

Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek") WATKINS & Descendants

First Generation

1. **Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek") WATKINS** was born 1725 in Henrico County, VA. He died 12 Feb 1781 in Chesterfield County, VA.

First clerk of Chesterfield, ancestor of the Leighs.

""The Vestry Book of Henrico Parish, Virginia 1739-1773" by Dr. R. A. Brock, pages 189-190 (repeated quote)

"..... Benjamin Watkins, married Miss Cary, of Warwick. He was the first clerk of Chesterfield County, which office he held until his death. He was a man of capacity and a sterling patriot. He was a member of the Convention of 1776, and took an active part in the affairs of the Revolution. One of his daughters married the Rev. Leigh, the father of the chaste and elegant orator and able statesman, Benjamin Watkins LEIGH, and the pure minded and learned Judge William LEIGH, who so long and spotlessly wore the ermine. Another daughter, Francis, married Wm. FINNIE, of Amelia County, from whom are descended the numerous families of Finnie, Royall, Worsham, Sydnor and others, in Virginia and North Carolina.

"His son, Thomas WATKINS, married Rebecca, the daughter of the Rev. Miles SELDEN; and one of their daughters was the first wife of Benjamin Watkins LEIGH; another of Dr. Thomas Barksdale, of Halifax County.

"Watkins in Henrico and Neighboring Counties in Virginia"

'BENJAMIN WATKINS was the youngest son of Thomas of Swift Creek. He was the 1st Clerk of Chesterfield Co., VA. He married Miss Cary about 1760 and had 3 daughters and son, Thomas. Benjamin's will was proved in Chesterfield County in 1781. One of Benjamin's daughters married The Reverend William Leigh about 1780. Benjamin's son Thomas married Rebecca Selden in 1783 and had Benjamin, Thomas, Rebecca, Mary Selden, Miles, Richard and Hannah."

"A CATALOGUE of the Descendants of THOMAS WATKINS of Chicahomony, VA. Who was the Common Ancestor of Many of the Families of the Name in Prince Edward, Charlotte, and Chesterfield Counties, VA., by Francis N. Watkins, Prince Edward County, VA." 1899 Atlas Printing Company, Henderson, SC. - pages 47-50

"Benjamin Watkins, of Chesterfield, Virginia, was the youngest son of Thomas of Swift Creek. He was the first clerk of Chesterfield County, which office he held to the time of his death. He was also the surveyor of the county, and surveyed the lots and streets in the town of Manchester. Judge Fleming describes him as a "gentleman well skilled in his office, and of undoubted integrity." He presented the County of Chesterfield in the Colonial Assemblies on the several occasions, and was a member of the Convention of 1776. He was a zealous supporter of the rights of the colonies against usurpations attempted under George III, and corresponded on matters relative to the resistance of the colonies with Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and other leading patriots of the day. He was regarded as a man of ability, and was highly esteemed for his great industry, integrity and benevolence. He was trained in the Secretary's office at Williamsburg. My father (Mr. H. E. Watkins), tells me that in addition to the above facts, he often heard his uncle Benjamin spoken of as a man of genius, and that he had, without being educated in the schools, cultivated his excellent understanding very assiduously, and was regarded as an excellent scholar.

"He married Elizabeth Cary, of Warwick, and numerous descendants sprung from them. I regret that I am unable to give the residence or history of the several families of Benjamin Watkins' descendants. Although I know personally but few of them, I have often heard them mentioned with affectionate regard. It has been my good fortune to have known two of his grandsons, Mr. Benjamin Watkins Leigh, and his brother, Judge William Leigh. The faithful historian of the country could not write its history without honorable mention of the former. He was in my estimation the Model Statesman; his

genius, ability, and learning placed him among the first, if not THE first, of the Virginia Bar and his personal friends remember him as the very embodiment of all that was generous and noble. His brother, Judge Wm. Leigh, survives him, and resides in Halifax Co., VA. It will be no violation, I trust, of good taste to say of him, that for almost a quarter of a century in which he has been the Judge of the Halifax Circuit, he has discharged each and every one of his duties with a fidelity and ability equal to any other man in Virginia, and has won, by universal consent, the title to that of "a just and upright Judge."

Benjamin received the following in his father Thomas Watkins' will (1760)

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Watkins three hundred and fifty acres of land lying in Chesterfield County on the South side of Swift Creek to him and to his Heirs forever. I also give and bequeath unto my said Son Benjamin Watkins five hundred acres of Land lying in Cumberland County including the Plantation whereon I formerly lived be the same more or less to him and to his Heirs forever. I also give my said son three Negroes Named Robert, Jo and Frank now in his possession to him and his Heirs forever.

Item: I give unto my son Benjamin Watkins all the residue and remainder of my estate not herein before given or disposed of to him and to him heirs forever whom I charge to pay all the legacies given to my daughters and I do hereby appoint my said sons Thomas Watkins, Joel Watkins and Benjamin Watkins Executors and I desire my Estate may not be appraised.

Notes from the Goodrich Family Newsletter by Byron Sherman (note: some of the information contained in the newsletter is not correct about the Watkins family).

Benjamin Watkins of "Gravel Hill", Cumberland County, Virginia, who was Clerk of Court, a Judge and a member of the House of Burgesses, married Elizabeth Cary, a daughter of Major Miles Cary, of Peartree Hall, Warwick County, Virginia, and they resided in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

Benjamin married **Elizabeth CARY**, daughter of Miles CARY and Elizabeth (dau of Richard) COCKE, on 25 Oct 1755 in Warwick County, VA. Elizabeth died Jul 1801.

"Adventurers of Purse and Person" "ELIZABETH CARY (Miles, Elizabeth COCKE, Richard, Temperance BALEY), died July (sic) 1801, left will June 1801- proved 13 July 1801. She married, 25 October 1755, Benjamin Watkins, who died 12 Feb 1781, leaving will 9 Feb 1781 - 6 April 1781. They resided at "The Hermitage", Chesterfield County. He was the first clerk of Chesterfield County and was a member of the House of Delegates, 1772-76, and of the conventions of 1774."

Note: the birthdates for their children are from the same source.

2nd. note: Frances is not noted as one of their children in "Adventurers of Purse and Person."
Some siblings of Elizabeth were Robert CARY and Richard CARY.

Richard CARY (her brother) was a clerk of Warwick County and member of Committee of Safety; member of Convention of 1776; and of the House of Delegates 1776; Judge of the Court of Admiralty and of the General Court. He married Mary COLE: Their children: 1) Richard, dragoon during Revolutionary War, member of House of Delegates of Warwick County, Senator and Member of the Convention of 1778, who married Catherine Dudley. 2) MILES, born 1763, married Elizabeth Jones and 2nd. Anne Robinson, daughter of Mary Phillips Robinson. 3) Polly, married William Cary of "Windmill Point", Warwick County (son of Thomas Cary); 4) Elizabeth, died age 28 in Warwick County; and 5) Rebecca, who died 1799 unmarried.

They had the following children:

- + 2 F i. **Hannah WATKINS** was born 7 Feb 1757.
- 3 M ii. **Benjamin (Jr) (died an infant) WATKINS** was born 29 Nov 1758. He died 6/29/1759?
Note: A Benjamin WATKINS signed marriage registration for MILLY WATKINS who married William (either:) Pettus, Porter or Poltor, March 12, 1781. Not sure if this Benjamin.
- + 4 M iii. **Thomas (son of Ben & Eliz Cary) WATKINS** was born 4 Sep 1760 and died 4 Jan 1812.
- + 5 F iv. **Elizabeth WATKINS** was born 10 Dec 1762 and died 5 Jan 1802.

- 6 M v. **Miles Cary WATKINS** was born 20 Dec 1764. He died 19 Jul 1765.
- 7 M vi. **Benjamin (II) WATKINS** was born 8 Jun 1766. He died 27 Feb 1786.
- 8 F vii. **Frances WATKINS.**
 Frances married **William FINNEY/FINNIE of Amelia??** (some confusion about this)
- 9 M viii. **Richard (son Ben & Eliz Cary) WATKINS** was born 8 Aug 1768. He died 4 Jan 1803.
- + 10 F ix. **Rebecca WATKINS** was born 7 Aug 1770 and died 4 Jan 1833.
- 11 F x. **Mary (dau of Benj.) WATKINS** was born 25 May 1772. She died 25 Feb 1832.
- 12 F xi. **Susan/Susannah WATKINS** was born 23 Mar 1774. She died 11 Mar 1832.
 Susan/Susannah married **Dr. Henry Wilson LOCKETT of Powhatan.**
- 13 F xii. **Anne WATKINS** was born 7 Oct 1776. She died 29 Mar 1796.
 "a great favorite of the family"
- 14 M xiii. **Jane (died an infant) WATKINS** was born 28 Feb 1779. He died 11 May 1779.
 "died young"

Second Generation

2. **Hannah WATKINS** (Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) was born 7 Feb 1757.

