

THE PRATT FAMILY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND ALABAMA

Includes Sketches of
Allied Families

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PRATT FAMILIES

In loving devotion this genealogical record is presented to all Pratt families. The compilation of this lineage represents twenty-five years of inquiry, the major portion of which at the hands of a superb professional genealogist. Even so, these tracings of your lineage are far from complete and with certainty some errors exist. We can face all that without too much distress since old courthouse entries notoriously are inaccurate. We are fortunate to have found so much.

Your ancestry is notable. Not only are you from one of the older families in America, you are from one of the oldest families in England. Then before that you are from one of the oldest French families. In France your name was "de Pratellis."

By design this account chiefly comes to an end with the Captain Richard Hopkins Pratt and the Leonard C. Pratt generation. Taking up there every Pratt family is called upon to extend its record to this day.

This booklet has been prepared as a tribute to all those generations of Pratts that preceded us, the members of which lived such lives that to this day we are proud of them and take pride in ourselves that we are their descendants.

Affectionately,

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THE PRATT FAMILY

The name Pratt occurs among the earliest English surnames. Some of its forms were Prat, Prate, Pratt, Pratte, and still others found in ancient writings were Du Pre, De Preux and de Pratellis. All are supposed to have been derived from the Latin word "pratium" meaning meadow, or the French "preux" meaning prairie. There are nine distinct armorial bearings now extant among the different families of Pratt. The motto on one of the more prevalent of them reads "Rident Florentia Prata" which translated means "Flowering Meadows Smile".

The family, in many of its branches, held stations of influence and power in the British Empire. The first references to the name there appear prior to the year 1200 of the Christian Era, and show that they probably came to England from Normandy.

In 1066 Le Sire De Preux is found to have accompanied William the Conqueror to England and to have fought in the Battle of Hastings. He was in possession of the Barony of Pratella near Rowan in Normandy. Later he became interested in the Crusades to the Holy Land and became an active Warrior for the Cross.

Four brothers, John, William, Engelraw and Peter de Pratellis all figured largely in the reigns of Richard and John. In 1191 William de Pratellis accompanied Richard the Lionhearted to the Holy Land and saved him from captivity and so was knighted. A few years later, in 1201, John de Pratellis was a favorite minister of Richard Coeur de Lion and his brother, Peter, was an hereditary standard bearer for the Crusader King.

In 1201 Peter de Pratellis married Mary, daughter of William de Vernon, Earl of Devon and Isle of Wight. One of the original homes of the Vernons, the Chateau de Vernon, was located about thirty miles from Paris. Some of that name also came to England with William the Conqueror and fought there in Battle of Hastings.

The marriage of Peter de Pratellis and Mary de Vernon is of particular interest for the genealogical account which follows it will be found that the Pratts of North Carolina were closely associated with the Vernon family. They migrated together from Cub Creek in Virginia to Rockingham County in North Carolina, thence to Abbeville County, South Carolina and even to Bibb County, Alabama, where, at the time of the formation of that county, the names of both Pratt and Vernon appear.

The first persons of the name Pratt to settle on American shores came from England. Some of them settled in New England, and others settled in Norfolk, Gloucester, Henrico and Northumberland counties in Virginia.

Not long after the arrival of the Pilgrims on the Mayflower and the establishment of Plymouth Colony, Thomas Weston and others organized a new enterprise. In January, 1622 a small company of men sailed from England on the ship "Sparrow" arriving at Damarins Cove Islands of the coast of Maine in May, 1622. From this ship lying at anchor were sent out in a little vessel ten * men to select a site for a new plantation. Phinehas Pratt was one of these men. An account was written by him of his journey from the ship. *(another account states there were seven men)

Sparrow at anchor to the new colony at Plymouth, and at the subsequent attempt to establish a settlement. This narration written in the ancient style of that time, can be found in one of the volume of the Massachusetts Historical Society Collections.

This settlement was located in what is now the town of Plymouth, Massachusetts. The venture was of short duration due mainly to troubles with the Indians, and to the many hardships that the men were forced to endure in their primitive environment. Eventually Phinehas Pratt retired to Plymouth and married there. Later he moved to Charleston, Massachusetts where he died in 1680 aged ninety years.

Joshua Pratt, believed to have been a brother of Phinehas, came to the Colonies on the ship "Ann" in 1623, and soon others of the name settled in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Less then two hundred years later numerous descendants of these emigrants had moved on and settled in parts of New Your, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, having followed the trend of migration westward from New England.

Chesapeak Bay Pratt Families

VIRGINIA PRATT FAMILIES

The Pratts of Rockingham County, North Carolina could have be descended from one of the earl emigrants, or from somewhat later travelers to our American shores. However, it is regrettable to state that, after a great amount of time spent in searching for records in areas of Virginia, Maryland and North and South Carolina, no definite information has been found pertaining to the ancestry of the Rockingham families.

It is known with certainty that Richard Pratt, born in 1764, married in Rockingham County about 1789, Rebecca, daughter of William and Abigail Beavers, and that threw them the Pratt families of Bibb County, Alabama descended.

William Pratt who lived in Rockingham County at the time of the Revolution War was said to have been a brother or possibly a cousin of Richard Pratt. Several years ago, in the beginnings of this exploration, contact was made with descendants of William living in Rockingham County. On of these descendants, living in Madison, North Carolina, recalled that her father had told her that the Pratts had come from Massachusetts to Baltimore, Maryland, thence to southern Virginia and finally to southern Virginia and finally to what is now Rockingham County, North Carolina.

In his history of the Bibb County, Alabama family, L. C. Pratt gives the birthplace of Richard Pratt as "probably Maryland" which would give credence to the Madison (North Carolina) family story. However, he and others who have devoted time to research on these lines feel that the Rockingham families must have stemmed from one of the name who settled early on the Eastern Shores of Virginia.

According to the inscription on Richard Pratt's tombstone, he was born in Stokes County, S.C. (S.C. probably and engraver's error) and though this is possible it would seem more likely that, at the time of Richard's death, the engraver, or his informant, assumed that he had been born in Stokes County, North Carolina because he had moved to Alabama from there.

Explorations in Eastern Virginia have brought to light several items regarding Pratts who lived in that region shortly after 1700, and who are, at this writing, under study as possible forefathers of the family.

In Westmoreland, County, John Pratt, a wealthy tobacco planter, left a will dated September 25, 1714, proved November 20, 1714. He left property and extensive holdings mainly to three persons, his son John Pratt, his grandson John Lovell “ all to be delivered to him at the age of 22 years”, and to his granddaughter Margaret Peace. His daughter-in-law, Miss Mary Pratt, was also remembered and was to receive 2000 pounds of tobacco. (this name possibly could be “Price” as one Evan Price appears to be somehow connected with this family.

The surname Pratt and Lovell could be designated as uncommon names as they are not often found in the records of Virginia. However, some thirty years after the death of John of Westmoreland, the names John Pratt and George Lovell appear either together, or very near to each other, on the list of tithables of old Innenburg County, Virginia for the years 1713 through 1752.

In those years, because they often moved in groups from on location to another, the proximity of families usually indicated relationship by blood or marriage, so it would seem more than co-incidental that forty years still later, these names again appear near each other in the 1750 census of Rockingham County, North Carolina.

Northumberland County, Virginia adjoins Westmoreland County and both are located across from Maryland separated from that state by Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River. In one of Fleet’s volumes of Early Virginia records there is found the following birth records:

James Prett son to James born 16 March, 1712

William Prett son to James born 5 March, 1737

Fra’s Ann Prett Daughter to do born 17 March, 1739

James Prett son to Jams born 4 April, 1741

The names which appear above could allude to:

James Pratt who appears on the old receipt dated August the 19 1729 and signed by Frederick Jrion.

James Pratt who lived in Rockingham County, N.C. at the time of the Revolution.

William Pratt who settled in Abbeville County, S.C. before the Revolutionary War.

*Fanny (Frances) Pratt who married John Hopkins in Virginia.

*(new data found indicates that this was Elizabeth Pratt who married “John Hipkins”)

While in these “Pratt” birth records there are first names and dates of birth which, to some degree, fit into the ancestral pattern that we are attempting to establish, still there is no John Pratt found here and somehow and somewhere he must fit into the family lineage.

The search of the records of Virginia and Maryland uncovered many pertaining to persons of the name Pratt in both Virginia and Maryland. However, this record pertaining to James and his children of Northumberland County, and the ones pertaining to John of Westmoreland, are the only ones found dated before 1750 which would point to a possible connection with the Rockingham County family.

FAMILY PAPERS AND TRADITIONS

The tradition in the Alabama branch of the family concerning the first generations in America agrees, in general, with dates and names contained in the old papers saved by Rebecca, wife of Richard Pratt, and carefully preserved down through the years by succeeding generations.

These papers, which consist of two receipts and one note, are as follows:

1. August the 19 1729. Received of James Pratt Sen. 17 Shillings of his account with me

(signed) Frederick Iron (or Iron)

2. Mr. John Pratt Sr. please pay to old Mr. P. Vernon six shillings for Louis Roberts Balance

which is one shilling. Pay to George Taylor and this me note shall be your discharge from same

Yr Friend Mary Smith

February 9 day 1750

3. Reserved of John Pratt on Levey and tax for the year 1757 also the year 1758. Also quit rents of 150 acres of Land for the year 1757 and the year 1758.

Say Reserved by me John McNelly i.d.

It is fortunate that the Alabama family has considerable knowledge of their ancestry, and that several of them have preserved it in manuscript form. Without this information it would have been considerably more difficult to compile this family record. The following extracts are taken from the L. C. Pratt, Jr. manuscript dated July, 1898.

“Early in the eighteenth century, tradition says that a Mr. James Pratt (or Prat) came with his family from the western part of England to seek a home and fortune, or health, in the wilds of America. In this family there was a son, James Pratt, who is the first of the family whose name has been preserved, and who assisted in establishing their home in Virginia. - - - James Pratt (once pronounced Jeemz) was probably born about 1679 and it seems most probable that he was grown when he came to America. - - - James Pratt probably died about 1737 and was buried in Virginia.

Another tradition says that James Pratt came to America with his six brothers all of whom were grown; that he remained in Virginia for a time, while his brothers settled in other parts of the country; some going north and some to New England. However, it is certain that

James arrived in America during the first twenty-five years after 1700 and his descendants have multiplied and settled in many of the states and territories of the United States.

John Pratt (or James Jr?) was probably born about 1720 in the Virginia Colony and very likely followed the trade of his father, a pioneer farmer. He died about 1785 a few years before his grandson, Absalom was born. It is said that while he was yet a young man, he moved to Maryland and that his son Richard Pratt was born there, but we cannot ascertain this, nor can we say with certainty whom he married, although it is probable that he married a Miss Hampton on a deed given to his son Richard before the year 1799. No doubt these to Hamptons were cousins of Richard Pratt. The Kinship that existed between the Pratts and Hamptons was well known among the older members of the family---“

The history as given by Rev. James M. McCord in a manuscript written in 1912 agrees in the most part with that of L. C. Pratt, Jr. He also states that there is uncertainty as to the name of the father of Richard Pratt, but it will be noted that he then goes on to use the name “James” rather than “John in his further references to him. Excerpts from the McCord manuscript follow:

“Sometime between the years 1700 and 1725 a Pratt family came from western England to America. In the family was one James Pratt, Sr. who was born in Western England about 1679, and died in Virginia U.S.A in 1737. ... Fire, time and careless hands have swept away almost every vestige of the history of James (or John) Pratt, Jr. son of James, Sr.

This James Pratt, Jr. was born in Virginia in 1720. ... It seems that James, Jr. had a double middle name, James John or John James, we don't know which>”

In pages following records pertaining to James Pratt and John Pratt are given, and we quote the above to pinpoint the importance of trying to determine which of the two Pratts, i.e. James or John, was the father of Richard.

After a study of all data at hand, it would seem to this writer that there may be a generation missing in the lineage as given by the first family historians, and that the confusion regarding John and James was due to the fact that there were two men, rather than one, James Pratt, Sr. and John Pratt, Sr., *father and son, who lived in the same household, or near each other, on the Mayo Mountain in North Carolina. *(son and father)

It is possible that the lineage was as follows:

1. ---- Pratt Came to America before 1700
2. James Pratt Named in the receipt dated August 19, 1729
3. John Pratt, Sr. Lived Cub Creek, Va.; thence to Rockingham Co., N.C.
4. James Pratt, Sr./or John Pratt Father of James John, Wm., Thos., & Richard
5. Richard Pratt Married 1789 in Rockingham Co., Rebecca Beavers

THE PRATTS AND VERNONS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Old Lunenburg County during the middle 1700's consisted of a large section of south central Virginia, and later other counties were formed from it. The lists of tithables from Lunenburg County, for the years 1748 through 1752, included the name of John Pratt (in one list called "Sr.") and also the names of several of the Vernon family. The proximity of the families will be noted in the list following, and the order of the names varies only slightly on the other lists. George Lovell named here may be of the Westmoreland family who intermarried with the Pratt family there.

List of Tithables in William Caldwell's Territory for 1750

(the name "Vernor" is spelled "Vernon" on the other lists)

John Vernor

(John is separated from the others but the names below follow each other)

Thomas Vernor Senr

James Vernor-----2

Thomas Vernor Junr-----1

John Pratt-----1

George Lovell-----1

(slightly further down the list)

Jonathan Vernor

Isaac Vernor

The names above appear in William Caldwell's Territory which was composed of all that area bounded on the east by Cub Creek, on the west by Falling River and on the south by the Roanoke River. This area now lies partly in Campbell County and partly in Charlotte County.

Of the Vernons listed here, several of them we know settled in Rockingham County, North Carolina, and all indications are that the John Pratt of the list is the one who later appeared with the Vernons in North Carolina. If the words "Old Mr. P. Vernor" on the old receipt of 1750 would be interpreted to read "Old Mr. T. Vernon" it would definitely establish John Pratt of Rockingham County as having formerly lived in Old Lunenburg County, Virginia. The handwriting of that time, with its loops and flourishes used especially in making the capital letters, is most difficult to read, and possibly further study of the receipt can be made at some later time. Thomas Vernor, Senior named here is thought to have been the father of the others of the name, with perhaps the exception of Jonathan who was said to have been a more distant relative.

The first settlers who came to this area in Virginia were led by John Caldwell, grandfather of John C. Calhoun the noted statesman. There is a deed dated 1751 in which William Caldwell conveyed to John Caldwell, William Calhoun and Isaac Vernor, one acre of ground including a graveyard. Later these men (and also that of William Pratt) are found in Abbeville County, South Carolina. William Calhoun of the deed, we believe, was the one who later lost several members of his family in the Cherokee Massacre which occurred in 1763 at Long Canes Creek in South Carolina.

(for further data on the Vernon Family see following pages)

THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA FAMILY

The first mention we find of the name Pratt in the Rockingham County area is in the Moravians of North Carolina. In his diary Rev. George Soelle, who, in May and October 1772, made two trips into Virginia from Salem, North Carolina, who wrote about the man living along the road.

The following is a brief resume of his references to these men:

*First mentioned Oct. 16, 1769 & Nov. 18, 1769 John Pratt made *successor*, etc.*

“ - - On the Town Fork lived James Hampton at whose house meetings were held by Soelle - - - Passing on to the Mayo on the May trip, Soelle spent the night at a tavern. On this October trip he crossed the Mayo and went to the home of Mr. Vernon. Two miles from there was a meeting house where he preached, in accordance with a promise made to Vernon in Salem 8 days before. He spent the night with a Mr. Pratt who had a house by the side of the road. He was a quiet, respectable man, with a large family; his wife was sick. Next day he crossed Smith's River - - - Returning (on his return trip from Pennsylvania) - - - Soelle set out for home spending a night with Mr. Pratt etc. - - -“

The location described here was thought by the family of William Pratt to have been in North Carolina, but near the town of Ridgeway which lies just over the line in Virginia. The Mayo, The Smith and Dan Rivers all rise in Virginia and flow down into North Carolina, and the Mayo River flows into the Dan River at a little town in Rockingham County called 'Mayodan Madison'

In the colonial records of North Carolina (Volume 10) there is reference to a John Pratt. Guilford County (parent county of Rockingham) was formed in 1770 from Rowan and Orange Counties, and in 1773 its first courthouse was built. John Pratt is listed with others who signed a petition for the erection of this courthouse. The petition does not bear a date but it is enclosed with the other 1773 records.

