Drei Beifall Fur Der Betzolds
(3 cheers for the Bedsoles)

BEDSOLE

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BEDSOLE HISTORY, ANCESTORS AND DOCUMENTATION FROM 1663.

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Wappen Fur Der Provinc Von Brandenburgh
(Coat Of Arms For The Province Of Brandenburg)

BETZOLD / BEDSOLE COAT OF ARMS
Meine Vorfahren Kamen Aus Dem Brandenburgischen Provinz Von Deutschland
(My Ancestors Came From The Brandenburg Province Of Germany)

(Note: This Bedsole Coat Of Arms above, was registered in 1650 to Wilhelm Heinrich Betzold in Prussia.)
I copied it by hand from the original Coat hanging on the wall at the home of Wilhelm. In German, (the W is pronounced as a V). So his first name was pronounced as “Vilhelm”. (William Henry Bedsole in English). I copied it in Brandenburg, Germany in 1994. The “Official” Bedsole coat of arms as listed on the Certificate For Country Of Origin, a copy of which I have, is yellow and green and shows 2 lambs. I hate it. So I have decided to adopt this one for our “Official” Coat. It was not the surname that restricted the Coat. It was the design that was not allowed to be duplicated when registered. Therefore, there were any number of Coat Of Arms for any surname. In other words, each family with the surname, designed their own Coats. They were called “Coat Of Arms” because they were thick and tough mats or coats and were worn in fights to protect the upper torso, against knives, daggers and swords. Now you know.

"NOW EACH OF YOU CAN SEE, JUST HOW IT IS, YOU CAME TO BEE".............JD Bedsole

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PART ONE;
BEDSOLE HISTORY FROM 1663

ANSWERS TO MY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EARLIEST BEDSOLES IN THIS COUNTRY, SUCH AS:

1. How did they get here? Where did they come from?. Who were they?. Where did they settle here? Did they move around, and if so, where to ?. How did they live?. What was it like ? What were they like ? Was life hard for them? What hardships did they incur ?. Have things improved for us since then?

2. Locations, names, relationships, kinships, and documentation on early Bedsoles with records of early Marriages, Census Data, Tax Lists, Land Transactions, Cemeteries and etc.

3. References for current and future Bedsole Researchers (If any ever have the grit to do it).

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NOTE: In order to save time, if after you have read this, you want to email me and tell me how you are now more confused than ever, how stupid I am, did I really talk to some people in Germany, and how this was all such a huge waste of time, please don’t bother. I have already been asked and told those things at least a
As you can see, not being a computer Czar, I cannot control the location of the page numbers in this book. When I type it, its fine, but when I transfer it to a file or change the Format, or email it, it gets all out of whack. Then, when I transfer it to you, it will not stay as typed, and the numbers, pages, names, dates and etc. may be any place on the page, as they move around as they please between computers and format changes. I have no idea how to keep all that from happening. Apparently, no one else does either and I have asked every one I know who even MAY know. Anyway, the numbers are theoretically at the bottom of each page. At least we can use the numbers as location markers, so we can say "Its between numbers 156 and 157" or whatever. That will prevent having to guess where something is located. Since this is my last version and I have been all over the internet, telephones and U.S. mail asking for information from other Bedsoles, and receiving next to nothing, if you see something which is wrong or you have additions to make to the List in Part Two, please tell me about it. Remember, until I croak, I will keep a master copy of this book on this computer. When and if I find new information, it will be added to this Master copy which I will update every January and email to anyone who asks for it from time to time. But if you want an updated copy, you must request it.

In the beginning, I just wanted to know where I got this name. But as time went on, and I learned more and more about our ancestors and all the unbelievable hardships they endured, I realized that unless I researched, documented and wrote this History and the related Ancestor And Descendant list, all the current and future Bedsole descendants would never know what those ancestors went through and would never know their true roots either. But I also knew that if I didn’t do it, then it would never be done, because I knew that few people have what it takes to spend that many years of their lives to produce this kind of information on their ancestors and descendants, much less have the grit required to do it. As the Manager of the NC State Archives told me, “JD, that book is the most magnificent piece of genealogy I have ever seen in my life and I’ve been doing this for more than 30 years”. (Thank you sir). After reviewing several other surname research efforts, I have to agree with him. This book is a magnificent piece of work, but that’s as it should be, considering all the time, effort and cost I have put into it, but most of all, ITS FREE. Does that make me some kind of super-human you ask, and that you should bow down in front of me? YES INDEED !!.

I began this project in 1950. This History and List and especially the List, represents more than 60 years of the most demanding, expensive, time-consuming, frustrating, and maddening work I have ever encountered in my life. Now, I give it to all you Bedsoles and relatives most of whom I don’t even know, for nothing. I hope you truly appreciate what went into it, and what it represents. I know how priceless it really is and I hope you do too. Believe me, it becomes more valuable to the point of being absolutely priceless, as you get older. So, keep it, treasure it, and pass it down to your children. But always remember who produced it........ME and me alone. Although I do greatly appreciate the information provided by a precious few who emailed some to me.

Regarding the List; Many thanks to those few who made an effort to send me at least some information. As you will read further on though, with the exception of those few, those I wrote, emailed and called for information, were generally suspicious, rude to the point of being hateful, and would tell me nothing useful. To them I say, thanks a lot, for absolutely nothing, but insult after insult.

In the absence of most-needed documentation and by reading, researching, analyzing and documenting
what little Bedsole information was available, together with all the old records, books, websites, and other
relevant historical sources I could find, then flying to Germany in 1993 and again in 1994 and researching
there, because my Dad had said Bedsole originated in Germany, I have put together my best, educated and
informed guesses in many cases, at what I feel is very close to the facts back then. Some of my conclusions
may prove to be wrong in the future, but I invite anyone to prove anything I claim to be true, is actually
wrong. The only acceptable proof from someone that I have something wrong however, would be their own
documentation and not their best guess. Any best-guess by anyone else, would not be as accurate, and
certainly not more accurate than my own and I guarantee that.

As you will read, the Bedsoles for our purposes anyway, came from Germany, although they originated
in Prussia, parts of which were scattered into and became, parts of Germany. Wherever they lived BEFORE
Prussia, is not known and I don't really care. The first one arrived at Bath, NC on an English ship and
historically, they spread as follows;

9/11/1700. Abraham Bedsole first arrived at Bath, NC. He arrived again 5/1/1701 with his wife and child.
They spread southward through Dobbs, Bladen, Sampson, and other NC counties and on to Virginia, where
Abraham and son William acquired land.

1719. Abraham, Isaac and William his sons, acquired land in Virginia, under the "Bledsoe" surname. At about
the same time, the true Bledsoe's from England, also arrived in Virginia (Having arrived in the U.S. originally
in 1630).
In Virginia, the Bedsoles and Bledsoes became entwined and "Untwining" them with accuracy was not
possible since many used the same first names, due to the lack of documentation and the fact that they willy-
nilly took each others last names as they pleased. But, since they could neither read, write, or spell, one
name was as good as another and to this day, many people who have known me for 50-60 years, still call me
"Bledsoe", even though they know better, and can read, write and spell.

1827. The first Bedsoles arrived in Sellers, Montgomery and Lowndes Counties, Alabama, and in
South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

1830. First Bedsoles arrived in Louisiana.

1893. First Bedsoles arrived in Texas

So historically, they spread like this; From Germany to the U.S. Then to Alabama, Georgia, S.C. and
Tennessee. Then Mississippi, Texas, California and simultaneously other states in the United States. Now, in
2012, there is a Bryan Bedsole who is in New Zealand and who says he will become a citizen of that country.

This Book Was A Long, Time-Consuming And Expensive Project

Here are only a few reasons why one can spend so much time and money looking for the older Bedsole
records and never find any. First of all, there are no less than 55 counties in NC alone, where I discovered by
accident, the first ones arrived (Bath County) from Germany. Many counties were created or partially created
from Bladen County, where, in 1950, I first found the Bedsoles. To add to the fun, almost all counties were
created from parts of one to seven other counties at various times. Then, many counties changed their
names in some cases several times. Just trying to find some records on Bath County, NC alone (which
became Beaufort County) where the first Bedsole appeared, I ran into this: What few records did exist for
Bath County are scattered in the courthouses of some of its early precincts some of which are now in other
counties, and in the Archives in Raleigh. No one knows what is where, or if in fact, any records at all exist. Bath County's earliest recorded deeds for example, date from 1700 and are included in Beaufort Co. Deed Book One (1701-1729). However, several other early Bath County deeds and other documents, some dated before 1700, were found in the records of Albemarle County and scattered among its various precincts, and there are likely some in other unknown counties. Most of the earliest records of Craven and Hyde Counties (Created from Bath) have not been preserved at all, and they surely had many Bath County records too. Beaufort and Hyde Precincts are known to have held joint sessions of court for and including Bath, apparently in Beaufort. Eighteen Bath County Wills (1702-1718), mostly for both Beaufort and Hyde Precincts, were recorded in Beaufort Precinct and may be found in Beaufort County's Land Deed Book (Terrific logic) and, although they are Wills, they are not recorded in the Will Books in the Beaufort County Clerk's Office, as you would expect. Also ten of the eighteen do not appear (Is'nt that great?) in Grimes' "Abstracts of North Carolina Wills 1663-1760" probably because the originals of the ten were never sent to the Secretary of State as required by law. In fact, over 60 more Beaufort County Wills dated 1720 to 1760 were retained in the courthouse and later copied into the Old Will Book and thus they also do not appear in Grimes' volume. Only a few of the Wills proved before 1700 have survived in the records identified in the NC State Archives as "Secretary Of State Wills" (?). A majority of the North Carolina counties have transferred all or part of their surviving original wills (If any) to the State Archives, however, some counties did not do that and have kept all or part of them, and looking and researching is the only way to determine which county did what or has what, and which have nothing at all on file. There is no one and no place you can go to, to find out what is where. And by the way, Good luck on finding any of them. The only way to be certain though, is to go look for yourself, and for that, you need about 50 years and more than a million dollars for motels, gas, food and etc., not to mention determination, grit and patience the likes of which you have never seen or heard of before. In addition, you must be super-human in creativeness in solving big problems.

So, just finding out where documents may be located takes an unbelievable amount of time and even if you find where they may be, they still may either be buried somewhere in the county records but no one knows where, may not exist at all, were destroyed years ago, or are physically located in some other unknown counties, places, basements, boxes, or categories. Additionally, to add to the mess, the Bedsoles until about 1950, went by all kinds of surnames and nicknames such as Betsol, Bedsowl, Bletsoul, Batsoal, Betsell, Bitsell and "Cotton", "Jeter", "Lizer", "Scooter" and etc. On top of that, way too many of them went by half-names such as "Liz" and/or used middle names as first names, while way too many went by first, middle and last names none of which had anything whatsoever to do with their real name(s) and all of which were major and time-consuming problems. For example, how do you determine who the Scooter Bedsole in 1768 actually was, where and what family he goes under, who he was married to, who his children were and at what point they were born into that family when there is no one to ask?. In addition, there were many with identical whole names, living at the same times and places (William Bedsole, William Bedsole and William Bedsole). Good luck at deciding which one you are looking at, at any given time. At this point, the vast majority of older Bedsole documents no longer exist at all because they were burned when their respective courthouses went up in flames, and those that do exist, may be stored helter-skelter in boxes upon boxes of records in dark courthouse basements, in no kind of order and with no one there, who knows anything about what is where. All that is what I was up against in 1950 and did not find it out until I had done many years of very difficult and frustrating work, and all that is what you will be up against if you decide to research anything about the Bedsoles for yourselves. So when I say good luck, its because you will need it. In my case, it was dogged determination which had nothing at all to do with luck and had everything to do with sheer geman Grit and dogged determination.

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There has been major loss of both recorded and original wills, census and land records, and etc. from fires, wars, and natural disasters, but by far most of all, from sheer carelessness. All those problems contributed to
the fact that I could find next to nothing on any Bedsole by any name, until 1700. Later, one then two, then
three of them appeared in Bath County, NC and then Russell and Spotsylvania counties in Virginia, on land
records, as Bledsoes, where they intermingled with all the true BLEDSOES who had arrived there in 1630,
from England. (Before England, they came from Germany too).

All that should give you a very vague idea what you will be up against in Bath County, much less all the other
counties in NC and other states and counties where the Bedsoles moved to and lived, when you try to either
prove me wrong, or if you simply want to add to, clarify, or expand on what I have said or found. We won't
even talk about what you will not find in Germany. I learned the hard way there and, as you will learn by
reading everything I have written about that below, and you will or would, do the same.

**Country Of Origin For Bedsole Is The Brandenburg Province Of Prussia Which
Became Part Or Parts, Of Germany**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**
Throughout the 60 years I spent on this project, I did NOT make copies of the documents I came across. I
have typed them here from my pen and ink notes, exactly as they were originally written. So please don’t
contact me to ask for copies of documents. For the years and years, I spent writing this book I was doing it
for myself and no one else. Consequently, I did not need copies of documents, spurred in no small part by
the fact that copiers were not available in 99 percent of the cases. However, as the years passed, and more
and more people wanted copies of it, they also wanted copies of the original documents too. Unfortunately, I
do not have them and never did. But I did see and read them and to me, that was and still is, all I needed.

**Quick German History**
The Celts are believed to have been the first inhabitants of Germany. They were followed by German tribes
at the end of the 2nd century B.C. German invasions destroyed the declining Roman Empire in the 4th and
5th centuries A.D. One of the tribes, the Franks, attained supremacy in western Europe under Charlemagne,
who was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in 800. By the Treaty of Verdun (843), Charlemagne's lands east of
the Rhine were ceded to the German Prince Louis. Additional territory acquired by the Treaty of Mersen
(870) gave Germany approximately the area it maintained throughout the Middle Ages. For several centuries
after Otto the Great was crowned king in 936, German rulers were also sometimes, heads of the Holy
Roman Empire. By the 14th century, the Holy Roman Empire was little more than a loose federation of the
German princes who elected the Holy Roman Emperor. In 1438, Albert of Hapsburg became emperor, and
for the next several centuries the Hapsburg line ruled the Holy Roman Empire until its decline in 1806.
Relations between state and church were changed by the Reformation, which began with Martin Luther's 95
theses, and came to a head in 1547, when Charles V scattered the forces of the Protestant League at
Mühlberg. The Counter-Reformation followed. A dispute over the succession to the Bohemian throne brought
on the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648), which devastated Germany and left the empire divided into hundreds
of small principalities virtually independent of the emperor.

**The Rise of Bismarck and Birth of the Second German Reich**
Meanwhile, Prussia was developing into a state of considerable strength. Frederick the Great (1740–1786)
reorganized the Prussian army and defeated Maria Theresa of Austria in a struggle over Silesia. After the
defeat of Napoléon at Waterloo (1815), the struggle between Austria and Prussia for supremacy in Germany
continued, reaching its climax in the defeat of Austria in the Seven Weeks' War (1866) and the formation of
the Prussian-dominated North German Confederation (1867). The architect of this new German unity was
Otto von Bismarck, a conservative, monarchist, and militaristic Prussian prime minister. He unified all of
Germany in a series of three wars against Denmark (1864), Austria (1866), and France (1870–1871). On
Jan. 18, 1871, King Wilhelm I of Prussia was proclaimed German emperor in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles. The North German Confederation was abolished, and the Second German Reich, consisting of the North and South German states, was born. With a powerful army, an efficient bureaucracy, and a loyal bourgeoisie, Chancellor Bismarck consolidated a powerful centralized state. Wilhelm II dismissed Bismarck in 1890 and embarked upon a “New Course,” stressing an intensified colonialism and a powerful navy. His chaotic foreign policy culminated in the diplomatic isolation of Germany and the disastrous defeat in World War I (1914–1918). The Second German Empire collapsed following the defeat of the German armies in 1918, the naval mutiny at Kiel, and the flight of the kaiser to the Netherlands. The Social Democrats, led by Friedrich Ebert and Philipp Scheidemann, crushed the Communists and established a moderate state, known as the Weimar Republic, with Ebert as president. President Ebert died on Feb. 28, 1925, and on April 26, Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg was elected president. The majority of Germans regarded the Weimar Republic as a child of defeat, imposed on a Germany whose legitimate aspirations to world leadership had been thwarted by a worldwide conspiracy. Added to this were a crippling currency debacle, a tremendous burden of reparations, and acute economic distress. If you ever go to Germany to research the Bedsoles (Betzolds), you will learn much more than you ever wanted know about all that. So allow at least 5 years and at least two million dollars for such a trip. You'll need translators too, by the way.

**Adolf Hitler And WWII**

Adolf Hitler, an Austrian war veteran (Corporal) and a fanatical nationalist, fanned discontent by promising a Greater Germany, abrogation of the Treaty of Versailles, restoration of Germany's lost colonies, and the destruction of the Jews, whom he scapegoated as the reason for Germany's downfall and depressed economy. When the Social Democrats and the Communists refused to combine against the Nazi threat, President von Hindenburg made Hitler the chancellor on Jan. 30, 1933. With the death of von Hindenburg on Aug. 2, 1934, Hitler repudiated the Treaty of Versailles and began full-scale rearmament. In 1935, he withdrew Germany from the League of Nations, and the next year he reoccupied the Rhineland and signed the Anti-Comintern pact with Japan, at the same time strengthening relations with Italy. Austria was annexed in March 1938. By the Munich agreement in Sept. 1938, he gained the Czech Sudetenland, and in violation of this agreement he completed the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia in March 1939. His invasion of Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, precipitated World War II. Hitler established death camps to carry out “the final solution to the Jewish question.” By the end of the war, Hitler's Holocaust had killed 6 million Jews, as well as Gypsies, homosexuals, Communists, the handicapped, and others not fitting the Aryan ideal. After some dazzling initial successes in 1939–1942, Germany surrendered unconditionally to Allied and Soviet military commanders on May 8, 1945. On June 5 the four-nation Allied Control Council became the de facto government of Germany.

**Prussia, (Now Germany) Where It Appears The Bedsoles Originated.**

According to its history, Prussia was a region in central europe, extending from the southeastern coast of the Baltic Sea to the Masurian Lake District. Today its previous land makes up parts of Russia, Germany, Poland and Lithuania. The Vikings inhabited parts of Prussia at one time. Historical books record Prussians as early as the year 1072. Many attempts were made over the centuries, by various "Conquerers" to capture and occupy Prussia, without success. By Adalbert of Prague, Boleslaw of Prague, and various others during the years 997, 1015, 1147, 1161, and 1166. Prussia was finally conquered by the Teutonic Knights. In 1492, "The Life Of Dorothea Of Montau", became the first printed publication in Prussia. The whole country became the Kingdom Of Prussia in 1701. In 1871,during the creation of The German Empire and the Unification Of Germany, Prussia became part of Germany. But in accordance with the Potsdam Conference in 1945, following World War II, the Prussian region was divided between Russia and Poland. Consequently, the country of Prussia was dissolved and ceased to exist in 1947. This provides some historical background for understanding me when I tell you that the surname BEDSOLE, by any variations in spelling, originated in Prussia, not in Austria, Switzerland, Egypt, Russia, Ireland, England and etc., as is claimed by a variety of
superficial “researchers” of the Bedsole ancestors. The Kingdom Of Prussia, was a German Kingdom from 1701 to 1918, and from 1871 it was the leading state of the German Empire, occupying two-thirds of the lands of that Empire. The Prime Minister Of Prussia was also the German Chancellor. It is important to keep in mind that, with the constant splitting-up of Prussia, and its final elimination as a country, there are no meaningful written family records to research. However, I can tell you that those few Prussian records I did come across, as in the History Of Germany, I found the same time-consuming research problems with misspellings of surnames as I did in the U.S., prevalent also in Germany. In addition, very cute problems like this; When Prussia became part of Germany, some parts were not included, the names of towns have been changed half a dozen times, geographical landmarks disappeared, and were replaced with new and different ones and etc. I did not want to become bogged down with that. I needed to find Betzold or some misspelling of it in Germany and I did not find a version of it in the few documents I did find of Prussian origin. My research efforts in Germany became so bogged down and expensive, I gave that up as a very bad idea; So for our purposes, suffice it to say that; "Bedsole originated by whatever spelling in Prussia, which became the Brandenburg Province of Germany, so lets concentrate on the U.S. area, where they initially arrived at and spread to“ and which, not coincidentally, was not as expensive to search. If you have any interest in doing so, you can look at the Brandenburg area south of Berlin, especially if you have Google Earth on your computer. Check out the towns of Brandenburg and Luchenwalde, whether by computer or in person.

I believed my Dad when he said the first Bedsole came here from Germany. It turned out he was correct. For years and years, I tried my best to prove him wrong, because I did'nt want them to be from Germany, but the more I tried to do that, the more I proved him right. Then, in the London, England Genealogy Library, I obtained a copy of the Certificate For Country Of Origin for Bedsole. It states that Germany is the country of origin. Actually its Prussia which was before Germany, but why quibble when at least most of Prussia became Germany ?. I flew to Germany twice to research the Betzold name, and to see for myself. Parts of Germany were called Prussia and Allemandia and perhaps other things prior to becoming Germany and without proof, we must assume the Bedsole name actually originated some time prior to "Germany". I received the following from cousin Charles Bedsole, an attorney in Dallas,Texas, who kindly gave his permission to include it in this book. What Charles says is very interesting and quite true. In addition, it shows that our roots are in Germany and I'm sorry to say that, because I do not admire Germany for Hitler and the Holocaust, among other things. This is what Charles said in response to my question about whether "Bedsole" and "Bledsoe" could be related ; "One thing I find interesting is the early date of the Bletsoe name in the year 1086 (That really is 1086) in England. According to some of the first English Court Cases, apparently a community named "Bletsoe" was there before William the Conqueror brought his army from Normandy and, if so, it would make Bletsoe an Anglo-Saxon community. Further, if it was Anglo-Saxon, that would give Bletsoe a German connection because the Angles and the Saxons both emigrated to England from Germany. It was the Angles in fact, who gave us the name "England" ("Angle Land" was over time, shortened to England).The Anglo-Saxon folks were Germanic, while the people that emigrated when William conquered England were former Vikings from Scandinavia who had settled in France. They were initially called "Norse Men" (Northmen) and the area of France where they settled became "Normandy" (the land of the Northmen). However, being from Scandinavia, they spoke a version of German and were out of the same tree as the Germanic tribes who settled in what became modern day Germany (previously "Allemandia"). The Bletsoe family name, in theory, could have been an Anglicanization of an earlier Germanic name, e.g., Bletzold or Betzold". Many thanks to Charles for that information. At this point I won't even try to define the relationship of Bedsole and Bledsoe, further than that. But I do define it near the end of this book. In the same email, Charles was kind enough to send me the internet address of the first english court records. In reviewing several of those cases, I came across one wherein Elizabeth Bletsoe was a witness in a rape trial, dated in the year 1061, in England. I also noted that she lived in a "Bledsoe Community". The surname Bledsoe, although claimed by the Bledsoe researchers, to have originated in England, actually originated in the same place as Bedsole did, and as noted elsewhere, at some time in the past, there is no doubt in my
mind that we, the Bedsoles, Bedsauls and Bledsoes, et al, all share a common ancestor at some time and place in the past. That place is most likely to have been Prussia, by whatever name it may have been called. In researching any family name that far back, you learn to arrive at conclusions, based on several factors. As the old saying goes, "If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, looks and acts like a duck, then its most likely a duck".

Similarly in looking for the Bedsoles prior to 1950 or so, and you find a man with the name, if the man had roughly the right name, was at the right place, was there at the right time, and had certain relatives, neighbors, and/or dates, then its most likely him. In genealogical research, especially in the time prior to 1900 in the U.S., the most likely method becomes a method of proof, in the total absence of any documentation. As I said elsewhere, the accuracy of the Bedsole List, in Part Two, much of which was and is, is based on Most Likely, and has been proven time and time again to be amazingly accurate, with few exceptions. That’s amazing because that list has thousands of Bedsoles whom I never even heard of, much less know, who were kin to whom and how they were kin and/or related to each other. That accuracy may surprise you, but, knowing how I made determinations from all the research that went into it, its accuracy does not surprise me at all.

However, I hasten to add that accurately determining who is kin to whom and how they are kin, without birth, marriage, death, and other records, no one to ask anything about it, and doing it 300 years later, is definitely not easy.

In Germany, the Brandenburg district was Prussian land. It is from that district that the Betzolds seemed to originate. Germany is divided into States (Länder). These states are subdivided into Landkreise or Rural districts, which are made up of municipalities (Gemeinden) and Kreisfreie Städte, or free urban districts. In some states municipalities are combined into Ämter and Grossgemeinden (larger bodies, but the individual municipalities still exist).

**Arrival Of The First Bedsole**

When the first Bedsole arrived in this country, he arrived when NC had only formed its initial 5 of 100 counties of Bath, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans and the beginnings of Chowan. The first Bedsole into the U.S. arrived by English ship from Germany, at the settlement of Bath, NC, on September 11, 1700. He was listed by the ships captain William Barrow, as; "Abraham Bessow.....a Pal". The abbreviation "Pal" at that time meant Palatine from Germany. The name the captain listed was his version of what the reply was from "Abraham", when asked his name. In reality, the reply was more likely something like "Abramz Betzold". They most likely spoke no English and the English captain most likely spoke no German and those few handwritten words on that scrap of paper, are the only thing we have to go by, take it or leave it. I take "Bessow" to have sounded like Bess-oh to the Captain, and Germans do pronounce Betzold like we pronounce Bedsole. Therefore, I took "Bessow" to mean Betzold, or Bedsole. Obviously, he was given his first name by Captain Barrow. Bestowing made-up English names upon non-English arrivals in early America, was a common practice among ships captains until about 1930. As it turned out, I found "Abrahams" last name over the ensuing 30 or so years following that landing at Bath, spelled as Abraham Batson, Betson, Betsel, Bedsoe, Bedsole, Bets, Bledsoe, Bedsoal, Bedsoul and Bedsowl among other spellings. When you see that name spelled so many different ways, you must determine if thats the same man, or an entirely different one without any proof whatsoever, and that is true no matter what name you are researching. I assume his last name was Betzold, but we will never know what his real first name was. Perhaps it was Abraham, after all. I also know that it was very common for all ships captains back then, to bestow english names on non-English immigrants as they pleased, with the knowledge that no one would ever be the wiser. They had no one to file the passenger list with anyway. It was through determination and luck that I found that tiny piece of paper with 4 or 5 handwritten names on it, including Abrahams, in the first
place. Also, that I found his name arriving at Bath again, about 8 months later, on May 1, 1701. That time however, he was dubbed "Abraham Batson" (By then I had learned to recognize all the misspellings of Bedsole) and was accompanied by his wife "Rose" and child named "Elizabeth", both more than likely also made-up English names, by Captain Barrow, again. However, despite all that, I stayed with my belief that he was a Bedsole, and traced it as described in this book. Then, I traced it backwards too. It still led me to "Abraham Bessow". So, its most likely true that he really was our first ancestor in this country. When Abraham and his sons William and Isaac acquired land in Virginia (1719-1726), the clerk there listed their last names as Bledsoe, he being certain that the english name Bledsoe, was really their last name, and they being unable to read, write, spell, or to speak English, could'nt have cared less. However, that allowed the Bledsoe researchers to also claim that all 3 were actually Bledsoes, and were their own ancestors from England. Therefore, without documented proof, therein lies an endless argument between them and us. In any event, there is no doubt in my mind, that the Abraham listed above is our first "Bedsole" into the United States.

When I flew to Germany, England and Ireland in 1993 and again in 1994. I tried to research Bledsoe and Bedsaul along with Bedsole, because of the similarities in spelling. But as the names Bedsole, Bledsoe and Bedsaul are misspelled in their early english spellings in this country, they also suffered the same fate in Germany, and England, as there are various misspellings of them over there to the point you don't know which name you are looking at or if it is correct and which misspelling of the name(s) it is actually related to. In other words, you can't be certain the "Betzold" you are looking at is actually a Betzold or a Betzall, Betzaul, or really a Bletzoe, along with all the misspellings, such as Blettzo, Blettzel, and etc. Running into those problems caused me to ignore and forget those spellings, because the Translators I had hired at $100 per hour each, were rapidly bankrupting me. However, I did satisfy myself that Bedsole absolutely did not originate in Ireland, Austria, Bavaria, Bulgaria, England and other countries as so many amateur researchers claim without a smidgeon of proof. I found nothing really new in Germany, because so much of its record systems had been destroyed in all the fires from the wars that country has been involved in, together with the mad-house absorption and conversion of Prussia into Germany and other countries. But the real problem is the huge prohibitive amount of time and expense involved in German-to-English Translaters (Translators from Old German to New German had to be employed first, then from New German to English). However, I did look up, meet and talk to several Betzold descendants, including a Wilhelm Heinrich Betzold (William Henry Bedsole), who had in his storeroom, an original 1650 Betzold Coat Of Arms which I drew by hand, and a copy of which you see above at the beginning of this book. It is important that you understand that anyone back in the old days of Heraldry, could register any number of coats of arms for any surname. Contrary to popular American belief, It was the design on the Coat, and not the surname, which was not allowed to be duplicated. Therefore, there could be any number of BEDSOLE coats of arms (or any other surname for that matter). The "Official" coat of arms for a surname however, is described in great detail in the Certificate For Country Of Origin for that surname. I have the certificate for Bedsole and the coat it describes, but I dislike the design and colors of that one immensely. So I do not claim the "Official" Coat. Instead, I claim the one you see at the top of this document. I do however, have a copy of the Official Coat.

Nevertheless, I am certain there is a common ancestor for Bedsaul, Bledsoe, Bedsole and variations and misspellings, somewhere in the past. I know that the evidence that there is or is not such an ancestor, does not exist in the United States. I believe such an ancestor existed most likely in Prussia. Anyway, back beyond Germany as we know it, there is no paper trail. Therefore, conjecture becomes meaningless. So, after only 3 weeks in Germany, my total costs had exceeded $25,000 and I left. What I did learn was, if you hire a translator, first have your info ready so you are not paying them by the hour to find basic stuff for you, and to pick out only that info you want translated. That alone takes so much time it will quickly bankrupt a very rich man.

In addition to all that, to find out anything about passenger shipping records from Germany, England or
Ireland, from as far back as I could find information up to about 1800, the period I was most interested in, one needs to know at least the following: The exact names of passenger(s) as listed on ships records, keeping in mind that Scribes at the time wrote and spelled the names the best they could guess from what was said, because people in general could neither read nor write, much less spell. Names of the ships they sailed on (many ships had the same name), the owner(s) of the ships, the country of the ships registry. Do you have any idea how long that alone would take and how much you would spend, finding that out, if you could find it at all?. You also need to know the date of departure, port of departure, passengers destinations and where they actually ended up, ports of arrival, name of arriving ship, dates of arrival and etc. As if all that were not bad enough, prior to 1900, Germany had thousands upon thousands of its citizens who supposedly shipped directly to the United States, and others via England. So shipping records in Germany may show their destination to be England. Then you have to go to England, and hope you can find all the above shipping information from there to the U.S. Naturally, thousands of those you would be interested in, stayed in England, thousands more changed their minds in England, and went back to Germany, and more of them changed their minds altogether and went to countries other than the U.S. or England, then back to Germany, having left from Germany and/or from England on different ships with various names, from various ports, on various dates and with various people accompanying them. In other words, they could have gone from Germany to any country on earth, under any name, on any ship. Who knows. On top of all that, in England and out of necessity, passengers were held in “Holding Pens”, until they had enough to completely load a ship, before they were allowed to board one. That usually meant they were held for several weeks, or they got fed up and boarded any ship to anywhere, just to get out of that Pen. Based on all I know about it, my conclusion is this; If you already possess all that shipping information, you don't need to go over there to find it out. But if you do decide to, therein are another million research problems, requiring thousands upon hundreds of thousands of dollars and who knows how many years, to research. Another overseas research problem is this; Several ships sunk enroute, drowning some or all aboard, many became disabled and put into the nearest port, where passengers were left to fend for themselves, and I have included an article of a court case regarding that fact. So be forewarned if you want to go overseas and trace our ancestors, take a ton of money and be prepared for several YEARS of research. As for our own National Archives, for the Bedsoles, even for immigration records, there is nothing in the way of ship passenger lists prior to about 1880-90, which was very surprising. Knowing all that now does it mean you should bow down and be forever grateful to me ? ....YOU BET !!.

Latest Information On The Name(s)

Our cousin Charles Bedsole, the lawyer in Dallas, Texas came upon some interesting information and forwarded it to me. It was regarding a Khristoph or Christoph Besold or Besold, (In his last name, the Z is pronounced as an S in German and the D is silent. Making him a “Bessow”, or Bedsole, since in Betzold the D is also silent), 9/22/1577-9/15/1638, who was a famous German Legal scholar and who became a Professor Of Law at Lubingen University in Germany. He served as legal advisor to the Emperor of Austria and the Duke of Wurttemberg. Bezold was also one of the founders of the Rosicrucian movement, although late in life he converted to Catholicism. He was described as extremely learned in Arabic, Hebrew, and Islamic culture. Besold's library was acquired by Salzburg University in 1648 and became the cornerstone of the university's library. Besold's *Thesaurus Practicus* is a mammoth work, covering both Roman law and German law. It was first published in Tubingen in 1629, and by the time of the last edition (Regensburg, 1740), it had gone through eight editions. My purpose in telling you all this is because it takes no great leap to go from Betzold to Bessow to Besold to Bedsole as a surname. Is Bedsole related to Besold ? That answer is many times more likely to be “Yes” than it is to be “No”. I have found there is a whole different online world with the Besold spelling, as with Bedsole. There is also another surname world online under Betzold, if anyone is inclined to research those spellings. My thanks again, to Charles for that information.
The Lack Of Documentation

Records of birth were not even required here until about 1912 and marriage, death, and land records were frequently thrown away, or deliberately burned along with their respective courthouses, if a courthouse existed at the time. The Bladen County Courthouse in Elizabethtown, N.C, for example, where many early Bedsoles lived, was intentionally burned down 5 times between 1750 and 1893. In 1850 in desperation, the Court Clerk, took the records home with him for safekeeping, but his house was burned down and again, so were the records he tried to save. Apparently, the primary intent of the Arsonist(s) was to get rid of legal records in order to avoid lawsuits for various crimes, not the least of which were for theft, rustling, murder, illegal land dealings, abandonment of family, sharecropper and landlord problems and so forth. As for marriage records, for the earliest Bedsole’s, getting married only required the couple to say their "Banns" three times in church. That is, they repeated that they accepted each other as husband and wife. Most church records disappeared over the years, as their pastors simply left, or died. Therefore, older records of marriages, births, deaths, wills, and etc. for Bedsoles are practically non-existent, prior to 1850. That leaves land records, which provide precious little information to a researcher, with zero information about any name other than the buyer and seller. In addition, the majority of those made no distinction between a Senior, Junior, Second, Third, or anything else, and with people naming their children after themselves, their brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, parents, grandparents, and etc., you cannot determine with accuracy or with absolute certainty, which persons land record you are looking at when those with the same name, either both or all, lived at the same time and usually in the same place at the same time. In addition, determining kinships and relationships as in Part Two of this book was another very major problem which took years to complete as I have presented it.

Following the burning of courthouses back then, those landowners and others who had kept some kind of records, could take them back to the new courthouse and have them re-recorded. Some did and some didn’t. Counties were supposed to have a record also transferred to the states capitol. However, some did not do that either. Consequently, many records were never recorded in counties or at capitos of some states in the first place. In addition, for those courthouses which were repeatedly burned down, even when some records were re-recorded, they were repeatedly destroyed and over time, fewer and fewer such records survived, and fewer and fewer were recorded at state offices. Additionally, the creation of several other counties from parts of one or more other counties, only added to the confusion and loss of vital records. Apparently, no one at the county or state levels ever audited or worried about correcting any errors or missing documents which existed between the two levels.

The USGENWEB site has a continuing effort and program, to transcribe census data and place it on the internet, so perhaps that and other data will become more available in the future, provided enough dedicated volunteers can be found to do all that hard work. That means though, that the data must first be located which I am willing to bet, never happens, primarily because it does not exist. The absence, especially of land records, compels me to conclude that, although land to them was cheap, or free from the government, the vast majority of Bedsoles until about 1950, were share-croppers and agricultural workers. That is, they worked primarily for other, more affluent landowners and that was one of the major reasons so few land records for them were ever found. They never existed in the first place. Those that did were very few and very far apart.

As I studied the movements of the early Bedsoles in NC (1700-1850), I could see that they moved from Bath, to Dobbs, Bertie, Edgecombe, Duplin, Bladen, Johnston, Sampson and finally to Brunswick counties in NC, indicating a steady and predictable fan-shaped movement south and southwestward from Bath, now
Beaufort, County. Ending at Brunswick County, near the state line with South Carolina, the fan-shaped movement is a familiar and predictive one when you are reviewing first settlements of new places. Reading about NC in general and Bath County in particular, I found that repeated Yellow Fever epidemics and fierce, barbaric, antagonistic and warlike indian tribes in and around NC and especially Bath back then, without law or military protection, were also good reasons for these early arrivals to move and to move frequently. However, the fact that original counties were subdivided and other counties created from them, also erroneously gives the impression people were moving, when the truth is, the subdivisions were occurring instead.

As you will see, documentation on Abraham, Elizabeth and Rose, ceased to exist after their arrival at Bath in May, 1701 and until their arrival in Virginia. That fact created a problem in determining who the subsequent children of Abraham and Rose actually were. Their son William appeared on paper in Russell County, Virginia in the form of a handwritten land deed in 1719. Abraham and William both appeared the next time, in Spotsylvania County, Virginia in 1726, on a land record for 1,000 acres. Their last names were written on those land records as Bledsoe. The logical reason for that is that all record-keepers were English, and they wrote and spelled names they were familiar with, and since Bledsoe was in England as far back as the year 1061 and perhaps earlier, they were very familiar with that spelling and freely assigned that spelling to anyone pronouncing their name even remotely like "Bledsoe" or "Bedsole". In Virginia, the trail became very muddled, with the appearance of several apparently bonified Bledsoe's, who became mixed with bonafide Bedsoles. Then, due to english Scribes, their last names were freely interchanged among them all. Some were changed deliberately by the persons being named. After all, no form of identification nor records of such existed.

After that, the efforts to keep track and definition of the bonified Bedsole's and the bonified Bledsoe's required quadrupling of time, efforts, research., study and analyses. All that required quadrupling again after they all had sons whom they named after themselves, each other, their uncles, parents and grandparents. It all became a royal mess, keeping track of who was whom. Through extensive use of the "Most Likely" research method, I did decide who was whom, as related to Abraham, at least to a point, thus producing the List Of Names in the second half of this book.

THE CONFUSION OF BEDSOLE AND BLEDSOE SURNAMES

According to Bob Bledsoe, the apparent expert Bledsoe surname researcher, the first Bledsoe here arrived about 1650 from England, which is 50 years prior to the arrival of our first Bedsole, from Germany. That defines two distinctly different lines with similar surnames. However, I have been to Germany and I know that at some point in the past, Bledsoe and Bedsole had a common ancestor, most likely in Prussia. But that point is moot in my opinion, because in this country we are talking about two separate lines which nevertheless became intermingled here. From the start to current times, the North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas Census data repeatedly show Bledsoe's and Bedsole's living among each other and when one moved, the others either went with them, or shortly afterwards, to the same place. That indicates to me that most, or at least many, Bedsoles and Bledsoes were either related or were freely using each others last name(s), or both. A very major problem caused by all that uncertainty, was the inability to determine with any degree of certainty in most cases, if the "Bedsole" being researched was really a Bedsole or Bledsoe. And that is something which one must frequently decide without much or any, additional information. On the List in Part Two, if the Bedsole in question had decided to use Bledsoe and I knew that, I listed them as Bledsoe, but kept them on the Bedsole list because they actually were Bedsoles.

Another research problem for example, was when a "John Bedsole" was listed on the 1790 Census' for
Wake, Cumberland and Anson counties, inclusive. With 3 listed, It is likely that one of those Johns was the one born about 1730 and the other is the one born in 1753. Or one or more Johns moved during the Census count or that third John is either the same guy counted twice, or there was a John Jr. or Sr. in one or more, of those counties. It is also possible that they counted John Bledsoe in one and John Bedsole in the other, misspelling Bedsole or Bledsoe, or both. After all, how would Census Takers determine the various physical county boundaries, as they roamed the unmarked countryside?

From studying all this and everything else I've come across, it makes me think that the early, and consequently many current, Bedsoles and Bledsoes are intermingled to the point of impossibility in defining them, with any degree of certainty, beyond ones best guess. Currently, there is a separate line of Bledsoes, another of Bedsauls and one for Bedsoles. That separate line is further strengthened by the fact that many earlier Bledsoe's eventually moved north to Indiana, but the Bedsole's moved south from NC to either Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia or Louisiana, with some later moving to Texas. The Bedsole's initially moved almost simultaneously, from North Carolina to Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Georgia. Despite that separation, some with the Bledsoe name or spelling are also in those same southern states at the same time as the Bedsoles. A big problem is, theres no way to know which of those in the north or south were born as Bledsoes and which were born as Bedsoles, and worse, even when born, they may not have actually been a Bedsole or Bledsoe to begin with. It gets incredibly confusing, when you are trying to figure out who is whom, 300 years later, with no one to ask for clarification and, as in my own case, those you do contact are suspicious and will not provide the answers, give you any information, nor help you to arrive at answers. When a Scribe back then showed up at some Bedsoles house, after 15-20 years for whatever purpose, selling something, land transfers, trades, census, legal problems, whatever, who knows what our ancestors answered when asked for their last names and ages. On top of that, who knows what was written, after he heard their answer, trying to spell it like it sounded, when the Scribe was English who spoke no German and the person answering was German, who spoke no English. For example, the Scribe somehow asks "What is your name ?". The answer the best he can understand it is like this: " Vilhelm Bahssow, Bessow, Bhatson, Blitzuh, zumzing like zatt". Scribe:" Do you know how to spell it" Answer: "Nein, nein sprechen sie englischen". So what do you think the Scribe wrote for the persons name ?. Now, 300 years later, along comes J.D. Bedsole, trying to figure out not only who all these people were, but how they were all related, where they lived and when, with no one to ask, and all he has to look at to figure all that out is what that Scribe wrote that day and nothing else, in too many cases.

FIRST BEDSOLE HERE

The first Bedsole in this country was "Abraham Bessow" as written and spelled by the ships captain from England. Abraham was born about 1673 in Germany and died about 1740 in Virginia. Although I know his German name was not Abraham nor Bessow, I'll use that without knowing what it really was. However, in German, Bedsole is BETZOLD. From all my readings I believe that in Germany, the Betzold family were farm laborers who worked on farms and in grape vineyards. Agricultural workers. They were probably desperately poor and lived in mud-brick huts. Abraham, his parents and siblings wore wornout and patched homemade clothes and all of them usually went without shoes, the father being far too poor to acquire shoes for himself or his family.

Abraham had heard wonderous stories about a “New Land”, the future United States, being advertised by the government of England. It was described as “ beautiful and a land of plenty”. Over a period of many months, they also heard that the English government was giving free and cheap land to any and all who went there to settle and to live out their lives there. Little did he or anyone else yearning to go, suspect that the English merely wanted the settlers to go, clear off and farm the land and start producing goods needed by England,
such as tobacco, cotton and tar so they could receive these products and also coincidentally, so they could tax such settlers, thereby fattening their own governments coffers.

Then it was made known that the English government would also allow such settlers to leave the new land to their children as entitlements from the parents, when the parents died. I'm sure it seemed too good to be true and Abraham began to dream of the new land and to make plans to go there to live. His parents encouraged him, but also warned that it would not be easy, going to a new land with practically nothing except the clothes on his back, to travel and live among total strangers, with so many inherent dangers and unknowns involved, and the inhuman hardships and suffering that were bound to be incurred. He never dreamed how the suffering and hardships would be proved without question and many times over. So, true to his German ancestry he was stubborn, and one day in 1700, he said goodbye to his family and together with a friend his own age, began the trek to look for some way to catch a boat to the big seaport and to leave for the new country.

Abraham and his friend probably found a small commercial boat working a river and convinced the owner to transport them downstream to the seagoing port in return for a week of manual labor helping the owner load and unload trade goods with which he bartered, bought, sold and made a living on the river. At the seaport, when their fare was finally paid, they were on their way. At that time, the captains of the large, seagoing ships had learned they could transport new settlers to what later became America and collect their fares upon arrival, from earlier and richer settlers who needed laborers here. (During the period 1700-1712, there was a huge influx of Palatines from Germany into the U.S).

Note: Sailing From Germany To "The New Country" A Typical Trip To America Went Like This Too Often:: From An Old English Admiralty Court Case I included this to show how they were mistreated back then. It also explains why one cannot find ancestors whom they thought shipped from England or Germany to the United States.

James Hogg's brother settled in Wilmington, N.C. many years ago and at his solicitation James decided to also go settle there. When this was learned in Caithness England, many people applied to Hogg to freight a vessel (rent it) to carry them all to "The Carolina's". Accordingly, on 24, Aug., 1773, Hogg contracted with Inglis to freight the ship, Batchelor of Leith, Ramage Alexander, Master, to carry James Hogg of Borland in Caithness, his family and servants, and 200 emigrants from Thurso to Wilmington, N. C. Hogg agreed to pay for himself, wife, Mrs. Alves (his mother-in-law) a specified rate, another for his children, a third for his servants (the latter being restricted to six in number), a fourth for emigrants above the age of eight, and a fifth for emigrants under the age of eight (excepting children at the breast for whom there was no fare).

The vessel was to be ready to depart Leith, England in July and was to proceed from Leith to Thurso Bay on Scrabster Road to load the passengers. Hogg arrived in Leith on June 15th and hung on until August 26, waiting for a full load of passengers. The vessel Batchelor then went to Thurso and was boarded by Hogg and his family and servants, and 204 emigrants (many from the County of Sutherland). They sailed two months behind schedule, from Thurso on Sept. 14, but they were soon forced to harbor from contrary winds at Stromness in Orkney, where they put the passengers ashore for eight days. On October 3, two days after leaving Stromness, due to storm damage to the ship, they were then obliged to put into Vaila Sound in Shetland where the passengers were again put ashore. Here the Batchelor was again damaged by a storm from which they were sheltering. Hogg, his family, and the 204 emigrants wintered at Vaila Sound. The following Spring, April 20, 1774, eight months after initially boarding, they departed for Leith in order for the ship to have the necessary repairs made. At Leith, Inglis declared the contract at an end and declared he was entitled to the fares upon landing them at Leith as he would have been had he landed them at
Wilmington, NC. The vessel lay without repairs, and on 28 May, Hogg entered a protest against Inglis. Many of the children of the emigrants, Hogg claims, died during their winter of hardships in Shetland. Now, he says, the emigrants have been turned ashore in Leith, 200 miles from home, and many of them with no means of returning home or of procuring another vessel to carry them to America. Imagine being one of those passengers with a spouse and 5 children and no money, or anything else for that matter.

In Admiralty Court, James Inglis alleged damage by stress of weather prevented him from continuing on a voyage with emigrants, and suggested that the commencement of this action by Hogg has terminated their contract. He also stated that he had no concern whatsoever with the emigrants nor were they party-contractors to him; that his contract with Hogg was for freight of a certain number of emigrants who were to board his vessel as passengers to America, but that he had no concern with how they were to be employed, where taken in America, and so forth; that to him the passengers stood in the same relationship as goods or common freight. Inglis alleges that the real dispute is between Hogg and the emigrants. Hogg and his family took another vessel sailing from Port of Greenock, but the other poor emigrants dispersed, with some to seek their way home, and others to endeavour to gain their bread in the low country, and some of them attempted to procure their passage from Greenock.

Generally, some emigrants died during the voyage before their arrival in Shetland and others died after the vessel was stranded. (There are 32 pages just about that) In this case, Inglis alleged that he had advised Hogg from the beginning that the vessel Batchelor, then on a voyage to Memel (modern Klaipeda in Lithuania), could not be ready early, for the voyage to N.C. He says that the date the vessel sailed was in fact a good season to set out for North Carolina. He denied that public spirit motivated Hogg to arrange for emigration of upward of 200 Scots, and suggested that Hogg's brother had purchased 12,000 acres of land and wanted settlers for it. He said Hogg had been discussing "these questions himself in newspapers and periodical publications." He also Alleged that 2/3 of the emigrants stayed aboard the vessel at Stromness and were provisioned by the master of the Batchelor. He further said that the emigrants angrily advanced against Hogg and Captain Ramage in the Vice-Admiralty Court of Shetland, and quoted from Hogg's defense there, in which Hogg refers back to a 1772 emigration from Sutherland that lay two weeks at Stromness without being provisioned from the ship's stores.

He said ships with emigrants had only 9 or 10 weeks provisions, and says that several of the passengers aboard the Batchelor saw at Stromness from Capt. Ritchie and Capt. Smith’s ships that that was the case. He stated that deaths of several passengers came from small-pox and not neglect. He said he instructed Captain Ramage on January 1, 1774 to return the emigrants to their home, but that they refused "to a man" to disembark at Thurso; that he tried to assist the emigrants at Leith, "but cannot help mentioning that they are in general so indolent they do not care to work if they can get a subsistence by any other means". (Sounds like that attitude continued on for way too many years, to this day, in the U.S.) He contended that Hogg, by taking ship for America from Greenock, had abandoned prosecution of the action. All that is just one example of the horrible hardships and treatments of our early ancestors who came or tried to come, here.

**Abrahams Trip From Germany**

Now, back to our ancestor, Abraham; So, the ten or eleven-week trip across the ocean to what later became Bath, North Carolina began in Germany, on a cold day about the first of July, 1700. The ship was English, made of wood and powered by sails. It was one hundred two feet long, twenty-five feet wide and twenty feet deep and the cracks between its many wooden planks were sealed with tar and tar-soaked twine. It was a miracle it could even survive such a hazardous trip without falling apart, considering the beating it was certain to incur from the constantly heaving, frothing, rushing and thrashing water of the open ocean for such
a long period of time. For this trip, it carried a passenger load of 106 settlers and a crew of twelve men.

Think of it; 118 Men, women and children on a vessel that small for ten to twelve weeks or longer under such conditions; With almost all passengers being sick and some even dying during the trip, no toilet facilities except for buckets tied to ropes, no privacy and no provisions for taking a bath except for buckets of salt water dipped from the ocean. These were accepted hardships and baths were generally ignored. These ships were also loaded with trade goods, fresh water which always became stagnant after only a few days, food, a few medical supplies, and the few pitiful household goods of the passengers.

Many times the ships captains would steal the best baggage carried by the passengers and sell it or load it onto a different ship for a price, with the settlers pitiful belongings never seen again by the owners. Their baggage usually contained dried fruit, butter which turned into a mess during these sailings, other foodstuffs, clothes, tools and money which they had planned to use to live, eat, pay for their fare and for supplies upon reaching their destination. They were not aware that their pitifully small amounts of money would be next to useless in the “New Land”, because "Trade" was the most prevalent "money" in this country at that time. The fare for the poorer passengers was guaranteed by the more affluent settlers already in the New Land, and who were in great need of laborers and who would pay the Captain upon arrival in what was called "The Bath Settlement" which later became Bath, NC, in this case.

Aboard ship, the passengers were crammed into very tight quarters. At first, they sat on the top deck sitting on lashed-down household goods, boxes and bags of cargo, and personal belongings, as they grew tired, sleepy and hungry, they wandered all over the ship, both above and below decks. Being powered by sails, such ships usually found themselves becalmed for several days and nights during these trips. Because such sitting and waiting for the wind to blow may last for two days at a time. That was a total nightmare always waiting to happen and too often it did. Twenty five cannons were also lashed on deck, by the ships crew. They were needed to fight off any Spanish ships they were liable to encounter on the trip in view of the fact that Spain and England were at odds at that time. Leaving port, the ship was heavily loaded, and with its sails full of wind, it slowly headed out into the open ocean.

The next morning about two a.m., no surprise to the crew of course, they awoke to find the ship groaning, cracking, popping and creaking as it heaved, tossed, pitched, rolled and yawed from side to side wildly, with loud crashing sounds, in the opening round of its long battle with the heaving, frothing ocean. By the end of the first day and with the exception of the experienced crew, all aboard were already deathly seasick and were lying below and above decks. They vomited until they were just heaving, but with nothing coming up. They were already pale in color and listless. Most of the adults were already having second thoughts about making this trip. But they were all committed now, as the ship thrashed slowly along gaining foot by foot, in its beginning fight for and against, the wind. This was a life or death fight they, and the ship faced. As they plodded along day after day, the hapless passengers did their best to deal with the never-ending heaving, pitching, rolling and yawing of the ship. The front end would point skyward as it climbed wave after wave, then dive down the other side, until the bow was terrifyingly underwater, then it would rear up again, pointing skyward, as thousands of gallons of salt water rushed across the decks from front to rear, sometimes injuring some of the more foolish passengers who ventured out on the heaving deck, by slamming them against the rigging, freight, cabin and bulwarks of the ship.

Practically all the women and children spent most of their time below deck with the women tending to the constantly sick children, who would vomit as soon as they ate anything at all. Many of them were running a fever, from drinking the already-stagnant, untreated and contaminated fresh water onboard. They, and many of the adults were lying and sitting, staring listlessly, in a brew of vomit and human excrement in the ships hold, for days. Some for weeks. The ships captain and crew advised the passengers to eat only rice, or
breads, but no meat or anything greasy for the first 3 days or more. Of course, the passengers had no desire whatsoever for anything greasy and the mere thought sent most running for the “slop jars” used as commodes and toilets by all on board. These usually rolled and fell over, emptying their odoriferous mixture into the hold and on the flooring and all over any nearby passengers and their clothing. The stench below deck was indescribable.

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With no way to treat the passengers, everyone on board watched helplessly as child after child and adult after adult slowly died, over the next 10 weeks. With no other choice in what to do with the dead bodies, they were simply dumped overboard and left at sea. The suffering, sorrow and heart-wrenching, gut-twisting anguish, of those who had to do that with the bodies of their dead relatives, children and spouses, can only be imagined, as they watched the bodies bobbing and floating slowly away with the waves. Six weeks went by and several of the adults were now dead. Some of those were husbands, traveling with their families, leaving their hapless wives and children on their own in the middle of the ocean, among strangers, headed for a totally unknown land and the terrifying, unknown, unplanned, and as proved later, disastrous consequences which awaited them.

So it was, that this nightmarish trip finally ended near the end of the eleventh week at sea, when the ships Lookout yelled from the “Crows Nest” that he had spotted land. At this news, the passengers who were still able to move, rushed to the side of the ship to look, with the joyful thought that this total nightmare was about to end. Little did they know their nightmare was only just beginning. The ship approached land cautiously, the captain not being certain of the exact layout of the body of land the Lookout had spotted. Searching for the mouth of the Pamlico River and a fort with more than a hundred earlier settlers already there at Bath, NC, was not easy, with no navigational methods, except intuition and memory. He ordered the crew to lower sails and drop anchor, to allow an exploratory party on a dinghy to paddle closer in to the shallower water and get a look at the land. Suddenly, from around a finger of land, sailing towards the English ship, was a Spanish Man-O-War ship, bristling with deck cannons. Upon seeing the English ship, the Spanish commander, ordered his crew to lower sails, come to a halt and drop anchor, perhaps 2,000 feet away, and then dispatched two row boats to the English ship for boarding and investigation.

However, the English ships captain indicated his ship was English, in free waters, and not subject to any authority of the Spanish king, and ordered his crew to fire on the Spanish ship with two of the deck cannons. The two shots missed. The fire was answered almost instantly, with a volley from the Spanish ship, with one of the shells striking the main mast of the English ship, causing it to drop to the deck, killing three of the settlers and injuring 3 others, who had gathered to watch the confrontation. Working desperately to bring its cannons to bear amid all the tied-down household goods on deck, the English ship returned fire, but this time with five deck cannons. Two of its shells struck the Spanish ship almost amidship and severely damaged the vessel. With that, the Spanish captain waved the white flag, indicating surrender, but the English captain, not wanting to incur the problem of having to control the Spanish crew while trying to deliver the settlers to land, ordered a hasty departure from the area, picking up his exploratory boat and crewmen before doing so. Continuing his slow search, for the mouth of the River, the ship finally approached the entrance and continued sailing up the river. They eventually approached a wooden fort, triangular in shape, measuring four hundred feet by four hundred feet by four hundred feet, constructed of logs set into the ground with sharpened tops pointing skyward and within which there were sixteen small, one-room log cabins with dirt floors.

At each of the 3 points on the forts triangular walls were guard and lookout towers for protection against marauding Indians who attacked them from time to time. Within the fort, there were perhaps seventy-five surviving settlers and outside its walls, the remainder, wildly cheering, shouting and waving a welcome to the
The captain ordered the rowboat lowered and again three crewmen were sent ashore to determine a satisfactory anchorage location for the ship which would allow the passengers to unload. Shortly, the three men returned with the news that the anchorage was satisfactory where the ship had stopped and its passengers would have to be unloaded a few at a time, and carried ashore in the ships two small rowboats, because of shallower water near shore. Already with inadequate supplies, especially foodstuffs, these additional settlers just meant increased suffering and hardship for all concerned, for those already in the fort were desperately short of food and clean, fresh water. In addition, many among them were seriously sick, with nothing left in the way of medicine.

The paying passengers were unloaded first, with all their belongings. The ships Captain, knowing that there were some among those already on shore who had money furnished by The London Company, a private English business, and that they desperately needed able, manual laborers and helpers, offered the remaining passengers and their children to the highest bidder on shore, who would pay their fares. Upon striking a bargain, the hapless victims of this auction, were required to sign a twelve-month contract, to perform free labor in return for the highest bidders payment, as the bidder should see fit. The “Sheriff” at the fort was also present to enforce the contracts. Families of men who had died or were killed during the overseas trip, were then offered to the highest bidder as “Servants”.

Most such families had to be separated and split up, because the winning Bidder could not provide and care for another family of a mother and children and his own too. Therefore, many families were thus destroyed at the fort, as those children and mothers were split up and assigned to several different bidders. The heartache of the mothers watching their children being divided up among different, unknown and unfamiliar families and as learned later, to have them leave the fort for parts unknown, never to be seen again by her or each other, must have been horrible.