Hannah is mentioned in her grandfather Thomas Watkins' will (1760)

Item: I give unto my Granddaughter Hannah Watkins daughter of my aforesaid son Benjamin Watkins one Negro boy named Abram to her and her heirs forever.

Hannah married (1) **William (Sr.) FINNEY.**

William Finney (-c.1792) married Hannah Watkins, daughter of Benjamin Watkins and Elizabeth Cary. The division of slaves belonging to Benjamin Watkins in Chesterfield County in 1783 identified Hannah Watkins as the wife of William Finney.

Finney was head of a household of seven whites and 29 blacks in Amelia County in 1782. Finney was the enumerator for his Amelia County precinct. His household held only one white soul in 1785.

William was dead by October 1787 when the court granted Hannah Finney administration of his estate.

Not until 30 March 1793 did the court order Richard Watkins, administrator, to divide the slaves of William Finney, deceased. The children of William Finney sued the administrator in 1795. Only son William was then of age. They were the parents of seven; plus Martha named in the will of Hannah's mother.

They had the following children:

- 15 M i. **William FINNEY.**
 William married **Martha LEIGH**, daughter of Rev. William LEIGH of Chesterfield and Elizabeth WATKINS.
- 16 M ii. **Benjamin FINNEY.**
- 17 M iii. **Miles FINNEY.**
- 18 F iv. **Page FINNEY.**
- 19 M v. **Thomas FINNEY.**
- 20 F vi. **Hannah FINNEY.**
 Hannah married **Joseph Archer ROYALL.**
- 21 F vii. **Mary FINNEY.**

Mary married **Daniel WORSHAM**.

22 F viii. **Martha FINNEY**.

Hannah also married (2) **John WALKER** on (bond) Nov 1789.

4. **Thomas (son of Ben & Eliz Cary) WATKINS** (Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) was born¹ 4 Sep 1760. He died 4 Jan 1812.

"Thomas Watkins was cousin to Miles Cary and his sister, Hannah Cary, who made her will, Chesterfield county, Dec., 1781." Note: Miles and Hannah were two of the children of RICHARD CARY, Thomas' uncle through his mother, Elizabeth CARY.

Thomas married **Rebecca (dau of Rev. Miles) SELDEN**, daughter of Rev. Miles SELDEN Of Henrico Co., VA and Rebecca CARY, on (bond) Oct 1783.

They had the following children:

- + 23 F i. **Mary Selden WATKINS**.
- + 24 F ii. **Rebecca WATKINS** was born about 1787.
- 25 M iii. **Benjamin WATKINS**.

Note: There was a BENJAMIN WATKINS to marry Lucinda TINDALL. Not sure if this Benjamin....

"The Wilkes County Papers 1773-1833" page 281: "License, 12 February 1827. for BENJAMIN WATKINS to marry LUCINDA TINDALL. Marriage ceremony was performed, [signed] Charles Smith, J.P., 15 February 1827. Recorded in Book B., fo. 115, 12 June 1828."

- + 26 M iv. **Thomas WATKINS of Tennessee**.
- + 27 M v. **Dr. Miles Selden WATKINS of Alabama**.
- 28 F vi. **Eliza WATKINS**.
- 29 M vii. **Richard WATKINS**.

Was an heir of his uncle, Lt. Joseph Selden (Revolutionary War) (see Joseph)

Richard married **Lucy SNEED**.

- 30 F viii. **Hannah Cary WATKINS** was born about 1805.

Marriage 1 John Barksdale b: ABT 1810 in Virginia
Children

Thomas W. Barksdale b: ABT 1833 in Virginia

Alice S. Barksdale b: ABT 1834 in Virginia

B. William Leigh Barksdale b: ABT 1836 in Virginia

Rebecca Barksdale b: ABT 1838 in Virginia

Clara A. Barksdale b: ABT 1841 in Virginia

Hannah married **Dr. John BARKSDALE of Halifax**.

5. **Elizabeth WATKINS** (Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) was born 10 Dec 1762. She died 5 Jan 1802.

Elizabeth married (1) **Rev. William LEIGH of Chesterfield**. William was born 1748. He died 1787.

Rev. William Leigh (c.1748-1787) attended the College of William and Mary, and was ordained by the Bishop of London in 1772. He served Manchester Parish (1773-76) and Dale Parish (1775-1786).

Rev. Meade speaks of Rev. Leigh as follows, "He lived at Dale glebe, near Petersburg, and preached at Wood's Church and Ware Bottom, or Osborne's, alternately, and sometimes at Sapony Church, of Chesterfield."

Rev. Leigh married Elizabeth Selden Watkins, a daughter of Benjamin Watkins and Elizabeth Cary, and they were

the parents of four children. The division of slaves belonging to Benjamin Watkins in Chesterfield County in 1783 identified Elizabeth Watkins as the wife of William Leigh.

Leigh left a will in Chesterfield County leaving all his estate to his wife, for life, and appointing his brother-in-law Thomas Watkins executor (will dated 15 May 1786, recorded 13 Sept. 1787).

"Virginia Historical Magazine" Vol 4, page 327-328: "The Rev. William Leigh of King and Queen married the daughter of Benjamin Watkins and Elizabeth (Cocke) Cary. These last were the parents of Benjamin Watkins Leigh and Judge William Leigh, and of Mrs. Finney (see Meade)."

They had the following children:

- 31 M i. **Benjamin Watkins LEIGH** was born 1781 in Chesterfield County, VA. He died 1849 in Richmond, Virginia.

LEIGH, Benjamin Watkins, a Senator from Virginia; born in Chesterfield County, Va., on June 18, 1781; studied under private tutors; graduated from William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., in 1802; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Petersburg, Va.; served in the War of 1812; member, State house of delegates 1811-1813; moved to Richmond, Va., in 1813; prepared the revised code of 1810; delegate to the State constitutional convention of 1829 and 1830; member, State house of delegates 1830-1831; official reporter of the State court of appeals 1829-1841; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy in the term ending March 3, 1835, caused by the resignation of William C. Rives; reelected in 1835 and served from February 26, 1834, to July 4, 1836, when he resigned; resumed the practice of law; died in Richmond, Va., February 2, 1849; interment in Shockoe Cemetery.

Benjamin graduated from College of William and Mary in 1802 and studied law. A veteran of the War of 1812, he represented Dinwiddie County (1811-13) and Henrico County (1830-31) in the Virginia House of Delegates, and he was a delegate to the Convention of 1829-30.

Virginia elected Leigh as a Whig to the U.S. Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Cabell Rives and he was reelected in 1835 and served until his own resignation (1834-36).

Walter A. Watson devotes two pages in Notes on Southside Virginia to the Leigh's life and physical appearance.

Special estate folders cover the lawsuit of Elizabeth Selden (McClurg) Wickham et al. v. Julia (Wickham) Leigh (executrix of the estate of Benjamin Watkins Leigh) and William Fanning Wickham in the Richmond Circuit Superior Court of Chancery and Richmond Circuit Court. This litigation concerned division of the estate, dispersal of interest in trusts, settlement of the estate of Doctor James McClurg, and property in Henrico and Hanover counties. As litigants died, the title of the case underwent a series of changes and also absorbed the related cases of Julia (Wickham) Leigh v. William Fanning Wickham et al. and Maclurg Wickham & John Wickham (administrators of the estate of James Maclurg Wickham) v. Elizabeth Selden McClurg Wickham et al.

Wickham's miscellany includes a sketch of Benjamin Watkins Leigh prepared by William Hamilton Macfarland; a personal reminiscence of John Marshall; a commonplace book, undated, consisting of notes on the U.S. Constitution and constitutional history; an essay (incomplete), undated, on slavery in the United States; a speech, undated, probably made at Hanover Court House concerning reconstruction in Virginia; an inventory of personal papers; a letter, 1843, of Thomas Tabb Giles to William Daniel (concerning a book in the library at Hickory Hill); lines of verse; and miscellaneous notes. Estate materials consist of a will probated in Hanover County, accounts, a letter to the executor (Williams Carter Wickham), and bonds

Interesting note: Dr. James Jones died in 1848 at Mountain Hall, Nottoway (VA), in his seventy-sixth year, and is buried in the old grave yard in the garden. Probably no higher tribute could be paid to him than is written on his tomb placed over his grave by his wife, but said to have been composed by Benjamin Watkins LEIGH, U.S. Senator from Virginia, and reads as follows:

"Sacred to the memory of James Jones, M. D., graduate of the University of Edinburgh, born 11th December, 1772, died 25th April, 1848.

A man whose character none can contemplate without admiration, or admire without profit. A statesman honored for his talents, erudition and patriotism. A Christian deeply imbued with the spirit of the gospel. In the closing scene of life he exhibited the humble, tranquil submission which religion inspires. His devoted wife erects this frail memorial to his virtues."

32 M ii. **Judge William LEIGH.**

"Early Settlers of Alabama," (Discussing Hon. Arthur Francis Hopkins): "There happened to live in the adjoining county of Halifax, the Hon. William Leigh, who was a distinguished jurist and brother of the celebrated Benjamin Watkins Leigh. In Halifax, he was a student with Judge Leigh for some time."

