dorothy Molyneux Pickering**
  6. **Margaret Irwin Byers** md **Paul Augustus McBride**
  7. **Kathryn Byers** md as his second wife Judge **Thomas Wilson Dickey**

I have given the bare bones and not all of the descendants in this history. Please be sure you use this for clues only, since no documentation is offered in it.

Some of this family have probably been confused with others of the same name living in PA and W.VA.

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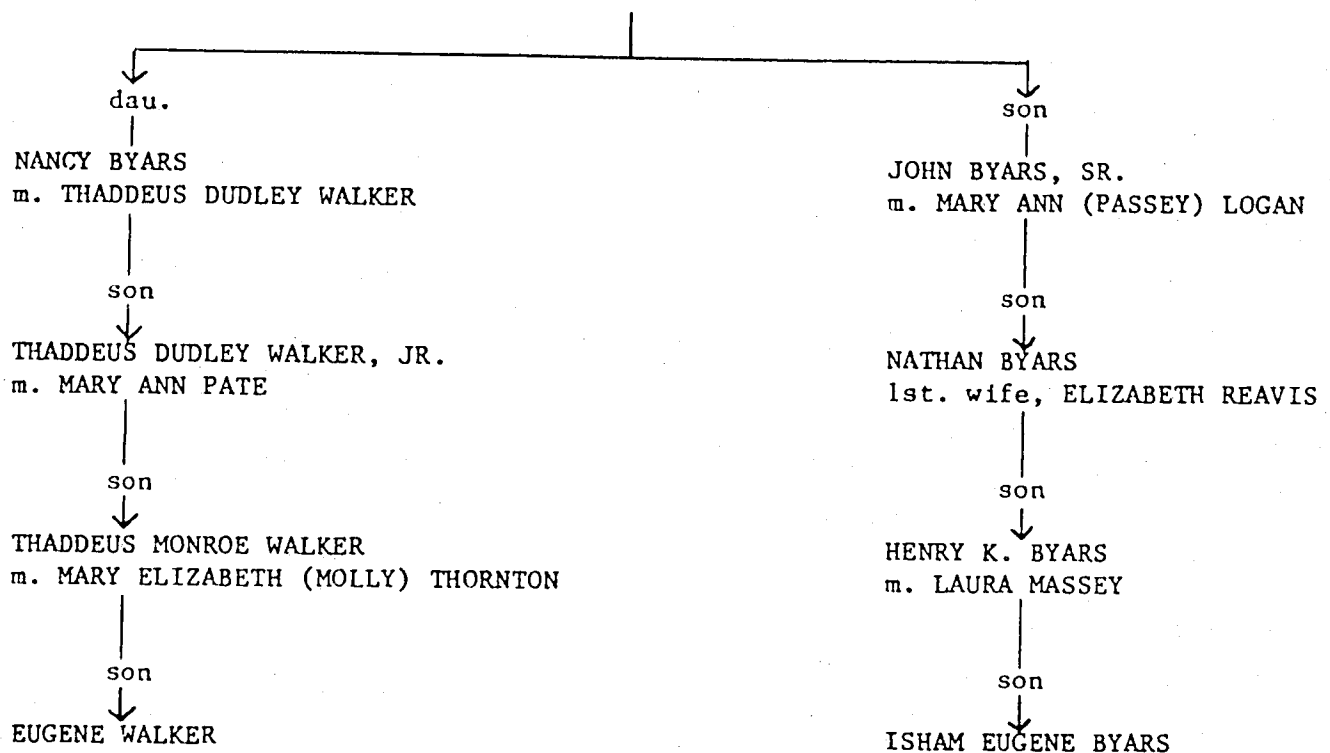
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A Foul Crime

This is the first installment, all from newspaper articles. The articles have been copied by Marjorie Tucker. Credit is given to Mr. George Bell who learned of the case and advised Marjorie to contact Mrs. Jimmie Lou Keller. 3244 Brashford Rd. Birmingham, AL 35216 who gave Marjorie the name of the newspaper and page numbers.

Chart prepared by Marjorie showing relationship

OLD NATHAN BYARS



Foul Crime, Continued

THE BIRMINGHAM AGE-HERALD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1894

A FOUL CRIME.

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Eugene Walker Found With  
a Bullet in His Head

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At the Foot of an Oak Tree  
Near Behrens' Park.

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Eugene Byars Is Charged With  
Being the Assassin.

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A Chain of Evidence Being  
Gradually Woven Around  
the Prisoner-Histories  
of the Men.

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Had it not been for a misty cloud that shadowed the sky on Sunday morning when the sun arose its rays would, as they pierced through the foliage, have struck the body of a handsome United States cavalryman lying stiff in death at the foot of an oak tree. This body, as it lay at the foot of this tree in the neighborhood of Tenth avenue and Thirteenth street, south, was clad in a United States regulation cavalry uniform, and a few feet from it lay a blue yachting cap.

Two young men, as they were strolling through the woods just south of Behrens' park, about 10 o'clock, were alarmed at the sight of this dead soldier, for he was a soldier, as he lay reclining upon the roots of the tree.

Horrified at the ghastly find, they ran to tell of their discovery, and rapidly the news spread and word was at once sent to the city authorities. The city undertakers were then notified and a dead wagon was sent to the scene and the body brought to the city and placed upon a slab in the undertaking establishment of Warner, Smiley & Co., where all during Sunday and yesterday it was viewed by thousands of curious people.

A little investigation revealed a blood spot upon the collar of his uniform and on his neck. Further investigation showed that a bullet of large caliber had entered his neck, just below the left ear, and had produced instantaneous death. There was nothing which showed signs of a struggle, and at first it was intimated that it was a case of suicide, pure and simple. This theory was

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killed by the absence of any pistol or other deadly weapon of similar character. That it was foul murder was evident from the fact that near by lay two cigar stamps, indicating that the murdered man and his former companion, for it was evident that he had had one, had on or near this fatal spot enjoyed a smoke together. That the murdered man and his assassin had been seemingly friends the half smoked cigars proved.

#### THE IDENTIFICATION.

As soon as the body of the murdered cavalryman was brought to the city and placed upon a slab in the rear of Warner, Smiley & Co.'s undertaking establishment for identification an excited crowd of enormous size gathered to gain a look at the pale face of a man who lay cold in death. As soon as the doors were open so that the body could be viewed for identification a rush was made, and for several hours many hundreds of spectators filed past the corpse.

Further investigation and a search of the uniform showed a United States furlough, second sergeant, Company H, Sixth United States cavalry, Fort Niabrara station, which is about 125 miles from Omaha, Neb. The furlough bore the date of December 27, and granted Walker a leave of absence from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to visit Valentine. When this furlough was found the man's identity was practically established. The three stripes on his fatigue coat showed that he was a sergeant, and that his rank was second. With the exception of the furlough nothing of importance was found, although it was known that prior to his death he had possessed an elegant gold watch and chain and a sum of money. The latter circumstances showed that he had been murdered.

On Friday afternoon a stalwart soldier, wearing a regulation cap, overcoat and uniform, got off Louisville and Nashville southbound passenger train No. 3, which is due here at 3:12 p.m., and walked over to the Metropolitan hotel, where he registered as follows: "Eugene Walker, Fort Niabrara, Neb." He was assigned to room No. 29, where he spent the following night. He gave to the clerk of the Metropolitan a valise and an overcoat, for which he was given hotel checks. The valise is still in the baggage department of the hotel and upon a hat rack hangs his overcoat.

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#### WHO WALKER WAS.

The young man Eugene Walker, who was found murdered Sunday morning at Behrens' park, was a son of Thaddeus M. Walker of Fayette county, Alabama, and enlisted five years ago in the United States regular army. By reasons of his superior aptitude he was soon raised from the ranks and received during his last four years' service the pay of sergeant. He was fond of military life, and after serving the full time was honorably discharged January 1, 1894. He had received flattering offers of promotion, and was to report in Washington city January 15 for position on the mounted police of that city. Naturally he wished, after five years absence, to visit his parents and present them with a portion of his hard earned salary. The evidence below will show clearly why this fond desire was not gratified. How his promising young career was cut short, and why he did not gratify the hopes of his doting parents, is best known to his assassin.

Early Friday morning he was waked up by a third cousin of his, Eugene Byars, who needs no introduction to the citizens of Birmingham. Walker was seen by many persons in company with Byars on Saturday. Both were drinking.

#### WHAT THEY DID.

Walker, wearing, as he did, a uniform, attracted more attention than the average passer-by and was particularly noticed by many persons in company with Byars during Saturday. About 5 o'clock they were seen together and were both smoking. They were seen to enter a Twentieth street saloon and take a drink.

About 6 o'clock, or a few minutes past, Walker and Byars, it is said, boarded the Behrens' park car, and the street car driver says that at Behrens' park they got off and went toward the woods, where the murdered man was found.

Between 6:30 and 7 o'clock shots were heard by residents of that neighborhood in the direction of the scene of the murder.

#### BYARS ARRESTED, AND WHO HE IS.

After the body of Walker was brought to the undertaking establishment Byars came in and identified the body as being that of his cousin, Eugene

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Walker, and being, as he appeared, under the influence of liquor, talked freely and too much for his own good. It is said that he made some expression to the effect that he would help lynch the murderer. His free talk and other circumstances placed suspicion on him, and about 5:30 o'clock he was arrested by Chief T. C. McDonald and Officer Donaldson and taken immediately to the county jail, where he is now.

The people of Birmingham are well acquainted with the character of Byars as that of a desperate and dangerous man, he having been the defendant in several murder cases. He has been confined in jail more than once on grave charges and has each time come clear. He is now under indictment for assault with intent to murder. Byars was dismissed from the police force for severely clubbing a drunken man. He is about 40 years old.

**To be continued**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 31**

Arrived in the mail just as I was completing this page  
120B Capt. Bill Byers, 5726 Ensign Dr., E. Ft. Worth, TX 76119

Bill descends from **Moses Byers** b 15 Mar 1790 NC; d 12 Jan 1862 Putnam Co. TN, see query below. **Bullington, Cogburn, Finn, Fuqua, Hazelwood, Hill, Pippin, Ray, Rippetoe**. Bill is also researching the following lines on his deceased wife's line: **Fleming, Franks, Goss, Hughes, Miller, Williams, Winn**.

**QUERIES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 32**

4. **Byers, Cook, NC, TN**  
Need help **Moses Byers** b 15 Mar 1790 NC d 12 Jan 1862 Putnam Co. TN md **Elizabeth Cook** 1811 SC d/o **Robert Cook** Rev. War Soldier. Need Moses siblings, parents etc.  
120 B Capt. Bill Byers, 5726 Ensign Dr. E. Ft. Worth, TX 76119
5. **BYARS, HOPPER, TN, MO**  
Need info children of **John L. Byers** and **Mary Hopper** md c1829 possibly Warren Co. TN, Nine known children: **Nathan, Elizabeth, Martha, Jane, Drucille, Mary, Harrel, Joseph, James**. Lived Maco /Shelby Co. MO after 1850, need dates, spouses etc.  
114 B Kay E. Fleming, 3203 N. Cherry Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719
6. **Byars, Hopper, Romjue, MO**  
Seeking birth/death date **Mary "Polly" Hopper Byars Romjue** last record 1880 census, c68 yrs, living with son **Nathan Byars** Shelby Co. MO 1st husband d she remd **John H. Romjue**. Where is she buried? Would like to correspond with anyone knowing of her.  
114 B. Kay E. Fleming address above.  
Kay, did you get the data I sent on **Harrell Byars & Jennie Gill**? cbh



GRANDMA AND THE FAMILY TREE

There's been a change in Grandma, we've noticed her of late,  
She's always reading history or jotting down some date.  
She's tracing back the family, we'll all have pedigrees.  
Oh, Grandma's got a hobby, she's climbing Family Trees.

Poor Grandpa does the cooking and now, or so he states,  
That worst of all, he has to wash the cups and dinner plates.  
Grandma can't be bothered, she's busy as a bee  
Compiling genealogy - for the Family Tree.

She has not time to baby-sit, the curtains are a fright,  
No buttons left on Grandpa's shirt, the flower bed's a sight.  
She's given up her club work, the serials on TV,  
The only thing she does nowadays is climb the Family Tree.

She goes down to the courthouse and studies ancient lore,  
We know more about our forebears than we ever knew before.  
The books are old and dusty, they make poor Grandma sneeze,  
A minor irritation when you're climbing Family Trees.

The mail is all for Grandma, it comes from near and far,  
Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR.  
A worthwhile avocation, to that we all agree,  
A monumental project, to climb the Family Tree.

Now some folks came from Scotland and some from Galway Bay,  
Some were French as pastry, some German, all the way.  
Some went on west to stake their claim, some stayed near by the sea,  
Grandma hopes to find them all as she climbs the Family Tree.

She wanders through the graveyard in search of date or name,  
The rich, the poor, the inbetween, all sleeping there the same.  
She pauses now and then to rest, fanned by a gentle breeze  
That blows above the Fathers of all our Family Trees.

There were pioneers and patriots mixed in our kith and kin  
Who blazed the paths of wilderness and fought through thick and thin.  
But none more staunch than Grandma, whose eyes light up with glee  
Each time she finds a missing branch for the Family Tree.

Their skills were wide and varied, from carpenter to cook  
And one (Alas!) the record shows was hopelessly a crook.  
Blacksmith, weaver, farmer, judge, some tutored for a fee,  
Long lost in time, now all recorded on the Family Tree.

To some it's just a hobby, to Grandma it's much more,  
She knows the joys and heartaches of those who went before.  
They loved, they lost, they laughed, they wept, and now for you and me  
They live again in spirit, around the Family Tree.

At last she's nearly finished and we are each exposed.  
Life will be the same again, this we all supposed!  
Grandma will cook and sew, serve cookies with our tea.  
We'll all be fat, just as before that wretched Family Tree.

Sad to relate, the Preacher called and visited for a spell,  
We talked about the Gospel, and other things as well,  
The heathen folk, the poor and then - t'was fate, it had to be,  
Somehow the conversation turned to Grandma and the Family Tree.

We tried to change the subject, we talked of everything  
But then in Grandma's voice we heard that old familiar ring.  
She told him all about the past and soon was plain to see  
The Preacher, too, was nearly snared by Grandma and the Family Tree.

He never knew his Grandpa, his mother's name was -- Clark?  
He and Grandma talked and talked, outside it grew quite dark.  
We'd hoped our fears were groundless, but just like some disease,  
Grandma's become an addict - she's hooked on Family Trees!

Our Souls were filled with sorrow, our hearts sank with dismay,  
Our ears could scarce believe the words we heard our Grandma say.  
"It sure is a lucky thing that you have come to me,  
I know exactly how it's done, I'll climb Your Family Tree!"

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From the Editor

While I haven't been what you'd call fast, I am beginning to pick up speed, and feel like I can get back in the race again before long.

While my files weren't in the best of shape when I got sick, they are even more horrendous now. So, if I've failed to print something you sent in, mark it down to lost in the files and drop me a note so I can hire a private eye to find it.

I did so appreciate the get well cards, notes and phone calls. They helped my feelings alot.

My granddaughter, Melonie, is helping me put this issue together and will be helping with future issues (I hope). She is a Jr. at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX. As an aspiring writer, she is the Academics Editor of the college year book. If she's on the ball, maybe she'll catch my typos and correct my bad grammar. (Shades of a proud grandmother)

And, if I owe you back issues please drop me a note if you haven't gotten them. I've had some problems with things getting lost in the mail here lately, and I'd hate for you to think I just don't plan to send them.

*Clavis*

**CHANGE of ADDRESS**

Please remember the post office does not forward bulk mail. If you move and your quarterly is returned to me I must ask you to pay the return postage charge and the remailing postage.

This one should have been in the last issue

80B Veda Nething, 511 Bob O Link NW, N. Canton, OH 44720

**RENEWAL NOTICE**

Renewal notices will be included with the next issue. Once again those that renew prior to Dec. 31 will get an accumulative index for Vol.IV at no charge. I find the one for Vol. III very helpful. Instead of looking through four indexes I now use one.

Someday I hope to do accumulative indexes for Vol. I and II.

If you tend to forget renewals during the holidays why not send yours in today and assure yourself of the Index.

**Please Send in data for next issue as soon as possible**  
 Compiling of No.4 will begin as soon as these are in the mail in order to meet the November 15th mailing date. If you have queries, new info please send it in. Thanks.

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## QUERIES

No limit to members as long as they have a Byars/Byers (all variants) connection. Please submit them on a separate sheet of paper (If they are contained within the text of a letter I have a tendency to overlook them) and be sure your full name, address and membership number appears on that sheet. Membership numbers are on your address label and also in the membership list.

#7 **Byars/Byers - Walton, SC**

An **Elizabeth Byers**, widow, 1840 Union Co. SC census with 3 children; 1 male 5/10 [b c 1830/35], 2 females bc1825/1835, Elizabeth b c1800-1810. The male could be my great grandfather, **Thomas T. Byers**. Elizabeth is not shown on 1850 Union Co. census as Byers and may have remarried. If so, who did she marry? Are she and her children listed under another surname? I need the name of Elizabeth's husband that fathered the 3 children. He probably d c1837, m c1820 where? What was Elizabeth's maiden name? Was it **Walton**? Does anyone have record of a **Byars** (any spelling) **Walton** marriage c1820? Any help will be greatly appreciated.

9B **Dorothy Hays**, 1300 Merry Hills Rd. High Point, NC 27260

#8 **Byars, AL, NC**

Have plenty of info on descendants of **Striplins Byers** s/o **William Byars & Sarah Ann Doggett**. We need the maiden name of his wife **Elizabeth** and her parents.

111B **Charles Blakley**, 211 Gatewood Circle West, Burleson, TX 76028.

#9 **Byers - Moore - Reed - Bell - Miller - Gatten: OH, PA**

Need birthplace and parents of **George Byers** b 15 Jun 1822 OH or PA m **Melinda Moore** b 20 Sep 1823 m 2 Dec 1841 Belmont Co. OH, living Wayne Co. OH 1850. Children:

1. **Andrew Byers** b 27 Oct 1842 m **Margaret Reed**
2. **Hannah Byers** b 14 Aug 1847
3. **Isaac Byers** b 16 Jul 1848 m **Mary Louisa Bell**
4. **Marie J. Byers** b 1854 m **John Miller?**
5. **John William Byers** b 1856 m **Mary L. Gatten**
6. **Nathaniel Byers** b 5 Jun 1858 m **Nina A. Bell**
7. **Julia A. Byers** b 17 Apr 1859 m?

Any help appreciated.

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[Note the Belmont Co. OH data from **William Tucker** this issue: Child #3 **Thomas** b c1798 PA, could have had a wife previous to **Mary Miller**. There seems to be a question about this man and further research is indicated before you rule him out as a candidate for the father of your **George**. Mr. Tucker does excellent work, and will help you if he can. cbh]

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## THE FAMILY of ANDREW BYERS of BELMONT CO. OHIO

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The children of Andrew BYERS and Catherine LAWSON

1. Elizabeth "Betsy" - born about 1796 - married 25 Apr 1815 in Belmont Co. Ohio to Garret CAVONER.  
The deed dated 18 June 1830, wherein P.Garret CAVONER & wife Betsy sell their rights to 86 acres, state that they live in Morgan county. The 1830 census for Morgan county indicates they lived in Union twp.  
Males: -5 (1), 5-10 (1), 10-15 (1), 40-50 (1)  
Females: -5 (1), 5-10 (2), 30-40 (1)  
Garret Cavoner not found in any later census.
2. Samuel - born abt 1797 in Washington Co, Penn. - died after 1873, in Nodaway Co., Mo. - married Rebecca WYLEY in Morgan Co., Ohio, on 16 Aug 1825 - moved to Iowa, then to Kansas, then to Mo.  
Children:
  - (1) Anne - born about 1826 in Morgan Co. Ohio.
  - (2) Andrew - born 2 Feb 1829 in Morgan Co. Ohio - died 20 Jan 1903 in Maryville, Nodaway Co. Mo. Married Jane THOMPSON in Noble Co. Ohio, on 7 Sep 1852 - Jane died 28 Feb 1859 in Van Buren Co. Iowa. Andrew married Amanda APPLE 30 Jan 1868 in Page Co. Iowa - she died 29 May 1914  
Children by Jane THOMPSON:  
Erastus Howard - born 24 Jun 1853, Chautauqua Iowa - died 20 May 1918 in Wichita Kans. - married Louisa SHATZEN 29 Dec 1781 in Leavenworth Kans.  
Martha Nellie - born 1855 in Van Buren Co. Iowa - died 1887 near Wichita Kans. - married Marcus B. VALENTINE 19 July 1874 in Leavenworth Kans.  
Rebecca Jane Elizabeth "Jennie" - born 1 Aug 1857, Van Buren Co. Iowa - died 28 Jan 1921 in Wichita Kans. - married 19 May 1881 to William Henry NICHOLS at Wichita Kans.  
Children by Amanda APPLE:  
Leonard S. - born Jun 1869 in Leavenworth Co. Kans. - married Blanche ....., about 1907.  
Effie I. - born 1872 in Leavenworth Kans. - died 3 July 1893
  - (3) Martha Ann - born abt 1824
  - (4) William - born abt 1830 - moved to Iowa with family in 1852 - served in the Civil War from Missouri - moved to Kans and in later years lived in Anderson Co, Kans.
  - (5) Sarah - born abt 1832
  - (6) Samuel - born abt 1834

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3. Thomas - born about 1798 in Pa. - died, 3 Jun 1887, Mills Co Iowa - married Mary Miller 7 Jul 1824 in Morgan Co, Ohio - moved to Jefferson Co, Ia. 1853, then to Mills Co., Iowa in 1875. All this from data compiled by Hazel NICHLER. She says all 8 children were alive in 1887 when Thomas died in Mills county and tha he moved there ca 1875 leaving his wife, Mary behind, in Jefferaon county. Thomas would have been 89 years old when he died. Not impossible, but why leave wife and family behind? Could the death in Mills county been that of Thomas BYERS, son of Nancy BYERS (& William), who moved to Mills county in 1853.
- Children:
- (1) Selina - born 19 May 1825, in Morgan Co., Ohio - married Jacob L. LAMB, 1 Apr 1844, Morgan Co, Ohio - died 29 Dec 1915 Clay Co, Iowa.
- (2) Catherine B. - born 9 Jun 1828, in Morgan Co., Ohio - married, Sampson SLATER 11 Nov 1868 - died, 31 Dec 1896 in Mills Co., Iowa.
- (3) Thomas Lawson - born 19 Mar 1830, in Morgan Co., Ohio - married Susan WHITAKER, 7 Apr 1853, in Morgan Co., Ohio - moved to Jefferson Co., Iowa 1853; to Marion Co., Iowa in 1854; to Jasper Co., Iowa in 1865 - died 11 Apr 1892, in Jaaper Co. - Children: Willard F., Marrietta, Florence L. & Annie L.
- (4) William - born 1832, in Morgan Co., Ohio - married Julia GILMAN, 29 Mar 1855 in Jefferaon Co., Iowa - died 1925 in Mills Co., Iowa. William would have been 93 years old at death. In the 1880's he lived in Jasper county, near his brother, in Fairview twp. Could this death be one of the Mills county BYERS?
- (5) Mary Jane - born 1833, in Morgan Co., Ohio - married John BUTTLE, 14 Sep 1865, in Jefferson Co., Iowa. - aft 1887.
- (6) Mahala - born 5 Sep 1834, in Morgan Co., Ohio - married Bahwan L HAYES, 5 Sep 1854 in Jefferaon Co., Iowa. - died after 1887.
- (7) Melissa - born 1837, in Morgan Co., Ohio - never married - died 6 Mar 1920 in Portland Ore.
- (8) John Y. - born 7 Jan 1842, in Morgan Co., - married Margaret A ROGERS, 6 Apr 1867, in Crawford Co., Iowa - died 16 Jul 1934, in San Diego Co., Calif.

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4. Andrew - born 6 Dec 1800 Washington Co, Penn. - died 8 Oct 1836 - buried in Marshall Co, Ind., Mt. Pleasant cemetery - married 18 Dec 1821, Mary "Polly" PRICE, in Licking Co, Ohio Mary born 6 Mar 1801, in Ky. - died 4 Jul 1852, St. Joseph Co, Ind. Children:
- (1) Melissa - born 14 Jan 1822 Morgan Co, Ohio - died 31 Jul 1890, St. Joseph Co, Ind - buried Mt. Pleasant cemetery - married 28 Nov 1844 Abraham R. KELTNER - born 10 Dec Union Co, Ind. - died 29 Jun 1870 St. Joseph Co, Ind.
- (2) Actna or Adna - born 11 Jun 1824 Morgan Co, Ohio - died 24 Apr 1824.
- (3) Sarah - born 11 Jun 1825, Morgan Co, Ohio - died 3 Feb 1895, St. Joseph Co, Ind - married 18 Jan 1844 Hiram NIKESELL in St. Joseph Co, Ind.
- (4) John - born 23 Jul 1827 Morgan Co, Ohio - died 1913 - married 19 Oct 1848, Anna Eliza BROWN in St. Joseph Co, Ind.
- (5) Andrew - born 11 Jan 1830 Morgan Co, Ohio - died 26 Aug 1915, St. Joseph Ind - married 1851 Lucinda UMBARGER in St. Joseph Co Ind.
- (6) Alva - born 21 Oct 1832 Morgan Co, Ohio - married 12 Sep 1852, Permelia BROWN, in St. Joseph Co, Ind - moved to Oregon
- (7) Benjamin Franklin - born 13 Apr 1835 - married Louvina REPLOGLA.
- (8) William Jackson - born 23 May 1838 St. Joseph Co, Ind - died there 25 Mar 1862 - married Mary M. MARTIN.
5. Catherine - married 1 Mar 1827 Samuel SHORT in Morgan Co, Ohio. Samuel & Catherine SHORT were living in Perry county Ohio, when they sold their rights on 3 Nov 1828. The 1830 census for Perry county shows the following:
- Males: -5 (1), 30-40 (1)  
Females: -5 (1), 20-30 (1)
- 1840 census, Perry Co.  
Males: 5-10 (1), 40-50 (1)  
Females: -5 (1), 10-15 (1) No Catherine? died?
- Samuel SHORT not on 1850 census.
6. John - Born abt 1805 in Ohio - marr. Mercy .....? .....  
..... b. Pa. - Children: Mercy G. b. abt 1833; Sarah b. abt 1834; Julia b. abt 1836; James b. abt 1839; John b. abt 1844. Resided in Morgan county Ohio in 1850.



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7. Sarah - b. abt 1808 in Ohio - married 2 Oct 1828, Isaac STRANATHAN in Morgan Co, Ohio - Moved to Coles Co, Ill 1836 then moved to Clarke Co in 1846.  
Children:  
(1) John b. 15 Sep 1834, Mogan Co, marr. Sophia BYERS, (d/o John A. BYERS & Nancy Jane GOODRICH) on 03 Aug 1865 in Mills Co, IA. Ch: Charles Chester, b. 28 Mar 1868; Russell Elton b. 8 Aug 1870; & Lenora Bell, b. 8 Mar 1873.  
John died 16 Oct 1891, Sophia died 07 Jan 1899
- (2) Zeke b. abt 1836; (3) Louisa b. abt 1838;  
(4) William b. abt 1840; (5) Julia Ann b. abt 1842;  
(6) Ellen b. abt 1844; (7) Samuel b. abt 1846
8. Nancy - b. ca 1810, Ohio, marr. William BYERS 1833 in Morgan county OH. William died between 1848-50. Nancy moved with her children to Mills Co, IA, in 1853. Children: (1) Andrew b. 2 Feb 1834; (2) Thomas b. 22 Mar 1836; (3) John Albert b. 23 Feb 1838; (4) Sarah b. 7 Jan 1840; (5) William b. 15 Jan 1848.

## BYERS in MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO

Also by William Tucker

Deerfield, Range 13 - Town 9 - Section 34 - SE 1/4

160 acres, taxed to Catherine, 1822 - 1825

86 " " " " 1826 - 1838 (E pt of SE 1/4)

Catherine listed as head of household 1830 census.

Males, 1=20-30 / Females, 1=20-30, 1=60-70

Catherine taxed for personal property in Noble Twp in 1834

Catherine living with William BYERS, in Deerfield Twp., in 1840 (census). Was William running her farm for her &amp; what was the relationship? Son-in-law?

27 Sep 1828, Sarah BYERS, daug't of Catherine, sold her inheritance rights to the 86 acres, to Andrew BYERS. (Sarah BYERS married Isaac STRANATHAN, 03 Oct 1828).

03 Nov 1828, Samuel SHORT &amp; wife Catherine (BYERS), daug't of Catherine, sold their inheritance to the 86 acres, to Andrew BYERS. The SHORTS were living in Perry Co., Ohio. (Catherine BYERS married Samuel SHORT, 01 Mar 1827).

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18 Jun 1830, Garret Cavoner & wife Betsy (BYERS), daug't of Catherine, sold their inheritance rights to the 86 acres, to Andrew BYERS.

17 Jan 1832, Nancy BYERS, daug't of Catherine, sold her inheritance rights to the 86 acres, to Andrew BYERS. (Nancy BYERS married William BYERS, 09 Oct 1833)

30 May 1837, Andrew BYERS & wife Mary, sold their rights to the 86 acres, to Thomas BYERS. At the same time Andrew sold to Thomas the 74 acres he had inherited.

8 Jun 1853, Catherine BYERS, (widow of Andrew BYERS) sold her rights to the 86 acres, to Thomas BYERS. Thomas now owned the entire 1/4 section of 160 acres.

11 Jun 1853, Thomas BYERS and wife Mary, sold the entire 160 acres, except for 4 acres, to Matthew McCall.

27 Sep 1853, Thomas BYERS two sons, Thomas L. & William, along with Thomas L's wife, Susan, quit claimed the same property.

4 Feb 1854, Thomas BYERS & wife Mary sold the remaining 4 acres to Richard WILLIAMS.

Records of the Deerfield Presbyterian Church: 05 Oct 1823 - A communication was received from Andrew BYERS containing an acknowledgement of the sin of anti-nuptial fornication, with a satisfactory profession of repentance and sorrow on account of it.

28 Aug 1825 - Andrew BYERS one of the Elders.

21 Oct 1825 - Sarah, dau't of Andrew & Mary BYERS baptised.

19 Jun 1830 - Andrew, son of Andrew & Mary BYERS, baptised.

14 Jul 1833 - Alva, son of Andrew & Mary BYERS, baptised.

05 May 1838 - Sarah, Stephen & John BYERS, infants, were baptised.

08 Jan 1848 - The Elders voted to remove the suspension of Thomas BYERS. (Why suspended?)

20 Apr 1848 - Thomas BYERS, Humphrey & Margaret Ruak, were restored to full communion.

07 Jun 1850 - Catherine BYERS was receive for examination for communion.

Andrew BYERS taxed on 74 acres 1826 to 1838 (W pt of SE 1/4)

Andrew BYERS listed as head of family, 1830 census, Deerfield Twp.

Males: Under 5=2 (John 3, Andrew 6/12)

20-30 =2 (Andrew 30, Who is other male? Brother in law?)

Fems: Under 5=1 (Sarah 4); 5-10=1 (Melissa 8); 20-30=1 (Mary 29)

30 May 1837, Andrew sold the 74 acres to Thomas BYERS

Spring, 1837, Andrew moved to Marshall Co, Ind. (BYERS fam. hist)

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Noble township, Town 7, Range 9, Section 30, NW 1/4

165 acres taxed to Catherine 1821 to 1825

65 acres, W pt NW 1/4, taxed to John BYERS 1826 - 1838

John not listed as head of household in 1830 census. Thomas Byers is, and has a 20-30 male living with him. Since Thomas owned the adjoining property, we can assume that John was living with Thomas. 1850 census, John born 1805, John therefore 25 in 1830.

Part of John's inheritance was 35 acres in Brookfield Twp. In the 1840 census we find him as a head of household in Brookfield Twp. He is listed in the 30-40 age group (age 35) and adjoining Samuel & Samuel 3rd. The 1850 census shows John & his wife Mary, with children Mary J, Sarah, Julia, James & John, living in Brookfield Twp. In 1854, John sold the 35 acres in Brookfield twp. (R10, T8, S25) & the 65 acres in Noble twp. (R9, T7, S30), total 100 acres. This was his original inheritance.

07 Jul 1824, Thomas BYERS 2nd, married Mary MILLER.

100 acres, E pt of NW 1/4, taxed to Thomas Byers, 1826 to 1838.00

5 Apr 1839, Thomas BYERS & his wife Mary, sell to Samuel McFine, the above 100 acres plus 45 acres of the 65 belonging to his brother John. (Some transaction must have occurred of which there is no record). The BYERS no longer owned land in Noble Twp., Thomas evidently moved to the land in Deerfield Twp. The 1840 census, lists Thomas as head of household, in Deerfield Twp., age 40-50; The 1850 shows Thomas in the same place with wife Mary, with age given as 51.

The History Of Morgan Co., page 149: "Thomas BYERS a member of the Deerfield Township committee in 1853"

Union, Town 8, Range 13, Section 14, SW 1/4

21 Dec 1849, Thomas BYERS bought 160 acres, from Thomas MERCOR & Curtis CHANEY.

17 Jun 1850, Thomas BYERS & wife Mary, sold 80 acres, S 1/2 of the SW 1/4, to Sarah Updike.

27 Oct 1851, Thomas & wife Mary, sold 80 acres, N 1/2 of the SW 1/2, to David Williams.

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The Other Thomas BYERS

The History of Morgan County, page 144; "Thomas Byers built the jail in McConnellsville for \$530, 3 Dec 1819"; page 337, " 3 June 1820, Morgan twp created. Among the early pioneers was Thomas BYERS."

Morgan Twp, town of McConnelesville, Lot 80;  
Thomas BYERS paid taxes on Lot 80, 1826 through 1834. In 1835 taxes on lot 80 were paid by others. There is not a deed showing transfer of this property.

This Thomas is not listed in the 1830 or 1840 census. This brings up the possibility that both Thomas's are the same person. Thomas could have lived in Noble Twp, and paid the taxes. This is doubtful. The use of Thomas BYERS 2nd, by the son of Andrew & Catherine, would seem to indicate another Thomas.

Brookfield, Range 10, Town 8, Section 25, NE 1/4

160 acres, Catherine BYERS taxed 1821 to 1825

35 acres, W pt of NE 1/4, John BYERS taxed 1826 through 1838  
(See previous notes on John BYERS)

16 Aug 1825, Samuel BYERS married Rebeca Wyley.

125 acres, E pt of NE 1/4, Samuel BYERS, taxed 1826 through 1838

7 Jun 1822, Samuel sold 7 acres to James McGee

15 Apr 1836, Samuel & wife Rebecca, gave land for Protestant Methodist Church.

7 Mar 1841, Samuel & wife Rebecca, sold 6 acres to Erastus Hoskins

20 Feb 1847, Samuel & wife Rebecca, sold the remainder of the original 125 acres.

1830 census lists Samuel BYERS, as head of household, in Brookfield Twp.

1840 census lists Samuel BYERS, as head of household, in Brookfield Twp. Samuel BYERS 3rd & John BYERS listed next to him.

Brookfield, Town 8, Range 10, Section 26, NE 1/4

10 Apr 1837, USA sold Samuel BYERS, 40+ acres, SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4

1850 census shows Samuel BYERS, age 53, living in Brookfield twp, with wife Rebecca (49) and children, Jane (24), Andrew (21), Nertha (19), Elizabeth (17), William (15) and Samuel (6).

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Noble, Town 7, Range 9, Section 31, NW 1/4

25 Mar 1838, Joshua Clark, sold Samuel BYERS, 40+ acres, NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4

29 Sep 1843, Samuel BYERS & wife Rebecca sold the above listed 40+ acres to Alexander BROWN.

The Samuel BYERS family evidently lived on their 40 acres in Brookwood twp, until they moved to Iowa in 1851-52.

Other Samuel's

A Samuel BYERS is taxed on personal property, in Centre twp. from 1829 to 1834.

The 1830 census lists a Samuel BYERS as head of household, in Centre twp., age 50-60. Males: 1-5-10, 1-10-15, 1-15-20, 1-20-30. Females: 1-5-10, 1-10-15, 1-20-30 & 1-50-60.

The 1840 census lists a Samuel Byers 3rd (20-30), a John BYERS (20-30) & William BYERS (30-40). This fits the 1830 family of Centre twp, Samuel. Very possible they are his sons.

Other Andrews

History of Morgan Co, page 494; "Andrew BYERS was the pioneer pedagogue, ..... BYERS was a gentleman and for the time a man of education. He lived in Union Twp." The family history of Andrew s/o Andrew of Belmont Co., says he was a school teacher. If this is true, the Andrew of Union twp. & Deerfield twp., are the same person.

History of Morgan Co, page 495; "Morganville laid out in 1833, Andrew BYERS & Jeremiah WESTON were among the early merchants. BYERS & STRANATHAN were doing business in Morgenville, in an early day." (Union Twp.) (Sarah BYERS married a Stranathan)

Andrew BYERS taxed 1833-1838, for town property, lot 2, Morgenville, Union twp.

A BYERS & J STRANATHAN, taxed for 3 acres in Union twp, Town 8 Range 13, Section 2, NWE 1/4 1835-1837.

H.O.N.C. page 495, "In 1846, in Union Twp, the village of Ringgold, was laid platted. In 1847 the village had its first store. Among the early merchants were Joseph AMOS & Samuel BYERS, shoemakers."

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## BYERS in MORGAN COUNTY, CONTINUED

Samuel BYERS 3rd

In 1837, Samuel BYERS 3rd, was taxed, for lot 30, Union twp, town of Morganville. (No record of purchase)

19 Dec 1837, Samuel BYERS 3rd & wife June/Jane, sold lot 30 to John Hayes. (Samuel BYERS married June HUNTER on 27 Oct 1834)

In the 1840 census, Samuel BYERS 3rd, is listed as head of household, in Brookfield twp. There is no record of a land purchase, so he might be farming some of Samuel's land.

9 Oct 1841, Samuel BYERS 3rd, buys 20 acres (E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sect. 6, Town 6 Range 9,

13 Oct 1848, Samuel BYERS 3rd & wife Jane, sell the above 20 acres to Joseph GLEN.

Samuel BYERS 3rd does not appear on the 1850 Morgan county census. A Jonathan BYERS witnessed the above documents. A younger brother?

William BYERS

08 Sep 1833, Nancy BYERS married Cornelias Gragg.

09 Oct 1833, " " " William BYERS. I think, Nancy, daug't of Catherine, married William BYERS. Possible 1st cousins. It is more probable, that Catherine would be living with her daughter in 1840 (see census, Brockfield twp.)

Before Sep 1836, William Byers purchased 80 acres from the USA. This land was the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 in Sect. 19, Town 7, Range 9

10 Sep 1836, William BYERS & wife Nancy, sold the above land to Hiram BURLINGAME

13 Aug 1839, William BYERS bought 100 acres, located in Marion twp, Athens county Ohio, from William Phillips. Description: W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 & SW 1/4 of the NW 1/2 1/4 of Sect. 26 Twp 8

1840 census, William BYERS, (30-40) head of household, Deerfield twp., (probably Catherine's land)

Males: 3=Under 5, 1=5-10; Females: 1=Under 5, 1=5-10, 1=20-30  
1=70-80 (Catherine?)

William not in 1850 Morgan Co., census.

The 1830 census shows a 20-30 male living with Catherine. Very possible this is William. 20-30 female would be Nancy. If true, this would support the marriage of William to Nancy.

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William BYERS, evidently died before 1850. 1850 census, Athens Co. Marion Twp lists the following:

|                                        |        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Nancy BYRIS (BYERS) (widow of William) | age 40 | b Ohio |
| Andrew "                               | " 15   | "      |
| Thomas "                               | " 14   | "      |
| John "                                 | " 12   | "      |
| Sarah "                                | " 10   | "      |
| William "                              | " 8    | "      |
| Catherine BYRIS (BYERS)                | " 87   | b VA   |

Catherine was 90 years old in 1853 when she signed the deed pertaining to the 86 acres.

All the children of Andrew BYERS of Belmont Co., Ohio, living in Morgan Co., are accounted for. This leaves the following BYERS:

1820 census - Samuel BYARS - Olive Green Twp.

|       |              |                                        |
|-------|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| Males | Under 10 = 2 | Samuel (5-10) & John (b. this year)?   |
| "     | 10-16 = 1    | William, (10-20) b. 1804-10?           |
| "     | 26-45 = 1    | Samuel BYARS, age = 40-45) b. 1875-80? |

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| Females | Under 10 = 2 |
| "       | 10-16 = 1    |
| "       | 26-45 = 1    |

1830 census - Samuel BYERS - Centre Twp.

|       |           |                            |
|-------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Males | 5-10 = 1  | Jonathan BYERS?            |
| "     | 10-15 = 1 | John Byers, age=10?        |
| "     | 15-20 = 1 | Samuel BYERS 3rd?          |
| "     | 20-30 = 1 | William BYERS?             |
| "     | 50-60 = 1 | Samuel BYERS, age = 50-55? |

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| Females | 5-10 = 1  |
| "       | 10-15 = 1 |
| "       | 20-30 = 1 |
| "       | 50-60 = 1 |

Samuel BYERS of Centre Twp., not listed in 1850, Morgan Co., census. Died ?

1820 census - Thomas BYARS - Morgan Twp., City of McConnelville

|       |              |                |
|-------|--------------|----------------|
| Males | Under 10 = 2 |                |
| "     | 10-16 = 1    |                |
| "     | 26-45 = 1    | (Thomas BYARS) |

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| Females | Under 10 = 1 |
| "       | 10-16 = 1    |
| "       | 26-45 = 1    |

This Thomas Byers, not listed in the 1830 or 1840 Morgan Co. census. He paid taxes on the McConnelville property until 1838.

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Supplement

Henry Harrison Byers has written A BYERS family history from which much of the following is taken. Mr Henry BYERS is a descendant of the John (A) BYERS listed in the 1850 census, on pg. 1, dwelling #9, for Morgan Co, Noble twp, Ohio.

According to bible records in the possession of Mrs Fern J. Widows, g.granddaughter of Nancy (d/o Andrew of Belmont Co), Nancy BYERS married William BYERS who was a brother of John (A) BYERS. (This confirms my speculations.) Nancy & William had the following children, all born in Morgan Co, Ohio.

Andrew BYERS, born 02 Feb 1834  
Thomas Byers, born 22 Mar 1836  
John Albert BYERS, born 23 Feb 1838  
Sarah BYERS, born 7 Jan 1840  
William BYERS, born 15 Jan 1848

This matches the 1850 census of Athens Co, Ohio. Nancy & her family moved to Mills Co, Iowa in 1856.

Mr Henry BYERS thought that the John BYERS who bought land in Stark Co, Ohio, (160ac, SE 1/4 of S(34), R6, T17) in 1816 was the father of John & William. This is disproved by the family group records compiled by Eugenia M. VOGEL. I feel that the evidence points strongly to Samuel BYERS of Centre twp, as their father. John (A) BYERS was a shoemaker and a Samuel BYERS (Samuel BYERS 3rd?) possibly his brother, is indicated as a shoemaker in the late 1840's. Could their father have been a shoemaker? Could this have been a family trade? Returns from the armory in Philadelphia PA, during the Rev. War indicate that Andrew & Samuel BYARS worked as shoemakers.

John (A) BYERS married Nancy GOODRICH on 15 Dec 1840, at Hoskinsville, Morgan Co, Ohio. They had 10 children.

| <u>Children</u>           | <u>Born</u>    | <u>Died</u> | <u>Burial</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Eramus Corwin             | 27 Dec 1841 OH | 19 Mar 1918 | Cumberland IA |
| Sophia <u>Stranathan</u>  | 02 Dec 1843 OH | 07 Jan 1899 | Glenwood IA   |
| Melvin H.                 | 12 Jan 1846 OH | 27 Jul 1915 | " "           |
| Charles M.                | 21 Dec 1847 OH | 05 Feb 1865 | " "           |
| Orthello V.               | 08 Feb 1850 OH | 04 Jul 1918 | " "           |
| Thomas G.                 | 26 Jun 1852 OH | 14 Sep 1939 | " "           |
| William H.                | 06 Apr 1855 IA | 18 Jun 1922 | Puyallup WA   |
| M. Francis                | 10 Jan 1860 IA | 13 Jul 1886 | Glenwood IA   |
| Mary <u>Steepey</u>       | 1858 IA        | ?           | Portland OR?  |
| Ida <u>Steepey Rafter</u> | 07 Jun 1862 IA | ?           | Puyallup WA?  |

John (A) BYERS moved his family from Noble Co, OH to Mills Co, IA, in 1853. "They went south to Marietta, Ohio, were they boarded a river boat and went down the river to Cairo Ill. then up the Mississippi river to Saint Louis, MO, then up the Missouri, to a landing place on the Iowa side, opposite Plattsmouth, named Bethlehem by the Normans." Then by ox team to Glenwood.



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## WILL of KATHERINE BYERS of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

Photo Copy courtesy William Tucker

I, Katherine Byers of the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First it is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be fully paid.

Second I give devise and bequeath to my son William Byers the plantation on which we now reside situate and being in the county and State aforesaid; containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less it being the west side of section number seventeen Township number two and Range number five fully described in a deed of conveyance from Robert and Nancy Byers to the aforesaid Katherine Byers dated December the thirtieth one thousand eight hundred and twenty four.

I do give and bequeath to my son the said William Byers all my personal property entire.

Third I give devise bequeath to Nancy Byers widow of my son Robert Byers the sum of one dollar and also one dollar to each of the heirs of the said Robert Byers being <sup>sons</sup> ~~sons~~ namely Alexander James, Robert, Agnes Jane, William, ~~and~~ <sup>David</sup> George and

and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my said son William Byers to be the executor for this my last will and testament recoking and annull

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## WILL of KATHERINE, CONTINUED

ing all former wills by made and ratifying and  
 confirming this and no others to be my  
 last will and testament.  
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 and seal this eleventh day of November one  
 Thousand eight hundred and Thirty five.  
 Signed published and declared  
 by the ~~the~~ above named  
 Katharine Byers as and for  
 her last will and testament  
 in presence of us who at her  
 request have signed as witness  
 -ed to the same

Katharine Byers

David Pettiered  
 John Garrett

WILL TRANSCRIPTION  
by the editor

I Katherine Byers of The county of Montgomery and State of Ohio do make and publish This my last will and Testament in manner and form following. That is to say:

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THIRD I give devise bequeath to Nancy Byers widow of my son Robert Byers the sum of one dollar and also one dollar to each of the heirs of the said Robert Byers being <sup>seven</sup> in number namely Alexander, James, Robert, Agnes Jane, William, -- George and David

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my said son William Byers to be the executor for This my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by made (sic) and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament

In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of November one Thousand eight hundred and Thirty five

Signed published and declared  
 by the — above named

Catharine Byers

Katharine Byers as and for  
 her last will and testament  
 in presence of us who at her  
 request have sined as witnesses  
 to the same

David Pettiered?  
 John Garrett

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## WILL of KATHERINE, CONTINUED

Mr. Tucker noted that this was an interesting will, however not related to his Byers line.

I too think it's interesting. One wonders if **Katherine** disliked her deceased son **Robert**, or if her daughter-in-law, **Nancy**, was the object of her ire. It's also a classic example of how errors were made in recording public records. Note that **Katherine** is spelled two ways and **Byers** spelled **Byres** in one instance. The will is well worded and spelling excellent for that day and time so we must assume the errors were those of recorder.

## CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS &amp; COMMENTS

From:19B **Jackson A. Byars**, 2838 Oregon Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502  
Corrections to the descendants listed for **Joseph Byers** and **Jane Peplow**, Vol.IV, No.2 pp 50-52: My references are: History of Alleghney County, Pennsylvania V.II, pp 394-95 pub. 1899, reproduced 1977 by Unigraphic, Ind. and the International Genealogical Index for Virginia.

Child #4, **Ludwell (Ellwood) Byers** was b 4 May 1838 [May omitted p 50]

Child #5, [Not noted in the History] **Robert Witzel Byers** b 4 Jun 1840, Lynchburg, Nelson Co. VA. He died after a 3 mo. service in the Union Army.

Child #6 was **Walter Peplow Byers** who was attributed to Ellwood in the article [Error in my numbering cbh cbh]

Child #7 was **Henry Ware Byers** who was attributed to Ellwod in the aricle[Also my numbering error cbh]

I am guessing that the birthdate of **Joseph Ellwood Byers** was transposed to 1817 from 1871. [You're right, and thank you for pointing these things out. Errors happen and most certainly should be corrected cbh]

From 73B **Alden S. Byers**, 200 E. Racquet Club #52, Palm Springs, CA 92262:

[Alden's letter written July 22 was in haste because he was leaving for E. Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland and Sweden. Hope he had a great trip and is back safe and sound.]

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p34: I believe **Byers' Peak**, near Denver and **Pike's Peak**, was named [also] for **William Newton Byers**. There is also a small village named **Byers** at the intersection of I 70 with US 36, about 30 miles east of Denver

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Question: Does anyone know of other place names memorializing the **Byers/Byars** name, besides the two places on p37? [Yes, see Vol.II, No.2 p37 OK & TX; Vol.III, No.3 p76 Vol.III, No.4 p110 NC;]

p37: Dot matrix printer...I need to change the ribbon more often [Probably, and several more wrote to say they thought I should use my own judgement and make it easy on myself. One pointed out that if our readers were really interested they would find a way to read it. Others pointed out, much to my delight, that they subscribed to several that could not compare to the quality of our Enquirer, and the dues were more. So, since I can't please everyone anyway, I've decided to use the dot matrix paste ups, as well as other data, as is, when possible. Sure saves me time and cuts down on my typos.]

p38: There is also a Byers Lake in Alaska, in the National Denali Park. A friend sent me a photo, complaining about the quality of the toilet paper supplied there. Oddly, it just might be "my" lake. My uncle **Jim Byers** was in the Gold Rush (My father was in the Oklahoma Rush). Uncle Jim packed other prospector's goods up Whitehorse or Chilkoot Pass to get a grubstake, then went on to file claims for gold (and coal!). Jim just might have been involved in Byers' Lake. Don't know. Does anyone?

p42: The **John Byers** who was superintendent to supply the Army was apparently Judge/Captain **John Byers** of Carlisle, PA., much investigated in the Enquirer. He was a noted Patriot who worked closely with Col. **Ephraim Blaine**, who was the overall quartermaster general of the Armies. Judge John's stepdaughter **Rebecca Galbraith** married **Blaine**. Unfortunately Judge John had only one son, **James**, and the literature seems to say that James did not have any sons to bring down the **Byers** name, hence the importance of this family has been inadequately reported.

**Robert Byers** (next entry p42) was apparently the s/o **Samuel** of Downingtown, Chester Co. PA. Robert a wagon master, d prior to 1796. He left one son, **Isaac**, a minor in 1796, in KY. You [WE] may someday get an inquiry from a descendant of Isaac. I know nothing of him. I have bushels on **Samuel** d 1796-7, and his father **John** d 1767. Fascinating details and extremely important in a great man lines in the Carolinas, Virginia, and the West.

p42-43: These **Boyers** were apparently a French line. Probably covered in Rev. Charles' American Boyers. The **Bowyers** are in the Boyer books. This is supposed to be an English spelling. It would mirror the known history of the **de Byres** who came 1066 with William the Conqueror, which Byres were "arboletiers" or archers. Bowyer means archer (bow, yew). The American Boyers Society seems to give the Bowyers the distinction of being first in America - I don't think so - I think the Scottish Byres came earlier, maybe at Jamestown (?).

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p43: Anyone researching James M. Byers of Oskaloosa, b Mercer Co PA. 2/12/1814 would do well to contact the New Castle, Lawrence Co. PA., Historical Society. William Tucker might dig into the two Byers from eastern PA. I have researched Ross Byers s/o John of Toboyne, and William Byers s.o John of York/Adams. Ross m Sally Elliott; don't know who William married. It's very difficult to unscramble the Byers in Pulaski and Mercer/Lawrence counties. Some were Scotch - Irish and some were German. About the only way to separate them is by Church affiliation and names of their spouses. Some left Wills in German, but most just disappeared into the woodwork. The data shows they may have gone to Iowa, which is new to me. There must have been a RAFT of descendants: most probably have no idea of their earlier Pennsylvania forebears, going back to at least the 1740's and probably 1720.

You have a lot on the Thompson/Webb/Wetzel/Byers lines of Lewes, Delaware, etc. [I pick up Byars/Byers wherever I find it, as does Thurlo Byers, William Tucker, Dorothy Hays, Majorie Tucker and many others. Guess that family wanted to be documented] What you do not have is just who Dr. John Byers, the progenitor, was. The Wetzel family histories think he was from Scotland. I think he was s/o John Byers of Downingtown, Chester Co. who d 1767. Joseph left three sons, John, Joseph, Samuel. I think John grew up to be a physician - he seems to have served in the Charlestown Co. of Militia 1782. I think he was the same John Byers who m Sarah Edwards, daughter of a Quaker. I can't prove any of this, which does not seem to have any direct relevance to my other research. One of the tantalizing - possible - coincidences, is that in Samuel's litigated Will 1796, an Isaac Webb together with Sarah Reece were named as proving the Will. It seems like a coincidence to find the name Webb in the same context with Joseph Byers, brother of Samuel. I think the Wetzel descendants ought to look at these early Byers of East Caln and Brandywine twps., Chester Co.

From 22B Dr. Mel Meek, 3410 N.W. Oak, Lawton, OK 73505  
[Dr. Mel has a word processor like mine, and I appreciate the copy ready data from him too]

As usual...Congratulations on your continued excellent and informative "Enquirer" publication. Sure would be wonderful if more lines had such dedicated editors. I, especially, am so pleased to see how careful you are to correct errors etc in your bulletin. So terrible that "once in PRINT..never to be corrected".

I searched for 5 years in Pennsylvania for my ADAM MEEK due to a publication that stated he was from there etc. Finally, found he was from MARYLAND and descendants into York Co.S.C. [Anyhow, have a great deal of PA materials that eventually has come in vry handy for other reasons!!]

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MARY ADLINE BYERS, ws daughter of DAVID BYERS and ELIZABETH (????McCaw) Byers. [not Margaret Carson]

David Byers/Margaret Carson

Son: WilliamJ Byers, SR/ Jane (Hope?)

Son: David (A.?) Byers/ Elizabeth C. (McCaw?)

Dau: Mary Adline Byes/WILLIAM MEEK, son of Moses & AGNES (Hope) MEEK.

p. 8 Bottom of page: DAVID BYERS & JANE MC CAW

I think this is in error. Should be ELIZABETH BYERS, dau of David & Elizabeth ( ) Byers. Gdau of: William J. Byers, SR and Jane (Hope?) Byers.

## Question

Is anyone planning to publish the line of DAVID BYERS and. Margaret (Carson) BYERS??? I now have two large albums on this family descent and will not ever be able to publish it.

Makes me most despondent, at times, to know that my large & extensive collection will someday repose in some forgotten "Manuscript Collections" of some library. I continue to be so "snowed under" by request etc that I cannot get to work on my "MEEK BOOKS". I have sent packets out to about 33 persons in the pst 2 months...have about 15 more to still send answers/stuff to etc....NEVER GET CAUGHT UP!! I bet that you know the feeling!!

BYERS, ELIZABETHHomeplace: VIRGINIA

Thurlo V. Byers, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121 in "Byer/Byers Family Enquirer, Vol. III, No. 1". p. 21

Forks of JAMES RIVER Community: (Map of 1740 available)

(Orange and Augusta Co., VA.

JOHN MC DOWELL's Company: total of 50. (Including DAVID BIRES). This area is in the present counties of Rockbridge and Botetourt, VA.

Among those listed: JOHN PETER SALLING (from Germany) & in an account of his travels he says:"We set off from my house and went to CEDAR CREEK, about 5 miles, where is a natural bridge over said Creek, etc....."

In Nov 1746, Augusta Court (area became Augusta in 1746), ordered a road from the North Fork of James (Near Lexington) to Mooney's Ford on south Fork of James (Ft. Fauquier)..with all tithables except JOHN BOYER's, Joseph Long's and John Peter Salling's families to work on it.

The families excepted lived on the extreme edges of the community and would get no direct use of this section of the road. (GREAT ROAD from PA to Carolinas)

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Nov 1753 and Mar 1754, WILLIAM BYERS (of Rev. War, York Co., S.C.) worked on the Great road in this area.

1775--was surveyed 335 ac on the north side of Cedar Creek. (Augusta Book 1, p. 88)

1758--William Byers was in Militia of August Co. (Hening's VA Statues-at-Large, Vol.7, p. 196.)

1760-- The 335 acre tract surveyed for WILLIAM BYERS, was patented to EDWARD SHARP.

Tracing deeds through EDWARD SHARP, Robert Whitley, WM. Mc Clenachan and Hugh Barclay....it is a certainty that his survey of 335 ac. was within 1 mile west of the Old Barclay Tavern and Red Mill of a later period.

Elmer O. Parker, Letter-6 Jan 1988.

I misintepreted old ex-congressman F. E. McLean's note. I went back and checked the notes I made from the McLEAN family archives and I found that what he had said was: "The WALTONS LIVED 30 MILES FROM NATURAL BRIDGE". He did not say that Capt. WM. Byers lived 30 miles from Natural Bridge, as I had thought.

The 335 ac. tract that was surveyed (but not granted) to WILLIAM BYERS in 1755, was granted later to EDWARD SHARP and after several transfers became the property of HUGH BARCLAY, who built the Red Mill near his residence known as Barclay's Tavern on the "Great Waggon Road", where it crossed CEDAR CR 2 miles west of where it flows under Natural Bridge & about where HWY 81 passes bet. Roanoake & Staunton (MPM- about 30 SoWest of Lexington, VA) I just wanted to get this corrected.

MPM: See maps of this area.

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An example of the kinds of data published in Vol. 1, is this Chronology. Dr. Mel says it's the best one he's seen to date. Many of our members are working this area and may want to subscribe.

## A SHORT CHRONOLOGY OF YORK COUNTY HISTORY

- 1567- Capt. Juan-Pardo and Spanish soldiers, part of De Soto's exploration of the Southeastern United States, are believed to have passed through the York County area. They made contact with the Catawba Indians
- c. 1650- Traders from Virginia established trade in deer hides with the Catawbas.
- 1670- John Lederer, German physician, visited the Catawbas.  
-First permanent English settlement of South Carolina at Charles Town.
- 1745-1760- First wave of white settlers from Virginia and Pennsylvania to the interior of Carolina.
- 1763- The Treaty of Augusta at the end of the French and Indian Wars established the area known as the Catawba Indian Land, 15 miles square or 144,000 acres, which includes most of eastern York County.
- 1768- Camden District created. The territory that is presently York County was a part of Camden District.
- 1769- The Tryon County, North Carolina courthouse was built at a spot that will later be a part of York County's New Acquisition.
- 1772- A survey establishing the North Carolina-South Carolina boundary line west of the Catawba River adjusted the claims so that York County gained an area eleven miles deep called the New Acquisition.
- 1780- The Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7 is considered the turning point of the Revolutionary War in the south and is York County's major historical site.
- 1785- The organization of York County by act of the South Carolina legislature. The act broke up Craven District (county seat, Camden) into seven counties.  
-The Indian Land Church (later called the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church) was established and is believed to be the first church in the county. The village of Ebenezerville grew up around the church.
- 1786- The first York County court session met in January. The first courthouse was finished later in the year.
- 1786- The town of Yorkville was laid out at the site of "Fergus Crossroads," the intersection of the Pinckney Ferry Road and the Road to Charlottesville (N.C.).
- 1791- York, Chester, Spartanburg and Union Counties were joined to form a District Court which was known as Pinckney District Court, held in Pinckneyville on the southwest side of the Broad River in western York County. Pinckneyville had a courthouse and jail. Equity Court cases affecting York County came under the Camden District and were held in Columbia.

And it continues up to 1904



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From 67B William Tucker, 3779 Grant Rd. #96, Ellenwood, GA 30049

Mr. Tucker, that nice Yankee, has helped me tremendously with my Elkins research in Georgia. I can't thank him enough. He found a Will for my 3rd great grandmother **Amelia Garrott Elkins Clark** that I had not found. He has also sent me numerous items on the **Nathan Byars** that went to Butts Co. GA. I hope to have room to share some of that in this issue. If not this time, next time for sure! (Yes you sent the deed, Thank you very much)

William has offered to get some copies of the original documents from the "Correspondence of the Continental Congress." He said he could send copies of the originals, or typed abstract. I don't want to take advantage of a kind heart, so unless our members would like to see these published, let's hold off on that for awhile. It's enough to know copies can be obtained from the National Archives. We do appreciate the offer.

And his fourth comment (The 2nd was about the dot matrix, which we have solved) concerns Vol.IV. No.2 p36.

Although I am not a Mormon, I use their facilities and work as a volunteer in a Family History Center. As such I feel qualified to comment on the Mormon program. Many researchers who tend not to use the LDS facilities sometimes do so because of a combination of suspicion of the Mormon church and lack of knowledge of what they have to offer. You implied that the IGI is mainly composed of undocumented family group records. In fact, the 1988 IGI, consists mainly of extractions from vital records created by governments or churches. A small percentage of the names come from family records submitted by church members. All sources are referenced and should be checked. The IGI is just another tool, but one that the Mormons are willing to share. I do not have any knowledge concerning the reliability of DAR material, as my one attempt to obtain such was rebuffed. I was informed that, to get information, one had to be a DAR member or invited to join by a local chapter. By contrast, the Mormons share freely all the contents of their vast holdings. For this reason I would urge all your readers to submit their material (with permission to microfilm) to the FHC in Salt Lake. As an example of this, one can check the surname file for "BYERS" and find among other titles, the following: The Byers Family of Washington Co. PA by Raymond M. Bell; My Byers-Bonar-Shannon and Allied Families by Marion Stark Craig; Byers Family History by Andrew S. Eagleson.

[I didn't mean to imply that the data in the IGI was all taken from the Family Group Sheets. The Family History Library (LDS) is the finest thing going for genealogists and I'm thankful for it. While I'm not a Mormon either, I admire their love of family and appreciate the work they do. I'll admit the main Lib-

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rary in Salt Lake can be overwhelming the first time you visit, but the volunteers certainly give you all the help possible, as they do in the branches. I commend you for working at the Center and encourage others to do the same when possible.

I second the motion that everyone send data to Salt Lake and I hope everyone will make an effort to do so. cbh]

William added this note regarding my Erwin Elkins, his John Tucker & the LDS records.

If you find out what happened to Irwin after 1850, please let me know. My interest is aroused. I have one of these missing persons too. My John Tucker & family, is listed in the 1856 Iowa special census and I cannot find a trace of him thereafter. Hopefully the Mormon FHC will soon provide help for this type of problem. I understand (I am not a Mormon, but work as a volunteer in a Family History Center) that they are extracting census data (working on 1880 now) along with birth, death & marriage records and putting them on compact disks. These disks will be available at branch FHCs, for use on their computers. One will be able to search the entire US for a surname (the computer will examine all phonetic & spelling variants) and print out, any information found. This will be great! Are you aware of their Personal Ancestral File program? The main FHC is accepting genealogical data, in the PAF format, on diskettes. This data is stored in their mainframe and will soon be available to branch FHCs. I have been submitting my data. I do not want to die and have all my work, end up in a cardboard box somewhere.

## PRENTISS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Formed 1870 from Tishomingo Co.  
Byers' buried at Bridges Cemetery

Located 13 miles E. of Ripley, 1/4 mile East of Lake Mohawk

From Notes in the Editor's Files:

Byers, Arile Virginia, d/o W.F. & E.A.  
12 Aug 1910 - 13 Aug 1914  
Byers, Effie A. 9 Feb 1889 (no death date )  
Byers, James O. 11 Oct 1856 - 21 Nov 1934  
Byers, Martha M. w/o J.O.  
25 Dec 1856 - 2 May 1849  
Byers, William F. 30 Mar 1880 - 12 Jul 1941

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## MOSES BYARS &amp; ELIZABETH COOKE

FGS compiled by 120B Capt. **Bill Byers**  
5726 Ensign Dr. East, Ft. Worth, TX 76119

**Moses Byers** b 15 Mar 1790 NC, d 12 Jan 1863, Putnam Co. TN.,  
buried Alex Byers Cemetery, Putnam Co.

Married 15 Oct 1811, Greenville SC

**Elizabeth Cooke** b 7 May 1795 d 29 May 1882 buried Alex Byers  
Cemetery, Putnam Co. TN., d/o **Robert Cooke** (Pvt. Rev. War) and  
**Susannah Watson**.

Children: All born Jackson Co. TN

1. **Oaborn Washington Byers** b 26 Sep 1812 SC m **Permila Foster**
2. **Elias Harrison Byers** b 22 Feb 1815, m 21 Nov 1833 **Elizabeth Kinnard**
3. **Malinda Byers** b 21 Jan 1818, m 5 Sep 1839 **Samuel Patton**
4. **Oliver Perry Byars** b 18 Jan 1820, m 5 Sep 1839 **Mary Pippin**
5. \***Andrew Nelson Byers** b 21 Mar 1822, m 19 Sep 1840 **Nancy Finn**  
d/o **Edmond & Sally Finn** d 30 Jan 1897 Jackson Co. TN.
6. **Alexander Watson Byers** b 21 Sep 1825 m 1 **Elitha Grimes** 2nd  
**Martha Parsons**
7. **Amanda Byers** b 23 Jan 1827 m 12 Jul 1840 **Thomas Kinchlow**
8. **Emily Byers** b 12 Oct 1829 m **Marion Grimes**
9. **Leonidus Cooke Byers** b 2 Aug 1832 d 18 Oct 1885
10. **Algenon Sidney Byers** b 5 Jan 1835 m **Nancy Kinnard** d Nov 1861  
in Civil War
11. **Richard Fielding Byers** b 30 Aug 1837 m 4 Jan 1858 **Tabitha Harris**
12. **William Jasper Byers** b 26 Jun 1840 m 6 Dec 1858 **Sarah Bradford**

Moses Byers was in War 1812 as proven by Widow's Pension request. He was in Col. Robert Steel's, Capt. Samuel Maxwell's Co., Jackson Co. Div., Fayetteville Tn, 4th Regt. TN Militia. He drew 80 ac of bounty land for his War 1812 service. He came to TN from SC c1814-15 with the Robert Cookes. His and Elizabeth's graves are covered by large, long flat stones that look like a tent. The Alex (his son) Byers Cemetery is a little north of the community of Double Springs west of Cookeville, TN. It is well kept and had large cedar trees in 1987. I have searched for three years and failed to determine his parents names. I have FGS for **Robert Cooke** (3rd G. grandfather), **Andrew Nelson Byers**, (s/o Moses) **Wales Lorenzo Byers**. (s/o Andrew Nelson).

