

GOLD-TILLOTSON-YANCEY TO JAMIESON

YANCEY ANCESTORS

There is an overwhelming amount of material, some of it contradictory, on Yancey families in Virginia and North Carolina. Getting the data together in cohesive form is difficult. One frustrated descendant refers to "those baffling Yanceys who ... had so many cousins of the same name."

The information which follows has been extracted from various sources, including, but not limited to:

(1) "Genealogy of Yancey-Medearis and Related Lines", compiled in 1958 by Norwood, Norwood and Lacy, principally by William Howard Norwood of Corsicana, Texas, a descendant of James Yancey (1712-1779). This James Yancey was a brother of our ancestor, Richard Yancey whose will is dated 1768. (We are told that this book has been updated and a copy can be obtained from Douglas M. Willis, 922 Clear Fork Dr., Dallas, Texas 75232, for \$12.50. Mr. Willis is a descendant of William Yancey, brother of our Robert Yancey whose will is dated 1819.)

(2) Necklenburg County information compiled and published by Mrs. Katharine Elliott.

(3) Letters from Mrs. Olive (Yancey) Vassar, South Hill, Virginia. She was a descendant of our Richard and Mary (Walton) Yancey, through their son, John R. Yancey, and their grandson, Robert E. Yancey, a merchant in South Hill and President of a bank. The husband of Mrs. Vassar, oldest child of Robert E. Yancey, was Clarence Edward Vassar, manager of the Yancey Department Store in South Hill. Mrs. Vassar's name appears jointly with Mrs. Elliott's on one or more publications covering Necklenburg County data. She had said she hoped some day to make a compilation of all the Yancey material she had gathered.

(4) Material from Mrs. Elmer H. Etling, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama, descendant of Yancey and Tillotson families through our ancestor, Robert Yancey and his daughter, Delphia, who married John Tillotson and had a daughter, Lucy Tillotson, the great great grandmother of Mrs. Etling.

(5) Information and original documents from Mrs. Mary (O'Callaghan) Jamieson, widow of James Y. Jamieson (1869-1924).

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Origin of the Yanceys

The Yancey-Medearis book begins, in part:

"The origin of the name of Yancey is obscure, although it is generally believed to have been of Welsh derivation. One writer asserts that the family was of Huguenot ancestry and went into Wales at an early date, but no authority for this belief has been found. The most likely theory is that the name was originally Nannau or Nanney and was assumed by its first bearers because of their residence at Nannau, in County Marioneth, Wales .... it is generally believed that all of the Yanceys were of the Nanny origin and derived from a common ancestry of a remote period.

"According to some authorities, four brothers, Charles, William, Joel and Robert Yancey came to this country from Wales about 1642 and settled on the James River section of Virginia."

The same book includes a letter from a Yancey descendant in Texas, who wrote:

"In the beginning ... this high tempered wandering highstrung bunch came from Wales in the 16th century. Always when you met one, if he didn't have a gun on his shoulder, he was sure to have a chip. There were four Yancey boys and three Ganning boys, all first cousins, ran away from their home in Wales and stowaway on a ship for the U.S. and settled in Va. and Penn. The names of the Yancey boys: Robert, Charles, Joel, John."

"Histories & Genealogies" by Miller, 1907, cites five Welshmen, rather than the usual four - John, Charles, William, Joel and Robert:

"From one of the last four came Lewis Davis Yancey" who settled in Culpeper Co. about 1710. From the first named Welshman, John Yancey, came our Louisa Co. Yanceys."

\*(Note: This Lewis Davis Yancey may have been an uncle, or brother, of our Richard who left Louisa for Mecklenburg Co, according to another researcher.)

#### Various Yancey families

To continue from the Yancey-Medearis book:

"The early records of the family in America was most incomplete, but it is sometimes asserted that the emigrant Charles settled on the Rappahannock River ... and was the progenitor of that ensign, Charles Yancey who served as an officer in the Colonial and French and Indian Wars.

(Note: "The Crawford Book" names John Yancey "who came from Wales about the middle of the 17th century" as being the father of (1) Ensign Charles Yancey; (2) Leighton Yancey who moved to Rockingham Co, with his descendants being officers in the Mexican War, Civil War and WW-I [Yancey Station was the name of a post office on his property]; and (3) Bartlett, who moved to N.C.)

"The last mentioned Ensign Charles Yancey married a Miss Dumas of Louisa County, Virginia, and removed to that place..."

(Note: Another source refers to Miss Dumas as Mlle. Dumas - possibly French Huguenot?)

The sons of Ensign Charles Yancey and Mlle. Dumas were:

1. Rev Robert Yancey, ordained by Bishop of London and assigned in 1774 to parishes of Tillotson and Trinity, Louisa Co. He mar Ann Crawford dau of David Crawford, and had a son Charles (Maj Charles, (1770-1857) who moved to Buckingham Co and mar. 1791, to Mary Spence by whom he had Mary Chambers, Francis Westbrook and Betsy Ann. Maj Charles Yancey was known throughout Virginia as the "Wheel Horse of Democracy", and also had the sobriquet of "Duke of Buckingham". Rev Robert Yancey and Ann Crawford also had a dau Betsy.

2. Capt Charles Yancey (1741-\_\_\_) mar Mary Crawford (sister of Ann), became member of the Committee of Safety and had sons, Col Robert Leighton Yancey and David Yancey, neither of whom married. Capt Charles and his sons organized Robert Yancey and Co, "successful merchants, millers and distillers" at Yanceyville, Va., on the Old Mountain Road, about 1800. David Yancey became a lawyer (he may have been the David

mentioned in Swem as a very popular young man, wrote a letter while student at Wm. & Mary in 1795, received A.B. 1796, probably died soon after and probably died at Kingston.) The property of Robert and David went to the heirs of their sisters, Elizabeth Yancey Kimbrough and Rhoda Yancey Crawford (she had mar Rev Wm. Crawford); while Joel Yancey of Campbell is mentioned as relative (probably brother and another son of Capt Charles). Other children of Capt Charles and Mary Crawford Yancey were Ann, Unity, Louisa, Temperance, Mary and Wm. Crawford who died young.

(Note: The above Col Robert Leighton Yancey is probably the author of an interesting pamphlet in the Rare Book Collection of the Library of Congress, entitled "The Court Martial of Lt Col Robert Yancey". The trial was held at Louisa Courthouse, 10 Dec 1806. Numerous accusations, instigated by a defeated political rival, had been made against Yancey. The pamphlet discloses, incidentally, that he had been a deputy sheriff at age 14. He was acquitted "with honor" of all charges.

3. Jeremiah, b. 1748, settled in Albemarle Co, Va, mar Margaret Mullins and had Robert, Col Charles, Mary, Elizabeth, Jaconics, Noel.

(Note: The above Col Charles Yancey may be the one named in "History of Virginia", p. 352, Vol II: "Charles Yancey, a prominent member of the Legislature" broke the news which he had received from Va Senator Barbour, that President Jefferson and his cabinet had consented to the compromise admitting Missouri to the Union and that "the indignation and resentment at Richmond was beyond all bounds."

