

Cardwell Family

HISTORY OF THE CARDWELL FAMILY

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The Cardwell name is rooted in and is of Norman extraction. The Normans were a group of Vikings, or Norsemen of Scandinavia who first settled in France, the French name being "de Cardeville". The suffix "ville" was the same as in Boswell or Bosville. It is said the name de Cardville was probably brought to England by followers of William the Conqueror in 1066. Documentation of papers can be found back to 1230 when Robert de Cardeville signed papers in the Church of York, England.

The name of Richard Cardwell was found in records in Thornhill Parish, Yorkshire, England when he married Mary Wilson in 1646. Thereafter the name of Cardwell appears in wills, deeds, and other transactions in cities of Richmond, Lancashire, Wiltshire, Southampton, Cuthbert, Oxford and London during the 17th century.

Among the variations our family name is spelled Cardeville, Cardevill, Cardweille, Cardewell, Cardewille, Cardwill, Cardewill, Cardell, Cardill, and Cardwell. The standardized spelling of Cardwell occurred in the early 19th century. In the past when I was speaking to a group, I have been introduced as Glenn Caldwell and even Glenn Campbell. The Caldwells and Campbells were families that tie back to Scotland, rather than England.

Among emigrants to America were: (1) Thomas Cardwell who was born in Wiltshire, England in 1630 on the ship "Tristram and True". He settled in what is now King William County, VA; (2) William Cardwell came to New London, Connecticut before 1747 and is said to have married Elizabeth Burch; (3) Robert Cardwell, born in Thornhill Parish, Yorkshire, England, in 1762. Robert Cardwell went before the Court of Campbell County Virginia on 10 September 1832 and swore that he was 85 years old, and that he served in 1776 or '77 under Capt. Dixon, of Bedford County guarding lead mines in Western Virginia. He further declared that he was in the army that besieged Little York under General Washington in 1781. Thus, it is through his line, along with other family lineage, I am privileged to have become a member of "The Sons of the Revolution".

His obituary quoted from the Lynchburg, VA newspaper of March 11, 1839 is:

Another Revolutionary Soldier Gone

Mr. Robert Cardwell, in his 93 year, died at the residence of his son, Thomas D. Cardwell, in Campbell County, VA, on Monday, the 18th ult., of a short illness. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and also, a member of the Methodist Church in the many years where he worshipped faithfully, a man of great faith and remarkable for his pious walk and godly conversation in this world. His house was a preaching place and a lodging for the Ministers of the gospel for 40 years. But he is now gone to reap the reward of his labor. He was an esteemed and worthy citizen, and has left a great many friends and relations to mourn their loss that is his infinite gain.

Most of the Cardwell descendents in East Tennessee are from the Robert Cardwell mentioned above, who after the War, settled down on a farm in Campbell County, VA in a small hamlet named Concord. In late 1980s I visited his old home there which was made of log, but no longer is in use as such as it was full of hay. It stood down in a depression on the landscape, now in the middle of a farm where cattle graze. I was told he and his sons built the nearby Bethlehem Methodist Church about 1790 that still stands. It is so typical of old country churches of that time and era, namely tall with high ceiling, high benches, tall narrow glass windows. The thought

came to me that people of that community loved history and stepped forward to preserve it. The new brick Bethlehem Methodist Church was built about 75 yards from the old white weather-boarded church. A posted sign that stands in front of the old white church read that the church was now used on special occasions such as historic meetings, weddings and family reunion gatherings, but preserved mostly for its place in history. Naturally, the family and church cemetery stood nearby, neatly cared for but with tomb rocks with epithets too difficult to be read easily. Time had dimmed the page for reading but care of the cemetery and church indicated advanced years had taken no toll on loving care for maintenance.

