Reuben Vestal Juniely Fit

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Enclosed is an extremely rough draft of the Reuben and Eleanor (Chapman) Vestal family. Several of the descendants who have written me believe that Reuben's father was a John Vestal and that the family came originally from Virginia.

The names of the children - John, James, David, Sarah and Mary (Polly) are very common in the William Vestal family; however, Marshall and the father Reuben are new names to this genealogy.

William Vestal, b ca 1667 in England, md a widow, Alice (Glover) Brundsen in PA, and they had four children. The descendants of the son William, b ca 1696, who married Elizabeth (Mercer) Woodward, are given in the manuscript compiled by Earl Davis (now deceased.) We knowthat the son George, b ca 1698 was living in Conestoga, PA in 1721 but nothing further is known about him. One of the daughters, Sarah died at age 3 and nothingis known about the other daughter Mary.

William and Elizabeth had eight children, the oldest of whom was John, b ca 1718 PA who married Ann Potts The family moved to Frederick Co., VA and John and Ann had three known children, William, Mary and Elizabeth, and possibly a David and a John. By 1787 Ann was listed in the personal property tax lists for BerkeleyCo. (W.V.) for self - a David and a John were also listed as "self". Unfortunately we have no information on marriages or children of David and John. The son William had a son William, Jr., b ca 1780.

Any of these three men - William, David, John - or Wm.'s son Wm - could be the grandfather or father of Reuben? There are no family stories connecting the VA Vestals with OH but that doesn't mean such a descent is not possible!

With regard to the John Vestal, b 28 Jan. 1791 VA who probably m 2nd Ann Thomas and is known to have married Ann Timmons by whom he had a son William L. Vestal, b 24 May 1820, OH. no clues have been found as to John's parentage. If he m 2nd Ann Thomas, they may have had children who died young as in 1850 in IL, John's wife is listed as Mary - there is a gap in the ages of the children - b ca 1826 - next child b 1837/8 in IL. And now for a big IF - as John was b in 1791 he would have been old enough to have fathered a child in 1810 - and IF he did so it could have been Reuben. There is no hint of any such birth, however, this family's records.

I am a descendant of the William/Alice line and have no known connection with the OH Vestals mentioned above. However, I became interested in OH as I was trying to help Clifford and Marjorie Yaryan trace the John-Ann Timmons line. So many of you have sent me a great deal of material on Reuben's line and I do appreciate all of it.

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Another Vestal of unknown parentage is William, b 1805 VA d 29 Dec. 1879, bur. Richwood Cem., (age 74 y 3 m 15 d)- his wife was Almire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-also b VA ca 1805, d 22 Sept. 1876, age 72 y, bur. Richwood. Their son John N. Vestal was b 1840 OH (Union Co.?) He d 24 July 1881, age 40 y 6 mo 11 d, also bur. Richwood. This family was in the Delaware Co. OH Census, Berlin Township, in 1850. William was listed as a mason. References to the family were found in "Gleanings from the Richwood Gazette", Vol. I, 1872-1876, compiled by Ancestrails of Northern Union Co. OH, Aug. 1982. Another IF - this Wm. could be a brother of Reuben which would mean that Wm.'s and Reuben's parents came to OH between 1805 and 1810?

And who is the John Vestal who married Mary Sullivan 1 Jan. 1835 in Madison Co., OH? Or the George Vestal b ca 1822 VA who with his wife Eleanor was in Madison Co., with children George, Rebecca and Eliza, also John E.

There is another man of VA birth, David Vestal, b ca 1799, who married Eleanor, b ca 1804 OH - their four children were Henry S., Louisa M., John, and Benjamin. David was listed as a householder in 1826 in Trumbull Co. (later Mahoning Co.) OH. By 1860 David was evidently married to a younger woman, Ellen, age 33 (unless the census taker made a mistake) and they were living with his son John and family in Youngstown.

As I have indicated with a previous draft of the Reuben Vestal line, I have not tried to prove any of the information, and I realize that some of the dates included differ from family to family. However, I have attempted to put into some order the data which all of you so generously sent me - I do enjoy a good puzzle! and I hope someday we'll be to connect all these Vestals.

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P.S. Please overlook poor numbering systems and typos. E.V. REUBEN VESTELL, son of John (?) and Vestell, b 5 July 1810, Ross Co.,OH, d 17 Feb. 1874 of typhoid pneumonia, age 63 y 7 m 12 d, bur. Mt. Olive Cem., Marion Co., OH, m 4 July 1833, Madison Co., OH, Eleanor Chapman, dtr of Thomas and Mary "Polly" (Stone) Chapman, b ca 1809 Winchester, VA, d 13 Apr. 1893, age 83 y 8 m 11 d, also bur. Mt. Olive Cem. Children:

- 1. Marshall Vestell, b 31 Mar. 1834, OH, d 4 Aug. 1902, m 1st Mary Ann (Young) Clements, m 2nd Jane Howard (Grubb) Stone
- John
   b 4 Oct. 1838, OH, d 9 Jan. 1917, m Martha Ann Moore
   James
   b 17 Oct. 1837, OH, d 14 Nov. 1864, age 27 y 4 d (GAR), m Emily Elizabeth Davies
- 4. David " b 15 Apr. 1842? OH, d 6 Feb. 1916, m Isabella Price
- 5. Sarah A. b Aug. 1845 OH, d 7 Mar. 1917, m William H. Alexander
- 6. Mary Ann "Polly"" b 27 Sept. 1849, OH, d 6 Sept. 1924, m Jacob Bovell Cummins 7.

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According to Eleanor (Chapman) Vestal's obituary, she had eight children, six sons and two daughters.

Eleanor's parents, Thomas Chapman and Mary Stone were married 24 Dec. 1797 in Frederick Co., VA, by Alexander Balmain, Minister. There is a will dated 23 Nov. 1812, probate 2 Mar. 1813, in Frederick Co., for a Thomas Chapman, listing a son Thomas Chapman, who with the other children (not named) is to receive property at the decease of the elder Thomas' wife Rachel.

(In a book, "Marion County Family Genealogies" published by the Marion Area Gen. Soc., p. 148,) one of Eleanor's sisters, Chapman, b ca 1799 VA, d 11 Oct 1873, Green Camp OH, m John Sifritt, son of Andrew and Susan (Schrock) Sifritt, b ca 1798/9 Winchester, VA, d 11 Feb. 1850, Green Camp, Marion Co., OH. Both John and Harriet were buried in the Price Cem. The couple were married ca 1819 1821 in Paint Township, Madison Co., OH. They had 11 children. Eleanor had four brothers and four sisters, so there are many more cousins to be tracked down! (The Price Cem. is in Union Co. OH.)

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1840 OH Census, Madison Co., Union Twp.
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1850 Marion Co., OH Census, Greencamp Twp., Sept. 17, p. 46
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Marshall
                  16 laborer
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John
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David
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Marion Co., 1079 History, OH, pub. by Marion Co., Hist. Soc., p. 124 Mt. Olive Meth. Ch. (first Meth. Soc., members included Ruben Vestal, Ellen Vestal)

### **OBITUARY FOR ELANOR VESTAL**

From the "MARION DEMOCRATIC MIRROR" week of April 19, 1893, vol. 52 no. 2

Elanor Vestal, whose maiden name was Chapman, was born at Winchester, VA, July 2, 1809, and died in Green Camp Tp., Marion County, O, April 13, 1893 being at the time of her death 83 years, 8 months and 11 days of age.

When she was about 10 years of age her father moved with his family from Virginia to Madison County, Ohio, where she grew up to womanhood. She became acquainted with and was married to Reuben Vestal, July 4, 1833 and this union was dissolved by the death of her husband on the 17th day of February, 1874, since she has remained a widow. She was the mother of eight children, six sons and two daughters, three of whom preceded her to the better land, and the other five are here to mourn the loss of a mother.

In the fall of 1846 with her husband and children she moved from Madison to Marion County, where she resided until death. She knew all about the hardships, toils, and prevations of a frontier life. She is the last of her father's family, the father, mother, four brothers, and four sisters having preceded her to the better land, and thus a generation has gone from earth.

For the last nineteen years she has made her home with her son David and wife, where she received every kindness that was needful to make her comfortable to the last.

Last, but not least, when 17 years of age she gave her heart to God and joined the Methodist Church and for sixty-six years she was ready to give testimony in favor of him who sustained her by his grace until he saw fit to call her from earth to a home in heaven.

The funeral took place at Mt. Olive church on Saturday, April 15 at 10 O' clock a.m. conducted by Rev. Redding and her remains were laid to rest in the Mt. Olive cemetery in the presence of a large congregation of friends and neighbors.

## **OBITUARY FOR REUBEN VESTAL**

From the "MARION DEMOCRATIC MIRROR" week of February 19, 1874.

Died - Reuben Vestal, an old gentleman, and long a resident of Bowling Green township, died on Tuesday morning. He had a large circle of aquaintance.

(Both obtained from the Ohio Historical Society archives as transcribed by Alan and Rosemary Vestal on 12-27-94).

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1. MARSHALL VESTAL, son of Reuben and Eleanor (Chapman) Vestal, b 31 Mar. 1834, OH, d 4 Aug. 1902, bur. Mt. Olive Cem., Marion Co., OH, m 1st Mary A. (Young) Clements dtr of J. and R. Young, b ca 1826, d 18 Aug. 1854, age 28 y 5 m 28 d, also bur. Mt. Olive.

NOTE: Dorothy E. Stanley in a letter dated 4 April 1994 indicated there is a marriage record for Marshall Vestal and a Mary Ann Clements in Marion Co., OH, on 6 Feb. 1853 by Alexander Porter. This could be Mary A. Young, possibly a widow, as the child of Marshall and Mary A. was b ca 1854 and Mary A. may have died in childbirth.

Child of Marshall and Mary A. (Young) Clements Vestal: a. William Martin (Bill) Vestal, b 18 Nov. 1854, OH, m Sarah Jane @witon

Harshall m 2nd 25 Nov. 1855, Union Co., OH, Jane Howard (Grubb) Stone, widow , b 21 Aug. 1824, Mechanicsburg, of Noah Stone, dtr of Champaign Co., OH, d 26 Nov. 1903, bur. Mt. Olive Cem. Sant the child

Child of Marshall and Jane Howard (Grubb) Stone Vestal: b. Thomas Reuben Vestal, b 12 Aug. 1859, OH, m Mary Alcinda Cobb

Information from Dorothy E. Stanley -- Jane was first married in Union Co., OH on 10 Mar. 1841 to Noah Stone, service performed by J. Cheney, J.P.. In the 1850 census for Union Co., Jane is listed with 2 children, Francis, age 8, and Mary, age 5. Ms. Stanley is hunting for the parents of Jane and Jane's sister, Missouri Amanda Grubb. She has proof that one of the parents indentured Missouri to the town mayor when she was 11 years old. The indenture contract lists her father as Abarilla Grubb. However, Abarilla is a version of Abigail, ordinarily a woman's name. Jane and Missouri had a brother Benjamin C. Grubb who was living in Union Co. in 1850. There are no listings of Grubbs in the Mt. Olive cem. where Jane is buried, but Jane's son Francis M. Stone is interred there -- d Nov. 9, 1881, age 39 y 10 m 6 da. A Hanna Stone who d 6 Aug. 1888, age 46, buried in Mt. Olive may have been Francis' wife.

Union Co., OH Marr. Recs., 1820-65, Vol. II, L-Z, p. 394 Vestell, Marshall to Stone, Jane H., Nov. 26, 1855, Rev. J. S. Adams. (adams)

History of Union Co., OH, Chicago, W. H. Beers & Co., 1883 - Military record, p. 519, Co. L 173rd OH Infantry. Vestal, M. D., Sept. 7, 1864, disch. June 28, 1865. In another book there was a record that Marshall Vestal was a soldier.

1900 OH Soundex Vestal, Marshal 149-130-1-11 Mch 1834 66 OH Union Co., Clairbourne Twp., Jane H. (wife) Aug. 1824 75 OH.

Mrs. Martha (Vestal) Clarke, a direct descendant of Thomas Reuben Vestal, was sent papers on Jane by Rose Mary Ross, another descendant? These papers include an "Application for Appointment of Guardian for Idiot, Imbecile, Lunatic or Drunkard", referring to Jane H. Vestal as an alleged imbedile and stating that her personal property consisted of a life interest in property bequeathed by will of Marshal Vestal, dec'd, probable value of \$500. Her only next of kin was Thomas R. Vestal, son, Richwood, OH. Thomas served the notice of hearing to his mother on 9 Aug. 1902. There are quite a few pages in this legal paper and Jane is continually referred to as an imbecile - the poor woman was probably

suffering from Alzheimer's disease or perhaps was just becoming senile? A Dr. B. P. Hall was appointed her guardian. In Feb. 1904 his first and last account of his guardianship was presented to the Union Co. Probate Court - this includes several payments to Alcinda Vestal, Jane's daughter-in-law, (Mary Alcinda (Cobb) Vestal).

THE STATE OF OHIO, UNION COUNTY, SS:

I CERTIFY, That I this day solomnized the Marriage of

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la. WILLIAM M. (BILL) VESTAL, son of Marshall and Mary A. (Young) Clements
Vestal, b 18 Nov. 1854, OH, d , m dtr of , b Apr.
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                                           b Apr. 1858, Canada, d
Barton
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  2. Jesse L.
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  3. Bessie M.
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  4. Mary B.
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      Charles Gilbert
     William C.
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        Bessie M. (dtr)
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        William C. "
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NOTE; When I was in Portland, OR in 1968 I found in the telephone directory a listing for Vestal, Freda L., 5845 N. E. Everett - she was the wife of Charles Gilbert Vestal, retired teacher. When I called, she said her husband was the son of William and Sarah Jane Vestal (Bill rather than William) of Marion, OH and that Bill was the son of Marshall Vestal of Rensselaer, IN, who married Nancy Young, niece of Brigham Young. Her husband (Charles Gilbert) also had an Uncle John Vestal of Marion, OH. They knew nothing more about the family than this. When I checked a biography of Brigham Young I found no mention of a niece Nancy, and there was no mention of a J. and R. Young in the bio or in the census who fitted the dates to be Mary's parents. So the Brigham Young - Nancy Young connection may have been a family story with no proof.

la2. JESSE L. VESTAL, son of William Martin (Bill) and Sarah Jane (Barton Vestal, b 26 May 1881 IN, d, m 1 Mar. 1907, Wells Co., IN, Willett Haskett, dtr of Benjamine and Tennessee (Hyden) Haskett, b 9 Apr.
1884, d
Children:
la2a. Edna Marie Vestal, b 7 June 1912, Wells Co., IN
Information on Jesse from Wells Co., IN, marriage and birth records.

NOTE: Rensselaer is in Jasper Co., IN and perhaps Marshall lived there at some time in between censuses. Jane, presumably widowed by 1900 was living in Newton Co., which is west of Jasper Co., and her son Jesse L. was living in Wells Co. on the opposite side of the State by 1907. Charles was in Oregon in the 1960s. I have found no trace of the other children, so far.

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lbl. David Watson Vestal, b ca 1883, OH, d l Jan. 1885, age ly 3m bur. Mt. Olive Cem., Marion, OH

- Abbie R. " b Feb. 1885 " m P. R. Rauch
   Ralph B. " Mar. 1887 " m Edna Langstaff
- 5. Herbert M. " Dec. 1890, d at age 21 Richwood 6. Bessie Ellen " May 1893, OH m Raymond Jacobs
- 7. Hazel A. " June 1895 " m P. R. Rauch, widower of Abbie
- 8. Rolland Elmore " 16 Feb. 1905 Richwood, OH m Fay Delauter

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1b2a. Harold Rauch, b\_\_\_\_d Feb. 1967

- b. Paul Rauch
- c. Robert Rauch
- d. William Rauch
- e. Lawrence Rauch

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	1b5. HERBERT M. VESTAL, son of Thomas Reuben and Mary Alcinda (Cobb) Vestal, b Dec. 1890, d ca 1911, age 21
	1b6. BESSIE ELLEN VESTAL, dtr of Thomas Reuben and Mary Alcinda (Cobb) Vestal, b May 1893, m 30 July Raymond Jacobs, son of b
×į	1b7. HAZEL A. VESTAL, dtr of Thomas Reuben and Mary Alcinda (Cobb) Vestal, b June 1895 OH, m 1 July 1950 P. R. Rauch, widower of Abbie
	1b8. ROLLAND ELMORE VESTAL, son of Thomas Reuben and Mary Alcinda (Cobb) Vestal b 16 Feb. 1905, Richwood, OH, m Fay Delauter, dtr of

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-	A. D. 1882, to the above named parties	Sworn to and subscribed before me, this day of .4.1). 138 . Probata Judjöi	Filed and recorded this L  day of Distillin 188  ATTUST:

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STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH **DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS** 65409 1 PLACE OF DEATH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH County....Inion Registration District No. 1278 File No. Primary Registration District No.1.961 Township Claiborne Registered No. **JAN** \_ \_\_St., or Villago ... Ward er City of ... Length of residence in city or term where death occurred How long in U. S., If of foreign birth? \_\_\_\_\_yrs. Did Deceased Serve in 2 FULL NAME Thomas Ruben Vestal. U. S. Navy of Army....NO. (a) Residence. No. Claiborns Tp. Union Co.St., — www. (If nonresident give city or town and State) PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 4. COLOR OR RACE 5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Diverced (write the word) ZINDATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Nov 23. 1933 Married / Male White I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Se. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of JULEUTE ARRY C alive on . 19..... death is said & DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Aller 12 1859 If LESS than PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH and related causes of T. AGB Years Months DATE. I day, ......hrsi 74 Trade profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc...... OCCUPATION Sexton Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill Cemeter 11. Total time (years)
speat in this 21 10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation amonth and year) NOV. CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES of importance not related to principal cause: 12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Marion. County (State or country) Ohio. PATHER 13. NAME Warshall Vental. Name of operation MUM2 14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Hadison County, (State or country) What test confirmed diagnosis? MASSAL.... Was there an autopey? H.Q. ordu HOTER 23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the folis maiden name Jane Grubb 16 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Champaign County Where did injury occur?..... (State or country) (Specify city or town, county, and State) Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. and (Address) Richwood, Uhio. Manner of injury... IL BURIAL CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place Claibonne Ceri. Date NOV. 26. 1933 Nature of injury..... Winter 24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? NDERTAKES LOTA (Address) RICHWAON, No 19a. Was body embalmed/1 CS a Embalmer's No. 2476-A If so, specify (Signed) ... 20. PILED 11-24 1933 Land Landy Registrat

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2. JOHN VESTAL, son of Reuben and Eleanor (Chapman) Vestal, b Oct. 1835, OH, d  (after 1916?), m 1 Oct. 1865, Martha Ann Moore, dtr of , b Dec. 1836, OH, d
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1870 Marion Co., OH Census Index Vestal, John Greencamp Twp. 56
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2a. DEWITT VESTAL, son of John and Martha Ann (Moore) Vestal, b May 1869 OH, end  d Cora May Schaeffer, dtr of, b Aug. 1873 OH, d
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Cora (wife) Aug. 1873 26 OH Clara L. (dtr) Apr. 1899 1 "
3. JAMES VESTAL, son of Reuben and Eleanor (Chapman) Vestal, b 17 Oct. 1837, OH, d 14 Nov. 1864, age 27 y 4 d (GAR), bur. Mt. Olive Cem., m  Emily Elizabeth Davies, dtr of b carses  d for .1892 age 47 y 7m star, bur. mt. Olive Cem., Children:  3a. Harriet Ann Vestal, b 1864, d 27 Jan., 1866, age 13 m 8 d, bur. Mt. Olive b. Abarilla " b ? m Edward Hagen
Emily m 2nd John Smith. A copy of James' war record might be helpful or a copy of Emily's application for pension either under the name of Vestal or of Smith.
John Smith Co.B & 4th Ray DVI & June 26 1899 age 59 y 6 m 26 d bar. M. Alive com.

4. DAVID VESTAL, son of Reuben and Eleanor (Chapman) Vestal, b 15 Apr.1842, OH, d 6 Feb.1916, bur. Mt. Olive Cem., m 11 Apr. 1864, Marion Co., OH, Isabella Price, dtr of John and Phebe (Sanders) Price, b 1838, d 1901, bur. Mt. Olive. Children:  4a. Elizabeth E. Vestal, b d 31 Jan. 187 , bur. Mt. Olive. (According to the listing in the Marion Co., OH, book, Elizabeth's stone said that she was 50 y 4 m 22 d old! This should probably be 5 yrs.
4b. Della Vestal, b ca 1875/6, OH, d, ?m Wilbur Smith Bonham
(In 1880, Marion Co., OH, soundex, Della was listed as age 4, living in Green Camp township, niece of Winfield Redd.)
David served in Co. H, 180 Regt., according to his tombstone - Mr. John Chapman has seen the Civil War pension records, the will of Thomas Chapman 1843, and deed records of Madison Co., OH. He has indicated that the first four children of Reuben and Eleanor (Chapman) Vestal were born in Madison Co., OH, with possible move to Marion Co., by 1845.
David A. Rish, 15726 C.R. 209, Kenton, OH 43326, furnished information on Isabella's family, and a copy is attached.
5. SARAH A. VESTAL, dtr of Reuben and Eleanor (Chapman) Vestal, b Aug. 1845, Marion ? co., OH, d 7 Mar. 1917, Agosta, OH, m 10 Apr. 1872, Wm. H. Alexander, son of, b d
(Perhaps Wm. was the son of Nathaniel and Mary Alexander, living in Green Camp township in 1850?)
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6. MARY ANN (POLLY) VESTAL, dtr of Reuben and Eleanor (Chapman) Vestal, b 27 Sept. 1849, Green Camp township, Marion Co., OH, d 6 Sept. 1924, Agosta (bur.Mt.Olive (Marion Co.) OH, m 29 Dec. 1870, Jacob Bovee Cummins, son of William and Mary ( ) Cummins, b ca 1844, OH, d 21 Aug. 1904, age 59y 8m 1d
No one has offered any clues as to the other two sons of Reuben and Eleanor - they may have died in infancy and were buried in Madison Co., OH as there are no stones of "unknowns" in the Mt. Olive listing.
(Note - Eleanor's name has been spelled in a variety of ways in the records but I decided just to use this one spelling.)
(A Wilda May Cummins b May 1878 d 20 June 1889, bur. Mt. Olive Cem. may have been a child of Jacob and Mary.)

