

Map of Little Creek, Sussex County, Delaware, from Beers' Atlas, published in 1868, showing the Town of Laurel, reputedly laid out by Barkley Townsend.

THE TOWNSEND FAMILY

The Townsend Family is still somewhat of a mystery, although three or four years of research have given us a great amount of interesting information which is well documented.

There is a 1656 will in Tangerley, County Northampton, England, by an Elizabeth Townsend who made a cupative will naming Thomas and Elizabeth Townsend as heirs. No connection has as yet been made with English Townsends but there could be one, as the American Townsends came from England.

LINE OF DESCENT

- Barkley Townsend m. ? (possibly Hearn)
- Eleanor Townsend m. Thomas Skinner

FIRST GENERATION

BARKLEY TOWNSEND

Barkley Townsend, our first known Townsend ancestor in America, came from England, first to Dorchester County, Maryland, then to Sussex County in Delaware.

He was a man of means, owning much land and industries. In 1768 he bought *Bachelor's Delight*, 500 acres of land from the Naticoke Indians, paying for it with 10,000 pounds of tobacco. By 1776, he owned 555 acres of land called *Townsend Enlarged*. A year later he acquired *Philadelphia and Townsend's Adventure*, together a total of 82 acres. In 1776 he purchased over 100 acres called *New York*. In 1790 he purchased tracts of land called *Virginia*, *Holly Branch*, *Whale Creek Landing*, *Meglocklin's Choice*, *Bald Cypress*, *Caldwell's Content*, and *Flat Ridge*, a total of 372 acres.

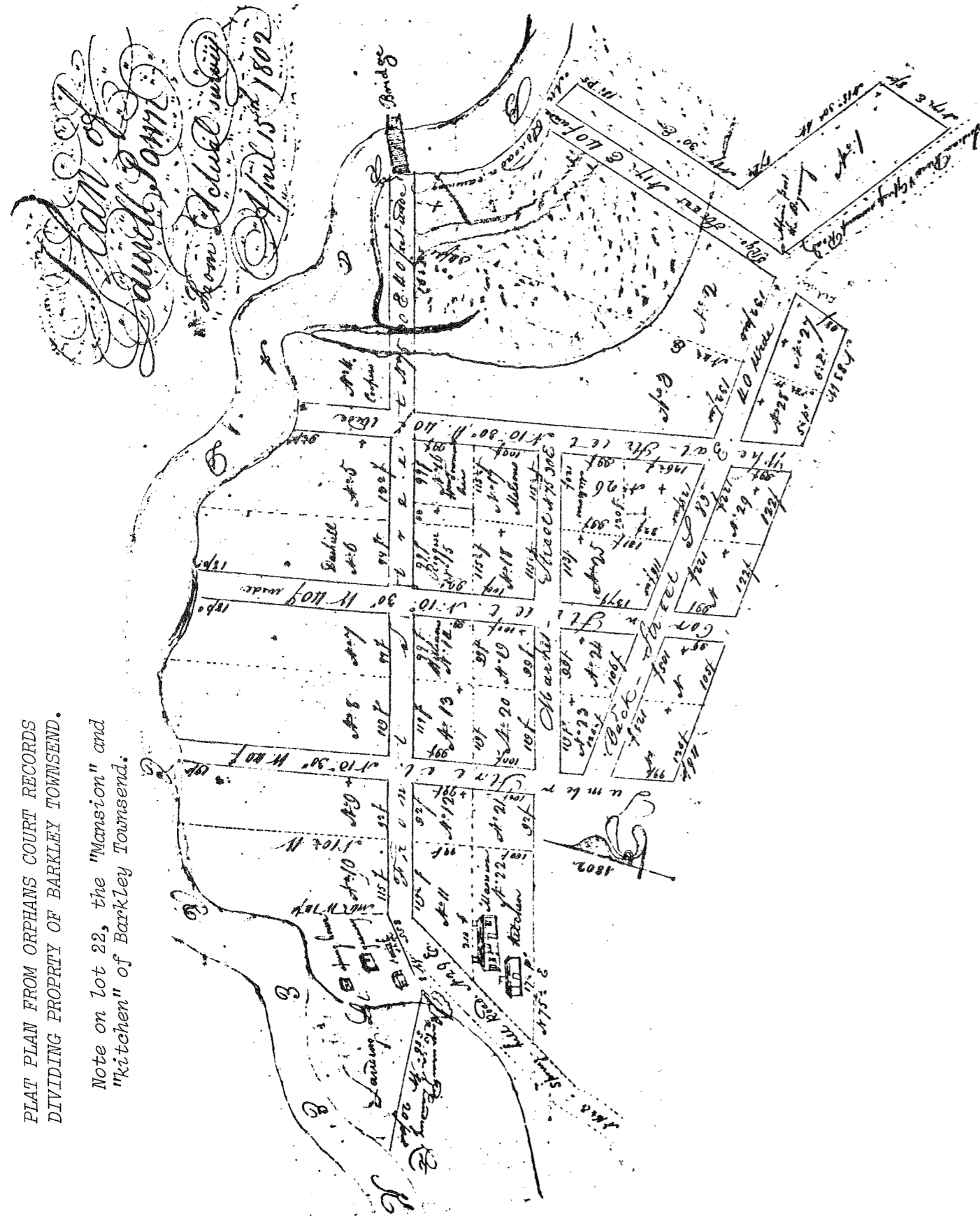
According to deeds, maps and wills, Barkley laid out a town of 32 lots which is today a part of the town of Laurel, Delaware. *Laurel Town*, as it was known then, was considered the wealthiest town in the state. Barkley's own house was listed as a mansion and was on lot 22. It was called *The Penitentiary*, and located on Oak Street. The home is described in Sharf's *HISTORY OF DELAWARE* as a frame, half hip-roofed building, and in Harold Hancock's *HISTORY OF LAUREL* he tells us that there was a glass lookout on the house so that he could see his vessels as they came up the river.

Aside from his land holdings, Barkley had a shipyard, a bark mill, carding factory, saw mill, a grist mill and tannery. He owned a number of sailing vessels - a sloop called *Porcupine* valued at \$800; a schooner named *Polinco* valued at \$1200; a scow, a batteau and a canoe. Hancock also states that Barkley had five horses, two yokes of oxen, numerous cows and hogs, and two horse-drawn chaises on his farm. Inventories of his property also show a timber cart, ox chains, leather, hides and oakum, blacksmith tools, saws, axes, lumber, and a money scales. Household goods included seven beds, cupboards, tables, chairs, and desks. There were pots with hooks, a griddle, and a spice mill in his kitchen. Listed as contents of his smokehouse were 50 pounds of pork, 100 pounds of lard, and 1300 pounds of bacon.

At his death in 1802, 587 acres of land in and adjacent to Laurel were divided among his four children, William, Thomas, Eleanor and Sally.

Barkley Townsend was an active man in the town. He is listed in Hancock's *HISTORY OF LAUREL* as a Justice of the Peace and a trustee for the poor.

Hancock states that Barkley is most likely buried in the churchyard of the Old Christ Church in Broad Creek, as he had a pew there and his name is written on the door in red. The church is still standing, but time and the



PLAT PLAN FROM ORPHANS COURT RECORDS DIVIDING PROPERTY OF BARKLEY TOWNSEND.

Note on lot 22, the "Mansion" and "kitchen" of Barkley Townsend.

elements have obliterated the inscriptions on the grave markers. However, one can tell that the stones mark the resting place of a very wealthy congregation, and there are Townsends buried there.

Barkley Townsend was probably married before he came to Sussex County. His children as listed in the settlement of Orphans Court, 1802, were:

1. William Townsend: called Captain William, as he was a sea Captain. He inherited *Big Mills*, as well as land from his father. Married Rachel Morris, January 28, 1821, in Sussex County.
2. Eleanor Townsend: Married Thomas Skinner. (*See below*).
3. Sally A. Townsend.
4. Thomas Townsend: received less in the will than his brother and sisters, probably because he had already received property. He invented a process for kiln-dried corn in 1825. He was also a sea-captain. Married _____ Jacobs, daughter of Samuel Jacobs, ca 1821, in Sussex County, Delaware.

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ORDER AND REPORT FOR DIVISION OF LANDS OF BARKLEY TOWNSEND,
dec'd.

At an Orphans Court held at George Town in and for the County of Sussex the 23rd day of March 1802 before the Honorable Nicholas Rugely, Esq. Chancellor of the State of Delaware.
William Cozzard, Clk.

