

A Brief History of
the Forehand and Willis Families

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Ashley Forehand Pinter and her families

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Introduction

This genealogical report was prepared for Ashley Forehand Pinter and her family. This report will document the following family surnames that connect to Ashley Forehand Pinter:

The Forehand family
The Willis Family

First, the Forehand family will be discussed followed by the Willis family.

Data Sources

Data from various sources has been found that document this Forehand family. Those data sources include:

The Mormon Church: Members of the Mormon Church (LDS) have visited churches of all denominations in America and Europe and have microfilmed the historical records of those churches. These records include birth, marriage, and death records as well as family records. The original images of these records can be viewed at LDS Family History Centers nationwide in microfilm format. The images are of the actual pages of the various church records written in the native language of the country where they were found.

In addition, volunteers have digitized these records and placed them online at www.familysearch.com. This digitized data was referenced for this report.

www.ancestry.com US Census Data is available starting in 1790. However, the format of this data makes it marginally useful until the year 1850. Current US Census data from 1790 through 1930 is available to the public.

www.ancestry.com Public Family Trees: Others have researched the Forehand and allied families and have placed their resulting family trees online at www.ancestry.com. Two trees that were consulted are:

- The Forehand/Flannagan Family Tree
- The Buchanans and Forehands Family Tree

Writers Note and Disclaimer

The first part of the Forehand report, from the earliest dates until 1850, was written based on information from online Public Family Trees found on web site www.ancestry.com, cross referenced with data in the Mormon Church web site www.familysearch.com. Currently I have no other resources from which to draw.

Online Family Public Trees are family trees prepared by individuals using a variety of data sources. Quite a few public trees exist for the surname Forehand.

This means that quite a few people have done genealogy research involving the Forehand family and various other allied families connected to the Forehand family via marriage. Some of the trees clearly do not apply to this line. Some do. Some of the trees are in conflict with each other.

The data obtained from the Mormon Church web site is data that was digitized by Church volunteers. These volunteers would examine microfilmed church and civil records and transcribe what they found into records that were formatted to be placed online. Based on the multitude of records found, it would seem that multiple volunteers might see the same microfilmed page and record what they saw. This has resulted in multiple records being found for a given person a thus causing, for example, many different birth dates or death dates or marriage dates to have been recorded for a given person.

This author has no way to evaluate the public trees and Mormon Church data to determine which are correct and which are not. Unfortunately, while many researchers spend hours looking at records in local courthouses or interviewing family members and acquiring family stories, I did not have those resources available for this report.

Since the data for the early generations is limited, I will use simple tables to document these generations. Note that there are a few dates that do not make sense (for example, a marriage after a death). I have reproduced this data directly from the source tree without regard to these kinds of anomalies. When these anomalies are resolved, this document will be updated accordingly. When multiple and different data exists for a given person, I have tried to note the differences under each table below.

For the period of 1850 to the present, the source of data was primarily US Census data. The reader should recognize that United States Census data is available only from 1790 to 1930. Census data from 1790 to 1840 is marginally useful due to its format and limited information provided. Data after 1840 is very useful. Data for the 1940 census will not be released to the public until 2012. 1950 census data will be released in 2022, etc. There is a government-required 72 year delay between the census and its release to the public. Only the 1880 census is free to the public. The others require a paid subscription to such organizations as www.ancestry.com.

Also, 1890 census data was mostly lost in a fire, so that data is not available. Unfortunately, this leaves a large 20 year hole in the census sequence of data. While the Census is taken every 10 years, the loss of the 1890 data makes the gap 20 years. Much can happen to an individual and family in 20 years.

Definition: a **family line** as defined and used in this paper is the clear-cut path leading from one generation to the next via the birth of a male child, and that can be traced contiguously from the oldest family member to current members.

Forehand Family

The Forehand Family Prior to 1850

Caution: the data available for the first 4 generations described in the following paragraphs is confusing. There is quite a bit of contradictory information available.

It is thought by most researchers that the earliest Forehand in this family line found so far is **Cornelius Forehand** who was born in Ireland in 1698 (or maybe 1685) and died on 26 July 1728 in Pasquotank County, North Carolina. He was born in either County Cork or County Kerry (in one source, Cork, Munster, Ireland was mentioned). He married Elizabeth Unknown in 1716 in Pasquotank County, North Carolina, so he had to have migrated to America before 1716, or in other words before his 18th (or maybe 31st birthday). The data says Elizabeth was born in America in 1702.

Here is a chart of the Cornelius Forehand family:

Name	Born	Born in	Died	Died In
Cornelius Forehand	~1698	Ireland	7/26/1728	Pasquotank Co, NC
Elizabeth Unknown	1702	USA		
John	1716	USA		
James	1720	USA		
Elizabeth	1722	USA		
Thomas	1726	South Mills, Camden Co, NC	1769	Pasquotank, NC
Mary	1728	South Mills, Camden Co, NC		
Cornelius	??	??	??	??
Richard	??			

Note: blank cells in this and future tables indicate that the author does not have that data.

This is an abstract of Cornelius Forehand's Will found in the North Carolina will records:

FOREHAND, CORNELIUS. **Pasquotank County.**
 February 24, 1727. July 26, 1728. Sons: JOHN, CORNELIUS, JAMES, RICHARD, THOMAS. Daughters: ELIZABETH and MARY FOREHAND. Wife and Executrix: ELIZABETH. Witnesses: ISAAC JONES, WILLIAM PHILLIPS and JOHN KIGHT. Clerk of the Court: B. EVERARDS. Executrix qualified before JOHN SOLLEY.

Cornelius' son Thomas carried on the family line.

Thomas Forehand, son of Cornelius, was born in NC in either 1724 or 1726. There is disagreement within the Forehand family researchers as to whether or not Sarah Everton was Thomas' wife. Some say yes, but as many say no. For those who say no, they have not presented an alternative person yet. This disagreement also poses the question as to which of the Cornelius Forehand male children carried on this family line, questioning if it might be John or James. These unknowns will continue to be addressed by researchers. What is fairly certain is that there were three or more children born to this generation, one of which continued the family line, per the table below.

Here is the Thomas Forehand family:

Name	Born	Born in	Died	Died In
Thomas Forehand or, ??	~1726	South Mills, Camden Co, NC	1769	Pasquotank, NC
Sarah Everton ??	1704	Pasquotank, NC	~1755	
Daniel	1748	Pasquotank, NC		
Jarvis	1750	Pasquotank, NC	1830	Indiana
Lemuel	~1752	USA		

Some researchers say that Jarvis carried on the family name. Others suggest it was Daniel. Pedigree charts from www.familysearch.com suggest that it was Jarvis. Both possibilities will be discussed.

If it was Jarvis Forehand:

Jarvis Forehand was born in South Mills, Camden County, NC, in 1750. Some sources say it was South Mills, Pasquotank County. Today these are two separate counties and South Mills is in Camden County. Since Camden County was formed out of Pasquotank County in 1777, South Mills was in Pasquotank County in 1750.

Jarvis married Charity Stallings on Unknown date. Charity was born in Perquimans County, NC, in about 1745. Here is the Jarvis Forehand family:

Name	Born	Born in	Died	Died In
Jarvis Forehand	~1750	South Mills, Pasquotank Co, NC	~1830	Pasquotank, NC
Charity Stallings	1745	Perquimans Co, NC		
John	1767	Pasquotank, NC	7/7/1837	Davidson Co, TN
Lambert	1770		1853	
Thomas	1780		1844	

The following is a record of a Jarvis Forehand who served with the North Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War. The reference is titled Records of the Revolutionary War. While there is not definitive proof that this Jarvis is the Jarvis in this family line, the timing is right. And, there are no other Jarvis Forehands found who were born in NC between 1740 and 1780. Jarvis would have been about 31 years old in 1781:

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Name and Rank	Company	Dates of Enlistment and Commission	Period of Service	Occurrences
Futrel, Dempsey, Pt....	Lytle's	12 Apr. '81	12 mo.	Destr'd 7 July '81 {Corpl. Jan., Left service 12 Apr. '82
Fountain, Jos., Pt.....	"	" "	" "	
Farmer, Benj., Pt.....	"	1 June "	" "	Left service 1 June '82
Farmer, Wm., Pt.....	"	" "	" "	Do
Fountain, David, Pt....	Raiford's	1781	"	Time out 12 June '82
Fist, Sam'l, Pt.....	Walton's	"	W	
(P. 1060)				
Ferrell, Jno., Pt.....	Dixon's	"	12 mo.	Time out before Apr. '82
Fuller, Geo., Pt.....	"	"	"	Time out May 21, '82
Freazer, Dan'l, Pt....	Sharp's	"	"	Do Sep. 1, '82
Foster, Rich'd, Pt.....	Doherty's	"	"	Do May, 25, '82
Filman, Wm., Musc....	"	"	"	Do May 25, '82
Flowers, Wm., Pt.....	Armstrong's	"	"	Left service 15 Sep. '82
Fann, Wm., Corpl.....	Bailey's	12 Apr. "	"	Do 12 Apr. '82
Foster, Wm., Corpl....	"	2 May "	"	Do 2 May '82
Forbes, Wm., Corpl....	"	24 Apr. "	"	Do 24 Apr. '82
Freeman, Edw'd, Corpl..	Brevard's	"	"	Do 11 July '82
Frederick, Chrisn., Corpl.	"	"	"	Do 28 Apr. '82
Fereby, Robt, Sergt..	Hall's	"	"	Do 10 July '82
Fox, Joseph, Sergt.....	"	"	"	Do Do
Forehand, Jarvis, Pt....	"	"	"	Do 21 Apr. '82
Folks, Jas., Pt.....	"	"	"	Died 14 Sep. '82
Fentice, Moses, Pt.....	"	"	"	Time out 20 July '82
Ficht. Conrad, Pt.....	"	"	"	Time out 27 Dec. '82

If it was Daniel Forehand:

Daniel Forehand was born in Pasquotank County NC in about 1748. At the age of about 19, he married Sarah Emeline Stallings in 1769 in Pasquotank County. Here is their family:

Name	Born	Born in	Died	Died In
Daniel Forehand	~1748/50	South Mills, Pasquotank, NC	4/2/1783	same
Sarah Emeline Stallings	1752	NC	1810	Pasquotank
Daniel	1770	NC	1799	
Lambert	1770	Pasquotank, NC	10/7/1853	Hickman, TN
David	1778	NC	1810	Edgecomb Co, NC

John	1779	NC	1848	
Allen	1780	NC	1812	
Rebecca Burnette	1780	Onslow, NC	1828	GA
Easter Burnette	1781	Onslow, NC	12/13/1864	FL
Thomas	1783	NC	1817	Williamson Co, TN
Henry W.	1784		1847	Williamson Co, TN

Sarah later married Malachi Chappell in 1787 after Daniel died in 1783

Note: I could not make a determination, based on available data, as to whether this generation in the family line was Jarvis or Daniel. Unfortunately, to make matters worse, both Jarvis and Daniel had sons named John who, the sources say, married a Sarah Collins to continue the family line. The two Johns were only 12 years apart in age. There is obviously some misinformation in this account and, as of this writing, I cannot determine the correct family.