The name John Pratt is also found on a payroll of a man who served in an expedition against the Indians in 1776 under Captain William Sheperd *John Pratt xxxxxxxx list 10-13-1776, see addition.* It is believed that this Captain Sheperd was from Surry County, North Carolina which at that time adjoined Guilford County on the west. According to another source, John Pratt, later of North Carolina, served under *Col. John Gibson ** in the Virginia Continental Line. Perhaps in the early part of the Revolution he did live over the line Virginia, but in the latter part of the war the younger man in his family entered service in Guilford County, North Carolina. In this connection it is interesting to note that in 1785, and about the time of the formation of Rockingham County, John Gibson * sold land there to James Pratt. Unfortunately nothing further has been found pertaining to John Gibson here, and perhaps he returned to Virginia. * (Col. John Gibson) *Joseph Gibson, Rockingham Co. N.C. xxx*
xxxxxx 2-28-1990 names dau. A. Pratt.

The Pratts acquired land by grant or deed in Guilford County at just about the time of the formation of Rockingham in 1785. These grants were to John, James and William Pratt, all the land being situated on the Mayo Mountain located in the northwestern part of Rockingham County and near the present town of Leaksville, North Carolina. Leaksville is only a few miles from from the division line between Rockingham County, North Carolina and Henry County, Virginia. The original grant to William Pratt is still in the hands of his descendants now living in the town of Madison County, North Carolina.

Guilford Co N.C.

Deed Book 2 p. 91

John Pratt 640 ac in Guilford Co Sharps Creek

~~XXXXXXXX~~ line - Sarah Puxill line

James Holderness line Nov. 13, 1779

Oct 16, 1769

John Pratt made overseer of Road from Mayo

To Grassy Springs to the Orange Co line.

There are probably deeds recorded in Guilford County for John and William Pratt dated just prior to 1785, or perhaps that year, but unfortunately they were not copied for us. The other deeds pertaining to the Pratts are as follows:

Guilford County, N.C.

May 1785

Deed from John Gibson to James Pratt *m Ann Gibson? (see will)* for 200 acres of land proved by Joseph Gibson and a subscribing witness and on motion ordered to be registered.

Rockingham County, N.C.

December 27, 1786

Deed Book A – p. 308

Deed from James Pratt to William Pratt for 50 acres of land on the waters of Sharpe's Creek on May * Mountain Witness: Richard Pratt *(Mayo)

Rockingham County, N.C.

February 23, 1788

Deed Book B – p. 28

Deed from James Pratt, son of John Pratt deceased, to Elizabeth Strong, 50 acres in Rockingham County.

Rockingham County, N.C.

May 1786

Deed from William Brown and wife to Richard Narr proved by Benjamin Pratt

Rockingham County, N.C.

November 15, 1792

Deed Book C – p. 219

Deed from John Pratt of Rockingham County to Richard Pratt of same county, 27 acres on Sharpe's Creek the consideration being 16 pounds.

Rockingham County, N.C.

November 15, 1792

Deed book D – p. 19

Deed from Richard Pratt to Charles Galloway for 177 acres “on Sharpe’s Creek and mostly on South side of Mayo Mountain”, the consideration being 100 pounds.

The following are the only records pertaining to the Pratts that could be found in the Court Minutes of Rockingham County, North Carolina:

November 1787

On Petition of sundry inhabitants praying a road be opened from Mayo Ford to the lone Island ford on the Dan River ordered that the following persons be appointed as a jury to view and report on same, to wit-

William Pratt

Richard Vernon

Richard Pratt

Thomas Pratt

John Pratt

et al

November 1787

On petition of sundry inhabitants that a ferry be established on Dan River above the Point of lone Island in said river ordered that the following persons be a jury to view and lay off said road the best way out of the old road to a place where the aforesaid Ferry is to be established, viz-

William Pratt

Thomas Pratt

John Pratt

et al

November 1787

Ordered that the following persons be summoned to view a road from Joyce's ford on Mayo River to the dead timber ford on Dan River and then to the Courthouse, viz-

Thomas Pratt

Richard Pratt

et al

November 1787

James Pratt, Senr, is appointed overseer of the road in room of William McClellan

November 1788

Richard Pratt & Richard Vernon

On Jury to view two roads with Allens Road & the Road crossing Dan River at Irons Ferry and report to next court.

Further references to these deeds and to the Court Minutes will be made in the "Pratt Sketches" found on following pages.

NOTES ON HAMPTON HOPKINS AND VERNON

There are several opinions in this family regarding the maiden name of Richard Pratt's mother. One is that she may have been a Vernon before her marriage; another is that her name may have been Hampton because it was known that there existed a relationship between Richard's family and the Hamptons. And there are those who believe that her name may have been Hopkins as Richard and Rebecca Pratt gave that name to their first born child.

We know that there existed a kinship between the children of Richard Pratt and those of Henry Hampton. They were first cousins. Henry Hampton and Richard Pratt married sisters, the daughters of William and Abigail Beavers. If we can judge by their listing in the census of 1800, the families lived side by side in Stokes County and the children must have grown up together.

In a letter written some years ago there was included this item: - *(no reference was given) "Widow Pratt 1785 to 1796 married Thomas Hampton". Thomas Hampton (1728-1796 was the father of Henry who married Sarah Beavers. This could be possible as John Pratt of Rockingham County died about 1785 and his widow could have been married to Thomas Hampton until his death in late 1796 (or early 1797). If we are correct in believing that Henry Hampton and Richard Pratt lived near each other in Stokes County, then it would not be unusual for the widowed mother of one to marry the father, also a widower, of the other * (may have been taken from a Hopkins Genealogy but not located by this writer.)

To further indicate a Hampton-Pratt marriage, there is at hand data taken from a history of the Allen-Hampton family wherein it is stated that Thomas Hampton (father of Henry) married Sarah Pratt. The author, Captain Harry Allen, started his collection of material before 1900. He had much correspondence with his kinfolk, some of them well up in years at that time, so he must have had good authority for stating that his ancestor Thomas Hampton married Sarah Pratt. However, there is recorded in Stafford County, Virginia the marriage of "Thomas Hampton to Sarah Pattison alias Congers January 1, 1749 *", and this marriage record is accepted as the authentic one for Thomas Hampton by most family historians, So it may be that Thomas did marry Sarah Pratt, but as his second wife.

Another item pertains to Elizabeth Beavers of Louisa County, Virginia, widow of Joseph Hopkins. If there is a connection here it must be through Elizabeth Beavers, sister of Rebecca (Beavers) Pratt, about whom we have but little information. Perhaps she married first Joseph Hopkins, and second a Hutchinson as she is called Elizabeth Hutchinson * in the wills of both of her parents. * (or Hutchison)

We know that there was a close relationship between the Vernons and the Pratts, and more detail regarding this will be given later. Though the possibility that Richard Pratt's mother was a Vernon is not ruled out, it appears more likely that either his father's sister married a Vernon, or that Richard's own sister was married to Richard Vernon, the captain in the Revolution under whom the Pratt brothers served.

It may be that Richard's mother's first name was Elizabeth, as Elizabeth Pratt, in the 1800 and 1810 census, appears as the head of the household which formerly, in 1790, had been headed by Richard, and the other woman living with Elizabeth may have been his sister. More about Elizabeth Pratt will be given under Pratt Sketches on succeeding pages.

PRATT SKETCHES

Not enough data has been found on the Pratts of Rockingham County to properly identify them and their relationship to each other, nor do we know positively if there were two or three generations of Pratts living in that county at the time of the Revolution. It seems, from the information available now, that John Pratt, Sr. of Charlotte County, Virginia, was the first of the name in Rockingham County and that either he, or possibly his son James (or John), was the father of the brothers, John, Jr., William, Thomas, James and Richard Pratt. Because they cannot be placed in a family grouping, separate sketches have been written on these men and other persons connected to them.

It may be well to note here that in those days the terms junior and senior were often used to separate two adults (usually close relatives) of the same name and living in the same area. Therefore a younger man with junior added to his name, could be a son, a nephew or perhaps a grandson of a man bearing the same name. In these sketches, too, the patriotism of these Pratt men will be noted. At least four of them served in the Revolutionary War and we have no way of knowing what additional aid they may have given by way of provisions and supplies.

JOHN PRATT, SR.

References on preceding pages regarding John Pratt of Lunenburg County, Virginia, the "Mr. Pratt who lived by the side of the road" in Rev. Soelle's diary, and the John Pratt who signed the petition for the courthouse must have pertained to him. He may have served in the Revolutionary War under Col. Gibson in Virginia, or under Capt. Sheperd in his expedition against the Indians. His place in the lineage back from the Alabama family is not definitely established. He is considered by some to be the father, and by others to be the grandfather, of the younger Pratt men, John Jr., William, Thomas, James, and Richard. We know from a deed recorded in Rockingham County that he was the father of a James Pratt. He died in Rockingham County prior to 1785 but he must have died intestate as no will was ever found. After his death his widow may have married Thomas Hampton of Cascade, Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

JOHN PRATT, JR.

John Pratt, Jr. lived on the Mayo Mountain in Rockingham County and acquired land there at about the time of that county's formation from Guilford County. He appears as a road viewer in 1785 with his brothers, and in 1792 he deeded 27 acres of land to Richard Pratt. In 1805, according to Georgia records, an interrogatory was to be presented to John Pratt, and others, pertaining to their knowledge of the James Holderness family formerly of North Carolina.

John Pratt, Jr. served in the Revolution during the latter part of the war. He appears with the rank of private on a payroll for part of "Captain Richard C. Vernon's Company Troope Horse". He entered service November 10th, 1781, and was discharged December 7th, 1781 and his service was given as 27 days.

We are fortunate in having been able to obtain a photostatic copy of an original receipt signed by John Pratt, Jr. When Capt. Richard Vernon, many years after the war, applied for pension, he enclosed several additional papers to aid in establishing proof for his service.

One of these papers was the receipt as follows:

“November 27th 1782 then received of Rich’d Vernon one Specie Sortify Cate of Nine pounds six shilinge for Atower of Duty Served with him in the Militia the yeare 1780”

(signed) John Pratt Snor

From the above receipt it would seem that John Pratt, Jr. served more than one tour of duty under Richard Vernon, serving under him in 1780 as well as in 1781.

JOHN PRATT III

In 1800 there were two John Pratt families living on the Mayo Mountain, Perhaps they were John Pratt (Revolutionary Soldier) and his son John who by 800 was married and had a family of his own. The name of the younger one appears frequently on the deedbooks up until 1817. The following deed shows that he was deceased before March 7, 1817. (Reference Deed Book B – page 391)

March 7, 1817

Deed from Anny Pratt, Samuel Pratt, Mary Pratt, Elisha Pratt & Peggy Pratt heirs and representatives of John Pratt, deceased, to Robert Galloway the consideration being 176 pounds of Virginia money for land on both sides of May * Mountain, containing * 33 acres in Rockingham County.

*(Mayo) *(133)

JAMES PRATT, SR

We do not know if the James Pratts appearing on the early records refer to one or to two persons. From an early deed we know that James Pratt was the son of John. It may be that James was the second of three generations living on, or near, the May * Mountain at the time of the Revolution, and that he was the father of the younger men, John, Jr. William, Thomas, Richard and perhaps James.

* (Mayo)

It will be noted in the early Court Minutes that four of the younger men served as road viewers, while at the same time, James Pratt, Sr. was appointed an overseer. The use of senior here would likely indicate that he was the oldest of two adults of the name, and it would be doubtful if the duties of overseer would be given to a very young man. The character of his assignment in the service was also somewhat different than that of William and John, Jr. James Pratt’s duties was to collect delinquents and deserters while William and John, Jr., apparently, were members of the regular Horse Troops.

In 1785 James Pratt bought 200 acres located on the Mayo Mountain from John Gibson, but in 1786 he sold 50 acres to William Pratt, and in 1788, 50 more acres to Elizabeth Strong. Perhaps he died before 1800 and his widow was the Elizabeth who appears on both the 1800 and 1810 census for Rockingham County, N.C.

James Pratt served several tours of duty in the Revolution. In October, 1781, he appears with the rank of private on a list of men that served “after Fanning under Colonel Pacey”. He served as “Lighte Horse”, owned his own horse, and his service was given as ten days.

In another tour of duty he appears on a Pay Roll of Capt. Vernon’s Company of “Melitia Lighte Horse Ordered by Colo. James Marvin to colect Delinquents, Disarters &cc. August 20th, 1781. Revolutionary War.” Served fifteen days.

Additional Data:

(Isaac)

√ *Thomas Garrison and Thomas Pratt both appear on p. 180 1790 Census Stokes Co., NC*

*W. D. Pratt xxx was m. in 1789 shows a Wife - no children. Three names above Appears name of **Marolicia Horn** & his Pension file shows he was m. to*

*Rebecca Pratt in the home of **Lodett Pratt***

Then in Guilford now in Rockingham

*Co. N.C. It could be **John Pratt** & Rebecca*

*Horn were brother and sister and **their***

father was Robert Pratt of Rockingham Co.

James Pratt also appears on a return of delinquents, deserters, etc. by Captain Vernon's Company. The return is dated August 12, 1781, the name was "Joel Thomas", his crime was "delinquent", his "forfiture" was "crop" and the witnesses. Were James Pratt and William Wright. The delinquent was to appear at Guilford Courthouse on the "21st inst".

JAMES PRATT (Jr?)

The James Pratt listed in the 1790 census appears to be a young man with a family of growing children. After this date the name disappears from the Rockingham County records.

WILLIAM PRATT

William Pratt acquired land in Rockingham County at about that time the County was formed from Guilford. In 1786 he bought 50 acres of land on the Mayo Mountain from James Pratt. His children continued to live in Rockingham County, and the original land grant to William is still in the possession of descendants presently living in Madison, North Carolina.

The Revolutionary service that we have on William Pratt is identical to that of his brother John, Jr., indicating that they other served together in Capt. Vernon's "Troope Horse" in 1781. Both entered service November 10th, were discharged December 7th and served 7 days.

THOMAS PRATT

Two men by the name Thomas Pratt, both with growing families, are listed in the 1790 census of Rockingham County. One of them appears listed next to John Pratt and it is assumed that he was the Thomas Pratt who appeared as a road viewer in 1787, The pension Applicant referred to in the following paragraph may be the Thomas Pratt of the Mayo Mountain Family.

Thomas Pratt of Hawkins County, Tennessee, on the 30th day of August, 1820, applied for pension stating that he entered service in Rockingham County, North Carolina, and served under the command of Capt. John Brevert in a regiment commanded by Abraham Sheperd in the North Carolina Line, in Rev. War.

At the time of his application, Thomas had one daughter aged seventeen, on daughter aged fourteen, and a son aged eleven living at home. He died September 14, 1837 *, and his widow, Sally Garrison Pratt, whom he had married November 13, 1789, applied for a widow's pension in 1843. In an affidavit enclosed with her papers, John Garrison, Sr. of Lee County, Virginia, stated that he remembered Thomas Pratt, a Revolutionary soldier, and his wife Sally and recalled that in the year 1789 they left her father's home with a company of others in the morning for the purpose of getting married and returned in the evening the same day stating they were married. *(another date given September 27, 1838)

Sally Garrison *dau of Isaac Garrison Rev soldier* died October 18, 1852. According to estate papers dated May 21, 1856, Polly Pratt of Sneedville, Tennessee, was her only heir.

** see opposite page.*

BANJAMIN PRATT

Banjamin Pratt was a witness to a deed in Rockingham County in May 1786. We have found no further mention of him, and we would have no idea as to where his place would be in the Rockingham County family.

ELIZABETH PRATT

Elizabeth Pratt must have had an important place in the family, and she may have been the widow of James/or John and the mother of Richard. There are only land grants and census records available to assist in determining her place in the family.

In May, 1785, James Pratt bought 200 acres of land from John Gibson. In 1786 James deeded 50 acres of land to William Pratt, and in 1738 he deeded 50 acres to Elizabeth Strong. This land apparently was on Sharpe's Creek located on the Mayo Mountain. Richard Pratt also acquired 150 acres here, evidently by inheritance.

In the census of 1790 Richard Pratt is listed next to William Wright (who appeared with James Pratt as a witness on the delinquent return in 1781), and, besides Rebecca his wife, there is an older woman living with him – also one slave. After 1790 Richard moved over into Stokes County, and in 1800 the family listed next to William Wright that was headed by Elizabeth Pratt, aged over 45 years. Another woman was living with her aged 26 to 45 and there were also several growing or almost grown children. By 1810 the women were both over 45 and some of the children had left the home.