Came into court William Townsend and made known to the Court by petition that Barkley Townsend late of the County aforesaid dec'd was in his lifetime siezed and possessed of certain lands and tenements situate in Little Creek Hundred in the County aforesaid and being so thereof siezed and possessed after dec'd intestate leaving issue four Children namely Thomas, Eleanor (who intermarried with Thomas Skinner), Sarah and William the petitioner to whom the said lands descended according to law. Wherefore he prayed the Court to appoint five freeholders to go upon and view the said lands and tenements and make partition and division thereof among heirs of pursuant to Law.

Whereupon it was considered by the Court and ordered that John Dashield, Joseph Nelson, Wm Huffinton, Joseph Copes, Manain Bull, gentlemen, do enter on said lands and tenements first being duly qualified as the law directs and after viewing and maturely considering the same, proceed with the assistance of a skillful surveyor (sworn to that purpose) to make partition and division thereof among the heirs aforesaid if it will admit thereof without maiming and spoiling the whole and the same to certify to the Orphans Court to be held on Tuesday the 20th day of July next.

Wm B. Cooper.

Sussex County, State of Delaware, Apl 21 1802, personally appeared before me the subscriber John Dashall, Wm Huffinton, Joseph Copes and Manain Bull and was qualified to perform the several duties enjoined them by the within order.

John Williams

Sussex County, May 10

Came the within named Joseph Nelson before me and was sworn to perform the duties required of him by the within order of Court faithfully and impartially to the best of his ability.

Wm B. Cooper.

We the subscribers freeholders in the annexed Order of Orphans Court having been first duly sworn for the purpose and having called to our assistance Joseph Copes surveyor, having entered on the Lands in the same Order mentioned and having viewed and maturely considered the same proceeded to a division thereof in manner and form following:

First we have allotted and assigned to William Townsend the mansion - plantation or farm with all the land thereto belonging lying to the Eastward of the spring hill road, to the southward of the town lotts, and to the westward of the Lands and Mill pond herein after to Eleanor Skinner containing two hundred and sixty acres with all the improvements of every kind thereto, we have also allotted to the said William twenty acres of wood lands on the west side of the spring hill road. Beginning in the said road where the division line with James B. Robins Esq. and running along the road North sixteen degrees fifteen minutes east, fifty nine perches to stake thence North with seventy-eight degrees west seventy perches to Little Creek thence up and with the water side of said creek to the aforesaid Division thence and with the same to the place of Beginning. We have also allotted to the said William, the Town lott number three in the annexed Place of Laurel Town. In full for his thousand William Townsend's share of the real estate of the said Intestate. Secondly, We have allotted and assigned unto Eleanor Skinner the saw mill commonly called the little Mill, together with the lands usually covered with the waters of her pond on the branch called Rossabatur. We have also allotted to the said Eleanor one hundred and seventeen acres of land lying to the eastward of the following lines and boundaries: Beginning at a pine post the town lot No. 1 thence with the Indian River Road, South fifty degrees and fity minutes east, thirty-three and one quarter perches and thence along the lane to the Little Mill aforesaid South fifty degrees and one eight east fifty one perches and the same course continued eleven perches and a half perches to the edge of the Mill Pond near a marked Red Oak sapling thence along up the said pond and branch to a marked corner White Oak in the division with James B. Robins Esq. including what belonged to the Intestate of the following lands (so far as they lie to the eastward) and said division line and

mill Pond to wit "New York, Batchelors Convenience, Location, Bathcelors Delight" and the Indian Land also that part of the tract called *Goshen* which lies to the eastward of the town lots also a small tract called "Fancy". We have also allotted to the said Eleanor one lot number two on the north side of the creek on which is erected two store houses also thirty three feet of ground between lots 15 and 16 in the annexed plan, also all of the lots in Laurel Town corresponding to the following numbers in the said plan to wit: No. one, two, five, nine, twelve, thirteen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, the unsold part of twenty-six and the six lots on the south side of Back Street. In full for the land Eleanor's share of the real Estate of the said intestate.

Thirdly we have allotted and assigned unto Thomas Townsend the of the Big Mills at the mouth of Little Creek which belonged to Intestate and all that part of the Land which was subject to the water of said Pond and his rights in two small tracts condemned by the agreement with Foreman and lying near the saw Mill also seven acres at the east end of the dam laid off by a line running south thirty seven and three quarters degrees west across from Broad creek to the Pond of said Mills and passing by a sasafra post standing on the Southside of a road about 20 ft. from the end of said dam. We have also assigned to the said Thomas the lots number 10, 11, and 22 on which lot is dwelling house of the intestate also the Landing lot and a small tract called "*Whale Creek Landing*" containing forty-five acres and a tract called "*Holly Branch*" containing ninety six acres in full for the said Thomas share of the real estate of the said intestate.

Fourthly, We assigned and allotted to Sally Townsend one hundred and four acres of land lying to the westward of Spring hill road to the northward of twenty acres allotted to William to the eastward of the Big Mill pond and the seven acres allotted to Thomas and to the southward of broad creek including that part of the tract called "*Goshen*" which lies to the southeastward to the town lots. Also the town lots No. seven and eight with houses and improvement thereon erected and also lots No. twenty and twenty-one in full for her share of the real estate of the said intestate.

The above return was completed this far on the 18th day of May 1802. On suggestion of more land and direction of the court we have entered on a tract of land called *Fishing Island* said to belong to the said Intestate and made division thereof in manner and form following (to wit) We have allotted and assigned to William Townsend four and a quarter acres of said tract contained between a line drawn at 4 degrees East 65 feet from the end of the first line thereof to intersect the third line thereof and a line drawn N 9 W from the begining 66 p to the end of this line in full for his share of said tract. We have also allotted four and a half acres thereof to Eleanor Skinner lying on the West side of William's allotment and on

the North East side of a line drawn from the beginning to intersect the line of said tract.

We have also allotted to Thomas Townsend four and a half acres thereof lying in the Southwestward of Eleanor's allotment and within the outlines of said tract - and also the same quantity we have allotted Sally Townsend lying to the eastward of William's allotment and within the outlines of said tract as by the annexed plot of the Tract and divisions may more fully appear. In testimony whereof we hereunto set our hands the twenty fourth day of December 1802.

John Dashiell
Joseph Nelson
William Huffington Jr.
Jas Copes
Maniel Bull.

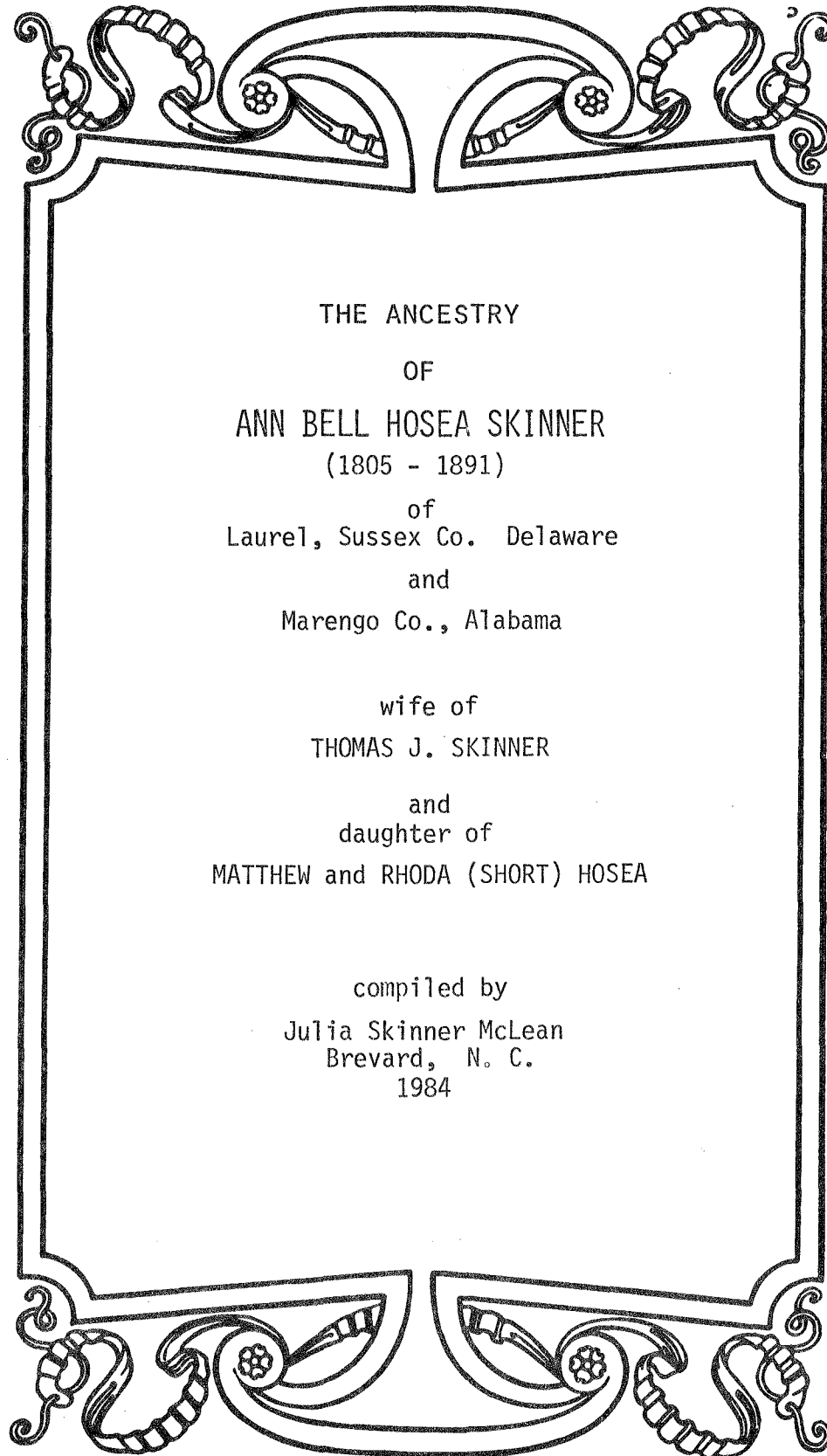
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SECOND GENERATION

