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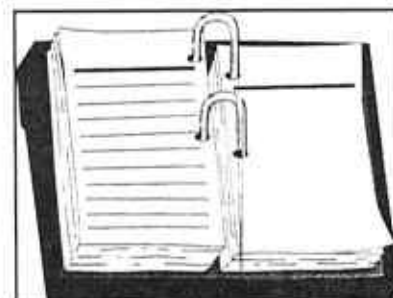
A Newsletter Devoted to Researching the Cherry Surname

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SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE

- *New Members Added to Our Cherry Network.*
 - Meet five new members to the Cherry Network who are working on their respective Cherry lines.
- *Changes and Additions to the Family Records Data Base Since the Last Issue.*
 - We now have over 29,400 individuals in the data base.
 - New families have been added, comprising hundreds of individuals.
- *Wills, Deeds & Other Documents.*
 - Will of Charles Cherry, Jr [1439], 27 Jul 1818, Montgomery Co., TN.
 - Will of Jeremiah Cherry [373], dated 11 Feb 1754, Norfolk Co., VA.
- *Descendant Charts.*
 - Several descendant charts of isolated families are presented.
- *Queries From the Cherry Network.*
 - Read and help answer new queries added since the last issue.
- *E-mail Addresses in the Cherry Network.*
 - A listing of e-mail addresses so you can easily make contact & exchange information.
- *Additional Internet Resources, Some Recommended Web Sites to Visit.*
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BITS & PIECES

• Perseverance pays off. After several years of trying to identify and prove the parents of certain Cherrys born in NC in the 1700s, it finally happened. A lot of people helped; they found and sent bits and pieces of information until this puzzle has finally been put together.

Presented in this issue is **Willis Cherry** [6434], a son of **Solomon Cherry** [329], who left Edgecombe Co., NC in about 1809, started a new life in Warren Co., KY, and later moved to White Co., IL. Shown is the step-by-step logic and documents that proves their relationship. In the next issue we plan to show the Edgecombe Co., NC connection for **William B. Cherry** [4002], who also moved to Warren Co., KY, but he stayed there and raised another large family.

• In the last month, I have received two books from correspondents to help with our research. The first is *Martin County North Carolina Abstracts of Deed Books B & C 1787 - 1801*, edited by The Library Committee Martin County Historical Society, Williamston, NC 27892, copyright date 1996. This was sent by our friend and distant cousin, **C. Elton Hardy** of Williamston, NC. It is a well-indexed book; it has five different indexes, including a place name index. (There are a large number of Cherrys in the name index).

The second book is the *Hardin County Historian*, Vol. 1, No. 2, Jan -Jun 1997, Hardin County, Tennessee. This issue of a historical and genealogical periodical was sent to me by our friend **Ronnie Brewington** of Enville, TN. Ronnie is an example of somebody with no known Cherry ancestors, but has been very helpful to our cause. In this particular issue a great deal of space was devoted to articles about Cherrys. For anybody who had any ancestors in Hardin Co., TN, I recommend you join the Hardin County Historical Society (P.O. Box 1012, Savannah, TN 38372).

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

• It is my sad duty to announce the passing of **Nell (Sachse) Woodard** [2258] in Vista, CA on 10 Dec 1997. Cousin Nell was born in Clarendon, TX on 7 Dec 1920. She was a daughter of **Seven Star Sachse** [2255] and **Ora May Johnson** [2256]. She and **Kenneth Ray Woodard** [2524] were married in 1942 in Yuma, AZ.

Nell was like a mentor to me for several years as I started working on Cherry Family History. Nell was a professional genealogist, and a good teacher.

• If you have a query about any ancestor who lived in Northeast Texas, the best way to get it published is write to **Linda Stansell** (1409 battlefield, Rowlette, TX 75088), or send her an e-mail message (FmlyHstry@aol.com).

Some of the counties in that area are: Titus, Morris, Bowie, Cass, Franklin, Lamar and Red River.

Linda is writing a genealogy column for the *East Texas Journal* (published at Mt. Pleasant, TX). This is a monthly publication which covers historical stories and events in that area of Northeast Texas.

NEW MEMBERS JOINING OUR CHERRY RESEARCH NETWORK

Welcome the following new members to our Cherry Network.

• **Tommie L. (Cherry) Beck** [27319], 4710 Balboa Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76310-3018, is a descendant of **Jacob Cherry, Sr** [15219] through his son **David Cherry** [1021] (b. Abt 1801 in SC; d. 6 Dec 1878 Bells, Grayson Co., TX) and **Susan Carpenter** [1022] (d. 10 Oct 1850).

Tommie's line to these ancestors is as follows: her parents, **Hugh Kenneth Cherry** [27316] & **Virginia Lee Gabbert** [27317]; her grandparents, **Hugh Stanley Cherry** [27303] & **Geneva Bernice Lazenby** [27315]; her g-grandparents, **Jacob Milam Cherry** [2955] (b. 21 Nov 1876 Bells, Grayson Co., TX; d. 1 Jul 1945 same) & **Mary Etta Stanley** [4093] (b. 1 Aug 1880 Bells, Grayson Co., TX; d. Oct 1951 same); her g-g-grandparents, **Francis Marion Cherry, I** [1281] (b. 1 Dec 1830 FL; d. 26 Jun 1903 Bells, Grayson Co., TX) & **Nancy Ellen Edge** [2951] (b. 20 Oct 1842 Grayson Co., TX; d. 25 Mar 1929 same). So, that makes **David Cherry** [1021] Tommie's g-g-grandfather.

• **William Paul Burrier**, 200 N. Evergreen, P.O. Box 1084, Leakey, TX 78873-1084. Paul is a descendant of **James J. Cherry** [596] (b. 1765/69 Martin Co., NC; d. abt 1855 in Cannon Co., TN). Paul is a distant cousin of **Nancy E. (Wilson) Humphrey** [28937]. With information they both provided recently, we have been able to update and enhance our records from **James J. Cherry** [596] & his wife **Sarah** [18803] down through several generations.