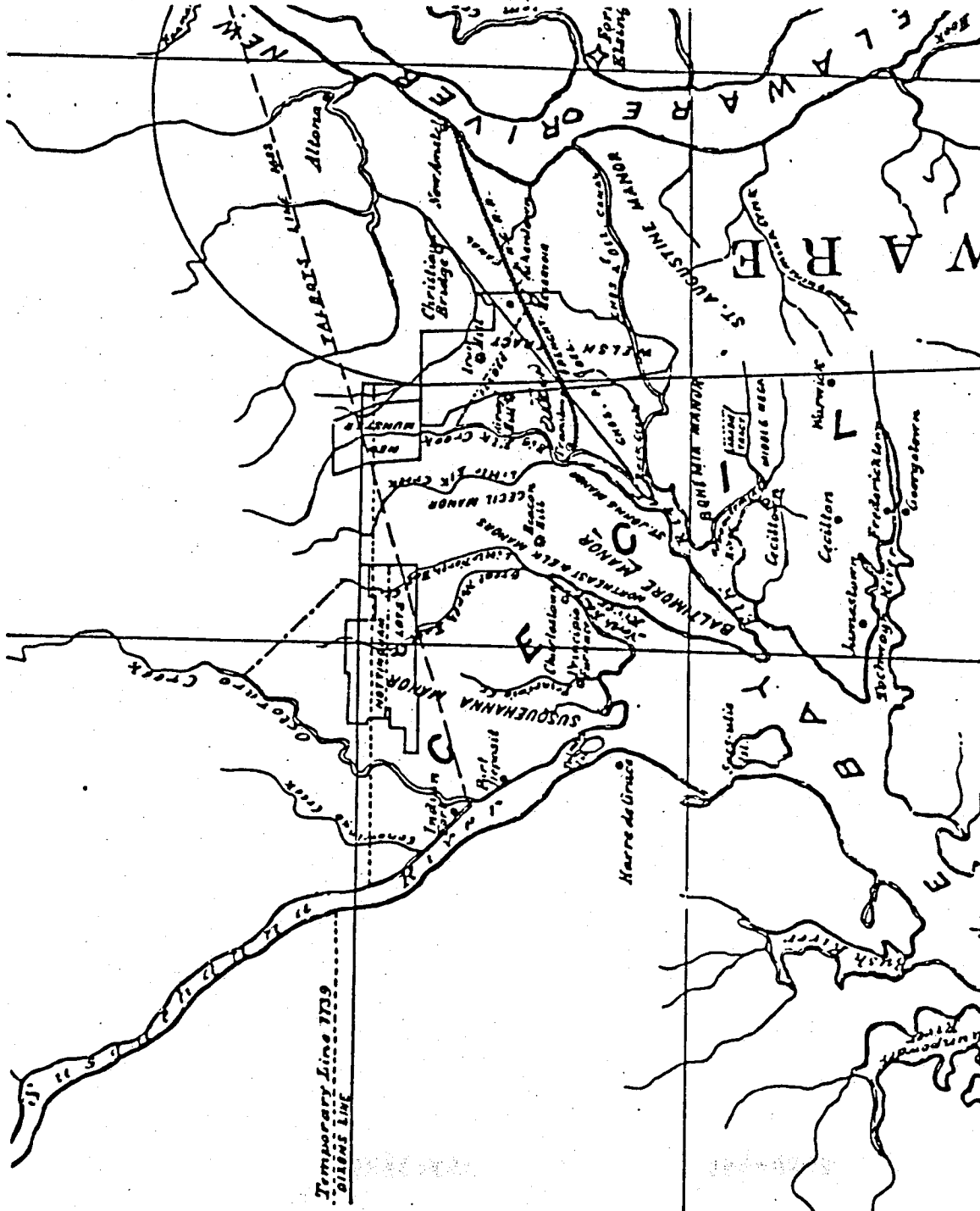
My source is from Moses Byers Bible and TN census 1840-1880. I have researched TN Archives, have photos of graves and will share everything I have.

I have read all issues of the Enquirer and find Moses only mentioned once. I hope some of our readers can fill me in. Help!

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this is the best map I have ever found that shows the OLD NOTTINGHAM LOTS. (now West and part of East Nottingham, PA and Cecil co., Maryland.

Since you continue to have articles that discuss this area, might be a good idea(????) to print this. Doubt if too many of your readers have a clear understanding of this area. I LOVE old maps..have a nice collection..gathered over many years...xerox any old maps that I can find. Many times I have been able to "pinpoint", within 10 miles, some pre-Rev ancestor..by using deeds, Rivers, Creeks etc. I am sure that you have done the same.



George Johnston, "History of Cecil County, Maryland" Regional Pb. Co., 1967, Baltimore.

(Abstract of Map)

Map of the Upper Part of the Peninsula....CECIL COUNTY

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## WILLIAM BYERS SR. ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS ETC.

Submitted copy ready by Dr. Mel Meek

BYERS, WILLIAM SR. Son of: David & Margaret (Carson)  
Byers

See: Combined sources--Aug 1989.

|                                 |         |             |          |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| <u>WILLIAM (J.?) BYERS, SR.</u> | Married | <u>JANE</u> | (Hope??) |
| B: 6 Apr 1747                   |         | B:          |          |
| W: York Co., PA.                |         | W:          |          |
| D: 17 Jan 1837                  |         | D:          |          |
| W: Williamson Co, TN            |         | W:          |          |
| Bur:                            |         | Bur:        |          |

Dau of: \_\_\_\_\_

## SEE:

Pension application: S-3112, Williamson Co., TN, 12 Oct 1832 gives date, place of birth. Moved WITH FATHER from York Co., PA to York County (area) in 1765. In 1816, moved to Williamson co., TN.

Will: Williamson Co., TN, Will Book "6", p. 368.

Dated: 23 Jan 1826 Proved: Aug 1837

Estate Papers of son: WILLIAMSON BYERS, 3 Feb 1855

Children are listed in William's will with exception of son: WILLIAMSON BYERS. However, most of brothers and sisters are named in Williamson's estate papers: 1855.

CHILDREN:

|                                                    |             |                                 |               |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>MARGARET "Peggy" BYERS</u>                      | Married     | <u>JOHN</u>                     | <u>WATSON</u> |
| B: @1772                                           | 16 Aug 1796 | B:                              | 1767          |
| W: New Acquisition, SC<br>(later Craven Dist-York) |             | W:Area, Camden Dist.<br>in 1768 |               |
| D: Bef: Will of father=1826                        |             | D: Jul/Aug 1840                 |               |
| W: Pike Co., MO??                                  |             | W: Pike Co., MO                 |               |
| Bur:                                               |             | Bur:                            |               |

Son of: SAMUEL WATSON, SR.

"Peggy" in father's Estate  
papers: April 1860

Will: 15 Jul 1849, Pro: 14  
Aug 1840, Pike Co., MO

Thurlo V. Byers Info: John Watson remarried:  
7 Mar 1826

2. NANCY KUTTON

B:  
D:

Dau of:

Heir: James M. Watson

|                          |              |              |                     |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <u>WILLIAMSON</u>        | <u>BYERS</u> | Married      | <u>MARTHA</u>       | <u>ADAMS</u> |
| B: @1774                 |              | 1/2 Aug 1798 | B:@ 1781 (1950 Cen) |              |
| W: New Acquisition Dist. |              |              | W: New Acquisition  |              |
| D: 12 May 1854           |              |              | D: 28 Oct 1854      |              |
| W: York District, SC     |              |              | W: York Dist., SC   |              |
| Bur: Beersheba Cemetery  |              |              | Bur: Beersheba Cem. |              |

Dau of: Francis & Mary (or Rosannah  
Johnson) Adams. (See: Adams Section

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## WILLIAM BYERS, CONTINUED

BYERS, WILLIAM, SR.CHILDREN: ContinuedWILLIAMSON BYERS, (CONTINUED)

MARRIAGE BOND: York Dist., SC-Dated 1 Aug 1798. Married by G.G. McWhorter, V.D.M. on 2 Aug 1798. Witness: JOHN McCaw William Byers, Surety.

See: Case # 66, File # 3129

Intestate Estate File: Case # 33, File # 1397.

4 Sep 1854, Proved: 19 Mar 1857. Wife: Martha, no children named.

DAVID & JAMES BYERS, York District, signed as heirs-at-law of Williamson in 1854, on a receipt to Edward Byers estate, Pike Co., MO. (Brother-in-law)

|                                                     |             |                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| <u>MARTHA ELIZABETH BYERS</u>                       | Married     | <u>EDWARD BYERS (Cousin)</u> |
| B: 1776                                             | 16 Aug 1796 | B: 5 Dec 1761/62             |
| W: Camden Dist., SC                                 | York Co. SC | W: Virginia ?                |
| D: 8 Oct 1803, age-28                               |             | D: 13 Mar 1832               |
| W: York District, SC                                |             | W: York Dist., SC            |
| Bur: Beersheba Cemetery                             |             | Bur: Beersheba Cem.          |
| Son of: Capt. WILLIAM & ELIZABETH<br>(Walton) BYERS |             |                              |

SECOND WIFE: See-EDWARD BYERS SECTION.

Note: Named-ELIZABETH, in father's will.

Named-MARTHA, in husband's will & Summons & Partition papers of WILLIAMSON BYERS' estate.

Children: Mijamin and Martha Byers.

|                          |         |                               |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| <u>DAVID (A.?) BYERS</u> | Married | <u>ELIZABETH C. (McCaw??)</u> |
| B: 3 Mar (Jan) 1778      |         | B:                            |
| W: Camden District, SC   |         | W:                            |
| D: 2 Aug 1855            |         | D: @ 1847                     |
| W: Williamson Co., TN    |         | W: Lincoln Co, TN?            |
| Bur: Brown-Temple Cem*   |         | Bur:                          |

Dau of: \_\_\_\_\_

(\* ) Brown Temple Cemetery, on Temple road, on a farm owned by Billy Temple, 1979.

Moved from Williamson Co to Lincoln Co. and then BACK to Williamson Co., TN.

See: 1850 Census, Williamson Co. TN.

Listed : (Brother) JAMES (63), ELIZABETH (63), DAVID (72).

(sons of David- ABIJAH (43) and JOHN (20).

[Note-ELIZABETH IS PROBABLY WIFE OF HIS BROTHER: JAMES]

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## WILLIAM BYERS, CONTINUED

BYERS, WILLIAM, SR.CHILDREN: Continued

|                        |              |         |             |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|
| <u>SAMUEL</u>          | <u>BYERS</u> | Married | <u>JANE</u> |
| B: 1770/1780           |              |         | B:          |
| W: Camden District, SC |              |         | W:          |
| D: Between: 1841/1846  |              |         | D:          |
| W: Williamson Co., TN  |              |         | W:          |
| Bur:                   |              |         | Bur:        |

Dau of: \_\_\_\_\_

"Dau-Jennet" in William Byers Will-1826??

Will of Dau: ISABELLA, 18 Mar 1841..father & mother LIVING.  
 Will of William J. Byers, Jr., dated 3 Apr 1846, states SAMUEL  
Dec'd.

DAU:

|                                  |     |                        |
|----------------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| <u>MARY ADLINE "Polly" BYERS</u> | Mar | <u>WILLIAM MEEK</u>    |
| (1802/1855, Hardin Co., TN)      |     | (1794/1849-Hardin Co.) |

See: WM. MEEK Section.

|                         |         |                  |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------|
| <u>WILLIAM J. BYERS</u> | Married | <u>1. KEZIAH</u> |
| B: @ 1783 (1850 Cen)    |         | B:               |
| W: Camden Dist. SC      |         | W:               |
| D: 2 Mar 1851           |         | D:               |
| W: Williamson Co., TN   |         | W:               |
| Bur:                    |         | Bur:             |

Dau of: \_\_\_\_\_

|                                   |           |                              |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Thurlo Byers Info:                | Remarried | <u>2. SUSANNA GOLDING(?)</u> |
| Will Book 1851, p. 31             | @ 1848*   | B: @ 1804 (Census)           |
| Inventory, May Term, 1851         |           | W: North Carolina            |
| Name: <u>WILLIAM J.</u> (2 times) |           | D: Aft 1850                  |
|                                   |           | W:                           |
|                                   |           | Bur:                         |

Dau of: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*) Marriage Settlement, 27 Nov 1848  
 1850 Census, Williamson Co., TN: (Index)  
 BYERS, WILLIAM 67, SUSANNA 46, SC NC # 607-344

|                               |         |                      |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| <u>SARAH/Elizabeth* BYERS</u> | Married | <u>WILLIAM SMITH</u> |
| B: 25 Dec 1784                |         | B: 8 Jan 1777        |
| W: Camden District, SC        |         | W: Camden Dist, SC   |
| D: 7 Sep 1860                 |         | D: 16 Apr 1857       |
| W: Lincoln Co., TN            |         | W: Lincon Co., TN    |
| Bur:                          |         | Bur:                 |

Son of: James &amp; Mary (Henry) SMITH

Gson of: William &amp; Isabella (McKeowon) HENRY

Note: WILLIAM SMITH, was UNCLE of ELIZA SMITH, (1801/1873)  
 who married ABNER MEEK, [Brother of AMZI MEEK, direct line  
 of Melton P. Meek]

(\*) ELIZABETH SMITH, in Williamson Byers' estate papers.

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BYERS, WILLIAM, SR. WILLIAM BYERS, CONTINUEDCHILDREN: Continued

|                                                                         |              |                |                   |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <u>EDWARD</u>                                                           | <u>BYERS</u> | Married        | <u>JANE</u>       | <u>HENRY</u> |
| B: Dec 1786                                                             |              | 27 Feb 1812    | B: 17 Apr 1792    |              |
| W: York County, SC                                                      |              | Lincoln Co. NC | W: NC?            |              |
| D: 9 Nov 1851                                                           |              |                | D: @ 1884         |              |
| W: Pike Co., MO                                                         |              |                | W: Pike Co., MO   |              |
| Bur: Buffalo Cemetery                                                   |              |                | Bur: Buffalo Cem. |              |
| Dau of: William & Rosannah (Moore) HENRY<br>(see: MOORE & HENRY Albums) |              |                |                   |              |

L.K. Wells, "S.C. Magazine of Ancestral Research, Vol. III, No. 3." p. 175.

Abstract of WILL OF JANE (Henry) BYERS" Dated- 6 Jul 1878, Probated: 20 Feb 1884. Names NO CHILDREN, but many HENRY, CARROLL, etc relatives. ABIJAH BYERS, living in TN, Nephew of "MY BELOVED HUSBAND-EDWARD BYERS" (Photocopy of will was furnished by Probate Judge for Pike Co., Bowling Green, MO.) Marriage Bond: LIncoln Co., NO. CAROLINA (n.p. 1929) p. 25 Dated: 27 Feb 1812. William J. Wilson, Surety. L.Henderson, Witness.

|                            |              |         |                       |         |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| <u>JAMES</u>               | <u>BYERS</u> | Married | <u>ELIZABETH C.</u>   | (Hall?) |
| B: 2 Mar/Jun 1788          |              |         | B: 13 Feb 1787        |         |
| W: York County, SC         |              |         | W: SC                 |         |
| D: 10 Apr 1858             |              |         | D: 27 Sep 1858        |         |
| W: Williamson Co., TN      |              |         | W: Williamson Co., TN |         |
| Bur: Brown-Temple Cemetery |              |         | Bur: Brown-Temple     |         |
| Dau of: _____              |              |         |                       |         |

See: 1850 Census info, Williamson Co., TN in Bro: DAVID's section.

Exor of Father's will: 1826

See: Estate papers of Bro: WILLIAM J. BYERS, 6 oct 1854

YORK COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA FORMED IN 1785.

- 1763 Treaty of Augusta created CATAWBA Indian Land, 15 mi. square.
- 1768 CAMDEN DISTRICT CREATED.. PRESENT YORK CO., was a part of Camden District.
- 1772 New Acquisition Dist. Survey of NC=SC boundary, and SC gained an area 11 miles deep called New Acquisition. UPPER PART OF YORK COUNTY, SC was formerly in NORTH CAROLINA territory (and records)
- 1785 YORK COUNTY, organized by act of SC Legislature. Act broke up CRAVEN DISTRICT (county seat, CAMDEN) into 7 counties.
- 1791 YORK, Chester, Spartanburg and Union Counties were joined to form a District Court: PINCKNEY DISTRICT. (but retained county status)
- 1796 PINCKNEY DISTRICT was abandoned and YORK BECAME A SEPARATE DISTRICT.
- 1868 York District again became YORK COUNTY.

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The Feb. 9, paper carried the picture on the previous page. According to that article Eugene had been a deputy sheriff, a policeman in Birmingham, a deputy United States marshall, and a special officer for the Lady Ensley Mining Co.

His wife had died several years before the trial and the children, two boys and a girl were living with Eugene's parents. According to the last article Eugene was to be buried at Clifton Cemetery, the pall-bearers were to be: A.R. Morrow, J.T. Shugart, Gus Ellard, J.L. Sandifer, George Bodiker, Dan Green and Arthur T. Wood.

The paper also said Eugene had written his life history while in jail, and had put it into the hands of three gentlemen. It was to be published and the proceeds used for his children.

\*The name Wills Kelly/Will Skelly was a typo in one case or the other.

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"My conscience is clear, and I have hope that God has forgiven me for all my sins, and I don't fear death, but it seems to me that it is very unjust proceedings of laws in Alabama.

"I bid farewell to all my friends and hold no prejudices against any one, and I trust and pray that no other poor man will ever be persecuted and prosecuted by as disgraceful a set of witnesses as swore against me. Such has never before disgraced a court of justice. There were a great many witnesses that I don't think had anything in the world against me, and told just what they knew, while others swore the most unreasonable lies on earth.

"Bright Musgrove testified that he saw me get on the car with Eugene Walker, which is true, but it was either between 12 and 2:30 o'clock or between 2:30 and 4 o'clock. I got on the car near First avenue twice that evening, and one time I stopped at a grocery store near Avenue C and employed a young man to get some freight I had at the Kansas City depot, and I gave him the money to pay for it, and I also paid him for hauling it for me at the same time.

"Eugene Walker owed me \$5.50. That morning he gave me a \$10 bill and told me to keep it all, but I told him I didn't charge him any interest. I gave him a \$5 bill, but we couldn't make the exact change. While at the store he gave me 50 cents.

"The character of the witnesses who swore against me is very bad.

"In regard to Smithson and Watkins, who were indicted for perjury, instead of them being prosecuted it ought to have been some of the state witnesses. They told the truth. They were with me at the times they claimed to be and left me when they said they did. Smithson's recollection of papers was that he had heard somebody say something about it.

"Charley McKleroy testified that he never saw me that night until about 11:15 and swore that he was at Warble's saloon from 7 to 11 o'clock and that I was not there. John Warble and others say I was there three or four times between 7 and 10 o'clock. McKleroy was not there or I would have seen him. Warble said he saw me at his saloon the last time about ten minutes to 10 o'clock and that I said I was going to see a friend off on the Kansas City train.

"Mary Conway testified she was Mary Caldwell and swore her father was Jack Caldwell and that he had been dead four or five years. Her mother's brother, Mr. Vandiver, swore her name was Conway, and not Caldwell."

After the interview, Dr. J. C. Morris stayed with Eugene for several hours. When he left, Eugene's mother and brother, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Lee entered the cell.

THE BIRMINGHAM AGE-HERALD  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1895

## Eugene Byars Protested

## His Innocence

Of the Crime for Which He  
Paid the Penalty



1894 EUGENE BYARS

The newspaper reported a heart breaking scene between Eugene and his mother, saying it was the saddest ever witnessed. The reporter wrote, "Tears freely flowed from eyes that perhaps had been stranger to tears for a long, long time. Hardened criminals sought solitude in some corner of the jail and wept in silence. As his mother turned to leave the cell Byars cried out, "Farewell, farewell! I'm innocent." A row of men, inmates of the jail, could not restrain the tears."

Thad Walker, was in Birmingham that day and reportedly said that he had not come to witness the execution, but that he had no doubt that Byars was guilty of the crime, and should confess it on the gallows.

During the trial Henry Byars, Eugene's father testified. Nathan Byars, a policeman in Birmingham testified, and said he was Eugene's brother. Melvin Smithson, another witness said he was, "a little akin to Byars." Perry Watkins a witness said, his father and Eugene Byars, were first cousins.

## NATHANITES NICHE - FOUL CRIME, CONTINUED FROM VOL. IV, NO.2

Some of our readers have questioned publication of this. While, it is not our wish to embarrass or offend anyone, this is history and we cannot change or ignore it. (408) Majorie Tucker has spent hours untold transcribing each newspaper articles word, for word. Since we are not insensitive to the feelings of others, I'm presenting a synopsis of the articles, instead of the complete transcript. Anyone who would like the complete work may write to the editor for information.

From the "Birmingham Age-Herald" Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1984:

Walker's Parents: Thad Walker was a prominent farmer, who lived at Glen Allen, in Walker Co. He had a wife and nine children, six boys and three girls, the youngest about eleven years old. He arrived in Birmingham on Jan 9th. Eugene Byars had sent a telegram to Wills Kelly, at Eldridge, asking him to notify Thad Walker about his son. The family had been looking for Eugene to come home, because his army enlistment had expired.

Witnesses called to the stand on the 9th were: W.H. Nabors, J.B. Donaldson, John McFall, W.H. Baker, Alice Stewart, Charles Sullivan, Dixie Daniel, Oscar White, H.P. Benge, Will Batson, Bert Black, R.P. McDavid, Dan Knoll, Joe Spanier, G.W. Brown, James Smiley, J.H. Lewis, W.P. White, and Norwood Johnson.

On Wednesday, Jan 10, the headlines read: "THE CORONER'S VERDICT In the Investigation of the Murder of Eugene Walker. EUGENE BYARS GUILTY of his death and He is Ordered Held."

A warrant was sworn out before Justice Charles J. Martin charging Eugene Byars with the murder.

Wednesday, Jan 24, the paper announced that the trial of Eugene Byars, for the murder of Eugene Walker, would begin tomorrow. Greene and Montgomery were defense lawyers.

Over the months the newspaper carried in detail all the testimony given. Eugene Byars was found guilty. An appeal was made to the Supreme Court, but on Fri., Dec. 21, 1894 people read "EUGENE BYARS MUST HANG." The date of execution was set for Feb. 8, 1895.

On Friday, Feb. 7, 1895, exactly one year after Eugene Walker died, the Age-Herald, reported that Alabama Gov. William C. Oates had rejected the appeals to commute the sentence to life, or grant a pardon.

That afternoon, a reporter for the paper talked to Eugene Byars and offered to publish any statement he wanted to make. Here is the statement in full.

"I am absolutely not guilty of murdering Eugene Walker, and if I hang tomorrow, which I know at 12 o'clock I will, it will be for something of which I am innocent as the angels around the throne of God. I don't fear death for something I am innocent of.

"I have been charged with many crimes that I know nothing on earth about. I am not near as bad a man as people think I am. Cowards and liars have caused my conviction. I feel confident that some of the witnesses against me know all about the killing of Walker.

"Coroner Dusenberry testified that I tried to steal a ring off Walker's finger at the undertaker's shop. I went there to see Walker's body. I asked Mr. Dusenberry what was found on the body and he replied nothing but a ring, and it was so tight he couldn't get it off. He being the coroner and making that reply to my question, I thought there was nothing wrong in taking it off and giving it to him, which I certainly would have done. I took hold of his hand and turned the ring and saw it was very tight. I then laid his hand on his breast and told Mr. Dusenberry I would go and telegraph Walker's father, who lived near Eldridge, in Marion county. I went to the telegraph office and sent a telegram to Will Skelly\* and told him to notify Thad Walker that Eugene Walker had been murdered, and to come on the first train to see me. I received a telegram sent by Thad Walker from Carbon Hill stating that he would be here on the morning train and asking me to meet him at the depot. I was arrested about 4 or 5 o'clock and was in jail when the telegraph came.

"I felt confident all the time that the true murderer would be arrested and that I would not have to suffer death for something of which I am innocent. As it is, I have no hope of escaping the gallows and paying the penalty, which is wholly unjust.

## GEORGIA RECORDS, CONTINUED

1828 1 negro woman Darcy, 1 black girl Ginny, 1 black boy Dock, 1 Dnisey? 1 gray horse, 1 gray filly & mare, or ½ wagon and household furniture. Testors: **Isaac McSmith, Rich'd G. Byars, Geo W. Smith, Silas Gilmer.** (FB)

Butts Co. 24 Jul Deed Bk A p458: Between **Wm Byars** of Butts Co. and **David Byars** of same, Lot #129 Henry Co. now Butts. Witnesses: **Wm Byars, Thomas Thomas** (FB)

Butts Co. 2 Oct: **Henry Byars** m **Eliza Presley** (p11) (WT)

Butts Co. First Tax List: (WT)

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>George K. Byars</b> | Capt. Hamil's Dist.   |
| <b>Jacob Byars</b>     | Capt. Hendrick's Dist |
| <b>Joseph Byars</b>    | Capt. Barkley's Dist  |
| <b>William Byars</b>   | " " "                 |
| <b>David Byars</b>     | " " "                 |
| <b>Henry Byars</b>     | " " "                 |

1829 Butts Co. 16 Jan Deed Bk 2A p26: **William Byars** to **Thomas Thomas**, Lot #29. Witnesses **David Byars, Wm. Barkley** (FB)

Butts Co. 3 May, **John F. Byars** s/o **David & Susan Byars** born (FB)

Butts Co. 13 Dec Deed Bk B p16 **Wm Byers** of Butts to **Wm Redman** of Butts, 101 A. Witness **Azariah Reams** (FB)

1830 Clarke Co. **John Buyers** (census) (DH)

Butts Co. 2 Feb Deed Bk 1826-1844 p227: Second payment promisory note **Joseph Byars, Jno Hall** [unable to read notes] (FB)

Butts Co. 8 Nov Deed Bk B p315: Indenture between **Wm Byars & Thomas Thomas** (FB)

(To be continued)

Code: DH=From files of **Dorothy Hays** FB=Handwritten abstract of  
 FB-1=Fern Byars, Microfilm of Butts Deeds by **Fern Byars**  
 Georgia Churches GB=**George Bell** from Archives  
 HB=Handy Book for Genealogists HBT=Byars Family History by  
 Seventh Edition, Everton's **Nell Byars Thaten**, Miran  
 Logan, UT 1981 Pub. Ft Worth, TX 1976  
 NGS-30=Gone to Georgia, Jackson, Gwinnett Counties and their  
Neighbors in the Western Migration, William Stewart,  
 National Genealogical Soc. Special Publication #30  
 Washington DC 1965  
 SSH=A Condensed School History of the United States, William  
 Swinton, Ivison Blakeman, Taylor & CO. NY & Chicago 1878  
 WT=**William Tucker**, copies of original documents, Tax Lists,  
 Butts Co. Marriage Records 1826-1880

## GEORGIA RECORDS, CONTINUED

- 1824 part and **Nathan Byars** of Spartanburg District So Carolina of the other part Witness that the s<sup>d</sup> **William Byars** for and in consideration of Two hundred and sixty(sic) dollars the Receipt where of is here by acknowledged Doth Grant bargain Sell and convey\_\_? by these Presants(sic) doth grant bargain sell and convey unto the S<sup>d</sup> **Nathan Byars** his Heirs and assigns forever all that tract or Parcel of land situated lying and being in the Dst of Original Henry now Butts County in Sd State Known and distinguished by one half of lot No 129 in the Plan of the Sd district adjourning **Redmon** drawn by **John Josey** of Frasiere's district Liberty County and By him conveyed to **Enoch Daniel** and from him to **Robert Hendry** and from Sd **Robert Hendry** to the Sd **William Byars** by Deed dated 28 Jny 1827 Together with all and singular the appertinances(sic) thereunto belonging or in anywise after ... [No witness on document]  
Signed, Sealed and Delivered, **William Byers** (seal)  
This is followed by a sworn statement by **George Byars** that he saw the above signed. (WT)
- 1825 Butts Co. formed from Henry and Monroe Co's. (HB)  
Butts Co. **William Byars** joined Smyrna Church located 3 miles east of Jackson. (FB-1)
- 1826 Butts Co. 28 Jan Deed BK A p475: **Ralph Henry** of Liberty Co to **Wm Byars** of Butts 200 ac Lot #129 land lotery drawn by **Jon Josey** (FB)
- 1827 Butts Co. 20 Dec. **Lucretian Byars** d/o **James Byars** and **Mary F Richards** m **Bradford S. Carter** (p59) (WT & NBT)  
**Moses Bays** (Involved in **Joseph Bays** estate, listed as Rev. War Soldier in Henry Co.) (NGS-30)  
Jackson Co. **Samuel H. Baer**, in Roger's Dist (NGS-30)  
Butts Co. It was decided by a commission from Bethel, Sardis and Smyrna Churches that **William Byars** had a preaching gift. (FB-1)
- 1828 Butts Co. 18 Feb: Deed Bk a p474 **Jeremiah Mulloy** and **Wm Byars** in 1st Dist, formerly Henry now Butts Co. ½ of Lot #28 drawn by **Nordicia Howard**, conveyed to Mallow, 31 Dec 1827. Witnesses **Leonard Roam**, **John Reeves** (FB)  
Butts Co. **William Byars** ordained at Smyrna Church (FB-1)  
Butts Co. 23 Dec. Deed Bk A pp472-473: **Benjamin Turner** of Henry Co. and **Wm. Byars** of same Lot #127 drawn by **Benjamin Turner**. Wittness **David Byars**, **Thomas Thomas** (FB)  
Butts Co. 18 Apr. Deed Bk C: **George Byars** to **Joel B. Byars**,

## GEORGIA RECORDS, CONTINUED

- 1807 Randolph Co. formed from Baldwin, Baldwin, named changed to Jasper 1812 (HB)
- 1810 Jasper Co. 9 Mar 1810: Will of **John Buis** names sons: **Zachariah, John, Caswell, Elbert**, and daughter **Elizabeth**. Probated May term 1810 (DH)
- [Passports for Georgia] 3 Dec. On application, ordered, that passports be prepared for the following persons to travel through the Creek Nation of Indians, to wit - one for Mr. **John Cave** with wife, six children and one negro - one for Mr. **David Edwards** with his wife and ten children, and one for Messrs. **Joseph Turner** and **Littleton Turner**, the former with his wife and six children, from Barnwell district, South Carolina - one for Messrs. **Nathan Barr** with his wife ten children and eight negroes and **Andrew Hutson** with his wife and two negroes all from the County of Burke in this State - ... (NGS-28)
- 1811 Jackson Co. 24 Sept. **James Barr** sold a slave to **Isaac Strickland, Joseph Barr** a witness to document (NGS-30)
- 1818 Walton Co formed from Cherokee Lands. (HB)
- 1819 **Lucretia Byars** d/o **James Byars** and **Mary F. Richards** born in GA. (NBT)
- 1820 Hall Co. **Robert O. Barr** (census)  
 Jefferson Co. **Elizabeth Barr** (census)  
 Jefferson Co. **Samuel M. Barr** (census)  
 Burke Co. **Nathan D. Barr** (census)  
 Greene Co. **Mary Bays** (NGS-30)  
 Jackson Co. **James Barr** (NGS-30)
- Angelina Byars** d/o **James Byars** and **Mary F. Richards** born GA (NBT)  
**James Byars** (s/o **William Byars** and **Elizabeth Bedford**, wife **Mary F. Richards**) Land lottery, drew Lot 36, Sec 17 Henry Co (NBT)
- 1821 Henry Co. formed from Indian Lands and part of Walton Co. (HB)  
**William Richard Byars** s/o **James Byars** and **Mary F. Richards** b 8 Mar. GA (NBT)
- 1824 Georgia ) This Indenture made the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November  
 Butts County ) Eighteen Hundred and twenty four, between  
**William Byars** of the sate and county aforsaid of the one

CHRONOLOGY of some GEORGIA RECORDS

Code for sources, which appear in parenthesis, at the end of article.

- 1732 Georgia became a Royal Province, **James Oglethorpe** lead a company of one hundred and twenty emigrants to America.(SSH)
- 1733 Oglethorpe and company ascended the Savannah River, and began a settlement called Savannah.(SSH)
- 1740 Oglethorpe invaded Florida. He laid siege to Ft. Augustine, But was unable to take the fort and returned to GA. (SSH)
- 1742 Spanish invasion of GA. Invaders drove from coast. (SSH)
- 1743 Oglethorpe returned to England and the trustees established a government by president and council.(SSH)
- 1752 Trustees of Georgia surrendered the charter to the King and became a royal Province. (SSH)
- 1777 First Georgia Counties formed. They covered just a fraction claimed by the Province. (HB) They were: Burke, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Richmond, Wilkes.(HB)
- 1785 Wilkes Co. **Joseph Bayes** (of Halifax Co. VA) listed in Capt. Karrs Dist.(NGS-30)
- Zachariah Bayes** (on same farm with Joseph, Wilkes Co. Karr's Dist.) (NGS-30)
- Zachariah Bayes** (a second one listed separately Karr's Dist) (NGS-30)
- Joseph Bayes, Jr.** (close to Joseph, listed next to **Meshack Turner**, Wilkes Co. Karr's Dist) (NGS-30)
- 1787 Wilkes Co. **Zach Bayes** witness to deed by **John Echols** of Halifax Co. VA , sold a slave to **Ebednego Turner** (NGS-30)
- 1788 Georgia became the Fourth State.(HB)
- 1793 Oglethorpe Co. formed from Clarke and Wilkes (HB)
- 1796 Wilkes Co. Estate of **Joseph Bayes** pd L2 to **William Street** prior to 11 Jan 1796 (NGS-30)
- 1805 **James Barr** in Land Lottery (NGS-30)
- William Byars, Jr** living in Oglethorpe Co. drew two blank lottery tickets (GB)
- 1807 **William Biers, Sr** living in Oglethorpe Co drew Lot #75, 12th Dist, Wilkinson. Never claimed the land. (GB)



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## PENNSYLVANIA GLEANINGS, CONTINUED

\*WILL #2343, BK D, P638, EAST CALN

[Dorothy attached a copy of the will to her abstraction.]

Will of John Byers East Caln written 1 Or 30 May 1766; affirmed 7 Feb 1767; proved 7 Jul 1767.

Named, wife Florence Byers; two sons, Samuel and William; daughter Ann (?Creely); granddaughter Margaret ?Elliot; Fourth: daughter-in-law Elizabeth Byers and children by her first husband, namely David, John and Mary; Fifth: daughter Florence Clark; Sixth; daughter Mary ?McFarlan; Seventh: 4 grandchildren - children of son Joseph deceased, namely John, Samuel, Joseph and Margaret Byers; Eighth: grandson - John Byers, son of Samuel; and lastly granddaughter Jane Clark.

Executors were: loving friend \_\_\_\_\_ and son-in-law John Clark  
 Affirmed by: David Stewart and Alexander Stewart  
 Witnessed by: David Stewart, Alexander Stewart and Archibald ?Stewart

Additional information to the extract published in the BYARS/BYERS FAMILY ENQUIRER Vol 3 #4, pg 99.

This is additional information on what happened to THOMAS WHITE'S wife ANN and the three children.

Information from Orphans Court Index film #1429185 FHL in SLC, UT:

WHITE: John, Thomas, Ann docket 4 #13; stated their mother married ROBERT ANDERSON.

From film #1429184 FHL in SLC, UT made a copy of the indexed record from docket 4 #13 (attached). Read the following from the film:

To the Honourable Justices of the Orphans Court to be held at Chester for the County of Chester this 15 day of March 1742/3.

The Petion of Robert Anderson Humbly showeth

That where as your petitioner having latly married the widdow of Thomas white dec which has three small children which are not yett arrived to the age to choose guardians for themselves & therefore your petitioner prays that your Honours will be pleased to take the affare in your consideration that guardian may be chosen to take care of said orphans and your petitioner as in duty will ever pray.

ROBERT ANDERSON

FOUND in PEORIA CO. ILLINOIS

(101B) Dorothy Sawtell, is still directing her efforts to proving the maiden name of her great grandmother **Mary Byars**. Her line is **Thomas Byars - Margaret Shannon** through son **Thomas Byars** who m **Mary Hamilton** through their son **Samuel Byars** who m **Mary \_\_\_\_\_**. ( Same line as **Dr. Marion Craig** and **Anne Garwood**, see Vol.II, No.1 p9 and Vol.II, No.2 pp40-41). Dorothy says,

I have located the son of **SAMUEL BYERS/MARY \_\_\_\_\_** who is **THOMAS REED BYERS** in several census records that I have enclosed. Comparing evidence of location, first names and ages lead me to believe that **LELIA ROGERS** and **MYRTLE ROGERS** (on the 1910 census) are the two younger daughters of **THOMAS REED BYERS/ARMINDA P. YATES**. Have yet to find **MARY A. BYERS** who is their oldest daughter in the 1910 Census. I am hoping to trace their descendants and come up with some information of the ancestors **SAMUEL** and **MARY BYERS**.

I also found a cemetary record for **THOMAS REED BYERS**, his wife, **ARMINDA P. BYERS** and his sister, **MARY J. BYERS**. The cemetary records are from the book 997.352/R2 V3c in FHL in SLC, UT., entitled **Peoria Co., IL Cemeteries, Gravestone Inscriptions; Peoria Genealogical Society**.

Buried in Prospect Cemetary, Radnor Township, Peoria Co., IL.

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>THOMAS REED BYERS</b> | 9/25/1851 - 4/8/1925 |
| <b>ARMINDA P. BYERS</b>  | 3/8/1858 - 9/24/1944 |
| <b>MARY J. BYERS</b>     | 1857-1882            |

Thomas and Mary are brother and sister to my grandmother, **LAURA MAE BYERS FINCH**.

PENNSYLVANIA GLEANINGS

From **Dorothy Sawtelle**. While in Salt Lake last year, Dorothy read microfilm and various other records. The Chester Co. PA Warrant Index yielded the following, and a correction may be in order to the data of **Alden Byers** published in Vol. III No.2 p49, re: 200 acres surveyed to **William Byers**, 17 Jan 1683. On film #823327 - Index Old Rights, Chester Co. PA p104 #105, shows **William Byers** as warrant returned on 15 Oct 1693. This date is in variance with **Alden's**.

Film #1429174- Chester Co. PA, Orphans Court Index and film #1429155 Index to Chester Co. Wills:

|                     |             |      |                      |
|---------------------|-------------|------|----------------------|
| <b>Byers, John*</b> | East Caln   | 1767 | Will #2343 Bk D p638 |
| <b>John</b>         | E. Coventry | 1849 | Int.                 |
| <b>Joseph</b>       | E. Caln     | 1761 | Will #1961 Bk D p338 |
| <b>Margaret</b>     | Brandywine  | 1810 | Will #5604           |
| <b>Samuel</b>       | Brandywine  | 1797 | Will #4563 Bk I p432 |
| <b>Samuel</b>       | Brandywine  | 1797 | Will #4574 Bk I p432 |
| <b>William</b>      | Unchlan?    | 1788 | Will #3909 Bk H p172 |

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## PERRY HARRISON BYARS, CONTINUED

No.2 p47 Corrections to Vol.II, No.1; and Vol II No.2 p54, Drorthy Hays' worksheet for the family of Perry Harrison Byars. The family group sheet of R.F. Byars conflicts in some areas with the data previously published. R.F. said, "Perry Harrison Byars was born in Cherokee Co. SC and was a farmer." He named his children, saying there was just four: R.F.'s brother-in-law, Myron 'Bud' Weisberg, 62 Harriet Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621, also answered Nellda's query and named six children. See his rough draft below.

1. William D. Byars b 1/11/1851 d 91/1930

II. Luther Byars

III. Edward Byars ("Eddie")

IV.\*James Wesley Byars b 5/7/17/1853, Cherokee Co. SC, a merchant-farmer, m Cynthia McCraw who d 1/2/1938. James W. d 1/25/1930 Both buried Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery. Children:

1. Perry Harrison Byars b 7/29/1881 d 4/11/1963 m Ila Huskey

2.\*Willie Forest Byars b 9/30/1893 Cherokee Co. d 9/10/1875 Gaffney, SC m Julia Ann Robbs d/o Andrew C. Robbs and Sallie Lemmons.

3. Sallie Eve Byars b 8/10/1878, d 9/1/1963, never married

4. Ernest Victor Byars b 10/25/1890 d 4/29/1951 Boling Springs NC m Lucy Robbs

5. Guy Byars b 4/30/1902 d 5/9/1974 Spartanburg, SC m Essie Spencer

6. Myrtle Byars b 9/19/1897 d 11/30/1976 Gaffney, SC m Lamar Littlejohn

7. Mary Byars b 7/6/1884 d 7/3/1905 m Coleman Turner.

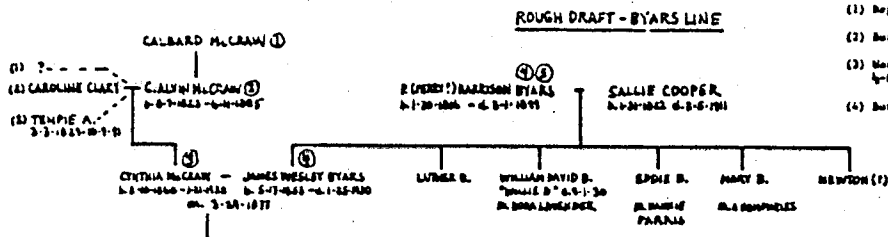
## FOOTNOTES TO BYARS LINE

(1) Reportedly settled in Virginia

(2) Buried at Camp Creek, NC

(3) Was issue of 2d wife, Caroline; had brother Bud McCraw, b-dto. Ed McCraw & wife-to-be Rebecca McCraw & Mrs. John Hamer

(4) Buried at Macedonia, Community, Cherokee Co., SC



### ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA MARRIAGES<sup>1</sup>

[Rockingham Co. formed 1778 from Augusta Co.]

Byer David to Sary Moyers\* 16 May 1799, minister Benjamin Bowman  
 John to Margaret Deaver, 28 Mar 1808, minister Wm. Douglas  
 John to Elizabeth Bowman, 17 Apr 1798, minister Martin Garver  
 John to Margaret Weaver \_\_\_\_\_ 1809, d/o John  
 Mary to David Baldin, 17 Aug 1820

Byre William to Nancy Garret, 20 Nov 1804, bdms Samuel Garrot d/o Thomas, minister Wm Hughes

Note: See Vol.4 No.1 p27. In 1768 a Jacob Moyer/Mayer and a Jacob Bair land patented to both in Augusta Co.VA 20 Jul 1768

1. Editor's files, notes from Virginia Historic Marriage Register, Rockingham County Marriages, 1778-1850, Vost/ Kethley, Iberian Press, Athens, GA 1984.

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## DID SOME OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BYARS' COME FROM HAMBURG, GERMANY?

In 1984, Mrs. Nellida S. Byars, 2944 East Point St. East Point, GA 30344, sent post card out to some Byars descendants, hoping to begin a Byars publication. I believe there was two, perhaps three issues, and it was discontinued, due to "age" according to Nellida. (See Vol.I, No. 4 p92). Nellida was a member of our group for a while, then dropped out. Recently I received a box of Byars files from her, but there was no cover letter. One of the items in the box caught my eye. Since we have had so much discussion about the country of origin, I thought I'd throw this tid bit in to muddy up the waters just a little bit more. Please remember this information was presented to Nellida in 1984. I don't know if the address, or the author is still valid. In any event:

FROM R. F. BYARS  
P. O. Box 312  
Cowpens, S.C. 29330

June, 1984

*It seems the BYARS name came from Germany. I once talked to a Mr. David Byars, who has since passed away, and he told me he had seen the Byars History book. He said three Byars brothers came from Hamburg, Germany, one settled in Union County, S.C., one in Polk County, N.C and one in Cherokee County, S.C. and all of his family had descended from them. How true this is I do not know. I have talked to some Germans who have come to Spartanburg with these new industries and they tell me that BYARS is a German name.*

Robert

(The family of ROBERT FOREST BYARS all came from the Cherokee County, S.C. area.)

## HAS ANYONE EVER HEARD OF SUCH A HISTORY BOOK?

## DESCENDANT of PERRY HARRISON BYARS

R.F. (Robert Forest) Byars, is a descendant of Perry Harrison Byars b 20 Jan 1816, died 3 Jan 1899, Cherokee Co. SC, buried at Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery. We have had several items pertaining to the Perry Harrison Byars who is buried at Macedonia. See Vol.I No.1 p6, where Dorothy Hays gave his father as William David Byars b c1765 d1814.: Vol.II No.1 pp 19-20 data from Marjorie Tucker: Vol II

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ATTENTION, G.L. BYARS, JR.

P.O. Box 289, Jasper, AL 35502

Marjorie Tucker is working on the genealogy of **Isham Eugene Byars** [See a segment of the trial, this issue] and believes he married in Walker Co. Alabama. If so, it would be recorded in Jasper. Will you be kind enough to go down to the court house and check the marriage indexes? Please? If you find it please mail the information to Marjorie at 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35556. She, and I, would appreciate it so much.

## PRESERVE YOUR RECORDS FOR POSTERITY

The Family History Library (LDS), will microfilm your family history if the material is organized and indexed. Your original copies and one complimentary copy of the microfilm will be returned to you. For further information, write: Ms **Vicky Monson**, Acquisitions/Patron Microfilming, 50 East North Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150

**Myra Vanderpool Cormely**, in her column "Shaking Your Family Tree" Los Angeles Time, Sep 14, 1989 says, "Local Histories May Have The Answers. ... Today's genealogists are ignoring valuable sources to their research problems-local histories, geography and migration patterns of ethnic groups. Without this knowledge of places in which your families once lived, you will never be a successful genealogist." She recommends using local histories, U.S., County and State histories. An aid is a five-volume set A Bibliography to United States Local Histories in the Library of Congress. Another book, available for purchase is Genealogical & Local History Books in Print, by Netti Schriener-Yantis. (37.50 post paid) 6818 Lois Dr. Springfield, VA 22150.

[Clipping courtesy **Alden Byers**]

## "CAPITAL CONFERENCE"

I'm making plans to be in Arlington, Virginia, June 6-9 1990, to attend the Tenth National Genealogical Society Conference. There will be great seminars, and many experts, to help with genealogical problems. For those with ancestors in the Chesapeake region, the resources of the Virginia State Library and Archives, the Virginia Historical Society, the Maryland State Archives, and the Maryland Historical Society will be only an hour or so away.

Transportation to the National Archives, the Library of Congress and the National Society DAR Library will be available.

Those who are members of NGS will receive a conference brochure, program and registration information, in January. Others may write to: 1990 NGS Conference, 4527 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

No one knows it all and if you can make the trip, I'll see you there.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY, CEMETERIES, CONTINUED

67. SHILOH CEMETERY. (Also called the Beulah Primitive Baptist Church cemetery). Located in Leeds on the Ashville Road (Hwy 25) about one mile north of Hwy 79. Two church buildings are adjacent to the cemetery. One deserted building was the location of Beulah Church which is now 1 or 2 miles north of the site. The second church is the Pathway Baptist Church. The cemetery was established in 1815 and some slaves were buried there before 1861. Census taken 8/29/1981 by Hester Smith and Madge Hahn.
74. MCELWAIN CEMETERY. 4445 Montevallo Road at intersection with Gladstone Avenue in the Crestline Park area. Across the road from the McElwain Baptist Church. Census taken 8/20/1974 by Martha Jean Crain and Mildred Brown Crain.
125. TRUSSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY. (Formerly known as the Cahawba Baptist Church Cemetery). Organized in 1821, located on Main Street east of the business district on the north side of Gadsden Hwy 11. Census taken 10/11/1980 by Madge Hahn.
126. UNION HILL CEMETERY. Located on the north side of Hollywood Blvd. on the west side of Hwy. 280. Canterbury Methodist Church was formerly located on the right side of the cemetery. Census taken 5/1/1974 by Rose Lovett, Martha Jean Crain and Mildred Brown Crain.
131. WATKINS CEMETERY. This cemetery no longer exists. It was located in what is now Mountain Brook Village. The census was taken by the WPA in 1935 or 1936 and since that time the Watkins graves have been relocated in the Union Hill Cemetery (No. 126). The location of the remaining graves is unknown.

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I copied the following tombstone inscriptions from the Union Hill Cemetery that were omitted from the listing given above:

F. Ada Byars, wife of  
Thomas G. Parker  
April 7, 1887

Thomas G. Parker  
July 27, 1882  
May 3, 1956  
they m. July 12, 1905

Thomas Nathan, son of  
Tom and Ada Parker  
Sept. 10, 1908  
August 3, 1909

Harret Adora Byars  
wife of J. W. Williams  
Jan. 31, 1861  
July 7, 1936

## JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, CEMETERIES

Also Courtesy Marjorie Tucker

## BYARS-BYERS CEMETERY RECORDS

## JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

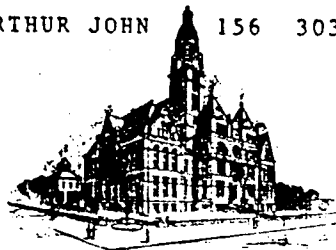
The following tombstone inscriptions are from the Cemeteries of Jefferson County, Alabama, Volume One, compiled by Marilyn Davis Hahn, 1982, in cooperation with the Birmingham Public Library and Birmingham Genealogical Society. The cemetery locations are described by number following the inscriptions.

|                                                          |             |             | Cemetery<br>Location |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| BYARS, A.W.                                              |             |             |                      |
| Clifton                                                  | 1872        | 1930        | 126                  |
| George                                                   | 1887        | 1909        | 126                  |
| Henry Kelly                                              | 1883        | 1883        | 126                  |
| Jennie W. Bailey, wife of J.N.                           | 5 Jun 1829  | 11 Apr 1911 | 126                  |
| Jessie                                                   | 9 May 1845  | 18 Nov 1904 | 126                  |
| John, Sr. (b. Spartanburg, S.C.<br>moved to Ala in 1820) | 1889        | 1926        | 126                  |
|                                                          |             | 1870        | 131                  |
| Joseph (Elder, Bapt. Min.)                               | 17 Jan 1780 | 27 Jul 1873 | 125                  |
| Katie Newsome, wife of S.W.                              | no dates    |             | 126                  |
| Laura                                                    | 1896        | 1914        | 126                  |
| Laura E. Massey, wife of H.K.                            | 9 Jul 1833  | 19 May 1904 | 126                  |
| Lula                                                     | 1901        | 1925        | 126                  |
| Mamie                                                    | 1892        | 1959        | 126                  |
| May, dau. of S.W. & K.                                   | 1 Sep 1881  | 3 Nov 1884  | 126                  |
| Ola                                                      | 1898        | 1914        | 126                  |
| Passey Logan, wife of John, Sr.                          | 1780        | 9 Sep 1854  | 131                  |
| Samuel W.                                                | 22 Oct 1865 | 22 Apr 1928 | 126                  |
| Sophia                                                   | 1866        | 1907        | 126                  |
| T.J.                                                     | 1857        | 1926        | 126                  |
| Wiley, son of John & Passie Logan                        | no dates    |             | 131                  |
| BYERS, Daisy M.                                          | 1 Jan 1891  | 17 May 1951 | 16                   |
| Glarrah, wife of Joseph, mother<br>of W.P. Hickman       | 20 Mar 1805 | 10 Mar 1888 | 125                  |
| Jimmie (child's grave)                                   | no dates    |             | 126                  |
| Julia A., wife of J.F.                                   | 19 Aug 1865 | 14 Dec 1907 | 67                   |
| Madison L.                                               | 27 Dec 1883 | 1 Feb 1962  | 74                   |
| Marshman W., Pvt. 10 Ala. Inf.<br>CSA                    |             | 19 May 1909 | 126                  |
| Mary Sanford, wife of Marshman W.                        | 29 May 1850 | 12 May 1914 | 126                  |
| Mattie Bell                                              | no dates    |             | 126                  |
| Payton                                                   | no dates    |             | 126                  |
| Sarah Jane                                               | 15 Dec 1851 | 7 Jan 1928  | 74                   |
| W. Walter                                                | 29 Sep 1881 | 8 Aug 1950  | 16                   |
| William B.                                               | 4 Sep 1829  | 15 Feb 1901 | 74                   |

16. BIVINS CHAPEL CEMETERY. Located near Brookside on Biven Chapel Road off JC 105 between Brookside and Republic. Only the old part has been copied. Census copied by Rose & P.J. Lovett, Martha Jean Crain and Mildred Brown Crain.

## JEFFERSON CO. MARRIAGES, CONTINUED

|                       |                             |     |     |            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|------------|
| BYERS, ADA V. MRS     | RATLIFF, P.C.               | 59  | 597 | 1-15-1914  |
| BYERS, ALMEDA J.      | TURLEY, C.J.                | 15  | 182 | 1-30-1890  |
| BYERS, ANNIE LEE      | LANGSTON, SAM M.            | 103 | 141 | 3-13-1926  |
| BYERS, ANNIE SUE      | McWHORTER, RALPH E.         | 29  | 387 | 12-05-1901 |
| BYERS, AUDREY         | McCLURE, FONNIE D.          | 124 | 190 | 4-04-1931  |
| BYERS, BELLE          | TRUCKS, OLIVER              | 49  | 598 | 11-05-1910 |
| BYERS, C.M.           | BOWERS, A.F.                | 24  | 550 | 12-24-1898 |
| BYERS, CARRIE W.      | FREEZE, R.E.                | 44  | 237 | 7-08-1908  |
| BYERS, CLARA          | DILLASHAW, EDGAR            | 144 | 31  | 2-03-1937  |
| BYERS, DAISY M.       | PLEDGER, DAVID C.           | 69  | 14  | 3-05-1917  |
| BYERS, E.L.           | ADERHOLD, A.J.              | 12  | 269 | 6-18-1887  |
| BYERS, EMMA GRACE     | BAILEY, COLON D.            | 23  | 349 | 12-22-1897 |
| BYERS, ESSIE          | NORRED, ERNEST M.           | 105 | 96  | 8-14-1926  |
| BYERS, ETHELYN        | WILSON, CARL C.             | 143 | 587 | 1-25-1937  |
| BYERS, FANNIE NORWOOD | MRS. MUCKLERROY, WILLIAM C. | 38  | 38  | 11-23-1905 |
| BYERS, FLORENCE       | WEEMES, J.J.                | 16  | 161 | 12-31-1890 |
| BYERS, GERTRUDE       | WEST, AUBREY                | 99  | 55  | 4-01-1925  |
| BYERS, HESTER MAE     | VILLINES, JNO. S., JR.      | 153 | 293 | 6-23-1939  |
| BYERS, JEANETTE       | AKIN, JOSEPH ALONZO         | 145 | 133 | 5-29-1937  |
| BYERS, LUCILE         | ADERHOLT, AUBREY            | 148 | 232 | 2-12-1938  |
| BYERS, LYDIA A.       | BASS, LEWIS G.              | 2   | 249 | 9-04-1844  |
| BYERS, MADGIE LOUISE  | CAWTHON, ERNEST             | 144 | 551 | 4-30-1937  |
| BYERS, MARY           | BLUE, COLEMAN               | 149 | 571 | 7-16-1938  |
| BYERS, MARY C.        | MOOR, BLUEFORD              | 3   | 56  | 1-15-1851  |
| BYERS, NANNIE         | MARTIN, J.F.                | 23  | 61  | 8-02-1897  |
| BYERS, NORA           | BOWERS, HAROLD R.           | 127 | 215 | 3-19-1932  |
| BYERS, OLA MAE        | WILBURN, WARREN P.          | 105 | 159 | 8-21-1926  |
| BYERS, REBECCA        | TURNER, SAMUEL, JR.         | 2   | 283 | 12-25-1845 |
| BYERS, ROSSIE LEE     | HAYS, WILLIAM THOMAS        | 20  | 307 | 5-04-1895  |
| BYERS, SALLIE         | PARKER, ED                  | 25  | 570 | 10-06-1899 |
| BYERS, WILLIE IRENE   | TILLERY, ARTHUR JOHN        | 156 | 303 | 3-18-1940  |



BIRMINGHAM: COURT-HOUSE.



## JEFFERSON CO. MARRIAGES, CONTINUED

|                          |                            |     |     |            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----|-----|------------|
| BYARS, ELSIE             | MILLER, W.T.               | 60  | 272 | 3-07-1914  |
| BYARS, ESSIE H.          | WESTBROOK, FORREST JEROME  |     |     |            |
|                          |                            | 148 | 160 | 1-28-1938  |
| BYARS, EVA MAY           | COX, WILLIAM L.            | 44  | 594 | 10-17-1908 |
| BYARS, FANNIE MAE        | BLISS, ERNEST F.           | 62  | 62  | 10-01-1914 |
| BYARS, FANNIE MAE        | McCOLLUM, H.B.             | 78  | 248 | 12-13-1919 |
| BYARS, FRANCES A.        | QUARLES, JAMES G.          | 140 | 544 | 6-16-1936  |
| BYARS, GEORGIA           | McCLELLAN, W.H.            | 75  | 68  | 2-13-1919  |
| BYARS, HARRIET A.        | WILLIAMS, JAMES            | 9   | 90  | 9-25-1880  |
| BYARS, JANE              | LEE, EASON                 | 1   | 355 | 3-25-1830  |
| BYARS, LENA              | KING, JAMES E.             | 131 | 416 | 1-13-1934  |
| BYARS, LILLIE I.         | TALLEY, HERBERT C.         | 135 | 49  | 11-27-1934 |
| BYARS, LULA              | ENGLISH, T.P.              | 27  | 139 | 7-18-1900  |
| BYARS, M.J.              | BRATTEN, T.C.              | 4   | 397 | 12-28-1867 |
| BYARS, MAE               | MILLS, WILLIE              | 120 | 81  | 1-18-1930  |
| BYARS, MARTHA ANN        | WHARTON, JAMES H.          | 2   | 61  | 5-24-1838  |
| BYARS, MARTHA JANE       | RICHARDSON, ROBERT P.      | 31  | 478 | 12-24-1902 |
| BYARS, MARY              | HODGES, JOSEPH             | 27  | 349 | 10-10-1900 |
| BYARS, MARY ANN          | ACTON, JAMES G.            | 4   | 25  | 10-06-1856 |
| BYARS, MARY ANN          | GRIFFIN, PHILIP T.         | 2   | 287 | 2-02-1846  |
| BYARS, MARY E.           | MORRISON, R.G.             | 147 | 501 | 12-22-1937 |
| BYARS, MARY JANE         | BEARDIN, COLUMBUS          | 8   | 47  | 11-14-1876 |
| BYARS, MARY KATHRYN      | WOODS, DAMON BLAIR         | 143 | 311 | 12-19-1936 |
| BYARS, MARY RUTH         | MARCHMONT, J.F.            | 70  | 447 | 9-15-1917  |
| BYARS, MILDRED L.        | CALLAWAY, J. OTIS          | 132 | 341 | 4-13-1934  |
| BYARS, MILSEY            | SPENCER, LEWIS             | 9   | 502 | 11-22-1881 |
| BYARS, NANCY             | BROGDEN, JAMES             | 1   | 378 | 3-17-1832  |
| BYARS, NANCY             | ELLINGTON, D.              | 2   | 151 | 12-28-1840 |
| BYARS, NANCY             | KILLOUGH, ALLEN            | 1   | 158 | 5-22-1819  |
| BYARS, NANCY E.          | CARLISLE, LEWIS            | 4   | 188 | 8-02-1866  |
| BYARS, PATSEY            | POSEY, WARREN              | 5   | 154 | 4-02-1873  |
| BYARS, PERSIA C.         | GODWIN, JAMES J.           | 4   | 260 | 12-28-1866 |
| BYARS, RISIE             | COX, WILLIAM L.            | 49  | 370 | 9-17-1910  |
| BYARS, ROSE              | HALL, VANN                 | 7   | 132 | 11-27-1872 |
| BYARS, RUTH BRADLEY MRS. | REID, HENRY F.             | 112 | 370 | 4-18-1928  |
| BYARS, SARAH JANE        | HAWKINS, RICHARD           | 5   | 65  | 11-09-1869 |
| BYARS, VERNA LEE         | PINKSTON, JOHNNY CLEVELAND |     |     |            |
|                          |                            | 143 | 192 | 11-27-1936 |

## JEFFERSON CO. MARRIAGES, CONTINUED

|                     |                         |     |     |            |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|------------|
| BYARS, WILLIAM G.   | THOMAS, MARY JANE       | 3   | 231 | 1-11-1854  |
| BYARS, WILLIAM P.   | THURSTON, LUCY A.       | 3   | 294 | 1-03-1855  |
| BYCE, JAMES T.      | CURRY, RUTH ANGELINA    | 149 | 511 | 7-02-1938  |
| BYERS, D.H.         | MINOR, DAISY            | 75  | 287 | 3-22-1919  |
| BYERS, E.C.         | ISABELL, EVA M.         | 58  | 12  | 6-26-1913  |
| BYERS, EDGAR BARTEE | McREYNOLDS, FANNIE      | 28  | 597 | 8-06-1901  |
| BYERS, EMMETT H.    | TUCKER, NELLIE MAE      | 157 | 202 | 6-03-1940  |
| BYERS, FRED         | ARGENT, MABLE           | 143 | 479 | 1-02-1937  |
| BYERS, GEORGE L.    | TAYLOR, LARINDA         | 3½  | 336 | 8-07-1860  |
| BYERS, H.N.         | McMILLAN, ANNIE         | 57  | 407 | 5-27-1913  |
| BYERS, HERMAN F.    | SKELTON, OLIVE MAE MRS. | 113 | 276 | 6-26-1928  |
| BYERS, HUBERT       | BARNES, LELA            | 126 | 318 | 12-05-1931 |
| BYERS, J.F.         | ADKINS, FANNIE          | 46  | 84  | 4-03-1909  |
| BYERS, J.J.         | WORTHINGTON, ANNIE      | 9   | 362 | 6-15-1881  |
| BYERS, J.N.         | HARDING, CLYDE BEATRICE | 83  | 445 | 4-19-1921  |
| BYERS, JODIE        | DOUGLASS, LENA          | 61  | 66  | 6-07-1914  |
| BYERS, JOHN TURLEY  | GRAY, GERALDINE         | 148 | 536 | 4-15-1938  |
| BYERS, JOHN WINSTON | SMITH, LILLIAN          | 152 | 317 | 3-24-1939  |
| BYERS, JOSEPH       | HICKMAN, CLARISSA       | 2   | 250 | 9-17-1844  |
| BYERS, LOUIS        | WESSON, BESSIE          | 59  | 18  | 10-18-1913 |
| BYERS, MINTER R.    | HAMBRIGHT, MARY         | 30  | 464 | 7-03-1902  |
| BYERS, OCIE C.      | HANCOCK, MIRTIE         | 105 | 19  | 7-31-1926  |
| BYERS, OSCAR O.     | SLOAN, RUBY             | 130 | 64  | 8-05-1933  |
| BYERS, ROBERT R.    | WELCH, JEWELL EVELYN    | 140 | 82  | 4-07-1936  |
| BYERS, ROY          | SMITH, BURLEY           | 127 | 76  | 2-12-1932  |
| BYERS, SAMUEL P.    | McDONALD, MELVINA T.    | 3   | 85  | 10-10-1851 |
| BYERS, SAMUEL R.    | LOWERY, MINERVA         | 13  | 593 | 12-20-1888 |
| BYERS, WALTER       | PARSONS, DAISY          | 43  | 232 | 1-08-1908  |
| BYERS, WM. BROWN    | RICHTER, DORIS ELEANOR  | 156 | 38  | 2-02-1940  |
| BYERS, WM. P.       | BROWN, MARGARET         | 90  | 467 | 4-11-1923  |

## FEMALES

|                  |                       |    |     |            |
|------------------|-----------------------|----|-----|------------|
| BYARS, ADA       | PARKER, TOM           | 37 | 131 | 7-12-1905  |
| BYARS, AGNES     | FINDLEY, JOSEPH R.    | 1  | 202 | 4-19-1821  |
| BYARS, ANNA MAE  | STRONG, GUERRY        | 78 | 426 | 12-27-1919 |
| BYARS, BELLE     | WILSON, T.A.          | 48 | 243 | 3-24-1910  |
| BYARS, BEULAH E. | BARNETT, RUFUS JEROME | 88 | 76  | 8-02-1922  |
| BYARS, E.B.      | McDANIEL, J.T.        | 9  | 796 | 1-31-1883  |
| BYARS, ELIZABETH | BYARS, NATHAN         | 1  | 371 | 12-31-1831 |
| BYARS, ELIZABETH | LOGAN, SAMUEL         | 2  | 58  | 4-05-1838  |
| BYARS, ELIZABETH | TURNER, GEORGE W.     | 2  | 84  | 5-09-1838  |

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Still to be verified or refuted are the claims of Rev. Charles Boyer that the Ulster Byers were at least in part Huguenots in the service of William of Orange in the Battle of the Boyne 1690.

INDEX TO JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, MARRIAGES

From (40B) Marjorie Tucker. [Compiled and sent copy ready. Thank you too, nice lady.]

Note: dates given are dates of marriage bond or license  
not wedding date

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|-----------------------|------------------------|------|------|-----------------|
| BYARS, A.S.           | DEAN, EULA             | 126  | 597  | 1-25-1932       |
| BYARS, ARTHUR         | STONE, RUBY            | 80   | 478  | 7-14-1920       |
| BYARS, ALMUS W.       | HOLBROOK, ELLA         | 30   | 68   | 2-17-1902       |
| BYARS, EMMET          | STONE, MATTIE          | 80   | 597  | 7-31-1920       |
| BYARS, EVAN           | JORDAN, WINNEY         | 2    | 63   | 6-09-1838       |
| BYARS, FRANCIS        | TURNER, MEEKNESS M.    | 2    | 90   | 3-30-1839       |
| BYARS, FRANK          | CURL, LENA             | 88   | 169  | 8-17-1922       |
| BYARS, HENRY K.       | MASSEY, LAURA          | 3    | 50   | 1-08-1851       |
| BYARS, J.E.           | ALLENDER, M.A.         | 8    | 718  | 1-21-1880       |
| BYARS, J.J.           | NABERS, EDITH          | 17   | 303  | 2-29-1892       |
| BYARS, J.N.           | FLORENCE, GEORGIA A.   | 36   | 368  | 3-15-1905       |
| BYARS, JAMES F.       | DURR, JULIA A.         | 12   | 249  | 5-26-1887       |
| BYARS, JAMES H.       | ARMSTRONG, E.J.        | 3    | 241  | 3-02-1854       |
| BYARS, JESSE M.       | FAGGARD, MAMIE         | 48   | 230  | 3-22-1910       |
| BYARS, JOEL B.        | MORGAN, VERNIE CLAIR   | 51   | 588  | 7-22-1911       |
| BYARS, JOHN A.        | STUBBS, LOUISA C.      | 4    | 273  | 1-04-1867       |
| BYARS, JOHN W.        | MORGAN, SARAH J.       | 3½   | 467  | 1-24-1862       |
| BYARS, LONNIE MERRILL | McQUEARY, ESTER LOUISE | 148  | 356  | 3-08-1938       |
| BYARS, LOUIS L.       | STEWART, HATTIE L.     | 15   | 542  | 9-18-1890       |
| BYARS, N.L.           | HUDSON, EVA            | 42   | 250  | 9-05-1907       |
| BYARS, NATHAN         | BYARS, ELIZABETH       | 1    | 371  | 12-31-1831      |
| BYARS, NATHAN         | REAVIS, ELIZABETH      | 1    | 64   | 2-26-1825       |
| BYARS, O.W.           | COOK, PERMELIA         | 2    | 53   | 2-06-1838       |
| BYARS, ROY K.         | HARDEN, LUCILLE        | 119  | 176  | 11-14-1921      |
| BYARS, SAM H.         | ODOM, HELEN GAZELLE    | 76   | 463  | 7-30-1919       |
| BYARS, T.J.           | ODOM, LETHA            | 71   | 393  | 12-22-1917      |
| BYARS, T.J.           | WILLIAMS, N.J.         | 9    | 550  | 12-26-1881      |
| BYARS, W.R.           | HOPPER, ESSIE FLORANCE | 105  | 427  | 9-02-1926       |
| BYARS, W.T.           | BENTON, ANNIE BELLE    | 41   | 112  | 3-12-1907       |
| BYARS, WILLIAM        | GOODE, JANE            | 1    | 20   | 3-23-1824       |
| BYARS, WILLIAM E.     | BRADLEY, MARY R.       | 58   | 322  | 8-27-1913       |

## ELIZABETH BYERS, CONTINUED

MPM-NOTE: "...came to her house, then in N.C."..upper part of York County, S.C. was originally in North Carolina patent and Capt. WM. Byers did not move from N.C. to S.C.

Note that Elizabeth Byers, about age 40 and with three young daughters and a slave traveled by wagon and alone thru entire state of North Carolina to Natural Bridge area of the State of Virginia. They don't make'em like they used to!!!

## THE ORIGINS OF THE BYERS'

From (738) Alden Byers [Thank you Alden for using a new ribbon. I love copy ready material. Saves me light years of time. cbh]

You remember the data I sent you from The American Boyers ...

WELL!!! Here is something more which could shed light on the origins of the Byers: From the September, 1989 Cumberland County History, I excerpt a paragraph from an article by William T. Swaim --

"The Scottish Presbyterians, who for two decades had made the Cumberland Valley the Presbyterian Valley between the mid-1730s and the arrival of the Germans ca. 1763, had immigrated from northern counties of Ireland. In contrast, in the mid-1750s Presbyterians from the Lowlands of Scotland followed Ulster Scot Presbyterians across the Atlantic Ocean and across the southern tier of Pennsylvania. Instead of being members of the established Presbyterian Church of Scotland (C.O.S.), they belonged to dissenting groups which had seceded from C.O.S., including the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Covenanters) and the Associate Presbyterian Church ... "

He goes on to say that these dissenters settled chiefly in Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania, and central North Carolina. As I understand it, he is referring to the "Great Schism" which lasted until ca. 1758, and which I have referred to several times in my still-to-be-published Paper.