Within the fort, life was a living hell. It was cold at the time and it rained just often enough to keep the grounds of the fort and the floors of the cabins in a swirl of nasty, sloppy, sticky mud almost knee deep from all the activity and people constantly moving about inside the fort. Over the next few weeks, sickness from the lack of adequate food and nourishment, contaminated water, exposure to the weather and contagious diseases, steadily decimated the population. Restful sleep was out of the question, due to the constant noise, sickness, misery, hunger, cold, Indian attacks and worry. With no medical care, these luckless people could only pray for their loved ones and themselves to get well, with no hope of a better life in the future.

By now, they all realized they were helplessly lost in the situation and that they had no choice but to go forward and hope for the best. As time went on, a few brave men ventured away from the fort and settlement, sometimes traveling a few miles and back, looking for a route to move their families southward so they could obtain their own land as they had heard could be done. They wanted desperately to get out of that hellish fort and start their own lives, for they considered it certain death to remain there. So, in early spring a few and sometimes several in a group would leave the fort and seek their own future.

Later, oxen, mules, carts and wagons would be available to travel, but at that time, walking was the only way to travel, so the trip they made, looking for their own land, and carrying all they owned on their backs was another long and difficult trial, having only animal and Indian trails to follow, which lead in the southerly direction desired. They traveled in daylight and camped at night, cautiously avoiding all contact with the
Indians if at all possible. Many Indians were murderous and would kill any and all white people on sight, no questions asked. When Indian contact could not be avoided, all in the settlers groups, held their breaths, never knowing if they were about to be killed until it was too late for many. The settlers always tried first to trade their way out of any such confrontations, offering trinkets, beads, whatever they had brought for the purpose.

The Indians, having never seen such shiny things, treasured them very highly and such trades were frequently successful, allowing the settlers to proceed on their journey. As for our ancestor Abraham, he was destined to leave shortly. In his opinion to say that was good, was a gross understatement. After working for several months, he decided he liked the countryside there and he acquired some land as “Squatters Rights”, along with several other newcomers. His log house was attacked several times by Indians, mostly hunting parties of six to eight men, but he managed to get his flintlock rifle and fire a shot at them. A few times, he killed an Indian. But it was the noise that drove them away, for they didn’t know what else that noisy thing might be able to do. Perhaps wipe them all out. Several times, the Indians were drunk on whiskey which they had traded for at the fort and in such cases, were not as afraid of his gun.

Travel from place to place, county to county, state to state: Traveling with wagons full of their meager supplies, tools and household goods, all the men carried muskets, powder and shot and these weapons usually saved them from the Indians when a shot was fired. It terrified the indians even more when one or two of them were killed by these weapons, but it also made the Indians hate the settlers more and made them more murderous. With two men going on ahead of the group to hunt deer and any other edible thing they could find along the planned trail, including trading with Indians, the group lived from day to day and traveled that way. When deer were found, the group could handle four or five, depending on the size of the deer, by dividing the meat to be carried among themselves. They had to eat the meat within two days, or it would begin to rot. They could have preserved it longer than that by smoking it, but that would have taken too much time. Also, the smoke and smell of the meat would sometimes attract Indians and dangerous wild animals such as bears and panthers.

Early spring squash, corn and other vegetables were traded and acquired from the Indians and from a few trading posts, along the trail. They also found wild turnips and polk bushes could be cooked like turnip greens and eaten, after boiling to remove most of its poisonous juices. Ironically, we owe a lot to the indians for helping our early settlers, to survive. During the trip, a few streams were flooded and many crossings were disastrous at best for the travelers, wagons, animals and supplies, even with the wagons loaded, they would easily half-float and just as easily overturn during any crossing attempt. Thus, they had to be kept upright by ropes tied to them and being stabilized on both sides by mules, horses, or oxen and riders, keeping the ropes tight. Sometimes people drowned while the wagons were attempting such crossings and overturned in the fast-flowing water. Small children and especially infants were in the greatest danger during these crossings and many of them and some adults also died in the process, being caught in, and under, all the freight and household goods on the wagons.

After 3 days of travel, the advance hunting party had killed six deer and hauled them to the trail along which the wagons would soon be traveling. While waiting for them, the hunters skinned and butchered the fresh meat and made it ready for consumption. Every day a couple of hours before dark, the travelers stopped the wagons and formed them in a protective circle. Some men set to work gathering feed for the oxen and mules and watering the animals, while others cut and stacked enough firewood for the night. Meanwhile, the women and older girls prepared places to sleep and cooked supper. After supper, the men watered the animals again and secured them for the night by tying them with “pigging strings” which were wires or ropes strung between two trees, or “hobbles” which simply means tying the feet of the animals together, to prevent
them walking or running off during the night. The hobbles also served as a hindrance to any Indians who tried to make off with the animals, because the animals could not walk, or even trot. Knowing that Indians might steal their livestock, the wagonmaster assigned two shifts of night guards for the camp and the livestock for the night. Finally, just before midnight, all people not working were asleep and the night sounds of crying babies, chirps of crickets and small animal sounds were all that could be heard.

A small fire was kept burning all night in order to scare away the bigger wild animals. During the night, the mosquitos buzzed incessantly around the heads and in the ears of those trying to sleep. Some nights it rained all night and everything stayed wet, making the travelers more miserable than would otherwise be the case. With muddy trails, mosquitos, snakes, cold weather, rain, sick children, overturning wagons, lack of trails to follow, Indians and things staying wet, the increased pain, misery and suffering quickly became a way of life. On any typical day, everyone on the wagon train was up at 4 a.m. and immediately set to work, repeating the jobs they had done the night before; Feeding and watering the animals, and filling all the water barrels while the women prepared breakfast, usually consisting of hoecakes, fried meat and coffee for everybody. Then the children had to be cared for and fed.

After breakfast, everything had to be repacked, reloaded and lashed down on the wagons, the livestock had to be rounded up and kept together until the wagons began moving. The hunters went first. By the time the group was ready to go, most people were already tired from lack of sleep and from all the work that had been done at the beginning of the day. The night guards had most of the day to try for some sleep, but that was not easy on a loud, bumpy and very uncomfortable wagon. Finally, with the wagon train on the move, the loose livestock were a huge problem because of the little control the settlers were able to exercise over them. Keeping them on the trail of the wagons required constant chasing, steering and caring for them all day.

Along the way, they passed a few outposts and supply/trading posts which were built of logs and occupied usually by previous settlers who found living along the route to be a little easier by buying, selling and trading goods such as tools, weapons, animal hides and edibles from the Indians and other settlers, and the passing wagon trains. In the absence of money, the trade of goods was the prevalent way of doing business. These outposts also served as sources of information to all travelers concerning other settlers, Indians, forts, and directions, but most importantly, they provided information on Indian troubles and trouble spots such as trees down, trail washouts, stream crossings, or landslides, or large trees across the trails ahead.

HOW THEY LIVED BACK THEN

Upon arriving at a new destination, the travelers learned that the government would sell frontier land at a low cost per hundred acres, with the stipulation that the buyer would clear and plant 3 acres of the land every calendar year, for every hundred acres received, up to a limit of about 260 acres per family, depending upon the number of people in the family. Prior to the establishment of local land offices, no limits existed on acreage for new settlers. From earlier settlers in the area, they learned that although the land was free, many of them worked as share-croppers, or at other work for various periods of time. Some worked as carpenters, wagon makers, “coopers” (barrel makers/carpenters), seamstresses, tailors, blacksmiths, shoe makers and so forth. But most worked as share-croppers and that means performing back-breaking, common labor, farming someone else’s land for them, for half of whatever is produced, after expenses are subtracted. The prevalent crops were corn, peanuts, tobacco, cotton, and tar or pitch, but with tobacco and cotton being the principal crops. However, The English government wanted lots of tar, which the settlers harvested from the abundant pine trees in the area. England would buy this production for a pittance, and take trade in payment too. In
acquiring title to public land being transferred for the first time by the Government back then, the buyer received a “Patent”. But when transferring ownership of that same land after that, the new buyer would receive a “Deed”. Therefore, these first arrivals received Patents, sometimes referred to as “Grants”. But Grants were usually free land acquired from the government, for some service rendered. The acquisition of land, or a job, was the first step in a monstrous, lifetime work project for everyone concerned, for the land had to be cleared not only of trees, but also of their stumps and many large rocks.

Digging up and moving stumps is a hugely demanding job and I speak from personal experience. It takes two strong men about one hour of fast, hard work to expose all the roots of the stump of a mature tree. Once all the roots are cut loose from the main stump, there is almost always a very deep, long and large taproot, which grows straight downward from the base of the stump, meaning you cannot get at it to cut it because the stump and its upper roots cover it from above and it is so deep that much back-breaking digging with shovels, and chopping with axes is necessary. Once the stump has been cut loose however, a two-mule team was chained to it and if they were strong enough it could usually be pulled up. Then it would have to be dragged down into the swamp and left there, or stacked in the field to be burned after drying out for four or five weeks. One hour for one stump, when there are hundreds, usually thousands of them, meant a huge, back-breaking and time-consuming job which produced no food or any other benefit of any kind in the short term.

But, with shelter being the immediate need on a new tract of land, the settlers set about working in teams, first clearing their spots for log houses. Those rich and fortunate enough to own wagons were lucky, because crude Lean-to’s made of sapling trees were the first shelters for the less fortunate. Those with wagons could live for a time in the wagon and even expand its space by attaching a lean-to to it.

The location of their log houses was important and they were located as close as possible to a source of good drinking water, preferably a spring. Having to dig a forty or fifty foot-deep well, was a luxury which could be ill-afforded, when they didn’t even have a house to live in. They worked together to get the jobs done, handling the big, heavy logs, working on first one house, then the other, cutting the trees down, trimming them and dragging the resulting logs to the house site. The debarking and splitting of the logs and putting up the framework and then making hundreds of thousands of handmade wooden shingles for the roofs, took several weeks. Dirt floors sufficed at the time. Houses were crude and consisted of only one room. Wooden floors and porches were luxuries which would have to wait.

The clearing of land and construction of houses took several of the summer months and the settlers were hard-pressed to get the houses done and a supply of firewood cut for the 4 to 5 months of winter which lay just ahead of them, beginning in November. They also needed lots of animal hides, dried and cured, prepared for the winter, by the women and children. Teamwork among all concerned was an absolute necessity and meant the difference between life and death most of the time. Syrup and cornbread for breakfast, turnips or grease/gravy and cornbread for lunch/dinner and the same for supper, were their primary foods.

Meat was a rarity because of the small supply of gunpowder and shot, which were expensive and needed for protection from Indians which was a priority. That forced them to use traps for wild animals and meat. Meat was preserved by smoking it for a week or more, but that required a small smokehouse and lots of wood, then someone to attend to the smoking process. Vegetables were mostly non-existent most of that first summer season. At that time, they had no means of communicating over long distances with each other except by runner and in cases of Indian attacks, which occurred too frequently, the runner himself would become the prime target of the Indians.
Before long however, those who could afford one, had put a large iron bell up on a 30 foot pole at the edge of their yards which were rung by pulling a rope. About noon every day, the ringing of these bells meant come and eat, to the field workers. With houses so far apart, it was clear whose bell was ringing. If the bell rang at any other time, especially at night, it meant an emergency had occurred at that particular house, and anyone hearing it ran to help. Five peals of the bell meant come and eat. Ten meant emergency here, need help. Twenty meant a life or death situation had developed at that house and when an emergency occurred some rode their mules at a dead run, whether in daytime, or the dead of night. But when the bell rang at night, it filled everyone with dread, for it was a sure sign of very serious trouble at that house. The house was on fire, someone was dying, they were being attacked by Indians, or other disasters were occurring. The settlers were collectively hard working people who supported and cared for one another. Each depended on the others for help if anything happened because the situation could easily reverse tomorrow and usually did.

Women worked themselves to death for their children. Everyone starved because of the lack of adequate and nourishing food. Most mothers were too starved themselves to feed the babies much and breast milk or cows milk were painfully inadequate and usually not available. Cows milk was very scarce. Medical care was non-existent and even if they could find a doctor, he was either too busy, gone to take care of someone else, or they had no money to pay him. Besides he usually only had herbs and/or Indian cures for medicine. So people, especially young ones, mothers and babies most of all, were sick a lot on top of the miserable lives they lived. During childbirth, women were almost always attended by other women and many died from excessive loss of blood and infection, following childbirth. More died from being undernourished.

In the absence of adequate medical care, many babies died from all types of sicknesses usually brought on by their own malnourishment, lack of medical care and unsanitary living conditions. Everybody usually went barefooted. Most but not all women, had one pair of shoe's called "Sunday go to meeting shoe's", because church services, visiting, marriages, or funerals were about the only times they were ever worn.

Although the early settlers had no schools, when one was finally built, the children had to walk back and forth to it every day. Sometimes, that was a long distance and school was usually considered a waste of time. With this country being primarily agricultural then, that attitude prevailed until the 1940’s. Very few children went higher than the second or third grade because they were needed to work in the fields and little knowledge was needed for that. This was a case of “strong backs and weak minds”. Consequently, even two hundred years after the early Bedsoles arrived here, many still could not read or write and for the few who could, they had very little “book learning” and usually forgot what little they knew in a short period of time, because their primary way of life was farming. So, the vast majority of them never went to school at all.

Those who did had to endure unmerciful hounding and being laughed at by all the others, who spent any free time ridiculing and pointing at each others bare butts, and falling-apart, ragged, hand me down, faded, hand-made pants, shirts, coats, dresses and blouses, which were made either of cloth, leather, or canvas-like material, usually held together with wire and pegs or nails. Girls, although barefooted like all the rest, usually wore dresses made of the lightest cloth available at the time. Unfortunately, this was usually also canvas-like leather, or hand made cloth. In the winter, everyone suffered mightily from the lack of shoes, socks and winter clothing designed for the purpose. Although the soles of their feet were tough from going barefooted, their feet almost froze in the winter and when thawed-out, all the children cried for hours with the throbbing pain in their feet.

Back then, winter clothing was very inadequate and the majority of earlier settlers made them from deer and bear hides. Covers for their beds were also animal hides in the winter. Any such hides not properly cured, were infested with bugs and worms and this was a continuing problem for them. Imagine having to sleep on a bed made of tree limbs, lying on and under animal hides which were infested with these parasites, which...
you had to listen to crawling around in your bed all night. Boiling the hides killed these bugs, but made the hides extremely stiff and unpliant.

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The women did learn to make shoes from heavy canvas-like cloth by triple-layering the cloth and sewing them several times. These were usually made only for the men because of all the walking they did in the fields and woods. However, such “Shoes” only lasted perhaps 4 weeks. Later, as softer cloth became available, shirts and dresses were made of fertilizer or flour sack material, in addition to “Store bought” cloth. The fertilizer sack material was so rough, thick and stiff, it was like wearing sandpaper. After turning their heads a few times, the necks of wearers would be raw and sore. Consequently, the fertilizer bag material was immensely disliked. Almost all clothing was hand-made by the women, regardless of how crude such clothing was and appeared to be.

In the fall, several women would get together and make quilts by suspending a framework from the ceiling of the house and then sitting around this in wooden, straight-back chairs, they sewed together the thousands of small pieces of cloth they had collected all year, into a bottom sheet. This was then layered with cotton from which they had removed the seeds. This was then covered with another piece of cloth and finally the finished quilt was sewed. The problem was, there were always small bugs, weevils and mites in the cotton and no way to get them out, except by boiling in lye soap, otherwise everyone lived with them. At night, they could be heard moving around inside the quilts and pillows.

Storing And Preserving Food

There was no way to store, preserve, or save vegetables except for dried peas, onions, corn, beans and potatoes. But even those were eaten by pests. Barns were filled to the roof with corn in the fall, but in the three months of December, January and February it was just about gone. Much of it eaten by the rats and mice. As the Bedsoles acquired additional livestock and had more children over time, this problem was magnified due to the initial houses, barns and cribs being painfully small and no longer capable of holding the increased need for an adequate supply of food and feed and the lack of vegetable preservation for long periods of winter weather. This of course, necessitated the enlargement of existing, and/or construction of new, larger storage buildings, all of which added to the already terrible daily workload.

In short order, with no way to protect their buildings from termites, rats and other destructive pests, and due to leaks in the roofs, the barns and cribs became ramshackle, falling down, dilapidated buildings, sitting close to the ground, full of grub worms, weevils, rats by the thousands, snakes, beetles and other bugs coming in through the thousands of holes and cracks in the walls, floors and roofs. These pests were all eating the corn and other winter food which had been saved for the families. Bears quickly learned that the smokehouses contained meat and they lost no time in ripping and tearing their way into these flimsy structures and eating, scattering, spoiling and destroying the contents. This required immediate attention when it happened, because meat was a commodity which was widely and highly treasured as food and for trade. Many times the protection of the meat meant someone had to stay up and guard the smokehouse every night. This also meant one less person to work in the fields to produce food. Whatever corn could be salvaged for food, had to be taken to a mill or hand-ground with rocks into meal for cornbread from time to time. Since one-third of the meal had to be given to the miller in payment for the grinding, too little was left for the family to last out a long winter season.

Because of all the bugs and rats, when the women started to cook bread, they had to spend an hour before that picking the weevils, worms, bugs and especially rat excrement out of the meal. Nobody worried much about things like rat and mice droppings though, which were too small and numerous to pick out of the meal.
It was just considered "Flavoring" for lack of a better word.

There was no way to keep green vegetables through the winter months, but potato's were stored by digging a hole in the ground about 4 feet across and 3 feet deep, lining it with dry pine straw, filling the hole with potato's, then covering them with more pine straw. The turpentine in the straw would keep out the rats, bugs and worms. Hand made wooden shingles were made and stuck in the ground around these holes at an angle leaning towards the center so they formed a kind of teepee. The shingles were then covered with about a foot of dirt. But the problem was, if just one potato started to rot, as they usually did for any reason at all, the entire lot was lost within 3 to 5 days. In general, the most the farmers could hope for was half of what was stored to last long enough to be eaten. That meant they had to produce and store twice as much as they needed in order to have enough for the winter months after spoilage and pests were taken into consideration. But that meant more cleared land, more planting and constant cultivation until harvest time.

The various but increasing needs of these families constantly demanded more and more time and labor. Dried Peas and beans could be kept in bags but many times those were not available. When they were, the rats soon ate holes in the bags and pests of every kind got to them and into them too. In the summer, everybody had so much work to do they had little time to prepare, plant and take care of a garden. Work in the fields was a twelve months a year, seven days a week, fourteen hours a day job. Hunting was limited to meat for food, or animal hides, for clothes and bed covers. It was generally not done for fun or pleasure.

Many people could not afford a gun and with so many kids around all the time, they were afraid to have one. However, due to the danger from Indians and wild animals, almost everyone eventually acquired a gun from necessity to acquire food. But with the smaller wild animals such as rabbits, possums and raccoons and the inaccuracy of the guns at longer distances, sometimes the only choice for getting these small animals was traps and animals were usually too smart to fall for traps. So meat was a real rarity and a huge treat when acquired. Invariably though, all the neighbors came over to share when it was acquired by any family, if they didn't live too far away. In due time, a log store was built near the Beaverdam settlement and trade became a way of life.

The settlers and Indians traded with and among the store and themselves and of course, the people all traded with the store owner. They traded cloth, sugar, salt, grease, eggs, skins, leather, vegetables, fruit, lead, gunpowder, clothing, smoked meat, corn, lumber, shoes, farming tools and etc. and in a constant stream, more and more such goods made their way from the supply ships and ports from England to ports in Louisiana, Virginia, North Carolina, New York, Philadelphia and other ports in the “New Land” and then to the frontier settlements via wagon trains. Marauding Indians quickly learned to rob and steal these supplies and many times, to kill the accompanying people.

The addition of guards to these wagons followed, but this necessitated higher prices being paid by the settlers and farmers for the goods being transported, due to the cost of the guards to the transporter.

**Washing Clothes; A Big Job**

Carrying water for washing clothes was a long and tedious job added to the copious firewood requirement for this task. On washday, the work usually began at 3 o’clock in the morning, with the filling of the washpot, which was a big, 3-legged iron pot always sitting in the backyard. It held about 30 gallons of water, which meant 20 to 30 trips carrying water to the pot, then the same to get more for rinsing. When the spring or stream was a thousand feet away, that meant 60,000 feet, or about eleven miles of walking just to wash clothes.
The fire was started with a huge pile of wood around and under the pot. This would allow the water to start heating up, while breakfast was prepared and the mules, oxen and cows were fed and watered. The washing of clothes would begin about five o’clock in the morning and would last until six o’clock in the evening. Days before this, soap had to be made by boiling fat meat and lye to produce a greasy type of “soap”. If no fat meat was available, clothes had to be washed in plain water. So on wash day, this blob of “Soap” was cut into bar shapes and used to wash the dirtiest of the clothes. The job of making soap and washing clothes always fell on the women and older daughters, if any were available.

The clothes were boiled in the soapy water and each piece carried by a short, narrow board from the pot to the “battling block” (Batting Block) which was a block of hickory or oak wood mounted on 3 legs so that the flat end of this block was available like a cutting board upon which the clothes were placed one piece at a time and beaten and put back into the pot for more boiling, until clean. This beating acted sort of like an agitator does in present-day washing machines to clean the clothes. Of course, beating them wore them out a whole lot sooner too. When all the clothes were thus washed, boiled, beaten and then rinsed, they were hung out to dry on bushes, a fence, or whatever was available.

The lye soap used for this, was so caustic, at the end of wash day, the small hands of the women and girls had big, very painful, raw places on them where large pieces of skin had been eaten and torn away by the caustic lye, blisters and hard work with the board. These raw places usually took about two weeks to heal, just in time for the next washday. This work was a nightmare in the summer, also due to the heat of the fire around the pot. But during winters it was much worse. Imagine how cold one would get wearing thin, ragged clothes, standing outside in the ten degree-wind all day and staying wet most of that time.

Mules And Oxen; True Beasts Of Labor

These beasts of burden however, were well known for being mean, hateful, stubborn, stupid and almost always murderous, and people were very wisely cautious around them. Weighing around twelve hundred pounds, maybe more, they would bite, kick, trample, hook and stomp whoever was ignorant or absent-minded enough to get within range, including their owners, and many adults and children were frequently seriously injured, disabled, or killed by them. Catching and harnessing or hitching these animals to plows, wagons, stumps and other things always required extreme caution on the part of their handlers who were frequently relatively young children.

These animals were the backbone of just about every hard job the farmers did and labored constantly from dawn to dusk for endless days, weeks, months and years. They were little-appreciated and seldom given any credit or recognition for all their labors and accomplishments. In fact, most early settlers usually beat their animals mercilessly all the time with long switches to make them pull harder to pull up stumps, pull plows, pull heavily loaded wagons, to work faster, and endless other such tasks.

They were never given anything more than food and water, but were always kept penned or tied up when not working. They were never allowed to roam free because of the inability of their owners to control and recover them. Sometimes they broke out of their pens during the night, causing a major uproar when they were found to be missing. If they wandered off and were captured by someone else, the rightful owner had the problem of proving ownership and resulting arguments over this, frequently erupted into fights, killings and feuds between, by, and among, the parties involved, because the livelihood and very survival of the owner and his family depended to a very great extent, if not totally, on these animals.
I remember one case in my own life, back in the 1930's, when a fifteen year old neighbor of our's was riding their mule from the field to the barn one late afternoon, when the mule suddenly went into a fit of rage, bucking and kicking and threw the boy head over heels up in the air. He landed on his back on top of a stump about thirty inches high. It broke his back in several places and there was nothing at all the doctors could do for that kind of injury in the 1930's. He was bedridden and his parents had the difficult job of turning him every few hours, all day and all night, until he finally died, almost two weeks later. I can still hear him screaming every time they tried to move him. I cannot imagine the suffering and torture he and his parents had to live through, during that time.

**Planting Time**

In early spring, the cleared land had to be plowed under with a plow pulled by two mules, or oxen which were more plentiful than mules. These plows had a kind of steel “wing” on them, which turned a strip of dirt about 6 inches wide, upside down and when a field was finished, it was ready for planting. Imagine plowing a field of 200 acres, 6 inches at a time, taking about 20 minutes for one pass, or from one end of the field to the other. The amount of time and the walking and handling of the plow and team was very demanding, difficult and time-consuming.

Once the field was prepared for planting, if not already on hand, the corn, cotton or other seeds had to be somehow acquired, either through purchase or some kind of trade. Corn was planted with two kernels every 30 inches. An extra kernel, in case the first didn’t sprout. We now know that corn planters in modern day Nebraska and Kansas, successfully plant 90 or more seeds in the same 30 inch strip, producing 30 to 50 times as much corn on the same piece of land. Nevertheless, the old way of planting persisted until about 1950.

So the harvest back then was pitifully small for all crops, due to the ignorance of the settlers, further worsening their already pathetically deprived lives, due to small crop yields. Low production also meant they had less to eat and to trade, for things they desperately needed all year long. The reason they planted so few seeds was the belief that they would “overplant” and “Burn out” the land. At a time when their very survival depended upon their ability to produce, their actual knowledge, beliefs and actions in such production was vastly inadequate and contrary to their needs for production, survival consumption, and prosperity.

**Bedding Cane**

This was a long, hard job done in the fall, when everybody cut down the stalks of cane, dug a hole about four feet deep and sixty feet long, piled the stalks in it and covered them with about three feet of dirt. This was to preserve the cane through the winter and keep it from freezing and bursting, thereby becoming useless. However, during the coldest part of winter, some cane would be uncovered and the leaves stripped from each stalk, the stalks chopped into one-foot lengths and each piece planted in the field in preparation for growing and harvesting it and making syrup. This was a hated and dreaded job, because the cane was covered with ice in the winter and without gloves, the hands would freeze and become numb and then, over and over, had to be thawed out so they would work again. This meant frequent periods of excruciating pain when they were thawing out. Nobody had gloves back then and even if some had been available, the Bedsoles could not have afforded them, as they were considered an unnecessary “luxury”.

**Making Syrup**

This was another back-breaking job, always performed in the worst of winter, usually January and February, because this was a period of relative “down time” in the fields and farming. The cane, which had been cut
and stripped of leaves and tops was now hauled to the cane mill, usually located in the pasture. The mill consisted of two barrel-like iron rollers, mounted on 3 spraddled legs.

The rollers turned against each other and crushed the cane between them. They were turned by a mule, which pulled a long pole round and round, turning the rollers through a set of steel gears. The juice poured from the rollers into a collector vat, or barrel, then strained through a piece of cloth, poured into a cooking vat about five inches deep, four feet wide and six feet long, tilted slightly, but with baffles in it to slow down the flow of the juice towards the spout at the opposite end of the vat, thus allowing it more time to cook. With a roaring fire, (which means someone had to cut, split, haul, and stack wood, for days) under the vat, the juice slowly cooked, evaporating the water in it, as it oozed to the other end of the pan where it poured out in a small, steady stream of syrup, into cans, jugs, or even into 55 gallon barrels. If this juice was undercooked, it had an awful, “flat” taste and if it was cooked too long, it was burnt and the taste, although different, was nevertheless just as awful. So, proper cooking time and temperature, were absolutely necessary. Great knowledge and skill were needed to avoid wasting this very important food and trade item.

**Acquiring Firewood**

Cold weather was a real problem back then and a never-ending source of suffering and sickness. But the constant shortage of adequate food, was the absolute worst of all problems they had to deal with every day. Mountains of firewood were needed all the time. In the summer, it was used for cooking. In the fall, cooking, smoking meat. In the winter, it was needed to heat the house. It was needed all the time for washing clothes, making soap and the cane mill.

So, for long full-time periods of labor and in any spare time, the Bedsoles sawed down trees, trimmed trees, sawed up logs, chopped limbs, split logs, toted wood, loaded wood, hauled wood, stacked wood and then repeated it all in the hunt for ”Literated” (Lighter wood), which was old, dry pine stumps and the hunt for what was called knots, or literd knots which were rich in pitch and resin and which were used by everyone to start fires. Because of this, pine stumps were kept and dried out. The literd was cut into fine splinters which were easily lit and which, due to its high turpentine content, burned fiercely for a very short time, but hopefully long enough to dry out and set fire to the regular firewood stacked on top of it, usually consisting of split pine. Oak or hickory wood was preferred because these burned slower and produced a hotter fire.

But oak and hickory were hard, dense wood and required much backbreaking chopping and sawing to produce firewood. The problem was, with the unbelievably tiny fireplaces inside houses back then and with all the holes in the walls, floors and roofs, there was no way in the world to get warm in the winter time. Once they thought the settlers had enough mountains of wood, for the fireplace to last all winter, that work temporarily slacked off, but then it was discovered they had to do it all over again for the cane mill, washing clothes and for the making of soap. In the winter, they had to put so many covers and animal skins on the bed to keep from freezing, they could barely turn over with all that weight bearing down on them.

After supper during winter, everyone always had to shell peanuts, shuck corn, work on leather, repair stuff, or do something for another three hours before going to bed. So they sat in the “living room”, which always had two or three double beds in it anyway and sniffled and froze to death while they did that work too. They couldn’t wait to get in bed and hopefully warm up some. Nobody had adequate winter clothes, so everybody froze equally. Most people wore 2 pair of breeches, two shirts and some kind of coat, if any or all of that was available, which was seldom the case. Some wore animal hides as overcoats. But no matter how tired people got, there was no such thing as a vacation or time off. Any time off meant someone else...
had to take up the slack and this was usually followed by a period of less to eat.

**Seeds For Planting**

Producing, preparing and storing corn, peanuts, cotton and other seeds meant they had to be bagged and stored as they were prepared. The shelling of peanuts and corn was always done for days and usually lasted long into the nights, until the smaller kids couldn't stay awake any longer.

With the passage of time and the time-consuming tediousness of the seed work, someone hit on the idea of holding a "Peanut Shelling" at his house one Saturday night and the word spread that single people were invited and there would be a "cake walk" for them. That meant everybody there would have to shell one "pan" of peanuts (about five gallons), more or less. With people usually living 3 miles or more apart, the single people were desperate for a chance to at least see a member of the opposite sex if nothing else and they were all excited and showed up in droves and any single women always had their parents, or older brothers, as escorts and guardians.

Three men, who could make a reasonable attempt at music, played a guitar, fiddle and banjo. After the peanuts were shelled (the farmer tried to get all of them shelled he could) the cake walk was held. In this case, everybody moved out into the front yard, kerosene lamps were placed on the front porch, lighting the yard at least some. A circle with numbered squares was drawn in the dirt. The music started, the single people found themselves a partner, usually someone they had never seen before and holding hands (the greatest thrill), began walking around the circle as the music played. This was considered very romantic, especially by the girls.

Being able to hold a girls hand was more than the single guys had even hoped for. The music stopped and everybody stopped. A number was drawn out of a hat and called out and the couple in that numbered spot, was the lucky couple and they could go off in a corner somewhere together, but not too far away and certainly not out of sight, and eat their cake. Cake's were brought by several of the females and were considered an expense incurred to get the daughters married off. Eventually, over a period of time, these affairs evolved into full-blown music and dance get-togethers, but was not popular at the same house twice in any given year as one could almost always count on such turning into a knock-down, drag-out, free for all fight, before it was over, because someone would always bring moonshine (A big no-no) and start getting drunk and/or someone would do something or say something offensive to someone else. However, out of consideration for the homeowners and their wives, the party goers would stash their moonshine at the edge of the yard, or in the woods near the house and not actually bring it into the house, as the homeowner was certain to take offense. This homemade whiskey was called “Moonshine” because it was usually made by the light of the moon, deep in the woods, for privacy.

**Gathering Pine Tar And Pitch**

This is absolutely the nastiest, hottest, most exhausting and despicable job anyone could ever do. As it was done back in the 1700’s, it was still being done like this in my lifetime: The pine trees were scarred by cutting the bark 6 to 8 times in the shape of letter V's, so that all the points of convergence of the cuts, caused the resulting “Bleeding” turpentine to flow down the cuts and drip ever so slowly into small oblong, metal cups, mounted and fastened to the trees with nails.

Every 15 days or so, each cup had to be cleaned and scraped out and all the turpentine collected from them emptied into small, five gallon buckets, which were then carried by two people, to the waiting mule or ox-
drawn carts or wagons where it was poured and scraped into 40 to 50 gallon barrels. This was then carried to a “mill” where the turpentine was cooked until the majority of water in it had evaporated and what was left was a black, thick and sticky goo, which is true tar. This was sold not liquid and traded for other, more-needed goods. It was also shipped to England where it was used to soak tough hemp cords which were then used to pack into and seal cracks between the planks of the hulls of ships. Much tar was needed by England and as time went on, with more and more such ships being produced in this country, more and more tar was bought, sold and traded here too. The big problem was, the worker invariably got the sticky turpentine all over himself, his hair, clothes, hands, tools, barrels, boxes and everything else he touched or came into contact with. Then, unless he had quick access to kerosene, he had a major cleanup problem.

Religion Back Then

When without a church, and at the earliest opportunity, the people would gather and begin building a “Brush Arbor”, which consisted of several sapling trees, cut down and trimmed and set into the ground as uprights. This was then crisscrossed on top with more small limbs and covered with small, leafy limbs and grass, to provide a kind of shelter to ward off the hot sun and the nightly dews. Crude benches were also crafted from half-logs with wooden pegs as legs, which served as seats. The Brush Arbor was usually built in the edge of someone's pasture and was used as a temporary church. People then were very religious and faithfully attended their churches and practiced what they preached in terms of their personal conduct, speech, and daily practices.

Almost all the early Bedsoles belonged to a church, usually of the Quaker faith. Those churches were very strict about their members and anyone living in the area who did not join, or who were "kicked out" would be shunned and ostracized by church members. Little or no credit was extended to them. Trade with such neighbors was almost non-existent. The non-members could not count on help when it was needed from their neighbors. So, it greatly benefitted all to join the local church. Not to do so, was certain to end in numerous additional hardships for the family of the refuser.

Any time a church found out one of its members was drinking alcohol, mistreating his wife or children, being unfaithful to his wife, or was otherwise derelict in the conduct of his personal life, the church pastor and elders would meet and discuss the situation and approve a plan of action to force the wayward member to mend his ways. Two or three elders together, would go visit the person and point out the problems and outline what was required for him or her, to get back within the good graces of the church. If they failed to mend their ways, they were visited again and warned that this was their last chance. If that failed, the wayward member was kicked out of the church.

Not being a member of the church meant that person would not be able to trade their goods for things they and their family desperately needed. In addition, they could not count on the help and support of church members, and that fact alone was usually so devastating, it was enough to get the wayward member to mend his ways. Church members enjoyed many important benefits such as: When anyone got sick, or injured, everyone gathered there and did whatever they could to help care for the party in need, including caring for babies and children, the family, cooking, milking cows and doing all the farming, cultivating, planting, harvesting and other chores normally done by that family. Knowing that tomorrow, the person in need could very well be any one of them, this practice was looked on as a very valuable thing to have in ones life, together with the ability to trade among themselves. Caring for each other meant survival, living or dying, in many cases.
When a member in good standing moved to another location, they could request a letter of transfer from their local church to the church at their new location and stay in good graces with the church. However, they were only allowed 30 days to be accepted into the new church. Preachers and pastors were key people in everyone’s lives and were always treated with the utmost respect and courtesy and were especially cared for by all the families in the area. It was common practice to invite the Preacher and his family to one’s house for Sunday dinner where the host family always prepared the best food they had for the meal and the guest(s).

**Velvet Beans**

Picking Velvet Beans was pure torture. They were planted among the corn, so the vines would have something to grow and run up on and multiply. They were used primarily for cattle feed. Picking velvet beans was one of the most despicable jobs, next to cotton. The beans are all covered with a thick coating of small velvety hairs which all have reversed barbs all along the hair, so if the hair sticks in your skin which it will, the thing could not be pulled out and would break off instead, resulting in skin itching and infections.

The itching and stinging of the skin were horrendous and impossible to describe. The settlers all wore heavy, thick, guano sack shirts and the thickest pants they had, which were usually made of leather or hides. The legs were tied around the ankles really tight. The shirt collars were buttoned all the way up. The shirt sleeves were rolled all the way down and tied tight around the wrists. Still, the velvet got inside the shirts, up the sleeves, up the pants legs, and inside the clothes. With the weather around one hundred degrees in the summer and the humidity at about ninety-five percent and these beans being down among the corn where no breeze could get to the workers, picking them dressed as they were, was pure torture for days on end. The weaker workers frequently fainted from aggravation and heat exhaustion.

**Gathering Corn**

The ears of corn had to be pulled from the stalks and put in a sack with a strap which was worn around the neck. The leaves on corn stalks are also lined on each side of the leaf with reversed needle-like stingers and a leaf will cut ones skin like a knife. Then the sweat would get in the cuts and burn like fire. By the time they had been carrying that fifty pound bag of corn around their necks and dumping it in the wagon for twelve hours, their shoulders and backs would be throbbing and hurting so badly, they could hardly keep from crying. Working among the stalks of corn meant no breeze could get to them and the heat was torture. Every time their sacks were full, it was carried and emptied into the mule-drawn wagon. When the wagon was full, the corn was hauled to the barn and unloaded and stored inside. With one hundred or more, acres of corn, this was no small job. Corn was used primarily for animal feed and for meal and human consumption in the form of cornbread. If the family had children age five or higher, they did much of this work. Its hard to imagine today’s children doing any such job, even for five minutes.

**Picking Cotton**

This was one of the worst, hottest, time-consuming jobs that ever existed in any Bedsole’s life. With a 7-foot long canvas sack strapped around one’s neck and shoulders, the cotton was picked and put into the sack, which dragged on the ground behind the worker, who was either bent over at the waist, or on their knees, down among the cotton stalks. The cotton bolls all had needle-sharp prongs surrounding the ball of cotton and when the picker tried to get the cotton, these prongs would inevitably stick into the finger tips and break off under the skin, causing the pricks to fester and become swollen, red, inflamed and extremely painful. Within the short span of one day, several of these sores would already be infected in all the fingers which only made the work more painful and being more careful when picking the cotton, only added to the amount of time to harvest it. When workers were paid for this work, even in the 1940’s, it was half a cent per pound.
picked. A normal cotton picker would usually pick 100-125 pounds in a day. That would yield the mind-boggling sum of fifty to sixty five cents for the entire twelve-hour day. Of course, back in the 1700-1800’s, it was a lot less. When picking in the early morning, the landowner would pay a lot less per pound due to the dew being on the cotton which he claimed, added false weight to the cotton.

Cultivating and Harvesting Tobacco Leaves

With England demanding all the tobacco they could get, while paying cash for it and taking it in trade, our ancestors planted and harvested a lot of tobacco. When the tobacco plants were only about 2 feet tall, the leaves became covered with leaf-eating, long, ugly, green tobacco worms, which had to be picked off of each leaf by hand. Since these worms usually stayed on the bottom side of the leaves, that meant each leaf had to be turned upside down in order to see and remove these worms. Once removed, the worms had to be placed in a sack and destroyed when the sack was full. During the summer months, the tobacco crops had to be tilled to keep the grass from growing, because the grass reduced their leaf production and stunted the tobacco plants and resulting crop. In the fall, the tobacco leaves were picked and tied in bundles of perhaps twenties leaves. These were then hauled from the field in mule, or oxen-drawn wagons and the bundles were taken to a “Drying house”, which was usually a large barn with large vent holes in the roof so that the hot summer air could flow through the building and dry out the leaves. When the leaves had thus cured “just right”, meaning the leaves looked, felt and smelled right, meaning they were golden brown in color and felt leathery, they were removed from the drying building and were delivered to a collection point to be sold or traded and shipped to England to be used for smoking, dipping, or chewing tobacco.

Catching Fish

One could always count on getting stuck with a couple of long and very painful fins. A favorite way of getting fish was to put out “set hooks”. This meant hunting, cutting and preparing small cane poles, lines, weights, hooks and bait and carrying them to the river and sticking them in the banks usually upstream from where the fishermen camped. Another way was called “Setting a trot line”. It was called “trot” because everyone would trot to the end of the line which was usually one hundred to two hundred feet long, tied between two trees, just below the waters surface, with a line and hook tied to it every 18 inches. Sometimes, the trot lines were tied on opposite sides of the river, or creek, but was usually tied across the mouth of a “slough” (“slew”), which was a pond cut off from the stream. This sounds like fun, but when you have to set 200 to 300 of these and go around to them 3 times during the night to take off the fish and re-bait the hooks, fun it is not. Everybody constantly slid or fell into the river and stayed wet all night. Another big job which went with this was spending two to three days hunting and collecting "Puppy dogs" (salamanders, or spring lizards), for bait. They hid under logs and stumps and piles of wet leaves in the swamps, but only in the swamps, which meant you had to slog through the muddy, nasty, swamp. This was the only bait which was free and which the big "Channel cat" catfish would bite.

People couldn’t afford to waste time and energy on anything fish would not bite. This exercise was to produce food for starving families. It was not a side dish, nor something they picked up at the supermarket, since there was no such thing then. They were fishing for their families to have food and for their very lives. The next day, it usually took several people an entire day to skin and clean the catfish, cut them up and fry them. At the table to eat, needless to say, was any neighbor crowd who had gotten the word.

EARLY INDIAN PROBLEMS

A few indian attacks on white settlers and settlements, in Virginia are listed below, they are only examples. Indians were just as adversarial and warlike in North Carolina too. For those Bedsoles who were living here
prior to 1800, indians were almost a constant problem and that was true for all states which were initially "Settled" by pioneers. On top of all the day to day hardships our ancestors were already suffering, they were frequently savagely attacked and murdered by indians. The examples listed further on, are also listed in the unpublished manuscript, "Dunsmores Indian Massacres", in the Archives of the Virginia State Library.

"The Indians are coming up the Sandy," was the first cry of many a Virginia border spy when he rushed into one of the frontier forts. The report would bring hurried preparations for defense, and fleet runners would rush off to warn the scattered pioneers to seek the security of the forts. Low gaps through the Cumberlands were ingresses into Virginia for the dreaded Shawnee from the Scioto and other Ohio points. When the heavy snows of their midcontinent climate melted and the first signs of spring appeared, the redskins stirred from their lethargy of long inaction and turned toward the Sandy Passes into Virginia. Beyond the gaps of the mountain wall were pioneer settlements and scattered cabin homes. To the indians, there was plunder and many scalps to be taken. Virginians called the gaps "the Sandy Passes" and kept scouts patrolling beyond them into a wilderness known as the Scouting Ground, in order to provide as much advance notice as possible for preparation, prior to an impending attack. Some indians came through the gap at the head of the " Dry Fork of Tug River", others through the passes at the head of the Tug.

For the frontier settlers, Scouts or spies as many called them, were selected from volunteers. They were rugged, self-reliant, courageous, and dreaded little the loneliness of days on the march deep down Big Sandy, Tug Fork or the Kentucky rivers. They went in two's or four's, carried food for the duration of their journeys. They were forbidden to use their guns except in the direst emergencies, were forbidden even to build a fire. Skulking Indians might hear or see and ambush them. Many a frontier settlements and cabins went up in flames and its inhabitants carried off or massacred because its protecting scouts were killed, or did'nt detect an impending attack. Isolated cabins were the most vulnerable to attacks. Here are just a few examples of the savage atrocities commited against these settlers. Many more and much worse, widespread cases occurred to those who lived in the earlier "settlements" of 1605-1780, when and where there were no army post to help protect the "Frontiers", of these increasing and expanding early settlements.

Jessee Adams, Russell County, Virginia. Him, his wife and ten children were massacred by the Indians on Stock Creek in 1782. His two brothers are said to have also been killed by Indians near Fort Blackmore in 1790.

Michael Auxier was scalped by the Indians while living on the Clinch River but lived, and was ever afterwards called "Bald-headed Mike".

Fanny Scott, Husband Archibald Scott, and all their children were killed by the Indians and their cabin burned to the ground, August 8, 1788.

Humphrey Dickenson. Killed by Indians on a rock in Clinch River in 1778, following an attack at his cabin in which his wife and all their children were murdered, and a chase from there to the rock, where he was killed.

James Bush. Killed and both of his daughters Mary and Ann, were captured by the Indians, but were retaken in Floyd Co., Ky. by the Clinch Militia. Ann was tomahawked but survived. Her and others were attacked later, most were killed and scalped by the Indians but Ann still survived to rear a family.

John Anderson and John Barksdale. Both were attacked and killed in their fields at Castlewood, Va. in 1778.

John Blackmore, Jr. was attacked by indians in his cabin, but survived. He moved to Tennessee, but was
attacked there by indians who killed him, in 1788.

John Carter, his brother Dale, Johns wife and 5 children, were all killed in their cabin just down the river from Fort Blakemore, and the cabin and everyone in it was burned to the ground, in 1785.

John and Vincent Bedsloe, Two Brothers. They were attacked and killed by an indian hunting party, who came upon them in their field, and too far from their cabin to use it as defense.

Imagine yourself being such a family member and the horror of arriving at your cabin to find such things had happened to your own family, and the rage and helplessness you would feel.

From The Unpublished Manuscript "INDIAN ATROCITIES" By Emory L. Hamilton

Along the Clinch, Powell and Holston Rivers, pages 91-92. Captain Abraham Bledsoe, (Jr. b.1730) who was with Col. Evan Shelby on the Chichamuga Campaign of 1779, had a son captured by the Indians whom many writers blandly say was the son of Anthony, or Isaac Bledsoe. That son was also named Abraham. Thomas Bledsoe, also a son of Captain Abraham, tells of the capture of his brother in his Revolutionary War pension claim, saying: " The family (Captain Abraham's) moved to about seven miles from the Long Island (now Kingsport, TN) on Holston River, on Reedy Creek, and at this place his father was living when he entered the service of the United States in 1778, as well as he can remember. He again volunteered under the same Captain to go in pursuit of a party of Indians, who had broken in on the frontiers, and had taken away with them, as prisoner, this applicant's brother; that after pursuing for some time, they came up with the rear guard of the Indians, who gave notice to the advance party and they escaped, taking with them their prisoner, and he was not heard of until he was exchanged at the Falls of the Ohio". Thomas Bledsoe, (The possibility does exist that he was our Thomas Bedsole, Sr., b. 1750, ancestor, but I could neither prove nor disprove it) was slightly in error as to the year in which his brother was captured, which is excusable, since making a statement from memory forty or fifty years after the event happened. He does not give the date when his brother was released at the Falls of the Ohio, which is today the site of Louisville, Kentucky. The actual date of the capture of the Bledsoe boy is given in a letter written by Col. Arthur Campbell to Governor Patrick Henry, dated 25th April, 1781, a few days after the actual happening, wherein he says: " The Northward (Shawnee) Indians have been troubling the people very much this spring, in small parties; killing and captivating and wounding. They come up Sandy River generally, and on the last occasion, penetrated as far as the settlement on Holston, carrying off a son of Captain Bledsoe's". (Abraham Bedsole, Jr.)

Abraham Bledsoe (Sr.) settled on the upper part of Reedy Creek in the year 1730, according to his land survey, but he was certainly in the area earlier than this date (In fact, he owned land there in 1726) , and on February 14th, 1728, he was appointed by the Court of Botetourt Co., VA, "Constable in the precinct he lived in upon Reed Creek." He later moved to Moccasin Creek of the North Fork of Holston River, where he died near Moccasin Gap in the summer of 1801. His wife was named Catherine, and among his children were: Thomas Bledsoe, born in North Carolina in 1760 (Actually 1750) and who married on 6 November 1769; (After all, he could not have married at 9 years old) Margaret Eakin; Abraham Bledsoe, III, and he was perhaps the one who was captured by the Indians; three daughters, Thely, who married James Eakin, brother of Margaret who married Thomas Bledsoe; Hetty Bittle and Polly Bledsoe. This is almost certainly our Thomas Bedsloe, Sr., and accounts for the reason I could not locate him in NC from prior to his birth until he was about 27 years old (1777, when he was in the Revolutionary War).

Sharecroppers And Their Annual, End-Of-Year "Settling Up" : My Own Experience
For those Bedsoles fortunate enough to own their own land, harvest-time meant they picked, hauled, traded, stored and sold their produce and crops, for cash and/or trade-goods. But the vast majority of them, like us, ended up being share-croppers. That means they would work all year for a landowner and when the crops were harvested and sold in the fall and the costs deducted, the landowner would theoretically share the difference with the sharecropper. However, since the landowner had made advance arrangements with a store owner to allow the farmer a specified amount of credit during the year for food, clothing, and farming tools, the cost of all that had to be deducted from the profits before any profit was divided between them.

In sharecropping, the landowner would guarantee payment in the fall to the store owner and the farmer was always forced to almost starve his family because the landowner would set such a low credit limit, such as $300 for the entire year. Even back then, that was not a lot of money. The farmer simply could not adequately provide for his family on such a small pittance. Imagine, $25 a month for 12 people, which was to pay for any and all expenses.

Therefore, hunting and fishing were meaningful activities, for acquiring meat. In addition, the landowner and storekeeper but not the farmer, kept “the record” all year, since the farmers could neither read nor write, this left the storekeeper and landowner free to overcharge the poor farmers, whatever they could get away with. But, that’s how share-cropping was done and had been done as far back as anyone could remember. My own parents also were typical share-croppers their whole lives and that’s how we lived. In late 1926, when his own father died, my dad, being the oldest son and responsible for his fathers estate, entered into verbal agreements with a store owner in Alabama, who eventually foreclosed on him and took all my grandfathers land, eleven houses and property and left us no choice but to become share-croppers.

This did not mean a lot of difference in living for us, though. Although my dad could probably have prevailed in court in this case, he was very ignorant of the law and procedures and his word was his bond. Unfortunately, he assumed everyone else was like that too. Very big mistake.

That was and still is, a very big, very costly, and very sad mistake. One I still make myself, which gives you some indication of my level of stupidity and total lack of intelligence. Anyway, share-cropping meant the landowners made their living, fortunes as it were, and very existence easier by riding on the backs of the poor, ignorant, desperately starving sharecroppers. In their despicable ignorance, the Bedsole share-croppers were horribly mistreated in that regard from the beginning, until they quit being sharecroppers about 1950, after this country became industrialized.

"Settling up" though, was something which was done about the end of December, every year. I was fourteen or fifteen when I was finally allowed to go to one with my oldest brother, Bill. We went to the landowner's house, went inside and sat down with him at the table. He got out a shirt-pocket sized notebook and started adding up the "costs". Since the way to settle up, was for the landowner and he alone, to determine how much the farmer owed, we just stood there as he read off the endless list. Once my brother said he didn't remember picking up four hundred pounds of fertilizer. Bill said it was three hundred pounds and the landowner immediately flew into a rage. How dare Bill question him. "There it was in black and white" in that notebook.

In the end, as was the custom, the landowner told Bill he still owed three hundred fifty dollars, above what the "profits" were, and how we would have to stay and farm another year for him. As Bill and I were walking back home in the dark, although I was young, I was astounded and appalled at the obvious, total scalping we had just witnessed. I began to question Bill mercilessly about the total lack of evidence and how in the world
did we know what the landowner said we owed was accurate. Why didn't we keep a list too and why didn't we have to sign for everything and how did we know the storekeeper didn't pad the bill to the landowner, together with the landowner's padding. I was furious at the total absence of any type of verification.

Patiently, Bill told me that was just the way things had always been done. To question either the landowner or the storekeeper, was certain to result in their refusal to "provide for us for the coming year". We went home, but I never let up. I seethed and boiled over the "settling up" situation. I complained and whined about it, until Bill finally began to see things my way.

Then one day, about two weeks later, he told the landowner we would not be staying there and that he would be paid off in monthly payments, over the coming year, for we were going to Florida to live. Then he and my sister's husband left and hitchhiked to Orlando, Florida, because they had heard you could work down there and get paid by the hour and be paid EVERY FRIDAY! That sounded like a total and unbelievable miracle.

But they both got a job in the orange groves near Orlando as laborers, and eventually rented two little houses in the woods and a couple of months later, they showed up in an old Pontiac and it took 4 trips from Opp, Alabama to Orlando, but we moved, lock stock and barrel. That was the end of the share-cropping business for us and eventually it totally disappeared and died a long, slow, agonizing and well-deserved death.

But the landowners fought it all the way because they didn't want to lose a good thing. Three of my sisters and a brother stayed in the Opp, Alabama area and lived there, but the rest of us never moved back, except for me. I just moved back to Opp to live permanently, but I am retired and do not have to worry about money any longer. But Thank God, that sharecroppers life is finally and permanently dead, for most Bedsoles. The majority of Bedsoles though, remained as farmers and sharecroppers until about 1950, when they began working more and more in jobs with regular paychecks.

HOW BATH COUNTY, NC (ABRAHAM) IS RELATED TO BLADEN COUNTY, NC WHERE MOST OTHER BEDSOLES WERE FOUND

Keep in mind that, for years and years, almost all the Bedsoles, to our knowledge back then, were in the Bladen County, NC area. Also, I claim Abraham was the first Bedsole here, arriving at Bath County, NC alone, on Sept. 11, 1700 and arriving again with his family on May 1, 1701. With that in mind, I set out to see if there was any way any type of physical connection somehow existed between Bath and Bladen, Sampson, Duplin, Dobbs, and Johnston Counties where Bedsoles later appeared. Well, it occurred like this, in the sequence listed; 1696 Bath County was an original county created from the expanse of land, which was NC. In 1712 Craven County was created from Archdale Precinct of Bath County. In 1729 New Hanover County, was created from a part of Craven County. In 1734, Bladen County was created from a part of New Hanover County. So, in effect, Bladen could have actually been part of Bath County!! So there is the connection. And that, helps a lot to show that all the Bedsoles in Bladen County, were descendants of that Abraham, b.1673 in Germany. Now, don't say I never told you anything. Just one more piece of the puzzle solved.

IN 1830 SOME BEDSOLES MOVED FROM NC TO ALABAMA, TENNESSEE AND GEORGIA.

Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Bedsole, Sr. and Rebecca Jones, moved from North Carolina to Montgomery and Lowndes County, Ala. in 1830. Apparently, these moves resulted from the death of Thomas Sr. about 1830, which broke up the NC family. Those moving included; Thomas Sr's son, Travis Bedsole and his whole family from Beaverdam, NC to Haywood County, Tennessee. William Henry Bedsole,( III) 's (Son of Thomas,
Sr.) son Amos moved his whole family from North Carolina to Warren County, Georgia, while Thomas Bedsole, Jr., and wife Charlotte Ann (English), with all their children, spouses and grandchildren, together with the William Davis family, Thomas Wise family and the Thomas English family moved from Bladen County, North Carolina initially to Crenshaw and Lowndes Counties in Alabama, with Thomas Jr. and wife Charlotte and family and William Davis and wife, at some point, moving to Coffee County, Ino, Alabama, east of Opp, Alabama, and at a later date, moving to Butler County, Ala., Where Thomas Jr. died in 1865 or so. This move was lock, stock and barrel for all concerned and was made by mule-drawn wagons. Possibly as many as one hundred people and ten to twelve wagons were involved. When they arrived in Alabama, they apparently acquired government land there, in the form of “patents”. Henry, a son of Thomas Jr. and Charlotte, appears to have wasted no time in acquiring such land and it appears that he and his brother Sessoms, had made earlier, initial “Scouting” trips to Alabama and back to NC the year prior to this larger movement of people. This was probably done to determine the type of land available, cost, location, housing and locations of any towns and army forts, indian problems and best routes, before moving the families and so many people at one time.

As seen below, Henry acquired many tracts of land in several counties in Alabama, Louisiana and Florida, while the other Bedsoles initially settled primarily in Alabama, (unless otherwise noted below) on acquired land as follows. These land acquisitions were probably NOT the only ones made and others were probably purchased and acquired by deed, but these are the only ones available on the Alabama Land Patent internet site at this time, shown along with their respective counties: If any others were purchased, swapped, or traded, they would have been listed as Deeds, not Patents, and would not be listed below.

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Their Houses Back Then

In 1798, they lived in log cabins. Here is the Direct Tax List from 1798, for two Bedsole ancestors………..
...George.....Main house; 23 X 23 feet. Dirt Floor. Constructed of logs and planks. Kitchen 10 X 10 ft., Meat
smoke House 8 X 10 ft., Corn House 8 X 12 feet, both constructed of logs. Dairy 8 X 8 Feet. Wooden
Meat house 8 X 10 Hewed Logs covered with hewed planks. Corn house 8 X 10 constructed of Hewed Logs.
Do you know how long it takes to "Hew" just one plank, not to mention hand hewn shingles? About 8 hours.
Its done with Axes, chisels, Adze's, and drawing knives.

Edward Bedsole's Story
Edward, listed as landowner several times, above, was born to Thomas Bedsole, Jr. and Charlotte English in 1819 in Beaverdam, NC. He died in 1909 and is buried in Clarke County, Coffeeville, Alabama. You can see above, that others also moved to or were born in, Clarke County. He was about twelve years old when they moved from NC to Alabama. He was married to Susan Blackwell and they lived in Crenshaw County, Alabama initially, but he moved his family to Mossy Head, Florida about 1853, then to Clarke County. (Coffeeville). About 1891, Edward moved to Grove Hill (Coffeeville), Alabama where he, his son Quincy and Edwards sister Elizabeth’s son Rayford, built a log store at the crossroads between Coffeeville and Grove Hill, Alabama. Over the next couple of years, they developed a group of drinkers, smokers, snuff users, tobacco chewers, never-do-wells, hangers-on and trouble-makers, who frequently gathered at the store and discussed politics and how they were all being wronged by the local politicians. Eventually, Edward and Rayford began selling moonshine whiskey from the store and the gang which gathered there from time to time now numbered perhaps 50-60 men. Over time, they turned to stealing from politicians at first, but that practice grew until their victims included their own neighbors, who were just poor, ordinary farmers.

