

**THE GENEALOGY OF JAMES N. NABOURS AND MARY BROWN**

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**James<sup>3</sup>** married Mary Brown, born 1782, the daughter of William T. Brown of Newberry Co., S.C. Their children were:

**William Nabours<sup>4</sup>** 1803-1886; He married three times and raised a large family. One of his most famous descendants was great-grandson Jim Nabors, well known television singer and comedian. In 1864 he enlisted in the State Troops. After the war he served as Justice of Peace nine years and county commissioner ten years. In 1886 he was elected to the Alabama State Legislature and served one term. He was a Master Mason, a Democrat and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a wealthy planter owning 320 acres of land, most of it under good cultivation.

**William<sup>4</sup>** married Nancy Jane Cato (1806-1844)

**James Halaway Nabours<sup>5</sup>** born 8 Feb 1831 in Newberry District, S.C. He taught school in early life, but became a prominent planter in Coosa Co., Alabama.

James<sup>5</sup> m. (1) Sarah Mathews (1854), d. July, 1888.

James<sup>5</sup> m. (2) E.C. Porch (1888).

William Neil Neighbors<sup>6</sup> 1855-1904 m. 1887 Sarah Ann Baker b.1856 d.1889

Daniel Baker Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b.1887 d.1963 m. 1912 Mary Lillian Gilliland

Mary Nelle<sup>8</sup>

James Abner Neighbors<sup>6</sup> b.1856 d.1903 m. 1892 Mary V. Pope b. 1866 d. 1905

No issue

John McLemore Neighbors<sup>6</sup> b.1858 d.1917 m. 1880 Mary "Mollie" Abigail Shurman b.1857 d.1909

Mattie Belle Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b.1882 d.1909 unmarried

Sallie Moss Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b.1884 unmarried

Florence Louisa Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b.1887 d.1965

m. (1) Dr. R.L. Mitchell and (2) William Goggans

No issue

Walter Ernest Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b.1890 d.1909 unmarried

James Horace Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b.1892 d.1959 m. Irene Golden

James Horace Neighbors Jr.<sup>8</sup> b.1925 m. Bessie Spradley

James Horace Neighbors III<sup>9</sup> b. 1951

Mary Helen Neighbors<sup>8</sup> b. 1927 m. Robert Farris Estes b. 1918

Annette<sup>9</sup> b. 1942

Farris Gale<sup>9</sup> b. 1944

James Carl David<sup>9</sup> b. 1947

Betty Charlene Neighbors<sup>8</sup> b. 1939 m. Floyd Freeman Macon b. 1939

No issue

Lena Elizabeth Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b.1900 d.1932 m. Owen Draper  
No issue

John Sherman Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b.1905 d.1931 unmarried

Mary Alice Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b.1896 d.1858 m. Oscar A Rich  
Curtis Allan<sup>8</sup>

Thomas Lafayette Neighbors<sup>5</sup> b.1859 d. 1938 m. 1886 Alice L. Chapman (child of William and Elizabeth Peterson Chapman)

Dr. Thomas Herbert Neighbors<sup>6</sup> b.1890 d.1914 m. Nellie Lee Moon b.1892 d.1964  
(daughter of William Henry and Fannie Bell Moon)

Thomas Herbert Neighbors, Jr.<sup>7</sup> b. 1915 m. Lillian Nell Coffey, b. 1915.

Thomas Herbert III<sup>8</sup> b. 1943

Nell Alice Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b. 1917 m. George Gilbert Branson b.1910 d.1945  
George Gilbert Jr. b. 1943

Jane Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b. 1920 m. William Theo Hawkins

William Theo Hawkins, Jr.<sup>8</sup> b. 1937

Barbara Jane Hawkins<sup>8</sup> b. 1938 m. George Hamphill Jr.