ELEANOR TOWNSEND SKINNER

Eleanor Townsend was the daughter of Barkley and (possibly Hearn) Townsend, who lived in Sussex County, Delaware. She may have had a step mother as there is reference to a half sister of hers, Sarah, (Sally?). She married Thomas Skinner and they continued to live in Sussex County, Delaware. (See the *Skinner* section for further details.)

- Children:
1. Eleanor Skinner
 2. Sally A. Skinner. She inherited the home. Sold it in 1832 after the death of her mother.
 3. Thomas J. Skinner (See his *Skinner* section for details)



THE ANCESTRY
OF
ANN BELL HOSEA SKINNER
(1805 - 1891)
of
Laurel, Sussex Co. Delaware
and
Marengo Co., Alabama

wife of
THOMAS J. SKINNER
and
daughter of
MATTHEW and RHODA (SHORT) HOSEA

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THE HOSEA FAMILY

LINE OF DESCENT

John Hosea m. Mary (?)
Arthur Hosea m. (?)
Matthew Hosea m. Rhoda Short
Ann Bell Hosea m. Thomas J. Skinner

FIRST GENERATION

JOHN HOSEA

John Hosea was born in England, with his parents and the date of his birth being unknown to us at this time. His wife's first name was Mary, but her own family identity is not known either. They may have had at least one son before starting a westward migration, moving first to Ireland where their second son was born. Where exactly they lived in Ireland is not known.

Their sons were grown and at least Arthur was married by the time the family as a group crossed over to America and settled in Sussex County, Delaware where they were living at the time of John's death.

Children:

1. John Hosea Jr.
2. Arthur Hosea (*see below*)
3. Daughter (?) married Calloway.

John's will, dated September 18, 1792, was filed in Sussex County, Del. and is as follows:

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, the Eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, I John Hosea of Sussex County and State of Delaware being in reasonable good health and of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die Do make and ordain this my Last Will and testament, that is to say, Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath been pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner, viz:

First I give and bequeath unto my grandson Mathew Hosea, one hundred acres of land, lying and being in County of Sussex and known by the name of New Dublin and all the Warrant land that I hold on the North side of a small stream running through the aforesaid tract of land, all to him, his heirs and assigns.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Thomas Hosea all the remainder of one tract of Land called SnowHill, all except that part that I sold to William Kirkpatrick and that that is my dwelling plantation, then all the remainder to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Hosea (son of John) all the remaining part of my Warrant that is not sold to William Kirkpatrick nor willed to Mathew Hosea.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary, my dwelling plantation where I now live on, and all my moveable

Estate, during her natural life and Widowhood and afterwards this fifty acres of land where I now live I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Calloway, with all the privileges and benefits thereunto belonging with my housing plantation to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto each of my Grand Children except Jonathan Hosea and those that have Land Willed to them by me, then all the others to have five Pounds apiece, to be levied and raised out of my Estate, and then this money to be delivered after my Wife's death; or marriage if so much there be, and the remainder for her to give to her child or Grandchildren as she may think best.

Also I appoint John Williams and my Wife Mary Joint Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disannul, disallow and revoke all other former Wills, Legacies and bequests by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above Written.

Signed, Sealed, Published and pronounced
by the said John Hosea as his Last Will
and Testament in the presence of

JOHN HOSEA
(Seal)

his
JAMES BEVINS WILLIAM C. KIRKPATRICK
mark

his
WILLIAM X CAHOON
mark

Sussex County MEMORANDUM the 23rd day of April 1796, before
me Phillips Hollock Register appointed for the Probate of Wills
and granting Letters of Administration for the County aforesaid
appeared William Kirkpatrick and William Cahoon, two of the
Witnesses to the within Will, who being duly sworn on the Holy
Evangels of Almighty God, did severally depose and say that in
their sight, presence and hearing the Testator John Hosea, did
sign Seal, Publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and
Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of a sound and
perfect mind memory and Judgment and that they and each of them
together with James Bevins, subscribed the same as Witnesses in
the presence of the Testator and at his request.

Phillips Kollock, Reg.

SECOND GENERATION

ARTHUR HOSEA

Arthur Hosea was born in Ireland, son of John and Mary (?) Hosea, although the location in Ireland is not known. He grew up there, and although his wife's name is not known, he had at least one son Matthew born there. Eventually the three generation group of self, children and parents crossed the Atlantic and settled in Sussex County, Delaware.

Children:

Matthew (See below)
others (?)

THIRD GENERATION

MATTHEW HOSEA

Matthew Hosea, born in an unidentified place in Ireland, was the son of Arthur Hosea. His mother's identity is not known. He moved from Ireland to Sussex County, Delaware, along with his parents and grandparents and others in the family.

Matthew married Rhoda Short, daughter of Shadrick and Levina (?) Short, and by the time of the births of their children they were living in Laurel, Delaware. In the Sussex County Census for 1850 he is listed as being 70 years old and living alone, with Ireland as the place of his birth.

Children:

1. Thomas I. Hosea: born 1803 in Laurel, Delaware; died June 5, 1907. Married 1. Ann Lock, and they were the first two family members to go to Alabama. After Ann died he married Mary Watkins of North Carolina, a widow with two children. Thomas I. is buried in Laurel Cemetery in Alabama beside his first wife.
2. Ann Bell Hosea: born April 14, 1805; died Feb. 5, 1891; Married Thomas J. Skinner (see below)
3. Sarah Stone Hosea: born Sept. 10, 1817; died March 23, 1896. Although born in Laurel, Delaware, she was in Philadelphia at the time of her marriage to Isaac Giles (b. Feb. 29, 1804; d. March 17, 1883;) son of William and Gaynard (Williams) Giles. They lived in Laurel and had eleven children, the following of whom lived to maturity:
 - a. Thomas B. Giles
 - b. Isaac Giles Jr.
 - c. Lucy: married 1. _____ Curtis; 2. _____ Jowers. Lived in Alabama.

- d. Annie Giles: married _____ Moore.
- e. Edith Giles
- f. Janie Giles
- g. Sally Giles: married _____ Horsey.

FOURTH GENERATION

ANN BELL HOSEA SKINNER

Ann Bell Hosea was born April 14, 1805, the daughter of Matthew and Rhoda (Short) Hosea, in Laurel, Sussex County, Delaware. She grew up there and married Thomas J. Skinner, son of Thomas and Eleanor (Townsend) Skinner. He became a cabinet maker, and eventually the family moved to Marengo County near Shiloh, Alabama. (*for details, see the Thomas J. Skinner section.*)

Ann and Thomas had seven children. Ann died December 5, 1891, and is buried in Laurel Cemetery, Marengo County, Alabama.