Elizabeth Strong of the deed may have a place here. Perhaps she/(the second woman) was a widowed daughter of Elizabeth, or a widowed daughter-in-law. But of course she could be related in others ways, or there could be other reasons for her having lived there.

RICHARD VERNON

Richard Vernon *m. Betty Wooten 7 d. July 24, 1840 see DAR Patrx T Xxxxx* was born in Charlotte, County, Virginia October 18, 1758, and moved with his parents to Rockingham County, North Carolina sometime before the Revolutionary War. Several years after the war his parents and his brothers and sisters all moved to Abbeville County, South Carolina. He remained in North Carolina and lived very near Elizabeth Pratt on the Mayo Mountain. It will be noted in the Court Minutes that he was closely associated with the Pratt brothers, and he may have been their brother-in-law, or possibly he was a cousin to them.

Richard Vernon's service in the Revolution was varied and notable, and beginning with his entry into service on the 15th of February 1776, and until 1782, when the conflict ended, he gave almost continuous service in the war, serving first as a lieutenant and later as a captain.

On the 13th of August 1781 he received his captain's commission to raise a company of light horsemen, and served a three months tour of duty taking and apprehending delinquents, deserters and Tories. In the fall of that year he was called out with his company, under Col. Martin, in an expedition against the British, under Major Grey, who lay near Wilmington, and later his company was ordered back to Guilford to keep the Tories down. It was during this later period of Capt. Vernon's service that the three Pratt men, James, William, and John, Jr, served under him.

Richard Vernon lived for many years on the Mayo Mountain, but in his later years he joined other members of his family in Williamson County, Tennessee. He died either in Williamson or Davidson County, Tennessee sometime between 1840 and 1850. More about Richard Vernon's relationship to the Pratts will be given in sketches following. For his place in the Vernon family, see separate pages on Vernon. *Also, see page 15 - "Austin Smith" for data on Richard Vernon.*

AUSTIN SMITH

Austin Smith was only a connection and was not a blood relative of the Pratts. We mention him here only because in this exploration he has served as a connecting link between the Pratts and Vernons of Rockingham County, North Carolina and those of the name in Abbeville County, South Carolina.

Austin Smith was born in Chatham County, North Carolina March 4, 1763, and was living in Guilford County at the time of the Revolutionary War. He served in that war under Captain Vernon, and after the war he moved to Abbeville County, South Carolina. Later his daughter married in Abbeville County, David Pratt, son of William Pratt who was the progenitor of the Pratt family there.

In 1832, Richard Vernon, then living in Tennessee, applied for a pension for his service in the Revolution. With his application he enclosed a testimonial paper obtained from Austin Smith of South Carolina. That Richard Vernon, after almost fifty years, would turn to Austin Smith for corroboration of his service, would surely indicate kinship to him or a connection by marriage. They were separated by distance and in those days not even members of families always kept in touch with each other.

It was the discovery of this testimonial by Austin Smith which led us to the conclusion that the Pratts of North Carolina were related closely to those of South Carolina. It led us too, to the further conclusion that Richard Vernon, to be related to the families of both states, would have been married to a person of the name, or would have had a mother whose maiden name was Pratt.

The certificate of Austin Smith was signed by James Black, Justice of the Quorum of Abbeville County, and James Black added a personal note to the testimonial certificate and thereby gave us proof that Isaac Vernon of Abbeville County, was the brother of Richard Vernon of North Carolina and Tennessee. The personal note is as follows:

“ Richard Vernon Dear Sir I am well acquainted with Isaac Vernon your Brother himself and his family as well yours J.A. Black”

OBEDIAH VERNON

Obediah Vernon was a first cousin of Absalom Pratt of Bibb County, Alabama, and we believe that Obediah may have been a son *or grandson* of Richard Vernon. It is not known where he lived after he left Rockingham County. He is listed in the 1810 census in Rockingham County, North Carolina, but may have moved to Tennessee shortly thereafter, as there was one of the name living in Williamson County where Capt. Richard Vernon lived in his later years.

The name of Obediah's first wife is not known, but he married as his second wife a second cousin whose name was Pratt. By his first wife, Obediah was the father of Nehemiah Vernon who lived in Bibb County, Alabama, and was also the father, by his first wife, of Frances Vernon, who married Joab, son of Absalom Pratt.

RICHARD PRATT

A separate section will be devoted to Richard Pratt and his descendants. See following pages.

RICHARD AND REBECCA (BEAVERS) PRATT

Richard Pratt, the first in this lineage about whom we have definite information, was born in 1764 probably in Virginia. He married in Rockingham County about 1789, Rebecca, youngest daughter of William and Abigail Beavers. The Beavers had moved about 1783 from Loudoun County, Virginia to the Mayo Mountain region of North Carolina.

Richard Pratt appears only once as a grantee in the Rockingham County deeds. On November 15, 1792 he received 27 acres by deed from John Pratt, but at some previous time he must have acquired land by inheritance, for on the same day he sold 177 acres "on Sharpe's Creek and mostly on the South side of Mayo Mountain" to Charles Galloway. He was evidently selling his property preparatory to moving to the adjoining county of Stokes.

According to the 1800 census of Stokes County, Henry Hampton, Richard Pratt and Abigail Beavers lived near each other. There is a question as to why Henry Hampton, brother-in-law of Richard, was living in Stokes County at that time, for according to information we have on Hampton Families, Henry lives most of his life in that part of Surry County that later became Yadkin County, North Carolina. Abigail Beavers, mother-in-law of both Henry Hampton and Richard Pratt, wrote he will in 1801, and it was filed November, 1803 in Surry County. Evidently Richard Pratt and his mother-in-law, Abigail, after the death of William Beavers, moved over into Stokes County to locate near Henry Hampton. Here, too, lived William James, whom we believed was married to one of Abigail Beavers' younger daughters, also named Abigail.

The following was taken from a List of Taxables for Stokes County, N.C.

1797 – Stokes County, North Carolina

Captain Shouse's District

Richard Pratt 76 ¼ acres of land --- 2 white polls

The following deed and note were copied from the Pratt family papers:

State of North Carolina – Stokes County

Deed to Richard Pratt, Planter of One Hundred seventy-

six and a quarter acres for and in consideration of 12

pounds to be paid Sept. 29, 1799 to Frederick William

Marshall. Sealed and delivered in Presence of

John Hampaton

J. Hampton

June 13, 1796 – Stokes County, N.C.

Note of John Dearing to Richard Pratt for 500 pounds

Good and lawful money of the state aforesaid

Witness by Richard Bennett *William Jean

*(William Jean is probably William James - a brother-in-law)

It is said that Rebecca Beavers Pratt was of Royal blood, and that the Beavers had come from Scotland many years before her birth. They had been advised by their physician to leave that country because the humid climate there caused their children to have phthisic (asthma) which was almost always fatal, and this move saved the lives of all the children who had not already contracted * the disease. *(contracted)

In a letter to her kinfolk in 1931, a great granddaughter of Rebecca Pratt, wrote of her great grandmother whom she could recall to memory, having known her as a very small child. She also told in her letter of the first meeting of Richard Pratt and Rebecca Beavers:

“ She (Rebecca) was out riding for pleasure and he (Richard) was hunting. Her horse became frightened and ran away, There was a deep chasm close by and Richard caught her horse and held it at great danger to himself, and saved her life She told my mother he was the handsomest man she ever saw in his hunting clothes. After that they met often and when her father would not consent to his visiting her they ran away and were married.”

Richard Pratt died soon after his removal to Alabama but Rebecca lived long enough to be well remembered by her grandchildren, and by some of her great grandchildren. It was said that Rebecca was frail physically, and that she possessed a thoughtful, reserved and Christian character. She was well educated for her day and opportunities, could read and write with facility, and taught her children at home. She was a devoted member of the Baptist Church and spent many hours in later years with her Bible and and Hymn books.

It is said that Richard Pratt was a carpenter, but his father and grandfather were farmers. He was average in height, could read and write and kept his own accounts. The collection of old records and accounts indicate that he was a man of thrift, and that he had accumulated much property before his death in 1822.

It was about 1818 when Richard and Rebecca moved from Stokes County, North Carolina, to Bibb County, Alabama. Two of their sons had settled in Alabama a year or so before, and it appears that the remainder of their children either moved there with their parents, or eventually settled near their folks in Bibb County.

Richard Pratt died in the summer of 1822, and was the first to be buried in the Pratt Cemetery in River Bend. His wife, Rebecca, outlived him many years, and died at the home of her daughter, Theodosia Blake, in June, 1847. Their stone are still standing in the old Pratt Cemetery and the inscriptions on the inscriptions on them are as follows: *(S.C. probably an engraver's error)

RICHARD PRATT

Born Stokes County, S.C. * in 1765

Died July 10, 1882

He came to Ala. In 1818

Settled on Pratt Creek in Bibb County

REBECCA PRATT

Wife of Richard Pratt

Born 1770

Died June 16, 1847

For children of Richard and Rebecca Pratt see following page.

CHILDREN OF RICHARD AND REBECCA PRATT

1. Hopkins Pratt Born Dec. 17, 1791 in Rockingham County, N.C.
Married March 7, 1816 in Tenn., Sarah Dickerson
Died Feb. 11 (or Feb. 22), 1841 in Bibb County, Ala.
Nine Heirs.
2. Absalom Pratt Born June 22, 1793 in Stokes County, N.C.
Married March 7, 1822 in Ala., Mary Dickerson
Died July 9, 1845 in Bibb County, Ala.
Twelve Heirs
3. Maria Pratt Born 1795 in Stokes County, N.C.
Married (William?) Fletcher
Died probably in Bibb County, Ala. Before 1850
No Heirs
4. Joab Pratt Born ca 1797 in Stokes County, N.C.
Married probably in Bibb County, Ala, Frances Vernon
Died probably in Texas
Probably left heirs
5. * Abigail Pratt Born Stokes County, N.C. Nov. 10, 1800
(Mary Abigail) Died July 15, 1845 in Bibb County, Alabama
Married Joel Lowrey
Eleven Heirs
6. John Pratt Born in Stokes County, N.C.
Married ----- Pumphrey
Died probably in Arkansas
Left Heirs
7. Theodosia Pratt Born Dec. 11, 1805 in Stokes County, N.C.
Married in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Archibald Henry Blake
Died in Alabama Oct. 20, 1877
Eight Heirs

More detail on each of the above children will be given on pages following.

- (Mary Abigail Pratt – called Abigail)

Children of Hopkins and Sarah Pratt – continued

5. Hampton Pratt b. September 2, 1825; m. Lucinda Potts; Moved to Texas
(Bible record: married Jan. 1, 1846, Mary L. Lotts)

Children:

- a. Emily Pratt
- b. Drayton Pratt (b. Feb. 18, 1849; m. Nov. 10, 1867 Benenna J. Loewe?)
- c. Edward Pratt (twin)
- d. Gennie Pratt “

6. Zilpha Pratt b. June 20, 1828; m. Harvey P. Cottingham

Children:

- a. Florence Cottingham
 - b. Mary Jenny Cottingham
 - c. Sarah Cottingham
 - d. Early Cottingham
 - e. Edgar Cottingham
 - f. Willis Cottingham
 - g. Harvey Cottingham 11.

7. Marshall Pratt b. October 13, 1830; m. Eliza Cochran (moved to Texas)

Children:

- a. Georgia Pratt
- b. William Hopkins Pratt 111
- c. Ada Pratt
- d. Lula Pratt
- e. Maude Pratt
- f. Hampton Pratt 11
- g. Reece Pratt
- h. Nathan W. Pratt

8. Andrew J, Pratt b. September 10, 1834; m. Missouri Easley (*or Eastly?*); moved to Texas He enlisted in the Confederate Army and died about 1863.

One child:

- a. Erastus Pratt

9. Mary Elizabeth Pratt b. January 29, 1837; m. John L. Wallace

(probably widower of her cousin Frances Myra Pratt)

- a. (Ninnie) Sarah Eugena Wallace
- b. Matthew Duncan Wallace
- c. Nannie Wallace
- d. Marshall Wallace
- e. Joseph Wallace
- f. John Hopkins Wallace
- g. Florence Wallace

10. Absalom Pratt 11 b. September 11, 1839; m. Sarah Ann Crews

Killed in Civil War at Battle of Rescea. Left no heirs.

ABSALOM PRATT

Absalom Pratt, second son of Richard and Rebecca (Beavers) Pratt, was born June 22, 1793 in Stokes County, North Carolina. While yet unmarried he bought a farm of 80 acres, but desiring to explore new territory he disposed of his property and in 1817 he followed his brother Hopkins to the Alabama Territory.

His original home was, a few years ago (and probably at the present time), still occupied by his descendants. The one story house, built of hand hewn timber in 1821 (or about that time), stood in a grove of cedar trees, and it was located but a short distance from the limestone bluff that drops in a steep incline to the Cahaba River.

In politics, Absalom, in Jackson's day, was a Democrat, but about 1840 became a Whig. He joined the Baptist Church and was baptised by his brother, Rev. Joab Pratt, in 1839.

In 1825, three years after his marriage, Absalom became interested in military tactics and attended military school. He was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the 23rd Regiment, 15th Brigade, 3rd Division, Alabama Militia and was commissioned on June 3rd, 1835. In 1839 he was elected to a colonelcy, and in 1841 he received his commission from the Governor as Colonel Commandant of the County. His uniform consisted of a three cornered blue hat, knee pantaloons, silk stockings and slippers. His sword is still in the possession of his descendants. Just before his death Absalom Pratt was spoken of as a suitable candidate for General of the State Militia, but death intervened. After a short illness he died of typhoid fever at his home in River Bend on July 9, 1845.

Absalom Pratt married Mary Dickerson in March, 1821 *. She was born in Edgefield County, South Carolina, in December, 1800, but when she was a child her father moved to Warren County, Tennessee. In 1817 she went to River Bend in Alabama to live with her sister Sarah who was married to Hopkins Pratt. Her mother had died when she was sixteen and her father had married again. Being unhappy at home, her father gave her a spirited horse and put her in the care of some people who were passing through Alabama on their way out west. They saw her safely to her sisters home in River Bend and she continued to make her home there until her marriage. *(another date given – March 7, 1822)

It is told that one day fun loving Mary Dickerson, on finishing her dinner, placed a wish bone over the door, telling her sister that she wanted to see if a lover would walk in under it. A short time later, Absalom Pratt, unexpected in Alabama and a stranger to Mary, did walk in and the fell in love and were married in 1821 *. They had twelve children – six boys and six girls. *(or 1822)

Shortly after her marriage, Mary Dickerson Pratt was baptised in the fellowship of the Enon Baptist Church (later known as Rocky Church) and she later became one of the Charter Members of Schultz Creek Church in River Bend.

Mary Pratt was tall and slender with black hair and blue eyes and a fair complexion. She had unusually strong character, and was a fearless horsewoman who could mount her horse with ease and grace from the ground. She liked and enjoyed jokes on herself, loved all children and called her own “little lambs”.

In the typhoid epidemic of 1845, during the months of June and July, Mary made four sad pilgrimages to the lonely Pratt Cemetery on top of the knoll, a few miles from her home in River Bend. The inscriptions on the grey limestone, hand hewn slabs, still standing in the old cemetery, tell their own story. Martha Amanda, the youngest child, died June 9, 1845, less than a month later the son Joab passed away. He was a twin of John and aged almost twenty years. A few days later Absalom, the husband and father, followed his children in death and finally little Mary aged six was laid to rest her inscription reading: Mary A. Pratt May 12, 1839 – July 15, 1845.

Absalom Pratt left his family with ample means, and after the death of her husband Mary Pratt assumed the responsibilities of rearing her large family and running the plantation. She rode over the fields on horseback to supervise the planting of crops. She ran the grist mill and operated the Ferry which crossed the river. She sent all of her sons to college, and when the war came on she owned fifteen or twenty slaves and her property was not mortgaged in any way, So proverbial were her fire and energy that through the years when a child descendant showed these traits they were referred to as Dickerson traits or “the Dickerson in them”.