Over time, Edwards gang developed a hatred for the merchants in Grove Hill and in the county, who charged outrageous prices and sometimes took any property the farmers owned in payment, and when they, especially the sharecroppers, could not pay their bills after harvest time, the gang began stealing from the merchants own stores and their harvested crops too. Big landowners also began to fall victim to the gang for the same reasons. If the gang decided they wanted someone’s corn, cotton, pigs, cattle, or other property, they simply showed up in the dead of night and took what they wanted. If the owner objected with violence, he was simply shot, for his trouble. The local sheriff was always “too busy”, or “out of town”, to do any law enforcement of this gang, after all the sheriff lived among them, and shortly, they began taking whatever they wanted from whoever had it. Their hatred spread to include local politicians. Finally, five good men from the area sent a telegram to the Governor of Alabama, explaining the situation to him and asking him to send army troops to arrest the gang. Instead, the Governor, not being the brightest bulb in Montgomery, telegraphed the Sheriff asking for clarification and the sheriff replied he had everything under control and downplayed the problem to the Governor. When they saw the Governor was not going to do anything, the same five men went to adjoining counties and rounded up a group of 300 men, each one armed with the new Winchester repeating rifles.

These 300 men converged on Edwards house. They found Edward and son Quincy, there and killed Quincy and a few others and ran the rest of Edwards gang out of the county. Ironically, although he was the ringleader, Edward also held a high degree in the local Masons, who are pledge to always take care of each other, and several of the three hundred men in the gang were also Masons. So Edward was allowed to go because of that, provided he “left this country and never returned”. Edward stayed away for about twelve years, but moved back to Coffeeville, where he lived to the ripe old age of ninety-three. Proving the adage that the meaner you are, the longer you live. Edward died in 1909 and is buried in Clarke County, Alabama, in New Prospect Cemetery, along with Susan Blackwell, his wife and a few of their relatives.

That story can be found more or less in its entirety in a booklet entitled “The Mitchum War Of Clarke County, Alabama”, obtainable from The Clarke County Democrat newspaper, P.O. Box 39, Grove Hill, Alabama 36451. I recently read in the newspaper that a writer, perhaps unrelated to the Bedsoles had rewritten the Edward Bedsole story, in a much more comprehensive manner, perhaps flowering it up quite a bit and in fact, downright making much of it up, and that it was becoming a best seller. I have since heard that the new version portrays Edward as a sort of hero, born in Ireland †. In addition, a movie based on that new book is being contemplated. The name of the new book is “Hell At The Breech”, which was actually what Edward named his gang at Grove Hill. Wierd name for a gang of thieves and murderers.

James Larkin Bedsoles Fight For Food
This story is true. It shows how desperately people, and especially the Bedsoles, lived back then. Larkin Bedsole, b.1826, a son of Duncan Bedsole (Thomas Sr's son) and his wife, was a very poor farmer in North Carolina. After his first wife died, he married Atha Carter, a much-younger woman. At age 63, Larkin came home one day from his field work, to eat lunch, only to find that Atha’s two grown sons had just finished off the last of the cornbread and grease. Enraged, Larkin attacked the two with his fists, but quickly realized he was in a losing battle and grabbed a long butchers knife from the kitchen counter. The two other men did likewise and a knife fight was launched in the tiny kitchen with butcher knives, but quickly spread to the backyard for lack of maneuvering room.

In the backyard, near the woodpile, Atha grabbed an axe and planted it in the middle of Larkins head, from the back. A newspaper article on this incident related that “Old man Bedsole, was loaded onto a mule-drawn wagon and hauled to the hospital at Fayetteville, where doctors said he was not expected to live”.

However, it appears that he did indeed live another 20 years!! They called him “Old Man Bedsole” at age 63. Today, we don't generally consider a man an Old Man until about age 80-85. Here is his marriage record to Atha Carter:.... Larkin Bedsole Cumberland Co 65/W To Atha H. Carter Cumberland Co 25/ May 17, 1890 J. McGeddie, Justice Of The Peace.

Bedsole Peculiarities

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It has been a curious finding to me that there are certain ancestor and descendant Bedsole lines which have an inordinately high number of mean, hateful, vicious, drunks and trouble-makers in them and other lines which have a high number of lawyers and doctors and others which have a high number of carpenters, those with lots of mechanical skills and finally, those with high numbers of school teachers in them.

A despicable peculiarity I have also noted among several of them, is that there are a few lines which contain Bedsole men who were habitual drunks and who were excessively mean, brutal, hateful and cruel especially to their wives and children. One of these illustrious people, I am ashamed to say, appears to have been my own GG-Grandfather and my Grandfather both. To those few, I claim no kin whatsoever, notwithstanding the obvious. You will read further along, that Thomas Jr., was just such a drunk, and mean man.

The Bedsole Curse

But there is one thing I have found prevalent in all the Bedsole lines as far back as I could trace it and that is what I call “The Bedsole Curse”. If you are a Bedsole by birth, you have more than likely been eaten up by this curse and are well aware of it already. “Murphy’s Law” states; “If anything can go wrong, it will”. But in the Bedsole Curse, I found that “ If there are several things that can go wrong at the same time, and there always is if a Bedsole is involved, the one thing which will cause the most damage, cost the most money and cause the most hardship and which will have the most detrimental effect on the Bedsole, will always go wrong FIRST.

Examples Of Hardships They Endured

As detailed elsewhere in this History, here is a summary of the hardships heaped upon early settlers, including our own ancestors, during their coming to this country, trying to settle down here and their daily lives afterwards. About 1950, the majority of Bedsoles began getting into more industrialized employment and leaving agricultural living; Imagine leaving England, Germany, or any other relatively civilized country, boarding a ship with a spouse and 5 or more children, their spouse dying, leaving them alone, with no way to
subsist even until tomorrow, or next week. They arrived in this country, only to learn that their children were
to be taken away from them if they were an unaccompanied woman, and divided up among complete
strangers, never to be seen again. Burning up in the summer and freezing to death in the winter, being
plagued meanwhile by indians trying to kill them, mosquitoes eating them alive, living among hundreds of
others forced to live the same way they were, trying to find food every single day, any way, somehow,
anywhere, any kind they could come up with. Having to do all that while trying to build some type of
structure to live in, with their bare hands, perhaps an axe, and saw, by themselves knowing if they did not
produce it, they would not have it. No medical care of any kind, except whatever herbs or indian remedies
they found or learned about, their family members, especially children getting sick and slowly dying, making
an already desperate situation nothing short of disastrous. This is the way they lived day after day, week after
week, month after month, for years and years, seemingly without end.

CONCLUSION OF THE BEDSOLE HISTORY

Jack Bedsole, who lives in Illinois, is a descendant under (Thomas Jr.) William Jefferson Bedsole. Jack, my
brother Cecil and myself, met yesterday at Highland Home, Alabama, for lunch and to discuss the Bedsoles.
He asked this question; "JD, what single thing was it that caused you to conclude that the early Bedsoles
originated in Prussia". My answer, although not definitive, was to the effect that there really was no single
thing. It was a conglomeration of bits and pieces of information over the years, and especially in Germany,
that pointed to the most likely possibility that the Bedsole/Betzold and Bledsoe/Bletsold surnames existed in
Prussia prior to the creation of the German state as such, and that they surely existed in England in an
english court case in the year 1061, together with the short article by Charles Bedsole, which is included
above, and several other bits of fact and conclusive research, which pointed to Prussia and not just to
Germany. Additionally, and just as relevant, was the absence of information which did point only to Germany,
as the origin. In other words, there were reasons to conclude that Prussia was not, and no reason(s) to
conclude that Germany was in fact, the end of the Betzolds/Bedsoles. I do know that Bledsoe, although in
England in 1061 and very likely many years prior to that, did not originate in England. The migration of
people was from, not to Germany. I also know that Bledsoe and Bedsole, surely had the same ancestor at
some point in the past, and that point was most likely Prussia. In the absence of a paper trail back in time
past Germany, I cannot prove via a paper trail, they originated in Prussia, but, I did prove to my own
satisfaction anyway, that they did originate in Prussia, and I invite anyone, one and all, to prove they did not.

That concludes the Bedsole History, as it were. Words, whether true fact, or conjecture, cannot adequately
convey the suffering our ancestors endured, until about 1950, when the majority had quit share-cropping,
and began working in various factories and at much easier, more commercialized and industrialized
occupations, thus making more money and greatly raising their standards of living. In my case, and for my
own early and miserable life growing up, I say with extreme appreciation: "Thank You God".

BEDSOLE DOCUMENTATION

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There are numerous Bedsole marriages, births, deaths, and etc, in the counties and states which follow, but
which I did not list, because it was too time-consuming. I am including a few just to show you the County and
State where they can be found, and to record such for future reference. It is very time-consuming finding,
copying and posting them to this record, but the real problem is I have no way of knowing where most of
them fit on the Bedsole List Of Ancestors And Descendants, and that would take much more time. Also,
some of the marriages listed below are duplicated because they were in various sites on the internet under
different headings. There are many Bedsoles in Texas, having spread there from Walnut Hill, Mississippi
(From Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Jr. and from her brothers Edward, Henry, and others from Coffeeville,
near Grove Hill, Alabama following the shootout there. Although there are many Bedsoles there. I didn't find
much on them in Texas prior to the 1900's, with the exception of numerous birth, death, marriage and divorce records.

The 1751 marriage of Elisha and the 1774 marriage of John and Sarah are the earliest marriages I have come across. They are documented in the Quaker Church's monthly meeting records: Elisha Bedsole married Mary Edwards at Cane Creek, NC on September 15, 1751. John Bedsole married Sarah Brown at Cane Creek, NC on June 9, 1774. So we can safely conclude that John was a son of that Elisha.

The following are not in sequence, or order of any kind. Sorry, but that took too much time too, when I was already too tired to do it.

**Marriage Bonds**

When a couple were planning to marry, they had to post a Bond. Back then, it was for $500. So that if the husband, as father of any children, died, or ran off and left the family, there would be money for them to live on for a while at least. Usually, it was posted by the father of the Groom, but could be posted by anyone. The purpose of the Bond was to prevent the family from having to be supported by their neighbors. However, it also had an unexpected benefit in that, other men, learning of the wife becoming a widow, or abandoned and that she had the Bond money available, would also try to marry her.

Here is a marriage Bond posted by John Bedsole (Not the same John above), in 1828; STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Cumberland County. KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, John Bedsole & Love McDaniel are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency James Indelio, Governor of the state aforesaid, or his successors in office, in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, current money, to be paid to the said Governor, his successors or assigns, for which payment well and truly to be made and done, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 19th day of January, A.D. 1828. THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the above bounden John Bedsole hath made application for a license for a Marriage, to be celebrated between him and Catherine Horn of the county aforesaid; Now, in case it shall appear hereafter, that there is any lawful cause or impediment to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. JOHN BEDSOLE- Seal LOVE McDANIEL- Seal Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Dan McDermid. DAN MCDERMID

**Application For Pension**

John Parker (III). Married Rhoda Bedsole 1805. He was born 2/23/1753 and Died 7/7/1838 Bladen County, NC. She applied for military widows pension on 5/2/1865 in Bladen, at age 76, proving her year of birth as 1789. He was in the Battle Of Moores Creek, in Revolutionary War. Served 13 months total. It is somewhat unusual that she was 15-16 and he was 52. However, that was not all that uncommon back then. It also suggests that he died however, a long time before she did.

**LAST WILL, John Parker (Jr.)/Rhoda Bedsoles Husband**

In the name of God, amen. I, John Parker being of sound mind and perfect memory this 17th day of February, 1838, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me. I leave everything to my beloved wife Rhoda Bedsole. In the event she dies, then I want everything to be sold and divided equally among our beloved children after all debts are paid, as follows; Simon Peter Parker, Easter Parker, Sarah Parker, Thomas R. Parker, Daniel Parker, Alfred Parker, and Patience Parker.

Witnesses:                                                                 John Parker   X  his mark
Bluford Simmons
BLADEN COUNTY, NC MARRIAGES

BEDSOLE Calton (Real Name: James Calvin Bedsole) 5-22-1861, m. JACKSON, Fannie
He went by Calton Bedsole and by Calton Bledsoe. His descendants are all Bledsoe now.
BEDSOLE Duncan 5-06-1825, m. HAIR, Catherine
BEDSOLE Duncan 3-24-1852, m. GUTTEY, Anna Jane

BEDSOLE John 1-19-1828, m. HORN, Catherine.
BEDSOLE Larkin 5-12-1847, m. BULLOCK, Charlotte
BEDSOLE Owen 7-14-1832, m. HAIR, Sarah
BEDSOLE Thomas 6-10-1854, m. BRYANT, Nancy Virginia.
BEDSOLE Travis 3-31-1858, m. BULLOCK, Martha
BEDSOLE Travis 5-11-1868, m. SMITH, Melissa V.
BEDSOLE Nancy 2-09-1853, m. HALL, Amos J.
BEDSOLE Sarah 7-19-1810, m. MUCCLE, Benjamin

Humphries/Humphreys, Samuel to Bedsole, Sarah Dec 15, 1831 1 036 Bird, David JP
Daniel James Bedsole Cedar Creek, NC 21/W to Lucinda Fisher, Cedar Creek November 23, 1876
William S. Bedsole Cedar Creek, NC 21/W to Mary Autry Flea Hill January 7, 1879
John B. Bedsole Cedar Creek 24/W to Elizabeth Cashwell Cedar Creek November 26, 1885
July 27, 1887 Daniel J. Bedsole Cedar Creek 32/W to Pricilla E. Faircloth Sampson County 21/ Rev. I.H. White, MG Witnesses: W.J. Faircloth, D.J. Faircloth, M.C. Horne
Amos Jessup Bedsole Cedar Creek 26/W to Sara Frances Averitt Cumberland Co 26/W January 29,1888
Evander B. Bedsole Cumberland Co 21/W to Welthy Mariah Faircloth Cumberland Co. August 4, 1889 Rev. C.E. Beard, MG Witnesses: Isaac J. Hall, John R. Hall
John D. Bedsole Cumberland Co 21/W to Ella N. Guy Flea Hill 19,July 17,1890 R.W. Hardie, JP Witnesses: Geo W. Rose John Roddick
Alger Darden Bedsole Cumberland Co 21/W to Laura A. Carter BeaverDam 17, November 6, 1890 C.P. Overby, JP Witnesses: N. Ingram R.H. Buckingham A.T. Strickland
Farley Bedsole Cross Creek 24/W to Mary E. Starling Cross Creek 22,December 28, 1901 Rev. J.O. Tew, MG Witnesses: J.S. Bethia Farley Bedsole
Gordon Nash Bedsole Beaver Dam 28/W to Alberta Starling Pearces Mill -- March 8, 1907 Rev. Jas J. Hall, MG Witnesses: Jas Jessup Bradley Wheeler Tom Parker
Daniel J. Bedsole Parkersburg 21/W to Minnie Lee Peterson Hope Mills 19,Sept. 21, 1913 Alex Simmons, JP Witnesses: Alex Simmons, Stephen Melvin, Alex Faircloth.
Alex E. Bedsole Autryville 19/W to Eula Grooms Autryville 18,July 15, 1916 J.F. Faircloth, JP Witnesses: T.H.
Faircloth C.L. Bedsole S. Smith
Witnesses: C.C. Howard

John T. Bedsole 44/W to Lelia Marvis Hudson Stedman 30, March 31, 1923 Adolphus Cheek, JP
Witnesses: S.H. Scarborough E.M. Yates

Jonathan Sheldon Bedsole White Oak 24, W to Emma Gertrude Simmons Cedar Creek 18, July 8, 1923
Rev. G. Scott Turner, MG
Witnesses: A.C. Hair, Letha Bedsole Clayton Simmons

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Ellen S. Bedsole Cedar Creek 20 to Gipson L. Parker Cedar Creek 20 Oct. 27, 1874 J.C. Blocker, JP
Witnesses: T.R. Parker L. Culbreth

Martha J Bedsole Cedar Creek 22 to Wm B. Hall Cedar Creek 24 Jan. 27, 1875 Geo B. Downing
Witnesses: J.A. Woodard J.J. Rogers T. Bedsole

Martha Melissa Bedsole Cedar Creek 20 to Stephen Autry Flea Hill 17 Feb, 25, 1879 Joshua Melvin, JP
Witnesses: Alex Autry D.J. Bedsole

Emily A. Bedsole Cedar Creek 19 to Wm B. Autry Flea Hill -- Oct. 29, 1879 Joshua Melvin, JP
Witnesses: W.A. Melvin M.E. Melvin

Mary M. Bedsole Cedar Creek 21 to Wm H. Averitt Cedar Creek 26 Dec. 25, 1879 Joshua Melvin, JP

Carrie Bedsole Cedar Creek 23 to Geo F. Hair Cedar Creek 24 Oct. 16, 1882 T.J. Parker, JP

Addie L Bedsole Cedar Creek 20 to Wm A. Jackson Cedar Creek -- Nov. 25, 1887 Rev. W.R. Johnson, MG
Witnesses: J.C. Jackson J.G. Jackson B.A. Jackson

Ellen M. Bedsole Cedar Creek 23 to Wm. D. Hargrove Flea Hill 26 Jan. 3, 1888 J.C. Poe, JP
Sudie Bedsole 17 to D.M. Bundles Bladen Co 21 Sept. 18, 1888 L.C. Straughn, JP

Mary M. Bedsole Beaver Dam 22 to L.S. Willis Beaver Dam 27 Dec. 27, 1897 Geo A. Hall, JP
Tishia Bedsole Cumberland Co 16 to F.H. Smith Cumberland Co 21 Dec. 28, 1898 H.B. Downing

Mattie Bedsole Beaver Dam 27 to A.W. Bedsole Sampson Co 24 July 8, 1900 J.S. Horne, JP
Jennie C. Bedsole Cedar Creek 16 to C.W. Nunnery Cedar Creek 24 Sept. 25, 1907 Rev. W.A. Humphry, MG
Witnesses: Geo B. Nunnery Mrs. J.P. Spell Mrs. G.B. Nunnery

S.E. Bedsole Cedar Creek 40 to Wm Townsend Sampson Co 58 April 19, 1908 Rev. G.A. Bain, MG
Witnesses: N.E. Williams A.E. Matthews A.D. Bedsole

Lizzie Bedsole Beaver Dam 22 to D.M. Thomas Sampson Co 27 May 3, 1908 R.L. Hall, JP
Witnesses: G.C. Lackomy


Mary J. Bedsole Cross Creek 22 to W.H. Hair Cross Creek 22 June 16, 1904 D.N. McLean, JP

Lee Bedsole Fayetteville 23 to William Autry Fayetteville 38 July 10, 1915 F.H. Overby, JP

Cora Bedsole Fayetteville 23 to Leslie Faircloth Fayetteville 21 Dec. 24, 1916

Louise Bedsole Cumberland Co 18 to Eugene Ballard Cumberland Co 21 Sept. 15, 1917 Rev. W.D. Dean, MG

Mittie Bedsole Fayetteville 23 to Clyde Autry Fayetteville 23 Nov. 6, 1920 F.M. Wiggins Witnesses: C.S. Jones

Mary C. Bedsole White Oak 23 to Ava Lee Edge Cedar Creek 26 April 23, 1921

Thelma Bedsole Fayetteville 18 to Jas Gibson Fayetteville 27 Dec. 22, 1921 Rev. D.E. Deaton, MG
Witnesses: J.R. Buie, Lizzie Bedsole.

1862-1865 CIVIL WAR BEDSOLE VETERANS FROM HARNETT, BLADEN, CUMBERLAND, ROBESON AND SAMPSON COUNTIES IN NC.

Bedsole Alexander Cumberland, Volume II Page 130.
Bedsole John Bladen, Volume VI Page 486.
Bedsole Larkin Cumberland, Volume I Page 227.
Bedsole Thomas Cumberland, Volume IV Page 562.
Bedsole Travis Cumberland, Volume III Page 513.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NC MARRIAGES

Bedsole, Calton (Real name; James Calvin) 5-22-1866 To Jackson, Fannie
Bedsole, Duncan 5-06 1825 To Hair, Catherine
Bedsole, Duncan 3-24-1852 To Guttrey, Anna Jane
Bedsole John 1-19-1828 To Horn, Catherine
Bedsole, Larkins 5-12-1847 To Bullock, Charlotte
Bedsole, Owen 7-14-1832 To Hair, Sarah
Bedsole, Thomas 6-10-1854 To Bryant, Nancy V.
Bedsole, Travis 3-31-1858 To Bullock, Martha
Bedsole, Travis 5-11-1868 To Smith, Melissa V.

Bedsole, Nancy 2-09-1853 To Hall, Amos J.
Bedsole, Sarah 7-19-1810 To Muccle, Benjamin. Her last name on the site was BLEDSOE.
Bedsole, Evander B. To 21 Mariah ____? 8/4/1889

LOWNDES COUNTY, ALABAMA

Brown, Uriah Owens To Bedsole, Elizabeth Aug 06, 1835 1 131 Hickman, Jesse JP.
Simmons, Redding D. To Bedsole, Martha Nov 23, 1843 1 391 Findley, William MG
NOTE: The above Elizabeth learned to hate Uriah Owens Brown so much after they married, when he died
she changed the last name of their children, who were still minors, from Brown to Bedsole.

JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BEDSOLE, John C 1935 Jun 09 to FAULK, Myrtle Lee 17 317
BEDSOLE, Mackey R 1907 Jul 12 to BRAXTON, Alice L 7 40

Marriages, Shelby County, Texas

Bagley, DAVID L 25 TO Bedsole, Marilyn 21 30-Jul-1975
Bedsole, Travis R 34 to Yarbrough, Belinda 22, 22-May-1987 .
BAGLEY, DAVID TO BEDSOLE, MARILYN 21 30-Jul-1975

Sampson County, NC Marriages

Henry Asbury Sessoms age 31 (white) married ELIZABETH S. BEDSOLE age 21 (white) at the home of
Benjamin J. Bedsole age 19 (indian) married Jennette Goodman age 23 (indian) at their home by: P.M.
Hotcher - minister on Nov. 30, 1913 witnessed by: J.H. Bedsole, C.A. Brewington, J.L. Warick. (Benjamins
father was indian, but his mother was a daughter of Robert Bedsole, son of Thomas Sr.).
Charlie Bedsole age 23 (white) married Bonnie Belle Carter age 20 (white) on July 26, 1914 at the brides
CRENSHAW COUNTY, ALA. MARRIAGES


Espie Bedsole to Bedsole, E. L. Sep 13, 1893
Findley, W. E.or A. to Bedsole, Lena Feb 26, 1896
Anderson, Leon To Mansford Bedsole, Lois Elma Sep 23, 1914
Bedsole, J. T. to Boyd, Lou Dec 13, 1900 E
Bedsole, W. C. to Bennett Laura C. May 18, 1890
Williamson W. J. W. to Bedsole, E. L. Sep 13, 1893 Dean L.
Bedsole, G. H. to Findley, W. E.or A. Dec 07, 1882
Bedsole, Lena to Anderson, Leon Mansford Feb. 26, 1896
Bedsole, Lois Elma to Watkins M. G. Sep 23, 1914
Bedsole, M. E. to Sloam Alexander Oct 07, 1884
Bedsole, Matilda to Findley Ellie Jan 03, 1878
Bedsole Mollie M. to Gill, Richard Nov 20, 1892
Bedsole, Willie Idell to Gill, Richard Jan 27, 1907
Bedsole, Colvin 23 to Bernice Mae Johnson 15 Mar 01, 1908
Bedsole, E.L. to M.J. Dukes Mar 12, 1882
Bedsole, George H. to Sarah Jane Stringer Jan 01, 1868
Bedsole, J.T. to Lou Boyd Dec 13, 1900
Bedsole, W.C. to Laura C. Bennett May 18, 1890

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Bedsole, W.E. to Cora Cook Mar 18 1880
Bedsole, Wm. Ernest 24 to Nannie Royal 18 Aug 22, 1917
Bedsole, E.L. to Dukes M.J. Mar 12 1882
Bedsole, W.C. to Bennett Laura C. May 18 1890
Dean L. to Bedsole G.H. Dec 07 1882
Watkins M.G. to Bedsole, M.E. Oct 07 1884

MOBILE, ALABAMA MARRIAGES

Wheeler, Clifton Mark To Bedsole, Martha Mary 06/18/1982
Wheeler, Clifton Mark 42 to Bedsole, Martha Mary 34 10/23/1998

NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS, Marriage

McConeght, Christopher J 20 to Bedsole, Ginger L 21 31-Aug-1996

WALLER COUNTY TEXAS MARRIAGE

Welch Dwayne C 40 Bedsole, Ellen E 36 05-Nov-1971

CEMETERIES AND OBITUARIES

BEDSOLE, Annie J; 82; Norwood GA; Augusta Ch; 2004-8-10
BEDSOLE, BC; 80; Granbury TX; Fort Worth S-T; 2005-6-10
BEDSOLE, Beatrice; 90; Goldonna LA; Shreveport Times; 1999-12-9;
BEDSOLE, Bertis Melton; 79; Geneva AL>Tallahassee FL; Tallahassee D; 1987-8-27
BEDSOLE, Billy Ray; 75; Campti LA; Shreveport Times; 2004-4-27
BEDSOLE, Daniel James III; ; Severna Park MD; Baltimore Sun; 2004-1-19
BEDSOLE, Daniel James III; 55; Annapolis MD; Annap MD Capital; 2004-1-19
BEDSOLE, Daniel James III; 55; Annapolis MD; Annap MD Capital; 2004-1-20
BEDSOLE, Dorothy Faye; 73; Warner Robins GA; Macon T; 2004-11-3
BEDSOLE, Dorothy Faye; 73; Warner Robins GA; Macon T; 2004-11-4
BEDSOLE, Evans M; 94; Clinton SC; Greenville News; 2005-5-10
BEDSOLE, Frank; 51; Desoto Parish LA; Shreveport Times; 2006-3-29
BEDSOLE, Gerald L; 67; CA; Contra Costa; 2005-7-29
BEDSOLE, Harold J; 79; ; Chicago T (IL); 1999-8-13
BEDSOLE, Henry T; ; Fayetteville NC,Tampa FL; Tampa Trib; 1998-8-30
BEDSOLE, Henry T; 84; Fayetteville NC,Tampa FL; Fayetteville O-T (NC);
BEDSOLE, Henry T; 84; Fayetteville NC,Tampa FL; Fayetteville O-T (NC); 1998-9-4
BEDSOLE, Herman; 63; Elba AL,Groveland FL; Daily Commercial; 2001-11-30
BEDSOLE, Holland G "Holly"; 69; Union Point GA; Augusta Ch; 1998-7-4
BEDSOLE, Holland Goodwin "Holly"; 69; GA; Augusta Ch; 1998-7-4
BEDSOLE, James Edward; 59; Lockhart ALWinter Haven FL; Ledger; 2002-7-17
BEDSOLE, James Thetus Sr; 83; Hayne NCChesapeake VA; Norfolk V-P; 2002-10-31
BEDSOLE, Jefferson C; 92; Concord CA; Contra Costa; 2005-6-12
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BEDSOLE, Jerry N; 65; Boonville IN; Evansville Courier; 2001-8-7
BEDSOLE, Jessie Vance; 80; Fayetteville NC,Chesapeake VA; Norfolk V-P; 2003-5-7
BEDSOLE, Jessie Vance; 80; Fayetteville NC,Chesapeake VA; Norfolk V-P; 2003-5-8
BEDSOLE, John D "Doc"; 67; Tallahassee FL; Tallahassee D; 2002-6-24
BEDSOLE, Karolyne Elizabeth; 0; Eastman GA; Macon T; 2004-6-26; hzfc
BEDSOLE, Lillian A (ENGEL); 61; Chicago IL; Des Plaines DH; 2000-12-24
BEDSOLE, Lula Pauline; 79; NC to Tampa FL; Tampa Trib; 2003-2-18
BEDSOLE, Mack; 74; Eastman GA; Savannah MN; 2000-11-3
BEDSOLE, Margaret G (FINCH); 73; Warrenton GA; Augusta Ch; 2001-3-28
BEDSOLE, Marilyn Stewart; 47; DeSoto Parish LA; Shreveport Times; 2002-2-16
BEDSOLE, Mary Ann ( ); 80; Raleigh NC; Fayetteville O; 2001-12-22
BEDSOLE, Mary Lee (McLEMORE); 77; Fayetteville NC; Fayetteville O-T; 1999-12-25
BEDSOLE, Mary Wilder; 95; Tallahassee FL; Tallahassee D; 1990-3-21.
BEDSOLE, Miriam (SOMMER); 60; Glendale AZ; AZ Republic; 1998-10-27.
BEDSOLE, Patsy (GOODSON); 61; Havana FL; Tallahassee D; 2005-8-12.
BEDSOLE, Ray; 83; Collins MS; Hattiesburg American; 2000-2-17.
BEDSOLE, Roberta "Bobbie" (JONES); 79; Haverhill MA Meadville PA; Annap MD Capital (MD); 1998-12-14.
BEDSOLE, Roberta L (JONES); 79; Haverhill MA Meadville PA; Meadville Trib; 1998-12-8.
BEDSOLE, Roberta L (JONES); 79; Haverhill MA Meadville PA; Meadville Trib; 1998-12-9.
BEDSOLE, Ruth (POWERS); 76; Fayetteville NC Chesapeake VA; Hampton Roads V-P; 1999-6-26.
BEDSOLE, Thomas Vance "Tommy"; 55; Chesapeake VA; Norfolk V-P; 2000-10-4.
BEDSOLE, Vera (RAMSEY); 88; ; Charlotte Obs (NC); 2005-11-6.
BEDSOLE, Vera (RAMSEY); 88; Kings Mountain NC; Gaston G; 2005-11-6.
DAVIS, Dorothy (BEDSOLE) [EMMONS]; 80; Alexandria LA>Flower Mound TX; Tyler M-T; 2005-1-6.
DAVIS, Dorothy (BEDSOLE) [EMMONS]; 80; Alexandria LA>Flower Mound TX; Tyler M-T; 2005-1-7.
DAVIS, Elva Louise (BEDSOLE); 84; Bonifay FL; PC (TN); 2000-12-16.
DAVIS, Elva Louise (BEDSOLE); 84; Bonifay FL; PC (TN); 2000-12-17.
DUCKETT, Flora (BEDSOLE); 89; Decatur GA; Gainesville T; 1998-9-14.
GOGGANS, Geraldine Bedsole (); 78; Barnesville GA; Macon T; 1999-5-11.
GRESHAM, Adeane (BEDSOLE); 79; Dothan AL; Southern Star; 2003-2-5.
HUGHES, Sarah Alice (BEDSOLE); 81; Tallahassee FL; Tallahassee D; 2002-1-22.
PIERCE, Gertrude Bedsole; 88; Mulberry FL; Ledger; 2003-3-13.
WOOLERY, Gladys (BEDSOLE); ; Charlotte NC; Florida T-U (FL); 2000-2-19.

LAFAYETTE CEMETARY, Fayetteville, NC


OBIT IN THE FLORENCE, ALA DAILY TIMES

Bedsole, Cornelius Theodore (Ted), 1/17/95-1/18/95, Infant, Sheffield, AL, Oakwood Cemetary.

WHITMIRE CEMETARY, ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Bedsole, David 1859-1931 ..Husband

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Bedsole, Martha B. 1862-1937 ...Wife

Coffee County, Ala. Bethlehem Cemetery.

Bedsole, H. no data
Bedsole, Houston Richard Jan 9, 1928 May 12, 2002 "Smokie".
Bedsole, Ida Pearl (Barbaree) Jan 8, 1907 Sept 13, 1983 "Mother"
Bedsole, Jessie M. June 9, 1873 Oct 29, 1955
Bedsole, L. C. 4-9-1854 5-10-1933
Bedsole, Mary S. (Smith) Apr 17, 1873 Feb 21, 1966 (w/o Jessie)
Bedsold, Minnie Lee 1906 1909
Bedsole, Rebecca D. Aug 17, 1890 Mar 27, 1971 (w/o Willie J.)
Bedsole, William B. 6-5-1848 6-12-1932
Bedsole, William "Willie" J. Sept 25, 1892 no death date

Crenshaw County, Alabama, Black Marriage

Bedsole, Lee To Malinda Evans Dec 19,1889

Marriage In Genesee County, Michigan

BEDSOLE,MICHAEL THOMAS TO LISA LYNN EDICK GENESEE, 09 JAN 1982, FILE # 198280493.

LOWNDES COUNTY, ALA. MARRIAGE

Stringer, William to Bedsole, Elmina, Ms. Jan 18, 1866 Bond
Owens, Uriah to Bedsole, Elizabeth Aug 06, 1835 Hickman, Jesse JP
Simmons, Redding D. to Bedsole Martha Nov 23, 1843 Findley, William MG
Bedsole, Franklin to Croxton, Dorcas L. Dec 02, 1858 3 279 Walker, Beverly A. JP

DALE COUNTY, ALABAMA Marriage

Bedsole, M L TO Florence Beasley 11/18/1930 M-51

MOBILE, ALA. MARRIAGES

Black, Patsy to Bedsole, Thomas O'Neal 01/21/1964
Adams, Gary Max to Bedsole, Martha Curry 02/13/1979
Williams, Curtis Joe to Bedsole, Sylvia Ann 09/05/1957 91

Marriage Waller County, Texas

: WELCH DWAYNE C 40 TO BEDSOLE ELLEN E 36 05-Nov-1971.

Union Cemetary, Smith County, Texas

Bedsole, Daisy Catherine - 14 Oct 1883 - 23 Feb 1955

Marriage Coreyell County, Texas

Samuel E. Uwe, 21 To Debra O. Bedsole, 17, on June 24, 1974
Bedsole, Alexander 2nd Regiment, NC Calvary
Bedsole, Amos Garrisons Company, Ogeechee Minutemen
Bedsole, "Calton" James Calvin, 46th Regiment, NC Infantry
Bedsole, Duncan 46th NC InfantryBedsole, Franklin 2nd Regiment, Alabama Calvary
Bedsole, Isaiah 17th Regiment, Georgia Infantry
Bedsole, I. 17th Regiment, Georgia Infantry
Bedsole, John W. Kolbs Battery, Alabama Light Artillery
Bedsole, James Garrisons Company, Georgia Infantry
Bedsole, John 20th Regiment, NC Infantry
Bedsole, John R. 3rd NC Infantry
Bedsole, Larkin 2nd Regiment NC Light Artillery, and Wagon Master, 36th Regiment, Fort Fisher. (Thanks to George Dockery, NC).
Bedsole, Mathew 6th Regiment, Florida Infantry
Bedsole, R.H. 32nd Regiment, Alabama Infantry
Bedsole, Thomas 8th Regiment, NC Infantry
Bedsole, Thomas H. 32nd Alabama Infantry
Bedsole, Travis 3rd Regiment, NC Infantry
Bedsole, Travis 53rd Regiment, Alabama Partisan Rangers
Bedsole, William 6th Regiment, NC Infantry
Bedsole, William 46th Regiment, NC Infantry
Bedsole, William S. 20th Regiment, NC Infantry
Bedsole, William S. Kolbs Battery, Ala. light Artille
Samuel E. Uwe, 21 To Debra O. Bedsole, 17, on June 24, 1974.

**Revolutionary War**

Thomas Bedsole, Sr. father, 1777-1778.,
Travis Bedsole, son. 1777-1778

**War Of 1812**

Thomas Bedsole, Jr., and brother, Travis Bedsole (Both were Sons of Thomas Sr.).

**Birth, Andrews County, Texas**

Bedsole, Frances Mcfarland 20-Apr-1992 F

**CIVIL WAR, 6TH INFANTRY, COMPANY H.**

Bedsole, Mathew Pvt. 02 April 1862

**Marriage San Sabal County, Texas**

Newberry, Dave L. 29 to Bedsole, Joy E 23 31-Oct-1987

**Henderson County, Texas**

1947 jurors list..Quincy L. Bedsole, Athens High School graduate..

**HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS GRANDVIEW CEMETARY**

Bedsole, Ellen L. Garden of Joseph May 12, 1915 March 8, 2004

**Union Chapel Cemetary, Smith County, Texas**

Bedsole, Carlos C. - 23 Mar 1880 - 22 Aug 1938
Bedsole, Daisy Catherine - 14 Oct 1883 - 23 Feb 1955
Bedsole, Quincy L. - Texas C.W.O. U.S.Army RES W.W.II Korea - Vietnam -12 Sep 1907 - 18 Jan 1972

**EASTERN/ACORN CEMETARY, ROBERTSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Stephens, Ida Ansely, 09.22.1880 09.07.1908, b Tyler Co., TX, Dau of Charles Wesley Ansley Sr. & Mary Ann Bedsole Ansley, married to James H. Stephens, they had Lester, Alfred, Felton, Tillie, Mary
Births; Jefferson County, Texas

Bedsole, Clarence Oscar 5-26-1942 M mother: Lola Mattie Wright Father Clarence Oliver Bedsole
Bedsole, Lois Virginia Mother was: Lola Mattie Wright, father was; Clarence Oliver Bedsole.

Tarrant County, Texas, Births

Bedsole, Paul Lee 01-May-1960 m
Bedsole, Catherine Louise 20-Nov-1960 f

Births, Travis County, Texas

Bedsole, John Christian 11-Apr-1968 m
Bedsole, Sara Elizabeth 11-Apr-1968 f

Birth, Anderson County, Texas

Bedsole, Joseph Allen 1980 m

Bowie County, Texas, Death


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Bastrop County, Texas, Divorce


Henderson County, Texas, Death

Bedsole, Quincy Lee, JR 09-Jun-1999

10/04/1952, Juror List for Henderson County, Texas:

Quincy Lee Bedsole Athens, Henderson County, Senior, 1947 year:

Births Henderson County, Texas

Bedsole, Dillon Danial 11-Apr-1982 m
Bedsole, Amber Renee' 29-Aug-1983 f

Union Cemetary, Smith County, Texas

Bedsole, Daisy Catherine - 14 Oct 1883 - 23 Feb 1955
Bedsole, Carlos C. - 23 Mar 1880 - 22 Aug 1938
Harris County Texas, Grandview Memorial Cemetary


Easterly-Acorn Cemetary, Robertson County,

Stephens, Ida Ansley, 09.22.1880 09.07.1908, b Tyler Co., TX, dau of Charles Wesley Sr. & Mary Ann Bedsole Ansley.

BIRTHS, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

Bedsole, RICHARD GLENN 16-Apr-1963 m and BEDSOLE, JOSEPH MICHAEL 09-Apr-1963 m
Richard Glenn married 11/13/1994, in Dallas, Texas (Say what?)

BIRTH, GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS

Bedsole, Beverly Anne mom: of Mary Jane Knight, and Talmadge Frankin Bedsole 23 AUG 1940

DEATHS HARRIS COUNTY TEXAS

Bedsole, Floree 13-Feb-1995 F and Bedsole, Samuel Curtis 09-Oct-1995 M

DIVORCE HARRIS COUNTY TEXAS

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BEDSOLE JERRY L 35 LYANDA M 37 3 03-Aug-1959 06-Apr-1977 34170
FLETCHER RUSSELL T JR 41 and BEDSOLE, MAVIS 33 18-Aug-1990, 61051
FUNDBURG BILLY G 53 BEDSOLE, CAROLYN 41 14-Apr-1990

Marriages, Lowndes County, Ala.

Bedsole, M L to Florence Beasley 11/18/1930 M-51
Bedsole, David to Parker, Catherine May 10, 1832 1 051 Bird, David JP
Bedsole, George to Anna Mariah Feb 11, 1847 1 512 Cone, William N. MG
Hale, Sessoms to Bedsole, Nancy Feb 04, 1836 Pouncey, William J. MG
Humphrey, Samuel to Bedsole, Sarah Dec 15, 1831 1 036 Bird, David JP
Bedsole, Franklin to Croxton, Dorcas Lee Dec 02, 1858 3 279 Walker, Beverly A. JP Bond co-signed by
Thomas W. Cook
Bedsole, Robert L. 20 Feb 1891 30 Mar 1891 The following came from cousin Faye Sadler, who is a
descendant of Henry Asbury Sessoms and Elizabeth Bedsole, below. Faye also sent me a picture of Henry
and one of Elizabeth. Note how they listed “white” and “Indian”.

Henry Asbury Sessoms age 31 (white) married ELIZABETH S. BEDSOLE age 21 (white) at the home of
Norris Bedsole by Rev. J.A. Tew on Dec. 16, 1894 witnessed by: P.M. Bullard, O.L. Owen, T.E. Rich (NOTE:
Elizabeth was a daughter of Thomas Bedsole) (Thomas Sr., Duncan, Thomas).

Benjamin James Bedsole, age 19 (Indian) (This is Benjamin James Bedsole, son of Docia Bedsole and Enoch Emanuel, Jr., listed further on as Indians) married Jennette Goodman age 23 (Indian) at their home by: P.M. Hotcher - minister on Nov. 30, 1913 witnessed by: J.H. Bedsole, C.A. Brewington, J.L. Warrick (In reality, Benjamin was at most, only half Indian).


1916 Marriage License issued: Samson County, NC: R.D. Caison to Fitzhugh Bedsole.

Reynolds, Jonathan married Ziphia Bedsole on 3-6-1879 (his first marriage) performed by Thomas Barefoot at E Reynolds - mother: "Penny" (Elizabeth) Reynolds.

**CRENSHAW COUNTY, ALABAMA MARRIAGE**

Watkins, M.G. to M.E. Bedsole Oct 07,1884
Williamson ,W.J.W. to Elizabeth L. Bedsole Sep 13,1893

**KILLED IN WW II Over Germany**

Bedsole, Joseph Linyer Jr. 1st Lt. Army Mobile, Ala. KIA IN WW-II while flying a B-17G on a bombing mission. His plane was shot down over Germany, by a German ME-109 fighter plane. Josephs plane was last seen diving to earth, its right wing on fire. No parachute was seen.

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**KILLED IN KOREAN WAR**

Bedsole, Charles Arthur 1/Lt. Army ...Alabama

**NC OBITUARIES**

Mahala Catherine Bedsole Sessoms w/f b.Dec. 14, 1870 in Cumberland Co. NC daughter of: Thomas & Annie Elizabeth (Guthrie) Bedsole, wife of Benson Sessoms died in Sampson Co. on Feb. 28, 1941. Cause: cardiac disease, she was 70 years old, buried in Sessoms Family Cemetery, Sampson Co, NC. Informant listed as Marvin Sessoms (son)

**NC CEMETARIES**

Bedsole, Rosa May, wife of Walter L. Bledsoe (Bedsole) 30 May 1898 - 28 Jan 1919.
Bedsole, Lizzie May, dau. of Walter L. & Rosa M. Bledsoe b.& d. 27 Jan 1919
Herman T., son of Walter L. & Rosa M. Bledsoe 30 Dec 1914 - 26 Aug 1917
Bedsole, Roy F., son of C.F. & Lillie Bedsole 7 Sep 1910 - 26 Feb 1913
Bedsole, Travis, 10/9/1830-10/28/1906

Duncan McLaurin Cemetery, Sampson County, NC
Marshall Stephen Autry 15 Oct 1861 - 20 Feb 1943
Travis Bedsole 9 Oct 1830 - 28 Oct 1906

OUTLAW CEMETARY, DUPLIN COUNTY, NC
Outlaw, Victoria Francis, 7-26-1852 – 7-25-1878, da. of George Outlaw & Hester Whitfield, spouse of William Travis Bedsole, at Outlaw Cemetery, Duplin County, N.C

MOUNTAIN REST CEMETARY, CLEVELAND COUNTY, NC

ARCHIBALD MCLERAN CEMETARY, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NC
Martha Bedsole 23 Jan 1842 - 20 Jan 1866

PETERS CREEK CEMETARY, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NC
Hall Mildred S - Donza L Mar 26 1929 - Aug 5 1973 "Our loved ones"
Seavy L Bedsole Dec 3 1924 - Mar 10 1973 "Father, At rest"

Cumberland Cemetary, Cumberland County, NC
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Bedsole, Mishoe/Meshoe Lee Jan. 26, 1868 Dec. 12, 1945

Reuben Fisher Cemetary, Sampson County, NC
Lucinda Fisher Bedsole 5 Dec 1858 - 19 Feb 1883

BEDSOLE BIOGRAPHIES IN LOUISIANA

BEDSOLE, GEORGE W.
George W. Bedsole, a retired department head emeritus of sociology, social welfare and criminal justice, and professor emeritus of sociology at Southeastern Louisiana University, passed away in Hammond surrounded by his family at 5:45 p.m. Friday, May 2, 2003. He was 83 and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. A native of Slocomb, Ala., he was born Nov. 9, 1919, and attended the University of Alabama. He later transferred to LSU, where he completed his graduate degrees. He accepted a teaching position at Southeastern in 1947, where he taught for 38 years. He retired in 1983 after serving as department head for 15 years. He worked diligently to establish the Criminal Justice and Social Welfare programs at Southeastern and was proud of the national recognition these programs and the many graduates brought to SLU. Throughout his tenure at SLU, he taught not only sociology, but geography, economics and graduate courses in the department. His criminology classes looked forward to their annual visit to the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola to see the facility first hand. He was a former member of Pi Gamma Mu, the Southern Sociological Society, the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, a member of the Capital Area Agency on
Aging during its first year, an honorary charter member of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association, and an honorary member of the Blue Knights of America. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hammond, and worked with many Hammond area organizations before he retired. Survived by his wife of 60 years, Cecile Reinken Bedsole; a daughter and son-in-law, Robert G. and Brenda Bedsole-Ricks of Amite; two sons, G. Alan Bedsole of Amite and Robert Lee Bedsole and wife Krispin Patrice Caldwell of Baton Rouge; five grandchildren, Michael and Robert W. Ricks of Amite, and Rachel, Laura and Jason Bedsole of Baton Rouge; a nephew, Hubert Woods Jr.and wife Bille of Lake Charles; and two nieces, Jan Woods Gray and husband Bob of Lake Charles and Betty Sue Woods Rash and husband Bobby of Slocomb. Preceded in death by his parents, G.W. Bedsole and Bannie McKnight Bedsole; a sister, Blanche Bedsole Woods; and two brothers, Vergil Lee Bedsole and Wilmer Bedsole. Visitation at Harry McKneely & Son Funeral Home, Hammond, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday. Visitation in the funeral home chapel from noon until service at 2 p.m. Tuesday, conducted by Dr. Win Welford and Dr. George Hess. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the George W. Bedsole Criminal Justice Award Scholarship Fund, Southeastern Louisiana University Development Foundation, SLU Box 1073, Hammond, La. 70402 or to a favorite charity.

HAMMOND, La.---Funeral arrangements are set for Wednesday afternoon for Cecile Reinken Bedsole, posted on May 04, 2009 13:23 who died Sunday in Amite, La. Bedsole, the widow of former SLU Professor George W. Bedsole and the mother of 21st Judicial District Court Judge Brenda Bedsole Ricks, was a longtime and beloved Hammond resident. Bedsole was 88 years old, a native of Baton Rouge, and resident of Hammond. She graduated from Baton Rouge High School in 1937, and Louisiana State University (1941) where she worked as a secretary to the LSU Dean of Men. After marrying and moving to Hammond she was secretary to Luther H. Dyson, President of Southeastern Louisiana College (now SLU). She was a retired realtor and former member of Les Mesdames and other campus, civic and church organizations. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Hammond, and the United Methodist Women. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Robert G. and Brenda Bedsole Ricks of Amite; two sons, G. Alan Bedsole of Hammond, and Robert L. Bedsole of Baton Rouge and his special friend Marcia Colvin; five grandchildren, Mike Ricks, Rachel, Laura, and Joseph Bedsole of Baton Rouge; Robert W. Ricks of Amite; four nieces, Barbara Griffin Wiltshire and husband Rick of Richmond, Virginia; Jane Griffin DeMatteis and husband Denny of Raleigh, North Carolina; Jan Woods Gray and husband Bob of Dothan, Alabama; Betty Sue Woods Rash and husband Bobby of Slocomb, Alabama; nephew David Griffin and wife Mary of Raleigh, North Carolina, and numerous other family members. She was preceded in death by her husband of sixty years, George W. Bedsole, retired Department Head Emeritus of the Department of Sociology, Social Welfare and Criminal Justice and Professor Emeritus of Sociology at SLU; her parents Granville B. and Bertie Dixon Reinken; her sister Nell Reinken Griffin and husband Percy; brother-in-law Vergil L. Bedsole; sister-in-law Blanche Bedsole Woods and husband Hubert; and three nephews, Hubert "Tump" Woods, Edward Woods, and Jimmy Woods.

Rapides Parish, La.: Travis Lafayette Bedsole, born. 1856

TRAVIS LAFAYETTE BEDSOLE Merchant, Lena, La. Mr. Bedsole is a member of the firm of C. W. Ainsley & Co. And is a wide awake, enterprising business man. He was originally from Alabama, his birth occurring in 1856, and is a son of Theodore Hamilton Bedsole and Mary A. Bedsole, natives of Alabama. The father was a farmer and merchant, and removed to Vernon Parish, La., where he now resides. He was quite a prominent citizen of Alabama. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, N. H. Bray Lodge No. 208, and both he and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. T.L. Bedsole was educated in the common schools of Alabama. In 1879 he was married in that State to Miss Rebecca Norton, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Norton, and afterward, in 1880, removed to Rapides Parish where Mr. Bedsole was engaged in...
farming until the spring of 1886. He then removed to Lena, embarked in the mercantile business, and this he has since continued very successfully. He is a promising young business man, and will make his mark in the world. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, N. H. Bray Lodge No. 208. His marriage was blessed by the birth of five children, two sons and three daughters.

**Walnut Hill, Louisiana, Baptist Church**

BEDSOLE, Celia – no date of joining, letter of dismissal 17 Mar 1888.
BEDSOLE, Callie – no date of joining, dismissal from membership 10 Oct 1883, restored 13 Apr 1884; born 30 Jun 1855, died 12 Feb 1910 LA, buried Mora Cemetery (Rapides) LA; married to Travis Franklin Bedsole (separate write-up); 1 known child: Leona Ada Bedsole.
BEDSOLE, Sally – baptized 8 Jul 1883, excluded 12 Dec 1885 to join Cambelites; married to T.C. Bedsole (separate write-up).
BEDSOLE, T.C. – no date of joining, excluded 12 Dec 1885 to join Cambelites; married to Sally Bedsole (separate write-up).
BEDSOLE, T.F. – joined by voucher 11 May 1884; born 3 Apr 1853, died 18 Feb 1910 LA, buried Mora Cemetery, Rapides, LA; married to Callie Bedsole
BEDSOLE, Travis – joined 14 Sep 1884, later excluded from fellowship, & then restored 15 Jun 1889.
Chop, Johnnie - 3 Apr 1911 / 6 Jan 1989 s/o Tony Chopp & Dora Cooley
Chop, John Jr., Son of M&M John Chop - 20 Feb 1931 / 27 May 1948 [Bedsole, Felder W. - 2 Sep 1895 / 2 Dec 1895
Bedsole, Rebecca S. - 1851 / 22 Sep 1895
Bedsole, Thos. L. - 30 Mar 1856 / 7 Nov 1928
Golemon, Lottie Bedsole - 17 Oct 1877 / 29 Nov 1957 Mother [d/o Elijah Mayo & Elizabeth Bryant]

**Cleveland Cemetary, Rapides Parish, La.**

Bedsole, Charles L. - 9 Apr 1885 / 3 Jul 1913
Bedsole, Lula - 9 Aug 1893 / 15 Aug 1901
Bedsole, John Mayo, son of M.M and T. L. Bedsole - 10 Mar 1913 / 2 Dec 1913
Dubois, Nelia Bedsole, 2nd wife of Stephen Dubois - 31 Jan 1880 / 8 Apr 1973

**Early Land documentation**

As pathetically inadequate as it is, I am including copies of all the documentation I have found on the early Bedsoles, with few exceptions, such as the coat of arms and the certificate for country of origin (Germany-Betzold) for Bedsole. For the past fifty-eight years, I have been blocked at every twist and turn by an almost total lack of records. Also blocking my research, were the various misspellings of the ancestors/descendants, such as Bedsoll, Batsol, Bledsau, Bletso, Batson, Bedsoal, Bedsowl, Blatsow, Betsel and etc. Another problem was the tendency to name children after themselves, parents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and grandparents. I noted no less than eight Elizabeth Bedsoles for instance, whose fathers were all named Thomas Bedsole. Also, way too many people went by their middle names, and/or nicknames, such as “Scooter”, or “Lizer”, or “Cotton” Bedsole. The court house and its records in Bladen County, NC, where the earliest Bedsoles settled, burned down five times between 1768 or so and 1900, taking all land, marriage, death, birth, and other vital records up in smoke. These burnings prevented most duplicate records from also being on file in the capitol of NC, Raleigh. After the Bladen
courtthouse was burned down several times, the Court Clerk took the records to his own house and kept them for a long time trying to save them, but someone burned his house down too, for his trouble, along with the records again. More than likely these fires were the work of arsonists who did away with the records to avoid lawsuits, jail time, or other legal actions against them. Other Researchers, or anyone who wants to go and look; Take a good flashlight, a good camera with flash, a work table, a portable lamp and a chair to sit in. Also, take a small copier and supplies and a small folding table, or something to lay stuff on. I invite anyone who has the grit, to go to that courthouse and do some research. But be prepared to stay not less than 7 days at a time, to look through hundreds if not thousands of papers, in boxes and no other kind of order, and to work really hard at it for not less than ten hours each and every day. Land records are about the only thing one can find with the word "Bedsole", or equivalent/variation, on it. Its almost as if our ancestors never existed as far as shipping, births, children, spouses, parents, deaths, children, marriages, divorces, court actions, and etc.. It didn’t help any either, that NC only began to require birth records in 1912..

LAND RECORDS

I wrote these just as they were on the original documents, misspellings and all. With my own explanations of who and what. In most cases, Land records are the only documentation for many early Bedsole ancestors. Unfortunately, they do not list spouses, siblings, or other relatives. The big problem with land records, when people named their children after their own ancestors and descendants, is, that they do not list ages, birthdates, spouses, or relatives or whether the buyers and sellers are Jr., Sr., II, III., or anything else. Consequently, except for guessing who they are, based primarily on the location of the land related to other data, and the date of the transfer of title, theres no way one can determine who they actually were. Its "Best Guess", at its best.

FIRST BEDSOLE LAND RECORDS IN THE U.S.

The originals of these land records were recorded as shown, by hand. William, son of Abraham from Germany, apparently left NC and went to Virginia, and acquired the first land in 1719. He must have then either sent word, or went back to NC and persuaded Abraham, to move to Virginia. The two 1726 records show them going together for 2,000 acres via 1,000 acres each by Patent, (Free land from the government). The other records show William acquiring another 1,000 acres, his brother Isaac acquiring 1,000 acres seperately in the fourth record, but likely adjoining Williams land. Abraham had apparently moved from that area then. However, I continued to find "Abraham" in Virginia until 1730 or so, Abrahams last name was written as Bessow when he arrived in NC by ship in 1700, then Batson when he came back in 1701, it was changed to Betsoe, Bedsoe, Bedsole, and finally Bledsoe, by seperate english Scribes from time to time, reflecting the fact that Bedsoles in general, could neither read, write, or spell until about 1950. The Library of Virginia has numerous other Bledsoe land records, and I know at some point, some of them were true Bledsoe's from England, but no way to determine who were Bedsoles and who were Bledsoes. Regardless of all that, the origin of both Bedsole and Bledsoe, is Prussia/Germany.

William Bledsoe, 11 July 1719. Virginia State Land Office. Patents 1-42. Location: Russell County. Description: 214 acres St. Mary’s parish. Beginning by the upper side of Hunting Run, at the mouth of a small branch. Source: Land Office Patents No. 11, 1719-1724, p. 20. Part of the index to the recorded copies of patents for land issued by the Secretary of the Colony serving as the colonial Land Office. The collection is housed in the Archives at the Library of Virginia.

Washington Co, VA Surveys, Page 422 - John FLEMING - 11,300 ac - treasury warrant #990 dated December 18, 1794 - on the south side of the north fork of Holstein River - on the north side of the Rich Valley on the south side of a pine knob - passing the widdow VENUS'S [VINNS?] land and John
ANDERSON'S land - running past the blockhouse - below said ANDERSON'S Mansion house - down the branch to the mouth thereof on said River - corner to Abraham Bledsoes survey - on FOWLERS Branch - by a path - passing James CAMPBELL'S land and crossing three branches & ROBERTS Creek - passing A. BLEDSO'S [Anthony Bledsoes] many sink land - corner to John MILLER'S survey - crossing Solman's branch - leaving MILLER'S lines - on a south bank of Cove Creek - in a gap of said creek ridge by a path - line of James SPROULE'S land - on the south bank of the south fork of Cove Creek - on the south bank of the middle fork of said creek - in the head of a deep hollow by a water slip - above the narrows of the middle fork of Cove Creek - leaving Bledsoes survey - near to William HEAD'S survey on a ridge north of the Rich Valley - passing the different surveys on the north fork of Reedy Creek - exclude 78 ac on the south fork of Cove Creek surveyed for Gaven HEAD on March 22, 1791 - April 15, 1795

Washington Co, VA Surveys, Page 479 - Abraham Bledsoe, assignee of Edward WALKER - 97 ac - Preemption warrant #1980 dated December 20, 1781 - on the blockhouse branch, a water of the north fork of Holstein - on a line of Margret VINNS'S [VENUS'S?] land - by the Saltpetre [Salt peter] branch - May 13, 1795. (This was our 1730 Abraham III, who was our Bedssole line).


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County. Grantee(s): Bledsoe, Abraham (# 2) and William. Description: 1000 acres. Source: Land Office Patents No. 12, 1724-1726, p. 382 .Part of the index to the recorded copies of patents for land issued by the Secretary of the Colony serving as the colonial Land Office. The collection is housed in the Archives at the Library of Virginia.

William & Abraham Bledsoe (Brothers ?). 30 May 1726. Virginia State Land Office. Patents 1-42, Location: Spotsylvania County. Grantee(s): Bledsoe, Abraham and Bledsoe, William. Description: 1000 acres upon the branches of the Mine Run, adjoining land of the Reverend Hugh Jones. Source: Land Office Patents No. 12, 1724-1726, p. 382. Part of the index to the recorded copies of patents for land issued by the Secretary of the Colony serving as the colonial Land Office. The collection is housed in the Archives at the Library of Virginia. This is not a copy of the record of the same date and location above. So they acquired 2,000 acres of land on the same day. Very likely they were limited to 1,000 acres per Patent. So they did two in order to acquire 2,000 acres together.