Also, he may have been the "Col Charles Yancey of Albemarle County" whose opposition to education for children of the "meaner sort" elicited a reply from Jefferson to Col Yancey in 1816, stating: "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

That there was a wide gulf between the ideals of those prominent Virginians who authored the Founding Documents of our nation and certain other elements of Virginia culture may be deduced from a statement made a half century later by "The imminent Presbyterian preacher, Dr. R. L. Dabney" of Richmond: "If our civilization is to continue, there must be a class who must work and not read.... There must not be a mixture of the decent and the vile in the same society .... they [the decent] must not be daily brought into personal contact with the cutaneous and other diseases, the vermin, the obscenity, the groveling sentiments, and violences of the gamins." Rev Dabney further said, "The State is too poor to afford public education.")

4. Archelaus Yancey (?)

Other apparently related Yancey families, whose exact connections to our branch are hard to establish, include:

1. Lewis Davis Yancey, brother or uncle of our Richard, arrived in Culpeper Co, Va about 1710 and left descendants, many with given names similar to ours. His wife was Mildred Kavanaugh - one source states she was dau of Charles Kavanaugh, owner of 40,000 acres in Culpeper Co;

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another source names her as the dau of Philemon Kavanaugh who had received a Crown Grant of 4,777 acres. Lewis Davis Yancey left will in Culpeper Co in early 1700's.

2. Capt Robert Yancey of Lynchburg, Va, who fought in the Revolutionary War and was father of Major Joel Yancey. Rebecca Yancey Williams wrote about her father, Robert Davis Yancey, descendant of the above Capt Robert, in "The Vanishing Virginian" and stated in a letter copied on page 138 of the Yancey-Medearis book: "Colonel Robert Leighton Yancey, who was on General Washington's staff during the Revolution ... left his sword and epauletts to my Great Grandfather, Joel Yancey, who was a Major in the War of 1812." Her mother, Rosa Faulkner Yancey, wrote "Lynchburg and Its Neighbors." Mrs. Vassar states of the book, "It has much Yancey data about the Yanceys that lived in Bedford Co. They all came from Louisa and Hanover Counties."

\*(Note: Presumably, this is the same Col Robert Leighton Yancey shown on page 57.)

#### Our Yancey Branch

The originator of our branch may have been the Charles Yancey born about 1675 or 1678. The Yancey-Medearis book cites notes from Surry Co:

"First, Charles Yancey, born in Wales before 1642. The first tracing we can get of this family is that four Welshmen, Charles, William, Joel, and Robert came to Virginia in 1642 with Sir William Berkeley and settled in the James River region and prospered. Charles is said to have owned a large landed estate and, after serving thirty years in public life, was defeated by a young man to whom he had refused the hand of his daughter. He married a granddaughter of Alexander Leighton\* and died in 1690. His son, Charles Yancey, Jr., born in 1678 at Hanover, Virginia, married a Miss Bartlett and died about 1735."

So many family histories start out with, "There were 3 brothers (or 4) who came to America", that we have become wary of the legend. On a more practical note is a letter by Mrs. Olive Yancey Vassar of South Hill, Va, which concerns our own particular branch:

"First official record is Charles Yancey on the quit rent roll of King William Co, Va, 1704, and he was probably grown at that time ... placing his birth around 1680. Mary, his wife, her last name is not known ... but tradition has it that she was related to the Leightons\*....

"There was a Robert Leighton in Nugent Co, and Pioneers Land-grant Sept 10, 1664, Accomac Co, Va .... some research might confirm the Leighton connection."

\*(Note: "Lynchburg & Its Neighbors" is more precise. It states that Charles Yancey, Sr., came to Virginia in 1674 with his wife, who was granddaughter of Alexander Leighton, famous Scotch divine, also niece of another famous divine.)

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## FIRST GENERATION OF RECORD

## CHARLES YANCEY

b. About 1675 or 1678

m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ ("Mary Bartlett" - or "Mary \_\_\_\_\_", related to the Leightons (or to the Davis-Lewis families)", depending upon which source is referred to.) Assuming her name was Mary Bartlett, the only Bartlett family references easily accessible to us was in a Surry Co history showing that a Thomas Bartlett came to Va prior to 1637, and a Charles B. Bartlett was captain of a merchant ship on the James River in 1734.

Children: Richard, Archelaus, James, Robert, Steven, and John(?)

d. About 1735

Notes: 1704 Quit Rent Roll: Charles Yancey, King William Co, 100 acres.

1722: John Daniel rec'd land between North Anna and Little River "adjoining Charles Yancey". (Ref: History of Louisa Co) Land Grants 1725 to 1730, Bk 13, p. 41): "George the Second ... for sum of 45 Shillings..." to Charles Yancey, 448 acres of land in Hanover Co - signed Wm. Gooch (Governor). (Note: A part of Hanover became Louisa Co in 1742.)

Nov 5, 1734: Charles Yancey to son James, land adjoining John Garland. (Ref: Mrs. Vassar)

Jul 3, 1735: Charles Yancey, St. Martin, to son Archelaus, horse pen." (Ref: Swem, in Clks Ofc, Hanover Co)

Aug 17, 1735: Gave deed in Hanover Co to son Archelaus. (Ref: Wm. & Mary Qtrly, 2d Ser, Vol 10, p. 234)

## SECOND GENERATION

## RICHARD YANCEY

b. \_\_\_\_\_, Hanover Co, Va (now Louisa Co)

m. Mary Bolling (Note: Mr. Douglas M. Willis writes, "...there were many Bollings in central Virginia. A sister of Thomas Jefferson married one. Some of these Bollings were descended from Pocahontas and John Rolfe.") In 1781 Mrs. Mary Yancey left public service claim, in Louisa Co, for 410 lbs Sterling.--Ref. Mrs. Vassar. Apr 9, 1782, Order Bk 5, p. 128, shows Mary Yancey, a Rev War Patriot: "For continental use - 225 cwt beef. P.C." Left will dated 28 Oct 1790, probtd 13 Jun 1796.

Children: Robert, Richard, Keziah, William, Absalom, Charles Zachariah, Lewis, Hezekiah, Joseph, and Reuben(?)

d. \_\_\_\_\_ (Will dtd Aug 24, 1768, proved Sep 11, 1780)  
Died at his home near Buffalo Lithia Springs, Mecklenburg Co.

Notes: Captain of footsoldiers in Hanover Co during Colonial Wars (ref: Mrs. Elliot and Mrs. Etling).

Aug 28, 1753: Part of a group of men who purchased

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the land and plantation of a Hanover Co merchant, who was selling due to threatening Indian troubles. (Ref: "Colonial Granville Co and Its People" by Ray)

Sep 17, 1753: Sold land in Hanover Co. (Ref: Deed Bk, pp 365-67) Above book by Ray says Richard, brother of James Yancey, sold out in Hanover because of threatening Indian troubles.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Bought land in Granville Co, N.C., which joined land of his brother, James Yancey. (Ref: Yancey-Medearis Book, p. B14)

Jun 3, 1755: Purchased, for 40 lbs, 466 acres on Beaver Pond Creek on South side of Roanoke River, Lunenburg Co, from Drury Stith and others. This land is 6 or 7 miles from Clarksville. The total acreage on which he resided lay partly in Virginia and partly in North Carolina.

