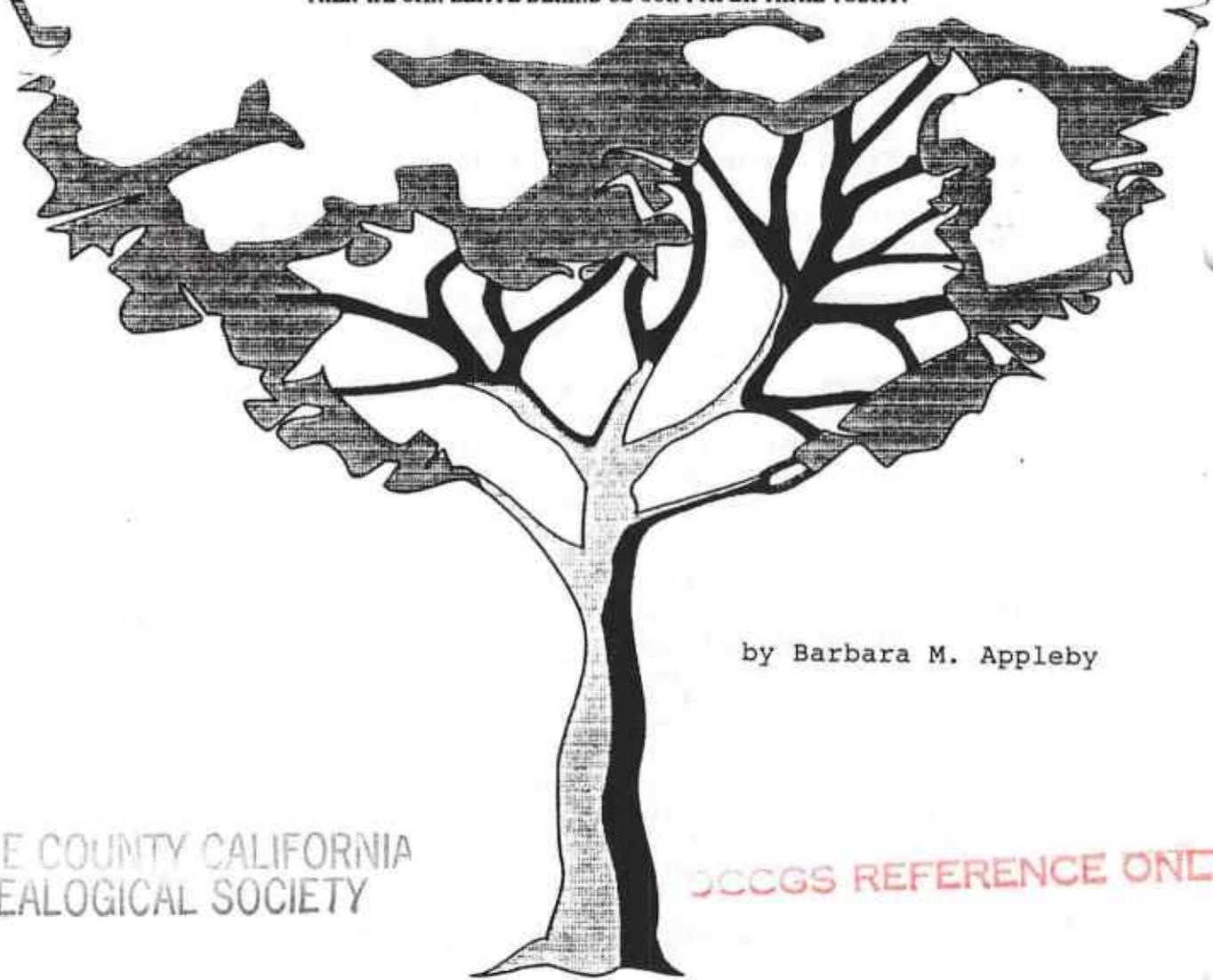


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TO CLIMB YOUR FAMILY TREE

WHEN I BEGAN TO SEARCH MY "ROOTS" TO CLIMB MY FAMILY TREE,
 I NEVER DREAMED WHAT COULD BE FOUND OR HOW MUCH THERE WAS TO SEE.
 EACH ONE LEFT A PAPER TRAIL FOR ALL OF US TO FIND-
 IN CHURCHES, PICTURES, BIBLES, BOOKS; THEY WEREN'T JUST KIND.
 WORKING, MOVING AND BUILDING A LIFE, CHILDREN WERE THEIR PRIDE.
 YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW THEM YOU SEE, WHERE EVER THEY SEEMED TO HIDE.
 TO TRACE THEM THROUGH THE YEARS CAN BE A WONDEROUS TRIP-
 A CAPTAIN IN THE ARMY OR A SAILOR ON A SHIP.
 THE TIME HAS COME TO GET A START FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN'S SAKE-
 SO THEY WILL KNOW THEIR FAMILY AND BEGIN THE STEPS TO TAKE.
 SO LET'S GO SEE OUR RELATIVES AND WRITE DOWN WHAT THEY SAY-
 THEN WE CAN LEAVE BEHIND US OUR PAPER TRAIL TODAY!



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The Virginia Landmarks Commission has recorded the J. M. Bare house as an early 19th century rectangular one story building with a bay and a gable roof. Structures identified as a spring house, smokehouses, stone mill and grist mills are located on the property which is along route 652 northeast of Greenville.

Rebecca, wife of John Bare, was received in the Bethel Presbyterian Church on 18 Aug. 1833; John Bare was received a week later on the 25th of August.

Children:

- a. **Ell Mary Bare** (b. Va. 2 Oct. 1826; bap. 20 Feb. 1836)
She married 17 Nov. 1857 **Thomas Burwell**.
- b. **Martha Jane Ann Bare** (b. Va. 3 Apr. 1828; bap. 20 Feb. 1836;
d. 23 June 1853)
She married 18 Dec. 1849 **James W. Crawford**, who later married
26 May 1857 **Caroline Y. Messersmith**.
- c. **Jacob Meredith Bare** (b. Va. 18 Jan. 1832; bap. 20 Feb. 1836)
The 1850 census lists him in his father's household as a
farmer and in school. He married 15 Apr. 1858 **Mary F. Hawpe**
(b. Va. ca 1833). He died 11 Mar. 1905 at Avis, Va.,
ch: Rebecca C. (b. ca 1859); John H. (b. ca 1861); Corilla
Lee (b. ca 1866); Susan (b. Apr. 1870); Lynn H.; Alma.
- d. **Corilla Floyd Bare** (b. Va. 6 June 1833; bap. 20 Feb. 1836;
d. 3 Mar. 1851) Unmarried.