William Bledsoe. 28 September 1728. Virginia State Land Office. Patents 1-42. Location: Spotsylvania County. Description: 1000 acres in the fork of the river beginning and extending by the Rappadan River side above the mouth of a run. Source: Land Office Patents No. 14, 1728-1732 (pt.1 & 2), p. 103. Part of the index to the recorded copies of patents for land issued by the Secretary of the Colony serving as the colonial Land Office. The collection is housed in the Archives at the Library of Virginia.

Isaac Bledsoe. 28 September 1728. Virginia State Land Office. Patents 1-42. Location: Spotsylvania County. Description: 1,000 acres in the Little fork of Rappahannock River, and on the South side of the North side. Beginning and extending standing by the river side by the mouth of a branch. Source: Land Office Patents No. 13, 1725-1730 (v.1 & 2 p.1-540), p. 294. Part of the index to the recorded copies of patents for land issued by the Secretary of the Colony serving as the colonial Land Office. The collection is housed in the Archives at the Library of Virginia.


Deed Of William West (Jr.), Brother Of Rhoda West,(Mother Of Thomas Bedsole, Sr. and John Bedsole, both born 1750 and 1753, Respectively).

July 8, 1816 State of North Carolina, Bladen County To the Surveyor of the said County you are hereby directed to survey and admeasure or cause to be surveyed laid out or and measured for William WEST 250 acres land in the aforesaid county agreeable to his Entry No. 270 and Dated February 5th 1816 Lying on the North side of Turnbull joining John DAVIS and William RICHARDSONS and Daniel MCDUFFIE and Peter MCBRIDEs and such survey to be made do you return to the Secretary's office agreeable to Law given under my hand at office. July 8th 1816 J (? initial illegible) s.

Bedsole as "Bledsoe" land records ("Entries") in court record book

July 11, 1719. William, now about 18-19 years old, and a "Bledsoe" on his land records, is granted 214 acres of land in Russell County, St. Marys Parish, Virginia. This is the very first land record for a "Bledsoe" who is actually a Bedsole, in the United States. This is also where the Bedsole/Bledsoe debate begins.

1726. Abraham now also a "Bledsoe", his wife Rose, and daughter Elizabeth S. are listed in Chalkleys Chronicles, in Virginia, among the "Early Settlers Of Virginia". With them are William Barry, husband of Elizabeth S. and a daughter of Elizabeth and William; Mary who married Thomas Harding with his life as 1709-1772. If true, they married about 1729, when Elizabeth was about 34.

May 20, 1726. Abraham, and William, both now "Bledsoes" on the documentation, are jointly granted 1,000 acres of land in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. These are likely brothers, not father and son.

May 20, 1726. Abraham and William Bledsoe are jointly granted another 1,000 acres of land in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

Sept. 28, 1728. "Isaac Bledsoe" was granted 1,000 acres, also in Spotsylvania. That indicates Isaac is very likely also a son of Abraham and Rose, having been born about 1707, in NC.

Sept. 28, 1728. At the same time as Isaac but seperately, Abraham Bledsoe is granted 1,000 acres also in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. All 3 of them being there during the same time period lends credence to my guess that Isaac is the son of Abraham, and brother of William. (This also indicates that the 3 of them then owned 4,000 acres of land in Spotsylvania County, Virginia). It is likely they were all 3 brothers.

March 12, 1739 William is granted 700 acres in Franklin County, Virginia.

June 16, 1768. William Bledsoe is granted 48 acres in Culpepper County, Virginia. Apparently, Abraham is now dead.
Feb, 1770 Botetourt County, Va. Abraham Bledsoe, Jr., appointed Constable for that part he lives in upon Reedy Creek. Abraham, Sr. died in June, 1770. So, this is Abraham, Jr. and not the one born in 1673 in Germany.

Washington County, Va. March 18, 1787..Anthony Bledsoe - 400 ac - in the Many Sinks, includes improvements, actual settlement made 1775 - September 1, 1781. Page 363 - Anthony Bledsoe - Commissioners Certificate - in the Many Sinks on the waters of the north fork of Holstein River. This Anthony is related to our Bedsoles. In fact, he is a Bedsole. He appears to be a son of Isaac above.

Anthony Bedsole...May be a son of William Bedsole/Bledsoe, Jr. b. 1727. Page 364 - Anthony Bledsoe - 320 ac - Preemption Warrant dated August 15, 1783 #2534 - on the waters of the north fork of Holstein River in the Many Sinks - corner to his settlement rights - March 18, 1787

Page 393 - Anthony Bledsoe - 272 ac - Preemption warrant # 2534 - in the Many Sinks on the waters of the north fork of Holstein River - corner to his adjacent survey - March 22, 1791

Page 393 - Anthony Bledsoe - 366 ac - Preemption Warrant #2534 - March 22,1791 on both sides of the north fork of Holstein River -

Page 364 - Anthony Bledsoe - 395 ac - Sept. 28, 1792. Commissioners Certificate - on both sides of the north fork of Holstein River - beginning on the north bank of the river -

Page 393 - Anthony Bledsoe - 366 ac - Preemption Warrant #2534 - March 22,1791 on both sides of the north fork of Holstein River -

Page 364 - Anthony Bledsoe - 395 ac - Sept. 28, 1792. Commissioners Certificate - on both sides of the

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north fork of Holstein River - beginning on the north bank of the river -

March 17, 1787...Anthony Bledsoe, assignee of Richard Collier - 400 ac - on the north fork of Holstein known by the name of the Great Bent, includes improvements made by Bledsoe, actual settlement made in 1786 - August 24, 1781

04/23/1762. BLADEN COUNTY, NC. John Mellon, planter, of Bladen County, party of the first part, hereby sells and conveys unto Vincent Bedsole, planter, also of Bladen County, NC, party of the second part, for 4 pounds sterling, a certain track or parcel of land situate and lying in Bladen County, NC containing 300 acres as follows. To Wit Beginning at two white oaks near a ridge and running along Thomas Bedsole’s line, N 156 Poles 23 poles and 12 links.

08/20/1764. BLADEN COUNTY, NC. Vincent Bedsole, planter of Bladen County, NC party of the first part hereby sells and conveys unto James Bailey, planter, also of Bladen County, NC party of the second part, for 6 pounds sterling a certain track or parcel of land situate and lying in Bladen County, NC containing 300 acres as follows to Wit. Beginning at a pine and running S along ..190 Acres. NOTE: This land is also located near Beaverdam, NC.

01/01/1793, BLADEN COUNTY, NC. William Bedsole, of Bladen County, planter, party of the first part sells, conveys and transfers unto William Gray, planter, party of the second part for 1 pound sterling 15 shillings also of Bladen County, NC the following track of parcel of land: To Wit; Beginning at a white oak and Running along the N side of the Beaverdam 32 poles, 43 chains and 12 links..............50 acres.

Thomas Bedsole, (Sr.) Although "Sr" is not listed, all land records prior to 1800 to "Thomas" was Thomas Sr., because Jr. was not yet old enough to own land.

Abstracts of Land Entries: Bladen Co, NC 1778-1781 by Dr. A.B. Pruitt 1989: Page 146-911

Feb.7, 1779 Thomas Bedsole enters 100 ac on NE side of Beaverdam Swamp; includes where he lives and runs up. ("Runs up" means it runs up the stream, or swamp, in this case).

Page 154 955. Mar.10, 1779 Thomas Bedsole enters 100 ac on the head of Short spring Br and runs up. (Br means Branch). This was in Bladen County.

Page 173-1064. May 24, 1779 Jesse Carter enters 100 ac on South River marshes; borders the upper side of Thomas Bedsole. ("Upper side", means along his property line, on the north side). In Bladen County.

Page 204 1231. Nov.2, 1779 Thomas Bedsole enters 100 ac on E side of Beaverdam Swamp; borders: his own line. Bladen County. Thos Bedsole 100 ac;

Warrant #1238 issued Mar.10, 1780 by Thos Robeson to Thomas Bedsole for 100 ac on E side of Beaverdam Swamp, joins his own line, & entered

964(3768). Thomas Bedsole 100 ac; warrant # 963 issued Jun.30,1780 by Thos Robeson to "Ezechiah"

Jesse for 100 ac on SW side of South R, ("R" means river), begins at mouth of Long Br, runs "up", & entered Mar. 15,1780 [note at bottom] "sold to Thos Bedsole as will appear by plats". Bladen County, NC

100 ac surveyed Jun.25, 1786 for Thomas Bedsole (Hezekiah Jones-lined out] by J Rhodes; Hezekiah Jones & Archibald McDonald, chain carriers; grant #1153 issued Oct.10,1787. Bladen County, NC

965(3769). Thomas Bedsole 100 ac; warrant #1447 issued Jun.30, 1779 by Thos Robinson (Robeson, not Robinson) to Thos Bedsole for 100 ac, begins on head of Short Spring Br, runs "up", & entered Mar.10,1779;100 ac surveyed Jun.24,1786 by J Rhodes. John Bedsole & Baxter Davis, chain carriers; grant #1154 issued Oct.10,1787. (It is very rare to come across ANYTHING with Johns name on it. This John was a brother of William Jr., and uncle of Thomas Sr. Bladen County, NC.

1387(4192). Thomas Bedsole 100 ac; warrant # 918 issued May 10,1779 by Thos Robeson to Thos Bedsole for 100 ac on NE side of Beaverdam Swamp, includes where he lives, runs "up",& entered Feb.7,1779;100 ac surveyed Sept.24,1783 by Will Bryan;[no chain carriers mentioned) Grant #1054 issued Nov.7,1784. Bladen County, NC.

2278(5083). Thomas Bedsole 100 ac; warrant # 1169 issued May 1,1795 by W R Singletary to Simon Pharis Hair for 100 ac, between Archebald McDaniel & Samuel Hails (also sometimes spelled HALE). Joins both, along "the" road "on both sides,& entered...Bladen County, NC.

Jan.1,1795 [on back] warrant sold Oct.10, 1798 by Jesse Hair, heir of Simon Pharis Hair, to Thomas Bedsole (signed) Jesse Hair (no witness) and (no date) John "Pharies" swears purchase money for within mentioned land was paid & warrant obtained without fraud (signed) John Pharies (witness) Will White;100 ac surveyed Nov.24,1798 by A Weathersbee; Saml Pharis & H "Thos", chain carriers; grant #2183 issued Mar.9,1799. Bladen County, NC.
2821(5604). William Bedsole 100 ac; warrant #1541 issued Apr.4,1796 by W R Singletary to William Bedsole for 100 ac, begins at his own corner on Great White Pocoson, (This was more likely Moccasin, not Pocoson) runs down his line,& entered Nov.16,1795;100 ac on N side of Weathersbee's Mill Bay surveyed Nov.20,1799 by A Weathersbee;[no chain carriers mentioned]. Bladen County, NC. (Note, this William (Jr) was the father of Thomas Sr.)

# 616 Sept.30,1799 William Bedsole paid 0.75 (about ONE DOLLAR in today's money) pounds for 150 ac in entries #1799 & "blank" dated Nov.16,1795 (signed) John Haywood, PT Grant #2686 issued Nov.27,1802. Bladen County, NC. (This William MAY be the father of Thomas Sr.).

3088(0248). Thomas Bedsole 31 ac; warrant #508 issued Feb.28,1818 by Jas Campbell to Thos "Beadsole" (From JD: an interesting way to spell Bedsole. "Bead" is "Bed"??. They spelled it BED, then BEAD, in the same deed) for 50 ac, joins Francis Davis on S side of South R,& entered Aug.4,1817;31 ac surveyed May 12,1818 by P Kelly; Geo Blackwell & Levi Jones, chain carriers, land on South R, begins at Archd McDaniel's corner pine in John Daniel's line at head of Juniper "Bulk";joins Wm Smith Sr, & Thomas Sessoms; 2 copies of survey in shuck]. Bladen County, NC. (Note: From JD This "Sessoms" family is where Sessoms Bedsole got his first name. This George Blackwell, was the father of Susan Blackwell, who married Edward Bedsole, son of Thomas Jr.)

3089(0249). Thomas Bedsole 50 ac;warrant #136 issued Sept.2,1815 by Jas Campbell to Ths. Bedsole for

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50 ac, joins Francis Davis' line on S side of South R,& entered May 8,1815; 50 ac surveyed Oct.16,1815 by James Kelly; John Daniel & Travas Bedsole (Travis Bedsole), chain carriers;[land begins at Ellis’ corner pine on SW side of Juniper "Bulk"; 2 copies of survey in shuck. ("Shuck" refers to the file folder, or onion skin paper enclosing something). Bladen County, NC.

6 Dec.1822-Ths. Bledsoe and Charlotte Bledsoe (This was Thomas Bedsole, Jr. and wife, Charlotte English) To Penelope McDaniel, Levi Jones and Ths. Smith for $100 all our right to a Negro wench and child by the names of Rachel and Minnie. Witness: Nathan Wheeler. May Term 1823. A McDowell, Clerk. (Note: although a different spelling the above entry was indexed under Bedsol). Bladen County, NC. (McDaniel, Jones and Smith above, (wives ) were sisters and were all daughters of Sarah, a daughter of Thomas Jr. and Charlotte ).

10 Oct. 1820-Thomas Bedsole, Jr. to Daniel Melvin-$140 for 50 acres adj lands of Francis Davis and including the plantation on which I now live and 10 acres on N side of Archibald McDaniel's Pond adj lands patented by Archibald McDaniel, Sr. Wit: Robert Melvin and Elizabeth Melvin. Feb. term 1825.

(The following record was the wife and children of Thomas Smith, husband of Sarah Bedsole (Thomas Sr.) , giving up their claim against the land of Thomas Smith, for $160. They are Sarah, Elizabeth, Ann, and Clarry, to Joab, brother of Thomas Smith).:

March 1842-Daniel Bedsole, Thomas Parker & wife Charity Bedsole of Cumberland County, Nusen Autry & wife Clarey also of Cumberland County To Love McDaniel-$80, all our right, title, interest & claim to lands of the estate of William Bedsole, it being undivided & containing 417 acres on the S. side of South River. First tract adj lands of Thomas Bedsole granted to William Bedsole (son of Thomas Sr.), on 12 Dec 1816-another tract of 107 acres being part of a tract granted to Samuel Hales on 9 March 1791 on the South side of South river East of the Stage road adj lands of Mathew Hales-3rd tract of 100 acres granted to Thomas Bedsole & by him conveyed to Benjamin Faircloth & by him to William Bedsole on W side of South river-5th tract of 10 acres-6th tract of 100 acres being part of tract granted to Samuel Hales on 9 March 1797 including that part not sold or give to John Bedsole & adj lands of Samuel Phares-also our interest in 100 acres "which we have not got the grant nor courses" to the 3/8th part of the above land. Wit: J. B. Simpson, John McDaniel. Feby Term 1843. David Lewis, Clerk (William, son of Thomas Sr. has died and this land is being given to lawyer Love McDaniel, likely for handling Williams affairs and he likely paid additional money besides that). Bladen County, NC.

FROM BOXES OF OLD NC LAND RECORDS AT THE RALEIGH, NC COURTHOUSE
(These books are in no special order. You could literally spend years looking through them)

From Books #1, 2 and 3 in the order I read them, nothing. From book # 4 Old NC Deeds: Pp. 463-464: 22 Jan 1793, William Gray of Bladen Co., to William Bedsole of same, for (pounds symbol) 15...50 A between Turnbull and the pine pond...William Gray (Seal), Wit: Hezekiah Jones (X), Samuell Hales (X). Bladen, Feby Term 1793, prov. by Hezekiah Jones. From Book #12 ("sd" means "said"). (This has to be William Jr., father of Thomas Sr.). Bladen County, NC.

pg. 290 VINCENT BEDSOLE 10 May 1760 300 acres for two pounds sterling in Johnston County on the N. side of Neuse River between ANTHONY HERRING. Vincent was either an uncle or brother of Thomas Sr.

Page # 390. 1757. Old Dobbs County, NC: Vincent Bedsole.Vincent was Spelled “Vinson” in the book, sells 157 acres to Thomas Thinkley. (Note from JD: Dobbs County only existed a few years and its name changed). Dobbs was created from Johnston which was created from part of Bladen. After "Dobbs" was deleted, it became Lenoir County, created from part of Bladen. So even though he owned land in "Dobbs", it is likely to have adjoined the land of Thomas Sr., still in "Bladen" County. John Bedsole, born about 1730 is listed on the 1790 Bladen County Census. I know the William Bedsole above was not the son of Thomas Bedsole, Sr. because in 1793, Thomas's William was only 10 years old. That leaves William (Henry) Bedsole, Jr., b. 1727.

From Book # 107: Capt. Johnston's District. Bedsole, John 200 acres 1779 and  Bedsole, Thomas 100 acres,
From Book # 119 Bladen County # 859. Feb. 2, 1779 John Bedsole enters 100 ac about 600 yards below Watson's Br "by" a place called the "thick bolk". Bladen County, NC.

04/23/1762. BLADEN COUNTY, NC. John Mellon, planter, of Bladen County, party of the first part, hereby sells and conveys unto Vincent Bedsole, planter, also of Bladen County, NC, party of the second part, for 4 pounds sterling, a certain track or parcel of land situate and lying in Bladen County, NC containing 300 acres as follows. To Wit Beginning at two white oaks near a ridge and running along Thomas Bedsole's line, N 156 Poles 23 poles and 12 links...

08/20/1764. BLADEN COUNTY, NC. Vincent Bedsole, planter of Bladen County, NC party of the first part hereby sells and conveys unto James Bailey, planter, also of Bladen County, NC party of the second part, for 6 pounds sterling a certain track or parcel of land containing 190 acres situate being and lying in Bladen County, NC as follows to Wit. Beginning at a pine and running S along ..190 Acres. NOTE: This land is also located near Beaverdam, Bladen County, NC.

01/01/1793, BLADEN COUNTY, NC. William Bedsole, of Bladen County, planter, party of the first part sells, conveys and transfers unto William Gray, planter, party of the second part for 1 pound sterling 15 shillings also of Bladen County, NC the following tract or parcel of land: To Wit; Beginning at a white oak and Running along the N side of the Beaverdam 32 poles, 43 chains and 12 links 50 acres. NOTE: This land is also located near Beaverdam, Bladen County, NC. See: "Bladen County, North Carolina Abstracts of Early Deeds 1738-1804 by: Brent H. Holcomb, C.A.L.S. 1979, For 1738-1779"

Page 146 911 Feb. 7, 1779 Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) enters 100 ac on NE side of Beaverdam Swamp Bladen County, NC; includes where he now lives and runs up. ("Runs up" means it runs up the stream, or swamp, in this case).

Page 154 955. Mar. 10, 1779 Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) enters 100 ac on the head of Short spring Br and runs up. (Br means Branch). Bladen County, NC.

Page 173 1064. May 24, 1779 Jesse Carter enters 100 ac on South River marshes; borders the upper side of Thomas Bedsole (Sr.). ("Upper side", means along his property line, on the north side).

Page 204 1231. Nov. 2, 1779 Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) enters 100 ac on E side of Beaverdam Swamp; borders: his own line. See: Abstracts of Land Warrants Bladen County, NC 1778-1803 Part 1 by Dr. A.P. Pruitt 200-948(3752): This 100 ac; warrant #1238 issued Mar. 10, 1780 by Thos. Robeson to Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) for 100 ac on E side of Beaverdam Swamp, joins his own line,& entered Nov. 2, 1779; 100 ac surveyed Jun. 25, 1786 by J Rhodes; Archibald McDonald & Ezekiah Jones, chain carriers; grant #1137 issued Oct. 10, 1787 (Archibald McDaniels, not McDonald, and Hezekiah, not Ezekiah, were neighbors, owning land adjoining Thomas Sr.’s). Bladen County, NC.
964(3768). Bladen County, NC. Thomas Bedsole, (Sr.) 100 ac; warrant #963 issued Jun.30,1780 by This Robeson to "Ezechiah" (Probably Hezekiah) Jones for 100 ac on SW side of South R, ("R" means river), begins at mouth of Long Br, runs "up",& entered Mar. 15,1780 [note at bottom] "sold to Ths Bedsole as will appear by plats". Bladen County, NC. 100 ac surveyed Jun.25, 1786 for Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) (Ezekiah Jones-lined out] by J Rhodes; Ezekiah Jones & Archibald McDonald (McDaniel) chain carriers; grant #1153 issued Oct.10,1787.

965(3769). Bladen County, NC. Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) 100 ac; warrant # 1447 issued Jun.30, 1779 by Ths Robeson (Robeson, not Robinson) to Thos Bedsole for 100 ac, begins on head of Short Spring Br, runs "up", & entered Mar.10,1779; 100 ac surveyed Jun.24,1786 by J Rhodes; John Bedsole & Baxter Davis, chain carriers; grant # 1154 issued Oct.10,1787.

1387(4192). Bladen County, NC. Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) 100 ac; warrant #918 issued May 10,1779 by Ths Robeson to Ths Bedsole for 100 ac on NE side of Beaverdam Swamp, includes where he lives, runs "up", & entered Feb.7,1779;100 ac surveyed Sept.24,1783 by Will Bryant;[no chain carriers mentioned];grant #1054 issued Nov.7,1784.

2278(5083). Bladen County, NC. Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) 100 ac; warrant #1169 issued May 1,1795 by W R Singletary to Simon Pharis Hair for 100 ac, between Archebald McDaniel & Samuel Hails (also sometimes spelled HALE), joins both, along "the" road "on both sides," & entered Jan.1,1795[on back] warrant sold PAGE SIXTY ONE

Oct.10, 1798 by Jesse Hair, heir of Simon Pharis Hair, to Thomas Bedsole (signed) Jesse Hair (no witness) and no date) John "Pharies" swears purchase money for within mentioned land was paid & warrant obtained without fraud (signed) John Pharies (witness) Will White;100 ac surveyed Nov.24,1798 by A Weathersbee; Saml Pharis & H "This", chain carriers; grant #2183 issued Mar.9,1799.(Duncan, Owen and John Bedsole all married 3 of Hairs daughters. Hair and Pharis were neighboring landowners)

2821(5604). Bladen County, NC. William Bedsole (b.1727) 100 ac; warrant #1541 issued Apr.4,1796 by W R Singletary to William Bedsole for 100 ac, begins at his own corner on Great White Pocoson, runs down his line,& entered Nov.16,1795;100 ac on N side of Weathersbee's mill Bay surveyed Nov.20,1799 by A Weathersbee;[no chain carriers mentioned].

# 616 Sept.30,1799 William Bedsole paid 0.75 (about ONE DOLLAR in today's money) pounds for 150 ac in entries #1799 & "blank" dated Nov.16,1795 (signed) John Haywood, PT Grant #2686 issued Nov.27,1802.

2822 (5615). William Bedsole (1727) 50 ac; warrant #1799 issued Nov.14,1798 by Wm Robeson to William Bedsole for 50 ac on S side of South R, between & joins Archibald McDaniel & said Bedsole's own line,& entered Apr.26,1797;50 ac on N side of Weathersbee's mill Bay surveyed Nov.20,1799 by A Weathersbee;[no chain carriers mentioned];grant #2687 issued Nov.27,1802.


Date: Dec 2, 1729 Bledsoe, Abraham. Location: Spotsylvania Co., VA Record ID #: 43332.................


Bledsoe, Elizabeth Date: Feb 4, 1750 Location: Spotsylvania Co., VA Record ID: 44078 Description: Grantor's Wife Book Page: D Property: 100 acres on north side of mill branch of Hunting Run. Remarks: William Bledsoe, Gent., to his son "Moses Bledsoe, during his natural life to his son, William Bledsoe," etc. Deed of Gift. 100 acres on north side of mill branch of Hunting Run. 5 Feb 1750. Elizabeth, wife of William Bledsoe, acknowledged her dower, etc. Notes: This land record was originally published in "Virginia County Records - Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800, Volume I".

Bledsoe, Elizabeth Date: Jul 2, 1764 Location: Spotsylvania Co., VA Record ID: 44658 Description: Grantor's Wife Book Page: F Property: 58 a. in Spts. Co. Remarks: Joseph Bledsoe of Spts. Co. and Elizabeth, his wife, to Abraham Simpson of same Co. £20 curr 58 a. in Spts. Co. 3 Sep 1764. Notes: This land record was originally published in "Virginia County Records - Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800, Volume I" edited by William Armstrong Crozier. (Elizabeth and Joseph are true Bledsoes).


June 1, 1859. 280 acres in Walton County, Fla. To Edward Bedsole. Bordering Shoal River and land previously owned by his father, Thomas Bedsole, Jr. near Mossy Head, Florida.

May 29, 1891. 160 acres to Edward Bedsole. # 8962. Near Brantley, Alabama. Near other Bedsoles. This was apparently about the time he moved to Grove Hill, Alabama and started his 50-man gang.

June 19, 1891. 161 acres to Edward Oakley Bedsole. Near Brantley, Alabama and his father, Edward.

THOMAS BEDSOLE, JR.

June 15, 1857. 80 acres in Walton County, Fla. To Thomas Bedsole, Jr. Bordering the Shoal River, near Mossy Head, Florida. Land was given to Thomas as a grant from the government for his military service in the NC Militia. He sold it to Sarah McCaskill, a Walton County land surveyor.


January 10, 1850. 200 acres to Thomas Bedsole, Jr. Baldwin County, Ala. Near son Sessoms.

November 1, 1858. 120 acres to Thomas Bedsole, Jr. # 23533. Near Old Town, Ala. and son Travis B. April 1, 1859. Thomas Bedsole, Jr. 200 acres. #19207. Near Ino, Alabama.

May 20, 1837. 40 Acres to Sessoms Bedsole, Certificate # 25278. Near Sellers, Alabama. This land bordered
that of his brother, Henry Bedsole.

June 30, 1875. 80 acres to Thomas H. Bedsole, # 77. North of Mobile, near Sessoms Bedsole.

November 1, 1858. 204 acres to Travis B. Bedsole, Jr. # 22514. At Old Town, Alabama.
September 1, 1860. 120 acres to Travis B. Bedsole, Jr. #17547. Old Town, Alabama.
May 26, 1893. 160 acres to Travis B. Bedsole, Jr. # 11718.

April 18, 1898. 160 acres to William B. Bedsole, # 16307. Crenshaw County, Ala. (Luverne).

May 29, 1891. 160 acres to William F. Bedsole, # 8724. Crenshaw County, Ala. (Luverne).


May 26, 1893. 160 acres to Franklin E. Bedsole, # 11697. Near Brantley, Alabama.

Henry Bedsole; Several acreages in Alabama. September 16, 1833. 80 acres....August 5, 1894. 40 acres, February 2, 1896; 160 acres, April 15, 1897; 120 acres (2 Deeds), 40 acres, May 15, 1897; 40 acres, 1837 40 acres, 1837; 40 acres, August 12, 1837; 40 acres, August 12, 1837; 40 acres, July 28, 1838; 80 acres, February 2, 1852; 39 acres and 39 acres again. All at Sellers Alabama.


November 12, 1900. 146 acres. # 17625. Sarah E. Bedsole. Andalusia, Alabama.


May 21, 1902. 160 acres. # 10310. Duncan J. Bedsole. LaSalle, Louisiana.


September 25, 1861. 107 acres. # 39851. Jackson, Mississippi.

September 25, 1891. 107 acres. # 39851 (See Nancy above). Jackson, Mississippi.
NOTE: After Thomas Bedsole, Sr. either died in NC, or moved to Tennessee in 1830 as I believe he did, his NC family split up, with some staying in NC and others going and settling in Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. His son Travis moved to Haywood County, Tennessee and another son, Thomas, Jr., moved his entire family to Alabama. So, it is Thomas Jr. who is the cause of us Bedsoles being born in Alabama. Thomas Jr. married Charlotte English in NC and for those of you familiar with the highway in Alabama between the towns of Samson and Elba, the brick house about halfway between the two towns on the west side of the highway, with the big, white letter “E” on the chimney, is the area where Charlotte’s parents and their family settled in Alabama. That E stands for English. The rest of the children of Thomas Sr. and Rebecca remained in NC to my knowledge. I was in Beaverdam, NC recently two weeks for practical purposes, and found the country there to be covered with fields interspersed with narrow strips of woods. Think of having to clear 160 acres of it of all trees with an axe and two mules as our ancestors did, not to mention all the stumps, I am overwhelmed by the enormity of such a task, much less the thought of also having to provide food for my family while having to keep the hostile indians fought off, back when that country was wild and unsettled. The following Land Patents were typed from the original, handwritten documents, as they were written.

VIRGINIA LAND RECORDS OF ELISHA BEDSOLE/BEDSAUL

The following land records clearly show Elisha's last name to be Bedsole and not Bedsaul. Another misunderstanding by Scribes, or mispronunciation by Elisha, when asked his name. "Elisha" is an english name. I remember one BEDSAUL researcher, who received a copy of these land records from me, and promptly changed the spelling of Elisha's last name in each of the four records to "Bedsaul", then mailed them to other Bedsauls, claiming he had found them that way. We had a strong disagreement as to what had actually occurred. It was settled though when I sent them all the internet address, and told them to "Go and see for yourselves". Still, they claim they are not Bedsoles.

1796
Robert Brooke, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth Of Virginia, to all to whom these presents shall come; GREETINGS. KNOW YE that by virtue of a land office treasury warrant number seventeen thousand three hundred and twenty four, issued the twenty fifth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto Elisha Bedsol a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and eighty acres by survey bearing date the twenty eighth day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, lying and being in the county of Montgomery on both sides of Chestnut Creek a branch of New River and is bounded as followeth, to wit: Beginning at a white oak on a ridge thence north twenty seven degrees west seventy poles to a white oak sapling north thirteen degrees west two hundred poles to a black oak sapling on the side of a ridge south eighty one degrees west sixty poles to a chestnut tree on the top of a ridge south thirty two degrees west two hundred and sixty eight poles to the beginning, with its appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land to the said Elisha Bedsol and his heirs forever. In Witness whereof, the said Robert Brooke, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and caused the Lessor seal of the Commonwealth to by affixed thereunto at Richmond on the eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six and of the Commonwealth the twentieth.

ROBERT BROOKE

1791
Beverly Randolph, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth Of Virginia, to all to whom these presents shall come Greetings; Know Ye, that in consideration of the composition of fifteen shillings sterling, paid by Elisha Bedsolt into the treasury of the Commonwealth, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Elisha Bedsolt, a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and fifty two acres by survey, bearing date the thirty first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and thirty four, lying and being in the county of Wythe, on the waters of Chestnut Creek, a branch of New River and on the east side of the creek and being part of an Order Of Council granted to the Loyal Company to take up and survey eight hundred thousand acres which order of council was established and confirmed by a decree of the court of appeals made in the city of Richmond seventh day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three and bounded as follows, to Wit: Beginning at a red oak and on the side of a ridge by a spring and running north four degrees east seventy nine poles to two Spanish oaks on a ridge south ten degrees east seventy one poles to three white oaks saplings south seventy five degrees west two hundred and thirty five poles to a Spanish oak on a steep bank by a spring north thirty degrees west ninety one poles to two white oaks by a draft south eighty degrees east one hundred and eighty poles crossing the branch to the beginning. With its appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said Elisha Bedsolt and his heirs forever. In Witness whereof, the said Beverly Randolph, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth Of Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand and caused the Lessor seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed thereunto, at Richmond, this twenty fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One and of the Commonwealth the sixtieth.

BEVERLY RANDOLPH

This land record was signed by THE Patrick Henry from the history books.

Patrick Henry, Esquire, Governor Of the Commonwealth Of Virginia, to all to whom these presents shall come: GREETINGS, Know ye, that by virtue of a certificate in right of settlement given by the Commonwealth for adjusting the titles to unpatented lands in the district of Washington and Montgomery and in consideration of the ancient composition of two pounds sterling paid by Elisha Bedsoll into the treasury of the Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Elisha Bedsoll a certain tract or parcel of land containing four hundred acres and by survey bearing date the nineteenth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty two lying and being in the county of Montgomery on Chestnut Creek, a branch of New River as bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a white oak sapling on the point of a ridge, south thirty one degrees east one hundred and fourteen poles to a white oak by a branch south fifty two degrees east one hundred and eighty poles to two white oaks by a branch south fifty two degrees east one hundred and sixty poles to two chestnuts south sixty degrees east one hundred and fourteen poles to a white oak sapling on the bank of the creek and down the creek two hundred poles to a hickory sapling north thirty one degrees east sixty poles crossing the creek to a white oak sapling north twenty five degrees east ninety poles to a white oak on the top of a high hill north seventy five degrees west two hundred and fifty eight poles crossing the creek, thence south thirty degrees west. Wherof, the said Patrick Henry, Esquire, Governor of The Commonwealth Of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and caused the Lesser seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on the twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty five and of the Commonwealth, the ninth. (Note From JD: This patent was signed by THE Patrick Henry)

P. HENRY

Beverly Randolph, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth Of Virginia, to all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings, Know ye that in consideration of the amount of composition of fifteen pounds sterling, paid by Elisha Bedsolt unto the treasury of the Commonwealth there is granted by the said commonwealth to the
said Elisha Bedsolt a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and fifty two acres by survey
bearing date of the thirty first day of December one thousand seven hundred and seventy four lying and
being in the county of Wythe on the waters of Chestnut Creek a branch of New River and on the east side of
the creek and being part of an order of council granted to the Loyal Company to take up and survey eight
hundred thousand acres which order of the council was established and confirmed by a decree of the court
of appeals made in the City Of Richmond made on the second day of May one thousand seven hundred and
eighty three and bounded as followeth: To Wit: Beginning at a red oak on the side of a ridge by a spring and
running thence north seventy four degrees east seventy nine poles to two Spanish oaks on a ridge south ten
degrees east seventy one poles to three white oak saplings south seventy five degrees west two hundred
and thirty five poles to a Spanish oak on a steep bank by a spring north thirty degrees west ninety five poles
to two white oaks by a draft south eighty degrees east one hundred and eighty eight poles crossing a branch
to the beginning with its appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its
appurtenances to the said Elisha Bedsolt and his heirs forever. In Witness whereof the said Beverly
Randolph, Esquire, Governor Of The Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and caused the
Lessor Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond, on the twenty fifth day of August in the
year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one and of the Commonwealth the sixtieth.

BEVERLY RANDOLPH (Seal)

Following are copies of North Carolina land deeds from and between Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) b. 1750 and
sons, and Thomas and neighbor, George Blackwell. Georges daughter Susan, married Thomas Jr.’s son,
Edward, b. 1819.

1821 LAND DEED FROM THOMAS BEDSOLE, SR. TO NEIGHBOR, GEORGE BLACKWELL
This Indenture made this 1st day of May AD 1821 between Thos. Bedsole, Sr. of the one part and George
Blackwell of the other part both of the county of Bladen of the state of North Carolina. Witnesseth that sir
Thos. Bedsole for and in consideration of 20 dollars hath given granted bargained sold conveys and confirm
unto sir George Blackwell a tract of land bounded as follows. lying on the N side of a large pond and being
part of 100 acres & beginning at the 2nd corner of a line runs N 31 chs. 63 lks. then E 12 chs. 57 lks. thence
S 31 chs. 63 lks. to the beginning containing 40 acres. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land and
premises thereto belonging unto the said George Blackwell & his heirs and assigns forever with all the
improvements and appurtenances thereunto appertaining belonging to the said This. Bedsole who doth
warrant and defend the said premises against the claim or claims of any and all other persons. In witness
whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the date first above written.

Thomas Bedsole, Sr. his mark X

This deed was proved in open court, fall term 1821 and ordered to be registered.

Teste: Willie J. Odom, Clerk

The following land deed was from William Henry Bedsole, son of Thomas Sr., to his grandson, William Henry,
son of Amos. or from William Henry Bedsole, father of Thomas Sr., to William Henry Bedsole, son of Thomas
Sr. No way in the world to know which is true, because they all were living there in 1821. However, I believe
the William, son of Thomas Sr. was giving it to grandson William, son of Amos.....................

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State Of North Carolina No. 3845: Know ye that we for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars for
every hundred aces hereby granted into the treasury by William Bedsole have given granted and by these
presents do give and grant unto the said William Bedsole a tract of land containing 100 acres lying and being
in the County of Bladen on the northwest side of South River, to wit: Beginning at a stake on the river bank
the fifth corner of a hundred acre tract granted to John and Pharris and runs their line S 45W 22 chns to their
4th corner on the line of a 200 acre tract granted to said Pharris 15th December 1814 then with the said line
So. 52E 7 chs. to his 4th corner of said tract then So. 45 W 8 chs. to the line of a 150 acre tract granted to
Lamb Hales 28 March 1814, then S 45E 5 chs. Know ye that we for and in consideration of the sum of ten
dollars for every hundred acres hereby granted paid into the Treasury by William Bedsole have given and
granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Wm Bedsole a tract of land containing 100
acres lying and being in the County Of Bladen on the north west side of South river Beginning at a stake on
the river bank the fifth corner of a hundred acre tract granted to John and Duncan Pharris and runs with their
line S 45 W 15 60 lks to their 4th corner on the line of a 200 acre tract granted to said Pharris 15th December
1814 then with said line So. 52 E 7 chs to his 4th corner of said tract then So. 45 W 8 chs to the line of a 150
acre tract granted to Lamb. Hales 28 March 1791, then S 45 E 5 chs to a pine Hales 7th corner of said tract
then with his other line S 45 W 22 chs 60 lks to his 8th corner of said tract then S 81 E 47 chs to his corner
on the line of a 130 acre tract then S 31 E 47 chs to his corner on the line of a 130 acre tract granted to
Lamb Hales 18th December 1814 then with said line E 8 chs 50 lks to the line of a 700 acre tract granted to
Thos Bedsole 10th October 1787 with said line S 85 W 24 chs. 50 lks to a line the beginning corner of said
tract and the 2nd corner of another 100 acre tract granted to This Bedsole 10th Oct. 1787, with said line S 23
chs W 31 chs 68 lks to a stake in an old field then with his other line S 77 E 42 chs to the river, then of the
various amiss of the river to the beginning.

WILLIAM BEDSOLE his mark X

Entered 7th July 1821 Granted dated 27th October, 1824. signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
John Daniel (his mark) X

Ordered to be registered on the 27th Oct , 1824 P. Kelly, Clerk
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WILLIAM BEDSOLE NC Son of Thomas Sr. LAND DEED TO HIS SON, JOHN BEDSOLE

This Indenture made this 5th day of Novr in the year of our Lord 1829 between Wm Bedsole of the County Of
Bladen State of North Carolina the one part & John Bedsole son of the said Wm Bedsole of the first part,
county and state aforesaid the other part Witnesseth that the said Wm. Bedsole for the natural love and
affection which he hath & beareth unto the said John Bedsole as also for the better maintenance &
sufferment of the sd John Bedsole hath given granted alieved enforce & confirmed and by
these presents doth give grant alieved enforce & confirmed unto the sd John Bedsole all that message or
tenement of land lying on the north side of the Long Branch and runs N 15 chs then as the various courses of
the said grant of Samuel Hales in such way as will make 50 acres including the plantation where the said
John Bedsole now lives & all houses out-houses & all woods waters & all water courses unto the said land &
promises belonging unto the said John Bedsole & his heirs executors & administrators assigns forever and
the said Wm Bedsole for himself his heirs doth warrant and forever defend the foresaid land and premises
unto the said John Bedsole & his heirs execs admns & assigns forever against the lawful claim or claims of
any person or persons. In testimony whereof the said Wm Bedsole hath hereunto set his hand and seal the
day and year above written. Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Daniel Jones, Witness his mark
WILLIAM BEDSOLE his mark X

This deed was proved in open court May Term by oath of Daniel Jones & Ordered to be registered.

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Attest LC Kelly, Clerk
THOMAS BEDSOLE, SR NORTH CAROLINA LAND DEED TO SON, THOMAS BEDSOLE, JR. (The first land record I have seen with "Sr." and "Jr." identified.

This Indenture made this 12th day of October in the year of our Lord 1815 Between Bedsoal, This. Sr. (Should have been "Thos." not "This") of the one part & This. Bedsoal, Jr. of the other part of the County of Bladen & State of North Carolina. Witnesseth that I the said Thos. Bedsoal for & in consideration for the sum of 10 pounds to me in hand paid by the said Thos Bedsoal, Jr. the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge & myself therewith fully satisfied contented & paid and by these presents do give grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto him the said Thos. Bedsoal, Jr. a certain message or parcel of land in the county and state aforesaid containing 50 acres. Beginning at Francis Davis Beginning corner at a scrub oak and pine & runs on his line until it makes up the 50 acres being a part of a 200 acre tract of mine & the said This. Bedsoal my Exr. and Adms or any of them & forever defend the said land & premises unto him the said This Bedsoal his heirs and assigns forever together every privilege profit and advantage & advantage belonging to as in any wise appertaining to the same land free from any former gifts of any kind only for him or them to pay the taxes as soon as that shall become due hereafter & if the said Thos.Bedsoal, Sr.do further bind myself my heirs Exct. or Adms or any of them firmly by these presents to sign seal & execute and deliver any other deed for the more sure and perfect deed of conveying of the said land & premises unto him the said This. Bedsoal , Jr. his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof I the said This. Bedsole Sr. have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us.

John McDaniel......... (his mark) X
Travis Bedsoal Jr.... (his mark) X                           Thos. Bedsoal, Sr. (his mark) X

November term 1816 This deed was acknowledged in Open Court by Thos. Bedsoal and ordered to be registered.

G. S. Purdie, Clk.

THOMAS BEDSOLE, SR. NORTH CAROLINA LAND DEED TO SON, DUNCAN. (Thomas Sr. was now probably living with one of his childrens family, 70 years old and approaching death).This Indenture made this 7th day of Sept A.D. 1820 between Thos Bedsole of the one part & Duncan Bedsole of the other part all of Bladen County State Of NC. Witnesseth that sd This Bedsole for the sum of $100 to him in hand pd his word confirms to Duncan Bedsole a certain tract of land lying and being in the Co of Bladen on the so side of so river & on the N side of Ardens Pond containing 140 acres beginning 42 cs on the N line at a stake & runs N 2 chns 73 lks then E 45 cs to a bay & 3 pines thence N 45 cs thence W 4 cs to S. McDaniels line then with it S 15 W 30 cs to a corner then N 75 W 31 cs 63 lks to the beginning corner a Red Oak & a branch then west 4 cs 50 lks S 10 cs then W 10 lks to the corner 21 cs to the beginning to have & to hold forever with all improvements I the sd This Bedsole Sr doth forever warrant the sd land to Duncan Bedsole his heirs excts admns & assigns from any & all claims that shall come and will defend against same forever. Witness my hand and seal the date and year first above written. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

Witness:
Thomas Bedsole, Jr.                                      Thomas Bedsole Sr. S E A L

George Blackwell                                        PAGE SIXTY EIGHT

This deed was proved in Sept Term Open Court on oath of George Blackwell and ordered to be registered.
This Indenture made this third day of Jan 1847 between Elizabeth Rials of the first part and Owen Bedsole of the 2nd part both of the State Of No. Carolina County Of Bladen Witnesseth that Elizabeth Rial for & in consideration of the sum of $150 to me in hand paid the said Owen Bedsole for 8 tracts of land in said Co. in between gauldberry & So. River beginning at a stake on the So side of the river in the line of a 100 acre tract and running to Sam'l Hales & runs at that line until No. 37629 Chains & 50 links to the corner So. 87 W32 ½ Ch. to the corner thence So. E 22 ½ Ch. direct to the beginning & being the ½ of 100 acre survey 2nd piece beginning at Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) line thence with his line No. 127 W116 Ch.to a pine thence So. 24 W 6 chains to a pine thence N 380 E 50 chains thence with Hales 605 Chains N 65 E 181/2 chains to the beginning both of the pieces containing 50 acres each third piece of every 100 acres beginning at the w corner of a 100 acre & 50 acre survey Patent by Samuel Hales the 9th of March 1799 & runs along his line N 81 W 60 chains to his corner then N45 E 22 Chains & 60 links to his other corner then as his other N 45 W 10 in a line then N 45 E 18 to a stone in the river swamp then So. 50 E 281/2 Chains to a stake at the 4th corner of a 100 acre patented by This. Bedsole then with his line So. 77 W 82 chains to a stake his corner then So. 18 E 31 & 45 links to a pine his other corner then So. 35 & 24 ½ Ch. then So 82 W 28 Chs. to a stake then So. 8 Chains to the beginning containing 100 acres more or less I, Elizabeth Rials do warrant and forever defend from myself my heirs my assigns excts or admns and assigns to Owen Bedsole his heirs execs admns & assigns. In witness whereof I here unto have set my hand & seal on the day and year 1st above written. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of M Munroe.

Elizabeth Bedsole her mark X Seal

May Term 1847, this deed was proved on oath in Open Court by Malcom Munroe subscribing witness & ordered to be registered. Teste: H.H. Robinson, Clerk S E A L

DUNCAN BEDSOLE’S NORTH CAROLINA LAND DEED TO BROTHER, OWEN BEDSOLE- 1838
This indenture made this 11th day of Sept year of our lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight between Duncan Bedsole of the State Of North Carolina of the one part & Owen Bedsole of the County Of Bladen & state aforesaid of the other part, witnesseth that the said Duncan Bedsole for & in consideration of the sum of sixty dollars to him in hand paid by the said Owen Bedsole at and before the sealing & delivering of these presents the receipt hereof I do hereby acknowledge have given, granted & bargained, sold alieved revised and confirmed & do by these presence give grant bargain and sell alieve relieve and confirm unto the said Owen Bedsole all that tract of land or parcel of land situated lying & being in said county of Bladen and county aforesaid Bounded as follows, the first tract beginning at a stake on the south side of south river and on the north side of the Beverdam in the line of a hundred acre tract granted to Samuel Hales and runs as that line No. 3 West 27 ch & fifty links to the corner then So. 87 W 32 ch. and 50 Ls to the corner then So. E 22 ch.& 50 Ls then direct to the beginning it being the one half of a one hundred acre survey & also one tract more for fifty acres. Beginning on Thomas Bedsole line then with his line N 12 W. 15 ch then N 80 W 12 ch & 25 Ls then So 63 W 16Ch So 24 W 6 Ch then N 80 & 16 Ch to the beginning. Fifty aces each tract to have and to hold the said land with its appertances to the only proper use behoof and benefit of the said

Owen Bedsole his heirs & assigns forever & the said Duncan Bedsole for himself & his heirs Exectors & adms do covenant promise and agree to and with the said Owen Bedsole his heirs and assigns and every
one of them that the said Owen Bedsole his heirs and assigns & every one of them shall have hold and occupy possess & inquiry the said land with its appurtenances without any let suit hindrance molestation or eviction from or by any lawful claim or claims of any person or persons whatsoever to warrant and & forever defend unto the said Owen Bedsole In witness whereof the said Duncan Bedsole hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal the day and year first above written. Sealed & delivered in the presence of us

Witness:

Duncan Bedsole his mark X SEAL

John Hair X
A. Smith X

Feb term 1839 there was this deed proven in open court upon the oath of A. Smith and ordered to be registered.

John Hair, CIK

LAND DEED FROM NEIGHBOR/LAWYER, LOVE McDaniel AND FRIEND, WILLIAM BEDSOLE TO WILLIAMS BROTHER, OWEN BEDSOLE, IN NORTH CAROLINA( I think William was in cahoots doing crooked stuff with land dealings back then, with Love McDaniel, attorney, from all I have read about that subject).

This Indenture made this 25th of Aug. 1847 between Love McDaniel and W. Bedsole of the first part & Owen Bedsole of the 2nd part and both parts of it state of NC & co. of Bladen witnesseth for & in consideration of the sum of $30 each in hand paid to the said Love McDaniel and Wm. Bedsole unto Owen Bedsole for his right to title and interest he now has in the estate of his father Wm Bedsole we Love McDaniel & Wm Bedsole all of our right title & interest in the following piece of land . Beg. at a lightwood stake in the Bedsole field & runs at 85 N 46 Chs then So. 25 W 50 Chs. then E 150 Chs. then 55 E 12 Chs. to the beginning containing 185 acres more or less We the said Love McDaniel and Wm Bedsole release our right & title of land to Owen Bedsole his heirs excts adms & assigns forever we Love McDaniel & Wm Bedsole do for our selves and heirs we admit and assign forever release so far as our selves our heirs Excts & admns & assigns release so far as our right extends day and date above written
Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us.

Witness

James Hall (his Mark)X                                                Love McDaniel Seal
Wm. Bedsole Seal his mark X

NC Bladen County Court Of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Aug 10 1850 Deed is duly proven in Open Court by the oath of James Hall the subscribing witness thereto and ordered deed to be registered.
Attest: J.D. McCree, Clerk

DUPLIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA LAND DEED, RICHARD SCESSOMS TO THOMAS BEDSOLE, (SR.) 1774

This indenture made this 9th day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy four 1774 between RICHARD SCESSOMS of Duplin county in North Carolina of the one part and THOMAS BEDSOLE of the same county and provence aforesaid of the other part. Wenceforth that the said RICHARD SCESSOMS for and in consideration of the sum of five pounds proclamation money to me in hand already paid and satisfied hath given granted aliened bargained sold and confirmed and by these presents

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doth absolutely give grant bargain sell and alien enfeffor and confirmed unto the said THOMAS BEDSOLE his heirs and assigns forever One certain tract or parcel of land containing One hundred acres of land it lying and being on the Great Swamp its front of a patent granted unto RICHARD SESSOMS it bearing date the twenty second 22 day of May one thousand seven hundred and seventy two 1772 BEGINNING on the mouth of drowning swamp to a live oak on the great swamp thence running the vinious corridor of the said swamp the Patent line to a pine on the great swamp thence down the great swamp to the said Edge Branch to the BEGINNING make all and singular rights hereditaments appertained appendency unto the said THOMAS BEDSOLE his heirs an assigns forever in as full clear perfect ample manner to all intents and purposes as he the said RICHARD SESSOMS ever did might or could have held before the making himself cleared and free from all widows dower in jointure or thirds and all manner of encumbrances whatsoever and this deed the said RICHARD SESSOMS himself binds and obliges himself to his executors administrator and assigns to warrant an forever defend to be good and valuable an sufficient to the said THOMAS BEDSOLE his heirs an assigns forever against his heirs an assigns all other persons whatsoever claiming by from or under him any of them to make any lawful claim. In witness whereof I the said RICHARD SESSOMS have here unto set my hand an affixes my seal this day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of }

RICHARD SESSOMS

NICHOLAS SESSOMS }

(his seal) X

CHARLES BUTLER

North Carolina Duplin County The within deed from RICHARD SESSOMS to THOMAS BEDSOLE was proved in open court by the oath of CHARLES BUTLER one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered with JAMES SAMPSON Clerk of our said county an court aforeward.

JAMES SAMPSON CC

North Carolina Duplin County Registered in the Register Office of the aforesaid County in Book Letter E Page 125 and 126 RICHARD CLINTON Regis.

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LAND TRANSFER FROM JAMES SMITH TO JAMES WEST, FATHER OF RHODA WEST (Mother of Thomas Bedsole, Sr.)

Land Deed Book 7 page 301-302..Bladen County, North Carolina

This indenture made the 4th day of November 1799 between James Smith of the one part and James West of the other part both of the County of Bladen & State of N. Carolina. Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of ten pounds to him in hand paid by the said James West the receipt whereof the said James Smith does hereby acknowledge doth grant bargain sell convey alien & confirm unto the said James West his heirs & assigns forever a certain piece or parcel of land containing 100 acres more or less situate lying & being in the County of Bladen on the east side of Ellis Creek granted to James Smith bearing date January 22nd 1779. Beginning at a White Oak on the east edge of the Swamp at Elizabeth Harrisons upper line & runs thence N 55 E 127 poles to a stake thence N 30 W 127 poles thence S 5 127 poles [ed; should read S 55 W 127 poles], thence direct to the beginning together with all improvements appurtenances thereto belonging or in anyway appertaining. To have & to hold the said lands & premises unto him the said James West his heirs & assigns to thereby proper use & benefit & behoove of the said James Smith his heirs & assigns forever the said James Smith for himself & his heirs or assigns Exec. & Admins. do forever warrant & defend the said land with all the promised with all the appurtenances unto him the said James West his heirs & assigns shall & will warrant & forever defend by these presents . In witness whereof the said James Smith hath hereunto set his hand & seal. The day & date above written. Signed sealed & delivered in presence of Stephen Ellis Edward Reeves Peter Smith.

James Smith X his seal

December 1799 This deed was acknowledged in open court ordered to be registered. J S Purdie C.C.  

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SESSOMS BEDSOLE LAND DEED
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CERTIFICATE #427 NO. 25278 WHEREAS; Sessoms Bedsole Of Montgomery County, Alabama has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States of the Register Of The Land Office at Cahaba, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Sessoms Bedsole, according to the provisions of the Act Of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820 entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands for: The SW quarter of the SW quarter of Section Twenty Nine in Township thirteen, of Range seventeen, in the district of lands subject to sale at Cahaba, Alabama, containing thirty nine acres and ninety-hundredths of an acre. According to the official plat of the survey of the said lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract which said tract has been purchased by the said Sessoms Bedsole. NOW KNOW YE, that the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Sessoms Bedsole and to his heirs, the said tract of land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Sessoms Bedsole and to his heirs and assigns forever. IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I , Martin Van Buren, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL Of THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed. GIVEN under my hand at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and of the INDEPENDENCE of the UNITED STATES the sixty first. 

WILLIAM F. BEDSOLE LAND RECORD
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Homestead Certificate No. 27 No. 87624 Application No. 19278 WHEREAS, there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the register at Montgomery, Alabama, whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act Of Congress approved 20th May, 1862 " To secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain ", and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of WILLIAM F. BEDSOLE has been duly established and duly consummated in conformity to the law for the North West Quarter of the North East Quarter and the North East Quarter of the North West Quarter of Section Three in Township ten North and the South West quarter of the South East Quarter and the South East Quarter of the South West Quarter of Section thirty four in Township eleven North of Range one East of St. Stephens Meridian in Alabama, containing one hundred and sixty acres and eighty hundredths of an acre. according to the Official Plat of the survey of the said land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL. NOW KNOW YE, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said WILLIAM F. BEDSOLE, the tract of land above described; To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of land with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said WILLIAM F. BEDSOLE, and to his Heirs and Assigns forever. In Testimony whereof I, Benjamin Harrison, President Of The United States Of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be affixed. GIVEN under my hand, at the City Of Washington, the twenty nineth day of May, in the year of our Lord thousand eight hundred and ninety one, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and fifteenth. 

WILLIAM HENRY BEDSOLE LAND RECORD
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 494 Homestead Certificate No. 9374 Application No. 14472 TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: Wheras there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE of the Register Of The Land Office at
Montgomery, Alabama, whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act Of Congress approved 20th May, 1862 "To secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain", and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of WILLIAM HENRY BEDSOLE (Son of Travis B. Bedsole) has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the: SouthWest Quarter of Section twenty eight in Township three North of Range nineteen East of Stephens Meridian in Alabama, containing one hundred and fifty nine acres and ninety hundredths of an acre. According to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL. NOW KNOW YE, that there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said WILLIAM HENRY BEDSOLE, the tract of land above described; To have and to hold the said tract of land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said WILLIAM HENRY BEDSOLE and to his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof, I the Benjamin Harrison, President Of The United States Of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be affixed. Given under my hand at the city of Washington, the twenty ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and fifteenth. By the President: Benjamin Harrison By: Alcea McFarland, Asst' Secy Recorded by the Recorder of the General Land Office: John Townsend, Recorder.

SARAH BEDSOLE, FLORIDA LAND RECORDS
BEDSOLE SARAH E 26 6N 23W TALLAHASSEE 0 1900/11/12... BEDSOLE SARAH E 26 6N 23W TALLAHASSEE 0 1900/11/12..... BEDSOLE SARAH E 23 6N 23W TALLAHASSEE 145.61 1900/11/12..

GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
BEDSOLE JOHN W 27 2N 25E ST STEPHENS 0 1895/06/19 BEDSOLE JOHN W 27 2N 25E ST STEPHENS 0 1895/06/19 BEDSOLE JOHN W 26 2N 25E ST STEPHENS 160.33 1895/06/19 BEDSOLE HENRY 24 1N 24E ST STEPHENS 0 1896/02/19 BEDSOLE JOHN D 26 2N 25E ST STEPHENS 40.05 1899/05/22 BEDSOLE HENRY 19 1N 25E ST STEPHENS 160.17 1896/02/19 BEDSOLE HENRY 24 1N 24E ST STEPHENS 0 1896/02/19

EDWARD BEDSOLES LAND RECORDS, WALTON COUNTY, (MOSSY HEAD), FLORIDA
1. NE/NE 4 3N 22W BEDSOLE EDWARD 12873 C 1859/06/01
2. NE/NE 4 3N 22W BEDSOLE EDWARD 12873 C 1859/06/01 .
3. W/NW 4 3 N 22W BEDSOLE EDWARD 12873 C 1859/06/01......
4. E/NW 4 3N 22W BEDSOLE EDWARD 12873 C 1859/06/01.

SOME OTHER INTERESTING THINGS

STORY INVOLVING DUNCAN BEDSOLE ABOVE, BROTHER OWEN, AND SISTER, ELIZABETH
ELIZABETH BEDSOLE, first married Steven Rials, then his older brother, Archibald Rials, in Beaverdam, NC in 1818. By 1840, they owned a large plantation with several slaves and several slave houses in addition to the mansion house. It seems to me from the stories about them, Elizabeth was a stern, mean and hateful woman. One time, one of Elizabeth's male slaves ran away. She sent for Duncan, her favorite brother, who was probably as mean as she was. Duncan brought Owen, another of their brothers and they took a pack of hunting dogs from Elisabeth’s house to track down the slave. Eventually, Duncan and Owen treed the slave in the top of a big oak tree. Duncan told him to come down, but he would not. He told Duncan he would come down if Duncan would call off the pack of dogs, but Duncan refused and told the man he would be shot down if he didn't come on down. Owen tried to call Duncan off, but Duncan eventually shot at the man, causing him
to fall out of the tree, whereupon the pack of dogs attacked him. Owen then shot and killed several of the dogs and told Duncan that no man on earth deserved to be treated like that and that Duncan was no man for doing it either. He added that Duncan was to stay away from him from then on and he would stay away from Duncan. So, it appears they parted ways and never amended their relationship after that.