33 F iii. **Martha LEIGH.**

Martha married **William FINNEY**, son of William (Sr.) FINNEY and Hannah WATKINS. (cousins)

34 F iv. **Elizabeth LEIGH.**

Elizabeth married **Nathan HARRIS Of Petersburg.**

Elizabeth also married (2) **Benjamin THWEATT.**

10. **Rebecca WATKINS** (Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) was born 7 Aug 1770. She died 4 Jan 1833.

The parents of Rebecca Watkins were Benjamin Watkins and Elizabeth Cary. Benjamin was of Cumberland County, Virginia. The Watkins line came to America from Wales Scotland, probably in the late 1600's. Benjamin's father was a Thomas Watkins, "a wealthy Englishman of refined tradition." The picture on the preceding page of Rebecca Watkins is a photocopy of an oil painting from about 1776. The information that was provided with this picture stated "The original of this picture is in oil on ivory in a oval gold frame"

A James Putnam Goodrich, who at one time was Governor of Indiana, was a great-grandson of John Baldwin Goodrich. He did extensive research on this family and gathered evidence that showed John Baldwin Goodrich having made various deeds to all his property to trustees with power to convey the same. The records show that they did convey the property, pay the debts, and turn over \$200 to Rebecca Goodrich, widow.

In a family history written by a grandson named Watson Fuller, the following was stated:

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A daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Watkins, Rebecca Watkins, married Baldwin Pearse, and of this marriage were born five children: Rebecca, Elizabeth, Hannah, Jane, George.

Henry Watkins Indented Descendant Report Henry Watkins Indented Descendant Report

Henry Watkins b.ABT 1638 d.7 Feb 1715
Catherine Pride (?) b.1642 m.ABT 1658
Thomas Watkins b.1672 d.1760
Elizabeth Pride (?) b.1688
Benjamin Watkins b.1725 d.12 Feb 1781

Elizabeth Cary m.25 Oct 1755
Rebecca Watkins b.7 Aug 1770 d.4 Jan 1833
Baldwin Pearse
Rebecca Pearse b.31 Aug 1787 d.1 Jun 1876
John Goodrich b.ABT 1783 m.6 Oct 1802 d.4 Sep 1828
Alfred K. Goodrich b.14 Mar 1817 d.17 Jan 1909
E. Griffis b.12 Oct 1819 m.23 Dec 1841 d.18 Dec 1871
Celestine V. Goodrich b.ABT 1848 d.CA 1877

Rebecca married **Baldwin PEARCE**, son of Jeremiah PEARCE.

Baldwin Pearse, Rebecca Pearse's father was known as a lawyer. He seemed to be well established in the area of Petersburg, Virginia. It was here that he tutored his nephew and future son-in-law in the practice of law.

They had the following children:

- 35 M i. **George PEARCE**.
- + 36 F ii. **Rebecca PEARCE** died 1 Jul 1876.
- 37 F iii. **Elizabeth PEARCE**.
- 38 F iv. **Hannah PEARCE**.
- 39 F v. **Jane PEARCE**.

Third Generation

23. **Mary Selden WATKINS** (Thomas (son of Ben & Eliz Cary), Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")).

Mary married **Benjamin W. LEIGH**.

They had the following children:

- 40 M i. **Thomas W. LEIGH**.

24. **Rebecca WATKINS** (Thomas (son of Ben & Eliz Cary), Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) was born about 1787.

Benjamin W. Leigh b: ABT 1811 in Virginia
Thomas Leigh b: ABT 1814 in Virginia
Rebecca Leigh b: ABT 1817 in Virginia
Mary Selden Leigh b: ABT 1818 in Virginia
Martha Leigh b: ABT 1820 in Virginia
Eliza Leigh b: ABT 1823 in Virginia
John Randolph Leigh b: ABT 1825 in Virginia
William Leigh b: ABT 1830 in Virginia

Rebecca married **William LEIGH**.

They had the following children:

- 41 M i. **Benjamin W. LEIGH**.
- 42 M ii. **Thomas J. LEIGH**.
- 43 F iii. **Rebecca LEIGH**.
- 44 F iv. **Mary Selden LEIGH**.
- 45 F v. **Martha LEIGH**.
- 46 F vi. **Eliza LEIGH**.
- 47 M vii. **John Randolph LEIGH**.
- 48 M viii. **William LEIGH**.

26. **Thomas WATKINS of Tennessee** (Thomas (son of Ben & Eliz Cary), Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) died in Fayette County, TN.

Was an heir of his uncle, Lt. Joseph Selden (Revolutionary War) (see Joseph) children: "Benjamin, Thomas, Miles and William"

Email August, 2006, from Laura Winfrey:

Virginia, I saw your posting on Ancestry.com concerning Miles Watkins who died in KY. I do have documentation that relates to the Thomas Watkins' family in TN. Thomas Watkins wrote his will the 20 day of July, 1835 of which I have a copy. His will was probated and recorded in the March Term, 1841, Fayette County, TN but I do not have or know a death date. He was deceased before the 1840 census Thomas named his wife only in this term in his will, but in his son Benjamin's will, he identified his mother as Frances A. Watkins.

Thomas wrote that it was his will and desire that his estate be kept together for the support of his wife and family and their education until his oldest son Thomas Philemon arrived at 22 years of age. Thomas P. was to inherit 1/7 of the estate unless his wife (Frances) was deceased, then 1/5. He listed his sons in order of birth (Benjamin, William, Miles Seldon and Richard Leigh) and the same conditions applied to them as it did for Thomas P.

On the 1830 Federal census, Fayette County, TN:

Thomas Watkins:

Males - two under 5, two between 5 and under 10, and one male 30 to under 40.

Female: only one 20 to under 30.

1840 Fayette County, TN census:

Francis Watkins - (Female)

Males: two 10 to under 15, two 15 to under 20, one 20 to under 30 (this would be son Thomas P. Watkins).

Females: one 15 to under 20, one 40 to under 50.

I cannot identify the one female 15 to under 20 years of age. I do know that Thomas Philemon Watkins died before Nov. 1843 leaving a wife, Martha and an infant, Eliza Francis because of a court case in the settling of Thomas and son Thomas P. Watkins. (minutes Chancery Court, Minute Book "A", pages 553-4)

I did search for a Miles Watkins in the KY 1830 census records and did find him. He was older and by 1840 was deceased if this was your Miles Watkins.

With best regards, Laura

Thomas married **Frances HOLCOMBE**.

They had the following children:

- + 49 M i. **Thomas Philemon WATKINS**.
- + 50 M ii. **Benjamin (son of Thos. & Frances) WATKINS**.
- + 51 M iii. **Miles Selden WATKINS**.
- 52 M iv. **William (son of Thos. & Frances) WATKINS**.
- 53 M v. **Richard Leigh WATKINS**.

27. **Dr. Miles Selden WATKINS of Alabama** (Thomas (son of Ben & Eliz Cary), Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")). children: " Miles, Thomas and Selden, and others"

"Letters from Forest Place... A Plantation Family's Correspondence, 1846-1881". edited by E. Grey Dimond and Herman Hattaway; University Press of Mississippi, 1993 (Letters among the Dr. Thomas A. and Sarah Fitzgerald WATKINS family of Carrollton, Mississippi.

page 159: March 26, 1860: In a letter from Sarah to daughter, Mary, at school in Maryland, they were talking about various acquaintances, in this instance a Miss Fearn. She questions Mary if she is the daughter of Dr. Thomas Fearn of

Huntsville or of Dr. Lee Fearn of Mobile? "If she is of the latter she knows our relative, Mrs. LeVert of that city. You ask me if I know that Watkins of Jackson, Mississippi. I do know them and they are just as fine, clever persons as you will find anywhere. I visited them when I was in Jackson last fall and I became very much attached to them. They are relatives of ours. Dr. Miles S. WATKINS is the father of that family."

footnote 115: "Mrs. LeVERT was the great-granddaughter of George Walton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. George Walton's sister was Dr. Watkins grandmother."

And I believe the Miles S. Watkins they refer to was Miles Seldon Watkins, son of Thomas & Rebecca Selden Watkins. Miles Seldon Watkins bought land in Jackson County, Mississippi, and also in Huntsville, Alabama.

Marriage 1 Unknown Shelby
Children
Miles Watkins
Leigh Watkins
Seldon Watkins

Miles married (Miss) **SHELBY**.

They had the following children:

- 54 M i. **Miles (Jr) WATKINS**.
- 55 M ii. **Seldon WATKINS**.
- 56 M iii. **Leigh WATKINS**.

36. **Rebecca PEARCE** (Rebecca WATKINS, Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) died 1 Jul 1876.

Notes from Bryan Sherman's Newsletter about the Goodrich family: (Thanks to Steve Roberts for furnishing this).