- Children: 1. Thomas Hosea Skinner (*see his section of the Skinner Family.*)
- 2. Townsend Skinner, killed near Petersburg, Virginia, 1864.
 - 3. Beulah Skinner, married Henry Sample and had two children.
 - 4. Pauline Skinner, married Thomas Beverley. Had two sons.
 - 5. Anna Eliza Skinner, married R.H. Northrup. Four children.
 - 6. Emma Skinner, married _____ McConnell. One daughter.
 - 7. Sarah Skinner. No further record. May have died young.



Ann Bell (Hosea) Skinner

FIRST GENERATION

SHADRACK SHORT

Shadrack Short is known to us mainly from the contents of his will which appears below. He owned land in Sussex County, Delaware, had a wife by the first name of Levina, but whose maiden name is not known. They had at least the following children:

- 1. Philip Short
- 2. George Short
- 3. Rhoda Short, married Matthew Hosea
- 4. Nancy Short
- 5. Elizabeth Short
- 6. Mary Short
- 7. Henry Short

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I Shadrack Short of the County of Sussex and State of Delaware being sick and low in health but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same: Do make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following: Item, I give and bequeath unto my two sons namely Philip Short and George Short, all my land that I now own to be equally divided between them according to quantity and quality.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Levina Short the full Privilege of all my land during her natural life or widowhood.

Item: I give and bequeath to my wife the privilege of all my moveable Estate during her widowhood and then my moveable estate to be equally divided between my three Daughters namely Nancy Short, Elizabeth Short and Mary Short.

Item: I give and bequeath to each of my children a Bed and furniture to be paid them when they come of age.

Item: It is my will and desire that my son Henry Short should have his maintenance out of my Estate.

And lastly I do hereby institute and appoint my well beloved wife Levina Short my whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament revoking all others by me made heretofore, IN WITNESS WHERE-OF I do hereby set my hand and fix my seal this Eleventh Day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifteen.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testator Shadrack Short to be his last Will and Testament

SHADRACK SHORT (seal)

*Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us,
Betsey Wingate; John (X) Short,
William Freeman.*

Sussex County Memorandum 6th June 1815. Before me Phillips Kollock Register, appointed for the probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration for the County aforesaid appeared Betsey Wingate and William Freeman, two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the written and foregoing Will who being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God did severally depose and say that in their sight presence of person and hearing the testator Shadrack Short did sign, seal publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he seemed to be of a sound disposing mind memory and Judgment and that they and each of them together with John Short subscribed the same as Witnesses in the presence of the said Testator and at his request.

Phillips Kollock Reg. of Wills.

SECOND GENERATION

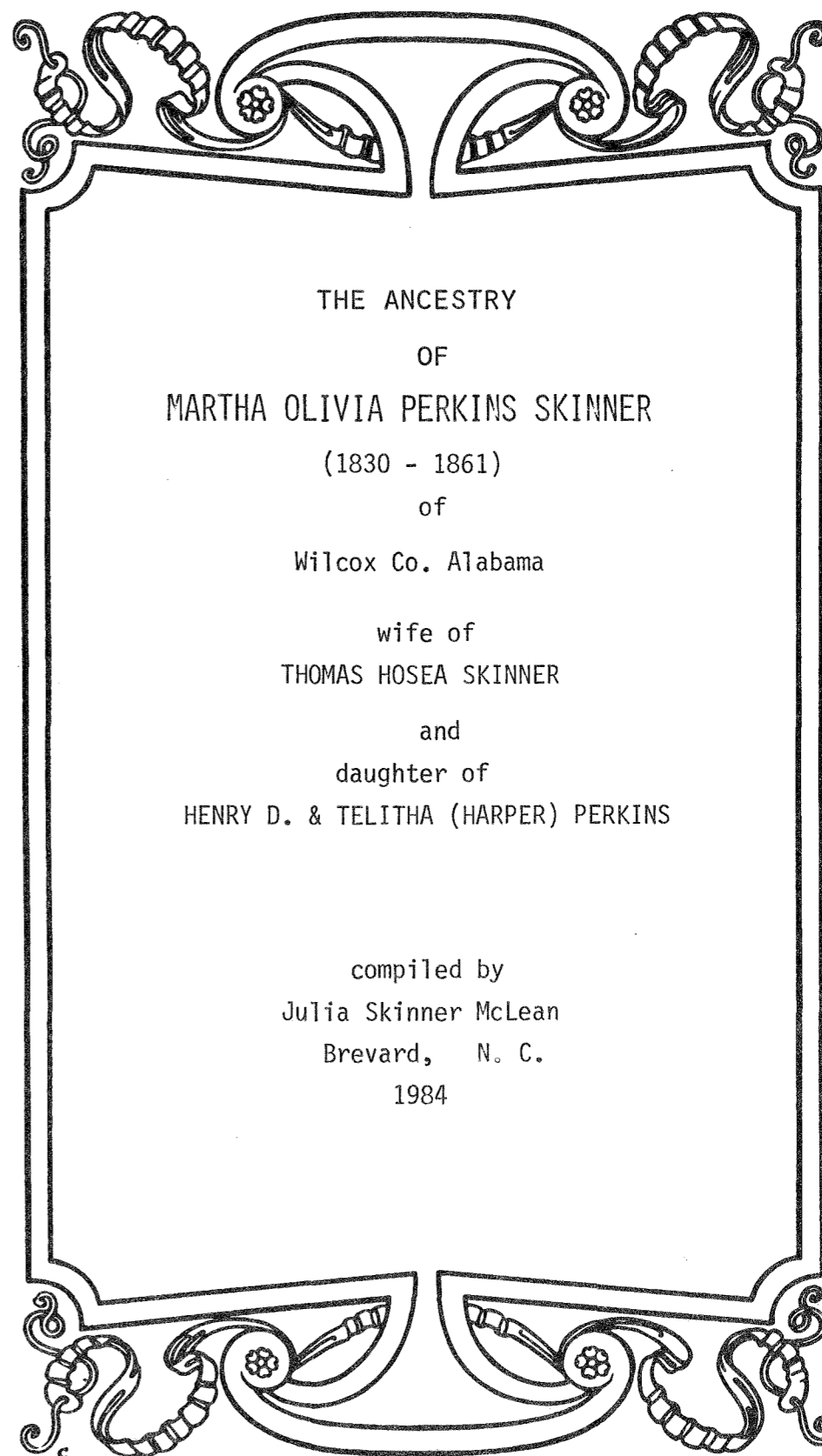
RHODA SHORT HOSEA

Rhoda Short is known to us through the records of the Hosea family. She was not mentioned in her father's will, above.

She married Matthew Hosea and they lived in Laurel, Delaware. Together they had three known children of whom only one remained in Laurel where Rhoda and Matthew could see their grandchildren. (See *The Hosea Family*)

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THE ANCESTRY OF MARTHA OLIVIA PERKINS SKINNER

(1830 - 1861)