{**James J. Cherry** [596] is said to have been a son of **Jesse Cherry, Esq.** [339] (b. 1749 NC; d. Feb 1808 Martin Co., NC) & **Julia Little**. But, living not far away in Martin Co., NC was another **Jesse Cherry** [1362] (b. abt 1731 Tyrrell Co., NC; d. abt 1817 Martin Co., NC). I think James was a son of the elder Jesse Cherry [1362].}

• **Debra K. (Cherry) Daniel** [28451], 255 Mt. Moriah Rd., Holladay, TN 38341, ancestral line is as follows. Starting with her father: **Alton Ray Cherry** [28439], her grandfather is **Varlie Carlyle Cherry** [28426] (b. 22 Jun 1887, Benton Co., TN; d. 1 Nov 1947 Holladay, TN), her g-grandfather was **Charlie Woods Cherry** [28421] (b. 18

Oct 1857 in TN; d. 9 Oct 1938), and her g-g-grandfather was **Benjamin Franklin Cherry** [943] (b. 1817 in TN). That is as far back as we have been able to trace so far.

{Benjamin Franklin Cherry [943] was listed on the 1840 Census of Hardin Co., TN with 10001-00010. He was again listed in Hardin Co., TN on the 1850 Census with wife Lavinia [3170] (b. 1824 in AL) and four children, William H. [3171], Elizabeth J. [3172], Andrew J. [3173], and Lewis C. Cherry [3174].

Twenty years later on the 1870 Census of Decatur Co., TN, the Benjamin Cherry family was listed. On this enumeration Benjamin had a different wife, Nancy S., and she was born in TN. Lewis C. Cherry [3174], age 21 now, was still living with his father, step-mother and three more siblings: Paralee Cherry, [11019], Charlie Woods Cherry [28421] and Mary A. Cherry [28528].

We just need some good clues to help identify the parents of Benjamin Franklin Cherry [943].}

• **Valerie Freeman**, 809 E. Avalon Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92706-3030 (e-mail: TR61971@aol.com). Valerie is searching for the parents of **Peter Cherry** [24863] (b. 1 Dec 1814 Westmorland Co., PA; d. 23 Feb 1863), who married **Charlotte Niselrood** [24869] on 9 Nov 1834 in Morgan Co., OH. In our data base we tentatively show Peter was a son of **Robert Cherry** [24235] (b. 1758/60 Drumore Twp., Lancaster Co., PA; d. Olive Twp., Morgan Co., OH) and **Hannah** [24236] (b. 1763 Harford, MD; d. abt 1850 Olive Twp., Morgan Co., OH).

Valerie has sent all the information she has about this branch of Cherrys. Her information added approximately 64 new persons to our data base.

• **Beverly Webster**, 3337 Claudia Dr., Concord, CA 94519 (e-mail: hbk@earthlink.net). Beverly is a descendant of **William W. Cherry** [4912] (b. abt 1777 in Martin Co., NC; d. by 7 May 1849 Stewart Co., TN) & **Lydia Minerva Daniel** [4913] (b. 1778 in NC; d. 1854 Stewart Co., TN). William & Lydia were married in about 1795 in NC (very likely in Martin County). William & Lydia emigrated to Stewart Co., TN from NC in about 1811.

William W. Cherry [4912] was a son of **Jonathan Cherry, Jr** [5130] (b. abt 1754 Martin Co., NC; d. aft 1810). And **Jonathan Cherry, Jr** [5130] (the bricklayer) was a son of **Jonathan Cherry, Sr** [3096] (b. 20 Jul 1734; d. 1815-1818 Martin Co., NC).

SEARCHING FOR OUR ANCESTORS

This is a new section where we plan to present longer articles to discuss a major problem, a breakthrough, or the current status of a solution in process. I invite the readers to write similar discussions and send them to me for

review and perhaps publication herein.

Mrs. Charles (Eurydice) Council (1737-1828) of Edgecombe Co., NC had **Cherry Heirs** in White Co., IL

For the last few years **John E. Holt** [19807] (900 N. W. 79th Circle, Vancouver, WA 98665) has been corresponding with several of us doing Cherry research. He was trying to identify the parents of his g-g-grandmother, **Temperance Cherry** [19766] (b. 11 Sep 1800 NC; d. 19 Oct 1851 Polk, OR). She was married on 4 Apr 1820 in White Co., IL to **Job Burden, Jr** [19765]. Eventually Mr. Holt determined the parents of **Temperance Cherry** [19766] were **Willis Cherry** [19767] (b. abt 1764; d. Sep 1820 White Co., IL) and **Lotty** [20952], who had lived in White Co., IL since about 1820. They both were from NC, as determined from census records of their children.

Looking at the nickname "Lotty", Mr. Holt decided he needed to look in NC for a young lady named "Charlotte" and a young man named **Willis Cherry**. But, as you may know, we have several Willis Cherrys in our data base, and we didn't know then when he was born. However, Mr. Holt tentatively identified **Willis Cherry** [6434], a son of **Solomon Cherry** [329] in Edgecombe Co., NC, as a strong possibility of being the same person as **Willis Cherry** [19767] in White Co., IL. We knew **Solomon Cherry** [329] had a son named Willis, and that Willis had received land in 1796 from his father.

The only Charlotte we found in Edgecombe Co., NC, who was in the same area as **Solomon Cherry** [329] family, was **Charlotte Council** [12218], a daughter of **Charles Council** [5720] (b. 1737; d. by 6 Jul 1806 Edgecombe Co., NC) and **Eurydicie** [5721] (b. 1737 VA; d. 2 Sep 1828 Edgecombe Co., NC). We already knew this Charlotte had married a **Mr. Cherry** [12219] before 1806 (will of **Charles Council** [5720] Will Book D, p. 236, dated 6 Jul 1805).