Information from David A. Rish

John Price, b ca 1797, d near Essex 13 Sept. 1848, m 1st Bethany\_\_\_\_\_

Children: Harvey Price, b 1815

Lavina (Price) Evans, b 1816

Nancy Price, b 1821

Bethany evidently died between 1821 and 1824, the year John married Phebe Sanders in Union Co., OH.

John Price, b 1 June 1797, d 13 Sept. 1848, ae 51y 3m 12d, m 24 Apr. 1824 Phebe sanders, b 15 Nov. 1802 Bourbon Co., KY, d 25 Aug. 1854

Children of John and Phebe:

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Harvey Price, b 25 Feb. 1825, d 27 Dec. 1865, bur. Price cem. - m 4 times
              b 7 Feb. 1827, d 10 Nov. 1905, Richwood, OH - bur. Price cem.
Malissa
              b 18 June 1829 Union Co., d 2 Mar. 1904 Union Co., bur Price cem.
Levi
                                        d 2 Mar. 1904Marion Co., bur. Price
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                                        d 3 sept. 1850
              b 23 May 1836
                                        d 28 June 1916 Marion Co.
Pricilla
Isabella
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             b and d Mar. 1840 Union Co., bur. Price Cem.
Bethana
             b 3 Sept. 1841
                                        d 3 Dec. 1848 Union Co., bur. Price
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Malissa m 29 Jan. 1843 Union Co., Adam Blue
Levi m 2 Sept. 1849 " Elizabeth Godfrey
John m 6 Feb. 1851 " Melinda Blue
Pricilla m 22 feb. 1857 " John Sifritt
Isabella m 11 Apr. 1864 Marion Co.David Vestal
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#### NOTE:

The Marion Co. OH 1979 History has bios of several descendants of John and Phebe Price. Marion County Family Genealogies, compiled by Ione M. Lauer, has a bio of John and Harriet (Chapman) Sifritt. ev

This 28 day of Mars. a. D/855 1 Filed May 11, 1855 and duly rec'd. 3 attest James Delong, Prote The State of Chis Guerney County S. S, This is to certify that anthony Foster and Margaret Campbell were joined in marriage on the 11 day of Jany 1855 by me. Simuel Findley Min lay Filed May 23, 1855 and duly rec'd 3 attest James Delong, Probate Judy Perry Milton albin to Martha Callen Trott the marriage of Perry Mitton albin and Martha Collen Tro hand this 19 day of May a D. 1855 William Colleto Ediza Barner The State of this Guernsey Grenty S. Thereby certify that I this des May 14, 1855 and duly rick attent fame Delong The Last & Is Thomas show den to Bridgette Murphy The State of Chia Guernier Courtes & Thereby certify that It the marriage of Thomas of heridemand Bridge

Conway, Ark. 72032 26 Aug., 1980

Miss Eunice M. VESTAL 6100 Edinger, #807 Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Dear Miss VESTAL;

I hope I can keep this thing organized so that I can get through it and be logical. As you will be able to determine, there is a very definite connection between my DOUGAN line and your VESTAL line.

1. From the 1830 Dyer Co., Tn. Census: (NOTE: they are next door to each other.

Thomas DUGAN	0/5	5/10	10/15	15/20	20/30	30/40	40/50	
Males	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	
Females	0	1	0	1	0	1		
William VESTAL								
Males	0	2	0	0	1			N X 944
Females	1	0	0	0	1			is Rachel DOUGAN) 1810; d. 1 Nov.,1830
NOTE:						his de	ath dat	te for sure from
	the	bible	; it'd	been	struck	over)		

2. From the Jefferson Co., Ark. Census, Darysaw Tp., p. 490:

Thomas DUGAN	69 M Farmer	b. N. C.
Hester "	58 F	ii ii
Pauline "	17 F	Tn.
William VESTAL	19 M	11

NOTE: This nicely explains why it's sometimes "William C." and sometimes"William D." It's Thomas DUGAN'S grandson and he came with his grandparents to Jefferson Co., Ark. His real name was very probably"William Clifton". We've never known anything about daughter Rachel & supposed she'd died without having been married; though one should have been able to surmise from the bible record who William VESTAL was. Of course, it's perfectly apparant now.

3. The bible record: (The bible is that of Hester (KIMBROUGH) DOUGAN)

This comes from Mrs. Shirle (IAMB) WILLIAMS, 9015 E. 28th St.

Tulsa, Okla. 74129

Elizabeth (Betsy) DOUGAN & Moses HEDDON were Shirle's great grandparents.
You can locate this on the chart showing the family of Thomas DOUGAN &
Hester (KIMBROUGH) DOUGAN. Here's how Shirle describes the bible+—

"This bibe is completely covered in hand-sewn and laced tanned deer hide.
The pages are yellow and the cover is warped. The original entries are in brown ink, some later ones in blue ink, and the final ones in pencil.
Fred IAMB, son of Theodore and Minnie, had planned to be a minister and was given the family bible. He later became a brakeman on the MissouriPacific Railroad and did not go into the ministry. His grandmother, Elizabeth (HEDDON) IAMB found it some years later in the damp well house. She became very angry, took it with her, and later gave it to my grandfather, her second son, "V" IAMB. He gave it to my father, Charles IAMB 19 Sep., 1947."



work. You might like to contact her; though I doubt if she has any other VESTAL information at all.

#### 4. The charts:

These charts are really only my working sheets. I use them like this instead of the usually used LDS charts. I think these are more easily read at a glance. Anyhow, they are somewhat out-of-date; as these particular ones are only xerox copies of my original ones. They show you where Rachel DOUGAN fits in. I would imagine that William VESTAL & Rachel DOUGAN must have married either just before the DOUGANS moved from Franklin Co., Tn. or just after they arrived in Dyer COUNTY, Tn. Dyer Co. became a county in 1823; the DOUGANS were among the very first settlers in Dyer Co. -- supposedly in 1822, on a Revolutionary War North Carolina Land Grant obtained by James DOUGAN. Dyer Co. was a most unhealthy place to live for a number of years, and many of the first settlers died. I have the Franklin Co., Tn. marriages, but the records don't start until 1838, and so they are of no help. The 1820 Franklin Co., In. census should locate a VESTAL for you, and it should be William VESTAL'Sr.'s father. I'm not sure, but I think the Dyer Co., Tn. records are intact. If so, then you may be able to pick up William and Rachel's marriage there.

- 5. My great grandfather's (Thomas DOUGAN) War of 1812 Record. I thought it was interesting because it has Andrew JACKSON'S signature.
- 6. The pages numbered 5-10:

I don't believe there's anything you'd be interested in on the first Pages. Otherwise, they're my notes, and self-explanatory. Your William C. VESTAL lived near the crossroads leading to the Pine Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It's here that Thomas & Hester DOUGAN and their son Phireas DOUGAN are buried.

From your letter you say William VESTAL & Rachel six children. Actually, it seems William Clifton was the last child of Rachel; and that William must have married again shortly after 1830. Now this marriage should certainly be located in Dver County.

I hope this dos give you some help! And if there are other questions, I'll try to answer them.

Sincerely yours,

Livelou B. Asur and

Lt. Col. Aulton B. DOUGEN

P.S. I do have lots and les of other DOUGAN information, but I suppose you're not primarily interested in that.

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Joseph DOUGAN b. d.
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bout him.

NOTES: 1. Thomas & his wife Mary were in Paxtang Twnshp, Lancaster Co., Pa. by the early 1700's. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church there in 1760-61. They moved to North Carolina sometime in 1763.

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Samuel DOUGAN b. 17 Aug. 1781 d. 1830, Dyer Co. m. 23.Apr. 1801 Logan Co., Ky.  Mary DICKEY Dau. of George & Mary DICKEY  1.Hannah DOUGAN b.27 Jan. 1802 m.15 Oct. 1816  Aaron WALLIS (WALLACE) 2.George DOUGAN b.12 Sept. 1803 m.11 Nov. 1822  Mary RODGERS 3.Nancy DOUGAN b.11 Dec. 1805 m. (a)Warner HARREI (b)Lemuel EMPERS 4.James DOUGAN b.12 Mar. 1808 d.6 Nov. 1900 m. (a)Sally (Sarah)	m.30 Mar.1809  Hester KIMBROW b.11 May 1792 d.18 July 1873  These two & son Phineas E. DOUGAN are buried at Pine Ridge Cum. Pr. Ch. Ain, Grant Co., Ar For more on this family, see the following sheets.	Robert C. DOUGAN b. Ca. 1790 d. m. (a) (b) Elizabeth 1. Selvannus B. DOUGAN b. Ca. 1825 2. Robert B. DOUGAN b. Ca. 1822 3. John W. DOUGAN	b. Ca. 1787  Mrs. Harris has a deed made by Plane 6 Jan. 1846  Fayette Co., Tn. for land in Dye Co., Lot #6, a part of a 3000 acre tract of land granted to N James DOUGAN by N.C. 10 Jugan 1788.  on  NOTES: 1	Sharp b. d. m. Rebect widow They Frank then they in the (26 So 10 Dec Geo. ( Col Wi Regt.  Jame rank Jame Alfr desc	ca DICKEY  of Matth ICKEY  lived in lin Co., in Jan., were in , Ala. He e War of ept.1813 c.1813,Ca caperton illiam Pi , Tn. Mil s DOUGAN  of major s DOUGAN bout 179 oved to led ed Johnse endant of	b. d. m. d. m. Travinew (B/ Tn.; 1828 Jackson was 1812 to ipt. s Co., illow's litia. moved from had four moved to he moved franklin on of Evan f Samuel	Tennesseed to Logar Co., Tn. and answille, I	James DOUGAN, Jr. b. d.16 May 1827 Dyer Co., Tn.  Dyer Co., Tn.  duty during the Re in 1791, where he co., Ky., where he at about this time, Ind. (Mrs. Harris s has extensive files the original Thomas	ev. War in which e lived for abou le lived until l where he died should have his s on him. Mr. J	b. d. m.  Peter NOE b. d.  They lived in Nashville, Davidson Co., Tn. in 1837.  in about 1763 he rose to the t three years. 806-1807. 10 Feb., 1837. address) is a
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Thomas DOUGAN b.17 Aug. 1781 Winchester, Franklin Co., Tn. d.11 Jan. 1858 of dropsy; Jefferson

b. 11 May 1792 d. 18 July 1873

Hester Kimbrow (Kimbrough)

Co., now Grant Co., Ark.; he, his wife & son Phineas are buried at Pine Ridge, Ain, Grant Co., Ark.

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d.1 Nov. 1820	b.8 Feb. 1812	d.8 Mar.1842	m. 1843	d.3 July 1899	m. 27 Nov. 1849	d.
	d.21 Apr., 1863 m. Moses Hedden		Mary Ann WORTHEN b. d.	he took care of		M·26 ≤p.1843 Villiam T. WEILS
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NOTE: There are many Heddens in Camp Creek & Pine Ridge cemetaries.  Very probably they came with the DOUGANS to the area			1.Sarah DOUGAN	willed his enti	re	One son, William J. WEILS, lived
			2.Hester A. DOUGAN	Shell "for his faithfulness in	i.	Texas somewhere in 1922.
		3.Mary C. DOUGAN	caring for me" 13 May 1899. H	e		
			This family lived	is buried at Pi	ne	
•	from Tennessee.		in Jefferson Co., Ark.	Ridge Cumberlan Pres. Church Ce by his parents.	m.,	

NOTES: 1. This Thomas DOUGAN was a veteran of the War of 1812. His records in the Nat'l Archives include a record of his enlistment, a declaration of his widow. Hester, for the purpose of obtaining a grant, a page from the family record in a bible owned by Hester, & much of other interest.

2. Thomas lived in Franklin Co., Tn. in 1820, in Dyer Co., Tn. in 1830, in Fayette Co., Tn. in 1840

and in Jefferson Co., Ark. in 1850.

3. Thomas & Hester's Post Office was Camp Creek, Jefferson Co., Ark. 19 Feb. 1852. This is Darysaw Township, Grant Co., Ark. now. The cemetary known as Camp Creek contains many of the fold settlers of this region.

4. Land Grant # 11718, State of Tn., to Thomas DOUGAN (assignee of Ephraim Fayton) for 9 acres of land in the 2nd Dist., Franklin Co., Tn. signed by Gov Joseph McMinn at Knoxville, 4 May, 1818

5. Thomas DOUGAN sold land in Franklin Co., Tn. to Elijah STOVALL 8 Dec. 1821.

6. The will of George KIMBROUCH, 18 Nov. 1809 in Franklin Co., Tn. appointed "my beloved wife Mary & Thomas DOUGAN sole Executors". It was witnessed by Thomas DOUGAN & by Peter Noe, Junr. George Kimbrough most probably was Hester's father.

DOUGA N (really Polianna) b.24 Feb. 1826 b.25 June 1831 d.21 Mar. 1868 d. 11.50ct-118718 m. 6 Wy4. 182X

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Thomas C.

Abraham LYBRAND

Pulina DOUGAN

b. Ca. 1828

1. Emma DOUGAN b. Ca. 1849 2.John H. DOUGAN 3.Finis W. DOUGAN 4. Josephine P. DOUGAN, who married? Links

> NOTE: Serinous was a widow who lived in Altus, Ark, (Crawford Co.. along with her family.

5.James E. DOUGAN

following sheets.

NOTE: Frank & Laura & Roy buried @ Rosemont Cem., Benton, AR

NOTES: 1. Joseph H. DOUGAN was a C.S.A. soldier who was killed during the last days of the war during Sherman's "March to the Sea" near Atlanta. Ga.

2. After Joseph DOUGAN died, Mary A. (HARVEY) (DOUGAN) married David A. Woodall and had two daughters by him—Catherine ("Kate"), who died 22 May 1922 and Cornelia ("Neal").

3. Orville CHENEY lives in Little Rock & Neva (CHENEY) SIMMONS lives in Benton, AR.

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Andrew Jackson Major Genl.

"I certify that Thomas Dougan enrolled himself as a volunteer in the service of the United States, on an expedition against the hostile Creek Indians, and has served as such in my regiment, under the command of Major Gen. Andrew Jackson, from the 26th day of September to the 10th day of December 1813, both days inclusive, and is hereby discharged."

Wm Pillow, Col., 2nd Regt. T.V.

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15. ROSTER OF SOLDIERS AND PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BURIED IN TENNESSEE, 1974, Compiled by Lucy Womack Bates, Chairman, Pub. by the State Regent's Bicentennial Project, Tn. Soc., NSDAR

Dougan, James (b. 1754/d. 1837, Franklin Co.); Service, N. C.; Ref: Tn DAR Yearbook, p. 98.

- Dougan, James (b. Wales/d. 1828, Dyer Co.); To America c 1760; Service, N. C. Militia, S. C. under Gen. Marion; m. in Wales; b. Wales/d. N. C.; Ch.: Thomas, b. Wales; Robert; Samuel, b. 1780 m. Mary Dickey; Jenner m. Blair; Ref.: DAR #341421; N. C. Rev. Army Accts., Vol. 10, p. 17, Folio 4.
- 16. FRANKLIN CO., TN. Deed Book, Deed, 3 Dec., 1832 from James DOUGAN, Sr., of Franklin Co., Tn., 100 acres, a part of a 3000 acre land grant, to his son Thomas DOUGAN of Dyer Co., Tn.
- 17. FRANKLIN CO., TN., Deed Book, Deed, 4 Dec., 1832 from James DOUGAN, Sr., to Elizabeth HEDDEN late Elizabeth DOUGAN, William DOUGAN, George DOUGAN, Phinis E. DOUGAN, Joseph DOUGAN, Sallie M. DOUGAN, Thomas C. DOUGAN, and Polianna DOUGAN, children and heirs at law of Thomas DOUGAN, all of the county of Dyer. (Tennessee).
- 18. FAYETTE COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK "A", 1838-1857

DOUGAN, George to Mary Ann WORTHEN, P. 81, 27 No. 1843 DOUGAN, John to Ritter Ann HARRIS, P. 100, 15 Jan. 1845 DOUGAN, Melissa to William T. WELLS, P. 78, 25 Sept. 1843

19. JEFFERSON CO., Ark., CENSUS, 1850

DOUGAN, Phineas " , George " , Mary A. " , Sarah " , Hester A. " , Mary C.	39 <b>25</b>	M F	Farmer "Wife Dau. "	b. Tn.  n  Ark.  n  n
DOUGAN, Thomas C.  " , Sarah L. " , Emma " , Thomas " , Hester " , Pauline  MOTE: HH "	22 1 69 53	F F E T	Farmer Wife Dau. Father Hother Gister	Tn. Ala. Ark. N. C. " " Tn.
DCUGAN, Joseph " ., Mary A. " , Albert E.	17	Fi Fi	Farmer Wife Bon	Tn. Ala. Ark.

NOTE: Born later to these two were: Frank, Joseph, Thomas James, Elizabeth, Gertrude, Hary A. (Harvey) DOUGAN married a WOODALL & had Catherine & Cornelia. Frank was Dr. Benjamin Franklin DOUGAN, b. 17 Oct. 1853

20. DATE ON THOMAS DOUGAN taken from records at the National Archives, Washington

From Filmstrip: War of 1812

Wid. Orig. 6682 DOUGAN, THOMAS Bounty Land 30082-80-50 Wid. Ctf. 4277 Widow DOUGAN, HESTER 49386-80-55

Service-Pvt., Capt. G. Caperton's Co., Tn. Mil.

Enlisted Dec. 10, 1812 Discharged Apr. 20, 1813

Sept. 26, 1813 Dec. 10, 1813

Residence of Soldier 1851-Jefferson Co., Ark.
Residence of Widow 1860-Jefferson Co., Ark.
1871-72-Grant Co., Ark. (P.O. Darysaw)

Maiden name of widow-Hester Kimorow
Marriage of Soldier & Widow-Harch 30, 1809, Franklin Co., Tn.
Death of Soldier-Jan. 11, 1858, Jefferson Co., Ark. (now Grant Co.)
Remarks: 2 Orig. ctfs. of discharge in brief.

From Envelope File: Some Notes

DOUGAN, Thomas-Volunteered at Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee, 10 December, 1812, Capt. George Caperton's Company, Col. Thomas H. Benton. In another paper Col. Wm. Fillow is named. Honorable discharge 20 April 1813 at Columbia, Mauri County, Tennessee. Also served 26 September 1813 to 10 December 1813.

Form of a Declaration-Thomas DOUGAN who was a private in the company commanded by Ca tain George Caperton in the Franklin County Regiment of Tennessee Infantry Volunteers commanded by Col. Thomas H. Benton in the War of 1812. He volunteered at Winchester 10 December 1812 for the term of 2 years.

"I certify that Thomas DOUGAN enrolled himself as a volunteer under the Acts of Congress of February 6, 1812 & July the 6, 1812, and that he served as such under my command on a tour to the Natchez Country from the Stoth of December 1812 to the 20 of April 1813 and is hereby discharged."

Signed: Andrew Jackson Major Genl.

"I certify that Thomas DOUGAN enrolled himself as a volunteer in the service of the United States on an expedition against the hostile Creek Indians and has served as such in my regiment under the command of Hajor Genl. Andrew Jackson from the 26th day of September to the 10 day of December 1813, both days inclusive, and is hereby discharged."

Signed: Wm. Pillow Col. 2d Regt., T. V.

REPORT-Above Warrant issued to Thomas DOUGAN for his service in Capt. Caperton's Co., Tn. Mil. for 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1812 to 20<sup>th</sup> Apl. 1813. Discharge shows service for 26 Sept. to 10 Dec. 1813

Signed: Col. Mm. Pillow

WARRANT No. 30082-80-50 issued and sent February 19, 1852, Vol. 95, Page 48, Thos. DOWAN, Camp Creek P. O., Jefferson County, Arkansas, for 80 acres (Bounty Land)

STATE OF ARKANSAS COUNTY OF GRANT

the death of the said Thomas DOUGAN at his home in the then County of Jefferson, but now the County of Grant, State of Arkansas; that he died of dropsy on the eleventh day of January 1858 and that Mrs. Hester DOUGAN is still the widow of the said Thomas DOUGAN......

Signed: Daniel Johnson Abraham Lybrand

Thomas DOUGAN married Hester Kimbrow 30 March 1809, Franklin County, Tennessee; by John Carter

STATE OF ARKANSAS JEFFERSON COUNTY

24 February 1860, appeared Hester DOUGAN, aged 68..... She applied for Bounty Land with Phineas E. DOUGAN as her attorney and received Land Warrant No. 49386 for 80 acres. Bounty Land No. 329,650.

21. THE PINE RIDGE CUMBERIAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT AIN COMMUNITY, GRANT COUNTY, ARK., where Thomas DOUGAN, Hester DOUGAN, and Phineas DOUGAN, their son, are buried.