(Note: The Yancey-Medearis book states, "Richard's first land was on Grassy Ck. His plantation & home was on Beaver Ck. The home & 400 acres was what he willed to Zachariah" (his son). In 1764 that portion of Lunenburg Co on which Richard's land lay became Necklenburg Co.)

In 1754, 1756 and 1757: Received parish payments (Cumberland Parish) particularly "for Frail's son". (Ref: "Notes from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg County")

1757-58: Justices of Lunenburg Co Court included Richard Yancey. (Ref: "The Old Free State")

Sep 1759: A court ordered that Richard Yancey and others "do meet at mouth of Grassey Creek on 12th of Nov. next and procession all lands between Grassey Creek County Line, Arons Creek and Roanok River and make return according to law". (Ref: "Colonial Granville Co and Its People" by Ray)

1764: St. James Parish, Lunenburg Co, Richard Yancey, Charles Yancey - 485 acres - 3 tithes. (Ref: "List of Tithes...")

Jan 6, 1779: Richard Yancey transferred to Charles Yancey (possibly his son?) in consideration of 1,000 lbs Virginia money, land "on waters of Beach Creek and County Line Branch bounded by corner pine on Cty line north to Franklin's line to corner Parnters(?) thence west along line of marked trees to Clayborn's line to publick road - along road to Beech Creek thence down meanders of Creek to Cty line, thence along Cty line to beginning..." (etc.). (Ref: Deed Bk 6, p. 91)

Richard Yancey's will, dated 24 Aug 1768 and proved 11 Sep 1780, named wife Mary, and ten children (the 11th child, Reuben, not mentioned), with provision that "if any children decease before" becoming of age, their share "shall be equally divided between my then living children." The estate, to be distributed included quite a large acreage of land, in addition to the usual complement of feather beds and furniture, horses and saddles, slaves, and cash. To his son Zachariah, he left the land and plantation "on which I now live" and provided that "my said son Zachariah be sufficiently schooled, boarded, clothed, and educated out of my other estate." He named "my beloved brother James Yancey" and son Charles Yancey, executors.

Appraisal of the remaining inventory of his estate on 9 Mar 1781 showed 12 negroes, 1 Waggon & Harness, 6 horses, 35 head of cattle, 10 head of sheep, 6 old sows and 29 pigs, and numerous household and farm items.

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Mary Yancey's will of 28 Oct 1790, probated 13 Jun 1796, left certain miscellaneous items to Robert Yancey, granddaughter Mary (dau of Robert), Keziah Nuckols, with remainder divided between William, Absalom, Robert, Richard, Charles, and Zachariah. (Lewis, Hezekiah, Joseph and Reuben not mentioned.) She named her son Robert as executor and trustee, and signed with her mark.

Archelaus Yancey

b.

m.

d. Louisa Co. (Will dtd 5-4-1756, proved 6-12-1764)

Children: Steven, and others.

Notes: On 3 Jul 1735, his father, Charles Yancey of St. Martin's Parish, Hanover Co, deeded to him a horse pen; and on 17 Aug, 1735, from Charles Yancey, a deed (presumably land?) in Hanover Co.

May 4, 1756, Archelaus Yancey of St. Martin's Parish, Hanover Co, executed a Will, proved 12 Jun 1764 (Louisa Co Will Bk 1, p. 62). He left property to his wife and children, names not shown, but naming his son Steven and Wm. Crenshaw as executors.

(Note: The above son, Steven, may not have been the unidentified Stephen Yancey referenced in Hennings Statutes (Vol XI, p. 508), which under date of Oct 1784 cites "Estate of Stephen Yancey" /he had land and slaves/"executed for murder, vested in his children. Estate to be executed by Waddy Thompson, Garret Minor and Chas. Yancey." / The tax list for 1782-87 includes a Stephen Yancey, Louisa Co.)

James Yancey

b. 1712, Hanover Co

m. 1735 to Ann Thornton (b. 1714)

Children: Bartlett, b. 1736, Hanover Co  
 Anais, mar Jesse Saunders in 1765  
 Jane (or Jenny), mar Edward Saunders, bro of Jesse, in 1774  
 Nancy mar    ? Baynes  
 Phillip  
 Thornton (1740-1810) mar Elizabeth Williams, 1770  
 Lewis  
 Thomas

(Note: The above names were copied from his Will. Another son may have been James Yancey who mar Mary Bracey in 1765, in Granville Co, and had Bartlett (1786-1828), who mar a cousin, Nancy Graves, was Legislator and Congressman for whom Yanceyville, NC, was named--probably the Bartlett Yancey who was so popular that in one town the only three men who voted against him were tarred and feathered.)

d. 1779, Granville Co, NC (Will dtd 12-30-1777, prvd 1782)

Notes: 5 Nov 1734, his father, Charles Yancey, deeded land to him, adjacent to John Garland's, in Hanover Co.

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22 Sep 1739, shown as owning 400 acres of land in Louisa Co (or Hanover). (Ref: Wm & Mary Qtrly, 2d ser, Vol 10, p. 234)

1750, moved to Granville Co, NC, where he was a lawyer, along with other activities.

1756, Captain of Militia in French and Indian Wars (in a regiment commanded by Col Richard Henderson?).

1769, Justice of Peace.

1771, James Yancey, Province of NC, purchased 200 acres (in Va?) from Richard Stiles for 60 lbs Va money. Also received land in 1772, but we made no further search for land deeds.

1774, Sheriff of Granville Co. Was involved in court action concerning fraud, probably fraud by preceding Sheriff--our notes not clear on this. (Ref: "Colonial Granville County and Its People")

May 22, 1778, as a Patriot in Revolution, he and Lewis Yancey took Oath of Allegiance in County Line District, Granville Co.

We believe that one of the descendants of this James Yancey was William Lowndes Yancey, "The Fire-eater of the Confederacy", without whom it is said there would have been no Confederacy. He might have been President of the Confederacy, but the post went to the more moderate Jefferson Davis. The book, "Statesmen of the Lost Cause" claims that President Davis hated him. He was a fiery orator. One short biographical sketch on him says that there was "nothing cunning, cautious or skilled" about him. Earlier, he had killed his wife's uncle in self defense and was fined \$500. In 1845, as a Congressman he fought a non-fatal duel on the out-skirts of Washington with a political rival, Congressman Clingman. He had four minor sons in the Confederate Army. A controversial character, one biographer treats him with deep reverence as a great man; whereas another historian, of Vanderbilt University, calls him "an agitator--of no interest". He died July 1863, at age 48, at his farm home near Montgomery, Alabama, and had a Presbyterian Church burial in City Cemetery.