However, it is fairly certain that the next generation was a **John Forehand**, born in either 1767 or 1779. However, there are three possibilities (provided by other researcher's family trees) that will be presented since I cannot now determine the exact path:

1. John, born 1767 married Rebecca Martin
2. John, born 1779, married Sarah Collins
3. John was married twice, to Sarah Collins and to Rebecca Martin.

In any case, the next generation is Vincent Forehand and the data for him is pretty solid. Here is a discussion of each of the three different possibilities:

Possibility 1 - John, born 1767 married Rebecca Martin:

Name	Born	Born in	Died	Died In
John Forehand	~1767	Pasquotank, NC	7/7/1837	Davidson Co, TN
Rebecca Martin	??		1792	Williamson Co, TN
Nancy	~1785			
Allen	~1787			
Thomas Henry	9/7/1789	NC	12/25/1817	TN
Jarvis	~1792			
Jennie	~1797	Edonton, Pasquotank, NC		
Martin	~1799	NC		
John W.	~1800			
Vincent	~1801	NC	~1850	TN
Phoebby	~1803	TN		TN

John and Rebecca married in 1785 or 1795. Note that the marriage date of 1785 fits with the children's birth dates while the 1795 date does not. Also note that 5 of the children in this table have birth dates after Rebecca had died.

Possibility 2 - John, born 1779, married Sarah Collins:

Name	Born	Born in	Died	Died In
John Forehand	1779	NC	1848	
Sarah Collins	1779		5/17/1833 or 1818	TN
Vincent	1801			
Wealthy Evans	1810			
Sarah Jane	1815			

Married 12 August 1797 or 1799.

Possibility 3 - John was married twice, to Rebecca Martin and then to Sarah Collins

John Forehand was possibly married twice: to Rebecca Martin and to Sarah Collins. Rebecca was probably the first. There is limited data on Rebecca Martin so far. However, Sarah Collins was born in 1779 in NC and died in 1818 or 1833. John and Sarah married on 12 August 1797 or 1799 in Gates County, NC. This would suggest that the children born after 1797 or 1799 were Sarah's children. In this case, the family would look like this:

Name	Born	Born in	Died	Died In
John Forehand	~1767	Pasquotank Co, NC	7/7/1837	Davidson Co, TN
Rebecca Martin	??		1792	Williamson Co, TN
Nancy	~1785			
Allen	~1787			
Thomas Henry	9/7/1789	NC	12/25/1817	Williamson Co, TN
Jarvis	~1792			
Sarah Collins	~1779		1818 or 1833	
Jennie	~1797	Edonton, Pasquotank Co, NC		
Martin	~1799	NC		
John W.	~1800			
Vincent	~1801	NC	~1850	TN
Phoeby	~1803	Davison Co, TN		

This arrangement makes some sense. If Rebecca's death date of 1792 is accurate, perhaps she died giving birth to Jarvis in 1792.

Here is a summary list of mothers and their children:

- Rebecca: Nancy, Allen, Thomas, and Jarvis
- Sarah: Jennie, Martin, John W., Vincent, and Phoeby

Whichever family scenario is correct, **Vincent Forehand** carries the family line forward.

Note that Vincent was born in NC about 1801 and died in TN about 1850 or 1857 while his sister Phoeby was born in Tennessee in 1803. This suggests that the Forehand family migrated from North Carolina to Tennessee between 1801 and 1803.

Geography Note: Pasquotank County, Camden County and Gates County are all located in the extreme Northeast corner of the state of North Carolina. Camden County was formed from Pasquotank County in 1777.

1830/1840

Census data from 1790 to 1840 is limited in detail. In these years, the census was taken by recording the head of household's name and then specifying the number of males and females in 5 or 10 year categories. For example, the John Smith family might be listed as having 1 male under 5, one male age 30 to 40, 2 females age 10 to 15, and one female age 30 to 40. Consequently, data from these censuses has limited usefulness.

For Vincent Forehand, we have the following data:

1830 – Davidson County, TN
- 6 family members including one person in the 50-60 age range (perhaps a parent)

1840 – Williamson County, TN
- 9 family members

1850

From 1850 forward, we have good census data to work with.

Vincent Forehand, born in about 1801, moved with his family to Tennessee between 1801 and 1803 when he was about one or two years old. Here, he met and married Elizabeth (Betty or Betsey) Marlin on 28 September 1820 in Williamson County. This date came from a marriage bond that was issued for this marriage in Tennessee. Vincent was about 19 years old. Elizabeth was about 22 years old. Elizabeth was born in 1798 in Tennessee and died in about 1850.

In 1850, Vincent Forehand and his wife and family were found living in Williamson County, TN. Vincent was a farmer. His family was as follows:

Name	Age	Born	Born in	Died	Died in
Vincent Forehand	49	~1801	North Carolina	1850 or 1857	TN
Elizabeth Marlin	51	~1799	TN	~1850	
George	27	~1823	TN		
Sarah	22	~1828	TN		
Margaret	18	~1832	TN		
William	16	~1834	TN		
Martin	14	~1836	TN		
James	7	~1843	TN		
Maryan	2	~1848	TN		

George Forehand was not listed with all the other members of the family but rather was listed on the census documents in such a way as to suggest he was living by himself next to his father and mother. The author is making an assumption that George is to son of Vincent and that he was farming on his own in 1850.

There is one minor point of confusion that should be documented. Ancestry.com has a marriage record for Vincent and Betsey. However, in 1850, Vincent is married to Elizabeth (Betty) Marlin. There are three possible explanations for this:

1. Betsey and Elizabeth are the same person. One name is a middle name.
2. Betsey is a nickname for Elizabeth.
3. Betsey died and Vincent remarried

Since wives names are not listed in census documents before 1850, there is currently no way to resolve the above confusion. The most likely explanation is that Betsey is a nickname for Elizabeth.

According to census data, daughter Sarah could not read or write.

1860

George Forehand, one of Vincent and Elizabeth's children, was born in Williamson County, TN, in about 1825. In 1850, he married Ann Barnes. Ann was born in about 1832 in unknown location.

George and Ann's family was found in Williamson County, TN, with a Franklin, TN PO in 1860. George was a farmer. The family looked like this in 1860:

Name	Age	Born	Born in	Died
George Forehand	35	~1825	TN	
Ann	28	~1832	TN	
John	9	~1851	TN	
William	6	~1854	TN	
Mary J	4	~1856	TN	
Edward	1	~1859	TN	

They had 2 more children before 1870 which completed the family. They are:

Charles b ~1862

Elizabeth b ~1865

Vincent Forehand is not found in the 1860 census. He died in 1850 or 1857. However, his wife Elizabeth, aged 63, was found living with John (age 37) and Mary (age 38) Forehand and their two children. John and Mary lived in Nashville, Davidson County, TN. He was a distiller. It is not clear who is this John and Mary Forehand.

William carried on the family line.

1870

In 1870, The George Forehand family looked like this:

Name	Age	Born	Born in	Died	Notes
George Forehand	46	~1824	TN		Occ: farmer
Mary A.	38	~1832	TN		
John	18	~1852	TN		Occ: worked on farm
William	16	~1854	TN		Occ: worked on farm
Mary J	13	~1857	TN		
Charles	8	~1862	TN		
Elizabeth	5	~1865	TN		

The family lived on a farm in Williamson County, TN. The PO was Franklin, TN.

Edward, who was one year old in 1860, could not be located in the 1870 census. He would have been about 11 years old. It is possible he died between 1860 and 1870.

It is assumed that Mary A. is Ann Barnes or Mary Ann Barnes.

William carried on the family line.

1880

William Forehand married Mary Elizabeth Hobbs on Unknown date in about 1874 (the 1900 census reports that they had been married 26 years). William was about 20 years old while Mary was about 22 years old. Mary was born on 13 June 1852 and died on 28 May 1941. They began a family that would grow to about 10 members.

Here is the family in 1880:

Name	Age	Born	Born in	Died
William M. Forehand	26	~1854	TN	
Mary E. Hobbs	27	~1853		
Charles	3	~1877		
James C.	2	~1878		

William was a blacksmith.

1890

Most of the 1890 census data was destroyed in a fire in 1921 leaving a 20 year gap between 1880 and 1900. None of the Tennessee data survived.

1900

Here is the complete William Martin Forehand family in 1900. They were living in Davidson County, TN:

Name	Age	Born	Born in	Died	Notes:
William Martin Forehand	46	11/1853	TN		Occ: farmer
Mary Elizabeth	47	6/1852	TN		
Charles	~23	~1877	TN		
Carroll	21	2/1879	TN		Occ: farm laborer
John Wesley	19	9/1880	TN		Occ: day Laborer
Walter	17	12/1882	TN		
Fannie Francis	15	10/1884	TN		
George Washington	13	7/1886	TN		
William H.	13	7/1886	TN		
Robert Young.	9	7/1890	TN		
Mary E.	4	8/1895	TN		

Charles and James C. were not actually listed in the 1900 census document. Charles was probably deceased by 1900 while James C and Carroll are probably one in the same person. Charles is shown in this table to show the complete family.

The 1900 census was the only census to record the month and year of birth, so we now have more accurate birthdates. Prior to this, we assumed a birth year based on the age given in the census.

Here are some notes about this family:

- The records show that Mary (wife) bore 9 children of which 8 survived. It is probable that James C. listed in the 1880 census and Carroll listed in the 1900 census are the same person, James Carroll or Carroll James Forehand. James C. listed in the 1880 census and born in about 1879 has the same mother and father as Carroll Forehand in the 1900 census and born in 2/1879. This leaves Charles as the deceased child. In addition, Charles Forehand was not found in the 1900 census. The lack of 1890 data complicates this determination.
- William and Mary had been married 26 years in 1900 making their marriage in 1874.
- George and William were twins.
- William, the father, was a farmer.
- William's parents were born in TN.
- Mary's father was born in TN.
- Mary's mother was born in NC.

