

THE GENEALOGY OF ABRAHAM AND MARY LEAZER REYNOLDS

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[Transcript by Sybil R. Taylor, 1995. Please note that Sarah did not include Tillman's parentage for Abraham. She was never able to support the connection according to Jane Dotson of Centre AL.]

Lovingly dedicated to:

Joseph Letcher and Sue Mackey Reynolds and Brice, Letch and Sara Marie Beatty who made this collection possible.

I extend special thanks to the many individual members of the family that assisted in rounding up data for this Genealogy.

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[A handwritten note from some individual concerning getting Chrsitopher Lobingier into the DAR, very difficult to read, not included here.]

ABRAHAM REYNOLDS, B. 3-20-1768 D. 11-3-1848, M. MARY LEAZER-1796, daughter of JOHN LEAZER (LeSeur-French) and BARBARA LOBINGIER (d/o CHRISTOPHER LOBINGIER who served in the Rev War and his wife ELIZABETH MULLER (German)). Mary Leazer d 9-17-1813, three days after her daughter Barbara was born. In the 1880 census three of Abraham's children said he was born in Maryland.

He and Mary were married in Rowan Co NC. Tillman states that the first two children, John and Catherine were born in Rowan Co NC.

Abraham Reynolds received 7 land grants from the state of NC, totaling 1,525 acres - on Bent Creek in Buncombe Co NC. The first deed in 1800 went from his own corner - So he may have gotten land prior to 1800 when Buncombe Co was Burke or Rutherford Co. His land was on Bent Creek 4 miles from the French Broad River.

Quite a few pioneer families obtained land grants for homesteads on Bent Creek. They built log houses and a log church, school, etc. In 1900 George Vanderbilt bought land from the Abraham Reynolds heirs, as well as other homesteads and wiped out a thriving little community of homes, farms, churches, schools, cemeteries, etc. He wanted to make it like the hunting parks in England. Later Mrs. Vanderbilt sold the Bent Creek land to the National Park. The Vanderbilt deed was signed by many of Abraham Reynolds' heirs (92 names). Abraham Reynolds and Mary Leazer Reynolds are buried in a little church cemetery near his farm at Bent Creek.

JOHN REYNOLDS b 4 Jun 1797, d 11 Apr 1876

CATHERINE REYNOLDS b 31 Oct 1798 - We have no record of her

ABRAHAM REYNOLDS b 1799, d 1804 - died at age 5

ANN REYNOLDS b 31 Jul 1801, d 1862

SAMUEL F. REYNOLDS b 29 Jul 1802 - married a Jones and went to MO, no further record of him. (Buncombe Co Register of Deeds Office: John Reynolds (1852-1912) son of Sam and Mary Jones Reynolds burined in Asheville. It's unknown whether he is the son of Samuel F. Reynolds.)

MARY REYNOLDS b 13 Dec 1804, d 1884

JOSEPH PAGE REYNOLDS b 10 Mar 1806, d 15 Mar 1867

AARON REYNOLDS b 30 Sep 1807

DANIEL REYNOLDS b 10 Mar 1809, d 2 Jan 1878

RUTH REYNOLDS b 1 Jul 1811, d 30 Aug 1830 - died at age 19

SUSANAH REYNOLDS b 16 May 1812, d 1865

BARBARA REYNOLDS b 14 Sep 1813, m Walter Hill in 1852 by her brother Rev John Reynolds. The 1860 census shows Barbara Hill working for A.M. Alexander family. She was buried at Alexander's Chapel. Her tombstone read "Barbara Reynolds 9-14-1813." The stone was broken and death date ? . [sic]