Also said to be descended of Lewis Davis Yancey

#### Robert Yancey

b.

m. Ann Temperance \_\_\_\_\_

Children: Charles, Robert, Martha (and others?)

d. (Left Will in Louisa Co in 1758, with executors James and Richard Yancey, brothers. Witness: Ben Harris, who was appt. guardian for minor sons.)

Notes: After Robert's death, his widow and children moved to Cumberland Co, Va. Mrs. Vassar states: "Later, Charles, probably of this branch ... living in Cumberland Co, Va, known as Major Charles Yancey of "Travellers Rest", an attractive brick house on the James."

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Steven Yancey

b.

m.

Children: Left no family in Louisa Co

d. (Left Will, dtd 1756, in Louisa Co?)

John Yancey (?)

b.

m.

Children:

d. (Lunenburg Co Will Bk 2, p. 107, shows entry concerning inventory and appraisal of estate of a John Yancey, Ct Order May 1761 made Jun 1, 1761. We do not know whether this was son of our Charles and Mary Yancey.)

### THIRD GENERATION

(Children of Richard & Mary (Bolling) Yancey)

ROBERT YANCEY

b.

m. Philadelphia (Jones) Griffin, widow of Francis Griffin, dau of John Jones (see p.65 for Jones family)

Children: Richard, Robert, Mary, Anna, Suzanna, John, Hezekiah, Philadelphia ("Delphia"), Elizabeth, and Lucy

d. 1815 or 1819? See copy of Will

Notes: He received from Richard's will, "the negroes Milly & Jane and their increase with one featherbed and furniture ... and thirty pounds current money of Virginia ..." His mother, Mary, left specified household items to him in her will. He was executor of brother Hezekiah's will, 1782.

Listed on Va Taxpayers, Necklenburg Co, 1782, showing 15 white and 3 black. His mother, Mary Yancey, also listed, 1782, showing 2 white and 9 black.

Several deeds were recorded for him, including 30 acres on Buffalo Cr, so side of Dan River from \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Moore for 100 pounds in 1783; land from Francis Griffin in 1790 and from Mary Yancey in 1791. In Sep 1791, Mary appointed son Robert to act as her attorney for recovery of debts due her, etc.

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 We have an original copy of Robert Yancey's will--which shows no signature, but is copied on the following page.

COPY OF ROBT YANCEY WILL

- 1 Imprimis - I give unto my son John Yancey the track of land he is now living upon containing by Estimation one hundred & forty acres to the same more or lefs, also another tract againcey the former containing sixty acres be the same more or lefs, the first track of one hundred forty acres Rated at twenty shillings per acre, the other track of sixty acres Rated at fifteen(?) shillings per acre, with one negro girl Pink Rated at sixty pounds, also one bed & furnature Rated at ten pounds to him & his heirs forever ---
- 2 Imprimis I give unto my son Richard Yancey the track of Land he is now living upon containing by estimation Four Hundred acres be the same more or lefs Rated at ten shillings per acre, also one negro boy named Gabriel Rated at Fifty pounds--one Feather bed & furnature rated at Ten pounds, To him and his Heirs forever. ---
- 3 Imprimis I give unto my son Robert Yancey the track of land he is now living upon Containing by Estimation four hundred & twelve acres be the same more or lefs, Rated at ten shillings per acre also one negro girl named Jinney Rated at one Hundred Dollars to him and his Heirs forever. ---
- 4 Imprimis I give unto my son Hezekiah Yancey the track of land he now living upon containing by estimation one Hundred & ninety five acres be the same more or lefs Rated at fifty shillings per acre, also one negro boy named Haborn Rated at forty five pounds, feather bed and furnature Rated ten pounds, also one Hundred and twenty Dollars that I have lent him to him and his heirs forever. ---
- 5 Imprimis - I give unto my Daughter Mary Williamson one negro girl named Agga Rated at sixty pounds, another negro girl named Matilda Rated at fifty pounds, one Feather Bed at Ten pounds, one horse at Ten pounds to her and heirs forever. ---
- 6 Imprimis I give unto my Daughter Philadelphia Tillottson, a negro girl named Amy & her children Rated Fifty five pounds, Feather bed and Furnature at ten pounds, one horse at Ten pounds. Also the Track of Land whereon she now lives - containing by Estimation three hundred acres be the same more or lefs rated at Twelve shillings and sixpence per acre to her & heirs forever.
- 7 Imprimis I give unto my Daughter Anna Overbey one negro boy named Buck Rated at sixty pounds, one Horse at Ten pounds and one feather bed ten pounds with half of the track of Land Lying and adjoining Speed - and Nelson containing Three hundred and fifty acres Rated at twenty Two shillings per acre to her and her heirs forever. --
- 8 Imprimis - I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Griffin one negro girl named Patsey Rated at sixty pounds, also another little girl named Chana, one Horse at ten pounds, one Feather Bed and furnature at Ten pounds, and also the other half of the Land named above adjoining Speed and Nelson to her and her Heirs forever.
- 9 Imprimis I give unto my Daughter Susana William one negro girl named Anna Rated at fifty pounds, one horse ten pounds, one Bed and furnature ten pounds to her Heirs forever. ---

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- 10 Imprimis I give unto my daughter Lucy Yancey the Lands that I now am living upon containing by Estimation two Hundred and fifty acres be the same more or lefs rated at fifteen shillings per acre, also one negro boy by the name of Hammond at Fifty pounds, also her choice of a feather bed & furnature also her choice of my Horses, also her choice of a Cow and Calf, also a good Sow and pigs, also a sufficiency of provisions for her and her family (?). But if my Daughter Lucy should die before marriage the property shall return to my Children or their Heirs. - - - - -
- 11 Imprimis - I give unto Miley Griffin one negro boy named Starling with a feather bed and furnature ten pounds value to him and his Heirs forever. - - - - -

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 Imprimis It is my desire that the rest of my negroes not mentioned in this last will shall be pict in equal lots & that each of my children draw the lots & abide by such lots as shall be drawn by them.

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 THE END. July 20th 1819

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The Jones Family

John Jones, Sr., left a will, Mecklenburg Co, dated Sep 27, 1791, probated and recorded Jan 9, 1792 (Will Bk 3, p 93). Among his children he named Philadelphia Yancey. One of his other children was Ann (Jones) Blanks, whose daughter, Dicy Blanks married John Haley, son of Thomas Haley. Thomas Haley was stepfather of Milly Gold Haley who married our ancestor, Edward Tillotson.

We know nothing further of this family, other than that the first husband of Philadelphia Jones Griffin-Yancey left a will dated Nov 20, 1764, recorded Apr 8, 1765, in which he named his wife, Philadelphia Griffin, with executors John, Robert, and Richard Jones, witness Robt. Jones, Jr.

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Keziah Yancey

b.

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Nuckols

Children:

d. (Was in her mother Mary's will dtd 1790)

Notes: Her father Richard's will gave her "...the negroes Abram & Lucy ... together with one feather bed and furniture"; and Mary left her "all my Waring Cloaths".

William Yancey

b.

m.