George Washington Forehand continued the family line.

1910

In 1910, the William Forehand family was found in Davidson County, TN as follows:

Name	Age	Born	Born in	Died	Notes
William M. Forehand	57	11/1853	TN		Occ: blacksmith
Mary E.	58	6/1852			
Walter	27	12/1882			Occ: blacksmith
George Washington	23	7/1886			Occ: farm laborer
William H.	23	7/1886			Occ: farm laborer
Robert A.	19	7/1890			Occ: farm laborer
Mary E.	14	8/1895			

William M. and Mary E. Forehand were listed in 1910 in Davidson County, TN, and his occupation was Blacksmith. He was listed as a farmer in 1900. He apparently owned his own shop. His son Walter was also a blacksmith. George Washington and William H, both 23years old, were farm laborers as was Robert.

The data shows that Mary had 9 children of which 8 survived. William and Mary had been married for 35 years in 1910.

William and Mary lived on Harding Pike Street/Road (note the words are hard to determine due to poor quality of the census sheets.) They lived next door to Carroll J. Forehand and wife Rosa L. plus their two children, Catherine E. (age 8) and Alice L. (age 1). This is presumably William's oldest son. He was also a blacksmith and perhaps worked in his father's shop.

George and William, the twins, were still living at home.
George Washington Forehand carries on the family line.

George Washington Forehand registers for the Draft

In 1917-18, the US Government required all males to register for a military draft for WWI. George Washington Forehand registered on 5 June 1917.

This information was found on his registration card:

- Address: 1214 McGavock St, Nashville, TN
- Born 28 July 1886 in Bellevue or Biltmore, TN, age 30 (town name is not clear)
- Married, Caucasian
- Employed as Switchman at the Nashville Terminal
- Short in height, medium build
- Brown eyes, dark hair
- No physical limitations

1920

In 1920, we find the William M. Forehand family in Davidson County, TN, as follows:

Name	Age	Born	Born in	Died	Notes
William M. Forehand	67	11/1853	TN		Occ: blacksmith
Mary E.	67	6/1852	TN		
Walter G.	37	12/1882	TN		
Walter, Jr	6	~1914	TN		Grandchild of William and Mary
Virginia	4	~1916	TN		Grandchild of William and Mary
Phillip	3 or 4	~1917	TN		Grandchild of William and Mary
Eva Larkin	12	1907	TN		Orphan

William was a blacksmith and owned his own home on Harding Road. He owned his blacksmith shop also.

Walter had married sometime between 1910 and 1920 but apparently lost his wife because in 1920 Walter and his three children, Walter Jr, Virginia, and Phillip were living with Walter's parents. They also had taken in a child, Eva Larkin, listed in the census as an orphan.

Note on Eva Larkin: Eva Marie Larkin was apparently the daughter of Freelyn Edward Larkin and Fanny Francis Forehand, sister to George Washington Forehand. It is not clear why Eva was listed as an orphan since her father died in 1953 while her mother died in 1928.

In addition, we find William H. Forehand, one of the twins, single, aged 33, living by himself at 1126 McGavock Street in Nashville, Davidson County, TN. He was employed at a switch house for the steam railroad.

Finally, we also find Robert A. Forehand, single, aged 29, living by himself and employed as a locomotive fireman.

Unfortunately, George Washington Forehand has not been so easy to track in this time frame. He does not appear in the 1920 census. Based on the few records found, here is a possible scenario for George:

There is a marriage record in the Tennessee Marriages 1796 – 1950 records that shows that a G.W. Forehand, age 32 (born in 1886), married Chloe Carter, age 16 (born in 1902), on 10 August 1918 in Davidson Co, TN.

In that same data base, there is recorded the marriage of G.W. Forehand, age 34 (born 1886) to Bonnie King, age 20 (born 1900) on 2 August 1920 in Davidson Co, TN.

In addition, a Bonnie King is found in the 1920 census with a 4 month old son Walter E. King. The census records states that she was married but no husband is shown. Bonnie was living at 417 Highland St, Nashville, in an arrangement that suggests a boarding house. There were 7 other residents at the address. Since the census is dated 14 January 1920, Walter was probably born in about September of 1919. As we will see in the next section, George and Bonnie are found in 1930 in Nashville with their oldest son named Walter age 10 (born around 1900).

All of this would suggest that George Washington Forehand married at least twice. His first wife was Chloe Carter. It is not known what happened to this marriage. His second wife was Bonnie King who had a small son at the time of her marriage to George.

There might have been a third wife (actually the first one chronologically) since George indicated on his draft registration in 1917 that he was married, a year before he married Chloe.

In the 1930 census, George reported that his age at first marriage was 30 (marriage year of about 1916) while Bonnie's age at first marriage was 17 (marriage year of about 1918). This information supports the idea that George was married at the time he registered for the draft in 1917, but not to Chloe. It also supports the idea that Bonnie's first marriage was to Unknown King sometime before the beginning of 1919.

Three marriages were found in the marriage index involving a groom named King and a bride named Bonnie:

1. W.H. King and Bonnie M. Wyatt married 15 May 1918 in Robertson Co.
2. George King and Bonnie Lauderdale (b Jan 1894) married 30 May 1919 in Greene Co.
3. Will King and Bonnie Manuel married 2 August 1916 in Greene Co.

Couple 2 and 3 were married in Greene County which is on the far eastern tip of Tennessee. The birth date for Bonnie and the marriage date for couple 2 is not consistent with her age of 20 in 1900.

Conclusion: The marriage date for couple 1 is a good fit. If this is correct, then Bonnie M. Wyatt married W.H. King in 1918 and bore a child, Walter. After W.H. died (or conceivably left Bonnie), she married George Washington Forehand in 1920 and he adopted Walter as his own.

1930

In 1930, George Washington Forehand and his wife Bonnie appear in the census records, living in Davidson County, probably Nashville, TN, as follows:

Name	Age	Born	Born in	Died	Notes
George Washington Forehand	42	7/28/1886	TN		
Bonnie	29	~1901			
Walter	10				
George William	8	5/24/1921	Nashville	6/30/2001	
Elizabeth	7	~1923			
Robert	5	~1925			
John Howard	2y2mo	~1927			
Clare					
??					
??					

In 1930, George Washington Forehand was employed at a switch house for a railroad, just as his draft card indicated in 1917. He rented his home with a payment of \$22 per month and they did not own a radio set. George indicated in the census data that he was not a veteran.

George William Forehand carries on the family line.

After 1930

1930 is the last census that is available to the public. The 1940 census will be published in 2012.

George William Forehand married Lillian Katherine Alley on Unknown date. Lillian was born about 12 March 1924 and died in June 2008.

George and Lillian had one child: George William “Buddy” Forehand, Jr, born in Nashville, TN, on 13 July 1943. Here is that family:

Name	Born	Born in	Died	Notes
George William Forehand	5/24/1921	Nashville	6/31/2001	
Lillian Katherine Alley	3/12/1924		6/2008	
George William, Jr	7/13/1943	Nashville		

George married Cornelia Jane “Connie” Willis, born in Nashville, TN, on 9 October 1952. Two children were born of this marriage: Ashley Katherine Forehand and Leslie Anne Forehand.

The Forehand Family Migration

Ireland to Pasquotank Co, NC to Williamson Co, TN to Davidson Co, TN

The Forehand Tree Branch

Cornelius Forehand b~1698
|
Thomas Forehand?? b~1726
|
Jarvis or Daniel Forehand b~1750 or 1748
|
John Forehand b~1767 or 1779
|
Vincent Forehand b~1801
|
George Forehand b~1823
|
William Forehand b~1854
|
George Washington Forehand b 1886
|
George William Forehand b1921
|
George William Forehand Jr b 1943

A Paper on Jarvis Forehand extracted from the Forehand/Flannagan Public Family Tree on www.ancestry.com.

Jarvis Forehand – ca. 1745 to ca. 1820
July 15, 2010
by stevenforehand

Jarvis Forehand was the son of Thomas Forehand (son of Cornelius). While some list Sarah Everton as his mother, the evidence as mentioned in my other posts do not support this. Though many of Cornelius Forehand's grandchildren make it difficult on researchers trying to establish who their parents were, Jarvis Forehand makes our job remarkably easy. A 1769 Pasquotank County, North Carolina tax list, explicitly lists Jarvis Forehand as the "son of Thomas". In addition, the 1769 tax list shows Jarvis Forehand living with his father, Thomas, and brother Daniel Forehand.

Though we do not know his exact date of birth, he can determine an approximate range by using several sources. The first determining factor is the previously referenced 1769 Pasquotank County, NC tax list. At this time, a male must be at least 16 years old to be listed as tithable thus placing Jarvis as born circa 1753 at the latest. Since Jarvis was not listed in a 1755 militia list, we can safely assume he was not at least 16 years old at the time as all males 16 years old and up were required to enlist in the local militia. Therefore, Jarvis could not have been born before 1740. Finally, since Jarvis Forehand

was listed as a member of the 1766 militia, we can assume he was at least 16 years old at the time. Therefore, armed with the above data, we can determine Jarvis Forehand was born after 1740 but before 1751. Since Lemuel and David Forehand were older brothers, Jarvis was probably born between 1745 and 1750.

The earliest record concerning Jarvis Forehand is a 1766 militia listing for Pasquotank County, North Carolina. In 1766, Jarvis was a member of Colonel Thomas Taylor's regiment serving under Captain Jarvis Jones (figure JAF – 1). It is interesting to note Jarvis' brothers David and Lemuel (rank as Corporal) served with him in this regiment along with James Forehand. Since his brother Daniel is not listed, we can assume Daniel was not at least 16 years old at the time.

The next record we have concerning Jarvis Forehand is a 1769 Pasquotank County, North Carolina tax list (figure JAF- 2). The tax list shows Jarvis and his brother, Daniel, living with their father, Thomas Forehand in the "New Land" area of Pasquotank County. Since Jarvis and Daniel were listed a tithable, we can determine each was at least 16 years old at the time. According to English Common Law used at this time, males must be at least 16 years of age to be listed as tithable. Since their two remaining brothers, Lemuel and David, were living in separate households, we can assume they were beyond the age of marriage and probably at least 21 years of age.