Thos. Dougan

Born

Aug. 17, 1781

Died

Jan. 11, 1858

Hester Dougan

Born

May 11, 1792

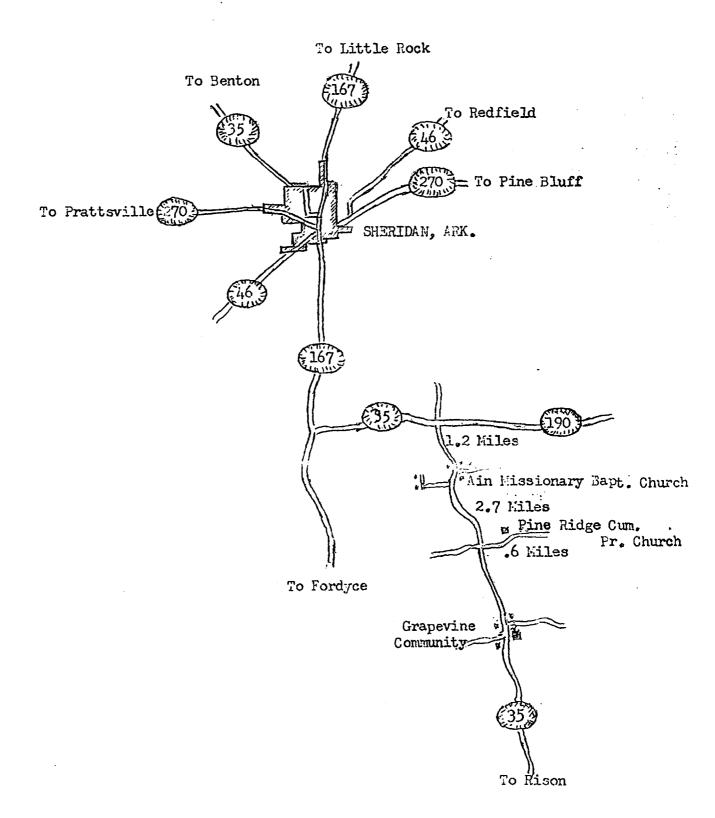
Died

Died

July 18, 1873

P. E. Dougan Born Mar. 9, 1818 Died July 3, 1899

At the bottom of P. E.'s marker is the following: "An honest mon's (sic) the noblest work of God".



- 22. From REMINISCENCES OF RANDOLPH COUNTY by J. A. Blair, Published by Reece & Elam, Book and Job Printers, Greensboro, N. C., 1890
  - a. Page 4: "Stephen Rigdon owned a vast tract of land centering at the Cross Roads and extending from Back Creek almost to Deep River. In 1784 he conveyed to Zebidee Wood, Robert McLean and James Dougan, commissioners, to purchase a site for public buildings, five acres of land a little west of the Cross Roads, and in 1786 he conveyed to Thomas Dougan the entire remainder of his Cross Roads lands, comprising about six hundred acres."

"On this five acre lot was erected the Court House and other public buildings. This Court House was a model of its day. It was a quaint two-story, hip-roof house, and was completed in two years from its incipiency. The nails used in its construction were made in a smith-shop near the place, and the plank were sawed by hand, and the first court held in this new forum, was March court, 1786. This venerable building, now blotted out by the effacing hand of time, many yet living will remember to have seen."

"In 1788 the Legislature, then sitting at Fayetteville, passed an act establishing a town on the lands of Thomas Dougan, embracing the new Court House, and appointed Jedutan Harper, Jesse Henly, Samuel Millikan, William Bell and Zebidee Wood commissioners of the town, and then they named it Johnsonville. Up to this time the town had assumed no definite shape. It had been floating about like Noah's Ark, and none could tell, with any degree of certainty, where it would finally rest. But now it is settled. The Court House is built. The town is established by law, and it has become inevitable that Johnsonville is to be the county site."

b. Page 22: "His son, <u>Dougan Clark</u>, afterwards became an eminent minister of the Gospel of the Society of Friends."

"William Millikan was a Quaker and lived on the west side of the plank road, south of New Market. He was a zealous Friend and advocate of liberty and took an active part in the civil affairs of the county, and enjoyed, in an eminent degree, the esteem and confidence of the public. His house was burned by the Tories."

"Col Thomas Dougan lived at the Cross Roads and had a store there. He was a man of influence and culture, and might be fitly termed a chief among the mighty men of valor. He was captured at one time by Fanning and taken out with a rope around his neck to be hanged, but through the intervention of some of Fanning's men, who were personal friends of Dougan, Fanning was induced to release him! After the war he was elected a member of the Legislature from Randolph county, and served three terms in the Benate."

"William Bell lived at the William Welborn place, on the west side of Deep River, and owned what is now known as the Walker Mill. He was the first Sheriff of the county, and served two terms in the Legislature."

"Herman Husbands came from Fennsylvania and settled on Sandy Creek, about 1751, where W. P. Fox, Esq., now lives. He was raised a Friend, and was a relative of Benjamin Franklin, His devotion to the cause of American Independence bordered on fanaticism, and in the darkest hours of our country's struggle Herman Husbands was the great leader of the Whip party in Randolph and Chatham."

c. Page 25: "Thile history records to distant times the deeds of man and rends the air with the plaudits of his name, how little homage is paid to suffering, patient, self-sacrificing woman."

"The name of Mary Dougan, Elizabeth Balfour, Jane Millikan, Ruth Farlow, Nancy Clark, Nattie Bell and others, should be held in lasting veneration as the heroines of Randolph county in the struggle for liberty and life. It was these noble women and their compeers who molded opinion and shaped the thought and sentiment that directed the march of progress. Where the voice of authority failed to direct, where the hand of power could not control, and where armed resistance dared not venture, woman's reason and affection persuaded and prevailed. She mitigated the passions and tumults of political strife, taught the law of mercy and kindness and her prayers and sacrifices and sufferings and patience contributed largely to the establishment of that liberty and prosperity which we enjoy to-day."

23. From a little paper called "THE CLARKS OF RANDOLPH"—an excerpt obtained from Mrs. Ruby (Dougan) Harris, 8065 E. Shahkoka Drive, Olive Branch, Miss. 38654

"As far as is known, William Clark had ten children, one of whom died when the family was driven from home by Fanning." The children named were: 1. Jane, 2. <u>Dougan</u>, 3. Alexander Caldwell, 4. Thomas, 5. Mary, 6. Margaret, 7. Hannah, 8. John, 9. Rachel. "Fanning then went to the home of Colonel Thomas Dougan, half a mile south, where his widowed mother, Ers. Mary Dougan, and two small boys were at home. The Tories burned his home and all its contents. Mrs. Dougan kept throwing water brought from a spring nearby, on the fire until a Tory knocked her down. She then retired a little way off, sat down and watched her house burn." NOTE: William Clark's wife was Eleanor Dougan—sister of James Dougan.

THE VESTALS OF PENNSYLVANIA: COPIED FROM BOOKS, NEWBERRY LIBRARY, CHICAGO.

1. Record of Courts of Chester Co., Pa., 1681-1697, one vol., pub. by the Colonial Society of Penn., 1910. (Original rec. at W. Chester, Pa.) P. 268, 339, 343, cover WILLIAM (1) VESTAL.

P. 268. "Att an Orphan's Court, held at Chaster Ye 1st - 3d day, in Ye 8th mo., 1692, John Bristow, Prisident; Georga Maris, William Jenkins, Sami Levis, Justices present: ffrancis Little, Dept. Sheriff; Joshua ffearne, Clerke. "William Vestall and wife, Relict of John Brunsdall, Deceased, was called and appeared and the court required the said William Vestall to give sacurity to the Court, well and Truely to perform the trust of the Guardian-ship for the Children of the Deceased until he hath passed his accounts in Oppen Court and be discharged according to Law, which accordingly he did."

p. 339. "At a Court of Quarter Sessions at Chester, for Co. of Chester, Mar. 12, 1694/5" Here follows a list of Constables appointed for several Townships, among them being "William Vestall, of Burmingham."

p. 343. "A deed Past by Henery Hollingsworth, Attorney ffor William Ros, to George Stroud, Attorny ffor Thomas Moore and William Vestell: ffor one hundred acres of land lying in Concord, the Dead Bearing Date the 12th day off Martch, 1694."

Also, the future wife of William (1) Vestall, Alice, widow of John Brundsen (or, Brunson, Brunsden, Brunsdell, ") is centioned, P. 116; This tells of a highway laid out between Birmingham and Concord (Chester Co., Pa., Townships) which will pass Alice Brunson's land, Oct. 25, 1687. (The use of name Alice, not that of her first husband, John, suggests she was already a widow 1687, and that her 2d marriage, to Wm. (1) Vestal, has not yet occurred.) P. 245. "The Orphans Co'rt was called againe and John Child made Complaint Concerning the Orphans of John Brunsdon, whereupon ye Co'rt Ordered that his widdo shall bring into ye next Co'rt an Inventory of ye Goods and Chattles of her deceased husband. 9th day 4th month, 1691.

P. 2 Vestals of Penn., Copied from Books, Newberry Library, Chicago, III. 2 Vol. 3, Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania Publications, Page 248. This is in a serial publication of "Abstracts of Wills at Pennsylvania."

"WILLIAM VASTALL, of Township of Mesttown, Chester Co., Pa. Gives wife Alice property on which he lives, consisting of 174 acres. Mentions sons George and William and daughter Mary. Names as executors wife and Thos. Powell. Thos. Powell renounces executorship. Dated 19 Jan. 1701/2. Proved 26 Feb., 1701/2 by witnesses Wood and Ring. Witnesses were: John Wood, Nathaniel Ring, Robert May and Robert Jefferys." (Note: I have seen photostat of this will, which my husband owns, and will bequeathes but 124, not 174 acres. -- A.G.V.)

Same Vol., p.233, appears to mention the first husband of Alice, the future wife of William 1. Vestal. "Motes from Friends Records in England." "1680-19th of 9th mo., John Brunsdon brought a request from Friends of Alton for a certificate of his clearness which is granted."

3. History Chester Co., Penn., by J. Smith Futhey and Gilbert Cope, pub. 1881 one large vol., illus., has map of tps. of the Co. Has a full-page picture of large stone house on the George Little farm, in present E. Bradford Tp. (formerly Westtown Tp.) This book definitely states the former farm of William (1) Vestal, bought 1699, which Wm. Vestal willed in 1801/2 is now a part of the George Little Homestead.

P. 372, 2nd Co., "Prior to 1714 all Chaster Co. wills were taken to Philadelphia to be Po 373. "First deed recorded in Chaster Co., 1688."

Wasttown Tp. is a little si e. of the city of W. Chaster. It is on border of Delaware Co., which was formarly a part of Chester Co., and just across the border from Thurnbury Tp., (formarly of Chaster Co., and now of Del. Co.). Westtown Tp. has Thernbury P. O., on the R.R., and Westtown Friends' Boarding School, n. e. of Thornbury, P. O. P. 216-7, Westtown Tp. was named from its location relative to Easttown Tp. It was probably surveyed later than Thornbury, but probably as early as 1685. Its limits were not then defined and then included some land to north and west...About 1700, permanent sattlement began...

3. Futhey & Cope, History of Chester Co., Pa., Continued, P. 35 list of Tambles, 1696, whose names were not included in the similar list of 1693, includes names of "William Vestal, Birminghem Tp." Birminghem is next south of Westown and is continued over into Birminghem Tp. of Balaware Co., Pa. 12 is close to Chad's Ford, only a few miles from the Delaware state boundary, and has the Brandywine as its west boundary. P. 162-3. Birminghem Tp. was surveyed 1684 and org. 1686. Upon the div. of the Co., 1789, the greater part of Birminghem fell into Dal. Co. Both parts kept the Tp. name. The Battle Brandywine was fought in this Tp. The site of the field of operations at Chad's Ford is now in Birminghem Tp. of Del. Co. The Birminghem Meeting House is in Chester Co. P. 230. Birminghem N. N. of Quekers, 1815 is made up from Birminghem, 1690, and W. Chester, 1810.

The Town of Bradford, Chester Co., has kin, Vestal's name, though the book's Index omitted it there. To was Org. 1705. East Bradford is just wast of city of W. Chester, with W. Bradford to its wastward. The first actual settlers were not the first curars of the land. The earliest surveys were made for persons in England, some of whom did not come to America, et all. P. 163. Among the landholders who became actual settlers Richard Buffington was prob. the first. He settled at Upland, now Chester, before Now. Penn obtained the grant of Penn., and called his place 'Hopewell of Kent.' In 1696 he purchased, in conjunction with William Vestal, 218 acres, from the estate of John Loftus. In 1701 they obtained the remainder of the Loftus tract, 218 acres more, in 2 places. It appears they made a division by Vestal taking the last purchase. This land extended from Brandywine, below the forks, nearly to Strode's NIII. P. 489. Richard Buffington purchased in East Bradford, 1696, in conjunction with Mm. Vestal.

- P. 164. "A tract of 125 ecres, at the east side of the crock (Brandywine) at the forks, now mostly included in the farm of George Little, was surveyed for Benj, Mendenhall of Concord, who made a partial conveyance thereof, 1699, to William Vestal. The latter settled thereon and built a house, but died soon after. His wife's name was Alica; his children William, George and Sarah (who was drowned in a small pend of water in childhood, when they lived in Birmingham, in 1696.) The family continued to hold land in the Tp. of East Bradford until 1729, when they moved south. Robert Jafferls, of Chichester Tp., disposed of his land in the Tp. in 1700 and the next year purchased from him. Vestal 169 acres on the Brandywine, the muth line of which now forms a portion of the line between E. Bradford and Birmingham. P. 168. Sradford Tp. list of taxables includes name of Mm. Vestal, 2 shillings. This was him. (2) Jr. P. 166. list of taxables for 1753 E. Bradford, has no Vestal name.
- 4. John T. Feris in 'Old Tralls and Reeds in Penn's Land' gives a description of the region where the first two generations of Vestals in America lived from about 1690-1730 P. 81. "Before the bridge was built at Lange, the place was called Morton's Ford. Advantage was taken of the shallows during the Battle of Brandywine, by some of Howa's troops. A little east of the bridge is Osborne Hill, from which the main body of the British descended to the field of battle, after crossing the Brandywine further north at Jafferles' Ford, half way between Wawaset and W. Chester. Today there is a bridge at the spot. The delightful shady road by the Brandywine leads to Pocopson, where the stream is crossed by the Street Road, noted in Revolutionary annals because some of the first shots of the battle were fired by troops who crossed it a mile or so east of Pocopson. But the road was noted long

before that day in 1777. Wm. Penn first brought fame to it; he called it Mariborough Street, when he laid out a section. His road became a part of the road built in 1813 from Market St. Ferry, in Philadelphia, to McCall's Ferry, on the Susquehamma River, and the entire road was called Street Road, because of its original title. Siminghem Meeting House, Quaker buried amid the encient trees, lies south of Street Road, at the heart of the battlefield. The church was used for a hospital by Gan. George Washington."

5. Wilmar M. MacElrea refers to the Strasburg Road in a book about this region, "Down Eastern Brandywins."

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM (1) VESTAL, WESTTOWN, CHESTER CO., PA.

As what Is now Chester Co., Pa., was then a part of Philadelphia Co., the earlier probate records are filed with the Register of Wills, in Philadelphia. The will of the immigrant encestor, or founder of the family in America, under an earlier spelling of the family surname, which was Vastall, is Docket 62. See Book B, Page 164, date of 1701-2. At that period the new year began on the 25th of March and dates falling between Jan. ist and March 25th are double-dated. The following typed copy is, to the best of my ability to read the dim and quaint old handwriting, an accurate reproduction from a photostat copy of the original, which we purchased from Harry V. Dougherty, Register of Wills, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pas, and which he certified with his official seal. As the photostat was made from a script whose ink had been dimmed from more than two and a third centuries of standing, and as the document has been folded and is worn at the folds, partially obliterating some lines of writing, the reading of it has not been easy. I have tried to reproduce the old spalling and the irregular use of capital letters, but I have taken one liberty, that of adding punctuation marks, which are elmost entirely lacking. In addition to the three children who survived the ploneer William (1) Vestal, Sr., and who are named in this will, a young daughter, Sorah, was drowned in 1696. Allos, widow of the testator, had previously been Mrs. Allce Glover Brunsden, and by her first husband, John Brunsden, or Brundsen, or Brunsdall, or Brunson, as it is variously spelled, had borne John, Alice and Hannah Brunsden. The 124-acre ferm bequeathed in this will is at the forks of Brandywine Creek, a few miles from the present city of West Chester, in Chester Co., Pa. Wa located and visited this form in the summer of 1936. It has upon it a large stone two-story residence, erected about 1800, and a smaller and very old stone house, possibly the one built about 1700, and shortly before his death by the first William Vestel. The term 'musage' appearing in the will, means 'massuage,' and is a legal word meaning a dwelling house and its adjacent buildings and door-yard.

Avis Gordin Vestel, Park Ridge, Ill.

My will Maid yo 19th day January 1701-2

In the name of god, amen, I william Vastall, living in the Township of westtown, In the County Chester, so have ordained and considered this my last will and testament, Being of Sound Judgement and of perfect Remembrance, praised be alimighty god for his Marcy, though weake in body and finding my selfe to decay in body, am Willing to Sett my house in order before I goo hence, and for this purpose doe Here ordaine this my will and testament as followath:

First, I bequeath my body to ye earth to be decently buryed according as my Executors (hereafter named) shall think fitt. And faithfully resigning up my souls into ye hands of god, my Creator, hopping to receive pardon of all my sins by the death and suffering of my lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is my Redemer.

Imprimos, I leave and bequeath to allice, my wife, all my land and Musaga which I now

live upon and occupy, beeing I hundred twenty fore ackers, during the time of her Natural? Life, and all my goods and Chattles and Cattles (excepting such as shall be hereafter named,) paying all my debts which I own. And after to descend to my son, William Vastall, after ye decease of Allice, my Wife, and my son, William Vastall, shall pay unto my son George Vastall, ye Just Some of thirty pounds of lawfull money, according to ye passable coyne of ye province out of ye said estate, as after that my son, William Vastall, comes legally installed in ye property (this word is not clear, possibly premises, or possession, or....?!)

Item, I leave unto my daughter Mary one Cow, and tow breeing mares, and tow horse coults, with their increase (ye Cow her increase excepted) and Like Wise to Receive a and a hacholi and these to be delivered when she comes to ye age of one and twenty, or before if her mother thinks fitt.

And Likewise I ordains my wife, ailica Vastail, to be one executor, with my loving friend, Thomas powell, of ye town of providence, of County Chester, yomen, Junior, to be jointe executor with my wife to see this my will duly and truely executed according as I have appointed.

William Vastall his mark

(This is an inked thumb mark, as seal) ( )

(Conclusion of will of William (1) Vestal, Senior, witnesses and proving)

Sealed and Delivered in ye presentts of

- X John Wood
- X Nathaniel Ring

Robert Way (?)

Robert Jefferis X my mark

Philadelphia, Feb. 20th, 1701,

There personally appeared John Wood and Nathaniel Ring, two of the witnesses to the above will, and on their Solemn Affirmation do declare they saw the above named William Vastall sign, seal, publish and declare the above writing to be his last will and Testament, and he was at the doing thereof of sound mind and memory, to the best of their knowledge,

(unable to read signature)

Compliments of Mrs. James T. Johnson, Colorado, Texas. COPY

## THOMAS VESTAL - WILL.

- I. Thomas Vestal, of Chatham County and State of North Caroline being favored with health and memory, but knowing that it be appointed for all men to die, I do make this my last will and testament, touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with.
- I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following form, I ordain, constitute and appoint my trust friendsWilliam Vestal and William Marshall to be my only and sole exe-

cutors of this my last will and testament, allowing my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid out of my estate.

First. I give unto Elizabeth my dear wife one pine chest, one feather bed and furniture, 2 pewter dishes, 2 pewter besins, haif dozen pewter plates, two pots, one oven, one spinning wheel, one frying pan, one mare saddle and bridle, two cows and calves, two sheep, hogs, and fifty pounds in money to be her own. And likewise I give her that part of the plantation we live on with house and orchard during here life time or widowhood. And I give her the privilege of the household furniture while a widow. And the land I now live on I leave between David and Silas Vestal that is to have Silas's run forty rods from his northeast corner, north then west fifty two rods then north to divide line, and to have all the bottom on the east side of Rocky River from one dividing line to the other to him and heirs forever, and the rest of said land I give to David my son to him and his heirs forever. And the rest of my estate I leave to be equally divided among my ten children or to their heirs if decid. And I leave my close to be equally divided among my sons and William is to have the big Bible and home.

I request that my executors of this my last will and testament to act in place or in my stead as trustees of the whole charge and I require them to discharge their trust faithfully.

in witness and testimony I have set my hand and fixed my seal this 22d day of the 7 month 1807.

Thomas Vestal (Seal)

Test:

Nathan Vestal

Proved August Sessions 1813

Hathan Vestal Isaac Hobson

Copied by Edwin B. Hatch Clerk Superior Court Chatham County Pittsboro, N. C. Sept. 13-1937.

## VESTAL OR VESTALL

Two brothers, William and Daniel Vestall emberked from London, England in 1683. Daniel Vestall died on the ocean and was buried at sea. William Vestall settled in Pennsyl-vania, An account of his life and of his descendants follow:

### WILLIAM VESTALL

William Vestall, Sr. was born in London, England about 1667, came to America in 1683; married in 1692, probably in Bucks County, Pannsylvania to Alice (Glover) Brundsen, daughter of George and Alice Lamboll Glover. Alice (Glover) married ist John Brundsen. William Vestall Sr., probably was a member of the Baptist church at Brandywine for Alice his wife became a member by baptism on June 10, 1697.

William Vestal of Westown township, Chester County, Pas, was a constable at Burlington.
In August of 1692 he was appointed guardian of the children of his wife by her first
marriage. William Vestal was a tax payer in 1693 in Birmingham township, Chester County, Pas

The will of William Vestal Sro, was dated January 19, 1701, and proved February 26, 1701 (Will book B164, on file in the Philadelphia City Hall) mentions wife Alice, sons William and George and daughter Mary, a minor. Their children: VI Sarah, drowned March 3, 1696. V2 George, V3 William, V4, Mary.