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## William Yancey (Cont'd)

Children: (Our notes do not show this information. Mr. Norwood, co-author of the Yancey-Medearis book, was a descendant, as is Mr. Douglas M. Willis.)

d. (Living in 1790--in mother Mary's will)

Notes: By Richard's will he was bequeathed 200 acres of land "whereon he now lives" in Granville Co, NC, a negro girl named Lucretia, and one featherbed and furniture.

## Absalom Yancey

b.

m.

Children:

d. About 1815?

Notes: Richard's will bequeathed to him 300 acres on Beech Creek, Mecklenburg Co, a negro boy named David, one featherbed and furniture, ten pounds current money, and one horse and saddle.

Served in the Revolution.

## Richard Yancey

b.

m.

Children:

d. 1805(?)

Notes: Richard's will bequeathed to him 300 acres of land in Mecklenburg Co, a negro girl named Toney, one featherbed and furniture, and one horse and saddle.

## Charles Yancey

b.

m.

Children: William "Buck" Yancey (one of 8 boys) and others

d. (Living in 1790--in Mary's will. Suffered from asthma.)

Notes: Richard's will gave him "all the remaining part of my lands joining William & Richard as aforesaid both in Virginia and North Carolina", one negro boy named Micajah, one featherbed and furniture, and one mare.

In 1957, Roger Yancey, a descendant of "Buck" Yancey was living, at age 77, on the original Yancey property lying on the line partly in Va and partly in NC. A correspondent in the Yancey-Medearis book stated an old chimney still stood near the old Yancey cemetery, bearing initials "C" Yancey, 1791, and that "Mr. Roger" said his grandfather, "Buck", had told him that when the place was settled the two nearest neighbors were the Talleys - about 5 miles away and the Chandlers, about 8 miles.

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Lewis Yancey

b.

m.

Children:

d.

Notes: Richard's will, with original date of 1768 (proved 1780) gave him "the negroes Jack, Beck, & Phil", and one horse and saddle. Not in Mary's will of 1790. Moved to Granville Co, NC?

Hezekiah Yancey

b.

m.

Children:

d. 1782, leaving no living children

Notes: Richard's will gave him the negroes Mary and ?, one featherbed and furniture, one horse, and 20 pounds in cash. In his will of 1782, Hezekiah Yancey of St. James Parish, Mecklenburg Co, listed his mother Mary, and brothers Reuben, Robert, Charles, Zackariah, and Richard. His brother Robert was named as executor.

Joseph Yancey

b.

m.

Children:

d.

Notes: Richard's will gave him "one entry of land" in Mecklenburg Co, one negro girl named Isabel, one featherbed and furniture, and 20 pounds in money.

Zackariah Yancey

b.

m. Elizabeth Mayes

Children: Polly, Absalom, John B., Nancy (m. Lewis Griffin), Elizabeth (m. Mr. Laneane), Dolly (m. Wm. Laneane), Avarilla (m. Mr. Daniel), Jane (m. Peyton R. Talley), William L. (m. Nancy Jones), Stith G. (m. Melvina ?), Richard H.

d. Died at age 96. A correspondent in Yancey-Medearis book states his will was not recorded--was contested by his children who thought he was too old and incompetent to write a will and that Richard H., who lived with his father, was getting too much, etc. (A Richard H. Yancey was listed as student at William and Mary College in 1790.)

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(Zachariah Yancey, Contd)

Notes: Richard's will gave him "the land and plantation whereon I now live and one negro man named \_\_\_\_\_ which said negro is directed to be hired out by my executors during my said son's infancy and the profits arising therefrom to be applied to his (use ?) with the interest of the money from year to year which may arise by such hire likewise one featherbed and furniture ... and that my said son Zachariah be sufficiently schooled boarded clothed and educated ...."

Reuben Yancey (?)

(Reuben was not included in Richard's will of 1768 or Mary's will of 1790. But "Reuben" was named in Hezekiah's will of 1782 as "brother"; could the term have been used to signify an in-law for instance? Or a grandson?

## FOURTH GENERATION

(Children of Robert &amp; Philadelphia (Jones) Yancey)

## RICHARD YANCEY

b. c 1770, probably in Mecklenburg Co, Va

m. Jan 1, 1797, to Mary Walton, Louisa Co (by consent of her mother, Mary). See Walton Family, page 70.

Children: James, Lewis N., John R., Emily H., Frances T. or Temperance F., Simeon W., Richard E., Louise A., Permelia T., Mary B.

d. 1857? or 1860? (Note: We have an original copy of his will which shows no date - see below)

Notes: His father Robert's will of (1815 ?) gave him "the track of Land he is now living upon containing by estimation Four Hundred acres" in Mecklenburg Co, negro named Gabriel, etc.

Nov 9, 1801, 53½ acres next to land of Simeon Walton received by Richard and Mary Yancey in division of lands of John Walton, deceased father of Mary, sold to Simeon Walton for 70 pounds. (Ref. Louisa Co Deed Bk J)

Feb 1814, accounting of Mary Walton's estate included 334 pounds cash paid Richard Yancey as his legacy. (Ref. Louisa Co Will Bk 10, p. 142 & 143)

## WILL

In the name of God Amen. I, Richard Yancey of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows, that is to say

1st. It is my will and desire that my Executor hereafter named proceed to sell so much of my estate as will pay all my just

debts, burial expenses, Funeral, etc., the balance I loan to my wife during her life or widowhood. It is my will and desire that my negroes be divided among my children should it please the Lord to leave as many as to make as near an equal division, but should it so happen there cannot be a division then it is my will and desire that my Executor hereafter named shall proceed to sell the said negroes and divide according to will. And it is also my will and desire with regard to the division of my negroes that my daughter Louisa A. Jones, formerly Louisa A. Yancey, who intermarried with James T. Jones shall take Margaret Pinks oldest daughter at her appraised value in part of her share of my negroes. And it is my will and desire that my daughter Francis T. Yancey who intermarried with James M. Yancey shall receive Juliana Pinks second daughter at her appraised value in part of her share of my negroes. And it is also my will and desire that my son James Yancey shall have Pink and the balance of her children, vis., Andrew, Malipa, and Victoria at their appraised value, they being in part of his share of my negroes.

2nd. I have given to my son James Yancey, Simeon W. Yancey, Lewis N. Yancey, Richard E. Yancey, and John R. Yancey each of them one horse and saddle valued at sixty dollars each one bed worth ten dollars each, cash advanced one hundred dollars each without interest to them and their heirs forever:

3rd. I loan to my daughter Mary B. Moore, formerly Mary B. Yancey, who intermarried with Little Berry Moore, one bed and furniture worth ten dollars. I do not intend that she shall pay any rent for living on my land. I have also lent her a negro girl named Lisa, valued at one hundred dollars. The property which she has in hand with the balance of her portion of my estate is to remain in her possession for her special benefit so long as she shall live and then to the lawful heirs of her body and for their purpose only, and said estate is not at the disposal of the said Little B. Moore nor for the payment of his debts. The said Mary B. Moore has a right to choose her own agent provided she does not choose the said Little Berry Moore to her and to her heirs forever.