Sometime between 1769 and December of 1770, Jarvis Forehand moved to Perquimans County North Carolina. This move is not unusual as the Perquimans County border is within a few miles of Newland (Jarvis' residence) and could've been the result of the death of Jarvis' father, Thomas Forehand in late 1769. On December 27, 1770, Jarvis Forehand "of Perquimans County" purchased 125 acres from Nicholas and John Stallings " of Perquimans County" for the sum of 100 pounds "proclamation money". The parcel of land was located on the "southwest side" of the head of the Perquimans River. The parcel of land began at a "cypress standing in the River swamp" and ran along a line of described trees bounded by the line of Thomas Rountree apparently containing swampy land as well a high ground. The deed was witnessed by Moses Rountree, Job Stallings, and Elias Stallings. The deed was proved in court by Moses Rountree during an October 1771 Superior court session.

As a side note, Elias Stallings was the son of Nicholas Stallings, Jr. It was Nicholas and his brother John that sold the land to Jarvis Forehand in 1770. Elias Stallings later married Elizabeth Rountree. Elias and Elizabeth had several children with one being Sarah. Sarah Stallings later married Jarvis Forehand's brother, Daniel Forehand.

During a 1771, a listing of Perquimans County, North Carolina tax payers was taken. The tax listing shows Jarvis Forehand living in Perquimans County (figure JAF-3) with his cousin, Cornelius Forehand. It is interesting to note Daniel Forehand, brother of Jarvis, had not yet moved to Perquimans County according to the tax listing.

During 1772, a list of Perquimans County, North Carolina tax payers was taken. The list included several people with the surname "Forehand". Modern transcribed listings of this tax list like that of Clarence Ratcliff's "North Carolina Taxpayers 1701-1786", transcribe the name Jarvis as Irwin. A review of the original document (figure JAF-4) reveals the name as Jarvis Forehand rather than Irwin Forehand though difficult to read. It is also interesting to note Jarvis' brother, Daniel, and cousin, Cornelius, were also present in the 1772 tax listing.

On July 27, 1773, Jarvis Forehand, of Perquimans County, purchased 50 acres of land from Charles Rountree, of Chowan County, for the sum of 50 pounds "proclamation money". The parcel of land was located in Perquimans County, North Carolina and part of a larger tract of land known as the "Grape Tree Ridge" that was grated patent on July 27, 1772 to Luke Hollowell. According to the deed, Luke Hollowell sold the land to Joseph Jessop. Later, Joseph Jessop sold the land to Thomas Rountree. Thomas Rountree passed away and willed the land to his son, Charles Rountree. Finally Charles Rountree passed away and willed the land to his son (and current owner), Charles

Rountree. The deed was witnessed by Moses Rountree, Luke Stallings, and Abner Hollowell. The deed was proved during an April 1774 Superior Court session by Abner Hollowell.

On October 11, 1773, Jarvis Forehand, of Perquimans County, sold Jacob Winslow, planter of Perquimans County, 125 acres of land for the sum of 112 pounds 10 shillings "proclamation money". The tract of land was the land Jarvis had purchased from Nicholas and John Stallings in 1770. The deed was witnessed by Moses Rountree, Issac Griffin, and Lemuel Colby and was proved during a July 1775 Superior Court session by Lemuel Colby. The deed was registered on June 19, 1776.

While the above deed may not initially be viewed with much importance, it contains a very valuable piece of information. The deed was signed by Jarvis Forehand and Charity Forehand. Towards the end of the deed (figure JAF-5), Charity Forehand is listed as the wife of Jarvis by the following: "I the said Charity Forehand wife of Jarvis Forehand do give up all my rights of dower of the above bargained premises".

While documentation does not exist identifying the maiden name of Jarvis' wife, Charity, there exists information that can allow us to speculate. A March 10, 1755 (probated March 9, 1768) Perquimans County, North Carolina will of Nicholas Stallings lists Charity Stallings as his daughter. This bit of information is very interesting due to the fact two brothers of Charity Stallings, Nicholas and John Stallings, were part of the 1770 land deed with Jarvis Forehand. While it is only an assumption, the close relation of Jarvis Forehand with the Stallings family, the corresponding dates, and location could very easily make Charity Stallings the wife of Jarvis Forehand.

Though a NC Genealogical Society Journal (XXIV No.1 Feb. 1998 page 3) lists a land transaction from Charles Rountree to Jarvis Forehand, I was unable to locate this deed in the Perquimans County Register of Deeds office. The journal listing "Fragments of Perquimans County Records" also mentioned the sale was proved by Moses Rountree.

During a 1775 tax listing of Perquimans County, North Carolina, Jarvis Forehand is listed (figure JAF-6). The tax list was taken by John Hollowell and also listed cousin Cornelius Forehand and his son Benjamin Forehand (figure JAF-7). It is also an odd bit of information noting the 1775 Perquimans tax listing is the last tax listing from Perquimans in which Jarvis is present as Jarvis moved back to the county of his birth, neighboring Pasquotank County.

On March 30, 1776, Jarvis Forehand, now living in Pasquotank County, sold a 50 acre tract of land located in Perquimans County, North Carolina to Simon Stallings, of Chowan County, for the sum of 10 pounds "proclamation money". The parcel of land was that in which Jarvis had purchased from Charles Rountree known as the "Grape Tree Ridge". The deed was witnessed by Elizabeth Stallings, Job Lilly, and William Guinn and was later proved during a July 1777 Superior Court session. The deed was later registered on August 29, 1781. At this point, Jarvis did not hold any additional property. Sometime between his last land transaction and 1781, Jarvis enlisted in the NC Continental Line to fight in the American War of Independence. He was a private in Hall's Company under the command of Colonel Abraham Shepard and Thomas Clark. While it is possible Jarvis enlisted earlier, this particular enlistment is the only verifiable source we have.

On April 21, 1782, Jarvis Forehand's Revolutionary War service ends. America was well on the way to winning its independence and Jarvis Forehand was a part of it. At the end of his service, Jarvis received 24 pounds for payment of his service. Some sources list his war pension as coming from Indiana. I have been unable to confirm this information and believe the Indiana pension does not exist. However, Jarvis does received a certificate in 1783 (certificate number 90572) for \$24 payment due with R. Fenney as his agent.

During 1785 and 1787, Jarvis Forehand is listed as a taxpayer in the Saint Allins district of Chowan County, NC. There are some sources that now list a "Prudena" as the wife of

Jarvis at this time. Prudena is listed as being born circa 1750 in North Carolina and then passing away on June 23, 1843 in Tennessee. However, I have been unable to verify any sources for this information.

On March 29, 1786, a test census of "the inhabitants in Captain Stallings District" in Chowan County North Carolina was conducted. Jarvis Forehand was listed on page 3 of the test census. Jarvis' household consisted of 1 male 21 to 60 years of age (Jarvis), 2 males under 21 years of age, and 4 white females (including the wife of Jarvis). It is likely one of the male children was Thomas Forehand (b. circa 1780) whom later married Judah Asbill in Chowan County, NC. Though it is difficult to prove with 100% certainty, evidence supports Thomas as Jarvis' son. However, there is also a possibility Thomas was the son of Jarvis' brother, Daniel Forehand.

Most records indicate some time between 1786 and 1804, Jarvis Forehand took his family and moved across the state of North Carolina onward to Tennessee. On December 6, 1797, James Glasgow (the NC Secretary of State), requested Colonel Martin Armstrong "lay off and survey" for "Jarvis Forehand, a private I in the line of this state), 278 acres of land in Tennessee as a reward for his service. However, Jarvis quickly sold the warrant to Joseph H. Bryan a short time later without claiming the land for his own. In addition, one thing that has troubled me is the absence of Jarvis Forehand in any census information from 1790 and 1800. While I can certainly understand absence from one of the census record years, it seems highly unusual for him to be absent from two Federal census records. So what happened to Jarvis?

I have not found any evidence to support Jarvis Forehand (son of Thomas Forehand) living in Tennessee. The Jarvis Forehand present in TN and later in Illinois and onward is the son of Jarvis' brother, David Forehand. Census data from the early 1800's do not support Jarvis (son of Thomas) as living in those areas. The only real census in question is the 1810 Kentucky census showing a Jarvis Forehand living in and around Muhlenberg. The 1810 KY census shows Jarvis' household consisting of 1 male age 0 to 10, 1 male age 26 to 44, one male 45 and over (Jarvis), 2 females 0 to 10, 1 female 10 to 15, and one female 45 and over. This data only proves the Jarvis Forehand recorded was born before 1765.

My personal opinion based on the evidence (or lack thereof) is Jarvis Forehand either passed away in North Carolina between 1786 and 1790 or moved onward to Kentucky passing away circa 1820. The additional "Jarvis Forehand" evidence seems to relate to the son of David Forehand (brother of Jarvis), also named Jarvis.

<http://stevenforehand.wordpress.com/2010/07/15/jarvis-forehand-%e2%80%93-ca-1745-to-ca-1820/>

The Willis Family

Introduction

The Willis family intersects with the Forehand family by way of the marriage of Cornelia Jane (Connie) Willis to George William (Buddy) Forehand.

The following data sources have been found that documents this Willis family:

The Mormon Church: Members of the Mormon Church (LDS) have visited churches of all denominations in America and Europe and have microfilmed the historical records of those churches. These records include birth, marriage, and death records as well as family records. The original images of these records can be viewed at LDS Family History Centers nationwide in microfilm format. The images are of the actual pages of the various church records written in the native language of the country where they were found.

In addition, volunteers have digitized these records and placed them online at www.familysearch.com. This digitized data was referenced for this report.

www.ancestry.com US Census Data is available starting in 1790. However, the format of this data makes it marginally useful until the year 1850. Current US Census data from 1790 through 1930 is available to the public.

www.ancestry.com Public Family Trees: Others have researched the Willis and allied families and have placed their resulting family trees online at www.ancestry.com. These include:

- The Willis-Carroll Tree
- Whiddon/Willis/Henderson/Dansford Family Tree
- Sims Family tree
- Willis Family Tree
- Adams Family Tree
- Abraham...Family Tree

(note: there are dozens of family trees containing Willis family members)

Ben Bennett and Thelma Willis Bennett
(<http://genforum.genealogy.com/cgi-in/pageload.cgi?Tingle::nc/craven::581.html>)

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~willis/misc.htm> is a website that is being used by some Willis researchers to show research results.

Writers Note and Disclaimer

This report on the Willis family was written based on information from various online sources mentioned above. Currently I have no other resources from which to draw.