- e. **Cicero Bare** (b. Va. 8 June 1835; bap. 20 Feb. 1836;)
He enlisted at the outset of the War between the States
as a volunteer in Lee's Rifles commanded by Capt. D. Lilly.
This was later Company D. of the 25th Virginia Infantry.
He was wounded in the shoulder and died six days later in
the hospital at Gordonsville in May of 1864, aged 29.
- f. **Artedore Bare** (b. Va. ca 1839; d. Augusta Co., Va.,
by 3 Mar. 1863). He drowned trying to cross the South River
on horseback near Waynesboro on his way home on leave from
the war. He was a member of a cavalry company. He was
buried at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church cemetery.

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BEN DEAN LETTER - - WATERLOO, 1865

Benjamin Wood Dean, Bob Dean's greatgrandfather, was a Union cavalryman in the Civil War. Following is copy of a letter written by Ben Dean from the battle field to his wife, Sarepta, during the last year of that war. His letter was written with a dull pencil on cheap tablet paper. Most of the writing must have been at night using light from a campfire. His poor spelling and grammar indicates his limited education. The letter was very difficult to read and the following is my effort to reproduce it as accurately as possible.

---- Bob Dean

Wauter Loo
Tues Feb 14, 1865

Sarepta

I receved yours and Pars [&] Marey Janes yesterday was glad to hear from home and you air well we air well and harty now but we hafte By a bout half that we eat we Bot one pound of Crackers the othear day paid forty sence a pound Chease 75 sence a pound and paid 50 sence for a Beef Cutters harte [&] liver but we git more to eit then we did Muney cant last long with such Prices

I git your letters reglear now but we have not stoped in one place longer nuf to git a letter onely in Bolen Green and in Nastvill ther was sent on ahed But we have bin whair the never was a letter never was seen nor heard of nor never will be not less than one hundred mill from a mail line. I had rathear live in the woods in Wiscon...then to live hear you never see mud hair compaired with this hear. I have not bin to see Joel Taylor yet I have heard that his Regement has moved and you do not no whair.