Now let us look at our genealogy. In the 1980s I assisted Dr. Robert J. Cardwell who compiled the genealogy into a book called "Robert Cardwell of Campbell County Virginia". For readers doing research on their Cardwell line, I suggest you visit a library and trace your family tree if you are of the Robert Cardwell of Campbell County Virginia. In this book I was able to trace my family back to Robert Cardwell and his wife, Alice Rucker, and further back to Richard (b.1618) and Dorothy Burdet (b.1620). Both died in Yorkshire, England.

Robert Cardwell (1762-1839) of Campbell County Virginia married Alice Rucker before 1780. Robert's first wife was a lady by the last name Means. Together they had two sons: Simon (b. about 1783) and Wyatt (b. about 1784). Simon went to Georgia and Wyatt went to Alabama.

Robert and second his wife, Alice had eight children: (1) **William** b.1781 (m. Sarah Wood); (2) **Robert** - 1787 (m. Elizabeth Copelin); (3) **Sarah** - 1788 (m. Samuel Martin); (4) **James Dixon** -1790 (m.1. Nancy Elliott, 2. Phebe Cheatham, 3. Elizabeth Walker, and 4. Mary Wood); (5) **John Thomas** - 1792 (m. Mary Ransberger); (6) **Anthony R.** - 1796 (m. Mary C. Perryman); (7) Thomas Dixon - 1806 (m. Edna A. Neighbors) and (8) **Elizabeth** - 1808 (m. Washington Moore).

The second son mentioned above, Robert (1787-1865), came with his wife Elizabeth Copelin Cardwell to Grainger County about 1809. Together they had six children: (1) **John** - 1808 (m. Sarah Smith); (2) **Alice** - 1810 (m. Cornelius Goforth); (3) **Robert** - 1812 (m. Nancy Mayes); (4) **Mary A.** - 1814 (m. 1. Andrew Chamaberlain, 2. David N. Tate); (5) **Eliza J.** - 1816 (m. Clement C. Millicoat); and (6) **James** - 1816 (m. Mary Austin). Specific information is given in a section devoted to "Robert Cardwell of Grainger County" in Dr. Robert J. Cardwell's book mentioned above.

Sometime after the 1850 Sevier County Census, Robert (1812) and Nancy (1816) and his brother James (1816) and his wife Mary (1838) came to Sevier County. Robert settled in the Pittman Center vicinity (known then as Emerts Cove Community) and James settled in Gatlinburg (known then as the White Oaks Flats Community). Most all cousin relatives of the Cardwell line in east Tennessee go back to either of these two brothers. Also, many who migrated west have lineage back to either James or Robert.

The lineage of Robert and Nancy Mayes Cardwell of Grainger County and Sevier County are: (1) **Mary C.** - 1841 (m. Eli R. Lindsey); (2) **John P.** - 1843 (m. 1. Margaret Whaley, 2. Sarah Bradley); (3) **Martha J.** - 1845, (4) **William** - 1847 (m. Elizabeth Franklin); (5) **Lucy** - 1854 (m. Burton Whaley); (6) **James Robert** -1858 (m. Delia Ramsey); and (7) **Ruth Louise** - 1861 (m. Henry Miller). I am a descendent of John P. and Sarah Bradley Cardwell. As I stated, I am a descendant of Robert & Nancy Mayes Cardwell.

The lineage of James and Mary Austin Cardwell of Grainger County and Sevier County are: (1) **William** - 1840; (2) **Clisby A.** - 1842 (m. Arena Cockram); (3) **Robert Thompson** -

1844 (m. 1. Sarah M. Brackins, 2. Martha Jane Lane, 3. Mary L. Duggan); (4) **Eliza Jane** - 1848 (m. Walker Vandiver Compton); (5) **Clara Frances** - 1850 (m. James Russell); (6) **Archibald Napoleon** - 1852 (m. Sarah Lincoln Evans); (7) **Henry C.** - 1856 (died during Civil War due to starvation); and (8) **Mary Alice** - 1860 (m. J. P. Rector)