During the War between the States she (Mary Pratt) continued to manage the plantation despite all the trials and hardships that she was subjected to during those trying years. When her oldest sons left for war their families came to live in her home for protection. When her last son had gone to aid in the conflict she carried on alone with the help of a few faithful slaves, and somehow managed to save her lands from destruction at the hands of the Union soldiers. There was one occasion when she prevented the soldiers from crossing the river by having the cables cut and the ferry boat set adrift. This resulted in a loss of much of her income for while the boat was found in Mobile it could not be brought back, nor could it be replaced * in those times. *(replaced)

During those war years, and shortly after it's close, Mary Pratt lost several more of her children. Her daughter Fanny, who married John L. Wallace, died in 1862, and both Sally Mirah and Billy died in 1866. Billy, (Lt. William F. Pratt) had managed to survive the war years but at the close succumbed to a congestive chill while at home in River Bend on furlough. When her son John died in Mississippi or Tennessee in 1869 leaving a four year old son, the child was brought back to River Bend and raised as one of the family in the home of his uncle Leonard C. Pratt.

During the last years of her life a stroke of paralysis left Mary Pratt very infirm. She died in the home of her oldest son, Harvey Pratt, June 4, 1882, and is buried beside her husband in the Pratt Cemetery in River Bend.

(For children of Absalom and Mary Pratt see next page)

CHILDREN OF ABSALOM AND MARY DICKERSON PRATT

1. James Harvey Pratt Born Dec. 26, 1822 in River Bend, Ala.
Married (1) Dec. 21, 1854 Elisa Lucinda Braswell
Married (2) Nov. 28, 1872 Azalea C. Miller
Died Aug. 27, 1908 in River Bend, Alabama
Eliza Lucinda Braswell (3-22-1840 1-2-1865)
Left Heirs – had a son Allen Pratt

2. Rebecca Beavers Pratt Born July 12, 1824 in River Bend, Ala.
Married Sept. 22, 1842 Roberson Glass
Moved to Mississippi ca 1861

Known Children:

- a. Mollie Glass Born Jan. 8, 1845 m. ---- Daw
Lived in Nimrod, Texas, was living July 29, 1931
- b. Eugena Glass No Information
- c. Absalom Glass “ “
- d. Ebb Glass “ “

3. Joab Marion Pratt Born Nov. 28, 1825 in River Bend, Alabama
(twin) Died of typhoid fever July 5, 1845 aged 19 years

4. John Washington Pratt Born Nov. 28, 1825 in River Bend, Alabama
(twin) Married (1) Marthe Allison before 1850
Married (2) Emma Weathered McLeod who d. ca 1868
Married (3) ----- ca. 1869

John Washington Pratt studied law and became a Judge of Probate in Memphis, Tennessee. His First wife died soon after their son Allison was born. The child lived with his grandmother Mary Pratt, but died as a child. John W. Pratt's second wife was a widow, Emma Weathered Pratt. John Washington Pratt married a third time but died soon after – about 1869-70. His four year old son was taken back to River Bend and raised in the family of Leonard C. Pratt, his uncle. Children of John Washington Pratt:

- a. Allison Pratt Born ca 1851 – d. as a child
- b. John Weathered Pratt Born Memphis, Tenn. April 12, 1866
Married Nov. 1898 Lillian Garland Aldrich
Daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Wm. R. Aldrich.

About 1889-90 graduated from Vanderbilt University and practiced medicine and owned a drug store in Montevallo, Alabama. He was lost to the world for eight years in the Klondike and died about July 1918 in Mobile, Alabama. He had one child raised by grandparents and called Josephine Pratt Aldrich, who married F.W. Harris.

5, Richard Hopkins Pratt Born Dec. 17, 1827 in River Bend, Ala.

Married in June 1856 Amanda Suttle daughter of John and Mary Ann (Goodwin) Suttle

Married (2) Arvezena Petters in 1872.

Died September 14th (or 17th) 1908, as Six Mile Als.

In his youth Richard Hopkins Pratt attended Jonesborough Academy, later at the University of Alabama he received his B.A degree (June, 1855) In about 1856-57 he took charge of Six Mile Academy in Bibb County, Ala.

With the exception of the four war years, he taught here for thirty-one continuous years educating hundreds of young men and women. In the War between the States, he was Captain of Company D, 20th Alabama Regiment, and was captured at Fort Gibson, Mississippi May 1st, 1863. After almost two years spent as a prisoner on Johnsons's Island, and just before the surrender, he was finally exchanged.

In 1896 Richard H. Pratt was elected Superintendent of Education for Bibb County and held this office until his death in September, 1908. After the death of his first wife Amanda in 1871 he married Arvenza Peters. There were no children of this second marriage.

Children of Richard H. and Amanda Pratt:

- a. Mary Cora Pratt 1858-1936 m. 1882 Thomas F. Bonderant
- b. Florence Davis Pratt 1860-1936 m. Rev. James Milton McCord
- c. Estelle Pratt -1918 m. 1893 James E. Epperson
- d. Nattie Pratt 1865-1939 m. William Arnold (no Children)

6. Leonard Callaway Pratt Born May 21, 1829 in River Bend, Alabama

Married Oct. 23, 1861 May Jane Clements

Died in 1916 in River Bend.

From a news paper article (name of paper and date not known) describing River Bend and its citizens we learn tat Leonard Pratt's home was on the left side of the road in a grove of trees and on a hilltop, and also, that he was a great citizen and reared a splendid family. He had twelve children and also raised his nephew John Weathered Pratt. His son, L.C. Pratt, Jr. wrote the Pratt Family History with the help of Josephine Pratt Aldrich, daughter of John Weathered Pratt. We are also indebted to Lillie Pratt Logan, daughter of L.C. Pratt, Sr, who later collected much data on this family. Of the twelve children wehave the names of only five of them:

- a. Leonard Calloway Pratt, Jr.
- b. Walton Pratt m. **Molean** ----- Lived near his father in River Bend.
- c. Lillie Pratt m. J. Phelan Logan and resided in Montavallo, Ala.
- d. Theodosia Pratt m. ~~Wm. A.~~ Greens and lived in Alabama
- e. Linnie Pratt m. Frank Farrington m.(1) ---- Crowe
- f. *William Luther Pratt* b. 1865 m. *Minnie Brace (was a judge)*

7. William Fletcher Pratt Born Dec. 20, 1830 in River Bend, Alabama

Apparently never married

Died April 17, 1866 in River Bend, Alabama

Mollie Class Dew, niece of William F. Pratt wrote in later years that "Uncle Hop" and "Uncle Billy" were favorite uncles as she went to school to them and knew them best, and that like his brother John, Billy was ready-whitted, handsome and popular. He was a lieutenant in the War between the states and died aged thirty-five of a "conjestive chill" while at home on furlough at the close of the war.

8. Theodosia Pratt Born September 2nd *or 18th* 1832 at River Bend, Alabama

Married (1) ----- Glass (2) ----- Weaver

Died Jan. 19, 1893 at old home in River Bend.

Known Children (Lela N. Weaver (1873-1900) buried in Pratt Cemetery/may be a daughter

a. William Weaver

b. Andrew Weaver Visited his relatives in Texas with cousin Walton Pratt
when he was a young man – the only ones to visit there.

b. Manley Weaver

9. Sarah Myrah Pratt Born May 11, 1834 in River Bend, Alabama

Never married

Died July 20, 1866

Mollie Glass Dew in a letter written in 1923 remembered visiting her grandmother Mary Dickerson Pratt: "I often stayed with grandma for two weeks at a time and we sat up at night and talked till late, Aunt Sally Mira and Aunt Fannie, and they were always good and kind to me – never had one of them to find fault with me." Sarah Myrah died aged 32 years at the close of the war.

10. Frances Myrah Pratt Born Dec. 3, 1835 in River Bend, Ala.

Married John L. Wallace and resided east side of Cababa River.

Died March 10, 1862 aged only 27 years.

Buried in Pratt Cemetery in River Bend

If there were children we have no record of them.

11. Mary Abigail Pratt Born May 12, 1839 in River Bend, Ala.

Died July 15, 1845 – buried in Pratt Cemetery

The last of the four to die during the epidemic. The story is told of little Mary, that sick so long and emaciated from suffering and weakness, she seemed to sense that her mother was almost exhausted from the care and nursing of all, and that she looked into her mother's eyes and said "Lay me down mother and let me die". Mary Pratt said that she laid her baby in the little bed and that the child "closed her eyes and when where God reigns and suffering is unknown". (this story refers to one of the two youngest daughters – Mary or Martha – from the dates on the stones we believe it refers to Mary)

12. Martha Amanda Pratt Born July 27, 1841 in River Bend, Alabama

Died June 9, 1845 aged not quite four years

The youngest child in the family and the first to die in the epidemic.

MARIA PRATT FLETCHER

Maria Pratt, oldest daughter of Richard and Rebecca Beavers Pratt, was born probably in Stokes County, North Carolina in 1795. She married a Mr. Fletcher and we believe his first name was William * as her nephew, son of Absalom Pratt, was named William Fletcher Pratt. William Fletcher, age 60, is listed in the 1850 census as living in the home of Palaski and Durana Wallace. Durana was a daughter of Hopkins Pratt and if we are correct in assuming that William Fletcher listed here was the husband of Maria Pratt Fletcher, then this would indicate that they lived in the River Bend area and that she had no doubt died before 1850. *(William Fletcher is Correct)

JOAB AND FRANCES PRATT

Joab Pratt, son of Richard and Rebecca Beavers Pratt, was born about 1797 in Stokes County, North Carolina. He settled in Hayapple Creek in Bibb County, Alabama and became a respected Baptist preacher. After some years of

residence in Alabama he moved to Texas (another account states that he moved to Arkansas). He married Frances, daughter of Obediah Vernon, who we believe may have been a son of Capt. Richard Vernon. His wife's brother Nehemiah Vernon came to Alabama and also lived in Bibb County. From old letters kept in the family we would gather that Joab had a daughter who married a Miller, and that he may have had a son * Jesse who married (1) Fannie Fox and (2) Elisabeth Gibson, Jesse Pratt had children who lived in Pochantas, Arkansas and Ironton, Missouri. *(doubtful if a son but should be investigated further)

MARY ABIGAIL PRATT

Mary Abigail Pratt, daughter of Richard and Rebecca (Beavers) Pratt, was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, November 10, 1800. She married Joel Lowrey and they lived near the Pratt homes in River Bend. In the War between the States six of their sons gave service to their country. Joel, husband of Abigail, was born November 6, 1790 and died January 8, 1881. Mary Abigail died in middle life and perhaps of the fever August 4, 1845. Both she and her husband are buried in the Pratt Cemetery in River Bend. Their Children were:

1. John Lowrey b. ca 1822 m. Jane Goodson

2. Harvey Lowrey b. ca 1824 m. Elizabeth Riley (this name may have been Jane Harvey)

3. Peter Lowrey b. m. - - - - Smith

4. Fletcher Lowrey m. Alice Thomas

5. Barton Lowrey m. Elizabeth Thomas – lived River Bend

6. Charles C. Lowrey no family

7. Newton Lowrey no family

8. Adaline Lowrey m. Azar Hayes

9. Rebecca Lowrey m. Henry Hall

10. Maria Lowrey m. Thomas Jordan

11. Polly Lowrey m. - - - - Hood

JOHN PRATT

John Pratt, one of the youngest of the children of Richard and Rebecca (Beavers) Pratt, was born in Stokes County, North Carolina shortly after 1800. He married about 1830 a Miss Pumphrey who may have been a sister of Araminta Pumphrey who married Nehemiah Vernon and who also lived in River Bend, or near there.

In the 1830 census of Bibb County, Alabama John Pratt was aged 20 to 30 and his wife was aged 15 to 20, and there were no children so it is assumed that they were married at about that time. It is said that he moved to Salina, Arkansas and that his family survived the War between the States and that his descendants still live in Missouri.

(see next page for data on Theodosia Pratt Blake)

THEODOSIA PRATT BLAKE

Theodosia Pratt, youngest child of Richard and Rebecca (Beavers) Pratt, was born December 11, 1805 in Stokes County, North Carolina. She married in Tuscaloosa, Alabama about 1819 Archibald Henry Blake who was born December 8, 1795. Archibald was born in Georgia but he came to Alabama from Tennessee. It was with her that Rebecca Beavers Pratt made her last home. She died October 20, 1877 and her husband died June 9, 1874 * and both are buried in the Pratt Cemetery in River Bend. *(or July 9, 1874) (From another source Theodosia Pratt Blake b. 1795)

Children: (order of birth not known)

1. John Blake (7-13-1820 * - 10-13-1883) m. Dicey Griffin (4-7-1826 – 7-13-1902)

Both are buried in Pratt Cemetery

Two known Children:

a. Richard H. Blake b. 1845 *Mary, William, Willis, Theodosia*

b. Marion A. Blake b. 1848 *Rachael, John & Amanda Jane*

2. Archibald Henry Blake, Jr. (4-22-1824 – 8-9-1892) m. Jane Revis (12-10-1834 – 2-28-1905).

They were married April 13, 1856 and both are buried in the Pratt Cemetery River Bend.

Children: Joan, George Allen, Theodosia, Katie B, Ana Fletcher & Aughar

3. Mariah Blake She was born Feb. 25, 1825 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and died in Banner, Mississippi

(or Maria)

July 8, 1910) She married Dec. 11, 1845 Wesley Johnson *who d. 6-29-1900 xxxx*, Alabama.

They moved to Mississippi in 1887. He was also called Joshua West Johnson.

They had several children – only one is known to us:

1. Walter Mack Johnson born Dec. 28, 1866; Died Dec. 29, 1935 in Fort Worth, Texas

Married July 16, 1893 Mary Myrtle Ballard.

For children see below footnote

1900 Maria Blake Jonnson d. July 8, 1910 – it was her husband who d. June 29,

4. Asa Blanke Born about 1827 – Married *Nelina Jane* Pierce m. 10-20-1853 who d. June 29, 1900

xxx 1877 Bell Co. Texas

5. Richard Blake

Born about ~~xxx~~ 3-22-1822 d. 2-14-1905 *Brad Co bur Hamprey Co*

Married 8-15-1848 Elizabeth Fulton (2) Nancy 1-20-185? Carlisle

They had a least a son Isaac T. born ca 1845.

3 ch: Isaac Tillery, Asa *Fulton* James

ch: and mg. Frances Elizabeth, Jason Hartwell, Jack, Patty, *Mas, & Alloen*

6. Rebecca Blake

Born about 1834 – never married

b. 5-19-1830; d. 4-2-1919

but she did have a son *Atha A Blake* who m. & had a large family

7. Rachel Blake

Born about ~~1833~~ March 1832 d. 1-30-1923 – married (1) *Thos litlongh* (2) John Thrasher 2-22-~~18xx~~

7. Rachel Blake

Born about 1836 2-20-1834 d. 10-11-1906 – married W.M. Thomas Carlisle m. 7-21-1856

another source m. ----- Desmond. *Res River Bend, Ala.*

9 children: Rachel George Ann, Edward Calloway, Samson David, Nancy Elizabeth, Jason Hartwell, Lillie Rebecca

Archie Blake, Margaret Prsilla, & Sarah Carbrine

Children of Maria and Joshua West Hobson

13 children: Hannibal Lattimer, Margaret Evangeline, Theodocia Fran, Rebecca Prsilla, Laurretta Maria, Edward Austin, Derk Vaan Buren *& (Van Corry)*

Dennis Washington, Charles Albert, Carrie, Walter Mack, William Fletcher & Mattie *Subrilla*

John a A Blake son of Rebecca m. Affie Ann? & had a large family.

WILLIAM PRATT OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

The descendants of William Pratt of Abbeville, County, South Carolina have never been able to trace him beyond South Carolina. As has been explained heretofore, there may have been a relationship between the Rockingham family and those of Abbeville County. William would be about the age of Richard Pratt's father as he was said to be born about 1734, it could be that he, too, stemmed from the Cub Creek family of Virginia.

One of the Pratt traditions in the South Carolina family is that three Pratt brothers "came over" or "came south" and that one of them was killed by Indians. However, William is the only older one of the name found in the Abbeville area at the time of the Revolution, and those found there later were descended from him. He was apparently in South Carolina as early as 1756 as in the census of 1850 Sara Pratt Gannt (name given as Grant in the census) gave her age as 94 and the place of her birth as South Carolina.

William Pratt married (1) Emma Haze (Hays) and (2) perhaps Mary Drennen, as there is recorded in Abbeville the marriage of William Pratt and Mary Drennen, Spinster January 28, 1783. Mary Drennen may have been the mother of his younger sons James and David.