But, a small break came when Mr. Holt found the probate records of the estate of **Willis Cherry** [19767] in White Co., IL: **Samuel Bozeman** [4339] was named as the administrator, and he was the husband of **Druphena Cherry** [20888] (b. 1798), the oldest daughter of **Willis Cherry** [19767]. **Samuel Bozeman** [4339] and **Druphena Cherry** [20888] were married in Warren Co., KY on 23 Aug 1814. Mr. Holt found some additional information in the Quaker records: **Temperance Cherry** [19766] was born in 1800 in NC. On the 1850 Census, **Druphena Cherry** [20888] was shown as born in 1798 in NC. In addition, four more of Willis' children were determined to have been born in NC, but his youngest child, **Matilda Cherry** [20892] was born in 1812 in Warren Co., KY (she married **David Rudolph** [20950] in White Co., IL on 25 Sep 1832, 12 years after Willis died).

So, we have seen that **Willis Cherry** [19767] and his family left Edgecombe Co., NC in about 1811. Besides his

youngest daughter being born in Warren Co., KY (1812), we have some additional evidence: In 1796 Solomon Cherry [329] gave a certain tract of land in Edgecombe Co., NC to his son, Willis Cherry [6434] (Deed Book 8, p. 447); later, in 1810, Willis sold this same land to John Mooring (Deed Book 13, p. 348). Willis was getting ready to leave NC for Warren Co., KY, which is most interesting because other Cherry families left NC in 1800-1810 era and went to Warren Co., KY. Some of these families later left KY and settled in various counties in IL, including Macoupin Co., IL.

Now, we must continue our story by examining the events that took place in NC in the Charles Council [5720] family. He died in Edgecombe Co., NC, leaving a will dated 6 Jul 1805 (proven Nov 1806). He named his wife and children, including daughters Cleary Cherry [1334] (b. ?) and Charlotte Cherry [12218] (b. 4 Dec 1777). Note that Charlotte's sister, Cleary Cherry [1334], was married to Solomon Cherry [329] (b. 20 Oct 1736 Beaufort Co., NC; d. Nov 1808 Edgecombe Co., NC).

Mrs Charles (Eurydicie) Council [5721] made a deed of gift to her grandchildren "living in KY", heirs of Charlotte Cherry [12218] (Deed Book 17, p. 316, Edgecombe Co., NC, 12 May 1814). Then, Eurydicie died in Edgecombe Co., NC on 2 Sep 1828. When her estate was inventoried, there was a sum of money allotted to the heirs of Willis Cherry [19767] in White Co., IL (1 Mar 1831).

A power of attorney was made by the children of Willis Cherry [19767] in White Co., IL to Roderick Cherry [1217] Edgecombe Co., NC on 5 Dec 1831. It appears this POA was intended to collect the inheritance from the estate of Mrs, Charles (Eurydicie) Council [5721]. This POA record is in White Co., IL Court, Record A, 1816-1834. Roderick Cherry [1217] was a son of Samuel Cherry [328] & Mary Moore [335]; Samuel was a brother of the above-mentioned Solomon Cherry [329], father of Willis Cherry [19767]-[6434].

It is noted that this uncle of Willis Cherry [19767]-[6434], Roderick Cherry [1217], lived in Pitt Co., NC, but Roderick's name can be found on a lot of deeds, wills, etc as witness or similar. Roderick was not only a merchant and a planter, he also represented Pitt County in the North Carolina House of Commons from 1816 to 1818 and from 1831 to 1833.

Conclusion and Actions Taken:

1. Willis Cherry [19767] in Warren Co., KY and later in White Co., IL was the same person as Willis Cherry [6434], son of Solomon Cherry [329] of Edgecombe Co., NC.
2. Charlotte Council [12218], daughter of Charles Council [5720] and Eurydicie Council [5721] of Edgecombe Co., NC, was the same person as Mrs. Charlotte ("Lotty") Cherry [20952] in White Co., IL.

It is therefore concluded that Willis Cherry [19767] shall be merged into Willis Cherry [6434], and Mrs. Charlotte ("Lotty") Cherry [20952] shall be merged into Charlotte Council [12218]. RJNs [12219], [19767] and [20952] will be freed up and will be reused.

We wish to extend special thanks to John E. Holt [19807] of Vancouver, WA for his review and critique of a draft copy of this article.

Notes for Further Research on this Family

Willis Cherry [6434], son of Solomon Cherry [329], had a brother named William Cherry [1363] (b. Abt 1765 in Edgecombe Co., NC). Willis also had a first cousin named William Cherry [1340] (b. abt 1772 in Pitt Co., NC, we think), a son of Samuel Cherry [328].

The question that we have to answer is this: Which of these two William Cherrys left NC and went to Warren Co., KY to live in the same area as Willis Cherry [6434], son of Solomon Cherry [329]? I have no proof that the William Cherry [1340] who stayed in Pitt Co., NC was a son of Samuel Cherry [328], or a son of Solomon Cherry [329]. We are only sure that a William Cherry stayed in NC and another William Cherry went to Warren Co., KY. There were some land deeds written that prove a William Cherry of Warren Co., KY, formerly of Edgecombe Co., NC, sold land in Edgecombe Co., NC (Deed Book 13, p. 284, Edgecombe Co., NC, 10 Mar 1809).

We presently show Samuel's son, William Cherry [1340], married, had at least nine children and stayed in Pitt Co., NC all his life. We have William Cherry [1363], son of Solomon Cherry [329], who we believe was born in Edgecombe Co., NC. We presently show William B. Cherry [4002] was born in Edgecombe Co., NC, though I have no hard proof to cite; however, there are marriage records that prove William B. Cherry [4002] married his second wife, Frances Taylor [4003] in Edgecombe Co., NC. Joseph Taylor, Jr [4004] & Sarah Best [4005], parents of Frances Taylor [4003], lived in Edgecombe Co., NC prior to moving to Warren Co., KY. I think this Taylor family lived close to Solomon Cherry [329].