4th. I loan to my daughter Permelia T. Yancey who intermarried with Charles Yancey, one bed and furniture worth ten dollars, one saddle worth ten dollars, one negro girl named Salina valued at one hundred dollars. She is to have the special benefit of said property during her lifetime then to the lawful heirs of her body and to them by proper use forever.

5th. I gave and bequeath to my daughter Louisa A. Jones, formerly Louisa A. Yancey, who intermarried with James T. Jones, one bed and furniture worth ten dollars, one saddle worth ten dollars, one negro girl named \_\_\_\_\_ valued at one hundred dollars to have and to her heirs forever.

6th. I loan to my daughter Emily H. P. Pool, formerly Emily H. Yancey, who intermarried with George W. P. Pool, one bed and furniture worth ten dollars, one saddle worth ten dollars, one negro woman Beck with her increase valued at six hundred and

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fifty dollars, she is to have the special benefit of said property during her lifetime and then it is to go to the lawful heirs of her body to them and to their heirs forever.

7th. I gave and bequeath to my daughter Temperence F. Yancey who intermarried with James M. Yancey, one bed and furniture valued at ten dollars, one saddle worth ten dollars, one negro girl named Charlotte valued at one hundred dollars, and fifty dollars cash advanced to her. Forty dollars without interest to her and her heirs forever.

8th. It is my will and desire that all of my legatees except my son Richard E. Yancey and Emily H. P. Pool shall be made up equal by my Executor hereafter named after the death of my wife Mary Yancey and her burial expenses, funeral, etc., and then an equal division among all my legatees as their legal representatives with the following exceptions:

It being my will and desire that my Executor hereafter named shall deduct six hundred dollars from my son Richard E. Yancey's part to be held back by him for the payment of the debts and necessary expenses of my estate.

And it is also my will and desire that my Executor hereafter named shall deduct three hundred dollars from my daughter Emily H. P. Pool's share of my estate, the said three hundred dollars to be disposed of as follows. It is my will and desire that two hundred of the said three hundred dollars to be given to my Grand son Richard Pool, son of Emily H. and George W. P. Pool, to him and to his heirs forever. And also it is my will and desire that the remaining one hundred be given to my Grand son Amos Pool, son of Emily H. and George W. P. Pool to him and to his heirs forever.

9th. It is my will and desire should my wife become too feeble to attend to her business and cannot manage the negroes, it is my will and desire that any Executor hereafter named shall hire out such negroes as he may think proper for her benefit. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son, James Yancey, Executor to my last will and Testament Revoking all others heretofore made by me as witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of these witnesses.

(Seal)

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#### The Walton Family

Since we have been unable to locate definite information concerning our Walton ancestors, the following is partly conjecture, arrived at by combining published references into what seems to us a logical sequence:

In 1730, John Walton married Mary Sims in Parish of St. Martin, Hanover Co. In 1772, John Walton's will, Hanover Co, named his wife Mary, and children, George\*, John, Simeon, Edward, Mary (Mary Baker), Jesse, Elizabeth, Robert, Frances,

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\*See Note, following page

William, Mizapina, and Newell. John was given land "where he now lives" in Louisa Co, and 5 negroes. (Ref, "Walton-Sims Family of Eastern Virginia", 1961.)

Note: We do not know whether the above family was related to the following from "Walton Family of Brunswick and Greensville Counties....": George Walton, Gent, of Brunswick Co left will in 1764 naming wife Elizabeth, and John (who served as executor), Thomas, Mary Ledbetter, Adam Sims, Jr. (husband of Elizabeth Walton, deceased), Catherine Harris, and Isaac Row Walton.

The Walton family is included in "Louisa County, Virginia" by Harris, 1936: "... this family are descendants of John Walton, Sr. of Hanover Co (perhaps the same John named above who married Mary Sims?). His children, many of them, settled in Louisa, marrying here among various families. He died during the Revolution." Two of his children were John, Jr., who married Mary Baker, daughter of Martin Wm. Baker; and Mary who married Wm. Baker.

The children of John and Mary (Baker?) Walton appear to have been Joel (left will dated 1840); Nelson; Meredith; a daughter who mar Richard Nuchols (or Nuckols); a daughter who mar Wm. Edwards; Martin who mar Elizabeth ?; William (died prior to 1840; Garland; Mary who mar Richard Yancey; and John (died about 1847 leaving wife Nancy). Louisa Co Will Books indicate that John Walton, father of Mary (Walton) Yancey, died prior to 9 Dec 1793, which was the date of an appraisal concerning his plantation and slaves.

Mary Walton apparently died in Jan 1813. Louisa Co Will Bk 10, p. 142 and 143, under date of Feb 1814, gives an accounting of her estate by Joel Walton, administrator. This includes 334 £ cash paid Richard Yancey as his legacy, with a like or similar amount paid to each of his sons or other sons-in-law, for a total of 4,195 £. Also, sale of negroes, 1,759 £; and sale of tobacco, 281.10 £. Expenses in Jan 1813 included funeral expenses, 5 £; cash paid for brandy for sale, 4 £; cash paid Crier 4 £ 38; cash paid clerk, 10 £.

Robert Yancey

b. c 1775

m. Oct 11, 1796 to Agnes Wilkerson, Sur. Francis Griffin

Children:

d. (On 1850 census with wife, Agnes)

Notes: His father Robert's will gave him 412 acres, "the track of land he is now living upon", and a negro girl named Jinney.

Mary Yancey Williamson

b.

m. Jan 31, 1793, to Robert Williamson

Children:

d.

Notes: She had received a side saddle and chest from her grandmother Mary Yancey's will of 1790--she was the only grandchild mentioned. Her father Robert's will left her 2 negro girls, etc.

Anna Yancey Overby

b.

m. Peter Overby

Children:

d.

Notes: Her father Robert's will gave her 175 (or 350?) acres, one negro named Buck, etc.

Suzanna Yancey Williamson

b.

m. Sep 4, 1802, to John Williamson (Consent, Robert Yancey, father)

Children:

d.

Notes: In 1818 she and her husband lived in Rockingham Co, NC. Her father's will left her a negro girl named Anna, etc.

John Yancey

b.

m. Oct 14, 1799, to Mary Hamblin (note from Thomas Hamblin, father of Mary)

Children:

d. (Will dated 17 Aug 1840?)

Notes: His father Robert's will gave him a total of 200 acres, including 140 acres "he is now living upon", a negro girl named Pink, etc. In 1836 he bought 19 acres for \$23 from Nelson ? Skipwith, etc., adjoining Hezekiah Yancey's line. In 1838, he sold negro girl, furniture, bed, etc., for debt.

Hezekiah Yancey

b. 1782

m. M.B. Oct 10, 1808, Sallie Worsham (John Williamson, Sec)

Children: Included dau Parthua (?) who mar Robert Yancey, Jr.

d. (On 1850 census with wife, Sally)

Notes: His father Robert's will gave him 195 acres which he was "now living upon", a negro boy named Haborn, etc. Also, in 1850 he received, or purchased, 886 acres.