## GLOVER-LAMBOLL

George Glover of Ichingswell, Kingsclere parish Southampton, married Alice Lambol). Their children 1. Alice Glover, married 1st John Brunsden and had: John Brunsden who died unmarried; Hannah Brunsden who married John Buckingham; and Alice Brunsden she married n.f.k. Alice Glover married 2nd William Vestal, Sr., Alice (Lamboll) Glover's brother William b. 1634, married Elizabeth Tudway. 2. Hannah Glover married December 23, 1691, Joseph Glipin. They came to Pennsylvania in 1695. They had 15 children.

William Lamboli, born 1634 of Reading Barkshire married 2d February 22, 1674 at Reading maeting to Elizabeth Tudway. They located in 1684 in Buckingham township, Chaster County, Pa. He was a prominent member of the Friends church. He died August 3, 1720 age 86. Burled August 7, 1720 at Reading.

William Lemboll bought 625 acros from William Penn. Deeds June 29, 30, 1683. Located year following in Birmingham township, Chester County, Pa. Conveyed 100 acros of it to John Brundsden (before it was located) deed dated August 2, 1684. Conveyed 100 acros to his sister Alics Glover a widow, for life and after death to her daughter Hannah Gilpin. Deed dated Oct. 12, 1694. Conveyed 75 acros to Joseph Gilpin Dec. 8 and 9, 1704. Conveyed 250 acros May 17, 18, 1716. Sold 100 acros to Johathan Thatcher.

# WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH (MERCER) VESTAL

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William Vestal (William) son of William and Alice Glover Vestal of Weston township, Chester County, Pa., was born in Birmingham township, Pa. William Vestal or Vestall married "Elizabeth the widow of Joseph Woodward in 1716", she was a daughter of Thomas and Mary Mercer. (See Deed Bock A 3.420, West Chester Court House, at the end of the Abstract of the will of Joseph Woodward of Goshen, in red ink, in the writing of the late Gilbert Cope.) Gilbert Cope also stated that William Vestal married more than once, but no record of this marriage has been located.

William Vestal settled on Brandywine creak, four miles from West Chester, Pennsylvania. He sold his place and moved south about 1729.

Concord Honthly Heeting August 3, 1737. "William Brinton appointed to assist women to prepare a certificate for Elizabeth Vestall to Hopewell Monthly Meeting where she removed "several years since" "Elizabeth Vestall and sons received October 7, 1751, from Hopewell at Cane Creek.

William Vestal who married Elizabeth (Marcer) Woodward probably was not a member of the Friends Society for in the minutes of the Concord Monthly Neeting the following appears "In the womens minutes in 1717 for several sessions the name of Elizabeth Vestal appears as under discipline, but her offense is not stated. Concord Monthly meeting July 9, 1717" "George Plerce and Moses Key appointed to assist women friends to prepare testimony against Elizabeth Vistall. But an acknowledgment being received at the same time which was to satisfaction it was accepted and the discomment did not occur." It would seem that this offense was a marriage out of meeting, and as the husband's name is not mentioned that he was not a member. Their children: V31 Thomas, born September 8, 1727, married Elizabeth Davis 2d; married ist Mary.

V32 William, born 1721; died 1781? V33 David, born June 16, 1736 In Pa.; married Sarah Chamness; V34 John, married Ann.

On A John Vestal discounsed for bearing arms Nov. 3, 1781. V35 Jemima, married Chapman. V36
Hary, married William Jay. V37 James, married Mary.

O"December 1, 1751, Cane Creek complains of James Vestal for marrying out of meeting by means of a Justice of the peace and taking strong drink. This James?

## THE VESTAL FAMILY

The following is a professional report, made by the genealogist and historian of Chester Co., Pa., Mr. Glibert Cope, of West Chester, Pa., for a client Mr. Cassius M. Jay, Los Angeles, Cal., under date of 1=14=18. Mr. Jay kindly sent me a photostat copy of the typed manuscript in exchange for my services in copying Vestal and Jay data for him. Mr. Jay is a lineal descendant of the immigrant encestor, the founder of the Vestal family in America, William (1) Vestal, Sr., through his son, William (2) Vestal, Jr., whose daughter Mary (3) Vestal, married William (5) Jay. Avis Gordon Vestal, Park Ridge, Ill.

SETTLEMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA. "William Penn obtained a charter for the Province of Pennsylvania from King Charles II, dated 4th of March, 1680-81, - the year in that day beginning on the 25th of March. He began at once to sell land to prospective emigrants and some others, and before he or they had arrived in the Province several hundred thousand acres had been disposed of.

"Among the purchasers was William Lamboll, In Reading, In Berkshire (England), described as a "meelman", who purchased 625 acres, by deeds of June 29 and 30, 1683. This was surveyed and located the following year in Birmingham Township, Chester County, Penno, under the supervision of John Brunsden, who had married Alice Glover, daughter of George Glover, by Alice, his wife, who was a sister of William Lamboll. The latter had conveyed 100 acres of the land to Brundsden by deed of Aug. 2, 1684, before it was located.

"The marriage of John Brunsdan, of Bucklebury, In Berkshire (England) took place 10 month 19 day=1680, at Brumpton, County of Bucks (England) to Alice Glover, daughter of George Glover, of Ichingswell, In the Parish of Kingsclere, and County of Southampton (England). George Glover had also a daughter Hannah, who was married 12 mo. 23 1691, at Baghurst, In the Co. of Southampton, to Joseph Glipin, of Dorchester, in the Co. of Oxon (Oxford), England, of an old family of distinction. These came to Pa. in 1695, and sattled on the land in Birmingham, where it is said that 13 of their 15 children were born in a cave. Wm. Lamboll by deed of lease and release, --the old form of conveyancing, --dated lith and 12th of Oct., 1694, conveyed to his sister, Alice Glover, widow, and after her death to her daughter Hanna Glipin, 100 acres of his land in Pa. On the 8th and 9th of Dec., 1704, he conveyed 75 acres more to Joseph Glipin, and on the 17th and 18th of May, 1716, 250 acres more of the land in Birmingham. This, with 100 acres sold to Jonethan Thatcher, completed his purchase of 625 acres from Wm. Penn.

"Wm. Lamboll was a prominent Friend and died 8th month, 3d day, 1720, aged nearly 86, and was buried on the 7th in Reading New Ground. He was married 2d month, 22d day, 1674, at Reading Meeting, to Elizabeth Tudway, perhaps a second wife.

"The life of John Brundsden in the New World was brief, but we have no certain date of his death.

"October ye 25 day, 1687, Laid out as Highway from Burmingham to Concord being a thirty foote way by vertue of a order of Court bearing date of ye 4th of Oct., 1687, laid out by us, Walter Marten, John Mendenhall, John Kingeman, William Cloud, Rich, Thatcher, being one third part of ye present grand Jury of ye County of Chester, as follows (viz) Beginning att a White Oake Standing on a small Branch at William Branton's marked with five Knotches, thence along a lyne of marked trees between Alice Brunson and land late Edward Turner to Concord corner tree, thence down Concord lyne Between ye said Alice Brunson and Philip Roman to a White Oake marked with five knotches.

"At an Orphan's Court held at Chester ye ist month, 3d day, 1692: "William Vestall and his wife, Relict of John Brunsdall, Deceased, was called and appeared and the Court Required the said William Vestall to give Security to the Court well and Truely to perform

"the trust of Guardianship for the Children of the Deceased untill he hath passed his accounts in oppen court and be discharged according to law, which, accordingly, he did."

Thus the first appearance on our records of William Vestall was as the husband of Alice Glover. A deed later date states that John Brunsden left three children, John, who died unmarried; Hannah, who became the wife of John Buckingham; and Alice, who married and had a child, both of whom died soon after.

A Coroner's report to Court shows that Sarah, a child of William Vestel, of Birmingham was drowned in a pond of water 3d month, 3d day, 1696. This report was made 8th mo. 4th day, 1698.

"The records of the Brandywine Baptist Church show that Alice Vestal was baptized 6th month, 10th day, 1697, and Hannah Brunsden 8th mo., 30th day, 1698. They had probably been lead away from Friends by the defection of Seo. Keith, who caused much trouble in the Society of Friends.

"Thomas Powell, of Upper Providence, Chester Co. (Pa.) and James Jecob, of Philadelphia Co. (Pa.) executors of John Loftus, of Philadelphia, by deed of April 6th, 1696, conveyed to Richard Buffington and William Vestall, of Chester Co., husbandmen, a tract of 218 acres of land on the east side of Brandywine Creek. By another deed, April 6th, 1701, they conveyed to the same persons two tracts of 49 acres and 169 acres, adjoining the former purchase. In the division, Wm. Vestall appears to have kept the 49 acres and Richard Buffington the remainder.

"Benj. Mendenhall, of Concord Township (Chester Co., Pa.) executed articles of agreement Oct. 12, 1699, to convey to km. Vestal a tract of 125 acres adjoining the 49 acres and lying on the east side of Brandywine Creek, at the forks thereof. Wm. Vestal erected a dwelling and settled on this land, and on Jan. 19, 1701, made his will, in which he is described as of Westtown tp., and thereby devised his lands 174 acres, to Alice, his wife, during her life, and then to his son William, who was to pay his brother George 30 pounds. To his daughter Mery he gave two mares, a cow, some colts and when 21 years old. As executors he appointed his wife and friend Thomas Powell. The will was proved Feb. 26, 1701 (or, 1702 by New Style).

"This Indenture made the six and Twentieth Day of the Month Called March In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and nine Between Benjamin Mendenhall, of Concord, In the County of Chester, In the Province of Pensilvania, yeaman, of the one part and Alice Vastall, of the sd County of Chester, Widdo & Relict of William Vastall, her Late husband, Deceased, and William Vastall, of the sd. Co. of Chester, yeaman, one of the sons of William and Alice, of the second part ——This recites the agreement between Benj. Hendenhall and Wm. Vestal, and that the latter had built a house on the land and devised it to his wife and son Wm., to whom it was now confirmed by deed, being 125 acras.

"From Year 1695 1715	Name of		Which have been present Township of Chester ( Birmingham Bradford	Co., Pa. Amoun	4 sh	tax, in		Ings.
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1720	George 1	Vastall	Conestoga Tp.		2	11 9	- 11	
				(now Lancaster	Con	p Pac)		
1721	William Vestail		Bradford Tp.		6	11		
1721	George Vestall		Conestoga Tp.		3	111		
1722	Wm. Vestall		Bradford Tp.		7	11 7	- 11	
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"Bradford Tp. was organized about 1705.

"At a Court of Quarter Sessions held at Chester 12th of Harch, 1694-5, several constables were appointed for different Tps., and among them Wm. Vestall was appointed for Bir-mingham.

"At a Court of Common Pleas, 14th of March, 1694, A deed Past by Henry Hollingsworth, Attorney for William Roe to George Stroud, Attorney for Thomas Moore and William Vestall, for 100 acres of land lying in Concord, the Deed Bearing Date the 12th day of March, 1694,". This land was less than a mile eastwardly from the present Concord Station on the R.R. and Is shown in Smith's Atlas of Early Grants and Patents, in Delaware Co. (formerly a part of Chaster Co., Pa.)

#### MERCER

"The Friends" records in England show that Thomas and Mary Marcer lived at Ayno or Aynho, in the County of Northampton, where a son, Thomas, was born in 1690. A deed recorded in Liber A.A.A., of Burlington County, N. J., shows that Thos. Mercer, late of Aynoes on the Hill, in the Co. of Northampton, England, but now of the Co. of Chester, in Pa., conveyed land to John Halnes, of Evesham, N. J. The date of Thos. and Mary Mercer's arrival in Pa. has not been ascertained, but by deed of first month (March) 12th, 1699-1700, he purchased 238 acras of land in Thornbury Tp. (Chester Co., Pa.) from George Pearce. He also took up 500 acres of land in Marlborough Tp. (Chester Co., Pa.) The will of Thomas Mercer, of Thornbury Tp., is dated 3rd month, 17th day, 1715, and proved 9th mo., 13th day, 1716, by which he devised the homestead, after the death of Mary, his wife, to his son Thomas Joseph, one half of the Marlborough grant to his son Joseph and the remainder to his grandson Daniel Mercer, son of Thomas. He bequeathed 20 pounds to each of his daughters, Mary, wife of wm. Pennell, Elizabeth wife of Jos. Woodward, and Ann, wife of Joshua Pierce.

The will of Mary Mercer, of Westtown Tp., Is dated 4th mo., 23d day, 1723, and proved 6th mo., 3d day, 1723, In which she gives 5 pounds to each of her daughters, Mary Pennell and Elizabeth, and the remainder of her estate to her sons Thos. and Jos. Ann Pierce was then deceased.

"At Concord Monthly Meeting, 8-13-1712 Joseph Woodward and Elizabeth Masser declared their Intentions of marriage, and again, 9-12-1712, that it had been orderly accomplished, which was probably in the 9th month (Nov.) of that year, Jos. Woodward was a member of Chester Monthly Meeting, to which his wife received a certificate of Recommendation, but, owing to his death near the close of the year 1715 she returned within the limits of Comcord Monthly Meeting. A year later, as Elizabeth Vestal, she was complained of for discorderly conduct in marrying out of meeting. For this her acknowledgment was accepted 5th mo. 29th day, 1717, and ordered to be read at a First-day meeting, "where she doeth belong," she being present.

"On 9th mo., 7th day, 1737, a certificate was signed, recommending her to Hopewell M. M., where she removed several years since."

"By deed of May 10, 1729, William Vestall, of Bradford Tp., (Chester Co., Pa.), carpenter, and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed the farm on Brandywine to Wm. Bennett and left the County. On the 10th of August, 1735, a deed was executed to confirm the title to a part of the real estate left by Thos. Mercer, in which "Wm. Vestall, of Potowmack, in the Government of Virginia, Carpenter, and Elizabeth his wife, another daughter of the said Thos. Mercer are named as grantors. Deed Bk. A 3, Page 420.

## WILLIAM VESTAL 2nd.

"William Vestal, 2d, appears to have associated with Friends of Newark, now Kennet, M.M., at a session of which, held at Center Heeting House, 2d mo., 5th day, 1729. [William Vestle and Samuel Marshall acquaints this meeting with their Intention of traveling to North Carolina and desires our cartificates. Therefore we appoint Jeremiah Dean, Richard Woodward and Stephen Harlan to Inquire Into their Conversations and affairs and if nothing appears to obstruct their Requests to draw Cartificates for them and produce to the next monthly meeting.

"3d mo., 3d day, 1729, "the friends appointed to draw Certificates for William Vestali and Samuel Marshall finding nothing to obstruct their request, having accordingly produced Certificates for them which was here read and approved."

"At Kennethh, 9th mo., 5th day, 1731, 'Samuel Marshall appeared at this meeting and returned his certificate given him by this meeting, dated ye 3d mo., 3d day, 1729, and also gave an account of the reasons why he had not produced credentials from frds in verginia and Carolinah which is taken for satisfaction."

"It would appear that William and Elizabeth Vestal located in Virginia and within the jurisdiction of Hopewell Month Meeting (Frederick Co., Va.) of which the records for the first 23 years were accidentally destroyed by fire in 1759. The following items have been obtained.

"6-1-1772. John Vestil 1 hath consented to his daughter's marriage out and made her a wadding at his house. James Steer and Richard Ridgeway, Jr., are appointed to visit him.

17-6-1772. John Vestal is also complained of for drinking. Jonathan Perkins is appointed to draw testimony against him and to assist women to draw testimonies against Ann Vestil and Elizabeth Bealor.

"8-3-1772, John Vestil and wife Ann disowned.

"10-5-1772. Mary Jay, formerly Vestal, sent an acknowledgment of marriage out of meeting, which is accepted, and Jesse Pugh appointed to assist women to prepare a Certificate for her to Bush River (S.C.)

"12-1-1773, the testimony against John Vestal and wife returned and recorded, signed by Benj. Thornbrough and Sarah Pickering. Clerks.

"Elizabeth Bealor, daughter of John and Ann Vestal, discomed 8-3-1732 for marriage by a hireling minister to one not a member. (Now recorded.)

William Vestal is married to first cousin 6-7-1773 and 9-5-1773 is disowned for marriage to first cousin.

"6-6-1774. Hary Blare (Blair?) is married to one not a member. She was formerly Vestal and Is discoved 7-k-1774.

15-3-1779 John Vestal complained of for training in militia and hiring a substitute. 6-7-1779, he is discomed.

"8-7-1786, David Vestal neglects attendance at Hopewell Monthly Meeting. 9-4-1786 discomed on minute!"

## VESTAL - JAY NOTES

The Vestal manuscript arranged by Avis Gordin Vestal, based as it is upon the work of a competent genealogist, is a highly valuable work. It serves to correct and supplement the earlier paragraphs of the Elizabeth Vestal paper; just as the notes of George W. Vestal correct the later Items.

The Vestal family were in Pennsylvania from 1683 to 1729, when the second William removed to Virginia. The years 1729 to 1751 were spent in Frederick Co., Va. (the part which later became Jefferson Co., V. Va.). This fact is noted by the Avis G. Vestal account on the second and third pages, but is not duly stressed. The oldest child of William and Elizabeth was only a few years old when they left for Virginia. All but the youngest were grown when they went on to N. Carolina. He married the same winter. One son, John, remained in Virginia. The Items listed on p. 10 of the Avis G. Vestal document refer to him and his children.

William Vestal (11) who went to Virginia in 1729, died there in 1746, five years before his widow took some of the children on to N. Carolina. An inventory on his estate is on file in Frederick Co. as of that year (1746). An inventory on the estate of his son, John, who remained there, is dated 1776.

The "Hopewell Friend's History", (1936) mentions the family on p. 166 ff. referring to industrial operations, as follows:

"Among the early Friends who settled in what is now Jafferson Co., W. Va., were the Vestals. Their land lay upon the west bank of the Shemandoah, about seven miles south of Harper's Ferry. The records of Frederick Co. show that William Vestal, in partnership with John Traden, Richard Stevenson, and Daniel Burnet, on May 10, 1742, entered into an agreement with Thomas Mayberry to build for them a "Bloomery for making bar iron, upon the present plantation of William Vestal lying upon Shunandore." Mayberry agreed to build the bloomery and complete "not only the Wooden Works, but all & Sundrey the Iron Works thereunto Appertaining, and all and Sundry Dam & Dams, Water & Water Courses, in as Ample and full manner as may be Required. Mayberry was to be paid à 400 "Curr. Money of Pennsylvania" and to have a one and one-half share in the enterprise. Shortly after the French and Indian War the Vestals removed to North Carolina, and the bloomery property passed to other hands, but continued in operation until the Civil War."

At the bottom of the second page of the Avis G. Vestal paper, the record of Elizabeth Vestal's transfer to Came Creek (N. Caro.) is given, but incompletely. The cartificate was dated at Hopewell, "2nd mo., first day, 1751" (old time) and was received as stated, "10th mo., 7th day, 1751" (not October, but December). It named "Elizabeth Vestal & sons, William & Thomas."

#### THE JAYS

Mary Vestal, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Mercer) Vestal married in 1743, William Jay. This event is undated in the list on page 3 of the Avis G. Vestal mss. She must have been born by 1723 or "25, which, with other dates given in that list, suggests that the children are not named in proper order."

William Jay had been born in 1720 in Harford Co., Md. His father, Joseph Jay, had been born in New Jersey, and lived for a time at Borderingtown in that state before moving to Maryland. Joseph's father, John Jay, a planter of Barbadoes, visited Rhode Island on business in 1672, met George Fox, founder of the Quaker society, who was then visiting the colonies. Jay went with him on the trip to Maryland, and later same to New Jersey. He is mentioned several times in Salem Co.

William and Hary (Vestal) Joy were not Quekers in good standing as was her mother, and since many records are now lost, we can only guess that the girl had "married out of meeting." That the young couple went on to North Carolina about the same time as the mother, we know, for on 8th month, 2nd, 1755 William was accepted into membership at Care Creek, "by request."

When in 1772 he transferred his membership to Bush River, in Bembarry Co., South Carolina, his three oldest sons were married: William, Joseph, and James. The youngar children are named later. One year after this move William is referred to as deceased, but Hary (Vestal) Jay was still living, in the marriage entries of two of the children. The family were: William, born about 1744, married Mary Cochran

1746 Joseph James 22 91 41 FO/26/1752 married Elizabeth Pugh, 1773 John 11 9/ 9/1755 " Charles Patty, 1773 Hary 8/16/1758 21 Rache I 22 Lydla 12/ 3/1761 211 David 5/28/1765.

By the turn of the century many of these had returned to North Carolina, and several of their descendents had soon after moved toward Ohio, settling especially in Warren and Hismi Cos.

Of Joseph, above, we know that he had one son, Rauban, and a grandaughter, Anna.

James had a son, William, who went to Rutherford Co., No Co. and there married Nancy Lewis.

John Jay, who had married Elizabeth Pugh, March 4, 1773, had eleven children, of whom the older ones were:

Jasse, b 12/8/1773 (to North Carolina); Thomas b 6/18/1775 (to Niami Co., Ohio); Mary b 1/11/1777; Ann b 12/17/1778; John b 2/22/1782 (to N. Carolina); Samuel b 1/12/1784 (to N. Carolina) Walter D. b 7/15/1786, married Mary Macy, died 1865 Ohio.

The lest mentioned, Weiter Danny Jay, came with his wife to Miami Co. His son, Isaac Jay, born 1811 near West Milton, Ohio, married Rhoda Cooper. Isaac lived until 1880, his five children having been brought to Grant Co., Ind. These were: Allen Jay, 1831-1910, President of Earlham College, minister and educator; Dr. Milton Jay, Chief Surgeon, Rock Island R. R.; Walter D. Jay, Jr., farmer, died at Marion, Ind.; Abijah Jay, County Commissioner, Grant Co., Ind.; Mary (Jay) Baldwin, minister in Society of Friends.

William Jay, the oldest son of William and Mary (Vestal) Jay, married first Mary Cochran in 1770 in North Carolina. Their four children were: (Sussanah was the oldest by a 2nd wife, also Mary.) Ann; born 1771, married 1790 John Coppock; William; James, m Jamima Mills; Layton m Elizabeth Mills; Susannah m Banjamine Coppock.