of

Wilcox Co. Alabama

wife of

THOMAS HOSEA SKINNER

and

daughter of

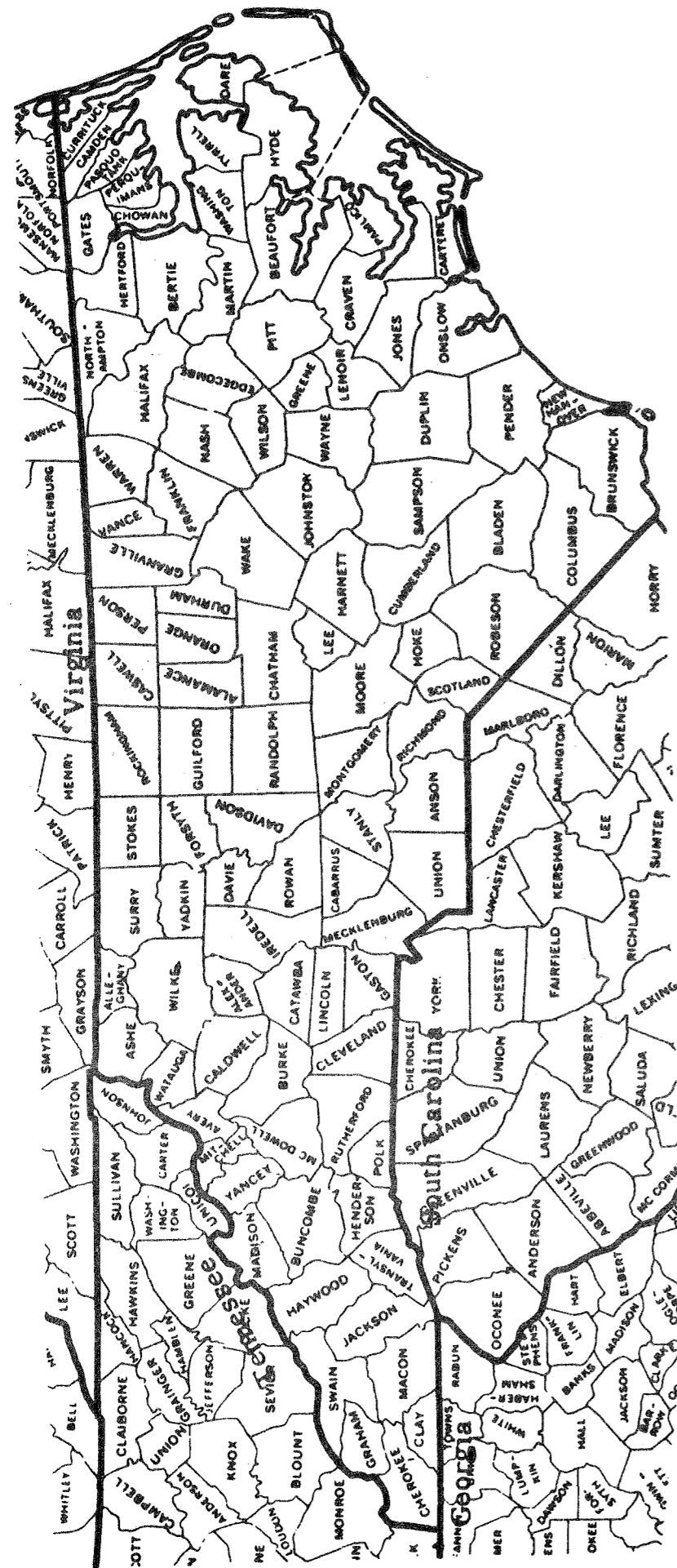
HENRY D. & TELITHA (HARPER) PERKINS

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THE PERKINS FAMILY

A happy-go-lucky family trait is found in any Perkins family. Their good disposition and carefree, happy attitude make life enjoyable for them. Down through the generations you still find this characteristic. William Skinner was certainly one of the descendants who was a Perkins and his wife labeled some of the happy-go-lucky children in her family as "Perkins".

The Perkins were found in Wales and emigrated to America. They settled first in Massachusetts, then moved to Virginia where you can find many land records and grants from the King of England. Descendants moved down the coast to North Carolina, Georgia, and eventually to Alabama.

The history of the Perkins family has never been written before except for a sketchy history of a generation or two. The work of finding absolute proof of records of each ancestor entailed much research through members of present generations and copies of wills. However, this record brings us back only to the middle or latter part of the eighteenth century.

It is believed that they came first to Massachusetts, having emigrated from England. It is not proven that Henry Perkins who married Anne Ferebee is a descendant of John Perkins, born 1590 and settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts in 1654, but the fact remains that the Perkins, Mannings and Ferebees all came from England about the same time, and that the Mannings are known to have settled in Massachusetts. With David Manning married to Sarah Ferebee, sister of Anne Ferebee Perkins, one would be led to think that they are descendants of John Perkins and John Manning who came from England to Massachusetts.

LINE OF DESCENT

- Henry Perkins Sr. m. Abigail (?)
- Henry Perkins Jr. m. Anne Ferebee
- Rev. Solomon Perkins m. Delilah Daniels
- Henry D. Perkins m. Telitha Harper
- Martha Olivia Perkins m. Thomas Hosea Skinner

FIRST GENERATION

HENRY PERKINS, SR.

The first record is that of Henry Perkins Sr., whose will is recorded in Halifax County, North Carolina, in which he left to his sons Henry, Solomon, John, Joshua, Charles, Brent and Thomas each five shillings apiece. Also to his daughter Ann the same. To his son Moses he gave the property "which I have put him in possession of." To Thomas he gave "property which I have already put him in possession of." To son William he gave "all of my household and kitchen furniture with all my stock of every kind and everything that I now possess maintaining and procuring for my wife Abigail Perkins for and during her natural life." At her death, should she die before William, the property would descend to William.

His will was signed 27 September 1788 and executed August 1797. We do not know the date of his birth or death.

The children of Henry Sr., and Abigail Perkins were:

Henry Jr. (*See next generation*).
Solomon
John
Joshua
Charles
Brent
William
Thomas
Moses
Ann

SECOND GENERATION

HENRY PERKINS, JR.

Henry Perkins, son of Henry Sr. and Abigail Perkins, was born in Halifax, North Carolina. His birth date is not known, but a census of 1787 shows his name as well as that of his brother Thomas as living in Halifax, North Carolina. North Carolina records show that he, along with his wife's brother, William Ferebee, served in the Revolutionary War under the command of William Bray.

Henry Jr. married Anne Ferebee, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Cooper) Ferebee. (*See the Ferebee Chapter*). His will, which was filed and probated in Halifax, N.C. on 22 February, 1800, shows that he lived there all of his life. In his will he gave to his wife Anne property which should go to his children when she died.

The children of Henry and Anne were:

William
Solomon, b. Sept. 11, 1775; d. Oct. 27, 1845
(*see next generation for details*).
John
Henry
Isaac
Charles
Abigail - married _____ Daniel
Dolly
Sarah
Anne - married _____ Daniel
Ferebee.

PERKINS - FEREBEE RECORDS

Isaac and Charles; daughters Dolly Perkins, Abigail Perkins Daniel, Sarah Perkins, Ann Perkins Daniel and Fereby Perkins. This will has furnished most of the information that has been secured. It is recorded in Will Book 3, page 353, Halifax Court House, Halifax, North Carolina, and is as follows:

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Henry Perkins of Halifax County, State of North Carolina, being sick in Body but of perfect memory and understanding, thanks be to God for the same, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

First, revoking all other will or Wills by me made heretofore and first I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it in a full and Certain Hope of resurrection and a full remission of all my sins, through the merits of our Blessed Savior Jesus Christ

& my body to the Earth to be buried according to the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, First I will that all my Worldly debts be paid & satisfied. Then I leave unto my beloved wife, Ann Perkins, five negroes by the names as follows: Lewis, Jules, Eter, Geroge, Edmund & also the plantation whereon I now live & also what stock I have of every kind Except one filley by the name of Diamond and two cows & calves and two sows & pigs & two ewes & lambs to her only use during her life or widowhood.

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Perkins that tract of land whereon he now lives containing one hundred & thirty three & one third acres, it being the land I purchased of my Father, Henry, to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved son Solomon Perkins one negro Boy by the name of Jim, to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son John Perkins Ten pounds Current money of this state to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Henry Perkins one negro fellow by the name of Rubin one filley by the name of Diamond, two cows & calves and also two ewes & lambs, 2 sows & pigs and if my son should require it to build him a house on the land before mentioned to my wife that he shall have full liberty on any part that he may choose Except it Extd in the Cleared Ground before named to my wife and also my will & desire is that all that part of my land lying on the West side of the Cattail Branch which extends over the Burn Coat Swamp shall be equally divided between my two sons Henry & Isaac Perkins at the time of my son Isaac arriving to the age of twenty one and if my sons cannot agree in the division themselves, my will and desire is that they choose two or more men to divide for them and for their division to be final between them & that if it should be the will of God that either of my two sons Henry or Isaac should depart this life without lawful heir that the surviving one should have all the property that I have bequeathed to them so should depart without heir to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac Perkins one negro Girl by the name of Eter after the death or widowhood of my wife, Anne, to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Charles Perkins my land lying on the East side of Cattail Branch to him and his heirs forever and if he shall depart this life without a Lawful Heir the aforementioned Land shall be equally divided Between my two sons Henry and Isaac to them & their heirs forever. I also give unto my son Charles Perkins one negro boy by the name of Edmond after the death or widowhood of my wife to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Dolly Perkins one negro Boy by the name of George after the death or widowhood of my wife to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my four daughters Abigail, Sarah, Ann & Fereby Perkins two negroes by the names of Lewis and Tulay and her increase to be equally divided between Abigail Daniel, Sarah Perkins, Anne Daniel and Fereby Perkins after the death or widowhood of my wife to them & their heirs forever also my will and desire is that all the residue of my Estate that is not already mentioned as special Legacies & that remains on the Plantation after the death of my wife shall go as follows to be equally divided Between Henry Perkins, Isaac Perkins, Charles Perkins & Dolly Perkins to them & Their heirs forever.