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JOHN REYNOLDS (SON OF ABRAHAM AND MARY LEAZER REYNOLDS) born in Rowan Co NC. His father and mother settled on a farm at Bent Creek, 4 miles west of the French Broad River. The 1800 census shows Abraham in Buncombe Co NC. John was born 6-4-1797 died 4-11-1876. In 1820 he was ordained a Methodist minister and it is believed he was a circuit riding preacher in Western NC, Eastern TN, and possibly North AL and North GA til 1826. On December 6, 1825 he married a widow from Edgefield SC, Mrs. Anna Pou O'Hara born 11-29-1796 died 4-12-1893. She had a son, John Wolf O'Hara born 10-13-1816 died 8-17-1824. The 1850 census of Buncombe Co NC indicates John Reynolds as a Methodist minister and hotel operator of the Carolina House. The Carolina House was built a few years before the Civil War on Broadway Street, just above the present site of the Morgan Candy Company. The Carolina House had two stories, each with a full front porch, plus a usable attic. (Asheville NC). He was the first minister of the Central Methodist Church on Church Street and was buried there in the old church cemetery. His grave is under the present church building. marriage records show that he performed a large number of marriage ceremonies. John Reynolds built a large brick house on Westwood, in West Asheville NC. It was built in 1856 of hand made bricks. The house is still standing. (The two large rooms in the back, the dining room and kitchen have been removed.) There was a spring at the foot of the hill in back of the house but later just off the last room (kitchen) a well was dug. A carriage house and ice house were also in back of the house. Ice was cut from the French Broad River in the winter and stored in the ice house for summer use. This information was given by Nell Reynolds Renfrew, of Sunnyvale CA. She lived at the old Reynolds house with her grandmother, Dorcus Wilson Reynolds, wife of William Wesley Reynolds. Her brother William Wilson Reynolds said that John Reynolds and J.M. Jarrett owned the land from the French Broad River to Bear Creek. (See the Deeds in the Buncombe Co Court House). John had 4 children.

JAMES ANDREW REYNOLDS B. 7-4-1826 D. 1862

WILLIAM WESLEY REYNOLDS B. 4-16-1828 D. 5-3-1877

JOHN DANILE REYNOLDS B. 4-15-1832 D. 10-25 1875

FLETCHER SARAH HAYNE REYNOLDS B. 1-30-1834 D. 7-19-1892

JAMES ANDREW REYNOLDS, first born son of John, settled in San Francisco CA and married Annie (_?) Reynolds. No children.

WILLIAM WESLEY REYNOLDS, second son of John, married on August 26, 1856 to Dorcas M. Wilson of Yancy Co NC. She was the d/o James Wilson and Polly Piercy. William and Dorcas settled in Asheville NC. Three children.

JOHN H. REYNOLDS B. Feb. 5, 1861 D. Dec. 16, 1862 (died young).
WILLIAM ANDREW REYNOLDS B. April 15, 1864 D. Sept 11, 1945.
JAMES ROBERT REYNOLDS B. May 16, 1866 D. Sept. 14, 1949. Married Maude McCollum. They settled in Asheville NC. No children. At one time both "Jim" and "Will" were engaged in the manufacturing of brick in the West Asheville area.

WILLIAM ANDREW REYNOLDS, son of William Wesley, married Lillie Virginia Jarrett who was born Feb. 27, 1867 and died Dec. 19, 1952. They were married Jan. 15, 1885 and settled in Asheville NC. Her father was J.M. Jarrett and her mother was Lucinda Owenby. William and Lillie had six children...

DR. JOHN DANIEL REYNOLDS, M.D., 3rd son of John Reynolds

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Page 309, No. 539, The Abraham Reynolds Family: Abraham Reynolds, of English descent, was born March 20, 1768 in Maryland, but the family moved on to Rowan Co. NC where he met and married Mary Leazer in 1796. She was the daughter of John and Barbara Lobingier Leazer, of French and German descent. Abraham Reynolds received seven land grants from the State of NC totalling 1,525 acres on Bent Creek in Buncombe Co whre they lived until their deaths. There were 12 children born to this family:

JOHN REYNOLDS, born 4 Jun 1797, d 11 Apr 1876, married Mrs. Anna O'Hara, and lived in Buncombe Co. He was a minister, hotel operator and large land owner. They had four sons.

CATHERINE REYNOLDS, b 31 Oct 1798. No further record.

ABRAHAM REYNOLDS, b 1799, d 1804.

ANN REYNOLDS, b 31 Jul 1801, died 1862, married John W. McAfee. They went to GA and their family included four sons.