Of these, Layton and Elizabeth were the first to remove to Ohlo, going to Warran Co., with children: (6 unnemed) son, Elijah,

James and Jemima want to New Garden, North Carolina in 1809 with children named: Mills; Alexander; Mary; Rhoda; Layton; James; Ede; Dempsay; Isaac; and Sarah.

Benjamine and Susannah (Jay) Coppock brought a large family to Miami Co., Ohio,

John Coppock died, leaving his wife, Ann (Jay) Coppock with seven children: Eunice, Agron, Layton, John, Joseph, James Co, and Isaac, whom she brought to Miami Co, Ohio, where each of the boys did very wall, Layton and James C. Coppock becoming quite wealthy. The oldest daughter, Eunice, who had walked with her mother, Ann, all the way from North Carolina, leading their only horse, married in Miami Co., Ohio in 1809, Robert Pemberton.

The descendants of Robert and Eunice (Coppock) Pemberton fill a considerable manuscript. My own descent is traced through Robert's son Jasse, who married Ruth Peirce, and went to Grant Co., Ind. and later to Marshall Co., Iowa, Jesse's son, Henry Coate Pamberton married Baulah R. Jackson. Ruth Pemberton, daughter of the last mentioned couple, married in 1897, E. Howard Brown. They were my parents.

> Parcy Pemberton Brown now decend Carmel, Indiana

November, 1950

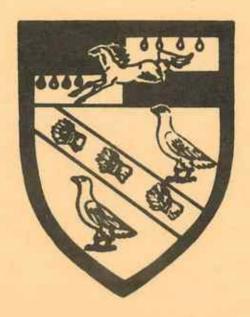
(All of this material furnished to me for copying by Mrs. Frank Kalser of Noblesville, Indiana - E. Vestal.)

Vestaly

The Westal Family

1667 to 1969

# ELEVEN GENERATIONS



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The Heraldic description of this Coat-Of-Arms is written in the ancient language which was created by Heralds in the 12th century. This is completely understandable to a trained Heraldic Artist, regardless of his country of origin, or the language he speaks; therefore your Coat-Of-Arms cannot be precisely described in English if the universal graphic result is to be correctly arrived at.

The Armorial Bearing for your name has been found by the research staff of the Sanson Institute of Heraldry in the ancient records & documents of the Institute and the specific source of this information has been stated. The Heraldic Art Department has correctly translated the description of the ordinaries, charges and colors into graphic form.

#### PREFACE

In August of 1967 my brother Roy and I made a trip to North Carolina where we met a good many Vestals. In doing this we fulfilled a life-time desire of our late Father. We found them so warm and kind that we immediately became permanently attracted to them, so much so that we went back the following year. Grady and Clyde came to visit us in March 1969. They are now a part of our own families.

Both years Grady carried us out to the original Vestal farm and the five acre tract they donated to their Church. They built the first church. The fifth stands on the grounds today. We walked through the large, well-tended cemetery where we viewed many Vestal gravestones. It was an emotional and inspiring experience.

During the past eight months I have sent out more than 300 letters requesting family records. The response has been terrific. Without your cooperation it would not have been possible.

Grady loaned me the papers of his late Aunt Kate, who was a pro Genealogist. He and wife, Catherine, researched the Chatham County Court House records at Pittsboro.

Marvin and his children made two trips to the State Library in Nashville and researched the Census Records. Marvin has written several letters and has been a great help to me.

Marie Blunt of Memphis was a great help, as were numerous others. Vernie Preslar furnished us with old Bible records on John Luther's family and her Father, William's, large family.

The records contained herein are authentic, and have been transcribed as accurately as was humanly possible. If you readers find errors and discrepancies, I hope you will treat them kindly.

I hope you may preserve this book and pass it on to succeeding generations. It is my contribution to all of you. Marion H. Vestal

Henderson, Tennessee 38340 July, 1969



GERALD EMMONS VESTAL
April 5, 1926 - December 30, 1951

PATRIOT - SOLDIER - CHRISTIAN - GENTLEMAN

A LOVING, AFFECTIONATE BROTHER - OBEDIENT SON - LOYAL
HUSBAND HE WAS MORE LIKE A FATHER THAN THE SON HE WAS
"MAY GOD GRANT UNTO HIS SOUL ETERNAL REST"



Honce of Thomas & Elysteth (Davies) Vestal who were married

The house in the photo above was built in 1751 by Elizabeth, widow of William II and her sons William, Thomas, James and David. From this house most of the Vestals in the United States had their origin. It was built of logs and wide Poplar planks; the ceiling was of wide Poplar boards. The hardware was imported from Portugal and hauled from the coast.

According to Grady Vestal the house stood until around 1920. Only a grove of trees mark the location where the house

stood.

Elizabeth + 2 of her prins, was home were received cost 71751 at Cane Creak mm from Happenal mm (2a)

zon James 3 mis later

- William Vestal, b ca 1667, England, married prior to 1692. probably in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Alice (Glover) Brunsden, widow of John Brunsden, and daughter of George and Alice (Lamboll) Glover of Southamptony England
  - Children: 1. Sarah b 1693 d Mar. 3, 1696 Drowned in pond

2. Mary b 1694

3. William b ca 1696 m Elizabeth Mercer 4. George b ca 1698 sixed in Courtsya Par 1721

n. f.k. William Vestal II b ca 1696 d 1745 - he was b Chester Co., Pa. died in Frederick Co., Va. m 1716 Elizabeth Mercer, b ca 1694,

daughter of Thomas and Mary (Greenaway) Mercer b in Wales.

John b ca 1718 in Pa., d 1776 m Ann Potts Children: 1.

William b 1721, d 1787 Chatham Co., N. C. 2. Mary b ca 1723 m 1743 William Jay 3.

Thomas b Sept. 8, 1727, in Pa., m Elizabeth Davis Dec. 1,1751 Suly 6,1754
James b ca 1730 in Va. m Mary

5.

- David b June 16, 1736 m Sarah Chamness 6.
- 7. Jamima b ca 1738 m before 1751 Miles Chapman

8. a daughter - name unknown

Thomas Vestal b Sept. 8, 1727, in Chester Co., Pa., d June 12, 1813 Chatham Co., N. C. m July 6, 1754 in N. C. Elizabeth Davis, b Dec. 12, 1737 Chester Co., Pa. d July 24, 1835. Dau. of Charles and Hannah (Matson) Davis.

Hannah b Oct. 30, 1755 Orange Co., N.C.m John Piggott Children: 1.

Mary b Sept. 22, 1757 \* \* " m William 2.

- Marshall 1.1 \*\* \* \* 3. William b Nov. 29, 1759 m Mary Wheeler
- 11 11 11 Jamima b May 8, 1762 m Joseph Doan

11 11 11 5. Thomas b Mar. 20, 1764 m Amy Thompson

11 Rachel b June 10, 1766 m Stephen 6.

Hobson/ t of 2 Julia Bond John b Aug. 2, 1770 Dixon/ t of 2 Wyndth Carter m Hannah 7.

Jesse b Oct. 5, 1772 Chatham 11 8. m Sophia McDonald

m Elizabeth 9. David b Nov. 23, 1774 York/R. Evans

1.1 Silas b Feb. 23, 1776 m Rachel 10. Culberson

Silas Vestal, b Feb. 23, 1776 Chatham Co., N. C. d 1846 Chester Co., Tenn. m Aug. 3, 1799 Cane Creek MM, Chatham Co., N. C. Rachel Culberson her dates and place of burial unknown. Probably Cane Creek.

Too. Washington Variable 1813 n. C.d. m mar 12 1535 Realow Co.n.C. peleccameller & 1810 n.C. ele of Ch: 1. Devila & 1837he 2. John B. D-1839h. C. J. There & to 184 4. James M. 6-1843 Lenn Tuery M. 6-1845 Jenn 6. Martha D. 6-1849 Generation No. Children: 1. Jesse b N.C. May 31,1808 d Mar.6,1861 m Martha A. Johnson 2. George Washington b 1813 m Rebecca Miller Mar. 12, 1835 3. Enos b N.C. 1814 m Milly Wamble - Nov. 16,1833 4. Solomon b N.C. never m d in Texas 5. Susan b N.C. m James Kirkman - moved to C.C. ca 1840 6. Matilda b N.C. m W.R. Dodson, moved to Maury Co., Tenn. 7. John Luther, b.N.C. Dec.11,1819 d Tennessee, Sept.11, 1865 m Nancy Ann Bain Mar.7,1844 8. Polly b N.C. m Daniel Coble, Dec. 5, 1827 Challando, N. C. ch anna Bertie Sodern & 1882 a 7/24/166 Ju Sau Shelby & 7-13-1870 a1-9-1944 ch: Innosa & 1-16-1913a 2-23.59 9. Thena m Williams 10. Maria 11. Jamima 12. Betsy 5. Enos Vestal, b Chatham Co., N.C. 1814 d Chester Co., Tenn. 1885 m Nov.16,1833 in Chatham Co., N.C. Milly Wamble - Moved to Chester Co., Tenn. (then Henderson Co.,) in 1846 Children: 1. Andrew Jackson b Oct. 4,1834 Chatham Co. N. C. m Sarah Nelson 2. Solomon b 1837 never m 3. Jesse b 1838 d 1857 (Poisoned) " 4. Martha Susan b 1839 d 1923 Chester Co., Tn. never m 5. John b N.C. 1841 d Chester Co., Tn. 1857 (Poisoned) 6. Catherine b N.C. 1842 d 1857 Chester Co., Tn. (Poisoned) 7. Louisa b Aug. 10, 1843 N.C. m John H. Carroll (see listing) 8. Daniel b N.C. 1845 d Chester Co., Tn. 1858 (Poisoned) 9. Kingsberry David b Tenn 1846 m Sephrona Welsh James Wesley b Tenn. Apr. 1, 1848 d Apr. 8, 1943 Chester Co.

 Andrew Jackson Vestal b N.C. Oct.4,1834 d Chester Co., Tenn. Jan.11,1911 m Sarah M. Nelson b Dec.28,1846 d June 18,1889 m Jane Stewart

Children: 1. Jennie T. b Tenn. Aug. 3, 1872 d Oct. 25, 1878

2. Homer Lee b June 19,1876 m Cora C. Saint

3. Henry Enos b Sept. 8,1881 m Mattie Harris (1 of 3)

7. Homer Lee Vestal b June 19,1876 d Dec.20,1960 m Sept.10, 1899 Cora C. Saint b Feb.22,1877 d Sept.22,1965 dau of William Felbert and Martha Ellen (Brewer) Saint.

Children: 1. Marion Henry b Aug. 6,1903 m Lula Irene Johnson 2. Roy Emmons b Oct. 25,1906 m Stella L. Hinson

 Marion Henry Vestal b Aug.6,1903 m Dec.22,1922 Lula Irene Johnson b Dec.8, 1907 dau of Robert L. and Elmer (Melton) Johnson.

Children: 1. Gerald Emmons b Apr. 5, 1926 d Dec. 30, 1951 m Jewel Lomax

Catherine Winona b Sept.19,1928 m June 29,1946
 Van David Harris

3. Doris Virginia b June 9,1931 m June 30,1952 James Evans

4. Jere Lee b Jan. 4,1939 m Apr. 6,1957 Betty Bell

5. Roger Neal b Apr. 5, 1945 m May 25, 1967 Judy Townsend

- Catherine Winona Vestal b Sept. 19, 1928 m June 29, 1946 Van David Harris
  - Children: 1. Hugh David b Feb.6,1948 m June 15,1968 Julia Ann Russell b Oct. 26,1950 - Dau. Robin Ann b Dec. 5,1968
    - Marion Ray b Feb. 27, 1951
       Nell Suzanne b July 2, 1952
       Catherine Camille b June 20, 1957
- 9. Doris Virginia b June 9, 1931 m June 30, 1952 James Evans
  - Children: 1. Robert Gerald b Mar. 6, 1953
    - Larry James b Oct. 26, 1954
       Mary Ann b Oct. 17, 1957
       Lisa Dorice b Apr. 5, 1960

    - 5. Brenda Lea b Nov. 4, 1966
- 9. Jere Lee Vestal b Jan. 4, 1939 m Apr. 16, 1957 Betty Bell
  - Children: 1. Joey Lee b Chicago Jan. 21, 1958
    - 2. Sharon Genine b Chicago Feb. 10, 1960
    - 3. Kimberley Virginia b Chicago Sept. 4, 1967
- 8. Roy Emmons Vestal b Oct. 25,1906 m Feb.18,1928 Stella L.Hinson
  - Children: 1. Thelbert Ray b Jan. 18, 1929 m July 2, 1949 Flodia McPeat 2. Mary Faye b Jan. 25, 1935 m Robert Brewer
- 9. Thelbert Ray Vestal b Jan. 18, 1929 m July 2, 1949 Flodia McPeat b Nov. 11, 1931
  - Children: 1. Peggy Jane b July 23, 1950 m Feb. 23,1968 Billy Lott a. Kimberley Lea b Sept. 5, 1968
    - 2. Larry Roy b Feb. 19, 1955
- Mary Faye b Jan. 25, 1935 m Mar. 13, 1956 Robert Brewer 9.
  - Children: 1. Robert Steven b Dec. 1, 1957
    - 2. Charles Anthony b Feb. 14, 1958
    - Daniel Allen b Feb. 6, 1959
    - 4. Lorie Lynn b Oct. 25, 1962
- Henry Enos b Sept.8,1881 d m Dec.6,1903 Mattie Harris 7. Nov. 27, 1949 Maud Walters - Apr. 14, 1954 Martha Brooks
  - Children: 1. Joe Homer b Dec. 4,1904 m Pauline Tignor
    - 2. Lora Estell b July 19, 1906 d Feb. 17, 1922
    - 3. Luna Pearl b Oct, 1, 1908 m June 3,1933 Carol Davis
    - 4. Infant girl b and d Sept. 26, 1917
    - 5. Clyde Anderson b Feb. 23, 1920 m Ruby Stanfill/Arlene Delle
    - 6. Jesse Ray b Apr. 1,1921 m Jean Bain/Thelma Knox

- Joe Homer Vestal b Dec. 3,1904 d Mar. 29,1967 m Jan. 16,1927 Pauline Tignor b Sept.23,1908
  - Children: 1. Jo Ann b Nov. 29, 1937 m Sept.29, 1956 Martin Sills Eason b Oct. 10, 1936 - 2 children Martin Keith b Jan. 12, 1959 and LeAnn b Nov. 12, 1960
- Clyde Anderson Vestal b Feb. 23, 1920 m Oct. 28, 1939 Ruby 8. Stanfill 2nd m on Nov. 27, 1947 Arlene Delle b Dec. 14, 1922

Children: 2nd m Nancy Colleen b Sept. 5, 1955

Jesse Ray b Apr. 1, 1921 m Mar. 29, 1948 Jean Bain 8.

Children: 1. Linda Annette b Nov. 21, 1948

Second marriage on Feb. 6, 1954 Thelma Knox

Children: 1. Deborah Denise b Oct. 5, 1956 2. Jesse Ray b Oct. 2, 1958

- Louisa Vestal, dau of Enos and Milly Vestal b Chatham Co., N. C. 6. Aug. 10, 1843 d Aug. 31, 1918 m John H. Carroll b Apr. 8, 1840 d Aug. 8, 1915 (Both are buried Friendship Cemetery, Chester Co.)
  - Children: 1. William L. b Nov. 14, 1866 d Oct. 18, 1929 m Emilie Holloway
    - 2. Robert H. b Feb. 12,1871 d Oct.16,1938 m Flora Pierce b Mar. 18, 1873 d Jan. 1, 1941
    - 3. Millie b Jan. 15, 1875 d Nov. 30, 1911
- Robert H. Carroll b Feb. 12,1871 d Oct. 16, 1938 m Flora Pierce
  - Children: 1. Homer L. b Apr. 18, 1897 m 1921 Ada Bain 1930 Mae Brewer
    - 2. Annie b Sept.15,1874 m 1913 Luther Arnold 2 ch
    - 3. Guy b Feb. 2,1899 m 1920 Emmie Crosby 1 dau Anita b 1921 m Fred Dement - son Fred Jr.
    - 4. Robert b Mar. 28, 1901 m Vada Bain 1920 3 ch a. T. R. b 1922 b. Eugene b 1927 m Mary Hooten

    - c. Dorothy b 1932 m James Ray Young 5. Ruth b July 15, 1905 d Sept. 24, 1907

- 6. Kingsberry David Vestal b near Mifflin, Tn.in 1846-son of Enos and Milly (Wamble) Vestal d in Texas ca 1879 m Nov. 22, 1874 in Mifflin Sephrona Welsh. Operated a store briefly before moving to Texas. He was the 9th of 10 children.
  - Children: 1. Felix Henry b in Texas, Sept.11,1877 m Sallie Naugle 2. Georgia K. b in Texas, May 4,1880 m Ira T. Naugle
- 7. Felix Henry b Sept.11,1877 d Jan.12,1967 m Sept.1,1901 Sallie Naugle who was b Jan.11,1886
  - Children: 1. Felix William b Dec.3,1904 m July 5,1930 Myrta Griffs
    - 2. Ruby Mae b July 16,1917 m James F. Harrison
    - 3. Bob Edward b Sept. 29, 1919 m Thelma Gibbs
    - 4. Frank David b July 4, 1928 m Patsy Jean Davis
- 8. Felix William Vestal b Dec.3,1904 m July 5,1930 Myrta Lee Griffs Born Sept. 9, 1912
  - Children: 1. Ann b May 9, 1936 m Joe L. Rivers b
    1 daughter Vicki Lynn b June 4, 1964
    - 2. Stanley Curtis b Mar. 6, 1947 m June 2, 1968 Claudia Sue Gripp
- 8. Ruby Mae b July 16, 1917 m June 18, 1944 James F. Harrison
  - Children: 1. James Parrish b Dec. 1, 1947
    - 2. Bob David b Oct. 25, 1952
- 8. Bob Edward b Sept.29,1919 m Nov.8,1952 Thelma Gibbs b May 11, 1927

Children: 1. Tim Bob b Feb. 10, 1954

- 8. Frank David b July 4, 1928 m Jan. 9, 1949 Patsy Jean Davis
  - Children: 1. Rodney Stephen b May 21, 1953
    - 2. Vicki Jean b Jan. 10, 1955
    - 3. Judy Cecile b May 24, 1960
- 7. Georgia K. Vestal b May 4, 1880 d Sept. 28, 1968 m May 6,1900 Ira T. Naugle b July 16, 1878
  - Children: 1. Jennie Ruth b Mar. 27, 1901 m Charles Hackworth
    - 2. Georgia Blanche b June 26,1903 m George Davis/Roy Strother
    - 3. Ruby Jewel b Dec.14,1906 m Wheeles
    - 4. Sally Pauline b Aug. 13, 1912 m Gene Sarbo

We are indebted to Mrs. Sallie Vestal, Denton, Texas for supplying the information on this page.

does not belong David Vestal, bro of Silas and son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Davis) Vestal b N.C. Nov.23,1774 d 1855 m Elizabeth York

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David was married a second time to Rebecca Evans & april 8, 18004 eps 4. Children: 1 Oliver b Oct. 5, 1824 d 1912 m Elizabeth Pugh alexa 2.7 Larkin 6 1823 m Janear Jalbergath Person 4 1832 m Jun Ferguson 1828 m Jun Ferguson

5. Oliver Vestal b Oct. 5, 1824 d 1912 m Nov. 18, 1847 Elizabeth Pugh b Nov. 26, 1826 d Jan. 22, 1912

Children: 1. Nancy Jane b Sept. 24,1848 m John Fox

Henry Clay
 Mary Alice b Sept. 20,1853 m James Wren

4. David Millard b July 23, 1857

5. Kate Sophrona b July 5,1861 d May 1, 1958

6. Edward Lee b Jan. 25,1863 m Mary Emma Edwards

Edward Lee Vestal b Jan. 25, 1863 d Mar. 15, 1946 m Mary Emma Edwards Mar.14,1896 - She was born Sept.4,1871 d Nov.22,1940

Children: 1. Pauline Arnold b Oct.8,1897 d Apr.25,1899

2. Edna Dean b Sept.27,1899 d Aug.1939 m Charlie Webster

3. David St. Clair b Feb. 5, 1902 m Mary Julia Vestal

4. Herman Husband b Feb. 22,1904 m Nellie Moore 5. William Edward b Oct. 29, 1905 d Dec. 31, 1955 m Margaret

6. Shelton June b Nov. 15, 1910

7. Fred Hale b Nov. 24, 1907 m Myrtle Shaw b May 30, 1907

8. Grady Oliver b July 17,1913 m Catherine Johnson

Edna Dean Vestal b Sept. 27, 1899 d Aug. 1939 m Charlie Webster - 1 ch 7. Betty Jo b June 30,1925 m Jack Morgan - 2 boys, Gary & Danny

7. David St. Clair b Feb. 5, 1902 m June 2, 1934 Mary Julia Vestal b June 6,1908

Children: 1. David St.Clair b May 21,1936 m 1958 Virginia Bray 2 ch Carl b Jan. 5, 1961 & Danny b May 16, 1963

2. Mary Louise b May 21, 1939 m June 6, 1959 Roy Cox

1 dau Julianna Louise b June 19, 1967

Grady Oliver Vestal b July 17,1913 m Dec. 28,1935 Catherine Johnson b Nov. 14, 1915

Children: 1. Catherine Elizabeth b June 2, 1943

All on this page are native Chatham County, Siler City, North Carolina.