He settled sometime before the Revolution in the north central part of Abbeville County between Due West and Level Land. He owned land on Hogskin Creek and his mill (Pratt's Mill) was located on Little River. A few years ago the old mill was still plainly in evidence.

William Pratt served in the Revolution, as a private, after the fall of Charleston, and several documents testify as to his service and also that he must have come almost to his very doorstep on the Little River.

"At sundry times in the year 1781 received of William Pratt, for the use of General Pickett's (Pickens?) Brigade, then on duty by me, six hogs of one hundred weight each also two beeves one four years old and the others three, one hundred bushels of corn and one hundred fifty weight flower by
me John Norwood Captain"

"Personally appeared William Pratt and made oath that on night of third of October 1781 being in the company of Capt. John Norwood of General (Pickens) Brigade at Pratt's Mill, when a large company of Indians and Tory, commanded by Cunningham defeated that company, and lost one bay mare his own right and property in the public service and never got the said mare nor received and value for same

signed and sworn before me William Luckie July 18, 1783

William Pratt died in old Ninety Six District now Abbeville County, South Carolina in 1797. His estate was administered March 28, 1797 and the inventory was made May 3, 1797. His second wife Mary survived him.

Children:

1. Sarah Pratt Born in South Carolina in 1756; died 1858 aged 102; married Candor Gantt who was born Apr. 15, 1771, died Dec. 2, 1848. There were no children. Both are buried Little River Baptist Church Cemetery in Abbeville County. — *see over*

Prof. John Pratt b 1812 d. 1826 m. Nancy Harkness is the one who had left a will - Mrs Shoak, descendant has one attested copy.

8 children

Nurson

Rufus m. Latha Louisa Ray to Dallas Co. Texas 1878

Toas

Hazline

Rorgdon

Mary Cornelia

Joseph

Robert M.

William A.

But another genealogist copied children of John Jr (Abbeville Co S.C. - Will Book 3 p. 30 wif Nancy

As

Phelba M (Minerva?)

Thos R. (Rufus?)

Pamila H. (Hagline?)

Stephen L. (Langdon?)

Elizabeth C. (Cornelia)

Joseph J.

Robert M.

Wm L.

will signed June 19, 1849

Was Rufus a confed. Soldier - to Dallas Co. Texas after war

Joseph G. H. (see old letter) to Dallas Texas after was *Serv. In Army*

S. Langdon d. in *conf.* War.

C. N. Cornelia d. young.

Robt. M. m. Jane A Bowen Oct 3, 1867

Tyre and Susanna (Pratt) Gant had

Cadse b. ca 1790-95 - m. *Cath.* James res. Barthomew Co. S.C.

Nelston " " m Jane Stuckey " "

James C. " " m. (1) Joyce Alley (2) Sarah Jones Franklin Co XXX

Sarah " ca 1800 m. Ivo Kindle

Catherine b. 1802 m. Saloman Alley in 1833

Calvin A b. 1804 m. Matilda Horblemon in 1823 Rust Co Xxxx

Mary (Polly m. Nonbkon Paett & Wm b 1818 m Nancy Amonxxx Ann Lorely

& Anna (no data

2. Mary (Molly) Pratt Married Josiah Burton who was born ca 1763. Both died in Abbeville County in 1829. Mary Burton's will was written August 6, 1829, proven November 27, 1829. Josiah Burton's estate was administered Sept. 5, 1829.

Children:

- a. Robert Burton Born 1783; married Sarah Hall]
- b. Sarah Burton Born 1786; died 1838; married Winston Hall
- c. William Burton Born 1790; died 1857; married Elizabeth ---
- d. Caleb Burton Born 1792; died 1860; married Dicey Smith
- e. John Burton Born 1796; married Elizabeth Pruitt
- f. Elizabeth Burton Married Samuel Black She was b. 1797 – Res. Walker Co., Ala.
- g. Peter S. Burton Born 1801; married Harriet Martha McGee
- h. Mary Burton Born 1810; died 1886; married Joshua Ashley
- i. Josiah Burton Married Sally Osborn – May have died in the Mexican War.

3. Joseph Pratt Born January 1, 1768; died April 7 1826; married April 15, 1793, Elizabeth Jones. Most of their Children continued to live in Abbeville County, S.C.

Children:

- a. Emma (Amy) Pratt Born 1794; died 1869; married 1812 Samuel Young
- b. Sarah Pratt *2-1* Born 1796; died 1866; married 1815 William Young
- c. William Pratt *9-27* Born 1798; died 1863; married 1823 Martha Murdock
- d. Thomas Pratt *12-13* Born 1800; died 1826 *Thos. Rufus Pratt m. Retha Louisa Kay.*
- e. Joseph Pratt *2-24* Born 1803; died 1826
- f. Mary Pratt *7-3* Born 1809; died 1816
- g. John Pratt *8-20* Born 1812; died 1849; married *2-16* 1832 Nancy *Nannie?* Harkness
- h. Nancy Pratt *7-24* Born 1820; died 1826
- i. Elizabeth Pratt Born 1806; married 1826 John McConnell (she was 6th child)
- *Caroline Pratt Adopted niece; married Thomas Crawford
- * (born 1809; died 1867) (*Caroline E. Woods*)

4. William Pratt, Jr. Said to have married and to have had nine children. He moved to Kentucky

5. Susanna Pratt Married Tyre Gantt, *b ca 1770* brother of Cador Gantt. In 1815 they were living in Franklin Co. Indiana where other members of the Gantt family had settled. (It has also been said that Susannah was a daughter of Wm Jr. – this very doubtful).

6. James Pratt Born March 31, 1788; died Sept. 14, 1828; married Sarah --- who was born Nov. 26, 1790; died April 25, 1840

Children:

- a. John Pratt Born 1808; died 1888; married Mary Kay (Key)
- b. William Pratt Born ca 1811; died 1842; married Louisa Robertson, who was a niece of Elizabeth (Robertson) McCord of the McCord family of Abbeville County, S.C.
- c. Robert Pratt Born 1817; married Louisa --- *operated a grist mill vicinity of Little River*
- d. (daughter) Married Timothy Thomas
- e. (daughter) Married William L. Cunningham
- f. (daughter) Married James B. Key (Kay)
- g. Elizabeth Pratt Married Lewis C. Clinkscapes
- h. Sarah A. Pratt Married John T. Miller

- 7. David Pratt Probably the youngest child of William Pratt. It is believed that he married a daughter of Austin Smith, and they had at least one daughter Almira Pratt. David Pratt appears on Little River Church records as late as 1839.

WILLIAM AND ABIGAIL BEAVERS

William Beavers and his wife Abigail came from Loudoun County, Virginia to Rockingham County, Virginia to Rockingham County, North Carolina shortly after the Revolution. He died in Rockingham County about 1790 and his widow, Abigail, moved to Stokes County, North Carolina. Abigail Beavers died in 180e probably in the home of her son-in-law, Henry Hampton of Hamptonville, North Carolina.

The children of William and Abigail Beavers were:

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| 1. Hannah Beavers | m. William McClellan |
| 2. Sarah Beavers | m. Henry Hampton |
| 3. Anne Beavers | m. ----- James |
| 4. Mary Beavers | m. Robert McClellan |
| 5. Elizabeth Beavers | m. ----- Hutchinson |
| 6. Abigail Beavers | m. William James |
| 7. Rebecca Beavers | m. Richard Pratt |
| 8. William Beavers | |

A great amount of research has been done on the first Beavers families of New Jersey and Virginia not only in America but also in England and Ireland in an attempt to trace their origins there. The researches have been mainly through the efforts of the late Harold A. Sonn who was the editor of the "New Jersey Genesis" a publication which was composed of genealogical and historical data of early New Jersey. Prior to the publication of the Genesis, Mr. Sonn edited "The Beaver Log" the issues being entirely devoted to Beavers and allied families.

It is almost certain that the Beavers family came from North Ireland. It is estimated that they came from there to New Jersey during the period 1737-1740. Sometime after 1757 several members of the original emigrant family (or families), namely Thomas and William, moved over to Loudoun County, located in northeast Virginia.

There are several reasons why the family is believed to have come from North Ireland, one of them being that many families with whom they intermarried, or with whom they were closely associated, came from there. Perhaps the most conclusive evidence came from the discovery of a deposition made in 1822 by one William Beavers aged 86 years, wherein he stated that he came to Virginia from New Jersey, but that his birthplace was Ireland. Still another source of information gives credence to this theory as in his "Memoirs" published over on hundred years ago, Casper Schaeffer stated that the Beavers of New Jersey were "Hibernians".

From researchers in Ireland a report brought word of one Thomas Beavers who had lived there and whose children had the identical names (with the exception of James) of the earliest New Jersey and Loudoun County, Virginia Beavers. i.e. Thomas, William, John, Samuel, Joseph and Robert etc. A further search was being conducted there by the Ulster-Scott Historical Society, but unfortunately Mr. Sonn's death intervened and we do not know the results of these later explorations.

The Beavers in New Jersey

John Beavers He was the first of the name found in New Jersey his cattle mark being recorded there in 1741.
(or 1743)

Col. Joseph Beavers He was born in 1728; died in 1816. Tradition is that he married first Mary White and second Ann Clifford. In the Revolutionary War he was Commissioned Officer 2nd Regiment of Hunterdon County, N.J. He was Judge of Common Pleas and Judge of Orphans Court. His family consisted of twelve daughters and one son George (1757-1820) who married Sarah Lanning.

Judge Robert Beavers He was definitely known to be a brother of Col. Joseph Beavers. One of his sons, Robert Beavers, was a First Lieutenant in Revolutionary War and participated in the battles of White Plains and Long Island.

Alexander Beavers Found early in New Jersey and appears later in Loudoun County – had sons Abraham and Moses. (further data below)

Elizabeth Beavers Disappears from the New Jersey records about 1757

Thomas Beavers Name disappears from New Jersey records about 1757 and appears later in Loudoun County, Va. (see below)

William Beavers Name disappears from New Jersey records about 1757 and later appears in Loudoun Co., Virginia. William and Thomas Beavers believed by Mr. Sonn to be older brothers of Col. Joseph and Judge Robert Beavers. This is the William Beavers whom we believe later moved to Rockingham County, N.C. and who was the father of Rebecca Beavers Pratt. (further data follows)

Alexander, Thomas and William Beavers – Loudoun County, Virginia

The earliest Beavers in New Jersey all lived within an area of 25 miles or so in what was Hunterdon County. In Snell's History William and Thomas Beavers, in 1757, are recorded as living in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, N.J., as tenants of the West Jersey Proprietor's Tract. This is the last record found concerning them in New Jersey. In 1763 land was conveyed to Thomas Beaver by John Cargil and his wife Catherine in Loudoun County, Virginia, and it must have been about this time that Alexander, Thomas and William moved to this new location.

Alexander Beavers The record below is from Deed Book L – page 155:

July 20, 1776

John Augustine Washington leased for life to Alexander Beavers, Loudoun County and Colony farmer, 150 acres in tenure and occupation of Alexander Beavers - - - also lives of sons, Abraham and Moses Beavers to pay rent 7 pounds 13/9 yearly at new dwelling house of John Augustine Washington on or before 20th of November each year – Witnessed: John Hutchinson, John West, William Moore, E. Snickers, Thomas Lewelling, Richard Grubbs, & Jeremiah Sanford.

John Augustine Washington made the same arrangement for William Hutchinson and for Joseph Hutchinson, also for William Moore and wife Sarah Moore and son William Moore, Jr. for all their lives.

(note – Elizabeth Beavers, daughter of William and Abigail, married a Hutchinson).

Thomas Beavers He apparently moved from New Jersey to Loudoun County About 1763 the date of the land conveyance heretofore mentioned. His will was written in 1770 and in it he names his wife Martha and seven sons. * William Beavers was one of the Executors. *(William Beavers, Sr.)

Sons named in the will were:

- a. William Beavers John Beavers sold land to William Beavers in Loudoun County in 1788. Another William of Loudoun died there in 1781 * as the Inventory for his estate was made that year. So apparently there were several of the name in Loudoun County at that time. * (or 1782)
- b. Robert Beavers No data
- c. Thomas Beavers No data
- d. Joseph Beavers He was a minor in 1770 the date of his father's will.
- e. Samuel Beavers A Samuel Beavers died in Loudoun County in 1838 leaving wife Sarah, children Thomas, Washington, John A., Elizabeth Garrett, Harriet Palmer and Julia Ann Beavers.
- f. James Beavers He was probably the James Beavers who was commissioned an Ensign in Loudoun County in 1777 and who served under Capt. William McClellan who was the husband of Hannah, daughter of William and Abigail Beavers. He was living in Henry County, Virginia when he sold land to John Beavers of Loudoun County, and the property had been devised to him by his father Thomas. The deed is dated June 4, 1785. We would like to investigate further a James Beavers of Limestone, Alabama, who applied for Revolutionary War pension there stating that he was born in 1753, and who had a son Majors Clack Beavers who married Malvina, youngest daughter of Spencer and Mary (Beavers) Clack.
- g. John Beavers Believed by some to have been the John Beavers who married Mary, daughter of William McClellan, Sr. Mary was the sister of William and Robert McClellan, son-in-laws of William and Abigail Beavers. By deed dated March 10, 1788, John and wife Mary sold land in Loudoun County to John in the last will and testament of his father, Thomas Beavers bearing date of August 28, 1770.
- h. Mary Beavers This may not be a daughter of Thomas but she was closely related. She was born N. Jersey Jan. 12, 1745 married Spencer Clack Nov. 2, 1766 in Loudoun Co., Va. Spencer was a witness of Thomas Beavers will in 1770. They moved to Henry Co., Va., but Mary Clack died in Sevier Co., Tenn in July 1832. (see Jas. Beavers above)

William Beavers (see next page)

WILLIAM AND ABIGAIL BEAVERS

We have already stated that William Beavers and Thomas Beavers of Loudoun County, Virginia were believed to be the same persons of the names who lived earlier in Bethlehem Twp, Hunterdon Co., New Jersey.

They both settled on land in Virginia at about the same time – 1762 and 1763.

In 1770 William Beavers, Sr. was named as an Executor in the Will of Thomas Beavers. We must proceed cautiously here as there appears to be several William Beavers in Loudoun County in the years 1770-1780, but it is believed that the William named as Executor was the one who moved to Rockingham County, North Carolina. It is also assumed, but not proven, that William and Thomas Beavers were brothers, and certainly, the records prove that there was a close kinship between these two men.

William Beavers must have married Abigail in New Jersey and the oldest of his daughters must have been born in that state. The first record we find in Loudoun County pertaining to William was when he bought land there in 1762 as follows:

Deed Book C. – page 466 – Loudoun County, Virginia

Lease made by William Elzey and wife Alice of Prince William County to William Beavers for 5 shillings December 20, 1762 on 406 acres of land – 400 acres of the Mary Bollen Patent and 6 acres of Louis Ellzey patent including old houses and buildings.

Witnesses: William Hancock, William Allen, John Davis, Abraham Warford

Deed Book C. – page 467 – Loudoun County, Virginia

December 21, 1762 – William Ellzey and wife Alice the above 406 acres of land were released for 76 pounds to William Beavers

(Witnesses as above)

William Beavers and his wife Abigail lived on this location in Loudoun County for about twenty one years and then in 1783 sold their land there and moved to Rockingham County, North Carolina. The land value of their property has apparently increased greatly in those twenty one years:

Deed Book N. – page 450 Loudoun County, Virginia

May 9, 1783 – William Beavers and wife Abigail to William Adams of Fairfax County on lease 406 acres of land – 400 acres part of Mary Bollen's patent and 6 acres of Louis Ellzey for 5 shillings.

Witnesses: John Moss, William Walters, Thomas Gratffort, Edward Adams and Sarah Walters

Deed Book N – page 452 Loudoun County

May 10, 1783 – William Beavers and wife Abigail gave a release for 300 pounds to William Adams of Fairfax County for 406 acres (the above land)

(Signed) William Beavers, Abigail Beavers

In Rockingham County William Beavers and his son-in-law, William McClellan, lived on the * May Mountain in the same vicinity as the Pratt family. Where is reference in the records of James Pratt being appointed overseer of roads “ in the room of William McClellan”. In 1787 William Beavers and his son-in-law petitioned to build a grist mill: *(Mayo)

November, 1787 The petition of William Beaver and William McClellan for leave to build a Grist Mill in Mayo River ordered that the same ly over untill next court.