[Editor's note: This is the ancestor of Jane Dotson, who provided the following information: Ann/Anna Reynolds, d/o Abraham and Mary (LeSeur/Leazer) Reynolds, b 31 Jul 1800 Buncombe Co NC, d 26 Aug 1881 Cherokee Co AL, bur there in Howell Cem., m Rev John Whitaker McAfee. Ch: Elijah/Elizah Christenberry McAfee b 4 Aug 1820 NC, d 21 Oct 1901, m Emily Keron Thompson; Mary Louisa McAfee b 11 Mar 1822, d 4 Feb 1905 Cherokee Co AL, bur there in Howell Cem, m 25 Dec 1842 Forsythe Co GA Jessie James Leonard; Andrew Chapel McAfee, b 1829, d 31 Mar 1869, m Sarah Jane Tyler; Jesse Richardson McAfee b 1831, d 1912, m Mary McNair Tarver; William Wesley McAfee b 14 Nov 1835, d 3 Nov 1905, m 1859 Adaline Laura Freeze; and Martha? McAfee m ?Starling Leonard?]

SAMUEL REYNOLDS, b 29 Jul 1802, m a Miss Jones. No further record.
MARY REYNOLDS, b 13 Dec 1804, d 4 May 1892, m Thomas Jones. They had 10
ch and lived in Buncombe Co.

JOSEPH PAGE REYNOLDS [There will be future article about him.]

AARON REYNOLDS, b 20 Sep 1807, m 1st Sarah Ledford; m 2d Mary Cody. There
were 10 ch in htis fam and they lived in Buncombe Co NC.

DANIEL REYNOLDS, b 10 Mar 1809, d 2 Jan 1878, m Susan Adelia Baird, and
they had 12 ch. He was a merchant and large land owner in Buncombe Co.
[Editor's note: This is the ancestor of Dorothy L. Hale of Charleston WV
and her nephew Capt. Phil Ernst, Tyndall AFB FL, see T1-1443, Daniel
Reynolds, below.]

RUTH REYNOLDS, b 1 Jul 1811, d 30 Aug 1830.

SUSANAH REYNOLDS, b 16 May 1812, d 1865, m Wilson Boyd. They lived in
Buncombe Co and had family of 9 ch.

BARBARA REYNOLDS, b 14 Sep 1813, d aft 1860.

ABRAHAM REYNOLDS, Research by Sybil R. Taylor:

The only possible Abraham Reynolds named in the 1800 MD census was the
following: Frederick Co, p208: RINNER, Abraham, 10110-00201-00. Renner
has been recorded for Reynolds in other records in MD. Requires more
research.

BUNCOMBE CO. NC 1800, p187: Abraham REYNOLDS 10010-20100-00
Census index research:

BEAUFORT CO. NC 1810, p73, Buncombe twp: Abraham REYNOLDS

BUNCOMBE CO. NC 1820, p128: Abraham RUNNELS

BUNCOMBE CO. NC 1830, P242: Abraham REYNOLDS

BUMCOMBE CO. NC 1840, p159, Sou Dist: Abraham REYNOLDS

ROBESON CO., NC 1840, p209: Abraham REYNOLDS

T1-1443 DANIEL REYNOLDS, son of Abraham (1429) and Mary (Leazer) Reynolds,
b 3-19-1809 (may have been 1810) and d 1-2-1878; m 1845 Susan Adelia Baird,
dau of Israel Baird. Issue: Israel Henry b 5-1846; Mary Sophronia b 1847;
William Taswell b 1849; Maggie b 1850 who d inf.; Daniel Leazer b 1854;
John Calhoun b 1856; Natt. Augustus b 1858 who now lives Asheville NC;
Susan Evelyn b 1861; Julia Matilda b 1863; and Annie Lee b 1866.

T2-8074 DANIEL REYNOLDS, of (8045-Abraham), b 10 Mar 1809 and d 2 Jan 1878,
m 1845 Susan Adelia Baird. Issue: Israel Henry b May 1846; Mary Sophronia
b 1847; William Taswell b 1849 [T2-8074];

Maggie b 1850; Daniel Leazer b 1854; John Calhoun b 1856; Natt. Augustus
b 1858; Susan Evelyn b 1861; Julia Matilda b 1863 and Annie Lee b 1866.

[Editor's Note: Dorothy Hale and Phil Ernst descend from Israel Henry
Reynolds, son of the above Daniel, and grandfather of Dorothy. Israel Henry
m Nancy Jane Sevier whose gr-grandfather was Capt. Robert Sevier, brother
of Gen. John Sevier, first governor of TN. Dorothy is the daughter of Sallie
Maria Reynolds who is the daughter of Israel Henry Reynolds.]