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no poof that he is son of Rachel John Luther Vestal, b Chatham Co., N. C. Dec.11,1819 d Henderson Co., Tenn. Sept.11,1865 m Mar.7,1844 Nancy Ann Bain b Tenn. 5. Dec. 27, 1827 d Apr. 10, 1905 - Both buried Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Children: 1. James Washington b Dec. 27, 1845 m Amanda Barr

- 2. William Anderson b Sept. 3, 1848 m Jimmie Ann Haynes
- 3. Sarah Susan b Jan. 8, 1851 m S.L.W. Scarborough 4. David Alson b Feb.11,1853 m Lou Ann Harris
- 5. John Thomas b Jan. 7, 1856 m Martha Jane Ward
- 6. Mary Caroline b May 23,1858 m Richard Taylor
- 7. Robert Douglas b Nov. 22,1860 m Martha Rebecca Rinkes 8. Weslie Pharaoh b Apr. 14,1863 m Mary Magdalene Barker
- 9. Nancy Ann b Jan. 15, 1866 m Jasper N. Barr
- 6. James Washington Vestal, b Mifflin Dec. 27, 1845 d Paris, Texas, Jan. 1, 1930 m Amanda Barr b Dec. 4, 1848 d Mar. 10, 1907 Dyer, Tenn.

Children: 1. John b Jan. 10, 1871 d June 28, 1949 m Evie Keys

2. Dora b June 1, 1877 d 1907 m Fonnie Burton dau Lois b Nov. 29,1904 d Feb. 7, 1924

3. Vera b Mar. 3,1883 m Frank Farmer

4. James Thomas b Feb. 19,1875 m Ida Ellen Potter 5. Eva b May 11, 1885 d Oct.18,1913

- 6. Lela b May 23,1889 m Oct.11,1911 Elmer D. Moss d Mar. 10, 1961 - Twin boys - stillborn
- John Vestal, b Jan. 10, 1871 d Jan. 28, 1949 m Evie Keys d 1932 Paris, 7. Texas
  - Children: 1. Marvin b ca 1898 d ca 1948 in New Mexico

2. Louis b ca 1903 d 1966 Dallas

- 3. Vanita, dates unknown, m and living in Dallas
- 4. Mary Lindsey, dates unknown
- 7. Vera Vestal, b Mar. 3,1883 d May 18,1964 m Frank Farmer
  - Children: 1. Elsie b Sept. 8, 1913 m Russell Cheatham --1. Carolyn m Max Ballard - 1 son James - 1 unknown 2. James b 1950 d 1962
- 7. James Thomas Vestal, b Feb. 19,1875 d Mar. 26,1952 (San Antonio, Tex.) m Sept.19,1897 Ida Ellen Potter b Dec.4,1874 d Aug.30,1951 - Mfs.
- Children: 1. Myrtie Mae b Aug.1,1898 d May 6,1925 m Roy Holt 8. 1. Mary Kathryn b Oct. 27,1918 m Ralph Walker

1. Patricia b Feb. 2, 1945 m Jerry Stallings, Amy

Kathryn b Mar. 14,1969

- 2. Michael Holt b Jan. 1, 1948 m Mary Mathis
- 3. James b Aug. 27, 1951
- 8. 2. Marie Vestal, b Sept. 3,1902 m Dec. 24,1925 Floyd C.Blunt b Feb.15,1903 d Dec.9,1965 Children: 1. Rose Ellen b Wynne, Ark. Aug. 17, 1930
  - 3. Bernie Potter b Aug.6,1905 d Aug.9,1906-Dyer, Tenn.

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- 8. 4. Baby girl b and d Sept.19,1907 William Anderson Vestal, b Sept.3,1848 d 1919 m Dec.12,1872 Jimmie 6. Ann Haynes b 1851 d 1933 Children: 1. Luther Harbert b Oct. 10, 1873 m Samanthia Homer Seaton 2. Robert Lee b Mar. 9, 1876 m Nora B. Jines 3.Mary Eugenia b Mar.17,1879 m Robert Latham 4. William Carl b Nov. 22, 1882 m Millie Attaway 5.Julia Ethel b Sept.12,1885 m Robert E. Price 9-3-84; 1-7-69 6. Vernie Jane b Oct. 16, 1888 m July 23, 1927 Hershel 7. Nancy Novella b Oct. 10, 1892 m Alvin Seaton
- 7. Luther Harbert b Oct.10,1873 d July 9,1947 m Samanthia Homer Seaton b Dec.12,1872 d May 19,1951
- 8. Children: 1. Lena Homer b Apr. 20, 1903 m 1921 James Monroe Richardson 1. Claudie Mae b Jan. 13, 1922 m Clyde Campbell 2. Luther Haynes b June 20,1924 m Sue Harrell
  - 3. Martha Delores b Sept. 18, 1927 m Cecil Yancey

2. Infant Twins, boy and girl b d 1905

- 3. William Olen Vestal, b Jan.4,1907 m Sept.11,1926 Velma Lerline Holder b Feb. 18, 1912
  - 1. Vivian Janyce b May 29,1930 m June 5,1950 Robert Carlton
    - 1. Teresa Lou b Jan. 23, 1953
    - 2. Debra Kay b Feb. 28, 1961
  - 3. Tammy Lynn b Aug. 27, 1964
    2. Peggy Ann, b Jan. 23, 1934 m Aug. 25, 1956 Davey White
    - 1. Pamala Lee b June 14, 1957
    - 2. Randall Lee b May 1, 1959
    - 3. Jeffrey b Sept. 9, 1960
  - 3. Larry Dewayne b June 1, 1937 m June 28,1960 Barbara Burke
    - 1. William Michael b July 23, 1962
    - 2. Patricia Lee b July 15, 1964
- 8. 4. Carl Edward, b Apr. 18, 1910 d Feb. 19, 1911
- 7. Robert Lee Vestal, b Mar. 9,1876 d June 9,1946 m Sept.16,1900 Nora B. Jines b Mar. 22, 1881 d Feb. 23, 1949
- Children: 1. Clara Brown b June 12,1901 d Aug. 17,1934 m Dec. 25,1921 8. Clyde B. Terry
  - 1. Sarah Sue b Oct. 7, 1924
  - 2. Patsy Ruth b Aug. 4,1927 m Joe Boswell
  - 3. James Robert b Apr. 15, 1930
- 8 2. Opal Wilder b Aug. 10, 1907 m Sept. 6, 1925 Jesse B. King 1. Jack Benton, b Dec.11,1930 m June 13,1953 Geraldine Martindale
  - 1. Kervin Martin, b Aug. 30, 1958
- 3. William Thetus b May 24, 1911 8.
- 4. Howard Lee, b May 15,1919 m Apr.29,1942 Claire Cooper 8.
  - 1. Howard Lee, Jr. b Mar. 14, 1943
  - 2. Molly Claire b Aug. 5, 1944 m June 11,1966 Herman Little, Jr.



# 3. Laura Louise b Sept

Eunice M. Vestal

7.	Mary Eugenia Vestal, b Mar. 17,18 1880 Constant
8.	Mary Eugenia Vestal, b Mar. 17, 18 1884 d Nov. 11, 1968 1. Lois b Nov. 26, 1903 m May, 193  Co. TN
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51.5	William Carl Vestal, b Nov.22,1 Vira Attaway b July 21,1891 d N 1. Carl Matthew b Mar.28,1919 n
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	Oct. 4, 1946
	2. Matthew William b Mar. 9
8.	2. William Mildred, b Nov. 5,19 May 24,1931 1. Yuvonne, b Nov. 28,1951  Mar. 9  Milliam B Mar. 9  Mill
	May 24,1931
	1. Yuvonne, b Nov. 28,1951
7.	Julia Ethel Vestal, b Sept.12
	Price b Sept.3,1884 d Jan.7,1 Searchero, Larenge W. O. 30  Vernie Jane Vestal, b Oct.16
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	July 17,1893 d July 11, 195!  1. Harold b Oct. 29,1912 m
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6.	Sarah Susan Vestal, b Jan. 8 Wullain S. 1 (322)
	Lorenze Whitfield Lafayette 1. John Harmon b May 4,1873
	2. Leona Irene b Nov.12,18 ge Franklin Steadman b May
	1. Fannie Lee b Nov.2,1 2. Sallie Henry b May 1
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Children: 1. John D., b Oct.6,1876 m Mary Ann Webb 2. Hubert Elvis, b Feb.8,1880 m Mattie L. Perry/ Maudie

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- 5. Ludie m Sid Mason
- 7. John D. b Oct.6,1876 d Aug.17,1954 m Mary Ann Webb,d Apr.15,1912
  - Children: 1. Lessie, b Feb. 13, 1897 m Feb. 15, 1918 Sam Bilbry d 1953
    - 2. Matthew, b Nov. 4, 1899 m 1929 Ardell Richardson
    - 3. Willie D.,b June 24,1902 m Oct.4,1921 Otis H. Griddin
    - 4. Flora Ann, b Apr. 6, 1904 m Feb. 1925 Will Taylor d 4-22-50
    - 5. Maggie Lou, b Ĵan.1,1907 m Mar.4,1927 Jessie Valentine
    - 6. Thomas, b Jan. 20, 1909

    - 7. Jessie Lee b May 16,1912 m Mar.1930 Irene Bizzle 8. Beatrice b Mar.3,1915 m Mar.20,1931 Raymond Richardson
    - 9. Fostine b Feb.5,1923 m 1940 Alton Hillard
- Hubert Elvis b Feb.8,1880 d July 21,1962 m Mattie Lou Perry (and 7. 2nd Maudie Mae Perry)
  - Children: 1. Clarence Elvis b Oct.5,1906 m Allie Duke; Annie Thomason
  - Children 2nd M. 1. Robert Lee b 17,1909 d July 1963
    - 2. William Curtis b Sept.14,1911
    - 3. Maudie Mae b Oct. 26,1914 m Bonnie Eli Vestal

    - 4. Cecil Howard b July 16,19165. Mattie Lou b Jan.15,1919 d Oct.25,1935
    - 6. Jessie Louise b Sept.1,1921 d Apr.8,1924

    - 7. Charles Webb b Sept.24,1923 8. Sarah Kathleen b July 2,1926 m Johnnie F.Trimmer
    - 9. Carrie Blondell b Nov.24, 1928
    - 10. Eddie Pauline b May 2, 1931
- Sarah Kathleen b July 2,1926 m Sept.22,1945 Johnnie Filmore 8. Trimmer b b Sept.18,1927
  - Children: 1. Linda Kay, b June 12, 1947 m Sept.21,1965 Jimmy Ware Keith, b May 28, 1946 - son Eric Jason b July 6,1968
    - 2. Shirley Gail b Apr. 29, 1951
- Eddie Pauline b May 2,1931 m Aug.22,1947 Floyd Adams 8.
  - Children: 1. Donald Floyd, b Jan. 7, 1949 m Mar. 4, 1969 Barbara Johnson
    - 2. Brenda Paulette b June 3, 1951
    - 3. Wanda Lynn b Dec. 22, 1955
    - 4. Anthony Dale, b Feb.4, 1964
- Clarence Elvis b Oct.5,1906 m Allie Duke b Mar.30,1904 d 9-4-29 8.
  - Children: 1. Clarence Edward b Nov.8,1924 m 1946 Margaret 2 girls
    - 2. Marion Winfred b June 10,1927 m Mary Helen Duck 5 ch
    - 3. Josephene b Aug. 23, 1929 m Sept. 14, 1946 Porter Davenport
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- 8. Clarence Elvis 2nd m Feb. 26, 1930 Annie Thomason b Jan. 27, 1913
  - Children: 1. George Elvis b Dec.30,1930; May 3, 1958 Alma Lou Mays
    - 2. Mildred Ann b Oct.5,1932 m July 5,1958 Johnnie E. Wood
    - 3. Aubrey Lee b Mar.11,1935 m Feb.19,1955 Jane Cupples
    - 4. Roy Vernon b June 1,1937 m Nov. 23,1960 Sharon Genens
    - 5. Lawrence Rabon b Sept. 18, 1935 m Dec. 19, 1957 Patricia Woods
    - 6. Margaret Louise b May 8,1943 m Aug. 6,1961 Otie Neisler
    - 7. Margie Christene b Nov.3,1947 m 7-22-66 James Heidelberg
- John Thomas Vestal, b Jan. 8, 1856 d July 16, 1937 m Martha Jane 6. Ward b Mar. 8, 1871 d Oct. 12, 1945
  - Children: 1. Annie Jane b Sept. 24, 1894 d Sept. 5, 1940 m Stanley Taylor
    - 2. Willie Thomas b Aug. 22, 1899 d Oct. 1907
    - 3. Lillie Mae b Aug. 22, 1899 d Aug. 24, 1945
    - 4. Plezzie Winston b Mar. 15, 1902 d May 22, 1969 m Grace Spencer
    - 5. Lieu Ollie b Oct. 22,1903 m Elmer Floyd Hinson

    - 6. Charlie Day b July 22,1906 d Aug.10,1906 7. John Roy b Nov.20,1907 m Dovie Mae Dyer
    - 8. Bonnie Eli b Oct. 28,1909 m Maudie Mae Vestal
- Plezzie Winston, b Mar.15,1902 d May 22,1969 m Feb.2,1927 Grace 7. Virginia Spencer b Dec.28,1905
- 8. Children: 1. John Thomas b Apr. 2,1928 m 1935 Hazel Dubose b 7-13-34 a. Debbie b July 11, 1935
  - b. John Thomas II b Mar. 23, 1962
  - 2. Wallace Weldon b Aug. 9.1934 d Dec. 4,1965 m Frances Almona Watson in 1959 a. Michael Weldon b Apr. 9, 1960
  - 3. Billy Winston b Sept. 26, 1936 m 1955 Sybil Freeman a. Kenneth Don b Dec. 24, 1959
    - b. Kimberly Denise b Feb.2,1963
  - 4. Joanne b Mar.11,1938 m James E.Onstead b Dec.27,1930 a. Hal Edward b Nov.1,1960
  - b. Sherrie Lynett b Jan.5,1964
  - 5. Charles Lindbergh b Apr. 13, 1939 m Linda Miller b 1940 a. Gregory Scott b Jan. 9, 1964 b. Jeffry Lynn b July 15,1965
  - 6. Donna June b July 18,1944 m Larry W.Wells b Jan.8,1941 a. Laura Donett b July 11,1965

    7. Berry Spencer b Nov.4,1948 m Dec.5,1968 Beverly Branding

  - 8. Jerry Dale b Sept.8,1945
- Leiu Ollie b Oct. 22, 1903 m Jan. 29, 1921 Elmer Floyd Hinson b Mar. 18, 7. 1894 d Dec.8,1967
- Children: 1. Avon Sue b Sept. 24, 1922 m Sept. 18, 1949 Carmon Joyner 8.
  - 2. Iva Mae b Apr. 3, 1924 m Sept. 27, 1941 Gilbert Mays 1 ch
  - 3. John Lewis b June 9,1928 m 1962 Louise Tims Burton -1 ch

- 4. Dora Virginia b July 20,1929 m Aug.1945 Clyde Ross -12 children
- 5. Katie Jane b Mar. 9, 1931 m Feb. 18, 1951 Hugh Cooper
- 6. Thomas Floyd b Aug. 10, 1937 m Dec. 23, 1939 Doris Dowdy
- 7. Betty Jo b Oct.3,1940
- John Roy b Nov.20,1907 d Apr.16,1943 m Apr.28,1928 Dovie Mae 7. Dyer b Mar.11,1912 d July 9,1939
- Children: 1. Hazel Lorraine b Oct. 18, 1930 m Jan. 26, 1952 Vernon 8. Gurley
  - a. Vickie Lynn b Mar. 30, 1954
  - 2. Mary Elizabeth b Mar. 17, 1932 m Dec. 5, 1948 Odie Bridger
    - a. Thomas David b Sept.2,1949 m Dec.23,1968 Linda K. Privett
      - a. Tina Ann b Mar. 24, 1969
    - b. Robert Wayne b May 7, 1951 c. Danny Roy b Sept.4,1952

    - d. Bertha Ann b Feb. 7, 1954
    - e. Linda Kay b June 13, 1955
    - f. Mary Elizabeth b Dec. 26, 1958

    - g. Odie watson b Jan. 26, 1958
    - h. Jackie Steven b Mar. 8, 1960
- 8. 3. John Roy b May 3,1935 m Lucy Moore, div. 1959
- 6. Mary Caroline Vestal, b May 23,1858 d 1893 m Richard Taylor d 1896
- 7. Children: 1. Walter Richard Taylor, b Aug. 6, 1888 d June 26, 1950 m July 26,1908 Hattie Izora Woodruff b Sept.27,1887 -4 children
  - 1. Thurmon Morris, b July 21,1909 m Mar. 24,1940 Martha Marie Jeter b Dec. 3, 1918 - 2 ch.
    - 1. Ronald Jeter b July 24, 1944 2. Richard Boyd b Mar. 10, 1950
  - 2. Minnie Lee, b May 5, 1911 d May 18, 1911
  - 3. Opal Louise, b May 8,1914 m June 22,1935 Lofton Upton d June 18,1946 m 2nd Sept.8,1951 William Ray Taylor b Feb. 3, 1914 - 1 dau. 1st m
    - 1. Carol Lynn Upton Taylor (name legally changed to Taylor in 1952) m Mar. 14, 1964 Larry L. Riddell - 2 ch
      - 1. Lisa Carol b June 12,1965 2. Larry Ray b Feb. 22, 1969
  - 4. Nellie Brown, b Mar. 3, 1916 m May 6, 1938 Ernest E.
    - Daniel b June 23, 1908 2 ch 1. Janis Lynn, b Dec.25,1939 m Oct.16,1959 George Howard Newman b Nov. 20, 1935 - 1 ch 1. Gregory Gil b Oct.25,1961
    - 2. Ernest Gary, b June 24,1942 m June 7,1964 Virginia Carol Cook b Apr. 17, 1943 - 2 ch 1. Christopher Gary b July 8,1966 2. Marc Andrew b Mar. 20, 1969

- 2. Minnie Lee, b Oct.10,1891 m Nov.24,1909 Hubert Thomas Bell, b Sept. 21, 1888 d Oct.23,1952 - 4 ch.
- 8. 1. William David, b July 9,1911 m Dec. 23,1933 Bessie Fern Johnson - 2 ch.
  - 1. Charles Thomas b 1935 m Nan Patricia Sikes 3 ch
    - 1. Cynthia Lynn b 1958
    - 2. Jeffry Scott b 1960
    - 3. Louri Ann b 1962
  - 2. David b 1940 m Julia Ann Thomas 2 ch
    - 1. Charles Andrew b 1965
    - 2. Alecia Carol b 1968
  - 2. Thomas Hubert, Jr. b May10,1914 d Sept.14,1959 m 1936 Helen Mays - 3 ch
    - 1. William Hubert b 1937 m 1961 Rooney Lane 2 ch
      - 1. William Hubert, Jr. b 1963
      - 2. Tami Lynn b 1965
    - 2. Tommy Shirley b 1940 m 1964 Anita Faye Webb
    - 3. Samuel Lewis b 1943
  - 3. Richard Henry b July 17, 1916
  - 4. Cooper Neil, b Jan. 25, 1928 m Sept. 25, 1949 Nancy Rushing -4 ch
    - 1. Hubert Neil b July 13,1951
    - 2. Larry Michael b July 30,1953
    - 3. Shelia Ann b Apr. 16, 1957
    - 4. Richard Dennis b May 16, 1959
- 6. Robert Douglas Vestal, b Nov. 22, 1860 d May 7, 1942 m Dec. 26, 1886 Martha Rebecca Rinkes, b Jan. 2, 1864 d Apr. 17, 1951
  - Children: 1. Idella b Sept.14,1887 m Will Duncan Fesmire
    - 2. Evie Ann b Ĵan.29,1889 m John W. McDonald
    - 3. Robert Andrew b June 21, 1891 m Mattie Louise Bright
    - 4. Bessie Alice b Nov.14,1893 m William T. Brown
    - 5. William Elbert b Dec. 3,1895 m Ruba Lee Meadows
    - 6. Thomas Farro b May 9,1897 m Sally L. Davidson 7. Mary Callie b Dec.24,1900 m Carl P. Priddy

    - 8. Claudie b Dec. 18, 1902 d
    - 9. Ernest Ray b Dec.22,1903 m Addis Gillman Britt
- Idella, b Sept.14,1887 d Oct.17,1963 m May 26,1908 Will Duncan 7. Fesmire, b Sept.16,1888 d Aug.11,1968
  - Children: 1. Joe D. b Mar. 7, 1909 m Dec. 10, 1927 Lois Henderson b Jan. 21, 1909
    - 1. Joe Frank b Feb.15,1930 m 1953 Rachel Phelps a. Jo Ann b June 29, 1964

      - b. Julie b Sept. 22, 1957
    - 2. J. C. b Aug. 26, 1911 m June 8, 1929 Sophia Pitts b Sept.12,1911
      - 1. Billy Eason b June 26,1930 m June 2,1951 Jimmie Lee Cates
        - a. Deborah Dian b Aug. 22, 1953
        - b. Sherry Lynn b May 2, 1957
        - c. Tina Renee b Nov.11,1961
      - 2. Patsy Ann b Jan.14,1935 m April 11,1954 Tillman Louis Kelly