I am glad that you have sold old Charley you don wary well did you sell the hames with [?] I think not but all right enny way. I want you should [take] good cair of the mair git sum grain for hir this Spring I cant tell when she is coming [?] you can tell better then I can it was [about] the middle of that month that I was down thar to work it was April or May you know better then I do which month it is I think it is near the month of May [] home yet you must look out for that how many oats did you git down hear thair Francis wants to no what I have a good horse or not

I drawd a good horse at Louisville it was a four year old colt he was large nice horse But he was too young to [?] on such a hard march but I have got him now But he is most Ded the wers lots of horses died on the road and mine would

died if I had not Stole feed for him all the way. When I was able to go I see more or less horses lay in the road diing and groning every day. I was as hard a time for men and horses as eveal was none in this wair.

We run our horses one after noon as [?] as tha could run up hill and down we was with in 2 or 3 [?] drive of the Rebs we ment to over take them but might over tak [?] to soon we wrode till most dark and then was ordered to git off from our horses and Perpait for a fte we all dismounted and load our Gons and Started in to the Swamp after the Rebs watter was from 4 incheas to 10 inchaes deep wated for a mild or more water and dark as pitch and the was not eny Rebs for 5 miles of ous and then we came round to the road and we had to all form aline and Stan thair in the mud one ower or two cold anuf to freas and then was ordered to March Back two our Horses went Back and mounted our horses went back a Bout one mild and went in to camp and staid thair till the next night a bout 9 o'clock at night and then Saddled up our horses and started for Green Rivear for to cross that night on a Boat got thair and Staid thair till one or two o'clock and so many tha could not git a crost it was cold and Snowey had to Stay thair all night was 5 or 6 Bildings sat on fire so to keep warm and so that tha could see to load on the Horses to the Boats this moming our Company got a Board and crost Snotv was 3 or 4 inches Deep cold a nuf to freas I cannot tell you the pertickerles of it I will tell you when I see you.

I dont think that you can red this now for 1 wrote it by fiair light/it is now the 15 Day and want this to go this moming it rained hear last night the Days is nise and warm hear now Days I dont think of any more to wright now So write as often as you all can tell Mary Jane that I will [?] hir a present yet So good luck to all

B Dean

Note.- Mary Jane was Sarepta 's sister and wife of Joel Taylor. Francis was Ben Dean 's son. The "Green River" must have been the Tennessee River. -- RLD

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JOHN BARE
of Augusta County, Virginia
by Mary Louise B. Todd

John Bare (b. Augusta Co., Va. ca 1791; d. near Greenville, Va. 9 Apr. 1871 'of kidney affection') was the youngest of **Jacob and Barbary Bare's** six children. When Jacob and the four older sons moved on to southern Indiana around 1819, John remained in Augusta County presumably in charge of the family mill and horse farm near Greenville on the South River in the Shanandoah Valley.

When Jacob Bare died in 1831 he left no will so his property in Virginia and Indiana was divided between the five sons and the children of his deceased daughter **Polly Hatton**. [By that time Barbary Bare had died as she was not mentioned in the settlement]. John Bare kept his share of the Augusta County land and sold his Indiana share. His mill prospered and he was able to add to his holdings from time to time until he owned about 2000 acres in the Wilda community in Stuart's Draft

John Bare married on 6 Oct. 1825 **Rebeckah Scott** who was born in Virginia ca 1800. They had six children. One daughter, **Corella**, died in 1851. Rebeckah died a year later on 24 Feb. 1852 at the age of 52. According to her obituary she had been in delicate health for a few years and the shock of her daughter's death was too much for her. She was buried in the Bethel Presbyterian Church cemetery. The family suffered a third tragedy with the death of another daughter in 1853.

All three sons were involved in the Civil War. The youngest boy, **Artedore**, was coming home on leave in March of 1863. When he reached the South River near Waynesboro the water was very high. In his hurry to get home he tried to cross the flooded river on horseback and was swept downstream to his death. He was buried in the Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Cicero Bare enlisted at the outset of the war in Lee's Rifles [later Co. D of the 25th Virginia Infantry]. He was wounded in the shoulder in the fighting near Gordonsville in May of 1864 and died in the hospital a few days later.

When John Bare died on 9 April 1870 'of kidney affection' his obituary in the local newspapers speaks of an additional problem--his deafness--which he endured with Chrisitan fortitude. Altogether it would seem that he had a lot to bear in his lifetime.

He left no will and his estate was divided between his two surviving children, **E. M. Burwell** and **Jacob M. Bare**. Jacob M. Bare's portion included the millsite and water rights. His sister received slightly more land in acreage. The personal property was purchased by the two heirs.