The book - "A Great-Grandmother and her People" fills in a lot of the blanks in the research that I have accumulated on the Goodrich line. Alfred's mother was Rebecca Pearse Goodrich, and is the main subject of the book. She was born on August 31st 1787 in Petersburg, Virginia. She was the daughter of Baldwin Pearse and Rebecca Watkins.

Alfred's father was John Baldwin Goodrich. John Baldwin Goodrich and Rebecca Pearse had fourteen children. Alfred was the eleventh child. As you may have noticed, Rebecca's father's name was Baldwin Pearse, and her husband was named John Baldwin Goodrich. The repetition of the name Baldwin was not a mere coincidence. John Baldwin Goodrich and Rebecca Pearse were 1st cousins! John Baldwin Goodrich's father as stated earlier was Edmund Goodrich. Edmund was married to Amy Pearse. Amy's brother was Baldwin Pearse who married Rebecca Watkins. So, John Baldwin Goodrich, the son of Edmund and Amy (Pearse) Goodrich, married...

Children

Edmund B. GOODRICH

John F. GOODRICH

Carey S. GOODRICH

Alford K. GOODRICH

George Whitefield GOODRICH

Calvin G , Goodrich

Martin Luther GOODRICH

Charles T. GOODRICH

Celestina GOODRICH

Rebecca P. GOODRICH

Jane A. GOODRICH

Caroline Louisa GOODRICH b: 15 AUG 1813 in Christianberg, Va.

Ann Eliza GOODRICH b: 15 FEB 1826 in Blacksberg, Va.

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Rebecca "Pearse" Goodrich's, daughter, Ann Eliza had described her mother as "endowed with an energy, will power and tenacity seldom surpassed."

Rebecca married **John Baldwin GOODRICH**, son of Edmund GOODRICH and Amy PEARCE.

John Baldwin Goodrich was born about 1782-1783 to Edmund Goodrich and Amy Watkins. On October 6, 1802 in Petersburg, Virginia. He married Rebecca Pearse, daughter of Baldwin Pearse and Rebecca Watkins. John and Rebecca had the following children:

Thomas Watkins born August 3, 1803 died August 17, 1839
Edmund Baldwin born April 19, 1808 died Feb 4, 1843
Celestina St.Pierre born Mar 7, 1808 died 1875
John Fletcher born March 15, 1810 died unknown...Texas
Carey Seldon born August 15, 1811 died 1865
Carolina Louise born Aug 15, 1813 died 1854
George Whitfield born Mar 5, 1815 died Aug 21, 1873
Rebecca Pearse born Aug 31, 1816 died 1853
Alfred Keeling born Mar 14, 1818 died Jan 17, 1909
Martin Luther born Mar 20, 1822 died unknown
Jane Alexina born Feb 10, 1824 died 1906
Ann Eliza born Feb 15, 1826 died 1906
Calvin Gibson born May 11, 1820 died 1880 Minneapolis
Charles Taylor born Aug 31, 1828 died Dec 17, 1901 Ohio

After the death of John Baldwin Goodrich this family migrated from Virginia to Randolph County, Indiana in abt 1833.

Goodrich, Percy E. and Calvin. A GREAT-GRANDMOTHER AND HER PEOPLE. Winchester, IN: By the author, 1950. [CS71 G655 1950 Spec]. A history of the John Baldwin Goodrich family who were residents of Blacksburg (Virginia) from about 1815 to 1831, and who lived in Christiansburg before 1815. Included are land transactions with prominent citizens of that time, such as Black, Linkous, Hoge, and Argabright. Also included are four early and rare pictures of Blacksburg properties owned by Goodrich.

John Baldwin Goodrich and Rebecca Pearse were married in Petersburg, Virginia on October 6, 1802. Either immediately after marriage or within three years, they moved to Christiansburg, Virginia. While in Christiansburg. John Baldwin was a trustee of the town of Christiansburg and worked in many capacities. To some extent, he practiced law. He was a surveyor, as well as being the clerk to the trustees. He also served as teacher. In addition he speculated greatly in the buying and selling of land. One family description of John Baldwin Goodrich states: "He was a man of culture and education and possessed a fine library, of which he was a close student. He was a lawyer by profession and was very fond of mathematics."

The children of John and Rebecca are:

Thomas Watkins	b. August 8, 1803
Edmund Baldwin	b. April 19, 1808
Celestina St. Pierre	b. March 7, prob. 1809
John Fletcher	b. March 15, 1810
Carey Seldon	b. August 15, 1811
Carolina Louise	b. August 15, 1813
George Whitfield	b. March 5, 1815
Rebecca Pearse	b. August 31, 1816

Alfred Keeling	b. March 14, 1818
Calvin Gibson	b. May 11, 1820
Martin Luther	b. March 20, 1822
Jane Alexina	b. February 10, 1824
Ann Eliza	b. February 15, 1826
Charles Taylor	b. August 31, 1828

Many of the names of these children appear to be named for family and close business associates of John Baldwin Goodrich.

It was possibly just prior to the birth of George Whitfield in 1815 that the family moved from Petersburg, Virginia to Blacksburg, Virginia. The family history for the reason for the move had to do with teaching opportunities afforded to John.

Having a large family was not uncommon for these times, what was uncommon however, was that all of these children lived to at least adulthood. Between childhood diseases and accidents, it would have been more common to have at least one or more of the children to have died. But, alas this family did not escape tragedy, because on September 4, 1828, only a few days after the birth of his fourteenth child, John Baldwin Goodrich died. Family history as recalled in the book, A Great-Grandmother and her People states that he was killed by a fall from a horse. There is some indication that prior to his death, John Baldwin Goodrich had met with misfortune in his business dealings.

A James Putnam Goodrich, who at one time was Governor of Indiana, was a great-grandson of John Baldwin Goodrich. He did extensive research on this family and gathered evidence that showed John Baldwin Goodrich having made various deeds to all his property to trustees with power to convey the same. The records show that they did convey the property, pay the debts, and turn over \$200 to Rebecca Goodrich, widow.

They had the following children:

- + 57 M i. **Alfred Keeling GOODRICH** was born 14 Mar 1818.
- 58 M ii. **Thomas Watkins GOODRICH** was born 8 Aug 1803.

The following information comes from the book, A Great-Grandmother and Her People.

Thomas Watkins Goodrich, born August 3, 1803; died August 17, 1839, place of birth probably Petersburg, Virginia. Eliza Beverly mentioned him as trudging beside the wagons on the journey out of the south. He married Elizabeth _____, apparently in Indiana. For a time he lived in a house in Winchester on what was known as the Goodrich lot, being evicted by fire. Then he became a farmer on the old Union City pike. He was buried in Winchester.

- + 59 M iii. **Edmund Baldwin GOODRICH** was born 19 Apr 1808.
- 60 F iv. **Celestina St. Pierre GOODRICH** was born 7 Mar 1809.

Celestina St. Pierre Goodrich, born March 7, 1808; died in 1875. Celestina was the first daughter of the Christiansburg habitation. She married Christian Snidow, probably in Blacksburg. The Snidows moved to Winchester, apparently at Rebecca Pearse Goodrich's persuasion. There was later a move by this family to Tuscumbia, Alabama. There Christian died. Celestina's death was in Winchester. (Note: The birth date and that of her brother Edmund Baldwin are in question due to the fact that they both are referenced as 1808)

Celestina married **Christian SNIDOW**.

- 61 M v. **John Fletcher GOODRICH** was born 15 Mar 1810.

John Fletcher Goodrich, born March 15, 1810; date of death unknown. Fletcher, Mrs. Beverly wrote, received a more thorough education than did his brothers and was rated a "scholar." His was of the roving spirit, which flamed so high in western pioneering decades, notable alike for high achievement and tragic failure. He was in the West in advance of his family, but was never seen by it there. He did write letters though and was heard from Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, and Mississippi. One scrap of history, the only concrete thing we can report of his own telling, was that he had been lost in a snowstorm near Cincinnati and came near perishing. "After the lapse of a long interval," Mrs. Beverly wrote, a body was found in Texas on which were letters that ultimately made it clear that the body was Fletcher's. It was family supposition that he had

been killed by Indians, but Texas in that day was a land of tumult, containing not only Indians with a grudge against whites, but also murderous Mexicans and Americans who took human life as offhandedly as they shot coyotes.

- 62 M vi. **Carey Seldon GOODRICH** was born 15 Aug 1811.

Carey Seldon Goodrich, born August 15, 1811, at Christiansburg; died in Winchester in 1865. Both his baptismal names were from names of his mother's family. For several years Carey worked for a Petersburg firm of drygoods merchants. He later moved to Indiana and joined his brother Edmund in establishing stores under the title of Goodrich Brothers. His wealth, which became at least large for the community was partly made by the sale of horses and mules to the government during the Civil War. His house in Winchester still stands.

- 63 F vii. **Carolina Louise GOODRICH** was born 15 Aug 1813.

Carolina Louisa Goodrich, born August 15, 1813, presumably in Christiansburg; died in Winchester in 1854. Ten years before her death she had married Dr. J.E. Beverly. Little else is known about Carolina Louisa.