Beverly Karen<sup>9</sup> b. 1961

Brenda Faye<sup>9</sup> b. 1963

Donna Nell Hawkins<sup>8</sup> b. 1942 m. Charles Dark

Donna Lisa<sup>9</sup> b. 1964

Sandra Kay Hawkins<sup>8</sup> b. 1946

Thomas Cleve Hawkins<sup>8</sup> b. 1949

Dr. Jacob Allen Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b. 1922 m. Carolyn Hay Partridge

Carolyn Melinda<sup>8</sup> b. 1958

Mary Katherine<sup>8</sup> b. 1956

Charles Francis Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b. 1924 m. Mary Frank Weathers b. 1925  
(daughter of B.F. Weathers)

Susan Jane<sup>8</sup> b. 1950

Nancy Karen<sup>8</sup> b. 1955

Joyce Allison<sup>8</sup> b. 1957

Richard Henry Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b. 1926 m. Delores Deon Oswalt

No issue

William James Neighbors<sup>6</sup> b.1887 d.1948 m. Mary Pearl Crew b.1889 d.1946

Alice Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b. 1914 m. William Houston Cowan b. 1911

Rosemary Cowan<sup>8</sup> b. 1940 m. Joseph Lewis Byrd b. 1935

Jeffrey Lewis Byrd<sup>9</sup> b. 1964

Ronald Houston Cowan<sup>8</sup> b. 1943 m. Jo Ann Pittard b. 1943

William James Neighbors Jr.<sup>7</sup> b.1916 m. Sara Elizabeth Moore b 1923

Wm. James III<sup>8</sup> b.1947

Mary Elizabeth<sup>8</sup> b. 1949

Sara Moore<sup>8</sup> b. 1952

Mattie Lillian Neighbors<sup>6</sup> b. 1892 m. Eldridge Worrell Thompson 1914  
 Thomas Vincent Thompson<sup>7</sup> b. 1915 died young  
 Eldridge William Thompson<sup>7</sup> b. 1919 m. Annie Katharine McKnight b. 1917  
     Martha Ann<sup>8</sup> b. 1948  
     Eldridge William<sup>8</sup> b 1950  
     Joseph Thomas<sup>8</sup> b. 1952  
     Robert McKnight<sup>8</sup> b. 1956  
 Lawler Neighbors Thompson<sup>7</sup> b. 1922 m. Jean Sorg b. 1928  
     Thomas Reid<sup>8</sup> b 1950  
     Bruce Eldridge<sup>8</sup> b. 1956

Edna Neighbors<sup>6</sup> m. Lance J. Hendricks  
 No issue

Dr. Hugh Anderson Neighbors<sup>6</sup> b. 1897 d. 1964 m. Ora Swann b. 1899  
 Hugh Anderson Neighbors, Jr.<sup>7</sup> 1926 m. Ann Smallman b. 1930  
     Hugh Anderson Neighbors, II<sup>8</sup> b. 1952  
     Ann Smallman Neighbors<sup>8</sup> b. 1955  
     Jane Swann Neighbors<sup>8</sup> b. 1957

Benjamin Harrison Neighbors<sup>6</sup> b. 1863 d. 1891 m. 1885 Mrs. A.D. Carlisle b. 1862  
 d. 1901 (Susan Daniel Carlisle, called Serpia)