I would say that most all Cardwell cousins in east Tennessee are related to the Robert and James Cardwell and their descendents, and can be more thoroughly traced when perusing through Dr. Robert Cardwell's book "Robert Cardwell of Campbell County Virginia". I am reminded of an old Chinese saying that goes, "To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without roots." I have long been a student of history and always wanted to know from whom and where I came. I am a sixth generation of Cardwell, a seventh generation of Ogles (William and Martha Ogle), an eight generation of Huskeys, a ninth generation of Ownbys, a seventh generation of Kears, a fifth generation of Trenthams, an eight generation of Huffs and have many other connections to the original Sevier County families. I was born in December 1930, and reborn in August 1944. I can gladly say as the Psalmist did in Psalms 16:4, "I have a goodly heritage" and thankful to be living in east Tennessee.

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HUNTING FOR JOHN GRIDER'S ROOTS

My name is Sharon McGriff-Payne and I am a researcher looking for information regarding two men who may have lived in your county in the 1800s.

I am researching the life of an early African American resident of Vallejo, California. His name was **John Grider**. Mr. Grider came to California in 1841 enslaved to a man named **George H. Wyatt**.

Grider, as well as Wyatt, took part in what was called the Bear Flag Revolt at Sonoma County in 1846. This event led up to California being brought into the Union.

Information written in 1919 said that John Grider came to California from Sevier County, Tennessee. I am trying to find out exactly where in Tennessee and I am hoping that by tracing George H. Wyatt I may be able to find out where both men came from.

George H. Wyatt was in Vallejo around 1850 according to my research. By 1860 he and his family had left for San Joaquin Valley. He freed John Grider in 1850.

In the 1860 census it said that George H. Wyatt was born in Virginia. His children were born in Tennessee.

George H. Wyatt's children (according to 1860 census) were: John J. (Or T): 25; Philomone 24; James T. 19; William B. 14; Thomas 14; Mary P. 15; George H. was 55.

In regards to John Grider I know he was born April 17, 1826 in Tennessee. He died in Solano County (Fairfield) on December 22, 1924. His mother was named Caroline.

I am in the process of researching African American history in the North Bay Area (including Solano, Napa and Sonoma counties) from 1850 to 1925.

Please let me know of any costs related to this research and I will forward a check.

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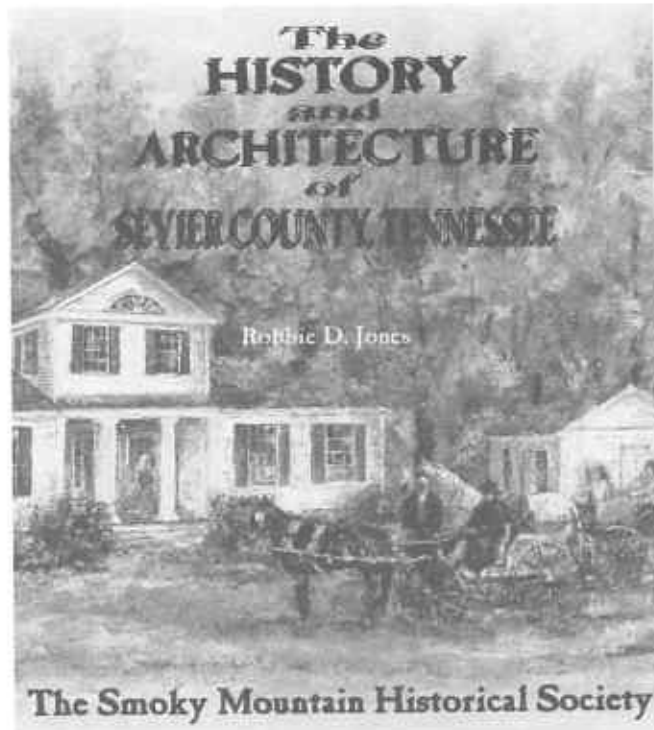
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