In Witness hereof I ordain this to be my last Will & Testament. I do constitute and appoint my well beloved Friends my joint Executors of this my last will & Testament - William Perkins, Henry Perkins Jur & my beloved wife Anne Perkins my sole Executors as Signed in presence of us

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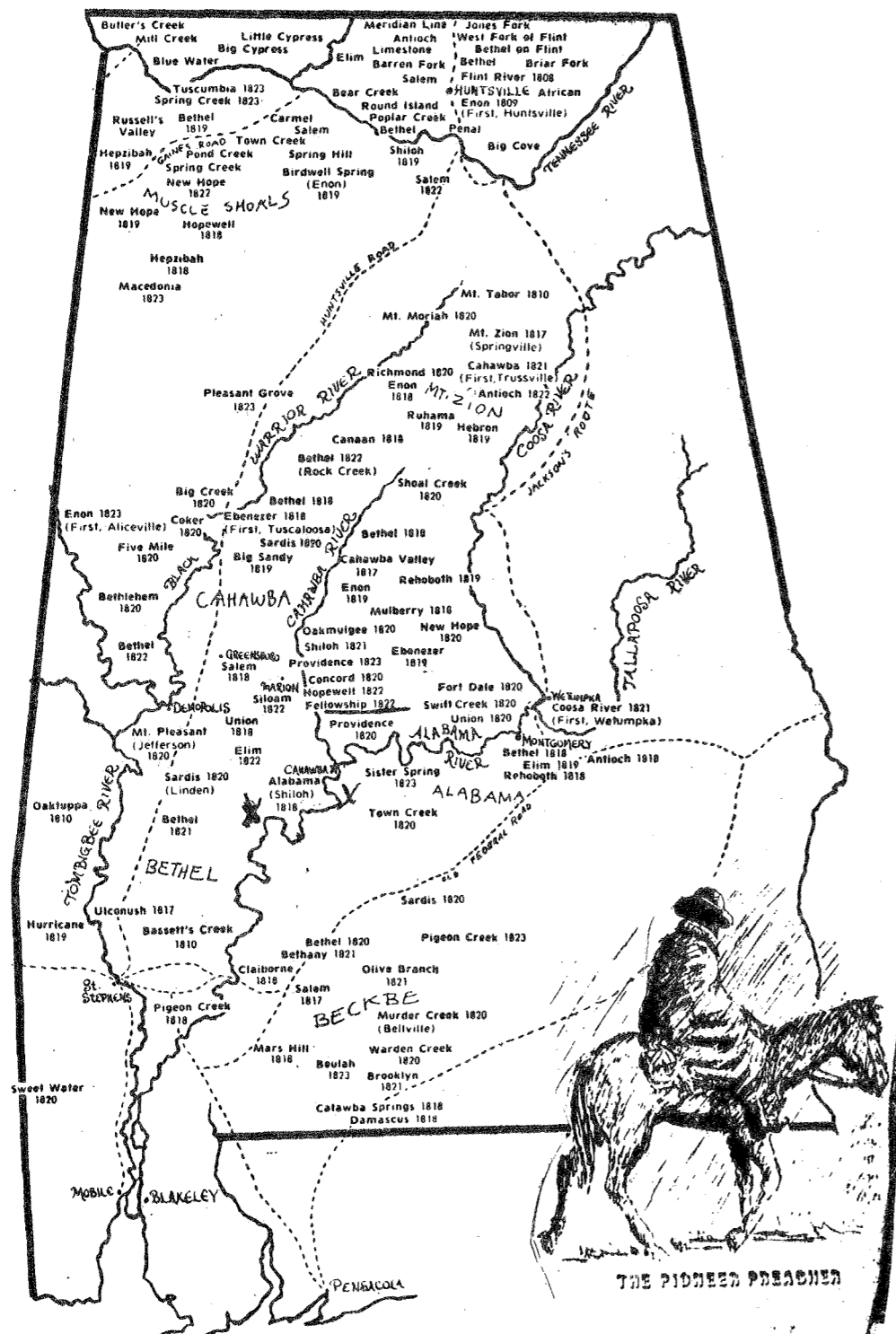
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May 1801 When this Will was Exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the Oath of Willie Daniel a witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded whereupon William Perkins, Henry Perkins & Anne Perkins the Executors thereto named came in & was duly qualified thereto.

Witness L. Long, CCC

ALABAMA

in 1823
FLINT RIVER



MAP SHOWING EARLY BAPTIST CHURCHES IN ALABAMA.

THIRD GENERATION

REVEREND SOLOMON PERKINS

Reverend Solomon, son of Henry Perkins Jr., was born in Halifax, North Carolina, on September 11, 1775, and died October 27, 1845. He married Delilah Daniels from Georgia, born September 1775, died May 11, 1852. When quite young he moved to Philip's Mill in Wilkes County, Georgia. There he decided to become a Baptist minister and was ordained November 29, 1820.

As a minister he went to rural Alabama, and family tradition has it that he went on horseback. There he began organizing Baptist churches. He first moved to McKinley, Alabama, but soon moved to Wilcox County, Alabama, where he lived and died. He seems to have been a man of many trades because he is listed in public records as having made coffins for neighbors, and owning a farm. He assisted in constituting nearly every church in the Bethel Association, named after the church in Georgia. In May, 1821, Bethel Church was constituted in Marengo County through his efforts. Rev. Solomon was chosen pastor of this church and continued such for 27 years until the time of his death. His name on public records attests to the fact that he performed many marriage ceremonies.

His will was filed in 1839 and probated November 27, 1845 in Camden, Wilcox County, Alabama. Solomon and Delilah are both buried in McKinley Cemetery, Marengo County, Alabama.

From: *Christian Index*, January 2, 1846

Died suddenly, of apoplexy, on the 27th of October, 1845 at his residence in Wilcox County, Ala., Elder Solomon Perkins, aged 71 years, 2 months and 16 days. Elder Perkins was born in Halifax County, N.C. 11 Sept. 1775; but afterwards removed to Wilkes County, Ga. There under the ministry of brother Jesse Mercer, he was awakened to a sense of his awful condition, believed with his heart unto righteousness, and confessed with his mouth unto salvation. He was baptized by brother Mercer, and joined the Baptist church at Philip's Mill. He afterwards removed his membership to Bethel, where, by the request of the church, he was ordained to the ministry on the 29th November, 1820; brother J. Roberts and Benjamin Thompson composing the Presbytery. From thence he removed to Marengo County, Ala, where he resided two years; and then settled in Wilcox where he died. After emigrating to Alabama, seeing that the harvest was great and the laborers few, Elder Perkins gave himself wholly to the work of an evangelist. In this unsettled country for many years he endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ; and his efforts were blessed to the conversion of many sinners, and many churches were constituted through his instrumentality. No one has done more to promote the interest of the Baptist denomination in Alabama than brother Perkins. He has assisted in the constitution of nearly every church in the Bethel Association

named after the church he left in Georgia. In May, 1821, through his efforts, Bethel church was constituted in Marengo. He was chosen pastor, and continued such till his death. He has left an aged and affectionate companion, and 7 children to mourn their irreparable loss; but their loss is his eternal gain. Brother Perkins was pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good works, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, they do rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Reverend Solomon and Delilah (Daniels) Perkins had eight children:

1. Henry D. Perkins: born March 28, 1799; died January 7, 1852.
(See next generation for details.)
2. William F. Perkins: born ca 1808 in Georgia, married Margaret McGehee on Nov. 1, 1851. They had five children:
 - a. Joseph Benjamin (Joe Benny) Perkins: born 1850; died 1911; married Evi Jackson (b. 1853; d. Dec. 19, 1900). There is a story that the fun-loving Perkins and Skinners have told and retold about a funny experience of Joe Benny Perkins. It was recorded by Lauren Skinner as follows:

"In about 1910 or 1911, the Baptists held a Sunday School Convention in Thomaston, Alabama and it lasted for several days beginning on a Sunday. There were representatives from a large part of the county. The residents of Thomaston had to furnish lodging as transportation was by horse and buggy. A committee was formed to make a list of everyone who could furnish rooms for the delegates.

Mr. John Buck, a Baptist, owned and operated the Hotel and Livery Stable. He offered two rooms to accommodate four people. Cousin Joe Bennie Perkins from McKinley, eight miles from Thomaston, signed up for a room for Sunday night. Mr. Buck assigned him a Hotel room to share with another man.