Ruth Neighbors<sup>6</sup> b. 1888 m. Harper Beaty b. 1889  
     Susan Agnes Beaty<sup>7</sup> b. 1914 m. (1) James Robert Forrester  
         James Robert Forrester<sup>8</sup> b 1934 m Nancy Louise Culberson b. 1933  
     Susan Agnes<sup>7</sup> m. (2) Henry Elmer Beasley  
         Elmer Paul<sup>8</sup> b. 1945  
         Julia Ruth<sup>8</sup> b. 1949  
     Margaret Ruth Beaty<sup>7</sup> b. 1920 unmarried  
     Mary Louise Beaty<sup>7</sup> b. 1916 m. Luin H. Hickey b 1920  
         Robert Harrison Hickey<sup>8</sup> b. 1951  
     Julia Beatrice Beaty<sup>7</sup> b. 1918 m. William Olie Stowe b. 1916  
         William Perry<sup>8</sup> b. 1948  
         Cary Lee<sup>8</sup> b. 1952  
     Sarah Magalene Beaty<sup>7</sup> b. 1923 m. Thomas R.V. Tuck b. 1921  
         Timothy Norman<sup>8</sup> b. 1954  
         Martin Thomas<sup>8</sup> b. 1956  
     Evelyn Juanita Beaty<sup>7</sup> b. 1925 m. Ralph Waldo Thomas b. 1923  
         Beverly Ann<sup>8</sup> b. 1947  
         Juanita Annette<sup>8</sup> b. 1948  
         Patty Marie<sup>8</sup> b. 1952  
         Sherri Lynn<sup>8</sup> b. 1957  
     Harrison Harper Beaty<sup>7</sup> b 1928 m. Rowena Culberson b. 1934  
         Russell Harrison<sup>8</sup> b. 1955  
         Cameron Culberson<sup>8</sup> b. 1957





Jack Earl Neighbors<sup>7</sup> b. 1930 m. Hilda Hardy b. 1933  
 Robert Hardy Neighbors<sup>8</sup> b. 1956  
 Jackie Hilda<sup>8</sup> b. 1957

Nathan Lawler Neighbors<sup>6</sup> b. 1870 d.1923 m. Susie Peterson 1897 b.1865 d.1958  
 No issue

Reuben Phillips Neighbors<sup>6</sup> b.1872 d.1944 m.(1) Jennie Rosa Dark  
 Vera Adele<sup>7</sup> b. 1900 d. 1982 Horace L. Dewitt b. 1896 d. 1998  
 Dr. Horace Daniel Dewitt<sup>8</sup> b. 1926 d. 1970 m. (1) Caroline Leach  
 (2)Isabelle Tuttle

Adele<sup>9</sup>  
 Isabelle<sup>9</sup>  
 Daniel<sup>9</sup>

James Robert<sup>7</sup> b 1898 m. Tensie Ann Smith b. 1895  
 No issue  
 Rosa<sup>7</sup> b. 1903 m. Marvin Franklin Stewart b. 1892  
 No issue

m. (2) Linnie Murray b. 1870 d. 1932

Reuben Fields<sup>7</sup> b1906 m. Mary Ellen Carr b. 1900  
 Lennie Lenore Neighbors<sup>8</sup> b. 1934 m John Dowd Perry b. 1931  
 Melanie Ellen<sup>9</sup> b. 1966

Guesna<sup>7</sup> b.13 May 1908 m.5 May 1935 Frank Wilmot Moon b. 15 Feb 1900  
 Linnie Sue Moon<sup>8</sup> b. 21 Feb 1936 m.1960 Richard J. Comerford b. 3 Sep 1937  
 James Wilmot Comerford<sup>9</sup> b.16 May 1964 m. 4 Nov 1995 Anita Huntley 18  
 Feb 1964

Matthew Luke Comerford<sup>10</sup> b. 12 Oct 1998  
 Caleb Richard Earl Comerford<sup>10</sup> b. 18 May 2000  
 Matthew Lawrence Comerford<sup>9</sup> b. 17 Jul 1974

Frank Wilmot Moon, Jr.<sup>8</sup> b. 18 May 1939 m. 1964 Susie Mae Bryant b. 1946  
 Audrey Elaine Moore<sup>9</sup> b. 1965  
 John Richard Moon<sup>9</sup> b. 1967 m. Lucy Phenix 1999 b. 1971  
 Amber Renee<sup>10</sup> b. 2001

David Brian Moon<sup>9</sup> b. 1971 m. Tanya Williams 1994 b. 1966  
 Christian Micheal<sup>10</sup> b. 1992  
 Damian Alexander<sup>10</sup> b. 1996