Wilson McClellan who m. (1) Elizabeth Dean, dau of Joseph and Margaret Dean in 1820 had:

1. Elizabeth McClellan (1821-1850) m. John McClellan, a cousin
2. William Beavers McClellan V (1823-1915) moved to Texas and Mrs. Dustin knew his descendants. He had two wives – Elizabeth Shanklin and Elizabeth McDonald.
3. Mary Ann McClellan (1825-1913) m. Brown Gregory
4. Joseph Dean McClellan (1827-1895) m. Polly Stonebraker

Records from a Bible in Kelso Co. Tenn(?) Note: No such County?

Wilson McClellan's second marriage in 1829 to Sarah M. Thompson (1804-1850) daughter of James and Margaret (Buchanan) Thompson

Children:

1. Robert McClellan b. 1830
2. Margaret Buchanan McClellan (1832-1888) m. John Gray
3. Susan Isabel (1834-1911) m. James McCartney – to Texas (Lola Dustin's grandparents)
4. Marie McClellan (1836-1894) m. Jesse Burch – to Texas
5. Sara Elizabeth McClellan (1838-1858)

Mrs I.F. Roebuck, 6111 Virginia St., Graham, Texas 76046 prob. Descends from John McClellan, a son of William and Hannah (Beavers) McClellan.

John McClellan married (1) a wife who died soon after her son, William Beavers McClellan, was born in 1804. He m. (2) and moved to West Tennessee, prob. Madison County. His second wife was prob. Catherine Todd whom he m. Jan. 1806 in Rockingham Co., N.C.

Children of Henry and Sarah Hampton

- a. Thomas Hampton No data
- b. Henry Hampton no data
- c. Col. William Hampton Married Nancy Bryan – Lived Swan’s Pond, N.C.
- d. Sarah Hampton Married Richard Allen
- e. Margaret Hampton Married Richard Allen as his second wife.
- f. Hannah Hampton Married Jesse Allen (1771-1857) & res. Memphis, Tenn.
- g. Abigail Hampton Married Matthew Benthal
- h. John Hampton No data
- i. Susannah Hampton Married ----- Whitehead
- j. Theodosia Hampton Married ----- Ladd She died 1796 in Stokes Co. N.C.
- k. Rosey Hampton (uncertain as to the identity of Rosey Hampton mentioned in Abigail Beavers will as a granddaughter)

4. Mary Beavers Married about 1786 Robert McClellan who was a half-brother of William McClellan. He was born 1767 and died in 1850. In 1789 Robert McClellan and wife Mary sold land in Loudoun County, Virginia to Nate Smith of that county. In the 1790 census of Rockingham County (N.C.) he is listed next to Gov. Alexander Martin (and Gov. Martin had 47 slaves, ore than any other person listed in the county). In 1804-5 Robert McClellan and family moved to Tennessee, and lived in Kelso, Near Fayeateville, in Lincoln County,. *She d. before 1831*

Children:

- a. Jenine McClellan Born 1788; died 1823; married Absalom Davis
- b. Nancy McClellan (twin) Born 1790; married James McKnight (McNite)
- c. Sally McClellan “ Born 1790; married James Wilson
- d. Samual McClellan Born 1795; died 1795
- e. William Beavers McClellan Born 1795; died 1824; married Mary Whitaker Anthony.
- f. Wilson McClellan Born ca 1795 or 1797; died 1835;
 - (1) married 1820 Elizabeth Dean (or Deare)
 - (2) married 1829 Sara M. Thompson

5. Elizabeth Beavers No data except tat she married ----- Hutchinson *or Hutchison Loudoun Co Va ** and we know that there were Hutchinsons living in Loudoun County. *(or Hutchison)

6. Abigail Beavers Married a James whose first name we believe was William. They apparently were living in Stokes County, N.C. in 1796 near other members of her family as a note of John Dearing to Richard Pratt was witnessed by Richard Bennett and William Jean (probably should be William James) *He d. 1813 .xxxx 1814 Loudoun Co Va*

In 1813 Abigail James waived rights

To Adm late husbands' estate

7. Rebecca Beavers

Born ca 1767; died 1847; married ca 1789 Richard Pratt. They were married in Rockingham County, N.C; moved to Stokes County after 1790 and about 1817-20 moved to Bibb County, Ala. (for more detail see Pratt Family)

(for their children see following page)

Children of Richard and Rebecca Pratt

- a. Hopkins Pratt Born 1791 in Rockingham Co., N.C.; died 1841 in Bibb County, Ala.
Married 1816 Sarah Dickerson

- b. Absalom Pratt Born 1793 in Stokes Co., N.C.; died 1845 in Bibb Co., Ala; married in 1822
Mary Dickerson

- c. Maria Pratt Born 1795 in Stokes Co., N.C.; married (William?) Fletcher. Probably
lived in Bibb Co., Ala.

- d. Joab Pratt Born ca 1797 in Stokes Co., N.C; died probably in Texas; married probably
in Bibb Co., Ala, Frances Vernon a daughter of Obedian Vernon.

- e. Abigail Pratt Born in Stokes Co., N.C. in 1800; died 1845 in Bibb Co., Ala; married Joel
Lowrey

- f. John Pratt Born in Stokes CO., N.C; married a Miss Pumphrey; died probably in
Arkansas

- g. Theodosia Pratt Born 1805 in Stokes Co., N.C; died in Alabama in 1877; married in Alabama
Archibald Henry Blake

8. William Beavers Very little is known concerning the only son of William and Abigail Beavers. He was living in 1801 when his mother's will was written. In his father's will of 1788 he was to inherit (after his mother's death) all of the lands and mills of his father. We have found no record of him after 1801.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM McCLELLAN, SR

William McClellan, Sr. was the father of William and Robert McClellan who married daughters of William and Abigail Beavers. He came from Northern Ireland in the 1740's and settled in Loudoun County, Virginia. His first wife died and he returned to Ireland, and probably there, in Ulster Plantation, married his second wife Sarah (her last name may have been Wilson) William's son Robert was born of this second marriage. William McClellan's will he named his wife Sarah and four children:

- a. William McClellan Born in 1743; died 1795; married Hannah Beavers
- b. Robert McClellan Born 1767; died 1850; married Mary Beavers
- c. Martha McClellan Married ----- Murphy
- d. Mary McClellan Belived to have married John, son of Thomas and Martha Beavers of
Lodoun County.

WILL OF WILLIAM BEAVERS

Copy of original Will is filed with wills and other old records in basement of Rockingham County Courthouse, but not recorded in Record of Wills there. (July 26, 1788)

In the Name of God, Amen this twenty-sixth day of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

I, William Beavers of the County of Rockingham, State of North Carolina, finding myself in a low declining state of health but of perfect sense and memory, thanks be to Almighty God for the same calling to mid the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

Item: My will and desire is that my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and discharged.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Abigail Beavers fifty-five pounds current money and one bed and furniture.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Abigail Beavers fifty-five pounds current money and one bed and furniture.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Beavers fifty-five pounds current money and one bed and furniture.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hutchison ten pounds current money.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Jones ten pounds current money.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Hampton ten pounds current money.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah McClellan ten pounds current money.

Item: My will and desire is that the aforesaid legacies except the beds and furniture be paid out of the profits arising from the saw and grist mill.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving wife the whole of my estate – real and personal except as hereafter excepted during her natural life

Item: I give and bequeath to my son William Beavers when he arrives at age of twenty-one years the parcell of land lying on land lying on the Northwest side of the branch running from a Big Spring in James Galloways land down to the Mayo River, and at my Wife's death the whole of my land and mills, also Vincent Manley a servant lad to serve the remainder of his time to my son William Beavers when he arrives at twenty-one years of age.

Item: My will and desire is that should Negro Sue have any issue my daughter Abigail Beavers shall have the first live born child and my daughter Rebecca Beavers the second and at my Wife's death the said negro and the rest of her increase if any be sold (except the third live born child which I bequeath to my son William Beavers when it is two years old) and the money arising to be equally divided among all children.

Item: My will and desire is that my loving wife Abigail Beavers and Thomas Henderson be Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year within written.

William Beavers (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of

William McClellan Pink Overton Thomas Scales Jurat

WILL OF ABIGAIL BEAVERS

Dated March 17, 1801 – Recorded Nov. 1803 in Surry County, North Carolina

In the name of God Amen, I Abigail Beavers, being very sick and weak in body and perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God; Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make this my last will and testament

That is to say principally and first of all, I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it; and my body I Recommend to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my Executors. Nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God.

And as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it has Pleas'd God Bless me (with) in this life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

First I give and bequeath to William Beavers one pair andirons

secondly I give to my well beloved granddaughter Rosey Hampton the price of one gray mare (which is thirty dollars) to be paid by Henry Hampton together with one Bed & furniture on Chest & drawers one heffer with calf one black heffer yearling One iron potrack with a nob one Dutch oven one smothering iron one Linning wheel * and all my pewter ware also my knives and forks and one Looking glass. *(spinning wheel?)

thirdly all the Rest of my goods I leave to be sold and my just debts to be paid and the balance to be divided amongst my seven children (Equally) viz Hannah McClellan Sarah Hampton Anne James Mary McClelland Elizabeth Hutchinson Abigail James Rebeckah Pratt

Lastly I leave Henry Hampton Executor to this my last will and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke disallow all and every other former Testaments wills legaces bequeaths and Executors by me in any wise bequeathed, satisfying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this seventeenth day of March in this year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & one

signed in presence of (etc)

Abigail Beavers _____ seal

-----new (name partially obliterated)

Hannah Hampton

THE HAMPTON FAMILY

Generation 1.

William Hampton Born 1586 in England; married Joan ----; from London, England to Virginia ca 1621; will dated September 5, 1652. He was a planter and established Hampfield in Gloucester Co., Virginia.

Generation 2.

Rev. Thomas Hampton, son of William and Joan Hampton, was an Episcopal minister in James City, County, Virginia. He was born ca 1623; died in 1690.

Generation 3.

Capt. John Hampton, son of Rev. Thomas Hampton, was born 1650; died 1718; married 1677 Mary Mann. He resided in King William County, Virginia.

Generation 4

John Hampton, son of John and Mary (Mann) Hampton, was born in 1683, died in 1748. He married in 1712 Margaret Wade and lived in Fairfax County, Virginia. They were the grandparents of Col. Wade Hampton * of Revolutionary War fame and great grand parents of General Wade Hampton of Civil War fame. *(Later Major General Wade Hampton)

Children:

1. Anthony Hampton

Born 1715; died 1765 married (1) Elizabeth Preston; (2) Ann Bissell. About 1760-65 Anthony Hampton came from Halifax Co., Va. And settled near Germantown, Stokes Co., N.C. In about 1772 he sold his land in North Carolina and the family moved to near Paceola, S. Carolina. Here in 1776 Anthony, his wife Ann and his son Preston were killed by Indians believe to have been led by Tories because of his sympathies toward independence of the colonies. John Bynam, his six year old grandson was carried off by the Indians but was later ransomed by his uncle, Gen. Wade Hampton. His sons were all officers in the American Revolution except Preston who was killed by Indians when aged 22.

Children:

Major John Hampton (1745-1830)

Preston Hampton – Killed by Indians aged 22 years

Margaret Hampton – married Gray Bynum She was b. 1756

Capt. Edward Hampton (1749-1781)

Col. Henry Hampton Born ca 1743

Major Gen, Wade Hampton (ca 1752-1835)

Lt. Col. Richard Hampton (1747-1792)

Elizabeth Hampton – born Virginia ca 1758; married James Harrison;

Died S.C. 1799.

2. John Hampton Born 1718
3. Henry Hampton Born ca 1720; died 1778
4. James Hampton Born 1723; died 1801 – moved with brother Anthony to N.C.
5. (Mary?) Hampton Born ca 1725
6. * Thomas Hampton Born 1728; died 1796; married Sarah Pattison alias Congers, possibly married (2) Sara Pratt (see further)
7. Margaret Hampton Born 1730 – may have never married
8. Elizabeth Hampton Born 1732; said to have married Capt. Thomas Triplett
9. Rosamond Hampton Born 1734; married Col. William Winn and moved to S.C.

*Additional Data:**James Hampton son of John and Mary (Mann) Hampton**Married - ?**Had children**Thomas b ca 1748 Surry Co. N.C.**Margaret " 1750 m. - Helfest**Martha " 1752 m - Evans**Hannah " 1754**Henry " 1756**John " 1758**Capt. Samuel " 1760 m. Aug 17, 1785 *Bethenia Bastrak***Theodocia " 1762 prob m. - Ladd & d ca 1796**Capt Samuel's children b. Stokes Co N.C. his s Samaal m. Elizabeth Barnett? & their children b. Lincoln & Fayette Cos, Tenn*

Generation 5.

Thomas Hampton, son of John and Margaret (Wade) Hampton, was born October 17, 1728 in New Kent County, Virginia. He married (1) in Stafford County, Virginia, January 1, 1749, Sara Pattison alisa Congers (as recorded in Crozier's Early Marriages and Parish Records). According to family records compiled by Capt. Harry Allen about the turn of the century, he married Sarah Pratt. Possibly he married (2) Sarah Pratt, a widow between 1785 and the time of his death in 1796. Thomas Hampton was the uncle of Gen. Wade Hampton of Revolutionary War fame. Thomas moved from Halifax County, Virginia to what is now the village of Hamptonville, Yadkin County, N.C. (Yadkin taken from Surry County in 1850). He later returned to Virginia and lived in Cascade, Halifax County, which is just over the border from Rockingham County, North Carolina. His son Henry remained in Hamptonville. His will is dated July 28, 1790, proved January 16, 1797. In his will he left his son Henry (who married Sara Beavers) 646 acres in Surry County, N.C. (later was in Yadkin County). (Yadkin formed from Surry 1850)

Children:

- a. Henry Hampton Married Sara Beavers; died 1831 (see further)
- b. James Hampton May have settled Frankfort, Kentucky
- c. Preston Hampton Said to have lived in Grand Co., Kentucky
- d. John Hampton Lived in Pittsylvania Co. Virginia
- e. Margaret Hampton Married April. 5 1785 In Pittsylvania Co., Va. James Colquit
- f. Nancy Hampton Married Feb. 12, 1785 in Pittsylvania Co., Va. George Young, Jr.

Generation 6.

Henry Hampton, son of Thomas and Sarah Hampton, was born in Virginia; he married Sarah, daughter of William and Abigail Beavers of Rockingham County, N.C. We are puzzled as to why he was living in Stokes County, N.C. according to the 1800 census, as, so far as we know, he lived most of his live, after his marriage in Hamptonville, Yadkin County, North Carolina. In his will of 1790 his father Thomas left him 646 acres in Surry County "whereon he now lives". Henry Hampton's will is dated Nov. 21, 1831. Henry Hampton was a brother-in-law of Richard Pratt.

Children:

- a. Thomas Hampton
- b. Henry Hampton
- c. Col. William Hampton Married Nancy Bryan and settled at Swan Pond on the Yadkin River.
- d. Sarah Hampton Married Richard Allen as his first wife.
- e. Margaret Hampton Married Richard Allen as his second wife.
 - f. Hanna Hampton Married Jesse Allen who was born 1771; died 1857; lived in Memphis, Tennessee.
 - g. Abigail Hampton Married Matthew Benthall
 - h. John Hampton
 - i. Susannah Hampton Married ----- Whitehead
 - j. * Theodosia Hampton Married ----- Ladd "Danbury Courthouse, Stokes County, N.C. Aug. 11, 1796 – Last will of Theodosia Ladd – property to daughter, if she dies to go to her brother and sister Thomas Hampton and Hannah Hampton – Henry and Sara Hampton made oath." *(or was she a dau. Of James, brother of Henry Hampton)(?)

k. (Rosey?) Hampton

We have not been able to identify Rosey Hampton but her grandmother, Abigail Beavers, left her most of her personal property in her will dated 21801. And she was evidently living with Abigail Beavers at that time, but she is not included in the list we have of Henry Hampton's children.

THE VERNON FAMILY

The Vernons were an old Cheshire family of Norman descent. Randel Vernon of Marsden, Cheshire, England, weaver, and Sarah Bradshaw of Sandthorn in the same county, were married November 14, 1670. Randel and his brothers, Thomas and Robeert came over about 1682 and settled in Pennsylvania locating on 625 acres there.