ELIZABETH BEDSOLE’S LAST WILL; 1847

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Following is Elizabeth Bedsole’s Last Will in which she appointed both Duncan Bedsole and her friend Malcom Monroe as “Executor” of her estate. With Malcom being a lawyer and Duncan being illiterate, I have always wondered how this will was probated and settled. However, I notice that Elizabeth was living with her brother Williams son, Owen Bedsole as she is listed in his household, on an 1860 Alabama Census, at age 83. So somehow, she must have lost, abandoned, or sold, the NC property during the 13 years between 1847 and 1860. Also, in 1860, Malcom Monroe was a blacksmith in Alabama. She bequeathed 50 cents to her children, her grandchildren, her brothers and sisters. But to sister Rhoda, 100 dollars and everything else she owned to her brother Duncan who it is said, "Was as mean as she was, and her favorite".

In the name of God, amen. I, Elizabeth Rials being of sound mind and perfect memory, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me. I bequeath to Noah Rials fifty cents, to Hardy Rials fifty cents, to the heirs of David Rials fifty cents, heirs of Unity Pope fifty cents, Thomas Bedsole, Jr. fifty cents, Nancy Hall fifty cents, Sarah Blackwell fifty cents, Travis Bedsole fifty cents, heirs of William Bedsole fifty cents, Rhoda Parker one hundred dollars and to Duncan Bedsole, my brother my plantation where I now live and all lands belonging to the said plantation for all his natural life then to his son Thomas Bedsole, and his heirs. To Duncan Bedsole and to Malcom Monroe, all my lands lying in Bladen County, about the Beaverdam. I give all of my residences and personal property on my estate to my brother Duncan Bedsole and friend Malcom Monroe.

ELIZABETH BEDSOLE her mark X

Witnesses: Bluford Simmons and Daniel McDuffie

NOTE: It was interesting to me to note that Malcom Monroe, listed in Elisabeth’s Will, as a “Friend” was a lawyer who was also listed on many other widows Last Wills in NC also as their “Friend”. Wonder how he handled their Plantations in view of the fact that he was an educated, trained lawyer, named as the estates Administrator in all cases, and with her brother Duncan Bedsole in this case, who was a dirt-poor, illiterate farmer, unable to either read or write. It’s a safe bet that Duncan and others didn’t see what hit them in the settling of these Estates, considering that Malcom and the Probate Judges were in all liklihood, in cahoots with each other. In addition, I noted Malcom Monroe, working as a Blacksmith in Ala. in 1850. He must have skipped NC after getting rich. Otherwise, why on earth was he working as a blacksmith ?. Also, after writing this book, I came across a court case in Cumberland County, NC wherein Duncan had hired a lawyer and sued Malcom for misfeasance, malfeasance, dereliction of duty, and taking advantage of Duncan and Elizabeths illiteracy and ignorance, in the handling of her estate. Looks like Ol' Duncan may have been illiterate and ignorant, but he was not stupid.

Last Will of Newsom Autry, Sr.,Planter
Note "Clarry", in this will, was Clary Smith, daughter of Sara Bedsole-Smith-Jones, daughter of Thomas Bedsole, Sr. and Rebecca Jones.
I Newsom Autry, Seniour of the County of Cumberland in the State of North Carolina, planter, being weak of body but of Sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament. I give to my oldest children viz. Jane, Laruth, Margaret, William, Sally, Newsom, Nancy, John, Mary, and Charlotte, five shillings Sterling
apiece to them and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto Clarry my Dear beloved wife All my other property to hold use it during her Natural Lifetime or so Long as she remains Single and if She marrys again the property is to be taken and sold and Equally divided among her Children to them and their heirs forever. I also give Clarry two hundred and twenty seven (acres) more or less of my Land including the mansion house and improvements where I now Live during her life or widowhood and after her marriage or Death to be equally divided between her three sons Calvin, Marshil and Isaac. I also Leave fifty acres more or less to be Sold for to pay off all my just debts and whatever it may take of my perishable property and what ever is over to the widow. The Land that is to be sold is to include the mansion house where John Autrey now Lives over Little Creek.

Executors: Duncan McLaurin;
John W. McLaurin
Witnesses: O. Jones, Hugh Jones.

BEDSOLE INDIANS IN NORTH CAROLINA
ROBERT BEDSOLE, 1779-. (Thomas Sr.) …He Married Rebecca Starling. I have 10 children listed for them. I frequently receive emails from other Bedsoles who claim their G-grandmother, or Grandfather or some other ancestor on the Bedsole side “was a full-blooded Indian” of some kind and would like to know if I have any information about that. I do know that in the late 1700’s and all of the 1800’s, the Bedsoles and Indians in North Carolina intermingled and a few with the Bedsole name did marry “Indians”, both men and women. Some of these “Indians” were full-blooded Indians and some were only part-Indian and part Caucasian. However, there is NO Bedsole who was EVER a full-blooded Indian, as that word is defined by the Federal Government. One Bedsole, who was half-Indian was Benjamin James Bedsole, a son of Mary Bedsole, daughter of Robert “Robin” Bedsole and he was only half-Indian, since his mother was white. Her parents were white and her grandparents were white. But it appears that Benjamins father was a full-blooded Indian, although Mary would never divulge his name, for fear he would be killed by the white people, due to racial prejudices. Robert is listed on the 1820 Samson County, NC Census as "Indian". He had 9 children.

Miscellaneous Bedsole Alabama Land Records

Bledsoe, George  GENEVA,ELBA, ALABAMA 1/3/1860
Bedsole, David 36 3N 4E ST STEPHENS 159.87 1895/06/22
Bedsole, Thomas 29 5N 20E ST STEPHENS 120.12 1841/12/10
Bedsole, William B 33 3N 20E ST STEPHENS 0 1898/04/18
Bedsole, Thomas 6 4N 20E ST STEPHENS 40.07 1849/05/01
Bedsole, Thomas 29 5N 20E ST STEPHENS 0 1841/12/10
Bedsole, Travis 5 3N 20E ST STEPHENS 0 1858/11/01 ADD CERT #22552
Bedsole, Travis 4 3N 20E ST STEPHENS 203.77 1858/11/01 ADD CERT #22552
Bedsole, William B 33 3N 20E ST STEPHENS 159.79 1898
Bedsole, David AL Baldwin 6/22/1895 Montgomery 25432 AL4580___.066
Bedsole, Edward AL Coffee 5/29/1891 Montgomery 8962 AL4740___.166
Bedsole, Edward O. AL Clarke 6/19/1891 Montgomery 8081 AL4730___.175
Bedsole, Franklin E. AL Coffee 5/26/1893 Montgomery 11697 AL4810
Bedsole, Henry E. AL Crenshaw 9/16/1833 Cahaba 11003 AL0340___.411
Bedsole, Henry AL Crenshaw 8/5/1834 Cahaba 12658 AL0380
Bedsole, Henry AL Geneva 2/19/1896 Montgomery 14680 AL4870___.032
Bedsole, Henry AL Crenshaw 4/15/1837 Cahaba 22981 AL0590___.154
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Bedsole, Henry AL Crenshaw 4/15/1837 Cahaba 23285 AL0590___.457
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Bedsole, Henry AL Crenshaw 2/2/1852 Cahaba 38993 AL1900
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Bedsole, John B. AL Geneva 8/26/1904 Montgomery 19551 AL5160__.268
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Bedsole, John D. AL Geneva 5/22/1899 Montgomery 17071 AL4930__.110
Bedsole, John W. AL Geneva 6/19/1895 Montgomery 14042 AL4850__.374
Bedsole, Joseph Linyer AL Clarke 12/12/1946 Washington Ofc 09986 1121587
Bedsole, Quincy F. AL Clarke 6/29/1891 Montgomery 8977 AL4760__.271
Bedsole, Rayford H. AL Clarke 6/1/1860 St. Stephens 15984 AL1560__.289
Bedsole, Sarah E. AL Covington 11/12/1900 Montgomery 17625 AL4960__.114
Bedsole, Sessoms AL Montgomery 5/20/1837 Cahaba 25278 AL1634
Bedsole, Thomas AL Crenshaw 8/5/1834 Cahaba 12657 AL0380__.070
Bedsole, Thomas AL Houston 4/1/1859 Elba 19207 AL2410__050
Bedsole, Thomas AL Houston 11/1/1858 Elba 23533 AL2470___.440
Bedsole, Thomas AL Coffee 12/10/1841 Sparta 6934 AL223
Bedsole, Thomas AL Coffee 5/1/1849 Sparta 7873 AL2250__.
Bedsole, Thomas H. AL Clarke 6/30/1875 Mobile 77 AL1400__.
Bedsole, Travis AL Coffee 5/26/1895 Montgomery 11718 AL4820__.004
Bedsole, Travis AL Coffee 9/1/1860 Elba 17547 AL2510__.045
Bedsole, Travis AL Coffee 11/1/1858 Elba 22514 AL2460 Coffee County
Bedsole, Travis. AL Geneva 4/18/1898 Montgomery 16307 AL1410__.227
Bedsole, William F. AL Clarke 5/29/1891 Montgomery 8724 AL4740__.027
Bedsole, William H. AL Coffee 6/29/1891 Montgomery 9374 AL4760__.394
Bedsole, Thomas 21 3N 26E ST STEPHENS 0 1859/04/01 .Houston County, Ala. (Dothan)
Bedsole, Thomas 21 3N 26E ST STEPHENS 199.95 1859/04/01 Houston
Bedsole, Thomas2 3N 26E ST STEPHENS 0 1858/11/01 Houton
Bedsole, Thomas 21 3N 26E ST STEPHENS 0 1859/04/01 Houston
Bedsole, Thomas 21 3N 26E ST STEPHENS 0 1859/04/01 Houston
Bedsole, Thomas 2 3N 26E ST STEPHENS 119.98 1858/11/01 Houston.
Bedsole, John 9/1/1858, Geneva, Alabama.
Bledsoe, William 6/12/1834 Montgomery, Alabama
Bedsole, John W 27 2N 25E ST STEPHENS 0 1895/06/19
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Bledsoe, Henry 19 1N 25E ST STEPHENS 160.17 1896/06/21
Bledsoe, Henry 24 1N 24E ST STEPHENS 0 1896/02/19
Bledsoe, William 6/13/1878, Barbour County, Alabama.
Bedesole, Thomas Jr. 6/26/1850, Butler County, Greenville, Alabama

MORE BEDSOLE LAND RECORDS AS “BLEDSOES”
Land Records for Archibald Rials, who married Elizabeth Bedsole, 1777-1864 (Dau. Of Thomas Sr.)
Land was located in Coffee County, Alabama.

8/1/1853.....39.98 acres.
9/1/1858.....40.10 acres.
4/22/1901.....120.21 acres.(Archibald, Jr. or a nephew named Archibald, since Sr. died in 1860).
8/15/1837.....80.36 acres.
7/1/1841.....80.36 acres.
12/10/1841.....80.36 acres.

1832 NC LAND DEED: BENJAMIN J. BEDSOLE
Sampson County, NC. This Indenture made this first day of March In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two between Benjamin Bedsole of the County and State aforesaid of the one part & Grant Roberts of the same county & state aforesaid of the other part.Witnesseth that the Sd Benjamin Bedsole for & in consideration of the sum of Two hundred Dollars to him in hand paid at & before this sealing and delivery of these presence the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold & conveyed unto the said Grant Roberts his assigns all that tract or parcel of Land situate lying & being in the Eighth District of originally Coweta but now Campbell County known and distinguished in the plan of said District by Lot No. 8 Eight to have and to hold said Tract or parcel of land unto him the Sd Grant Roberts his heirs and assigns together with all and singular the rights members and appurtenances thereunto for his and their own proper use benefit and behoof in fee simple

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and the said Benjamin Bledsoe for himself his heirs Executors and administrators the said bargained premises unto the said Grant Roberts his heirs and assigns will warrant and forever defend the right and Title thereof against himself his heirs and assigns & against the claim or claims of all and every other person or persons. In witness whereof the said Benjamin Bedsole hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal the day and year above written....

Benjamin James Bedsole, his mark X

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of JC Mcintosh, JP

A tribute To William James Bedsole

Accolades to William James Bedsole half indian, half white, son of Nancy Ann Bedsole (Jr.) (Daughter of
Robert "Robin" Bedsole and an unknown Indian man, and grandson of Robert. This happened before she got married to an Emanuel/Emmanuel. Ever since I first heard about him, I have admired him. When growing up, he hated the way the whites and Indians treated his mother and himself, for he was neither totally white nor Indian, and both sides mistreated him and her at every chance. At first, William fought whoever insulted his mother or himself, but he was always greatly outnumbered in such cases. Since he could speak both English and the Indian languages, he learned to act as a sort of "middle-man" in settling disputes between the races. He eventually became fairly famous in his area for his ability to settle disputes between the races without courts, judges, trials and fights. So, he spent much of his life as an Arbitrator for both sides. Eventually, even the court judges used his services as an Arbitrator to help settle Indian and white disputes. There is a record of him being paid $3.00 “for meals and horse” to arbitrate between an Indian chief and some white settlers in NC. Upon his death, the total value of Williams estate was $34.30 and consisted of two pewter plates, two pair of breeches, one long coat, one wool coat, 4 shirts, and a pair of boots. After looking at that total value, it looks very familiar to me as being the total value of my own financial empire when my family moved from Alabama to Orlando, Florida, when I was 15. In fact my own vast financial empire still looks much like that to this day.

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BEDSOLE STORIES

At the request of my cousin, Charles Bedsole, Attorney in Dallas, Texas, I am adding these stories for your entertainment:

Old Town, Alabama

Old Town is about 10 minutes from here (Opp, Alabama). My grandpa Travis Bedsole, set up a saw mill there about 1910 when it was in the middle of nowhere in a zillion acres of pine tree's. As they drug the logs to the mill over the years, with 2-mule teams, sawed them into boards, loaded them onto wagons, backed the wagons down a long dug-down trench, to get the wagons down to the river barge level, they unloaded the planks onto the barges and hauled them to Charleston, SC, where they were sold and used to build houses there. Over the years, as they cut down more and more tree's, the mule-teams had to go further and further to get the logs. Eventually, the logs were so far away from the mill, it became impossible to make a profit, because of the need to add more and more mule teams to keep the saw-crews busy. During all that time, he had hired several workers, who built several log houses near the mill. They even added a store and a post office there. Finally, he shut down the mill, and everybody moved away, Leaving the houses to rot, in the middle of a zillion acres of ugly, raped, cluttered, treeless and barren land. Over the ensuing years, people began referring to the site as "That old town over yonder". Eventually, they shortened that to Old Town, and the name stuck. Today, there is no sign of the numerous log houses that were still there when I was young. But the cemetery near the mill site is still there and occasionally, someone is still buried there. It was started when several children of mill workers died in the 1918-1922 flu epidemic. My grandmother is buried there. She developed "Sepsis" or "Sepcia", which is a massive, body-wide bacterial infection, usually and in her case, developing from blood loss after child birth and lack of medical care. She lived 8 weeks after the child was born dead, more than likely due to a difficult birth which also killed the child. Anyway, there at the cemetery, one is way back in the woods, surrounded by hundred foot-tall trees. Its so far back in the woods, there are no houses or sounds there, and sometimes I go over there and sit in a folding recliner, drink a coke and read a book. Very nice and peaceful, and deathly quiet...However, when you go there today, Leaving your car there, walking away, when you go around the curve in the dirt road at the cemetery, be prepared for this; As soon as you get out of sight of the cemetery, something will repeatedly open and slam Your car doors for you. This has scared the crap out of many a visitor, including my own 3 children....JD.

We Were So Poor
We were so poor when I was growing up, when we had a hamburger "Cookout", my brother would cook one patty, tie a string around it, and hand it to one of us younger ones. As we took a bite, he jerked the patty out, put it into another bun, and passed it to whoever wanted a "Hamburger". We were so poor, we used to steal trash from in front of our neighbors houses and sit it out in front of ours, so everyone would think we were throwing stuff away too. True story: When I was in school, I was so self-conscious about my ragged, patched, overalls, fertilizer-bag shirt and bare feet, when the teacher asked me a question, in order not to have to stand up in front of those richer kids, and have them all laugh hilariously and point at my already-red face, I would simply reply "I don't know". I thought that was a much easier way to get rid of her. But she went to the Principal one day, and told him "That Bedsole boy is dumb as a rock. He never knows anything, and I want him in the retarded group". That group sat in the same room as before, but in the rear of the class, which marked me for 30 years as Retarded. So I believed until I was 30 that I really was retarded. Then I took the high school GED test and passed it, to my total surprise. From there, I worked days and went to school nights until I had the following degrees; ASME, BSBA, BSVE, MSEA PhD. Moral of that story; You are not really dumb just because someone else says you are. Just because I lived a deprived life, and had next to nothing, was not reason enough for me to go on welfare, food stamps, AFDC, WIC, and all the other "Gimme" programs. Another observation; When one is born into a life of plenty, never had to really work for anything, and they become a "Big wheel" in their job, they really did'nt have far to go to get there in the first place. But when you start way below the starvation level, and work up to the position of "Big Wheel", you came a very long way, indeed.

**The Bedsole Curse**

It has been a curious observation and conclusion of mine over a period of 50 years, that there are certain Bedsole's who it seems, never have anything but "Bad luck". Everything bad in the world happens to them such as; Their new TV catches fire, on the coldest day of the year their car won't start, they go to the dentist for a toothache only to find all their teeth have to be pulled at a cost of $10,000. The husband has to work out of town for 3 weeks and during that time, two of their children are sick, the wife comes down with the flu, the stove quits cooking, the roof starts leaking and is ruining the new carpet which they just bought on the installment plan, and etc. I have named that malady, "The Bedsole Curse". It goes like this; If there are several bad things which are waiting at the same time to happen to that poor Bedsole, you may rest assured the one which will do the most damage, cost the most money, take the most time, and occur at the worst possible instance, will without fail, always occur first.

**Bedsole Census Takers Resignation**

This happened to a Bedsole in Sampson County, NC about 1800, when he quit his Census Takers job and sent this to his supervisor in Raleigh, NC in 1820. To appreciate this, back then there were no roads, usually not even trails existed, hence no maps. Briars, thorny bramble vines were all in the woods. Snakes, wild animals, hostile indians, thunderstorms, fallen trees, red bugs, very thick underbrush, flooded streams and rivers were everywhere and every day. Houses were two to ten miles apart. No maps. No roads or bridges. When asked where a certain person lived, the person asked would simply point and say "That-a-way bout 4 miles". People back then were very wary of any and all who approached their log houses. They hated and despised tax collectors, indians, and anyone else they didn’t know, on sight. Census takers then were considered to be “Government tax spies" and were generally paid 50 cents for every 100 people they counted. With houses sometimes miles apart, no roads, bridges, maps, etc., that was a problem. In his resignation letter, he said; "Dear Sir. I have been cow-bit, bull-hooked,mule-kicked, chicken pecked, horse-stomped, shot at, hit with rocks, had limbs threwed at me from all sides, called every fowl name one can imagine. I have stayed wet for 6 days, fell in the river and near drowned 5 times, lost my mule 4 times, was
run up a tree by a bear, stung by bees, eat up with red bugs, my clothes tore off by thorny and thick brush
everywhere. Starved slap to death. Been lost for 3 days at a time. Got no sleep nigh onto 5 days and nights. I
have been out here 12 days and 13 nights and made two dollars. I quit".

The Panther

About 1938, we lived about 6 miles out in the woods, from Opp, Alabama. The nearest house to ours was
about 3 miles. A dirt road ran by the front of our house. The house was made of rough-hewn logs, with a
wooden porch all the way across the front. It had a "Breezeway" down the center of the house, with two
bedrooms on one side and a living room with two beds, and a kitchen with a split-log table and a long bench
along each side, on the other. A wood-burning cookstove sat in the rear corner of the kitchen. About 600 feet
down the road which ran downhill, a long wooden bridge made of logs, was built across Panther Creek. It
was under that bridge that "The Panther" lived, according to all my dads uneducated and superstitious
relatives, which numbered about 50. On any saturday night, all his relatives always gathered at our house,
because their own father was dead and my Dad, being the oldest son, was looked upon as a sort of
substitute father, by them. His 8 brothers and sisters and their spouses all swore over and over they had
individually and seperately been attacked by that sneaky Panther more than one time. On saturday nights,
with no TV or radio, they sat aound the living room telling of their close encounters with The Panther and
certain death. Dads sister told how the panther had attacked her more than once as she was crossing the
bridge alone, "Right at dusky dark". According to her, he had clawed her back "really bad", and had tried to
bite her head off from the rear by clamping his pearly-white fangs around her neck, but she had successfully
beaten him off with her bare hands. His brother told how the panther had attacked him too, while crossing the
bridge at night, and described the terrible life-or-death fights he had with the "Big, black-as-coal panther, with
glowing red eyes and long, gleaming white fangs, about as long as this finger", indicating his index finger.
Several months of that and my 8 brothers and sisters and I, were terrified to do anything once darkness even
began to fall. We did'nt want to feed the cows, or take some firewood in for the fireplace or stove, or shuck
corn, or do anything which required us to go outside the house. My Dad kept telling us children not to
"Believe all those stories our kinfolks tell about that Panther, because I don't believe them myself". I
remember that no one ever had a witness to any attack on their person, although there had been many, and
all the scars from his teeth and claws were healed so well, they left no trace at all on any one of the victims. I
was a little bit doubtful myself, but very cautious about believing all those stories were false. After all, they
were told by "Grown people", and that was ample proof they were valid stories, at least to us children. Then,
one weekday night, as darkness was falling, all of us children were gathered on the front porch sitting around
our Mom, who was in a rocking chair holding the youngest in her lap. Our dad had not yet come home from
the west field, which was on the other side of that dreaded bridge. With one kerosene lamp on the porch, its
feeble glow barely lit up about 12 feet out in front of the house. We were very silent, as we contemplated the
imminent death-by-panther, awaiting our Dad. Suddenly, there was a blood-curdling scream from the
direction of the bridge. My oldest brother jumped to his feet and yelled "Its got him", while dashing through
the front door and grabbing the shotgun from its wall pegs. He had barely stepped back on the porch when
all 8 of us slammed against him, pinning him in the door, as he was holding the shotgun across his chest,
and that blocked us all in a screaming mob at the doors entrance. As we were pushing against Bill with all
our might, our Dad came tearing into the yard at breakneck speed, yelling "Its coming". Hearing that, we all
made mush out of Bill, the shotgun and the door. By then, our Dad caught up to those in the rear, and yelled
"Its got me". That did it. We made Bill into a plaster on the floor, as we stomped him to smithereens, still
screaming to high heaven. We all tore all the way across the living room en mass, taking everything in it with
us, across the kitchen and slamming against its back wall, in a mound of screaming, quivering humanity,
certain in the knowledge we were all dead. Finally, the screaming died down to a dull roar after we found the
Panther had apparently gone. Dad then announced that he was going to find and kill that Panther and put an
end to it, once and for all. We all breathed a sigh of relief. But then he announced that he was taking the
shotgun to the bridge to kill him, and that my two older brothers were going along as backup. Then he
pronounced my own death sentence, when he said "And James is going to carry the lamp, so we can see". I
just about passed out, as his words slowly registered in my numbed brain. Shortly, about midnight, we were
slowly creeping down the road, in single file, with my Dad in front, carrying the shotgun, Bill next with a club,
Chuck next with a club, me bringing up the rear, with the lamp. Pretty soon, I felt the hair on the back of my
neck standing on end. I knew for sure, that Panther was creeping up to grab me from the back. The further
we crept, the more scared I became. Finally, I whispered to Dad, that if I was in the middle, we could all see
better. He said that was Ok, so I eagerly moved up to the middle. After what seemed an eternity, we arrived
at that bridge. I expected that Panther to come roaring from under the near-end, and make a run for my Dad,
and I wasn't sure if he could shoot fast enough to stop the attack I was certain was coming at any minute.
Finally we were on the bridge. We took 4 or 5 steps on it and stopped. Not a sound except for my heart
pounding out of my chest. We took 5 more steps and stopped to listen. To our surprise, we could hear the
patty-pat of the Panthers feet on the wooden bridge, behind us! Dad ran to the rear of the line and fired his
shotgun. The dirt, dust and splinters flew. We walked cautiously back, but no sign of the Panther. So we
turned and started across the bridge again, and took 10 steps and stopped. That Panther was trotting
towards us from behind, again!! But this time, Dad called us over to the side of the bridge, took my lamp, lay
down on the edge of the bridge and told us to do the same. He held the lamp so it shined under the bridge,
and told us to look. We could see a long splinter along one of the support beams underneath the bridge. Dad
gave the lamp to Bill, got up, said "Now watch that splinter" and bounced on the bridge. We could see that
splinter slapping the side of that beam, and heard that now familiar patty-pat of that Panthers feet. Then Dad
said "Theres your Panther boys, that splinter. You have all been terrified for months about that splinter patting
the side of that beam". Well, we all felt suitably sheepish, while I announced that I had known all along there
was no Panther. I hoped no one noticed my trembling voice. From that day until my Dad died, every time one
of us children said something about a problem we, or our personal family was having and how we did'nt
know how we were going to handle it. My Dad always said; "Thats right, and you never know what you are
going to do with a big, black Panther, with long white teeth, and shining red eyes, until you have one by the
tail, either". That was a lesson none of us ever forgot either. So, now I know all that was something he and
my Mom staged that night, to teach us a lesson. It worked amazingly well too.

The Booger

About 1940, we lived near Hacoda, Alabama. Still deep in the dark woods. The nearest neighbor was about 5
miles away and they were my Dad's brothers, sisters and families. As I said before, we were all uneducated
then, very unwise about worldly things outside of sharecropping, starving to death, and a life of general
derivation. We all still lived in log houses, with window openings, but no frames or glass in them. I was at
Aunt Pearlie's and Uncle Elmy's house, waiting for my Dad to say "Lets go home". Aunt Pearlie was telling
her son, oldest daughter and myself, about some kind of wild animal living thereabouts. No one seemed to
know what it was, but it was big, black, and very ferocious and fierce (Had I heard this before, I wondered,
remembering the panther). She knew perfectly well she said, he was just waiting for a chance all the time, to
kill her and everyone in her family. That didn't sit too well with any of us kids, as we sat there, staring out the
door, noting dusky dark setting in. She told how the Monster would howl all night and many times sounded
like a woman screaming. She also had noted its red, glowing eyes (Just like the Panther). Us kids were
sitting there, all ears, wide-eyed and scared half to death, just listening to it. Then The Monster howled down
at the edge of the woods, which was about 600 feet away. We were now deathly quiet, for it had our full
attention. Then it thundered pretty far off, but then it rumbled and shook the little log house. That didn't help.
Aunt Pearlie said "Oh Lord, its coming up a cloud, and I've got all our clothes on the line. I'd better bring them
in. Bert, you stand at the door, and if you see that Thing coming, you tell me and you open the door, and I
mean open it wide open too and get out of the way". Burt nodded. The rest of us got up and stood behind
Bert, at the door. We wanted to see that Thing, but we didn't want to see it either. It was almost dark, but you
could still make out the log barn about 75 feet away. We saw Aunt Pearlie go to the other end of the clothes line and begin taking the clothes off and holding them in her arms. After she had taken a few clothes off, Bert suddenly screamed out the door to Aunt Pearlie; "Lookout Momma, He 's Behind You". We younger kids hit the back wall with a thud. Then, instead of opening the door, Bert slammed it shut, latched it, and jumped into the pile of us screaming against the far wall. Almost simultaneously, the door exploded inward with splinters flying everywhere in a cloud of dust, and this big, white apparition came flying into the house, with the clothesline wrapped tightly around it, and the clothes on it, strung out the door and into the yard to the end of the wire. Every one us almost doo-dooed in our overalls. When that happened though, all of us, including Bert, Aunt Pearlie (The Apparition wrapped in white sheets), and us younger kids began screaming at the top of our lungs, in full power. The Monster apparently made a huge U-turn, for we would later see the tracks of a big dog, where it tore up the ground all the way past the barn and was never heard from, nor seen again. He is probably still wide-open somewhere in the Sahara Desert. When the dust settled, Aunt Pearlie, by the feeble light of the kerosene lamp, sat at the table, after getting unwrapped from the sheets, wiping the dirt from her face and hands, from falling face first before coming into the house, told us, in a shaking voice something which sounded like; "It waaass, bbbbig, bbbblaaaack, had loooong teeed, er teeth, an' it almost gggggottt mmmmmmmeeee". The next day, we were all inspecting the tracks at the first opportunity. Apparently, the dog had not seen Aunt Pearlie until Bert had screamed, when she also screamed. Because the dog had suddenly sprang into action at all that sudden screaming, made a mad dash trying to get away from that monster right there in his face, all dressed in white sheets, mistakenly ran towards the door, which is where Aunt Pearlie was headed, then plowed up the dirt as he saw the door of the house with Aunt Pearlie in full after-burner, veered right, which Aunt Pearlie assumed was an attempt to get her before she made it to the door, hence she had instantly made a pile of splinters out of the door when she imploded it inward. For the next 30 years, every time I saw Aunt Pearlie, I asked her if she had worn any more sheets lately. She never did smile at any of that.

**A Sad, But True Story.**

About 1938, we still lived in the woods in falling down shacks. There was one young Bedsole man, (No names) who lived close-by, who married a young lady. After a few weeks they had their first quarrel. She took off to her Dads house. Her husband went to his own dads house, to tell them about the quarrel. His own father was very angry about her going to her own dads house and with his son, converged on the brides fathers home. Her dad saw them coming and could tell the father was angry, so he was standing on the front porch with his shotgun. As the Bedsoles approached, he told them to stop. They did, with the shotgun pointing at them. Her dad said “My girl is in my house and I'll kill the first S.O. B. who sets foot on my porch. The grooms father told his son to “Go in there and get your wife boy, or you don't have a drop of Bedsole blood in you”. The groom stepped up onto the porch and the brides father blew him in half with the shotgun, killing him instantly. This is one example of certain Bedsoles, who think they are invincible.

**ARE UFO'S REAL ?**

Having spent more than 12 years in the Air Forces Weapons Research And Development Center, two years at Grooms Lake, Nevada (“Area 51” on TV) and various stints at Holloman AFB, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico in research and development of new, better, more effective weapons (Bombs, missiles and etc.) Based upon what I saw, did and know, I can tell you they do in fact, exist. In 1966, I was assigned to Holloman AFB, New Mexico to conduct "Runs" of the then-new, SR-71 airplane to determine its feasibility as a, super-fast AF fighter plane. This planes skin was titanium, because aluminum would melt at the speeds it routinely flew. We had brought three F-104 supersonic fighters for that purpose as "Target Drones", with us from Eglin, AFB, Florida. All the tests were to be conducted over the White Sands Missile Range, near Holloman. During these tests, we had complete control of the missile range. Consequently, we also had
radar, radio, and various scanning electronic equipment, including military and civilian frequency band-scanners. One day, the SR-71 was experiencing technical difficulties at March AFB, California at that time, and takeoff would be delayed at least two hours. We were sitting around waiting, with nothing to do. Suddenly, one of the civilian law enforcement scanners came on, with the sound of excitable yelling. It was a New Mexico State Trooper screaming that “I am about 3 miles south of White Oak (An old, abandoned mining town to the north), and there is a flying saucer plain as day, sitting straddle of the highway. Send some help quick”. One of my troops had brought his new T-Bird from Eglin AFB, and we jumped into it, took off for the base, went through it, out the main gate onto the highway, and high-tailed it up the road towards White Oak. As we approached the site, we could see several law enforcement, Air Force, and others standing in a group, but no UFO. In the middle of the highway, was a burn-out sort of pit, like where a rocket had blasted off, with melted bits of still-smoking pavement around it, which smelled like sulfur. The Trooper was saying “I came over that rise and there it was sitting right here. It was as wide as this highway, plus about 10 feet on each side, about 12-15 feet thick, standing about 5 feet above the highway and it had two legs on the ground on each side of the road. It was silvery metal that shined in the sunlight. Two people in shiney metal suits got out, went under it, did something to the belly of it and got back in. There was a roar, it lifted off, went silent, and zipped straight up and out of sight in 3 seconds”. Each side of the road did in fact, have two 24-inch X 24 inch indentations in the very hard dirt on each side. We returned to Holloman where I called the control tower and asked if they had picked up anything coming or going. They replied they had not. My troops at the range who had stayed there with all our monitoring equipment had also not picked up anything, not even on the various frequency radar sets we employed….Then in 1969, when I was assigned to work on the AF’s Project Blue Book, I received some photographs from a Naval Intelligence Office. Three of them were of a UFO about 600 feet off the fantail of a Navy Destroyer ship located at that time off of Brazil, which was photographed by a Naval photographer onboard the ship, with long-range navy camera’s. It was 3:00 P.M., a clear, sunshiney day and the UFO was as clear as anything I have ever seen. It was about 20 feet above the water, was stationary at the time, as was the ship. It had been tailing the ship for 15 minutes, when the ships captain stopped the ship. At that time, the UFO also stopped and “Just silently sat there” for the whole 15 minutes. It was about 60 feet in diameter with thickness increasing to about 15 feet at the center, which had a very slight dome on it, which cast a slight shadow to the left. It had no windows, no numbers, no letters. In my attempt to verify the authenticity and accuracy of the accompanying correspondence with came with the pictures, I called NASA, and the NOAA. I gave them the longitude and latitude of the ship at that time, and asked in which direction the sun would have cast a shadow there, on that date and at that time. Their answer was “To the left” The shadow was in fact, to the left. This UFO, which was emitting a low hum, “very suddenly zipped straight up and disappeared in a few seconds”, and that was that. However I have all the proof I need. Today, my question is not “Are they real”. My questions are; Who are they, what do they want, and what is their ultimate intention towards this earth and us. ?……………….JD Bedsole

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buried. But, the CEMETERY has been a plowed field now, for over 150 years. Archibald McDaniel was shot and killed in the Civil War at Chancelorsville in 1863, at age 41.


These Census data are not in any kind of order. I listed them as I found them. Sometimes I found the newest ones first. Census Takers were paid 50 cents for every 100 people he counted. They were expected to pay their own expenses and furnish their own transportation and food for themselves and their mules. Settlers were very suspicious of any stranger coming around and usually took no chances. If they thought the stranger was a "Government man", they tried seriously to kill him, in all kinds of ways, because they thought he would cause their taxes to go up, or was there to cause trouble otherwise.

The first official Census in this country was in 1790, but there are a few early starts dated 1783-85 for some states. A Census was supposed to be done every 10 years. A couple of states began the 1790 Census in 1784 and 85. Sometimes they were complete, sometimes not. During the period up to about 1950, the poor Census-takers lived a hard life. It was generally up to them to get to all the people, get their own food, lodging and their own transportation. The hardships and suffering these people incurred is a story unto itself. There are painfully few census reports available on the internet even now. Also, several Bledsoes settled in Mississippi, Texas and Louisiana in the late 1800's but most of that Census information is not currently on the internet, either. It is possible that I have duplicated two or three of the Census Data below, so bear with me if you find that to be true. I transcribed the following Census info. as it was written, misspellings and all.

People are working for USGENWEB, transcribing them, proofreading Census info, and putting them online, especially through that site. As these are made available, more information on the Bedsoles will become available. As for now, the following information is all I could find.

1770-1790 Census, Cumberland Settlements Note: All, none, or some of these, may actually be Bedsoles and not Bledsoes as they were listed, since many Bedsoles also went by Bledsoe. No way to know.

Bledsoe, Sally. Sister of Isaac.
Bledsoe, Tillman. Son of Anthony....Killed by Indians at Bledsoe's Lick (Swamp) in NC..
Bledsoe, Polly (Mary?), Daughter of Anthony.
Bledsoe, Peggy (Margaret?) Daughter of Isaac.
Bledsoe, Sally (Sara?) Daughter of Isaac.
Bledsoe, Rachel. Daughter of Isaac.

1880 Cumberland County Census
Bedsole, Alex 38m  Head of house.
Jennette 37f wife
Alger D. 11m son
Mary M. 8f dau
Mattie P. 6f dau
Farley B. 5m son
Gordon N. 2m son

1783 Census Duplin County, NC
Bedsole, Thomas Sr.

1790 Census, Wake County, NC
Bedsole, William, b. 1727, Planter. This William was the father of Thomas Bedsole, Sr. Wake County was formed from Johnston, Orange, and another county. All three of these were formed from Bladen, where Thomas Sr. lived. So this William and the William, son Thomas Sr. were likely living beside each other then.

1790 Census Brunswick County, NC
Bedsole, Abraham 30-16

1790 Bladen County, NC Census. Son Of William Henry Bedsole, (Jr) born 1727;
William Bedsole
Thomas Bedsole.

1790 Cumberland County, NC Census. Brother of Thomas Sr.
Bedsole, John. Head Of House. 1 son under 16. 1 wife, and 1 daughter under 16. No other names, or ages are listed. This son is likely also named John Bedsole, and b. 1774. This John is likely born 1753, son of William, b.1727 and a brother of Thomas Sr.

1790 Census, Dobbs County, NC.
Bedsole, Vincent
Bedsole, John

1860 Moore County, NC Census
Bedsole, James Larkin 34 M Farmer. You will read more on him fighting with butchers knives, with his two stepsons.
Bedsole Charlotte 28 F
Bedsole Margaret 12 F NC
Bedsole Henry J. 10 M NC 33
Bedsole Martha J. 7 F NC 34
Bedsole Mary E. 5 F NC 35
Bedsole William. S. 3 M NC 36
Bedsole Duncan 64 M Farmer NC, Father of Larkin above.
Bedsole Duncan 23 M Farm Hand NC
1850 CENSUS BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA (Near Greenville).

Note: This is the year that wife Charlotte left Thomas Jr. who it appears along with best friend William Davis, has moved in with son David, below, another Drunk. Charlotte, with youngest child still at home, Travis 17, has now moved to Old Town and moved in with son Sessoms Bedsoles family there.

David Bedsole, Occupation listed as "Drunkard".

Thomas Bedsale, (Thomas Bedsole, Jr. father of David.) Wife Charlotte had left him here.

William Davis, (Best friend of Thomas, Jr. Where theres one, theres the other).

Jesse REELS (RIALS) 37 m farmer NC. (Son of Elizabeth Bedsole and Archibald Rials).
Martha 30 f
George 12 m AL
Mary 9 f
William7 m
Elizabeth 5 f
Warren 3 m
Anna 1/12 f

William HALL 56 m farmer NC, Husband.
Charlotte 35 f Wife. (Daughter of Charity below, daughter of Sarah, daughter of Thomas Sr.)
Lavenia 17 f AL
Martha 10 f

John PARKER 50 m farmer NC.
Charity (Bedsole) 42 f .......Daughter of William, son of Thomas Sr.
Benjamin 18 m farmer AL

1870 Census Crenshaw County, Alabama

Bedsole, Loyd 16 wm AL
Bedsole, Thurman 14 wm AL
Bedsole, Anderson 12 wm AL
Bedsole, Dalton 9 wm AL
Separate House

Bedsole, Ned 20 mm AL 65
Bedsole, Frank 33 wm AL
Bedsole, Dorcas 30 wf AL
Bedsole, Edward 8 wm AL
Bedsole, Ida E. 5 wf AL
Bedsole, Robert L. 1 wm AL

Separate House

Bedsole, George H. 22 wm AL "
Bedsole, Sarah J. 21 wf AL "
Bedsole, William H. 1 wm AL

1870 CENSUS GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

Bledsoe, (Bedsole) Travis .(Son of John,...of William Henry, ...Thomas Sr.)
Thomas Sellers 57 NC Neighbor of Thomas Jr. in NC. Farmhand.
Martha E 30 ALA
John 24
Ashley 21
Jessee 19
Monroe 18
Arvin 15`
Elizabeth J. 30

1860 BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Bedsole, T. (Thomas Jr.). He died somewhere around 1868. Wife Charlotte and son Travis, 17, had moved in with son Sessoms Bedsole's family sometime in 1850. Since Charlotte never came back to him, I assume Thomas Jr. was not only a drunk, but was also mean to his wife and their children. Thats based on the fact that more than one of his sons were listed on more than one Census as "Drunkard" and as a "Rustler" which infers that he was also likely to be at least a drunkard. Sessoms, one of those sons, went to prison from 1860 to 1880 for selling his neighbors cows. He spent 20 years in jail for that crime.

1840 Warren County, Georgia Census
Bedsole Amos 50 M . mechanic . NC
Bedsole Travis 18 M . laborer . Ga.

1870 CENSUS, WARREN COUNTY, GEORGIA

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(Amos Bedsoles descendants).
Bedsole, S. J. 66 F W HSKP 28 6 212 219
Bedsole, Sarah A. 26 F W C/M 28 7 212 219
Bedsole, Martha A.. 23 F W C/M

1783 Duplin County, NC Census (Info). Assume their families were there too.

1. Thomas Bedsole (Sr)
2. William West (Father in law of Thomas Sr.).
3. Benjamin Faircloth (Married Francis Bedsole, daughter of Thomas Sr. Numerous other Faircloths married numerous other Bedsoles later in time).
4. Thomas Flowers (A relative of Elisha Bedsole, through Elisha's wife).
5. William Mainor (Maynor) (A descendant of his, Cindy Maynor, married William Arthur Bedsole, a descendant of Robert Bedsole, a son of Thomas Sr., later in time. Whether it was really Mainor or Maynor, who knows. Some Mainors/Maynors were called "Indians").
6. John Parker (III) married Rhoda Bedsole, daughter of Thomas Sr.
7. John Simmons (His son, Redding Simmons married Martha Bedsole, a daughter of Thomas Jr.).
8. William Bullard. 6 of his descendants married Bedsoles.
9. William Ryal, father of Archibald Rial who married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Sr.

1810 Census index for Bladen County, NC.
Thomas Bedsole (This is Thomas Sr.).
Thomas Bedsoe (This is Thomas Jr.).
William Henry Bedsole (This is another son of Thomas Sr.).

1850 Butler County, Ala. Census

John C. Hall ..........30 m farmer NC
Sarah ..................33 f AL Daughter of Thomas Jr.
Susan ................ 7 f
Elizabeth ............. 6 f
Lucretia .............. 4 f
Isabell ...............9/12 f

Jesse Rials... ...37 m farmer SC. Son of Elizabeth Bedsole and Archibald Rials (Thomas Sr.), She also moved to Ala. in 1850.
Martha .............30 f
George ......12 m AL
Mary ............. 9 f
William.........7 m
Elizabeth 5 f
Warren 3 m
Anna 1/12..... f

David Bedsole 36, m. Drunkard. NC (Son of Thomas Jr.)
Catherine (Parker) 36 f
Cinda 17 f AL ("Sinda" for Lucinda)
Martha 15 f

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Duncan 11 m
Lucy 9 f
Mary 7 f
Milly 5 f
William 2 m
David 3 m
Thomas 1 m

1900 Geneva County, Ala. Census

Bedsole, John w 20 197a 15
Bedsole, Lonnie R w 1 197a 15
Bedsole, Martha J w 16

1900 Census, Santa Rosa County, Fla.

Johnson, John Head. b. 5/1859..m.w. 41...Log Hauler (Dragging logs to sawmill, with mules).
Laurena (Simmons)1/1862 f w..38..Wife. Daughter of Hannah, daughter of Rhoda (Thomas Bedsole, Jr).
Margaret....Dau...w f..5/1883
Mary....Dau..w f .2/1885
William..Son..w.m..1/1886
Lori..w.f..Dau..3/1888
Addie...w.f..5/1892
Frances....w..f..3/1894
Thomas ..w..m...Son..1/1895
Winnie....w.f..Dau..3/1897
Hattie....w.f..Dau....4/1898
Simmons, Hannah Francis.75, w..f. 5/1825. Mother of Laurena. Wife of Paul Cephas Simmons, Deceased.

Bedsole Alcie D. 12 Alabama
Bedsole Annie L. 3 Alabama
Bedsole Artie M. 24 Alabama
Bedsole Babe 1 Alabama
Bedsole Buford 6 Alabama
Bedsole Daniel M. 18 Alabama
Bedsole Edward 38 Alabama
Bedsole Edward 7 Alabama
Bedsole Edward 12 Alabama
Bedsole Elizabeth 38 Alabama
Bedsole Elizabeth J. 6 Alabama
Bedsole Elmina V. 4 Alabama
Bedsole Elvie L. 16 Alabama
Bedsole Elzyan R. 14 Alabama
Bedsole Emma 9 Alabama
Bedsole Frank E. 41 Alabama
Bedsole Franklin E. 10 Alabama
Bedsole Georgia A. 27 Alabama
Bedsole Grady 8 Alabama
Bedsole Idella C. 8 Alabama
Bedsole James 28 Alabama
Bedsole James C. 1 Alabama
Bedsole Joureie L. 16 Alabama
Bedsole Katy A. 4 Alabama
Bedsole Lenard C. 4 Alabama
Bedsole Matilda R. 2 Alabama
Bedsole Melvin 18 Alabama
Bedsole Murdick F. 10 Alabama
Bedsole Pollie 40 Alabama
Bedsole Rosa L. 9 Alabama
Bedsole Rosa P. 67 North Carolina
Bedsole Sarah J. 30 Alabama
Bedsole Shearwood 5 Alabama
Bedsole Travis 35 Alabama
Bedsole William H. 45 Alabama
Bedsole William R. 6/12 Alabama
Bedsole William T. 16 Alabama
Bedsole Willie L. 12 Alabama
Bedsole Willis 14 Alabama ed42-pg06a.txt
Bedsole Edward Head W M Feb 1862 38 M Farmer
Bedsole Sarah J. Wife W F June 1869 30
Bedsole William T. Son W M Mar 1884 16 S
Bedsole Emma Daughter W F Dec 1890 9 S
Bedsole Edward (Jr.) Son W M Feb 1893 7 S
Bedsole Lenard C. Son W M June 1895 4 S
....................................Seperate House..........................
Bedsole William H. Head W M Jan 1855 45 M
Bedsole Elizabeth Wife W F Apr 1862 38 M
Bedsole Melvin Son W M Jan 1882 18 S
Bedsole Elvie L. Daughter W F Jan 1884 16 S
Bedsole Willis Son W M Feb 1886 14 S
Bedsole Edward Son W M Apr 1888 12 S
Bedsole Rosa L. Daughter W F Apr 1891 9 S
Bedsole Elmina Virginia Daughter W F Mar 1896 4 S
Bedsole William R. Son W M Nov 1899 6/12 S
....................................Seperate House..........................
Bedsole Frank E. Head W M June 1858 41 M
Bedsole Pollie Wife W F Oct 1861 40 M 21 10
Bedsole Daniel Monroe Son W M June 1881 18 S
Bedsole Joureie L. Daughter W F Sep 1883 16 S
Bedsole Elzyan R. Daughter W F July 1885 14 S

1910 Coffee County, Ala. Census
Sympler Oscar M. | Head | M W 22- Alabama
Sympler Idella C. | Wife | F W 18-Alabama .............Idella Bedsole
....................................Seperate House........................................
Farmer John C. | Head | M W 39  (JD’s Maternal Grandfather.
Farmer Sarah F. | Wife | F W 29
Farmer Maudie M. | Daughter | F W 13 S...Became JD's Mother........
Farmer Oscar B. | Son | M W11 S
Farmer John R. | Son | M W 9 S
Farmer Aaron G. | Son | M W 5 S
Farmer, Nettie/Dau/10S

1830 Census, Wythe County, Virginia, 11th District, Carroll County, Virginia. Proving Elisha (Jr., or II), and sons Isaac, David and Hugh were all Bedsoles then.

Elisha Bedsol, Jr. 46, m, farmer, 410, born in Va 1786.
Nancy, 34, f, b Va
Margaret, 18, f, b Va
Edith, 12, f, b Va
Byrom, 10, m, b Va
Roseyman, 9, f, b Va
Fountain, 6, m, b Va
Jestin, 3, f, b Va
Elisha, 1, m, b Va

Isaac Bedsol, 40, m, farmer, 670, born in Va, 1788.
Jane, 36, f, b Va
William, 17, m, farmer, b Va
Elisha, 15, m, farmer, b Va
Alexander, 13, m, b Va
Malinda, 11, f, b Va
Patience, 10, f, b Va
Zilphy, 7, f, b Va
Sophina, 5, f, b Va
Lucinda, 1, f, b Va

David Bedsol, 42, m, farmer, 340, born Va., 1788.
Sally, 50, f, farmer, b Va
Elizabeth, 17, f, b Va

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Selah, 15, f, b Va
Julian, 13, f, b Va
Martha, 11, f, b Va
Mandville, 9, m, b Va
William J., 6, m, b Va

Hugh Bedsol, 28, m, farmer, born in Va 1802.
Amelia, 28, f, b Va
Amanda, 3, f, b Va
Louisa, 2, f, b Va
Brazeleton, 1, m, b Va.

............................Seperate House............................
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............................Seperate House............................
Peter Bedsaul, 20, m, farmer, born in Va., born in 1810.
Malinda, 26, f, b Va
Mary, 3, f, b Va
Malvinia, 4/12, f, b Va

John Bedsaul, 52, m, farmer, 200, b Va 1778.
Delila, 51, f, b NC
Malvinia, 19, f, b Va
Elijah, 16, m, laborer, b Va
Martha, 12, f, b Va
Wilkison, 10, m, b Va
George Goings, 20, m, laborer, b not known

James Bedsaul, 30, m, b Va 1800.
Lucinda, 23, f, b Va
John, 7, m, b Va
George, 4, m, b Va
Floyd, 2, m, b Va

1850 Eastern Division, Cumberland County, North Carolina

Larkin Bedsole, 24, m, laborer, b NC
Charlotte, 19, f, b NC
Margaret A., 2, f, b NC
Henry J., 9/12, m, b NC

David Maxwell, 33, m, farmer, 3000, b NC
John Bedsaul, 30, m, laborer, b NC 1800.

1850 Southern District, Sampson County, North Carolina

Daniel Bedsale, 35, m, laborer, b NC
Margaret, 30, f, b NC
William, 10, m, b NC
John, 7, m, b NC
Nancy, 5, f, b NC
Amy, 2, f, b NC

1850 Northern District, Sampson County, North Carolina

Olin Hair, 44, m, farmer, 950, b NC
Susan, 43, f, b NC Daughter of Thomas Jr.
Calendar, 13, m, b NC
Henrietta, 10, f, b NC
Margaret, 7, f, b NC
Charley, 4, m, b NC
Charlotte Bedsole, 17, f, b NC, wife of Thomas below.
Wm. H. Bedsole, 1/12, m, b NC Baby of Thomas and Charlotte.
Thomas Bedsole, 24, m, b NC, 1826. This is brother of Susan.

Robert Bedsole, 61, m, farmer, 200, born in NC 1789. Son of Thomas Sr.
Rebecca, 60, f, b NC
Mary, 29, f, b NC
Rebecca, 20, f, b NC
Nancy, 24, f, b NC
Martin, 19, m, b NC
Isaac, 17, m, b NC
Eliza, 4, f, b NC
William, 9/12, m, b NC

\[1850 \text{ Cape Fear Northeast District, Bladen County, North Carolina}\]

William Henry Bedsole, 27, m, laborer, 50, born NC. Son of Thomas Jr.
Lucretia, 21, f, b NC
Calton, 6, m, b NC (James Calvin Bedsole, changed to Calton Bledsoe, after civil war).
Lucy A., 4, f, b NC
Martha J., 3, f, b NC
Sarah M., 1, f, b NC

Owen Bedsole, 42, m, farmer, 400, b NC
Mary, 30, f, b NC
Nancy, 18, f, b NC
Alex, 6, m, b NC
Sarah J., 4, f, b NC

\[1880 \text{ U.S. Census In Alabama (Note: These Are Bedsole's, not Bedsale's}\]

1. Duncan Justin Bedsole - Male Birth: 1851 FL.
2. Lunicey Bedsole - Wife, Female Birth: 1853 AL.
3. Christian G. Bedsole - 1880 Son Gender: Male Birth, 1878, AL
4. Mary A. Bedsole - Self Gender: Female Birth: 1823 GA.
5. Mattie A. Bedsole - Dau Gender: Female Birth: 1862 AL
6. John W. Bedsole Self Gender: Male Birth: 1860, AL
7. Elizabeth Bedsole - Mother Gender: Female Birth: 1832 SC
8. William F. Bedsole - Self Gender: Male Birth: 1861 AL
9. Martha A. Bedsole - Wife Gender: Female Birth: 1862AL
10. Edward O. Bedsole - Self Gender: Male Birth: 1859 FL
11. Roxanna Bedsole - Wife Gender: Female Birth: 1852 AL
12. Cornelious Bedsole - Son Gender: Male Birth: 1879 AL
13. Charles Bedsole - Son Gender: Male Birth: 1880 AL
14. Edward Bedsole - Self Gender: Male Birth, 1819 NC
15. Susan Bedsole (Blackwell) - Wife Gender: Female Birth: 1819 NC
16. Quincey F. Bedsole - Self Gender: Male Birth: 1861 FL
17. Theodocia Bedsole - Wife Gender: Female Birth: 1864 AL
18. Charles C. Bedsole - Son Gender: Male Birth: 1880 AL
19. Travis Bedsole - Self Gender: Male Birth: 1833 AL
20. Rosalie Bedsole - Wife Gender: Female Birth: 1833 NC
21. Edward Bedsole - Son Gender: Male Birth: 1862 AL
22. Travis Bedsole - Son Gender: Male Birth: 1864 AL
23. James Bedsole - Son Gender: Male Birth: 1872 AL
24. Franklin Bedsole - Self Gender: Male Birth: 1858 AL
25. Polly Bedsole (Harrison) - Wife Gender: Female Birth: 1863 AL
26. William F. Bedsole - Son Gender: Male Birth: 1879 AL
27. William Henry Bedsole - Self Gender: Male Birth: 1855 AL
28. Sallie Bedsole - Wife Gender: Female Birth: 1864 AL

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Bedsole Annie L. 3 Alabama
Bedsole Artie M. 24 Alabama
Bedsole Babe 1 Alabama
Bedsole Babe 1 Alabama
Bedsole Buford 6 Alabama
Bedsole Daniel M. 18 Alabama
Bedsole Edward 38 Alabama
Bedsole Edward 7 Alabama
Bedsole Edward 12 Alabama
Bedsole Elizabeth 38 Alabama
Bedsole Elizabeth J. 6 Alabama
Bedsole Elmina V. 4 Alabama
Bedsole Elvie L. 16 Alabama
Bedsole Elzyan R. 14 Alabama
Bedsole Emma 9 Alabama
Bedsole Frank E. 41 Alabama
Bedsole Franklin E. 10 Alabama
Bedsole Georgia A. 27 Alabama
Bedsole Grady 8 Alabama
Bedsole Idella C. 8 Alabama
Bedsole James 28 Alabama
Bedsole James C. 1 Alabama
Bedsole Joureie L. 16 Alabama
Bedsole Katy A. 4 Alabama
Bedsole Lenard C. 4 Alabama
Bedsole Matilda R. 2 Alabama
Bedsole Melvin 18 Alabama
Bedsole Murdick F. 10 Alabama
Bedsole Pollie 40 Alabama
Bedsole Rosa L. 9 Alabama
Bedsole Rosa P. 67 North Carolina
Bedsole Sarah J. 30 Alabama
Bedsole Shearwood 5 Alabama
Bedsole Travis 35 Alabama
Bedsole William H. 45 Alabama
Bedsole William R. 6/12 Alabama
Bedsole William T. 16 Alabama
Bedsole Willie L. 12 Alabama
Bedsole Willis 14 Alabama
Bedsole, George Washington, Sr., Head Of Un M W 43 M
Bedsole Bannie (Knight) Wife . . F W 35 M
Bedsole Wilma Son . . M W 14
Bedsole, Vergil Son . . M W 11 S
Bedsole Blanche Daughter . . F W 8 S
Bedsole George Washington, Jr. Son . . M W 2/12 S

1820 Sampson county, NC Census, Robert: A son of Thomas Sr., Godwins District 304

Robert Bedsole, 1 male age 10, 1 male over 45.. him, 1 Female 10, 1 female over 10 and 1 female over 45,
his wife.

1830 Census Index, Haywood County, Tennessee, Travis; Son of Thomas Sr.

BEDSOLE 431 Note: This was the household of Travis Bedsole, b. 1782. Son of Thomas Bedsole Sr. In 1830, he had just arrived in Haywood County, from NC. In a Census INDEX they do not list anyone living in the house, just the last name. Wife Nancy Simmons was living then.

1840 Haywood County, Tennessee Census. Travis, son of Thomas Sr. Last name misspelled.

Bidsole Travis.... pg0391.txt. Note: Last name misspelled by Census taker. This is the last record I can find on this Travis Bedsole. This census lists 1 white male 10 to 15, 1 white male 60 (Him), and one white female 50 (Wife, Nancy) She is shown in the 1850 Haywood County Census, living with her daughter Margaret and Margaret's husband W.M. Strayhorn. So Travis apparently died before1850 and, at 65 to 69 years old.

1840 Muscogee County, Georgia Census

Bedsole John O. Son of Amos.(William, Thomas Sr.).