I believe William B. Cherry [4002] is the same person as William Cherry [1363], son of Solomon Cherry [329], and therefore a brother of Willis Cherry [6434] (Willis left Edgecombe Co., NC and went first to Warren Co., KY and later to White Co., IL).

{I appeal to anybody who has copies of or who has access to documents made in Edgecombe Co., NC that will either prove or disprove William B. Cherry [4002] was a son of Solomon Cherry [329]. Also, we need documentation from Pitt Co., NC that will either prove or disprove William Cherry [1340] (who stayed and raised a family in Pitt Co., NC) was a son of Samuel Cherry [328] or of Solomon Cherry [329].}

DATA BASE CHANGES & UPDATES

Individuals/Families Duplicated in the Data Base Action Taken: Merged Duplicates

Once in a while, hopefully not frequently, we enter the same person or persons twice in our data base. When this sort of thing happens, the only course of action is to merge the duplicated individuals.

Cherry-Clark-Wallace in Stewart Co., TN

James Madison Clark [10376] (b. 28 Mar 1857 Tobacco Port, Stewart Co., TN) was a son of Charles Roberson Clark [4940] (b. 10 Mar 1823 Sussex Co., VA) & Amanda Susan Mariah Willows Cherry [4929] (b. 24 Apr 1833 Stewart Co., TN). James was married to Minerva Green Wallace [10386] (b. 9 Feb 1863), her parents not identified in this case.

We also had James Madison Clark [15259] (b. 1857 in KY) married to Minerva Green Wallace [12131] (b. 9 Feb 1863 Stewart Co., TN), a daughter of Axiom Green Wallace [4943] (b. 13 Mar 1813 Stewart Co., TN) & Minerva M. Cherry [4934] (b. 5 Jun 1821 Stewart Co., TN). In this case, we had no parents identified for James.

James Madison Clark [10376] was a grandson of Daniel B. Cherry, Sr [4916] & Margaret Rebecca Stancil [4911]. Then it was noticed that Minerva Green Wallace [12131] was a granddaughter of Daniel B. Cherry, Sr [4916] & Margaret Rebecca Stancil [4911], thus making Minerva and James first cousins.

After discovering this couple was duplicated, it was obvious they had to be merged.

Action Taken:

1. James Madison Clark [15259] was merged into James Madison Clark [10376].
2. Minerva Green Wallace [10386] was merged into Minerva Green Wallace [12131].

This action released RINs [10386] and [15259] to be reused.

Cherry-Jenkins in Bertie Co., NC

Pete Austin [14539] (204 Courtney Ln., Matthews, NC 28105) has again come to our aid, pointing out a couple of duplications in our data base. John Jenkins [6947] (b. 9 May 1734; d. 8 Feb 1779 Bertie Co., NC) who married Mary Willoughby [6948] (b. 28 Sep 1734; d. 24 Jan 1789) was found to have been duplicated with John Jenkins [2473], who we thought was the Jenkins married to Mary Cherry [2471] (b. 1730/40; d. 1798 - 1802 Bertie Co., NC), a daughter of Solomon Cherry, Sr [366] (b. abt 1714 Norfolk Co., VA; d. 1774/77 Bertie Co., NC).

We also had Irving Jenkins [17283], son of John Jenkins [6947], duplicated with Capt. Irving Jenkins [6945].

A younger daughter, we think, of this same Solomon Cherry, Sr [366], Elizabeth Cherry [1207] (b. 10 Apr 1776; d. 31 Oct 1827), married Capt. Irving Jenkins [6945] on 24 Dec 1794, probably in Bertie Co., NC. Capt. Irving Jenkins [6945] was a son of the above-mentioned John Jenkins [6947] and Mary Willoughby [6948].

{Note: If Solomon Cherry, Sr [366] didn't have at least two wives, then we have some children assigned to the wrong parents.}

Action Taken:

1. Removed John Jenkins [2473] as spouse of Mary Cherry [2471], replaced her spouse with simply a Mr. Jenkins [2473].
2. John Jenkins [2473] was merged into John Jenkins [6947]. The wife of John Jenkins [6947] is shown as Mary Willoughby [6948].
3. Irving Jenkins [17283] was merged into Capt. Irving Jenkins [6945]. The wife of Capt. Irving Jenkins [6945] is still Elizabeth Cherry [1207] (b. 10 Apr 1776).

This action released RINs [2473] and [17283]; [2473] was immediately reused for the Mr. Jenkins who married Mary Cherry [2471], an older sister of Elizabeth.

There is Still a Problem:

A problem still exists. Solomon Cherry, Sr [366] wrote his will on 14 Nov 1773 in Bertie Co., NC, and it was proven in Aug Court 1777. So, the writing of his will took place before his daughter, Elizabeth Cherry [1207], was born? Not likely. I think the explanation is simply this: we have Capt. Irving Jenkins [6945] married to the wrong Elizabeth Cherry.

{Who were the parents of the Elizabeth Cherry who married Capt. Irving Jenkins [6945] on 24 Dec 1794?}

Duplicated Ned T. (Thomas) Cherry

In our data base we have:

1. Ned Thomas Cherry [12296] (b. 30 Apr 1932). Information about him was from *The Plumlee Family*, by Robert D. Plumlee, 1993, p. 50. Ned was a son of Elmer Cherry [12294] & Verda Mae Eads [12295] (b. 6 Aug 1909). We didn't have the parents of Elmer Cherry [12294] identified. But, we did have another Elmer Cherry [6542], a son of Lawrence Huston Cherry [6534] & Nora A. Spear [6538].
2. We also had Ned T. Cherry [28252], who married on 16 May 1953 to Wanda Dean Watson [28145] (b. 10 Jul 1936). This information provided by James E. Short,

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James was kind enough to verify that these two Ned Cherrys and two Elmer Cherrys were indeed duplicated.

Actions Taken:

1. Ned T. Cherry [28252] was merged into Ned Thomas Cherry [12296].
2. Elmer Cherry [12294] was merged into Elmer Cherry [6542].

This action released RINs [28252] and [12294], which will be reused.