- a. Vickie Marie b Oct. 11, 1955 b. Kathy DeAnn b Mar. 3, 1959
- c. Michael Louis b Dec. 26, 1963
- 7. Evie Ann, b Jan. 21, 1889 m May 12, 1908 John W. McDonald b Oct. 5, 1877
  - Children: 1. Walter b June 10,1910 m Aug. 22,1928 Bertie Bowman b October 4, 1910
    - 2. Bessie Alene b May 23,1915 m Oct.4,1934 D. Ernest Phillips |
      - 1. Delois Ann b Nov.21,1939 m Mar.21,1965 Russell Childress
        - a. Natalie Kay b Jan.15,1967
    - 3. Mary Earl b Mar. 11, 1922 m Fletcher
    - 4. Tommie Lou b Sept.1,1927 m Thurman Stewart -dau Janice
- Robert Andrew b June 21,1891 m Feb.10,1922 Mattie Louise Britt 7. b Apr. 2, 1901
  - Children: 1. Bobby Joe b Nov.14,1935 m Aug. 1958 Connie Pina
    - 1. Mary Louise b Mar.6,1959
    - 2. Mark Anthony b Apr. 1960
    - 3. Kevin b May 1966
- 7. Bessie Alice b Nov.14,1893 m Oct.16,1916 William Thomas Brown b Jan.5,1888 d Jan.22,1961
  - Children: 1. William Thomas, Jr. b May 1,1920 m Feb.21,1952 Anita Holmes b Jan.7,1932
    - 1. Carl Thomas b Feb. 7, 1953
    - 2. Wanda Gail b Aug. 26, 1955
    - 2. Rebecca Louise b Dec.29,1922 m Nov.22,1948 John Harold Meadows
      - 1. William Harold b Mar. 28, 1949
      - 2. Bobby Wayne b Feb. 24, 1953
      - 3. Larry Gene b May 1, 1961
    - 3. Betty Ann, b Dec. 14, 1924 m Feb. 1948 Wilburn Gene Russell b June 11,1926
      - 1. Michael Irving, b Nov.22,1948
      - 2. Steven Robbie, b Nov.25,1954
      - 3. Beverly Ann, b Dec. 11, 1957
    - 4. Harry Elmo, b Dec.26,1929 m Nov.12,1949 Betty Jo Middleton, b July 14, 1934
      - 1. Harry Don, b Oct.4,1950
- William Elbert (Bill) b Dec.3,1895 m Dec.21,1919 Reba Lee Meadows, b Jan.7,1905 (dau of W.T. and Josie Lott Meadows) 7.
- Children: 1. Marvin Elbert, b June 5,1924 m Sept. 7,1946 8. Dorothy Janice Cochran, b May 27,1929
  - 1. Barbara Dianne, b May 16,1948 m Oct.13,1967 Herbert Randall Brewer, b Mar.6,1947 1. Jennifer Ann, b Dec. 30, 1968
    2. Elbert Ray, b Mar. 29, 1950

  - 3. Mary Catherine, b Nov. 22, 1952
  - 4. Martha Lynn, b Mar. 4, 1957

- 7. Thomas Farro Vestal (Tom) b May 9,1897 m Dec. 24,1924 Sally L. Davidson b Mar. 8, 1907
- Children: 1. Thomas, Jr. b Oct. 18, 1926 m 1947 Lucille Spencer 8. 1. Maralyn Jane, b 1949
  - 2. James Gordon, b Apr. 2,1930 m Dec. 1963 Hazel Horton
    - 1. Roger Farrell, b Sept. 12, 1965
- 7. Mary Callie, b Dec. 24,1900 m Oct. 24,1929 Carl P. Priddy, b Mar. 17, 1907
- Ernest Ray Vestal, b Dec. 22,1903 m Oct. 24,1948 Addie Gillam 7. Britt b Mar. 3, 1913
- 8. Children: 1. Douglas Ray, b Dec. 12, 1949

  - Dennis Clay, b Feb.7,1951
     Teresa Kay, b July 31,1952 d Mar.
  - 4. Lyncoya, (Lynn) b Oct.24,1954
- 6. Weslie Pharoah Vestal b Mifflin Apr. 14, 1863 d Cal. Feb. 1941 m Dec. 21, 1890 Mary Magalene Baker, b Oct. 4, 1864 d June 1936
- 7. Children: 1. Lena Mae, b Apr. 30, 1895 m Feb. 14, 1917 Harvey Pate d June 5, 1962
  - 1. Jewell Florence b Apr. 4,1918 m July 1939 Franklin Shaffer
    - a. Susanne Denise b June 1, 1940
    - b. Terra Lynn b March 1945 m Oct.12,1968 Jon Wu
    - c. Gayle Renee b Aug. 4, 1946
  - 2. Virginia Lee, b Aug. 11, 1919 m Sept. 1940 Robert Parker
    - a. Gregory Lee b Dec.1943 m Aug.6,1966 Marcia Jacobs
      - a. Heidi Lynn b Dec.2, 1968
    - b. Pamela b July 2, 1946
  - 2. Virginia Lee b Feb. 26, 1898 m Sept. 19, 1921 Irving Lincoln Smith b Mar. 21, 1896 d Apr. 28, 1935
    - 1. Barbara Lee b Nov.6,1922 m Nov.20,1944 Robert A.
      - a. Robert Archibald, Jr. b Dec.6,1952
- Nancy Ann Vestal, b Mifflin Jan. 15, 1866 d Jan. 17, 1930 m Jasper 6. N. Barr b Oct. 8,1861 d Jan. 20,1929
- Children: 1. William Harl, b June 15,1894 d Oct.25,1967 m Mar. 15, 7. 1917 Loredo Crowell, b Feb.23,1895
  - 1. Edna Earl, b Feb.23,1918 m Nov.14,1937 William McFarland, 1 son, William Gentry b Dec. 11, 1948
  - 2. Mae Pearl, b Oct.31,1919 m Dec.26,1940 James Bradley
    - 1. Peggy Ann, b June 13, 1943
    - 2. Anita b Feb. 24, 1948

## THE VESTAL FAMILY

## SETTLEMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

William Penn obtained a charter for the Province of Pennsylvania from King Charles II, dated 4th of March, 1680-81, - the year in that day beginning with the 25th day of March. He began at once to sell land to prospective emigrants and some others, and before he or they arrived in the Province several hundred thousand acres had been disposed of.

In the year 1682 William Penn founded Philadelphia, and the following year there arrived from England 2,000 emigrants. Among them were two brothers William and Daniel Vestal; Daniel was taken ill on the way over and died and was buried at sea.

The exact place in England where William was born in 1667 is not known. He married prior to 1692 Alice (Glover) Brunsden, widow of John Brunsden, and daughter of George and Alice (Lamboll) Glover of Ichingswell, in the Parish of Kingsclere, and County of Southampton, England.

Benjiman Mendenhall, of Concord Township (Chester Co., Pa.) executed articles of agreement Oct. 12, 1699, to convey to Wm. Vestal a tract of 125 acres adjoining the 49 acres (he already owned) and lying on the east side of Brandywine Creek, at the forks thereof. William Vestal erected a dwelling and settled on this land, and on Jan. 19, 1701, made his will, in which he is described as of Westtown Township, and thereby devised his lands, 174 acres to Alice, his wife during her life, and then to William, his son, who was to pay to his brother George 30 pounds. To his daughter Mary he gave two mares, a cow, some colts when 21 years old. William died soon after making his vill as the will was proved Mar. 26, 1701. Their daughter Sarah b 1693 was drowned in a pond Mar. 3, 1696. We have no records on the lives of Mary and George. William Vestal was probably a member of Brandywine Baptist Church as his wife Alice was baptised there June 10, 1697. They had probably been led away from Friends (Quakers) by the defection of George Keith, who caused much trouble in the Society of Friends.

## WILLIAM VESTAL II

William Vestal II, son of William and Alice (Glover) Vestal of Westtown Township, Chester Co., Pa. was born in Birmingham Township ca 1696 married in 1716 Elizabeth (Mercer) Woodward, widow of Joseph Woodward and daughter of Thomas and Mary Mercer. (Gilbert Cope, Historian and Genealogist of West Chester, Pa. states that William was married more than once, but no record of this marriage has been located.) Elizabeth was born ca 1694 in Aynoes on the hill, in the county of Northampton, England. Elizabeth and her first husband Joseph Woodward were members of the Society of Friends, as Elizabeth Vestal she was complained of for "disorderly conduct" in marrying out of meeting. For this her acknowledgment was accepted May 29, 1717, and ordered to be read at a First-day meeting, "where she doeth belong," she being present. This would indicate that her husband William did not belong to the Society of Friends.

By deed of May 10, 1729, William Vestal, a carpenter and his wife, Elizabeth, conveyed the farm on Brandywine to Wm. Bennett and left the county.

## THE VESTAL FAMILY MOVE TO VIRGINIA

The Vestal family were in Pennsylvania from 1683 to 1729, when the second William removed to Virginia. The years 1729 to 1751 were spent in Frederick Co., Va. (the part which later became Jefferson Co., W. Va.) The oldest child of William and Elizabeth was only a few years old when they left for Va. All but the youngest were grown when they went on to North Carolina. William II died in Va. in 1746 five years before his widow and most of the children went on to N. C.

The rugged country around Harper's Ferry, where the Shenandoah River joins the Potomac, is striking in natural scenery and rich in history. On the Shenandoah, 4 miles above its mouth, a ferry known as Key's Ferry was in use for many years. The gap in the Blue Ridge nearly opposite, through which the highway from Charles Town to Hillsboro (in Loudon County) passes, is known as Key's Gap. In early times it was known as Vestal's Gap.

Key's Ferry is now in Jefferson County, W. Va. Vestal's Gap in the crest of the Blue Ridge, is on a line between Jefferson Co. (W. Va.) and Loudon County, (Va.) The main crossing of the River now is at a bridge above, at the mouth of Evitt's Run, near the site of the old bloomery, but the highway still crosses the mountains at Vestal's Gap. A splendid view of the Valley and the tortuous river canyon is to be had from the highway (W. Va. 9, Va. Route 238) on the west slope of the mountains.

Against the high bank on the west side of Key's Ferry, about 250 yards from the river, is perched an old stone house, in the north gable is a stone bearing the initials "J. V." and the date 1748. This is the house of John Vestal, (son of William and Elizabeth) and it was built the same year in which Gershom Key's Ferry was established.

William Vestal had land further up the river. In 1742 he and others built a bloomery for making bar iron. In 1760 John Vestal was living at Key's Ferry; Daniel Stanton, a visiting Quaker lodged with him. But, the chief historic interest attaching to this place arises from associations with George Washington and the army of General Braddock.

In the great flood of March, 1736, the waters of the Shenandoah River, augmented just above the Cat Tail Run, overflowed the bottom flats and swelled up the bank toward the old stone house, but not far enought to reach it. Never before, we may believe, unless in the memorable flood of 1870, were the westers so near. John Vestal was a wise and skillful builder. The walls of his house, though constructed of irregular rough stones, stood straight and firm against the winds and the fate of floods.

In April 1754, George Washington, having just received a commission as Lt. Col. from Gov. Dinwiddie, marched his men westward from Alexandria towards the Ohio, there to aid Capt. Trent in building forts, and

defending the possessions of His Majesty against the attempts and hostilities of the French. Thus wrote young Washington in his diary. "It was the campaign which ended with his surrender at Ft. Necessity July 3, 1754." On the march out he almost certainly crossed the Blue Ridge at Vestal's Gap and the Shenandoah at Key's Ferry passing up the west bank of the river by John Vestal's house. (See the Diaries of George Washington, Fitzpatrick Edition, 1925, p. 73.)

## THE VESTAL FAMILY MOVES TO NORTH CAROLINA

During their stay in Virginia from 1729 to 1751 Elizabeth's two daughters married; Mary married William Jay in 1743 and moved to South Carolina and Jamima married Miles Chapman and moved away. John the oldest son remained in Va. Elizabeth and her sons, William, Thomas, James and David moved to Orange Co. (Chatham County was formed from the southern part of large Orange County in 1772) where they received a grant of a large body of land (estimated at 2000 acres) from the Earl of Granville -- located on the north fork of Rocky River and its tributaries. They built a house made of logs, the ceiling was of wide Poplar boards, the Hardware, hinges and etc. was imported from Portugal and hauled from the coast. They donated five acres of land and built the first Quaker Church near Rocky River. The fifth Church, an attractive brick building, stands near the site of the original church. large well-tended cemetery contains stones of many Vestals; Vestals were also buried in several nearby well-tended cemeteries in Yadkin, Alamance Counties, and other cemeteries in Chatham County.

## THE VESTAL WATER MILL

Just a few hundred yards south of Rocky River Church is the Rocky River and some 50 feet west of the bridge lies the ruins of the Water Mill built by the Vestals. The dam was built of rocks, some of which would weigh 1000 pounds, a road went over the dam. The mill ground corn and wheat and served the community.

The Vestal farm is very fertile, and very large and well-maintained. It has been broken up into smaller farms and no Vestal owns any of it at the present time. Cousin Grady told us that it would bring around \$1,000 per acre if put on the market. There are wide bottoms on both sides of the River, and the upland is also very fertile.

As the Vestals increased in numbers they migrated in all directions, some going to South Carolina, others to Ohio and many going to Indiana, some moving west to Tennessee and Texas. One Vestal man and wife put their possessions on a two-wheel cart pulled by a blind pony and walked Thomas became owner of the farm and in his will made it to his

sons David and Silas, In 1832 Silas sold his son Enos 100 acres.

## THE VESTALS CROSS THE APPALACHIANS AND SETTLE IN TENNESSEE

Silas Vestal, the progenitor of the Vestals in western Tennessee with his son Enos made a round trip on foot to the Mifflin area somewhere around 1840, a distance of over 700 miles. In 1842 Silas' son George Washington and wife, Rebecca, with three children, Silas' daughters Matilda, who married W. R. Dodson, and Thena who married a Williams moved to Maury County, Tennessee. Grandpa Jack visited them twice after the war, once by horseback when he brought back a sheepskin that my father and Uncle Henry slept on.

Silas' daughter Susan who married Jamed Kirkman came here in the early 1840's, so did the Stouts, Lintons and others, and it is believed that Silas brought John Luther, and came with the others. Silas bought a few acres joining the farm later purchased by son Enos, on the southwest side, built a house and lived alone. He died in the spring of 1846 soon after Enos and family arrived. He had been dead several days before being discovered. He is buried near where his house stood on the crest of a hill. His grave is maintained.

## ENOS VESTAL AND FAMILY COME TO TENNESSEE

Near the end of 1845 Enos sold his farm in Chatham County, N. C. and on Christmas Day, they loaded their household goods, wife Milly and eight children and pushed off for Mifflin. Their one wagon was pulled by three horses, named Dowdy, Nell and Mack who was blind and was out front. Enos alternated between riding one of the horses and walking. On the second day out he wanted to turn around and go back, but Milly insisted they come on as others here were expecting them. Having crossed the Appalachians several times in recent years it is a very great puzzle to the writer how they managed to get across the mile high mountains, and an even greater puzzle how they survived the extreme cold in the dead of winter at such high altitudes when there just must have been constant deep snow at that season, and too, the trail was no doubt underneath the snow; since it is some 35 miles from the bottom to the bottom on the other side, which necessitated at least spending three nights at the high altitudes. If any of you readers know a simple answer please favor me with same.

At Cherokee, N. C. entrance to the Great Smoky National Park we learned that the Army hacked out a trail across the mountains in 1828 to transport 50,000 Cherokee that were moved from the Carolinas and Ga. out west. There were five supply wagons. 10,000 of the Cherokee died at a rest stop near Woodbury, Tenn. when a plague hit them.

Enos and family crossed the Tennessee River on the Ferry; when they were mid-stream one of their dogs jumped in and joined them, the other returned to N. C. They arrived at Mifflin in late April in time to plant a crop. Uncle Polk may have been born on the way, Uncle David was born in 1848.

Enos purchased a 400 acre farm some 3 miles south of Mifflin. The Kirkmans were living on it at the time. They pitched in and went to work clearing land and building houses. In 1857 Enos and a widow by the name of Brower had a dispute regarding a piece of land which Enos bought. Arsenic was put in the spring where they got their water supply, three children died within a week and the other lingered for almost a year. The doctor determined the cause of the fatal illness, he noticed a bucket of apples in the house and when they told him the widow sent them he ordered them buried. No charges were brought.

When the Civil War broke out Grandpa Jack joined the Confederate Army and served mostly as a cook, was taken prisoner and almost starved in a prison camp in south Georgia. He related about himself and another soldier eating a Feist dog. At war's end he walked all the way home by way of Nashville.

In 1864 word was spread that a detachment of Union soldiers were headed for the Mifflin area plundering and taking anything and everything they wanted. Enos had several horses, and in order to save them he had them tied out in the woods some distance away. When the soldiers arrived and found no horses, they became angry and told Enos they knew how many he had, and if they found them they would return and kill him. They were informed where the horses were and brought them back to the house. Enos was confined to bed all during the war due to a back injury, so they led the horses into the house trying to get him to identify them, on penalty of death he disclaimed ownership. They took the horses, all their meat, salt and livestock feed. The informer was Enos' Mephew who cooperated with and served with the Union.

Not long after the soldiers left the Mephew went to Enos and accused him of having his mare in his pasture; Enos knew nothing about it and told him so. He told Enos that if he found the mare in Enos' pasture he would return and kill him; he came back but, Enos had gone someplace, so he gave the women a cussing and told them he was coming back and kill him, but he got into much deeper trouble (see Dodds' account).

After the war Grandpa Jack took over management of the farm. They had several families living on the farm. Two of John Luther's sons, Robert and John, lived and worked for Enos before they married and afterward. Cousin Bob lived with Grandpa Jack in the early 1900's. Grandpa Jack kept two yoke of oxen, one yoke weighed a ton, their names were Rock and Darling; the other yoke which my father named Dick and Doff. They were used for heavy work, such as logging and breaking of ground. Horses were used for cultivation as they were much faster. Grandpa Jack bought the first mule in the area. The coming of the sturdy dependable mule soon replaced both the ox and the horse; however, many farmers continued using horses until they and the mule were replaced by the mechanical tractor.

Prior to the early 1900's there was no stock law and all livestock ran loose. Farmers had to fence their farms, their crops and their buildings. Grandpa and the people living on the farm would split some 10,000 rails each summer after crops were finished and the fodder pulled. They managed to fence just about all of the 400 acre farm with fences inside of fences. The rails were mostly made from Chestnut and were 8 to 12 feet long. The fences sometimes were 12 to 15 rails high. There are today on the farm a few of the Chestnut rails that are over 100 years old. Enos died at Grandpa Jack's in 1885; Grandpa Jack died in 1911. They, their wives, uncle Polk and the four who were poisoned are buried in one row in Friendship Cemetery, Chester County.

#### JOHN LUTHER VESTAL

John Luther came here a single man in his early 20's and in 1844 married Nancy Ann Bain who was born here. They purchased a farm some 3 1/2 miles west of Mifflin, and some 1 1/2 miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant Church. Nine children were born to them on this farm. He died at the age of 46 when his oldest child was 20 and the youngest, Nancy Ann, was born four months after his death. His widow Nancy Ann made her home with her son, William, until her death April 10, 1905. She was a

remarkable person and loved by all that knew her. They are buried at Mt. Pleasant.

William owned a farm near present Dennis Latham home. James Washington married and moved to Dyer prior to 1900 for in that year they moved to Texas. They moved back to Dyer in 1903 where his wife died. He returned to Texas in 1907 and died there in 1930. He came back on a visit in 1916 and again in 1921. He is buried at Paris, Texas.

Sarah Susan married Whit Scarborough; they spent their lives in Mifflin. Their children and grandchildren scattered all over the country from Maine to Oregon to the Carolinas, and we were unable to get a detailed record on this family. David married Lou Ann Harris; they had several children; we were unable to get their family record complete. Weslie went to Texas early in life, married there and moved to California in 1849. He has two living daughters there. Nancy Ann lived and died at Dyer. The other children spent their lives in this area.

# VESTAL GENEALOGY

## BEFORE THE WHITE MAN

Many hundreds of years ago, before the white men came to this land, there lived in this part of Tennessee a people possessing a high degree of civilization, and a more highly developed susceptibility to art, agriculture, warfare, and religion than any other Indian tribes who came to the scene later. These aborigines, the Mound Builders, lived in what is now Chester and Madison Counties and they heaped up many mounds--many still standing. These mounds can be found on the high ground over-looking the Forked Deer bottom, beginning near the Talley Store community and following the curve of the river. The most noted of all these mounds are near Pinson on higher land. A move is underway to make a state park of the area of these mounds. Some land has already been acquired for the park.

We are told that when the white man first came to this land there were very few, if any, Indians living in what is now West Tennessee, and that the land was good hunting ground with great numbers of deer, wild turkey, and other game. The area from the hills of the Forked Deer toward Montezuma was a rolling plain of very few trees. The Indian hunters stalked their game in this area and hundreds of arrowheads and chipped stone have been found near Montezuma and Mifflin where the hunters slew their game.

While East and Middle Tennessee were being settled by the white man, this area was being occupied by the Chickasaw tribe who came from west of the Mississippi river, settling first in the vicinity of Huntsville, Alabama, then moving into what is now West Tennessee. They left this area and moved to the west again about 1838. The total estimated number of Chickasaws has been set at 3600.

The Chickasaws raided white settlements in Middle Tennessee, along with the Cherokees and Creeks who occupied Middle Tennessee. Later, when the English and French were warring for control of the Mississippi Valley,

they fought on the side of the English against the French. The Chickasaws were much friendlier to the white man than the neighboring Shawnees to the north and the Cherokees to the east.

In October of 1818, the Chickasaws made a treaty with Andrew Jackson and isaac Shelby by which they ceded a great part of what is now West Tennessee to the state. The Indians got \$20,000 a year for 15 consecutive years in addition to several smaller payments to individual Indian chiefs. The king of the Chickasaws when this treaty was signed was named Chinnubbee.

The last treaties made with the Chickasaws were in 1832 and 1834. They ceded all the land from the Tennessee to the Mississippi River and the white man began to move rapidly into this rich country. About 1820 several of this influx settled at Mifflin, the initial settlement of the area to become known as Chester County. There were a few white families that settled in this area before the treaty was signed that lived peacefully with the Indians.

## MIFFLIN THROUGH THE YEARS

The first settlers entered what is now Chester County about 1820. These hearty pioneers came from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama, via Middle Tennessee. These intrepid adventurers found fertile productive ground in this region.

Mifflin is the oldest settlement in the County, receiving the vanguard of the first settlers in the area. Mifflin was most probably named for Thomas Mifflin, Governor of Pennsylvania between 1790 and 1800.