If Swaim is solid with his facts, this could be a lead to identify the origins of some, maybe most, of our Byers/Bayrs ancestors. We know that the Byers of Donegal Mills were from Ulster, and any other immigrants before "the mid-1750s" presumably were also from Ulster. Those after "the mid-1750s" were presumably direct from Lowland Scotland. That leaves William Byers 1682 probably from England, as previously surmised. It also supposedly dates any German Beyer/Byers as after 1763 (I have found at least three or more whose connections were German on tax rolls after about 1764).

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ford, expecting EARL CORNWALLIS to attempt to cross from the other side of the river. In this great dilemma, she ordered the driver to chain the bed to the running gear of the wagon, and take the stream. They forded in safety and when they rose the hill on the other side, Cornwallis had filed in behind them and attempted to cross, when the fight commenced at the ford.

Gen. DAVIDSON was shot and fell off his horse in the river. MRS. BYERS and her daughters witnessed this battle from the top of the hill beyond. They went on to Virginia without any further trouble, after the battle of Kings MT. and retreat of the British Army to Yorktown, VA. They returned to their home to find it greatly despoiled by the Tories. They had broken up the furniture, ripped open the beds, emptied the feathers in the yard, cut down the young orchard and destroyed fencing on the farm. To complete the vandalism, they built a fire on the floor of one room of the house, with the intention of burning it; at this juncture, they discovered a sick man in another room, and raised a cry of smallpox; with this fear they hastily fled. The sick man extinguished the fire and saved the house.

THIS IS THE VERSION OF THESE EVENTS, AS GIVEN BY ELIZABETH BYERS MC LEAN IN AFTER LIFE, AND HANDED DOWN BY TRADITION THROUGH HER GENERATION. IT HAS BEEN MY GOOD FORTUNE TO OBTAIN THEM THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE WITH HER YOUNGEST SON, FINIS EWING MC LEAN, LATE OF GREENCASTLE, IND. I am much indebted to him for valued family history. AT THE TIME WHEN THE ABOVE EVENTS TRANSPIRED, ELIZABETH WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD.

She & EPHRAIM MC LEAN were united in marriage in 1788. In 1796, they, with their father, CHARLES MC LEAN, moved to Kentucky and settled in the wilderness, twelve miles west of Russellville, in Logan county.....(further long discussion of this family follows etc)....."

CORROBORATION:

Georgia Genealogical Magazine, 1972, "York Co., S.C. Deeds", p.416. Article by Elmer Oris Parker. Affidavit concerning title to land on which ROBERT KENNEDY lives.

"ELIZABETH BYERS, WIFE OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM BYERS, of York Co., S.C. Feb. 2, 1786, declares that in July 1780 NATHANIEL PORTER, came to her house then in N.C. and gave her a pocket book containing several papers including a patent with seal, which he said were the deeds to his land and asked her to give them to his brother DAVID PORTER WHEN SHE AND HER FAMILY WENT TO VIRGINIA, which she declared she did.

Test: DAVID LEECH, J.P....."

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AN ACCOUNT of ELIZABETH (WALTON?) BYERS, wife of Capt. WILLIAM BYERS  
of York County, South Carolina

The following is from Dr. Mel Meek. He writes, "I continue to be more and more amazed at the courage, fortitude and determination of our early ancestors in the formation of our great United States."

Letter in possession of Mrs. Robert McClain, Mt. Pleasant, TN, copied by Emma Porter Armstrong for Maury Co. Historical Society, October 1967.

(7 typewritten pages, furnished Melton Meek by Roy Gibson, 4517 Coffee Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76117. March 1983)

From: Alney H. McLean (son of Charles and Sallie (Vance) Mc Lean) to: Mr. Samuel M. Stockard, Springfield, MO.

Dated: Middleton, TN. 26 Aug 1885.

....." CHARLES MC LEAN, the brother of EPHRAIM, married SUSAN HOWARD, a daughter of Dr. Howard, of Philadelphia, an eminent physician of that city in his day. She was, however, a WIDOW ALLISON, when he married her.

They had three children, two sons and a daughter. The oldest son, JOHN, distinguished himself as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and died soon after its close. His daughter, REBECCA, married in North Carolina a man by the name of WHITE. She died young, leaving one son named Charles. He was taken to Kentucky, while an infant, and raised by his grandmother.

EPHRAIM, THE YOUNGEST CHILD, MARRIED ELIZABETH BYERS.

(MPM- Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. William & Elizabeth (Walton?) BYERS.)

Her father moved from Rockbridge County, Virginia to South Carolina, before the Revolutionary War began. He was engaged in indigo farming, which was a profitable pursuit in those days. When the war was prevailing, he raised a company of volunteers, in which his three sons enlisted, & entered the service, leaving his wife and her three daughters on the farm.

The patriotic position Mr. Byers and sons had assumed excited the malice and hatred of the Tories, who were numerous in that locality. They (the Tories) had frequently threatened MRS. BYERS to take vengeance on her & her family by burning her home over her head and destroying her property, if she did not leave. She finally became alarmed of her safety and hastily gathered up what light household plunder she could pack in a two horse wagon, and, with a faithful servant to drive, started out with her three daughters for Rockbridge County, VA., where it was comparatively peaceable.

When she got to the Catawba River, at Cowans Ford, she found the stream very much swollen from recent rains. Gen. DAVIDSON, with his troops, were posted on this side of the

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(53B) **Thurlo V. Byars** writes, "Re: Vol. IV, No. 3 p80: Dr. **Mell Meek** from **Elmer O. Parker** about the **Walton's** living 30 miles from Natural Bridge, VA. This came about when **Elizabeth (Walton) Byers**, wife of Capt. **Wm. Byers**, of York Co. SC, Rev. War, went to her family in VA during the war. It is possible that **Elmer** was correct in his original statement that **Wm Byers** lived 30 miles from Natural Bridge, albeit South rather than North.

I enclose an item [below] concerning **John Robinson** and a map [p97] to show same.

**Wm Byers** wed **Elizabeth Walton** c1760. His 355 ac survey was patented to **Edward Sharp** in 1760. We know **Wm Byers** lived in VA until 1765 when re removed to York Co. SC. It would be helpful to know when **Wm Boyers** moved to the land joining **John Robinson's** 250 ac. The map also shows that **John Robinson** owned 530 acs in question in 1768. Has anyone access to the deeds of that 530 ac from 1760 to 1768?

2 Feb 1763 **John Robinson**, a mill wright by trade, and lives near the Stone House on Roanoke, 250 ac on Tinker's Creek corner **William Grymes**, with his line southwest 256 poles to the creek, crossing Garvin's Creek, crossing Buffalo Creek to **William Boyers**.

Chalkley Vol.1 p350 Court Judgements.

This just happens to be 30 miles SSW of Natural Bridge, VA. Some **Walton's** lived in this area after the Revolutionary War for sure."

[Thurlo, I was so happy to get this from you. I've truly missed your missives, and hope to find them in my mail box often. cbh]

## CONDOLENCES

I was saddened to learn that (87B) **Audrey Stevens** lost her husband last month (see Vol.II, No. 4 pp121-122 for his Byars line). He was buried at Hebron Cemetery, near Yoakum, Texas

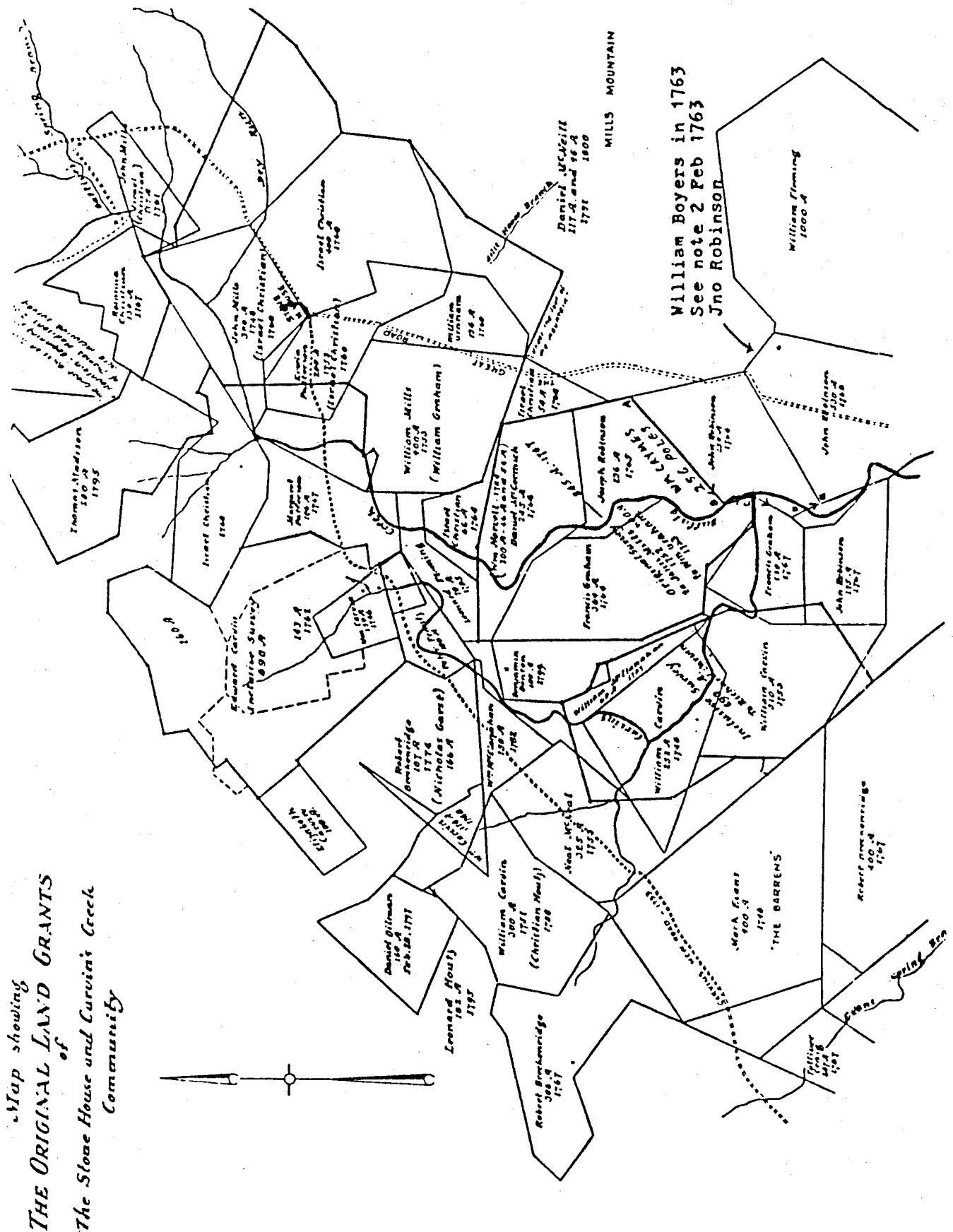
**Audrey**, grief stricken over her own loss, called to tell me about the double loss of our friend and relative, (54B) **Sibyl Northcutt**.

On Wednesday, October 4, a U.S. Air Force tanker jet exploded in the air over Canada. All four crewmen were lost. Lt. Col. **William Northcutt**, son of **Sibyl** and **Jack Northcutt**, was the pilot of the plane. The "Victoria Advocate" carried stories about this on Oct 5. "**Bill**" was born 5 July 1947. He is survived by his parents, his wife **Dena**, two daughters **Nicole**, 13 and **Michelle** 11, and a sister **Jackie Hardwick**. He was buried at Hebron Cemetery.

On October 7, the same newspaper carried the death notice of Mrs. **Eva Hollan**, age 92 of Yoakum, **Sybil's** mother. She was buried at Hebron

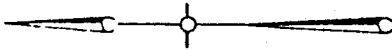
Our prayers and love go out to **Audrey** and **Sybil**.

MAP FROM THURLO V. BYERS



Map showing  
**THE ORIGINAL LAND GRANTS**  
 of  
 The Stone House and Carvins Creech  
 Community

William Boyers in 1763  
 See note 2 Feb 1763  
 Jno ROBINSON





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mother's estate. He was orphaned during the Civil War and raised by his Pate grandparents. He had been listed as **Ibry Pate** in her household in 1880. Not only did those loose papers give me his signature, they proved that the one called Ibry Pate in the census was in fact, "Ibry" Elkins. Ironically, there are Pate Family Group sheets floating around, that show a child named Ibry. Those sheets usually say he died young. Even with my proof, some won't delete that child, because he's listed as a son on the census. If I didn't have a copy of his parents marriage bond, and that receipt naming him a grandson I would have thought, (like others do) that was base born. Publishing those papers is a service to the genealogical community.

Dr. Craig added, "I have been retired (at age 61½ years) 8 years and these have been, by far, the best years of my life. I wouldn't trade them for any number of younger years. My wife and I started our hobby of family history and genealogical research in 1968 and are still actively pursuing such. We believe this is the finest kind of hobby."

The Craigs have recently enjoyed a visit from their son **Dr. Andrew Craig**, who has lived and worked in Great Britain for 20 years. And he's a fine looking young man in the clipping Dr. Craig sent me. I know they are proud of him and his work.

## ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, &amp; ETC

(73B) **Alden Byers**, makes a correction, to a correction, and as he says, "Boy, this is complicated!" Re: Vol. IV, No. 3 p78, where Alden said "The Wetzel family histories think he was from Scotland. I think he was grandson (not son) of **John Byers** of Downington, Chester Co. who d 1767. **Joseph** (add: Old **John's** son) left three sons, **John, Joseph, Samuel**. I think (add: young) **John** (add: b ca1755) grew up to be a physician. And where he said he can't prove any (scratch any and make it, I can't prove all of this)." [If you are not confused by now, you don't have to worry about getting that way as you read the rest of this issue! cbh]

Re: Vol. IV, No. 3 p85. The map came to us from (22B) **Dr. Mel Meek** and cbh failed to give credit, where credit was due.

Vol. IV, No. 3 p80: **Dr. Mel Meek** writes, "I have heard again from **Elmer Parker**. He now states that he is not sure about the "30 miles from Natural Bridge ... could have been 2 or 3." The paper he quoted was very illegible! This would make a big difference in the search for the **Walton/Byers** families. All records and indications (at the present) seem to place **Capt. William Byers** in ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VA about 1755 and earlier.

**Thurlo Byers** addresses that problem on page 98. The map on the following page, comes to us from Thurlo and is very pertinent to this.

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**DOES ANYONE HAVE BYERS ANCESTORS FROM ANNAN, SCOTLAND?**

Mrs. Eleanor Homewood, 13311 Roan Rd. Garden Grove, CA 92643 wants to know if anyone in our group has ancestors from Annan, Scotland. She writes: "Three years ago we traveled through Scotland and did some research on the Byers family of Dumfriesshire. We were in the newspaper office and they told us of a large group of Byers descendants who came to Annan. They had a banquet and placed a wreath on their ancestors graves. His son had immigrated to Nova Scotia in the late 1700's or early 1800's. I believe his name was **James Byers**."

I have researched my husband's line and he had a **David Byers** who would have been born about 1775 and also from the Annan area. That would make him about the same age as James. I wonder if any of your group were the ones to go to Annan, Scotland and if they have any information on their **James'** brothers and sisters."

[If anyone knows of a possible connection, tell her your read about it in the 'Enquirer']

**DR. MARION CRAIG COMPLETED TWO BOOKS THIS YEAR**

(42B) Dr. **Marion Craig** has completed two more books this year, bringing his total of books published to 13. He says copies of all his books (since 1973) have been sent to the Family History Library (LDS) in Salt Lake City. He says, "I am confident these ... recent books will be microfilmed or microfiched there, as the others have been, for preservation. As you know, paper products eventually turn to dust. Though not a Mormon, I greatly appreciate them and their dedication to genealogy, and ready willingness to share and assist."

Dr. Craig's two new titles are:

John Lewis Craig (1801-1846) & Wife, Margaret Ann Hardin: Ancestors - Descendants & Allied Families  
This book consists of 116 pages and has an index. It is an updated combined supplement to a **Hardin** book Dr. Craig published in 1973 and a **Craig** book he published in 1977.

Woodruff County, Arkansas: Loose Probate Papers 1862-1900. It has 218 pages and an index.  
Dr. Craig extracted the genealogical information from the loose probate papers (packets).

Dr. Craig writes, "... not all the probate papers generated in settling an estate (testate or intestate) are recorded into the bound probate books. For instance, receipts signed by heirs, and the statement of an administrator concerning the names and residences of heirs are not items for recording into the bound ... books. Often, the solution to a genealogical problem can be found **ONLY** in the packet of loose ... papers files in the office of the county clerk."

How right you are about those loose papers. I got a copy of the receipt signed by my great grandfather **William Ibra Elkins** from the loose papers here, in Leon Co., when he got his share of his grand-

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## From the Editor

Its that time of year, and most folks are looking forward to another holiday season. When our children, and then our grandchildren, were small, Christmas was very exciting for us. In those days the years didn't fly by so quickly. We miss playing Santa Claus and all that the role entails, but we still have the annual family Christmas party to look forward to.

My husband, Jimmy, is the youngest of six boys. There are just four of them still living, but those who are gone are well represented at the party by children and grandchildren. For a family newcomer, the entire group at one time is an overwhelming experience. Those six boys were raised barefooted in the country by poor but loving parents who made Christmas a special time for them.

We don't exchange presents. We catch up on current events, and the brothers see who can tell the wildest tale. My mother-in-law, who is 85, does not take the Christmas party lightly. For her, it's the best day of the year, since she has her whole family with her at one time. Woe unto the one who fails to make an appearance, because they will get a tongue lashing from her at her earliest convenience.

We're not fond of Houston (we were both raised there)--the traffic is a pain, but we wouldn't miss that Christmas party for anything. We meet on a Sunday before Christmas in a private dining room at a large cafeteria. Everyone eats what they want, and the girls don't spend all their time cooking and washing dishes like they did in the good "good old days."

No, Christmas is not as exciting as it used to be, but we do still look forward to it, and trust you do too!

We send **HOLIDAY GREETINGS** to one and all, and hope that 1990 will be the year you fill out all the blanks on your ancestor chart.

*CBH*

#### ADDRESS CHANGES & CORRECTIONS

The membership roll in this issue is current through 1 Nov. 1989 unless someone has moved and failed to let me know. Addresses won't be given in the text of this issue for members. Use their membership number to find their address if you wish to correspond.

#### WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER

Let's welcome: #121B **Judy Jung**, 7875 S. Candlestick Ln #301, Midvale, UT 84047. Judy will send her data later.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Beginning a new year is always exciting, and here we are in a new decade. Hopefully before we reach the year 2,000 we will have solved our research problems and extended our line back to Adam. I write that with tongue in cheek, of course. I have met those who claim they have proven their line back that far, and while I don't doubt for a minute that he's our progenitor, I do doubt anyone's ability to document it.

And documentation is what we are all about, at least in my book. At this point in time I'd just like to prove that my Lawrence County, Alabama, Nathan Byars, is the son of Nathan Jr., which would make me a descendant of that old reprobate Nathan, who is buried at Cow Pens National Park, South Carolina. Or if not that, then I'd be delighted to know who his father was.

How about you? What is your burning need in your Byars line? Perhaps someone out there has the answer. A query may help you find your answer. That's one shovel we should all be using when we're digging for our roots.

*CBA*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- 122B William C. Byers, 2731 Jefferson, Muskogee, OK 74403:  
Descendant of Moses Byers, b 22 Nov 1790 NC [see lineage this issue.]
- 123B William LaPorte, 314 South Washita, Wetumka, OK 74883: Descends from Joel Blackwell and Henrietta Byars. [see family group sheets this issue]

## CONGRATULATIONS

To 11B William R. Byars Jr., who has been elected by the General Assembly of South Carolina as a Family Court Judge. His address is now 200 Hunt Trace, Camden, SC 29020.

## PASSING ON THE SEARCH

51B Margaret D. Byars has passed the Byars family research to her daughter, Martha Byars Wetherholt, Rt 4, Bx 222, Canton, TX 75103. Martha will take her mother's membership number too.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

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9B Dorothy E. Hays, 1300 Merry Hills Dr. Highpoint, NC; new zip 27262

12B Nancy C. Anderson, 2926 Forest Hill Cr. Rock Hill, SC; new zip 29732

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## ADDRESS CHANGES, Continued

4B Russell Clarke has a new address: 145 Fairview Ct. Ukiah, CA 95482

121B Judy Jung's complete address is: 7875 S. Candlestick Ln. #301-8 Midvale, UT 84047

## RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Be sure to have a clear understanding about copy costs, postage and etc. before you begin your exchange. Fair exchanging will work well and no one will get mad or have hurt feelings.

86B Doris K Brown, Box 788, Lake Mary, FL will exchange research in Orange and Seminole Co's. FL for equal time in Grayson, Hunt or Fannin Co's TX. [Doris, I have worked on your counties, because my Byars' were in those counties too. But I haven't found anything that might help you. Please send me a new family group sheet for your family so I can recheck my files cbh]

82B Max Sauerbry 6210 S W King Ave #6, Beaverton, OR 97005 will exchange research time in Washington Co. OR for equal time in Stark Co. OH.

71B Frank & Virginia Byers, 125 Everett St, Lakewood, Co. 80226 will exchange research time in Jefferson Co. CO for equal time in Chester Co. PA.

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107B Doris Wilkes, 11626 Lida Rose, San Antonio, TX 78216 will exchange research time in Bexar Co. TX for equal time in Pickens Co. AL

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## QUERIES

## 1. Blackwell, Collins, Byars - NC, VA

Would like to exchange info on Joel Blackwell b 1739 Farquier Co. VA d 1821 Rutherford Co NC m c1765 (VA?) Henrietta Byars b 1745/50, d/o Jonas Byars and Frances Collins. I descend from Sarah Byars who m Reubin Mastin. Will answer all letter.

122B William LaPorte, 314 South Washita, Wetumka, OK 74883

## 2. Byers/Byars - GA,TX

I am still looking for info for Calvin D. Byers/Byars b c 1855 GA

86B Doris Brown, Box 788, Lake Mary, FL 32795

## 3. Hopper, Byars, Gill, Romjue - NC,TN,MO

Need more info for Mary Hopper b 24 Mar 1812 KY d 20 Aug 1886, who m John L. Byars b 1807 NC d 1857 Warren Co. TN. Mary d in Shelby Co. MO., need burial site. John s/o Harrell Byars and Jane Gill. Need marriage dates for John and his parents. John's first child b 1830. What does the middle initial L. stand for? Mary m 2nd John Romjue c1860 in Shelby Co. MO. Did she and her 2nd husband have issue?

114B Kay Ellen Fleming, 3203 N. Cherry Ave. Tucson, AZ 85719-2219

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## LINEAGE

112B William C "Bill" Byers  
2731 Jefferson, Muskogee, OK 74403

1. William C. Byers
2. Willie Cook Byers b 25 Apr 1894, Cookeville, TN
3. John C. Byers b 2 Feb 1855, Overton Co. TN
4. Elias Harrison Byers b 22 Feb 1815, Jackson Co. TN
5. Moses Byers b 22 Nov 1790 NC

[see Vol.IV, No.3 p84 for fgs, Moses Byers by Capt. Bill Byers, 5726 Ensign Dr. East, Ft. Worth, TX 76119]

## THE FAMILY OF CATHERINE LAWSON &amp; ANDREW BYERS

Of Morgan Co. Ohio by William W. Tucker  
3779 Grant Rd. #96, Ellenwood, GA 30049

I just received a complimentary copy of the neates little family genealogy. It's 29 pages, includes an index of people and places, has wills, maps, census records etc. It is in one of the nicest folders I've seen. Andrew was the youngest son of Samuel Byers and Jane White. We would all do well to get our families into a neat composition like this. It would help us find what we have, and locate further information. My 'yankee friend' did not say if copies are available, cost etc. But, those who descend from Samuel and Jane, or a connection to them may want to drop William a note asking about a copy.

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ANCESTOR CHARTS

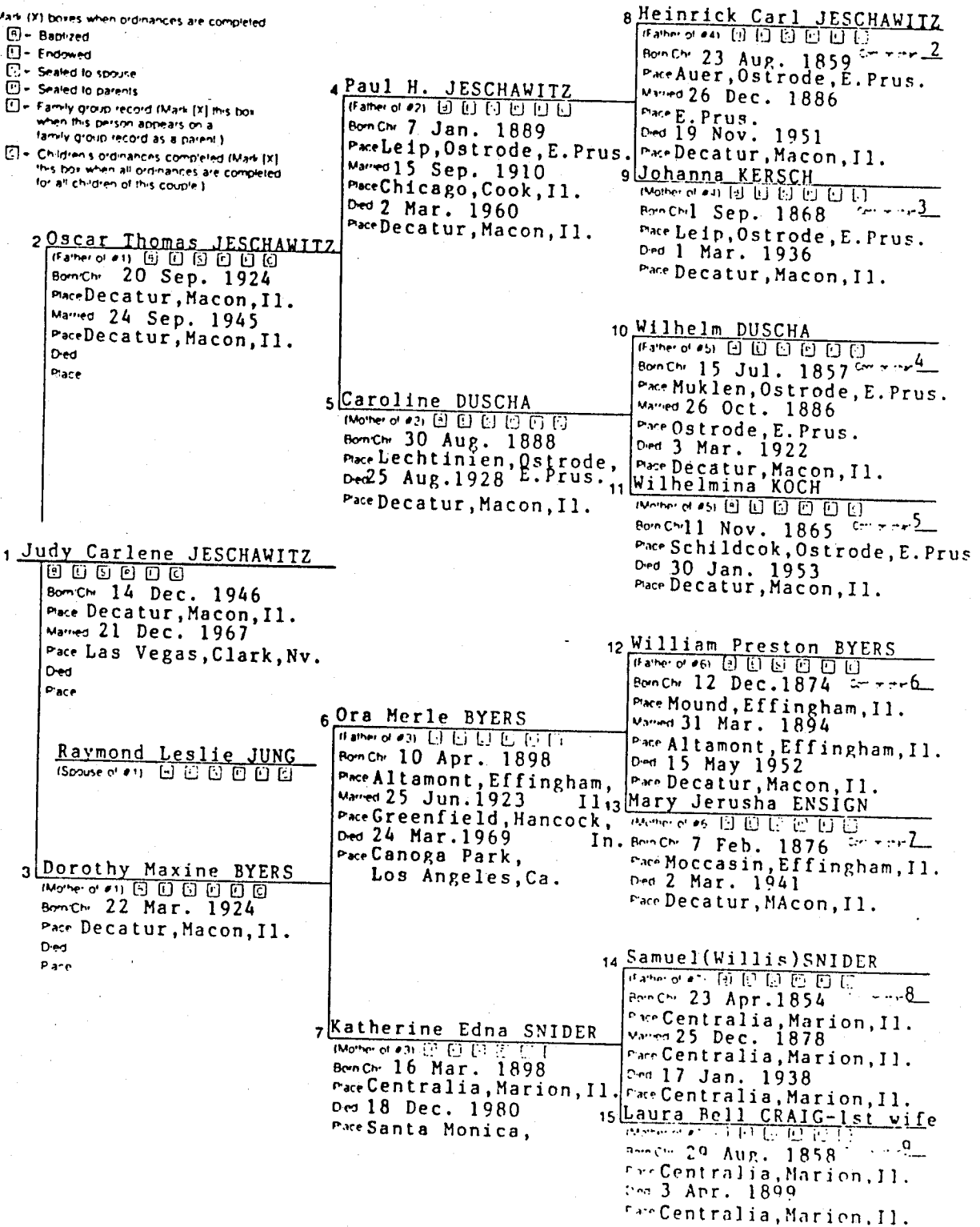
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Mark (X) boxes when ordinances are completed

- Baptized
- Endowed
- Sealed to spouse
- Sealed to parents
- Family group record (Mark (X) this box when this person appears on a family group record as a parent)
- Children's ordinances completed (Mark (X) this box when all ordinances are completed for all children of this couple)



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Chart No. 6

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- Baptized
- Endowed
- Sealed to spouse
- Sealed to parents
- Family group record (Mark [X] this box when this person appears on a family group record as a parent)
- Children's ordinances completed (Mark [X] this box when all ord. names are completed for all children of this couple)

2 William Jefferson E. BYERS

(Father of #1)

Born Ch. 3 Feb. 1830  
 Place Jackson Co., Oh.  
 Married 22 Aug. 1872  
 Place Altamont, Effingham, Il.  
 Died 4 Jan. 1909  
 Place Altamont, Effingham, Il.

1 William Preston BYERS

Born Ch. 12 Dec. 1874  
 Place Mound, Effingham, Il.  
 Married 31 Mar. 1894  
 Place Altamont, Effingham, Il.  
 Died 15 May 1952  
 Place Decatur, Macon, Il.

Mary Jerusha ENSIGN

(Spouse of #1)

3 Christina Elizabeth HOUT-3rd wife

(Mother of #1)

Born Ch. 14 Feb. 1840  
 Place Richmond, Jefferson, Oh.  
 Died 28 Dec. 1921  
 Place Altamont, Effingham, Il.

4 George BYERS

(Father of #2)

Born Ch. 3 Mar. 1806  
 Place Jackson Co., Oh.  
 Married 11 Oct. 1829  
 Place Jackson Co., Oh.  
 Died 10 Nov. 1881  
 Place Shelby Co., Il.

5 Elizabeth GOODRIDGE

(Mother of #2)

Born Ch. 1809  
 Place Ct.  
 Died 23 Jun. 1839  
 Place Jackson Co., Oh.

6 Samuel Albert HOUT

(Father of #3)

Born Ch. 1816  
 Place Richmond, Jefferson, Oh.  
 Married 22 Feb. 1838  
 Place Jefferson Co., Oh.  
 Died 15 Jun. 1876  
 Place Altamont, Effingham, Il.

7 Mary Ann CAMPBELL

(Mother of #3)

Born Ch. 1812  
 Place Oh.  
 Died 15 Jun. 1888  
 Place Altamont, Effingham, Il.

8 Edward BYERS

(Father of #4)

Born Ch. 1777  
 Place Va.  
 Married 26 Feb. 1806  
 Place Kiger, Gallia, Oh.  
 Died 30 Aug. 1855  
 Place Washington, Jackson, Oh.

9 Sarah REIN/RION/Ryan

(Mother of #4)

Born Ch. Oct. 1779  
 Place Va.  
 Died 15 Sep. 1884  
 Place Jackson, Jackson, Oh.

10

(Father of #5)

Born Ch.  
 Place  
 Married  
 Place  
 Died  
 Place

11

(Mother of #5)

Born Ch.  
 Place  
 Died  
 Place

12 Rev. John(George)HOUT

(Father of #6)

Born Ch. 4 Mar. 1792  
 Place Berkeley Co., Va.  
 Married 25 Sep. 1814  
 Place  
 Died 18 Apr. 1866  
 Place

13 Christina ALBERT

(Mother of #6)

Born Ch. 24 Jan. 1792  
 Place  
 Died 21 Feb. 1864  
 Place

14

(Father of #7)

Born Ch.  
 Place  
 Married  
 Place  
 Died  
 Place

15

(Mother of #7)

Born Ch.  
 Place  
 Died  
 Place

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FAMILY GROUP SHEETS

EDWARD BYERS - SARAH REIN  
From Judy Jung, Address above

Family Group Record

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| Husband's name                                                 |              |                 | LOS ORDINANCE DATA            |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| * Edward BYERS                                                 |              |                 | Date                          | Temple |
| Born                                                           | 1777         | Place           |                               |        |
| Chr                                                            |              | Place           | Va.                           | B      |
| Mar                                                            | 26 Feb. 1806 | Place           | Kiger, Gallia, Oh.            | E      |
| Died                                                           | 30 Aug. 1855 | Place           | Washington, Jackson, Oh.      | S      |
| Bur                                                            |              | Place           | Byer Cemetery-Byer, Oh.       | P      |
| Father                                                         |              | Mother          |                               |        |
| Husband's other wives                                          |              |                 |                               |        |
| Wife's name                                                    |              |                 | Date                          | Temple |
| * Sarah REIN/RION/Ryan/RINE/RHINE                              |              |                 |                               |        |
| Born                                                           | Oct. 1781    | Place           | Va.                           | B      |
| Chr                                                            |              | Place           |                               | E      |
| Died                                                           | 15 Sep. 1884 | Place           | Jackson, Jackson, Oh.         | S      |
| Bur                                                            |              | Place           | Byer Cemetery-Byer, Oh.       | P      |
| Father                                                         |              | Mother          |                               |        |
| Wife's other husbands                                          |              |                 |                               |        |
| Children                                                       |              |                 | Date                          | Temple |
| List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth     |              |                 |                               |        |
| 1                                                              | M            | George BYERS    | Elizabeth ( Berty ) GOODRIDGE |        |
|                                                                | *            | Born            | 3 Mar. 1806                   | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Jackson Co., Oh.              | B      |
|                                                                |              | Chr             |                               | E      |
|                                                                |              | Mar             | 11 Oct. 1829                  | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Jackson Co., Oh.              | S      |
|                                                                |              | Died            | 10 Nov. 1881                  | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Shelbyville, Shelby, Il.      | P      |
| 2                                                              | F            | Elizabeth BYERS | Levi GOODRICH Jr.             |        |
|                                                                |              | Born            | 1808                          | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Jackson Co., Oh.              | B      |
|                                                                |              | Chr             |                               | E      |
|                                                                |              | Mar             | 1 Jan. 1835                   | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Jackson Co., Oh.              | S      |
|                                                                |              | Died            |                               | P      |
| 3                                                              | F            | Hester BYERS    | Peyton COX                    |        |
|                                                                |              | Born            | 1810                          | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Jackson Co., Oh.              | B      |
|                                                                |              | Chr             |                               | E      |
|                                                                |              | Mar             | 8 Nov. 1832                   | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Jackson Co., Oh.              | S      |
|                                                                |              | Died            | 18 Jan. 1885                  | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Richland, Logan, Oh.          | P      |
| 4                                                              | M            | Isaac BYERS     | Martha Jane WALKER            |        |
|                                                                |              | Born            | 20 Nov. 1813                  | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Jackson Co., Oh.              | B      |
|                                                                |              | Chr             |                               | E      |
|                                                                |              | Mar             | 2 Nov. 1837                   | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Jackson Co., Oh.              | S      |
|                                                                |              | Died            | 9 Aug. 1896                   | Place  |
|                                                                |              | Place           | Byer, Jackson, Oh.            | P      |
| X Check here if additional children are listed on reverse side |              |                 |                               |        |

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS, EDWARD BYERS - SARAH REIN, Continued

|                                                                       |                   |                        |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------|
| Husband's name<br>Edward BYERS                                        |                   |                        |      |
| Wife's name<br>Sarah REIN                                             |                   |                        |      |
| CHILDREN (List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth) |                   |                        |      |
| 5 Sex                                                                 | Name              | Spouse                 | Date |
| M                                                                     | Charles BYERS     | Eliza Jane McKINNES    |      |
|                                                                       | Born 22 Oct. 1816 | Place Jackson Co., Oh. | B    |
|                                                                       | Chr               | Place                  | E    |
|                                                                       | Mar 16 Aug. 1838  | Place Jackson Co., Oh. | S    |
|                                                                       | Died 21 Aug. 1888 | Place Jackson Co., Oh. | P    |
| 6 Sex                                                                 | Name              | Spouse                 | Date |
| M                                                                     | Abraham BYERS     | Sarah Elizabeth BAKER  |      |
|                                                                       | Born 21 Nov. 1822 | Place Jackson Co., Oh. | B    |
|                                                                       | Chr               | Place                  | E    |
|                                                                       | Mar 21 Apr. 1846  | Place Jackson Co., Oh. | S    |
|                                                                       | Died 12 Jul. 1889 | Place                  | P    |
| 7 Sex                                                                 | Name              | Spouse                 | Date |
| F                                                                     | Mary BYERS        | John SHIFLET           |      |
|                                                                       | Born 1923         | Place Jackson Co., Oh. | B    |
|                                                                       | Chr               | Place                  | E    |
|                                                                       | Mar 1 Jun. 1845   | Place Jackson Co., Oh. | S    |
|                                                                       | Died 1859         | Place                  | P    |
| 8 Sex                                                                 | Name              | Spouse                 | Date |
| F                                                                     | Sarah BYERS       | William BARBEE         |      |
|                                                                       | Born 1824         | Place Jackson Co., Oh. | B    |
|                                                                       | Chr               | Place                  | E    |
|                                                                       | Mar 24 Aug. 1837  | Place Jackson Co., Oh. | S    |
|                                                                       | Died              | Place                  | P    |

X Check here if additional children are listed on another Family Group Record and attach the record to this form. Include parents' names.

Sources of information (add further information on attached sheets as necessary)

Gallia Co., Oh. Marriages-FHL #977.189V2t-Pg.1  
 Cemetery Inscriptions of Jackson Co., Oh. FHL #977.185V3h-Vol.2-Pg.1178  
 Birth & Death Records for Jackson, Jackson, Oh. FHL #977.185/J1V2b-Pg.2  
 Jackson Co., Oh. Deaths FHL #301042-Vol.B-Pg.24-cert.#5  
 Jackson Co., Oh. Wills FHL #201050-Vol.A-Pgs.204,205  
 A Standard History of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio FHL #977.1H2sh-Vol.1-Pgs.410,538  
 IGI Parents Marriage, Ohio-batch #m513221-serial #0042  
 Byers Family information furnished partly by family members & by Mr. & Mrs. David L. Byers of Decatur, IL.  
 Other marriages, sealings, and necessary explanations (add further information on attached sheets as necessary)  
 Picture of Byer Cemetery-Byer, Ohio

Check here if any female listed on this form was sealed to another husband in her lifetime. (Give date-s last)

\* indicates my direct lines



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Family Group Record

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| Husband's name                                                        |                                    | LDS ORDINANCE DATA        |                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Edward BYERS                                                          |                                    | 3. BAPTIZED               | 4. ENDOWED                |
|                                                                       |                                    | 1. WITNESSED BY WITNESSES | 2. WITNESSED BY WITNESSES |
| Birth                                                                 | Place                              | Date                      | Temple                    |
| Chr                                                                   | Place                              | B                         |                           |
| Mar                                                                   | Place                              | E                         |                           |
| Died                                                                  | Place                              | S                         |                           |
| Bur                                                                   | Place                              | P                         |                           |
| Father                                                                |                                    | Mother                    |                           |
| Husband's other wives                                                 |                                    |                           |                           |
| Wife's name                                                           |                                    |                           |                           |
| Sarah REIN                                                            |                                    | Date                      | Temple                    |
| Birth                                                                 | Place                              | B                         |                           |
| Chr                                                                   | Place                              | E                         |                           |
| Died                                                                  | Place                              | S                         |                           |
| Bur                                                                   | Place                              | P                         |                           |
| Father                                                                |                                    | Mother                    |                           |
| Wife's other husbands                                                 |                                    |                           |                           |
| Children - List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth |                                    |                           |                           |
| 1. Sex                                                                | Name                               | Spouse                    |                           |
| M                                                                     | William BYERS                      | Mary McKINNIS             |                           |
| Birth                                                                 | Place                              | Date                      | Temple                    |
|                                                                       | 1826 Jackson Co., Oh.              |                           |                           |
| Chr                                                                   | Place                              | B                         |                           |
| Mar                                                                   | Place                              | E                         |                           |
|                                                                       | 18 Mar. 1847 Jackson Co., Oh.      | S                         |                           |
| Died                                                                  | Place                              | P                         |                           |
| 2. Sex                                                                | Name                               | Spouse                    |                           |
| F                                                                     | Lucinda BYERS                      | Reason B. MAPLE           |                           |
| Birth                                                                 | Place                              | Date                      | Temple                    |
|                                                                       | 1828 Jackson Co., Oh.              |                           |                           |
| Chr                                                                   | Place                              | B                         |                           |
| Mar                                                                   | Place                              | E                         |                           |
|                                                                       | 6 Jul. 1848 Jackson Co., Oh.       | S                         |                           |
| Died                                                                  | Place                              | P                         |                           |
|                                                                       | 30 Apr. 1887 Richland, Vinton, Oh. |                           |                           |
| 3. Sex                                                                | Name                               | Spouse                    |                           |
| F                                                                     | Charlotte BYERS                    | Joseph BAKER Jr.          |                           |
| Birth                                                                 | Place                              | Date                      | Temple                    |
|                                                                       | 1829 Jackson Co., Oh.              |                           |                           |
| Chr                                                                   | Place                              | B                         |                           |
| Mar                                                                   | Place                              | E                         |                           |
|                                                                       | 4 Jun. 1846 Jackson Co., Oh.       | S                         |                           |
| Died                                                                  | Place                              | P                         |                           |
| 4. Sex                                                                | Name                               | Spouse                    |                           |
| F                                                                     | Minniva BYERS                      | Flemming HALL             |                           |
| Birth                                                                 | Place                              | Date                      | Temple                    |
|                                                                       | 1832 Jackson Co., Oh.              |                           |                           |
| Chr                                                                   | Place                              | B                         |                           |
| Mar                                                                   | Place                              | E                         |                           |
|                                                                       | 30 Apr. 1849 Jackson Co., OH.      | S                         |                           |
| Died                                                                  | Place                              | P                         |                           |
|                                                                       | Jun. 1855                          |                           |                           |
| Check here if additional children are listed on reverse side          |                                    |                           |                           |

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FAMILY GROUP SHEETS

JOHN BYARS - SARAH SUMPTER

From: 84B Julia Blanton, Rt 1 Bx 343, Steelville, MO 65565

Family Group Sheet

By: Julia Harman Blanton No Surname Byars

Husband's Full Name: John Byars

Vital data Day Month Year Town County State/Country

Birth ca 1797 Virginia

Marriage

Death Dec 1880 Stromsville Mo Sullivan Co

Cemetery

Father's Full Name

Mother's Maiden Name

Other Wives:

Remarks: Richard Sloan: Militia etc WAR of 1812

Wife's Full Maiden Name: Sarah Sumpter

Vital Data Day Month Year Town County State/Country

Birth ca 1811 Kentucky

Death

Cemetery

Father's Full Name

Mother's Maiden Name

Other Husbands:

Remarks:

Possible Children

CHILDREN

| Sex | Full Name        | Vital Data | Date                                    | Place           |
|-----|------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
|     |                  | Birth      | <u>ca 1830</u>                          | <u>Indiana</u>  |
| 1   | <u>Nancy Ann</u> | Death      |                                         |                 |
|     |                  | Marriage   | <u>26 July 1849 To: John Tinker</u>     |                 |
|     |                  | Birth      | <u>ca 1830</u>                          | <u>Indiana</u>  |
| 2   | <u>Rachel</u>    | Death      |                                         |                 |
|     |                  | Marriage   | <u>22 Nov 1844 To: James Richardson</u> |                 |
|     |                  | Birth      | <u>ca 1835</u>                          | <u>Indiana</u>  |
| 3   | <u>Elizabeth</u> | Death      |                                         |                 |
|     |                  | Marriage   | To:                                     |                 |
|     |                  | Birth      | <u>ca 1841</u>                          | <u>Missouri</u> |
| 4   | <u>Mary Ann</u>  | Death      |                                         |                 |
|     |                  | Marriage   | To:                                     |                 |
|     |                  | Birth      | <u>ca 1844</u>                          | <u>Missouri</u> |
| 5   | <u>Mahala</u>    | Death      |                                         |                 |
|     |                  | Marriage   | To:                                     |                 |
|     |                  | Birth      | <u>ca 1846</u>                          | <u>Missouri</u> |
| 6   | <u>Sarah Ann</u> | Death      |                                         |                 |
|     |                  | Marriage   | To:                                     |                 |
|     |                  | Birth      |                                         |                 |
| 7   |                  | Death      |                                         |                 |
|     |                  | Marriage   | To:                                     |                 |
|     |                  | Birth      |                                         |                 |
|     |                  | Death      |                                         |                 |
| 8   |                  | Marriage   | To:                                     |                 |
|     |                  | Birth      |                                         |                 |
|     |                  | Death      |                                         |                 |
| 9   |                  | Marriage   | To:                                     |                 |

Above information from 1850 Reynolds Co Mo Census  
Washington Co Mo marriage license

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FAMILY GROUP SHEETS, Census data, from Julia Blanton

1850, 1860, 1870 CENSUS

Byars

Microfilm Reel Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date 1850

City, Town or District \_\_\_\_\_

County Reynolds

State Mo

| PAGE                   | LINE | HOUSE | FAMILY | NAME         | AGE | SEX | PROFESSION | PROPERTY |          | BIRTHPLACE | FOREIGN BIRTH |        | BORN IN YEAR | U.S. IN YEAR |
|------------------------|------|-------|--------|--------------|-----|-----|------------|----------|----------|------------|---------------|--------|--------------|--------------|
|                        |      |       |        |              |     |     |            | REAL     | PERSONAL |            | FATHER        | MOTHER |              |              |
|                        |      | 84    |        | John Byars   | 53  | M   |            |          |          | VA         |               |        |              |              |
|                        |      |       |        | Sarah        | 39  | F   |            |          |          | Ky         |               |        |              |              |
|                        |      |       |        | Elizabeth    | 15  | F   |            |          |          | IND        |               |        |              |              |
|                        |      |       |        | Marg Ann     | 9   | F   |            |          |          | Mo         |               |        |              |              |
|                        |      |       |        | Mahala       | 6   | F   |            |          |          | Mo         |               |        |              |              |
|                        |      |       |        | Sarah Ann    | 4   | F   |            |          |          | Mo         |               |        |              |              |
|                        |      | 77    |        | Martha Byars | 39  | F   |            |          |          | Ind        |               |        |              |              |
| Living in Weeks home   |      |       |        |              |     |     |            |          |          |            |               |        |              |              |
| 1850 Dent Co Mo Census |      |       |        |              |     |     |            |          |          |            |               |        |              |              |
|                        |      |       |        | John Byars   | 85  |     | unmarried  |          |          | IND        | IND           | IND    |              |              |
|                        |      |       |        | Sarah        | 50  |     | wife blind |          |          | IND        | IND           | IND    |              |              |

JONAS (JAMES?) BYARS - FRANCES COLLINS

From: 123B William LaPorte, 314 South Washita, Wetumka, OK 74883

Husband's Full Name JONAS (JAMES?) BYARS

| Full Name | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. info. on husband |
|-----------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth     |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chrd      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Marr.     |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Death     |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial    |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name FRANCES COLLINS

| Full Name | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. info. on wife |
|-----------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth     |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chrd      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death     |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial    |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

| Sex | Order | Given Name of Full Spouse | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. info. on Spouse |
|-----|-------|---------------------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| M   | 1     | WILLIAM                   |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                      |
|     |       | Full Name of Spouse       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                      |
|     |       | ELIZABETH BEDFORD         |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| F   | 2     | HENRIETTA                 | ca  | 1793  | -50  |                     |                          | ? VIRGINIA       |                      |
|     |       | Full Name of Spouse       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                      |
|     |       | JOEL BLACKWELL            | ca  | 1765  |      |                     |                          |                  |                      |
|     |       | Full Name of Spouse       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                      |
|     | 3     |                           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                      |
|     |       | Full Name of Spouse       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                      |

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From William LaPorte, address above

|                                                                                                              |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Husband's Full Name <b>JOEL BLACKWELL</b>                                                                    |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Birth                                                                                                        | CA. 1739-40 | FAUQUIER, ? VIRGINIA                        | State or Country             | Add info on Husband |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Death                                                                                                        | APR. 1821   | RUTHERFORD, NORTH CAROLINA                  | State or Country             | Add info on Husband |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Places of Residence<br>STATE LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, HENDERSON CO, NORTH CAROLINA                               |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Occupation <b>PLANTATION OWNER</b> Church Affiliation <b>BAPTIST</b> Military Rec <b>PRIVATE IN REV. WAR</b> |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| His Father <b>REBECCA WATKINS ca. 1783</b> Mother's Maiden Name <b>SARAH ANN DOBETT BYARS ca. 1795</b>       |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Wife's Full Maiden Name <b>HENRIETTA BYARS</b>                                                               |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Birth                                                                                                        | CA. 1745-50 | ? VIRGINIA                                  | State or Country             | Add info on Wife    |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Death                                                                                                        | DEC. 1783   |                                             | State or Country             | Add info on Wife    |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec _____                                                 |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| His Father <b>JONAS (JAMES) BYARS</b> Mother's Maiden Name <b>FRANCES COLLINS</b>                            |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Sex                                                                                                          | Order       | Day                                         | Month                        | Year                | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add info on Children |
| F                                                                                                            | 1           |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| HENRIETTA                                                                                                    |             | Birth                                       |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Full Name of Spouse                                                                                          |             | Mar.                                        |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| CHESLEY WEDD                                                                                                 |             | Death                                       |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| BURIAL                                                                                                       |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| F                                                                                                            | 2           | CA                                          |                              | 1773                |                     |                          | VIRGINIA         |                      |
| SARAH "SALLY"                                                                                                |             | Birth                                       |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Full Name of Spouse                                                                                          |             | Mar.                                        |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| REUBEN MASTIN                                                                                                |             | Death                                       | 1850-1860                    |                     | GREENVILLE, S. CAR. |                          |                  |                      |
| BURIAL                                                                                                       |             | PROP. MASTIN GRAVE CEM, GREENVILLE CO, S.C. |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| F                                                                                                            | 3           |                                             |                              | 1775                |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| REBECCA                                                                                                      |             | Birth                                       |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Full Name of Spouse                                                                                          |             | Mar.                                        |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| GABRIEL MASTIN                                                                                               |             | Death                                       | PROBABLY ROBERTSON CO, TENN. |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| BURIAL                                                                                                       |             | WILSON TX 1823                              |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| F                                                                                                            | 4           |                                             | 3                            | AUG                 | 1777                |                          |                  |                      |
| MARY "POLLY"                                                                                                 |             | Birth                                       |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Full Name of Spouse                                                                                          |             | Mar.                                        | CA                           |                     | 1795                |                          | S. CAR.          |                      |
| RICHARD ARENDALL                                                                                             |             | Death                                       | 13                           |                     | AUG. 1855           |                          | PICKENS ALABAMA  |                      |
| BURIAL                                                                                                       |             | NEAR COALFIRE IN PICKENS CO, ALABAMA        |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| M                                                                                                            | 5           |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| JOEL JR.                                                                                                     |             | Birth                                       |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Full Name of Spouse                                                                                          |             | Mar.                                        |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| LYDIA                                                                                                        |             | Death                                       | 1807                         |                     | SARTANBURG, S. CAR. |                          |                  |                      |
| BURIAL                                                                                                       |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| F                                                                                                            | 6           |                                             |                              | 1785                |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| ANNA                                                                                                         |             | Birth                                       |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Full Name of Spouse                                                                                          |             | Mar.                                        |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| GEORGE K. BYARS                                                                                              |             | Death                                       | 1855                         |                     | BUTTS, GEORGIA      |                          |                  |                      |
| BURIAL                                                                                                       |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| M                                                                                                            | 7           |                                             |                              | 1788                |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| PETER                                                                                                        |             | Birth                                       |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Full Name of Spouse                                                                                          |             | Mar.                                        |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| LYDIA DOBETT                                                                                                 |             | Death                                       | OCT                          |                     | 1857                |                          | JACKSON, ALABAMA |                      |
| BURIAL                                                                                                       |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| M                                                                                                            | 8           |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| JAMES                                                                                                        |             | Birth                                       |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| Full Name of Spouse                                                                                          |             | Mar.                                        |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
|                                                                                                              |             | Death                                       |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |
| BURIAL                                                                                                       |             |                                             |                              |                     |                     |                          |                  |                      |

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Additional Children and Sources:

Husband's name JOEL Blackwell Wife's name Henrietta Byars

| Sex | Relationship to Spouse or Name | Child's Name | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|--------------------------------|--------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| M   | 8                              | CHARLES      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse            |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Birth        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Mar.         |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Death        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Burial       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| M   | 10                             | DANIEL       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse            |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | LYDIA CAMP                     | Death        | 8   | Nov.  | 1869 |                     | CHEROKEE,                | ALABAMA          |                        |
|     |                                | Burial       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| M   | 11                             | JOHN B.      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse            |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Birth        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Mar.         |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Death        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Burial       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 12                             |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse            |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Birth        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Mar.         |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Death        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Burial       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 13                             |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse            |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Birth        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Mar.         |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Death        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Burial       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 14                             |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse            |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Birth        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Mar.         |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Death        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Burial       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 15                             |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse            |              |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Birth        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Mar.         |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Death        |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |                                | Burial       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                        |

Sources for Husband: ① EAYE HODGES ROBBINS  
 RT # 6, Box 2280  
 CULLMAN, AL 35055

Sources for Wife:

Sources for Children: ① PETER: H.C. HENDERSON  
 13440 CHALLAPURTON  
 DALLAS, TX 75234

Additional Information:

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FAMILY GROUP SHEETS, REUBEN MASTIN - SARAH BLACKWELL  
From William LaPorte, address above

| Husband's Full Name     |                 | REUBEN MASTIN                                            |                               |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Day                     | Month           | Year                                                     | City, Town or Place           |
| CA                      | 1772            |                                                          |                               |
| State or Country        |                 | VIRGINIA                                                 |                               |
| Add. Info on Husband    |                 | CAME TO GREENVILLE                                       |                               |
| Death                   | 11 FEB 1850     | GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA                               | S.C. ADAMS                    |
| Burial                  |                 | GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA                               | 1781 AT 90                    |
| Places of Residence     |                 | MASTIN GROVE CEM, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA             |                               |
| Occupation              |                 | PLANTER - FARMER                                         |                               |
| Church Affiliation      |                 | W/LOCAL MILITIA                                          |                               |
| Military Rec.           |                 | MAJ.                                                     |                               |
| His Father              |                 | WILLIAM MASTIN, SR.                                      |                               |
| Mother's Maiden Name    |                 | LUCY                                                     |                               |
| Wife's Full Maiden Name |                 | SARAH BLACKWELL                                          |                               |
| Day                     | Month           | Year                                                     | City, Town or Place           |
| CA                      | 1773            |                                                          |                               |
| State or Country        |                 | VIRGINIA                                                 |                               |
| Add. Info on Wife       |                 | IN 1850 S.C.                                             |                               |
| Death                   | AFT. 4 NOV 1851 |                                                          | CONSIST W/ W/ WHEELER         |
| Burial                  |                 | PROBABLY MASTIN GROVE CEM, GREENVILLE CO, SOUTH CAROLINA | 77 YRS OLD                    |
| Places of Residence     |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Occupation              |                 | BAPTIST                                                  |                               |
| Church Affiliation      |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Military Rec.           |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Her Father              |                 | JOEL BLACKWELL                                           |                               |
| Mother's Maiden Name    |                 | HENRIETTA BYARS                                          |                               |
| Sex                     | Day             | Month                                                    | Year                          |
| F                       | 1               | MARTHA JANE                                              | 1800                          |
| Full Name of Spouse     |                 | GREENVILLE, S.C.                                         |                               |
| Birth                   | CA              | 1800                                                     |                               |
| Mar.                    |                 |                                                          | NEVER MARRIED                 |
| Death                   | 22 JAN 1847     | GREENVILLE, GREENVILLE, S.C.                             |                               |
| Burial                  |                 | MASTIN GROVE CEM, GREENVILLE, S.C.                       |                               |
| F                       | 2               | ANN                                                      | 1809                          |
| Full Name of Spouse     |                 | GREENVILLE, S.C.                                         |                               |
| Birth                   | CA              | 1809                                                     |                               |
| Mar.                    |                 |                                                          | DEPT 47                       |
| Death                   | 19 JAN 1852     | GREENVILLE, GREENVILLE, S.C.                             | WIFE IS A                     |
| Burial                  |                 | GREENVILLE, GREENVILLE, S.C.                             | CARPENTER                     |
| F                       | 3               | LUCY                                                     |                               |
| Full Name of Spouse     |                 | GREENVILLE, S.C.                                         |                               |
| Birth                   |                 |                                                          | GREENVILLE, S.C.              |
| Mar.                    |                 |                                                          | GREENVILLE, S.C.              |
| Death                   |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Burial                  |                 |                                                          |                               |
| M                       | 4               | JOHN B.                                                  | 1797                          |
| Full Name of Spouse     |                 | GREENVILLE, S.C.                                         |                               |
| Birth                   |                 |                                                          | 1797                          |
| Mar.                    |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Death                   | AFT. 1860       | WHITEFIELD, GEORGIA                                      | IN 1840-1850                  |
| Burial                  |                 | WHITEFIELD, GEORGIA                                      | IN 1860 CONSIST W/ W/ WHEELER |
| M                       | 5               | THOMAS W.                                                |                               |
| Full Name of Spouse     |                 | GREENVILLE, S.C.                                         |                               |
| Birth                   |                 |                                                          | GREENVILLE, S.C.              |
| Mar.                    |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Death                   |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Burial                  |                 |                                                          |                               |
| M                       | 6               | WILLIAM J.                                               | 1811                          |
| Full Name of Spouse     |                 | GREENVILLE, S.E.                                         |                               |
| Birth                   | CA              | 1811                                                     |                               |
| Mar.                    | 21 JUL 1838     | TALAPOOSA, ALABAMA                                       | (1) MALINDA                   |
| Death                   | FEB 1899        |                                                          | D. M. COMP                    |
| Burial                  |                 |                                                          | m. 16 Jun 1838                |
| M                       | 7               | REUBEN F.                                                |                               |
| Full Name of Spouse     |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Birth                   |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Mar.                    |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Death                   |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Burial                  |                 |                                                          |                               |
| F                       | 8               | MARY A.                                                  |                               |
| Full Name of Spouse     |                 | DUNCAN                                                   |                               |
| Birth                   |                 |                                                          |                               |
| Mar.                    |                 |                                                          | SEE SOURCE FOR                |
| Death                   |                 |                                                          | CHILDREN ON                   |
| Burial                  |                 |                                                          | BACK PAGE                     |
| Compiler                |                 | Notes                                                    |                               |
| Address                 |                 | WILLIAM LAPORTE                                          |                               |
| City, State, Zip        |                 | 814 SOUTH WASHITA                                        |                               |
| Date                    |                 | WETUMKA, OK 74085                                        |                               |

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Husband's name REUBEN MASTIN Wife's name SARAH BLACKWELL

| No. | Relationship to Family | Sex | Date of Birth |       |     | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|------------------------|-----|---------------|-------|-----|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|     |                        |     | Year          | Month | Day |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| 9   |                        |     |               |       |     |                     |                          |                  |                        |

1830 CENSUS  
 GREENVILLE Co, S. C.  
 COL. REUBEN MASTIN  
 2 MALE 15 TO 20 YRS OLD - 1 MALE 20 TO 30 - 1 MALE 50-60.  
 2 FEMALES 15 TO 20 YRS OLD - 1 FEMALE 20 TO 30 - 1 FEMALE 50-60.

1840 CENSUS  
 GREENVILLE Co, S. C.  
 REUBEN MASTIN  
 1 MALE 60 TO 70 YRS OLD  
 1 FEMALE 5 TO 10 - 2 FEMALES 30 TO 40 - 1 FEMALE 60 TO 70

- Sources for Husband:
- 1) RESEARCHER: KATHERINE L. HESTER, P.O. BOX 4076, GREENVILLE, S.C. 29608
  - 2) OBIT'S
  - 3) LAND DEEDS (DEED BOOK "X" PG 191 GREENVILLE Co, S. C.)
  - 4) CHURCH RECORDS
  - 5) CEMETARY RECORDS
  - 6) INVENTORY'S SALES BOOK "B" PG 582 GREENVILLE Co, S. C.

Sources for Wife: SARAH MASTIN & WILLIAM WHEELER ARE LISTED IN THE 1850 CENSUS OF GREENVILLE Co, SC, BUT ARE NOT IN THE 1860 CENSUS - SARAH'S MAIDEN NAME, BLACKWELL, WAS SUPPLIED BY: EAVE ROBBINS, RT. #6, BOX 2280, CULLMAN AL 35055

- Sources for Children:
- 1) SEE "1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL RETURN ON REUBEN MASTIN'S ESTATE, FILED 6 FEBRUARY 1868" QUOTE: PART TO "W<sup>M</sup> J. MARTIN, HEIR MARY A. DUNGAN'S DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE, \$1300." JAN 1868 -
  - 2) PETITION FOR SALE OF REUBEN MASTIN'S ESTATE MENTIONS A "WIDOW AND SEVEN CHILDREN" (3) THE 1860 CENSUS OF WHITEFIELD Co, GA, SHOWS A JAMES B. MASTIN (3 YRS OLD) born in S. C.

Additional Information: NOTE: MARY A. DUNGAN DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE SALE OF LAND DOCUMENT OF REUBEN'S LAND BUT NEITHER DOES ANN, WIFE OF W<sup>M</sup> WHEELER.

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## CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS, COMMENTS, ET CETERA

From: Thurlo V. Byers, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121

1.Vol.I, No.1 pp 14-15

Correct: **Joseph Byers** b 1792 m before 1814 **Nancy Blanton**.

Correct: **Elizabeth** born ca 1814 (1815) m **Seth Bedford** and **W. Bridges**

2.Vol.2, No.2 p47

Wrong: **Joseph Byers** m 27 Jul 1818 **Nancy Blanton**

3.Vol.3, No.2 pp 57-58

Wrong: **Joseph Byers** d 27 Jul 1813

Correct: **Joseph Byers** m 27 July 1813 **Nancy Blanton**

This is a case of two wrong's making a right.

I called Mrs. **Sarah Williams** (a chipper 80 years old) and it seems someone slipped on ye ole form entering births-marriages-deaths. [or Clovis made ye ole typo]

The Hamrick Generations by **S.C. Jones**, Shelby NC, Published 1920, Edwards and Broughton Printing Co., Raleigh, NC.

References: Byers Family Bible; Blanton Family Bible; Oak Grove Church Cemetery, near Ellenboro, NC:

**Nancy Blanton Byers** born 11 Feb 1792

**Joseph Byers** (York, SC) born 7 Jun 1792

**Burwell Benson Byers** born 3 Feb 1828 (Son)

Mrs. Williams has only the **Burwell B. Byers** family records.

Corrected Family Group Sheet

## JOSEPH BYERS in RUTHERFORD CO. NC

**Joseph Byers** b 7 Jun 1792 SC d after 1840

m 27 Jul 1813 NC

**Nancy Blanton**, d/o **Burwell Benson Blanton** - **Phoebe Bridges**, b 11 Feb 1792 NC d after 1850.

Children:

1. **Elizabeth Byers** b 1815 NC d after 1880, md 1st 10 Dec 1833

**James Bedford**: Children

a. **Nancy Bedford** 1836

b. **Mary Bedford** 1839

c. **Martha Bedford** 1841

d. **Joseph Bedford** 1842 AL

e. **Seth Bedford** 1843 GA

f. **Elizabeth Bedford** 1845 GA

g. **Sarah T. Bedford** 1847 GA

**Elizabeth** and children in **Cleveland Co. NC 1850** (p146 Census). She m 2nd **Wiley Bridges**. She and **Wiley** were in **Rutherford Co. NC 1860** (p560 Census, Colfax)

2. Daughter, name unknown



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## Corrected Family Group Sheet, Children Continued

3. George B. Byers b 1820 NC d 1864 NC m Martha B. Doggett, b 1821 NC d 1889 NC.  
Children:  
a. John L. Byers 1851 NC  
b. Elizabeth Byers 1852 NC  
c. Louisa L. Byers 1855 NC  
d. Ellen Byers 1858 NC  
e. George W. Byers 1860 NC  
f. Nancy M. Byers 1864 NC
4. Daughter, name unknown
5. Daughter, name unknown
6. Burwell B. Byers b 3 Feb 1828 d 24 Aug 1898, m 2 Apr 1856, Nancy Blanton b 13 May 1827 d 14 Jun 1900.  
Children:  
a. William Byers 1858 NC  
b. Mary M. Byers 1859 NC  
c. John J. Byers 1859 NC  
d. Joseph C. Byers 1862 NC  
e. Nancy E. Byers 1864 NC
7. William Byers b 1829 NC. Missing at Gettysburg, PA 3 Jul 1863
8. Joseph C. Byers b 5 Oct 1832 d 18 Jul 1915, m c1850, Delphia E. Price b 11 Dec 1832 d 12 Sep 1800 [Ah ha! one of those dinged ole typos. Bet this should have read 1900, cause she didn't die fore she was born, better correct your original Thurlo.]  
Children:  
a. James B. Byers 1852 NC  
b. Martha M. Byers 1854 NC  
c. Joseph W. Byers 1856 NC  
d. Franklin Byers 1858 NC  
e. Nancy E. Byers 1860 NC  
f. Seth C. Byers 1866 NC  
g. Laura C. Byers 1869 NC  
h. Chivous Byers 1871 NC
9. Elias Byers b 1837 NC d 1865-70 m c 1859 Rebecca \_\_\_\_ d after 1880.  
Children:  
a. David W. Byers 1860 NC  
b. Susan Byers 1866 NC  
Rebecca, wife of Elias, was living near Burwell B. Byers 1880 Rutherford Co. NC 1880 (Census p 495)

Vol.2 No.4 pp 100-101, contribution of Columbine Livingston:  
From a diary kept by a Moravian missionary in 1798 we learn that he [Benjamin Hawkins?] went to the Tellico stockade in southeastern TN and there met James Byers, Factor for the US Government, and his brother, David Byers, who did some interpreting and helped furnish them with a guide. The Byers brothers were born in New York. The North Carolina Historical Review, Vol's. 19 and 21.

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A short distance to the southeast from Tellico on the NC and GA disputed border, the US Government obtained an area of land from the Cherokees in 1798, and in 1802 ceded it to the state of GA. On 10 Dec 1803 it was formed as Walton Co. GA. Among those listed at that time was James Byers who was shown as having three white people in his house. North Carolina Genealogical Register, Vol.9 p64.

Thurlo also says, "Thank you Marjorie Tucker for the Alabama Cemetery records. I needed some of those!"

[And the following from Thurlo's own typewriter:]

Vol IV Nr 4 Page 99 mid page.

Capt William Byers raised a company of volunteers in which his three sons enlisted & entered the service.

Who says time doesn't age?

His third son, David, was born in 1774 and was nine years old when the war ended. William had four daughters.

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Fourth; Daughter in law Elizabeth Byers and children by her first husband, namely David, John and Mary.

Elizabeth was a daughter, not dtr in law. She wed David Byers of Donegal Twsp Chester Co Pa. In 1762 they were living in Straban Twsp of York Co Pa. David died that year.

David, the eldest son, was somewhat of a super patriot for the DAR has him serving in the REV WAR from Cumberland Co Pa as an Ensign and also as the husband of Rosanna and serving in the Augusta Va Militia under Capt Rankins in that area between the Augusta Old Stone Church and Naked Creek which empties into the North River on the Rockingham County line.

If that seems to be unusual one should read the account of David's Guardianship account in York Co Pa. The clerk could not sort it out.

But then consider this.

Elizabeth Byers, the daughter of John Byers, wed David Byers, the son of David Byers. David died in 1762 and Elizabeth Byers, the widow, wed John Byers of Cumberland Twsp York Co Pa. Her son, David Byers, had a brother named John Byers and also and uncle named John Byers who lived in Cumberland County Pa.

That night the Clerk proposed to his love but was so upset about the days events he felt he must explain it to her. She promised an answer on the morrow. The answer was delivered and the letter began, "Dear John"

This is from, according to page 98, Thurlo V BYARS

[Another 'stinking' typo by yours truly. Force of habit from 58 years of spelling my maiden name. I'm sorry kind sir.]

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## ADDITIONS - CORRECTIONS - ET CETERA, Continued

From Alden S. Byers, 200 East Racquet Club Rd., #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

Another interesting issue of the Enquirer!

Thurlo Byars' research on the Walton's of Virginia, pg. 98, certainly rings a tantalizing bell. His (and Mel Meek's) Captain William Byers of York County, S.C., seems a lot like the William Buyers, first-born son of John Buyers (1702-1756) of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pa., whose widow Mary Letitia Patton married Thomas SHARP ca. 1762. This John Buyers had six children, meaning that William was probably born before ca. 1740, therefore of about the right age to marry Elizabeth Walton ca. 1760.

One reason to tie these two Williams together is the unlikely coincidence that William Byers' 355 acre survey was patented to Edward SHARP in 1760. Surely there were not all that many Sharps running around ca. 1760? Must have been a brother or son (?) of the Thomas who married Mary Letitia?

Contemporary accounts indicate that Thomas Sharp was not intending to remain near Pequea when he married John Buyers' widow. I have proposed to Col. John R. Byers (#36B) that this Thomas Sharp might be a logical candidate for stepfather of the George Byers who was Col. John's first identified New World forebear. The final infant son of John Buyers of Pequea was named GEORGE, and HIS son was named Thomas--very often the name of his grandfather (in this case, likely George's STEPfather?).