Carolina married **Dr. J.E. BEVERLEY**.

- 64 M viii. **George Whitfield GOODRICH** was born 5 Mar 1815.

George Whitfield Goodrich, born March 5, 1815, in Blacksburg; died in Peru, Indiana, August 21, 1873. George began work in Winchester as a carpenter. Before long he was an architect and builder. At least four of his dwellings of Winchester still standing are known to be his handiwork, one of them the beautifully grided house in Meridian Street. George married Jane Elizabeth MacPherson at Winchester in 1840. She was the sister of General Birdseye MacPherson who was killed in the Battle of Atlanta, 1864. The couple moved to Peru, Miami County, Indiana, shortly after marriage. He later moved to Granby, Missouri, where he prospered in the development of mines. As the Civil War approached, local sentiment became secessionist. George as a Unionist was a target for anti-Unionist activities. For a period he was forced to hide in the woods, food being brought to him at night by a son. He was finally taken prisoner by Price's army. Union forces then routed this Army, and George fell prisoner to Federalists. Only with difficulty did he obtain release. He eventually made his way back to Peru, Indiana, where he recovered financially and prospered in local politics.

- 65 F ix. **Rebecca Pearse GOODRICH** was born 31 Aug 1816.

Rebecca Pearse Goodrich, born in Blacksburg, August 31, 1816; died in Indiana in 1853. She was married to Thomas McKim of Rochester in 1840. Little else is known of Rebecca.

- 66 M x. **Calvin Gibson GOODRICH** was born 11 May 1820.

Calvin Gibson Goodrich, born May 11, 1820 died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1880. Calvin was only eleven years old when the winter journey was made out of Virginia, and was yet one of those who walked. He attended Asbury Academy that later was absorbed into DePauw University of Greencastle, Indiana. Then for a while he taught school in Randolph County Seminary of Winchester. He went shortly to Richmond to study medicine under a Dr. Vaile. Thence he went to medical school at Cincinnati, and for a while taught in it. It was while in Cincinnati that he married Mary Wall of Richmond. A second wife was Mrs. Harriet Dadman of Boston. Calvin died at about sixty years of age. He is remembered as energetic and tireless. Ill health is supposed to have induced the removal to Minneapolis, yet there he carried on his duties as a physician with remarkable vigor and endurance.

- 67 M xi. **Martin Luther GOODRICH** was born 20 Mar 1822.

- 68 F xii. **Jane Alexina GOODRICH** was born 10 Feb 1824.

Jane Alexena Goodrich, born February 10, 1824; died in Atlanta, Georgia in 1906. She married Burgess Pierce. After the two had lived in Toledo, Ohio, for some years, they moved to Atlanta. Daughters were Rebecca and Louise. She had been a student of the Female College of Oxford, Ohio, at the same time her sister Eliza was.

69 F xiii. **Ann Eliza GOODRICH** was born 15 Feb 1826.

Ann Eliza Goodrich, born February 15, 1826, in Blacksburg; died in Winchester in 1906. She was five years old when the journey was made to Indiana.... Eliza was the most colorful of great-grandmother's daughters. She had wit, as when asked if her nephew James, seen often at play, did not visit school now and then. She went with her brother Calvin Gibson to Oxford, Ohio, and there entered Oxford Female College where she was recognized as a very able student. She married in 1856 Dr. John Beverly, a man of intellect and high principle. They had two daughters, Rebecca, who was an invalid most of her life, and Eva, who died in the prime of a beautiful womanhood.

70 M xiv. **Charles Taylor GOODRICH** was born 31 Aug 1828.

Charles Taylor Goodrich, born August 31, 1828, at Blacksburg; died in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 17, 1901. He was named for a man whom his father was associated in land deals at Christiansburg. Like two of his brothers, Charles taught school in his early manhood. He moved to Cincinnati, and became a clerk in a store. From this he brought about the establishment of the house of Goodrich, Peale, and Company, dealing wholesale in hats and caps. His wife was Nancy, daughter of Dr. Ralph Brown.

Fourth Generation

49. **Thomas Philemon WATKINS** (Thomas, Thomas (son of Ben & Eliz Cary), Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")).

Thomas married **Martha**.

They had the following children:

71 F i. **Eliza Frances WATKINS**.

50. **Benjamin (son of Thos. & Frances) WATKINS** (Thomas, Thomas (son of Ben & Eliz Cary), Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")).

He had the following children:

72 M i. **John Thomas WATKINS**.

51. **Miles Selden WATKINS** (Thomas, Thomas (son of Ben & Eliz Cary), Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")).

June 2, 1840: "Administrator's Sale. On the first Tuesday in August, next, at the market house in the town of Louisville, will be sold within the usual hours of sale, and agreeable to an order of the honorable Inferior Court of Jefferson County (GA) when sitting for ordinary purposes, to the highest bidder, three hundred and ninety-eight acres of mixed land, more or less, on the waters of Ogeechee River, adjoining lands of Bostick, Pierce, and Bothwell, it being the real estate of the late MILES WATKINS, deceased, and sold for the purpose of division. JOHN W. BOTHWELL, Adm'r."

Miles married **Millie MOORE** on 19 Feb 1832. Millie was born 11 Jul 1810. She died 2 Aug 1884.

They had the following children:

73 M i. **Miles J.W. WATKINS** was born about 1832. He died about 1863 in In prison During Civil War.

57. **Alfred Keeling GOODRICH** (Rebecca PEARCE, Rebecca WATKINS, Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) was born 14 Mar 1818.

Bryan Sherman Newsletter about the Goodrich family: (Thanks to Steve Roberts for furnishing this)

A wealth of information has been gathered on the life and family of Alfred K. Goodrich. In a book titled A Great-

Grandmother and Her People, by authors Percy E. Goodrich and Calvin Goodrich the below excerpt has been obtained:

Alfred Keiling (or Keeling), born March 14, 1818: died in San Francisco in about the year 1912. In Randolph County he was a farmer and a harness maker. While still a young man he moved to northern Indiana, and from there to Missouri. According to Eliza Beverly's account, this second migration was as early as 1836. His return to Winchester was in 1866, after he had served with the Union army throughout the Civil War. He then made his way back to Missouri. As regards the shift to California, when and how, no record exists. There is a letter from him wherein he said he had fought in the bushwacker brawls and scrimmages of Kansas, suffered three serious wounds, had been bitten by rattlesnakes and blown half a mile by a cyclone. In one of the adventures he lost a thumb. At the time he wrote he reported himself half-blind. Marriages were first to Elizabeth Griffith of Richmond, Indiana: second to Rebecca Gavin of Springfield, Missouri. He is classed in family accounts as one of its rolling stones, improvident, and yet of good character. If we are correct about the year of his death, he was then ninety-four years of age, or close to it.

I had to look up the word Improvident and figure out what they were saying about dear old granddad!...turns out it stood for reckless, rash, or careless.

So...we've learned quite a bit about the family of Alfred K. Goodrich. Alfred's mother Rebecca died on June 1, 1876. In addition to the preceding, I have also learned a bit more. I wrote to California Health department and obtained a copy of the Death Certificate of Alfred Keeling Goodrich. Things to note on the certificate. He died in San Francisco on January 17, 1909. He was 91 years, 10 months and 3 days old. His occupation was listed as stock raiser. The informant on the death certificate is a V.D. Goodrich. I believe this to be Virgil Devin Goodrich, one of his sons from his second marriage to Rebecca Devin. It states that he had been living in California for 14 years prior to his death, which would mean that he left Missouri about 1895.

Other bits of information that we have learned, was where he got the name for our grandmother, Jane Alexena. That came from his younger sister who had the same name. As you can tell, Alfred lived a very full life and experienced many things. He was living in San Francisco in 1906 when the big earthquake hit. He lived and fought through the Civil War. Since he lived to 1906 and had so many children. I am sure that pictures of him exist. I continue to make efforts to find more about him and hope to someday come across a picture of him. On the last page of this newsletter there are pictures of his mother and one brother and three of his sisters.

Census of 1840. Once again, I had no luck in finding Alfred in the same county, as he was 10 years later. After searching the 1840 index for Indiana, I found an Alfred K. Goodrich in nearby Randolph County, Indiana. This Alfred K. lived near the town of Spartanburg, was between the age of 20 and 30 and was living alone. So, barring the age discrepancies that existed in the later censuses, it seems quite likely that this is the same Alfred that I had found in the later census records. Eventually more evidence would be found to prove that this assumption is correct.