Patricia Moon<sup>8</sup> b. 18 Dec 1942 m. 1960 John Winifred Fox b. 1938  
 Phillip Lynn<sup>9</sup> b. 1965 m Lynn Marie Carlson Vohringer 1990  
 Jordan<sup>10</sup> b. 1992  
 Jerry Flynn<sup>9</sup>  
 Lana Leigh<sup>9</sup>

m. (3) Dora Ora Stewart  
 No issue

LEDGERS FROM RECORDS OF NATHAN NABORS, SR<sup>2</sup>. DATED DE. 30, 1806

James N. Nabours<sup>3</sup>, born ca. 1765, was the brother of Nathan<sup>2</sup>, whose will was probated in Newberry Co., S.C. 2 Oct. 1834. Indications are that he had brothers: John, Benjamin, Abraham, and Isaac.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF NATHAN NABOURS<sup>2</sup>  
NEWBERRY DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
OCTOBER 2, 1834

SOUTH CAROLINA  
NEWBERRY DISTRICT

In the name of God, amen, I, Nathan Nabours<sup>2</sup>, of the same State and District, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but weak in body, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath please God to bless me with in manner following, that is to say:

I desire that my wife, Jane Nabours, do sell enough of my personal property without any expense that I do particular name in my Will to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses. I give to by beloved wife, Jane Nabours, all my estate as well as real and personal, also, for and during the natural term of her life; and after her death, I give the same to my brother James Nabours children, hereinafter mentioned, to them and their lawful begotten heirs of their body, forever.

I give to Nathan Nabours of my Negroes one boy by name of Ellick, the other a girl named Viney, one large chest, one folding table, and one cow and calf to him and his lawful begotten heirs, forever.

I give to Jane Nabours, daughter of brother James Nabours, two of my Negro girls, one by the name of Harriet, the other by the name of Edney, and one sixth part of all my bed furniture, not including a bed, one bureau, one clock and on cow and calf to her and her lawful begotten heirs of her body, forever.

I give to Francis Nabour, our Negro woman, by the name of Eddy, but not for her to have the two first children the said Eddy has after this present time. I, also, give her one bed and the sixth part of my bed furniture and one bedstead to her and her lawful begotten heirs of her body, forever.

I give to Nancy Nabours our Negro woman, by the name of Hannah, but if the above Eddy, given to Francis Nabours, should not have the two children mentioned to be living at the age of two years, the above said Hannah give to Nancy Nabours her two first children she has after this present time is not to be Nancy Nabours provide Eddy has one child living of the two that is mentioned that Francis Nabours is not to have there shall be but one taken of Hannah to Nancy Nabours instead of two. Also I give to Nancy Nabours

one bed and one sixth part of my bed furniture and bedstead to her and her lawful begotten heirs of her body, forever.

I give or desire Mary Ann Nabours to have the first Negro child Eddy or Hannah has after this time agreeable to the above statement concerning said Negroes. Also, one bed and the sixth part of my bed furniture, and one bedstead, one cow and calf to her and her lawful begotten heirs of her body; forever.

I give or desire James Nabors to have the second Negro child Eddy or Hannah has after this time, agreeable to the above mentioned statement concerning said negro child Eddy or Hannah has after this time, agreeable to the above mentioned statement concerning said Negroes to him and his lawful heirs, forever.

I give Benjamin Nabours our Negro named Sam to him and his lawful heirs, forever.

I give to Sarah Nabours one Negro girl names Laury, and one bed and the sixth part of my bed furniture and bedstead, one cow and calf to her and her lawful begotten heirs of her body, forever.

I give to Lucy Caroline Nabours our negro girl named Sarah, and cupboard and one sixth part of my bed furniture not including a bed to her and her lawful begotten heirs of her body, forever.

I give to John L. Nabours, son of John Nabours, deceased, fifty dollars to be put out on interest for him until he becomes of age. If he dies before that time, to be given to James Nabours.