These Pequea immigrants ca. 1730, like their close relatives in Chester County and in Donegal township ca. 1720-30, increasingly look like the ancestors of a whole slew of your subscribers.

Other children of John Buyers of Pequea were Mary (md. Cowen), Robert (Capt. of the Flying Camp in the War), Catherine, John, and Ann. I SUSPECT that Mary Letitia Patton was of the line that produced General George PATTON of World War II. Certainly one of the HOUSTONS that founded Houston, Tx., was from Pequea, Pa. A connected warranty map of Pequea reads like a roster of all America!

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Page 99: The Howards and the Allison's appear together and apparently related in Donegal township ca. 1740. They were neighbors and probably interrelated to the David Byers family of Donegal Mills, either in America or more likely in North Ireland.

Page 109: There is much controversy about the origin of the Byers. I believe, on the basis of the uncertainties expressed by many later generations, that the origin of the early (1720-1730) generation was North Ireland, but that subsequent inflows of Beyer(s) and Bayers from Germany inadvertently clouded the records by in some (but not all) cases changing their names to Byers. The Association of American Boyers of York, Pa. (Boyerstown, etc.) has in recent publications seemingly been careful to set the record straight, whereas many scribes and copyists in the late 1800s tilted the records "the wrong way".

The clearest test seems to be the surnames of the first generation of in-laws. The Germans married Germans, the Scotch-Irish married Scotch-Irish, almost always Presbyterians. On a visit to London in 1984 I copied the names of the various Byers variants from Scottish and English phone books. The record speaks for itself. After nearly 300 years, we can see the same spellings. I could not find these names so spelled in any of the phone books available to me for cities in Germany.

Page 111: The first William Byers, of Concordville, was 1682. The William Byers of Uchlan (widow Margaret, d. 1810), was 100 years later (d. 1788). The second William, son of John Byers who d. 1767, MAY have been the first William's grandson, but if so no proof has surfaced thus far.

Page 112: Elizabeth Byers-Byers-Byers was John Byers' of East Caln (Downingtown) daughter, not daughter-in-law. The transcription/digest of John's Will has been copied wrong.

## MORE CORRECTIONS PAGE 24

## TEXAS, NUECES CO., CORPUS CHRISTI

From: Doris Wilkes, 11626 Lida Rose, San Antonio, TX 78216  
Rose Hill Memorial Park Cemetery:

Glen E. Byars, 33/11/28, Space 9 Lot 213,

Joseph R. Byas\* 43/10/13, Space 1 Lot 124

Ruth L. Byas, 43/10/13, Space 2, Lot 124

Michael Byer, 15/03/01, Space 1 Lot 81

\*Joseph Rollins Byas, b 5 Jan 1901, Hunt, TX s/o William Riley David Byas and Nancy Isabella Smith [Doris, if those are dates they must be in error.cbh]

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## FROM ALDEN'S "PAPER IN PROGRESS"

APPENDIXDISTRIBUTION OF BYRES VARIANT SPELLINGS  
IN SCOTLAND AND NEARBY ENGLISH AREAS  
PER TELEPHONE BOOKS -- 1994

(Raw data--not corrected for overlaps in listings)

|                        | BYARS | BYERS | BYRES | BUYERS | BYIERS |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow Area           | 39    | 26    | 4     | 1      | 1      |
| Clyde Coast            | 32    | 17    | 2     | 3      | -      |
| Southwest Scotland     | 1     | 50    | 5     | -      | -      |
| Lomond & Argyll        | 7     | 8     | 2     | -      | -      |
| Central Scotland       | 5     | 11    | -     | -      | -      |
| Edinburgh & Lothians   | -     | 45    | 1     | 6      | -      |
| Fife & Kinross         | 3     | 25    | 1     | 1      | -      |
| Tayside                | 13    | 9     | 10    | 3      | 2      |
| Aberdeen & Northeast   | 6     | 13    | 22    | 12     | 14     |
| Highland & Islands     | -     | 10    | -     | -      | 2      |
| The Borders            | -     | 10    | 1     | -      | 1      |
| Northumberland         | -     | 17    | -     | -      | 2      |
| Tyneside               | -     | 47    | -     | 2      | 1      |
| Preston Area (England) | -     | 26    | -     | 2      | -      |
| *Northern Ireland      | -     | 54    | 2     | -      | -      |

\*NOTE: The expressions "Scotch-Irish" and "Scots-Irish" are interchangeable; they denote the Scots, mainly Lowland, who in response to poverty in Scotland and enticing plantation offers by King James I of England (James VI of Scotland), migrated to Northern Ireland in the early 1600s to replace the Irish, who toward the end of Queen Elizabeth's reign (16th Century) had been driven out by the British under Lords Essex and Mountjoy (note the town of Mount Joy, Lancaster County, PA!). For an excellent history with maps, see Scotch-Irish Family Research, Summit Publications, Box 222, Munroe Falls, OH 44262. While some Presbyterian Scots intermarried with Irish Catholics, most did not. The Scots were no more popular in Ireland then than they are today.

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## QUERIES, Continued from page 4

## 4. Byars - NC

Does anyone have documentation for pages 4 and 5 of the Affidavit of **William Frederick Franke, Sr?** (1) **John Byars** birthplace in Caswell Co. NC and death date of 13 Apr 1852. (2) Death date for **Passey Logan**, 9 Sep 1854 and marriage 1796. (3) **Nancy Byars** birthdate of 15 Nov 1801, death date of 16 Oct 1889, marriage date of 3 Feb 1817. (4) **William Wiley's** birthdate of 25 Feb 1792 and death date of 6 Aug 1867. (5) **Mary Campbell Byars'** birthdate of 3 Jun 1813 and death date of 18 Jan 1891. (6) **James T. Brogden's** birthdate of 25 Jul 1806 and death date of 6 Feb 1860.

26B Judith Isaacson, 1005 South 19th St. El Centro, CA 92243.

Editors note: Judith has a double Byars line (see her ancestor charts this issue), both of them taking her back to **Nathan Byars** b 1749 Granville Co. NC d 1846 Spartanburg Co. SC and his first wife, **Drucilla Harralson**. As Judith noted in her cover letter, William F. Franke has passed away, and according to one of her sources, all of his papers have been destroyed in a fire. (I heard they are still extant, and hopefully, one day we will be able to see them.)

While much of Franke's work is reliable. I am not maligning his work, but we do need primary, and reliable secondary, documentation for his affidavit. We need it if we want a proven genealogy.

Franke's work was done in 1960, and in the last twenty-nine years the world of genealogy has set new standards, and devised new methods of research. We have more sources available to us than a genealogists of the early 1960's ever dreamed we'd have. Surely, if William Franke was able to find those records, we can too. So many of us descend from Nathan and Drucilla, and I hope each of those descendants will dig deeper, share freely, and help solve the questions that are still plaguing us.

One of those biggest questions is documentation for the ten children, not necessarily five boys and five girls, that were born to Nathan and Drucilla. So far, both Franke and the Weiland Collection are what we are using to name those children. Neither of them provided us with documentation. Until we have some proof, anyone claiming Nathan, (unless they are out of **Delphy Logan** and **Nathan Byars** son **Jackson Byars**), have a mighty shakey genealogy.

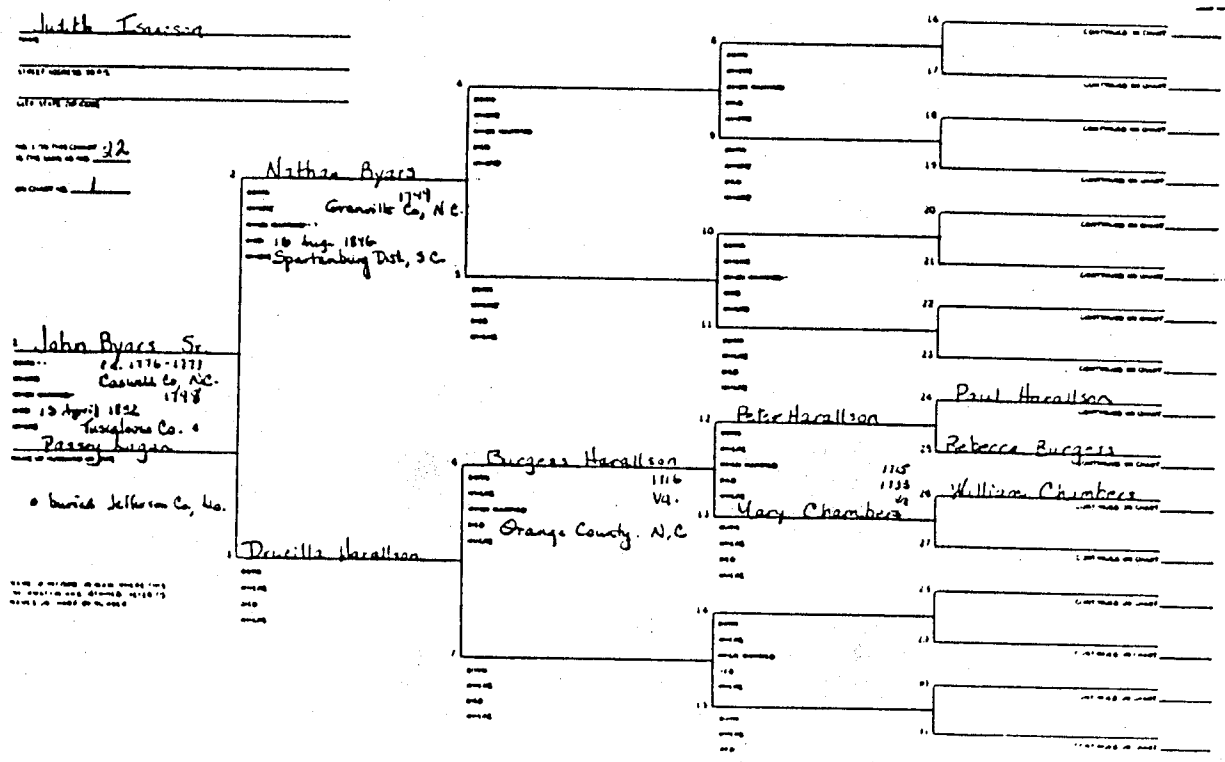
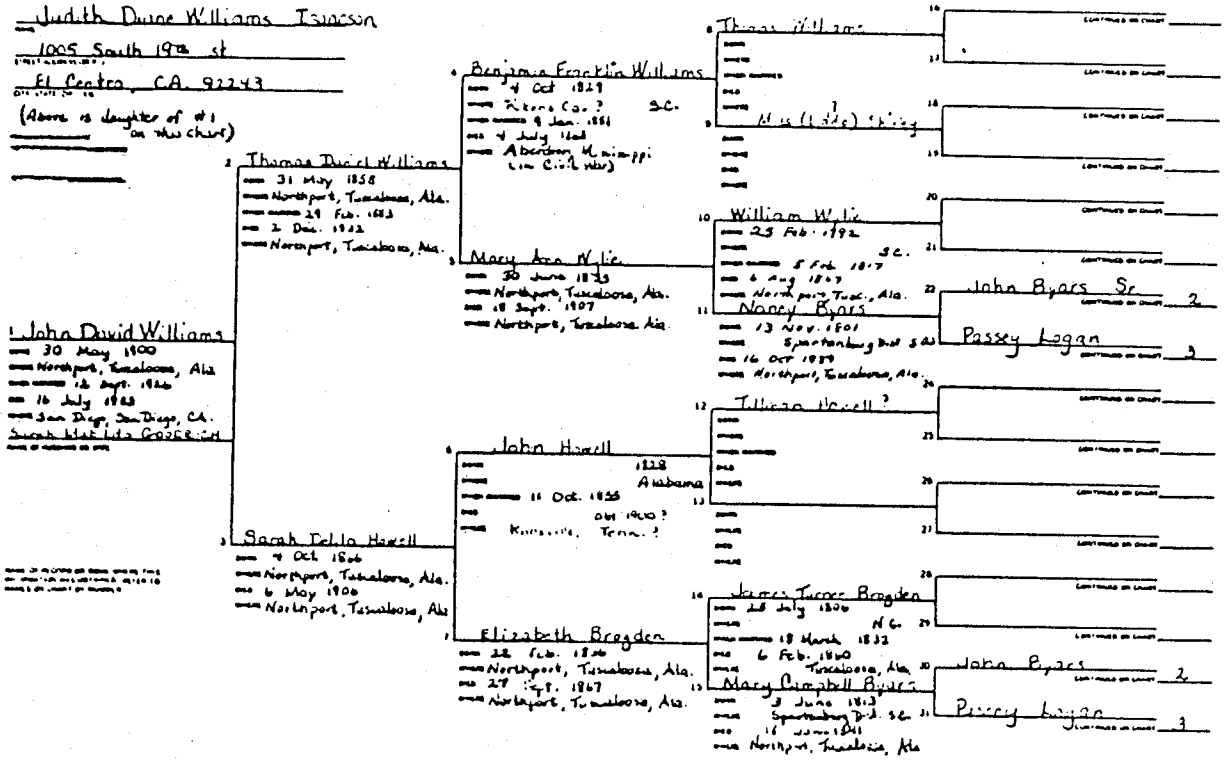
There was a time when I too accepted data without documentation. Now I know better and just won't settle for anything less than proof. cbh.

On the following pages you'll find Judith's ancestor charts. The names that are light, and hard to read, are those that she has written in, in pencil. That's the way we're supposed to do it. Write it in pencil until we have proof and can put it on the chart permanently.

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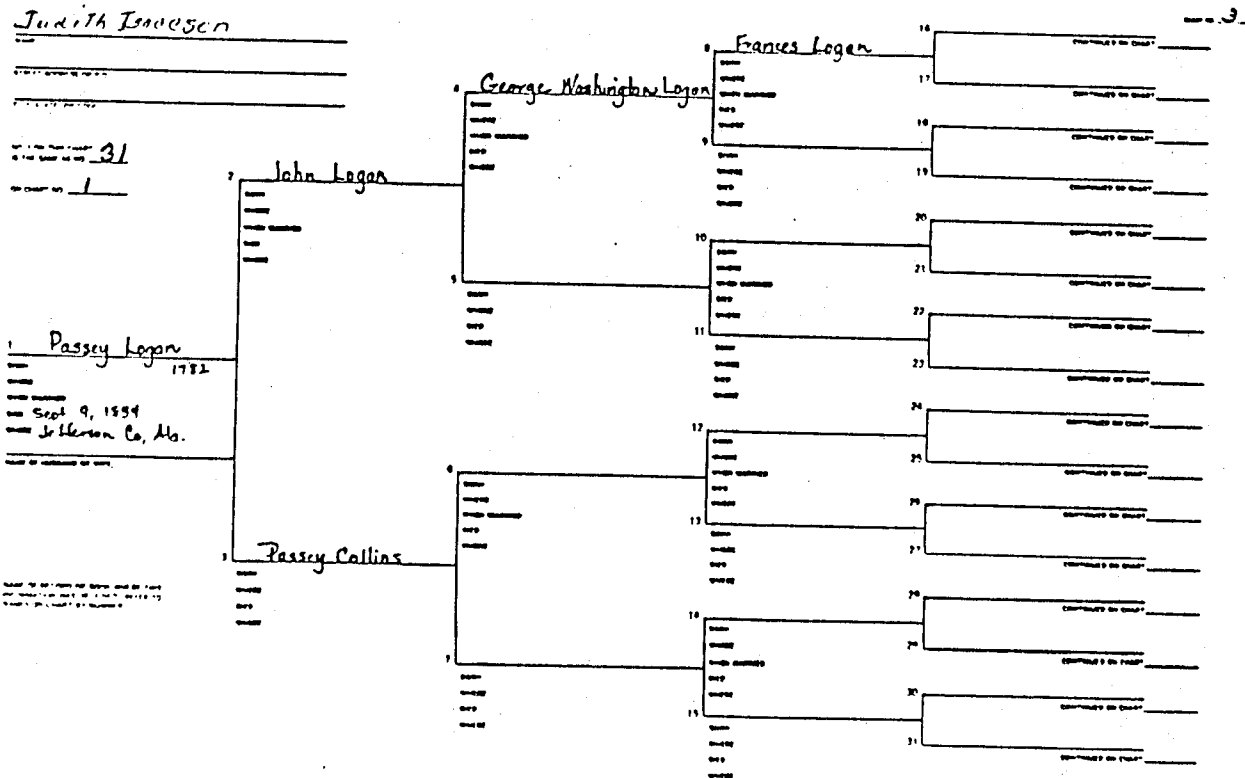
NATHANITES NICHE

ANCESTOR CHARTS of JUDITH ISAACSON (Address above)



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NATHANITES NICHE, Continued



CORRECTIONS - ADDITIONS ETC., Continued from page 22

From Marjorie S. Tucker, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226

Vol.V, No.4 p 102:

The J.E. Byars who married M.A. Allender, Vol 8 p 718 is Isham Eugene Byars of the Foul Crime. The typed transcription in the Courthouse was in error. The typo (or miss reading) was substituting a J for the I. This is a common error in reading old documents, and one we should all look out for.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE NATHANITES

Marjorie is working hard on the genealogy of Isham Eugene Byars. She is reading census records and has contacted several descendants. Her search has led back to the William Franke data. I just called Marjorie and she will have some goodies for us, in that area, for our next issue.

Attention Judith Isaacson. Isham Eugene Byars' father was Henry, who was the son of Nathan Byars and Elizabeth Reavis. Henry was your two great grandmothers cousin.



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ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA COUNTY CENSUS RECORDS  
From Judith Isaacson

John Byars and Passey Logan Byars and some related families  
in the Tuscaloosa, Alabama census records of 1840, 1850,  
1860, 1870 and 1880:

**1840-**

|                |                  |                    |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| John Byars     | males 60-70 -1   | females 50-60 -1   |
| males 15-20 -1 | females 10-15 -1 |                    |
| James Brogden  | males 30-40 -1   | females 20-30 -1   |
|                | males under 5 -2 | females under 5 -1 |
|                |                  | females 5-10 -1    |
|                |                  | females 10-15 -1   |
| William Wylie  | males 40-50 -1   | females 40-50 -1   |
|                | males 5-10 -1    | females under 5 -1 |
|                |                  | females 5-10 -1    |
|                |                  | females 10-15 -2   |

**1850-**

|                   |    |             |                 |
|-------------------|----|-------------|-----------------|
| Res.# 252         |    |             |                 |
| James T. Brogden  | 45 | Brick Mason | N.C.            |
| Mary              | 37 |             | S.C.            |
| Sarah A.          | 15 |             | Ala.            |
| Elizabeth         | 13 |             | "               |
| John              | 10 |             | "               |
| Eliza             | 6  |             | "               |
| James T.          | 2  |             | "               |
| Martha            | 1  |             | "               |
| Daniel Wiley      | 18 | farmer      | " living with   |
| Res.# 258         |    |             |                 |
| William Wylie     | 58 | farmer      | S.C.            |
| (Wylie)           |    |             |                 |
| Nancy             | 49 |             | "               |
| Mary Ann          | 14 |             | Ala.            |
| Nancy C           | 12 |             | "               |
| Wm H              | 9  |             | "               |
| Laura C           | 4  |             | "               |
| Res.# 259         |    |             |                 |
| Wm D Byars        | 30 | merchant    | Ala.            |
| Emeline           | 22 |             | Ala. married in |
|                   |    |             | the year        |
| Res.# 260         |    |             |                 |
| Thaddeus D. Byars | 25 | brick mason | Ala.            |
| Melissa           | 22 |             | "               |
| Mary E            | 4  |             | "               |
| John L            | 2  |             | "               |
| Passey            | 63 |             | S.C.            |

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**1860** TUSCALOOSA COUNTY CENSUS RECORDS, CONTINUED

|                 |      |                  |      |
|-----------------|------|------------------|------|
| Res.# 288       |      |                  |      |
| Mary Brogden    | 47   | seamstress       | S.C. |
| Eliza J         | 15   |                  | Ala. |
| Martha E        | 10   |                  | Ala. |
| Nancy G or J    | 7    |                  | Ala. |
| Sarah A. Coaker | 26   | seamstress       | Ala. |
| Jas L. Coaker   | 3    |                  | "    |
| John Howell     | 34   | harness/saddlery | Ala. |
| Elizabeth       | 24   |                  | "    |
| Mary            | 2    |                  | "    |
| Martha          | 1/12 | (18 July 1860)   | "    |

|               |    |        |      |
|---------------|----|--------|------|
| Res.# 503     |    |        |      |
| William Wiley | 68 | farmer | S.C. |
| Nancy         | 55 |        | S.C. |
| Wm H          | 18 |        | Ala. |
| Laura C       | 16 |        | "    |

|                |    |        |      |
|----------------|----|--------|------|
| Res.# 507      |    |        |      |
| Ben F Williams | 31 | farmer | S.C. |
| Mary A         | 25 |        | Ala. |
| Thos D         | 2  |        | "    |

**1870-**

|               |    |  |      |
|---------------|----|--|------|
| Mary Brogden  | 57 |  | S.C. |
| Eliza         | 24 |  | Ala. |
| Martha        | 19 |  | "    |
| Nancy         | 17 |  | "    |
| Mary Howell   | 12 |  | "    |
| Martha Howell | 10 |  | "    |
| Sally Howell  | 3  |  | "    |

|               |    |         |      |      |      |
|---------------|----|---------|------|------|------|
| #175          |    |         |      |      |      |
| Dan Watkins   | 26 |         | Ala. | Ala. | Ala. |
| Eliza         | 25 |         | "    | "    | "    |
| Dollie        | 5  |         |      |      |      |
| Jane          | 2  |         |      |      |      |
| Martha Stamps | 72 |         | S.C. | Va.  | S.C. |
| Lorena "      | 44 | dau.    | Ala. | Ga.  | S.C. |
| Sarah Byars   | 12 | g. dau. | "    | Ala. | Ala. |

|                 |    |  |      |
|-----------------|----|--|------|
| #109            |    |  |      |
| Mary A Williams | 33 |  | Ala. |
| Thos D          | 12 |  | "    |
| David C         | 10 |  | "    |
| Mary B          | 6  |  | "    |
| Nancy Wiley     | 70 |  | S.C. |

|              |    |        |      |
|--------------|----|--------|------|
| #110         |    |        |      |
| Daniel Wyley | 37 | farmer | Ala. |
| Eliza J      | 43 |        | "    |
| Sarah C      | 9  |        | "    |

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## TUSCALOOSA COUNTY CENSUS RECORDS, CONTINUED

|                    |    |              |      |      |      |
|--------------------|----|--------------|------|------|------|
| M. Caroline        | 8  |              |      |      |      |
| Sarah Hardin       | 47 | boarder      | "    |      |      |
| <b>1880-</b>       |    |              |      |      |      |
| #531               |    |              |      |      |      |
| Wm or Thos Sutton  | 24 |              | Ala. | S.C. | S.C. |
| Mary               | 22 |              | "    | Ala. | Ala. |
| George             | 4  | mos. (March) |      |      |      |
| Mary Brogden       | 67 | Gr.          | S.C. | S.C. | S.C. |
| Sarah D Howell     |    | sis. in law  | Ala. | Ala. | Ala. |
| #527               |    |              |      |      |      |
| Mary A Williams    | 44 | wid.         | Ala. | S.C. | Ala. |
| Thos D             | 22 |              | Ala. | S.C. | Ala. |
| David C            | 19 |              |      |      |      |
| Mary B             | 16 |              |      |      |      |
| <u>Nancy Wiley</u> | 79 | mother       | S.C. | S.C. | S.C. |
| #528               |    |              |      |      |      |
| Daniel W. Wiley    | 47 |              | Ala. | S.C. | S.C. |
| Eliza J            | 52 |              | "    | N.C. | N.C. |
| Sarah C            | 19 |              |      |      |      |
| Nancy C            | 18 |              |      |      |      |
| Sarah Hardin       | 58 | sis. in law  | Ala. | N.C. | N.C. |

## WAR OF 1812

## VIRGINIA BOUNTY LAND &amp; PENSION APPLICATIONS\*

From Jane Bye, 34704 Rosebud Row, Zephyrhills, FL 33541

[One on Jane's list had been previously published and was deleted by the editor]

Byer/Boyer, John d 8 Aug 1849 McGahaysville, Rockingham Co. VA m 28 Mar 1809 Margaret Weaver Port Republic, Rockingham Co. VA. Her LNR Trotwood, Montgomery Co. OH 1871.

Boyer, Peter, McGahaysville, Rockingham Co. VA 1872 m Aug 1810 Rachel Hudlow, Rockingham Co. VA.

Boyer, Samuel, P.O. Elk Creek, Grayson Co. VA 1871, Not Married

Boyers, Joseph d 22 Jan 1870 Cedar Co. MO m 30 Jul 1818 Elizabeth Ewen, Cow Pasture, Augusta Co. VA. She d c1880? 86? LNR Redman, Edgar Co. IL 1878

Gee, Nelson W, d 14 Feb 1859 Williamson Co. TN m 15 Dec 1811 Catherine Byers Lunenburg Co. VA Her LNR P.O. Peytonville, Williamson Co. TN 1873.

\* Abstracted from War of 1812: Virginia Bounty Land & Pension Applications, by Patrick G. Wardell, pp 47,166

- ALBERT, Christina 6  
 ALLENDER, M A 24  
 ALLISON, \_\_\_ 20  
 ANDERSON, Nancy 2  
 ARENDALE, Richard 12
- BAKER, Joseph 9  
 Sarah 8  
 BARBEE, William 8  
 BEDFORD, Elizabeth 11,16  
 Joseph 16  
 Martha 16  
 Mary 16  
 Nancy 16  
 Sarah 16  
 Seth 16
- BELL, George 3  
 BLACKWELL, Anna 12  
 Charles 13  
 Daniel 13  
 Henrietta 12  
 James 12  
 Joel 4,11,12,13,14  
 John 13  
 Mary 12  
 Peter 12  
 Rebecca 12  
 Sarah 12,14,15
- BLANTON, Burwell 16  
 Julia 10,11  
 Nancy 16,17
- BRIDGES, Phoebe 16  
 W. 16  
 Wiley 16
- BROGDEN, Eliza 25,26  
 Elizabeth 23,25  
 James 22,23,25  
 John 25  
 Martha 25,26  
 Mary 25,26,27  
 Nancy 26  
 Sarah 25
- BROWN, Doris 3,4  
 BURGESS, Rebecca 23
- BYARS/BYERS & ETC  
 \_\_\_ 17  
 ABRAHAM 8  
 ALDEN 19  
 ANDREW 4  
 ANN 19  
 BURWELL 16,17  
 CALVIN 4  
 CATHERINE 19,27  
 CHARLES 8  
 CHARLOTTE 9  
 CHIVOUS 17  
 DAVID 8,17,18,20  
 DOROTHY 5  
 EDWARD 6,7,8,9  
 ELIAS 4,17  
 ELIZABETH 7,10,11  
 16,17,18,20  
 ELLEN 17  
 EMELINE 25  
 FRANK 3  
 FRANKLIN 17  
 GEORGE 6,7  
 12,17,19  
 GLEN 20  
 HARRELL 4  
 HENRIETTA 4,11  
 12,13,14
- BYARS/BYERS & ETC  
 HENRY 24  
 HESTER 7  
 ISAAC 7  
 ISHAM 24  
 J.E. 24  
 JACKSON 22  
 JAMES 17,18  
 JOHN 4,10,11,17  
 18,19,20,22  
 23,25,27  
 JONAS 4,11,12  
 JOSEPH 16,17,20,27  
 LAURA 17  
 LAWSON 4  
 LOUISA 17  
 LUCINDA 9  
 MAHALA 10,11  
 MARGARET 2,20  
 MARTHA 2,11,17  
 MARY 8,10,11  
 17,19,22,25  
 MELISSA 25  
 MICHAEL 20  
 MINNIVA 9  
 MOSES 4  
 NANCY 10,16  
 17,22,23  
 NATHAN 22,23,24  
 ORA 5  
 PASSEY 25  
 RACHEL 10  
 ROBERT 19  
 RUTH 20  
 SAMUEL 4,27  
 SARAH 4,8  
 10,11,26  
 SETH 17  
 SUSAN 17  
 THADDEUS 25  
 THOMAS 19  
 THURLO 16,18,19  
 VIRGINIA 3  
 WILLIAM 2,4,5,9  
 11,17,18,19  
 20,25  
 WILLIE 4
- BYE, Jane 27
- CAMP, Lydia 13  
 CAMPBELL, Mary 6  
 CHAMBERS, Mary 23  
 William 23  
 CLARKE, Russell 3  
 COAKER, Jas. 26  
 Sarah 26  
 COLLINS, Frances 4,11,12  
 Passey 24  
 COX, Peyton 7  
 CRAIG, Laura 5
- DOGGETT, Martha 17  
 DUNCAN, Mary 15  
 DUSCHA, Caroline 5  
 Wilhelm 5
- ENSIGN, Mary 5,6  
 EWEN, Elizabeth 27
- FLEMMING, Kay 4  
 FRANKE, Wm 22,24
- GEE, Nelson 27  
 GILL, Jane 4
- GOODE, John 14  
 GOODRICH, Sarah 23  
 GOODRIDGE, Elizabeth 6,7  
 Levi 7
- HALL, Fleming 9  
 HARDEN, Sarah 27  
 HARALLSON, Burgess 23  
 Drucilla 22,23  
 Paul 23  
 Peter 23
- HAWKINS, Benjamin 17  
 HAYS, Dorothy 2  
 HENDERSON, H.C. 13  
 HESTOR, Katherine 15  
 HOPPER, Mary 4  
 HOUSTON, \_\_\_ 19  
 HOUT, Christina 6  
 John 6  
 Samuel 6
- HOWARD, \_\_\_ 20  
 HOWELL, Elizabeth 26  
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 Mary 26  
 Sarah 23,27  
 Sally 26  
 Tillman 23
- HUDLOW, Rachel 27
- ISAACSON, Judith 23,24,25
- JESCHAWITZ, Heinrick 5  
 Judy 5  
 Oscar 5  
 Paul 5
- JONES, S.C. 16  
 JUNG, Judy 3,5,6,7  
 Raymond 5
- KERSCH, Wilhelmina 5
- LAPORTE, William 2,4,12,14
- LIVINGSTON, Columbine 17  
 LOGAN, Delphy 22  
 Frances 24  
 George 24  
 John 24  
 Passey 22,23,24
- MCCOMB, Mary 14  
 MCKINNES, Eliza 8  
 Mary 9
- MAPLE, Reason 9  
 MASTIN, Ann 14  
 Gabriel 12  
 John 14,15  
 Lucy 14  
 Martha 14  
 Mary 14  
 Reuben 4,12,14,15  
 Sarah 15  
 Thomas 14  
 William 14,15
- MEEK, Robert 3  
 PADGETT, Lydia 12  
 PATTON, George 19  
 Mary 19  
 PRICE, Delphia 17
- REAVIS, Elizabeth 24  
 REIN, Sarah 6,7,8  
 RICHARDSON, James 10  
 ROBBINS, Faye 13,15  
 ROMJUE, John 4
- SAUERBRY, Max 3  
 SHARP, Edward 19  
 Thomas 19  
 SHIFLET, John 8  
 SLOAN, Richard 10  
 SMITH, Nancy 20  
 SNIDER, Katherine 5  
 Samuel 5
- STAMPS, Lorena 26  
 Martha 26  
 SUMPTER, Sarah 10  
 SUTTON, George 27  
 Mary 27  
 Sarah 27  
 Thos 27  
 Wm 27
- TINKER, John 10  
 TUCKER, Marjorie 18,24  
 William 4
- WALKER, Martha 7  
 WALTON, Elizabeth 19  
 WARDELL, Patrick 27  
 WATKINS, Dan 26  
 Dollie 26  
 Eliza 26  
 Jane 26  
 Rebecca 12
- WEAVER, Margaret 27  
 WEBB, Chesley 12  
 WETHERHOLT, Martha 2  
 WHEELER, Ann 15  
 William 14,15  
 WHITE, Jane 4  
 WILEY/WYLIE/WILLIE, Daniel 25,26,27  
 Eliza 26,27  
 Laura 25,26  
 Mary 23,25  
 Nancy 25,26,27  
 Sarah 26,27  
 Wm. 22,23,25,26
- WILKES, Doris 3,20  
 WILLIAMS, Ben 26  
 Benjamin 23  
 David 26,27  
 Eliza 26  
 John 23  
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## FROM THE EDITOR

I don't know many genealogists that started doing researching when they were teenagers. Most of us lament the fact that we didn't get interested in our family tree until many of our older relatives were not around to answer questions. Some of us have been guilty of turning a deaf ear to our parents and grandparents when they told stories about the past and would give anything if we could turn back the clock and do things differently.

Many of us see the attitude we once had about family history expressed by our own children and grandchildren, and it has made us wonder who will go on with our work when we are dead and gone.

Fortunately some schools have programs that inspire an interest in history and genealogy, and we should seek out those schools and give the teachers and students all the help and support we can.

Personally I entertain the hope that my granddaughter will eventually get more involved in our family tree, but so far she has not made any promises. But come what may, my hope for another genealogists in my Byars family is very high right now.

Recently I received a letter from a young man, Chris Henson, a descendant of my Daniel Webster Byars. Chris is 18 years old and works on the staff of the Chinquapin at Douglass School, in Nacogdoches County, Texas. The Chinquapin is similar to Foxfire. The students interview older residents, do historical and genealogical research and the results are published twice a year in Chinquapin.

Chris' great aunt told him about my family research and since he had already gotten interested through his school work, he wrote to me. It turns out that some of my material on his 3rd great grandparents may be suitable for publication in the Chinquapin.

Chris filled out the family group sheets I sent him, and I must say he completed them better than many older genealogists that have been filling them out for years. Needless to say I'm delighted to find this young man. I feel like one day he will be a fine historian and genealogist, and I only wish all schools had a program such as this.

For more information write to Chinquapin, Douglass Ind. School Dist. P.O. Box 38, Douglass, TX 75843.

Foxfire is the result of a program started in 1966 in Rabun County, Georgia. For a brochure about that program you can write to; the Foxfire Fund, Inc. P.O. Box B, Rabun Gap, GA 30568.

*Chris*

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

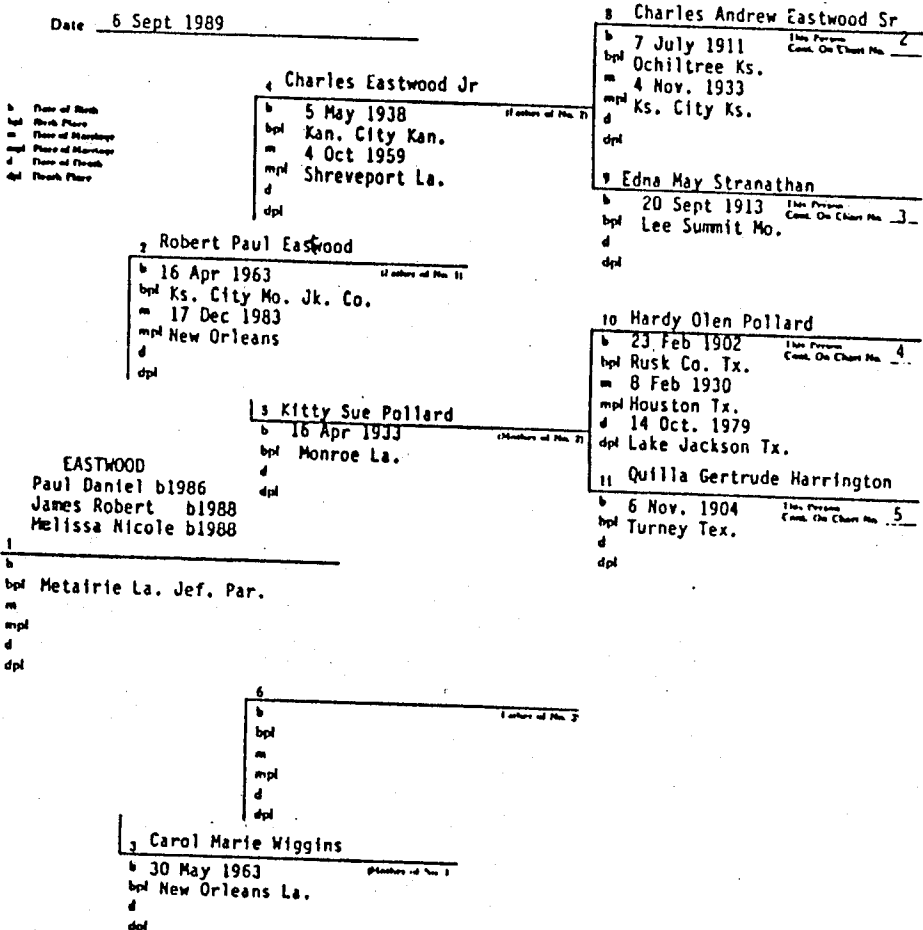
- 124B Charles Eastwood Jr. 14211 Chef #15, New Orleans, LA 70129  
Descendant of Samuel Byers and Jane White. See Ancestor Charts this issue. He will be in my area this month and I'll have an opportunity to meet and visit with him.
- 125B Velda Byars Spillane, 504 N 20th, Lamasa, TX 79331  
Descendant of Abram Landres Byas and Permelia Logan. See family group sheets and discussion this issue.
- 126B April Jeanneret, 8662 N. Ridge Rd. Valley Center, KS 67147  
Bonnie Maples, 7531 Juler Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243, ordered April's two year subscription. Hopefully April will send us some data on her line.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

- 81B Kathy Carlson informs us her name has changed to Kathy Ginter. Her new address is 6343 Mountford Dr. San Jose, CA 95123.

ANCESTOR CHARTS

Chart #1 of Charles Eastwood, Jr. (address above) Begins with his grandchildren:



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ANCESTOR CHARTS, CONTINUED

Chart #3 of Charles Eastwood, Jr.

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 9 on chart No. 1. Chart No. 3

Date 6 Sept 1989

b Date of Birth  
bpl Birth Place  
m Date of Marriage  
mpl Place of Marriage  
d Date of Death  
dpl Death Place

4 Jesse William Stranathan  
(Father of No. 2)  
b 7 Mar 1836  
bpl Ohio  
m 1861 21 May  
mpl Mills Co. Iowa  
d 21 Mar. 1902  
dpl Anthony Florida

2 Porter Warren Stranathan  
(Father of No. 1)  
b 13 Sept. 1875  
bpl Ks.  
m 14 Aug. 1905  
mpl Ks. City Ks.  
d 21 Dec. 1959  
dpl Ks. City Ks.

5 Martha Jane Warren  
(Mother of No. 2)  
b 17 Feb. 1839  
bpl  
d 13 Aug 1892  
dpl Anthony Florida

1 Edna May Stranathan  
b 20 Sept 1930  
bpl Lee Summit Mo.  
m 4 Nov. 1933  
mpl Ks. City Ks.  
d  
dpl

6 Louis L. McQuaid  
(Father of No. 3)  
b 5 Sept. 1854  
bpl Warren Co. Iowa  
m 24 Oct 1878  
mpl Warren Co. Iowa  
d 2 May 1936  
dpl Ks. City Ks.

3 Anna Arabella McQuaid  
(Mother of No. 1)  
b 11 May 1882  
bpl Warren Co. Iowa Indinola  
d 8 Nov. 1964  
dpl Ks. City Ks.

7 Martha Ellen Dillon  
(Mother of No. 3)  
b 18 Oct. 1858  
bpl Highland Co. Ohio  
d 20 Feb. 1911  
dpl Ks. City Ks.

Charles Andrew Eastwood  
b 7 July 1911  
bpl Ochiltree Ks.  
d  
dpl

8 Isaac Stranathan  
b 1806  
bpl Pa.  
m 1828  
mpl  
d 1853  
dpl Clark Co. Ill ???

9 Sarah Byers  
b 1807  
bpl Belmont Co. Ohio  
d 21 June 1894  
dpl Smith Co. Ks.

10 Madison Warren  
b  
bpl  
m  
mpl  
d  
dpl

11 Sarah Rhoda Granger  
b  
bpl  
d  
dpl

12 Lewis McQuaid  
b  
bpl  
m  
mpl  
d  
dpl

13 Mary White  
b  
bpl  
d  
dpl

14 Solomon Dillon  
b 14 Apr 1836  
bpl  
m 11 Oct. 1855  
mpl Highland Co. Ohio  
d  
dpl

15 Anna Wright  
b 6 Apr. 1836  
bpl Highland Co. Ohio  
d 9 Oct. 1920  
dpl Warren Co. Iowa





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## FAMILY WORK SHEETS

125B Velda Byars Spillaine, 504 N. 20th, Lamesa, TX 79331

## Editors note:

Correspondence with Velda began when she wrote believing that Robert Byas/Byars (see work sheet below) was the son of Nathan Byars and Drucilla Harrelson. And she may be right. I first said no, that Nathan's son Robert was in AL. in 1830, when her Robert was in LA. Bite my tongue! On reflection I realized I have no info on Nathan's Robert except what appeared in an early edition of the Enquirer that says that Robert was in AL in 1830. Was he? Who has documentation that he was? What do we really know about Nathan's son Robert?

## WORK SHEET

Robert Byas b c1786 NC:  
Wife's name unknown  
Death date unknown

## Children:

- I. Thadden W. Byas (Thaddeus W.?) b c1810
- II. Martha Ann Byas b c1814 TN
- III. Abram Landres Byas  
b 8 Mar 1815 TN  
d 26 Sep 1882, Keller, Tarrant Co. TX. buried Mt. Gillead  
Cemetery, Tarrant Co. TX.  
m (1) Permelia Logan  
b 23 May 1809 SC  
d c1844, Bienville Parish, LA d/o William Logan and  
Joanna Cason  
m (2) Melvina Stephens

## Issue:(first wife)

1. William Robert Byas  
b 25 Jun 1838, Claiborne Pr.LA  
d 5 Dec 1889  
m (2) Kate Throop
2. Thomas Harril Byas  
b 24 Jun 1839, Claiborne Pr. LA  
d 8 Mar 1890  
m Lucinda Martin
3. Joseph Lewis Byas  
b 20 Apr 1841, Claiborne Pr. LA  
d 19 Feb 1916  
m 26 Jun 1862, Mary E. McGinnis

Note the different spelling for the surname of the next son.  
The ancestor of Velda below moved away from his brothers and began  
spelling his name Byars.

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## ROBERT BYAS, CONTINUED

- \*4. **Richard Landres Byars\***  
 b 15 Jun 1842, LA  
 d 27 Apr 1891, Paradise, [Paradise looks like it is in  
 Wise Co.] TX. buried at Paradise, TX  
 m **Lucinda West**, d/o **John Francis West** and  
**Mary "Polly" Fargason**  
 b 6 Aug 1845, IL  
 d 5 Jun 1886, Paradise, TX and buried there.  
 Issue:  
 a. **Francis Landres Byars**  
 b 12 Aug 1867, Grapevine, Tarrant Co. TX  
 d 2-4-1888  
 b. **Emily Elizabeth Byars**  
 b 11 Feb 1871, Grapevine, Tarrant Co. TX  
 d Feb 1949  
 m 6 Jul 1890, **Robert M. Ramzy**  
 \*c. **Thomas Lafayette Byars**  
 b 10 Oct 1873, Grapevine, Tarrant Co. TX  
 d 1-17-1958  
 m 28 Nov 1894, **Florence A. Payne**  
 d. **Mary Bell Byars**  
 b 9 Jan 1876, Grapevine, Tarrant Co. TX  
 d Apr 1965  
 m **James Newt. Ramzy**  
 e. **Roxie Ellen Byars**  
 b 19 Jan 1879, Grapevine, Tarrant Co. TX  
 d Aug 1943  
 m **Walter Wright**  
 f. **Dorris Lipscomb Byars (Male)**  
 b 6 Oct 1881, Grapevine, Tarrant Co. TX  
 d 6-2-1932  
 m **Maudie Lowe**
5. **Jane Elizabeth Byas**  
 b 19 Feb 1844, Claiborne Pr. LA  
 d  
 m **R. H. "Bob" McEuin**
- Issue by 2nd wife:  
 6. **Permelis Melvina Byas**  
 b 14 Feb 1858, Tarrant Co. TX  
 d  
 m

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## ROBERT BYAS, CONTINUED

- IV. Asa Harold (Harel?) Byas  
 b c 1817 MS  
 d  
 m Elizabeth Ann Logan d/o William Logan and  
 Joanna Cason  
 Asa's two oldest daughters were Joanna Byas and Jane Byas  
 He had a son Walker Byas
- V. Rebecca Byas  
 b AL  
 d  
 m
- VI. Permelia Byas  
 b LA  
 d  
 m

\*Velda's grandfather told her the original spelling of the name was Byars.

## Notes and sources:

1830 Claiborne Pr. LA census lists Robert Byas

1840 the three Byas boys are listed together:

Thadeus W. Byas

A. H. Byas

A. L. Byas

1850 Bienville Pr. Census:

Robert Byas #110

Asa Byas #111

Abram Byas #125

Copies of Bible records of Abram L. Byas (title page not included)

The Logan family came from Edgefield Dist. SC. in a colony of forty. This was known as the South Carolina Colony in the history of Bienville, Parish, LA.

The first wife of Abram Landres Byas as Permelia Logan is documented when William Logan's land was sold after his death.

While Velda has no primary documentation that her Abram's father was Robert, I think she will find it. It appears that the best evidence for the father of Abram Landres Byas is Robert.

## QUERY

Does anyone have documentation or evidence that the Robert of Claiborne/Bienville Pr. LA is the son of Nathan Byars and Drucilla Harrelson, or know who his father was? If so please share.

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## BICE FAMILY in ALABAMA with BRANCHES in MS, OK, TN, GA

29B Columbine Livingston, 200 Warren Circle, Alexander City, AL 35010 has been unable to devote much time to research due to the health of her parents. Columbine says one of the small pleasures she has now is the Byars-Byers Family Enquirer [Thank you very much]. She has located a couple of Bice researchers and shares their line with us.

James M. Bice  
b 8 Jun 1820 GA  
m 6 Aug 1846, Tallapoosa Co. AL

Sarah Catherine Sims  
b 25 Nov 1827.

## Issues:

1. Retensa Jane Bice b 2 Dec 1847
2. Elisha Vinson Bice b 28 Jun 1849
3. Jonathan Bice b 27 Oct 1851
4. Isabel Elizabeth Bice b 12 Mar 1852
5. Areny Ann Bice b 9 Oct 1853
6. Noah Jackson Bice b 13 Aug 1855
7. Nancy Ann Bice b 6 Jan 1857
8. James Warren Bice b 6 Jul 1859.

Researcher: Morris Mabry Wooley, 5355 Opportunity Dr. Crestview, FL 32536. Morris' mother, Lillian Beatrice Bice, d/o Jonathan Bice, a s/o James M. Bice above. James M. Bice brother of Noah J., Jonathan, Elisha, and William Bice. See Byars-Byers Family Enquirer Vol.I, No. 1 pp 34-35; Vol.II, No.4 pp 101-105

## MARTHA ANN BICE &amp; G. W. WELCH

Martha Ann Bice d/o William Bice of Tallapoosa Co. AL. William brother to James M. Bice (above), Noah J., Jonathan, Elisha Bice.

Martha Ann Bice

b  
d

m G. W. Welch

## Issue:

1. Lizzie Welch b c1864 lived in AL
2. Ella Welch b c1866 moved to MS
3. Charlie Welch b c1868 lived Clinton, OK
4. Mattie Welch b c1870, had typhoid fever but lived.
5. Dora Welch b c1872 lived in AL
6. Jack Welch b c1875, a lawyer, lived Clinton, OK
7. Henry Welch b c1879 lived in AL
8. Bob Welch lived AL and TN
9. Willie Welch died young
10. Hattie Welch

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## BICE FAMILY, CONTINUED

Martha Ann Bice and G.W. Welch:

Last two children were twins.

G.W. Welch and Martha Ann Bice are buried in Tetter? Cem. in or near Blount Co., AL. Both were living in Blount co. AL when the 1880 census was taken.

## ACROSS THE EDITORS DESK

This column is devoted to the letters that cross the editor's desk from people who have not elected to join our group for one reason or another. In order to share material that may help our members make connections, it is our policy to publish one item or query for a non member. If connections are made with any of these folks please encourage them to join our group and help us gather information and distribute it on these pages.

Frederick T. Newbraugh, 6 Rockwell Circle, Berkeley Springs, W. VA 25411, publishes a genealogical column for the "Morgan Messenger" a newspaper. Morgan Co. W.VA was formed in 1820 from parts of Berkley and Hampshire Counties. Its land titles trace to Berkeley, Hampshire, Frederick and Orange Counties. It is located near the Old Philadelphia Wagon Road that connected Philadelphia with Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. "Warm Springs Echoes" (title of the column) began publication in 1957 under the byline of Newbraugh. Newbraugh and his wife maintain a card file and will check it for anyone. His column will publish queries that pertain to the area noted above.

Mr. Newbraugh sent the following info pertaining to his wife's Byers line, and asked if anyone is connected.

Maxine Steiner b 1921, d/o

Ada Barner and Sherman Steiner b 12-9-1885 s/o

Layra Agnes Miller b 2-7-1853 (m Isaac L. Steiner Jr.) d/o

Henry S. Miller b 3-13-1829 m 3-22-1849 Elisabeth Byers b 2-9-1824  
d/o John Byers m Nancy Lenhart b 9-2-1795:

Dates from Steiner Family Bible and gravestones. The only authority for the John Byers - Nancy Lenhart as parents of Elizabeth is a book by William C. Armstrong on Lundy Family.

A note in the files reads "Byers Power Mill" near Chambersburg -- turn at Guilford Springs south of Chambersburg. Another note says Elixabeth's home was at Byers Mill. In a letter to Mrs. Andree in 1947 I [Newbraugh] noted that Elizabeth Hollinger d/o Nicholas Hollinger m Fred Boyer and lived near Chambersburg. Evidence is around that Fred Boyer changed his name to Byers.

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In his cover letter Mr. Newbraugh said his wife descends from the Beyers of Franklin Co. PA. He said if he finds time he will write an article for us about the Franklin Co. PA branch. We welcome a contribution from him.

Helen C. Hadden, 1248 Clintonville Rd. Paris, KY 40361 sent a brochure for her Coat of Arms service. Since your editor does not believe any of us qualify to make a coat of arms claim, I won't go into detail. Write directly to her if you are interested. Her note: "I have pretty complete line from Peter Bier b c1700 including Casper Bier 1733-1793, and Jacob Bayer 1770-1843 KY". She is interested in anything beyond Peter.

Shirley M. Boatwright, 5233 SW 25th St., Topeka, KS 6614, sent the following query:

Need info on family of Elizabeth Beyer/Byer b 2 Jan 1838 Blair Co. PA m Lewis A. Warren 13 Oct 1859 Clearfield Co. PA. Living with mother Christina and brother Henry, Asa, and Aaron D. Byer in 1850 census Woodward Twp., Clearfield Col PA.

Victor E. Clark, Jr (Retired Lt. Col USAF) 14262 Southern Pines Dr. Dallas, TX 75234 is editor emeritus; of Argyll Colony Plus a quarterly journal established to foster and maintain interest in the history and genealogy of the Highland Scots of North Carolina and their ancestors and descendants.

Col. Clark wrote to ask me for permission to use one of my research articles that was published last year in MaGill Search and Share, in his periodical. Noticing my maiden name he sent a page regarding his Byers connection. The page is from Historical Sketches of the Campbell, Pilcher and Kindred Families, including the Bowen, Russell, Owen, Grant, Goodwin, Amis, Carothers, Hope, Taliaferro, and Powell Families. by Margaret Campbell Pilcher, Nashville, Tenn 1911: pp 130-131:

"Alexander Campbell lived at Inverary, Argyleshire, Scotland. His son, William Campbell, married Mary Byers. They emigrated from Scotland to the north of Ireland, near Londonderry, in Donegal Township, Ulster District. There they lived for some years, then moved, with their seven children, to America, the exact date of removal cannot be obtained. The father was an honorable, upright gentleman in every respect; the mother a woman of remarkable intelligence and possessed many womanly virtues. Their children were: David, Elizabeth, Martha, Alexander, Robert, William, Jane and Mary Campbell - eight in all.

David Campbell (called "Black Daivd" because of his hark hair, eyes and complexion, and to distinguish him from his cousin "White David" Campbell, who was very fair, with yellow hair and blue eyes) was born about 1710. He married Jane Conyngham, a half-sister of Mary

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Hamilton ("White David" Campbell's wife). David Campbell and his wife Jane Conyngham, came from Ireland with their parents. They settled in the Colony of Virginia, it is thought, first in Culpepper County. Later they removed to Augusta County, Virginia, which was at that time a frontier settlement. To this section of Virginia had emigrated a large number of Scotch-Irish, a brave, independent, liberty-loving race of people, who were most faithful friends and the best of citizens. They gave to our county many of her greatest men.

David Campbell, born in 1710, died in November 1753, and Jane Conyngham, his wife, died in August 1759. ..."

[I sent a copy of above to Alden Byers and he is corresponding with Col. Clark to see if they can make connections to Alden's research]

## CORRECTIONS - ADDITIONS - ET CETERA

To those descendants of Capt William Byers and David Byers, his brother, of York Co SC. I feel with 20 plus pages of type and supporting maps that a strong case can be made that they had a brother, John Byers, of Augusta and Botetourt Co Va. He was the grandfather of William Byers who served in the Rev War from Botetourt Co Va, married Susannah, daughter of George Fry Sr, in Montgomery Co Va and in his latter life lived in Preble and Darke Co's Ohio. He died in Darke Co 24 Nov 1834.

I believe a logical choice for their father would be David Bires who moved from Pa to Orange Co Va and was there in Jun 1742 serving in the Militia Company of Capt John McDowell in that area between today's Lexington and Natural Bridge Va.

From personal association, geographical location and historical information I believe David Bires of Orange Co was a brother of John Byers living in West Nottingham Twsp Chester Co Pa during the years 1734 through 1757 for sure and Robert Byers who died in Rowan Co NC on 2 May 1775.

From all indications it appears these men came to America from Northern Ireland around 1720 or shortly thereafter.

*Thurlo V. Byers*  
Thurlo V Byers

Vol. V, No. 1, p19: Last paragraph of the discussion by Alden Byers. The Editor intended to point out Alden's error in that issue but it slipped my mind until that issue was already printed.

Alden said, "certainly one of the Houstons that founded Houston, TX., was from Pequea, Pa."

The Houston family did not found Houston, Texas. It was named for Samuel Houston, first commander-in-chief of the Army of the Republic of Texas and its first President. Houston's forebears arrived in America in 1730 and became wealthy plantation owners in Virginia. Sam Houston's father, also named Samuel died in 1806 after a uneventful career in the U.S. Military. The widow Houston and her nine children left Virginia and settled near Knoxville, Tennessee.

The city of Houston was the brainchild of John and Augustus Allen. The Allen brothers arrived in Texas in 1832 and acquired some 2,200 acres of land on Buffalo Bayou, fifty miles from Galveston Island. They built a landing and the small community of Harrisburg (now part of Houston) was settled.

John Allen was a Republic of Texas senator and the Republic had no capitol. He laid out the town site and named it Houston hoping the first president would be tempted to make it the permanent capitol. The capitol of Texas was moved to Houston in 1837. The low swampy area that became Houston was a quagmire mud and very unhealthy. When Marabeau Lamar succeeded Sam Houston as President in 1839, another site was chosen.

I was born and raised in Houston. My grandmother and step-grandfather lived right off of Harrisburg Blvd., in an old house trimmed with ginger bread, and as a child I did not appreciate the old house or the bricks that paved Harrisburg Blvd.



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## PUTTING THE PENNSYLVANIA FAMILIES IN PERSPECTIVE

Dr. Mel Meek, 3410 NW Oak, Lawton, OK 73505 has been busy. He has been typing up new family group sheets. His sheets reflect his interpretation of data published in Vol V, No. 1, added to previous information. By using his sheets and reducing them I hope to keep repeat information from occupying too much space.

At time the corrections, corrections to corrections, and different theories boggle my mind. Dr. Mel says, "Seems to me that the Enquirer is really a good service to everybody and that some lines are beginning to clarify a wee bit with everyone's efforts." I agree that lines are beginning to clarify and Dr. Mel's sheets will help those of us that have been befuzzled, see these families in an organized way.

BUYERS, JOHN

See: ALDEN S. BYERS, Vol. V, # 1, "Byars/Byers Family Enquirer". p. 19.

|                                              |         |                            |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| <u>JOHN BUYERS</u>                           | Married | <u>MARY LETITIA PATTON</u> |
| B: 1702                                      |         | B:                         |
| W:                                           |         | W:                         |
| D: 1756                                      |         | D:                         |
| W:                                           |         | W:                         |
| Bur:                                         |         | Bur:                       |
| <u>" OF PEQUEA, LANCASTER CO., PA"</u>       |         |                            |
| Dau of:                                      |         |                            |
| <u>(WIDOW REMARRIED @ 1762, THOMAS SHARP</u> |         |                            |

CHILDREN:WILLIAM BUYERS

B:  
W:  
D:  
W:  
Bur:

B:  
W:  
D:  
W:  
Bur:

Dau of:

POSSIBILITY: MARRIED ELIZABETH WALTON, OF Rockbridge CO. VIRGINIA, @ 1760

CAPT. WILLIAM BYERS/ELIZABETH WALTON,  
355 ac. survey, was patented to EDWARD SHARP, 1760, Rockbridge Co., VA. area.

MARY BUYERS

B:  
D:

COWEN/COWAN

B:  
D:

Son of:

ROBERT BUYERS

B:  
D:

B:  
D:

"Capt. of Flying Camp"

Dau of:

CATHERINE BUYERS

B:  
D:

B:  
D:

Son of:

JOHN BUYERS

B:  
D:

B:  
D:

Dau of:

Son: THOMAS BUYERS

ANN BUYERS

B:  
D:

B:  
D:

Son of:

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BYERS, JOHN "of Derry Twp, Lancaster Co., Pa"

William Henry Egle, M.D., M.A.; "Pennsylvania Genealogies .." Second Edition, reprint. [Gen. Pub. Co., 1969] p. 765.

JOHN BYERS, a native of Germany, came to Pennsylvania prior to 1760 with his children herein named. He settled in what was then DERRY TWP., Lancaster county, PA. where he died prior to 1756. Of his children we have the names of:

2. JOHN Married and left issue
3. FREDERICK .....
- 4 CASIMER .....

2. JOHN BYERS, located in what subsequently became HANOVER TWP, Dauphin Co, PA, where he took up a large tract of land. He died about the year 1760, leaving a wife LETITIA, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY MARRIED THOMAS SHARP, of Hanover, and children:

- i. WILLIAM
- ii. MARY married HENRY COWAN, (\*) below
- iii. JOHN married, died prior to his father, left son: ROBERT
- iv. ANN
- v. GEORGE

(Article continues for other children etc.)

Mel Meek Notes:

See: "Byars/Byers Enquirer, Vol.V, No.1" p. 19

2. JOHN BYERS--Alden S. Byers, lists different children.

1. WILLIAM BYERS, (above) cannot be CAPTAIN WILLIAM BYERS married ELIZABETH WALTON.

Capt. William Byers, of "Scotch-Irish" descent.

Capt. William Byers, definitely had brother: DAVID,  
No DAVID listed by William Egle.

However, the BYERS/SHARP/WALTON families were definitely intermarried in Pennsylvania/Maryland border area and later in Virginia and South Carolina.

(\*) above:

Robert Barnes, "Maryland Marriages, 1778-1800", p. 210

SHARP, JOHN, son of Thomas and Susanna, 3rd day, 6 mo.

1795 to

ELIZABETH WALTON, widow of WILLIAM, and dau. of Anthony and Elizabeth Kinnard.

JOHN BYERS/BUYERS  
(1702/1756)

Married MARY LETITIA PATTON  
Dau of: \_\_\_\_\_  
She remarried: THOMAS SHARP



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BYERS, JOSEPH Son of: JOHN & FLORENCE ( ) BYERS  
 \*Abstracts of Wills of Chester Co., Pa., Vols. I-IV, by  
 Jacob Martin, Marshallton, Pa. Indexed by Gilbert Cole, 1901  
 No. pub. data.  
 Vol. II, p. 113 JOSEPH BYERS, EAST CALN, Chester Co., PA  
 Dated: 5 Jun 1761 Pro: 20 Jun 1761

2 Eldest Sons: JOHN BYERS  
 SAMUEL BYERS

"Tract of land whereon I lately lived, CHARLESTOWN, when  
 eldest is 21, paying 1/4 of appraisal value to son; JOSEPH,  
 when he is 21."

Son: JOSEPH BYERS  
 Dau: MARGARET BYERS Lb. 5 at age 18.

Provides for WIFE, ANN, and education of children, who are  
 to be taught to read the English Bible well and to write and  
 cyffer to the rule of 3.

BROTHER: SAMUEL BYERS  
 Bro-in-law: JOSEPH  
 to be guardian of my children.  
 Wife: ANN  
 Exors: Friend: DAVID JOHN, of Charlestown.  
 JOSEPH WILLIAMS??  
 Wit: JOHN BUYERS, JOHN GRIFFITH

(MPH: JOHN BUYERS, will of 1766/1767, East. Caln names his  
 Deceased Son; JOSEPH BYERS, and grandchildren--John, Samuel,  
 Joseph, and Margaret.)

MPH- could BUYERS be an older version of BYERS(?) instead of  
 variation in spelling by the clerk??

Dorothy Sawtell info: Will, 1761, East Caln  
 Will: # 1961, Book "D", p. 338

BYERS, ELIZABETH Dau of: John & Florence ( ) Byers  
 Will: 1766, E. Caln, Pa  
 See: Alden S. Byers, p. 18 \*Byers Enquirer, Vol. V., #1  
 See: p. 112, Vol. IV, # 4.

|                  |              |               |              |              |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>ELIZABETH</u> | <u>BYERS</u> | Married       | <u>DAVID</u> | <u>BYERS</u> |
| B:               |              |               | B:           |              |
| W:               |              | Donegal Twp,  | W:           |              |
| D:               |              | Chester Co.,  | D: 1762      |              |
| W:               |              | PA?           | W: PA        |              |
| Bur:             |              |               | Bur:         |              |
|                  |              | Son of: DAVID | BYERS        |              |

CHILDREN:

|              |              |         |                |
|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|
| <u>DAVID</u> | <u>BYERS</u> |         | <u>ROSANNA</u> |
| B:           |              |         | B:             |
| D:           |              |         | D:             |
|              |              | Dau of: |                |

"Super Patriot"  
 D.A.R. info: Rev. War, from Cumberland Co., PA. Ensign  
 also, from Augusta Co., VA.--under Capt. Rankins,  
 (area between Augusta Old Stone church and naked Creek,  
 which empties into North river, on Rockingham county line)  
 Guardianship acct: York Co., PA.

|             |              |         |              |
|-------------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| <u>JOHN</u> | <u>BYERS</u> |         | <u>BYERS</u> |
| B:          |              |         | B:           |
| D:          |              |         | D:           |
|             |              | Dau of: |              |

|             |              |         |              |
|-------------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| <u>MARY</u> | <u>BYERS</u> |         | <u>BYERS</u> |
| B:          |              |         | B:           |
| D:          |              |         | D:           |
|             |              | Son of: |              |

|                            |                  |                                     |              |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <u>ELIZ. (BYERS) BYERS</u> | <u>REMARRIED</u> | <u>2. JOHN</u>                      | <u>BYERS</u> |
|                            |                  | B:                                  |              |
|                            |                  | W:                                  |              |
|                            |                  | D:                                  |              |
|                            |                  | W:                                  |              |
|                            |                  | Bur:                                |              |
|                            |                  | Son of:                             |              |
|                            |                  | <u>CUMBERLAND TWP, YORK CO., PA</u> |              |

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BYERS, SAMUEL

"Abstracts of Wills of Chester Co., PA., Vols. I-IV, by  
Jacob Martin, Marshallton, PA. Indexed by Gilbert Cole, 1901  
No. Pub. Data. Vol. II, p. 471.

Dorothy Sawtelle: Brandywine, Will # 4563, Book "I", p. 432  
Brandywine, Will # 4574, Book "I", p. 432

Dated: 13 Dec 1796 Pro: Mar 1797

SAMUEL BYERS BRANDYWINE, CHESTER CO., PA.

Son: JOHN 20 Lb. yearly, to be paid by son: SAMUEL,  
out of land devised to him, provided he  
applies for it in his own person.

Son: SAMUEL

Son: ISAAC

Lb. 20

Son: JOSEPH

Lb. 20

Dau: ELIZABETH HENDERSON

Lb. 50, at age 21

Son: SAMUEL All of real estate paying above legacies  
and Lb. 15, yearly to my son: BENJAMIN,  
during life.

Son: BENJAMIN

Exors: JAMES LOCKHART, SR.; BENJ. JACOBS

Wit: JAMES ROBINSON, JOSEPH DOUGLAS

MPM- could be son of: JOHN BYERS, Will-1766, East Caln  
JOSEPH BYERS, Will- 1761, East Caln.

Also:

MARGARET CALDWELL, Will, Aston, Chester Co., Pa

24 Feb 1758-8 Nov 1766

Lists: Dau- ELIZABETH BUYERS, WIFE OF SAMUEL BUYERS,  
children: John, Robert Buyers and "2 others"

Dau: MARGARET BUYERS

Exors: Hugh Lamb, John Fair Lamb.

Letters of administration, exors. being deceased to:  
WILLIAM AND MARGARET BYERS.

Also:

JOHN WHITE, Will: 1758, East Nottingham, Chester Co., PA  
Witnesses: ANDREW BUYERS, SAMUEL BYERS

DAVID DAVIS, Will: Charleston, # 3959 Dated: 25 Jun 1788

Dau: MARTHA, MARRIED TO SAMUEL BYERS.

JENNET MC CONNOUGH, Will: West Nantmeal, # 3287, p. 90

Wit: JEAN STARRET, SAMUEL BYERS, FRANCES PATTON

(See: JOHN BYERS/Mary Letitia Patton, (1702/1756),  
Lancaster Co., Pa.)

PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, " Pa. Gen. Mag. & Pa. Mag. of  
History and Biography, Vol 1. [Gen. Pub. co., Inc.,  
Baltimore, 1983]

## PENNSYLVANIA MARRIAGES:

|        |              |   |                |           |
|--------|--------------|---|----------------|-----------|
| p. 302 | DAVID BOYERS | - | ELIZ. BYERS    | June 1747 |
| p. 304 | SAMUEL BYERS | - | ELIZ. CALDWELL | Nov 1747  |

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BYERS, JOHN

\*Abstracts of Wills of Chester Co., Pa., Vols. I-IV, by Jacob Martin, Marshallton, Pa. Indexed by Gilbert Cole, 1901 No. pub. data.  
Vol. II, p. 2143 or 2148.  
(Book D, p. 638-Dorothy Sawtelle - "Byers Family Enquirer, Vol. IV, No. 4", p. 112.)  
Will: Dated - 31 May 1766 (Affirmed: 7 Feb 1767) Proved or 7 Recorded: 7 Jul 1767.

JOHN BYERS, EAST CALM, CHESTER CO., PA.

Sons: SAMUEL BYERS Lb. 20 each  
WILLIAM BYERS  
Dau: ANN CREELY Lb. 80, to be paid her as she is in need.  
Dau: ELIZABETH BYERS Lb. 75, and to her three children by her first husband, viz: DAVID, JOHN AND MARY Lb 25 each.

[Note: Thurio Byers states ELIZABETH BYERS married David Byers of Donegal TWP, Chester Co., PA. "Enquirer-Vol.V.81, p 18]

Dau: FLORENCE CLARK Lb. 40  
Dau: MARY MCPARLAN Lb. 50?

Children of: Son--JOSEPH BYERS, deceased  
[MPH--Probably: JOSEPH BYERS, E. Calm, Will, 5 Jun 1761.  
Proved: 20 Jun 1761 by JOHN BYERS, John Griffith]  
viz: JOHN, SAMUEL, JOSEPH, MARGARET BYERS. Lb. 50 each  
G-son: JOHN, son of Samuel Byers Riding horse/saddle  
G-dau: JANE CLARK Cot  
WIFE: FLORENCE All rest of estate to dispose of as she sees fit.  
G-dau: MARGARET ELLIOTT (Mentioned only)  
Exors: THOS. PERRIN?  
Son-in-law: JOHN CLARK  
Wit: David Stewart, Alex. Stewart, Archibald Stewart.