Celestina V.
Georgianna W.
Julia A.
Charles E.
Elizabeth
John F.
Alicia

The following children of Alfred K. and Rebecca were:

Virgil
Bertha
Herchel

I soon found an Alfred K. Goodrich in Whitley County, Indiana. I pulled that census record and found the final proof that I needed. There, Alfred was listed at age 29, Farmer, born in Virginia. There was a female named Elizabeth, age 28, born in Kentucky. The children listed were:

Alexena J. Age 5 (female)
Leonidas H. Age 4 (male)
Celestina V. Age 2 (female)

I decided to go to the Courthouse for Hickory County, located in Hermitage. There I wanted to check for a marriage license for Robert Brownlee and Jane Goodrich, and also to look at the land transactions that had been recorded. I only

visited the courthouse for a few hours one day; so, I looked at the land records first. There I found several transactions involving A. K. Goodrich. The first transaction was between Alfred K. and John Landers recorded on September 23, 1867. There were a total of seven transactions involving Alfred, or A. K., but one that occurred on December 17, 1879 was unique. This record read; A. K. Goodrich and wife Rebecca B. Goodrich.

I also found numerous transactions for an L.H. Goodrich, whom I felt certain was the son, Leonidas H. that I had found in the earlier census searches. One transaction on August 11, 1879 occurred between Alfred and a C. S. Goodrich. This very possibly was his son Charles.

The next step in my search was the Internet. I went to a Goodrich surname page and after several searches, I found the following message.

Alfred R. Goodrich: b. Between 1830 and 1840 in Virginia; married September 25, 1873 in Polk Co., Missouri; to Rebecca B. Devin. Note: He was from Hickory County Co., Missouri at the time of the marriage

Well, this was a close fit to what I had, except for two problems. One, the Alfred I was researching was born around 1818, and his middle initial was "K"..not "R"...I went ahead and sent an e-mail to the lady that had put this message out on the Internet. Well, I was lucky again!

This lady, her name is Julie, took some of the information that I had, which was that Alfred K. Goodrich was in the 1850 census in Whitley County, Indiana, and possibly in Randolph County in 1840. She found in a marriage database for Randolph County the following information.

This seems to me conclusive proof that the Alfred K. that I had found in the Randolph County, 1840 census, living alone, was one and the same Alfred from all later census records. Now, we have the maiden name of Elizabeth...Griffis...a marriage date for Alfred K. and Elizabeth in 1841 and, the death of Elizabeth and subsequent burial in 1871 in Hickory County, and the remarriage of Alfred K. to Rebecca B. Devin in 1873.

Alfred K. Goodrich had 12 known children. Jane Alexena was his first born child. Below is some information on his other children, and grandchildren.

Alfred married **Elizabeth A. GRIFFIS**. Elizabeth was born 1819. She died 1871.

Goodrich, Alfred K. married Griffis, Elizabeth on 23 Dec 1841 in Randolph County, Indiana

At Bernard Chapel Cemetery, only a mile or two north of Mt. Zion cemetery. There I noticed a tombstone that said:
Elizabeth, wife of A. K. Goodrich
Born, October 12, 1819
Died December 18, 1871

They had the following children:

- + 74 F i. **Celestine V. GOODRICH.**
- 75 M ii. **Leonidas GOODRICH.**

Leonidas H. Goodrich (Lonnie) was born about 1846, in Indiana. He enlisted into the Union Army on August 20, 1862. It was indicated that he was 18 at this time, but I believe it is quite possible that he was only 16. He mustered out of the service on August 9th, 1865 in Atlanta, Georgia. He bought land in Hickory County in 1877 through 1883. In the 1880 census he was shown at the age of 34, born in Indiana, with a wife named Josephine - age 27. Two children; Lillian (son?) age 10 and Hattie W. Age 3. Also his brother John, age 20 was living with him.

- + 76 F iii. **Jane Alexina GOODRICH.**
- 77 M iv. **Charles GOODRICH.**

Charles Goodrich was born on April 27th, 1855 and died July 19th, 1921. He was married to a woman named Elizabeth J. _____. She was born on November 13th, and died on September 4, 1947. They are buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Polk County, Missouri, near Bolivar. In the 1880 census for Hickory County, he was listed at age 25, born in Indiana, his wife Elizabeth was 23, and two children listed were Orpha-daughter, age 2 and Arthur-son, age 3 months. This couple went on to have 8 more children. I know the names of four of them, Norman, Forrest, Ernest, and Fae. Charles's son Norman was a well-known auctioneer in the Bolivar, Missouri area. Known as the "Silver Tongued Auctioneer" he was the auctioneer at over 1,600 auctions. He was killed instantly in April of 1920 when he took hold of a live electric wire that was downed by a

storm the night before. He is thought to have taken hold of it to move it out of the way of a cow that he was starting to take to the pasture.

Another son of Charles was Forrest Goodrich. He married Zena A. Johnson, and served in the Army in 1918. He went to college in the Springfield area and became a salesman for International Harvester Company. Forrest Goodrich eventually became an undertaker and owned the Goodrich Funeral Home located in Osceola, Missouri. He was the cousin of Eva Jane (Brownlee) Sherman that I had tried to find earlier. (More from him later!)

78 F v. **Alice GOODRICH.**

Back to Jane Goodrich's sisters. There was Alice the youngest child of Alfred K. Goodrich and his wife, Elizabeth. She went on to become an artist and lived in San Diego, California. Another sister, Georgianna, lived in Meeker, Colorado.

79 F vi. **Georgianna GOODRICH.**

59. **Edmund Baldwin GOODRICH** (Rebecca PEARCE, Rebecca WATKINS, Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) was born 19 Apr 1808.

Family Newsletter by Bryan Sherman (and provided by Steve Roberts).

I began this newsletter with an excerpt from Abraham Goodrich's biography recounting his families' departure from Virginia in fall of 1830 to where they eventually settled in Monroe County, Missouri. I would imagine a similar scene was replayed a year later when the family of Rebecca Pearse Goodrich embarked on their journey west in the late fall and winter of 1831. The following is some excerpts from a letter written by Edmund Baldwin Goodrich, the second child of John and Rebecca.

towns along the journey to determine their approximate route from Blacksburg, Virginia to the forests of Randolph County, at a site, which was later the town of Winchester, Indiana.

Items in the "Bill" were listed in the below fashion:

"Bill at Colonel Thomases	.50
"Tollage at 1st Tollgate	.50
"Sugar & coffee at store	1.50

This Goodrich family remained in the Winchester, Indiana area for quite some time, with some descendants becoming extremely wealthy, and involved in politics at a national level. I will attempt to briefly inform you of the lives of the fourteen children of John Baldwin Goodrich and Rebecca Pearse.

Edmund Baldwin Goodrich, born April 19, 1808, in Christiansburg; died February 4, 1843, in Winchester. He took charge of the family affairs upon the death of his father. He married 1st Ellen Bell, and 2nd Mary Robinson. He assumed many responsibilities in Indiana, such as; road commissioner, school trustee, merchant, and Probate Judge of Randolph County, Indiana.

. This line of the family is explored in still a second book that has been written about this family. This book is titled The Goodriches- An American Family. It was written by a Dana Starbuck and was just recently published in 2000. The book takes a look at the life of James Putnam Goodrich and his son Pierre Frist Goodrich. James Putnam was the grandson of Edmund Goodrich, the older brother to Alfred K. Goodrich that led his mother Rebecca Goodrich and his siblings from Blacksburg, VA, to Winchester, Indiana. James Putnam Goodrich was the Governor of Indiana during the period of WW1. He later served as ambassador to Russia for President Herbert Hoover. He had five brothers, one of whom was Percy Edgar Goodrich, the author of A Great Grandmother and her People. These five brothers accumulated a large conglomerate of businesses in and around the state of Indiana. They owned at one time over 26 Grain Elevators, several public utility companies, coal mining rights to some prosperous coal mines, as well as many other businesses. All five of the brothers had very few offspring and much of their wealth was dispersed to grants to Universities. Hanover College and Wabash College in Indiana seemed to be the primary benefactors of the Goodrich fortune.

He had the following children:

+ 80 M i. **John GOODRICH.**

Fifth Generation

74. **Celestine V. GOODRICH** (Alfred Keeling GOODRICH, Rebecca PEARCE, Rebecca WATKINS, Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")).

From Steve Roberts:

A U.S. Federal Census showed George Wm. Hite living in Wheatland, Hickory Co., MO in 1870, with wife Celestine V., and a 1 month old baby, Leonadus. Living nearby in Hickory County were George's parents, James Madison Hite and wife Elizabeth, with the rest of their children. George Wm. Hite was located in the 1880 U.S. Census, living in Lee Co., IA, with wife, [Rebecca] Francis, and children, [Leonadus] Emmit, 10, Edward, 9, Maud, 5, and George, 7 months old. Celestine, the first wife of George Wm. Hite, had obviously died by this point and George Wm. had remarried and had the first of 3 children with his second wife.

"There is strong circumstantial evidence to indicate that Celestine V., the wife of George Wm. Hite and the mother of Leonadus E. Hite in the 1870 Hickory County, MO Census, is Celestine V. Goodrich from Randolph Co., IN. An mtDNA test from a descendant of Celestine V. Hite was compared with a descendant of a Jane Alexina Goodrich, a sister to Celestine V. Goodrich, and it was a perfect match. We now conclude with confidence that the George Wm. Hite's wife, and the mother to Leonadus, Edward, and Maude Hite, is most assuredly Celestine V. Goodrich, daughter of Alfred K. Goodrich and Elizabeth A. Griffis."