1870 WARREN COUNTY, GA. CENSUS

Bedsole, Sarah A 26 F W Works in Cotton Factory Georgia
Bedsole, Martha A. 23 F W Works in Cotton Factory Georgia

PIERCE COUNTY GA., MARRIAGE

Dugins (Duggan), G. M. to Bedsole, Annie Jane - 29 Nov 1924

EARLY COUNTY, GA. MARRIAGE

Milton, Edna to Bedsole, George W. 13-Oct 1870 GA Early

1920 Coffee County, Ala, Census Family Of Travis (Son of Travis (Sr) 1832-1899)

-----------House One--------------
Bedsole Travis Head M W 45 ....(JD's Grandfather).
Bedsole Georgia Ann (Hudson) Wife F W 37 (On another 1920 Coffee County Census, his wife is "Bethonia" Williams).
Bedsole William Henry Son M W 23 ........Father Of J.D.
Bedsole Elizabeth Josey Daughter F W 16 S
Bedsole Katherine Angelina Daughter F W 14 S
Bedsole Matilda Roseann. Daughter F W 12 S
Bedsole Georgia Ann Daughter F W 11 S
Bedsole Ester Easter Daughter F W 9 S
Bedsole Travis Son M W 6 S

Bedsole Emma Daughter F W 5 S
Bedsole Pearlie Daughter
Hudson Matilda E. Mother-in-law of Travis
------------------House Two-----------------------------
Bedsole Franklin Edward. Head M W 20 M1
Bedsole Effie (Redmon) Wife of Franklin
..............................House Three..............................
Wilks, John H.
Georgiann Bedsole.
.............................House Four..............................
Bedsole, William Henry
Maudie M.
Lillie M. Estelle
Myrtle Bell
..............................House Five..............................
Simpler, Oscar
Idelle C. (Bedsole)
Travis Robert
Cassie B.
Jessie L (Lillian or Lillie).

**1860 Haywood County, Tennessee Census, Margaret, daughter of Travis, son of Thomas Sr.**

NOTE: In this Census, Travis is obviously dead, and Nancy is living with her daughter's family in Tennessee. Travis was on the 1830, 1840 and 1850 Haywood County Censuses. So apparently died between 1850 and 1860. Travis was a son of Thomas Bedsole, Sr.

Bedsole, Nancy (Simmons) 60. Wife of Travis Bedsole, son of Thomas Sr., mother of Margaret, living with: Strayhorn, W.M. 30 Her son-in-law

Strayhorn (Bedsole), Margaret 19 Her daughter

Richardson, Daniel 15 Probably a nephew of W.M. Strayhorn.

Richardson, Marvin 17 Probably another nephew of W.M. Strayhorn

**1850 Sampson County, NC Census**

Charlotte A. Bedsole 17 Female. Wife (Not Charlotte English).

Wm. Henry Bedsole 1/12 Male Son

Thomas Bedsole 24 Male Farmer Head Of House. Son of Robert Bedsole, Son of Thomas Sr.

______Separate Family (Duncan, son of Thomas Sr.)

Duncan Bedsole, b. 1798.

Catherine Hair, b. 1798

Sarah Bedsole, b. 1827

James Larkin Bedsole, 2/1826 (Known by me as "Food-Fight Larkin")

+ Charlotte Bullock

++ Atha Carter, 7/20/1865-3/4/1938, Oak Grove Cemetery, Cumberland County, NC

Nancy Bedsole, 1929-

Travis Bedsole, 1831-

Thomas Bedsole, 1832-

Aaron Bedsole, 1835-

Duncan Bedsole (Jr.), 1837-

Catherine Bedsole, 1839-
1850 Coffee County, Alabama Census

Sessoms had moved his family that same year from Butler County (Greenville) to Coffee County, Ala. (Old Town). Moving with him was his mother Charlotte English who had left Thomas Jr. and Sessoms youngest brother, Travis age 17, my own G-Grandfather. Charlotte lived until 1892 but never went back to Thomas Jr. Looks like she really had enough of him.

Bedsole Mary F. 5 Ala 536
Bedsole Travis 17 Ala 613
Bedsole Charlotte 60 N.C. 613
Bedsoles Charlotte 30 N.C. 613
Bedsoles Julia F. 2 Ala 613
Bedsoles Margaret A. 8 Ala 613
Bedsoles Sarah E.F. 12 Ala 613
Bedsoles Sessoms 40 N.C. 613

1860 Census, Coffee County, Ala. (Clintonville)

Bedsole, William (Age 12. Apparently visiting or living with family of John H. Clark at that time). No way Of knowing which William this is, except he was apparently born in 1848
Bedsole, Louisa (Age 8, born 1852. Apparently living with family of Aley and Julia Bodiford at that time).

1860 Coffee County, Ala. Census At Welborn

Bedsole, Sessoms….It appears at the time of this Census, Sessoms was visiting John Adkinson at Wellborn and was counted there and at Old Town, below.

1860 Coffee County, Ala. Census (Old Town)

Bedsole, Sessoms 40 M W Farmer (Somewhere around here, Sessoms goes to jail 20 years for "Rustling". And his occupation is listed as "Drunkard" and as "Rustler" ) Released 1880. At age 60.

Bedsole Charlotte 40 F W
Bedsole Sarah E. F. 22 F W
Bedsole Margaret A. 18 F W
Bedsole Julias F. 12 F W
Bedsole Mary M. 9 F W
Bedsole Nancy L. 7 F W

Bedsole Travis B. 28 M W Farmer (JD's G-Grandfather).
Bedsole Rosanah P.(Ward) 28 F W
Bedsole Mary E. 6 F W
Bedsole William H. 4 M W
Bedsole Franklin 2 M W
Bedsole Infant 3/12 F W

1860 Lowndes County, Ala. Henry, son of Thomas Jr.

Bedsoh (Bedsole) Henry 42 N Carolina Head
Bedsoh Sylvia M 20 N Carolina Wife
Bedsoh Elizabeth A 1 Ala
Bedsoh Franklin 16 Ala
Bedsoh George H 3 Ala
Bedsoh Mary F 2 Ala

1850 Census Crenshaw County, Ala.

Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Sr. Note: This is the first time I knew that Elizabeth moved from NC to Ala.
Elizabeth Rials.......... 58. (Born in 1777, in NC).
Archibald Rials.........66......Husband
Jacob Rials.............31......Son
Martha Rials.......... 27......Dau.-In-Law
John Rials.............19......Son

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John Rials.............10......Grandson
Ransom Rials.........8......Grandson
Leandra Rials.........6......Granddaughter
Sylvestra Rials.......2......Granddaughter

Bedsoles Sessoms 40 N.C. 613...Head Of Household. Occupation on Census; Drunkard.
Bedsoles Charlotte 30 N.C. 613..Wife of Sessoms
Bedsole Mary F. 5 Ala 536
Bedsole Travis 17 Ala 613
Bedsole Charlotte (English) 60 N.C. 613.( Widow of Thomas Jr., Mother of Sessoms, G-Grandmother of JD.).
So she left Thomas Jr. for being a Drunkard, and since Sessoms is also one, then Thomas Jr. must have been mean too, for her to leave him.
Bedsoles Julia F. 2 Ala 613
Bedsoles Margaret A. 8 Ala 613
Bedsoles Sarah E.F. 12 Ala 613

Bedsole Travis B. ..........28 M W Farmer
Bedsole Rosanah P......28 F W
Bedsole Mary E. .......... 6 F W
Bedsole William H...... 4 M W
Bedsole Franklin .......... 2 M
Bedsole Infant .......... 3/12 F

1870 Crenshaw County, Ala. Census

Bedsole, George H. 22 wm AL
Bedsole, William Henry. 1 wm AL
Bedsole, Frank 33 wm AL
Dorcas 30 wm AL
Edward 8 wm AL
Ida E. 5 wm AL
Robert L. 1 wm AL

1870 Crenshaw County, Ala.
black Bedsole family. Apparently, this black family was named after Sessoms Bedsole's family members.
Bedsole, Elisha, A, 24 bm AL..................Head
Jane .......... 22 bf AL ...........................Wife
Lee 5 bm AL.........................................Son
Paralee 3 bf AL.....................................Daughter
Eugenia 3/12 bf AL..................................Daughter

1870 Census Crenshaw County, Ala

"MULATTO" BEDSOLES (white/black, white/indian or black/indian= "Mulatto".
BEDSOLE Samuel 27 mm AL (mm=Mulatto, Male)
Matilda 23 mf AL 
Frank 8 mm AL 
Joseph 1 mm AL

1880 census Crenshaw county, Alabama
BEDSOLE George H. 22 wm AL
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BEDSOLE, Sarah J.(Stringer) 21 wf AL
BEDSOLE, William H. 1 wm AL
BEDSOLE, "Ned" 20 mm AL 65
BEDSOLE, Frank 33 wm AL
BEDSOLE, Dorcas 30 wf AL
BEDSOLE, Edward 8 wm AL
BEDSOLE, Ida E. 5 wf AL
BEDSOLE, Robert L. 1 wm AL

1850 HENRY COUNTY, ALA. CENSUS (BEDSOLE )
Bedsaw Kisiah 3 Ala.
Bedsaw Mary 22 GA.
Bedsaw Thos. 18 GA.

1858 HENRY COUNTY CHURCH DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION
Mt. Pleasant Church, Dale, Thomas Bedsole,Jr. By G.W. Reaves And William Bradley.

1870 Walton County, Fla. Census
Family of Sessoms.
Bedsole, "Lotty" (Charlotte) .....50 Farming. Sessoms Wife. Sessoms was in the Slammer then.
Bedsole, Sarah..................30 Laborer
Bedsole, Julia......................25
Bedsole, Mary......................20
Bedsole, Louisa..................16
Bedsole, Paralee................9

Note, at that time Sessoms was still in jail for "Rustling", with 10 years served and 10 to go. Charlotte was living in a house near Sessoms brother, Edward Bedsole, near Mossy Head, Fla. A log house, with a log barn. Edward kept them fed and cared for them. He also moved them from there with his family, to Grove Hill, Alabama about 1888. Sessoms got out of jail in 1880.He died sometime after 1885.

**1885 Walton County, FLA. Census**

Sesane (Sessoms) Bedsole. (Out of jail 5 years). He died 1892.
Bedsole, Charlotte.. 65 His wife.
Bedsole, Sarah...... 40..Daughter..single. Al, NC
Bedsole, Julia....... 30s
Bedsole, May.. ..... .. 28s
Bedsole, Paralee.. .... 25

**1880 Old Town Census Index, Heads**

Bedsale, Travis B. (Spelled as Bedsale). Son of Thomas Jr. Roseanna Priscilla Ward (Wife of Travis).
Bedsale, William Henry..
Bedsale, Franklin

**1860 Coffee County, Alabama Sessoms' Daughter**

Bedsole Martha 25 F Widow Seamstress.
Bedsole Catherine 5 F W

Bedsole, Travis B. 28 Farmer
Bedsole Rosanah P (Ward). 28 F W N.C. Wife of Travis. He was away in Civil War.
Bedsole Martha 25 F W Seamstress Ala
Bedsole Catherine 5 F W Ala
Bedsole Mary E. 6 F W Ala
Bedsole William H. 4 M W Ala
Bedsole Franklin 2 M W Ala
Bedsole Infant 3/12 F W Ala

Bedsole Charlotte 40 F W N.C. ..Wife of Sessoms, a brother of Travis above. Sessoms was in the Slammer at that time for "Rustling". Ten years served, with ten years to go.
Bedsole Sarah E. F. 22 F W Ala
Bedsole Margaret A. 18 F W Ala
Bedsole Julias F. 12 F W Ala
Bedsole Mary M. 9 F W Ala
Bedsole Nancy L. 7 F W Ala

**1850 Warren County, Georgia**
Amos, son of William Henry (Thomas Sr.) Moved from NC to Ga.
Bedsole Amos ..............50 M . mechanic .Cotton Mill , NC to Georgia.
Bedsole Martha ............46 F . . . Ga.

1850 Cumberland County, NC Census
Charlotte Ann Bedsole 17 Female. Wife
William Henry Bedsole 1/12 male. Son
Thomas Bedsole 24 Male, Farmer. Son of Robert Bedsole (Thomas Sr.)

1850 Isaiah, son of Amos. He died in Civil War Hospital in Virginia.

Bedsoles Isaiah 21 M . laborer . Ga. (Note how Bedsole was spelled).
Bedsoles Travis 20 M. Laborer. Brother

1860 Warren County, Georgia Census

Bedsole Amos 63 N. Carolina pg00025.
Bedsole Aris 33 Georgia pg00025.
Bedsole Eliza 19 Georgia pg00025.
Bedsole Francis 26 Georgia pg00025.
Bedsole George 4/12 Georgia pg00025.
Bedsole George 22 Georgia pg00075.
Bedsole James 20 Georgia pg00025.
Bedsole Martha 58 Georgia pg00025.
Bedsole Martha 16 Georgia pg00025.

NOTE: From the Census info., Sessoms and family were counted in Coffee County, Ala. and in Warren County, Ga., for the year 1860. So Sessoms' family moved from Coffee County, Ala, to Warren County, Ga.,
then to Walton County, Fla. I never knew before, that they had lived in Georgia. Amos Bedsole, already in Warren County, was Sessoms' first cousin, so that's how and why Sessoms moved there too, to the same place, different houses. Father of Amos was William. Father of Sessoms was Williams brother, Thomas Jr. Sessoms was in jail for rustling 1860-1880. His wife waited for him all that time. But on the 1880 Census below, his wife is "Rebecca".

1870 Warren County, Georgia, Census Index

Bedsole....................... 5 Houses
Bedsole, 142-B and Bedsoles 161A (Sessoms Bedsoles family)
Part of Amos' family was:
Bedsole S. J 66 F W Housekeeping Georgia
Bedsole Sarah A 26 F W Works in Cotton Mill in Ga.

1880 Victoria, Coffee County, Ala. Census Sessoms Bedsole Family

Bedsole, Sesane (Sessoms) wm 68 Farmer NC Out of Slammer. His wife Charlotte had died and he was married to Rebecca. They then moved from Victoria, Ala. to near brother Edward, near Mossy Head, Florida. At Mossy Head, Sessoms mother, Charlotte English, moved out and went to live with her daughter, at Holt, Florida. Sessoms died from excessive drinking and liver failure in 1892 near Mossy Head.
Bedsole, Rebecca wf .................28 Wife AL . Second wife of Sessoms.
Bedsole, Mary E. wf .....................7 daughter AL
Bedsole, Lemuel wf ......................5 ------ AL
Bedsole, Georgia C. wf ................3 ----- AL
Bedsole, William W. wm ..............1 son AL

1860 Census, Moore County, NC

Bedsole, Charlotte
Bedsole, Duncan
Bedsole, Henry J.
Bedsole, Larkin
Bedsole, Margaret
Bedsole, Martha J.
Bedsole, Mary E.
Bedsole, William S.

1880 Census, Sampson County, Little Cohairie, NC:

(Kin Of Henry Asbury Sessoms And Elizabeth Salome Bedsole)
Henry Asbury Sessoms (Jr) born on March 28, 1895
Curtis Lee Sessoms born March 25, 1899
Sarah "Sallie" Sessoms born in 1901
Hubert Percy Sessoms born Nov. 10, 1903
Nellie Clyde Sessoms born Sept. 2, 1906.

Elizabetheath Death: Cert. of death reg.# 43-05 cert.# 2: Mrs. Elizabeth Sessoms w/female widowed 74 years old born in Sampson County, NC. Father Thomas Bedsole, (Son of Duncan) mother: Ann Elizabeth Guthrie . Date of birth not listed, death date: 02-04,1940. Cause of death: kidney disease. Burial: Sessoms Cemetery, Sampson County, NC.
Sudie Sessoms b. May 9, 1895 daughter of Henry Asbury and Ann Elizabeth "Lizzie" Sessoms. Married Daniel E. Crisco, b. Mar. 10, 1888. Sudie (Bedsole) Crisco died on Dec. 23, 1964 and Daniel Crisco died on Dec. 18, 1975. Both are buried in the Mill Creek Church Cemetary, Harnett, Co. NC. They were survived by 2 daughters: Helen and Sally.

1900 Census, Geneva County, Alabama.

Bedsole, John head w m Jan 1880 20 m
Bedsole, Martha J wife w f Jun 1883 16.
Bedsole, Lonnie R son w m Feb 1899 1

1900 Census, Coffee County, Old Town, Kinston, Ala.

Bedsole, Edward..Head
Bedsole, Sara ....Wife
Bedsole, William T.
Bedsole, Emma
Bedsole, Edward. (Jr?)
Bedsole, Leamon
......Seperate Family........
Bedsole, Franklin, Head... Son of Thomas Jr.
Bedsole, Dorcas Lee "Pollie", Wife
Bedsole, Daniel
Bedsole, Jourcie L.
Bedsole, Elryan
Bedsole, Alcie D.
Bedsole, Murdick
Bedsole, Grady
Bedsole, Rayford
Bedsole, Amey
Bedsole, James
---------------------Separate Family-------------------
Bedsole, James .....Head (Became an M.D., Kinston, Ala.) Son of Travis B. Bedsole
Bedsole, Artie (Ward).......Wife
Bedsole, Sherwood.........Son
Bedsole, Babe.................Son
Bedsole, Rosa P.(Ward) Mother of James. (Widow of Travis B. Bedsole who died year before).
-------------------Separate Family-------------------
Bedsole, William Henry...Head Son of Thomas Jr.
Bedsole, Elizabeth, ........Wife
Bedsole, Melvin
Bedsole, Elvie L.
Bedsole, Willis

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Bedsole, Edward
Bedsole, Rosa L.
Bedsole, Elmina Virginia
Bedsole, William D.
...............Seperate Family........................................
Deanville, Ala. 1900 Census

Bedsole, Mary ? "Mollie" (Head) wf May 74 -26s
Bedsole, Leamon (sister) wf Dec 75- 24s
Bedsole, Clarisa (sister) wf Jul 77- 22s
Bedsole, Caledonia (sister) wf Dec 75-20s
Bedsole, James M. (brother) wm Nov 89-10s
Bedsole, Mennia (daughter) wf May. 90- 10s
Bedsole, Etta (daughter) May 90- 10 s
Bedsole, Colvir (daughter?) June 94- 6s
Bedsole, Georgia C.
* Note on daughter Georgia: In the 1880 census she is listed as Georgia C. In 1900,. Later censuses list her as Georgia or Georgie. Georgia Bedsole married John Fox Killingsworth in Coffee Co.AL 10 Aug 1903. She has already had a son with him before his 1st wife died. Georgia Killingsworth is buried next to her sister Mollie Lassiter and her son R. H. Killingsworth in Hebron Cemetery, Coffee Co. AL 

Bedsole Alcie D.............. 12 Alabama
Bedsole Annie L............. 3 Alabama
Bedsole Artie M. .......... 24 Alabama
Bedsole Babe .................1 Alabama
Bedsole Buford ...............6 Alabama
Bedsole Daniel M........... 18 Alabama
Bedsole Edward ............ 38 Alabama
Bedsole Edward ............ 7 Alabama
Bedsole Edward ............ 12 Alabama
Bedsole Elizabeth......... 38 Alabama
Bedsole Elizabeth Josey. ...6 Alabama
Bedsole Elmina V.......... ...4 Alabama
Bedsole Elvie L.............16 Alabama
Bedsole Elzyan R...........14 Alabama
Bedsole Emma ...............9 Alabama
Bedsole Frank E........... 41 Alabama
Bedsole Franklin E......... 10 Alabama
Bedsole Georgia Ann.... 27 Alabama
Bedsole Grady............. 8 Alabama
Bedsole Idella Catherine 8 Alabama
Bedsole James ..............28 Alabama
Bedsole James C........... 1 Alabama
Bedsole Joureie L........ 16 Alabama
Bedsole Katy Angelene.. 4 Alabama
Bedsole Lenard C......... 4 Alabama
Bedsole Matilda Roseann...2 Alabama
Bedsole Melvin ............ 18 Alabama
Bedsole Murdick F....... 10 Alabama

Bedsole Pollie............... 40 Alabama
Bedsole Rosa L...............9 Alabama
Bedsole Roseanna P. (Ward)67 North Carolina
Bedsole Sarah J........... 30 Alabama
Bedsole Sherwood .......5 Alabama
Bedsole Travis ............35 Alabama
Bedsole William Henry ..45 Alabama
Bedsole William R. ..... 6/12 Alabama
Bedsole William Travis ..16 Alabama
Bedsole Willie L. ..........12 Alabama
Bedsole Willis ............. 14 Alabama

1910 Census Coffee County, (Hacoda) Alabama

Bedsole, James

1910 Coffee County, Ala. Census (Old town) Travis B. Son of Thomas Jr.

Bedsole Travis Head M W .................................45
Bedsole Georgia Ann. Wife F W .......................37 Maiden name was Hudson. Same year she died.
Bedsole William Henry. Son M W....................... 23 S ....Father of JD.
Bedsole Elizabeth Josey. Daughter F W .......... 16 S
Bedsole Katie Angeline. Daughter F W .......... 14 S
Bedsole Matilda Roseanna Daughter F W ..... 12 S
Bedsole Georgia Ann ("Babe") ...........................11 S
Bedsole Easter Ester Daughter F W ..............9 S
Bedsole Travis Son M W ................................. 6 S
Bedsole Emma Daughter F W ......................... 5 S
Bedsole Alice Daughter F W ......................... 4 S
Bedsole Pearlie Daughter F W ..............1 2/12 S
Hudson Matilda E. Mother-in-law F W ...........65 W 8 6
Bedsole Franklin E. Head M W .......................20 M1 1
Bedsole Effie Wife of Franklin .......................18

........................................Seperate Family...............................................................
Bedsole Daniel Monroe Head M W .............. 28
Bedsole Genes Wife F W ............................25 Known as "Jeter".
Bedsole Chester A. Son M W ....................... 3 S
Bedsole Beatrice L. Daughter F W ...... 6/12 S

1850 Coffee County, Ala. (Old Town)

Sessoms Bedsole family, with his mother Charlotte; 60 and
Youngest brother Travis 17, after Charlotte left Thomas Jr. in Greenville, Ala.
Bedsole Mary F. 5 Ala
Bedsole Travis 17 Ala .......... Sessoms youngest brother.
Bedsole Charlotte 60 N.C......Sessoms mother.
Bedsoles Charlotte 30 N.C.
Bedsoles Julia F. 2 Ala
Bedsoles Margaret A. 8 Ala
Bedsoles Sarah E.F. 12 Ala
Bedsoles Sessoms 40 N.C.

1850 Census Lowndes County, Ala. Name, Age, State Of Birth
Bedsoh Henry .................... 42 N Carolina ...Head Of House. Check "Bedsoh".
Bedsoh Sylvia M................ 20 N Carolina..Wife.
Bedsoh Elizabeth A............. 1 Ala
Bedsoh Franklin ................ 16 Ala
Bedsoh George H ................ 3 Ala
Bedsoh Mary F .................... 2 Ala.

1910 Census, Old Town, Coffee County, Ala.

Family Of Travis Bedsole, Son of Travis 1832-1899
Bedsole Travis Head M W ....................... 45 Farmer ..... JD's Grandfather.
Bedsole Georgia Ann. Wife F W ............. 37 Housewife. JD's Grandmother
Bedsole William Henry. Son M W ........... 23 S Laborer..JD's Father
Bedsole Elizabeth Josey.Daughter F W 16 S
Bedsole Katie Angeline.Daughter F W .14 S
Bedsole Matilda Roseann. Daughter F W12 S
Bedsole Georgia Ann.Daughter F W...... .11 S

Bedsole Easter Ester Daughter F W ....... 9 S
Bedsole Travis Son M W...................... 6 S
Bedsole Emma Daughter F W ................... 5 S
Bedsole Alice Daughter F W................... 4 S
Bedsole Pearlie Daughter F W ........ 1 2/12 S
Hutson (Hudson) Matilda E.Mother-in-law of Travis F W 65 W 8 6
Bedsole Franklin E. Head M W................ 20 M
Bedsole Effie Wife of Franklin E. F W...... 15.

1910 Coffee County, Alabama

Bedsole George Head O Un M W....... 43 M
Bedsole Baney Wife . . F W ............... 35 M
Bedsole Wilma Son . . M W .............. 14 S
Bedsole Vergal Son . . M W ............... 11 S
Bedsole Blanch Daughter . . F W........  8 S
Bedsole George Jr. Son . . M W......... 2/12 S

1860 Census, Marion County, Georgia

Bedsole Isaiah ................. 30 M Farm Labor...Killed in Civil War.
Bedsole Sarah ................. 21 F Domestic..Wife
Bedsole Elizabeth............. 2 F Georgia .

1920 Census Geneva County, Hacoda, Alabama

Bedsole, Melvin ............ 38
Bedsole, Ada .. ............ 37
Bedsole, Orie . ............ 17
Bedsole, Vonnie ......... 15
Bedsole, Pearl . ............ 13
Bedsole, Leamon ..... 12
Bedsole, Bertice ....... .11
Bedsole, Loell .............. 9
Bedsole, Easter May ... 8
Bedsole, Lois ............ 7
Bedsole, Cleo ............ .6
Bedsole, Lenore .......... 4
Bedsole, Shelton .........2

Bedsole, Sarah........... 50
Bedsole, Emma ........... 29
Bedsole, Voncile.......... 12
Bedsole, Thomas J....... 9
Bedsole, Vircy............ 5

Bedsole, Leonard .......25....Living with James and Lucy Flowers family
Bedsole, Willis ..........33

Bedsole, John B......... 39....Head
Bedsole, Martha Jane..36 ...Wife
Bedsole, Leland .........15
Bedsole, Ralph ..........11
Bedsole, Julia............ 8

Bedsole, John B., Jr..... 2

Bedsole, Rayford .........26
Bedsole, Ann Vircy (Miles).... 21

Bedsole, William .........68
Bedsole, Celie E ..........58
Bedsole, William R......  20

Bedsole, James ..........48 ...M.D.
Bedsole, Missie.......... 43 Wife (Ward)
Bedsole, Sherwood..... 23
Bedsole, Tatum.......... 20
Bedsole, Shelton.......  18
Bedsole, Dalton ..........16

1920 Census, Coffee County (Hacoda) Alabama

NOTE: Some of these were listed as living in “Geneva” Back then. I guess that meant the town of Geneva, although they are listed as living in Hacoda.
Bedsole, Melvin............38
Bedsole, Ada ...............37
Bedsole, Orie...............17
Bedsole, Vonnie........... 15
Bedsole, Pearl............ 13
Bedsole, Leamon..........12
Bedsole, Bertice 11
Bedsole, Loell 9
Bedsole, Easter May 8
Bedsole, Lois 7
Bedsole, Cleo 6
Bedsole, Lenore 4
Bedsole, Shelton 2
Bedsole, Earnie 5 months

Bedsole, James 48 Fl
Bedsole, Missie 43 Al
Bedsole, Sherwood 23
Bedsole, Tatum 20
Bedsole, Shelton 18
Bedsole, Daulton 16

Bedsole, Sarah 50 Al
Bedsole, Emma 29
Bedsole, Voncile 12 Fl
Bedsole, Thomas J. 9
Bedsole, Juanita 5 Al

Bedsole, Leonard 25 AL Living in house of James and Lucy Flowers at Hacoda, Ala. (Sister?).

Bedsole, Willis 33

Bedsole, Rayford 26
Bedsole, Vircy 21

Bedsole, William H. 68... Al
Bedsole, Celie E. 58... Al

Bedsole, John B. 39
Bedsole, Martha J. 36
Bedsole, Leland 15
Bedsole, Ralph 11
Bedsole, Julia 8
Bedsole, John B., Jr. 2

Coffee County Land Patents, Location, Acres, Date, Elba, Ala.

BEDSOLE THOMAS 29 5N 20E ST STEPHENS 120.12 1841/12/10
BEDSOLE WILLIAM B 33 3N 20E ST STEPHENS 0 1898/04/18
BEDSOLE THOMAS 6 4N 20E ST STEPHENS 40.07 1849/05/01
BEDSOLE THOMAS 29 5N 20E ST STEPHENS 0 1841/12/10
BEDSOLE TRAVIS 5 3N 20E ST STEPHENS 0 1858/11/01 ADD CERT #22552
BEDSOLE TRAVIS 4 3N 20E ST STEPHENS 203.77 1858/11/01
BEDSOLE, WILLIAM B. ADD CERT #22552
Geneva County, Ala. Land Patents

BEDSOLE JOHN W 27 2N 25E ST STEPHENS 0 1895/06/19
BEDSOLE JOHN W 27 2N 25E ST STEPHENS 0 1895/06/19
BEDSOLE JOHN W 26 2N 25E ST STEPHENS 160.33 1895/06/19
BEDSOLE HENRY 24 1N 24E ST STEPHENS 0 1896/02/19
BEDSOLE JOHN D 26 2N 25E ST STEPHENS 40.05 1899/05/22
BEDSOLE HENRY 19 1N 25E ST STEPHENS 160.17 1896/02/19
BEDSOLE HENRY 24 1N 24E ST STEPHENS 0 1896/02/1958

1860 Census. Walton County, Florida (Mossy Head, Fla.)

Edward Bedsole...... 48 NC Head Of House (Son of Thomas, Jr.) Note: Edwards Improved acres then were 40, unimproved acres were 220, cash value of farm $1120, value of farm implements $60, value of livestock $600.
Susan (Blackwell) ......40 Wife Of Edward. He and Susan both born in Bladen, NC.
Mathew W.............. 16 FL.
Frances Armeinda......14
Travis Lynner ..........12
Duncan Justin......... .10
Virginia Helen...........8
Sarah M ....................6
Edward Oakley ..........1 ("Ned")

1910 Coffee County, Ala. Census

Sympler (Simpler)Oscar M. Head M W......... 22
Sympler Idella C. Wife (Bedsole, daughter of Travis and Georgia Ann Bedsole).
----------Separate House-------------------
Bedsole Daniel Monroe. Head M W.............. 24
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Bedsole Genes Wife F W.................................. 25
Bedsole Chester A. Son M W ..........................3 S
Bedsole Beatrice L. Daughter F W .............1 6/12

1850 Walton County, Fla. Census

Bedsole Edward ..........38 Ala ....Head
Bedsole Susan ............30 Ala. ....Wife
Bedsole Duncan ..........1 Fla
Bedsole Frances ...........5 Fla
Bedsole Huldah ..........11 Fla
Bedsole Traverser (Travis Lynner) .3 b. in Fla
Bedsole Wilkins ............8 Fla.

1920 Panama City, Fla.

Bedsole, George.......................43..Head
Bedsole, Baney Wife . . F W .......35 Wife
Bedsole Wilma Son . . M W......... 14 S
Bedsole Vergal Son . . M W .......11 S .
Bedsole Blanch Daughter .F W..... 8 S E.
Bedsole George Jr. Son. M W...2/12 S.

1860 Marion County, Ga. Son of Amos:(Thomas Sr., William).

Bedsole Isaiah.................... 30 M.....Head. Note: Isaiah was later grievously wounded in Civil war in Ga. and died in Hospital in Va.
Bedsole Sarah.................... 21 F Domestic Georgia.
Bedsole Elisabeth................. 2 F

1840 Census Index, Muscogee County, Georgia

House 612.
Bedsole Daniel Monroe Head M W ............28 (Son of Thomas Jr. and brother of Travis above).
Bedsole Genes Wife F W.................... 25
Bedsole Chester A. Son M W ...............3 S
Bedsole Beatrice L. Daughter F W... .. 1 6/12 S

MISCELLANEOUS STUFF

Many early Bedsoles were found here
1. North Carolina: 1700. Bath Settlement, Now Beaufort County, NC.
4. Tennessee. 1830 Haywood County, Putnam County.
5. Georgia 1830 Warren County

1790 Rowan County, NC Tax List

John Bedshal (Bedsole). Rowan County was created from Anson, Anson from Bladen and Bladen from New Hanover, which was an original county territory. This John was a son of William Bedsole (1727-1825) and Rhoda West and he was a brother of Thomas Bedsole, Sr.

Riverside Cemetery, Norfolk, Virginia


1908 Putnam County, Tennessee, Schools

TENNESSEE Death Record

1854 Florida Voters List, Walton County

Edward Bedsole, Son of Thomas Jr., Edwards wife and children were still in Old Town, Coffee County, Ala. at this time. He first moved to Walton County with his father Thomas Jr. and his father in law, George Blackwell.

1774 CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Elisha Bedsole (Bedsaul) appears on the militia roster in 1774. Quaker Church Records: Cane Creek, NC Monthly Meeting Minutes - June 9 1774. John "Bedsalt", s/o Elisha and Mary Edwards of Fincastle Co., VA., married Sarah Brown. April 1, 1775 - Cane Creek MMM, Sarah "Bedsoilt" was dismissed from membership for an "Illegal dalliance outside of marriage" after only 9 months of marriage. She was Johns wife.
1782 Montgomery Co., VA tax list: Elisha Bedsole-1 tithe, 1 slave (only slave of all the Quakers)- 4 horses -12 cattle; John Bedsole-1 tithe, 0 slave, 4 horses, 9 cattle.
1793 Montgomery Co., VA tax list: Elisha Bedsole has 2 tithes, 4 horses and no slaves. John Bedsole has 7 horses and no slaves.

1793 Wythe County, Va. Land Tax List

Elisha Bedsol 60 acres worth 10 pounds and 200 acres to Daniel Cummins worth 20 pounds. 1782 John Bedsole, Montgomery County tax list: 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse. In addition, I found four land records for this Elisha, with his last name spelled as Bedsol on one, Bedsolt on one and as Bedsoll on two. 1793 John Bedsole, Wythe County tax list: 4 horses, no slaves. This appears to be the son of Elisha. No way to prove that, of course. But he was either the nephew (Thomas Sr.’s son) of Elisha or his son.

Pierce County, Georgia

Dugins (Duggan), G. M. married BEDSOLE, Annie Jane - 29 Nov 1924
Blakely City In Early County, Ga.

This note is on the Cemetary Inventory. Wonder who this "Mr. Bedsole" was ? "Plot 16 Lot 1. On right are three Jordan Graves. “Two were killed by a Mr. Bedsole”.

Marriage, Early County, Georgia


CEMETERIES

HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA

Bedsole, Euphamey "Famey" M 9 Dec 1897 20 Jul 1983 beside
Bedsole, Willis 26 Jan 1880 3 Aug 1926 Shriner;in Bedsole plot beside Martha J. Lowery
Bedsole, Julia Ann Blount 21 May 1921 24 Oct 1972 in plot w/Lola Ray Bedsole
Bedsole, Kate 12 Jul 1896 30 Aug 1996 “Mother”; dbl w/R Lewie
Bedsole, Lola Ray 19 Apr 1923 7 Dec 1998 in plot w/Julia Ann Blount Bedsole
Bedsole, Martha J Lowery 1 Jun 1883 22 Nov 1970 in Bedsole plot beside J B
Bedsole, R Lewie 24 Feb 1898 10 Sep 1958 “Father”; dbl w/Kate
Bedsole, Ralph Solomon 23 Mar 1908 26 Jul 1972 in Bedsole plot
Bedsole, Willis 5 Feb 1886 5 Jan 1968 beside Famey M

OLD LIVE OAK CEMETERY, SELMA, DALLAS, ALA.
Brown, Bessie Bedsole Jan 2, 1895 Jun 3, 1993
Bedsole, Roxana Ott Jul 19, 1857 Jun 27, 1924
Hattie Bedsole Married James D. Stillings Mar 8, 1886 Jan 8, 1921

OLD SALEM CEMETARY, DALE, ALA.

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Bedsole, John, Jan.10, 1802- Apr. 4, 1882. (Son of William Henry Bedsole, b. 1771 or so).

GENEVA, ALABAMA

Clifford H. Bedsole November 13, 1880- May 20, 1992
Willie E. Bedsole December 23, 1889-August 23, 1953 Married Annie D. Holland June 20, 1891-1940
December 24, 1974. They married October 20, 1907

NEWTON CEMETERY, DALE COUNTY, ALA.

Bedsole, Adam, 1877-1953
Bedsole, Blanche -1/10/1927 -12/17/1927.
Bedsole, Bonnie Quattlebaum, 1905 -1/19/1999
Bedsole, Flossie Mae, 3/1/1901 - 3/11/1993
Bedsole, Herd, 1931 -1932, Newton Cemetery, Dale County, Ala.
Bedsole, Luther F, 1874 -1961
Bedsole, Mary Anna, 1934 -1934
Bedsole, William W (Bill), 10/20/1905 -12/18/1969.
Bedsole, - b- d.Infants, Son of Mr & Mrs W W Bedsole, above. Two born and died same day.

CHOCTAW CORNER, CLARKE COUNTY, ALA.

Bedsole, Loraine 11 May 1879 19 Aug 1953 w/Am. M. Tunstall
Bedsole, Osceola A. 27 Jul 1883 12 May 1939
Bedsole, Mattie A. 2 May 1858 16 Feb 1906 w/Travis L. Bedsole
Bedsole, Travis L. 19 Jan 1848 14 Dec 1923
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ELAM CEMETARY, CLARKE COUNTY, ALA.

Bedsole, Mathew Elmore, 20 Jan 1890, 5 Sep 1890

SMITHS CEMETARY, CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Maebelle Harrison Bedsole (wife of Ned Bedsole) DOB: March 6, 1895 EXP: Nov. 26, 1961

FRIENDSHIP CEMETARY, MALONE, FLORIDA

Bedsole, John Clarence Sr., b. Nov 10 1909 d. Dec 01 1967
Bedsole, Myrtle Smith, b. Sep 26 1911 d. Dec 11 1935
Bedsole, Roswell, 1/13/1887-2/15/1931.

HOLMES COUNTY, FLA. (Ponce DeLeon Springs)

Husband to Vircery M. Bedsole.
WHITMIRE CEMETARY, ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLA.
Bedsole, David 1859-1931 ........30 1418 Bedsole, Martha B. 1862-1937... 30 141

EVERGREEN CEMETARY, PANAMA CITY, FLA.
Bedsole, Nadine Jennings, b. 1918 d. 1997

GREENE COUNTY, GEORGIA, SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH LIST

WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA, MOORE CEMETARY
Mack Bedsole, 10-9-1926 / 11-1-2000
Grace M. Bedsole, 2-4-1922 Wife of Mack

RIVERSIDE CEMETARY, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
Bedsole, Alex Edward May. 3, 1897 Aug. 3, 1949 Oak Hill ...Husband
Bedsole, Lula Grooms Mar. 22, 1900 Sep. 1, 1991 Oak Hill ..Wife

OLD SALEM CEMETARY, DALE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Bedsole, John, Jan.10, 1802- Apr. 4, 1882.

OLD LIVE OAK CEMETARY, SELMA, ALABAMA
Brown, Bessie Bedsole Jan 2, 1895 Jun 3, 1993 Wife of
Brown, John Rufus May 27, 1924 Jul 18, 1925
Bedsole, Roxana Ott Jul 19, 1857 Jun 27, 1924 760W
Stillings, Hattie (Bedsole) Mar 8, 1886 Jan 8, 1921

Antioch Cemetary, Geneva County, Alabama
Bedsole, Willie Mae; 23 Sep 1897-31 Dec 1986
Bledsoe, (Bedsole) Dorothy; 29 Aug 1925-19 Jan 1929

KINSTON CEMETARY, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Ponce De Leon Cemetary, HOLMES COUNTY, Fla.

PENSACOLA FLA. NEWS, OBIT
Holland, Katie Bedsole age 67 died 12 Jul 1965
Shaw, Annis Laurene Bedsole age 69 14 Mar 1998
Quattlebaum, Emma Mae Bedsole died 16 Jan 1967
Standifer, Nettie Lou Bedsole age 86 Dothan, AL died 1999-3-18
Bedsole, J.W. Alabama, wife May Dickson 1943

MEMORY PARK CEMETARY, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLA.

FOREST LAWN CEMETARY, PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA
Bedsole, Adolph, b. 1914, Rev., Husband of Lillie Bedsole.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLA. 1917-18 DRAFT
Bedsole, David Stanley 25 Oct 1899 W Escambia FL

OAK GROVE CEMETARY, TAMPA, FLA.
Bedsole, John, III, b. May 29 1971 d. Sep 1 1975 (Parents?).

Riverside Cemetary, Norfolk, Virginia
Bedsole, Alex Edward May. 3, 1897 Aug. 3, 1949 Oak Hill

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Bedsole, Lula Grooms Mar. 22, 1900 Sep. 1, 1991 Oak Hill

OLD LIVE OAK CEMETARY, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA.
Brown, Bessie Bedsole Jan 2, 1895 Jun 3, 1993
Bedsole, Roxana Ott Jul 19, 1857 Jun 27, 1924
Stillings, Hattie Bedsole Mar 8, 1886 Jan 8, 1921

BETHLEHEM CEMETARY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA.
Bedsole Emma Sellers JAN 4 1879 JUL 24 1962
Bedsole Henry NOV 21 1878 MAR 6 1903
Bedsole Thomas Duncan SEP 17 1899 Only date-S/S
Bedsole Nancy Long MAY 19 1895 AUG 26 1963 S/S
Bedsole Thomas Duncan S/O Henry and Emma Bedsole
Bedsole Paul F FEB 13 1898 AUG 8 1984 Modern woodmen of America
Bedsole William H NOV 5 1869 SEP 25 1918 On wings of love.
Bedsole A Idelia MAY 14 1867 NOV 18 1950
Bedsole C H APR 26 1847 SEP 27 1914
Bedsole Sarah Jane JAN 17 1846 JUN 8 1923
Bedsole A J MAR 25 1858 NOV 1 1942 Father.
Bedsole Emma J JAN 23 1858 OCT 30 1924 Mother-W/O AJ Bedsole
Bedsole Jasper J SEP 27 1882 APR 23 1905 S/O AJ and EJ Bedsole
Bedsole Francis Donia? JAN 25 1878 SEP 3 1878 D/O CH and SJ?
Bedsole Infant I/O M.L. and G.A. Bedsole
Bedsole Infant I/O M.L. and G.A. Bedsole
Bedsole Walter E 1861 1937
Bedsole M.L. AUG 1 1854 FEB 5 1894
Bedsole Infant I/O M.L. and G.A. Bedsole
Bedsole Bertie L Broken stone
Bedsole Aubry R. Born in FEB. Cemetery Headstone Broken and destroyed.
Bedsole James Stott NOV 29 1889 MAY 5 1914
Bedsole Infant Daughter JUN 8 1915 JUN 8 1915 D/O C.E. and B.M. Bedsole
Bedsole Monroe Clark JUN 21 1889 JAN 20 1957 S/S Mattie Belle P Bedsole
Bedsole Mattie Belle P DEC 27 1899 DEC 16 1991 wife of Monroe Clark Bedsole
Bedsole Margaret Ann APR 22 1843 SEP 23 1847
Bedsole Elizabeth Alie MAY 4 1849 FEB 20 1855
Bedsole Julia Paralee MAR 12 1859 JUL 28 1860
Bedsole William H. Aged 2 yrs
Bedsole Clayton JUN 2 1899 JUN 12 1900 S/O JT and Corine Bedsole
Bedsole George Jackson AUG 25 1896 SEP 30 1896 S/O JT and Corine Bedsole
Bedsole Corine OCT 11 1880 OCT 11 1899 W/O JT Bedsole
Bedsole Johnnie T OCT 13 1871 MAR 9 1943 S/S Mattie Lou Bedsole
Bedsole Mattie Lou SEP 16 1885 MAR 13 1943 S/S Johnnie T Bedsole
Bedsole Infant APR 20 1903 APR 20 1903 D/O JT and ML Bedsole
Bedsole Infant APR 12 1918 MAY 1 1918 S/O JT and ML Bedsole
Bedsole J T AUG 8 1855 JAN 28 1872 16 yrs 5 mos 20 days  
Bedsole Henry DEC 5 1807 MAY 8 1863  
Bedsole W T AUG 31 1851 AUG 11 1889 37 yrs 11 mos  
Bedsole Mary Catherine JUL 14 1818 ??? 28 1862 Death month looks like July  
**Thomaston Cemetery, Marengo County, Alabama.**

Bedsole 4/17/1940- 4/17/1940 Infant daughter of Lyman and Vera Bedsole  
Bedsole Carrie L. 10 1 1889 7 7 1938  
Bedsole Grover C. 2 8 1888 6 16 1940  
Bedsole James Lane 1 6 1921 2 1 1941  
Bedsole Joyce Egbert 4 9 1940 11 6 1973 Mother  
Bedsole Kenneth L. 12 3 1953 12 4 1953  
Bedsole Leo Fendley 9 28 1908 1 2 1967  
Bedsole Norman E. 2 22 1897 9 28 1924  

**Smith Cemetery, Clarke County, Alabama.**

Hellen Bedsole Hall (wife of James Hall) DOB: April 10, 1852 EXP: June 5, 1939  
James M. Hall DOB: April 10, 1844 EXP: Nov. 22, 1924  
Maebelle Harrison Bedsole (wife of Ned Bedsole) DOB: March 6, 1895 EXP: Nov. 26, 1961  
Ruby Bedsole Daughter of E.O. and M.H. Bedsole DOB: July 1930 EXP: Aug. 1930  

**Oconee County, SC Cemetery**

Wilks, Elizabeth Josey Bedsole, b. 1893, d. 23-june-1983, daughter of Travis Bedsole & Georgia Ann  
Hudson-Bedsole, of Coffee County, Alabama, Her Husband was Wesley T. "Bud" Wilks, funeral marker only. They had one child, a son; William Henry "Willie Boy" Wilks. The two of them are buried in Apopka, Fla.  

**American Cemetery, Nachitoches, Louisiana**

Bedsole, Thomas ( June 19, 1877 / 1919 ) Natchitoches Times,1919: Died: Thomas Bedsole of this city at Shreveport. on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock; born in Alabama on June 19th, 1877; survived by his wife, an adopted son, Willie Bedsole, three sisters: Mesdames L.E. Balentine and Mollie Bebee and Miss Leona Bedsole of Boyce; and three brothers: T.H. Bedsole of De Ridder, Talmadge Bedsole who is with the Rainbow Division in France and Jack L. Bedsole who is with the Marines in Cuba. Services. American Cemetery on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock .Shriners accompanying. The deceased came here from DeRidder in November 1917. ( Not located, 1997)  

**Natchito Cemetary, Nagitoches, La.**

Bedsole, Mittie Ann - 1895 / 1895  
Bedsole, Lilly - 1891 / 1898  
Bedsole, Alice - 1896 / 1896  
Bedsole, Mabel - 1897 / 1897  
Bedsole, T. F. - 3 Apr 1853 / 18 Feb 1910  
Bedsole, Callie - 30 Jun 1855 / 12 Feb 1910 [Double Stone - T. F. & Callie]  
Blacksher, Mittie Ann Bedsole, wife of Andrew Jackson Blacksher - 25 Jan 1863 / 19 Apr 1924  
Lee, Leona Ada Bedsole - 23 Jan 1898 / 1 Feb 1988  
Bedsole, Thomas - 19 Jun 1877 / 3 Jan 1919 [Also Concrete slab, stone marker, "Mother" - no information]  
Bedsole, T. H. Sr. - 9 Oct 1884 / 15 Jun 1958  
Bedsole, Suzie Dubois - 18 Sep 1890 / 18 Jan 1965  
Bedsole, T. H. Jr. - 13 Mar 1917 / 19 Sep 1963  
Bedsole, Henry Curtis Sr. - 2 Apr 1913 / 6 Nov 1963
Bedsole, Jack Lang - 3 Aug 1900 / 9 Jul 1963
Bedsole, Callie - 30 Jun 1855 / 12 Feb 1910

**Old Town/Teel Creek Cemetery, Near Kinston, Alabama.**
Bedsole, Baby. July 18, 1925. (Baby of Franklin Edward Bedsole and wife, Lillian Effie Redmon).
Bedsole, Infant dau. of Travis & Georgia Ann (Hudson) Bedsole. B/d Jan. 25,1912.

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**Rapides Parish, La. Cemetery**
Bedsole, Charles Latson. - 9 Apr 1885 / 3 Jul 1913
Bedsole, Lula - 9 Aug 1893 / 15 Aug 1901
Bedsole, John Mayo, son of MM & T. L. Bedsole - 10 Mar 1913 / 2 Dec 1913

**Harden Chapel, Toombs County, Georgia**
Janie Williams-BEDSOLE Born Nov 9, 1888 Died Oct 29, 1983

**Thomaston Cemetery, Marengo County, Ala.**
Bedsole 4/17/1940-4/17/1940 Infant daughter of Lyman and Vera Bedsole
Bedsole Carrie L. 10/1/1889-7/7/1938
Bedsole Grover C. 2/8/1888-6/16/1940
Bedsole James Lane 1/6/1921-2/1/1941
Bedsole Leo Fendley 9/28/1908-1/2/1967
Bedsole Norman E. 2/22/1897-9/28/1969

**Walnut Hill Cemetery, Vernon Parish, In Louisiana**
Bedsole, Felder W. - 2/Sep/1895 -2/Dec/1895
Bedsole, Rebecca S. 1851 -22/Sep/1895
Bedsole, Thos. L. - 30/Mar/1856-7/Nov/1928 [Masonic emblem]

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Bedsole, Bertha Griffin 30 Jul 1889 16 Mar 1977 w/J. G. Bedsole

**ELAM CEMETARY, CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA**
Bedsole, Mathew Elmore, 20 Jan 1890, 5 Sep 1890,

**SMITH CEMETARY, CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA**
Bedsole, Hellen Hall (wife of James Hall) DOB: April 10, 1852 EXP: June 5, 1939
Bedsole, Susan Knight DOB: Sept. 17, 1928 EXP: Sept. 1, 1985
Bedsole, Maebelle Harrison (wife of Ned Bedsole) DOB: March 6, 1895 EXP: Nov. 26, 1961 163.

**HARRISON CEMETARY, KINSTON, ALABAMA**
Bedsole, Franklin E. June 27, 1858-Jun. 14, 1926.

Bedsole, Lula M. Nov. 1, 1895-Jun. 12,1937.

Elam Cemetery, Clarke County, Alabama
Bedsole, Mathew Elmore, 20 Jan 1890, 5 Sep 1890,

New Prospect Cemetery, Clarke County, Alabama
Susan "Susie" Blackwell Bedsole (wife of Edward Bedsole) DOB: May 20, 1819 EXP: June 11, 1912
Janie S. Bedsole (wife of Woodrow) b.Feb. 20, 1915 d.April 13, 1993
Ernest M. Bedsole, 2/15/1882-7/3/1959
Fannie E. Bedsole (wife of Ernest) b.May 13, 1885 d.March 10, 1942

Oak Grove Cemetery Clarke County, Alabama
Otto Sebastian Bedsole (son of Edward Oakley Bedsole and Roxana Ott Bedsole) b. April 14, 1884 d. Nov. 22, 1886
Carrie E. Bedsole b. Sept. 6, 1880 d.Sept. 30, 1931
W.F. Bedsole b. Nov. 4, 1862 d.Nov. 28, 1928

Kinston, Ala. City Cemetery
Bedsole, Daniel Monroe; b. 27 June 1881 d. 30 October 1969.. If I recall correctly, this is really Daniel Monroe Bedsole and wife, Gina (Jena), called "Jeter"..

Cleveland Carnahan Cemetery, Rapides Parish, Louisiana
Bedsole, Charles L. - 9 Apr 1885-3 Jul 1913
Bedsole, Lula - 8/8/1893-8/15/1901
Dubois, Ruby Bertha, daughter of M&M S. N. Dubois - 13 Sep 1907-30 Oct 1907
Bedsole, John Mayo, son of M & M & T. L. Bedsole - 10 Mar 1913-2 December, 1913

Corner Creek Cemetery, Geneva County, Hacoda, Ala.
Shelton Bedsole, 3-3-1901 7-8-1924
Dr. James D. Bedsole, 6/9/187-1/12/1943 M.D. in Kinston, Ala.
Artie Missy Ward-Bedsole 5/9/1876-2/2/1959
Sherwood Bedsole, 2/13/1896-5/26/1969
William "Willie" Bedsole, 10/29/1894-11/13/1969

Chattahoochee, Florida
Bedsole, Sarah J., d. 26 Oct 1925, F (Insane Asylum).

Deaths: Green County, Ga.
Bedsole, Allene 14-Nov 1892 Nov 1973 Greensboro
Bedsole, Claude 23-Jun 1898 Oct 1972 Greensboro
Bedsole, Nellie D. 9-Jun 1897 Aug 1989 Greensboro
Bedsole, William 25-Sep 1893 Dec 1968 30642 Greensboro

Death, Muscogee County, Georgia
Bedsole, Henry 29 Oct 1936 Muscogee 28751

Tallahassee Memory Gardens, Tallahassee, Florida

Miller County Cemetery, Arkansas
Bedsole, Hattie Boulton Died 12/18/1976-

Moore Cemetery, Ware County, Ga.
Mack Bedsole, 10-9-1926 / 11-1-2000 Grace M. Bedsole, 2/4/1922 Wife of Mack

Oak Grove Cemetery, Tampa, Florida.
Bedsole, John, III, b. May 29 1971 d. Sep 1 1975 (Parents?).

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(I know this is a very incomplete list. There were many others).
Bedsole, Mathew PVT 02 APR 1862 Ala.
Bedsole, J.W. Alabama (May Dickson) 1943 01 pg
Bedsole, Travis B., Pvt. Ala.
Bedsole, Duncan, Pvt. NC
Bedsole, Travis -- Private - March 1862. Surrendered, Appomattox, Virginia, April 9, 1865. (Born in 1830.)
Ga. Son of Amos Bedsole.

Jefferson County, Arkansas Obit

Thelma St. John..Thelma Amelia St. John, 75, of Warren, died March 16, 1998, at Jefferson Regional Medical Center. She was born on August 21, 1922, at Clayton, Alabama, a daughter of the late William Harvey Bedsole and Hattie Marie Zorn Bedsole. She was a homemaker and a member of Saline Baptist Church in Bradley County. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Bluford St. John, whom she married on April 16, 1942, and who died on November 5, 1976; a sister, Jewel DeMill; and a grandchild. Survivors include two sons, Sammy St. John of Naperville, Illinois, and Neil St. John of Muncie, Indiana; three daughters, Marilyn Doss and Karen Anders, both of Warren, and Linda Golden of Memphis; two sisters, Margaret Smith of Montgomery, Alabama, and Sarah McLure of Arvada, Colorado; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1828 Marriage Bond
John Bedsoles marriage bond John was b. 1801. Son of William (Thomas Sr.'s son).

(Note: Marriage bonds were to fund the woman and children, if the man left them, or died. However, it was also many times sufficient to entice other men to marry the widow. So it had an unexpected benefit).

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Cumberland County KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, John Bedsole & Love McDaniel are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency James Indelio, Governor of the state aforesaid, or his successors in office, in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, current money, to be paid to the said Governor, his successors, or assigns, for which payment well and truly to be made and done, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 19th day of January, A.D. 1828. THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the above bounden John Bedsole hath made application for a license for a Marriage, to be celebrated between him and Catherine Horn of the county aforesaid; Now, in case it shall appear hereafter, that there is any lawful cause or impediment to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Seal------ John Bedsole   X.(His Mark)
Seal-------- Love McDaniel
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Dan McDermid.
Seal----Crt. Clrk. Dan McDermid

Last Will Of Elizabeth Bedsole, Daughter Of Thomas Sr.

Elizabeth Bedsole 1777-1864. She married Steven Rials in 1818, then Archibald Rials in 1825.

She was born and died in Bladen Co., NC daughter of Thomas Bedsole,Sr. 1750-1825 and Rebecca Jones. Also of Bladen Co., NC. Will of Elizabeth Bedsole. IN the name of God, I Elizabeth Rials, being of sound mind and perfect memory, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me. I bequeath to Noah Rials fifty cents, to Hardy Rials fifty cents, to the heirs of David Rials fifty cents, the heirs of Unity Pope fifty cents, to Thomas Bedsole Jr. fifty cents, to Nancy Hall fifty cents, to Sarah Blackwell fifty cents, to Travis Bedsole fifty cents, to heirs of William Bedsole fifty cents, to Rhoda Parker one hundred dollars, my brother Duncan Bedsole my plantation where I now live and all lands belonging to plantation for all his natural life, then to his son Thomas Bedsole and his heirs. To my brother Duncan Bedsole and friend Malcom Monroe, all my lands in Bladen County,lying about Beaverdam. I give all of the residences and personal property on my estate to my brother Duncan Bedsole and friend Malcom Monroe. signed on 12 day of February in 1847.

Elizabeth Rials X her mark
witnesses: Bluford Simmons X his mark
Daniel McDuffie X his mark

NOTE FROM JD. Malcom Monroe was a lawyer. Duncan was her brother and Duncan could neither read, write or spell. Guess what happened to Duncans part ? The last thing I found on this was a NC supreme court trial wherein Duncan sued Malcom Monroe, for wrongfully acquiring his sisters estate, for the very reason stated above. Maybe Duncan was not so dumb after all.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS FROM PENSION APPPLICATIONS.

Note: Their last names were changed to “Bledsoe”, usually by land patents and deeds. They could neither read or write back then, so didn’t know the difference anyway. My thanks and appreciation to Brenda Bedsole-Ricks, a lawyer and judge in Amite, Louisiana, who sent it to me. What a cousin !!.