Additions to the Data Base

Information from our Cherry Network arrives frequently. As quickly as I can do some checking, I add this information to our data base. A lot of new data has been added from the following persons during this last quarter.

- For a long time I have had in the data base John S. Cherry [711] and his son Benjamin Franklin Cherry [711] (b. 25 Jul 1858; d. 8 Jan 1893), and even a few descendants of Benjamin.

Recently Donna S. Aynesworth [18802], 1900 Apricot Glen, Austin, TX 78746 (E-mail: aynes@onr.com) sent some information taken from *Family Bible Records of Benton County, Tennessee*, compiled by Jonathan K. T. Smith, Esq., Memphis, TN, 1976. On pp. 38, 39 of the above cited book was the birth, marriage and death records for most members of the family of John S. Cherry [710] (b. 1817 in NC) & his wife Lavinia _____ [7555] (b. 1822 in TN). They were living in Benton Co., TN in 1850, and apparently in the 1840s and 1860s as well. Combining information from the 1850 Census with the Bible information, we have assembled a family that now has six documented generations.

{Note: Donna's husband, Gary Tim Aynesworth [18801], is a descendant of Elizabeth West Cherry [18751] (b. 8 Aug 1823 NC; d. 1897 Burnet Co., TX) & Calvin Austin Hall [18752] (b. 19 Mar 1818 SC; d. 1905 Burnet Co., TX), who were married in Benton Co., TN on 21 May 1840.}

Note: I have recently had an e-mail query about some other Benton Co., TN Cherrys. I am still working on this one.

- In addition to the above Benton Co., TN Cherrys, Debra K. (Cherry) Daniel [28451] (255 Mt. Moriah Rd., Holladay, TN 38341) recently sent information about her branch of Cherrys in Benton Co., TN. Her earliest ancestor was named Benjamin Franklin Cherry [943] (b. abt

1817 in TN). Benjamin's son, Charlie Woods Cherry [28421] was buried in Benton Co., TN, and some of Charlie's children were born in Benton Co., TN.

Thus my thinking: Benjamin Franklin Cherry [943] may be a brother or cousin of John S. Cherry [710] (b. abt 1817 in NC). Each of these men named a son William H. Cherry and each named daughters Elizabeth Cherry & Mary Cherry. John S. Cherry [710] even named one of his sons Benjamin Franklin Cherry. Naming patterns of children are sometimes pretty good clues.

- Recently Nancy E. (Wilson) Humphrey [28937] (3415 Courtyard Cir., Farmers Branch, TX 75234), sent us her connection to the Cherrys. She also sent me a photocopy of the records from the Family Bible of Joel (William) Cherry [3075] and Mary Jane Thrasher [3076]. There were several loose pieces of paper included that had numerous details of family history. This Family Bible was a significant addition to the proof of this family.

Much of the information we had collected over the years matched pretty closely with the Family Bible records. However, one very important piece of paper gave the names of Joel's father, James (J.) Cherry [596], and the names of Joel's siblings. From this one piece of paper we now have the names and exact birth dates of nine children of James (J.) Cherry [596] and his wife Sarah _____ [18803]. We had known they had at least three more children that we didn't yet have given names. But, we didn't know they had one more child, making a total of nine children.

Their youngest child was Spencer Cherry [12219] (b. 7 Apr 1813). This son may be the same person as the Spencer Cherry [16074] (b. abt 1812 in TN), who we already had in our data base. Spencer Cherry [16074] married Sarah _____ [7459] in about 1843, and they had at least four children. The names of their children were similar to the names that Joel (William) Cherry [3075] and Mary Jane Thrasher [3076] named some of their children. Spencer's children:

1. Nancy C. Cherry [16073] (b. 1844)
2. Rebecca C. Cherry [16072] (b. 1846)
3. Martha J. Cherry [16071] (b. 1848)
4. Amanda E. Cherry [16070] (b. Apr 1850)

In summary, Nancy has helped us to add about 35 new persons to the data base, and added a lot of birth and death dates to numerous persons already in the data base. It was only in the last newsletter that we reported on other additions to this branch submitted by Gary Allen Ryan (2900 Alamo Dr., Orlando, FL 32805). Gary descends from Robert Washington Cherry [3081], a son of Joel William Cherry [3075] and Mary Jane Thrasher [3076].

Another contributor and descendant in this branch of Cherrys is Linda Carol (Bahner) Duncan [3066], a first cousin of Nancy E. Wilson Humphrey [28937]. Over the years Linda has sent me a great deal of information about

these Cherrys.

Who were the Parents of James J. Cherry [596]?

It has been said that **James (J.) Cherry [596]** (b. 1765/1769 Martin Co., NC; d. abt 1855 in Cannon Co., TN) was married to a **Sarah _____ [18803]**, and he was a son of a **Jesse Cherry** in Martin Co., NC. Based on the wills, land deeds and other pertinent documents of the children of **Jesse Cherry, Esq. [339]** (b. 4 Jul 1749 Martin Co., NC) and **Elizabeth Gainer [340]**, I speculate **James (J.) Cherry [596]** was not their son, because none of their children mentioned **James (J.) Cherry [596]** as being their brother. Their children often mentioned each other as "brother" or "sister" in various documents in NC and TN (wills, deeds, power of attorney and at least one deposition).

However, there was the older **Jesse Cherry [1362]** (b. abt 1731 Tyrrell Co., NC; d. abt 1817 Martin Co., NC) who I think could have been James' father. This older **Jesse Cherry** was said to have had at least three wives and many children. So far, we only have a few of his children tentatively identified. Consider: if **Jesse Cherry, Esq. [339]** was born 4 Jul 1749, a widely accepted date for him, then he would have had to marry at about 18 or 20 years old to have fathered **James (J.) Cherry [596]**. Perhaps we should re-examine some of the old documents the nine in 1749 was not a zero, as in 1740.