[MPH-Note: JOHN BYERS, and THOMAS MC CLEUR  
Witnesses to will of:  
WILLIAM LUSH, 24 Feb 1746/47.  
Vol. I of "Abstracts", no other data. ]

BYERS, WILLIAM

\*Abstracts of Wills of Chester Co., PA., vols. I-IV, by Jacob Martin, Marshallton, Pa. Indexed by Gilbert Cole, 1901 No. Pub. data. Vol. II, p. 275, & 3909  
Dorothy Sawtelle- Will Book "H", & 3909, p. 172

WILLIAM BYERS Unchlan/Ovchlan?? Chester Co., Pa  
Dated: 9 Dec 1787 Pro: 13 Jan 1788

WIFE: MARGARET Estate divided between wife and three daughters.

Daus: ESTHER BYERS  
MARY BYERS  
MARGARET BYERS

Servant: John Phillips  
Exor: Wife- MARGARET and DAN ESELE??  
Wit: Jos. Greer/Green?, Wm. Culbertson, Jno. Culbertson

ALSO:

See: SAMUEL BYERS, Brandyvine, Chester Co., Pa.

MARGARET CALDWELL, will, Aston, Chester Co., PA.  
24 Feb 1758 - 8 Nov 1766

Dau: MARGARET BYERS  
Letters of administration to:  
WILLIAM AND MARGARET BYERS.

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GENERAL GEORGE PATTON:

Alden S. Byers article: Vol.V, # 1, p. 19. mentions line of General George Patton, WWII.

American History Magazine, March, 1984. "Ancestral Gray Cloud Over Patton", by Ashley Halsey.

"Four of the seven Confederate Patton brothers and a number of their warring cousins attended the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington under a longstanding family tradition .....the martial instinct arose naturally in the family. Their probable immigrant ancestor, fiery ROBERT PATTON, fled Scotland apparently after opposing the Crown in the interminable conflict for Scottish independence. He married a dau. of Revolutionary War Brigadier General HUGH MERCER, another Scot, died by British bayonets at the Battle of Princeton in 1777 rather than yield.....(line of Gen. George Patton).."

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BYERS/PATTON INFORMATION:

PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, from "PA. Gen. Mag. and Pa. Mag. of History and Biography.", Vol. 1. [Gen. Pub. Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1983] p. 324.

Genealogical Gleanings, from Orphans' Court Records of Lancaster Co., PA. (Abstracted by: Sophia Seiden Rogers)

JOHN BOGGES, minor legatee of JAMES PATTEN (27), chuses JOHN BYLES as Guardian. (John BYERS??)

(27-Footnote) Will of JOHN PATTON, Donegal Twp., dated 15 Sep and proved 23 Sep 1746, appointed THOMAS PATTON and JOHN BYERS, executors. Named only his wife: MARY [see entry in present text under date of 10 Nov 1747. Will Book A-1, 117:1746.

Will of MARY PATTON, dated 6 Jan/proved 10 Jan 1746 (47), named as executors: JAMES ALLISON & DAVID BYERS.

Legatees named were ISABELLA & MARY CASSENY and WILLIAM ALLISON. Will Book A-1, 120: 1746/(47).

[MPM--NOTE: Possibility?

JAMES AND MARY PATTON

Dau: MARY LETITIA PATTON married JOHN BOYERS/BYERS  
(1702/1756) ]

p. 325 Orphans' Court: 10 Nov 1747. Upon a certificate of Justice Hoge's, William Leman and John Davison are appointed Guardians over THOMAS PATTEN, JOHN, WILLIAM, ELIZABETH, and JAMES, Orphan children of JAMES PATTEN, DECEASED.

Summary:

|                     |         |                     |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| <u>JAMES PATTON</u> | Married | <u>MARY</u>         |
| B:                  |         | B:                  |
| D: 15/23 Sep 1746   |         | D: 6/10 Jan 1746    |
| W: Donegal TWP, PA  |         | W: Donegal Twp., PA |

CHILDREN: (??)

|                                                           |         |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| <u>MARY LETITIA PATTON</u><br>(not named in wills, above) | Married | <u>JOHN BOYERS/BYERS</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|

|                        |  |                        |
|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <u>ISABELLA PATTON</u> |  | <u>CASSENY</u>         |
| <u>MARY PATTON</u>     |  | <u>CASSENY</u>         |
| Dau:                   |  | <u>WILLIAM ALLISON</u> |
| Dau:                   |  | <u>BOGGS</u>           |

Son: JOHN BOGGS (Minor) (James' Will:1746)

Minor Children:  
THOMAS PATTON  
JOHN PATTON  
WILLIAM PATTON  
ELIZABETH PATTON  
JAMES PATTON

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## NATHANITES NICHE

Our thanks go once more to Marjorie Tucker, 617 Paden Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226. This is the genealogy for Isham Eugene Byars, (see Vol. IV, No. 2 pp 53-57, Vol. IV, No. 4 pp 117-119) prepared by Marjorie. Special thanks goes also to Obediah Byars of Birmingham. He is a grandson of Jesse Judson Byars, brother of Isham Eugene. Obediah helped Marjorie with information on the families of Nathan Byars and Henry Kelly Byars.

Marjorie calls to the attention of Judith Isaacson the data on Child #5, Gen. III, Mary Campbell (Polly) Byars.

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GEN. III

Children of JOHN BYARS, SR. (NATHAN BYARS) and MARY ANN (PASSIE) LOGAN:

- \* 1. NATHAN BYARS, b. 1793, NC (Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., AL), but given date 1799 by Will Franke, d. May 30, 1858, Jefferson Co., AL. Will Franke gives 1868 although he probably meant 1858. The date of 1858 is supported by the following reference to his death:

Probate Book Minutes 1860-1862, Jefferson County, Ala., page 63:

NATHAN BYARS deceased. June 7, 1860. Heirs: HENRY K. BYARS, MARY A. now wife of PHILIP T. GRIFFIN, NATHANIEL HAWKINS, administrator of NATHAN BYARS, JR., deceased, all of this state and county, also THOMAS A. BYARS said to be residing in the state of Mississippi and MRS. ELIZABETH BYARS, the widow.

Nathan m.1st. Mar. 3, 1825, Jefferson County, AL, ELIZABETH REAVIS (marriage record, Book One, MARRIAGE RECORDS, Jefferson Co., AL, p. 63, ALLEN REAVIS, bondsman, who Will Franke states was her father). She d. Jan. 14, 1829, Jefferson Co., AL (per Will Franke).

Nathan m.2nd. Jan. 5, 1832, (license issued Dec. 31, 1831), Jefferson Co., AL, ELIZABETH (WALKER) BYARS, b. 1798, NC (from Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., AL, d. , dau. of THADDEUS DUDLEY WALKER and NANCY BYARS (dau. of NATHAN).

Elizabeth had m.1st. , JAMES BYARS, who died in 1827, Jefferson Co., AL, brother of STRIPLING BYARS and son of WILLIAM BYARS (our no. V) and SARAH ANN DOGGETT.

The following biographical sketch of NATHAN BYARS is given in ALABAMA SOLDIERS, Revolution, War of 1812, and Indian Wars, Vol. III, compiled by Pauline Jones Gandrud, 1977, p. 134:

Mr. Nathan Byars was a planter and owned extensive lands in both Jones and Shades Valley in Jefferson County, Alabama. He was among the very first to introduce the cultivation of tobacco in Jefferson County, and built the first tobacco warehouse to be erected in this county, which was at Edgewood, Birmingham, Alabama. He was for some years the county jailor of Jefferson County, when the court house was located at old Elyton. He was a Justice and was well known as "Judge Byars." In 1836 he volunteered for service in the Seminole Indian War in a company commanded by Capt. James McAdory from Jefferson County. For this service he had Bounty Land Grant - WSA to Nathan Byars - Discio, 1851. SENE Sec 24. Twp 18 - R 3 W Jefferson Co., Ala. Will Franke had a copy of Patent - Warrant No. 8369 in favor Nathan Byars, private in Capt. McAdory's Company Ala. Volunteers Creek War.

- \* 2. NANCY CAROLINE BYARS, b. Nov. 13, 1801, Spartanburg District, SC, d. Oct. 16, 1889, Tuscaloosa Co., AL, m. Feb. 3, 1817, Spartanburg District, SC, WILLIAM WILEY, b. Feb. 25, 1792, SC, d. Aug. 6, 1867, Northport, Tuscaloosa Co., AL.

Note: these dates for Nancy and William are quoted from an affidavit made by Will Franke and have not as yet been verified by any records known to exist.

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GEN. III

Children of JOHN BYARS, SR. and MARY ANN (PASSIE) LOGAN, cont'd.:

3. DRUCILLA BYARS, b. Jul. 7, 1803, Spartanburg, SC, d. Dec. 6, 1872, in Birmingham, Jefferson Co., AL, m. DANIEL WATKINS, JR., b. Jan. 1, 1799, Buncombe Co., NC, d. Nov. 26, 1888, Birmingham, Jefferson Co., AL, son of DANIEL WATKINS, SR. and ELIZABETH BYARS (she was a sister of JOHN BYARS, SR.).

Both are buried in the Union Hill Cemetery, Jefferson Co., AL.

- \* 4. JOHN LOGAN BYARS, b. May 14, 1808, Spartanburg, SC, d. Jun. 28, 1854, East Lake, Jefferson Co., m. Feb. 10, 1830, Jefferson Co., AL, CATHERINE DANIEL, b. Jan. 26, 1812, d. 1890 or 91, Jefferson Co., AL, dau. of JOHN DANIEL, JR. and MARY PUGH. (Enquirer, Vol. II, No. 1, page 3)

They came to Jefferson Co., AL in 1821.

- \* 5. MARY CAMPBELL (POLLY) BYARS, b. Jun. 3, 1813, Spartanburg District, SC, d. Jan. 28, 1891, Tuscaloosa Co., AL, m. Mar. 18, 1832, (Note: a marriage license was issued Mar. 17, 1832, Jefferson Co., AL to JAMES BROGDEN and NANCY BYARS, Vol. I, page 378, Jefferson Co. Marriage Records; the ceremony was performed Mar. 18, 1832 by John Brown)

Note: did Mary ever use the name NANCY, or did James Brogden marry twice?

JAMES TURNER BROGDEN, b. Jul. 23, 1806, NC, d. Feb. 6, 1860, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Note: the dates of birth and death for Mary and James are also quoted from an affidavit made by Will Franke and need to be verified.

James and Mary are enumerated in the Census of 1850, Tuscaloosa Co., AL:

Res. #252

|                  |    |             |    |                  |
|------------------|----|-------------|----|------------------|
| James T. Brogden | 45 | Brick Mason | NC |                  |
| Mary             | 37 |             | SC |                  |
| Sarah A.         | 15 |             | AL |                  |
| Elizabeth        | 13 |             | AL |                  |
| John             | 10 |             | AL |                  |
| Eliza            | 6  |             | AL |                  |
| James T.         | 2  |             | AL |                  |
| Martha           | 1  |             | AL |                  |
| Daniel Wiley     | 18 | farmer      | AL | living with them |

- \* 6. JAMES WILEY BYARS, b. , d. before 1850, buried in an unmarked grave in the Watkins Cemetery, Jefferson Co., AL, m. MARTHA (PATSI) ANDERSON, b. ca. 1820, Tenn. (Census of 1850, Warren Co., Tenn.), d. , dau. of ENOCH ANDERSON and ELIZABETH (BYARS) WATKINS (she was a sister of JOHN BYARS, SR.).

7. MARTHA (PATSI) BYARS, b. 1803, SC, d. , was living in 1870 when the Census of 1870, Tuscaloosa Co., AL was taken, m. JAMES STAMPS, b. 1797, GA. They are enumerated in the Census of 1850, Tuscaloosa Co., AL:



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Children of JOHN BYARS, SR. and MARY ANN (PASSIE) LOGAN, cont'd.:

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Census of 1850, Tuscaloosa Co., AL:

District 2

|      |                     |    |    |        |
|------|---------------------|----|----|--------|
| #459 | James Stamps        | 53 | GA | farmer |
|      | Martha              | 47 | SC |        |
|      | Sarah D.            | 22 | AL |        |
|      | Lovina ? (Lorena)   | 18 | AL |        |
|      | Nancy E.            | 15 | AL |        |
|      | Brittian ? (female) | 13 | AL |        |
|      | William             | 4  | AL |        |

Note: from Marriage Records, Tuscaloosa Co., AL:

JOHN H. HARLESS and MISS NANCY E. STAMPS, Dec. 21, 1854; both of age, at residence of JAMES STAMPS, ESQ.

Census of 1870, Tuscaloosa Co., AL, transcribed by Judith Isaacson:

|      |                      |    |    |    |    |
|------|----------------------|----|----|----|----|
| #175 | Dnn Watkins          | 26 | AL | AL | AL |
|      | Eliza                | 25 | AL | AL | AL |
|      | Dollie               | 5  |    |    |    |
|      | Jane                 | 2  |    |    |    |
|      | Martha Stamps        | 72 | SC | VA | SC |
|      | Lorena " (dau.)      | 44 | AL | GA | SC |
|      | Sarah Byars (g. dau) | 12 | AL | AL | AL |

8. ELIZABETH BYARS, b. \_\_\_\_\_ ca. 1823, d. \_\_\_\_\_, m. Apr. 5, 1838,  
 Jefferson Co., AL, SAM LOGAN (a cousin), b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_,  
 son of LARKIN LOGAN and FANNIE \_\_\_\_\_ (from Enquirer, Vol. II, No. 1,  
 page 4).

\* 9. THADDEUS DUDLEY BYARS, b. Mar. 24, 1824, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Oct. 16,  
 1865 or 1885, m. Feb. 12, 1846, Tuscaloosa Co., AL, MELISSA SHAW,  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1828, AL

They are enumerated in the Census of 1850, Tuscaloosa Co., AL:

District 2

|      |                   |    |    |             |
|------|-------------------|----|----|-------------|
| #260 | Thaddeus D. Byars | 25 | AL | brick mason |
|      | Melissa           | 22 | AL |             |
|      | Mary E.           | 4  | AL |             |
|      | John L.           | 2  | AL |             |
|      | Passey            | 63 | SC |             |

Sources: Byars/Byers Enquirer, Vol. II, No. 1, pp. 3-4.

Judith Isaacson, descendant of #2 and #5.

Note: Date of death of 1885 for Thaddeus Dudley Byars #9 above was given in Vol. II, No. 1 p4. Marjorie is looking for correct date.

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GEN. IV

Children of NATHAN BYARS (JOHN BYARS, NATHAN BYARS) and his 1st. wife,  
ELIZABETH REAVIS:

1. THOMAS ANDERSON BYARS, b. 1825, Jefferson Co., AL, d.  
m. ,in MS, ELIZABETH McGEE

The following is a quote from an affidavit of Will Franke:

"Thomas Anderson Byars, in 1868, resided at or near Corona, Pontotoc Co., Mississippi, but after his death his widow and perhaps all the other children removed to Texas, and said to have resided near Bryan, Brazos County, Texas".

They had the following children:

JOEL BYARS - attended school at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, taught school for a time, - once at Union Hill School in Jefferson County, Alabama, and afterwards he practiced law in Birmingham, Alabama, where he was deceased

WILLIAM BYARS

JAMES BYARS

THOMAS BYARS

ELLA BYARS, never married

2. MARY ANN BYARS, b. Jun. 14, 1827, Jefferson Co., AL, d. May 6, 1895, Jefferson Co., m. Feb. 2, 1846 (date of license), Jefferson Co., AL, PHILIP T. GRIFFIN, b. Nov. 30, 1818, SC, d. Jun. 22, 1877, Jefferson Co., son of SPENCER GRIFFIN. Both are buried in the Philip T. Griffin Cemetery, located on the old Nathan Byars' Plantation, now Edgewood, in Birmingham, AL.

Philip was from Mississippi and they first lived there, and had for their post office address, Houston, Chickasaw County, but upon the death of her father he purchased her father's estate. and they returned to Jefferson County, Alabama, where they reared their family of several children.

- \* 3. HENRY KELLY BYARS, b. Apr. 5, 1829, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Apr. 11, 1911, Jefferson Co., AL, m. Jan. 8, 1851, Jefferson Co., AL, LAURA MASSEY, b. Jul. 9, 1833, Jefferson Co., AL, d. May 19, 1904, Jefferson Co., AL, dau. of JAMES MASSEY and MARY NATIONS. Both are buried in the Union Hill Cemetery.

Henry Kelly was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the Confederate Army, in Company D, 28th Alabama Regiment.

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Children of NATHAN BYARS and his 2nd. wife, ELIZABETH (WALKER) BYARS:

- 4. ROBERT BYARS, died age 10-12 of typhoid.

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GEN. IV

Children of NATHAN BYARS and his 2nd. wife, ELIZABETH (WALKER) BYARS, cont'd.:

- 5. NANNIE BYARS, died young.
- 6. NATHAN (DUTCH) BYARS, JR., b. 1839, Jefferson Co., AL, d. about 18 years of age of typhoid.

## Sources:

Probate Book Minutes 1860-1862, Jefferson County, Ala., page 63:

"NATHAN BYARS deceased. June 7, 1860. Heirs: HENRY K. BYARS, MARY A. now wife of PHILIP T. GRIFFIN, NATHANIEL HAWKINS, administrator of NATHAN BYARS, JR., deceased, all of this state and county, also THOMAS A. BYARS said to be residing in the state of Mississippi and MRS. ELIZABETH BYARS, the widow".

Census of 1850, Jefferson County, Ala., Elyton Beat:

| Family #20         |         | Family #23    |         | Family #24                 |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
| GRIFFIN, PHILIP T. | 31 S.C. | BYARS, NATHAN | 51 N.C. | KELLY, SARAH 27 Va.        |
| MARY ANN           | 22 Ala. | ELIZABETH     | 52 N.C. | KELLY, JAMES 13 Ala.       |
|                    |         | NATHAN        | 11 Ala. | BYARS, HENRY K.<br>21 Ala. |

Affidavit of WILLIAM FREDERICK FRANKE, SR. given in Alabama Soldiers, Revolution, War of 1812, and Indian Wars, Vol. III, compiled by Pauline Jones Gandrud, 1977, pages 132-142.

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Children of HENRY KELLY BYARS (NATHAN BYARS, JOHN BYARS, NATHAN BYARS) and LAURA MASSEY:

- \* 1. MARY JANE BYARS, b. Feb. 2, 1852, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Dec. 28, 1916, m. Nov. 14, 1876 (date of license), Jefferson Co., AL, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS BEARDEN, b. Apr. 2, 1845, Shelby Co., AL, d. Jun. 16, 1917, Jefferson Co., AL, son of ARTER (or ARTHUR) BEARDEN and REBECCA WHITFIELD.

Columbus (Lum) was a Confederate veteran of the Civil War. Both are buried in Union Hill Cemetery, Jefferson Co., AL.

The following is quoted from the book, ACTON FAMILY, by Faye Acton Axford, 1970, page 16:

"William Acton with two of his sons, Zephaniah William Henry and John Vincent, with friends Jordan Bailey and Jack Wideman, founded a school with the aesthetic name of "Cow Mire"! This school was located somewhere between the present pumping station on the Cahaba River and Highway 280 South. MISS JANE BYARS was the first principal and teacher of this school, which ran only three months in the first year of its existence."

From page 24:

Daniel Watkins, Jr. and his wife, Drucilla Byars, had settled and owned most of the property where the present Mountain Brook and the business section of Homewood now stand...."the property was bought by Lum Bearden, who married JANE BYARS."

2. JAMES NATHAN BYARS, b. Oct. 7, 1853, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Sept. 4, 1922 (Labor Day), m. 1st about 1873, JENNIE W. BAILEY, b. May 9, 1845, AL, d. Nov. 18, 1904. Both are buried in Union Hill Cemetery. Nathan was a policeman.

They are enumerated in the Census of 1900, Jefferson Co., AL:

Enumeration Dist. 110  
Precinct 25

|      |              |    |           |    |    |    |        |   |   |
|------|--------------|----|-----------|----|----|----|--------|---|---|
| #224 | Byars, J. N. | 46 | Oct. 1853 | AL | AL | AL | 27 yrs |   |   |
|      | Jennie       | 56 | May 1844  | "  | "  | "  | 27 yrs | 8 | 5 |
|      | Mamie        | 23 | Aug. 1876 | "  | "  | "  |        |   |   |
|      | James        | 19 | Jul. 1880 | "  | "  | "  |        |   |   |
|      | Martha J.    | 16 | Jul. 1883 | "  | "  | "  |        |   |   |
|      | * Ada        | 13 | Aug. 1886 | "  | "  | "  |        |   |   |
|      | Burt         | 11 | May 1889  | "  | "  | "  |        |   |   |

(Burt was a nephew, son of ISHAM EUGENE BYARS)

\*ADA BYARS, d. Sept. 14 or 16, 1974, m. Jul. 12, 1905 (date of license), Jefferson Co., AL, THOMAS G. PARKER, b. Jul. 27, 1882, d. May 3, 1956 (date from tombstone). Ada was b. Apr. 7, 1887 (from tombstone). Her date of death was given in her obit in The Birmingham News as Sept. 14, but was given as Sept. 16 in the Birmingham Post-Herald. Both bur. Union Hill.

Nathan m.2nd. GEORGIA STUDDARD (per Herb Griffin). Marriage records of Jefferson Co., AL give: J.N. BYARS m. Mar. 15, 1905 (date of license), GEORGIA A. FLORENCE.

- 3. REBECCA BYARS, b. Mar. 15, 1855, Jefferson Co., AL, died young.

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Children of HENRY KELLY BYARS and LAURA MASSEY, cont'd.:

4. THOMAS JOSHUA (Dock) BYARS, b. Oct. 5, 1857, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Nov. 27, 1926, m. SOPHIA COOK, b. Jul. 1866, England, d. Apr. 22, 1928.

Both are buried in Union Hill Cemetery.

They are enumerated in the Census of 1900, Jefferson Co., AL:

Enumeration Dist. 110  
Precinct 25

|      |              |    |            |      |      |      |        |   |   |
|------|--------------|----|------------|------|------|------|--------|---|---|
| #215 | Byars, T. J. | 44 | Feb. 1856  | AL   | AL   | AL   | 18 yrs |   |   |
|      | * Sophia     | 33 | Jul. 1866  | Eng. | Eng. | Eng. | 18 yrs | 8 | 7 |
|      | William      | 16 | Apr. 1884  | AL   | AL   | Eng. |        |   |   |
|      | Clifton      | 14 | Jan. 1886  | "    | "    | "    |        |   |   |
|      | Jesse        | 10 | Aug. 1889  | "    | "    | "    |        |   |   |
|      | ?Ever M. f   | 8  | Nov. 1891  | "    | "    | "    |        |   |   |
|      | Mary         | 6  | Mar. 1894  | "    | "    | "    |        |   |   |
|      | Laura        | 4  | Sept. 1895 | "    | "    | "    |        |   |   |
|      | Ola          | 1  | Mar. 1899  | "    | "    | "    |        |   |   |

\* year of immigration 1872  
no. of years in U.S. - 28  
naturalization - no

5. ISHAM EUGENE BYARS, b. Mar. 20, 1859, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Feb. 9, 1895, Jefferson Co., AL, m. Jan. 22, 1880, Jefferson Co., AL, MARTHA A. ALLENDER, b. 1861, AL (per Census of 1880, Jefferson Co., AL)

Eugene was tried, convicted, and hanged for the murder of his 3rd. cousin, EUGENE WALKER. He is buried in Union Hill Cemetery (per Will Franke).

Eugene and Martha had the following children:

JIM BYARS, died young.

WILBURN BYARS, b. Aug. 1883, Jefferson Co., AL

LILLER or LULAR BYARS, b. Oct. 1888, Jefferson Co., AL

BURT BYARS, b. May 1889, Jefferson Co., AL

These dates are from the Census of 1900, Jefferson Co., AL. At that time Burt was living with his uncle, JAMES NATHAN; and Wilburn and Lular were with their grandparents, HENRY KELLY and LAURA BYARS.

6. HARRIET ADORA BYARS, b. Jan. 31, 1861, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Jul. 7, 1936, Jefferson Co., AL, buried in Union Hill Cemetery, m. Sept. 25, 1880 (date of license), Jefferson Co., AL, JAMES W. WILLIAMS, b. Apr. 1857, AL

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Children of HENRY KELLY BYARS and LAURA MASSEY, cont'd.:

They are enumerated in the Census of 1900, Jefferson Co., AL:

Enumeration Dist. 110  
Precinct 25

|      |                    |      |           |    |    |    |        |   |   |
|------|--------------------|------|-----------|----|----|----|--------|---|---|
| #173 | Williams, James M. | 43   | Apr. 1857 | AL | NC | AL | 19 yrs |   |   |
|      | Dora               | 39   | Jan. 1861 | AL | AL | AL | 19 yrs | 5 | 5 |
|      | Mary               | 17   | May 1883  | "  | "  | "  |        |   |   |
|      | Mack               | 14   | Oct. 1885 | "  | "  | "  |        |   |   |
|      | ?Almer f           | 12   | Jun. 1888 | "  | "  | "  |        |   |   |
|      | James T.           | 9    | Nov. 1890 | "  | "  | "  |        |   |   |
|      | Ruth P.            | 1/12 | Apr. 1900 | "  | "  | "  |        |   |   |

7. RHODA EVA BYARS, b. Sept. 18, 1864, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Jun. 16, 1934, Jefferson Co., AL, buried in Union Hill Cemetery, m. Jan. 31, 1883 (date of license), Jefferson Co., AL, J.T. (Jake) McDANIEL.

8. LAURA L.L. BYARS, b. Jan. 13, 1867, Jefferson Co., AL, died young. She was not enumerated in the Census of 1870, Jefferson Co., AL.

9. ALMOS WALTER BYARS, b. Mar. 6, 1871, Jefferson Co., AL (per Will Franke, but is contradicted by census records. He is enumerated in the Census of 1870, Jefferson Co., AL and listed as being of age 1, thus born about 1869). He d. Mar. 5, 1931, Jefferson Co., AL (per Will Franke, but his tombstone in the Union Hill Cemetery is inscribed 1872 - 1930).

He m. Feb. 17, 1902 (date of license), Jefferson Co., AL, ELLA HOLBROOK. In the Census of 1900, Jefferson Co., AL he is living with his parents and is listed as a widower. There is no marriage record for him in Jefferson Co. previous to the one to Ella Holbrook.

10. HENRY MERRELL (HANK) BYARS, b. Feb. 23, 1869, Jefferson Co., AL (per Will Franke, but is also contradicted by census records. He is not enumerated in the Census of 1870, Jefferson Co., AL, and the Census of 1900 gives Nov. 1872).

He d. Sept. 13, 1935, Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN, m. \_\_\_\_\_ about 1893, MATTIE \_\_\_\_\_, b. Mar. 1875 (per Census of 1900, Jefferson Co., AL) in TN.

They are enumerated in the Census of 1900, Jefferson Co., AL:

Enumeration Dist. 92  
Precinct 8

|      |                  |    |            |    |    |    |       |            |
|------|------------------|----|------------|----|----|----|-------|------------|
| #310 | Byers, Hank      | 27 | Nov. 1872  | AL | AL | AL | 7 yrs | Blacksmith |
|      | Mattie           | 25 | Mar. 1875  | TN | TN | TN | 7 yrs | 2 2        |
|      | Vera             | 3  | Sept. 1896 | AL | AL | TN |       |            |
|      | Mary             | 1  | Feb. 1899  | AL | AL | TN |       |            |
|      | Tiesingle, Sandy | 27 | May 1873   | VA | VA | VA |       | Boarder    |
|      | Wadkins, Perry   | 28 | Mar. 1872  | AL | AL | AL |       | "          |
|      | Miles, Tommie    | 50 | Dec. 1849  | AL | AL | AL |       | "          |

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Children of HENRY KELLY BYARS and LAURA MASSEY, cont'd.:

11. JESSE JUDSON (JUD) BYARS, b. Apr. 27, 1873, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Oct. 7, 1960, Tuscaloosa Co., AL, buried at Little Hurricane, Tuscaloosa Co., AL.

Jud m.1st. ADA NABERS (per family records). Marriage records of Jefferson Co., AL give: J.J. BYARS m. Feb. 29, 1892 (date of license), EDITH NABERS.

He m.2nd. SARAH LULA SUTTON, buried at Bethel Cemetery, Moody, AL.

12. ROSA LEE BYARS, b. Mar. 15, 1875, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Dec. 2, 1901, Jefferson Co., AL, buried in Union Hill Cemetery in an unmarked grave beside her sister, HARRIET ADORA WILLIAMS (per Wyant Hays).

Rosa Lee m. GEORGE WYANT HAYS (per family records). Marriage records of Jefferson Co., AL give: ROSSIE LEE BYERS m. May 4, 1895 (date of license), WILLIAM THOMAS HAYS.

## MISCELLANEOUS BYERS NOTES

Courtesy William W. Tucker, 3779 Grant Rd. #96, Ellenwood, GA 30049

1. Southwest Penn., Vol II, pg 260-61.  
"adjacent to McKeesport, Allegheny Co, near Fort Pitt"  
"plaintiff claimed land through conveyance from James BYERS Jr. to Ephraim Blaine, on an application entered from one Alexander Ross, for 300 acres of land, up the bend of the Monogahela, on the west side, near or adjoining General Braddock's Road"
2. Kegley's "Virginia Frontier, 1740 - 1783"  
(Pg 546): 4 Aug 1787, Joseph BYERS, granted 400 acres on waters of Glade Creek, including the Flag Meadow. Patent Bk 11, pg 539, Botetourt Co.  
(Pg 146): William BYERS, worked on road in Orange Co., 1753.
3. Early Ohio Tax Records.
 

|                |          |               |                  |
|----------------|----------|---------------|------------------|
| Hardin Co.     | 1833 tax | BYERS, Elisha | Taylor Creek Twp |
| Holmes Co.     | 1825 "   | " David       | Non Resident     |
| Jackson Co.    | 1825 "   | " Edward      | Resident         |
| Montgomery Co. | 1804 "   | " James       | Resident         |
| Richland Co.   | 1825 "   | " James       | Non Resident     |
| Ross Co.       | 1810 "   | " James       | Union Twp        |
| Scioto Co.     | 1806 "   | " William     |                  |
| Scioto Co.     | 1810 "   | " William     |                  |
| Wayne Co.      | 1825 "   | " Benj'm      | Resident         |
4. Virginia Colonial Abstracts, by Beverley Fleet  
Washington Co. Virginia marriages  
(Pg 476): 26 Feb 1807, William BYARS to Elizabeth BEATIE  
" " 8 Sep 1814, George BYARS to Sarah WATKINS  
" " 22 Dec 1814, John BYARS to Katy SMITH  
(Pg 475): ? ? ? John BYER to Nancy BOWEN  
" " 1 Nov 1798 Silas BYARS to Missy HOLLET  
(Pg 489): 18 Aug 1803 Robert LOGAN to Rebecca BYARS
5. Index To Georgia Wills by Jennette Austin  
BYARS, John Jasper Co. 1812-17  
BYERS, John " " 1813-19
6. Butts County Georgia, Ordinary Court Minutes  
1844-1858 pg 452: September Term 1858, Thomas THOMAS appointed admin. of Nathan BYARS estate.  
1859-1878 pg 27: Thomas THOMAS granted permission to sell Nathan BYARS land.  
1859-1878 pgs 74-75: Thomas THOMAS requests release from admin. duties and request is granted.

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## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES, CONTINUED

7. Oglethorpe Co. Georgia organized 1793 from Wilkes Co. The only surviving 1800 Georgia census is located in the Oglethorpe Co. courthouse.  
 BYERS, William; Males (10-16)= 1, (16-26)= 3, (+45)= 1  
 Females (-10)= 1, (10-16)= 2, (26-45)= 1
8. Headstone inscription, Millgrove Cemetery, South Huntington Twp, Westmoreland Co., PA.  
 James ANDREWS, died 17 July 1903, in his 82nd year.  
 Hannah BYERS, wife of James ANDREWS, died 17 Jan 1902 in her 78th year.
9. Kentucky Marriage Records, Genealogical Publishing Co.
- Christian County
- |         |             |               |    |                 |
|---------|-------------|---------------|----|-----------------|
| Pg 99;  | 15 Mar 1814 | BYARS, Nancy  | to | Stripling BYRUS |
| Pg 103; | 24 Dec 1816 | BYARS, Sarah  | to | Stripling BYARS |
| Pg 112; | 26 May 1813 | BYARS, Polly  | to | Thomas GOODE    |
| Pg 98;  | 25 Oct 1817 | BYERS, Joseph | to | Peggy GOODE     |
- Hardin County
- |         |             |               |    |                   |
|---------|-------------|---------------|----|-------------------|
| Pg 255; | 12 Mar 1806 | BYERS, James  | to | Margaret BRATCHER |
| " "     | 31 May 1810 | BYERS, Thomas | to | Sarah BUTLER      |
- Barren County
- |       |             |                 |    |              |
|-------|-------------|-----------------|----|--------------|
| Pg 7; | 21 Apr 1808 | BYERS, Mary Ann | to | Robert YATES |
|-------|-------------|-----------------|----|--------------|
10. The Kentucky Land Grants, by W.R. Jillson (Virginia Grants)
- | Grantee                    | Ac  | Bk | Pg  | Survey     | County    | Water         |
|----------------------------|-----|----|-----|------------|-----------|---------------|
| BYARS James                | 55  | 16 | 165 | 11-14-1781 | Bourbon   | N.Fr. Ky R.   |
| (Old Kentucky Grants)      |     |    |     |            |           |               |
| BYERS Daniel               | 400 | 5  | 550 | 3-30-1794  | Hardin    | Rolling Fk    |
| (South of Green River)     |     |    |     |            |           |               |
| BYERS Stripling            | 100 | 19 | 440 | 3-29-1800  | Christian | Muddy Creek   |
| BYERS William              | 400 | 26 | 149 | 9-28-1800  | "         | Illwill Creek |
| (Court of Appeals Grantee) |     |    |     |            |           |               |
| BYERS Jeremiah             | 250 | B2 | 463 | 3-22-1792  | Lincoln   | None          |
| " "                        | 100 | B2 | 465 | "          | "         | Dix River     |
11. General Index To Deeds, Frederick Co., Va., 1743-1838
- | Date Rec   | Grantor      | Grantee     | Inat | Bk | Pg  |
|------------|--------------|-------------|------|----|-----|
| 8 Sep 1762 | MILLER Jacob | BYERS Jacob | Deed | 7  | 427 |
| 6 Nov 1766 | BYARS Jacob  | HUGHES John | Deed | 11 | 247 |
12. History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley, Ed J.E. Norris, Published 1890 by A. Warner & Co.  
 (Pg 372): Conrad BYERS elected as trustee, April 1794, town of Mecklenburg (later changed to Shepherdstown), Berkeley Co., VA.  
 (Pg 347): June 1865, George BYERS recorder of "Recorders Court", Jefferson Co., West Va. (Jefferson taken from Berkeley).  
 (Pg 717): Biography of Dr E.C. Williams. "Thomas S. Williams, son of Dr E.C. Williams, married Anna BYERS, daughter of Wm. BYERS.
13. DAR, Marriage Records of Van Buren Co., Iowa; Published 1936
- |                     |    |                 |             |
|---------------------|----|-----------------|-------------|
| BYERS, Elizabeth D. | to | GRAY, Samuel W. | 14 Dec 1854 |
| " Elizabeth         | "  | WHITE, William  | 29 Dec 1853 |
| " Jane G.           | "  | McCLELLAN, E.W. | 17 Nov 1855 |
| " John              | "  | COLEMAN, Sarah  | 5 May 1868  |
| " Martha A.         | "  | CRETCHER, Wm Y. | 3 Nov 1856  |
| " Mary              | "  | BRADLEY, James  | 5 Sep 1847  |
| " Noah              | "  | REDMAN, Rebecca | 6 Nov 1878  |
| " Rachel            | "  | BROWN, Thomas   | 28 OCT 1867 |
| " Rebecca           | "  | CALHOUN, James  | 22 Nov 1873 |
| " Robert            | "  | BROOKS, Beulah  | 28 Oct 1875 |
| " William W.        | "  | GULDI, Eliza A. | 13 Mar 1858 |



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The next issue will end our fifth year of publication. And believe it or not we haven't even begun to locate all of the primary records, much less the secondary ones.

It's a fact that few genealogies have been developed on primary records alone, but too many are in error simply because a careful search was not done in existing records.

As another year approaches I hope we can direct our efforts to primary records, using printed genealogies, family stories, theories, abstracts, and DAR records as clues.

*Chen***Welcome New Members**

All members are encouraged to contribute family group sheets (please cite your sources), ancestor charts, Bible records, and other genealogical data for publication in the 'Enquirer.' Family group sheets and ancestor charts are especially helpful in finding others working on connecting lines.

- 127b **David F. Byers, Sr.** Twelve Stones Farms, Rt. 1 Box 605, Leeds, AL. 35094. (A father's day gift from his son, **David, Jr.**)
- 128b **Jo Ann (Jowers) Miller**, 1005 Haviland Dr. Birmingham, AL 35216 (Met **Marjorie Tucker** at a family gathering at Union Hill Cem.)
- 129b **Gail Shepard Tomlinson**, 204 Brookside Dr. Senatobia, MS 38668 (advised to join our group by **Judy Barnett** (Mrs. John R.) see her ancestor chart, fgs and Bible records this issue)
- 130b **Allen Byers**, 6441 Buttonwood Dr. Noblesville, IN 46060 (advised to join our group by **John Byers** of Alexandria, VA)

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**Byers Lineage**Of 129b **Gail Shepard Tomlinson** (Address p59)

- I **David/Davey Byers** (fgs below) m **Nancy Bullock**
- II **Anderson Byers** (fgs below) m (1) **Mary Ann "Polly" Mincey**
- III **James Anderson Byers** (fgs below) m (3) **Elenora Virginia Burch**
- IV **Julia Marie Byers** b 28 Aug 1906, Beaverdam, Hickman Co. TN. m 13 Mar 1926, **James Charles Shepard** b 5 Jan 1905, Coble, Hickman Co. TN.
- V. **Gail Lenore Shepard** m **Thomas Ray Tomlinson**

- I. **David/Davey Byers**  
**Davey Byers** b (SC according to son **Anderson Byers** on 1880 TN census) m **Nancy Bullock** b c1793, VA (from TN census records) d 30 Sep 1885, Beaverdam Creek, Hickman Co. TN, buried **Byers Cem**, Beaverdam Cr.

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## Davey Byers, Continued

Known children:

1. **Anderson Byers** (fgs below)
2. **Henry Byers**, never married.

Sources: Only source of Davey's name and wife's maiden name is a note inserted in **Nancy Bullock Byers'** Bible. [copies this issue] Bible only source for Henry.

The tombstone of **Nancy Bullock Byers** reads "Nancy B. Byers, aged 92 years."

## II

## Anderson Byers

**Anderson Byers** b 1811 VA (Farmer at Pace's Bend, Hickman Co. TN. His son **Ab Byers** bought out at his death. See **Anderson's Will**) d. 9 Aug 1889, Hickman Co. TN, buried Byers Cem. Beaverdam Creek, Hickman Co. TN, m (1) **Mary Ann Mincey**, 14 Jun 1847 (Williamson Co. TN.) called "Grandma Polly" d 14 Nov 1904, d/o **Philip Mincey** and **Susan Catharin Cothrin**. m (2) **Lucy Page**, (3) **Elizabeth Bates**, 1 Dec 1872.

Issue by (1) **Mary Ann Mincey**

1. **James Anderson Byers** (fgs below)
2. **Susan Byers** b 5 Apr 1851, died age 17, buried Sam Brown Cem. Flatt Creek, 22nd Dist. Williamson Co. TN.
3. **William Albert "Ab" Byers** b 18 Nov 1864, d 28 Feb 1906, m 3 May 1891 (Hickman Co. TN) **Lena Jewell**
  - a. **Archie Byers** m **Etta Atkinson**
  - b. **Dennis Byers** at age 40 m **Etta Atkinson** (Info from L. Page) After Ab died, Lena and sons moved to Clinton, KY.
4. **Mary Byers** b c1866 m **Hard Lankford** (per L. Page)

Issue by (2) **Lucy Page**

5. **Nan Byers** m **Charlie Walden**
6. **Gentry Byers** (son) d about 2 yrs old.

Sources: Marriage records of Williamson & Hickman Counties, TN; Bible Records of **James Anderson Byers**; Cemetery markers and records, Byers Cemetery, Hickman Co. TN; Cemetery Records, Williamson Co. Tennessee, Lynch & Hays, 1969.

## III

## James Anderson Byers

**James Anderson Byers** b 26 Apr 1848, Williamson Co. TN, d 20 Apr 1929 Hickman Co. TN, buried Byers Cemetery (Family Plot), Beaverdam Creek, Hickman Co. TN. m (1) **Mary Elzada McClaren**, 2 Aug 1874 (2) **Harriet Malugen**, 26 Mar 1889 (3) **Elenore "Ella" Virginia Burch**, 21 Jun 1896 (Hickman Co. TN)

(1) **Mary Elzada McClaren** b 18 Oct 1857 d 13 Jun 1888, d/o **Ruben McClaren**. The land farmed by James Anderson Byers lay partially on his own land and partially on the land owned by Ruben McClaren. James A Byers was in charge of the McClaren land until he died. Upon James' death the McClaren land went to Mary Elzada's descendants and James' land went to his children by Ella Burch.

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## James Anderson Byers, Continued

Issue by (1) **Mary E. McClaren:**

1. **James Ruben Byers** b 17 May 1877, Hickman Co. TN d 5 Apr 1910, Chattanooga, TN. buried Byers Cem. Beaverdam Cr. Hickman Co. TN m 18 Oct 1899, **Lillian Mirantha Tipton** (of Dechard, TN)
2. **Norris D. Byers** b 27 Sep 1881 d 10 Oct 1882, Hickman Co. TN

Issue by (2) **Harriett Malugen.** (This marriage ended in divorce)

3. **Mary Maude Byers** b 24 Dec 1889 Hickman Co. TN m 16 Nov 1918 **William Pinkney Hendrix**
4. **Nancy Myrtle Byers** b 23 Oct 1893 m 12 Jun 1918 **Edgar Elva "Red" Cross**

(3) **Elenore Virginia "Ella" Burch** b 31 Mar 1871 d 13 Jun 1928, buried Byers Cem. Beaverdam Cr. Hickman Co. TN d/o **James Monroe Burch** and **Julia Hazeltine Rushton.**

Issue by **Elenore:**

5. **William Jennings Bryan Byers** b 19 Oct 1897 Hickman Co. TN d 1 Jun 1919, Nashville, Davidson Co. TN buried Byers Cem. Hickman Co. TN m 1 Jun 1924, **Frances Shipp**
6. **Eva Hazeltine Byers** b 14 Apr 1899 Hickman Co. TN m 7 May 1916 **William Clarence Atkinson**
7. **Virgie Mable Byers** b 3 Jun 1901 Hickman Co. TN m 27 Jul 1919 **Jess Herschell Wade**
- 8.\* **Julia Marie Byers** b 28 Aug 1906 Hickman Co. TN m 13 Mar 1926 **James Charlie Shepard.**

Sources: James A. Byers Bible Records (On file: State Archives & Library, Nashville, TN); Death Certificates of **James A. Byers** and **Ella Burch Byers**; Birth Certificate of **Julia Marie Byers**. Marriages of **James Anderson Byers** recorded Hickman Co. TN. The **Malugen** family [2nd marriage] lived on Beaverdam Creek, Hickman Co. TN near the **Byers** family.

Notes: Gail lives 45 minutes from the Archives and Library in Memphis, TN and her letter dated 26 May says: I have been to Memphis and looked further for my **David Byers**. There was a David in Williamson Co. 1817 Tax Records - A **William Byers** appears first in 1814 and is constant until 1825 when he is joined by **James, Samuel** and a **David P.** The David of 1817 is not repeated and the David plus the initial P. remains constant with that David. My David could have joined William and died young. **Nancy** could have been hidden in other families, perhaps the **Bullocks** until her boys matured and they come to light again. **Anderson** and his mother **Nancy** are buying and selling property separately in the 1830's, in Williamson Co.

Bible Records begin on following page

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James Anderson Byers Bible Records

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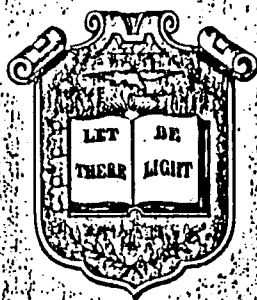
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Note:

Jim and Marie Byers are in possession of this Bible. Marie is librarian at David Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN. Marie has been unable to determine the date of the publishing of this edition.

Mr. & Mrs. James Reuben Byers, III  
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Nashville, TN 37220  
615-832-5049

Submitted by: Carl Shepard Tomlinson  
204 Bronkside Drive  
Senatobia, MS 38668



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*Family Register*

Parents' Names

Husband, J. A. Byers

Born, April 26 1848

Wife, E. W. Byers

Born, March 31 1871

Married, June 21 1896

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## Bible Records, Continued

## Marriages

Ruben Byers was married  
to Gillie Gipton Oct 18 1899

Eva H. Byers was married  
to Willie C. Atkinson May 7th 1916

Virgie M. Byers was married  
to Jesse H. Wade July 27th 1919

Urra B. Byers was married  
to Francis R. Shipp June 1, 1924

J. Marie Byers was married  
to James C. Shepard April 13, 1926

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## Bible Records, Continued

## Children's Names

Rubens Byers born May  
The 17 1877

Norris D. Byers was born Sept.  
27, 1881

William B Byers was born  
Oct the 19 1887

Eva H Byers was born April  
The 14 1899

Virgie Oll Byers was born  
Monday June the 3 1901

Julia M Byers was born  
August the 28 1906 Tuesday

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Deaths

Mary G. Byers died June  
the 13, 1888

Norris D. Byers died Oct. 10, 1882

Polly Byers died Nov. 11, 1904

Julia Burch died Feb. 18, 1906

W. A. Byers died Feb. 28, 1906

Rubin Byers died Apr. 5, 1910

Lily Tipton Byers died March 4, 1922

Ella Byers died June 15, 1928

J. A. Byers died Apr. 29, 1929

William B. Byers died Oct. 4, 1939

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## Bible Records, Continued

Mary E Byers Born TH 17  
of Oct 1857

J A Byers married to  
Mary E Byers Aug Th 1874

Phillip Mincy and Susan -  
Cathrin was married Sept 4 1820

Anderson. Byers and Mary Ann  
was married June Th 14 1847

Mary Maud Byers was born Dec. 24,  
1889. (Tuesday) married William Pinkney  
Hendricks Nov. 16, 1918 - who was born Friday  
July 13, 1883 -  
Myrtle Byers, was born Oct. 23, 1892. Married  
June 12, 1918 to Edgar Elva Cross, who was  
born Feb. 12, 1882

Eva Hazeline Byers was born Apr. 14, 1899  
married Willie Clarence Atkinson, May 7, 1916 -  
who was born Nov. 29, 1897.

Virgie Mabel Byers, born June 3, 1901.  
married Jesse N. Wade, July 27, 1919  
(Grandchildren married)

Will Burch Atkinson to Krose  
Guissom.

Laura J. Atkinson to Samuel Milliken

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Grandchildren of Mrs. and Mrs. J. A. Byers

Berenice Byers born Oct. 15, 1904  
James Byers born Apr. 23, 1907  
Ella Anita Atkinson born Apr. 21, 1937

Will Burch Atkinson was born  
April 1, 1917

Mary Frances Wade, born May 15, 1920.  
Laura Joe Atkinson, born Aug. 8, 1923.

Eugene Harold Shepard born Nov. 6, 1928

George Byers Wade born Mch. 13, 1930

Mary Bernice Johnson born June 29, 1939

James Reuben Byers born Jan. 22, 1941

William Pinkney Hendricks Jr. Aug. 11, 1919

Edgar Elva Cross Jr. born Sept. 15, 1919

Jack Byers Cross, born Dec. 19, 1922

(Hale Lenoir Shepard, born May 17, 1938

(Rita Kathleen Shepard (Twine) "I" "



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## QUERIES

## 5. Byars, Walton and DAR Patriot Index

DAR Patriot Index, p108:

Edward Byers b @ 1730 d p 1790 Elizabeth Walton Capt SC

William Byers b -- d p 12-25-1797 m Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ PS SC

In a letter dated 7 May 1987, from Mrs. Donald D. Zimmerman, Registrar General, DAR to Mrs. Georgia P.C. Eberly. Re: Edward Byers: An error card has been made. A correction deleting his name from the Patriot Index will appear in the January-June 1987 list of corrections. Re: William Byers: He has always been credited with the rank of Captain. However, through an oversight it was never published in the Patriot Index. (see attached ancestor cards "B" and "C" and applications #547600 "D" and #6627296 + 591 "E"). A correction giving his correct rank as Capt. PS SC will appear in the January-June list of corrections.

The DAR will not "authorize" Elizabeth Walton as maiden name of wife of Capt. William Byers. In spite of a large amount of circumstantial evidence, they demand a will or marriage record of Elizabeth Walton and William Byers. Does anyone, anywhere, have such proof?

22b Melton P. Meek, M.D., 3410 N.W. Oak, Lawton, OK 73505

## 6. Byars, Sirmons - MS. TX

I would like to contact descendants of Joseph Jeremiah Byars, b 17 Jun 1842, Chickasaw Co. MS. d 20 Feb 1907, Dripping Springs, Hays Co. TX. m Georgia Ann Melvina Sirmons in DeWitt Co. TX. Lived in Hays Co. TX for about 30 years, raising seven children. 49b Geneva M. Garrett, Rt 1 Bx 146, Santa Anna, TX 76878

## 7. Byers, Burch, Bullock, Coggins, Mincey, Rushton - VA, TN

Need parents of Davey Byers and wife Nancy Bullock. To TN after 1814, sons, Anderson (b c1814 VA) and Henry (need date/place) who never married. Nancy and son Anderson appears Williamson Co TN 1830's, both buying and selling land. Anderson m (1) Mary Ann "Polly" Mincey d/o Phillip Mincey & Susan Catherine/Cothrin. Also need info: Clayton Burch and wife Letha Blalock (both b c1813 NC) to Williamson Co. TN after 1844; Elijah Rushton and wife Rebecca "Betsy" Coggins (both b c1805 NC) to Maury Co. TN prior 1830.

129b Gail Tomlinson, 204 Brookside Dr. Senatobia, MS 38668

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## Across The Editor's Desk

Sample copies of the 'Enquirer' go to many publications for reviewing. Our reviews are always good ones and we always hear from someone asking for information. The following data was generated by a review in American Genealogy Magazine



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## Across The Editor's Desk, Continued

This comes to us from Diane Nielson, 434 North 100 East, American Fork, UT 84003. Phone (801) 756-2641. No sources appeared on Diane's computer printout.

## Nicholas Byars

**Nicholas Byars** b c1775 NC m c1794 NC d c1842 Henry Co. TN, wife  
**Elizabeth** \_\_\_\_\_ b c1776 NC d c1846 Henry Co. TN  
 Issue:

I. **George Byars** b c1795 NC m c1816 NC **Frances** \_\_\_\_\_ b c1799 NC d  
 before 1860 Henry Co. TN  
 Issue:

1. **John Henderson Byars** b c1818 NC
2. **Anna Daniel Byars** b c1820 NC
3. \***Emily Jane Byars** b 20 Nov 1824 NC d 6 May 1868, Cottage Grove, Henry Co. TN m 6 Feb 1850 (Henry Co. TN) **David Lampkin**
4. **William Henry Byars** b 14 Jun 1828 NC d 8 Feb 1875 Henry Co. TN m 9 Dec 1855 (Henry Co. TN) **Nancy J. Bowden**
5. **Maria Frances Byars** b c1831 TN d after 1900 Henry Co. TN m 11 Sep 1863 (Henry Co. TN) **Abner H. Lampkins**
6. **Sarah Hawkins Byars** b c1836 TN d about 1895 Henry Co. TN m 15 May 1863 (Henry Co. TN) **George Washington Scott.**

II **Sarah Byars** b c1797 NC m \_\_\_\_\_ **Carter**

III **William Byars** b c1816 NC d Henry Co. TN m 13 Jan 1847 (Henry Co. TN) **Margaret Lowry** (1815-1872)

IV **David Henry Byars** b NC

V **John Byars** b c1810 NC d c1862 Henry Co. TN m **Emily R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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## James &amp; Elizabeth Bias, Amherst County, Virginia

By 53b **Thurlo V. Byers**, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis MO 63121

**James Bias** had 230 acres surveyed on 10 Mar 1761 eight miles east of Natural Bridge, Amherst Co. VA and was granted a patent on 3 Aug 1771.

In Vol. II, No. 1 p16 (B/B Enquirer) the 1790 Amherst Co. VA census were listed: **John Byas** 7 males 16 up; **James Byas** 6 males 16 up; **Larkin Byas** 5 males 16 up; **Obediah Byas** 1 male 16 up. **Larkin Byass** was listed a second time with 6 males 16 up. This is misleading. The listing for the first four was for the 1783 Amherst Co. VA., State Census. The second listing for **Larkin** was for the 1785 Amherst Co. VA Census. The numbers given were the number of whites in the household. **Larkin** gained one in the two year span between 1783-1785. No breakdown was given of male and females. Another son, **Roland**, was not listed and was probably in the household of

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## James Bias, Continued

James and Elizabeth in 1783.

[Those were sent by Col. George Byers and were from published records. Calling this to our attention strengthens my point of errors in printed sources. In the case of census records we should work from the microfilm, using indexes and printed census records to tell us where to look. Thanks Thurlo for correcting our errors cbh]

**Obediah Bias** moved to Montgomery Co. VA after 1783 and in 1788 was living in the Wolf Creek, East River, and Five Miles Fork area, a few miles west of **John Byers Sr.**, **John Byers Jr.**, and **William Byers**. These three moved in 1784 from Capt. May's Catawba Creek area of northern Botetourt Co. VA.

**Obediah** was still in that area in 1798 but by 1815 he had 100 ac on Tyler's Creek in Cabell Co. VA (now W. VA). In 1824 Logan Co. VA was formed and on the first tax list was: **Obediah Sr.**, **\*James** and **William Bias**; three sons of old **Obediah Bias** of Amherst Co. VA. In 1830 **\*James Bias** age 30/40, had in his household 1 male 70/80 and 1 female 70/80. **Obediah Bias** was b c1750-1760 in VA.

**Roland Bias** moved to Cabell Co. VA between 1812-1819 and died there. **John** and **Larkin Bias** remained in Amherst Co. VA.

**Elizabeth Bias**, d/o **Roland** and **Nancy (Jenkins) Bias**, wed **James Ray** and in the 1880 census for Neosha Co. KS, p160 (Canville Twp) listed the parents of **Elizabeth** as being born in VA. **Roland** was b c1750-1760.

The name was variously spelled **Bias**, **Byas**, **Biass**, **Byars** and **Byers**. It stabilized as **Bias** in West Virginia for a post office was in **Bias**, W. VA in the 1880's and a **Bias Creek** was listed.

[See drawing and map prepared by Therlo on following pages]

**Drawing & Map, following pages, by Thurlo V. Byers**

#### Illustration Sources

Sources Figure 1:

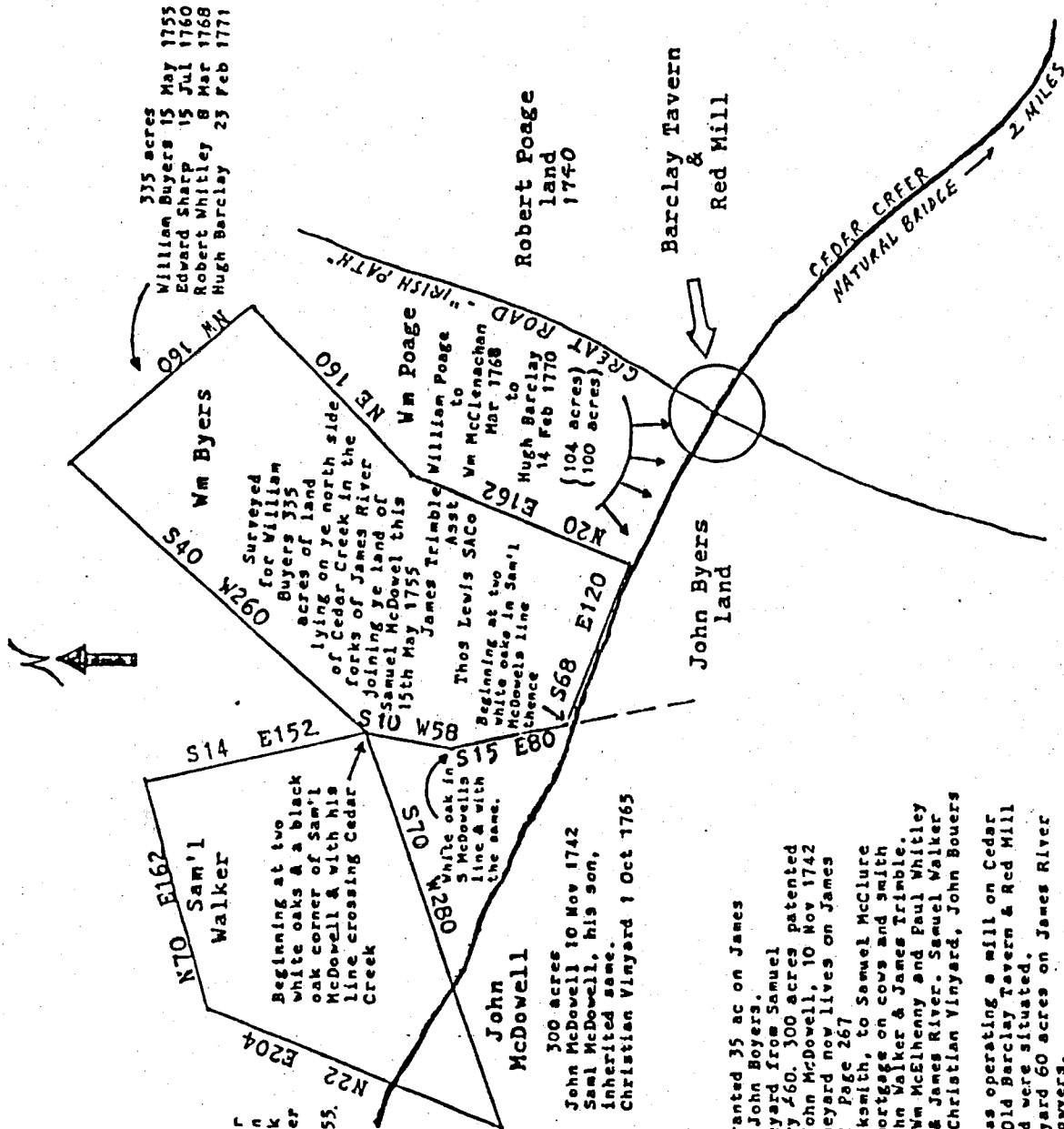
Kegley's Virginia Frontier; Augusta Co. VA, Surveyors Bk 1; Augusta Co. Deed entries; Botetourt Co. VA deed entries.

Sources Figure 2:

Map showing location of **David Bires** in Orange Co. VA 1742; **John Boyers** land in Augusta Co. 1746; **William Buyers** survey in Augusta Co. VA 1755; **James Bias** survey in Amherst Co. VA 1762.

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Figure 1

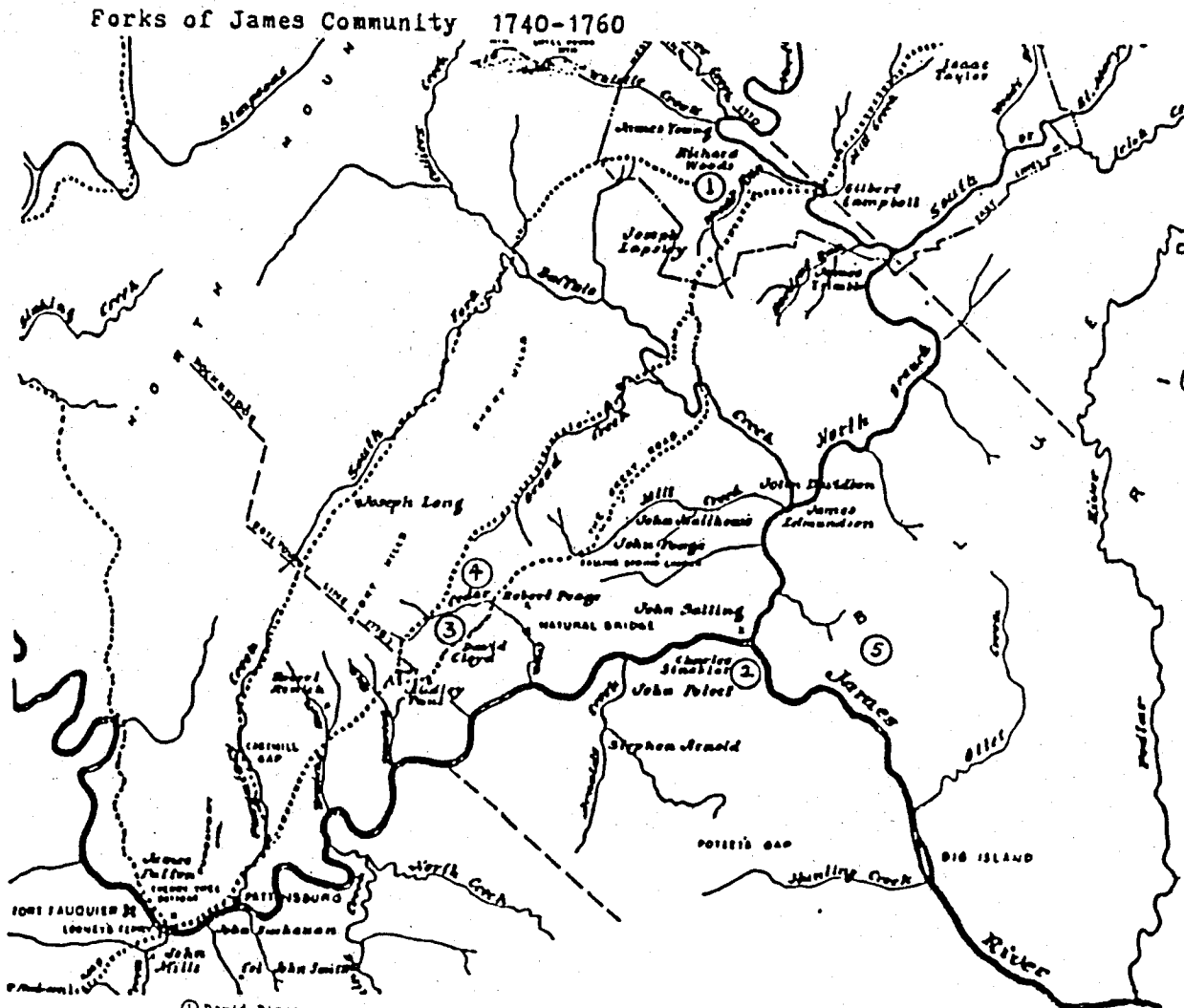


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- 10 Sep 1765 William Poage granted 35 ac on James River adjoining John Byers.
- 1 Oct 1765 Christopher Vineyard from Samuel McDowell and Mary 460. 300 acres patented to his father, John McDowell, 10 Nov 1742 whereon said Vineyard now lives on James River. Aug DB 12 Page 267
- 27 Feb 1767 John Byers, blacksmith, to Samuel McClure for \$289.6, a mortgage on cows and Smith tools. Teste. John Walker & James Trimble.
- 1768 Processioned by Wm McElhenny and Paul Whitley between Buffalo & James River. Samuel Walker Wm McClenahan, Christian Vineyard, John Bowers among others.
- 1769 Wm McClenahan was operating a mill on Cedar Creek where the Old Barclay Tavern & Red Mill of a later period were situated.
- 13 May 1769 Christopher Vineyard 60 acres on James River adjoining John Byers.
- 14 Mar 1770 Robert Whitley sold a water right to Hugh Barclay. Botetourt DB 1 Page 87.

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Figure 2



- ① David Bires  
Jun 1742 In Orange Co Va. One of 49 men listed in Capt John McDowell's Militia Company. Living between North River and Buffalo Ck. Listed after John Allison.
- ② Near Balcony Falls Va  
15 Oct 1742 John McDowell and seven of his militia company were slain in a skirmish with 36 Northern Indians on their passage southward. Seventeen Indians were killed. John Peter Salling was the most southern resident in the company.
- ③ John Bowers  
Nov 1746 Was exempt, along with John Peter Salling and Joseph Long, from working on the Great Road north of Buffalo Ck as they were on the extreme edge of the Settlement and would get no direct use of that section of the road.  
1750 Heing's Va Statutes At Large Vol 7 Page 192.  
1780 Died at his home on Looney's Creek near Fort Fauquier. Left a widow, Sarah.
- ④ William Byers  
23 Mar 1734 Was listed in Samuel Walker's work crew repairing the Great Road near Buffalo Creek. Listed after John Allison.  
15 May 1755 Was surveyed 335 ac north of Cedar Ck joining land of Samuel McDowell.  
3 Oct 1755 John Allison & Jean to Joseph Walker £100 for 291 ac on North Branch of James (at Whistler's Creek) corner Gilbert Campbell & John Moore lines.  
14 Sep 1758 Testa: Andrew Hall and William Byers. Delivered to Thomas Stewart Feb 1758. Heing's Va Statutes At Large Vol 7 Pages 175-176.  
He, along with John Armstrong, John Bowen, Moses Bowen, James Gilmore, Jonathan Whitley, James Houston, Andrew Hall, Arthur McClure, Samuel Todd, Patrick Parter, William Lapsley et al, was in the Militia raised in defence of the Frontiers of the Colony of Va.  
Moved to what is now York Co SC and served as a Captain in Rev War.
- ⑤ James Bias  
10 Mar 1762 Was surveyed 230 ac by William Cabell Jr & patented 3 Aug 1771 Amherst Co Va on old cove halfway up the mountain. Lines: Benjamin Noell & John Coleman Had sons, John, Obadiah, Larkin and Roland. Wife, Elizabeth.  
2 Aug 1784 Amherst DB P Page 526 James & Elizabeth Bias to Lemaster Cooksey 170 ac on So Branch Huff Ck. Part of patent to grantor at Williamsburg 3 Aug 1771.  
17 Apr 1815 Witness: Charles Burrus, Joseph Lays, William Conden.  
Jonathan McDonald and wife, Lucy, to James Gilmore. £30 140 ac Huff. Lines: Jonathan Coleman top of the mountain. Benjamin Norvell. James Bias top of old cove about half way up the mt. Tyree Standing.  
1830 Amherst Co Va Census P508 Larkin Bias 70-80 1 female 80-90 1 female 90-100.

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### Alden's Manuscript Keeps Growing

Most of our readers are aware of 73b Alden Byers, 200 E. Racquet Club Rd. #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262, and the research he is doing. With his diligent work and the help of some of our members his manuscript is growing. The data from Col. **Victor E. Clark, Jr.** on a **Byers/Campbell** connection (see Vol. V, No.2 pp 39-40) appears to have been helpful in establishing the homeland of **James Byers** of East Donegal. Victor and Alden are corresponding and hopefully some of the questions will be answered soon.

Prior to his link with Col. Clark, Alden offered the following regarding the origins of some of our **Byars/Byers** ancestors.

### Origins

by Alden Byers

Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestral Research, by **Margaret Dickson Falley**, p557, ascribes "English origin" for **Robert Byars**. Robert is shown as a resident of Derry, Ulster, as early as July, 1611 (pp 261-263), in the reign of James I (1603-1625), per *Analecta Hibernica* (in the library of Trinity College, Dublin).

This is over 100 years prior to the arrival in Pennsylvania of the Scotch-Irish settlers in Donegal twp., Lancaster Co. PA. It is also at least 50 years prior to the appearance of the **Lindsays** (of which the **Byers** are a sept) in the Irish Census of 1654-1656, and 80 years prior to the Battle of the Boyne, 1690.

I have still to find positive proof of the assertions of Rev. **Charles Boyer** that there were **Byers** of German Palatine origin in Ireland before 1720, who subsequently came as immigrants from Ireland to Pennsylvania. So far, the earliest **Beyer(s)** seem to be c1731, from Holland.