Online Family Public Trees are family trees prepared by individuals using a variety of data sources. Quite a few public trees exist for the surname Willis. This means that quite a few people have done genealogy research involving the Willis family and various other allied families connected to the Willis family via marriage. Some of the trees clearly do not apply to this line. Some do. Some of the trees are in conflict with each other.

The data obtained from the Mormon Church web site is data that was digitized by Church volunteers. These volunteers would examine microfilmed church and civil records and transcribe what they found into records that were formatted to be placed online. Based on the multitude of records found, it would seem that multiple volunteers might see the same microfilmed page and record what they saw.

The reader must keep in mind that there are numerous points along the way where the data from these sources is in conflict. These conflicts exist in birth and death dates, birth and death locations, and even numbers and names of children born to a couple.

This author has no way to evaluate the various sources of data. Where there is a conflict of facts, there is no simple way to determine the correct fact.

I will use simple tables to document these generations. I have reproduced the data directly from the sources without regard to any data anomalies that might exist. When these anomalies are resolved, this document will be updated accordingly. When multiple and different data exists for a given person, I have tried to note the differences under each table below.

Note on the History of the Willis Name

The following passage was found on the Willis-Carroll Family Tree and came from a book of unknown name and author:

In the notes of Thelma Willis Bennett there are unattributed copies from a book with Ives-Willis at the top. Page 68 begins:

"Willis is an ancient English family name which has been spelled in a variety of ways, including Wyllys, Willys, Willys, Willes and Willyce, and has been said to be derived from an even older Welsh name, Welles. The family was long

associated with Cambridge and Berkshire. The progenitors of the Craven County (NC) family probably arrived first in the New World in Virginia, early in the seventeenth century. The Willis family was long associated with the Virginia counties of York, Gloucester, and Middlesex.

There is reason to believe that the Craven Willises were of the Virginia family, and in the Register of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, Virginia, in the heart of "Willis country", we find the intriguing entries relating to the baptism of John Willis on 1 January 1707, and Elizabeth Willis on 21 August 1709, both the children of Richard and Martha Willis. The names, place and time strongly suggest this couple as the parents of the Craven Willises.

In the Beginning: The Time Between 1280 and about 1615

The Author first pieced together a family line that started in about 1280 in England and progressed to modern day. However, I began to find more information that demonstrated that the part of the line between 1280 and 1615 was in error and may not actually be the correct line. There were too many inconsistencies and too many conflicts and one major disconnect in the later 1500s/early 1600s. I therefore removed this part of the line and placed it in an Appendix of this report for future examination. NOTE: While the line found in the appendix is a Willis line, the reader must not assume that it is part of the line being discussed in this report.

The Time Between 1615 and 1850

The Willis family that seems to be the first Willis family that can be tied to the present day Cornelia Jane Willis Forehand (referred to as Generation 1 below) is Thomas Willis and Mary Tomlin (referred to as Generation 12 below). Therefore, that is where we will start. This report will start with generation 12 (the oldest one) and move towards Generation 1.

Thomas Willis was born in an Unknown location in England sometime between 1615 and 1625. It is thought that he immigrated to America at the age of 19 in 1635. In fact, a Thomas Willis was found on the passenger list of the ship Speedwell which arrived in Virginia from London on 28 May 1635 (This date may be England departure or Virginia arrival...cannot tell from the data. Trips from Europe to America in this time frame could take 2-4 months or more). Thomas met and married Mary Tomlin in about 1653 and had a family as follows:

Note: Data for Generations 12 and 11 came from a report by Ryan Willis, a Willis family researcher, and found on genform.genealogy.com/willis/messages. This web site is a forum for discussing genealogy and exchanging information.

Generation 12				
Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Thomas Willis	1615 or 25	England	1669	Middlesex Co, VA
Mary Tomlin	1633		9/27/1684	
Elianor (sp?)	4/18/1655			
Richard	8/29/1656	Christ Church Pa, Middlesex Co, VA	12/1//1700	
John	11/24/1658	Middlesex Co, VA	5/4/1688	
Mary	2/29/1659			
Thomas	9/8/1660	Christ Church, Middlesex Co, VA	5/1/1693	
William	1664			

Note: If a table cell has nothing in it, that is because the author could not find that data.

These notes are from the Ryan Willis discussion:

- Thomas may have immigrated to the US in 1635 at the age of 19 on the ship Speedwell. It is not clear if he came alone or with his parents. The actual names of his parents are not clear at this time.
- Thomas and Mary married in 1653 probably in Middlesex County, VA. Thomas was between 28 and 38 while Mary was about 20 years old.
- Thomas died before 1670 because after he died, Mary married Matthew Bentley on 6 Feb 1670 in Middlesex Co, VA.
- There is uncertainty about the last three children. Notes in the 1670 marriage bond for Mary and Matthew make provisions for her three children, Eleanor, Richard, and John. The last three are apparently not mentioned.
- Land and deed transaction for Lancaster County, VA, (later Middlesex Co), and Gloucester County, VA), show that Thomas owned land on the south side of the Rappahannock River and along the Grave Neck Creek.

Richard Willis continued the family line. His family is listed in the following table:

Generation 11				
Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Richard Willis	8/29/1656	VA	12/1/1700	Christ Church, Middlesex Co, VA
Dorothy Gibson	1650		1669	
Unknown children				
Ann Griggs			1700	NC
Katherine Willis	1680			
Susanne Willis	1682			
Richard	1680 or 87	Middlesex Co, VA	1775	
Elizabeth B Landon	5/17/1683 Or 1660	England	7/3/1719	VA

Richard Willis (Generation 11) was married as many as 3 times. He married Elizabeth Landon in about 1692. (LDS researchers found at least 3 spouse names, as listed in the table above).

Richard Willis continued the family line.

Data for Generations 10, 9 and 8 came from a researcher named Ben Bennett and was found on web site Genforum.genealogy.com:

Generation 10				
Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Richard Willis	1680 or 87	Accomach, Middlesex Co, VA	1775	Craven Co, NC
Martha Vines	~1691			
Samuel	1698	Middlesex Co, VA		
John D.	1/1/1707	Christchurch Pa, Middlesex Co, VA		
Elizabeth	8/21/1709	Same as above		
Margaret Webb	~1682			
Joseph	1715	Beaufort, Craven Co, NC	3/1784	Beaufort, Craven Co, NC
James	2/10/1716	Craven Co, NC	10/9/1798	Craven Co, NC
Thomas Clifford	1718	Bay River, NC	12/1798	Craven Co, NC

The marriage to Margaret Webb occurred in 1714.

Richard Willis and family apparently migrated from Virginia to North Carolina sometime between 1709 and 1715 based on the birth locations of their children. Perhaps he made this move after Martha died, and then met and married Margaret in NC. This is not known.

Joseph continued the family line.

Generation 9				
Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Rev Joseph Willis	1715	Craven Co, NC	3/1784	USA
Elizabeth Simmons	1719 or 32	Craven Co, NC	10/1793	USA
Mary	8/20/1738	Craven Co, NC	~1797	Craven Co, NC
Joseph S.	2/20/1740/1	Craven Co	B4 1796	
Thomas	1/12/1745/6	Craven Co	12/8/1829	Sumner Co, TN
Caleb	2/20/1747/8	Craven Co	11/1827	Sumner Co, TN
Richard Hanly	2/16/1754	Craven Co	After 1812	
Jesse	2/25/1757	Craven Co	4/3/1817	
Ephraim	5/9/1760	Craven Co	1784-1829	
Elizabeth	5/17/1764	Craven Co	B4 1784	

There is a conflict on Elizabeth's birth date and their marriage date. The best fit is that she was born in 1719 and married Joseph in 1736. With these numbers all the other data fits together.

The names of all the children (except Elizabeth who apparently died as a child) are found in Joseph's Will that is dated 1/27/1784. He died in March 1784. A copy of the Last Will and Testament for Joseph Willis is available via one of the Public Trees. Interesting information from Joseph Willis' Will can be found later in this report.

According to the Bennett data, Joseph Willis was the pastor of Swift Creek Baptist Church. This information came from a publication titled History of North Carolina Baptists by George Washington Paschel.

Caleb Willis continued the family line.

Generation 8				
Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Caleb Willis	2/20/1747/8	Craven Co, NC	11/1827	Sumner Co, TN
Sarah Cantrell				
Richard Hanly			After 1812	
Moses			1820-10/1827	
Sarah				
Malachi			10/18/1832	IL
Nancy L.	~1771		1855	Sumner Co
Caleb Jr	4/13/1775		4/23/1850	
Lina			?	
Daniel	~1782	NC	9/1858	Sumner Co

Moses Willis continued the family line.

Generation 7				
Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Moses Willis	1778	Sumner Co, TN	1827	Sumner Co, TN
Jane Choate	1795		1845	Lawrence Co, TN
Sarah Ann	1818	Sumner Co		
George Washington	1820	Sumner Co		
Andrew Jackson	1822	Sumner Co		
Malachiah C.	1824	Sumner Co		Wayland Springs, TN
Moses Hughston	1825	Sumner Co	7/27/1888	Wayland Springs, TN
James Moore	1828	Lawrence Co, TN		

Moses Hughston Willis continued the family line.

Generation 6				
Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Moses Hughston Willis	1825	Lawrence Co, TN	1888	Lawrence Co, TN
Elizabeth McDougal	1824	Lawrence Co, TN		
Daniel	1848			

The data says they married on 11/27/1845 in Lawrence Co, TN.

Daniel Willis continued the family line.

The Time Between 1850 and 1930

The information presented for this time period was taken primarily from US Census Data and should be more accurate than the information presented so far.

1850

Moses Hughston Willis (Generation 6) married Elizabeth McDougal on 27 November 1845 in Lawrence County, TN. He was about 20 years old, she about 20 also. By the 1850 census, they had 2 children. Their family looked like this in the census:

Generation 6					
Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Hughston Willis	25	~1825	Lawrence Co, TN		
Elizabeth McDougal	25	~1825	TN		
James A.	3	~1847	TN		
Daniel	2	~1848	Lawrence Co, TN		
James McDougal	61	~1789	TN		

Moses' given name was listed in the census as Hughston (Moses Hughston Willis Generation 6) and he was a farmer in Lawrence Co, TN. It is assumed that James McDougal is Elizabeth's father. The 1850 census is sparse in the data provided.

By 1850, all of Hughston's ancestors were deceased.