Thomas Bledsoe/Bedsole, Sr.,1750-1825.
Travis Bledsoe/Bedsole, Son of Thomas Sr. His son.
William Bedsole, another Son of Thomas Sr.
Benjamin (James) Bledsoe/Bedsole, son of Robert, son of Thomas Sr.
George (James) Bledsoe/Bedsole, son of George Jr., son of George, son of Abraham from Germany.
"Miller Bledsoe"/Bedsole; This is actually William Miller Bedsole, Jr. son of William Miller Bledsoe/Bedsole, Sr. son of William Henry Bedsole, son of John Bledsoe/Bedsole, son of Abraham from Germany. The others on the list are true Bledsoe descendants from England, not Germany. To see the list online, go here; http://www.southerncampaign.org/pen/index.htm

CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Alexander Bedsole, Cumberland County, NC. Second Calvary Regiment, NC. 6/21/1861 at 19 years of age.
James Calvin "Calton" Bedsole, Moore County, NC. 3/11/1862 46th Infantry Regiment. at 18.
Frank Bedsole, Alabama, Second Calvary Regiment.
Isaiah Bedsole, Schley County, Georgia. 8/14/1861. 17th Infantry Regiment. Killed in war.
James Bedsole, 1861. Barbour County, Ala.
John Bedsole, Columbus County, NC. Third Infantry Regiment. 2/15/1862/ Killed 9/5/1863.
Mathew Bedsole, Walton County, Fla. 4/2/1862. Sixth Infantry Regmt, Fla.
Robert Bedsole, 32nd Infantry Regiment, Alabama.
Stephen Bedsole, Barbour County, Ala. Light Artillery Regiment.
Thomas Bedsole, 29, Cumberland County, NC. 8/31/1861. 9th NC Infantry Regiment.
Thomas Bedsole, Alabama. Company H, 32nd Infantry Regiment.
Warren County, Ga., 3/4/1862. 48th Infantry Regiment.
Travis B. Bedsole, Coffee County, Ala. Enlisted as a Blacksmith. 53rd Partisan Rangers.
Travis Bedsole, Cumberland County, NC 7/18/1862. Third Infantry Regiment.
William Bedsole, Lenoir County, NC. 3/14/1863. Sixth Infantry Regiment.
William Bedsole, Raleigh, NC 10/31/1864. 46th Infantry Regiment.
William Bedsole, Bladen County, NC. 9/7/1861. Twentieth Infantry Regiment.
Bedsole, Calton H 46TH NC (real name: James Calvin Bedsole).
Bedsole, Duncan H 46TH NC

GEORGIA BEDSOLES IN THE CIVIL WAR

12544 Bedsole Abner W. K 27th Inf. Reg't. Private
12545 Bedsole Amos Garrison's Company, GA Inf. (Ogeechee Minutemen) Private
12546 Bedsole Isaac B 17th Inf. Reg't. Private
12547 Bedsole Isaiah B 17th Inf. Reg't. Private
12548 Bedsole James Garrison's Company, GA Inf. (Ogeechee Minutemen) Private
12549 Bedsole Travis B 48th Inf. Reg't. Pvt

HISTORY SUMMARY
As you read this part, keep in mind that these people were living from day to day in such a desperate fashion that just getting food every day, occupied most of their waking hours. The very next day, they began all over again, looking for ways to obtain food for that new day. And so it went, for most of their lives. Added to that to make matters worse, they usually had 8 to 14 children.

1673-1730 "Abraham", the first Bedsole into this country was born in Germany. It is most likely he was born in the Rhine River Valley in that country because it would have taken someone with the grit, determination, and physical condition of the agricultural workers in that location, to come to this wild, unsettled, dangerous country and deal with the daily hardships they inevitably faced, just to survive. The specific German ancestors of Abraham, will more than likely never be known and at some point, it becomes unimportant anyway. After all, as with all ancestors, there is a point in time at which any researcher must stop. 1673 is my stopping point, relative to the Bedsole ancestors. I am sure no one will ever be able to go back beyond that year, no matter how hard they try. Abraham apparently moved his family from NC to Virginia about 1726, because he is a co-owner of 1,000 acres of land in that state, with his son, George "Bledsoe", as listed in the Land Records section of this book. He appears to have stayed in NC from 1701 until 1726.

1730. Abraham and wife Rose had; George, William, Elizabeth, Abraham Jr., Elizabeth, Joseph, Sarah, and Moses. These children may have all been born in NC, or Va., or some in one,some in the other. No records of birth in this country were made or required to be made until about 1912.

1730. William Henry (Jr) Bedsole. It is he who was the BEDSOLE ancestor in this country, although others as you will read, also carried the name. William married Rhoda West in NC, age about 17.

1750 Thomas Bartlet Bedsole (Sr.) was born in Bladen County, NC, to William Henry Bedsole, Jr.and wife Rhoda West. Thomas Sr. was married to Rebecca Jones in 1769 in Bladen County, NC. Thomas served in the Revolutionary War, along with sons, Travis and Thomas, Jr. who must have been no more than boys, and William Henry, which shows the desperation of the settlers here, to win their Independence from England. It also shows their hatred of that government at that time. Along here some place in time, Thomas Sr. apparently was becoming or had already become, a heavy drinker. It is also likely he was mean to his wife and children, as that trait seems to have been passed down to more than one of his sons. I did'nt know his middle name was Bartlett until 6/2008. Obviously, the name was taken from his fathers brother.

1770-1825 or 30 plus or minus, was the period of time the children of Thomas Sr. were born. These are all listed in the Ancestors And Descendants in Section 2 of this book. His son Thomas Jr. was my GG-Grandfather. Thomas Jr. was apparently a drunkard and mistreated his wife and children so badly, she took the last child still at home in 1850 (Travis Bertram Bedsole. My G-Grandfather, age 17), and left Thomas Jr. and never went back. More on this also in Section 2. Thomas Jr. apparently died in 1825 or so, but his wife lived until about 1892. I say "About" because there are no death records, and Census Records were the only documents available to make such guesses. After He died, several of his children and their families left NC in 1830. Travis moved to Haywood County, Tennessee, Amos moved to Warrenton, Georgia and the rest moved to Crenshaw and Montgomery counties in Alabama, then spread from there. The other children of Thomas Sr. remained in NC.

Today, there are Bedsoles in almost all states. There is even a Brian Bedsole living in New Zealand. This book is a beginning. It is something for some other Bedsole to work from and with in the future, to expand our history, knowledge and legacy (Although Lord knows who that will be. I sincerely wish anyone who has what it takes to do it, the very best of luck in your future Bedsole research because you will surely need it. But
most of all, you will need TRUE BEDSOLE GRIT. I hope that all Bedsole readers will submit any additional information, names, etc., for whatever they feel is missing, or needs correcting, or updating, to me at jdbedsole@oppcatv.com and to Fay at Rostraver@earthlink.net. I also hope that you will tell all the Bedsoles and relatives you know, where to find this Book and List, on the internet. I will keep those internet sites posted with the most current copies to the extent that I can obtain the cooperation of those site Administrators, which is not always easy, with a few of them. Currently, I have it posted on the Coffee County, Ala., and Bladen County, NC sites, although its in parts 1 through 4 there; http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/nc/bladen/bladenbios.html

In addition they are posted on the Rootsweb site although the 2003 version, at the following internet address: http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/nc/bladen/bladenbios.html for the History, and go here for the List http://www.rootsweb.com/~alcoffee/officialbedsolelist.html I have also sent it to the Clarke, Butler and Lowndes Counties, Ala., and to Sampson, Brunswick, Bladen, and several other counties in NC to be posted on their internet sites, but don't know if they will get posted or not. You may check them, by going to www.usgenweb.com selecting Alabama or another state and the county you want then look for it there. Some counties post it on their "Biographies" part. Others post it elsewhere, others want me to list each family and their children separately and individually, which would take 40 forevers, and which I will not do, and some won't post it at all. Thanks a lot to those last sites.

If you have anything constructive to contribute to any future update of this book, such as additions, corrections, more names, dates and etc., please email me at jdbedsole@oppcatv.com You can always (until I croak anyway) send a letter if that fails, to: JD Bedsole, 100 Beamon Avenue, Opp, Alabama 36467. Or call me at 334-493-1370. If my email address changes, I will post the new address on the Genforum and Rootsweb Bedsole internet sites at the following sites : www.genforum.genealogy.com/Bedsole and at www.Rootsweb.com/Bedsole on the Bedsole Message Board. After I croak, I hope my co-hort, Peggy Bedsole will continue to keep my stuff with her stuff, on her Bedsole site.

I have freely given, mailed, and emailed copies of this book in its entirety, to many, many Bedsole descendants, telling them they are free to copy it and give it to others. I have had a grand total of three who contacted me to say something good and about 5 who said things like; "Well, you don't really know anything for sure about the Bedsoles do you?", and " All this stuff did was leave me confused and make me want to know more", and "Did you actually talk to anyone in Germany about the Bedsoles over there?", and best of all was this, to show their deep, eternal gratitude for the 60 years and hundreds of thousands of hours and dollars I have spent on it; "Well, this whole thing was just a mess and a waste of time, and it does'n't tell me a damn thing. In Fact, I'm more confused than ever now". (They were "Confused" when they were born, I say).

Therefore, if all you can do is try to make me feel bad by bad-mouthing me about this book, don't waste my time. But, if you would like to say something nice, like "JD, you are an absolute genius, and a jewel for doing all that work for all of us, then giving it to us free. What you have produced is absolutely priceless, and gives me and my descendants a record of their real roots. I will give a copy to each of my children. Thank you so much for all the untold hours and money you have put into it", that would be nice and I would like that. Anything besides something like that……………………Forget it. Don’t waste your time or mine.

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JD BEDSOLE
PART TWO

..."NOW EACH OF YOU CAN SEE, HOW IT IS, YOU CAME TO BEE"...

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**Hurra ! Fur Der Betzolds**

January 1, 2013

**BEDSOLE ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS FROM 1663**

*This is a current version of this list and is dated January 1, 2011.*

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**Wappen Fur Der Provinc Von Brandenburg**

(Coat Of Arms For The Province Of Brandenburg)

The Icon above, is for the area of Prussia, which became Germany. Brandenburg is the Province for
Ich Bin Ein Betzold (I am a Bedsole).
Ich Bin Ein Deutsch (I am a German).

Meine Vorfahren Kamen Aus Dem Brandenburgischen Provinz Von Deutschland
(My Ancestors Came From The Brandenburg Province Of Germany)

Note; This Bedsole Coat Of Arms was registered in 1650 to Wilhelm Heinrich Betzold in Germany.
and in 1994 I copied it by hand from the original Coat hanging on the wall in Germany, at the home of
Wilhelm Heinrich Betzold (Or in English; William Henry Bedsole). The “Official” Bedsole Coat is in yellow
and green, shows a sheep and I hated it. So I adopted this one for Bedsole. Because it was truly a Bedsoles
own Coat, but also because the Official coat was not registered until 1660, ten years after this one

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IMPORTANT NOTE: This version of the List Of Bedsole Ancestors And Descendants contains
important and material changes to a very few of my earlier conclusions as to the first Bedsole(s) in this
country, and is based on information I discovered on July 14, 2008 which revealed that on September 11, 1700 "Abraham Bessow", (Pronounced and/or heard as "Bess-oh" but was actually Betzold or Bedsole) arrived at Bath, NC, aboard an English ship. Captained by William Barrow. He arrived there again on May 1, 1701, on the same ship again, with Captain Barrow, but this time "Abraham" was accompanied by his wife, "Rose", and their young daughter, "Elizabeth" (Also English names). Those are all English names, as listed by Captain Barrow, an Englishman. He listed them each as “a Pal,” which is short for Palatine, from Germany. Then, in 1719, the next documentation was found when “Abrahams” son William, acquired land in Virginia and his name was listed as William Bledsoe by that land office. In 1726, Abraham and William jointly acquired two tracts of land there in Russell County, of 1,000 acres each. From that date onward, Bedsoles and some true Bledsoes from England (George Bledsoe, who had first arrived here in 1630), are all so intermingled in locations, states, dates, names and etc. on documentation, it is virtually impossible to determine if what you are looking at is actually a Bledsoe or Bedsole or either and the bad news is, when the true Bledsoes and Bledsoes began incurring misspellings of their last names such as Betzel/Bletsel/Bedsoal/Bltesoa/ Batson/Betson and etc, intermingled with the free-wheeling and swapping of Bedsole and Bledsoe as a last name, it turned into a royal mess of the first order, and there is no one to ask for answers to anything. Therefore, it took and still takes, lots of experience to determine if the person is a Bledsoe or a Bedsole. The list of ancestors and descendants which follow, has proven to be amazingly accurate over the years, as to relationships and kinships, as listed. With no one to ask, I take full credit for all that hard work. I should, because it took 60 years to do it.

In addition, the Bledsoes and Bedsoles both bestowed such common first-names on their offspring as, William, Thomas, John, Elizabeth, Mary, Sara and etc., such as to drive a researcher over the brink of madness, especially true when for example, there are 6 different William Bledsoes and/or Bedsoles at the same time and same place. Nevertheless, the names on the list below are Bedsole Ancestors, Descendants, and Spouses of Bedsoles. In many cases, some ancestors with the true Bedsole surname changed the spelling to Bledsoe. And, some true Bledsoes changed their last names to Bedsole. Some of both became Bledsoes and Bedsloes and did so deliberately, others did so without knowing, because until about 1950, virtually none of them could either read, write or spell.

To sum it up today, many "Bledsoes" are really Bedsoles and many "Bedsoles" are really Bledsoes. A few know that, but many are not aware at all. As with the Bedsole History, these lists were researched and written by me and are all copyrighted by me in my name. If, you come across similar books in the future, and someone has removed my name and substituted their own as Author, then they have violated the copyright laws and I would very much appreciate it if you would let me know about such violations. I have already found one such violator. I don't mind people copying all this stuff, but I do mind them taking credit for all the years of hard work I have put into it.

For those Bedsoles, spouses and relatives on the list below, who even may still be alive, I have deleted their birthdates, but kept the year of birth if known, because there are so many with the same names, who are in different generations. I don't show complete dates of birth, unless they are dead in order to prevent Identity Theft, yet help other Bedsoles identify others and determine who fits where, including themselves, on the List. Where the person is dead, if I knew that, then the date of birth and death are both shown, because its hard to impersonate a dead person, although I have known some who did it quite well.

Without written records which show, list, define, or hint at any relationships certain assumptions must be made to arrive at any logical conclusion regarding the earliest Bedsoles, primarily those born prior to about 1830. An example of those are, the Abrahams, William's, Elisha's, John's, and Vincent Bedsole. I know without proof that they were all related, but exactly HOW they were related is not
documented and is not known with absolute certainty and will remain so, in view of the lack of
documentation. A main indicator of their kinship though, was that they all owned adjoining parcels of
land, sometimes on more than one occasion, and in several locations, from time to time, in NC,
Va., Tenn., Alabama and Georgia. However, when they first moved from NC in 1830, I knew most of
their relationships with certainty quite well. They all usually moved almost as one and with the
exception of Abraham, most were apparently born in NC and Va. within a short time-frame. I believe
the kinship and relationships of the vast majority listed below are very accurate, in fact, extremely so,
as has been proven more than once, by other descendants and facts which were actually known by a
descendant, or were documented in rare instances. But the vast majority of those on this list, were
determined by me purely through logic and analysis of all kinds of information and conclusions. So, if
your family and, or, relatives are listed, chances are great that you can thank my pea-brain for that. A
few of you can thank those 3 or 4 Bedsoles who were kind enough to share their own data with me,
and to those few, I again say "Thank You".

Of the 60 plus years I have spent researching the Bedsole ancestors and descendants, about 98
percent of that time and at least 98 percent of the money was spent on this list. It was unbelievably
and incredibly complicated, confusing, maddening to the point of insanity, expensive, time-consuming
and demanding to the highest degree to produce it with its inherent degree of accuracy without one
bit of documentation in most cases, and without any means of validation to insure accuracy, with a
handful of exceptions and with no one to ask. In addition, more than 99.9 percent of those I asked
through letters and phone calls, did not reply at all, and to all those I say, "Thanks a hell of a lot for
nothing". To those who told me to go to Hell, thanks a lot, but I've already been there, more than once
and didn't like it either time, although the first time was worse than the last time.

The fact that our relatives named their children after themselves, their brothers, sisters, parents,
aunts, uncles, grandparents and even great-grandparents did not help at all, and that is further
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complicated when several with the same names lived at the same place and at the same time. After
all, how would you determine among 3 William Bedsoles, which was the father, son and grandfather,
among them without something else to go by ?. If there is anything about all this research that you
really appreciate, I hope its the time, effort, money, grit and absolute teeth-clenching determination I
expended on this list during all those years, while working every day and sometimes nights and raising
3 children. But considering all the names, relatives, dates, locations and details I put into this list and
the lack of means for validation, I am repeatedly surprised at its accuracy and completeness in many
cases. For that, I thank my parents for my genetic makeup and my German determination and
stubbornness.

I know I still have a few Bedsoles under the wrong ancestor(s), but I cannot get those kin or
descendants with the correct knowledge to talk, write, email, phone, or otherwise communicate with
me, to straighten those out. I have tried every kind of way to get that information. As a matter of fact, I
recently made 15 random phone calls to Bedsoles in NC., 15 to those in Louisiana, and mailed 25
letters to Bedsoles everywhere, picked randomly from the Internet White Pages, explaining who I am,
what I am doing and asking for information and assistance in that regard. Additionally, for the past 15
years, I have posted solicitations all over the internet, asking for help and information, with
surprisingly little response at all. Of the phone calls made, I received 20 hang-ups, was treated very
rudely on the others with two exceptions and got not one answer to any of my 30 letters. Its as if they
fell into a bottomless pit. So, In view of that problem, this list will remain as is, because I will spend no
more time nor money alone, trying to validate it. In other words, I have had it. Nevertheless, I will still
make it available to one and all by email free of charge, because there are a few of you who are
decent folks and who really do know and appreciate what this all represents.

The earlier ancestors listed, including Elisha, was repeatedly found with their last names spelled all kinds of ways. Elisha, for example, as Bedsol, Bedsolt and Bedsoll, on four Va. Land records in the late 1700's, copies of which are included in the Bedsole History and which I also posted on the Bladen, Harnett and Cumberland County, NC internet sites. Elisha's descendants are not shown due to their assuming the surname BEDSAUL, after he died in 1804. I did have a Bedsaul list as long and detailed as this one is, but loaned it to someone years ago, who kept it. Now I don't recall who it was, but I don't really care because I followed the Bedsole name, and not all the misspellings. In addition, those of the Bedsaul spellings want to claim that Bedsole is simply a misspelling of Bedsaul and of Bledsoe. In fact, I sent their best and most well-known researchers a copy of Elisha's 4 Virginia land deeds, which clearly show his last name as Bedsole, and those researchers changed the Bedsole misspellings on all 4 of them to Bedsaul, then emailed copies to the Bedsaul descendants, claiming they had found them that way, as Bedsaul documentation. They overlooked the fact that the originals on the Virginia internet site, lists his name on them as Bedsol, Bedsolt and Bedsoll. I did not follow females who married and changed their last names to that of their husbands, except to list their children and in some cases, their grandchildren and G-grandchildren. Therefore this list and I, stayed pretty much with the Bedsole name, at least through the 12th generation, if available.

TRUE BLEDSOES AND TRUE BEDSOLES

Notwithstanding the fact that after 1715, many Bedsoles last name was spelled as Bledsoe, primarily because Scribes were English and Bledsoe was an English name. In addition, many true Bledsoes changed their last name spelling to BEDSOLE. Since they could neither read, write or spell, that was virtually all done by Scribes at the time, whoever and wherever that may have been. In 1630 George Bledsoe (Bletzo, Bletso, Bletsoe, Bledsoe),arrived here from England and all the true Bledsoes in this country are his descendants. They landed in, and populated Virginia, where several true Bedsoles also moved to from NC. About 1830, many true Bedsoles spread from NC and Va. to Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas. Whereas, the true Bledsoes spread northward instead, to Indiana, Illinois and other northern states. When researching the older generations, whether Bledsoe or Bedsole, when they both took the others spelling of the surname, it takes great skill and knowledge to determine which is which. There are cases where those with both surnames were in the same areas at the same time and making that determination is virtually impossible especially where they also have the same first names (Thomas Bedsole,Thomas Bledsoe, William Henry Bedsole,William Henry Bledsoe, Sara Jane Bedsole, Sara Jane Bledsoe, etc.), unless additional information is found to clarify. Sometimes, there is no additional information, and you must make a best-guess as to which is a true Bedsole and which is a true Bledsoe.

So the conclusion is; The first true Bledsoe arrived here from England in 1630. The first true Bedsole arrived here from Germany in 1700. Originally nevertheless, the ancestors of those from England were also from Germany (Or Prussia), just as the Bedsoles were. So the inevitable conclusion is that the Bledsoes and Bedsoles had the same ancestor at some time in the past. When and where is unimportant, does not matter.and is moot.

ANCESTRAL LINES FOR BEDSOLE, BLEDSOE AND BEDSAUL

For the last name of Bedsole, the ancestral line goes back to William Henry Bedsole, 1727-1830, his son also named George (Bedsole) and finally to "Abraham Bessow" from Germany. For Bedsaul, instead of to William Henry, it goes back to his brother, Elisha, to Abraham Sr. and then to "Abraham Bessow", from Germany. For those Bedsoles who spell it as "Bledsoe", it goes back to William Sr., then Abraham from
Germany and their last names along with William Sr's were spelled as Bledsoe on the earliest Va. land records (1719-1726). Keep in mind, that more than one Bedsole changed their last name to Bledsoe and vice versa, of their own free will, for various reasons, and sometimes in error and those may be found under more ancestors than William Sr. Also, as I said, several had their last name changed to Bedsole and to Bledsoe back and forth, by the Scribes misspelling it at the time, and not being able to spell their own names themselves, the Bedsoles finally kept it that way, probably by keeping it written on a piece of paper. Also, keep in mind that there is an entirely separate line of BLEDSOE's who came from England (Under George, above), notwithstanding the fact that prior to England, even those ancestors also originated in Prussia/Germany, as did our Bedsoles. In fact, there was a Bledsoe Community in England, in the year 1061, and that year is not a typo. In the U.S., there is a huge problem created by the mingling of those Bledsoes, with our own ancestors who took on that name for various reasons as their own even in Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina, prior to 1850. The problem is in researching them, there is no way of knowing if you are looking at a true Bledsoe, or a true Bedsole, on any documentation wherever you may find it.

THIS LIST AND HOW TO READ IT

To find a specific name, date, or other info, on a long list such as that below, without having to laboriously read through it, do this; Go to the list. Click on Edit on your top tool bar. On the drop-down, click on Find. Type in the name. Click on Find, or Search, or Go, or whatever it says. It will stop at the first spelling it comes to. If thats not the one you are looking for, click on Go again, Continue or Next Page. It works best by typing in the most unusual name, usually the middle name, or nickname or you can use another name if you know it such as the wife or husbands maiden or last name (If not Bedsole). For example if a name is John Barrett Bedsole, instead of typing in that whole name, only type in Barrett, because its the most unusual. Or if the spouses name is unusual such as Jeanne or Jeter, look for that name. You can also type in a date only, if you have that, and it will also go to every one of those, one at a time.

Any person listed is the child of the first person above them who is a generation earlier or older (A lower number). For example, any person who is a # 6, is a child of the first # 5 above them. Likewise a number 9 will all be child of the first 8 above them. All children of any parents, may not always be listed immediately under those parents, depending on the number of spouses, children, G-grandchildren, and etc.who fall in-between. All children under parents, are brothers and sisters. So you will find spouses, followed by a child, then that childs spouse, then their children, before you come to another child of the subject parents. A spouse is identified with a + sign. The number of +’s indicates the number of marriage/wife. It does NOT identify the sequence in which a person married that spouse, as I have no way to determine that in some cases, when no dates are available. Multiple marriages have the number of plus signs which apply, if I know that. You can easily determine relationships of anyone on the list to anyone else on the list, such as brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, great-grandparents, cousins, and etc. In my opinion, this method is far superior and simpler, than listing them all seperately, as Generation One, then Generation Two and so forth, then going back and listing each generations children etc., seperately. That method is cumbersome, unnecessarily and extremely complicated and extremely difficult if not impossible to understand, primarily due to the fact that relationships in that case, are time-consuming, very confusing and difficult to determine with accuracy. Unfortunately, that is the method most internet site Administrators wanted me to use to list the people on this list, but I will not do all that work. In addition though, and the primary reason I said "No" to that was, because that method confuses everyone who reads, or even tries to read it, including me.
Where the year but not date of birth and/or death date is shown, some are my best guess, based on several facts, such as dates of children, spouses, and relatives. Where the specific day and/or month together with the year of birth, death or marriage is shown, then that date was documented.

Some, but not all the ways I found the Bedsole name spelled are; Bessow, Betson, Batson, Betsel, Betzol, Bedsolt, Bedsoll, Bedsol, Blatsen, Bletson, Bedsoul, Bedsowl, Bedsoal, Betzold, Bidsole, Bettsol, Petson, Petzo, Petsole, Petsoal, Patson, and many, many others, including the most prevalent since about 1900; Bledsoe..... When researching these people, you must look under every conceivable and many inconceivable spellings and misspellings and variations, just as I had to, or you'll never find them. All these misspellings only add to the confusion and difficulty in finding either ancestors or descendants.

This List shows Thomas Bedsole (Sr.) 1750-1830, as generation 3, so that my already long Bedsole list would fit into this updated list without having to re-number all the generations. This became necessary after I determined that Thomas Sr. was not the first Bedsole in this country. Actually, "Abraham", defined below, born in 1673 in Germany, was the first. However, I didn't find that or figure it out until July 14, 2008. Since “Abraham” and “Rose” are documented as the first Bedsoles, I am through looking and will no longer be in the Bedsole research business, thank the good Lord.

If your names are not on the following list anywhere, please email me at:jdbedsole@oppcatv.com and give me the names, spouses, children and relationships to each other of those not listed. Then give me the names of your parents, grandparents and G-grandparent and I will tell you how they fit onto the list, and I will add them to my Master List, which I keep on this computer. This is my last version. However, I will continue, emailing anyone a free copy of this list, if they need or want it. At least that is easy to do.

Example: Looking at the following, you can see that Travis and wife Mary who are 6's, were the parents of any 7's below them, unless and until there is another number 6 or lower. George and wife Martha who are 7's are parents of 8's below them. Leander and Luny were parents of any 9's below them and so forth. In this way, you can easily see the 9’s are brothers and the 10’s are brother and sister. Leander is a son of George Pierce and grandson of Travis. Larry and Barbara are brother and sister, are biological son and daughter of Mary Francis Lawton, but are step-children of James Rigdon Bedsole. So, Mary Francis Lawton was previously married to a Lawton. Jesse Lee and James are grandchildren of George Pierce and G-Grandchildren of Travis.

   + Mary E. Stanley, b. 1835. m. 11/07/1858
   + Martha Jane Cook, 1854-1923........m. 9/11/1881, Warrenton, Ga.
   + Luny Rebecca Minton, b. 1888.
   + Mary Francis Lawton
First Bedsole in This Country

Abraham Betzold from Germany. The following Transportation Deed, giving land to ships captain William Barrow, for transporting "Abraham Batson, Rose his wife and Elizabeth his child", and others to this country on May 1, 1701, (His second arrival here) was to pay him for such transportation. Both Batson and Betson were and still are common misspellings of Bedsole. Back then, people in general, not just the Bedsoles, depended on English Scribes to do the writing. However, Scribes could only spell and write what they thought they had heard, as a name and that was further complicated by most immigrants being unable to speak English and the Scribes writing names anyway they wanted to write it and whichever way they wanted to spell it. This movement of his wife and child followed "Abrahams" earlier arrival alone, at Bath, NC on September 11, 1700. Apparently that was to first look things over before bringing them here. Their English names were bestowed upon them by Captain Barrow, and therefore, are not German names or spellings. Therefore, we will never know what their real German names were except for Betzold, and for practical purposes, its not extremely important anyway, because no one will ever research them in Germany. As you will read further on, I already tried that.

"Bessow" (pronounced as "Bess-oh" (which is what the Koreans and Chinese called me) was another attempt to spell Betzold, or Bedsole from sound only (See Bath County, NC site at: http://www.ncgenweb.us/bath/ then see Doc. 00007 PDF) Captain Barrow was apparently paid for that first trip with a separate land deed from William Glover for 200 acres. This Deed below pays for the trip in 1701, and is typed as the original was written the best it could be defined and interpreted by me, with a magnifying glass. Originally written with a pencil, it was very difficult to read and understand due to the "Olde Englishe" style of writing with all the curls and swirls and spelling and due to being three hundred and eight + years old. On this Deed, our Abraham, Elizabeth and their daughter Rose are "Batson's".

On the Ancestor And Descendant List below, you will note several Bedsoles whose last name was changed, some voluntarily, to avoid being found by others, and some unknowingly misspelled by a Scribe at the time. As for our German version of Bedsole, its spelled Betzold. There are several researchers and others who are interested, trying to look up their Bledsoe ancestors. I have looked at many with the name, but see no connection between ours and those TRUE Bledsoes, except that both Bedsole and Bledsoe originated in Prussia. If there is any relationship, it is located in Germany, Prussia, or some other country, and I really have no interest in trying to establish any relationship with the name, other than what I have set forth here, as our first German ancestors To my knowledge, no other Bedsole person related to them came here then, or before then, and that’s the way I will leave it.

Transportation Deed

I wrote this deed as it originally appeared, misspellings and all. It was very faded and difficult to read.

State Of North Carolina
To the Survey General or his Deputy. Therein are the name of his Excellency the Palatine and Lord proprietors; to will and require you to survey and lay off for Mr. William Barrow 900 acres of land which is due to him for the transportation of eighteen persons whose names are underwritten, and return this warrant...

Note: It is important to note that "Abraham Bedsole", 1673-1740, died in Virginia......Actual German first name unknown, but most likely he had the accurate surname there, of Betzold. Found first as Abraham Bessow, then as Betzold, then as; Bessow/Batson/ Bledsoe/,Betsell/Betson, et al, born most likely in the Brandenburg Province, of the Rhine River Valley of Germany (Prussia). Died about 1740 in Virginia. I also found him in Virginia as Abraham Bedsoe, and Bledsoe among other spellings and misspellings. It is apparent that he lived in Bath, NC first, then moved southward and ended up in Russell County, Va. in 1726, where he and son William, jointly owned 1,000 acres, although William apparently got there in 1719, as William Bedsoe on the land record. He almost certainly lived in NC or Va. until 1726. On Virginia land records, there is a George and an Isaac Bledsoe, who are most likely also sons of Abraham and Rose.

Elizabeth ____? Wife of Abraham above. Born in Germany about 1675 and died about 1750 in Virginia. They very likely had more than the following children but if they did, I either never found them, or could not clarify parentage of those I did find. Because "Abraham", "Rose" and "Elizabeth" are english names, its clear to me, that the english ships Captain made those names up, and named them, instead of using their German names, which may have been Heuptsk Bldkodemf, Gertrude Hoppledhvjeenr and Reipftuds Bldkodemf....Betzold. Captain Barrow likely figured that since they were moving to this English country, they may as well have english names, and no one would ever know the truth anyway.

NOTE: Other than what you see in this book, mostly Census records, I do not have documentation of any kind as to the kinships and relationships of people on this list. Several times people have contacted me to ask for “Proof that so-and-so is really who you claim they are on the list”. I tell them all the same thing. Most of the relationships are my best guess, based on many other things I have read or been told by those who should know.

The following people with the Number 1 before their names, are children of Abraham and Elizabeth:

(EXCEPTION NOTE; Unsure about this guy, if he’s actually a Bedsole or Bledsoe.
Isaac Bedsole/Bledsoe, 1730- He either moved to or was born in, Virginia. Since his last name was spelled Bledsoe, those with that surname claim Isaac as their own ancestor, today. No proof either way. But the fact that he moved with, lived with and near the Bedsoles make me believe he was a Bedsole, or this is a different Isaac altogether. He could just as easily be a true BLEDSOE. Isaac was a land surveyor, and worked as such in NC, Va., Ky., and Tennessee. He may have worked in other states too. I believe he died in Tennessee. His father was a Thomas Bledsoe, born in 1760, but unable to determine who the father of Thomas actually was. In this list, I am assuming that specific Thomas was NOT our Thomas and was a true Bledsoe, in fact. From an article on “History Of Logan County, Kentucky” regarding Isaac... "A large beech tree about three feet in diameter was standing on the banks of the Red River, near Adairville,(Ky) with many names cut on it; “James
West and Isaac Bledsoe, 3-11-1780 were two of them. This was still standing in 1859. James West was related to an Isaac Bedsole through the marriage of his father and a Bedsole woman. That Isaac was a Bedsole however, and not a Bledsoe. Isaac Bedsole did move from NC to Va., which helps convince me that HE was a true Bedsole and was not a Bledsoe.

0. Abraham Betzold (“Bessow”), 1663-1740. From Germany to Bath, NC. 9/11/1700 and again on 5/1/1701, arriving again at Bath.
   + Elizabeth ___.? 1675-1750. Maiden name not known.
   + _____?
1. Elizabeth S. Bedsole, born about 1695. Died about 1775. Came from Germany with parents, Abraham and Rose.
   + William Barry, 1690-1765, in Virginia.
   + Thomas Harding, 1709-1772, in Virginia.
   + _____? Wifes name not known.
3. Vincent Bedsole, 1740-1762. No wife or children found.
2. Elisha Bedsole/Bedsol/Bedsoll/Bedsolt and Bedsaul,1730-1804. Moved from NC to Virginia. NOTE: Elisha's last name on 4 Va. Land records was; Bedsol and Bedsoll on two, and Bedsolt on the third and fourth. Although his descendants have called themselves Bedsaul since his death in 1804, he was very clearly a Bedsole and that is a fact they staunchly deny, despite the land records proving otherwise. Its not worth the argument to me. I know the truth anyway and now so do you.
   + Mary Edwards. 1733-1895, in North Carolina. She married Elisha on 9/15/1751 at Cane Creek, NC.
   + George Martin, 1751- in Virginia.
4. Elisha Bedsole, Jr. 1753-1837, he assumed “Bedsaul” spelling, as it was spelled by a Scribe back then, in 1804. Yes, this Elisha Jr. appears to have actually been a grandson of Elisha, Sr. It was a form of respect for Amey's own father, to name a child after him. The "Jr." was adopted in the absence of a I, II III, or IV back then.
   + Wifes name not known.
   + Flower Swift
3. Elizabeth Bedsole, 1757-
   + Jesse Cox
3. Ann Bedsole, 1758-
   + Solomon Ruddick
3. Eleanor Bedsole
   + _____? Husbands name not known
   + Sarah Brown, 1755-.

NOTE: I did not try to research Elisha’s descendants, because upon his death in 1804, they assumed Bedsaul as a last name, and kept it. John above, is on the 1772 and 1782 Orange County, Va. Tax Lists with Elisha. John moved from Virginia to SC in 1790 or so. There, his last name became Betsell
then Bedsell, or vice-versa. In 1820, he applied for a pension in SC, for "war service" (Indians, or War Of 1812), which was granted.

4. Isaac Bedsole/Bledsoe, 1790-1860... NOTE; Born in Va. An Isaac Bedsole/Bledsoe, in Va. and NC also moved to SC, and acquired land there as Isaac BEDSTILL. Isaac and John his father, most likely travelled together to SC from Va. This Isaac ended up in Tennessee in 1830 as a land surveyor, and lived there initially in Haywood County, with Travis Bedsole, near Moses Bledsoe. Clearly they were all relatives. But how related is not known with absolute certainty.

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5. Isaac Bedsole/Bledsoe, 1800-1850.

4. Moses Bedsole/Bledsoe

4. Godfrey Bedsole/Bledsoe/Bedsel/Bedsell/Betsell/Bedsill.1810-1873...
  + Perthena Dorman, 1815-......m. 3/12/1833, in Ga.

4. John Turner Bedsole/Bedsell/Betsell/Betsil/Bedsill. 1825-? in Georgia. Known as "Turner Bedsole".
  + Louisa Williams, 1830-.....m. 8/24/1846 in Georgia.
  ++ Bethina_____?.

A (John) Turner Bedsole is listed on the 1870 Census for Pike County, Georgia, as Turner Bedsell, age 44, Farmer. Sarah, 21, as Housekeeper, William age 16. Godfrey age 13. Mary age 11. Cornelia age 3 and Turner (Jr.) as age 4. On the 1880 Pike County, Ga. Census, its like this; Godfrey Bedsell, Bethina wife, Jane dau., Levey son, Mary, dau., and Emma as dau. It was William Henry Bedsole who acquired BEDSELL as a last name and it just kept going from there. He moved from Va. to SC to Georgia.

3. Bartlett Bedsole, 1755. Must have died young. No further info on him.

3. Elizabeth V. Bedsole 1797-1826 born in Ga., died in Georgia.
  + George Green 1790.

4. Joseph Carter Green, 1830-

3. Rebecca Bedsole, 1770-1845. m. 1781 Franklin County, NC.
  + Theophilus H. Goodwin, 1761-1838. In 1791 they moved from NC to Edgefield District, S.C.
  4. Gilliance Goodwin, 1792-
  4. Henry Goodwin,1794-
  4. Elizabeth Goodwin,1797-
  4. Francis Goodwin, 1800-
  4. Juliana Goodwin, 1784-09/05/1848
  4. Harris Goodwin, 1788-?
  4. Charity Goodwin, 1797-1844
  4. Young G. Goodwin, 06/04/1801, SC d. 1867, Ala.

3. William Miller Bledsoe/Bedsole, 1740-1825, Va..
  + Elizabeth ____? 1730-1830
    5. William Miller Bledsoe/Bedsole, Jr. 1760-1840, Va. Went by name of "Miller Bledsoe"
      +_____?

2. George Bledsoe/Bedsole, 1730-1796 ...In Virginia. Name changed to Bledsoe on 1719 Russell County, Va. land record.
  + Elizabeth ____? Not known.

  + Catherine_____? 1730-1800. Married 1749, in NC. From "Indian Atrocities in Virginia"; Abraham
Bledsoe, who settled on the upper part of Reedy Creek in Va. in the year 1772, according to his land survey, but was certainly in the area earlier than this date, for on February 14th, 1770, he was appointed by the Court of Botetourt Co., Va. "Constable in the precinct he lived in upon Reed Creek." He later moved to Moccasin Creek of the North Fork of Holston, where he died near Moccasin Gap in the summer of 1801. His wife's name was Catherine. Three daughters; Thely, who married James Eakin, brother of Margaret who married Thomas; Hetty Bittle and Polly "Bledsoe".

3. Thely Bedsole/Bledsoe
   + James Eakin.
3. Hetty Bittle Bedsole/Bledsoe
3. Mary "Polly" Bedsole/Bledsoe
3. Abraham Bledsoe (Bedsole) (IV), 1752-1810 Captured by Indians in Va., along with his brother Thomas Bledsoe, (Bedsoe ? and my own GGG-Grandfather, born in 1750? ), but both were later released at the "Falls Of The Ohio", in Va.
   + ___?
3. John Bedsole, 1753-1812. Beaverdam, NC. On 1790 Cumberland County, NC Census. He is listed on the 1790 Census for Sampson County, NC. That John is listed as John Bedsole, Bedsoul, Bedsolt, Bedsoll and Bedsaul.
   + Sarah Brown, 1755-1815. She was kicked out of the Quaker Church for an "Illegal dalliance outside of marriage". He was in NC and Va., but died in NC. He moved back and forth between NC and Virginia. He appears on the 1790 Wake County, NC census as John Bedson and on the 1800 Buncombe, NC Census as John Bedsalt. He is on the Orange County, Va. Taxpayers Lists for 1772 and 1782, along with Elisha, both as Bedsolt. He married 6/9/1774, at Cane Creek, NC. Although John moved to Virginia, he was in NC off and on for many years, but died in NC. A "Junior Willis", who was likely a son in law, was appointed Administrator of his estate, by a court in NC in 1828. John died at age 78.

There is no doubt in my mind that William Henry Bedsole, next, was a son of Abraham and his wife from Germany, after Abraham came back to Bath NC (Read # 0. Abraham above), born 1663 in Germany and came back to Bath the second time on 5/1/1701.

1. William Henry Bedsole (Sr) 1702-, in NC. Died about 1770 in Va. Also found as Bledsoe in Va. in 1719, 1726, 1728. It appears to me he stayed in Va. until he died. But if so, his son, William Jr. below, moved to NC in 1749. William is also claimed as a true Bledsoe, from England. No proof either way, Bedsole or Bledsoe. However, I say he is a Bedsole who unknowingly took the Bledsoe Spelling in Virginia, when it was bestowed on him by a clerk at the Land Office there, in 1719.
   + Elizabeth ____, 1705-1787.
   + Elizabeth____, 1737-1815, Va.

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3. William Miller Bledsoe
   + Elizabeth Miller.
   + Mary ____, 1765-1810, Va,
   + Mary______, 1802-1888, Va.
   + ____?
2. William Henry Bedsole, (Jr.) born 1727-1830 in NC, where he lived near his son, Thomas B. Bedsole, Sr. Especially in NC.
+ Elizabeth Darty, 1730-1800

3. Thomas Bertram Bedsole, (Sr.), 1750-1833/34. (Made darker so I could find it easier). I believed for many years, he was the first Bedsole here, then I found Abraham from Germany, b.1663 above, on August 14, 2008. In “The NC Tax Lists for 1757-1767” by William L. Byrd III; Thomas Bedsole age 17, is listed as living in the household of James West in 1767. Being 17 in 1767 proves his birth year as 1750. Other researchers make the claim he was born in various years during 1757 thru 1769 in various european countries, including England, Ireland, and Austria, take your pick, all of which is totally untrue. He was actually born in Bladen County, NC. His first child Rhoda below, was born in 1770 in Beaverdam, NC when he was 20 years old. Thomas Sr. did serve in the Revolutionary War 1777-1778. Serving in a Militia blocking position he was considered as serving in that war as was most militia members, and Thomas Sr. and son Travis (Very young then. Perhaps 13-15) So more likely this Travis was his own brother, both served in the blocking positions. What Travis and others that young were doing is a mystery to me, except that perhaps they were “Water Boys” for the horses, mules and men, and did various menial chores for the Militia. He is on the 1783 census for Duplin County, NC He is also on Bladen, Johnston Edgecombe and Orange counties land deeds. So he apparently lived in NC all his life. (Remember, when a census taker arrives, he counts whoever is there at that house, at that time, even if they are only visiting). Son Thomas Jr. and family had moved to Lowndes County, Alabama in 1830. Daughter Elizabeth and family moved to Lowndes County, Alabama about 1850, and son Williams son, Amos, and family, moved to Warren County, Georgia in 1830.

+ Rebecca Jones, 1753-1820. Born 1/1749 in Cane Creek, NC. Daughter of Philip (Yes, thats Philip, not Phillip). Married Thomas Sr. in Beaverdam, NC I assume.

4. Rhoda Bedsole 1770-1856, m.1805. Lived to age 86. Married at age 16, in 1786.
+ John Parker,(III) , 2/23/1753-7/7/1838. Born and died in Bladen County, NC.. Son of John Parker, Sr. and Rachel Elizabeth Sessoms. A soldier in the Revolutionary War, he applied for a pension for that service dated April 11, 1782, at Fayetteville, NC.. After he died, Rhoda received a pension due to his service in that war. They lived in Elizabethtown, NC in 1825.

5. Cynthia Parker,
+ John Williams

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5. Easter Parker, 1788-
5. Sarah "Sally" Parker
5. Thomas R. Parker (III), 1817-1880
+ Charity Bedsole, 1808-1880
6. Caroline Parker, 1836-1900
6. William T. Parker, 1838-1902
6. Henry W. Parker, 1840-1915
6. Joseph Parker, 1845-1900
+ Charlotte Blue, 8/1851-1925
6. Susan Parker, 1847-1915
+ J.W. Carlile............m. 4/20/1867
6. Jonathan Parker, 1850-1930
6 James Mc Parker, 1852-1933
6. Gibson Parker, 1855-1945
6. Erasmus Parker, 1857-1922

5. Daniel Irvin Parker, 1790-1850
+ Sarah Wise
  6. Irvin Anderson Parker, 1839-12/29/1920
  6. Sarah Ann Parker, 10/2/1843-1/28/1923
    + David C. Allen
  6. Pherobia Emily Ann M. Parker, 2/9/1846-
    + Lynn V. Brooks
  6. Millie L.E. Parker, 1848-1928
  6. Peter Francis Mayern Parker, 4/26/1850-8/1878
  6. Martha Ann B. Parker, 1851-1920
    + Benjamin Franklin Cockeroff, 7/5/1899-310/14/1943
  6. Mary Ann J. Parker, 1851-1915
  6. Benjamin Franklin Parker, 1854-4/27/1933
  6. Florence Eugenia Parker, 1856-1928

5. Alfred Parker, 1805-1880
  + Elizabeth Chestnutt
  ++ Mary ____? 1822-
  6. John Parker, 1838
  6. Richard P. Parker, 1839-
  6. Quilly Parker, 1843-
  6. Elizabeth Parker, 1844-
  6. Jane Parker, 1846-
  6. Jesse Parker, 1848-
  6. George Washington Parker, 1851
  6. Cinthia Parker, 1853-
  6. Alfred C. Parker, 1856-
  6. Mary Parker, 1858-

5. Simon Peter Parker, 1786-1875. Moved from NC to Dale County, Ala. in 1825.
  + Nancy Hattaway, 1790-1825
  ++ Francis Hall 1798-1860........m. 1826

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6. Nancy Parker, 8/1826-9/17/1882
  + Josiah Wise, 9/25/1825-6/26/1914
    7. Mary "Mollie" Wise, 1849-1913
    7. Peter Taylor Wise, 1/12/1852-1918
    7. Dianna Savannah Wise, 10/4/1855-1922
    7. Elizabeth Wise, 1868-1930
    7. Nathan Parker
      + Martha Ellen Wise
  8. Andrew Jackson Parker, 2/3/1869-8/20/1955

6. John Jackson Parker, 07/03/1830-8/21/1865 (He was killed by his brother, (William Richard Parker,below)
  + Sarah Sophia Musgrove, 6/4/1834-10/2/1897
6. Peter Parker, 1832-1900 (Anson County, NC).
6. Nathan Aaron Parker, 8/2/1833-2/18/1923
6. William Jasper Parker, 4/5/1835-12/16/1918
6. Aaron Parker, 1836-Killed in civil war
6. James Parker, 1837- Killed in civil war
6. Mary Ann "Polly" Hall, 3/19/1821-11/22/1907
   + William Henry Farris, 12/2/1818-4/20/1893
7. James Marion Farris, 8/1/1842-1863 Killed in Civil War.
7. Sarah Farris, 3/8/1844-1935
   + William Norwood
7. Steven Jasper Farris, 7/4/1846-9/28/1916
7. Martin Van Buren Farris, 8/6/1852-6/10/1936
   + Sara Ellen King
7. Elizabeth B. Farris, 12/8/1847-11/14/1919
   + Beatrice Elizabeth Kimmey, 9/1/1862-9/13/1951
7. William Newton Farris, 3/13/1857-8/19/1925
6. Daniel Irvin Parker, 1817-1863
6. Sarah "Sally" Parker, 1819-
6. Francis "Fannie" Parker, 3/18/1812 (Francis Halls son)
   + Penelope Edwards, b. 1837.
7. Hulda Catherine Bedsole, 12/13/1839-2/14/1859
7. Lawrence Hall Bedsole, 1834-1930, Surles, Crenshaw, Alabama.
   + Sophia ____, 1830-1903, Surles and Sellers
   Alabama.
   +____?
7. Margaret Parker
7. David Parker
7. Jonathan Parker
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7. James Decatur Parker
7. Francis Parker….A man)
7. Elizabeth Parker
7. William Parker
6. George Parker
   5. Patience Parker, 1800-........m. 3/11/1820
   + Holliman Berry
4. Elizabeth Bedsole,1777-1864, Beaverdam, NC. Moved to Lowndes, then Coffee, counties in Ala. In 1850. Was then married to Stevens brother, Archibald.
   + Steven Rials,1775-? After he died, she married his older brother, Archibald.
   ++ Archibald Rials, 1769-1860. He served in the War of 1812.
   5. Thomas Rials, 1809-
      + Polly Walker, married 8/8/1815
   5. Noah Rials, 1810--
   5. Hardy Rials, 1812-
   5. David Rials, 1814-
5. Unity Rials, 1815-
   + ___ Pope, 1812-
5. Sara Rials, 1812-
5. Nancy Rials, 1816-
5. William Rials, on Orange County, NC Census, 1810. Was in Tenn.
   + Sara Speck.
5. Jacob Rials, 1819-
   + ____?
   6. John Rials, 1840-
   6. Ransom Rials, 1842-
   6. Leanna Rials, 1844-
   6. Sylvestra Rials, 1848-
5. John Rials, 1831-
   + Martha ____?
   6. John Rials, Jr.
   6. Ransom Rials
   6. Sylvestra Rials
5. Delila Rials, 1836-
5. Martha Rials, 1823-

   First marriage on 7/19/1810.
   + Benjamin Muckle, 7/19/1810, Cumberland County, NC.
   ++ Thomas Jones, 1779-1813
   +++ Thomas Smith, Jr., 1778-1830
   ++++ Samuel Humphries. Married on Dec 15, 1831, Cumberland, NC
   5. Elizabeth Smith, 1810-
      + Levi Jones, 1807-
5. Stephen Smith
   + Ann Smith
5. Thomas Smith, Jr.
5. Clarey/Clarry Smith, 1803-
   + Owen Jones, 1800-
   6. Calvin Jones
   6. Marshall Jones
   6. Isaac Jones
   6. Calvin Jones
   6. Marshall Jones
   6. Isaac Jones

5. Nancy Smith
   ++ Nusen/Newsom//Newsome Autry/Autrey, 1801-1870. On the
   1800 Cumberland County, NC Census.
   6. Jane Autry
   6. Laruth Autry
   6. Margaret Autry
   6. William Autry
   6. Sally Autry
   6. Newsom Autry
6. Nancy Autry
6. John Autry
6. Mary Autry, 1840-1935, m. 1/7/1879, Flea Hill, NC
  + William Saunders Bedsole, 1838-1908
7. Charlotte A. Bedsole, 12/1868-1940, Robeson, NC.
7. Nancy Bedsole, 1858-1920, Robeson, NC.

5. Sarah Bedsole, 1817-
  + John C. Hall, 1820-
  6. Susan Hall, 1843-
  6. Elizabeth Hall, 1844-
  6. Lucretia Hall, 1846-
  6. Isabell Hall, 1850-

  + Sara Smythe, 1780-1853.
5. Charity Bedsole, 1802-
  + Thomas Parker, 1800- (Son of Williams sister, Rhoda).
  + Martha Cox b. 1802- in Ga.
  6. Martha Ann Bedsole 1840- Georgia
  + _____?
6. Aris Bedsole, 1827- Georgia
6. Margaret Elizabeth Bedsole, 1841- Georgia.
  + _____?
6. Minerva Francis Bedsole, 1834-1900, Warren, Georgia
6. George H. Bedsole, 1830-1914, Honecutts, NC, Warrenton, Georgia. Then Alabama, then moved to Texas.
  + Elizabeth Jane Hall, 1828-1902, Sampson County, NC.
  + _____?
7. Lula A. Bedsole, 1852-1945, Honecutts, Sampson County, NC.
  + _____?
7. George B. Bedsole, 1854-1955, Honecutts, Sampson County, NC
  + Sally Ann____?, 1860-?
7. Elizabeth Jane Bedsole, 1856-1930, Honecutts, NC.
  + _____?
6. James A. Bedsole 1840- Georgia
  + _____?
  8. George Alfred Bradley, Jr.
  8. Lyde Bowen Bradley
  8. Elsie Bradley
+ Maggie Will Silas
+ Carlton Charles Maynard, Sr.
+ Rebecca Bush.
11. Mary Catherine Maynard, 1967-
+ Todd Woodward
12. Todd Woodward, II 2001-

6. Mary Bedsole 1830 Georgia
6. Sarah Bedsole 1836 Georgia

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6. Isaiah Bedsole, 1830-1862. Died in Civil War hospital in Va
+ Sarah F.____?, 1839-1906 (Marion County, Ga.)
+ _____?

Note: A sad and horrible story. Isaiah above, at age 30 went to fight in the civil war after being married a short time, leaving Sarah above, alone with their baby, and no way to live on her own. They never saw each other again. He was grievously wounded at Appomatox. He suffered day and night for over 15 months until he finally died from his wounds. His wife never remarried and at age 70, was living with her daughter Elizabeth and her husband, listed above. Isaiah's death notice; "Bedsole, Isaiah- private. August 14, 1861. Admitted to Moore Hospital General Hospital # 1, at Danville, Va. January 16, 1862, and sent to General Hospital at Orange Court House, Va. in 1862. Died in General Hospital # 2, at Lynchburg, Va. November 24, 1862. Buried there in Confederate Cemetery. Na. 4, 2d Line, Lot 100-Ford's-Crumpton's D. H".

6. Frank Bedsole, 1829-
+ Mary E. Stanley, b. 1835. m. 11/07/1858
+ Martha Jane Cook, 1854-1923........m. 9/11/1881, Warrenton, Ga.
+ Luny Rebecca Minton, b. 1888.
+ Mary Francis Lawton
10. Larry Lawton, 1952-
+ Effie Jewel King
10. James Lee Bedsole, 1930-
10. Wayne Stanley Bedsole, 1934-
10. Sandra Bedsole, b. 1936-
  + Gennett Rosser, 10/14/1923-12/15/1987, Flovilla, Georgia.
    buried Sandy Creek, Flovilla, Ga. m. 1939
11. Jason Ryan Bedsole, 1970-
11. Walter Merrell Bedsole, Married on
    + Amey Janet Sanders
      ++ Rosalinda Ortega Estrella m. 7/16/2004
12. Brittany Ann Bedsole, 1995-
10. Janet Pauline Bedsole
  + Dewey Herbert Lassiter
11. Ronald Lassiter
  + Shelley Holland

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11. Leann Lassiter
  + Donald Wayne Williams
  + Nellie Naomie Dye, 6/9/1897-8/1989, Greensboro, Ga..
9. Eldridge Naomi Dye, b. 1921-
   + Robert Albert Channell.
9. William G. Bedsole, 1923-
   + Martha ___? 1925-
    10. William G. Bedsole, Jr.-?
    10. Phillip Bedsole, 1959-
   + Cara Poole, m. 8/7/1919 in Jewel, Georgia
9. Eleanor Garrison Bedsole, 10/11/1921-
   + ____ Finch
9. Elvie Elizabeth "Betty" Bedsole, b. 7/24/1924
   +____Finch
9. John Wilson Bedsole, b. 1927-Dead, Warrenton, Georgia
   + Margaret Grace Finch, 1927-3/26/2001
10. Debra Lynn Bedsole, Dead
10. Gary Michael Bedsole, Dead
10. Kathy Bedsole
   + Fred Edwards
11. David Edwards
10. Steve Bedsole
   +_____?
10. June Bedsole
   +___ Boswell
   + Robert Leandra Cumbie
9. Bobby Cumbie
8. Mamie Bedsole, 04/1885-
8. Lucille Bedsole, 07/1895-1970, Jewells, Warren, Georgia,
6. George W. Bedsole, b. 1835-1907 m. 10/13/1870, Early County, Ga.
   + Edna Milton, 1850-1915, m.10/13/1870 Early County, Ga.
5. Daniel Bedsole, 1799-1860
5. John B. Bedsole, 01/10/1802-04/04/1882 Cumberland, NC to Old Salem Cemetery, Dale, Ala.
   He is on the 1880 Clopton, Ala. Census for Dale County and is buried there.
   + Catherine Horn, 04/16/1809-11/28/1890 Clopton, Mt. Enon Cemetery, Henry County, Ala.
   Married 1/19/1828, Cumberland County, NC.
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Henry County, Ala.
   + Harriett Averette/Averitt 07/16/1832-06/17/1907, NC and Wrights, Henry, County, Alabama.
7. David B. Bedsole, 1852-1926
   + Martha ____? (Note; Children named McKelsey, are hers but not Davids).
8. Stanley Bedsole, 10/1899-,,,Montgomery Hill, Alabama.
8. Margaret McKelsey
   +___McKelsey
8. Catherine "Kate" Bedsole
   +___?
8. James McKelsey
8. Dora McKelsey
7. Matilda Bedsole, 2/24/1867-8/6/1906....m. 7/23/1885, Wrights, in Henry County, Ala.
   + Athanasius John "Balie" Woodham, Jr.7/1851-1924
   8. Hiram "Dock" Woodham, 10/1887-1960
     +___?
   +____?
   + Abijah Reeder
7. Narcissa, or Norcissa Bedsole, 1853-1925, Wrights, Henry County,
+ ____?

+ Jesse H. Owens, 1/1870-1918 m. 1883. Son of Greenberry Owens and Mary Ann Strickland.