**Falley** shows several names in Ireland as being of Quaker faith in the 17th Century, notably several families who appeared with the **Byars/Buyers/Byers** in Chester, Lancaster, and Cumberland counties, PA., in the early 1700's: **Patterson, Anderson, Armstrong, Beatty, Atkinson, Chambers, Douglass**, etc. I noted three names from the above referenced Ulster Plantation Papers of the early 1600's which could imply relationships to the **David Byers** of Donegal Mills either in Ireland or contemporaneously in Colonial Pennsylvania: **Richard Smith, Sandy Lowry**, and **Thomas Parkins (Perkins?)**. **Lazarus Lowry**, for example, was an adjoining neighbor of **David Byers** c1736. "**Widow Chambers**" and **Hanna Perkins** were visiting or living with **John Byars** of Sherman's Valley, Toboyne twp., Cumberland Co., c1777-8, and I suspect probably very closely related. ...

I feel certain that those spelling their name **Byars** are all of Irish-English or Scotch-Irish origin.

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Louisiana Records  
From the Editor's Files

No matter what surname I'm searching I always look for Byars/Byers. While looking for some Elkins ancestors in LA I found some data that ties into **Velda Spillane's** line (see Vol.V, No.2 pp 34-36). She may see others that I don't recognize.

## Claiborne Parish

Formed 1828 from Natchitoches Parish  
Marriages

Byas, Winna J to James A. Smith, 22 Oct 1857 - Bk 1 p170  
Byas, W.H. to Nancy C. Blackstock, 11 Mar 1869 - Bk 2 p223  
Byers, S.J. [female] to H.B. Howard, 28 Jul 1887 - Bk 6 p425  
Byas, Mary to J.B. Valentine, 22 Nov 1891 - Bk 6 p377  
Byas, Lizzie to W.U. Valentine, 3 Nov 1892 - Bk 8 p42  
Byas, Sarena to J.S. Slaton, 18 Feb 1903 - Bk 10 p253  
Byas, Velma to W.M. Emanuel, 30 May 1905 - Bk 11 p127  
Byas, W.S. to Kate Yearly, 3 May 1903 - Bk 10 p271  
Byas, W.H. to Nancy Adkins, 13 Jul 1910 - Bk 12 p162

## Cemetery Records

## Lower Old Athens

Byas, Walker H. Co. A 9th La Infantry, CSA, no dates  
Byas, Kate L. 2 Mar 1879 - 27 Jan 1914 (Wife of W.S. Byas)  
Byas, W.H. 1846 - 1920  
Byas, N.L. (Mrs) 1851 - 1909  
Emanuel, Velma Byas, 26 Jun 1887 - 27 Oct 1928 (w/o W.M.)  
Emanuel, W.M., 17 Oct 1878 - 9 Dec 1961

## Bossier Parish

Formed 1843 From Claiborne  
Marriage Records

Bayas, Martha C. to I.W. Delafield, 2 Sep 1847 - Bk 1 p41  
Byas, Nathaniel W. to Sarah Delafield, 20 Jan 1848 - Bk 1 p53  
Byas, Elizabeth D. to Willis W. Crownover, 27 Jun 1849 - Bk 1 p112

## Bienville Parish, LA

Formed 1848 from Claiborne Parish  
Marriages

Byas, A. L. to Melvina Stevens, 13 Sep 1849 - Bk A p201  
Byas, Elizabeth (Mrs) to James B. McFarland, 25 Jan 1855 Bk A p204

## Cemetery Records

## Bear Creek Cemetery

Byers, Francis Mathew 11 Aug 1877 - 24 Dec 1942

## Old Carter Cemetery

Byers, B.W. died age 29, no dates  
Byers, Lillie V. 19 Mar 1882 - 19 Jun 1939  
Byers, William L. 1872 - 1923

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## Webster Parish

Formed 1871 from Claiborne, Bienville & Bossier  
Marriages

Byas, Ella to John Henry Shelton, 20 Feb 1893 - Bk3 p351

## Ouachita Parish

Original Parish, Formed 1807  
Cemetery Records

## Riverview Cemetery

Byers, Melvina, 13 Sep 1837 - 24 Mar 1922

Byers, Dean L., 1859 - 1952

Byers, Oliver, 13 Jul 1868 - 12 Jun 1939

## Union Parish

Formed 1839 From Ouachita  
Cemetery Records

## Sadie Cemetery

Byers, Melba, 17 Nov 1906 - 5 Feb 1907 (d/o F.M. & E)

Byers, Royce Hudson, 26 Sep 1909 - 3 Jan 1971

Byers, Frank M. \_\_\_ Nov 1874 - 3 Mar 1942

Byers, Etta (Cobb), 24 Jan 1879 - 2 Aug 1970

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## Pennsylvania Biographies

From 124b Charles Eastwood, 14211 Chef #15, New Orleans, LA 70129

## David Andrew Byers

Fayette County

"David Andrew Byers was born July 22, 1843, in Fayette Co. Pa. His father, Andrew Byers, was born in Fayette county, and married Jane Hamilton, daughter of John Hamilton. Their children are Isaac W., John H., David and Mary.

"D.A. Byers was educated in the common schools of the county, and followed farming until 1861.

"In 1861 he enlisted in Company H, First Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Captain Davidson, and served three years and three months. He was in the battles of the Army of the Potomac.

"In 1868 he engaged in the coke business, at which he was employed till 1873, when he engaged in the mercantile business in Dunbar for five years.

"In 1878 he retired from active business and is living at the present time at Dunbar. He is a member of the K. of P., Jr. O.A.M., the Royal Arcanum, and G.A.R. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Dunbar, and is a leading member of the G.A.R.

"He was married March 22, 1871, to Lucretia Spears, a native of Dunbar, and is a daughter of John Spears. They have the following children; Ann, Mary Eva, James A. and Ella S."

From Biographical Sketch of Fayette County, 1889 p419 [No pub. given]

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## Pennsylvania Biographies, Continued

Jacob J. Byers  
Lancaster County

"**Jacob J. Byers**, a retired farmer of East Drumore township, was born in Pequea township Dec. 13, 1836, his parents being **John** and **Catherine (Johnston) Byers**, both natives of Lancaster county, where he was born March 16, 1807, and his wife Dec. 9, 1815.

"**John Byers** was the son of **Henry** and **Barbara (Crider) Byers**, both of whom were born in this county, and whose parents came from Germany about 1730. **Henry Byers**, the grandfather of **Jacob J.**, first settled in Martic township, and different members of the **Byers** family sustained an honored part in the Revolutionary struggle. They took up a tract of government land in Pequea and Martic townships, where they lived and reared large families. **Henry Byers** and his wife had nine children: **Henry Byers** of Ohio; **Jacob**, of Lancaster county; **Michael**, of Indiana; **Daniel**, who died in Lancaster; **John**; **Sarah**, the wife of **David Eshleman**, of Pequea township; **Mary**, the wife of **Benjamin Longenecker**, of Illinois; **Nancy**, the wife of **Michael Crider**, of Lancaster; and **Barbara**, who married **Christian Warfel**, of Lancaster.

"**John Byers**, noted above, married **Mary Johnston** in 1833 and settled on the farm of her father, **Jacob Johnston**, in Pequea township, where he remained until 1848, when he moved to his own farm in the same township. Still later he bought a farm in Pampeter township, where he died Jan. 5, 1856, his widow passing to her reward in May, 1877. Both himself and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. **Byers** was one of the old line Whigs, and became a Republican on the organization of that party. They had a family of eleven children, six of whom are now living: ..."

[Complete article not included]

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**Benjamin F. Byers**  
Of Lancaster Co. PA

"**Benjamin F. Byers**. The ancestors of the **Byers** family, in Lancaster county, came from a country which has given the world some notable men, and whose people, the country over, are considered among the best of American citizens.

"**John Byers**, his grandfather, was a native of Germany, and in that country he was reared and there married, soon after emigrating to the United States and locating in Pequea township, Lancaster county. Here he purchased a large tract of land which was situated north of Baumgardner Station, and on this property was built what is known as the **Byers Church**, the **Byers** family contributing a tract for that purpose. **John Byers** came upon this land as a pioneer, being one of the first settlers, finding the locality unimproved, and when viewing the extraordinary change that has been made, one can not but



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admire and comment upon the zeal, intelligence and energy that has so successfully made of this region one of the best improved in the county. **John Byers** lived to advanced age in spite of the exacting life of the pioneer, and was noted for his progressive spirit and force of character, rearing a large and excellent family, many of whom located in the West, and have established family branches there.

"**John Byers** (2), son of the pioneer, was born in 1807, and died in 1852, having been reared on the homestead in Pequea township. After his marriage he came to West Lampeter and located on a farm about one mile south-east of Willowstreet, where he bought and operated over 100 acres, and there pursued agricultural activities all his life with excellent results. He was highly esteemed, being made supervisor and for a long time serving as school director.

"**John Byers** (2) married **Kate Johnston**, daughter of **Abraham Johnston**, of Pequea township, who died in 1870 at the age of sixty-three. They had a family of ten children: **Barbara** married **Samuel Minney**, of West Lampeter township; **Henry** died at the age of forty-four, unmarried; **Jacob** is a farmer of Quarryville, Lancaster county; **Mary** is the widow of **Peter Sicor**; **Sarah** is the wife of **Henry Barr**, of Pequea township; **John** died at the age of twenty-eight, leaving a wife and two children; **David** is a resident of Whiteside county, Ill.; **Annie** is the wife of **John Huber**, of Willowstreet; **Benjamin F.**, and **Amaziah** died in childhood.

"**Benjamin F. Byers** was born July 16, 1853, and was reared on the home farm, attending public school of his district, until the age of twelve. At this early age he started from home with the intention of taking care of himself, engaging in farm work by the month, and thus he continued until he was twenty-five. At this time he saw a favorable opening in the butchering business, at Lampeter, and since that time has been engaged in that line, very successfully, being both a wholesale and retail merchant. Mr. **Byers** has the best of facilities for his work, having erected a large slaughter house, and supplying the Lancaster City markets, as well as the country trade. Being a live business man, his future success is assured, the public having learned to repose confidence in his integrity. As a stanch Republican, he has filled a number of the local offices in the gift of the party, serving efficiently under all circumstances.

"**Benjamin Byers** was married in 1886, to **Elizabeth Eshleman**, a daughter of **Christian Eshleman** of West Lampeter township, and three children have been born to this union: **Willis**, **Myrtle** and **Harold**. This is one of the representative families of the township, and by his energy and industry, Mr. **Byers** has placed his business in a front rank in this part of Lancaster county."

From Biographical Annals of Lancaster County PA p742 [no date pub. given]

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## Nathanites Niche

Corrections, Additions, Comments & Observations  
From Marjorie Tucker

Vol.V, No.2, p47: Elizabeth Reavis, d Jan 14, 1829 (per Will Franke) can't be correct. Her son, Henry Kelly Byars was b Apr 5, 1829. Perhaps she died Jun. 14, 1829. Per Obediah Byars she died from childbirth or very soon afterward, leaving her husband a widower with ~~two~~ other small children, ages 4 and 2. Apparently Henry Kelly Byars never lived with his father, the burden of a third infant child being too great. Henry Kelly Byars was reared by the neighborhood Doctor, James Kelly, who probably delivered him and took him in as one of his own. This accounts for the fact that in the Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., AL, Henry Kelly Byars was living with the family of Sarah Kelly, next door to his father. Dr. James Kelly died before 1750 and Sarah was his much younger second wife.

Vol.V, No. 2 p54: Ella Holbrook was Luella Holbrook, b Nov 1, 1878 d. Oct. 20, 1979 (100 years old!).

Vol. V, No. 2 p55: Rosa Lee Byars, m May 4, 1895 (date of license), Jefferson Co.,AL, William Thomas Hays. They had the following children:

George Wyant Hays, m Rosa Donaho  
Marion Hays  
Kelly Hays

Re: Robert Byars s/o Nathan and Drucilla. I have searched the Madison Co. AL records at the library for Robert Byars, who was supposed to have been there in 1830 and found no mention of him. The library has about 10 volumes of abstracted records of every kind of Madison Co., so I think it is doubtful that he was ever there, unless he was just passing through. In re-checking to find the source that he was there in 1830 and lo and behold - it was so stated by Will Franke!

While checking some affidavits of Franke's I discovered an item that I had previously overlooked. He states that Andrew Byars, son of Nathan, was in Bedford Co., TN in 1850, age 64, thus born about 1786. He also states the family were very prominent. I will check this out. Could Andrew be the Drury Byars we have found in connection with Nathan, Jr.? [Vol.III, No.2 pp 52-57]

Editor's note: George Bell thinks Drury may have been Delphy Logan's son by Nathan (Vol.II, No.1 pp 2-3) Drury b c1809 d 1 May 1845 buried Patrick Family Cem. (Vol.I, No.1 p11 - by cbh, from work sheets.).

Marriage records (Vol.I, No.3 pp 67-68) show Andrew Buyers m Sarah Green, 19 Apt 1809, Burke Co. NC. Drucilla filed for separation 11 Oct. 1808 and it was handled 2 Nov 1808 in Burke Co. Could this be

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the son of **Nathan** and **Drucilla**? No **Andrew** is mentioned in Vol.III, No.4 pp 111-116, **David Byers & Margaret Carson**, A Case Study, that includes some **Green** family data.

But all this brings us back to proving the children of **Nathan Byars** by his wives **Drucilla Harrelson** and **Delphy Logan**. **Majorie Tucker** has revised her material on these children and I have studied all the data in my files - and I still don't see one speck of proof for any of them. All we really have is secondary sources and family stories. As to **Will Franke's** affidavits and subsequent DAR records I must point out that even DAR has admitted that many of their lines are in error and are now requiring better documentation and proof by new applicants.

**Marjorie** is working hard revising, adding census records, marriage records, and everything else that has information on this family. If you have anything that applies to **Nathan Byars** of Granville, Rutherford Co's NC and Spartanburg Co. SC, that has not appeared in this periodical please send in copies. If you have secondary data please be sure a source is cited. If you have primary records please send document copies that give County, State, Book and Page numbers.

## Questions

Is the **George Byars** of the 1810, Rutherford Co. NC Census the **George K. Byers**, son of **William** (our **William V**, Vol.I, No. 1 p5) or is he the **George** that has been attributed to **Nathan** and **Drucilla**? Census from **Marjorie**:

**George Byars:** 1 male 26/45  
 3 males under 10  
 1 male 10/16  
 1 female 26/45  
 1 female under 10  
 1 female 10/16

Does anyone have the 1830 Madison Co. AL Census that has been transcribed from microfilm?

Has anyone found a record in Rutherford Co. NC where **Nathan Byars** sold land and named eight children that were to receive the money? **Dorothy Hogwood** said she found one but failed to get her source (Vol I, No. 2 p29). We need copies of that deed desperately.

## In The Next Issue

**Marjorie** has revised and updated the children of **John Logan Byars**<sup>3</sup> (**John Byars, Sr.**,<sup>2</sup> **Nathan Byars**<sup>1</sup> This work will appear in Vol.V No. 4.

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### From the Editor

Time! Time to say Merry Christmas! Time to say good bye 1990, hello 1991! Time to analyze our work and see what we can do to make those important discoveries. The answers are out there, but it's up to us to find them.

At the end of five years we haven't even scratched the surface of all the records that are available to us, but if we continue to work together we can, and will, find them all.

Once more I thank you for your help, support, and confidence. My time is limited and I can't seem to keep up with my mail, but your kind notes go straight to my heart and I appreciate each and every one of them.

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 90638  
 93b12/90 JANET B. HOUSTON, 7116 Lundeen, St. Joseph, MO 64505  
 96b12/91 EDITH R. DAWSON, 3371 Cabrillo Ave. Santa Clara, CA 95051  
 98b12/91 TERRIE KNOX, 421 Milwaukee Ave. E. Ft. Atkinson, WI 53538  
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 UT 84150  
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 108b12/90 G.L. BYARS Jr. P.O. Box 289, Jasper, AL 35502  
 112b12/90 EMMA LEE PRICE, 104 Prentiss St. Thousand Oak, CA 91360  
 114b12/90 KAY FLEMING, 3203 N. Cherry Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719  
 115b12/90 JAMES K. BYARS, P.O. Box 2925, Elko, NV 89801  
 116b12/90 Aiken-Barnwell Gen. Soc., P.O. Box 415, Aiken, SC 29802  
 117b12/90 CAROL J. KOZAK, 530 Saffron Cir. Mesquite, TX 75149  
 118b12/90 DONNA J. DRENNON, 945 S.W. Webster Ave, Topeka, KS 66606  
 120b12/90 Capt. BILL BYERS, 5726 Ensign Dr. E. Ft. Worth, TX 76119  
 121b12/90 JUDY JUNG, 7875 S. Candlestick Ln. #301, Midvale, UT  
 84047  
 122b9/91 WILLIAM C. BYERS, 2731 Jefferson, Muskogee, OK 74403  
 123b12/90 WILLIAM LAPORTE, 314 South Washita, Wetumka, OK 74883  
 124b12/90 CHARLES EASTWOOD, 14211 Chef #15, New Orleans, LA 70129  
 125b12/90 VELDA B. SPILLANE, 504 N. 20th, Lamesa, TX 79331  
 126b12/91 APRIL JEANNERET, 8662 N. Ridge Rd. Valley Center, KS  
 67147  
 127b6/91 \*DAVID F. BYERS, Sr. 5400 Saddlecreek Ln, Birmingham,  
 AL 35242-6014  
 128b12/90 JO ANN MILLER, 1005 Haviland Dr. Birmingham, AL 35216  
 129b12/90 GAIL S. TOMLINSON, 204 Brookside Dr. Senatobia, MS 38668  
 130b12/90 ALLEN BYERS, 6441 Buttonwood Dr. Noblesville, IN 46060

\*Indicates New Address

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## Corrections

Vol.V, No. 3 p58: Scratch Issue Number Eighteen and change to Issue  
 Number Nineteen. This was an error on the part of the editor.

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## Comments

Alden S. Byers, 200 East Racquet Club Rd. #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262



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## Comments, Continued

writes,

"I have been corrected concerning the origins of both General **George Patton** and the background of Houston, TX. Problem is, I am not sure I'm wrong! So many Scotch-Irish families showed up in one particular place (now Salisbury twp., Lancaster Co., PA, the ca 1720-30 Pequea settlement at the headwaters of Pequea Creek) that I think there must be a story, yet untold about some of these people.

"On present-day maps there is a small town named Buyerstown, which seems to correspond closely to the spot on a "Connected Warranty" map of Salisbury twp., I obtained from the Bureau of Land Records, Harrisburg, several years ago. Adjoining **John Buyers** of Pequea, wife **Mary Letitia Patton**, about whom I have contributed several times, was **John H(o)uston** to the north, on Houston Run, and once removed, **Robert Patton** on the east.

"There was a millrace, suggesting that either **John Buyers** or **John Houston** was a miller, apparently on the water line shown on the enclosed excerpt of the tract map. [see excerpt this issue] The map is a very large sheet measuring about 40"x40" crammed with details but not easy to correlate to modern geological survey maps.

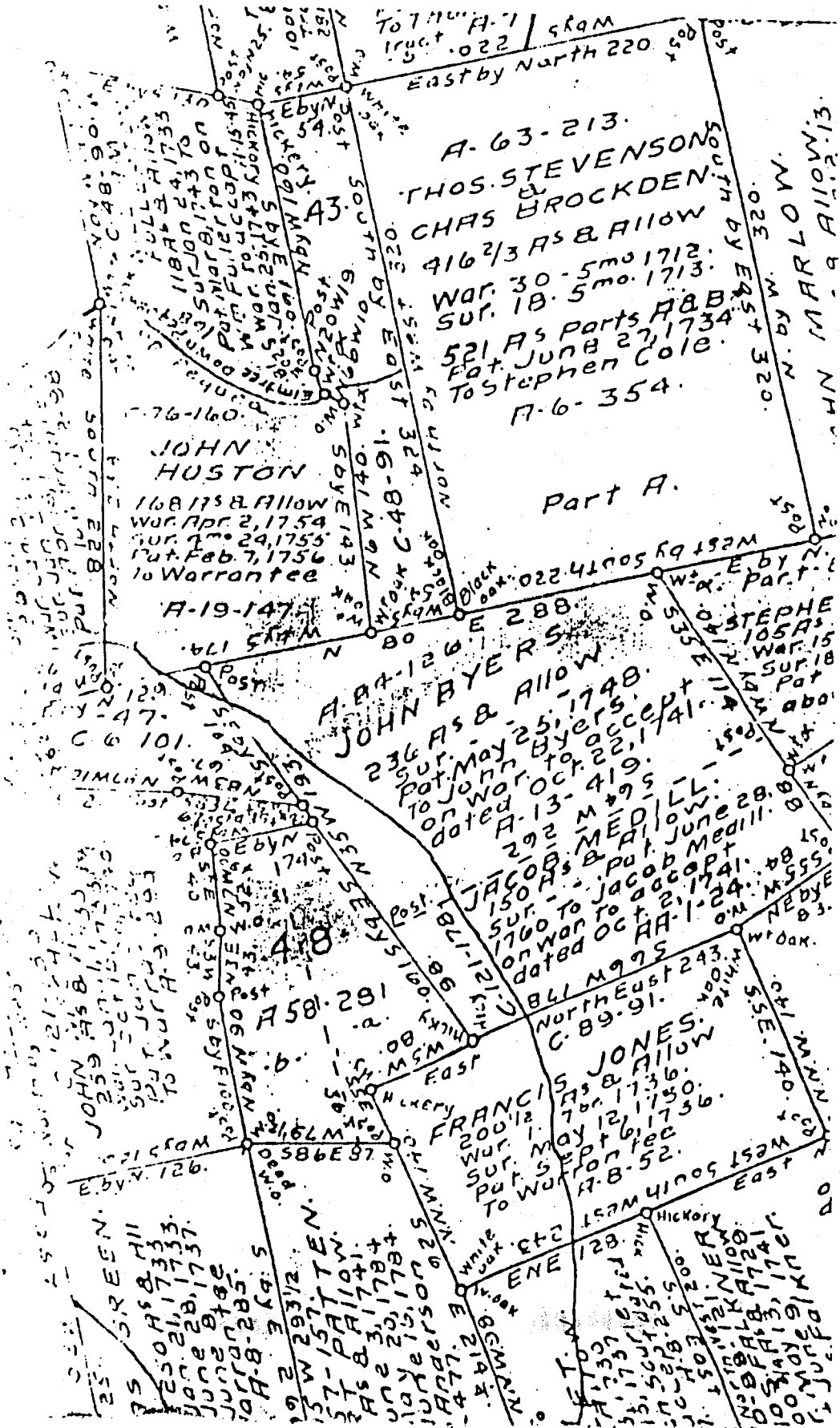
"Some of **John Buyers'** descendants still live in the vicinity, especially in or near Honey brook to the east and Paradise to the southwest, but most of the original Scotch-Irish have long since gone elsewhere, leaving mostly German "Pennsylvania Dutch".

"Anyone interested in the history of our common 1720-40 immigrants ought really to get a copy of this map, because it reveals so much about in-law names and dates. At the eastern end, for example, I find **Archibald, Andrew** and **James Douglass**, unquestionably in the direct line as forebears of my gr. 2 grandmother, **Nancy Ann Douglass**, wife of my **Jacob Buyers-Biars-Byers** of Wheatfield twp., now Perry Co., 2 miles upstream from Duncannon. Virtually all of the 1740 landholders were either Scots or English, or in some cases perhaps Irish. About ½ mile or so northeast of **John Buyers** was **Andrew Campbell**, whose provenance seemingly precisely fixes the location in Ireland (Londonderry) from which came our early **Buyers**. Some other names are equally fascinating: **Samuel Buchanan** (forebear of President **Buchanan**?) **William Clark** (Big land owner in Cumberland County?) **William Wilson** (President **Woodrow Wilson**?) **John McClure**, **Samuel Mitchell**, **John Clemson**, **William Webster** (forebear of the FBI **Webster**?) **George Boyd** (father of the minister?). Most seem to have come about 1737-1741, but some seemingly date as early as 1681 (**Isreal Pemberton**, for example)."

Editor's comment: I can assure you that Houston, Texas, was NOT founded by a **Houston** family, but named for the first president of the Republic of Texas, **Samuel Houston**. I have not researched his ancestry. My correction was regarding the founders of Houston, Texas (where I was born and raised).

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|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| -40-                      | A-58-281. |
| SAMUEL WILLIAMSON.        |           |
| 121 AS & Allow.           |           |
| War. June 3, 1741.        |           |
| Sur. Nov. 13, 1741.       |           |
| -a-                       | C-20-120. |
| 61 AS & Allow.            |           |
| Sur. Feb. 7, 1752.        |           |
| Pat. Nov. 20, 1787.       |           |
| To John Boyors            |           |
| P-12-58.                  |           |
| "Boyerston"               |           |
| Courses & Distance.       |           |
| 1. N 14 W 191. To Post.   |           |
| 2. E by N 33. To Post.    |           |
| 3. S 35 E 160. To Hickry. |           |
| 4. W 5 W 78. To Hickry.   |           |
| 5. S 5 E 36. To Post.     |           |
| 6. N 83 W 20. To Post.    |           |
| -6-                       | M-327     |
| 58 AS & Allow.            |           |
| Sur. Feb. 7, 1752.        |           |
| Pat. Nov. 21, 1787.       |           |
| To John McCalla.          |           |
| P-11-388.                 |           |
| "Salisbury Plains"        |           |
| Courses & Distance.       |           |
| 1. N by W 86. To Post.    |           |
| 2. N 3 W 42. To Post.     |           |
| 3. N 7 W 42. To Post.     |           |
| 4. E by N 40. To Post.    |           |
| 5. S 14 E 191. To Post.   |           |
| 6. N 83 W 67. To W.O.     |           |

Up Date on Robert Byas/Byars

From Velda Byars Spillane, 504 N. 20th, Lamesa, TX 79331

Velda writes:

"Thought I would bring you up to date on my search on Robert Byas/Byars. I did not receive any answers from people I wrote, whose names I got from the 'Enquirer'. No one contacted me after my info was published either.

"I have found out that Asa Byas [s/o Robert, Child IV, Vol.V, No. 2 p36] was, Asa Harrell Byas. He signed a deed as witness and I have a copy. So, I was right about one of my theories. I have searched the material you sent me on Robert, (son of Nathan Byars) and no one has ever given the names of his children. If I could just find someone who had the name of at least one of them, then I would know that I am really on the right tract. I am sure my Robert had older children that I don't know about, but I am not going to stop until I have exhausted all avenues."

Editor's comment: Valda, the children of Nathan Byars are all suppositions, as far as I'm concerned. I have never personally seen a document of any kind that names children. The Will Franke papers have little documentation and our Marjorie Tucker, as well as me and many of our members are trying to find documentation other than "Family Stories". I have the same problem you do. I am certain that Nathan is my line, through his assumed son, Nathan Jr. but no one has any info about about his children either. See Nathanite's Niche this issue:

Texas, Navarro County, Marriages

From the Editor's Files

From original records, Corsicana, Navarro Co. TX

|               |                     |             |         |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| James Byers   | Minerva Nash        | 28 Mar 1861 | Bk/page |
| A.M. Byers    | Francis White       | 5 Jul 1862  | 1/73    |
| Mary E. Byers | George W. Tankersly | 25 Mar 1863 | 1/95    |
|               |                     |             | 1/104   |

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|                        |                   | Bk/page     |         |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| J.I. Byers             | Mary Nash         | 21 Jan 1865 | 1/128   |
| Frances E. Byers       | D.D. Anderson     | 28 Jul 1868 | 1/255   |
| William Byres/Bynes    | Lula Bartlett     | 6 Dec 1874  | 11/235  |
| Edmund Byars fmc       | Eliza Jones fwc   | 23 May 1875 | II/235  |
| Alford Byers fmc       | Mollie Green fwc  | 1 May 1879  | III/343 |
| W.H. Byers             | Mary E. Hurzel    | 22 May 1879 | III/346 |
| Sarah Ann Byars (Mrs.) | B.H. Todd         | 11 Sep 1881 | IV/41   |
| W.B. Byers             | Rebecca P. Rogers | 7 Sep 1882  | IV/164  |
| C.E. Byers             | Dell M. Kesinger  | 9 Nov 1884  | IV/484  |

fmc= free male of color      fwc= free female of color

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South Carolina, Chester County, Byars Families  
 Courtesy Dr. Mel Meek, 3410 Oak, N.W. Lawton, OK 73505  
 From Chester County, South Carolina Heritage, 1982

Thomas T. Byars

Thomas T. Byars, b Jan 1837, SC d 21 Jan 1900 (buried Chester Co. SC at Brushy Fork Baptist Church) m Harriett Eushelia Jeter (d/o Richard Crosby Jeter and Augusta Ann Johnson). Thomas filed a petition to settle his father-in-law's estate in Union Co. SC. He operated a store in the Wilksburg Community, was Postmaster 11 Feb 1889 - 13 July 1895. During the time he was Postmaster he also served as a Trial Justice.  
 Children:

- I. John Walton Byars b/d 1859
- II. Mary Augustian Rebecca Byars b 5 Aug 1860 m Francis Marion Eubanks.
- III. Joseph Richard Byars b 14 Sep 1861, d 1 Feb 1913 (buried Brushy Fork Baptist Church) married three times. (1) Mary Margaret Wade. Issue first marriage:
  1. Anderson Thomas Byars b/d 1881
  2. Marshall Martin Byars b 15 Apr 1883 d 8 Aug 1931.
    - m (1) Maggie Canupp (no issue)
    - m (2) Pauline Belue, issue:
      - a. Mary Ann Vernelle Byars m Leon W. Lee
      - b. Marshall Martin Byars, Jr m Anne Edge
      - c. Catheryn Louise Byars m Thomas S. Bagley
      - d. Martha Frances Byars m Major C. Crosby
      - e. Dorris Joe Byars m Mae Burrell
      - f. Ralph Barner Byars m Ruby Stroud

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## Thomas T. Byars, Continued

3. Maggie Bell Byars b 15 May 1885 d 1981 (Brookview House, Gaffney SC) m William M. Jones (ten children)
4. Lula Angelina Byars b 28 Mar 1887 d 15 Feb 1955 m Samuel Smith McCullough. Issue:
  - a. Brice Adelbert McCullough
  - b. Hiram William McCullough m Eva Jeanette Patton
  - c. Doris Leander McCullough
  - d. Margaret Oletha McCullough m Clyde Cross
  - e. Elizabeth Byars McCullough m B.T. Morgan
  - f. Mary Ruby McCullough m Lewis G. McKee
5. Edwin Clarence Byars b 8 Feb 1891
6. Lillian Ora Byars b 10 Feb 1893 d 20 Feb 1937 m Benjamin D. Gallman. Issue:
  - a. Elizabeth Marion Gallman m (1) Thomas M. Rice (2) Harry Gemmill
  - b. Benjamin D. Gallman, Jr. m Lizzie Mae West
  - c. Lois Gallman m \_\_\_\_\_ Stevens
  - d. Frances Gallman m John A. Costanza
  - e. Mary Ruby Gallman m Lewis McKee (adopted by Lillian? and Samuel S. McCullough)

Joseph Richard Byars m (2) Martha J. Grant.  
Issue from second marriage:

7. Joseph Richard Byars, Jr. b 8 Mar 1895 d 22 Oct 1948  
m (1) Ada Gilbert. Issue
  - a. Melvin Byars
  - b. Ida Lois Byars m Harold G. Simpson

Joseph Richard Byars, Jr. m (2) Oda Canup  
Issue

- c. Mildred Louise Byars m Thomas F. Harveston
- d. Joseph Richard Byars, III died young
- e. Charles Edward Byars m (1) Frances Connell (2) Maxene Collins (3) Lucille \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph Richard Byars, Jr. m (3) Elsie Cain (no issue). He and his three wives are all buried at Silverbrook Cemetery at Anderson, SC.

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Joseph Richard Byars m (2) Mary D. Faulkner  
Issue from third marriage:

8. John Thomas Byars m Eva Cook
9. Marvin Byars
- IV. William Thomas Byars b 27 Apr 1864 d 26 May 1938
- V. Johnson Byars b 18 Jan 1860 d 18 May 1938
- VI. Hazel Daves Byars (Male) b 4 Feb 1868 d 15 Feb 1892
- VII. Butler Thomason Woods [Byars?] b 9 Sep 1870 d 2 Feb 1942
- VIII Mattie Lou Byars b 12 Sep 1872 d 11 Oct 1942 m Eli Alston Wilkes
- IX. George Washington Byars b 13 Jun 1875 d 10 Jul 1936 m Addie Bernice McCallum. Both are buried Brushy Fork Baptist Church.  
Issue:
  1. William Alvin Byars m Mary Mildred Mendenhall. Issue:
    - a. William Alvin Byars Jr. m Inez Davis
      - i. Ronald Alvin Byars
    - b. George Howard Byars m Alice Louise Orr
      - i. Daniel Howard Byars b/d 1958
      - ii. Karen Marie Byars
      - iii. Edward Brooks Byars m Cynthia Ann Lucus
        1. William Edward Byars
        2. Carol Ann Byars
  2. Ruby Ruth Byars m Joe Emory Anderson
    - a. Joe Emory Anderson, Jr. m Dorothy C. Edwards
    - b. George Byars Anderson m Nancy Hines Collins
    - c. James Thomas Anderson m Betty Lou Bailey

These stories were submitted by Nancy Anderson. Is this Our Nancy Anderson?

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Elisha E. Byers

Courtesy Mary Dell Wallace, 61 West Sutter Rd., Paradise, CA 95969  
[This should have been published long ago. Alas it was filed away by the editor, in error.]

I begin this history with Elisha Byers and his wife Prudence. I begin with their marriage in the marriage record book, page 104 in

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## Elisha E. Byers, Continued

Prebe County, Ohio.

Elisha Elijah Byers was married to Prudence Martin on 16 April 1822, by Abraham Ebersol, a Justice of the Peace.

The next record is the probate record in Keokuk County, Iowa. Although very dim and faded most of it has been abstracted to read thus: \_\_\_\_\_ (blanks to indicate words illegible) State of Iowa, Keokuk County, May 1849. In obedience to the Judge of Probate, We the undersigned have this day provided and appraised all the real and personal estate of Elisha Byers deceased so far as came to our knowledge except such as the law owed to the widow of the deceased, to the best of our skill and ability.

Seriatic Husted  
H.D. Stephenson  
Thomas J. York

Sworn and subscribed this 12th day of May 1848, Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ Justice of the Peace in inventory of the property of Elisha Byers, deceased, appraised May 12, 1849

One horse appraised forty dollars  
one two year old filly - twenty five dollars  
one horse - forty dollars  
one yearling colt - fifteen dollars  
one rifle gun - three dollars  
one shotgun - one dollar fifty cents  
one rifle gun - ten dollars  
one yoke of oxen - forty dollars  
one grind stone - fifty cents  
two ploughs - seven dollars  
two cows - twenty dollars  
eight \_\_\_\_\_ - sixteen dollars  
Mowing scythe - one dollar fifty cents  
one saddle - five dollars  
six \_\_\_\_\_ - five dollars  
Four town lots in Richland lots 3 and 4 and six in  
one Minetown

State of Iowa Keokuk County S.S. Personally came Nelson King, Administrator of the estate of Elisha Byers deceased made oath that before the undersigned the foregoing is a full and true inventory of all the Goods and Chattels rights and credits of said deceased that has come to his possession or knowledge.

Nelson King, Adms

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of July 1849  
Samuel Johnston, Judge of Probate

When Prudence appeared to have the estate probated she gave the date of death as February 26, 1849.



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## Elisha E. Byers, Continued

In Keokuk County I found several families of **Byers** as early settlers of the county but was unable to establish a relationship with **Elisha**. **Elisha** and **Prudence Byers** came to Iowa from Darke County, Ohio, probably about 1842.

1. **Elijah Elisha Byers** was born 6 Feb 1829. Since his parents married in 1822, he is probably not the oldest child. He married **Ann Eliza Martin** in Keokuk Co. in Jan. 1851.
2. **Andrew Jackson Byers** was born about 1834 and married **Eliza Bales**
3. **Isaac V. "Ike" Byers** was born 4 July 1837. His wife was **Emma E.** maiden name unknown. **Ike** lived in Warren County and owned land in Otter township. He died 21 October 1882, from blood poisoning of a gunshot wound. He was buried at Indianola Cemetery, gravestone in Old City Section.
4. **Emarietta Byers** was born 30 May 1846. She married first **John Golden** and second a **Mr. McCowan**. She lived at Carlisle where she died 12 June 1916. Her death certificate gives the names of her parents as **Elisha Elijah Byers** and **Prudence Martin**.
5. **Ora Byers** married **Lee Hall**. Further information has not been located on this daughter. She may have been older than **Elijah**. She had a daughter, **Miss Rosa Hall** who visited her Uncle **Elijah** in Warren County then returned to the home of her sister in Peoria. Since there was a Peoria, Iowa, near Pella, it is probably Peoria, Iowa, rather than Peoria, Illinois.

I made several trips to Keokuk County to search all records for this family. I have been told many times that **Elijah Byers**, and wife, **Ann Eliza**, left a very good farm in Keokuk County, never selling, merely moving away because a brother was always in trouble, bringing disgrace upon them.

I found court records on **Martin Green Byers**, who had been in trouble. The Clerk of Court allowed me to go to the courthouse attic, where I found a record lying on the floor along with many other old records, amid dust and cobwebs of many years. The charge against **Martin** was not clear. One case that went to trial was The state vs **Martin Green Byers** and **Jane McCune**. Either his father or his brother, **Elijah E. Byers** paid the court cost.

1870 Census, Warren County, Iowa  
**Andrew J. Byers** age 36 born OH  
**Eliza** " wife age 36 born OH  
**Rosetta** " age 7 born IA  
**Emma** " age 6 born IA

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## Where Does This John Byers Belong?

Dr. Mel Meek, 3410 Oak, N.W., Lawton, OK 73505, would like to know where this man fits into the Byers family.

Abstracts from York Dist. SC records:

By Benjamin Chambers, Ordinary

Whereas Prudence Byers hath applied to me for letter of Administration on all and singular, the goods and chattels, rights and credits of John Byers, late of the District, deceased. Creditors to appear before 5 Aug. next ..... etc....

Given under my hand and seal 17 July 1816

Benj'n Chambers, Ordy

Administration Bond:

Know All Men by These Presents, That we, Prudence Byers, Davis House and Jesse White ... are holden and firmly bound unto Benjamin Chambers ...

Signed and Sealed 5 Aug. 1816

Condition of the above Obligation etc ... Bound Prudence Byers, Administratrix of goods etc of John Byers ...

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in  
in Presence of  
Jas Johnson

her  
Prudence x Byers (Seal)  
Davis House (Seal)  
Jesse White (Seal)

Warrant of Appraisement

By Benjamin Chambers, Ordinary

These are to authorize and empower you, and 3 or 4 ... as directed by Prudence Byers, Execrs ... of credits of John Byers, deceased.... to make a true and perfect inventory ... before 1st September 1816

Witness Benjamin Chambers, Ordy, 5th August 1816 ...

To Messrs: Nicholas Whistenant, Henry Etters, John Mullinder,  
Jos. Whistenant, Micah Whistenant

Benjn Chambers Ordy

Memorandum: That on the 13th August 1816 ... appeared before me Thos Martin, one of the Justices ... Nicholas Whissenant, Joseph Wissenant and Henry Etters, three of the appraisers ... of John Byers, Prudence Byers, Administrator, Dec. before 1 Sept next ...

Sworn before me,  
Thos Martin (Seal)

Nicholas Whissonate (Seal)  
Jos. Whisnant  
his  
Henry x Etters  
mark

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## Where Does This John, Continued

## Sale of Personal Property

Prudence Byers, primary buyer, bought furniture. Other buyers: George Wilkie, Peter Humbright, John Randall, Mary Collins, Collins, Patrick Birke, A. Moore, James Martin, Wm. Collins, Wm. Adams, Young Harden, Isaac Collins, Jas. Taylor.  
Sale held Sept. 6th 1816, Total \$130.09½

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## Non Member Looking for Bennett Bias

Mary Ann Thomas, 980 Tennessee Ave. Canon City, Co. 81212 is looking for info on Bennett Bias b c1811 VA d 1896 WVA m (1) Peggy Irwin (2) Susan \_\_\_\_\_. Possibly had 15 or more children.

[I sent her what we have already published, which was not much. Does anyone have more?]

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## Nathanites Niche

## Comments By Marjorie Tucker

Last spring when I was copying tombstones in the Union Hill Cemetery I discovered a BYARS family buried there that I was told was not related to the other BYARS buried there. I found that hard to believe because almost everyone buried there is related. I questioned some descendants who were clearing the plot and learned that the family came to Birmingham from Lincoln, Talledega Co., AL.

I have searched the Talledega county records and found this:

From Alabama Records, Volume 23, Talledega County compiled by Pauline Jones Gandrud:

BYARS, JOHN, Administrator of the estate of ISAAC KILLOUGH, SR. late of the Republic of Texas deceased. JACOB T. BRADFORD and THOMAS COLLEY, securities. 11 May 1839. Book A, page 568.

BYARS, JOHN. Last will and testament dated 18 December 1838; probated 9 September 1839. Wife PATSEY for benefit of the children; THOMAS COLLEY, Executor. Witnesses: THOMAS COLLEY, WILLIAM B. NORRIS, WILLIAM x McCARTY. Book A, page 573.

BYARS, JOHN, deceased. Inventory of estate. MARTHA BYARS, Administrator. 21 February 1840. Book B, page 17.

Census of 1850, Talledega Co., AL:

Talledega District

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| #1891 Martha BYARS | 50 KY |
| George N.          | 22 AL |
| Wesley             | 19 AL |
| Saml. M or H??     | 16 AL |
| Nancy A.           | 14 AL |
| Mary               | 11 AL |

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Nathanites Niche  
Comments by Marjorie, Continued

Census of 1870, Talledega Co., AL:

Township 19, Range 3, East  
Kymulga Beat

|     |                     |    |    |
|-----|---------------------|----|----|
| #66 | George N. BYERS     | 41 | AL |
|     | Narcissus M.        | 29 | AL |
|     | Samuel W. (Webster) | 5  | AL |
|     | Martha A.           | 3  | AL |

Note: I was told George's wife was BIDDIE ANKERS.

|     |                |    |    |
|-----|----------------|----|----|
| #67 | Martha BYERS   | 67 | KY |
|     | John Wesley    | 38 | AL |
|     | Huldaha ANCHOR | 48 | GA |
|     | Henry F. "     | 18 | GA |
|     | James A. "     | 15 | GA |
|     | Arthur W. "    | 9  | AL |

Note: I did not find them in the Census of 1860 and I have not read the Census of 1880 yet. I have found SAMUEL WEBSTER BYARS in the Census of 1900, Jefferson Co., AL. He and his wife and two daughters are buried in the Union Hill Cemetery, Jefferson Co., AL.

Census of 1900, Jefferson Co., AL  
Enumeration District 151, Ave. E. 2205:

|      |                  |    |      |      |    |   |   |  |    |    |    |
|------|------------------|----|------|------|----|---|---|--|----|----|----|
| #119 | Sam BYARS        | 35 | Apr. | 1865 | 10 |   |   |  | AL | AL | AL |
|      | Kate (NEWSOME)   | 34 | Mar. | 1866 | 10 | 1 | 1 |  | AL | AL | AL |
|      | Snoroty? (ELSIE) | 5  | Feb. | 1895 |    |   |   |  | AL | AL | AL |
|      | Nodia L.         | 22 | Jun. | 1878 |    |   |   |  | AL | AL | AL |

(this is Sam's brother, NODIAH LAFAYETTE)

Note: Sam &amp; Kate had 2 daus., May and Elsie. May died before 1900. I was told that Kate's real name was LIZZIE and that she was a dau. of DORTCH NEWSOME.

I copied the following tombstones from Union Hill Cemetery:

Samuel W. Byars  
Oct. 22, 1865  
April 22, 1928Katie Newsome  
wife of S.W. Byars  
(no dates), but b. Mar. 1866 (Census of 1900)May, dau. of S.W. and K. Byars  
Sept. 1, 1891  
Nov. 3, 1894Elsie, wife of  
W.T. Millar  
Feb. 20, 1894  
May 4, 1937  
"a devoted mother  
of 12 children"William Thomas Millar  
husband of Elise Byars  
(Elise on stone is wrong)  
1890 - 1977Elsie Byars m. Mar. 7, 1914 (date of license), Jefferson Co., AL,  
William Thomas Millar.

QUERY: Can any of our readers place this line? It seems like they should be NATHANITES, but I don't see it.

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Nathanites Niche  
Comments by Marjorie, Continued

**Editor's Note:** According to his descendants Stripling Byars is also buried at Union Hill Cemetery, Jefferson Co. AL (see Vol I, No.4 pp 93-94, but I don't see a listing for him in the Cemetery Records (Vol IV, No. 4 pp 106-107) Is it possible this family belongs to Stripling?

There should be a death certificate for Samuel W. Byars since he d 1928 and Alabama began keeping death records in 1908. Is it possible to check out deaths in Birmingham?

## Andrew Byars, s/o Nathan

Will Franke stated that ANDREW BYARS, son of Old Nathan was living in Bedford County, TN in 1850. I have done some checking and all I have been able to find is:

Census of 1850, Bedford Co., TN  
Civil District No. 2:

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| #17 Juda YATES | 60 SC |
| Andrew BYAS    | 64 NC |
| Sarah          | 62 NC |
| Mary A.        | 21 NC |

One JOSHUA YATES died 1849, Bedford Co., TN

**Editor's note:** Do we have a member that has access to the Archives, Nashville, TN? A records check there may reveal more on this family. Marjorie has checked all the records that she has access to in Birmingham.

## Nicholas Byars

I was preparing to send you information about NICHOLAS BYARS of Henry County, TN when I received the new issue of the Enquirer. I was surprised to find that info on him appears on page 72! The following will help to document the info sent by Diane Nielson.

Henry County, Tenn.:

The following is from Tennessee Genealogical Records, by Edythe Rucker Whitley, 1980:

Page 231:

NICHOLAS BYARS, will dated 10 July 1839; names son, WILLIAM BYARS, sons GEORGE, DAVID, HENRY, and JOHN. Heirs of ELIZABETH BYARS, dec. A share to SARAH BARTON and then to her heirs. Wife is mentioned. W. BYARS mother-in-law.

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GEORGE BYERS, will dated 1850; names daughters, ANNA DANIEL JACKSON (the eldest), and EMILY JANE LAMPKINS; sons JOHN HENDERSON BYARS and WILLIAM HENRY BYARS; youngest daughters, MARIAH FRANCES and SARAH HAWKINS BYARS.

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Nathanites Niche  
Comments by Marjorie, Continued

Marriage Records, Henry County, Tenn.:

NICHOLAS BYERS m. Jun. 15, 1839, MARTHA A. HATTER  
ARMENTA BYARS m. Nov. 3, 1845, SIMPSON COX

## Corrections

The following is from Vol. V, No. 1, page 26:

Census of 1870, Tuscaloosa County, AL:

|               |        |      |      |      |
|---------------|--------|------|------|------|
| #175          |        |      |      |      |
| Dan Watkins   | 26     | Ala. | Ala. | Ala. |
| Eliza         | 25     | "    | "    | "    |
| Dollie        | 5      |      |      |      |
| Jane          | 2      |      |      |      |
| Martha Stamps | 72     |      |      |      |
| Lorena        | 44     | S.C. | Va.  | S.C. |
| Sarah Byars   | 12     | Ala. | Ga.  | S.C. |
|               | g-dau. | Ala. | Ala. | Ala. |

This is from the Census of 1880, Tuscaloosa Co., AL, and combines two separate families. It should be as follows:

Beat No. 10

|             |    |      |      |      |
|-------------|----|------|------|------|
| #175        |    |      |      |      |
| Dan Watkins | 26 | Ala. | Ala. | Ala. |
| Eliza       | 25 | "    | "    | "    |
| Dollie      | 5  |      |      |      |
| Jane        | 2  |      |      |      |

## Robert Byars

I have given much thought to the ROBERT BYARS, b. ca 1786, NC, ancestor of Velda Byars Spillane. I am keeping an open mind, but we must consider the ROBERT BYARS, b. ca 1786, SC, who appears in the Census of 1860, Spartanburg Dist., SC. I did not find him there in 1850.

Census of 1860, Spartanburg Dist., SC  
Northern Division, Grassy Pond:

|       |               |    |    |
|-------|---------------|----|----|
| #1267 | Robert BYARS  | 74 | SC |
|       | Elizabeth     | 71 | NC |
|       | Arty (female) | 49 | SC |
|       | Susan A.R.    | 21 | SC |
|       | Bedford B.    | 18 | SC |

Editor's note: Marjorie, this man was born in SC and Nathan's Robert would have been born in NC wouldn't he? The given name of Bedford

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## Nathanites Niche

B. Byars leads me to ask if this family is connected to the Bedford family. Nell Byars Thaten's, Byars Family History, shows that: William Byars, s/o Jonas Byars and Francis Collins, m Elizabeth Bedford s/o Jonas Bedford and Amasa "Mercy" Raymond, lived in Spartanburg Co. SC, "along the "northern boundry." SC Archives, File No. 436, shows William died in the fall, 1819. William and wife Elizabeth had a son Robert. Nell did not follow Robert in her book but some of William's descendants lived in Birmingham, AL.

Up Date on John Logan Byars, Sr. and Catherine Daniel  
By Marjorie Tucker

Children of JOHN LOGAN BYARS (JOHN BYARS, SR., NATHAN BYARS) and CATHERINE DANIEL:

1. JAMES H. BYARS, b. Dec. 7, 1831, Jefferson Co., AL, d. ca. 1868,  
m. Mar. 2, 1854, Jefferson Co., AL, E. JANE ARMSTRONG, b.  
d. , dau. of ROBERT ARMSTRONG.

They lived and died in Miss.

2. DR. JOSEPH W. BYARS, b. Sept. 17, 1833, Jefferson Co., AL, d.  
m. May 11, 1850, Tuscaloosa Co., AL, a widow, LOUISE PEARSON CROW.

They were married at the residence of MARGARET PEARSON.

3. WILLIAM PULLEN BYARS, b. Jul. 4 (or 29), 1835, Jefferson Co., AL, d.  
m. Jan. 9, 1855, Jefferson Co., AL, LUCY A. THURSTON, b. ca. 1840, AL,  
d. , dau. of WILLIAM S. THURSTON.

They are enumerated in the Census of 1870, Jefferson Co., AL:

Rockville

|      |               |    |    |
|------|---------------|----|----|
| #324 | William Byers | 33 | AL |
|      | L. (Lucy)     | 30 | AL |
|      | Kitty         | 16 | AL |
|      | A. or H. (f)  | 11 | AL |
|      | V. ?          | 5  | AL |
|      | S.E. (f)      | 1  | AL |
|      | N.            | 7  | AL |

He went to Ark. where he probably died about 1908.

4. MARY ANN BYARS, b. Aug. 19 (or 13), 1837, Jefferson Co., AL, d. ca. 1896,  
m. Oct. 6, 1856 (date of license), Jefferson Co., AL, JAMES GAINES ACTON,  
b. Oct. 23, 1838, d. , son of REV. WILLIAM ACTON and ELIZABETH  
LEE.

The following is from the Acton Family, by Faye Acton Axford, 1969, p. 54:

JAMES GAINES ACTON was born Oct. 23, 1838, the seventh child of REV. WILLIAM ACTON and ELIZABETH LEE. He married MARY ANN BYARS and had JOHN L. JACKSON, born in 1859, died at the age of 3 months; LYDIA CATHERINE ELIZABETH, born

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in 1860; and MARY JAMES, born Feb. 21, 1862. We have no trace of this family. James Gaines came home on furlough during the Civil War, was ill and not able to return. He was carried away from home and never heard from again. Some feel that the home guards killed him because he knew too much about some horse thieves.

- 5. DANIEL MARTIN BYARS, b. Nov. 7, 1839, Jefferson Co., AL, d. 1859.
6. GEORGE LOGAN BYARS, b. Jan. 16 (or 18), 1842, Jefferson Co., AL, d. was not in the 1870 census, m. Aug. 7, 1860 (date of license), Jefferson Co, AL, LURINDA TAYLOR, b. Mar. 1836, AL, d. , dau. of JOHN TAYLOR and ELIZABETH GOOLSBY.

Lurinda was living with her parents when the Census of 1870, Jefferson Co, AL was taken:

Morrowsville

|      |                    |    |    |
|------|--------------------|----|----|
| #163 | John Taylor        | 67 | SC |
|      | E. (Elizabeth)     | 60 | AL |
|      | M. (f)             | 18 | AL |
|      | F. (f)             | 16 | AL |
|      | E. (f)             | 14 | AL |
|      | L. (Lurinda) Byers | 28 | AL |
|      | John Byers         | 10 | AL |

Lurinda and her son, John are enumerated in the Census of 1900, Jefferson Co., AL:

Enum. Dist. 92, Precinct 8

|      |               |           |   |   |    |    |    |         |      |
|------|---------------|-----------|---|---|----|----|----|---------|------|
| #303 | Lurenda Byers | 64 wd.    | 1 | 1 | AL | GA | SC | b. Mar. | 1836 |
|      | John          | 38 single |   |   | AL | AL | AL | b. Apr. | 1862 |

7. PORTIA (or PERSIA) CHRISTINA BYARS, b. Jul. 4, 1844, Jefferson Co., AL, d. ca. 1897, m. Dec. 28, 1866 (date of license), Jefferson Co., AL, JAMES C. GOODWIN
- He was from Jefferson Co., AL.
8. NANCY ELIZABETH BYARS, b. Jun. 6, 1846, Jefferson Co., AL, d. ca. 1921, m. Aug. 2, 1866 (date of license), Jefferson Co., AL, LEWIS C. CARLISLE, b. 1847, Jefferson Co., AL, d. , son of JAMES and SUSANNA CARLISLE (Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., AL, Self's Beat, District 32, Family #6).
- \* 9. HON. JOHN ANDREW BYARS, b. Oct. 18, 1848, Jefferson Co., AL, d. Jun. 2, 1939, Moulton, AL, m. Jan. 6, 1867, Trussville, AL, LOUISA CAROLINE STUBBS, b. , d. , living in 1939, dau. of JOSIAH THOMAS STUBBS and MARY ANN ELIZABETH CARLISLE.
10. THOMAS JEFFERSON BYARS, b. Jul. 4, 1851, Jefferson Co., AL, d. 1927, m.1st. , NANCY CAROLINE COATRITS (?) or COUNTIE or COUNTS, of Franklin Co., AL.
- He m.2nd. , a MRS. WEAVER of Colbert Co., AL.



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Sources: Emma Brown Weiland Collection  
 Byars - Byers Family Enquirer, Vol. II, No. 1, pp. 3-4, March 1987.  
 Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., Ala., Green's Beat, District 32,  
 Family #37.

### A Short Visit with Dr. Mel Meek

Last week, just as I was finishing lunch my phone rang and it was Dr. Mel Meek. He and his wife were in Buffalo, on the way to Houston. Since I had been pounding keys, working on this issue, I was casually attired and had to fling on something decent before I could go meet them.

We had a short, but very interesting visit and guess what we talked about - genealogy in general and Byars/Byers in particular. Dr. Mel had a couple of his albums and showed me how he keeps up with his extensive research. I really enjoyed the chance to meet and talk to him and his lovely wife.

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### Get Well Wishes

According to the Henry County, Georgia Genealogical Society Newsletter our William Tucker is ill and had to give up editing their publication. I do hope my favorite Yankee is feeling better or will very soon.

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### New Jersey

#### Notes from the Editor's Files

John Messler (s/o Abraham) was baptized 10 Dec 1694. His daughter Eaffie Messler married Jacob Buys.

From Early Germans of New Jersey, Their History, Churches & Genealogies, Dover, NJ 1895

I checked the following book and found nothing for Byars/Byers or any variant spelling: The book had no index but each record was alphabetical and I checked them all.

New Jersey Marriage Records 1665-1800, William Nelson, Genealogical Pub. Co. 1982.

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### Maryland Records

#### Death

James Byus drowned four days ago when the ice broke on the Furnace Pond at Alexander Lawson's Iron Works in Baltimore Co. 28 Dec 1752.

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From Marriages & Deaths From The Maryland Gazette 1727-1839, Robert Barnes, Genealogical Publishing Co. Baltimore, 1979

## Maryland Marriages

Byas, Mary to John Evans 26 Oct 1789 (Marriage Register of Rev. Lewis Richards, pastor of First Baptist Church, Baltimore 1784-1818)

Byus, Eliza to Henry Hill Allen 23 May 1795 (Dorchester Co. Marriage license)

Byus, Harriett to William Ennalls 16 Jan 1796 (Returns of Rev. Wm. West, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore Co.)

Byus, Margaret Eccleston to James Frazier 11 Feb 1783 (Dorchester Co. Marriage Records)

Byas, Eliza to Alexander Hall 21 Sep 1799 (Returns of Rev. Wm West, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore Co.)

Byus, Elizabeth to Richard Nield 8 Oct 1788 (Dorchester Co. Marriage Records)

Byus, Sarah to Edward Trippe 26 Jan 1787 (Dorchester Co. Marriages)

Bier, John to Uliana Snider 29 Jun 1797 (Frederick Co. Marriages)

Bier, Phillip to May Miller 10 Nov 1798 (Frederick Co. Marriages)

Byus, Josep to Jinney Hughes 4 Jan 1792 (Dorchester Co. Marriages)

Byus, William to Sarah Linthicum 30 May 1783 (Dorchester Co.)

Above from Maryland Marriages 1778-1800, Robert Barnes, Genealogical Publishing Co. Baltimore 1979

Byer, John to Ann Arnold 3 Apr 1743 (All Saints Parish/Frederick Co)

Baer, Conrad to Mary Whilhair 18 Jun 1783 (Washington Co.)

Bare, Jacob to Elizabeth Dorsey 7 Jan 1813 (Ann Arundel Co.)

Bear, Jean to Joseph White 31 Oct 1782 (Montgomery Co.)

Baer, Geo to Mary Adams 29 Jan 1786 (Frederick Co.)

Baer, Geo. Jr to Cath. Haner 13 Apr 1788 (Frederick Co.)

Baer, John to Mary Thomas 25 Dec 1788 (Frederick Co.)

Baer, William to Harriett Mantz 1 Sep 1812 (Frederick Co.)

Baer, Margaret to John Aubb 2 Jun 1812 (Frederick Co.)

Bayer, Abraham to Eve Beringer 20 Jun 1786 (Frederick Co)

Bayer, David to Sarah Krum 8 Nov 1785 (Frederick Co.)

Bayer, John to Mary Bookhardt 28 Dec 1796 (Frederick Co.)

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Bayer, Peter to Anna Mary Mossetter 22 May 1787 (Frederick Co.)  
 Bear, John to Cath. Hoffman 15 Nov 1808 (Frederick Co.)

## Miscellaneous Data

Geo. Baer, Prince George Co. MD, took Oath of Fidelity 9 Mar 1770

William Byas, Revolutionary War Pension #65 passed 14 Feb 1820:  
 Another entry issues #43, rescinding #65.

## Official Poll of Presidential Election 1796

John Buyer (Federalist vote)  
 Michael Bair (Democrat/Republican vote)  
 Christian Baer (Federalist vote)

Above from Maryland Records, Colonial, Revolutionary, County & Church, Volumes I and II., G. M. Brimbaugh, Genealogical Publishing, Co. Baltimore, 1985

## New York

Geertzen Buyers arrived May 1658 in the "Moesman".

From Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York, Excerpted from the Documentary History of the State of New York, Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan, Genealogical Publishing Co. Baltimore.

I checked the following books on New York and found no Byars/Byers or any variant spelling. If you are working New York don't waste time on these books.

Genealogical Data From Colonial New York Newspapers, Kenneth Scott, Genealogical Pub. Co. Baltimore 1982

New York Marriages Previous to 1784, Genealogical Pub. Co. 1984

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## Address Correction

103b Douglas Byers has moved to: 2153 Autumn Rd. Poplar Bluff, MO 63901-2702

I have not heard from Douglas, but his issue Vol.V No.3 was returned me.

## Reminder

If you are planning to move Please, Please notify your editor. Bulk Mail is not forwarded by the post office. I guarantee return postage and when you move your issue is sent back with the new address.

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## Computer Data Base

This is a sample of the data that 67b William Tucker, 3779 Grant Rd. Ellenwood, GA 30049 has been storing. I was planning to use this and then heard he was sick. At one time he offered to sort and send for a small fee, but we'll wait until we hear he's better before making requests.

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| 1  |                                                                                                                               |  |                                 |                            |
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| 2  | Sebastin BYER<br>Grant land                                                                                                   |  | New Cornestoco                  | 2-19 / / (746 )            |
| 3  | Alexander BOYER<br>Letter 25 Sep 1648                                                                                         |  | Fort Nassua on Schuylkill River | 2-7 / / (465 )             |
| 4  | William Byers (The Immigrant)<br>Arrival 1682                                                                                 |  | M                               | B/B Enq Vol 2-3 (62 )      |
| 5  | William Byers (The Immigrant)<br>appl. 200ac 1683<br>Never settled or pd tax on this land<br>Claimed by Nicholas PYLE in 1693 |  | Concord twp, Chester Co.        | M<br>B/B Enq Vol 1-2 (49 ) |
| 6  | John BOWYER<br>land 12 Nov 1690                                                                                               |  | Land of Shaxamaxen              | 2-13 / / (58 )             |
| 7  | Hester BOWYER, widow of John BOWYER<br>28 Aug 1691                                                                            |  |                                 | 2-19 / / (79 )             |
| 8  | John BOWYER<br>sells 50 ac. 2 Apr 1699                                                                                        |  | Bristol Twp                     | 2-19 / / (404 )            |
| 9  | John BOWYER, Shipwright<br>deed 2 Jul 1700                                                                                    |  |                                 | 2-19 / / (472 )            |
| 10 | Jacob BEYER<br>Immigrant 1712                                                                                                 |  | settled Lancaster Co            | AMER. BOYERS (11 )         |
| 11 | (2) John Byers<br>birth 1715<br>If true, (2) John's father (1) David not son of<br>William Byers, immigrant 1683, Chester Co  |  | Northern Ireland                | T.V. BYERS (2 )            |

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## From the Editor

I may just change my name to "late again!" While I don't do it on it seems that's my theme song. This time a bad middle ear infection kept me abed all through January and February. Hopefully everyone will forgive me. I promise I don't get sick cause it's fun. Just can't seem to stay out of the way of bad bugs.

*Cloris B. Adeling*

## Notice

If I owe you an accumulative index for Vol.V please be patient. I felt getting this issue out had priority. It will be forthcoming as soon as possible. cbh

## Welcome New Members

- 131b **Kathryn Hoolihan**, 17325 NE 12TH Ave. N. Miami Beach, FL 33162  
Researching **Joseph Byers** m **Mary Kuykendall**. See data this issue
- 132b **David Hennessee**, 262 Biscayne Dr. West Palm Beach, FL 33401.  
David is a "Nathanite" and sent some fgs. I see some errors and he failed to indicate which child he was from. See updated fgs for Nathan & Drucilla, this issue.
- 133b **Mary Ann Thomas**, 980 Tennessee, Canon City, CO 81212. See Vol. V. No. 4, p98, Non member query. See fgs and letter to her from **Thurlo Byers**, this issue.
- 134b **Karen Sue Wagner**, 4002 Biscay Dr. Austin, TX 78759-5014  
Karen is also a "Nathanite" descending from **Martha Byars** and **Abner Womack**, see her Ancestor Chart, this issue.
- 135b **Virginia Lipsky**, 1100 Vista Rd. Ellensburg, WA 98926  
Virginia's husband descends from **Thomas Bise** (of Washington Co. VA) and **Susan Martin**, see FGS this issue
- 136b **Janet Nunn**, 2302 Willow Pass, Kingwood, TX 77339-3640  
Janet called one day when I was away, so I don't know her line. In her note she said she was working **Byers** in MD, VA and SW PA. Janet if you'll send some data maybe we can help you.
- 137b **Floyd Byars**, P.O. Box 13174, Torrance, CA 90503  
Floyd had written to me in 1988 inquiring about **Drury Byars** and now seems to think his **Drury** is s/o **Nathan** and **Drucilla Harrelson Byars**. I asked for his documentation and fgs but haven't received them yet.
- 138b **Joy L. Burkholder**, P.O. Box 245, Greenville, CA 95947  
Joy received one of the mail outs before publication of the Enquirer began. She wrote to see if it had gotten off the ground. I believe she has connections to **Thurlo Byers** and Dr. **Mel Meek**. See her data this issue.



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## Joseph Byers &amp; Mary Jane Kuykendall

From Kathrun Hoolihan, address above

Joseph Byers m Mary Kuykendall. Possibly both born in Buncombe Co. NC as many Kuykendall's bought and sold land there. Also a Joseph, Robert, Samuel, William and Francis Byers bought and sold land there. Two known children, probably more.

I James Kuykendall Byers b 12/17/1805 Buncombe Co. NC d 4/8/1885, Sterrett [Jefferson Co?] AL. Married 11/1/1829 Clayton, Raybun Co. GA., Ary Ann Burch b 1/22/1813 Anderson, Pendleton, Dist. SC d 8/19/1906

Children:

1. Samuel Philip Byers b 11/1/1830 Clarkesville, GA [Jefferson Co. AL Marriage Records show a Samuel P. Byers m Melvina T. McDonald, 10/10/1851.
2. Mary Caroline Byers b 9/28/1832 Clarkesville, GA [A Mary C. Byers m. Blueford Moore, 15 Jan 1851 in Jefferson Co. AL.]
3. Nancy Emily Byers b 12/8/1834 Clarkesville, GA [Several Nancy Byers' married in Jefferson Co. AL.]
- \*4. Robert Jarrett Byers b 8/8/1837 Habersham Co. GA d 2/28/1918 Sterrett, AL. m Ann Elizabeth Dyke, 1861, Sterrett, AL (by James Boxley, JP)

Children:

- a. Robert Pinson Byers b 3/1/1862 AL d 6/10/1890 (unmarried)
- b. Almedia J. Byers b 8/16/1866 AL d 12/12/1917 Charleston, WVA, m C.J. Turler 1/30/1890 [Jefferson Co. AL] No Issue
- c. John M. Byers b 8/2/1870 AL d 6/15/1916 Sterrett, AL m Ellie Falkner (11/28/1895)
- \*d. Elsie C. Byers b 10/12/1873 Sterrett, AL d 1/31/1945 S. Charleston, W. VA m. George H. Green.
- e. Madison H. Byers b 12/1/1877 Sterrett, AL d 1958 S. Charleston, W.VA m Lissie Cantley (2/16/1905). Had all daughters.
- f. Maude L. Byers b 7/19/1880 Sterrett, AL d 11/16/1965, St. Albans, W. VA. Never married
- h. Earnest Earl Byers b 7//10/1886 Sterrett, AL d 11/15/1907 Birmingham, AL
- i. Curtis E. Byers b 12/24/1890 Sterrett, AL d 5/20/1952 St. Albans, W. VA. Never married

Information on this family from Elsie Byers Green, and Family Bible

5. Joseph Pinson Byers b 12/19/1839 Clarkesville, GA. [He may have married Clarissa Hickman, 17 Sep 1844 Jefferson Co. AL]
6. John Henry Byers b 1/10/1842, Towns or Union Co. GA.
7. James Francis Byers b 1/1/1848, Jefferson Co. AL
8. Clarissa Jane Byers b 7/8/1851 Jefferson Co. AL
9. Amanda Frances Byers b 12/25/1853 Jefferson C. AL
10. Susan H. Byers b 6/20/1856, Sterrett, AL

Info on this family from Elsie Byers Green, Family Bible and LDS Records.

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## Joseph Byers &amp; Mary Kuykendall, Continued

- II Robert Byers b c1810 Buncombe Co., NC m 1829, Union Co. GA,  
 Nancy Burch b c1809 Anerson, Pendleton Dist., SC. (Sister to Ary  
 Ann Burch, wife of Roberts brother, James Kuykendall Byers #I on  
 this list.  
 Children:

1. Joseph Jackson Byers b c1830 Raybun Co. GA
2. Sarah Byers b c1831 Raybun Co. GA
3. Milly Ann Byers b c1834 Raybun Co. GA
4. Francis Calaway Byers b c1838 Raybun Co. GA
5. Marion Byers b c1839 Raybun Co. GA
6. Mary Jane Byers b c1841 Raybun Co. GA
7. Robert Byers b c1842 Raybun Co. GA
8. Ephraim Blythe Byers b c1844 Raybun Co. GA
9. Lucius Byers b c1851 Raybun Co. GA
10. Alameda Byers b c1854 Raybun Co. GA

Information on this family from LDS Library.