Daniel Willis continued the family line.

1860

In 1860, a M.H. Willis is found in Lawrence Co, TN with a Post Office of Wayland Springs. The family looked like this:

Generation 6					
Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
M.H. Willis	35	~1825	Lawrence Co, TN		
Elizabeth J. Liles	35	~1825	TN		
James A.	14	~1846			
Daniel	12	~1848	Lawrence Co, TN		
William	5	~1855			
John	12	~1848			
William	4	~1856			
John	22	~1838			

This is clearly the same family as found in 1850. However, the presence of the last three persons in the table is not clear at this time. The 1860 census format does not tell the relationship of these three people to the head of the household as do other census formats.

M.H. listed is real estate value at \$700 and his personal estate at \$300. He was a farmer. He also divulged to the census taker that neither he nor Elizabeth could read or write.

1870

For unknown reasons, the Moses H. Willis family could not be found in the 1870 census.

1880

In 1880, the **Daniel Willis** family was found in Lawrence Co, TN, as follows:

Generation 5					
Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Daniel R. Willis	31	~1849	Lawrence Co, TN		
Elizabeth R.	28	~1852	AL		
Arthur	9	~1871	Lawrence Co, TN		
Ella D.	8	~1872	TN		
Mary E	6	~1874	TN		
Wiley A.	4	~1876	TN		
Walker Lando	2	~1878	TN		
Noname	1 mo	~1880	TN		

Daniel was a farmer. The data indicated that Elizabeth could not read or write.

In addition, it is thought that Moses Hughston Willis was still alive in 1880 yet he cannot be found in the 1880 census.

1890

Recall that a fire destroyed most of the 1890 census data. The data for Tennessee did not survive. This presents a problem because this is an important time in the growth of the Daniel Willis family, yet there is a 20 year gap between census data.

1900

In 1900, the **Daniel Willis** family is found still living in Lawrence Co, TN, as follows:

Generation 5					
Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Daniel R. Willis	51	7/1848	Lawrence Co, TN		
Elizabeth R.	47	6/1852	AL		
Robert	19	6/1880	TN		
Katie O.	18	4/1882	TN		
Emma L.	16	1/1884	TN		
Ollie L.	13	10/1886	TN		
Claudia M.	11	4/1889	TN		
Willis Allen	7	7/1892	TN		
Charlie H.	3	3/1897	TN		

The data indicated that Daniel and Elizabeth had been married 30 years (an 1870 marriage date) and that Elizabeth bore 12 children or which 10 survived. In the above table, it is clear that some of the children had moved out of the house by 1900.

Note that in the 1900 census, the exact birth month and year were recorded. This was not done in any other census. In censuses other than 1900, birth year was estimated based on age given.

Daniel and Elizabeth lived next door to:

Walker Willis	age 22	b: 2/1878
Bessie Willis	age 17	b: 4/1883

Walker is probably Walker Lando Willis, born to Daniel and Elizabeth in 1878 and found in the 1880 census above.

In addition Daniel, and Elizabeth's son **Arthur R. Forehand** and his family also lived next door:

Generation 4						
Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location	Note
Arthur R. Willis	29	3/1871	Lawrence Co, TN			
Mattie Price	25	10/1874				
Otis	1	7/1898				
Wesley Liles	23	5/1877				Boarder
Wiley Sweeney	11	2/1889				Boarder

Arthur was a farmer and they had been married for 6 years (marriage date 18 July 1894).
Otis' full name is Charlie Otis Willis.

Since the Daniel Willis family is large and was shown above in two different tables based on census records, the following table shows the complete Daniel Willis family. Information from the Valerie Kay Osborne Public Family Tree was integrated with the 1900 census data to produce this table:

Generation 5					
Name	Age in 1900	Birth date	Location	Death date	Location
Daniel Richard Willis	51	7/17/1848	TN	9/15/1923	Iron City Tsp
Elizabeth Rebecca Liles	47	6/1852	AL		
Arthur Richard	29	3/17/1871	TN	7/14/1927	
Ella D.	28	~1872	TN	2/28/1963	
Mary E. (Molly)	26	~1874	TN	?	
Wiley A.	24 *	9/18/1876	TN	2/19/1891	
Walker Lando	22	2/24/1878	TN	7/9/1950	
Robert E. Lee	19	6/1880	TN	2/5/1965	
Katie O.	18	4/1882	TN	2/8/1965	
Emma L	16	1/23/1884	TN	1896	
Ollie L.	13	10/1886	TN	9/19/1964	
Claudia Mae	11	4/28/1889	TN	6/7/1964	
Willis (Willie) Allen	7	7/8/1892 or 93	TN	4/3/1973	
Charlie Haggard.	3	3/2/1897	TN	2/1966	

*=deceased by 1900

Willie A. and Emma L. Willis apparently died in their teens.
Arthur Richard Willis continued the family line.

1910

In 1910, we find Daniel Willis and several of his children living in proximity to each other in Lawrence County, TN, and on or near Wayland Springs Road and West Side Shoal (or Shore). The exact addressing is confusing and hard to read on the census data.

This table shows Daniel and Elizabeth Willis and three children still living at home:

Generation 5						
Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location	Note
Daniel R. Willis	61	7/1848	Lawrence Co, TN			
Elizabeth R.	57	6/1852	AL			
Claudia	20	4/1889				
Willis A.	17	7/1892				
Charlie H.	13	3/1897				

He was a farmer and the census still shows that Elizabeth bore 12 children of which 10 survived.

Two of Daniel's sons registered for the WWI draft in 1917 and 1918. Here is data from their registration cards:

Will Allen Willis, age 24

Registered 5 January 1917

Was a farmer

Had a wife and child

Born 8 July 1893 in Wayland Springs, TN

Short height, medium build, blue eyes, black hair

Charles Haggard Willis, age 21

Registered 5 June 1918

Address Wayland Springs, TN

Nearest relative: D.R. (Daniel R.) Willis

Born 2 March 1897 Wayland Springs

Blue eyes, brown hair

This table shows Arthur Willis (son of Daniel) and family who lived near to Daniel in Lawrence Co, TN, in 1910:

Generation 4						
Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location	Note
Arthur R. Willis	39	3/1871	Lawrence Co, TN	7/14/1927		
Mattie Price	37	10/1874	TN			
Charlie O. (Otis)	11	7/1898	TN			
Joe R.	9	~1901	Lawrence Co, TN			
Lewis F.	7	~1903	TN			
Walter	5	~1905	TN			
Clyde E.	2	~1908	TN			

Arthur was a farmer and he and Mattie had been married for 16 years. As of 1910, she bore 5 children of which all five survived.

Both Arthur and Walter lived on or near Wayland Springs Rd and West point and Iron City Road or West Shore. The reason so many names are stated is that these roads are written on the census form but the hand writing is poor.

This table shows the Walter O. Willis family. It is assumed that Walter is a son of Daniel.

Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location	Note
Walter (or Walker) O. Willis	32	2/1878	TN			
Bessie	27	4/1883	TN			
Harry	8	~1902	TN			
Wiley	3	~1907	TN			

Walter was a farmer and he and Bessie had been married 9 years. As of 1910, she bore 2 children of which both survived.

This table shows the Robert Willis family. It is assumed that this is Daniels son Robert E. Lee Willis.

Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location	Note
Robert Willis	29	6/1880				
Kate	24	4/1882				
Howard	6	~1906				

The data shows that Robert and Kate had been married 7 years but that this was Robert's second marriage. There is no data so far on his first wife.

Arthur Willis carries on the family line being researched in this report.

Finally, for 1910, we find the following family living near Walter, Arthur, and Daniel:

Ida R. Liles	age 31	widow	b: ~1879
Minnie B.	age 13		
Annie V.	age 11		
Georgia B.	age 8		

This is presented because the maiden name of Daniel's wife Elizabeth was Liles.

1920

In 1920, the Daniel Willis and Arthur Willis families lived close by to each other on or near Wayland Springs Road and West Point Road in Lawrence Co, TN:

Generation 5						
Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location	Note
Daniel R. Willis	71	7/1848	TN			
Lizzie	68	6/1852	AL			
Haggard (Charles)	22	3/1897	TN			

Daniel was a farmer and owned his farm.

Daniel's last son Charles Haggard was recorded in the census simply as Haggard.

The census data also recorded that Lizzie could not read or write but that Daniel could.

Generation 4						
Name	Age	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location	Note
Arthur R. Willis	48	3/1871	Lawrence Co, TN	7/14/1927		
Mattie Price	47	10/1874	TN			
Joe Richard	19	~1901	Lawrence Co, TN			
Lewis	17	~1903	TN			
Walter	14	~1906	TN			
Clyde	12	~1908	TN			
Otis Willis	21	7/1898	TN			
Mae Willis	14	~1906	TN			

Otis was Arthur Willis' son Charles Otis Willis and lived with his wife Mae in the same dwelling as his father Arthur.

Both Arthur and Otis were farmers. Arthur owned his farm while Otis and his wife lived on this farm and worked for or with his dad.

Joe Richard Willis carried on the family line.

1930

Joe Richard Willis was born and raised in Lawrence County, TN, on Wayland Springs Road. In 1910 and 1920, he still lived at that location. However, at the time of the 1930 census, Joe and his family was living in Old Hickory Town in Davidson Co, TN.

According to the Tennessee State Marriages 1780 – 2002 database, he took out a \$1250 marriage bond on 15 November 1923 and then married Etta Viola Blackwell on 17 November 1923 in Lawrence Co, TN. Joe was 23 years old while Etta was about 21.

In 1930, the Joe Willis family looked like this:

Generation 3					
Name	Age	Born	Born in	Died	Died in:
Joe Richard Willis	30	10/29/1900	Lawrence Co, TN	3/14/1989	Old Hickory, Davidson Co, TN
Etta Viola Blackwell	28	~1902	TN		
Louise	10	~1920	TN		
Harold	5	4/5/1925	Unknown Co, TN	2/28/1997	

Note: According to the 1930 census, Joe stated that he was 19 at his first marriage while Etta was 17. This suggests a marriage year of about 1919.

1910 census data shows that Etta’s Parents and siblings were:

Ben Blackwell	age 64	b: ~1844	father
Becky L.	age 53	b: ~1857	mother
William	age 24		
Nathan	age 20		
Lizzie	age 19		
Sallie	age 16		
Lillie	age 13		
Etta	age 9		

Between 1923 and 1930 (exact date unknown), Joe and Etta moved from Lawrence County to Old Hickory (Village) in Davidson County, TN, near Nashville.