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Philadelphia ("Delphia") Yancey Tillotson

b.

m. Jan 26, 1801, to John Tillotson

Children:

d.

Notes: Her father Robert's will gave her 300 acres "whereon she now lives", a negro girl named Amy with her children, etc.

Elizabeth Yancey Griffin

b.

m. M.B. Aug 11, 1794, John Griffin

Children: (Was one named "Miley" to whom Robert left a negro named Starling? Or was she herself called "Milly"?)

d.

Notes: Her father Robert's will gave her either 175 or 350 acres-- wording of will not clear, 2 negro girls (Patsy & Chana), etc.

Lucy Yancey

b.

m.

Children:

d.

Notes: Her father Robert's will gave her 250 acres, "the Lands that I now am living upon", one negro boy named Hammond, her choice of livestock, etc.

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An agreement dated 17 Jun 1818, relating to Robert Yancey's will of 1815 (?), was signed by his 4 sons, 4 of his 6 daughters (Mary and Susanna Williamson did not sign), and his 5 sons-in-law. His son John; daughters Lucy, Delphia Tillotson and Elizabeth Griffin; and sons-in-law John Tillotson and Peter Overby, signed by mark. It seems to us that their inability to sign their names could not have been due to poverty.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

(Children of Richard and Mary (Walton) Yancey)

JAMES YANCEY

b. c 1797

m. Nov 23, 1825, to Nancy Ann Tillotson (1808- ), Minister, Pleasant Gold, Sur Edward Tillotson, father of Nancy.  
(See Tillotson Ancestors)

Children: Mary, James, Rebecca, Virginia, William Hilary, Joseph S., Armenious C., Helen Augusta, Mildred, John, Whitfield

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(JAMES YANCEY, Contd)

d. 1887 (He and Nancy buried in family plot at home)

Notes: (These are random notes--a complete search was not made for deeds, wills, etc.)

Oct 18, 1844, William and Emily Ragsdale, William acting as attorney for Mildred Tillotson of Montgomery Co, Tenn. (widow of Edward and mother of Nancy (Tillotson) Yancey), sold to James Yancey, 130 acres on waters of Big Buffalo Creek for \$500. (Ref, Mecklenburg Co Deed Bk 31, p. 390 & 391)

Jan 4, 1847, James Yancey, administrator, submitted an inventory and appraisal of property belonging to estate of William Tillotson (grandfather of Nancy (Tillotson) Yancey)--seemingly the inventory of a working plantation. Other inventories of greater lengths were submitted on later dates. At sales conducted relative to the estate, James Yancey bought many of the items. (Edward Tillotson, Nancy's father, had died prior to Aug 1831, when sale of items resembling department store stock was held.)

May 13, 1848, James Yancey paid \$1,029 for 5/6th of whole tract, so side of Roanoke River, of which William Tillotson (Nancy's grandfather?) possessed 353 acres. (Ref, Mecklenburg Co Deed Bk 32, pps. 572, 573, 574)

Lewis N. Yancey

b.

m. M.B. Jan 4, 1827, Letha Worsham (Sur, John Worsham)

Children:

d.

Notes:

John R. Yancey

b. 1820, near Buffalo Springs, Va

m. M.B. Sep 14, 1851, Virginia White (Consent of Jane A. White, mother of Virginia)

Children: Included Robert E. Yancey, b. 1862 "on old homestead near Clarksville".

d. 1907

Notes: In 1858, bought 500 acre farm 5 miles north of Clarksville. John R. Yancey was grandfather of Mrs. Olive (Yancey) Vassar, through his son, Robert E. Yancey, merchant at South Hill, Va. and president of bank.

Emily H. Yancey Pool

b.

m. M.B. Oct 30, 1837, George W. Pool (Consent, Richard Yancey; Sur, James Yancey)

Children: Amos, and others

Notes:

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Temperance F. Yancey (or Frances T. Yancey)

b.

m. M.B. Oct 10, 1837, James M. Yancey

Children:

Notes:

Simeon W. Yancey

b.

m.

Children: William, and others?

d. La Grange, Ga.

Notes:

Richard E. Yancey

b.

m. (Mar Rec show at least 3 entries for a Richard E. Yancey--may not be the same person)

Children: In 1907 a son was living at Hillsboro, NC; and a grandson, Herbert Gordon, was living at Clarksville, Va.

d. About 1903, Granville Co, NC

Notes:

Louise A. Yancey Jones

b.

m. Sep 8, 1836, to James T. Jones (Consent, Richard Yancey)

Children:

d.

Notes: Is she Helen (Yancey) Jamieson's "Aunt Ann", who in 1907 was living in Christian Co, Ky?

Permelia T. Yancey

b.

m. Feb 26, 1829, to Charles Yancey (Min. Pleasant Gold; Sur, Richard Yancey)

Children:

d.

Notes:

(Gold-Tillotson-Yancey to Jamieson--Cont'd)

Mary B. Yancey Moore

b.

m. M.B. Dec 21, 1824, Little Berry (or Littleberry?) Moore (Min, Pleasant Gold, Sur, Richard Yancey)

Children:

d. In Christian Co, Ky?

Notes:

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The above generation (5th generation), was the last which could be said to have benefited from the institution of slavery. But might they have fared equally well had they not lived in a slave state? We have read that just prior to the Civil War, Virginia had been leaning toward abolishment of slavery - until emotions were aroused by the events beginning in 1860 and 1861 (including the attack upon Ft. Sumpter and the succession from the Union of her sister states).

It is not pleasing to read the old wills concerning the division or sale of slaves, or the "hiring out" of slaves with the owner receiving the entire profit from such labor. However, to cast blame on all individual slave owners, considering the rigidly established system under which they lived and over which they individually had no control, is unfair. Under the cruel laws then existing in the South, to have freed their slaves would have been to abandon them to a worse fate. In the northern states, free negroes were not always safe from abduction by slavers for sale in the South; and Canada with its comparative safety was far away. Therefore, to argue that they should have freed their slaves is, we think, simplistic.

## SIXTH GENERATION

(Children of James and Nancey (Tillotson) Yancey)

HELEN AUGUSTA YANCEY JAMIESON

b. July 30, 1846

m. May 1, 1867, to WILLIAM ANDREW JAMIESON (See Jamieson Family)

Children: (See Jamieson Family)

d. Sep 13, 1917. Buried in family burial plot on farm near Buffalo Junction, Va.

Notes: A letter from her, shown on page 137 of the Yancey-Medearis book, is copied below:Buffalo Junction  
April the 1st 1907

J. L. Yancey

Dear Cousin:

I can call you that as you are the grandson of my Uncle Lewis. Our kin people are the same. My father was James, the oldest child of Richard and Mary Yancey. Father died 20 years ago.