**Bennett Bias**  
 Ancestor of 133b Mary Ann Thomas,  
 980 Tennessee Ave. Canon City, CO 81212

Re: Vol. VI, No.4 p98: When Thurlo V. Byers, 7432 Woodland Way, St. Louis, MO 63121, read that query he called Mary Ann, and on 1 Dec 1990 he sent her 21 pages regarding her Bennett Bias. The data included info on Bennett's grandparents, James and Elizabeth Bias, uncles Larkin, Jonathan and Obediah Bias, as sister Elizabeth Bias Ray, his father Roland Bias and various cousins in Amherst Co. VA, Cabell and near counties in W. VA. Margaret Freudenberg is also related to Mary Ann's line. Mary had had two responses to her query and is very grateful.

Bennett Bias s/o Roland Byas and ?Nancy Jenkins, b c1811 VA. m c1830 (prob VA) d 1896, Putnam Co. W. VA. buried Old Methodist Church, Fraziers Bottom Cem. He m (1) Peggy Erwin/Erwin (b c1811 VA d c1853-55 Putnam Co. W. VA?)

Children of first marriage:

1. \*Virginia Bias b c1832 VA m Samuel S. Baylus, 15 Jan 1854 in Putnam Co. VA d 1893 (Possibly buried Hardin Co. IL, Mt Zion Cemetery, 58 yrs old at death, had 11 children)
2. Thomas Bias b 1834 VA
3. Nancy Bias b 1836 VA
4. Anderson Bias b 1838 VA
5. Eras Bias b 1840 VA
6. Benjamin Bias b 1842 VA
7. Alexandra Bias b 1844 VA
8. Susanna Bias b 1846 VA
9. Mary Bias b 1849 VA

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Bennett Bias, Continued

- 10. Female?
- 11. Male?

Bennett Bias m (2) Susan ?Chapman? 1826-1888. Children:

- 12. Lucy C. Bias b 1854 VA
- 13. Rhoda Ann Bias b 1856 VA
- 14. James L. Bias b 1859 VA
- 15. George M. Bias b 1860 (1880 census verify)
- 16. Lavienia Bias b 1864
- 17. Minnie Bias b 1873 (1800 census verify)

Sources: 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 Federal Census Records, Putnam Co. W.VA; Samuel Baylus Obit and death certificate; Everett L. Ford - taped conversation; Marriage record, Putnam Co.; Barbara Bell correspondence; dates from headstones; Charles Lambert, 1930s interview at Marshall Univ. Hintington, W.VA.

Thomas Bise & Descendants

Ancestor charts and Family group sheet courtesy 135b Virginia Lipsky

**Ancestor Chart**  
 Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Compiler: Virginia Lipsky  
 Address: 1100 Vista Rd  
 City, State: Elberfeld, WA 98126  
 Date: Jan 10, 1991

1. William Dale LIPSKY  
 b. 11 Nov 1930  
 p.b. Seattle, King, WA  
 m. 20 Sep 1958, Portland, OR  
 d. p.d.

2. Alfred Lee LIPSKY  
 b. 22 Nov 1872  
 p.b. Seattle, King, WA  
 d. 29 Sep 1961  
 p.d. Seattle, King, WA

3. Melvin Lee LIPSKY  
 b. 07 Apr 1907  
 p.b. San Francisco, S.F., CA  
 d. 20 Feb 1976  
 p.d. Seattle, King, WA

4. Annie May MARTIN  
 b. 19 May 1874  
 p.b. Santa Rosa, Sonoma, CA  
 d. 05 Jul 1949  
 p.d. Tacoma, Pierce, WA

5. Paul Stanley ROBINSON  
 b. 17 Feb 1879  
 p.b. Valley Falls, Jefferson, KS  
 m. 11 Mar 1901  
 d. Aug 1950  
 p.d. OR

6. Alice Melbourne ROBINSON  
 b. 19 Aug 1903  
 p.b. Augusta, Woods, OK  
 d. 26 Jun 1988  
 p.d. Cashmere, Chelan, WA

7. Elizere Daisy BISE  
 b. 14 Jul 1919  
 p.b. Republic, KS  
 d. 30 Jan 1964  
 p.d. Portland, Multnomah, OR

8. Jules Charles LIPSKY  
 b. 1948  
 p.b. FRN  
 m. 6 Jun 1972  
 d. 17 Aug 1991  
 p.d. Steelton, Pierce, WA

9. Elizabeth Swathland HALL  
 b. 06 Sep 1854  
 p.b. South Thornton, Knox, ME  
 d. p.d.

10. Elizabeth Swathland HALL  
 b. 06 Sep 1854  
 p.b. South Thornton, Knox, ME  
 d. p.d.

11. William Dale LIPSKY  
 b. 11 Nov 1930  
 p.b. Seattle, King, WA  
 m. 20 Sep 1958, Portland, OR  
 d. p.d.

12. Alonzo William ROBINSON  
 b. 05 Apr 185  
 p.b. Clayville, Crawford, PA  
 m. 26 Dec 1876 Curryville, Pike, MO  
 d. 05 Sep 1940  
 p.d. La Crosse, Rush, KS

13. Judith Green MITCHELL  
 b. 08 Nov 1854  
 p.b. Curryville, Pike, MO  
 d. 28 Jun 1946  
 p.d. La Crosse, Rush, KS

14. William Riley BISE  
 b. 21 Jan 1838  
 p.b. Greenville, Green, TN  
 m. 17 Oct 1859 Williamstown, MO  
 d. 04 Apr 1923  
 p.d. Tacoma, Pierce, WA

15. Sophronia Elizabeth WILLIAMS  
 b. 21 Nov 1841  
 p.b. Adams, IL  
 d. 01 Mar 1934  
 p.d. Portland, Multnomah, OR

16. Frederick LIPSKY  
 b. 1805  
 m. 10 Dec 1837  
 d. 1872  
 p.d. San Francisco, CA

17. Mary  
 b. 1805  
 m. 10 Dec 1837  
 d. 1872  
 p.d. San Francisco, CA

18. Charles M. HALL  
 b. 1853  
 m. 22 Sep 1864  
 d. 1884  
 p.d. Portland, ME

19. Louisa K. Boyd  
 b. 1853  
 m. 22 Sep 1864  
 d. 1884  
 p.d. Portland, ME

20. William W. Robinson  
 b. 04 Jul 1824  
 m. 17 Mar 1877  
 d. 1877  
 p.d. Valley Falls, KS

21. Melissa Moore  
 b. 17 Mar 1877  
 m. 01 May 1888  
 d. 17 Jul 1909  
 p.d. La Crosse, KS

22. James H. Mitchell  
 b. 17 Jul 1909  
 m. 17 Jul 1909  
 d. 1909  
 p.d. La Crosse, KS

23. Thomas Bise  
 b. 16 Jun 1831  
 m. 16 Jun 1831  
 d. 1831  
 p.d. Washington, VA

24. Susan Martin  
 b. 16 Jun 1831  
 m. 16 Jun 1831  
 d. 1831  
 p.d. Washington, VA

25. Minds Leten Williams  
 b. 31 Jan 1869  
 m. 24 Nov 1899  
 d. 1899  
 p.d. IL

26. Mary Elizabeth Fee  
 b. 30 Dec 1817  
 m. 1904  
 d. 1904  
 p.d. Marysville, WA

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Thomas Bise & Susan Martin

Family Group Sheet

Additional Children and Sources:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                    |                                        |                                     |                             |  |
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| Husband's name <b>Thomas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                    | Wife's name <b>Susan Martin</b>        |                                     | Chart No. <b>8:2</b>        |  |
| Sex: <b>M</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Day: <b>10</b> Month: <b>Jan</b> Year: <b>1831</b> | City, Town or Place: <b>Washington</b> | County or Province, etc.: <b>VA</b> | State or Country: <b>VA</b> |  |
| <p>1 <b>Lucy (Lucy?)</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>Lucy (Lucy?)</b><br/>                 Birth: <b>1819</b> Death: <b>1854</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>S.M.</b><br/>                 Birth: <b>11</b> Death: <b>12</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>13</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>14</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>15</b></p> |                                                    |                                        |                                     |                             |  |
| <p>Sources for Husband: <b>1840 TN Census, 1850 &amp; 1860 MO Census, Washington Co. VA Register of Marriages #1 A-H 1785-1902 Film 0234329</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                    |                                        |                                     |                             |  |
| <p>Sources for Wife: <b>Louis Co. Mo Marriage Records Vol. 2 1818-1883 Roll 52</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                    |                                        |                                     |                             |  |
| <p>Additional Information: <b>Completed Virginia 1850 Address 1160 N. 11th St. Elkinsburg VA 18926 Date 10 Jan 1991</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                    |                                        |                                     |                             |  |

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| Husband's Full Name <b>Thomas Bise</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                    | City, Town or Place <b>Washington</b>  |                                     | County or Province, etc. <b>VA</b> |  | State or Country <b>VA</b> |  |
| Sex: <b>M</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Day: <b>10</b> Month: <b>Jan</b> Year: <b>1831</b> | City, Town or Place: <b>Washington</b> | County or Province, etc.: <b>VA</b> | State or Country: <b>VA</b>        |  |                            |  |
| <p>1 <b>James H.</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>James H.</b><br/>                 Birth: <b>1832</b> Death: <b>1837</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>George W.</b><br/>                 Birth: <b>1834</b> Death: <b>1837</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>Martha A.</b><br/>                 Birth: <b>1837</b> Death: <b>1837</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>William Riley</b><br/>                 Birth: <b>21 Jan 1838</b> Death: <b>10 Oct 1899</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>Sophonia Eliz. Williams</b><br/>                 Birth: <b>04 Apr 1823</b> Death: <b>1870</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>Sarah J.</b><br/>                 Birth: <b>04 Aug 1856</b> Death: <b>1856</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>William Brunton</b><br/>                 Birth: <b>1842</b> Death: <b>1842</b><br/>                 Full Name of Spouse: <b>Mary E.</b><br/>                 Birth: <b>1846</b> Death: <b>1846</b></p> |                                                    |                                        |                                     |                                    |  |                            |  |
| <p>Sources for Husband: <b>1840 TN Census, 1850 &amp; 1860 MO Census, Washington Co. VA Register of Marriages #1 A-H 1785-1902 Film 0234329</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                    |                                        |                                     |                                    |  |                            |  |
| <p>Sources for Wife: <b>Louis Co. Mo Marriage Records Vol. 2 1818-1883 Roll 52</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                    |                                        |                                     |                                    |  |                            |  |
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William Riley Bise (s/o Thomas) & Sophronia Elizabeth Williams

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Husband's Full Name William Riley BISE Chart No. 87  
 Birth 21 Jan 1838 Greenville Green TN  
 Ch'ng 17 Oct 1859 Williamstown MD  
 Death 04 Apr 1923 Talcoma WA  
 Burial Wyanethe Chelan WA  
 Place of Residence TN, Mo, KS, Colo, WA  
 Occupation Furrier Chapel Hill, NC  
 Military Rec. U. S. Lt. Art. Civil War  
 Mrs. Father Thomas Bise Mother's Maiden Name Susan Martin  
 Wife's Full Maiden Name Sophronia Elizabeth Williams  
 Birth 21 Nov 1841 Adams IL  
 Ch'ng 01 Mar 1861 Portland OR  
 Burial Wyanethe Chelan WA  
 Place of Residence IL, Mo, KS, Co, OR, WA  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Military Rec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Her Father Miriam Lahn Williams Mother's Maiden Name Mary Elizabeth Fee  
 Birth 28 Dec 1860 Francis M. Mari. 28 Dec 1860  
 Death 02 Sep 1862 Full Name of Spouse  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 M<sup>1</sup> William M. Cassie LeCombe Alberta CND  
 Birth 07 Jul 1864 Ada M. 07 Jul 1864  
 Death 31 Dec 1882 Full Name of Spouse  
 Burial 29 Sep 1883 Dave Sellers  
 F<sup>1</sup> Nora Auguste Charles Cingempiel  
 Birth 23 Nov 1866 Edwin L. 29 Oct 1868  
 Death 30 Aug 1954 Full Name of Spouse  
 Burial 09 Jun 1869  
 M<sup>2</sup> Ottis M. Minnie 21 May 1852  
 Birth 20 Sep 1871 Mary S. 30 Mar 1873  
 Death 24 Oct 1874 Full Name of Spouse  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 F<sup>2</sup> Bertha Antenniel 21 Apr 1874  
 Birth 04 May 1945 Full Name of Spouse  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 1100 Vista Rd  
 City, State, Zip Ellensburg WA 98926  
 Date 10 Jan 1991



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William Riley Bise, Continued

Additional Children and Sources:

| Sex          | Husband's name        | William Riley BISE | Wife's name | Sophronia Elizabeth Williams |                          |                  |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Child's Name | Day                   | Month              | Year        | City, Town or Place          | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info on Children |
| F            | Florence Daisy        | 14                 | Jul         | 1879                         | Republic                 | KS               |                       |
| M            | Paul Stanley Robinson | 11                 | Mar         | 1901                         | Portland                 | Multnomah        | OR                    |
| M            | Thomas Addison        | 08                 | Jan         | 1881                         | Chelan                   | WA               |                       |
| M            | Henry David           | 20                 | Jan         | 1910                         | Chelan                   | WA               |                       |
| 12           |                       | 02                 | Jul         | 1884                         |                          |                  |                       |
| 13           |                       |                    |             |                              |                          |                  |                       |
| 14           |                       |                    |             |                              |                          |                  |                       |
| 15           |                       |                    |             |                              |                          |                  |                       |

Sources for Husband: 1840 IN Census, 1850 & 1860 MO Census  
Louis's Co. Mo Marriage Records Vol. 2, 1818 - 1863 Roll 52  
County Civil War Pension Records, Civil War Military Records,  
Death Certificate

Sources for Wife: Family Bible, info from Mrs Auguste Bise Clingenpeel

Additional Information:

Florence Daisy Bise (d/o William Riley) & Paul Stanley Robinson  
Family Group Sheet

|                                             |                   |                        |                              |                          |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Husband's Full Name                         |                   | Paul Stanley ROBINSON  |                              | Charl No. 1:10           |           |
| Birth                                       | 17 Feb 1879       | City, Town or Place    | Valley Falls                 | County or Province, etc. | Jefferson |
| State or Country                            | KS                | Add. Info. on Husband  |                              |                          |           |
| Child's Name                                |                   |                        |                              |                          |           |
| Marr.                                       | 11 Mar 1901       |                        |                              |                          |           |
| Death                                       | Aug 1950          | OR                     |                              |                          |           |
| Burial                                      |                   |                        |                              |                          |           |
| Places of Residence                         |                   |                        |                              |                          |           |
| Occupation                                  |                   | Church Affiliation     |                              | Military Rec.            |           |
| His Father                                  |                   |                        | Mother's Maiden Name         |                          |           |
| Alonzo William ROBINSON                     |                   |                        | Julia Green MITCHELL         |                          |           |
| Wife's Full Maiden Name Florence Daisy BISE |                   |                        |                              |                          |           |
| Birth                                       | 14 Jul 1879       | City, Town or Place    | Republic                     | County or Province, etc. | KS        |
| State or Country                            | KS                | Add. Info. on Wife     |                              |                          |           |
| Child's Name                                |                   |                        |                              |                          |           |
| Death                                       | 30 Jan 1964       | City, Town or Place    | Portland                     | County or Province, etc. | Multnomah |
| Burial                                      | OR<br>CA          |                        |                              |                          |           |
| Places of Residence                         |                   |                        |                              |                          |           |
| Occupation                                  |                   | Church Affiliation     |                              | Military Rec.            |           |
| His Father                                  |                   |                        | Mother's Maiden Name         |                          |           |
| William Riley BISE                          |                   |                        | Sophronia Elizabeth WILLIAMS |                          |           |
| Sex                                         | F                 | Child's Name           | Alice Melbourne              |                          |           |
| Birth                                       | 19 Aug 1903       | City, Town or Place    | Augusta Woods                |                          |           |
| County or Province, etc.                    | OR                | Add. Info. on Children |                              |                          |           |
| Full Name of Spouse                         | Melvin Lee Lipsky |                        |                              |                          |           |
| Birth                                       | 26 Jun 1988       | City, Town or Place    | Cashmere, Chelan             |                          |           |
| County or Province, etc.                    | WA                |                        |                              |                          |           |
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| 3                                           |                   |                        |                              |                          |           |

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## Thomas Bise &amp; Descendants - Documentation

Note the documentation at the bottom of each family group sheet. Virginia included copies of her documentation and she has been very thorough. I hope we can assist her in finding the father of Thomas Bise.

David<sup>1</sup> Byers and Descendants

Family Group Sheets From 138b Joy Burkholder  
P.O. Box 245, Greenville, CA 95947

By now Joy should be corresponding with Thurlo V. Byers and Dr. Mel Meek. It appears that she has several "cousin" in our group. Her FGS differs somewhat with previously published data and I will try to make note of them.

Her Byers line begins with:

David<sup>1</sup> Byers b 1722, York Co. PA d between 2 Jan-30 Oct 1794, York Dist. SC. m (1) unknown (2) c1746 York Co. PA, Sarah Carson.

Known children [by which wife?]:

- I \*William Byers b 6 Apr 1747, York Co. PA d Aug 1837 Williamson Co TN. m Jane \_\_\_\_\_ See FGS below.
- II Samuel Byers b c1750, York Co. PA d 1817 York Dist. SC.
- III Ann Byers b c1752 York Co. PA m David Porter.
- IV Jane/Jean Byers b c1754 York Co. PA m William Harris
- V Margaret Byers b c1756 York Co. PA m Josiah Henry.

Sources: The Melting Pot by D. Moore; Will of David Byers dated 2 Sep 1789, appraisal of estate 30 Oct 1794, York Dist. SC

William<sup>2</sup> (David<sup>1</sup>) Byers [see Vol.I, No.1 p5, William IV, NSDAR #401121 and Vol.I No.4 pp 99,100,101 per Thulo V. Byers. [See notes from Thurlo's data] b 6 Apr 1747 York Co. PA d Aug 1837, Williamson Co. TN m c1771 Jane \_\_\_\_\_.  
children:

1. Margaret Byers b 1772 York Dist SC d 1820 m James Watson  
[per Thurlo Byers m John Watson]
2. Samuel Byers b 1774 [1780 per Thurlo] York Dist. SC d 1854  
[d 12 May 1854 per Thurlo]
3. Williamson Byers b 1776 [1774 per Thurlo] m Martha Adams
- 4.\*David P.<sup>3</sup> Byers b 3 Jan 1778, York Dist. SC d 2 Aug 1855 m  
(1) Jan 1805, Elizabeth C. \_\_\_\_\_ (b c1788 d before 1825) m  
(2) 28 Mar 1825 Williamson Co. TN, Lavinia Hill.  
Children of first marriage, Elizabeth C. \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. \*Abijah<sup>4</sup> Byers See FGS below
  - B. John M Byers b 1807 York Dist. SC. m 23 Sep 1847  
Williamson Co. TN Eliza A.M. Bingham.
  - C. Jennet Byers b 1809 [b c1800 per Thurlo] York Dist. SC m  
\_\_\_\_\_ Boyd [m Joseph Boyd per Thurlo]
  - D. William M. Byers b 1811 York Dist. SC

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[see Vol. III, #3 pp 85,86 by Thurlo V. Byers for additional children of David P. Byers] Sources for David P. Byers

Melting Pot by Doug Moore; Marriages of Williamson Co. TN; Will of William Byers; 1850 Census, Williamson Co. TN: James Byers 63 b SC  
Elizabeth 66 b SC  
David 72 b SC  
Ajijah 43 b TN  
John 20 b TN

5. Elizabeth Byers b 1780 [ 1776 per Thurlo] York Dist. SC m Edward Byers (1st cousins).
6. William J. Byers b 1783 York Dist. SC. d 2 Mar 1851 m (1) Keziah \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Susan Golding.
7. Sarah Byers b 25 Dec 1784 York Dist SC d 2 Sep 1860 Lincoln Co. TN m William Smith.
8. Edward Byers b 1788 [Dec 1786 per Thurlo] m Jane Henry.
9. James Byers b 1787 [3 Mar 1788 per Thurlo] d 1858 Williamson Co. TN m Elizabeth C. \_\_\_\_\_.

Sources: The Melting Pot by Doug Moore; Revolutionary Soldiers of Williamson Co. TN pp 24,25; Will of William Byers Williamson Co. TN Bk 7 p25; 1850 Williamson Co TN census; 1832 Application for Pension #S-3112; Land Rec. B.C. Williamson Co. TN 7 Nov 1835 Bk N p54; Our Valient Men by Louise Lynch; Williamson Co. TN deeds.

## Abijah Byers

Abijah<sup>4</sup>(David<sup>3</sup> William<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) Byers, b 1 Dec 1805 York Dist SC d 16 Oct 1877, Williamson Co. TN m (1) Margaret Stevenson (b c1810 d 1840 Williamson Co. TX) m (2) Margaret Hill (d/o Robert and Jane Hill). [See Vol.III, No.3 p86 per Thurlo Byers]  
Issue by first marriage to Margaret Stevenson

1. \*David Anderson<sup>5</sup> Byers see below
2. Elizabeth Ann Byers b 13 Feb 1835 IL d 1908 Pueblo, CO m Silas Short, 17 Jul 1856, Williamson Co. TN
3. William C. Byers b 1837, Williamson Co. TN
4. M.J. Byers b 1838 Williamson Co. TN

Issue by second marriage to Margaret Hill

5. Robert H. Byers b 1844 Williamson Co. TN.
6. Edward J. Byers b 1846 Williamson Co. TN. [m Sarah Frances Forbes per Thurlo]
7. M.S. Byers (female per 1860 census) b 1858 TN.

Sources: The Melting Pot by Douglas Moore; 1850 Williamson Co. TN census; 1860 Williamson Co. TX census; Williamson Co. TN Marriage records.

## David Anderson Byers

David Anderson<sup>5</sup> (Abijah<sup>4</sup> David<sup>3</sup> William<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) Byers, b 11 Mar 1833 IL d 26 Feb 1877 Davidson Co. TN buried Mt Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, TN. m 24 Oct 1858, Williamson Co. TN Elizabeth



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David Anderson Byers

Francis Cook b 6 Feb 1839 TN d 8 Jul 1913 Davidson Co. TN buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville. Children:

1. \*William Calvin Byers [see below]
2. Ida Byers m T.J. Boyd
3. Annie May Byers
4. Susie E. Byers d 17 Dec 1942, Nashville, Davidson Co. TN m \_\_\_\_\_  
Burton
5. Davie Ann Byers b 23 Oct 1876 TN d 25 Dec 1961, Nashville, TN.,  
m Lorenzo Dow Gower
6. Bunion Stevens Byers
7. John M. "Jonnie" Byers b 3 Sep 1866 TN d 23 Feb 1888 buried  
Nashville, TN. Rail Road accident.

Sources: 1850 Williamson Co. TN census; 1860 Maury Co. TN census; Williamson Co. TN Marriage Records; Mt. Olivet Cemetery Records; Death certificate Elizabeth Byers; Family Bible; The Melting Pot by Moore; Death certificate David Ann Gower.

## William Calvin Byers &amp; Mary Kincaid



William Calvin Byers  
1859-1930  
s/o David A. Byers  
& Elizabeth Cook



Mary Elizabeth "Mollie" (Kincaid)  
Byers 1863-1911  
w/o William Calvin

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William Calvin "Willie"<sup>6</sup> David Anderson<sup>5</sup> (Abijah<sup>4</sup> David<sup>3</sup> William<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) Byers, b 8 Sep 1859 Maury Co. TN d 21 Apr 1930, Nashville, Davidson Co. TN buried Mt Olivet Cem. Nashville m 21 Dec 1880 Mary Elizabeth "Mollie" Kinkaid, b 23 Dec 1863, Cornersville, Giles Co. TN d 12 Apr 1911, Nashville, Davidson Co. TN buried Mt Olivet Cemetery (d/o David Anderson Kincaid b 12 Feb 1823 Maury Co. TN d 1 Mar 1901 Nashville, Davidson Co. TN and Susan Caroline Kleine b 12 Apr 1821 TN d 7 Nov 1904, Nashville, TN buried Mt. Olivert Cemetery.)

## Children:

1. David Anderson Byers b 23 Nov 1881 TN d 8 Sep 1947 Nashville, Davidson Co. TN m Callie \_\_\_\_\_, divorced, no issue
2. Lillie May Byers b 17 Sep 1883 TN d c1886.
3. Oscar Stephens Byers b 26 Jun 1886 TN d 23 Jul 1948 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co. CA m Mattie Cundiff
4. Frances Mar "Fannie" Byers b 28 Jun 1888 TN d 12 Jul 1954, Los Angeles Co. CA m William Lenhart.
5. Samuel Bonner Byers b 1 Jul 1891 TN d 5 Jul 1968, Long Beach, Los Angeles, CA m Len Ankenbauer, 30 May 1915, Greenville, SC
6. William Calvin Byers, Jr b 7 Jan 1892 TN d 29 Apr 1976, Gary, IN. m Laura Lillian Woodard, 2 Nov 1915, Clarksville, TN.
7. \*Annie Mai Byers see below.

Sources: Byers Kincaid Family Bible. Death certificates of William Calvin "Willie" Byers, Mary Elizabeth "Mollie" Kincaid Byers and children numbers 1,3,4,5 and 7; Marriage license #7; 1850 Williamson Co. TN census; Mt. Olivet Cemetery Records, Nashville, TN; Davidson County Hospital Record, William Calvin "Willie" Byers admitted 11 Jul 1895 died there 1930; 1870 Giles Co. TN census; 1900 Davidson Co. TN census; 1860 Maury Co. TN census.

## Annie Mai Byers &amp; Robert Virgil Winchester

Annie Mai<sup>7</sup> (William Calvin<sup>6</sup> David Anderson<sup>5</sup> Abijah<sup>4</sup> David<sup>3</sup> William<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) Byers, b 5 Dec 1895 Memphis, Shelby Co. TN d 7 Nov 1974, Glendale, Los Angeles CA buried Valhalla Memorial Park N. Hollywood CA. m (1) Robert Virgil Winchester b 28 Jun 1875, Lancaster, DeKalb Co. TN d 8 Aug 1940, Los Angeles, CA., 13 Apr 1911, Nashville, Davidson Co. TN (s/o Eli Arnold Winchester and Martha Jane Lytle). m (2) Henry Starnes m (3) Lawrence Ball.

## Children, first marriage:

1. \*Lola Madelle Winchester b 31 Aug 1911 Nashville, TN d 11 Mar 1960, Glendale, Los Angeles, CA m Francis Virgil Schwartz
2. Robert Virgil Winchester, Jr b 7 May 1914, Nashville, TN d 5 Apr 1931, Los Angeles, CA. Drowned at beach (NA)

Sources: Family Bibles - Winchester/Byers, Winchester/Coggin; Death Certificates for Robert Virgil Winchester, Annie Mai Byers, Eli

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Annie Mai Byers

Sources, continued

Arnold Winchester, Lola Madelle Winchester Schwarts, Robert Virgil Winchester, Jr.; Obits for Leola Madelle and Robert Virgil Jr.; Marriage Licenses for Robert Virgil Winchester and Annie Mai Byers, Lola Madelle Winchester and Francis Virgil Schwartz; Census records for 1900 Davidson Co.TN, 1900 Houston Co.TN, 1880 DeKalb Co.TN, 1860 DeKalb Co. TN, 1850 DeKalb Co.TN

## Pennsylvania Up Date

From 73b Alden S. Byers, 200 East Racquet Club Rd. #42, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Alden, who will be 84 years young in August, is suffering with Macular degeration of the eyes, and can no longer read well enough to do research. He is however trying to finish his Byers paper. He sends to following:

Re: The burials East Finley Cemetery, Washington Co. PA - It now seems almost certain that Samuel Byers, b 1705, must have been a brother to John Byers of Downington (d1766). Samuel (d 1795) was possibly the oldest of John's (d 1766) sons, Joseph, William and Samuel, instead of William (d 1788) as I previously thought. Therefore the pattern seems to say that both John and the East Finley Samuel were sons of a Samuel, not John. This could back everything up to Scotland, probably the family of Sir John Byers of Coates, covered in the book of the same name, possibly:  
[As best as I can decipher, Alden's chart looked like this:]

## Sir John of Coats

|                |       |                  |       |
|----------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| John           | ----- | Samuel           | ----- |
| -              | -     | -                | -     |
| David I        | -     | -                | -     |
| of Donegal     | -     | -                | -     |
| -              | -     | John             | ----- |
| -              | -     | of Downingtown   | ----- |
| -              | -     | Samuel           | ----- |
| -              | -     | of E. Finley     | ----- |
| -              | -     | -                | -     |
| Jane - - - - - | -     | David II         | ----- |
| Judge John     | -     | m Elizabeth 1747 | ----- |
| -              | -     | Samuel           | ----- |
| -              | -     | of E Caln        | ----- |

David & Elizabeth 2nd cousins, not first cousins.

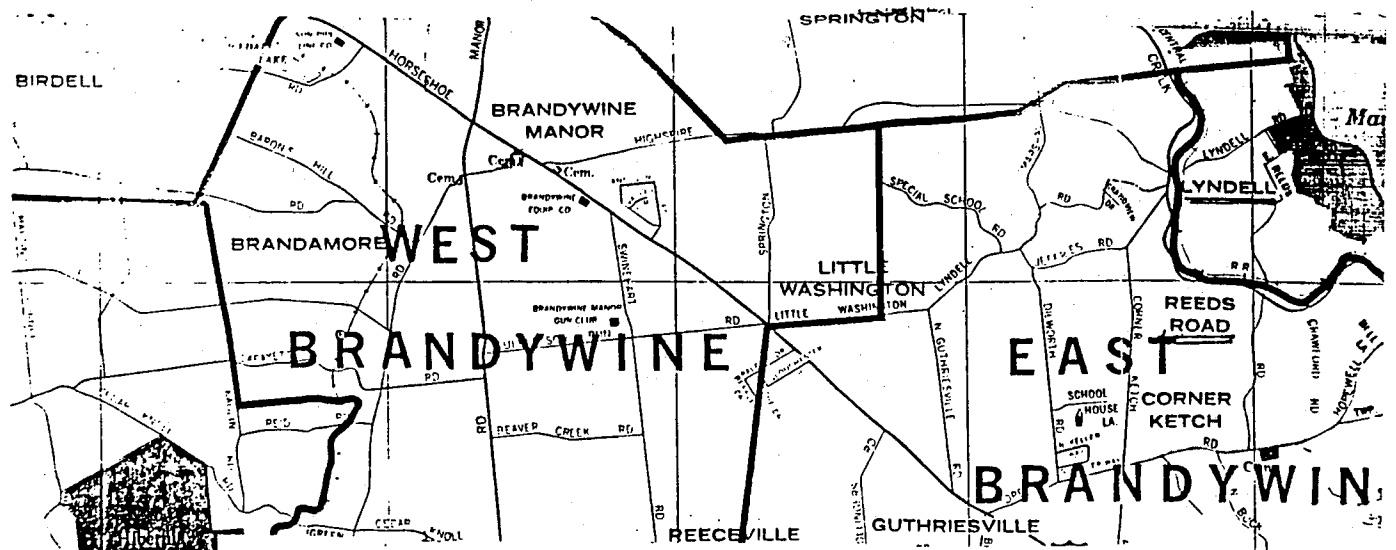
Let's not forget that John of Downington bought 375 acres at Lyndel/ Marsh Creek in 1741. That would indicate that he probably came after John of Donegal and also that he may have had his younger (?) brother, Samuel with him for a few years since these Scotch-Irish did not go as far west as Washington County until The Forbes Campaign freed Pittsburgh after c1767.

I assume that Jane may have been Samuel's widow but Margaret, b 1705 could have been Samuel's sister. All these people probably helped

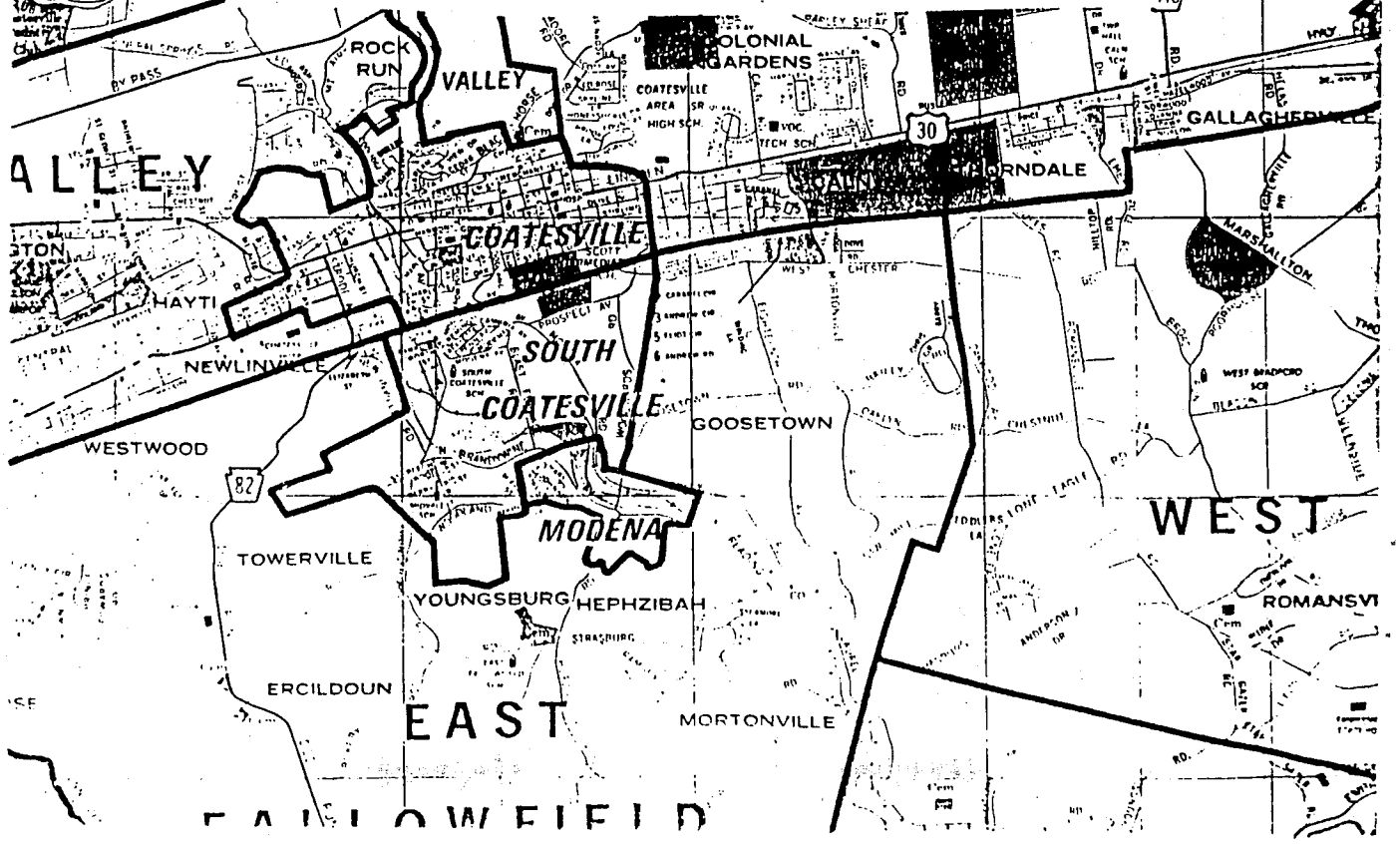
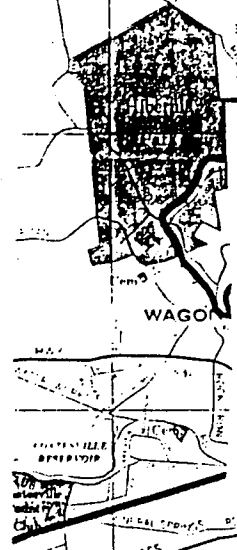
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Pennsylvania Up Date, Continued

Map, courtesy Alden Byers



Five Scotch-Irish families of probable genealogical importance to Byers descendants in Western Pennsylvania and Kentucky appear to have settled in this area of Chester County between ca. 1720-1750: Reed, Shannon, Stewart, Ross, and Byers. These names remain on current maps, particularly Reed's Road leading directly to Marsh Creek where John Byers of Downtontown built his Mill and Shannon Creek (see Airport), only a few miles south. Interested readers might profitably seek survey maps under these names from the Land Record Office in Harrisburg, augmented by name research in West Chester and Downtontown.



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John run his 375 acres and Mill, without title to land and therefore not in the land or tax records in West Chester.

I'm trying to get some info from local sources in Coatesville but someone should not get access to the Sir John of Coates book, I referenced 10 years ago but never saw (Signet Library).

I cannot read so am hung up on the final trace of this Byers line.

[Do we have a member that can locate this book? It would be a big help to Alden cbh]

John Byers of York Co. South Carolina  
Courtesy 22b Dr. Mel Meek, 3410 N.W. Oak, Lawton, OK 73505

Byers, John

Son of: \_\_\_\_\_ . See Vol.V, No. 4 pp 97-98

Estate papers, Intestate, York Dist., S.C. Letter of administration: Wife Prudence, 17 Jul 1816

??Missed son of William Byers, son of David Byers.  
1790 Census, York Co., SC (courtesy Thurlo V. Byers)

Lists 3 males over 16: [before: 1774]

Himself, b 1747

Son: Williamson b c1774

Son:

Not listed in William's will of 1837

No heirs of a "deceased son" in 1837

Lists: 3 daus and five males, all "accounted for"

Would the untraced male, over 16, in 1790 census be John Byers who m Prudence \_\_\_\_\_, no heirs and not named in his father's will--since he was deceased.

I wonder if Prudence Byers, widow of John has remarried, and therefore was not mentioned in William Byers' will 1837.

Another John Byers  
also from Dr. Mel Meek

Information derived from information, Salt Lake City charts from James H. Gordon, Dec. 1990. Rather indefinite material and no proofs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Byers? Boyis? Boice?

Children:

Anne Byers? m \_\_\_\_\_ Gregory

John Byers? m Prudence \_\_\_\_\_ had daughter Catherine Byers m

George Wilkey

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**James Byers**  
from Dr. Mel Meek

## LAND GRANTS

**James Byers**, entered on 21 Mar 1766, was granted 300 acres on Northside of Broad River, then in Mecklenburg Co. NC no York Co. SC.

NC Archives, Grant files 641 and 1368  
Grant Bk. 17 p263 and Grant Bk 18 p358

**William Byers**, order issued 23 Sep 1766, by Gov. **William Tryon** of NC to Surveyor General, to lay out for **Wm Byers**, 200 ac. on Clark's Fork of Bullock's Creek, then in Mecklenburg Co. NC by now in York Co. SC

NC Archive, Grant File 2474, Mecklenburg Co

From prior information (Dec 1990), the **James Byers** above, cannot be a son of either Capt. **William Byers** or **David Byers**, since he was an adult in 1766.

There was a **James Byers**, with wife, **Margaret**, in this area at this time, according to **Elmer O. Parker**.

Note: **John Byers**, wife, **Prudence** above could be son of this **James Byers**. No further info. on this James.

## Obituaries

Condolences to our "cousins" in the death of their loved ones

29b **Columbine Livingston**, 200 Warren Circle, Alexander City, AL 35010 Her mother, **Mary Allen Bice Livingston** d 30 Apr 1990. Columbine writes, "There is a void in our family that we are trying to adjust to. Time seems to ease the pain and we have memories of all the good times when all the family was together."

3b **Dorothy Hogwood**, 412 Parkside Dr. Ft. Worth, TX 762108, lost her daughter, **Gwenda Suzanne Duhamel** (b 19 May 1948) Jan. 4, 1990. In Feb. 1989 Gwenda was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The past two years have been very bad for Dorothy and her family and she has our deepest sympathy.

## Potpourri

Corrections, Additions, Our Readers Write, etc.

129b **Gail Shepard Tomlinson**, 204 Brookside Dr. Senatobia, MS 38668: Vol.V, No.3 p59: IV **Julia Marie Byers** m **James Charlie Shepard**.  
p60: Sources: notes inserted in **James Anderson Byers'** Bible.  
p61: **William Jennings Bryan Byers** d 4 Oct. 1939

54b **Sibyl Northcutt**, 508 Coke St. Yoakun, TX 77995, is no longer able to read and do research. She wrote, "I want to give you my special thanks for all of the wonderful work you have done over the

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years. I am afraid my research days are over. My eyesight is still very poor. I can see enough to write a little, but have to use my magnifying glass to read. The doctor said that I must not over do it and strain my eyes. I will have to leave our research up to **Geneva Garrett** and **Jim Byars** (two wonderful people). I will no renew my magazine. I cannot leave it alone when it comes."

67b **William W. Tucker**, 3779 Grant Rd #96, Ellenwood, GA 30049 writes, "I read in the latest Enquirer, that you knew I had been sick. I have been under treatment for CAD for the last 14 years. I have had bypass surgery twice and one balloon angioplasty...One of my bypasses is completely blocked and another partially. My only option was another bypass operation but they only gave me a 50% chance of survival. I did not like the odds, so I came home. I read about Dr. Dean Ornish's program for reversal of heart disease, bought the book and put myself on his program. It involves diet, exercise and stress reduction. In other words a complete change of life style. For example, I am now a strict vegetarian and take Yoga lessons. I have cut down on a lot of my volunteer activities and now only work in the LDS Family History Center...[He sent me a print out for fgs from the entire IGI on CDROM disks for **Nathan Byars**. Thank you "nice Yankee" and I'll order them as soon as possible cbh]

"At the present time, I have about 750 pre 1800 entries (all in PA) in my **Byers** database. I am planning to add about 800 entries from the IGI (all pre 1800 but from all states.). I also intend to add the British Isles, including Scotland & Ireland."

[See Vol.V No.4 p107. Bill, don't overdo, keep to the plan and stay well. You are a very important person in the Byars/Byers world cbh]

## Queries

1. **Byers - PA, OH**

Need info on **George Byers** b 15 Jun 1822 (b OH according to 1850 and 1880 census. b PA according to 1860 and 1870 census) who m **Melinda Moore** (b 20 Sep 1823). According to 1880 Belmont, OH census his parents b in PA. Can anyone give me a clue about his parents?

80b **Veda Nething**, 5111 Bob-O-Link NW, N. Canton, OH 44720

[Veda I checked Vol. I and II for you and found nothing on your **George**. Sorry cbh]

2. **Byars - SC**

Due to my research, I think my **Drury Byars** was s/o **Nathan Byars** b. 1749 in NC. I need info on the **Drury Byars** d 1 May 1845. Any help appreciated.

137b **Floyd Byars**, P.O. Box 13174, Torrance, CA 90503

[Floyd I sent you all I had, now will you send your fgs and the

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## Queries, Continued

documentation that makes you think Drury was Nathan's son? Please there are a lot of us working on Nathan and each small piece helps us put it together. cbh]

## 3. Byars, Nathan

Please let me know what we are lacking on Nathan Byars. What do we have to do to join DAR? His son John Logan Byars was my great grandfather.

46b Ruth Burch, 3021 Blackshear Ave. Pensacola, FL 32503

[Ruth I hope to get an update on Nathan in this issue and you will be able to see what we need. Application of Martha McDaniel Thompson NSDAR # 555914, dated 19 Feb 1970. Check with your local DAR Chapter to see if you can join by connecting to that application cbh]

## Nathanites Niche

An up date on Nathan Byars (1749-1846) is presented here for the benefit of the several members that joined our group since the last up date was published in 1987.

Most of our data is secondary (Will Franke affidavit and The Weiland Collection) and it is vital that descendants of this man seek primary records for him and his children.

Nathan Byars 1749 - 1846  
Nathan and Drucilla

His tombstone, Cowpens National Park, Cherokee Co.\* SC reads  
"In Memory of Nathan Byars Sen Who died Aug. 18, 1846 in his 97th year"

We have located many records for this Nathan Byars, but some of the important documents have remained hidden.

According to his Revolutionary War Pension Record (Spartanburg Dist. SC. No. W6223) he was born in Granville Dist. NC in 1749. He was 95 years old when he applied for this pension and too old to remember the dates of his service. He remembered being in the service during the Battle of Kings Mountain (1780) and the Battle of Eutaw Springs (September 1781) although he did not participate in either of them. He said he served under Capt. John Cunningham, Maj. Moore, Col. Ramey and Capt. Forker.

From Colonial Granville and It's People by Ray (p174) we know that a John and James Byars were early Granville settlers. Both have been suggested as the father of Nathan, but we have found nothing to prove either one of them.

No marriage record for Nathan, and his first wife, Drucilla Harrelson has been located. Drucilla was born c1743-50, the daughter of Burgess Harrelson and Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. Burgess Harrelson wrote his will in Orange Co. NC 9 Oct 1772. In it he named his daughter, Drucilla Harrelson and gave her two hundred acres of land, indicating Drucilla was not married when the will was written.

Nathan bought and sold land in Granville Co. NC from 1780 through 1784 (Granville Co. NC Land Records). He bought and sold land in Caswell Co. NC from 1781 through 1784, (Caswell Co. Land Records). From 1793 until 1802 he bought and sold land in Rutherford Co. NC (Rutherford Co. Land Records). And, either he, or his son, Nathan Byars, Jr bought land in in Spartanburg Co. SC beginning in 1817.

\*Cherokee Co. SC formed 1897 from Union, York and Spartanburg Co's



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## Nathanites Niche, Continued

## Nathan &amp; Drucilla

On 11 Oct. 1808, Drucilla Byars applied to the North Carolina General Assembly for a legal separation. In her petition she stated she had 10 children. She also stated the trouble between her and Nathan began in 1801. [See Vol I, No.1 p8]

The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Vol. III, No.1, Feb. 1977, pp 43-45:

"Divorces and Separations Granted by Act of North Carolina Assembly from 1790-1808" by B. Ransom McBride. McBride gives a history of Divorce and Separation during colonial times through 1808. He says, "With the advent of liberal Jeffersonian democracy, the upward trend continued, and in the six years between 1802 and 1808, the NC Assembly had approved four more complete divorces and 116 separations." A complete listing of divorces and separations is part of the article with divorces indicated with a D. On page 45 is this entry: Byars, Prusilla, husband not named; of Rutherford Co. (1808, page 39)" Complete information for each entry is available in the Legislative Papers of North Carolina.

According to Maurice Rasmussen (see Vol.I, No.4 p109) Drucilla lived with her daughter Elizabeth Watkins and was with her daughter, Nancy Walker when she died.

Tradition says Drucilla died in 1818. Since there was no divorce Nathan had to wait until she died before he could marry Delphy, so that may well be the year Drucilla Harrelson Byars passed away. We need to check the 1810 - 1820 census records for Thaddeus Dudley Walker.

Dorothy Hogwood, 412 Parkside Dr. Ft. Worth, TN 76108, writes:  
"The abstract I found that listed eight of Nathan and Drucilla's ten children was indexed under Arthur Clark. I haven't found it again, but am still looking. It was a book on Abstracts of Morgan Dist. I can't find it in the shelves, so I suppose someone might have taken it. Harrell and Robert were not listed so I think they were likely in TN., as Harrell was in Warren Co. TN 1805 Tax list." [Warren Co. TN was formed in 1807 from White Co. I have the microfilm for the 1812-1836 Tax Rolls of Warren Co. Included in an 1805 list that is believed to be from Sumner Co. and a William Byles has the only listing that could possibly be Byars. The White Co. Tax Roll may show them in TN.]

Also from Dorothy, from Rutherford County, North Carolina Abstracts of Wills 1779-1822, (no author/publisher) Bk 140 p27:

"Arthur Clark, James Mair and Robert Means, 21 Jul 1802, Oct. Court 1802: Arthur Clark of Rutherford Co. State N.C. being bound unto James Mair and Robt Means of City of Charleston, State SC for \$4,780. for better payment of \$2,390 of bond for 5 shill. Sterl. Clark sold to Mair & Means all plantations here after described 8 different tracts, all situated in Rutherford Co. N.C. on Main Broad River & fork between Main Broad River & 2nd Broad River. The first tract begins on River Bank McClandon's corner containing 150a, one tract joining same cont. 150 a conveyed by Nathan Byars to Arthur Clark on 13 May 1802, one other tract begin. at post at Nathan Byar's corner adj. Townsend line cont. 200 a. conveyed by Nathan Byars to Clark 30 Apl in year aforesaid, also tract known as meeting house tract adj. James McKenney and Poole cont. 200 a another tract surveyed by Francis Alexander for Nathan Byars on 20 Apl in year aforesd. cont. 200 a, on tract bought by Nathan Byars of Jacob Webb adj. Wm Womack cont 150a, another tract on Main Broad R. bought by Nathan Byars from Wm. Womack & his mother, Mrs. Womack cont. 150 a, another tract surveyed by A. Clark joining several of above tracts, the 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th tracts herein mentioned being land sold by Nathan Byars to Arthur Clark & secured by land titled bond ---- & possession[sic] given by Byars on bond dated 13 Apr 1802 whole of 8 plantations containing 1,250 a. provided sd Clark pay in full sum of \$2,390.00 together with interest, then this agreement void.

Suspected Children: [Compiled by Marjory S. Tucker with additions by cbh]  
These names come from various sources all of which are secondary.

1. Nathan Byars, Jr. b c1770-1773, Granville Co.NC. m Emilia/Milly/Emily Turner d/o John Turner and Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_ (per Turner Papers) We know there was a Nathan, Jr because of Old Nathan's tombstone). Nathan Jr. was listed on the 1812 Warren Co.TN Tax Roll. He was also listed in the 1812-1816 minutes of the Bildad Primitive Baptist Church Records being

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received into the church by experience and then excluded. By April 1820 he was back in Spartanburg Dist. SC (Turner papers) on the matter of his John Turner's estate. The 1820 Spartanburg SC Census lists 2 Nathan Byars'. See Vol. I, No. 2 p41 for suspected son of this man,

2. Drucilla Byars b c1772 probably married Jonas/Jonah Womack (see Vol I, No. 1 p22.  
1810 Census, Rutherford Co. NC  
Jonah Womack Males 1 26-45; 2 0-10  
Females 1 26-45; 4 0-10
3. George Byars, b c1773  
1810 Census of Rutherford Co. TN:  
George Byars - Males 1 26-45; 3 0-10; 1 10-16  
Females 1 26-45; 1 0-10; 1 10-16
4. Martha Byars b 31 Dec 1774 VA., m Abner Womack b 10 Feb 1769, Halifax Co. VA. d c1855 Warren Co. TN., s/o Thomas Womack and Louvisa Rice.

Quoting from The Descendants of Thomas and Louvisa Rice, by Oscar B. Womack, 1970 pp 14,15:

"He (Abner) was first married to Martha Byars, b Dec. 31, 1774, daughter of Nathan and Drucilla (Harrelson) Byars .... Martha died sometime after 1820. Of the twenty-two children born to Abner and Martha, fourteen lived to adulthood.... After the death of Martha in Warren Co., [TN] Abner journeyed to Rutherford Co. N.C. to marry another Martha who, according to tradition, was also a member of the Byars family. He mentions her in his will as the step-mother of his children."

From The Southern Standard, McMinnville, TN, Saturday, July 23, 1892:  
"Mr. Ransom P. Womack died at his home in this county, 9 miles from McMinnville, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, July 20th, in the 84th year of his age. In his death Warren County has lost one of her best and most beloved citizens. In many respects he was a very remarkable man. Born in North Carolina in the year 1808, he moved to this county at an early age, and has lived here ever since. He was one of a family of 22 children, all by the same father and mother, and was the last of the number to pass away"

1850 Warren Co. TN, Census

#747:

Abner Womack age 79 b VA

Martha " age 62 b VA [Abner's 2nd wife, b c1788 about 14 yrs younger than his first wife, Martha Byars]

Will of Abner Womack Will Bk 3, p270, Warren Co. TN. Written 28 Dec 1842 proved 7 Jan 1856.

"I, Abner Womack do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any moneys that I may die in possession of or that may come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Martha Womack, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Warren and State of Tennessee, on Mountain Creek, it being the same tract that I am Possessed of by my marriage to her. I also direct that she have one the first choice of my cows and calves, also a choice two or three year old heifer or steer, also a choice bedstead and furniture and half the bed-clothing now in my possession. One brass mounted bureau, a choice set of plates, teacups and saucers and dish, also first choice of three knives and forks, three chairs and three glasses, the smallest size kettle, a choice pot and skillet, all her own clothing and the value of five dollars in small articles not herein mentioned together with twenty-five dollars in good lawful money out of my effects, also a small dining table. I also desire that my beloved wife shall be treated with all the respects due a faithful and virtuous step-mother by each and every one of my children and that they at no time see her in need without ministering to her relief. Thirdly. Having given something more or less to all my children and not having any correct knowledge of the amount, I therefore desire that no account be taken of it.

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Fourthly. I also desire that all my lands, negroes, horses, cattle, hogs and sheep and every other description of property that I may be possessed of, be sold and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between all my children or their heirs (that is to say), William, John, Nathan, Burgess, Drucilla, Abner Co., Lucy, Elizabeth, Ransom P., Artelera, Robert B., Mary, Berry H., and Martha.

Lastly. I do hereby appoint Burgess H. and Ransom P. my executors. In witness I do to this my last will set my hand and seal, this 28th day of December, 1842.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence.

Abner Womack (seal)

W.T. Christian  
Henry Watkins  
Hiram Christian

I also desire that my wife, Martha, a spinning wheel and cards and her own looking glass, candle stand, and candlestick, also one white flowered pitcher. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st of January 1843.

Attest. W.T. Christian  
Henry Watkins  
Hiram Christian."

State of Tenn. Warren County. January term County Court 1856.  
This day this will was proven by the oath of W.T. Christian, one of the subscribing Witnesses to this will and also the oath of proven had writing of Henry Watkins and Hiram Christian, the other witnesses, they living in another State, and ordered by the court to be spread of records.  
Given under my hand at office in McMinnville, this 7th day of January 1856.

R. McGregor, clk

It has been erroneously stated in the application for membership to the DAR by Mrs. Martha McDaniel Thompson (NSDAR No. 555914), Feb. 19, 1970, that the first wife of Abner Womack was Drucilla Jane Byars, dau. of Nathan Byars and Drucilla Harrelson. She cites her source as Vandiver, Crane and Other Families by Jane Turner Campbell, 1962

From the Bible Record of William Womack, s/o of Abner: "William Womack, the son of Abner Womack and Martha his wife was born March 23, 1792" "Martha Womack, the natural born daughter of Nathan Byars and Drucillah, his wife was born Dec. 31, 1774"

See Womack Bible Records, Vol. I, No.3 p73 and Vol.I, No.3 p74 for children

5. Nancy Byars, b c1776, VA? d 1850, m 16 Mar 1795, Rutherford Co. NC, Thaddeus Dudley Walker b c1775 VA d 1860 Marion Co. AL s/o John Walker and Ursilla Covington. Both are buried in unmarked graves in East Winfield, AL at Goodwater Cemetery, next to Eastside Baptist Church (see Vol. III, No.3 p76) See Estate settlement of Thaddeus Dudley Walker Vol. III, No. 3 pp 76,77,78

A couple of weeks ago I received a phone call from a gentleman who's wife is a descendant of Nancy Byars and Thaddeus Dudley Walker. He also promise to send fgs and documentation, but so far has failed to do so.

6. John Byars, Sr. b 1777, Caswell Co. NC., d 13 Apr 1852, Tuscaloosa Co. AL. m c1797-98, Mary Ann (Passey) Logan, b 1787, SC (Per census of 1850, Tuscaloosa Co., AL) d 9 Sep 1854, d/o John Logan and Passey Collins. Both are buried Union Hill Cemetery, Jefferson Co. AL.

From an Analysis of Jefferson Co. AL 1850 census by Will Franke, found on microfiche in Birmingham Public Library, MS 976.149, V.7: "John Byars, 73, born 1777, Caswell Co., NC, came to Jefferson County 1821. He died in Tuscaloosa Co., while on a visit to some of his children in that county, Apr. 13, 1852. His wife, Passey Logan died in the home died in the home of son-in-law Daniel Watkins, Jr. in Shades Valley at present site of Mountain Brook, Sept. 9, 1854 and is buried at Canterbury Methodist Church".

John and Passey are both enumerated in the 1850 Jefferson Co. AL census, but were living in different households.

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Elyton Beat:

#32: Drury S. Lacey 37 KY (S. 1s for Stanton, per Trussville Through The Years, by Carol and Earl Massey, 1988. He was one of the "Jefferson Volunteers" that was organized in Elyton to fight in the Mexican War, but the never participated.)  
 Harriet A. 25 SC  
 Franklin R. 10 AL  
 Sarah E. 7 AL  
 Thomas A. 4 AL  
 John Byars 73 NC mechanic

Drury S. Lacey m Amanda Scott, 11 Oct 1838, Jefferson Co. AL

District No. 2:

#260: Thaddeus D. Byars 25 AL Brick Mason  
 Melissa 22 AL  
 Mary E. 4 AL  
 John L. 2 AL  
 Passey 63 SC

See Children, Vol.II, No.1 p3 and Vol. V, No.2 pp 47-55

7. Elizabeth Byars, b 1 Jan 1775, d before 1850? m (1) c1787-88, Daniel Watkins, Sr., b c1770, d 23 May, 1800, "was killed out in the barrens of North Carolina, from accidentally driving a limb through his bowels as he rode through the forest hunting cattle." (from the Emma Brown Weiland Genealogical Collection, located in the Samford University Library, Birmingham, AL). [According to the will below he lived long enough to get home and make a will. The statement above should read, "died as a result of injuries received from accidentally driving ...."

Will of Daniel Watkins, Sr., made on his death bed, 23 May 1800, Rutherford Co., NC., Will Bk A p111. Proved July term 1800.

"I, Daniel Watkins, being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory. I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth all my cattle, horses and household furniture of all kinds. I make and ordain my wife executric of my last will & testament. I leave my land unto my sons Evan & Daniel to be equally divided between them when they come of age. The whole to stay in possession of my wife, to raise my children. (unsigned)

Appeared in open Court Patrick Sullivan & Mary Watkins and on oath, stated they were present and heard Daniel Watkins, decd. make the above will or disposition and he wished Mr. Sullivan to witness which was done, and he died within two hours, unable or was prevented from signing by his death.

Signed: Patrick Sullivan R.T. Lewis, Clk."

Daniel Watkins, Sr. was born in Rutherford Co., NC, s/o Peter Watkins and his wife, Hannah \_\_\_\_\_ (Watkins and Allied Families, from The Alabama Genealogical Registrar, Vol. I, No. 1, Pedigree Chart of the Watkins Family, March 1959.)

Elizabeth Byars m (2) Enoch Anderson b 1775 NC died after the 1860 Census of Warren Co., TN.

Both Elizabeth and Enoch Anderson were listed in the membership of Bildad Primitive Baptist Church Records, 1812-1816, in Warren Co. TN.

Enoch Anderson is listed on the 1836 Warren Co. TN., Tax Rolls. See Vol. I, No.3 p72 for 1850 and 1860 Warren Co. TN. Census records for Enoch Anderson. Elizabeth does not appear in the household where he is living.

8. Harrell Byars, b 1779, Buncombe Co., NC d 1874 Warren Co., TN., intestate. m. Jane (Jennie) Gill., b 1785 NC d 1867, Warren Co., TN, d/o Joseph Gill. Both are buried in the Womack plot. A double tombstone graces their grave site and reads:

Byars

Jennie Gill Harold Byars  
 1785 - 1867 1779 -- 1874

Harold Byars Sr  
 was born in Buncombe County  
 North Carolina  
 Moved to Warren County, 15th Distri  
 in 1807 lived there till his death

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We need to check Buncombe Co. NC records in the 1779 time frame.

Harrell/Harold was also a member of the Bıldad Primitive Baptist Church 1812-1816, Warren Co. TN. See children Vol. I, No.1 p11 and some grandchildren, Vol. I, No.2 p29

9. Robert Byars b c1784, Rutherford Co. NC. Robert went to Warren Co. TN., as did his brother Harrell and his brother-in-law and sister, Abner and Martha (Byars) Womack. Proof that he was in Warren Co., in 1818 is contained in, Warren Co. TN Deed, Vol. B, 1812-1819, part 2 pp 459,460:

"Indenture: Made Feb. 27, 1818 Between Robert Byars and Harrel Byars, both of Warren County, Tennessee, Witnesseth for \$500. The said Robert Byars hath sold to the said Harold Byars a certain tract of land, one hundred acres in Warren Co., Fifth District, on Caney Fork, beginning at a hickory, west one hundred and twenty poles to a hickory, North 100 thirty three and one half poles to a post oak, East 120 poles to a stake, south 133 1/2 poles to the beginning, including Byer's Spring and improvement where he now lives. Grant No. 10774, dated Sept. 23, 1817. To have and to hold, tec .....

Witnesses:

his  
Robert x Byars  
mark

Abner Womack  
James Womack

State of Tennessee )  
Warren County Court )

January Session 1819  
Proven inopen court  
February 8, 1819"

He was also a member of the Bıldad Primitive Baptist Church 1812-1816. He was received and dismissed by letter. If church records exist where we suspect Robert later lived, we should check them. Usually when a family received letters of dismissal they used them to join another church.

Robert may have married Jane Houston and it has been believed that he went to Madison Co. AL. However a record search there has failed to prove his presence in that county.

See Vol. V, No.2 pp 34-36, Work Sheets of Velda Spillaine. Her Robert could s/o Nathan.

10. Delila Byars. Until recently cbh had doubted Delilah as a daughter of Nathan Byars and Drucilla Harrelson. A descendant, Mrs. Evelyn Martin, 269 Fairway Dr. Spartanburg, SC 29303 called me and stated it was family knowledge that her great grandmother, Delilah Byars Martin was the d/o Nathan and Drucilla. She stated that they have two years for Delilah's birth, 1797 and 1802. We show her birth year as c1786 in Vol.I, No.1 p11. According to the 1860 Spartanburg Dist. SC census she was born c1807. Delphy (Logan) Byars was living in the household of Robert Martin, and his wife Delilah, (age 84 b. SC) in 1860. According to Evelyn, Delphy is buried in the Martin Cemetery. Evelyn Martin (her husband is not related to Robert Martin) promised to send family group sheets. Her grand mother, died when her mother was very young and Delilah's daughter Nancy, Evelyn's great grandmother, grandmotherer of the young orphans, always brought the children good things to eat. Those children referred to her as the "good grandmother" and later shortened it to "Gooder." I was delighted to hear from Evelyn and look forward to getting further information on Delilah Byars Martin, d/o Nathan Byars and Drucilla Harrelson.

Delilah's husband, Robert Martin s/o Martin and Dicy Hicks (see Vol.II, No.2 p7) was born c1780 (per 1860 Spartanburg Co. SC census). Delilah d c1860-65 (see Vol.I, No.1 p11)  
Known children:

1. Nancy Martin m \_\_\_\_\_ Williams [See Vol.I, No.1 p17]
2. Drucilla Martin b c1839
3. Misseniah Martin b c1843 SC
4. Delphia Martin b c1845
5. Martin Martin b c1847
6. Robert Martin, Jr. b c1849

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Descendants of Drucilla's family are having a reunion in June. They are in the process of getting Nathan's tombstone repaired, the Byars/Ezell Cemetery cleaned and opened to the public.

## Nathan &amp; Delphy

Nathan Byars m (2) Delphy (Delphia) Logan in 1819. She b (c1785 per 1850 Spartanburg Co. SC Census - c1876 per 1860 Spartanburg Co. SC census). They had one known child:

## 11. Jackson Byars b c1816 SC (per 1850 Spartanburg Co. SC census).

Document in Pension File of Nathan Byars

State of South Carolina  
Greenville District

On this 10th day of August A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me as Acting Notary public for the district and State aforesaid Jackson Byars a resident of Spartanburg district. "And made oath that he is the son of Nathan Byars deceased late of Spartanburg district that the said Nathan deceased on the 18th day of August A.D. 1846" leaving a widow Delphy Byers who is still living and he further swears that the said Nathan Byers is the identical "Man" who had previous to his decease filed his declaration for pension as a Revolutionary Soldier in the pension department of the United States and that the said Delphy Byers is still living and is a Widow and that the Record of her intermarriage with the said Nathan Byers has been in his possession for many years and that it is in the hand writing of Joshua Richards who is deceased. The clergyman was a resident of Spartanburg district in his life time.

## Jackson Byers

1850 Spartanburg Co. Census:  
#1277:

|                      |        |      |
|----------------------|--------|------|
| Jackson Bian [Byars] | age 34 | b SC |
| Taby [Tabitha]       | 34     | b SC |
| Delilah              | 16     | b SC |
| Nathan               | 12     | b SC |
| Robert               | 7      | b SC |
| Mary                 | 5      | b SC |
| John                 | 4      | b SC |
| Delphia              | 3      | b SC |
| Nancy                | ±      | b SC |

#1278: Next door to her son is:

|                      |    |      |
|----------------------|----|------|
| Delphia Bian (Byars) | 65 | b SC |
| Juda Turner (male)   | 36 | b SC |
| and others           |    |      |

There are others in the area that may be children of Delphy by Nathan.

Note: On 13 Nov. 1824, in Butts Co. GA., a William Byars sold land to a Nathan Byars of Spartanburg Dist. SC. Can we find out what happened to that land? Just because a man in Spartanburg Dist. SC., bought land in GA., does not mean he lived there. The Texas land records show many non-resident land owners, and I wonder if this was the case in this transaction.

Who has access to a big library or one that can borrow on interlibrary loan? Check to see if they have a book on Morgan Dist. NC Land Records. If not ask if they will order it. We need a copy of the Arthur Clark deed that names eight of Nathan's children. If you find the reference, please photo copy the title page of book and page of entry. Then send it to me and I'll order the document.

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Ancestor Chart of 134b Karen Sue Wagner  
4002 Biscay Dr. Austin, TX 78759-5014

Descendant of Child #4 Above

|                                |     |                            |                              |
|--------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                | B   |                            |                              |
|                                | M   |                            |                              |
|                                | D   |                            |                              |
| 263 JOHN "JACK" ?? CARR        |     |                            |                              |
| B CA.1801 KENTUCKY OR TENNESS  |     |                            |                              |
| M 04 Mar 1822 LAUDERDALE CO.,  |     |                            |                              |
| D D                            |     |                            |                              |
|                                | B   |                            |                              |
|                                | M   |                            |                              |
|                                | D   |                            |                              |
| 19 MARGARET A. CARR            |     |                            |                              |
| B CA.1827 LAUDERDALE CO., AL   |     |                            |                              |
| M 09 Dec 1850 WAYNE CO., TN    |     |                            |                              |
| D D                            |     |                            |                              |
|                                |     | 1013 JOHN THOMAS WOMACK    |                              |
|                                |     | B ??/??/1743               |                              |
|                                |     | M                          |                              |
|                                |     | D BEFORE 1790              |                              |
| 1017 ABNER ?? WOMACK           |     |                            |                              |
| B 10 Feb 1769                  |     |                            |                              |
| M ??/??/1790 RUTHERFORD CO, TN |     | 1014 LOUVISA ?? RICE       |                              |
| D 07 Jan 1856                  |     |                            |                              |
|                                | B   |                            |                              |
|                                | M   |                            |                              |
|                                | D D |                            |                              |
| 267 ELIZABETH ?? WOMACK        |     |                            |                              |
| B 07 Feb 1802                  |     |                            |                              |
| M 04 Mar 1822 LAUDERDALE CO.,  |     |                            |                              |
| D CA.1841-1850 LAUDERDALE CO.  |     |                            |                              |
|                                |     | 1060 NATHAN ?? BYARS       |                              |
|                                |     | B ??/??/1749 GRANVILLE, NC |                              |
|                                |     | M                          |                              |
|                                |     | D 15 Aug 1846              |                              |
| 1022 MARTHA ?? BYARS           |     |                            |                              |
| B 31 Dec 1774 GRANVILLE, NC    |     |                            |                              |
| M ??/??/1790 RUTHERFORD CO, TN |     | 1064 DRUCILLA ?? HARRELSON |                              |
| D D                            |     |                            |                              |
|                                |     | B ??/??/1753 GRANVILLE, NC |                              |
|                                |     | M                          |                              |
|                                |     | D D                        |                              |
|                                |     |                            | (?)1062 JAMES ?? BYARS       |
|                                |     |                            |                              |
|                                |     |                            | (?)1066 BURGESS ?? HARRELSON |
|                                |     |                            |                              |
|                                |     |                            | (?)1067 ELIZABETH ?? ??      |

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Tennessee Tid Bits  
 Courtesy Dorothy Hogwood

From: Tennessee Tid Bits, Vol.III, (No author/publisher p 52:

**Byars, John S. (Byus)** (s/o Harrell Byars and Jennie Gill) d. by 25 Mar 1857 as shown in suit of **Nathan Byars et vs James Gordon et al. Mary**, widow of sd **John S.** is to have dower. **James Gordon** was admis. Warrent County, Tennessee Court Minutes 2/19 - 201. Land was sold & title divested out to **Nathan Byars, Martha Byars, John Titsworth** and wife **Elizabeth, James Gordon** and wife **Jane, Mary** the wd [of **John S.**] **Drucilla Byars, Harrell Byars, Joseph Byars, James Byars** and **Mary Byars, Jr.**

Same source p246: **Nathan Byars** appointed guardian of **Mary, Harrell, Joseph G. and James K.P, Byars** by the County Court of Shelby Co. MO., Oct term 1858. Tmoney to sd heirs as well as share to sd **Nathan** is to be paid to **John S. Spurlock** for remittance to State of Mo. (Same source p418).