Old Hickory Town was the sight of a gunpowder manufacturing plant during WWI. After WWI, the gunpowder plant was closed and the facilities acquired by The Nashville Industrial Corporation. In 1923, the village was purchased by the newly named Du Pont Rayon Company. It is probable that Joe Richard Willis relocated from Lawrence Co to Old Hickory Town (Village) in Davidson Co to take advantage of this new and vast employment opportunity.

According to 1930 census data:

They rented their home for \$8 per month in Old Hickory Town.
They lived at 909 Berry St.
Harold is actually Richard Harold Willis.

Joe was employed as a “spinner” at the rayon mill. Many people in the neighborhood worked at the rayon mill.

They had a boarder living with them in 1930: Bertha Williams, age 18. She worked as a “reeler” at the rayon mill.

In addition, according to the census data, there was another family living in the same dwelling as Joe and Etta (perhaps this dwelling was a duplex or apartment):

Allen Willis	age 37	b: ~1893
Anne Willis	age 30	b: ~1900
Roy Willis	age 6	b: ~1924

Allen was a machine cleaner at the rayon mill.

Since the birth dates of this person and Daniel Willis’ son Willis Allen match, it is conceivable but not proven that this Allen Willis is Joe Richard’s Uncle with his wife and child.

Finally, in 1930, census data shows that Mattie Willis, the widowed wife of Arthur Willis, is found living at 1705 Overton Street in Old Hickory (Village), Davidson County, TN. She is living with son Walter Willis and wife Iva. Mattie is 55 years old.

Name	Age	Born	Born in	Died	Notes
Walter Willis	25				
Iva Willis	21				
Mattie Willis	55				

Both Walter and Iva were foremen at the Silk mill.

Their home was rented at \$14.50 per month. All home in this area rented for the same dollar amount.

Richard Harold Willis continued the family line forward.

After 1930

Census data for 1940 will not be available until the year 2012 per federal law.

However, we know that Richard Harold Willis married Pattie Brown Allen on Unknown date. Pattie was born 31 August 1926 in Nashville and died on 12 April 1996. Richard Harold and Pattie had three children as follows:

Generations 1 and 2				
Name	Born	Born in	Died	Notes
Richard Harold Willis (Gen 2)	4/25/1925	TN	1997	
Pattie Brown Allen	8/31/1926	TN	4/12/1996	
Richard Steven		TN		
Kimberly Jean		TN		
Cornelia Jane (Gen 1)	10/9/1952	TN		

Cornelia Jane Willis married George William Forehand Jr. thus connecting the Forehand and Willis families together after over 400 years of separation.

The Willis Family Migration

This section shows a simple plot of the path of migration of the Willis family from England to Nashville.

England
 V
 Christ Church, Middlesex Co, VA
 V
 Beaufort, Craven Co, NC
 V
 Sumner Co, TN
 V
 Wayland Springs, Lawrence Co, TN
 V
 Old Hickory (Town or Village) in Davidson County, TN

The Willis Family Tree Branch

Thomas Willis b~1615
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 Richard Willis b~1656
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 Richard Willis b~1680
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 Joseph Willis b~1715
 |
 Caleb Willis b~1747/8
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Moses Willis b~1778
 |
 Moses Hughston Willis b~1825
 |
 Daniel Willis b~1849
 |
 Arthur Willis b~1871
 |
 Joe Richard Willis b 1900
 |
 Richard Harold Willis b 1925
 |
 Cornelia Jane Willis b 1952

The Last Will and Testament of Rev Joseph Willis

A file with the Will of a Reverend Joseph Willis was found in the Willis-Carroll Public Family Tree. It is clear from the contents of the Will that Rev Joseph Willis is the man in Generation 9 above.

The will can be found online within the Willis-Carroll Public Family Tree on the www.ancestry.com web site.

The Will is dated 27 January 1784. The following are the details of the Will:

Joseph Willis, Sr of Craven Co, NC.

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life the use of my negro girl named Rose and a feather bed and furniture.

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth during her widowhood all my land and

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Clark one English shilling besides part of a negro woman and cattle and other things she has had already.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Willis a negro man named Adam after my wife's marriage or death besides the land part of a negro and other things he has had already.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Willis one negro man named Absalom after my wife's marriage or death besides the land part of a negro and other things he has had already.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Caleb Willis a negro man named Will after my wife's marriage or death beside the land and other things he has had already.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Richard Willis after my wife's marriage or death my Manner plantation and land thereunto belonging with a tract of three hundred acres lying just above it with one negro girl named Dinah and her increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Willis after my wife's marriage or death my negro girl named Rose with her child Jenny and their increase beside the land and what I have given to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Ephraim Willis after my wife's marriage or death my negro man named Sam besides the land and what I have given him already to him and his heirs

forever.

Item and I make a reserve that if either of the negros that I have aforesaid and left to either of my sons should die before they possess them then I give and bequeath my negro girl Jude to my son so losing his negro to him and his heirs forever. But if none should die I desire that it should be equally divided amongst my six sons which will be after named.

I give and bequeath to my six sons above named to wit Joseph, Thomas, Caleb, Richard, Jesse, and Ephraim after my wife marriage or death all my cattle and stock of all kinds together with my household goods of all sorts with tools of all kinds with every other thing that then shall belong to my estate that is not mentioned in this will to be equally divided amongst them all and I hereby make and appoint my two sons Caleb and Ephraim Willis executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills and bequests by me made and declaring ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Joseph Willis (seal)

In the presence of us, Jarvis Fillingan, Prudence Willis, Joshua (X) Roe, March, Craven Co. Court 1784

<End of Will>

A Note on the Marriage Bond

A number of instances were found where a Marriage Bond was created before a marriage could occur. Here is an explanation:

Per web site: <http://www.tngenweb.org/vanburen/vbmarriage-bond.htm>

The Marriage Bond is a money guarantee that has its roots in colonial regulations.

Back then, because of the scarcity of ministers, the colony would require all persons wishing to be married by license to go to the county clerk. A bond was given with security that there was no lawful cause to prevent the marriage. Often the bondsman was someone other than the parent. The rich uncle was always a good candidate for bondsman. Once the bonds were completed, the license would be issued.

Of course, some got married by publishing (2) "banns." No bond or license was needed. In Tennessee, three documents were created at the time of a marriage.

- The first was the marriage bond.
 - The second was the license, wherein the court authorized the marriage, and the official signed the back to show that it had been performed.
 - The ledger where the clerk copied some information from these two sources is known as the official marriage record, and is often the only surviving part of the record.
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Charles A. Sherrill Tenn. State Library & Archives has furnished the following information on this subject according to his understanding of the material he has read.

- The groom had to assure the State that he was able to be legally married (was not already married to someone else, under age, or ineligible because of close blood relationship, etc.)
- This assurance was given in the form of a bond for a certain amount of money. The friend or relative signed as the groom's security on the bond, commonly known as becoming a bondsman.
- If indeed the groom had been sued for violating the marriage contract, the bondsman would have had to pay any legal damages if the groom defaulted.
- No money actually changed hands at the time the bond was issued.
- This bonding procedure was used across Tennessee and in other southern states in the 19th century.

Appendix

The following line of Willis families was originally believed by me and other researchers to be the Willis line from 1280 to 1615 that connected seamlessly with the Willis line discussed above. Later research found sources that disputed this line, in particular taking issue with the Willis/Henmarsh union and stating emphatically that Richard Willis and Jane Henmarsh had no sons who could carry on the family name. I therefore had to break the line at this point and place all families including and prior to Willis/Henmarsh here in this appendix for further study.

Note on the Political Organization of England

Frequent references will be made to locations in England. Today, and then, England is divided into Regions. These Regions are divided into Counties, and the Counties are divided into Districts or Parishes. For example, the location Glynde, Sussex, , England is how it was referred to in the 13th century, while Glynde, Lewes, East Sussex, , England is the modern day reference.

- Glynde is actually a village today
- Lewes is the district which may not have existed in ancient England
- Sussex is the county
- , , is the region and is not stated in these cases
- England is the country.

Today, there are actually 2 Sussex counties: East Sussex and West Sussex.

Glynde, East Sussex , , England is located in the southeast corner of England. It is due south of London and about 6 miles from the coast of the English Channel.

The governmental organization of England then and now is obviously too complex to be discussed in this report.

See a map at the end of this research report for the locations of the various English villages mentioned in this report.

Following is a discussion of a Willis line from 1280 to 1615 that may or may not be pertinent:

Unproven Willis family line 1280 to 1615

The first Willis family member in this tree, per the Willis-Carroll Family Tree, was a Mr. Wyllys, born in 1280 in Glynde, Sussex,,England. His first name was not provided. His wife's name is also unknown:

Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Mr Wyllys	1280	Glynde,Sussex,,England		
Unknown wife				
Richard	1302			

One research reference referred to this individual as Sir Richard Wyllys.

Note: in all of the following tables, the name in **bold** text is the son who continues the family line forward. In this case, **Richard** continues the family line forward to Generation 2.

Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Richard Wyllys	1302	Napton,Warwickshire,, England	After 1359	Warwickshire,,England
Joan Jeames	1308	Westminster,London,, England	1376	England
Thomas	1359			

This is all the data available for Generation 2. Note that in this and other cases, there may have been other children, but the author only knows of the one(s) mentioned.

Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Thomas Wyllys	1359	Napton,Warwickshire,,England	1399/1400	England
Unknown wife				
Richard	1385			

One source reported Thomas' wife's death date as 1385 in Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire. If this is accurate and if son Richards' death date is also 1385 as noted in the table, then maybe she died in childbirth.

Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Richard Wyllys	1385	Priors Marston, Warwickshire, England	1453	Priors Marston, Warwickshire,, England
Jane Unknown	1395	Westminster,	1476	Warwich,Warwickshire,,England
Thomas	1404-15	Priors Marston, ,England	1482	England

This is all the data available for Generation 4.

Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Thomas Wyllys	1404-15	Priors Marston, ,England	1482	England
Unknown wife	1445			
Richard	1468			

Birth dates found for Thomas include 1405, 1442, and 1443.

One birth date was found for his wife: 1445 in Priors Marston, ,England.

Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Richard Wyllys	1468	Fenny Compton, Warwickshire, England	5/8/1532	Priors Marston, England
Joane Grant	1486	Norbrooke, Warwickshire,,England	~1515	Fenny Compton, Warwickshire, England
William	1512			

Two birthdates were found for Richard: 1468 and 1487.