WILLS, DEEDS, MARRIAGE RECORDS, POAs & OTHER PERTINENT DOCUMENTS

- Will of **Charles Cherry, Jr [1439]**, Dated 27 Jul 1818, Montgomery Co., TN, Rendered Jan Term 1819. A transcribed photocopy of this will was provided by **Ruth Swim Gooch**, 707 West 10th St., Plainview, TX 79027-7113.

"In the name of God Amen I **Charles Cherry** of the State of Tennessee County of Montgomery being in bad health but of sound and disposing mind make this my last will and testament.

Ist, I lend unto my wife **Rose Cherry** one half of the tract of land on which I live to be laid off so as to include my house and improved land during her natural life also my negro man **Ned** and old **Ben** and my negro women **Dinah & Rachel** & my negro boy **Quash**.

Item -- I give to my son **Jeremiah Cherry** all that tract of land I bought of **John Coart** contained two hundred and seventy five acres.

Item -- I give unto my daughter **Milley Yarrell Cherry** my negro woman **Matilda**.

Item -- I give unto my son **Charles Cherry** one half of the tract of land I bought of **Mr. Tate** known by the name of *Cave Spring*.

Item -- I give unto my son **Jeremiah Cherry** the other half of the tract of land above and it is my will that

my two sons **Charles** and **Jeremiah** shall be equal in these privileges in the water and the cave on the ad. part of land the above land to be divided as to make each ones part as nearly equal in value as possible.

Item -- I give unto my daughter **Ruth Mercer Cherry** my negro girl *Mitts*.

Item -- I give unto my daughter **Sally Louisa Cherry** one little negro girl named *Harriet* and one negro boy named *Whilley*.

Item -- I give unto my two sons **Garrard Yarrell Cherry** and **Jackson Cherry** the tract of land on which I live the half lent to their mother not to be theirs until her death.

Item -- I give unto my son **Mercer Cherry** one thousand dollars to be made up of the money in hand and the debts due me and the surplus part of my crop now on hand and if that is not sufficient out of that part of my property not willed away that shall be thought best and that the money so raised be put on interest until he comes of age.

Item -- I give to my daughters **Milley & Ruth** the bay mare I bought of **Mr. Yarrell**.

Item -- I give unto my daughter **Sally L. Cherry** my young bald horse also a twenty five dollar saddle to be bought and paid for out of that part of my property not willed away.

Item -- It is my desire that each of my children should have a feather bed as they come of age.

Item -- I give to my wife the negro woman *Dinah* lent to her in this will & what increase she may have hereafter forever to dispose of as she may deem proper at her death.

Item -- I will unto my two sons **Garrard & Jackson** after the death of my wife my negro boy **Quash**.

Item -- I will unto my two sons after the death of my wife **Charles & Jeremiah** my negro man **Ned**.

It is my will that if either **Charles** or **Jeremiah** should die before they come of age that the surviving one should have the part of land willed above.

Item -- It is my will that if either of my two sons **Garrard** or **Jackson** should die before they come of age that the surviving one should have the part of the land as willed above.

Item -- It is my will that the land that fell to me in North Carolina by the deaths of my two sisters **Elizabeth & Ruth** shall be sold and the money to be appropriated to raising and schooling my young children.

Item -- It is my will that all the rest of my property without and within doors that is not given away in this will should be and is hereby given to my wife for her to dispose of as she may think best.

Item -- It is my will that my wife and my friend **Ruben Ross** shall act as my Excatrix and Executor of this my last will and testament in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-

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dred and eighteen.

(Signed) **Charles Cherry** (Seal)

Signed & Sealed in the presence of:

Peter H. Cole

John McClure

James Ryan

Rendered January term 1819"

Summary of Charles Cherry [1439] Will Dated 27 Jul 1818 in Montgomery Co., TN:

The following names were mentioned in this will.

1. **Charles Cherry, Jr** [1439], maker of this will, a son of **Charles Cherry, Sr** [326].
2. **Rose (Rosannah R. Yarrell) Cherry** [2217], wife of **Charles Cherry, Jr** [1439], a daughter of **Matthew Yarrell** [5770] & **Mary Whitley/Wheatley** [5771].
3. **Jeremiah Cherry** [2222], son.
4. **Milley Yarrell Cherry** [2223], daughter.
5. **Charles (M.) Cherry** [2224], son.
6. **Ruth Mercer** [2225], daughter.
7. **Sally Louisa Cherry** [2226], daughter.
8. **Garrard Yarrell Cherry** [2227], son.
9. **Jackson Cherry** [2228], son.
10. **Mercer Cherry** [2229], son.
11. **Mr. Yarrell** [5770?]. This appears to be **Matthew Yarrell** [5770], father of **Mrs. Rosannah (Yarrell) Cherry** [2217].
12. **Elizabeth Cherry** [1443], a deceased sister of **Charles Cherry, Jr** [1439]. She apparently willed land to Charles that she owned in North Carolina (probably Beaufort County).
13. **Ruth Cherry** [1445], a deceased sister of **Charles Cherry, Jr** [1439]. She apparently willed land to Charles that she owned in North Carolina (probably Beaufort County).
14. **Peter H. Cole**, witness.
15. **John McClure**, witness.
16. **James Ryan**, witness.

• Will of **Jeremiah Cherry** [373], Dated 11 Feb 1754, Norfolk Co., VA, proved Dec 1754. A transcribed copy was provided courtesy of **LaVonne Ketchum**, 36 Tarn Circle, Oroville, CA 95966.

"In the name of God Amen I **Jeremiah Cherry** of Norfolk County being Very Sick & weak of body but in Perfect Sence & memory Blessed be God for it I thought fit to make this my Last will & Testament In maner & form following Imprimes I give & bequeath my Soul to God my maker & his only Son Jesus Christ my Redeemer.