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He has one son, James Yancey, living in this county in a few miles of the old Yancy place. I have two sisters living in Clarksville, Virginia; Mrs. Hick and Mrs. Gee. My sister Jennie Yancey died about 18 months ago. Uncle John died a few weeks since he was about 80 years old. He has two sons and a daughter. One son Robert lives in South Hill in this county, Mecklenburg. Hugh, his youngest son lives at home with his mother and sister. His Post Office is Skipweith Mecklenburg, Virginia. Uncle Richard died some four years ago. He lived in Granville C., N.C. He has one son who lives near Hillsboro, N.C. and one daughter Mrs. Gordon who has a son living in Clarksville, Va, Herbert Gordon. She sometimes stays with him. Aunt Emeley died years ago. She has one son living in Broakneill, Campbell County, Virginia, Amos Pool. He has a daughter living near South Boston in Halifax C., Va., Louisa Pool. She married her cousin a Mr. Pool and is a widow. Uncle Simeon lived in Georgia but all of his family have been dead for years except his son William. He was living the last I heard from him but I do not know his address. Aunt Ann and Mary lived in Kentucky and I have not heard from them in years. I think they lived in Christian Co., Ky. They both had quite a number of children. I have a brother living who was born in Kentucky, W.L. Yancey, who could give you some information about our kin people out there. Uncle Lewis visited his old home soon after the war. I remember him with pleasure. He was very jolly. If you come to the Jamestown Exposition you must come and see us. I am the youngest daughter of James Yancey and married W. A. Jamieson. I am living at the old home near Buffalo Junction.

Sincerely,

Helen A. Jamieson

Mary (Euphemia?) Yancey, born about 1829 or 1830. The name "Mary" is on the Census record of 1850. She probably is the "Aunt PHEME" or Euphemia, who married a Mr. Hick. Mecklinburg marriage records show that on Feb 27, 1851, Joseph M. Hicks married Mary E. Yancey, Consent, James Yancey. After the death of Mr. Hick, Aunt PHEME lived with her sister, Rebecca (Yancey) Gee. Both she and Rebecca were living in Clarksville in 1907, according to Helen Jamieson's letter; but we do not know whether they were widowed at the time. After Rebecca's death, Aunt PHEME lived with the Jamieson family until her own death in 1915. She once had what may have been arthritis of the spine, which caused her to walk or stand in a severely bent position during the last years of her life.

A letter dated June 14, 1915, from William A. Jamieson to his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Jamieson, tells of PHEME's death:

"Friday at dinner she ate quite heartily of cabbage & Cymbilins, both too greasy for me to eat. She went to her room immediately after dinner but would not admit that she was feeling unwell.

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"Saturday, she ate a couple of biscuits & some eggs for breakfast & seemed to be all right. When I left for Clarksville about 9 o'clock, she was in the garden, gathering raspberries. Helen says that about 11 o'clock, Pheme was sitting in her room reading the News-Leader and while putting the pages together she had one of her attacks - apparently slight, as she responded quickly to the usual treatment and asked what was the matter, that she did not know she was sick. When dinner was ready, Helen told her she did not want her to go to the table, as she might eat something she ought not to, that she would bring her a glass of milk & some bread, to which Pheme assented. She drank the milk and ate some of the bread but she remarked that she felt like she could eat some cabbage - a few minutes after she was taken again and died by the time Helen & Eliza got her in her bed. After the first attack, she continued to set in her room and talked, said she was not in any pain and did not feel sick. She was buried at 3 o'clock with the Services. Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Russell & other Clarksville friends came out."

James ("Cap") Yancey, b. about 1833, married Mildred (?), and died about 1922. According to Helen Jamieson's letter, he lived a few miles from the "old Yancey place."

Rebecca Yancey, b. about 1836, married Mr. Gee, and was living in Clarksville in 1907.

Virginia ("Jennie") Yancey, b. Mar 20, 1837, never married. We are told she attended Sunnyside Seminary at Clarksville, and then was a teacher for more than 50 years. She also tutored the Jamieson children, and put the most promising student among them, William Jordan Jamieson, through VPI. It is said that "she knew about everybody" and had collected a large amount of genealogical material (much of which was destroyed in an unfortunate and rather deplorable incident). She enjoyed raising flowers, which she would give away. In 1964, Mrs. Vassar of South Hill wrote, "Jennie Yancey was well known throughout the county for her lovely flower garden, even now I am asked about her and her relationship." She died Nov 30, 1905. Upon her death, ownership of the farm passed to her sister, Helen (Yancey) Jamieson.

William Hilary Yancey, b. about 1839, enrolled in Clarksville Blues May 1861 - promoted to First Lieutenant, killed in Pickett's Charge, Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. (Ref: Service File in National Archives, Cert. #2466)

Joseph S. Yancey, b. about 1842, enlisted and elected First Lieut., Apr 1862, Clarksville, died July 4, 1863, of wound received in Battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. (Ref: Service File in National Archives, Cert. #2467)

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Armenious C. Yancey, b. about 1844, enlisted Aug 1862, Clarksville, promoted to "2 Sgt.", killed in Battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. (Ref: Service File in National Archives)

Mildred (?) Yancey, b. about 1848. (This name is shown on the Census records for 1850 and 1860. We have no other information on her.)

John Yancey, b. about 1852. (This name is shown on the Census records for 1860 and 1870. We have no other information on him.)

Whitfield Yancey, b. about 1856. Is this the brother referred to in Helen Jamieson's 1907 letter, saying, "I have a brother living who was born in Kentucky, W. L. Yancey, who could give you some information about our kin people out there."? A 1964 letter from Mrs. Vassar of South Hill states that "Whit Yancey went to Ky or Tenn to live." For whatever it may mean, the 1934 letter mentioned in "Tillotson Ancestors", from J. Garland Cooper to Mrs. Annie (Jamieson) Morton, states, "Your Uncle Whitfield Yancey is the only member of your family I have ever known..."

Notes: Most of the above members of the sixth generation were Methodists but at least one, James "Cap" Yancey, was a converted Baptist.

In addition to Virginia "Jennie" Yancey, we believe that Helen, and perhaps the other daughters of James and Nancy (Tillotson) Yancey, may have attended Sunnyside Seminary at Clarksville. The Carrington sisters (spinsters) had converted their home "Sunnyside" into a school for girls; and, according to a book entitled "Yesterday When it is Past", the school "was a synonym for culture for two generations after the Civil War."

The three Yancey brothers killed in Pickett's Charge must have been lusty lads. A story told by a hired man on the place was that two of them once fought each other with pitchforks for an entire day while their weeping mother begged them to stop. They did pause long enough for lunch, and sustained little if any injury from their rough play. As for the Battle of Gettysburg, however, a columnist in the Washington Star recently quoted a letter from a Confederate soldier who had taken part in Pickett's Charge:

"...our men has had to do the hardest fighting that ever has bin done...Our devision was cut all to peses. They was ordered to charge the batery...nine tenths of the officers was killed or wounded...colnel magruder lieutenant colnel wade was both mortally wounded, magruder beged his orderly to kill him dead before the yankees got him..."

We have heard, without knowing how it could have been accomplished, that the body of one of the Yancey brothers was carried home on the back of his negro servant.