Randel and Thomas settled on adjacent tracts of land and for some time occupied the same dwelling at which Monthly Meetings of Friends were held. It might be said the Meetings were held circular at the houses of John Sincock in Ridley, Robert, Thomas and Randel Vernon and John Edge in Nether Province, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Robert Vernon is reported not to have been as active a member of Friends as were his brothers Thomas and Randel.

Data on the three emigrant brothers follows:

Thomas Vernon	Lived in Nether Province, Chester County, Pennsylvania after his arrival in America from England. He died Dec. 25, 1698 and is buried in Chester, Pennsylvania. His wife Elizabeth died March 24, 1714
Randel Vernon	Born in Cheshire, England about 1640. Came to America in 1682. Married Sarah Bradshaw. He died in 1725 aged 85 years and his wife died Dec. 18, 1718. They had a son Jacob who married Ann Yearsley.
Robert Vernon	From Stokes in Cheshire, England to America in 1682. Lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania. One source states that his parents were James and Hester Vernon. He married about 1664, Eleanor Minshall, daughter of John Minshall. He died before 1720. His wife Eleanor died July 20, 1720.
	Children were:
	Alice Vernon Baptised June 31, 1664 Acton Cheshire, England
	John Vernon Baptised 1682 in England; married Sarah Pyle 1702.
Jacob Vernon	Baptised Nov. 8 1680 in Acton, Cheshire, England; married May 4, 1712 Eleanor Owen.
Isaac Vernon	Born in Chester Co., Pa; married (1) 1710 Hannah Williams; married (2) 1730 Mary Marshall. He d. ca 1790.
Rebecca Vernon	Married Thomas Garrett in 1704; married (2) Sept. 20, 1718 Richard Jones. She d. 122-23-1748
Thomas Vernon *	Probably the Thomas Vernon who settled in Cub Creek, Charlotte County, Virginia

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Thomas Vernon, Sr. of Cub Creek, Virginia

The records on the Virginia Vernons are very sketchy as the Friends' Records of Cub Creek Meeting were

destroyed by fire. However, it is believed by some Vernon researchers that Thomas Vernon of Cub Creek was a son of Robert Vernon (one of the three emigrant brothers) of Pennsylvania, as all of the other Thomas Vernons of that time were accounted for. Robert Vernon's son Thomas was disxxx by Chester Monthly Meeting in 1709 and his name does not appear in any further records of that colony.

Thomas Vernon, Sr. of Cub Creek may have been the father of several or all of the tithables of the name appearing on the list of tithes for Old Lunenburg County, Virginia. They lived in that part of Lunenburg County which later became Charlotte County.

Thomas Vernon, Jr bought land on Dunnavent Fork of Little Roanoke River in now Charlotte County Va.

Thomas Vernon, Jr. granted land in Lunenburg Co., Va 1737. His son Thomas Gaines Vernon b. 1754 near Massing Fork m. Nancy Hicks of Leatherwood Creek, Henry Co., Va. He was 34, she 17, an elopement. They were married in Stokes Co., NC – Lived in Charlotte Co., Va. When first child was born in 1785 – in 1799 they were also there.

They had:

Thomas Vernon m. Lettice Whitier

Elizabeth “ m. Thomas Atchley

Harison “ (1794-1836) m. his cousin Mary Vernon b. 1798 dau of Robert Vernon b 1768
& Elizabeth Hamilton? Mary d. 1875.

Fragmentary records indicating that Thomas Vernon, Sr. was in King and Queen Co. in early 1730s – that his son John was born in Penn. In 1725 and of his being in Caroline Co., Va where his son Richard of Caroline co. m. Sarah Tinsley – in he 3 volumes of Caroline Co. records she (Mrs Balmer) finds no record of Pratts there.

From Mrs. Balmer’s letter – states descendants of Thomas Vernon, Jr. said to have married Miss Gaines in the King and Queen Co. and Essex Co. area of Virginia. She says he was a Baptist but joined Old Briery Presbyterian Church about 1760 – There is proof that he was active in obtaining possession of the Ash Camp building for the Baptists following the Revolution. Name does not appear on old church rolls but two of his daughters in laws do. Ester, wife of his son Richard & Nancyh nee Jones widow of his son Abraham. Esther was daughter of Alex? Hamilton of Prince Edward County., Va.

Thomas Vernon, Jr joined Old Briery Presbyterian Church

Important:

On Mar. 9, 1747 Thomas Vernon, Jr bought 579 acres of land on both sides of Dunnavant Fork of Little Roanoke.

On Oct 4, 1751 Thomas Vernon, Jr sold John Pratt 150 acres of his 579 acre plantation. His name follows Thomas Vernon, Jr on all thithing lists in “Sunlight on the Southside” from 1747 – he lived on this land several years before buying it. Mrs. Balmer wonders if he is a son-in-law of Thomas Vernon, Jr. His name does not appear of list of either Old Briery or Ash Camp Baptist Church rolls. This would indicate that he went early to Rockingham Co., N.C. He was not on 1783 census of Charlotte Co., Virginia.

John Pratt’s wife was sister of Thomas Vernon, Jr. Was Old M. T. Vernon his father-in-law?. By 1790 the only Vernons remaining in Virginia were families of Ebenezer and John Vernon, Jr. By deed etc they were easy to identify and separate.

The following is taken from a list of tithables for the year 1749, William Caldwell's Territory. (Later some of these persons are found in Rockingham County, North Carolina and in Abbeville County, South Carolina)
 Names follow each other on the original list.

Thomas Vernon, Sr. -----
 Isaac Vernon-----3
 James Vernon-----3
 Thomas Vernon, Jr. -----1
 Jonathan Vernon -----1
 John Pratt -----1
 (several names down)
 John Vernor-----1

James and John Vernon are also on a list of Colonial Soldiers including Rangers and Militia.

Though we have no proof the following men appear to be brothers and may all have been sons of Thomas, Sr. of Cub Creek, Charlotte County, Va.

Thomas Vernon Wife believed to have been Sarah Gaines; they had a least one son, Thomas Gaines Vernon, who was born May 23, 1752 in Charlotte Co., Va. Thomas Gaines Vernon married ca 1784 Nancy Hicks. He was a Revolutionary War soldier and died 1841 in Monroe Co., Tenn. His wife died in Bledsoe Co., Tenn. In 1824.

Richard Vernon He was born about 1746 and would seem to be much younger than the others. He lived in Madison CO., Va. (formerly Culpeper) and was a Revolutionary soldier. Apparently he lived for a time in Rockingham Co., N.C. but returned to Virginia. In Deed Book 1 page 14, Madison County, Virginia under date of Sept. 26, 1793, Richard Vernon of Madison CO., Virginia names his trusted friend and nephew Richard Vernon of Guilford County, N. Carolina as his lawful attorney to sell two tracts of land in Guilford County containing 400 acres. Richard Vernon married Martha Tinsley.

James Vernon, Sr. Married Eleanor and it is possible that she was a Pratt and that this was the early Pratt-Vernon connection. We assume that James of Cub Creek was the same as the one of the name who lived in Rockingham County, North Carolina. In about 1786 he sold his land in North Carolina and moved to Abbeville County, S. Carolina. Apparently all of his children except Capt. Richard moved there with him. He died in Abbeville Co., S.C. in 1802 and his wife Eleanor, died there in 1813. As near as can be ascertained from the will and other records their children were:

- a. James Vernon, Jr. Died 1787 in Abbeville Co., S.C. probably unmarried.
- b. Thomas Vernon Believed to be the Thomas who died in Rockingham Co., in 1786 leaving wife Mary son John and perhaps other children.

c. Capt. Richard Vernon Born Oct. 18, 1758 in Charlotte Co., Va. *D. 7-24-1840* He may have
m. Betty Wooten married a sister of Richard Pratt, and he may have been the father of *see DAR Patriot*
Fixxxx Obediah Vernon and the grandfather (through Obediah) of Nehemiah

Vernon of Bibb Co., Ala. In his Will James Sr. refers to his son
Richard in North Carolina. Richard lived most of his life in
Rockingham Co., N.C. Then moved in later life to Williamson County,
Tenn. He was a captain in the Revolutionary war.

Additional Data:

Capt. Richard Vernon was the grandson of Thomas Vernon of Cub Creek – he married Betty Wooten ca 1778.

Children of Capt. Richard Vernon according to DAR application:

Thomas Vernon b. 1789 – m. Nancy E. Baker and had John Vernon b. 1815 m. Caroline Castor.

Green Vernon b. 1796

Robert Vernon m. Sara Richardson

John Dagg Vernon

James R. Vernon

Leonard “

Mary “

Ely “

Nelly “

Pleasant “

Nancy “

John Dagg Vernon had daughter Frances who married 1851, Green Colquette son of Edith Vernon who was a daughter or granddaughter of Capt. Richard Vernon.

Obediah Vernon, oldest son of John Dagg Vernon, was born in Rockingham County but moved to West Tennessee, He married Elizabeth ----- and had probably 13 children.

- d. Isaac Vernon born January 9, 1758 in Charlotte Co., Va. In 1833 he applies for a pension for his services in the Rev. War. At that time his wife was deceased and he was living by turns with his children and grandchildren in Abbeville Co., S.C. and in Elbert Co. Ga.
- e. Nehemiah Vernon Named in Will of his father and in Will of his brother, James Jr.
- f. Joseph Vernon Sold land in Rockingham Co., N.C. in 1786.
- h. Hannah Vernon Married John Hazlet – resided in Abbeville Co., S.C.
- i. Sarah Vernon Married William Lewis who died in Rockingham Co., N.C. ca 1788; married (2) James Tinsley and lived in Abbeville Co.

Isaac Vernon According to a family researcher Isaac first went from Cub Creek (Charlotte Co.) Virginia to Abbeville County, S.C. and then in later life moved to Rockingham County, N. Carolina. We have no information which would indicate that he lived in Abbeville County, but he evidently is the father or grandfather of several of those Vernons unaccounted for in the records of Abbeville County. He left a will dated August 12, 1787 and named the following: Wife, Jane; sister Rebecca; Executors son Nehemiah and Benjamin Gates Witnesses Richard Vernon; Robert Means and Elizabeth Means.

Children:

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|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| a. Nehemiah | g. Jane | *m. James (third child in will |
| b. Jonathan | h. Mary | see further on him) |
| c. Richard | i. Elizabeth | |
| d. Isaac | j. Sarah | |
| e. Frederick | k. Sukey | |
| f. George | l. Hannah | |

*

James Vernon son of Isaac and Jane Vernon above, may have been the James Vernon of Rockingham or Stokes County, N.C. who was the father of (1) Richard Vernon b. 1789, married (1) Elizabeth David (2) Nancy Joyce * and moved to Jerrerson Co., Ind; (2) Nehemiah Vernon born ca 1780, married Martha (probably Martha Means), and moved to Jefferson County, Ind; (3) John Vernon who went to Tennessee and (4) Isaac, a hatter. James Vernon father, said to have moved to Indiana with his sons. There is much data on the descendants of this family. *(he married Nancy Joyce in his later years in Ind.)

Obediah Vernon of Rockingham County may have been a son of Capt. Richard – he was a cousin of Hopkins and Absalom Pratt of Bibb County, Alabama. He married as his second wife ----- Pratt, who was a second cousin. By his first wife he had at least (1) Frances Vernon who married Joab Pratt and lived in Bibb Co., Ala, and (2) Nehemiah Vernon b. 1809 in Rockingham Co., N.C; married Araminta Prmpfrey; moved from Tennessee to Bibb County, Ala. Known children: Obediah, born ca 1837; Jesse, born ca 1839; Thomas J. born ca 1841; Margaret, born ca 1844; Sarah, born ca 1848; Theresa Ann, born ca 1849; Clara, born after 1850 and perhaps others.

George McHugh Vernon was apparently of the Abbeville-Rockingham family. He was born 1785 in North Carolina; died ca 1883 in Chambers, Ala; married 1809 in Abbeville, S.C. Sarah -----; married second in Alabama, Rebecca Tever about

1840.

Nehemiah Vernon a gunsmith by trade may have been of the Rockingham family. He lived in Tennessee when he entered service in War of 1812. He was in the Battle of New Orleans in 1815 – died of fever in route home; married Mary King and had Jeremiah, Ebenezer, Polly, Leah & George W. Vernon. His widow married (2) John Mulkey and the family settled in Seles County (now Miller), Missouri.

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“ Samuel -----30-32

“ Sarah -----9-30-32-34-40

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“ Thomas -----30-31-32-34-40

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“	Dacey Griffin -----	27
“	Elizabeth Fulton -----	27
“	Isaac T. -----	27
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“	John -----	27
“	Mariah -----	19-27

“	Marion A. -----	27
“	Mary -----	27
“	Nancy Carlisle -----	27
“	Mrs. (Pierce) -----	27
“	Rachel -----	27
“	Rebecca -----	27
“	Richard -----	27
“	Richard H. -----	27
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“	Dacey Smith -----	29
“	Elizabeth -----	29
“	Elizabeth Pruitt -----	29
“	Harriet M. McGee -----	29
“	John -----	29
“	Josiah -----	29
“	Mary -----	29
“	Mollie Pratt -----	29
“	Peter S. -----	29
“	Sally Osborn -----	29
“	Sarah -----	29
“	Sarah Hall -----	29
“	Robert -----	29

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“	Thomas -----	27
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“	John -----	31
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“	Melvina -----	32
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“	Edgar -----	20
“	Florence -----	20
“	Harvey -----	20
“	Harvey P. -----	20
“	Mary Jenny -----	20
“	Sarah -----	20
Cottingham,	Willis -----	20
“	Zilpha Pratt -----	20
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“	Thomas -----	29
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“	John -----	33
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“ James E. -----24

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“ Susanna Pratt -----29

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“ Rebecca Vernon -----41

“ Thomas -----41

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“	Joseph -----	8
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“	Ebb -----	23
“	Eugenia -----	23
“	Mollie -----	23
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- “ Sarah -----29
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“ Azar -----26

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“ Walter Mack -----27

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“	Julia -----	19
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“	W. H. -----	19

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“	John -----	3
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“	Alice Thomas -----	26
“	Barton -----	26
“	Charles C. -----	26
“	Elizabeth Riley -----	26
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“	Jane Goodson -----	26
“	Joel -----	18-26-36
“	John -----	26
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“ Newton -----26

“ Perry -----26

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“	Allen -----	23
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“	Caroline -----	29
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“	David -----	15-28-29
“	Dacey Smith -----	29
“	Drayton -----	20
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“	Edward -----	20
“	Elisha -----	12
“	Eliza Cochran -----	20
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“	Elizabeth -----	10-12-14-29
“	Elizabeth Gibson -----	25
“	Elizabeth Jones -----	10-12-14-29
“	Emily -----	20
“	Emma -----	29
“	Emma Hays (Haze) -----	28
“	Emma Weatherd McLeod -----	23

“ Erastus -----20

“ Estelle -----24

“ Fannie Fox -----25

“ Fanny -----3-22-25

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“ Frances -----3-25

“ Frances Myra -----20-25

“ Frances Vernon -----25-36-43

“ Gennie -----20

“ Georgia Ann -----19

“ Griselda -----19

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- “ Martha Amanda -----22-25

- “ Martha Murdock -----29

- “ Mary -----12-22-23-25-29

- “ Mary Abigail -----18-25-26

- “ Mary Cora -----24

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“	Mary Kay (Key) -----	29
“	Mary L. Lotts -----	20
“	Maud -----	20
“	Missouri Easley (Early) -----	20
“	Molean -----	24
“	Mollie -----	29
“	Nancy -----	29
“	Nancy Harkness -----	29
“	Nathan W. -----	20
“	Nettie -----	24
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“ Richard Hopkins -----23

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“ Sally Garrison -----13

“ Sally Mirah -----22-25

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“ Sarah A. -----29

“ Sarah Ann Crews -----20

“ Sarah Dickerson -----16-19-36

“ Sarah Myrah -----25

“ Susannah -----29

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“	Mary Ann -----23
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“	Elizabeth -----26
“	Joel -----13
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“ George W. -----43

“ Hannah -----43

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“	Leah -----43
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“	Martha Tinsley -----42-43
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“	Mary King -----43

“ Mary Marshall -----41

“ Mary Marshall -----41

“ Nancy Hicks -----42

“ Nancy Joyce -----43

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“ Mr. P. -----4-6

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- “ Robert -----41-43
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- “ Sarah Bradshaw -----41
- “ Sarah Gaines -----42
- “ Sarah Pyle -----41
- “ Sukey -----43
- “ Theresa Ann -----43
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- “ Eliza Williams -----19
- “ Eugenia S. -----19
- “ Fanny Pratt -----22

“ Florence -----20

“ Frances Myrah Pratt -----20-22-25

“ Georgia Ann Pratt -----19

“ John Hopkins -----20

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“	Julia Logan -----	19
“	Julius M. -----	19
“	Leonidas Polk -----	19
“	Margaret J. Lightsey -----	19
“	Marshall -----	20
“	Mary E. Pratt -----	20
“	Matthew Duncan -----	20
“	Matthew P. -----	19
“	Monroe J. -----	19
“	Nannie -----	20
“	Ninnie -----	20
“	Pulaski -----	19-25
“	Sarah Eugenia -----	20
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“	Nancy Hampton -----	40
“	Samuel -----	29
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ADDITIONS

These items may be of interest as additions to material in this booklet. Comments and corrections, as well as these additions, listed by Edith M. Clark, Salisbury, N.C. March, 1967.

p. 7 The Mayo and the Dan rivers meet at the town of Madison, instead of Mayodan. Efforts are being made to locate owner of the land grant to William Pratt as noted in last sentence on page 7. Mark out word county in last line.

p. 8 Additonal deeds, Guilford county, N.C.