Rev. Green could not leave his church on Sunday so he and Mrs. Green signed up for a room for Monday night. They lived at Nanafalia, about 35 miles from Thomaston, an all-day drive, and arrived in Thomaston late Monday afternoon. They were assigned the room that Mr. Perkins was supposed to have vacated. Mrs. Green said that she was tired and would not attend the Monday night meeting and retired early.

Now Mr. Perkins was enjoying the meeting so much that he decided to stay another night. He assumed that all the Delegates had been placed and that his place at the hotel was vacant, so he went back to the hotel. The moon was shining bright in the room so he did not bother to light

the lamp. He also assumed that the same man that he had spent the night with on Sunday night was the person in the bed so he crawled in.

Mr. Green stayed longer at the church to visit, and when he went to the room he lit the lamp to find Mr. Perkins in bed with his wife. Mr. Perkins quickly saw his mistake, grabbed his clothes and ran into the hall to dress. As fast as he could, he went to the stable, got his horse out and went home. Rev. Green decided that that was no place for him and his wife so, as soon as they could get ready, went to the stable, got their horse and buggy, and spent the rest of the night getting home."

Joe Benny and Evi had five children:

1. James Perkins
 2. Billy Perkins
 3. Fox Perkins
 4. Brasfield Perkins
 5. Helen Perkins
 - b. William F. Perkins Jr.: born July 23, 1840; died Feb. 6, 1905; married Cynthia _____.
 - c. Daughter: married _____ Floyd, had four children:
 1. Bill Floyd, no children.
 2. Sam Floyd.
 3. Crawford Floyd, no children.
 4. Daughter.
 - d. Daughter: married _____ Higginbotham.
 - e. Carolyn Perkins: married _____ Taylor, had two children:
 1. Dr. William H. Taylor: m. 1. Townsend Skinner,
2. Mayme Skinner
(See chapter on Thomas Hosea Skinner).
 2. Edwin Taylor: m. Gertrude Skinner; had one child:
 - a. Townsend Taylor
3. Dr. Samuel Perkins: born October 23, 1818, died September 22, 1868; married 1. Katherine McDonald (d. Nov. 14, 1849) no children; 2. Lucretia King Crocheran (b. Dec. 24, 1820; d. Dec. 30, 1854) in 1850. Lucretia was a widow - daughter of Henry and Nancy (Wellborn) King of Madison County, Alabama. They had two children:
 - a. Mary Barton Perkins: born Dec. 25, 1851; died Jan. 22, 1901, married Ben F. Steele. They had 9 children:
 1. Samuel Steele: b. Nov. 29, 1871; d. May 9, 1885.
 2. Benjamin Steele: b. Aug. 3, 1874; d. May 8, 1932.
 3. William R. Steele: b. June 13, 1882; d. October 6, 1883.
 4. Rembert Perkins Steele: b. April 27, 1880 in McKinley, Ala.; d. Dec. 17, 1939.
 5. Walter Steele: b. May 15, 1876; d. Oct. 20, 1877.
 6. Leslie King Steele: b. April 19, 1878 in McKinley,

- d. Aug. 14, 1968
 - 7. Crocheran Steele: b. Feb. 6, 1889 in McKinley; died June 14, 1891
 - 8. James Steele: b. Feb. 27, 1886 in McKinley; died Feb. 11, 1913.
 - 9. Annie Kathleen Steele: b. Dec. 25, 1892; died Sept. 4, 1981; m. Shubal K. McMillan and had two children:
 - a. Shubal K. McMillan Jr; b. June 1, 1916.
 - b. Mary Barton McMillan; b. Nov. 26, 1918.
 - b. Katharine Perkins; married Sam Floyd, no children.
- Dr. Samuel Perkins married a third time - Florence Andrews, and they had two children:
- c. Yancy Perkins
 - d. Florence Perkins.
4. Delilah Perkins: married _____ Jackson and they had five children:
- a. Minerva Jackson, married _____ Kelly.
 - b. Sam Jackson.
 - c. Bill Jackson.
 - d. Sol Jackson.
 - e. Ben Jackson, had three children:
 - 1. Berta Jackson
 - 2. Carrie Jackson
 - 3. Isaac Jackson.
5. Elizabeth (Betsy) Perkins: married William Ogletree, and they had one child:
- a. David S. Ogletree: born July 9, 1809, died December 17, 1872; married 1. Frances Massey; 2. Mattie Taylor.
- Children by Frances Massey:
- 1. William Ogletree: born 1865; m. Aurelia Hudson, had two daughters:
 - a. Aurelia Ogletree: m. Henry Robinson; had one child:
 - 1. Henry Robinson, Jr.
 - b. Christine Ogletree.
 - 2. Mary Louise Ogletree: b. 1863; m. James Dotey; had two children:
 - a. Carter Dotey: m. Mary Wilson; had children:
 - 1. Carter Dotey, Jr.
 - 2. James Dotey.
 - 3. David Ogletree: m. Frances Hollis, had child:
 - a. Elizabeth Ogletree, b. Feb. 19, 1894; married Douglas Carter; had children:
 - 1. Edward M. Carter; b. Dec. 11, 1914
 - 2. John Cain Carter; b. May 3, 1916 married Edna Crocker.

- 3. Donnie Jane Carter: m. T. _____ Sealey child: a. _____ Sealey Jr. m. 2. Frank Turner.
- b. Mary Louise Ogletree: m. Leroy Jones; 3 chil:
 - 1. Lucy Wynn Jones, b. Oct. 14, 1917; m. John Downey; had children:
 - a. Rachel Downey, b. Dec. 11, 1940; married Robert Howland Jr.
 - b. Martha Louise Downey, b. Aug. 14, 1951.
 - 2. Leroy King Jones, b. Feb. 13, 1920, m. Marianne Skinner (*see chapter on William Sylvanus Skinner*). Children:
 - a. Leroy King Jones, m. Tereasa Gail Hill: Child: Ryan King Jones, b. Dec. 13, 1977.
 - b. Mary Lauren Jones, m. Alvin Seale; Child: Adam Davis Seale, b. Aug. 13, 1968.
 - 3. Mary Louise Jones, m. Gerald Lowery,
 - a. Gerald Lowery
 - b. James Lowery
 - c. John Lowery
 - d. Elizabeth Lowery
- c. Laurene Ogletree, born March 7, 1898; married Millard Berry. Children:
 - 1. Caroline Berry, married Herbert Hime
 - a. Carol Hime
 - b. Herbert Hime
 - c. David Hime
 - 2. Frances Berry, married Clarence Rines
 - 3. Millard Berry Jr., married "Coke" _____.
- 6. Frances (Mary) Perkins: married April 18, 1821 to Jesse Curlin. She must have been quite young for her father signed permission for her marriage.
- 7. Martha (Patsy) Perkins: Referred to as "Patsy" in her father's will. Married James Tucker, and they had eleven children:
 - a. Sylvanus Tucker
 - b. Price Tucker
 - c. Lee Tucker
 - d. Perkins Tucker
 - e. John Tucker (killed).
 - f. Mack Tucker, married _____ Glass.
 - g. Martha Louise Tucker: born July 7, 1840; died April 26, 1893; married Thomas Hosea Skinner as 2nd wife. (*See Skinner section, page 14, for their children.*)

- h. Ann Eliza Tucker: m. 1. _____ Meggiom
 2. _____ Jones
 3. _____ Tucker.
 i. Josephine Tucker: married _____ Thompson
 J. Mary Tucker: married 1. _____ Corley
 2. _____ Bates.
 k. Frances Tucker: married _____ Madison.

8. Polly Perkins: married _____ Tomsen.



*Columbus (Lum) Perkins and his wife, Delia Law
 with grandchildren*

FOURTH GENERATION

HENRY D. PERKINS.

Henry D. Perkins, oldest child of Solomon and Delilah (Daniels) Perkins was born in Wilkes County, Georgia, on March 20, 1799. He married Telitha Harper who was born on May 11, 1805 in Georgia. They moved to Wilcox County, Alabama, where he lived until his death on January 7, 1852. Telitha died September 1, 1861.

Although Henry D. is of a much more recent generation, there is little known about him as his brother, Dr. Samuel Perkins, a prominent doctor, seemed to take the spotlight. Dr. Samuel took care of their mother, Delilah in her widowhood.