Celestine married **George William HITE**².

George William Hite (had 10 siblings)

m. (1st) Celestine V. (m. 2nd Rebecca Francis)

They had the following children:

- 81 M i. **Leonidas Emmett HITE**².
- + 82 M ii. **Edward Everett HITE**.
- 83 F iii. **Maude Evelyn HITE**.

Unfortunately, I don't know what ever happened with Maude Hite, Edward Everett Hite's full-blooded sister. If I could find a marriage on her, that would be helpful. As for young Leonadus, he experienced a horrible death in an accident as a teenager. You can read about it in one of the attached files about George Wm. Hite's family. Mable's record of him being Emmett was correct, as that turned out to be his middle name. Mable had also indicated that Emmett (Leonadus) had died young.

76. **Jane Alexina GOODRICH** (Alfred Keeling GOODRICH, Rebecca PEARCE, Rebecca WATKINS, Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")).

So, I had successfully tracked Jane Alexena down through the census records and determined that her parents were Alfred K. Goodrich and Elizabeth. I still didn't know a few key bits of information. The first of which was: What was Elizabeth's maiden name? Second was, When did Jane Goodrich and Robert Brownlee get married. Another question was, Was the Alfred K. _____ tombstone at Mt. Zion, Alfred K. Goodrich?

I had been able to identify through the census records the following children for Alfred K. Goodrich and Elizabeth: Jane Alexena, or Alexena Jane?
Leonidas H.

So, to recap, I had found Jane Goodrich, married to Robert Brownlee, in the 1880 census, in Hickory County, Missouri. At this time she was 35 years old. In 1860, 20 years earlier, Jane was living with an A. K. Goodrich in Monroe County, Missouri at the age of 15. I now needed to see where this family was in 1850. Jane should have been 5 years old then. The first place I looked was in the 1850 Monroe County census. There were no A. K. Goodrich's, or Alfred Goodrich's listed there. Now in each census that I had seen for Jane, her birth location was listed as Indiana. I then checked the 1850 index for all counties in Indiana.

I continued searching the Internet and found another message about Robert Wilson Brownlee, the husband of Jane Goodrich that led me to another treasure trove of information.

This lady posted the message was named Genevieve, and she had some fascinating (at least to me...and I guess if you've read this far, perhaps you'll see why!) information on Jane Alexena Goodrich. She had the marriage information for Robert Brownlee, but it wasn't to Jane Goodrich, instead it was to a Jane Carney! Here's where Jane's life suddenly got interesting to me. It turns out that Jane was married at the age of 17, in Monroe County, Missouri, to a James A. Carney. This was on December 23, 1861.

The following is a copy of the marriage record found in Monroe County.

March 15th, 1862

This is to certify that on the 23rd day of December last, I, A. C. Goodrich, an ordained minister of the Gospel of the United Baptist denomination did unite in the holy bonds of matrimony, Mr. James Carney and Miss Jane Goodrich all of Monroe County and state of Missouri.

A.C. Goodrich

At the time of Jane's marriage to James A. Carney, America was in the beginning stages of one of the most historical events in this land. It was the Civil War, a war that was going to affect the lives of every person living in America during this era. This war began with shots fired on Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861.

James and Jane began, one would assume, a happy life together on a late December day in 1861. But it is also assured that the War that was affecting America was affecting their daily life as well. It was 10 months to the day, that James and Jane had their first child together, a daughter. They named her Laura Bell Carney. She was born on October 23, 1862. Soon another child, a boy, that they named Alfred Keeling Carney was born on November 14, 1863. You can imagine that Jane had her hands full now with a 13-month-old daughter and a new born baby boy. The Civil War continued to rage and more and more men were joining the war, either on the side of the North, with the Union, or with the South and the Confederacy. It was on the 26th of September in 1864, that James A. Carney enrolled into the service of the Union Army. He was mustered into service on December 15, 1864. He served with the 39th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, Company K.

I am sure the news was sadly received in late March or even possibly as late as the middle of April, that Private James A. Carney had died from the consequences of smallpox and subsequent pneumonia at the hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, on March 27, 1865, just two weeks before the end of the War. James had served a little over three months in the Union Army. On April 23rd, less than four weeks after his death, his third child, a son, that Jane named James A. Carney, was born. Certainly these were extremely hard times for Jane. She was a widow at age 21, with three children under the age of three. Laura Bell was 2 ½ and Alfred Keeling was 1 ½ and James A. was a newborn.

There was an enormous amount of turmoil in the country following the Civil War, which concluded with the surrender of the South at Appomattox on April 9th, 1865. It was on April 14, 1865 that John Wilkes Booth assassinated President Abraham Lincoln. After the war families across America uprooted and moved to various parts of the country. It was at this time that Alfred K. Goodrich, with all his family, including his widowed daughter Jane, and her three kids moved from Jackson Township, Monroe County, Missouri. Recall the land transaction for Alfred in September of 1867 in Hickory County.

On February 2nd, 1868 one day before her 24th birthday, Jane Alexena Carney was married to Robert Harrell Brownlee in Hickory County, Missouri. Robert Brownlee was the son of Alexander Wilson Brownlee and Anna Hurl (Harrell?). Robert and Jane had the following children:

Anna Luella, born in late 1868 or early 1869.

Eva Jane, born on November 1, 1869.

Robert Wilson, born on February 7th, 1871.

M. Larue died January 18th 1879 (4 months old)

Rose was born aft 1880.

Jane Goodrich Brownlee's life was not devoid of tragedy after her marriage to Robert. Between her two marriages, Jane had eight children. Three of those children would die during childhood.

James A. Carney, the son she named after her first husband, died sometime after the 1880 census. I do not know when he died, but I have proof in Jane's widow pension application forms that he was alive in 1870, as well as the fact that he was on the census of 1880r. In one of the files that I received from Genevieve, it is indicated that James died young and is buried at Mt. Zion cemetery, the grave maker being unreadable.

Alfred Keeling Carney, the second child from her first marriage, was kicked in the head by a horse and died young, sometime between 1870 and 1880. I believe he is buried at Mt. Zion under the tombstone that I previously mentioned of Alfred K. _____. This is the tombstone that was broken off right after the first name with the top half being re-cemented to the base.

M. Larue, her son born to her and Robert Brownlee died at only four months of age. M. Larue's tombstone is right next to the Alfred K. _____ tombstone and directly across from Jane and Robert's tombstone.

Of her remaining five children, I have some knowledge of each of their lives.

Laura Bell, the oldest daughter of Jane and her first husband, James Carney, was married to William Thomas Todd on July 20, 1884. She was Postmaster at Bridgeport, Nebraska. She died on May 4, 1949.

Robert Wilson Brownlee, also known as "Wilse", was born in February of 1871. He married Hattie Belt who lived to be 93 years old. Wilse and Hattie had four children, Ray, Walter, Ruby and Stella. He died of cancer in 1933 in his early 60's. Hattie died in 1967-"...just went to sleep."

Anna Luella Brownlee married Finis Wilson. In the book, "Quincy, the first 150 years" it says..."that when Finis Wilson died his wife Ann took her children Flossie and Minnie with her to California, going with Wilse and Hattie Brownlee. She left Olin and Jewell with her parents, Bob and Jane Brownlee, who raised them. Ann died in California and is buried there." I found Robert and Jane Brownlee in the 1910 census, and living with them was, Olin, grandson age 16 and Jewell, granddaughter, age 11.

Rose Brownlee married Simon Henry; they had two daughters, Gwen and Mona.

The following letter was sent to Wilse Brownlee in 1932, from his cousin, Forrest B. Goodrich.

F.B. Goodrich
Hardware, Implements, and Undertaking
Roscoe, Missouri
6/9/32

Mr. Wilse Brownlee
Redlands, California

Dear Wilse and Family

I have just returned from Aunt Jane's Funeral and while I read your telegram. I am sorry that you could not be there. They called me at 12 o'clock Tuesday night to come and take care of her body and I stopped in Osceola and took Mr. Hull, the undertaker there, to go with me.

They left the entire selection up to me and I will tell you something of the funeral. I took over a large size octagon half couch casket, covered with moss. Rose Tiagond a Silk Interior flesh color. We also used a beautiful Ivory dress. Mr. Hull did an excellent job of embalming and we used plenty of paint and rouge and everything was done absolutely beautiful. Everyone expressed themselves to that effect. One person said that she looked just like she did thirty years ago except that she was not so fleshy. The flowers, which you sent, arrived in good shape and were beautiful. There were also many more. I certainly wish you could have seen it for if I did furnish everything it was just lovely.

My mother, Ernest and Orpha were there also Lonnie and family. Uncle Bob seemed to hold up as well as could be expected under the present conditions. It was quite a task for me to serve in this capacity but inasmuch as it was Aunt Jane's request I was glad that I could serve. I believe, in fact several told me that they believed Aunt Jane would have been more than pleased with everything. We placed a picture of herself and Jewell in her hand, which was also her request.