Guilford County, N.C. Deed Book 2, page 91. John Pratt "a tract of land containing 640 acres lying and being in our county of Guilford on the waters of Sharp's Creek branch of Dan river, beginning at a black oak crossing a branch to a black oak in Ignatious Gann's line thence north along Gann's line and Sarah Powell's, 427 poles crossing a branch to a black oak, thence east 240 poles along James Holderness' line to the first station" (For the rest of this grant see page 21, 13th Nov. 1779, no. 113. Recorded etc. John Frank, pro. Sec. By Wm. Sheppard, D.

Guilford county, N.C. Deed Book 2, page William Leboss to JOHN PRATT. Willam Leboss of county of Guilford For 50 lbs. paid by John Pratt of the county and state aforesaid 57 acres in Guilford county on the waters of Sharp's creek of Dan river James Holderness line, Mary Field's line, John Pratt's line 3rd July 1784. Guilford county court 1785. Witnessed by Lewis Irion, J. Holderness and Richard Vernon. Richard Vernon proved the deed to Thos. Henderson, C.C.

Guilford county, N.C. 1782. WILLIAM PRATT bought 100 acres from Valentine Allen.

Guilford county, N.C. 1785. JAMES PRATT bought land on Buffalo Island Creek from William Wells. Deed Book 3, page 202. (Note: the sons of William Pratt sold Buffalo Island Creek land in 1850 in Rockingham county.

Note: It might prove profitable to have someone read the Guilford county court minutes for other mentions of the Pratt family. Part of Guilford was cut from Rowan in 1770 and again part of Guilford was made into Rockingham in 1785.

ROWAN COUNTY COURT MINUTES (at Salisbury, Rowan county, N.C.)

Oct. 16, 1769 and Nov. 18, 1769. JOHN PRATT made overseer of road from Maybro to Grassy Springs. Barth Grogan from Grassey Springs to the Orange county line,

1773 Rowan county Superior court minutes list JOHN PRATT as one of the petitioner to repair court house for Guilford county which had been formed Rowan and Orange counties in 1770.

Note: as JOHN PRATT had to be a property owner to be a road overseer, he must have acquired land in what was then Rowan, later Guilford county, prior to 1769 as noted above. We have not been able to locate any grant or deed here in Rowan although the records for this county are supposedly among the most complete in North Carolina. It might be profitable to check the land entry book for Guilford in 1770 and also to have someone read the Guilford county court minutes from 1770 – 1780. As noted on page 11 of this booklet JOHN PRATT is thought to have died about 1785 and as Rockingham county was formed in 1785, it may be that the estate was settled in Guilford county instead of in Rockingham and that some mention of heirs etc. is in court minutes. There are a number of records of a Pratt family in Orange county (part of which became Guilford) but there is a 10 year gap in the minutes and no connection can be made.

Additions, continued

It should be noted that the property mentioned on page 7 as being near the town of Ridgeway, Virginia, could have been listed in North Carolina or Virginia originally. Various boundary adjustments were made between the two states up to 1850 that the apparent location of several properties is confusing as a result. Many Pratts live just inside the Virginia line on the Mayo river with their address as Spencer, Va., As far as is known, no concentrated search has been made of Henry county, Va., records where these Pratt live. That search will lead into both Bedford and Pittsylvania counties, Va.

RICHARD PRATT owned lot # 19 in Wachovia in 1779. This was in the village of Salem, now part of the city of Winston-Salem, and one of the North Carolina's most interesting historic places. Now celebrating 200th birthday. He is listed in v.3 p.1776-79 of "Moravian Records" ed. By Fried. There is no record of sale. Winston Salem is in Forsyth county, once Stokes, once Surry, and once Rowan.

p.21 The name Dickerman should be corrected to Dickerson

p.11 From AMERICAN ARCHIVES, ed. By Force: fifth series v.1, p. 801. JOHN PRATT dismissed from Capt. Sheperd's co. for selling rum; courtmartialed Oct. 13, 1776. He had been promoted to ensign Aug. 3, 1776; 24th Regt. Commanded by Col. Greaton & Gen. Gates.

There was also a THOMAS PRATT in Stokes county, N.C., in 1790. This is next to Rockingham and was formed from Surry which was once a part of Rowan.

From "Records of the Moravians" ed by Fries:

v.9, p, 4975 Eliza Pratt confirmed Nov. 17, 1846. Bethabara congregation.

v.9, p. 4166 Letter written by Elizabeth Pratt, August, 1834; she a student at Salem Female Academy. Letter to her father at Union Court House, South Carolina. Mentions but does not name her parents, brothers, and sisters

From Moravian Archives, Winston Salem, N.C.

WILLIAM GHOLDON PRATT married Hannah Butner July 10, 1832 Stokes co. N.C. (Later Forsyth)

Hannah's name sometimes entered as Hohanna Elizabeth. They moved to Georgia. Children:

1. ?

2. Mary Elizabeth born Mar. 3, 1833, baptized Apr. 21, 1833. Bethabara congregation

3. Frances Marion born Feb 19, 1836, Bethabara congregation. Lived with his parent 2 years in Georgia then returned to Forsyth county, N.C. Married Sarah Axon near Dobson, Surry county, N.C. Died Jan. 6, 1918; buried Bethabara. 6 sons and 4 daughters:

(1) L.F. Pratt, Knoxville, Tenn.

(2) J.M. Pratt, lived near home place, Forsyth co. N.C.

(3) E.C. Pratt “ “ “ “ “ “ “

(4) E.P. Pratt, Winston-Salem, N.C.

(5) T.B. Pratt, home place, Forsyth county, N.C. (T.B. Pratt)

(6-10) daughters names not given

4. Alfred Perman Pratt died Nov. 4, 1845 aged 3 years 7 months 16 days. Bethabara

5. Christian Franklin Pratt, funeral March 7, 1845, Bethabara

Will of Robert Bumpass, Caswell county, N.C. (Caswell next to Rockingham on east and was fromed from Orange) Dated June 1777, probate date not given. Names:

Wife: Sarah

Son John

Daughters: Lucy Van Hook, Elizabeth Davie, AGNESS PRATT, Winifred Cozert and Martha Williams.

AGNESS PRATT and JAMES PRATT listed 1790 census in Caswell county, but here will in Rockingham county, N.C. see next page

Additions, continued

Will of AGNES PRATT, Rockingham county, N.C. Dated July 6, 1811. No date of probate given.

Sons: John Robert, William

Daughter: Sarah Axton

Grandchildren: Dendall Axton, Leah Axton

p. 11, 12, 14 & 25 of this booklet notes connection with Gibson family. The following is will of Joseph Gibson, Sr. Rockingham county, N.C. dated Feb. 1790. No probate given.

Names: Wife Elizabeth

William Hand (relationship not given)

Children:	John Gibson	Sarah Gibson
	Joseph Gibson	Theamey Gibson
	Absalom Gibson	Mary Fields, wife of John Fields
	Hezekiah Gibson	<u>ANN PRATT</u>
	Elizabeth Gibson	Betty Williams, wife of William Williams
	Joshua Gibson	Randolph Gibson

Executors: sons John and Joseph and son-in law John Fields. *Rev. Soldier b. 4-3-1752 d. 9-1-1885 m. Mary Gibson*

Whitness: Allen Dodd, Christopher Hand, George Peay, Sr.

p. 30, 31,32,33 Thomas Beavers. This item from the book "Virginia Frontier" by Kegley pages 589-611. Asa Hall and Jesse Hall, brothers, from New York to Roanoke valley about 1790; land on north fork of Roanoke river. Asa Hall married 1st Sarah Adams; married 2d July 31, 1802 Mary Vanover, Gotetour county, Va. He was Capt. Nathan Pearce's co. Duchess co. N.Y. during Rev. 8 children by 1st wife and 4 by 2d wife included:

- Sarah Hall who married JAMES PRATT (she dau. by 1st wife)
- Susannah Hall married THOMAS BEAVERS " " " " "

Abstracts of some records at Martinsville, Henry county, Va.; note a typed copy of Scrgt. Navity's Record book is in Rowan Public Library, Salisbury, N.C.

JONATHAN PRATT in Thomas Smith's company of Henry county militia March 1781; Major George Walker; 2n Battalion of 4th Regt. At Yorktown, listed in Record Book of Sergt. William Mavity. This is probably the Jonathan Pratt, age 73, who is listed on the pension roll of 1835 in Orange co. N.C. as having served in Va.

EBENEZER PRATT was in John Rentfro's co. of Henry county militia March 1781, Major George Walker. Listed in Sergt. William Mavity's record book.

THEODOCIA (PRATT) BLAKE

Theodocia Pratt, fourth child of Richard and Rebecca (Beavers) Pratt, was born December 11, 1795 in Stokes County, North Carolina. She married in Tuscaloosa, Alabama about 1819, Archibald Henry Blake who was born December 8, 1795 in Georgia. Tradition says he came to Alabama from Tennessee. It was with her that Rebecca (Beavers) Pratt made her last home. Theodocia died October 20, 1877 and her husband died June 9, 1874 (tombstone) and both are buried in the Pratt Cemetery at River Bend.

Children:

1. John Blake, b. July 13, 1820 in Ala., d. Oct. 13, 1883, Bibb Co., m. Aug. 22, 1844, Centerville, Dicie Jane Griffin, b. April 7, 1826 in Ga., d. July 13, 1902, Bibb Co., 9 ch. – Richard Hobson, Marion A., Mary, William, Willis, Theodocia, Rachael, John, Amanda Jane.
2. Richard Blake, b. March 22, 1822 in Ala., d. Feb. 14, 1905 in Bibb Co., bur Lightsey Cem., River Bend, m. Aug. 15, 1848 in Bibb Co., Elizabeth Fulton, b. Dec. 24, 1829, in Ala., d. Sept. 1858 Bibb Co., bur. Lightsey Cem. 3 ch. – Isaac Tillery, Asa Fulton, James. He m. 2nd. Nancey Jane Carlisle on Jan. 30, 1859. She was b. July 2, 1838 in Ala., d. 6 ch. – Frances Elizabeth, Jason Hartwell, Joel, Patty, Mary, Albert.
3. Archibald Henry Blake Jr., b. April 22, 1824, in Ala., d. Aug. 9, 1892, Bibb Co., bur. Pratt Cem., m. April 13, 1856 Jane Reavis b. Dec. 10, 1834, d. Feb. 28, 1905 Bibb Co. bur. Pratt Cem. 6 ch.- Joan, George Allen, Theodocia, Katie B. Asa Fletcher, Arthur.
4. Maria Blake, b. Feb. 23, 1826, Tuscaloosa, Ala., d. July 8, 1910, Banner, Balhoun Co., Miss., m. Dec. 11, 1845 in Centreville, Joshua West Johnson, b. Feb 1, 1821, in Centreville, d. June 29, 1900, Banner, Miss, son of Duncan and Letty (Morris) Johnson. (Duncan m. 2nd the widow of Hopkins Pratt, Sarah (Dickerson) Pratt, on Feb. 11, 1845 in Centreville. In Marriage Book D, she is listed as Sarah Prat.)
13 ch. – Hannibal Latimer, Margaret Evangeline, Theodocia Frances, Rebecca Rosella, Laurette Maria, Edward Austin, Doak Van Buren (or Van Camp), Dennis Washington, Charles Albert; Carrie: 11- Walter Mack b. March 28, 1866 in Centreville, d. Dec. 29, 1935, Fort Worth, Texas, bur. Brownwood, Texas, m. July 16, 1893 in Brownwood, Mary Myrtle Ballard, dau. of Thomas Lee and Miranda Ellen (Dunning) Ballard; 12 – William Fletcher; 13 – Mattie Gabrella
5. Asa Blake, b. ca 1827 Ala., m. Oct 20, 1853 Centreville, Melissa Jane Pearce. In 1876, when his father's estate was being settled, he was living in Bell Co., Texas.
6. Rebecca Blake, b. May 9, 1830 in Bibb Co., d. April 2, 1919, Bibb Co., bur. Schultz Creek Cem., River Bend. She never married but did have a son, Jephtha A, by her sister Mary's husband, William Thomas Carlisle. Jephtha married Appie Ann _____ and had a large family.

7. Rachel Blake, b. March 6, 1832 in Bibb Co., d. Jan. 30, 1923, in Bibb CO., bur. Schultz Creek Cem., m. 1st _____
Thomas Killough who d. ca. 1785; m. 2nd John Thrasher Feb. 22, 1882 in River Bend. He had no
children by either marriage.

8. Mary Blake, b. Feb 20, 1834, in Bibb Co., Ala., d. Oct. 11, 1906, m. July 21, 1856 in Bibb Co., William Thomas
Carlisle, b. Aug. 11, 1833, d. Oct. 12, 1877.

9 ch. – Rachel George Ann; Edward Calloway; Samson David; Nancy Elizabeth; Jason Hartwell;
Lillie Rebecca; Archer Blake; Margaret Rosella; Sarah Catherine.

(Transcription Note: Script writing on this page is very difficult to make out but appears to be mainly "son of XXXXX" and shouldn't contribute to the previous data)

Bibb Co., Ala.

Marriage Book D, 1837-1850

Pg. 145, Nov. 14, 1839	Madison Blake and Martha Ann Youngblood
254, Jan. 17, 1843	William Johnson and Jane West
291-2, Aug. 22, 1844	John Blake and Dicy Griffin.
305, Feb. 11, 1845	Duncan Johnson and Sara Prat(t)
329, Dec. 11, 1845	Joshua W(est) Johnson and Mariah Blake
333, Jan. 1, 1846	Hampton Pratt and Lucinda Potts
337, March 1, 1846	John Rice and Mary Johnson
400, Aug. 15, 1844	Richard Blake and Elizabeth Fulton

Marriage Book E. 1850-1868

Pg. 39, May 6, 1852	Grove Lockhard and Viany Pearce
79, Oct. 20, 1853	Asa Blake and Melissa Jane Pearce
82, Nov. 24, 1853	Marshall Pratt and Eliza Cochran
105, Dec. 1854	James W(?) Pratt and Eliza L. Brasill application only, license date not filled in no signed by couple
156, July 21, 1856	Thomas Carlisle and Mary Blake
294, Oct. 1861	Lenard C. Pratt and Mary Jane Clements application only, license date not filled in nor signed by couple
309, Aug. 6, 1863	Absalom Pratt and Sarah Anne Cruese

Marrige Book G,

58,, Oct. 19, 1872	R.H. Pratt and Arvizona Peters
189, July 3, 1876	Wm. H. Blake and Nannie Champion
205, Dec. 25, 1876	Joseph Pratt and Maggie Wade
205, Dec. 25, 1876	Peyton Crow and Emily Pratt
245, Jan. 2, 1878	William M. Hall and Ada E. Pratt
287, Nov. 12, 1878	B. N. Gray and Theodocia Blake (dau. of A.H.)

308, Feb. 21, 1879 Arthur Weldon and Fannie Pratt

319, July 10, 1879 Thomas Davidson and Ann Pratt

417, March 18, 1881 A.F. Blake and Marth J. Little at New March

Marriage Book F – No Blake or Pratt data