Colonel J. Purdy was probably the first resident of Mifflin. Other early settlers were James Thomas, Jere Hendrick, Nicajah Jones, John Stutts, the Barringers, Browns and others. Mifflin was surveyed and laid off in lots. Several business establishments were constructed, houses built and the fledgling settlement continued to expand. A Federal Land Office was opened, enabling the settlers to acquire land.

Among the early merchants were John Stutts and Calvin R. Scarborough. Scarborough constructed a combination dwelling and store house, the store running the length of the residence, with a porch extending all the way across the store front and front of the house. There was a dug well in the rear of the store, and a basement under the store, the basement walls were insulated with sawdust and used as a storage for ice which was hauled from a nearby lake during the winter months and sold during the summer months. Mr. Scarborough was also a Magistrate with a keen sense pertaining to legal matters. He dispensed justice fairly and impartially and is to this day a legend, known affectionately as Square Scarborough. He was also Post Master, having the Post Office in a corner of the store. Mr. W. T. (Bill Dyke) Carroll carried the mail to the rail head at Luray, three days per week, it being a star route. For this he was paid the sum of \$6.00 per month. Pat Hodge was another mail carrier. Richard (Dick) Taylor who married Mary Caroline Vestal carried the mail from Mifflin to Jackson, and it is reported that during the winter months, due to the very bad roads he made many trips on foot.

In his early manhood cousin Carl Vestal was the town barber; he had a chair in the Scarborough store, operating on Saturdays, he charged 10¢ for shave and 15¢ for haircut. The Scarborough building was a landmark, many merchants have lived in the residence and operated the store, Rome Russell in the early 1900's - followed by my wife's uncle J. P. Inman, grandfather Henry Johnson and her father Lee Johnson and finally her widowed grandmother Mrs. Johnson.

There were at one time three saloons, one owned by a Thomas and two by two Cooper brothers.

Uncle Nelse (as he was affectionately called) Thompson, before being freed was owned by the Stegalls of nearby Middle Fork, hauled freight from Memphis and Saltillo (on Tennessee River) in ox wagon. It required spending many nights enroute, but it is said he never lost or had any freight taken from him. Mr. Tom Butler gave him a house for life. He lived almost a hundred years. The writer remembers him.

The first school building was a one room affair of about 12X20 which was located between the J. W. Butler residence and Barn. My mother, her brother and two sisters attended school there. It was my first school. My father carried me in the buggy on the first day, Mr. Harris was the Teacher. My mother made me carry a bouquet of flowers, which embarrassed me.

Across the street in front of the J. W. Butler house was the first church, a nice large frame building, with a second story that was used by the Woodmen of the World, Cousin Carl Vestal was clerk until it disbanded.

About the time of the Civil War or some later Mrs. Izz Rogers operated a hotel, catering to the travelling men who came to call on the merchants. Her husband operated a Leather Goods store, making saddles and harnesses. There was a wooden sidewalk from the stores passing by the hotel and terminating at the church.

The first circuit rider west of the Tennessee River was Thomas Garland, an early resident of what is now north Chester County.

### THE TURBULENT YEARS

With the advent of the Civil War in 1861 Mifflin was not to be spared the bitterness and cruelty that was prevalent throughout the south. With three saloons operating, and little or no law enforcement, it was a troubled place to live or to visit. Most of the area residents gave their support to the Confederacy, but a few were loyal to the Union. The hatred generated by the war terminated friendships between former friends, and some families were split, with some favoring each side. Although the war ended 104 years ago, the scars remain to this day and the south has not fully recovered.

Lt. J. W. Dodds, C.S.A.

Born August 20, 1843 Died March 9, 1864
Captured and Brutally Murdered
He was a constant member of Baptist church
Audiful and Affectionate Brother
A Gallant Soldier

The above was copied from his gravestone at Unity Cemetery, near Jacks Creek and some 5 miles southeast of Mifflin. A new granite stone has recently replaced the original one that was broken. A U.S. Flag flies about his grave.

Lieutenant J. Willis Dodds just under 21 came home on furlough wearing the Confederate grey; for this he was abducted by a small group of Union sympathizers and carried near Huron, a distance of some 6 miles where he was tied brutally and mortally cut, they even cut off his ears, and to silence his cries they cut out his tongue.

A few days later his loyal brother Jim Dodds met the leader (see Enos Horses) in Mifflin, he faced up to him, reminding him of the cruelty to his brother, told him that if he was seen in Mifflin after that date he would kill him. He left and went to Kentucky.

At the end of the Civil War, Grandpa Jack was released from Federal Prison in south Georgia; he and others walked all the way home coming by way of Nashville. On his return home he was married to Sarah Nelson and took over management of the farm, getting it back in operation. He and a neighbor made a trip in ox wagon to Saltillo on the Tennessee River where they purchased several barrels of salt for the community. Not knowing the price they carried \$600, and evidently displayed it as they were followed for three days by two men, bent on robbing them. One kept the gun at ready and at night only one slept while the other stood guard. They made another trip to Decaturville to bring back Lime.

Even after the war the saloons in Mifflin were the source of much trouble, drawing the rough element; there were numerous kniffings, killings and general disorder. Finally in 1884 the better citizens of the third district which included Mifflin banded together and called an election to decide if the saloons were to be kept open or closed. The tabulation is not available, but, it was voted to close them.

Among those taking an active part in promotion of the election was Mr. Jim Pearce, a farmer living just south of Enos' farm. He was a leading member of Friendship Baptist Church and had a large family. The owners of the saloons were very angry and they hired one J. D. Skinner to kill Mr. Pearce. Skinner rode a horse to Mr. Pearce's home on the morning of May 27, 1884 and called him out of the house. Several children followed their father to the front gate; when they arrived Skinner raised his shotgun and fired into them, hitting Mr. Pearce and several of the children. A low hanging cedar tree and the wooden gate absorbed part of the discharge. The children panicked and began screaming, whereupon their grandmother carried them into the house, put them in some tubs of water and washed away the blood. One girl screaming loudly was told by her grandmother to quiet down as she didn't have long to live. Fortunately, none died, but several carried the shots all their

lives. Skinner also panicked, and went down into the nearby bottom, jumped a branch, took out a pistol and shot himself. Mr. Emerson Linton found his body late that day. Skinner is buried at Unity Cemetery within 20 feet of the grave of Lt. J. W. Dodds. The inscription on a broken slab reads as follows:

J. D. Skinner Sept. 16, 1864 May 27, 1884

After the closing of the saloons, Mifflin became much more peaceful. New stores were opened in the buildings formerly occupied by the saloons.

The first road coming to Mifflin was a rocky way, coming from Lexington via Jacks Creek to Mifflin and on to Montezuma and Bolivar. Another went from Mifflin to Jackson. Eventually there were seven roads coming into Mifflin, as they are today. The road to Henderson was graded in 1917 - Uncle Henry and Guy Attaway helped to do it. It was gravelled in 1927 and blacktopped in 1956, as are all roads leading into Mifflin. T.V.A. brought electricity to Mifflin in 1950 and Bell Telephone ran their lines there soon afterward.

As recently as 1920 there were five stores, two blacksmith shops, each with a Grist Mill, church, school and cotton gin, and there was considerable traffic there on Saturdays.

In 1913 the County built a two-room frame school building which served the area until a few years ago when the schools were consolidated and the children bussed to Henderson. A new brick building recently replaced the frame church, and is well attended each Sunday.

With the advent of mechanical tractors, and use of insecticides fewer people are required to farm the land, consequently most of the people are employed at factories in Jackson, Lexington and Henderson.

Mifflin today is a tranquil place, there is nothing there today to testify to its past. Only the older ones can recall stories of what used to be. There is a small grocery store operated by Jimmie Wells; the church and cotton gin. There are some 100 or more people living there today. Mifflin is serviced by mail carriers from Henderson, Beech Bluff and Luray. Cousin Carl Vestal was a Magistrate for more than twenty years, representing the Mifflin district.

## CHESTER COUNTY

Chester County was formed by taking the corners from McNairy, Hardeman, Madison and Hardin counties. It was organized June 3, 1882. It was named for Col. Robert I. Chester, a merchant of Purdy and for the honor he gave a Bell to be put in the Court House. Chester County has had three court houses and two jails. First known briefly as Widsom County. Col. Chester was a merchant at Purdy and native of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

#### HENDERSON

First known as Dayton. In 1860 the ground on which Henderson now stands was a part of McNairy County. People from neighboring Henderson County settled the area including one W. P. (Polk) Bray for whom Uncle Polk was nicknamed) who built the first business establishment on (Front Row) facing the Depot, and the village's name was changed to Henderson. By 1870 there were a half dozen stores in Henderson. In 1886 Henderson contained 227 lots assessed at \$87,435. The first school was taught in 1868 by Prof. G. M. Sayles. The Missionary Baptist built the first church. It was used by various denominations. In 1889 R. E. McKinney and others organized the Farmers & Merchants Bank. A few years later the Chester County Bank was organized. These Banks did business until the crash in 1929. They were replaced by the First State Bank, and in 1968 a new Chester County Bank was organized. Telephones came to Henderson on October 1, 1898. They had 45 subscribers. In 1925 there were 224 telephones. By 1940 there were 338, in 1948 there were 850. Henderson was incorporated March 11, 1901 with a population of 1,000. In 1969 the population is around 3,500.

Henderson is the home of Freed-Hardeman College, belonging to The Church of Christ. It is expanding and has some 1500 students drawn from all over the U. S. and some foreign countries. Henderson has four factories employing hundreds of local people. One of the best school systems in the state or country is in Henderson.

Other towns in Tennessee and when incorporated: Jackson, 1845; Lexington, 1824; Selmer, 1901; Memphis, 1826; Nashville, 1806; Dyer, 1899; Columbia, 1817; Dyersburg, 1836; Knoxville, 1815; Chattanooga, 1839 Mifflin was incorporated very briefly in 1924.

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SAMUEL LAFAYETTE VESTAL
"CITY ALDERMAN ENTERS REST"

"SAMUEL LAFAYETTE VESTAL, REACHES END OF DAYS, ENTERS ETERNAL REST"

Wednesday morning about 6:30 o'clock, at his residence on Elm Street and Seventh in this city, Mr. Samuel Vestal passed away following an illness of some ten days. He was taken ill on Monday, the 11th, and his ailment proved to be pneumonia. For several days his condition seemed to improve and expectations were aroused that he would master the trouble. This proved illusory, however, and toward the end of the week it was noticed that he was a very sick man. So sick that his son Roy was called from Chicago, who arrived Tuesday in time to see his father before the final summons came.

Mr. Vestal was an Alderman of the City and was regarded with respect and favor by all who knew him. Upright, Candid and Sincere, he impressed all with his virtue and stability of character.

Samuel Lafayette Vestal was born near Abingdon, Virginia August 6, 1858. Being ruined by the Civil War, the family emigrated, during the

later part of that conflict to Greencastle, Indiana. After seven or eight years the family moved to Middle Grove, near Moberly, Missouri, whence it removed to Hancock County, Illinois in 1876, where the deceased has lived in this community ever since.

In early manhood he united with the Wythe Congregational Church but, changed his membership to Bethel Church of this city, when he moved here, he was an Elder of the Church at the time of his death.

In 1880 he was married to Mary Ann Davidson, who preceded him to the great beyond in November 1902. Two years later he married Mrs. Mary Jingst, who survives him.

Besides his widow he is survived by one sister, three brothers, four sons and one daughter. The sister is Mrs. Catherine Marion of Dodge City, Kansas; the brothers are: John who lives in Oklahoma, George H. of Licking, Missouri, and Charles Henry. The children are: Clarence LeRoy of Chicago; Franklin Earl of Starkville, Mississippi; Harry Alden, of Chehalia, Washington; Mrs. May Peters, of Hamilton, and Samuel Wayne, of Winnebago, Minnesota. With him at the time of his death, besides the immediate family, were his daughter, Mrs. May Peters, and his son Clarence LeRoy.

The deceased lived his life openly before his fellow citizens, in every sense a Christian Gentlemen.

Franklin Earl, son of above received his M.S. from University of Chicago had an additional year toward Ph.D. Was Professor of Geology at Mississippi University 1921-1933 Worked several years as Geologist for T.V.A. He wrote many books on Geology and discovered the oil structure which resulted in development of a large oil field in Adams County (Natchez). From 1938 to retirement in 1958 he was assistant state geologist at University of Mississippi at Oxford. b May 19, 1884 d January 1, 1969. His widow Elizabeth does free lance writing.

## WILL OF WILLIAM VESTAL I

My will Maid ye 19th, day January 1701-2 in the name of god, amen, I, William Vastell, living in the Township of westtown, In the County Chester, so have ordained and considered this my last will and testament.

Being of Sound Judgment and of perfect Remembrance, praised be all mighty god for his Marcy, though weake in body and finding my selfe to decay in body, am Willing to sett my house in order before I goo hence, and for this purpose doe Here ordaine this my will and testiment as followeth.

First, I bequeath my body to ye earth to be decently buryed according as my Executers (hereafter named) shall think fitt. And faithfully resigning up my soule into ye hands of god, my Creator, hopping to receive pardon of all my sins by the death and suffering of my lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is my Redeemer.

Imprimis, I leave and bequeath to allice, my wife, all my lands and Musage (house) which I now live upon and occupy, beeing I hundred and twenty fore ackers, during the time of her Natural Life, and all my goods and Chattles and Cattles (Exceptingsuch as shall be hereafter ramed), paying all my depts which I owe. And after to decend to my son, William Vastall, shall pay unto my son George Vastall, ye just Some of thirty pounds of lawful money, according to ye passable coyne of ye province out of ye said estate, as after that my son William Vastall, comes legally Installed in ye property.

Item, I leave to my daughter Mary one Cow, and two breeding mares, and two horse coults, with their increase (ye Cow, her increase excepted) and Like Wise to Receive ----- and a hacholl and these to be delivered when they come of age of one and twenty, or before if her mother thinks fitt.

And Likewise I ordaine my wife, allice Vastall, to be executor, with my loving friend, Thomas powell, or ye town of providence, of Chester County, yomen, Junior, to be jointe executor with my wife to see this my will duly and truely executed according as I have appointed.

William Vastall, his mark.

This is an inked thumb mark as seal

(Conclusion of will of William (I) Vestal Senior, witnesses and proving)

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

X John Wood X Nathan'el Ring

## THOMAS VESTAL WILL

I, Thomas Vestal, of Chatham County and State of North Carolina being favored with health and memory, but knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, I do make this my last will and testament, touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with.

I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following form, I ordain, constitute and appoint my trusty friends William Vestal and William Marshall to be my only and sole executors of this my last will and testament, allowing my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid out of my estate.

First, I give unto Elizabeth my dear wife one pine chest, one feather bed and furniture, 2 pewter dishes, 2 pewter basins, half dozen pewter plates, two pots, one oven, one spinning wheel, one frying pan, one mare, saddle and bridle, two cows and calves, two sheep, hogs and fifty pounds in money to be her own. And likewise I give her that part of the plantation we live on with house and orchard during her lifetime or widowhood. And I give her the privilege of the household furniture while a widow. And the land I now live on I leave between David and Silas Vestal, that is to have Silas's run forty rods from his north east corner north, then west fifty two rods then north to

divide line, and to have all the bottom on the west side of Rocky River from one dividing line to the other to him and his heirs forever, and the rest of said land I give to David my son to him and his heirs forever. And the rest of my estate I leave to be equally divided among my ten children or to their heirs if deceased. And I leave my clothes to be equally divided among my sons and William is to have the big Bible and hone.

I request that my executers of this my last will and testament to act in place or in my stead as trustees of the whole charge and I require them to discharge their trust faithfully.

In witness and testimony I have set my hand and fixed my seal this the 22nd day of the 7 month 1807

Thomas Vestal

Test:

Nathan Vestal Isaac Hobson

> Proved August Sessions 1813 Nathan Vestal - Isaac Hobson

WILL OF

## MARTHA A. VESTAL, WIFE OF JESSE VESTAL

In the name of God, Amen I, Martha Vestal, of the County of Yadkin, state of North Carolina, being of sound mind but considering this uncertainty of mortal life, do make, ordain and declare, and publish this my last will and testament as follows to make.

First, it is my will that upon my death my executor of personal estate pay all of my just debts to whosoever I am oweing.

- Item 2, I give and bequet to my son John A. Vestal five dollars in cash, and no more.
- Item 3, I give and bequet to my son Stephen Vestal five dollars in cash, and no more.
- Item 4, I give and bequet to my daughter Mary Jane one bed and furniture and one Beurro.
- Item 5, I give and bequet to my daughter Martha one bed and furniture and one Beurro.
- Item 6, I give and bequet to my daughter Ruth one bed and furniture and one Beurro.
  - Item 7, I give and bequet to my three youngest daughters, to which names as follows.

Mary Jane, Ruth and Martha the balance of my household and kitchen furniture to be equally divided between them three. Also all of my

corn, wheat and fattening hogs, my land on hand at my death to be divided between them three equal.

Item 8, I give and bequeath all of the balance of my property to my four daughters, Nancy, wife of E. D. Williams, and Mary Jane, Ruth and Martha, to be sold and proceeds to be equal divided between them four.

Item 9, I constitute and appoint my brother Stephen Johnson, my executor, to execute this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand this 24th of November 1863 and if Stephen Johnson will not act as my executor of my will is that he get some one to act in his place.

Signed: Martha Vestal Witness: G. A. Holcomb C. W. Williams

During this period there was a band of man known as Regulators that harassed the people demanding and collecting tribute, they were in opposition to established authority. Thomas and his brother David went to Hillsbore to petition Gov. Tyron asking protection against the Regulators. Thomas and William were active in political affairs. Thomas was overseer for Rocky River Mar. 1, 1777. He attended Quarterly Meetings in 1776 - 1771 - 1784 - 1787 and 1793.

Am copying proceedings of a Quaker meeting of Nov. 7, 1772 as it was written, (Irregular capitals and spelling as written)

From our Monthly Meeting of the People Called Quakers Held at Cain Creek in the County of Orange and Province of North Carolina the Seventh day of the Eleventh month 1772.

"To Josiah Martin Esqr., Governor and Commander in Cheaf in and over the said Province and to the Councell, Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly

"Do we as Humble dependents Earnestly Crave Your Attention, and may these few lines find Such Acceptance with you that as we spread our Remonstrances before Yoult may be your pleasure to Have Us Redressed for it is our principle and Known Practice as a Society to be subordinate and Peaceable under Government (although deviated from by Some who make Profession as we do) for which the Severall Sheriffs Can Bear Us Record. That when they are passing about in their Respectful Services Was Thought dangerous That Numbers of Us Conveyed our money for more Taxes to the Severall Sheriffs Thereof when come due and payable as being willing to exert our Selves to the support of our Gracious King and Government, Well knowing from whose Clemency We as a People Enjoy Great Privileges.

Now the moving Instance Which We have to Lay Before You is that Whereas Governor William Tryon Requested us to Furnish him with Six Waggon Load of Flower togather with Six Waggons and Teams, in the campaign against the Regulators, Which Request We Complyed with, in Expectation of being Paid for the same, and Whereas We Understand there hath been but a small Part offered at the last setting of Assembly, therefore We Humbly Entreat You to take it into Consideration and grant us this our Petition, For if otherwise the Burden thereof is most likely to fall on a very few in the discharge and settlement thereof, which may Prove the means of Rendering some of us Incapable of the Punctuall discharge of our other Respective debts. Therefore we Earnestly Crave that you would condescend to Administer to our Releaf, and ease our Humble Hearts, Being in duty bound we Forever Shall Return due acknowledgement.

Signed in and on behalf of the Said Meeting.

The above was signed by 23 which included Thomas and David Vestal

#### BACK COUNTRY FOLK

## HATFIELD \*VS\* MCCOY

The Kentucky West Virginia border carries the dark scars of the Hatfield-McCoy feud, a battle which began in the bitter strife of the Civil War and continued unabated for thirty years. Hatfields still farm the West Virginia side of the Big Sandy River as they did when "Devil Anse" Hatfield, a Confederate, killed Harmon McCoy, a Union Soldier, in battle. The McCoys were landowners on the Kentucky bank of the Big Sandy, and when Devil Anse returned from the war, he quarrelled with Randall McCoy over a stolen pig.

When Anse's boy decided to marry Randall's daughter, Anse refused permission, and the young couple decided to live together anyway. From then on it was open war, erupting in cold blooded murders, savage raids, and ambushes.

Along the banks of Tug Fork, three McCoy boys were tied to the bushes and killed to avenge the knifing of Ellison Hatfield; and up Grapvine Creek is the spot where Lark McCoy and his cronies ambushed forty Hatfields and killing fourteen of them.

A flat wooden bridge has replaced the protective drawbridge over Island Creek to Devil Anse's home, and the Hatfields and McCoys no longer live in dread of each other, but people still remember "the trouble" which hatred and fear brought to the mountains.

Devil Anse lived to be 85 and died of natural causes. He imported from Italy a marble lifesize statue of himself that stands in the family cemetery.

## "Strange but True"

"Strange but true. Kennedy--Lincoln.
There are seven letters in each name. Both
Presidents had legality of election contested.
Both were directly concerned with the issue
of civil rights. Both were slain on a Friday
and in the presence of their wives.

"Lincoln was elected in 1860. Kennedy was elected in 1960. Their successors were named Johnson, and were Southern Democrats who previously had served in the United States Senate. Andrew Johnson was born in 1808. Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908.

"Booth and Oswald (the assassins) were murdered before trial could be arranged.

"Lincoln's secretary, named Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theater. Kennedy's secretary, named Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.

"Booth shot Lincoln in a theater and hid in a warehouse. Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and hid in a theater.

"Andrew Johnson, Lyndon Johnson -- each name contains 13 letters. John Wilkes Booth, Lee Harvey Oswald -- each name contains 15 letters.

"Lincoln and Kennedy were carried in death on the same caisson."

Pretty remarkable series of coincidences, isn't it?

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