Henry D. and Telitha (Harper) are buried at McKinley Cemetery, Marengo Co. Alabama. They had six children:

1. Pinky Perkins: married Locke Hosea.
2. Delilah (Dee) Perkins: married Frederick Summerlin on June 1, 1860, and they had six children:
 - a. Millard Summerlin: married Mary Norris: eight children:
 1. Verna Summerlin
 2. Laura Summerlin
 3. Jodie Summerlin
 4. Dee Summerlin
 5. Millard Summerlin
 6. Bill Summerlin
 7. Perkins Summerlin
 8. Clarence Summerlin
 - b. Ed Summerlin: married Mamie Williams: Four children:
 1. Ellen Summerlin
 2. James Summerlin
 3. Laura Summerlin
 4. Mattie Summerlin
 - c. Joe Summerlin: married Anna Drew.
 - d. Mattie Summerlin: married George Barkley. Four children:
 1. Hector Barkley
 2. Florence Barkley
 3. Thaddeus Barkley
 4. Katie Barkley
 - e. Zeb Summerlin: married 1. Alice Hill; 2. Clara Barkley.
 - f. Gebbie Summerlin: died young.
3. Frances Perkins: married _____ Hardester.

4. Martha Olivia Perkins: born November 1, 1830; died September 1, 1861; married Thomas Hosea Skinner. (*See Skinner section for listing of their children.*)
5. Columbus ("Lum") Perkins: married Delia Law: eight children:
 - a. Ruby Perkins: married Spencer Cody.
 - b. George Perkins.
 - c. Lum Perkins.
 - d. Luna Perkins: married George Williamson.
 - e. Kitty Perkins: married _____ Bibbs.
 - f. Claudia Perkins: married Sid Glass.
 - g. Olie Perkins: married _____ Braswell.
 - h. Simpson Perkins.
6. Cicero Perkins: born Feb. 12, 1844; died June 26, 1914; married Sally Hill (born August 16, 1847; died April 23, 1927); had six children:
 - a. Walter Perkins: married Ida Moring.
 - b. Josie Perkins: married James Alston: seven children:
 1. Jimmy Alston
 2. Sadie Alston
 3. Belle Alston
 4. Woodie Alston
 5. Josie Alston
 6. Lida Alston
 7. Cicero Alston
 - c. Pearl Perkins: married Lula Barkley: five children:
 1. Annie Perkins: married R.L. Acker, lived in North Carolina.
 2. Lorine Perkins: married _____ Harter, lived in North Carolina.
 3. Mary Lou Perkins: married _____ Jones, lives in Linden, Alabama.
 4. Leland Perkins.
 5. Charles Perkins.
 - d. Clarence Perkins
 - e. Frank Perkins: married Nellie Westbrook.
 - f. Fannie Perkins: married Joe Agee

THE FEREBEE FAMILY

LINE OF DESCENT

John Ferebee m. Elizabeth Ellis
 Thomas Ferebee m. ? Fenford
 William Ferebee m. Elizabeth Cooper
 Anne Ferebee m. Henry Perkins Jr.

FIRST GENERATION

JOHN FEREBEE

John Ferebee was born ca 1642 in England. He married Elizabeth Ellis, widow of William Ellis before he came to this country, and before 1671. He settled near Norfolk, Virginia; was apparently a prominent man in that vicinity as noted by the title "Gent" after his signature on records and wills. John was a Quaker. He died in 1715.

He was an early settler and surveyor. Records in a Virginia Court House show that along with a John Wilcox he was granted one thousand acres of land for bringing twenty persons as settlers to Virginia. It is believed that Thomas Farabee, referred to in some records as having landed from Captain John Newport's ship on July 17, 1635, may have been an uncle or brother of our John Ferebee, but it has not been proven.

John and Elizabeth had four children:

1. Thomas: (*see next generation*)
2. John
3. William
4. George

Records referring to John Ferebee are found in:

Norfolk Act of Assembly Court, December 15, 1680

Records of Land Grants: Land Office at Richmond, Virginia.

The Researcher, Vol. I-III, 1927 mentions John Ferebee.

Saunders: *Colonial Records of North Carolina*.

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Some Virginia Emigrants - in the Virginia State Library, North Hampton, VA.

SECOND GENERATION

THOMAS FEREBEE

Thomas Ferebee, the oldest child of John and Elizabeth (Ellis) Ferebee, was born in 1682. He married _____ Fenford, and moved to Currituck County, North Carolina.

The records of Currituck County state that "Thomas had a large plantation and built a home which he called *The Poplars*. The writer does not know just where it was located, but there are two old burying grounds there, the inscriptions on many of the stones being completely obliterated. It is thought that the graves of Thomas Ferebee and his wife will never be established, but records tell us that they were buried on this plantation and that when William Ferebee, their son, sold the place on December 3, 1781 to one John Whitehurst, he reserved the burial grounds."

Thomas died in 1739. He had only one child:

1. William Ferebee: born 1722; died 1783.
(*See next generation*).

THIRD GENERATION

WILLIAM FEREBEE.

William Ferebee, only child of Thomas Ferebee and his wife Elizabeth, was born 1722. He married Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of Isles* and Sarah Cooper.

He was a member of the North Carolina Legislature in 1777 and 1778, and a trustee of the Seminary of Learning of Currituck County. He was Clerk of the Court of Currituck County, signing his name on records and wills as William Ferebee, Esq. C.C. (Esquire, Clerk of Court).

William sold his home place *The Poplars*, which he inherited, to John Whitehurst on December 3, 1781, reserving only the old burial ground for himself and wife.

Early North Carolina court records have recorded:

"William Ferebee senior, was a corporal in William Bray's Company, North Carolina militia, in 1754. He was a member of the North Carolina assembly from Currituck County in 1760, 1762, 1778, and 1779, and a member of the state senate in 1782, and 1783. He was one of the commissioners to lay out roads in Currituck County in 1762, and as such laid out what is now called the Great Swamp Road. In 1761 he built on his plantation, which the whites called Indian Town, but which the Indians called "Culong", the Indian Town Academy. This Academy was the early educator of many prominent men. The family of William Ferebee alone furnished six members of the legislature, of whom three, Joseph, William and Samuel, were officers in the Revolutionary Army, and two, William and Samuel, were members of the convention of 1789 to ratify the constitution of the United States. The Academy was burned during the "negro raid" in 1862. By colonial act in 1773, William was made trustee for Saint Martin's Chapel, Church of England, and burying ground at Indian Town. He was appointed by the *Representatives of the Freemen of the State of North Carolina in Congress Assembled* as justice of the peace in Currituck in 1776. In the same year he was commissioned to sell loyalists' estates, the loyalists being Thomas McKnight of Currituck County and James Park of Pasquotank County."

William's will is recorded in Currituck County, North Carolina, in Book I, page 19. He died in 1783. Elizabeth's will is found in Will Book 2, Currituck County, North Carolina. She died December 29, 1794. The children of William and Elizabeth (Cooper) Ferebee were:

1. Anne: (see next generation)
2. William

3. James Ferebee
4. Samuel Ferebee
5. Martha Ferebee
6. Frances Ferebee
7. Mary Ferebee
8. Sarah Ferebee
9. Joseph Ferebee
10. Thomas, d. in infancy
11. Tabitha Ferebee
12. Thomas Cooper Ferebee

**Isles Cooper, Elizabeth's father, was born in England and died about 1762 as his will recorded in Halifax, North Carolina, was dated July thirteenth, one thousand seven hundred sixty-two, and witnessed by Richard Stanley, Samuel Halstead and Lydia Halstead. Children mentioned in the will are: John and Elizabeth Ferebee, granddaughter, Ann Ferebee.*

FOURTH GENERATION

ANNE FEREBEE

Anne Ferebee, oldest daughter of William and Elizabeth (Cooper) Ferebee, was born September 15, 1746 at *The Poplars*, East Ridge, North Carolina in Currituck County.

She married Henry Perkins Jr., and they moved to Halifax, North Carolina. She inherited property from her grandfather, Isles Cooper. In Clark's *STATE RECORDS OF NORTH CAROLINA*, page 42, there is a record of Ann and Henry Perkin's home. It states:

"On a farm owned in 1917 by W. D. Bainard near the Methodist Episcopal Church known as Perkin's Chapel on Indian Ridge at Shawboro, North Carolina, there stands an old four-room house."

This supposedly was the home of Ann and Henry Perkins Jr. (See the Perkins Genealogy).

Anne died in Halifax, NC in 1811, and is buried there. She and Henry Perkins Jr had eleven children:

1. William Perkins
2. Solomon Perkins
3. John Perkins
4. Henry Perkins
5. Isaac Perkins
6. Charles Perkins
7. Abigail Perkins
8. Dolly Perkins
9. Sarah Perkins
10. Anne Daniel Perkins
11. Ferebee Perkins

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