Item, I give & bequeath to my Son **Thomas Cherry** that part of my plantation I now Live on up to the Road to him & his heirs for Ever and the Road to be the bounds between him & his brother hereafter mentioned --

Item, I give & bequeath to my Son **Jeremiah Cherry** the Remainder part of my plantation above the Road to

him and his heirs for Ever & my Swamp Land I give to be equally Devided between my to Sons **Thomas Cherry** and **Jeremiah Cherry** & there heirs for Ever --

Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife **Mary Cherry** my Negro man named *Anthony* Enduring Hir Widdowhood & at hir Death or marage to be Sold & Equally Devided my Sons & Daughters--

Item, I give & bequeath to my wife **Mary** my horse & Side Sadle one feather bed Enduring her Life & the Use of my handmill Enduring Hir Widdowhood & at Hir marage or Death the mill to go to my Son **Thomas Cherry** --

Also I give to my wife my bigest Iron Pot Enduring hir Life & at hir Decease to my Son **Thomas Cherry** --

Item, I give unto my Daughter **Martha Cherry** one feather bed & the furniture belonging to it to be Delivered to Hir at the Day of Hir marage also one pewter Dish to be Delivered at her Marage --

Item, I give to my Daughter **Mary Cherry** one feather bed & the furniture belonging to it also one pewter Dish to be Delivered at her Marage --

Item, I give to my Daughter **Sarah Cherry** one feather bed & the furniture belonging to it also one pewter Dish to be Delivered to hir at her Marage --

Item, I give Unto my Daughter **Tamer Cherry** one feather bed & the furniture belonging to it also one pewter Dish to be Delivered to hir at her Marage --

Item, I give to my Wife **Mary Cherry** five pounds in money to be at hir one Disposing & all the Rest of my money I Desire to be Equally Devided between my Sons & Daughters & all the Rest of my Estate within Doors & Without that is not allready Will'd away to be Equally Devided between my Sons & Daughters --

And I do appoint my Loving wife **Mary Cherry** to be my hole & Sole Executor of this my Last Will And Testament Revokeing & Dissanuling all other wills by me made In Wittness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seall this 11th Day of Febr'y 1754 --

his

Jeremiah (X) Cherry

mark

Signed Sealed & Acknowledge

In the presents of us

Solomon Cherry

Joseph Cherry

John Ferebee"

Summary of Jeremiah Cherry [373] Will Dated 11 Feb 1754 in Norfolk Co., VA:

The following names were mentioned in this will:

1. **Jeremiah Cherry, Sr** [373], maker of this will. He was a son of **Thomas Cherry** [48] & **Sarah Willson** [359]. **Jeremiah** was born 1 Apr 1706 in Norfolk Co., VA.
2. **Mrs. Mary (Ferbe) Cherry** [1209], wife of **Jeremiah**. Her father was **James Ferbee** [3154].

3. Thomas Cherry [1210], a son.
4. Jeremiah Cherry, Jr [1211], a son. He married Mary Owens [9340] on 9 Dec 1782 in Norfolk Co., VA.
5. Martha Cherry [1212], a daughter.
6. Mary Cherry [1215], a daughter.
7. Sarah Chery [1213], a daughter.
8. Tamer Cherry [1214], a daughter. Tamer Cherry [1214] married Samuel Cotter [6828] on 29 May 1792 in Norfolk Co., VA.
9. Solomon Cherry [366?], a witness.
10. Joseph Cherry [13762?], a witness.
11. John Ferebee, a witness. This is probably Mary's brother. Her father, James Ferbee [3154], made his will in 1753 in Albermarle Co., VA.

Comments & Notes:

William Cherry [9954] was added as the youngest son of Jeremiah Cherry [373] & Mary Ferebe [1209]. He was established as their son from his mother's probate records in 1798. We assume William was born after his father's death in 1754. William was living in Norfolk Co., VA in 1785, 30 years later. Credits for this connection goes to John E. Young (Bakersfield, CA).

DESCENDANT CHARTS

Descendant Charts Caveat

• Work on the Cherry families is still in a state of flux. Be aware that important details in some of these descendant charts are subject to change. All final decisions will be made when we have enough reliable evidence available. Until that time, it is recommended you take these charts as "clues", rather than proof, at this point.

As we get certain branches of these Cherry families proven, we should make it a policy to later reprint those charts with a statement of our confidence of proof. In the meantime, we will with your help continue to update, upgrade, refine and add to our data base of Cherry Families information.

Descendant Charts of Isolated Groups

• There are numerous Cherry Network members, including your editor, who have worked for a long time tracing their ancestors, but have not yet connected that earliest ancestor to either of the three or four major Cherry branches. We are still struggling to identify the parents of an ancestor who may have been born in the 1800s or as far back as the 1700s. Even though we have at least three major branches, probably comprising fifteen to twenty thousand of the almost twenty eight thousand individuals in this data base, we still have a lot of these "isolated" groups.

Our hope is to get all these isolated groups identified, proven and connected to their proper families in one of

the major branches. If and when we accomplish this task, the Cherry Network will have made a very large contribution toward our chartered goals.

Isolated Family Groups

In this issue we are again presenting several of the "isolated" Cherry families. (Isolated means those Cherry individuals for whom we have not yet identified their parents, but who have married and produced children, and perhaps grandchildren, etc.).

CHART A28: NEHEMIAH CHERRY [6416]

There is only one other Nehemiah Cherry [4918] in Stewart Co., TN that we know of, but he was a generation older born in 1806. The below family was found on the 1860 Census of Stewart Co., TN. Perhaps somebody can add some information to this family.

I have a strong suspicion that this Nehemiah Cherry [6416] was a son of the elder Nehemiah. On the 1860 Census of Stewart Co., TN the elder Nehemiah was in household #284, this younger Nehemiah was in household #279. Thus, they lived near each other.