Preacher Miller conducted the services. The funeral was held in Quincy and burial in the Cemetery north of Quincy.

This sort of letter may be somewhat hard to appreciate but I just felt that I wanted you to know how things were. I think of you all often. Let me hear from you. Give my best love and sympathy to all.

Sincerely your cousin
Forest B. Goodrich

From the Book "Quincy, the First 150 Years"

Robert (Bob) Brownlee operated a 235-acre farm, but he and Jane didn't always live there. They made different trips to California to visit their children. They lived in Osceola, Mo., for a few years and also lived in Weaubleau, Mo., before retiring to the farm.

Bob and Jane enjoyed riding their horses. When they were over 80 years of age, they won first place riding their horses in the parade on the 4th of July at the Wheatland Picnic. Jane was wearing her customary silk dress and velvet hat. She rode side saddle and looked very elegant.

Jane crocheted and hand-painted many beautiful bedspreads. She enjoyed beadwork, making quilts, or doing anything that caught her fancy. After Jane was 75 years old, she and the hired girl would milk seven or eight cows and separate the milk from the cream. To sell the cream, Jane would take the can of cream in the buggy to the Quincy post office where it would be sent by freight to Smithton, Mo.

Bob rode his horse to town almost every day, weather permitting. To the amusement of his neighbors, Bob rode home one day with a car tire that had been ordered from Montgomery Ward, around his horse's neck. All through his many years he enjoyed the best of health. A week before his death, he rode his horse to visit his old friends Jim Wilson and John Allen. The day he died he checked on his cattle and sang songs to the Bailey boys who came to visit him.

Jane Alexena (Goodrich) Brownlee was born February 3, 1844 and died June 7, 1932. Robert Harrell Brownlee

was born August 7, 1843 and died February 9, 1934.

Jane married **Robert Harrell BROWNLEE**.

They had the following children:

+ 84 F i. **Eva Jane BROWNLEE** was born 1869 and died 1959.

80. **John GOODRICH** (Edmund Baldwin GOODRICH, Rebecca PEARCE, Rebecca WATKINS, Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")).

He had the following children:

85 M i. **James Putnam GOODRICH Gov. of Indiana** was born 18 Feb 1864.

JAMES GOODRICH was born and raised in Winchester, Indiana. He attended public schools and the DePauw preparatory department in 1885. After his admission to the bar in 1887, Goodrich practiced law in his home town and quickly moved to prominence in Republican politics, serving as state chairman from 1901 to 1910 and national committeeman, 1912 to 1916. A highly successful businessman, he moved his practice to Indianapolis in 1910 and accumulated a large fortune in farmland, coal mines, grain elevators, and banks. He was elected governor in 1916 and served during the demanding years of World War I. Major achievements during his administration included planning a state highway system and creating the Department of Conservation.

In 1920 Goodrich was a favorite son candidate for the presidential nomination, losing to Warren G. Harding, who put him to work as special emissary to Russia. By 1922 Goodrich was considered one of America's best informed observers of Russian conditions. Goodrich also served on Hoover's American Relief Administration and commissions to plan for the St. Lawrence seaway. For many years he was an important figure at the Republican national conventions as the friend of presidents and the man behind the scenes in the Indiana delegation.

Goodrich devoted considerable attention and money to philanthropy in his last years, giving Wabash College more than a quarter of a million dollars in addition to smaller gifts to other schools.

Source: Peat, Wilbur D. Portraits and Painters of the Governors of Indiana 1800-1978. Revised, edited and with new entries by Diane Gail Lazarus, Indianapolis Museum of Art. Biographies of the governors by Lana Ruegamer, Indiana Historical Society. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society and Indianapolis Museum of Art, 1978.

Indiana Governors

Source: Indiana Historical Bureau

Sixth Generation

82. **Edward Everett HITE** (Celestine V. GOODRICH, Alfred Keeling GOODRICH, Rebecca PEARCE, Rebecca WATKINS, Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")).

Edward Everett Hite (had full-blooded siblings Leonadus Emmitt Hite and Maud Evelyn Hite, and 3 half brothers)

m. Rosa Bell Geer

Edward married **Rosa Belle GEER**.

They had the following children:

+ 86 F i. **Ferne Vivian HITE**.

84. **Eva Jane BROWNLEE** (Jane Alexina GOODRICH, Alfred Keeling GOODRICH, Rebecca PEARCE, Rebecca WATKINS, Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) was born 1869. She died 1959.

Eva married **Harry Jackson SHERMAN**.

They had the following children:

- + 87 F i. **Nina Noble SHERMAN** was born 1894 and died 1919.

Seventh Generation

86. **Ferne Vivian HITE** (Edward Everett HITE, Celestine V. GOODRICH, Alfred Keeling GOODRICH, Rebecca PEARCE, Rebecca WATKINS, Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")).

Fern Viven Hite (had siblings Grover, Eddie, Clarence, George, and Rose)

m. Harold Elbert Herriott

Notes of Steve Roberts, Ferne's grandson (Nov 2005): I have been gathering all info of descendants of my 3rd great grandparents, James Madison Hite and Eliz. Stephenson for the past 11 years. Despite this, the information accumulated on my own direct line (below James and Eliz.) has been less than complete, probably due in part to early deaths for my great-great grandmother, Ferne Hite, died in her 50's -in 1958, the year I was born. Plus Ferne never talked about family to my mother. Fortunately, my mother began to ask some questions later while older people were still alive.

In review, my mother's mother was Ferne Hite. Her father was Edward Everett Hite. His father was George William Hite. His father was James Madison Hite, which is as far back as we go in the line.

We have quite a bit of info. on James M. Hite because he had about 10 kids and there are descendants scattered everywhere.

With his oldest son, George Wm. Hite, my great grandfather, its been much more difficult to find much about him. He died in 1890 in his early 40's, living in SE Kansas. He was a farmer and was said to be an Indian Doctor, whatever that means (maybe alternative medicine rather than an actual doctor to Indians).

We knew from Mable Hite, an elderly family member my mother had interviewed almost 20 years ago that George Wm. Hite had 3 ch. from his first marriage -Emmett Hite, Edward Everett Hite (my great grandfather), and Maude. We knew nothing of any of them until recently.

George's first wife died (according to Mable) and he remarried Fannie Hite and had 3 more children, George, Bert, and Leo. I found Rebecca Francis Hite -second wife -probably nicknamed "Fanny" in Howard, Elk Co., KS with her 3 boys in census records in 1895 and 1900. But little else known about them.

George William Hite was first listed as a head of household, 22 years old, in the 1870 US Census, living in Elkton Twp., Hickory Co., MO with his wife (who was indexed as Cristine V. -and there was some scribbling, and I assumed for 10 years it was probably Christine V.) age 21, and son, Leonadus E., 1 month old. George's parents, James and Elizabeth Hite, were nearby with their other children, also in Elton Twp., Hickory County.

In 1880, George Wm. Hite was with wife Rebecca Francis and several children in Lee Co., IA. George's first wife had obviously already passed on by then.

Now, here is what happened (very recently) in my research:

Back to that 1870 cenus. The census record was hard to read and the index said George's wife was Cristine. Now, I look at it closer magnified many times on the computer, and notice it is actually, "Cilistine" V., which would be Celestine V., born in Indiana and 21 years old. I did a search on ancestry.com in Indiana in 1850 census records, using the name "Celestine V." as a wildcard, with no last name, and I located a Celestine V., born 1849 (the correct year) in the Indiana 1850 census, a one year old child to Albert and Elizabeth Goodrich. A light bulb came on -Goodrich! That was the name on Edward Everett Hite's wife -Rosa Belle Hite's -death certificate for Rosa's mother. The informant was my grandmother, Ferne Hite. Could Ferne have been confused -Rosa Belle's mother was Rebecca Ellen Barton (or Burton).

But Ferne likely never knew either grandmother -it is very very doubtful she ever knew any of her grandparents. Celestine died in the 1870's. George Wm. Hite died in 1890. So, Fern had put Mary Goodrich as Rosa Belle Hite's mother. Could she have picked up the Goodrich name (in her mind) from the family at some point -she may have been correct, that may well have been the name (Goodrich, not the Mary part) of her Grandmother -her father's mother, not her mother's mother. I just knew when I saw that Goodrich family on the 1850 census that it had to be ours.

Ferne married **Elbert HERRIOTT**.

They had the following children:

+ 88 F i. **Jacquelyn Rose HERRIOTT**.

87. **Nina Noble SHERMAN** (Eva Jane BROWNLEE, Jane Alexina GOODRICH, Alfred Keeling GOODRICH, Rebecca PEARCE, Rebecca WATKINS, Benjamin (son of Thomas "Swift Creek")) was born 1894. She died 1919.

Nina married **Robert HART**.

They had the following children:

89 F i. **Eva Faye HART** was born 1915.

Eva married **Ollie COOPER**.

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