All the rest of my estate, real and personal, of what nature and quality soever it may be not hereinbefore particularly disposed of, desire may be sold, and after all just demands against the estate is satisfied, I give to Samuel Nabours and William Nabours the money to be equally divided between them and their lawful heirs forever. If one of my brothers children dies without a lawful begotten heir of their body, forever, that I have given property to in this Will, the property given to them shall be equally divided among the rest.

And lastly, I do constitute and appoint Samuel Nabours, son of James Nabours, Executor of this my last Will and Testament by me heretofore made; in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this Second day of October in the year of Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-four.

(Signed) Nathan Nabours

Signed, sealed and published, and declared as and for this last Will and Testament of the above named, Nathan Nabours, in the present of us.

(Signed) William Whitmie

(Signed) Joseph Hill

(Signed) James Prewit



## LEGENDS OF THE NEIGHBORS

The French Huguenots were a protestant group, adhering to the teachings of John Calvin, which flourished in France in the 1500-1600's despite periodic persecutions. One of the latest persecutions occurred in 1685 when Louis XIV repealed the edict of Nantes and thousands of the Huguenots fled France, settling in England, Prussia, and nearby European countries. A large group came to the colonies at this time, establishing homes in the states along the east coast. Abraham Neighbours<sup>1</sup> was born in 1686 (*Ramsey's History of South Carolina*). Abraham had a strong religious faith as he named his sons: Isaac, Abraham, and Nathan<sup>2</sup>

The Neighbours had settled in Laurens and Newberry Counties by 1780 and were wealthy planters, affording their families the luxuries available. Recorded deeds indicate that they owned land, slaves, and livestock.

In 1780 British soldiers held Charleston. Tories rode the countryside, preying on the farms of the Whigs. H.S. Halsey, an Alabama historian, wrote the following story of Isaac Neighbour's death in a letter to Thomas McAdory Owens:

“It was on a dark night, late in the spring or early summer of 1780, that a band of Tories under the noted (Bloody) Bill Cunningham made a raid into the neighborhood in which Isaac Nabors lived. A party from the band stealthily approached his house, suddenly broke into it and killed Nabors with their broadswords as he was arising from his bed. Mrs. Nabors in her fright, supposing that all the family would be killed, hurried her hastily aroused children out into the yard where all hid themselves. While some of the Tories were plundering the house, others visited the Negro quarters and took possession of all the Negroes: forty in number, except a woman named Fanny and two old men who resolutely refused to go off with them.

“The stolen Negroes were sold in Jamaica, which was a great depot for stolen Negroes during the Revolutionary War. After the departure of the Tories with their booty, Mrs. Nabors and her children and remaining slaves ventured back into the house where lay her husband brutally mangled by the Tory broadswords, and where occurred a heartrending scene: the widowed mother, the orphaned children and the faithful slaves mingling their tears over the mutilated corpse.

“It was a night of horror long to be remembered. The next day some of the people of the neighborhood came in and buried Mr. Nabors. But it was not the Nabors family alone that suffered from that horrible night's bloody work. Other families were visited, their horses and Negroes were stolen and persons were barbarously murdered. Among these was a man named Woodruff, who was killed with his wife and one or two children.



“After her husband was killed, Mrs. Nancy Boyd Nabors moved her children to the house of her sister and brother-in-law, Abraham Nabors, and the two families lived together until peace was made.

“They suffered much from Tory cruelty during the war and they had to resort to every artifice to save their food and clothing from the Tory marauders. They had hollow logs and trees in the woods in which, during the day, they kept their provisions, clothing, and bedding concealed.

“John, a boy of fourteen and son of Abram Nabors, often suffered from Tory malices. They would frequently torture him, hanging him up to force him to reveal the hiding places of the family supplies. But John was resolute in making no revelations.