Wills and Inventories, Book #3, Warren Co. TN 1849-1858 (no author/publisher given)

p361: **Nathan Byars** and **James Webb** Administrators for **Thomas Titsworth**, 7 Aug 1857.

Bk 6: 7 Jun 1880: Executor settlement report of settlement this day made with **James Webb** adm. of **Harrell Byers** Dec'd as required by law in such cases made and approved. Eight heirs of ad Estate:

1. **Joseph Byers** 28 Feb 1805 d 1 May 1873 m **Sally Clark**
2. **John L. Byers** b 1807 d 1854 m **Mary Hopper**
3. **Nathan Byers** b 27 Dec 1808 d 12 Dec 1894 m **Nancy Hand**
4. **Harrel Byers** b 1820 d Civil War
5. **Drucilla Hoppers** b 15 Sep 1810 d 7 Oct 1853 m **Jas. T. Hoppers**
6. **Martha Womack**
7. **Jane Humpreys**
8. **Mary Webb** (wife of **James Webb** adm. of estate)

p52: **Byar, Jane**, was a non-resident of TN, 29 Mar 1866 as shown in suit of **Enoch Byars vs Jane Byars** (very dim) A bill of divorce was granted to **Enoch** on above date. They m 1856.

[There was an **Enoch Byars** in Warren Co.TN., census, age 23 b TN. He was in h/h with **Martha Byars** age 39, b TN. (and 5 other **Byars'** aged 11 through 20). Also listed in that h/h was **Enoch Anderson**, age 75 b NC. Did one of **Enoch Anderson's** daughters by **Elizabeth** (d/o **Nathan** and **Drucilla** #7 on update) marry a **Byars** cousin? In 1850 Warren Co.TN. census, **Enoch Anderson** was head of h/h (listed as age 75 that year also) and **Martha Byers** age 30 b TN (along with 5 children ages 1 through 11) **Enoch** was not in the 1850 household. Is there a marriage record for a **Martha Anderson** and \_\_\_\_\_ **Byars**, or one for **Enoch Byars** and **Jane** \_\_\_\_\_? Will we ever fit the puzzle together?



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## From the Editor

This issue is late due to the illness of my 87 year old mother-in-law.

While genealogy is at the head of my list, there are certainly times when it must come second. Genealogy is a search of deceased family members and it would be very sad indeed if we put them ahead of those still living.

I won't apologize or make excuses this time because I know each member of our group will understand this delay.

*Closin*

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## Notice

Since the postage rates went up it appears that the service has gone down. Several members have written to say they have not gotten Vol. VI, No.1. Since they are all on the Label Disk, and I check the label list with the membership list each time prior to mailing, I know their copy was mailed and most likely lost. If you have not received your copy of Vol. VI, No.1 please let me know and I will remail.

I have discussed this situation with other editors that use the bulk mail method and they tell me, they are experiencing the same problem. Other editors have suggested that each member complain at their respective post offices. It might help all of us if we too complained.

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## Address Corrections

**Dorothy Hays**, 2619-B, Suffolk Dr. High Point, NC 27265 (They are living in an apartment until their retirement home is ready)

103b **Douglas W. Byers**, P.O. Box 4086, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

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## Welcome New Members

139b **Jan Maples**, 5836 Hefner Circle, Oklahoma City, OK 73162  
See info on her family this issue

140b **Marilyn Moore**, Rt 1 Box 126A, New Hartford, MO 63364  
See info on her family this issue

141b **Keith Bliss**, 1710 Johnston SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-4432  
See query this issue

142b **Joanne Politano**, 320 N. Atlantic Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
See query this issue

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- 143b **Marcia D. Baum**, 1651 - B, Wyandotte Rd., Columbus, OH 43212  
See info on her family this issue
- 144b **Beverly Aldrich**, 651 152nd Ave. NE, Bellview, WA 98007  
See info on her family this issue
- 145b **Sondra Plantier**, 2412 92nd St., Lubbock, TX 79423  
Her husband descends from **Noah Byars**. She did not say if this  
is the Noah T. b SC and famous in Texas history.

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## Book Reviews

**David & Margaret (Carson) Byers**  
of  
**York County, PA & York County, SC**  
&  
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Price \$35.00. Direct all correspondence and book orders to: **Norman (Harris) Garbert**, 22009 Liggett St., Chatsworth, CA 91311.

**Kathryn Hoolihan** sent the information on this book, and it took her **Joseph Byers** (see Vol. VI, No. 1 pp 3-4) back a generation to **Samuel Byers** and his wife **Mary Kuykendall**.

**Kathryn** sent a copy of the forward. The work started about 17 years before this book was published (1989) by **Harold** and **Jessica Christine "Chris" (Byers) Carner**. Chris's family was the children **James Washington Byers**, grandparents of Sebastian Co. AR, **Joseph Pinson Byers** and **Clarissa Calsey Turner**. Their search extended to Birmingham, AL and spread to Leeds and Sterrett, then to West VA and TX.

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Lineage of Jan Maples

5836 Hefner Village Circle, Oklahoma City, OK 73162

1. Jesse Oral Morrison b 11 Sep 1898, Cordell, OK d 28 May 1962, Elk City, OK m Minerva Emmaline Pullen, s/o
2. Mancil Morrison b 22 May 1856, Lampasas Co. TX d 13 Hyn 1931 Elk City, OK m 1 Nov 1874, Coryell Co. TX., Alice Byers Smith b 7 Nov 1858, Ralls Co. MO d 25 Nov 1925 Doxey, OK d/o
3. John A. Smith b 20 Feb 1834 d 5 Dec 1902, Austin, TX m 14 Oct 1855 Ann Elizabeth Leake. s/o
4. Jeremiah Byers Smith b 28 Jan 1803, Fauquier Co. VA d 14 Nov 1882 Ralls Co. MO m (1) 2 Aug 1827 Garrard Co. KY Sarah Ann Hughes\*(2) Lucinda A. Phillips (3) Elizabeth Green (4) Susan Mary Howard. (married a total of 5 times s/o
5. Jesse Smith b 29 Dec 1762 Fauquier Co. VA d 7 Dec 1837 Fauquier Co. VA., m 1 Apr 1793, Nancy Hendricks Byers d 6 Feb 1854 (d/o Jeremiah Byers and Elizabeth Hendricks see fgs below)

Marriage Bond - Jesse Smith & Nancy Byers

*Know all men by these presents that we Jesse Smith and John Singleton are held and firmly bound unto His Excellency Isaac Shelby Esquire Governor of Kentucky in the sum of Fifty pounds Current Money to the payment whereof to be made to the said Governor or his Successors we bind our selves our heirs & firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this first day of April 1793*

*The condition of the above obligation is such that when as there is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound Jesse Smith and Nancy Byers for which a license has been procured then be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force*

*Sealed & delivered in presence of*  
*W. H. H. H.*

*Jesse Smith*  
*John Singleton*

*Geo. C. C.*  
*Geo. C. C.*

Children:

- 1) Elizabeth Hendricks Smith b 25 Dec 1793, Fauquier Co. VA d 1874 m 1814 George W. Rice

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## Lineage of Jan Maples, Continued

- 2) Ephraim Smith b 19 Nov 1795, Fauquier Co. VA d 24 Jul 1877 m Elizabeth Pope
- 3) Edmund Byers Smith b 26 Feb 1798 Fauquier Co. VA m Sallie H. Baxter
- 4) Nancy Smith b 2 Mar 1800 Fauquier Co. VA
- 5) Jeremiah Byers Smith see above
- 6) Lucinda J. Smith b 28 May 1805 Fauquier Co. VA m 27 Aug 1827 John Merritt
- 7) John Byers Smith b 22 Feb 1808 Fauquier Co. VA m 11 Jun 1828 Nancy Noel
- 8) Jesse Sidney Smith b 4 Dec 1810 Fauquier Co. VA
- 9) Barbara Hendricks Smith b 9 Apr 1813 Fauquier Co. VA m 21 Nov 1833 Anderson Rice
- 10) Mary Hendricks Smith b 12 Apr 1815 Fauquier Co. VA m Nov 1835 Moses Willis
- 11) George R. Smith b 30 Jul 1817 Fauquier Co. VA m 20 Jul 1838 Elizabeth Kemper

## Sources:

Lincoln Co. KY Records, Vol.1. p349; Smith Family Book in possession of Sue Cramer; Family Bible in possession of Sue Cramer

## Jeremiah Byers &amp; Elizabeth Hendricks

Jeremiah Byers b c1755 Hanover Co. VA d 18 Nov 1796 Lincoln Co. KY m c1776 Elizabeth Hendricks\* b c1759 Hanover Co. VA.

## Children:

1. Nancy Hendricks Byers b 14 Jan 1777, Garrard Co. KY (see above)
2. Edmund Byers m 22 Jan 1805 Nancy Fisher d/o Elias and Sarah Fisher, Mercer Co. KY. Elias Fisher's will Boyle Co. KY Bk 1 p30
3. John Byers m 22 Sep 1819, Mercer Co. KY Anne Marie Scomp (Anne d/o John Scomp, her daughter Cynthia Scomp m Henry H. Van Fleet, 28 Nov 1821, John Byers signed surety bond and Anne gave her consent (Marriage bond). John and Anne had a son John Byers d Dec 1823, 7 months old at Washington, Mason Co. KY.

\*Deed #250788 V. 247; DAR #404918; Division of Property dated 15 Mar 1797, Will dated 18 Nov 1796.

Editors Note: Jan these are good family group sheets and your documentation is very good. I have just one question. You give Jeremiah's death date as the same date he wrote his will. Is this right? Did he die the day he wrote his will? I have one case in my family where the ancestor gave an oral will the day he died, but otherwise I haven't found an ancestor that died the day he wrote the will.

170. In Obedience to an order of the Honorable Court of  
 Lincoln County bearing date November Court 1796  
 Ordering that We do divide the Estate real & personal  
 of Jeremiah Byers deceased Between his Wife  
 and three Children allotting to each of the children  
 and Widow a Childs part in the said Decedents Estate  
 being first Sworn do proceed to Divide the said Estate  
 as follows (to wit) We allot to Elizabeth Byers  
 Widow 1/2 one Negro lad named Jack at sixty pounds  
 one Marey & Bondy Thirty nine pounds fourteen  
 Shillings & 1/2 pence, Also the lower end of the tract of  
 Land whereon the said Elizabeth Byers lives by  
 Beginning at two white oaks and red oak trees stand-  
 ing on the top of the bluffs of Dick's River the Begin-  
 ning corner of the 100 Acre tract and to extend  
 thence S 73° East along the line of said tract 115 poles  
 to a large black sugar tree standing on or near the  
 Dividing line between Lipscomb Norvills Land  
 and the said 100 Acre tract thence such a south-  
 easterly course to Dick's River as will take 50  
 Acres



## Estate Settlement, Continued

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Acres in the lower end thence down with the Meanders  
 of the River and to the Beginning including  
 the Improvements & Plantations whereon the said Elizabeth  
 Byars now lives. We allot to Francis  
Smith Wife to Jesse Smith one Negroe General named  
 Jane at fifty five Pounds - in Money & Bonds Thirty  
 four Pounds fourteen Shillings & 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  pence Also the  
 upper end of the tract of Land whereon the Widow By-  
 ars lives by Beginning at her easterly corner  
 a large black Sugar tree on Lipscomb Norvills line  
 and with the same 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  East 116 poles to a red oak tree  
 in Jacob Cophelins line and with his line South to  
 Dicks River and with the meanders of the River  
 down to Elizabeth Byars corner and with her line  
 North Westerly to the Beginning supposed to con-  
 tain 50 Acres being the balance of the aforesaid  
 100 Acre tract - We Allot to Edmund Byars  
 Son of Jeremiah Decd one Negroe Man named  
 Barry at one Hundred Pounds the said Edmund  
 paying to Jesse Smith five Shillings & 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  pence also  
 one Mooty of an undivided tract of Land containing  
 250 Acres Deceased to Jeremiah Byars by Lipscomb  
Norville the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1792 lying origin-  
 ally in the County of Lincoln from Beaver Creek  
 the 125 Acres allotted to Edm?

1792

Edmund to be Divided equally in Quantity quality  
and all other local conveniencies considered.

We allot to John Byars Son of Jeremiah die<sup>d</sup> one  
Acre by named Charles at Thirty five pounds -  
in Money & Bond. Sixty four pounds fourteen shil-  
lings & 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pence. Also the remaining moiety of the  
withom mentioned 250 Acres of Land lying on  
Beaver Creek originally in the County of Lincoln  
the said 250 Acres to be divided equally in quan-  
tity quality and all other local conveniencies con-  
sidered between the s<sup>d</sup> John and Edmund Byars.  
Given under our hands this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1796.

James Thompson

William Bryant

At a County Court held for Lincoln County the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1797.

This Report was returned  
and ordered to be recorded.

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## Lineage of Marilyn Moore

Rt 1 Box 126A, New Hartford, Missouri 63364

- I. Marilyn June Hudson m Everett Wells Moore, Jr.  
 Children:  
 1. Larry Everett Moore m Mary Lorraine Waters  
 2. Terri Evelyn Moore m Fred Stanley Berryman  
 3. William Curtis Moore m Deborah Jean Fortini
- II. Rue Curtis Hudson b 8 Aug 1894, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 d 11 Dec 1976, Hannibal, Marion Co. MO  
 m 20 Sep 1918, " " " "  
 Gladys E. Smith b 8 Mar 1901, " " " "  
 d 12 Jul 1976, " " " "
- Children:  
 1. Margaret Mary Lee Hudson m Hoyt Lynn Hendren  
 2. Lillian Louise Hudson never married  
 3. Stillborn  
 4. Gladys Loraine Hudson m William F. Wigger  
 5. Unnamed Infant  
 6. Marilyn June Hudson above
- III. Benjamin Clay Hudson b 10 Apr 1852, Monticello, Wayne Co. KY  
 d 29 May 1917, Hannibal, Marion Co. MO  
 m 3 Dec 1876, Goliad, Fannin Co. TX\*
- Texana Belle Headrick  
 b 5 Dec 1835, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 d 15 May 1935, Hannibal, Marion Co. MO  
 buried, Riverside Cem.
- Children:  
 1. Etta Isabell Hudson b 3 Nov 1877, Dennison, Grayson Co. TX  
 d 5 May 1968, buried Twin Church Cem.  
 Louisiana, MO  
 m Nov 1899  
 John William Davenport
2. Katie Golden Hudson b/d 1881, Bethany, Harrison Co. MO  
 3. Lela Pearl Hudson b 13 Nov 1882, Bethany, Harrison Co. MO  
 d 21 Mar 1933  
 m (1) Edward Kennedy (2) Emil Arnold
4. William Clay Hudson b 21 Mar 1884, Bethany, Harrison Co. MO  
 d 3 Jan 1964, Jacksonville, Morgan Co IL  
 m Inez Mae Parcels
5. Leona Hudson b/d Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 6. John Taylor Hudson b 1 Aug 1887, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 d 22 Aug 1906 Typhoid Fever unmarried
7. Ruth Hudson b 18 Aug 1889 d 1890  
 8. Ruby Ellen Hudson b 31 Oct 1891, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 d 1978, Prescott, Yavapai, AZ  
 m Thomas vincent Holmes
9. Rue Curtis Hudson see above  
 10. Margaret Ann Hudson b 4 Jun 1895, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 buried 6 Sep 1973, Receda, GA  
 m Robert M. Boyd
11. Hughey Benjamin Hudson b 26 Apr 1899, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 d 1977, Jefferson Cty, Cole Co MO  
 m Mable Goe

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## Lineage of Marilyn Moore, Continued

- IV. **Peter Headrick** b 30 Mar 1828, place not determined  
 d 15 Jan 1884, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 s/o **John Blare/Blair Headrick** and **Maria B. Work**  
 m (1) 21 Mar 1850, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO
- Martha Isabelle Henry** b c1827 SC  
 d 18 Sep 1868, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 buried Headrick Cem.  
 m (2) c1869
- Angela Meyers** b ?  
 d 28 Sep 1925
- Children by (1)
1. **Hugh Malcom Headrick** b 11 Feb 1855, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 d 27 Jun 1943  
 m 1 Aug 1875 **Emma Laine**
  2. **Katie Headrick** b 3 Jul 1859, Louisiana, Pike Co. MO  
 never married
  3. **Texana Belle Headrick** see above
- Children by (2)
4. **Mary Agnes Headrick** m **John C. Boehm**
  5. **Margaret Headrick** m **Sam Sneed**
  6. **Gertrude Headrick** m **Victor Smith**
  7. **John Headrick** never married
  8. **Edward Headrick** never married

**Martha Isabelle Henry** was d/o **Malcom Henry** and **Catharine "Katie" Byers**. According to **Thurlo V. Byers** the marriage would have taken place in either Lincoln Co. NC or York Co. SC. **Malcom Henry** had a sister **Jane** that married **Edward Byers** (no issue). **Josiah Henry**, uncle of **Malcom** m **Margaret Byers** d/o **David Byers** of York Co. SC.

Also according to **Thurlo**, the probate records of **Jane Byers**, of Pike Co. MO documents that **Malcom** and **Catherine Henry** were the parents of **Martha Isabelle Henry**. **Malcolm/Malcom Henry** and **Catherine Byers** had nine children.

\*Editors note: Goliad, Texas is not in Fannin Co. Goliad is the county seat of Goliad Co. Texas and is located below San Antonio toward the coast. There is a small town near Goliad named Fannin. Fannin Co., is near the Texas/Oklahoma boarder, and Grayson Co. where you report that **Etta Isabelle Hudson** was born, was formed out of Fannin Co. My **Harrell Byers** settled in Fannin Co. TX in 1858 and I have checked all the marriages on file at Bonham, the county seat. The people there are very cooperative and give descendants the original license that were never picked up. I got two of my **Daniel Webster Byers'** sister's original license and have located a direct descendant of one of them and was able to pass it on. In order to verify the marriage of your **Benjamin Clay Hudson** and **Texana Belle Headrick**, I suggest you write to the Goliad County Clerk, Goliad, TX 77963. They have marriage records from 1870. The Fannin Co. TX marriage records date back to 1850.

If you know who the parents of **Catherine "Katie" Byers** was, please let Marilyn know.

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Lineage of Marcia Diane Baum  
1651-B Wyandotte Rd. Columbus, OH 43212

- I. **Marcia Diane Baum** b 12 Sep 1960, Bainbridge, OH  
 II. **Robert Leland Baum** b 23 Aug 1927, " "  
     m 24 Nov 1951  
     **Nancy Marie Placier** b 27 May 1927, Auburn, NY  
 III. **Don Harold Placier** b 15 Dec 1897, London, OH  
     d 18 Aug 1986, Columbus, OH  
     m 10 Nov 1923, **Ruth Marguerite Hartman**  
 IV. **William Alvadore Placier** b 13 Mar 1867, Pickaway Co. OH  
     d 5 Dec 1955, Chillicothe, OH  
     m 27 Aug 1891, Newport, KY  
     **Elizabeth Truitt** b 9 Aug 1871, Lily Chapel, OH  
     d 14 Jan 1960, Chillicothe, OH  
 V. **George Washington Truitt** b 29 May 1836, Madison Co. OH  
     d 22 Sep 1916, Madison Co. OH  
     m 10 Jan 1860? prob Madison Co. OH  
     **Missouri Byers** b 10 Jan 1840, Madison Co. OH  
     d 19 Feb 1879, Madison Co. OH  
 VI. **John W. Byers** b 9 May 1800, Uniontown, PA  
     d 2 Feb 1881, Madison Co. OH  
     m (1) c1825 **Matilda Hunter** d 1831  
     m (2) 23 Nov 1833, **Sarah Jane Painter**

## Children by (1)

- 1.
- Matilda Byers**
- m
- Samuel Truitt**

## Children by (2)

2. **Mary Rosanna Byers** b c1836 PA m **N.P. Gardner**  
 3. **Louisa J. Byers** b c1836 m **Thomas Price**  
 4. **Missouri Byers** m **George W. Truitt** see above  
 5. **Joel M. Byers** b 26 May 1841 Fairfield Twp, Madison Co. OH  
     m **Louisa Fitzgerald**  
 6. **James W. Byers** b 26 May 1841, Fairfield Twp, Madison Co. OH  
     m **Nannie E. Boyd**  
 7. **John C. Byers** m **Josephine Rickabaugh**  
 8. **Andrew Byers** m **Ida Bidwell**  
 9. **Mary E. Byers** d prior to 1883  
 10. **Laura Byers**  
 VII. **James Byers** b c1770 prob Ireland  
     d Madison Co. OH  
     m (1) ?  
     m (2) **Elizabeth Watson**

## Issue by (1)

1 Son and 3 daughters

## Issue by (2)

1. **John W. Byers** see above  
 2. **Moses Byers**  
 and five daughters  
 VIII. **Andrew Byers** b c1740 Ireland or Scotland  
     d prob PA  
 IX. **James Byers** b c1725 Scotland  
     Issue: d America prob PA  
 1. **Andrew Byers** see above  
 2. **Thomas Byers**  
 3. **Samuel Byers**



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## History of Madison County, Ohio, Continued

three sons and four daughters. The youngest, Rosanna, was Mrs. Byers' mother. Thomas Painter, Mrs. Byers' grandfather, had three sons and seven daughters. Of these, Joel, her father was born in 1787, and moved to Pennsylvania from Harper's Ferry, VA, when he was quite small. In 1809, he married Rosanna McGrew, and had four sons and two daughters. Of the latter, Sarah was born in 1813 and when eleven years of age her mother died. In 1825, her father married Jemima Allen. On March 21, 1826 or 1827, they started for Cincinnati on a family flatboat, arriving April 12, 1832. They then went to Dayton on a canal boat. Soon after, they returned to Cincinnati, and from there Mrs. Byers went to Jefferson in a stage. Mrs. Byers was married to Mr. Byers November 28, 1833, by Rev. Allen. They lived on a farm, one mile from Lilly Chapel, thirty-eight years, and moved to London in March 1872. She joined the Presbyterian Church in 1832. While at Brownsville, she saw the first steamboat launched on the Ohio River. It was called the Reindeer, and was built by Robert Fulton, and was sent to Pittsburgh. Mrs. Byers is descended from an old family of Quakers who lived in Virginia many years. The subject of this sketch united with the Presbyterian Church in 1829, being one of the original members in the organization of that church at London. For over fifty-one years, he continued a faithful, consistent member of the same church, with the exception of a few years, when he removed his membership to Jefferson to aid in organizing a [line missing]. [line missing].. generosity of his spirit were unquestioned. As a husband and father, he was affectionate and self-sacrificing to the last degree. He loved life and often expressed his gratitude to God that He had spared him to live so long, but with great composure and assurance he awaited the invitation to higher joys. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J.G. Paterson at the family residence.

## Queries

4. **Byers, Chambers, Smith, Walton - Ireland, PA, VA, SC**  
Looking for history of: **David Byers** b 1690 Ireland d May 1743, Donegal Twp, Lancaster Co. PA, had a son, **Capt. William Byers**, Rev. War b c1730 N. Ireland d c1799 m **Elizabeth Walton** b 1740 d 1795. They had **Edward Byers** Rev. War b 5 Dec 1761 Augusta Co. VA., d 13 Mar 1832 York Co. SC who md (3) **Mary (Smith) Chambers**, 10 May 1804. Their daughter **Elizabeth Byers** b 30 Jan 1807 York Co. SC d 20 Nov 1880, Limestone Springs, SC m 25 Nov 1824 Rev. **James Lyle**.

141b Keith Bliss, 1710 Johnston SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-4432

[By now Keith should be corresponding with Dr. Mel Meek and I'm sure others will be contacting him too. cbh]

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## Queries, Continued

5. **Byers, Grier, King - PA**

Looking for info on **John W. Byers** and his wife **Catherine Grier** of Jefferson Twp, Greene Co. PA. Known children: **Nancy Byers** b 6 Jun 1822 d 7 Nov 1916; **Elizabeth Byers** b 10 Oct 1828 d 25 Jul 1922 m **Hugh T. King**; **Caldwell/Colwell Byers** d 1915. My grandfather, **John Albert King**, of South Union Twp., Fayette Co. PA b 12 Sep 1862 d 23 Dec 1946, was s/o **John Howard King** and **Nancy Grier Byers**.

142b **Joanne L. Politano**, 320 N. Atlantic Ave., Pittsburg, PA 15224-1256

6. **Byers, Coyner, Daughtery - Augusta Co. VA**

Need parents of **David Byers** b 1748 d 1814 Augusta Co. VA. What was the maiden name of his wife **Rosanna**. His children (wife and children mentioned in his will) were: 1. **John Byers**; 2. **Mary Byers** b 1774 d 3 Aug 1840 Frankfort Co. OH m **Jacob Coyner** 1 Aug 1795 Augusta Co. VA; 3. **Elizabeth "Betsy" Byers** m **John Daugherty** 10 Oct 1790 Augusta Co. VA.

144b **Beverly Aldrich**, 651 152nd Ave. N.E., Bellevue, WA 98007

[We have published some data from Chalkey that included an abstract of his will but nothing else. Can someone add to Beverly's data? cbh]

**Non Members Need Help**

It is the editors policy to publish one query only for a non member. If you can help them be sure to let them know they were helped due to the efforts of our group and encourage them to become a member.

**Gail R. Blancett**, 12 Brookline Dr. Aiken, SC 29803, is compiling a **Tilley Family History**. She needs information on the descendants of **James Marion Byars** and Mrs. **Martha Emily (Tilley) Pettit** b 1836 GA. They m DeWitt Co. TX 20 Sep 1866. She was the widow of **Mahlon Pettit** and had five children by her first marriage. She had lived in Bienville Parish, LA before moving to DeWitt Co. TX c1856. I believe she had the following **Byars** children: **Joseph Lee Byars** b c1868; **Susan M Byars** b c1869; **Edgar Byars** b c1873; and **Allie Byars** b c1877.

I would like to contact descendants of **James Marion Byars** and his 2nd wife.

[**James Marion Byars** was s/o **William Byars** and **Elizabeth Jane Goode**. We have members that descend from William. Do you have info on James for this nice lady? cbh]

**Donna Smiley**, 734 San Juan, Duncanville, TX 75116, is looking for info on **James W. Byers** b c1824 NC m 24 Dec 1850, Cass (now Bartow) Co. GA. **Mary Ann Brandon** b c1832 GA d/o **Thomas Brandon** and **Louise** \_\_\_\_\_. Issue: **Caledonia Adelina Byers** b Oct 1851 GA d 6 May 1918



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## Non Members, Continued

Falls Co. TX m **Henry G. Redding**; **Louise Byers** b c1855 GA; **Elizabeth Byers** b c1857 GA; **Virginia Byers** b c1859 GA; **Fannie Byers** b c1861 d 1938 TX; **Anna Byers** b c1863 GA; **Thomas Byers** b c1865 GA; **John W. Byers** b c1874 TX d 1918 Travis, Falls Co. TX. This family moved from Cass Co. GA to Walker Co. GA then to Milam Co. TX and then to Falls Co. TX

**Doris Gyarmati**, 622 South St. Mishawaka, IN 46544-2342, is interested in **Perry Harrison Byars** b 20 Jan 1816 d 1 Mar 1899, buried Macedonia Cem. Gaffney, SC., m 2 Jun 1839 **Sarah "Sally" Cooper**, d/o **James and Sarah "Sally" Scruggs Cooper**. **Perry Harrison** had two brothers: Rev. **David Dero Byars** m **Malissa O"Dell**. **Isaiah Iverson Byars** b 1826 and lived 9 yrs. Is the **Sarah Cooper** that m **Perry Harrison Byars** my great aunt? I have only found three sons of a **James and Sarah Cooper**. They lived around the Spartanburg area, SC and moved west to Arkansas in the 1840s and 1850s.

[I know we have descendants of **Perry Harrison Byars** in our group. Perhaps working with this lady will help you with your **Cooper** line]

**Carol Hughes**, 2598 E. Cottonwood Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401 is working on her husband's line. His 2nd great grandmother was **Rebecca Jane Byers** b c1822 IN m 1841 **David Dillman**.

**Lorry Kiker Parker**, 2622 13th Ave. Canyon, TX 79015 says her 3rd great grandfather was **Noah Turner Byars** and records indicate he was b 5-17-1808 Spartanberg (sic) SC and d 7-17-1888.

[I sent a lot of info previously published to Lorry and have never received a reply of any kind. Since **Noah Turner Byars** was b in Spartanburg Dist. SC it is possible he was s/o **Nathan Byars, Jr** and his wife **Emily/Milly Turner**. This would be of great interest to me because I feel certain my **Nathan Byars** m **Elizabeth Womack** was also the s/o **Nathan Byars, Jr** and **Emily/Milly Turner**. It really makes a person feel bad, sad, and even mad when the material they share is not acknowledged. cbh]

**Mrs. Billie Gelhar**, 14050 S.W. 22nd St., Beaverton, OR 97005 is a **Goode** descendant. She would like to contact any descendant of **Thomas Goode** who m **Mary Byars**, 26 May 1813, Christian Co. KY. She and a group of others are trying to sort out the **Thomas Goode's** of the world, three of whom were listed in Northern MS 1850 - 1860.

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## Quarterly Comments from Marjorie Tucker

Re: Vol. Vi, No. 1 p 26 [Tid bits from **Dorothy Hogwood**]

1. Child #4, **Harrel Byars**, s/o **Harrell Byars** and **Jane (Jennie) Gill**, did not die during the civil war. [See following page] A copy of estate settlement. His father-in-law, **Perry Green Magness** was appointed Administrator on 7 Sep 1846.

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## Quarterly Comments, Continued

7. Harrell (Harold) Byars, s/o Harrell Byars and Jane (Jennie) Gill b 1810-1820 (Census of 1820, Warren Co. TN) d by 7 Sep 1846, when Perry Green Magness was appointed administrator of his estate. He m. c1845, Elizabeth Magness, b 11 Jan 1830 TN d 24 Sep 1891, d/o Perry Green Magness and Mary Cantrell. The following is the report of the sale of Harrell Byars' estate and one year's provision for his widow, Elizabeth Byars:

DeKalb County, TN: Book 1846 - 1856, Roll 39, pp. 66-68

Aug. 5, 1848

Quoting from page 68:

We the undersigned free holders of DeKalb County having been informed that we were appointed by the county at Sept. term 1846 to lay off a years provision for Elizabeth Byars, widow of Herald Byars, dec'd. and being requested to attend at the late residence of the dec'd. for the purposes on the day of Sale of the estate of said dec'd., we met on the 3rd Oct. 1846 and proceeded to set apart for her use and family so much of the provisions on hand, etc. as was to be Sufficient in our opinion to serve them one year from the time of her husband's death. We set apart for said purpose twenty barels of corn, four hundred pounds of pork, two hundred pounds of flower, one hundred pounds of Salt, twenty pounds of coffee, twenty five pounds of sugar, five dollars to buy sundries, one cow and calf, five hundred tines of fodder, thirty pokes of picked cotton, ten pounds of wool, upper & under leather for three pairs of Shoes for the widow. We authorize the administrator to lay in such of the above specified Items as may note upon hand. August 5th 1848.

Wm. H. Judkins

Wm. \_\_\_\_\_ (unable to read)

Thos. Durham

Editor's note: Marjorie, do you show a first marriage for Harrell (Harold) Byars, s/o Harrell Byars and Jane (Jeannie) Gill. Vol. I, No. 1 p.11 gives him a \_\_\_\_\_ Humphries as his wife. Martha Weatherholt, in Vol. II, No. 3 pp. 84-85, says "Perry Green Byars was the only child of Harrell Byars, b 1825 Warren Co. TN. and Elizabeth Magness. Perry G. was reared by his uncle, Watson Potter and his aunt, Harriett Magness Potter..." In her query, Vol. I, No. 4 p.85 she says, "My great grandfather was Rev. Perry Green Byars .... He had 10 half brothers & sisters." Do you have information on the 10 half brothers & sisters? cbh

### Enoch Byars

Re: Vol. VI, No.1 p 26:

Enoch Byars did not marry in 1856. He m 31 May 1854, Warren Co. TN. Jane Morton. I didn't know they divorced. I wrote to Warren Co. to get a copy and they wrote back "not found". I'm going to write to the Archives in Nashville and see if they can find it.

See Nathanite's Niche, page 50, for Enoch's Story

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## Quarterly Comments From Thurlo V. Byers

Re Vol. VI, No.1 p 15,16:

**John Byers** wife **Prudence**, was not son of **James** and **Margaret Byers**  
**James Byers** is the same man who was granted 300 ac on 21 Mar 1766.

22 Apr 1772 **Margaret Byers**, wife of **Robert Byers**, in Rowan Co NC  
 5 Nov 1772 Rowan Co. NC Petition. Ordered that **Robert Byers** be re-  
 commended exempt from taxes being old, poor and infirm  
 2 May 1775 **Robert Byers** d in Rowan Co. NC. (From a Bible record)

**James Byers** s/o **Robert** and **Margaret** \_\_\_\_\_ **Byers**  
 b. 1742  
 d. 23 Nov 1807, Iredell Co. NC buried Centre Cem.  
**Margaret Smith** m. c1770  
 b. 1746  
 d. 20 Mar 1806, Iredell Co. NC buried Centre Cem.

Children:

1. **Thomas Smith Byers** b. 8 Aug 1772, Rowan Co. NC  
 m. , **Frances McCleary**  
 d. 3 May 1846, Mecklenburg Co. NC
2. **Robert Byers Sr.** b. 28 Nov 1773, Rowan Co. NC  
 m. , **Ann Allison**  
 d. 2 Nov 1883, Iredell Co. NC
3. **Joseph Byers Sr.** b. 24 Nov 1775, Rowan Co. NC  
 m. 10 Jun 1816, **Martha Locke**, Rowan Co. NC  
 d. 14 Jul 1844, Iredell Co. NC
4. **Esther Byers** b. 2 Dec 1779, Iredell Co. NC  
 m. , **John Falls**  
 d.
5. **James Smith Byers** b. 7 Jan 1782, Iredell Co. NC  
 m. 6 Oct 1812, **Nancy Cecelia Osborne**  
 d. 1863, Iredell Co. NC
6. **Margaret Byers** b. 9 Jun 1783, Iredell Co. NC  
 m. never  
 d. 15 Jun 1857, Iredell Co. NC. Centre Cem.
7. **Mary Byers** b. 15 Feb 1785, Iredell Co. NC  
 m. **Henry Smith Simonton**  
 d.
8. **Jane Byers** b. 10 Mar 1787, Iredell Co. NC  
 m. , **Adam Ross Simonton**
9. **Amelia Kerr Byers** b. 10 Aug 1789, Iredell Co. NC  
 m. , **William White**, MD  
 d.
10. **Washington Byers** b. 3 Jun 1795, Iredell Co. NC  
 m. 13 Apr 1824, **Ann Chambers Locke**  
 Rowan Co. NC  
 d. 17 Jul 1832, Iredell Co. NC
11. **Charles Byers** b. 1791, Iredell Co. NC  
 d. 3 Jun 1791, Iredell Co. NC

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## Quarterly Comments From Thurlo, Continued

Joseph Byars, Jr [Number 3 on preceding page] and Martha Locke had a daughter, Jane Julia Ann Byers who wed Joseph C. Simonton, a first cousin, the son of Mary Byers [Number 7 on preceding page] and Henry Smith Simonton.

Excerpt from Will of Joseph Byers Jr, 6 Dec 1843. Probated 4 Aug 1844. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Jane Julia Simonton the following Negroes: Allen, Anthony, Nero, William 1815, Big George 1819, Tom McCoy 1824, Little George, Julius, Emmy, Ealy, Suckey and her four children, Ann, Cibby 1822 and her child, Lucretia, Vina, the daughter of Ann, Lousa, the daughter of Cibby, to my grand dtr, Mary Augusa Simonton. Will probated in Iredell Co. NC. Copy on file Ft. Bend Co. TX.

Joseph C. Simonton and his wife, Jane Julia Ann Byers moved to Texas between 1851 - 1856. They were listed on the 1860 Ft. Bend Co. TX Census, p 363 and lived in Pittsville. The 1860 Slave Schedule listed the Simontons with 33 slaves living in 8 slave houses. These slaves ranged from 1 to 65 years old. 5 of them were designated mulatto.

Joseph C. and Julia Ann Simonton and four of their children are listed in the 1870 Ft. Bend Co. TX census, pp 604-604.

40 Black or Mulattos with the surname Byers were listed on the 1870 Ft. Bend Co. TX Census, with NC connections. They probably moved to Texas with the Simontons:

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Born

Frederick Byers b 1854 TX  
John Byers m 1856 TX  
With Toby and Levida Randon

Emaline Byers m 1854 TX  
With Susan Allen

Anderson Byers b. 1847 NC

David Byers m 1835 NC  
Cicily Byers b 1840 NC  
Cora Byers m 1861 TX  
Robert Byers b 1863 TX  
Bruce Byers b 1865 TX  
Lucinda Byers b 1868 TX

Austin Byers m 1837 NC  
Lavida Byers m 1837 NC  
Moses Byers b 1859 TX  
Jane Byers b 1861 TX  
Henrietta Byers b 1863 TX  
A. Thomas Byers m 1865 TX  
Oscar Byers b 1869 TX

Teten Byers (m) b 1779 Africa  
With Elizabeth Sparks m  
who was b NC

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Born

Lafayette Byers b 1846 NC  
Mary Byers b 1848 NC  
Delia Byers b 1864 TX  
Hubbard Byers b 1867 TX  
Suey Byers b 1869 TX

Cibby Byers b 1816 NC  
Was cook for the Gayles from MS

King Byers b 1810 NC  
Since Byers b 1822 GA  
Sarah J. Byers b 1854 TX

Pinkney Byers b 1834 NC  
Harriett Byers m 1839 GA  
John Byers m 1860 TX  
Since Byers m 1862 TX  
Sarah Byers m 1863 TX

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Thomas Byers b 1833 NC  
Rebecca Byers m 1834 GA  
Julia Byers b 1854 NC  
Eva Byers b 1861 TX  
Maria Byers b 1862 TX  
Henrietta Byers b 1864 TX  
Fannie Byers m 1866 TX  
Owen Byers b 1869 TX

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## Apology

APOLOGY FROM MELTON P. MEEK, M.D.

RE: Vol. VI, No. 1, March 1991, page 15, lines 33,34,35.

I have received a letter from James H. Gordon. He feels that I have left a wrong impression concerning his data. Mr. Gordon is a most careful and thorough researcher of long-standing. We have exchanged data for over 5 years on GORDON and related lines. He had sent me a large packet of material which he had received from other sources, which contained the bit of information I sent in question. He carefully told me that he could not interpret this, completely. I examined the material and found that I could not understand it more than he had noted. I sent the few lines in to Mrs. Herring in the hope that someone might be able to help us out on the possible: PRUDENCE BYERS.

I wish to publicly apologize to Mr. Gordon for my poor choice of words and lack of full explanation in this matter.

Editor's note: It is vital that each of us remember that the written word does not always express our meaning. I appreciate the fact that Dr. Melton P. Meek clarified his statement. Both Dr. Meek and James Gordon are fine genealogists and their contributions to this publication are appreciated. cbh




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## Byars Family

*Compiled by and for the pleasure of Charlie Byars*



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### Passing the Byars name down the line

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|------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-<br>GREAT-GRANDPARENTS | 1730 | James (Jonas) Byars born ca 1730 died ca 1807.<br>married ca 1755 Frances "Fanny" Collins.                                                        |
| GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-<br>GRANDPARENTS       | 1760 | William Byars born ca 1760 died 08 Nov.1819.<br>married ca 1785 Elizabeth Bedford born ca 1763 died 1847.                                         |
| GREAT-GREAT-<br>GRANDPARENTS             | 1792 | Joseph Byars born 07 Jun 1792 died after 1840.<br>married 27 July 1813 Nancy Blanton born 11 Feb.1792 died _?_.                                   |
| GREAT-GRANDPARENTS                       | 1831 | William Byars born 1831 died 1892.<br>married Nancy Pridmore born 1836 died 1911.                                                                 |
| GRANDPARENTS                             | 1869 | William Thomas Byars born 28 Oct.1869 died 05 Jun.1930.<br>married Julia Ann Blanton born 12 Apr 1874 died 02 Oct.1909.                           |
| PARENTS                                  | 1908 | Guy Andrew Byars born 15 May 1908 died. 22 Feb.1966.<br>married Macie Clara Leagan born 12 Feb.1910 died 9 Mar 1966.                              |
| <b>ME</b>                                | 1928 | Charles Lee Byars born 20 May 1928.<br>married first Sarah Vonita Jones born 12 July 1928.<br>married second Bevelry Warren Day born 25 Aug.1938. |
| SON                                      | 1955 | Paul Andrew Byars born 15 Feb 1956.<br>married first Barbara Besley born 18 Jul 1955.<br>married second Sybil Hobby Alford born 12 Sept 1951.     |
| GRANDSON                                 | 1985 | James Andrew Byars born 02 May 1985.                                                                                                              |

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## Ancestry of Charlie Byars

**Editor's note:** In May Charlie called me. He was in Buffalo, and on his way to see Byers, Texas and Byars, Oklahoma. We had a great visit and he gave me his material on his ancestors, according to Charlie and "Black Bart".

When Charlie got home from his trip he sent me a packet of goodies, including a picture of the tombstone of my Nancy (Tackett) Byars. I will share the data Charlie gathered on his trip as space allows.

I checked Charlie's data with The Byars Family History, by Nell Byars Thaten and discovered a discrepancy in the birth year of Jonas James (James Jonas) Byars. Nell shows Jonas b c1718 as opposed to Charlie's 1730.

Thurlo V. Byers has been working on this family and according to Dorothy Hays, some of the children, attributed to Joseph Byars and Nancy Blanton by Carolyn Backstrom (whose data Charlie used) and others is in error.

Upon the advice of Dorothy Hays, I have taken the liberty of changing the data Charlie prepared. Dorothy hoped to avoid publication of another "copied" list of children, and I agree. Too often we accept a list of children with no documentation and are sent in the wrong direction. The changes do not alter Charlie's line. I look forward to seeing Thurlo's compilation. cbh

## 1730

James (Jonas) Byars, b. ca 1730 (probably Va.), d. ca 1807 (probably Spartanburg, S.C.). Married ca 1755 Frances "Fanny" Collins.

Children:

1. Henrietta, b. ca 1750 (VA?) d. before 1783 Rutherford Co., NC.. Married ca 1765 Joel Blackwell, b. ca 1740 (VA?). His will probated, April 1821, Rutherford Co., NC.

2. William, b. ca 1760 VA., d. ca 1819, Spartanburg, S.C. Married Elizabeth Bedford, b. ca 1763-5 PA.

Information from Byars/Byers Family Inquirer, Vol. I No. 1, p. 14. Submitted by Carolyn M. Backstrom, 8623 Bayou Castelle Dr. Gautier, Miss. Notes by Backstrom: This Byars family first appears in Granville Co., NC recorded in the 1754 Militia Muster Roll, Vol. 22, NC State Records, pp 370-80. The 1880 Calhoun Co., Miss., census (for Joab Byars, son of William) states William was born in Virginia. There were surely more children born to James and Frances, but I have no knowledge of them.

## 1760

William Byars, b. ca 1760 Va, d. ca 1819, Spartanburg, S.C.. Son of James (Jonas) Byars and Frances "Fanny" Collins. Married Elizabeth Bedford, b. ca 1763-1765 Pa.

Children:

1. Robert, b. ca 1786 NC?, was alive in 1819 and settled his father's estate.

2. Rebekah ? b. ca 1788 and not named on all lists as William's child.

3. Jonas Bedford, b. ca 1790 Spartanburg, SC, d. \_\_\_ in Ala. Married Sarah Davis, daughter of Benjamin Davis.

4. Lydia, b. ca 1792.

5. James, b. ca 1794, Spartanburg, SC, d. ca 1865, Calhoun Co., Miss. Married Mary Francis Richards.

6. Seth, b. ca 1796, Spartanburg, SC, died perhaps in Pickens Co., Ala. Married Martha "Patsy" Ray, daughter of Frederick Ray.

7. Nancy, b. ca 1798, Spartanburg, S.C.

8. Joseph, b. 1792, d. \_\_\_\_\_. Married Nancy Blanton, b. 1792.

9. Susie? Not sure she is one of their children.

10. Eunice? Not sure she is one of their children.

11. Joab, b. 11 Aug. 1807 Spartanburg, S.C., d. 24 Dec. 1884, Calhoun Co. Miss. Married Henrietta Arendale (Arnold), b. 08 Feb. 1805, d. 02 Sep. 1892. Both buried Macedonia Cemetery, Calhoun County., Miss.

Information from Byars/Byers Family Inquirer, Vol. I No. 1, p. 14. Submitted by Carolyn M. Backstrom, 8623 Bayou Castelle Dr. Gautier, Miss.

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## Ancestry of Charlie Byars, Continued

## 1792

Joseph Byars, b.1792, died after 1840, son of William and Elizabeth Bedford Byars. Married Nancy Blanton, b. 1792

## Children:

1. George B., b.1820. d. 1864. Married Martha B. Doggett, b.1821 d.1889
2. Burwell Benson, b.1828, d.1898. Married Mary Blanton b.1827. d 1901
3. William, b 1831(tombstone says 1833) d.1892. Married Nancy Pridmore b.1836, d.1911. Both buried El Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, S.C.
4. Joseph Crayton, b 1832 d. 1915. Married Delphia Emeline Price.
5. Elias b.1837 d. c1864 [per Thurlo V. Byers citing 1840 Rutherford Co. NC Census p.261]

See Editor's note, p 47

(Basic information from Byars/Byers Family Inquirer, Vol. 1. No. 1, pp 14-15, Submitted by Carolyn M. Backstrom who noted it was taken from the Bulletin of Genealogical Society of Old Tryon Co., N. C., Vol. XIII, No. 2, May 1985, pp 86-100. Addition information on William and wife, Nancy Pridmore added by Charlie Byars. In the 1900 Census No. 9 William and No. 10 Joseph Crayton were living near each other in Draytonville Township, Union County. Joseph on line 72, page 9 and William, line 85, pages 9 & 10, South Carolina State Archives.

## 1833

William Byars, born 1833, son of Joseph and Nancy Blanton Byars, died 1892. Married Nancy Pridmore, born 1836, died 1911. Both buried El Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, S.C. (used to be Union County).

## Children:

1. G. Andrew, b. 21 Oct. 1859, d. 10 Oct. 1925, Married Annie Jane \_\_\_\_ born 30 Jan 1858, died 28 Oct. 1933. Both buried El Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, S.C. (used to be Union County).
2. (A female) b. ca 1861.
3. Joseph, b. ca 1867-68.
4. William Thomas, b. 28 Oct. 1869, d. 5 Jun. 1930. Married Julia Ann Blanton, b. 12 Apr. 1874, d. 2 Oct. 1909. Both buried at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, S.C. (used to be Union County).
5. Carrie, b. ca 1872
6. Wade, b. \_\_Apr. 1875.
7. William Rufus, b. 29 Jul. 1878, d. 16 Jul. 1950. Married Vinnie \_\_\_\_, b. 28 Jul. 1878, d. 18 May \_\_\_\_.. Both buried Providence Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, S.C.

In 1900, William Thomas and William Rufus were living near each other. Their widowed mother, Nancy, and unmarried brother, Wade, were living in the household of William Rufus and his wife Vinnie. Source: South Carolina Archives, 1900 census, Limestone Township, Cherokee County, S.C., Vol. 15, Ed. 6, Sheet 17, Line 63 and Line 59.

## 1869

William Thomas Byars, born 28 Oct. 1869, son of William and Nancy Pridmore Byars. Died 05 Jun. 1930. Married Julia Ann Blanton, born 12 Apr. 1874, died 02 Oct. 1909. Both buried at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, S.C. (used to be Union County).

## Children:

1. James Raymond, born \_\_Sept. 1893.
2. Pearlie, born \_\_May 1896, died \_\_\_\_. Married J.S. Gallimore.
3. Manning, born \_\_Apr. 1898.
4. Strassie, born \_\_Jul. 1879.
5. Ruby Lucile, born 05 Aug. 1901, died 22 Jun. 1902.
6. Macie, born 1902.
7. Frederick, born 1904, died \_\_\_\_. Married Mildred Fulton McSwain, born 17 Dec. 1903, died \_\_\_\_.
8. Mae Sue, born 1905, died \_\_\_\_. Married Hugh Carroll.
9. Nell, born 1907, died \_\_\_\_. Married Dewey H. Bookout.
10. Guy Andrew, born 15 May 1908, died 22 Feb. 1966. Married Macie Clara Leagan, born 11 Feb. 1910, died 09 Mar. 1966. Both buried Mountainview Cemetery, Blacksburg, Cherokee County, S.C.

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## Ancestry of Charlie Byars, Continued

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- Guy Andrew Byars, born 15 May 1908, Cherokee County, S.C., son of William Thomas and Julia Ann Blanton Byars. Died 22 Feb. 1966, Blacksburg, S.C. Buried Mountainview Cemetery, Blacksburg, S.C. Married 03 July 1927 at Grover, N.C. Macie Clara Leagan, born 12 Feb. 1910, Cherokee County, S.C., daughter of Andrew and Victoria Woods Leagan. Died 09 Mar. 1966, Kings Mountain, N.C., Hospital. Buried Mountainview Cemetery, Blacksburg, S.C.
- Children:
- I. Charles Lee, born 20 May, 1928, Clover, York County, S.C. Married first, 28 Sept. 1946, at Ninety Six, Greenwood County Sarah Vonita Jones, born 12 July 1928, Lincoln County, Ga., (two issue). Married second, 02 Feb., 1968 at Greenwood, Greenwood County, S.C., Beverly Ann Warren b. 25 Aug. 1938 Ashford, Houston County, Ala. (no issue).
- Children:
- A. Anita Charlene, born 03 Oct. 1951, Ninety Six, Greenwood County, S.C. Married 08 Jan. 1972 John William Carter Jr., born 22 Nov. 1947, son of John William Sr. and Billie Kirby Carter.
- Children:
1. Anita Christene, born 10 Sept. 1974, Columbia, Richland County, S.C.
  2. Mary Kelly, born 15 Aug. 1979, Columbia, Richland County, S.C.
- B. Paul Andrew, born 15 Feb. 1956, Ninety Six, Greenwood County, S.C. Married first Barbara Besley born 17 Jul. 1955 (two issue) . Married second 18 Feb. 1989 Sybil Ann Hobby born 12 Sept. 1951, Augusta, Richmond County, Ga. (no issue)
- Children:
1. Elizabeth Ann, born 17 Jul. 1982 Columbia, Richland County, S.C.
  2. James Andrew, born 02 May, 1985 Charlotte, Mecklenberg County, N.C.
- II. Joe Dean, born 04 Mar. 1930, Clover, York County, S.C. Died 15 Jul. 1936. Buried Shelbyville, Tenn.
- III. Audrey Elaine, born 12 Aug. 1933, Winnsboro, Fairfield County, S.C. Married 16 May 1953 at Cherryville, N.C. Waldo Keith Mullen, born \_\_\_\_\_, Brunswick, Canada.
- Children:
- A. Cynthia Eileen, born 05 May 1954. Married 16 May 1975 at Warner Robbins, Ga Warren Denon Feagin.
- Children:
1. April Michell , born 18 May 1981.
  2. Jennifer Ashley , born 19 Jun. 1983
  3. Warren Adam , born 07 Feb. 1985.
- B. Waldo Keith, Jr., born 16 Feb. 1956. Married 09 Aug. 1980 Mary Ann Kock at Tamaqua, Pa.
- Children:
1. Bradley Keith, born 15 May 1981.
  2. Nathan Andrew, born 05 Jun. 1983.
  3. Wade Thomas, born 14 May, 1985.
  4. Summer Dawn, born 26 Oct. 1983.
- C. Michael Kevin, born 11 Feb. 1957. Married 31 Dec. 1982 Sue Ellen Sweatt at Warner Robins, Ga.
- Children:
1. Rebecca Helen, born 30 May, 1984.
  2. Mary Elizabeth, born 28 Apr. 1986.
- IV. Clara Sue, born 15 Jun. 1937, died 15 Jun. 1937. Buried Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tenn.
- V. Judith Coleen, born 22 Oct. 1939, Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tenn. Married 08 Jun. 1957 Mark Quinton Eubanks at Cherryville, N.C.
- Children:
- A. Mark Quinton, Jr. born 04 Nov. Married Penny Teague at Raleigh, N.C.
- B. Joel Maxton, born 06 Sept. 1960. Married Susan Fountain at Raleigh, N.C.
- C. Jon Eric, born 10 Oct. 1961. Married Paula Jones at Raleigh, N.C.
- Children:
1. \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Samuel Lee, born 09 Jan. 1969.
- E. Patrick Ryan, born 09 Jan. 1969.



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## Nathanites Niche

## Morgan District, North Carolina

Thank you to **William W. Tucker**, 3779 Grant Rd. #96, Ellenwood, GA 30049. He sent a great packet of data (will be shared as space allowed) including information on Morgan Dist. NC. He looked for info on this Dist. at the Allen Co. Library and his local LDS Family History Center. The only book he found was: Morgan District North Carolina Superior Court of Law & Equity, Book I, Estates Records 1779 - 1806, Weynette Parks Haun. There are no references to **Arthur Clark** or **Nathan Byars** in Book I.

The introduction gives a history of the North Carolina Higher Courts and confirms that c1783 Morgan District included Wilkes, Burke, Lincoln, Rutherford counties NC and Washington and Sullivan counties TN. Burke Co. courthouse was the seat of the former Morgan District Superior Court. Federal troops destroyed Burke Co. records 1865 in bonfire. No bound volumes of the Morgan Dist. Superior Court are known to have survived. It appears that few, in any, of the loose papers were touched.

The staff of the North Carolina State Archives has divided the loose papers into a number of series to make them more accessible for researchers. Except for Estates Records which are arranged alphabetically, these papers are chronologically. This book is the first volume in a series to be issued by Mrs. **Weynette Parks Haun**.

The Superior Court, (I assume from reading the introduction abstracted above) is different than the Circuit Court. Does anyone have access to North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History, by **Helen Leary** and **Maurice Stirewalt**, published 1980, by The NC Genealogical Soc. Inc., P.O. Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602? There is a detailed study of the evolution of these courts.

## Enoch Byars

Courtesy **Marjorie Tucker**

GEN. IV

Children of **James Wiley Byars**<sup>3</sup> (**John**<sup>2</sup>, **Nathan**<sup>1</sup>) and **Martha (Patsie) Anderson**:

1. **Enoch Byars** b. c1837 TN (Census of 1860), d. May 29, 1885, McMinnville, TN m 1st. Mar. 31, 1854, Warren Co. TN., **Jane Morton**

m 2nd, \_\_\_\_\_, **Nancy L.** \_\_\_\_\_ This marriage record has not been located. They are enumerated in the Census of 1880, Warren Co., TN:

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| <b>Byars, Enoch</b>  | 47 TN |
| <b>Nancy L.</b>      | 38 TN |
| <b>James H.</b>      | 11 TN |
| <b>Pierce (male)</b> | 4 TN  |

Southern Standard  
Saturday, May 30, 1885

## SUCIDE

Our community was somewhat shocked this (Friday) morning to learn of the suicide of **Enoch Byars**, known also as **Enoch Anderson**. He lived in the old Mountain City Hotel with his family, by whom he was found about daylight this morning hanging from the top of one of the doors. Up to this writing we have been unable to learn the cause that led to the act. Following is the verdict of the coroner's jury:

STATE OF TENNESSEE,  
WARREN COUNTY.

An inquisition holden at the Mountain City Hotel building, McMinnville, in the county and State aforesaid, on the 29th day of May 1885, before **C.C. Smith**, Justice of the Peace of said county upon the body of **Enoch Byars** there lying dead by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, who upon their oaths do say, that the said person came to his death by committing suicide by hanging himself with a rope, on the morning of May 29th, 1885.

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In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands  
the day and date above.

J.D. Tate,  
Isaac Rhea,  
S.M. Hennessee,  
S.R. Safley,  
J.R. Grove,  
J.M. Curtis,  
S. Cantrell

The New Era  
Thursday, June 4, 1885

## SUICIDE BY HANGING

Last Friday morning quite an excitement was created on our streets by the announcement of the death of **Enoch Byers**, who committed suicide by hanging, about daylight of that morning, in an unoccupied room at the old McMinnville House. Mr. Byers had been in bad health for some time and it is thought that mental depression caused him to commit the rash act. The deceased was about fifty years of age, and leaves a dependent family as he was their only means of support. His remains were interred Saturday morning in the new Cemetery.

Southern Standard  
Saturday, July 18, 1885

Mrs. Enoch Byars, living at S.J. Walling's place on Main Street, opposite Dr. Black's, offers her services as seamstress; and solicits work in that line.

2. Daniel Byars, b. May 1839, AL d. ? m. c1874 (not in Warren Co.) Irena \_\_\_\_ b Jun 1845 TN (They are enumerated in the Census of 1900, Warren Co. TN)
3. William H. Byars, b. 1842, AL
4. Nathan Byars, b 1843, AL
5. John C. or E. Byars, b 1846 TN
6. Elizabeth Byars, b 1849, TN

Editor's note: Has anyone checked for Enoch's second marriage under the name of Enoch Anderson?

## Ancestry of David Hennessee, Courtesy Marjorie Tucker

Children of Perry Green Byars<sup>4</sup> (Harrell<sup>3</sup>, Harrell<sup>2</sup>, Nathan<sup>1</sup>) and Senith Potter: GEN.V

1. William Harrell Byars, b Nov. 21, 1867, DeKalb Co. TN., d Feb. 26, 1947, buried New Bidad Cemetery, m. Mar. 10, 1893, (not in Warren Co.), Sarah Ann Stevens, b Jul. 9, 1872, DeKalb Co. TN., d May 3, 1947, d/o Hoggett Goodloe Stevens and Frances Tennessee Byrne. She is buried Webb Cemetery, Warren Co. TN.
2. John Watson Byars, b Sep. 30, 1869, DeKalb Co. TN., d Apr. 8, 1931, Warren Co. TN., m Julia Cantrell, at Pot Leg, TN., b May 9, 1873, d Dec. 15, 1949. d/o Robert Cantrell and Lettie Cloutz (Christie, p.115). He is buried New Bidad Cemetery. Ancestor of 132b David Hennessee, 626 Biscayne Dr. West Palm Beach, FL 33480. Phone 800-327-3380
3. Joseph Byars, b 1871, DeKalb Co. TN buried in CA., m Bell FcFadden
4. Floyd Byars, b Aug 6, 1873, Dekalb Co. TN d Sep. 8, 1966 m Feb 26, 1904, Grace Christina Barber b Nov 18, 1882, Stroud, OK d Jul 4 1972.
5. Julius Caesar Byars, b Jun 3, 1875, Dibrell, TN., m Aug 7, 1898, Moody, TX., Zora Elizabeth Tally of Thaxton, TN d/o Robert Layfate Talley and Amanda Allison, b Sep 18, 1879, d Mar 18, 1944, Wichita Falls, TX buried Rose Memorial Cemetery, Denton, TX.
6. Perry Green Byars, Jr., b Feb 13, 1879, DeKalb Co. TN., d Dec 1 1958, McMinnville, TN. m. 1st Mattie Brooks, Bell Buckle, TN b Feb 24, 1878, d 1913, buried Bedford Co. TN  
m 2nd c1915, Mrs. Jennie Fugitt, b Apr 21, 1878 (1879 t.c.), Bedford Co. TN. There were no children by the 2nd marriage. She had a daughter, Kate Fugitt, who d Jun 23, 1961, Warren Co. TN.

Perry Green Byars, Jr and Jennie K. are both buried Mt. View Cemetery

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7. **Mary Elizabeth Byars**, b Mar 8, 1881, DeKalb Co. TN., d Jun 23, 1952, Oakridge, TN m Jul 20, 1913, Smithville, TN., **William Peyton Cantrell**, s/o **Robert Green "Bob" Cantrell** and **Sindrilla Rice Judkins** (Christie, p. 323) b Dec 12, 1887, DeKalb Co. TN d Oct 15, 1959. Both are buried Byars Cemetery, Smithville, TN.
8. **Harriett "Etta" Byars**, b Oct 30, 1882, DeKalb Co. TN d Oct 15, 1933 at Seven Springs, DeKalb Co TN. Buried in New Bildad Cemetery, DeKalb Co. TN. never married

Southern Standard  
Thurs., Oct. 19, 1933

## TWO ARE BURNED TO DEATH AS FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE

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Miss **Harriet Byars** and **Oscar Ward**  
Lose their Lives in Conflagration at Seven Springs Sunday Night  
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Trapped in an upper story of a 17-room house, **Miss Harriet Byars**, 51, and **Oscar Ward**, 11, were burned to death at Seven Springs late Sunday night.

**Miss Byars**, cousin of **Mrs. Lilly Scott**, owner of the dwelling, had made her home with the latter for the past 15 years, while young **Ward** had made his home there since the death of his mother who was killed by lightning three years ago.

Just what started the conflagration is a mystery. **Mrs. Scott** was awakened about 11 p. m. Sunday night by the crackling of the flames. Arousing **Miss Byars** and young **Ward**, **Mrs. Scott** attempted to lead them from the burning building. The two became confused, however, and lost their way and were soon overcome by the fumes.

The twisted and shapless torsos of the two victims were found in the ruins after the flames had subsided. Funeral services for **Miss Byars** and young **Ward** were held Tuesday morning with burial being made in the Bildad cemetery, DeKalb county, under the direction of the **John W. High Funeral Home**.

The **Scott** home was located on the bluff, just a few hundred feet east of the of the Seven Springs Hotel. **Mrs. Scott** was formerly owner and operator of the Seven Springs Hotel.

The residence was completely furnished throughout. None of the contents were saved and very little insurance was held on the house and its contents.

9. **Poper (Pope) Byars**, b Jan 27, 1887, DeKalb Co. TN., d 1945 buried Wichita Falls, TX m 1st Dec 21, 1902 **Warren Co. TN Octa Avon Gribble**, b Oct 30, 1879, d Feb 15, 1907, d/o **Dallas Calhoun Gribble** and **Mary A. Thomas**.

m 2nd, 1907, her sister, **Clarissa Ellen Gribble**, b Sep 11, 1872, Warren Co. TN d 1962 Wichita Falls, TX.

Sources: Most of the preceding information was from **Miss Jenny Byars** of Chapel Hill, NC.  
Also see **Byars-Byers Family Enquirer**, Vol. II, No.3, pp. 84-85 by **Martha Weatherholt**.

Children of **John Watson Byars**<sup>5</sup> (**Perry Green**<sup>4</sup>, **Harrell**<sup>3</sup>, **Harrell**<sup>2</sup> **Nathan**<sup>1</sup>) and **Julia Cantrell**: GEN. VI

1. **Perry Green Byars**, b Jun 27, 1894, DeKalb Co. TN d Dec 12, 1968, buried Mt. View Cemetery, m Jan 24, 1915, **White Co. TN., Vernia Elvira Swindell**, b Jun 1, 1894, **White Co. TN d Apr 1 1985, McMinnville, TN., buried Mt. View Cemetery, d/o Monroe Swindle ("Swindle" changed to "Swindell" after c1900) and Rebecca Goodson. Ancestor of David Hennessee.**
2. **Robert Lee Byars**, b May 6, 1896, DeKalb Co. TN., m. Apr 6, 1925, **Susan Leona Caton** b Jan 3, 1909
3. **Annie Lee Byars**, b Jan 27, 1898, DeKalb Co. TN m 1st. Sep 12, 1919, DeKalb Co. TN **Walter Parker Harding**, b Sep 12, 1897 DeKalb Co. TN.  
m 2nd. May 31, 1931, DeKalb Co. TN **Isah Columbus Jones**, b Jan 5, 1873 d Jun 29, 1965.
4. **Senia Mae (Cenith) Byars**, b Sep 9, 1900, DeKalb Co. TN., d Feb 1, 1980 (per **David Hennessee**) m Aug 16, 1916 **Lodus (or Lotus) Melton Young**, b Aug 13, 1898, Warren Co. TN d Oct 10, 1963.

Children of **Perry Green Byars**<sup>6</sup> (**John Watson**<sup>5</sup>, **Perry Green**<sup>4</sup>, **Harrell**<sup>3</sup>, **Harrell**<sup>2</sup>, **Nathan**<sup>1</sup>) and **Vernia Elvira Swindell**: GEN. VII

1. **John Clayburn Byars**, b Jun 4, 1916, DeKalb Co. TN d Dec 1, 1987
2. **Robert Lucille Byars**, b Dec 6, 1918, DeKalb Co. TN m **Bertha Aldon Hennessee**, b Nov 3, 1918, d Oct 16, 1986, Lake Park, FL buried Mt View Cemetery, Warren Co. TN., s/o **Jesse Dodson Hennessee** and **Josephine Elizabeth Harmon. Parents of David Hennessee.**

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3. Fred Swindell Byars, b Dec 7, 1920, Warren Co. TN d Feb 15, 1950, McMinnville, TN., buried Mt View Cemetery, m Sherwood, TN. Alice Marie Prince.
4. Bessie Lee Byars, b Feb 8, 1925, Warren Co. TN m Mar 2, 1946, White Co. TN Robert Murlis Wright b Dec 8, 1925.
5. Eva Pearl Byars, b Feb 8, 1928, Warren Co. TN m Jul 3, 1943, Robert Ferman Bess, b Jun 26, 1927 d Mar 2, 1990
6. Margie Sue Byars, b Mar 21, 1930, Warren Co. TN m Jun 3, 1949, Detroit, Mich., Jack Francis De Cunnick, b Jun 22, 1928.

Sources: Jenny Woodward Byars, 1969  
David Hennessee, 1991

Children of Robert Lucille Byars<sup>7</sup> (Perry Green<sup>6</sup>, John Watson<sup>5</sup>, Perry Green<sup>4</sup>, Harrell<sup>3</sup>, Harrell<sup>2</sup>, Nathan<sup>1</sup>) and Bertha Aldon Hennessee: GEN. VIII

1. David Alden Hennessee, b Dec 2, 1942, Detroit, Mich. m 1st. Jul 10, 1972, Boca Raton, FL., Tony Mattels m 2nd. Sep 28, 1975, West Palm Beach, FL Alix Suzanne Glendenning m 3rd. May 9, 1987, West Palm Beach, FL Sara Elizabeth Ashworth, b Oct 7, 1946, Miami, FL
2. Fred Byars Hennessee, b Dec 9, 1950, Detroit, Mich. d Dec 5, 1985, West Palm Beach FL., buried Mt View Cemetery, Warren Co. TN.

Source: David A. Hennessee.

## Tid Bits from Files of the Editor

Thomas Byars d. 29th ult [29 Apr 1847] near Clinton, Hickman Co. KY. Tree limb fell on head when at work in field. About 45 years, left wife and children.

Taken from: "Nashville Christian Advocate" Issue #27, Friday, April 30, 1847.

Married 25 Apr [1850] by Rev. C. Lee, William T. Cole to Mary Ann Byars, all of Desota Co. MS.

Taken from: "Nashville Christian Advocate" Issue #33, Friday, June 14, 1850.

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