1 - Nehemiah CHERRY - 6416
Born - 1829 TN
sp- Mary Ann - 6417 (2478)
Born - 1828 TN
2 - Albert CHERRY - 6418
Born - 1855 TN
2 - Edwin CHERRY - 6419
Born - 1859 TN

CHART B28: ROBERT CHERRY [17034]

The information that produced this small chart was found by David H. Cherry, Jr [3795], 365 Ketner Farm Rd., China Grove, NC 28023. The below Robert Cherry [17034] may be the same person as _____ Cherry [17032] (b. 1815-1820) or _____ Cherry [17033] (b. 1820-1825), sons of William Cherry [1504] (b. Abt 1776; d. Aft 1850) and Polly _____ [17030]. William was a son of David J. Cherry [5186] (b. Abt 1733). This Cherry family was connected to the Cherrys living in Lincoln Co., NC (See Issue #27, p. 5, Samuel Cherry [2106], *et. al.*; also in the same issue see p. 7, a deed by David Cherry [2156] in Anderson Co., SC).

Does anybody have any information on this Robert Cherry [17034] family?

1 - Robert CHERRY - 17034
Born - Abt 1820
sp- Sarah - 17035 (6300)
Born - Abt 1823
Mar. - Abt 1840
2 - Robert S. CHERRY - 17036
Born - Abt 1841
2 - Rachel S. CHERRY - 17037

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- Born - Abt 1843
- 2 - Mary A. CHERRY - 17038
- Born - Abt 1845
- 2 - Sarah E. CHERRY - 17039
- Born - Abt 1848
- 2 - Dorcas CHERRY - 17040
- Born - Abt 1846

CHART C28: SPENCER CHERRY [16074]

Only a few weeks ago we found out that James J. Cherry [596] (b. 1765-1769 Martin Co., NC) had a son named Spencer Cherry [12219] (b. 7 Apr 1813, probably in Rutherford Co., TN). We are wondering if the below Spencer Cherry [16074] was the same person as Spencer Cherry [12219], son of James?

From the 1850 Census of Hardin Co., TN we find Spencer Cherry [16074] (b. Abt 1812 in TN) with a wife and four children. Except for his youngest child, Amanda E. Cherry [16070], his first three children bear the same given names as three of the daughters of Joel William Cherry [3075] (b. 15 Dec 1799 in TN). Besides the age being almost the same, these two Spencer Cherrys are probably the same person.

Perhaps somebody could share a bit of information on a Spencer Cherry.

- 1 - Spencer CHERRY - 16074
- Born - 1812 TN
- sp- Sarah - 7459 (5922)
- Born - 1818 AL
- Mar. - Abt 1843
- 2 - Nancy C. CHERRY - 16073
- Born - 1844
- 2 - Rebecca C. CHERRY - 16072
- Born - 1846
- 2 - Martha J. CHERRY - 16071
- Born - 1848
- 2 - Amanda E. CHERRY - 16070
- Born - Apr 1850

CHART D28: WESLEY CHERRY [8358]

Though we have a small family covering four generations, we have no idea where they fit into the big picture. Maybe somebody can help identify them.

- 1 - Wesley CHERRY - 8358
- 2 - John CHERRY - 8359
- sp- Martha Matilda MCDOUGAL - 8360
- Mar. - Bef 1856
- 3 - Mary Frances CHERRY - 8361
- Born - 26 May 1856 Kenton, TN
- Died - 1 Apr 1947 Childress Co., TX
- sp- Christopher Columbus BELL - 8362
- Born - 1849/1850 Crawford Co., AR
- Mar. - 1871
- Died - 1871 Scott Co., AR
- Son of Jesse H. BELL [26529] & Lucinda HODGES [26530]
- 4 - Geraldine BELL - 17650

CHART E28: WILLIAM CHERRY [817]

The following four generations were found described in the book, *Rusk County History*, compiled & edited by the Rusk Co., TX Historical Commission at Henderson, TX.

According to the writer of this particular article about this Cherry family, William Cherry [817] was said to have come from Ireland. We have so little information here to analyze, or use as a clue. However, I don't think this William and Sarah came directly from Ireland; perhaps they had ancestors who came from Ireland.

- 1 - William CHERRY - 817
- sp- Sarah Elizabeth - 818
- 2 - Mack CHERRY - 819
- Born - 22 Nov 1856
- Died - 16 Mar 1883
- sp- Margaret Jane DOBBINS - 820
- Born - 15 Jun 1857
- Died - 16 Mar 1928
- Dau of William R. DOBBINS & Mary Ann CLINTON
- 3 - Mary Anna CHERRY - 821
- Born - 15 Oct 1877
- Died - 6 Jan 1955
- sp- Matthew Kirkley GRANT - 822
- Born - 1876
- Mar. - 4 Feb 1902 Rusk County, TX
- Died - 1955
- Son of Atlas Methias GRANT & Penny Ann WILSON
- 4 - Mary Grace GRANT - 827
- Born - 3 Aug 1904 Rusk Co., TX
- sp- Marion Malone PROPE - 828
- Born - 10 Mar 1894
- Died - 26 Sep 1972
- sp- Arthur ARMSTRONG - 829
- Mar. - 3 Dec 1973
- 4 - Sedalia Mae GRANT - 830
- Born - 3 Sep 1908 Rusk Co., TX
- Died - 17 Oct 1948 CA
- 4 - Victor Frederick GRANT - 831
- Born - 18 Jan 1910 Rusk Co., TX
- 3 - _____ CHERRY - 28593
- 3 - _____ CHERRY - 28594

CHART F28: WILLIAM CHERRY [7559]

In the data base we have William J. Cherry [2551] (b. Abt 1839 in Pitt Co., NC), and he appears to have been married to Marelvia _____ [14516]. However, the below William Cherry [7559] (also born in Pitt Co., NC) may be the same person as William J. Cherry [2551]. On the census record, the writing of "Melissa" may have looked like "Marelvia".

- 1 - William CHERRY - 7559
- Born - 1837 Greenville, Pitt Co., NC
- sp- Melissa GORHAM - 7560
- Mar. - 1859 Greenville, Pitt Co., NC
- 2 - Nellie CHERRY - 7561
- Born - 5 Apr 1862 Greenville, Pitt Co., NC
- sp- Louis HILLIARD - 7562