“In this impoverished condition, the family adopted a perfect system of domestic economy. Each had a certain specified task assigned, which he was to perform every day. One was to do the milking, one to do the wood cutting, one the washing, one the cooking, etc. It is remembered that Isaac’s son, William was the weaver of the family.

“Mrs. Nancy Boyd Nabors, Isaac’s widow, kept her horse and her cows in the swamp. She had a bridle at the house with which she would bridle her horse, mount him and drive the cows up at a certain time to be milked, for this milk was the main dependence for the living of the family.

“On one occasion, a party of Tories visited the house, and one of them happened to see the bridle and took possession of it. Mrs. Nabors was a spirited woman and seized the bridle while it was in the hands of the marauder, and though he pulled her several times around the house, she held onto it so resolutely that the Tory finally yielded it to her.

“As an instance of the poverty of the country, on one occasion, Mrs. Nabors lost a needle and she spent three days looking for it until she found it, as it was impossible to get another needle except at Charleston, which was then in the possession of the British.”

H.S. Halsey wrote another letter to Thomas M. Owens in which he relates an interesting Neighbours family legend. He writes:

“These three Nabers brothers had a sister –her name is not known to us. On one occasion, perhaps in the War of the Revolution, on a warm summer day, this young Nabers woman was weaving. Wearing by the heat, she leaned her head over the loom and went fast asleep. She dreamed that she was captured by Indians.

“The next day, sure enough, the Indians came, burnt the house and took her away a captive. She was a shrewd woman, and knew that her friends would follow the Indians and attempt to rescue her. So, whenever she well could do so, she would break the small twigs on the bushes along her route, so as to guide her friends, She wore a white dress ...and managed to tear off small fragments of this dress and dropped them along the route.

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“The Indians, however, detected her in this and gathered up all the fragments which she had dropped. She then tore off bits of a blue apron which she wore and dropped them. The blue was not so conspicuous as the white and she managed to scatter several fragments along the trail. After about two days march, the Indians camped one night in a glade.

“The young woman had an idea that a rescue would be attempted that night. She lay on the ground between two Indians, but kept herself wide awake. Late in the night, just as she anticipated, her rescuers who were following the Indians, noiselessly arrived near the camp. The moon was shining brightly and one of them could see everything in the Indian Camp. Crawling up noiselessly through the bushes near the Indians, he took his ramrod, reached over and touched the woman’s face. She knew what it meant; silently rose, stepped over the sleeping Indians, and sprang out among her friends, who instantly opened fire and killed all the Indians, but one, who sprang to his feet and fled. His pursuers overtook him and shot him down. The party then returned home.

“This torn blue apron was kept for a long time in the Nabors family.. My mother saw it in her girlhood. Now, this is all that I know about the tradition, only I have heard that the Indians were Creeks.”

Although the War caused a setback in the financial condition of the Neighbors family, they soon overcame obstacles and by 1800 were thriving; the holders of numerous deeds to land in Laurens and Newberry Counties, possessors of slaves, children and houses.

Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church was the center of spiritual and social activity for many of the Neighbors and their friends. A church history indicates that “the first settler in the area was John Duncan, a Scotch-Irish pioneer from Pennsylvania. Finding the country to his liking, he induced two friends, Joseph Adair and Robert Long and their families to join him. Long and Adair later fought in the Revolution.

The Rev. Hexekiah Balch began holding services near Duncan Creek in 1751 and in 1763 a building was erected. The present structure, built in 1821 is the third. Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church is known as the ‘Mother Church’ of the Presbyterians in this neighborhood. About 1788 there arose a quarrel between adherents of Rouse’s and Watt’s versions of the Psalms which were sung at services , and a large portion of the congregation seceded to form a Baptist Church.

Obviously there were Neighbors in both groups, and although not all relationships to Father Abraham and Mother Rebecca are legally established, we shall follow the generations of those from North and South Carolina and Virginia and it is believed that they were kinsmen, all!

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