Two birthdates were found for Joane Grant: 1486 and 1491.

The data source says they married in 1511 or 1512.

Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
William Wyllys	1512	Fenny Compton,,England	1598	Priors Marston,,England
Anna Clarke	1516	Fenny Compton,,England	1536	England
Ambrose	1533			

Birthdates found for William: 1508, 1510, 1512.

Death dates found for William: 1578, 1598.

Marriage dates found: 1532 and 1536.

Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Ambrose Wyllys	1533	Fenny Compton,, England	6/10/1590	Fenny Compton,, England
Agneta Coles	1535	Compton, Warwickshire,, England	1572	Fenny Compton,, England
Richard	1570			

Birthdates found for Ambrose: 1525, 1526, 1533, 1537.

Birth dates found for Agneta: 1535, 1540, 1547, 1551.

Ambrose's name might have been Ambrosius.

One data source says they had 10 children.

The data says they married in 1572 in Fenny Compton,,England. Other marriages dated found include: 1551, 1565, 1570.

Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Richard Willis Wyllys	1570	Fenny Compton,England	6/10/1597	Fenny Compton,,England
Hester Chambers	1567	Williamscote,,England	1597	Fenny Compton,,England
Richard	1595			

Birthdates found for Richard: 1552, 1566, 1570, 1572.

Birthdates found for Hester: 1567, 1572.

Marriage date found: 1589.

The data source says they had 4 children.

The data mentions the name of the church associated with Hester's death: Church of St.Peter and St. Clare.

Name	Birthdate	Location	Deathdate	Location
Richard Willis	2/10/1595	Fenny Compton,,England	10/26/1626	USA
Jane Henmarsh	1600	Charing, Kent,,England	3/12/1628/9	Middlesex City, VA
Thomas	1625	Middlesex Co, VA		
Richard	1627	Middlesex Co, VA		
William	1629	Middlesex Co, VA		
Elizabeth	1631	Middlesex Co, VA		

Birthdates found for Richard: 2/10/1595, 1596, 1592.

Birthdates found for Jane: 1600, 1603

One data source says that they married in 1624 in Middlesex Co, VA. Another source says they married 10/28/1611 in Hertford County, England.

Images and Misc

From Wikipedia:

Warwickshire is a landlocked non-metropolitan county in the West Midlands region of England. The county town is Warwick, although the largest town is Nuneaton in the north of the county. The shape of the administrative area Warwickshire differs considerably from that of the historic county. Commonly used abbreviations for the county are **Warks** or **Warwicks**. Warwickshire is perhaps best known for being the birthplace of William Shakespeare from Stratford-upon-Avon. Even today, road signs at the county boundary describe Warwickshire as "Shakespeare's County". The county has also produced other literary figures such as George Eliot (from Nuneaton), Rupert Brooke (from Rugby), and Michael Drayton from Hartshill. The poet Philip Larkin lived in Warwick (born in nearby Coventry), and Elizabeth Gaskell went to school in Barford and Stratford.

Fenny Compton is a village and parish in Warwickshire, England, about eight miles north of Banbury. In the 2001 census the parish had a population of 797. Its church of St. Peter and St. Clare was built in the 14th century. Fenny Compton is small but had two stations, one on the Great Western Railway route from Oxford to Birmingham, the other being on the Stratford-upon-Avon and Midland Junction Railway route from Bicester to Broom. The GWR station and SMJ station were built alongside each other controlled by a joint signal box. The village has a doctor's consulting-room, a small general store, and two pubs. The old part of the village has many notable buildings including Knotts Cottage.

Its name comes from the Anglo-Saxon *Fennig Cumbtūn* = "marshy farmstead in a valley".

Priors Marston is a village in Warwickshire, England, 6 miles (9.7 km) southwest of Daventry. The Oxford Canal and Jurassic Way both run nearby. According to the United Kingdom Census 2001 the population of the parish is 506, most of whom live in the village.

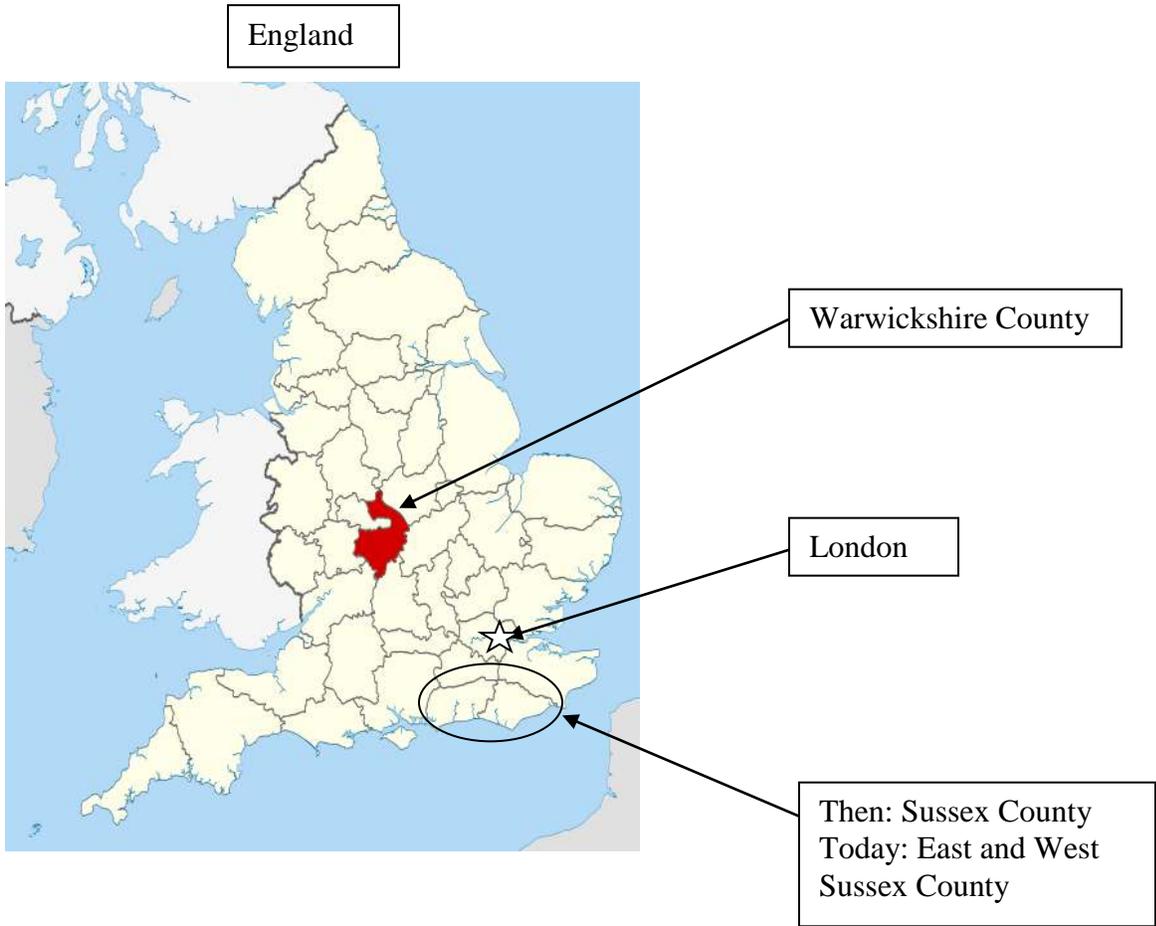
In the village's toponym, "Priors" records the fact the village belonged to St. Mary's Priory, Coventry. "Marston" combines the Old English words *Merse* referring to a lake which formed a fishery in the early history of the village and *tun* meaning a settlement.

The village has an independent primary school called The Priors School. The school was originally a state school, opened in 1847. However in August 1996 the school was forced to close. After a month of intensive fundraising and planning the school re-opened - still offering free education to village residents, and also accepting fee paying pupils from further afield.

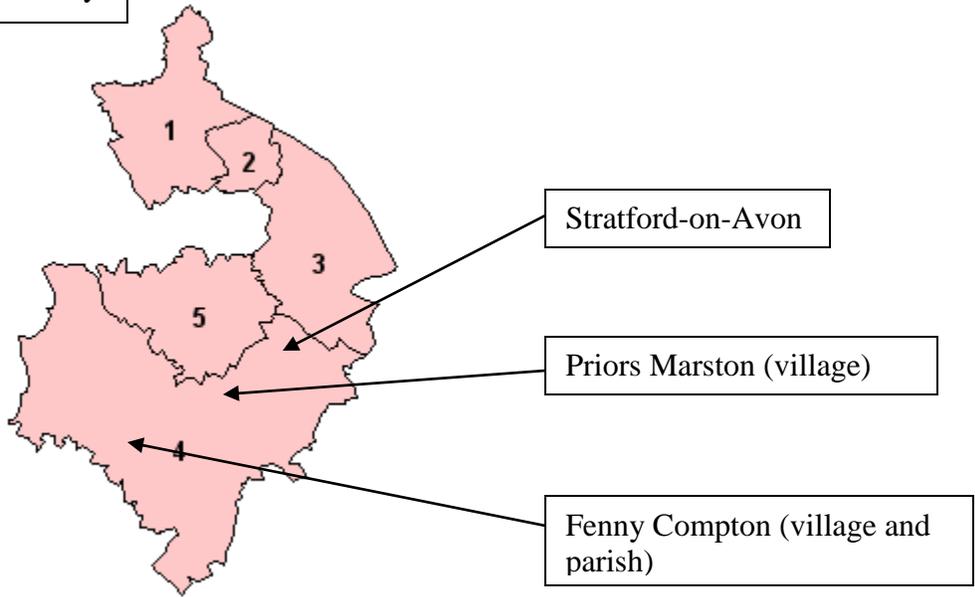
The Church of England parish church is dedicated to Saint Leonard and is part of The Bridges Group of local churches. The earliest known church on this site was built in the 13th century. The tower dates from the 17th and 18th centuries, but the building was largely rebuilt in 1863 as it stands today.

The village hall, called Priors Hall is modern and is a joint venture with Priors Hardwick. It can cater for up to 250 people and the offices of five local businesses are based there. It also acts as a cinema showing around two films per week. The village also has a Post Office, a Sports and Social Club and a children's playground. The village, being remote, only got a mains supply of electricity in 1934 and of water in 1948.

The village has a disused Moravian Church.



Warwickshire County



Ireland