8. Leamon Owens, 8/30/1887-10/18/1915
+ Martha D. McCraney.

8. Mollie Owens, 1885-
+ C.H. Hodges
++ ___ Adams

8. Gussie Owens, 10/03/1889-9/20/1972
+ Joseph Allen Hicks, 8/28/1883-6/6/1966
  9. Remus Allen Hicks, 1906-1974
  9. Joseph Foster Hicks, 1910-1972
    + Melonee Hatcher, 1911-1999
  9. Marvin Casey Hicks
  9. Lehman Lee Hicks, 1916-1957
    + Addie Jewel Tally
  9. Haston Allen Hicks
  9. Thera Quinton Hicks, 1913-1977
  9. Margaret Estelle Hicks
  9. Marie Bernice Hicks
  9. Betty Delores Hicks
  9. Senors Hicks, 12/20/1907-11/13/1990
    + Avis Elaine Clark, 3/18/1913-9/29/2003, m. 1/11/1931-
    10. Jerry Merle Hicks, 1936-m. 5/6/1955
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    + Donald Randall Bailey,
    11. Mark Randall Bailey, 1962-
    10. Janice Carolyn Hicks, 1939-

+ Jesse H. Owens 1858-1918.
  8. Stephen Burl Owens, 1/1892-
  8. Mason M. Owens, 12/1898-
  8. Mathew Owens, 12/1895-
  8. Cullen Owens, 12/1903-
  8. Mary Annie Owens, 1904-
  8. Henry R. Owens, 1896-
  8. Jay Owens, 1905-
  8. Addie L. Owens, 1906-
  8. Maggie Ann Owens, 1907-
  8. Mamie Eva Owens, 1909-
    + ___ Champion
  8. Arnie Owens

7. Charles Alexander Bedsole, 1859-11/10/1915
8. Danuel Arvel Bedsole, b. 11/2/1884-1922 m. 4/4/1909 Holmes County, Fl.
   + Clifford Monroe Hix, 11/13/1880-5/20/1922
   ++ Nettie Carroll m. 1/6/1924 (no children of this marriage)
10. Ouida May Bedsole (Dead)
11. Robert Bedsole (Dead)
12. Virgle Bedsole, No dates.
13. Ronnie Bedsole, No dates.
15. Texie Mae Bedsole 5/10/1914-7/18/2003, Pensacola, FL.
   + John Benjamin Magaha, 9/5/1905-12/13/1982
10. Lana Carole Magaha, 1942-
   + Kenneth Joseph Masat, m. 1962
   (divorced 1977)
   ++ David Lynn Barnes... m. 11/9/1980, Tyler, Texas.
11. Marla Jo Masat, 1963-
12. Mark John Masat, 1965-
13. Melissa Joy Masat, 1970-
14. Glenda Ray Magaha
   + Marvin Moss (Divorced)
11. Michael Moss, 1975-
15. Linda Fay Magaha, 1946-
   + Arnold Weaver (divorced)
11. John Curtis Weaver 1971-
16. Sharon Sue Magaha, 1950-
   + Dean Kratchmer
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11. Benjamin Kratchmer, 1984-
   Kings Mountain, NC.
   + Vera Iree Ramsey, 12/21/1916-11/4/2005,
   10. Rosa Janell Bedsole, 1938-
   + John Edward Droz, (Dead)
11. Lisa Marie Droz, 1973-
12. Jerry Arvel Bedsole, 1947-
   (Single)
   Buried New Teamon Baptist Cemetery, Slocomb, Alabama.
8. Nellie Bell Bedsole, 12/1885-1970 ...m. 11/27/1904, Geneva,
Alabama.
  + James E. Blount, 1880-?
  + James Wesley Smith, m. 11/24/1907
  + Della ___?
    + Lillie K. ___ 1/12/1916-5/20/2004... Forest Lawn Cemetery, Panama City, Fla.
10. Norma Jean Bedsole
10. Angeline Bedsole
10. Wanda Bedsole
  + Lura Beatrice Horne, 1890-1965.....m. 9/17/1910 in Geneva, Ala.
  9. Bessie Claudette Bedsole, 1912-
    + Augustus Buser.
    Born in Milner Georgia and died in Texas.
    + Patsy___?
    10. Robert Pierce Bedsole, Abilene, Texas
      + Genevieve___?
    10. Susan Bedsole, Fort Worth, Texas
      + Byron Brown.
    10. Ann Bedsole, Fort Worth, Texas
      +___Hitt,
9. James Willis Bedsole, 1914-
9. Ruby Jewel Bedsole, 1916-
  + Aubrey Messing
9. Clyde Bedsole, 1920-
9. James Monroe Bedsole Jr., 1922-
9. Oradelle Bedsole, 1923-
8. J.C. Bedsole
    + Annie D. Holland, 6/20/1891-8/23/1940...m. 10/20/1907, Geneva Cem., Ala.
  + I.H. Thweatt
    9. Mickey Bedsole, 1914-
      + Della ___?
8. Anna N. Bedsole, 6/1892-1970, ....m. 11/10/1907, Geneva,
Alabama.
+ Cody Hartzog, 1890-

   Died in Escambia County, Pensacola Fla.
   Born in Alabama. Died in Florida.
   Virginia Aileen Owens, 3/12/1926- Kentucky.
   + Michael William Hollingsworth, 4/6/1952- Lake City, Fla.
   11. Emily Diane Hollingsworth, 1999- Pensacola, Fla.

+ Liamie Lou ___, b. 1897
++ Fannie Lou Seay, b. 1896, Ala.. Married, in Dothan, Alabama.
   9. Eura Bedsole, b. 1920
      + Charles William Rash, Dothan
      Cobb-Wison Cemetery, Clarke County, Ala.
+ Vircey May Miles12/24/1898-3/10/1983 Ponce DeLeon, Fla Cemetery..
   9. Ann Bedsole
      + ____Wilson
      + ____Andrews
   9. Glyndol Bedsole
      + ____Commander
8. Clara Bedsole
   + ____Sansom
8. Rosada Bedsole
   + ____Clark
8. Alice Bedsole
   + ____Lee
8. Travis Bedsole, 10/9/1830-10/28/1906, Cross Creek Cemetery # 4, Fayetteville, NC
   + ____?
9. Thomas S. Bedsole, 5/1883-1950, Cedar Creek, Cumberland,
7. Joanna "Anna" Bedsole, 1855-1907 m. 7/26/1890.
   + Jesse H. Owens 1858-1918.
   8. Stephen Burl Owens, 1/1892-
   8. Mason M. Owens, 12/1898-
   8. Mathew Owens, 12/1895-
   8. Cullen Owens, 12/1903-
   8. Mary A. Owens, 1904-
   8. Henry R. Owens, 1896-
   8. Jaye (Joanna?), 1905-
   8. Addie L. Owens, 1906-

8. Margaret "Maggie" Ann Owens, 1907-
8. Mamie Eva Owens, 1909-
   + ___ Champion
8. Annie Owens
8. Lela Bedsole, 04/1887-
8. Julia Bedsole, 05/1898-
8. Hazel Burma Bedsole, 05/17/1874-07/05/1960. Eufaula, AL.
   +___ Searcy
   ++___ Lewis
   9. Truman Lewis
   9. Donald Lewis
   9. Judy Lewis
   9. Alice Lewis
8. Connie P. Bedsole 1915-
8. Elizabeth Bedsole 1917-
   +___ Bush
   + Lelia Myrirtic Creel, 4/20/1918-9/11/1999 Georgia, Texas.
      + Shirley Ann Bedsole, 1943- Columbus, Ga.
          + Unmarried. No children.
          + April Bell/ Bedsole, 1975- Lithia Spngs, Ala.
      11. Aaron Dell Bedsole, 1984- at Lithia Spngs
          11. Robert Hugh Bedsole, Jr., 1996- At Lithia
              Springs, Ala.
      10. Donald Eugene Bedsole, 1946.-
          + Pamela Bedsole
      11. Joshua Blake Bedsole, 1987-
      11. Frankie Bedsole (Adopted)
      11. Chris Bedsole (Adopted)
7. Stephen Lee Bedsole, 01/17/1865-03/26/1934, Edwin, Alabama.
   + Bernia or Burmah, Bowden. 05/1875-
   ++ Nancy Lucinda Woodham 01/08/1852-06/07/1897. m. 1/24/1886
   +++ Zylphia Dykes b. 7/24/1859-11/17/1936 m. 11/8/1883, Turners Mill,
   + ?
8. Mary "Mollie" Bedsole
   + ?
   + ?
8. Lila Bedsole, 4/1887- ....Alabama
   + ?
      + Edith Peterson-Hafner, b. 01/08/1916- 03/30/1986
      PAGE 137
   ++ Nell P. Bedsole, 02/11/1928-08/31/2001 Lung Cancer.
10. John Lloyd Bedsole, 1938-
    + Mary Fances McFarland-McCulvey, 1936- ....m. 1959
11. Catherine Michelle Bedsole, 1959-
    + Not married, Rodrigo Hernandez.
    ++ Domingo Hernandez, Sr.
12. Hilary Frances Hernandez, ......m. 2004
    + Oceas “Oscar” Aviles
    13. Sarah Elizabeth Aviles, 2001-
    13. Sofia Maria Aviles, 2003-
12. Domingo Hernandez, Jr. 1979-
    + Jessica ___?
13. Ava Soleil Hernandez, 2008-
12. Steven Michael Bedsole, 1976-
    ++ Jennifer Leilani Howell, 1975- ....m. 2007
13. Emily Leilani Bedsole, 2008-
11. Susan Bedsole, 1962-
    + George Garber, 1958-
    12. Andrew Garber, 1988-
        + Malinda Salcido Andl,
        13. Samara Sunshine Garber
    12. Patricia Garber, 1990-
    12. Alexander Garber, 1994-
11. Paul Bedsole, 1960-
    + Susanne Serrell, 1948-
10. Mary Alice Bedsole-Carothers,1937- 
    + Jewel Boggs
    ++ Russell Carothers, 1957-
11. Debbie Boggs
    12. Christopher Bedsole
    12. Nell Ann Bedsole
11. Christopher Carothers
11. Beth Carothers
   + Helser ____?
10. Judy Ann Bedsole-Gautier, 1941-
   + Tommy Monroe Gautier, 1939-, Texas
11. Melinda Sue Gautier-Remore
   + Bobby Joe Remore
12. Jeffrey Remore
12. Phillip Remore
11. Stephen Paul Gautier
9. Faydell Bedsole, b. 08/05/1919-6/20/1985
   + John Mack Price, 8/17/1912-12/12/1965
8. James M. Bedsole 03/11/1892-07/01/1903. Edwin, Alabama, Mt. Enon Cemetery
9. Clarence Curtis Bedsole, 1/7/1920-8/6/1983
   + ____?
8. Relo Bedsole, 4/1887- 
   + ____?
9. Mollie (Mary?) Owens
9. Leamon L. Owens
8. Susan "Gussie" Owens, 10/03/1889-9/20/1972
   + Joseph Allen Hicks, 8/28/1883-6/6/1966
9. Remus Allen Hicks, 1906-1974
9. Joseph Foster Hicks, 1910-1972
   + Melonee Hatcher, 1911-1999
9. Marvin Casey Hicks
9. Lehman Lee Hicks, 1916-1957
   + Addie Jewel Tally
9. Haston Allen Hicks
9. Thera Quinton Hicks, 1913-1977
9. Margaret Estelle Hicks
9. Marie Bernice Hicks
9. Betty Delores Hicks
9. Senors Hicks, 12/20/1907-11/13/1990
   + Avis Elaine Clark, 3/18/1913-9/29/2003, m.1/11/1931-
10. Jerry Merle Hicks, b. 1936-m.5/6/1955
   + Donald Randall Bailey,
11. Mark Randall Bailey, 1962-
10. Janice Carolyn Hick, 1939-
   + Linnie Dykes-Bedsole . 11/15/1898-12/14/1974, Married 7/30/1916.
   + Earlene C. Wison, ....She was also married to Thomas Otha Wilson
10. Donald Ray Bedsole, Salisbury, NC.
10 Richard H. Bedsole, Salisbury, NC.
10. Ronald D. Bedsole, Tampa, Fla.
10. Pamela Bedsole  
   + ___ Parks, Lexington, Ky.
   + Clyde Earl Adams
9. Betty Jean Bedsole  
   + Dasinger, Living, Columbus, Ga.
   + Fannie Mae Hatfield, 6/17/1884-1990, Eufaula, Ala.  
   Daughter of William Hatfield & Irene Austin
10. Jolene Bedsole, b. 1948  
   + John ___ ?
   11. Joe ___ ?
   11. Lee ___ ?
9. Harold Lavone Bedsole, 12/18/1921-12/1979, Fayetteville, NC,  
   Eufaula, Ala.  
   + Alberta Loraine Bovee 1928 Calif -2003 Ala.
10. Barbara Lee Bedsole, 1946- ?  
   + Julian McLure
   11. Staci Jo McLure, b. 1965  
      + Alex Merchant  
      12. Joshua Alexander McLure, 1987-  
      12. Morgan Lavone McLure, 1991-  
      12. Meghan Leann McLure
   11. Michael Shane McLure, 1969-  
      + Candice Zeally 1971-  
      12. Michael Shane McLure, II, 1991-  
      12. Marissa Bryan 1995- 
10. Michael Joseph Bedsole,  
   + Cynthia Gail Foster, 1954-  
   11. Michael Joseph Bedsole, II 1977-  
      + Misty Gail Humphries, 1977-  
10. Mary Elizabeth Bedsole 1952-1954- 
10. Donald Bedsole
   + Emma Nadine Tew, 4/6/1930-5/14/1997
   + Alice ____ ?  
   11. Herchel Loyd Bedsole, II  
11. Dean Bedsole
10. Henry Carlton Bedsole, Jr. 1927-
9. Wilburn Bedsole  
   + Janella ____ ?
10. Harold Bedsole
10. Albert Bedsole  
10. Kyle Bedsole  
10. Allan Bedsole, 1982-
9. Barbara Bedsole
7. Matilda Bedsole, 1867-1930...m
   Houston County, AL
   + Allie Mae Dorriety, 3/16/1915-, Bullock County, Ala.
   11/6/1999, Houston Co, AL. m. 5/9/1931, Dothan, Ala
   + Dorothy Sue Pope, b. Geneva Co, AL. m. 11/10/1956, Geneva,
   Enterprise, Ala.
10. Timothy Keith Bedsole, Lt. Col., Army, 1957-.
    + Tammie Rene Hall, 1980
11. Timothy Keith Bedsole, Jr., 1980-
    + Janice Given
12. Jacob Daniel Bedsole, 2005-
8. Malcolm Mackelroy Bedsole, Jr. 1919-2004
   + Clara Belle Morris, 2/22/1914-8/12/2003..........m. 1939, Belle
   Glade, Fla.
9. Arlyce Ann Bedsole
   +____? Guerry. Calif.
9. Guerry Bedsole
   +____?
9. Jaye Mackey Bedsole
   +____?
9. James M. Bedsole, 1952-. Living, St. Augustine, Fla.
   +____?
7. Malcolm Mackelroy Bedsole, Sr. 1884-
   + Alice Lee Braxton, 1887-1973, m. July 12, 1907. Jackson County, Fla.
8. Malcolm Mackelroy "Mackey" Bedsole, Jr.1919-2004
   + Clara Belle Morris, 2/22/1914-8/12/2003........m. 1939, Belle
   Glade, Fla.
9. Arlyce Ann Bedsole
   +____? Guerry. Calif.
9. Guerry Bedsole
   +____?
9. Jaye Mackey Bedsole
   +____?
9. James M. Bedsole, 1952-. Living, St. Augustine, Fla.
   +____?
7. Joseph Charles Bedsole, Sr.1918-
   +____?
   +____?
7. Sara B. Bedsole
   +____Hughes
7. Ella Alice " Coot" Bedsole, 12/11/1975-
   +____Lytell
8.____ Bedsole
   +____?
8. _____ Bedsole
   +____?
   + Sarah Melissa Caroline Underwood, 1885-
8. William Harvey Bedsole, 2/24/1902-6/25/1944, Clayton, Ala.,
   Riverdale Cemetery, Columbus, Ga.
   + Hattie Marie Zorn, 8/19/1905-3/12/1962, Riverdale Cemetery, Columbus, Ga.
   + _____Smith
9. Sarah Melissa Bedsole,
   + _____Mclure
9. Jewel Gladys Bedsole, 1920-
   + _____DeMiller
   Died in Arkansas.
10. Marilyn Wanda St. John
    + Damon Doss
11. Melissa Doss
    + Samuel Graham
    12. Samuel Wade Graham
    12. Stephanie Amelia Graham
11. Rebecca Doss
11. Natalie Doss
    + Tommy green
    12. Katherine Green
    12. Madison Green
10. Linda Diane St. John
    + Thomas Golden
10. Karen Amelia St. John
    + Joseph Anders
11. Alicia Anders
    + Chad Davidson
    12. Caleb Davidson
    12. Jacob Riley Davidson
11. Heather Anders
    + Anthony Owen
10. Samuel Bluford St. John, Jr.
+ Carol Ann Stanton-Taylor St. John
11. Sarah Elizabeth St. John
  + David Anthony Morris
11. Adam Bluford St. John

10. Neil Alan St. John
  + Regina Isom, PhD.
8. Margaret Louise Bedsole, Montgomery, Ala.
  + James Smith
8. Sarah Melissa Bedsole, Arvada, Colorado
  + James McClure
8. Tump Woods, 8/20/1933-5/21/2008. m. 7/24/1953
  + Billie L. Crawford, 10/6/1934-
9. Jerry Alan Woods
  + Janet Ingram
9. Bruce Kevin
  + Michelle Stagg
8. Thomas Edward Woods
8. Jimmy Woods
8. Carolyn Janice Woods
  + Ruppert Douglas
++ Bob Gray
8. Janice Woods
8. Betty Sue Woods
  + Bobby Lamar
7. Rebecca "Becky" Bedsole
7. Catherine Elizabeth Bedsole
  + Joshua W. Collins
  Of God Church Cemetery, Slocomb, Alabama
  + Bannie L. McKnight, 4/3/1884-8/26/1963........married 12/1903,
    possibly Elba, Ala.
  La. Army, WW-II. Greenlawn Mausoleum In Hammond, Louisiana.
    Louisiana.
  + Robert Gordon Ricks
10. Michael Brandon Ricks
10. Robert William Ricks
9. George Alan Bedsole
  + Margaret Woodard...Divorced, No Children
9. Robert Lee Bedsole,
  + Kispin Patrice Caldwell.....Divorced
10. Rachel Lee Bedsole
10. Laura Elizabeth Bedsole
10. Joseph Lee Bedsole
  + Lonie Davis, 12/4/1905-8/14/2002. Both buried at AOG

+ Richard Hubert Woods, Sr.
9. James "Jimmy" Woods

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9. Edward Woods
9. Betty Sue Woods
+ Robert “Bobby” Rash
9. Janice Woods
+ Bob Gray
+ Billie ____?

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7. Francis Bedsole, 1869-
7. Joanna Bedsole, 1871-
+_____

+ Lucy Catherine Wise 4/9/1854-5/10/1933..m. 1870
+ Rebecca D ____?, 8/17/1892-3/27/1971
+ Viola ____?. 1894-1970.
+ Missouri ____?, Buried New Home Cemetery, Basin Community, Ala.
9. Janie Bedsole,
+ James Poston
10. Sarah Poston
+ ____? Phillips
10. Charles Gainey Poston

+ “Mattie” Martha Malinda Parker 1896-1960
+ Mildred Earline Smith 1913-1988
10. Hershel Floyd Bedsole 1935-
+ Elizabeth Calhoun
11. Kevin Bedsole
10. Leon Linward Bedsole, 1939-
+ Patricia Bowdin 1941-
10. Peggy Ann Bedsole, 1948-
+ Steve Calhoun Devorest, 1947-
9. Amanda Bedsole, 1917-
9. Clarence Bedsole, 7/14/1916-01/1986
9. George Vickous Bedsole, 10/1/1922-6/1974, Columbus, Georgia
   + Annie Jewell Starling, 12/23/1922- Shorterville, Ala.
10. Iowana Bedsole
10. Malinda Bedsole
   + Brenda Holder
   ++ Nikki___?
11. Brian Bedsole
   +___?
   12. Paige Bedsole
   12. Austin Bedsole
   12. Autumn Bedsole
11. Clint Bedsole
11. Allison Bedsole
   + Chris Spradlin.....Macon, Ga.
   12. Ashley Spradlin
   12. Katie Spradlin
10. Melinda Bedsole, (Jr.)
   + Gerry Kinnon. Fortson, Ga.
10. Allaine Bedsole...St. Simons, Ga.
   + Keith Ridenour
10. Iowana Bedsole
   + Kenneth Tate,........ Columbus, Georgia
10. George Rudolph Bedsole, Columbus, Ga.
   + Reka ____?
7. Minnie Lee Bedsole, 1906-1909
   + Louisa Farris, 1880-1976.
   + ______?
7. Elbert Willey Bedsole, 7/1/1883-
   + Louisa Farris
7. Jack Bedsole, 8/1886-1967
   8. Alain Bedsole, Dates not known.
   8. Onita Bedsole, Dates not known.
7. Mary Ida Bedsole, 1889-
7. Andrew Jackson Bedsole, 8/17/1886-
   + ____?
   9......They had 7 children. No info on any of them.
6. Janet Bedsole, 1832-
   + Malcom Hair, 1830-
6. Sarah Bedsole, 1834-
6. Nancy Bedsole, 1836-
6. Emeline Bedsole, 1840-
   + Bryant W.E.R. Smith
    7. Verity Smith, 1880-1959
    7. Mansfield Smith, 1872-1959
    + Evenia Donaldson
7. Oree (Orie) Bedsole, Female.1879-1960, Richards, Barbour County ,Alabama.
   + Jessie Harrison Owens
    + ____?
8. Myra B. Bedsole
   + ____Thomas
   + Betty Deane Mason
    + ____?
    + Jamie ____?. Live Hastings, Iowa.
9. Patricia B. Bedsole, 1955-
   + Michael Hagan
9. Sharon Bedsole, 1957-
   + David Whiteside, ____ Hubert, NC.
   + ____Carpenter--Divorced.
10. Jeffrey Carpenter
    + Kathy ____?
10. Gregory Carpenter
   + Veronica___?
10 Pamela Carpenter
   + John McElvane

7. Clarence Americus Bedsole, 1869- (last name sometimes BLEDSEOE).
   + Amanda Crumpton m. 1/26/1886 in Ga.
   ++ Erin Culpepper, 1/27/1877-1948 in Orlando...m. 11/29/1900, Henry
   County, Ala..
8. Lillie M. Bedsole, 1898-1973
8. L.V. Bedsole, 1904-1975
   + Mae Harrison, 1910-9/10/1942, Linden, Providence, Alabama.
8. Roswell Burns Bedsole, 1/13/1887-1/15/1931, Friendship
   Cem., Malone, Fla.
   + Josephine "Josie" Ophelia Culbreath, 11/08/1892-
   ++ Kitty Clyde Tolar.
   + Mary Elizabeth Spurlock, 12/14/1916-10/26/1994
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10. Roswell Burns Bedsole, II
   + Sandra Jean Goff
11. Carole Lynne Bedsole
11. Laura Ann Bedsole, Rev., Dr. Of Divinity.
   + Reuben Jesus Briones, 1987-
   ++ Adam Lloyd Larmore
12. Brandi Elizabeth Larmore, 1992-
12. Brandon Lloyd Larmore, 1994-
10. Howard Baker Bedsole, Jr, 7/14/1944-
   9/11/2008, Atlanta, Georgia and Bartow, Fla. Teacher.
   + Gail L. ____?
11. Charles Bedsole
   + Charles Hinchman
11. Cynthia Fetterhoff-Kennedy, Lakeland,
   Fla.
   + ____ Fetterhoff
   ++ ____ Kennedy
11. Shaun Bedsole, Lakeland, Fla.
11. Dillon Bedsole
11. Hunter Bedsole
10. Jeanette Bedsole
   + ____? Kieffer, St. Augustine, Fla.
10. Bernard Bedsole, Columbus, Ga.
10. John Clarence Bedsole, Jr., 1/12/1944-
11. Elizabeth Marie Bedsole, 1969-
11. John Clarence Bedsole, III, 1972-
+ Stephanie McWhorter.
10. Patricia Ann Bedsole, 1936-...........m.
12/26/1965.
+ Pauline Jordan Mathis, m. 12/26/1965
11. Jackie Mathis
11. Johnnie Mathis
10. Jacquelyn Bedsole, 1938-
+ _____ Welburn
+ Ethel Brelett, 10/24/1912-6/1985,
9. Frankie D. Bedsole
10. Christine Bedsole
+ William L. Benner
11. Speedy Benner
11. Nyma Benner
11. Tina Benner
11. Byron Benner
10. Josie R. Bedsole
9. Essie May Bedsole
+ J.J. Maddox

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9. Esther May Bedsole
+ Sandlin Ingram
10. Samuel Allen Ingram
10. Billy Ray Ingram
10. Nyaka Ingram
10. Josetta Ingram
10. Eddie Ingram

9. Chester A, Bedsole, 1907-
8. George Bedsole, 1877-1943
+ Baney____? 1875-1925
9. Wilma Bedsole, Son, , -
9. Blanche Bedsole, 1902-
9. George Bedsole, Jr., 1910-
8. Martin Bedsole, 1899-1983
10. Catherine Michelle Bedsole, 1959- +___?
11. Steven Michael Bedsole, 1976- + Jennifer Leilani Howell, 1977-
12. Emily Leilani Bedsole, 2008-
10. Susan Bedsole +___?
10. Paul Bedsole +___?
9. Willie Wynell Bedsole, 1933- No DoD.
   + Everett M. Tribble, 1924-No Dod. Macon, Ga.
   ++ Virgil M. Dunn, m. 1963. died in 1978.
   10. Angelia Marie Bedsole, 1959- No Dod.
      + Horace Lamar Scroggs, m. 1956
      ++ ____ Tribble, m. 1953.. Divorced.
      +++ ____ Wilson
   11. Solomon Lamar Scroggs, 1983-No DoD.
   11. Jessica Marie Scroggs, 1980- No DoD.
      + Tommy Hunt, b. 1980-
9. Infant Bedsole..No name...11/13/1913-12/13/1913.
8. Rosebud Bedsole, 1893-1961
8. James “Jimmie” Bedsole, 1893-1947
   + Annie ___? 1896-, b. in Ga.
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   + Willena Herndon.
9. Florence Bedsole, 1929-
   + Charlotte ___?
9. Geraldine Bedsole, 1921-
9. Annie M. Bedsole, 1923-
   + Grace M. ___? 2/4/1922-03/04/2004
   + Mary Elizabeth Jones, 1928-
   +___?
   +___?
11. Bonnie Bedsole
   +___Moore
   +___Paul
11. Shayne Bedsole
   +___Jones
11. Anthony Don Bedsole
   +___?
12. Blake Bedsole
12. Brooke Bedsole
12. Clair Bedsole
11. Cameron Bedsole
   +___?
12. Drew Bedsole
12. Gabi Bedsole
12. Chloe Bedsole

   + Dan Beasley, 1868-1946, Richards, Alabama.
   +___?
7. Mary Anna Bedsole, 9/16/1873-1934, Newton Cemetery, Newton, Ala.
   + John Gardner............Maysville, Arkansas.
   + Ada Emma Morrison, 5/1878-1908, Starr Hill, Alabama....m. 1899.
   ++ Ada Benton, 1877-1961, Alabama
   + Marcus Standifer.
   + Bonnie Quattlebaum
   + William Gresham, 1/25/1918-2/7/1974
   + Ronald Lamar Trammel
10. Rhonda Trammel
   +___ Pate
10. Tina Trammel
   + Jerry Patterson
9. Betty Bedsole, 4/22/1928-
   ++ Alvin Pruett, 4/6/1922-10/16/1947
10. ___Pruett
10. ___Pruett
10. ___Pruett

9. James Franklin Bedsole, 1930-
   + Betty Jean Sawyer, 1933-
10. Andrew Bedsole
10. Amy Bedsole
9. Joanne Bedsole, 1932-
   + William Malone King, 1927-
10. Eva King
10. Jane King
10. Thomas King
10. Billy King
10. Eric King.
9. Jacquelyn Bedsole, 1937-
9. Martha Bedsole, 1934-
   + James Acree,
   ++ Earl McIntyre, 1910-1997
10. Bonnie Acree
10. Roger Acree
   + Grady Quattlebaum, 1900-1973
9. Leonard Quattlebaum
   +___?
   + Jane Kertz, 1910-
   ++ Betty Jean Croly Littlejohn, 1926-
9. Susan Clark Bedsole, 1934-. 
8. Willie Bedsole, 10/5/1894-12/18/1969
   + ____?
8. Thomas Franklin Bedsole, 5/15/1900-11/29/1973
9. Adeane Bedsole 1923 -
   + Ronnie Lamar Trammell
10. Tina Trammell
   + Jerry Patterson, Lakewood, Colorado
10. Pamela Trammell, Lake Seminole, Georgia.
   + ____?

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11. Russel Lamar Trammell
   + ____Pate
9. Betty Bedsole, 1928-
   + James William Adcock, 1920-
   + Betty Jean Sawyer
   + William M. King
   + Clint E. McEntyre
   10. Twins. Names not known
   10. Clint E. McIntyre, Jr.
9. Jacqueline Bedsole, 1936-
   10. Mark Grantham
   10. Jeffrey Grantham
   + ____Kertz
   9. One known child.
   + Jeanette Standifer, 1912-
   ++ Hilda Alice Brackin
   9. Robert Michael Bedsole
   9. Joseph E. Bedsole
   9. Marjean Bedsole
8. Mary Evelyn Bedsole, 10/2/1922-12/1/1993
   + Charles Sauls
   9. Jerry Sauls
9. Eugene Sauls
9. David Sauls
9. Earl Sauls
9. Daniel Sauls
9. Patsy Sauls
9. Becky Sauls
9. Dianne Sauls
9. Douglas Sauls
9. Franklin Sauls

8. Luther Franklin Bedsole, 1874-1961, Newton Cemetery, Newton, Ala.

   + Mark C. Snead, 6/24/1855-1/16/1919, Ala.
   8. Katie Bell Snead, 12/9/1897-12/14/1918.
      + Thomas Harrison Bond, Sr.
      + Annie Bell Bryan

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8. Mark Calvin Snead, Jr.5/13/1900-3/14/1963
   + Clyde Cope
   + Coy Thelma Benefield
8. Julia Elizabeth Snead 1/28/1902-.12/14/1960
   + Thomas Harrison Bond, Sr.
   + _____?
8. Bessie Lee Snead, 5/2/1905-12/31/1918
   + __________?
   + Jewel Margaret Hamilton
   + _____?
   + Anthony Ambrose Moore
8. Elsie Snead, b. 5/29/1917 9/7/2000
   + Woodrow Wilson Gilchrist
8. Roscoe Snead, 10/1886-12/28/1902
   + __________?
8. Mary Amanda Snead, 4/1/1888 d. 11/19/1969
   + __________?
8. Emma Bennett Snead, 12/9/1889-5/22/1979
   + __________?

7. Ollie Bedsole, 9/30/1894--4/1986, Fayetteville, NC
   + Louise Ballentine, 1881-
7. Zayda Bedsole, 1892-
   + Mary C. _____?
8. Junious Bedsole, 1884-
   + Mamie Arstrong
9. Marie Bedsole, 1909-
   + ____?
9. Flora Bedsole, 1910-
   + ____?
   + ____?
9. Preulia Bedsole, 1914-
   + ____?
9. Dorothy Bedsole, 1917-
   + ____?
   + O.Z. Bledsoe, Jr. m. 1944 in Ala.
10. Lynette Marie Bledsoe
   + ____? Miller
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8. Pearl Bedsole
7. Sadie Bedsole
   + Junious Kennedy, Sr.
8. Junious Kennedy, Jr.
   + Marie Armstrong
9. Ouida Guynell Kennedy

   Married at brides house 12/3/1868
   + George Wiley Hartzog, Sr. 1847---?
   + George Austin Zorn, 8/2/1877-11/29/1953
7. Ella Lenora Hartzog 03/04/1874-02/23/1917 Barbour County, Ala.
7. Yancey Hartzog 08/30/1886-05/09/1914
7. Willie H. Hartzog 10/04/1870-10/20/1871
7. Ida A. Hartzog 02/22/1876-05/09/1914
7. Ada Ann Hartzog 12/14/1877-01/24/1958
7. Darrell Reuben Hartzog 03/19/1882-12/29/1932
7. Simon Timothy Hartzog 07/04/1883-11/11/1946
7. Jessie Hartzog (Boy, twin of Bessie)01/21/1892-
   03/23/1892
7. Bessie Hartzog (Girl, twin of Jessie)1/21/1892
5. Owen Bedsole,1796-1856...Cumberland County, NC
   + Sarah Hair..........m. 7/14/1832, Cumberland County, NC
   ++ Mary Bullard 1816-1869
6. Alexander Bedsole, 6/24/1846-5/6/1913 Beaverdam, Cumberland County, NC
+ Jenette Lucas 9/8/1842-8/10/1918, Beaverdam, NC.
7. Coror E. Bedsole, 8/1885-........Beaverdam, NC.
   +____?
   + Laura A. Carter, 11/26/1872-5/10/1929
8. Charles Lee Bedsole,7/21/1892-6/15/1965, Cleveland Cemetery,
   Lena, Louisiana
   + Bonney Bell Carter, b. 1894. m. 7/26/1914
9. Alton Bedsole,
9. Vivian Bedsole
   + Travis__?
8. Hattie Mathilde Bedsole, 7/1894-6/18/1961,
   in NJ
   + Harry S. Clark,
   9. Alger Thomas Clark
   9. Hattie Clark
   9. Laura Clark
   9. Ella Clark
   9. Ida Clark

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   + Eula "Lula" Grooms 3/22/1900-9/1991 m. 7/15/1916
9. James Thetus Bedsole, Sr. 1919-10/31/2002,
   Chesapeake, Va.
   + Annie Ruth Cashwell, 10/19/1921-1/11/2008 died in
   Chesapeake, Va. Woodlands Park. Bank Clerk
   ++ Linda___?
   +++ Janis Marie Harvey, 1947-?
    + Karen R. Pendergrast 1946-
    ++ Jan____?
        + Kimberly Sue Fleck, 1964-
        ++ Jan ___?
        12. Justin John Bedsole, 1987-
        12. Channing Nicole Bedsole, 1994-
        11. Allison Ruth Bedsole,1971-
10. Sylvia Ann Bedsole,1943-
   + Wilbur Lee Bryant, Jr. 1944-
   ++ Joe Peele
11. Stacy Lynn Bryant.1967-
   + Teresa G. Duval1962-
11. Leeann Michelle Bryant 1970-
10. Edward Lee Bedsole 1947-? Falls Church, Chesapeake, Va.
10. Robert Darden Bedsole 1950-..Southern Shores, NC.
   + Eileen Carol Burns1953-
11. Julia Christine Bedsole 1990-
11. Tara Diana Bedsole 1995-
   + Lionel Serating
   ++ Mr__Perkins
   10. Pee Wee Perkins
   10. Gene Perkins
   10. Alexis Ann Serating
   + Eula Mae Hall, 6/28/1906-2/7/1989, in Chesapeake, Va..
9. Laura Mae Bedsole, 1946-1990, In Virginia
   + William Early, 1944- Restaurant Manager, Funeral Home
     Owner. Virginia.
   10. Quinn Early
   10. Beth Early
   10. Thomas Early, Jr.
8. Belva Thetus Bedsole, 8/19/1904 NC-9/10/1957 NJ
8. Charles L. Bedsole, 4/9//1885-7/3/1913, NC and Cleveland Cemetery,
   Rapides Parish, La. “Charlie”.
   + Bonnie Belle Carter,1893- ...... m.7/26/1914, NC and La.
   + ___?
7. Vestiny Elizabeth Bedsole, 9/1882- 9/1919, Beaverdam, Cumberland County,NC.
   + D.W. Thomas
7. Mattie P. Bedsole, 7/22/1874-1/13/1952..m. 7/8/1900, Beaverdam, NC.
   + Albert A. Cashwell, b. 7/8/1877-3/14/1952
8. Mina Victoria Cashwell, b.6/25/1901-11/19/1979
   + Robert Guiton
   ++ Joseph Albert Wiggins, Sr. 6/4/1888-4/15/1965 ......m. 2/16/1919
   + Evelyn Elizabeth Teague, b. 1/31/1922-?
     Married on 10/15/1939
10. Victoria Jean Wiggins, 1940-
    + William Thomas Herring,1937-
11. Vicky Herring
    + ____?
      Married on 12/19/1963
    ++ Judy Ann Boatwright,1950-
      Married 2/12/1974
    +++ Janet Garland Lyon,1950-
    ++++ Cathy Kay Jackson, 1950-
      Married on 11/5/1988-
10. Robert Neil Wiggins,1952-
    + Patricia Louise Dixon,1953-
Married on 10/15/1972
   + Lillian Strickland, 1/4/1926-2/20/1993
      + Margo ____?
8. Cora Mae Cashwell, 10/14/1902-
   + Homer Montague Cooper, Sr.
   ++ Jimmy Adcox
         + Aner Hendrix, 3/11/1921-7/21/1985
         10. Doris Cooper
         10. Thomas Edwin Cooper, Jr.
   9. Homer Montague Cooper, Jr. 1921-
   9. Robert Oliver Cooper, 1924-
8. Docia M. Cashwell, b. 1906
8. Jennie Cashwell, 8/29/1905-12/27/1911
7. Farley Bridgefort Bedsole, 4/24/1877-10/11/1949...m. 12/28/1901. Crosscreek Cem. # 3, Fayetteville, NC. Married 12/28/1901, Cross Creek, NC.
   + Mary Elizabeth Starling, 6/29/1874-10/27/1956...m. 12/28/1901, Cross Creek Cemetery # 4, Fayetteville, NC
   8. Thelma Bedsole, 11/4/1903-12/1/1974, Cross Creek Cem.4, Cumberland, NC,
      + James Gibson, 1900- ...............m.12/22/1921, Cumberland, NC.
5. Gordon Nash Bedsole 12/10/1878-11/24/1966, Beaverdam, Fayetteville, NC.
   + Berta Starling, 7/4/1887-4/3/1960...... m.3/8/1907 at Learces Mill, NC
      + Annie Oneeta Deaver, 3/24/1912- ?
   + Cleo Faircloth, 1913-1989, Lafayette Memorial Park.
      + Elsie H. Bedsole, 5/23/1917-10/22/1984, Fayetteville, NC
      10. Gene Corey Bedsole
      10. Larry Gordon Bedsole
      + Amy___. ?, 1963-
10. Stanley Bedsole
10. Sena Bedsole
   + Steven Faught.....Owensboro, Ky.
9. Vicky (Victoria?) Bedsole, No date
9. Ruth Bedsole, 1908-
   + ___ Radziwill
8. Stacy Bedsole, (Male)
8. ____? Bedsole, Female
   + Carl Rudsill.
7. Mary M. Bedsole, 8/7/1886-8/9/1918, Beaverdam, NC.
   + Leslie Faircloth
6. Sarah J. Bedsole, Died in Chattahootchee, Fla. Insane Asylum, on 10/26/1927
   + Unknown.
    7. Charlotte A. Bedsole, 1868-
    7. Lillie A. Bedsole, 8/1883-1958, Robeson, NC.
6. Matilda Bedsole, 1849-1935, Fayetteville, White Oak, Bladen, NC
   + J.F. Mackatina
    7. Lee Mackatina, 1867-1930, NC
    7. Alonzo Mackatina, 11/6/1888- 12/1967, Fayetteville, White Oak, Bladen,
Cumberland, NC
6. George Bedsole/Bledsoe, (went by "Bledsoe") 2/9/1847-5/15/1925, Honeycutts,
Sampson, NC.
   + Eliza Jane Hall, 9/1/1842-3/9/1917
    7. S.J. Bedsole, 1858-
    7. Eli J. Bedsole, 1861-
    7. Mary E. Bedsole, 4/20/1870-8/17/1946
    7. Lula A. Bedsole, 4/22/1872-3/17/1949, Housewife, Honeycutts, Sampson,
NC
   + ____?.
7. B. Bedsole, 1873-1850

7. Charlotte Bedsole, 1875-1950
7. Charles Bedsole, 1860-1930
6. Sarah "Sallie" J. Bedsole, 1850-
6. Ellen S. Bedsole, 1855-1933 ...m. 10/27/1874, Cedar Creek, NC
   + Gipson L. Parker, 1855-1920
6. Nancy Bedsole, 1832-
   +______?
5. Daniel Maxwell Bedsole, 1808-..... NC
   + Margaret Fisher 1819-
6. William Saunders Bedsole, 1839-
   + Charity Lee Culbreath, 2/11/1845-2/26/1928. Rosboro, NC.
    7. Virginia Lee Bedsole, 1866-1930, Little Cohairie, Sampson, NC
       + Nathan Love Bullard. 10/20/1865-2/16/1905
    8. Margie M. Bullard, 1889-
    8. Lubin Fletcher Bullard, 6/26/1892-10/6/1976.......m. 9/16/1910
       + Annie Laura Reeves,
    8. Nathan Blackman Bullard, 4/19/1897-1/9/1960
    8. Cass Lee Bullard, 10/1/1899-7/1/1935.....m. 10/10/1020
       + Irene Collins, 1902-1978
7. Emma Jane Bedsole,10/13/1869-3/10/1954,
+ William E. Hall, Roseboro Cemetery, NC
8. Living Hall, __?
   + Coy Lockamy, __?
7. John W. Bedsole, 1871-1958.....m. 10/15/1896, Little Coharie, NC.
   + Cora Etta Hall, 11/15/1873-11/1/1927
8. Earnest Lester Bedsole, 1897-1965, Cross Creek Cemetery, # 4
   Fayetteville, NC.
   + ___Parker, 1900-
   ++ Ruby Marie Villa, 10/18/1904-3/15/1983, Cross Creek Cemetery
   # 4, Fayetteville, NC.
7. Minnie Bedsole, 1878-1950, Little Coharie, Sampson, NC.-
   + N.C. Smith, 1897-6/1972
8. . ____Smith, Sr. 1920-
    + ____Cline, 1917
9. ____Smith, Jr.
    + ______?
8. ___Bedsole, ___?
    + ___Parker
8. William Dewey Bedsole 3/16/1900-5/12/1949 (They only had
   one Wm. But which one? I guessed William Dewey.).
    + ___Bishop
    Mount Auburn Memorial Park, Berwyn, Illinois.
    + Hester Whitfield, Outlaw Cemetery, in Duplin County, NC
8. Bertha Bedsole
   +____?
   ++ ___Edwards

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9. Coretta D. Bedsole, 1960-
   + George Johnson, 1953-
8. Eva Mae Bedsole
   + Edmond Norment Parker
9. John Charles Parker
   + Sharron Isom
   10. Armen Delano Parker
   10. Shannon Lee Parker (F)
   10. Jackson Charles Parker
   10. Darrick Edmond Parker
9. William Parker
9. Norman Parker
9. Ronald Parker
8. Eva Mae Bedsole
7. Virginia Lee Bedsole, 4/30/1866-1/15/1943
   + Nathan Love Bullard, 10/20/1865-2/16/1905
     Roseboro Cemetery, NC.
8. Lubin Fletcher Bullard, Sr. 6/27/1892-10/6/1976
   + Abner M. Sessoms, 1870-1938
8. Minnie Bell Sessoms, 1899-1978..........m. 5/19/1921, Sampson County, NC
   + Vance Rich
9. Ada Rich
8. Juanita Sessoms, 1892-1946 m. 12/19/1919
   + Albert Hall, 1890-1953
8. Mossett Sessoms, Sr. 10/28/18992/1/1962.......m. 11/1/1919-
   + Pearl Hall, 10/25/1896- ?
9. Mossett Sessoms, Jr. 1969-
   + Patsy White
9. Doris Sessoms, 1957-
   + Nat Stephens
8. Arbena Sessoms, m. 3/4/1935
   + Theodore Byrd
9. Wade Byrd
9. Patricia Byrd
7. Minnie Bedsole, 1877-
6. John Bedsole, 1842-1862
6. Nancy Bedsole, 1844-
6. Penny Bedsole, 1847-
   + Lucretia Hales, 1829-1905, Bladen, NC.
6. Martha Bedsole, 1847-
6. James Calvin "Calton" Bedsole/Bledsoe, 1/14/1844-12/13/1930, Flea Hill, Cumberland, NC. (James Calvin called himself "Calton" and Changed his last name to Bledsoe on purpose, when discharged from Civil War because, "They all call me that anyway" (They call me that too). His first name of Calton is misspelled as CARLTON on their marriage record. Neither Calton or Bledsoe, was his real name.
   + Francine V. "Fannie" Jackson, 1857 .....m. 5/22/1865, Married in Cumberland, NC.
7. Tishia Bledsoe, 8/7/1866-8/28/1934
   + J.C. Strickland
   + Alice Suggs, 1870-
8. Hubert Clifford Bledsoe, 1/14/1903-5/6/1985
   + Lula Pearl Hall, 9/5/1902-11/14/1964......m 5/22/1922
9. David Warn Bledsoe, Raleigh, NC, 1923-
   + Edith Gray Stalls, 1933-1949
   ++ Elizabeth Whitehead, 9/21/1929-3/10/1984....m. 6/5/1965
9. Hubert Battle Bledsoe
   + Mildred Elizabeth Ellis,1947-
9. Chester Hoover Bledsoe, 1925-
8. William Herman Bledsoe, 12/22/1893-10/7/1981
m 3/10/1917
+ M.G. Godwin,1892-
  9. Marvin Newton Godwin
  9. Mildred Lee Edna Godwin
  + Ruby Alba Mooney, .....m. 1/13/1933
  ++ Myrtle Ellis, 11/11/1897-2/1/1932.........m. 11/13/1915
  9. Maynard Tony Bledsoe, PhD. Raleigh, NC.
  9. They had 6 children. First names unknown.
  + Champion
  9. They had 6 children, Names not known,
7. John M. Bledsoe,1869-1938
7. Elizabeth M. Bledsoe, 5/1874-1940, Flea Hill, Cumberland, NC.
7. Georgia Anna Bledsoe, 10/16/1876-1946
6. Lucy Annie Bedsole, 8/22/1844-1916
  +John William Goins, 1842-1915
  
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7. Mary Jane Goins, 1867-1940
  + John Wesley Morrison, 3/1/860-1928
  +Goins
7. William Henry Goins, 5/1869-1945
  + Viola Jackson
  + Sarah Elizabeth Gardner
7. Ann N. Goins, 1873-1940
7. Andrew Euler Goins, 11/12/1874-1950
  + Selena, or Salina, Blackwell
7. Daniel Franklin Goins, 2/20/1876-1952
  + Loura Elsey
  + Neoma Alvida Blair, 4/19/1875-2/10/1971
7. Dolly Elizabeth Goins, 4/29/1885-1947
   + William Mason,
  8. Edna Mae Mason, 12/7/1904-7/13/1978
    + Louis Andrew Willard, 12/12/1884-8/26/1962
     9. Melvin Emery Willard, 8/19/1921-8/22/1921...Newborn
     9. Edgar Lee Willard, 5/10/1925-
       + Margaret Ackard, 1928-
  8. Annie Lee Mason, 1906-
    9. Velda Willard, 1923-
    9. Ethel Willard, 1927-
    9. Betty Willard, 1928-
    9. Dorothy Willard, 1925-
   + Samuel Daniel McGahey
   ++ Wesley Shaffer
    + ____Goins
      ++ James Riley Lankford, 1880-1935
  7. Ross Goins, 1889-1965
  7. Malinda Goins, 1890-1968
  6. Clary/Clarry Bedsole, 1847-1918
  6. Sarah M. Bedsole, 1849-1927
  6. Simon Bedsole/"Bledsoe", 9/16/1858-1918, Raeford, NC.
    + Martha A. Kimble, 1858-
     7. Bunian Bedsole, 7/1875-4/1952
      + Maggie B. Spivey
     8. John William Bedsole
     7. Drucilla Bedsole, 1878-1960, Little River, Cumberland, NC.
      + T.V. Rigsbee, 1870-1950
  8. James Rigsbee
  8. Thomas Rigsbee
  8. Clara Rigsbee
  8. Dewey Rigsbee
  7. William Andrew Bedsole, 8/1/1879-2/6/1943, Cem. 4, Cross Creek,Cumberland,NC.
   + Emmie Nine Younge, 10/27/1889-3/23/1965, Cross Creek 4 Cem.,Cumberland, NC.
  8. William Mathew Bedsole, 1912-
    + Ruby Green
    + ____Hockaday
    + James Scott, 1/27/1913-4/2/1971, Cross Creek Cem. 4, Cumberland, NC
8. Junious G. Bedsole, 6/30/1911-3/7/1921

+ Bessie Alice Lunsford

8. George Wayne Bedsole

+ Hattie Boulton, 1926-12/18/1976 Texarkana, Arkansas.

East Memorial Gardens Cemetery.


6. Mary M. Bedsole, 5/1857-1920, ...m 23/25/1879, Grays Creek, Cumberland, NC.
+ William H. Averitt, 1853-1908

6. Frank Bedsole, 1863-1938

6. Ellen M. Bedsole, 1864-1945

6. Adeline Bedsole, 5/20/1866-4/13/1946, Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC.
+ William Jackson

7. Mollie Victoria Jackson

6. Duncan Bedsole, 1841-1910
+ Sarah Hair, 1845-1915

Below are JD’s GG-Grandparents.

*****4. Thomas Bertram Bedsole, Jr. 1785-1868. (JD’s GG-Grandpa, NC) Died Butler County, Ala. He was apparently a drunk and was mean to Charlotte and their children too. She took their last and youngest child with her (Travis Bertram Bedsole, b.1832) and left Thomas in 1850 in Butler County, Greenville, Ala., and never went back, although she lived another 42 years. Thomas, Jr. with brother, Travis, was in the War of 1812, in NC. In 1830, he and son Henry, with families, were in both Lowndes, Coffee and Montgomery Counties, Alabama. The earliest I have found any of his group in Ala. was about 1825 when Henry and brother Sessoms made an initial scouting trip to Ala. from NC. Thomas Jr’s initial movements after he moved to Alabama in 1830, were from Montgomery County, to Lowndes and Crenshaw Counties, then 1834 Crenshaw County, 1837 Dale County, 1841 Coffee County, 1841-1858 Houston County, 1859 Coffee County, 1850 Butler County. He apparently died about 1865-68 in Butler County, (Greenville) Alabama, alone.

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In 1850 she was living alone in Old Town, near Kinston, Ala. Also 1850 near sons Sessoms and Edward, near Mossy Head, Fla., then with family of son Sessoms at Old Town, Alabama, she lived with Sessoms family the whole period 1850 through 1882. In 1882 Sessoms’ family moved to Mossy Head, Florida, near his brother Edward. Sessoms was in jail from 1860 to 1880 for "Rustling". I found a Land Deed for her grandfather English in the 1746-50, Dobbs County, NC Index: "English, Thomas to Eason, Thomas" in Book # 257. No marriage record for Thomas Jr. and Charlotte because back then, all any couple had to do was say their "Banns" (I do) three times in church, and they were married. They were in Crenshaw County, Ala. in 1830, Lowndes County in 1833, Houston County in 1837, Butler County, Greenville, Ala. In 1850, at which time Charlotte left him. When Sessoms got out of the slammer in 1880, she then moved to her daughter Hannah’s house, in Santa Rosa County (Holt) Fla. She died in 1892, near Holt, Fla.

5. Hannah Francis "Fannie" Bedsole 5/1825 NC-1901. Holt, Fla..... m .in Ala.1843.
John Johnson, 1820-1898 NC. Lowndes County, Ala., Holt, Fla. “Log Dragger”. He drug Logs from the woods to the saw mill, with two mules. A very hot, physically demanding type of labor.

Notes on Hannah:
Census for 1850 Rocky Mount, Lowndes County, Alabama (Age 25 yrs). Census: 1860 Name shown as Francis Simmons. In the Census for 1860 Hannah’s Surname spelled as Sammons. Census: 1860 Township Not Stated, Walton County, Florida, Hannah is 36….Census: Santa Rosa County, Fla. In 1900, at age 75, Hannah is shown in the home of her own daughter, Laurena Simmons/Johnson below with Laurenas husband and 9 children. Census for 1900 also shows Hannah had given birth to 9 children, 6 still living. Living with her daughters family, meant a tiny, two room log house with 12 people living in it. That was a hard life. But back then, there was no place else to go and no money to go with, so when the husband died, the wives and sometimes small children had no choice but to move in with one of her relatives.

6. Winnie E. Simmons, 1843-AL
   +____?
6. John Jasper Simmons, 1846-
6. John J. Simmons 1845-
6. Charlotte C. Simmons 1849- AL
6. Catherine Louisa Simmons 1850-AL
6. Jeremiah "Boggy" Simmons 1852- AL
6. Seva Mariah Simmons 1854- AL
6. Sarah Elizabeth Simmons 1856-
   + Andrew Jackson Brown,
     7. George Washington Brown, 1875-
     7. Thomas Jasper Brown, 1876-
     7. Levi Brown, 1876-
     7. William Andrew Brown, 6/11/1881-
     7. Frances Louise Brown, 1884-
     7. James Marion Brown, 1890-
     7. Arminda Brown, 1888-
     7. Cora Lee Brown, 4/10/1890-
        +__ Nichols
        ++__ Beard.
     8. Ella V. Nichols
8. Nancy Jane Brown, 6/23/1895-
   + Hazel L. Lancaster, 8/16/1919-3/1991
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9. ____?
   +___ Ellis
8. Virginia Mayo, 1913-
6. Laurena "Eugenia Simmons 1/1862- FL...m. 12/27/1884 (Holmes and Santa Rosa Counties, Fla.).
   7. Margaret "Margie" Johnson, 5/1883-
   7. Mary Johnson, 2/1885-
   7. William Johnson, 1/1886-
   7. Lori Leola Johnson, 3/1888-1966..m. 10/27/1884, Defuniak
Sprgs, Fla..
+ William Thomas King, 10/27/1884-6/27/1943.
  + Jessie E. Flowers, 6/15/1903-9/15/1975
9. Patricia Fay Flowers, 11/1/1942-
   + Dale William Schindler, 1938-
10. Sherrell Lynn "Sherry" Schindler
    + Howard Dean Bloodsworth
11. Jessica Nicole Bloodsworth
11. Joshua Dean Bloodsworth
10 Randall Lee Schindler

   + Lavada Johnson,
7. Addie Johnson, 5/1892-
7. Francis "Fannie" Johnson, 4/1894-
7. Thomas Johnson, 1/1895-
7. Winnie E. Johnson, 1/1897-
7. Hattie Johnson, 4/1898-
7. Louisa Johnson, 1850- Ala.
7. Tippie Johnson, 1902-
   + Jessie T. Busby....m. 4/29/1917, Holmes County, Fla.

6. Paul Jones Simmons 1859- Fl.
5. Lucy Molsie Bedsole, 1806-1882
  + Isaac "Cap" Davis, 1803-
  6. Martha Jane Molsie Davis, 1830-1880
     + George Washington Wise, 1828-
     7. James Travis Wise, 6/13/1850-1/17/1934
     7. James J. Wise, 1843-
     9/25/1844
     + Herrin Wise, Jr. 5/12/1824-6/8/1883
     7. Isaac Franklin Wise, 1846-1846
     7. William B. Wise, 5/10/1848-9/12/1910... Coffee County
     7. Mary "Mellie" Wise, 10/29/1863-10/6/1936.....m. 9/5/1882 Coffee
     County, Ala.
     + William Rushing
 6. Susan Davis,1824-
 6. Molsie Davis,1825-
 6. English Davis, 1828-
6. Margaret Catherine Davis, 1829-1901
  + Andrew Jackson Bullard, 2/1830-1864
    7. Charlotte Bullard
    + ____?
    7. Silva Bullard

    + ____?
7. Claudius Washington Powell Bullard
7. Mary Elizabeth Bullard
   + _____?
7. Andrew Jackson Bullard, Jr.
   + _____?
7. Francis Marion Jackson Bullard
   + Elizabeth Ferrel
8. Joseph Clifton Bullard
   + _____?
8. Henry Bullard, 4/11/1913 Texas
   + Amanda Beatrice Chambless, 3/15/1913
9. Selvey Bullard
9. F.M. Bullard
9. Washington "W.P." Bullard
9. Mary Elizabeth Bullard, 1861-
   + Thomas Jefferson Schofield
8. Thomas Bullard
   + Nancy Catherine Ellis
9. Ruby Mae Bullard, 1936
   + Jesse Milton Moore, 1932.
10. Daisey Ann Moore, 1950- 1948-
   + David Allen Tyrrel Fish, 1948-
11. Christina "Crissy" Augusta Fish

6. Sampson Davis, 1832- 
6. Charlotte Davis, 1834- 
6. Rebecca Davis, 1835- Lowndes County, Ala.
   + James McKinney Wise, Jr. 1832-5/22/1863
7. Lucy Catherine Wise, 4/9/1854-......Alabama
   + William Bedsole, 1848-......Alabama.
7. Mary Matilda Wise, 1850
   + Willis Caraway
7. Sarah E. Wise, 8/3/1858-11/1/1913
   + Joe M. Davis
7. Martha Jane "Molsie" Wise, 10/26/1827-1880 Bruce, Fla.
   + William Floyd Wise, 1821-
   ++ George Washington Wise, 1828. After her death in 1880, he
       married Mary F. English in 1882.
8. Martha E. Wise, 1849- Fla.
8. Louisa F. Wise, 1851-
8. John H. Wise, 1853-
8. Nancy C. Wise, 1857-
8. Travis Floyd Yancey Wise, 1861-4/11/1928, Port Arthur
    Texas

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8. Martha E. Wise, 1865-
5. Henry E. Bedsole, 12/5/1807 NC-5/8/1863 Ala.. Sellers, Ala. Bethlehem Cemetary. He and Thomas Jr.and families were in Lowndes County, Alabama in 1830. Apparently, he and brother, Sessoms, made a scouting trip from NC to Ala. the year prior to that move (1829). Probably to look the land over, forts, indian problems, etc.

+ Margaret Maria Davis 4/22/1810-9/33/1842 m. 2/26/1830.
++ Midda Ann Pouncey, 1807-1843, m. 10/14/1841. She died 2 yrs later, at 36, from blood loss at childbirth (Due to Margaret Ann, daughter, born in 1843, who is listed below.
+++ Sylvia Maria Chambers 3/5/1825-6/26/1897 .... m. 7/11/1846 Lowndes County, Ala. At age 21.
6. Leon Bedsole
   + Mattie Lou Underwood.
7. Andrew William Bedsole
   + Angeline Florence Ciambella
8. Alan Leon Bedsole
   + Phillipa Ann Stanton.
9. Angela Marie Bedsole
   + Daniel Woodard
9. Amy Christine Bedsole
   + James Lawrence, III.

8. Jennifer Lou Bedsole
   + Randall K. Mc Nally
8. Shannon Elaine Bedsole
6. Mary Catherine Bedsole, Bethlehem Cemetery, Ala.
6. Anna Mariah Bedsole, 1831-..m. 2/11/1847, Sellers (Lowndes), Ala.
   + George C. Chambers, 1830-
7. Margaret Chambers, 1849-1907
   + ____?
6. Elizabeth Alef Bedsole, Bethlehem Cemetery..
   + ____?
   + Jane ____?, 1826-1900, Surles, Crenshaw, Alabama.
   + ____?
   + ____?
   + ____?
7. Elisha "Lish" Bedsole, Jr., 1846-1922, Surles, Crenshaw, Alabama.
   +____?
   +____?
   + Dorcas Lee Croxton, 1838-1915 Married 12/2/1858, Lowndes County, Ala. 1870 Crenshaw County, Census.
7. Edward Franklin Bedsole, Sr. 1/23/1862-7/22/1912, Born Crenshaw, Ala. Buried Oakland Ceme. in Dallas, Texas. He was a brick and block Mason in construction. Died from Heart Failure.
   + Minerva Jane "Ida" Duke, 10/28/1859-12/9/1933, Dallas, Texas.
8. Callie Bedsole, 1879-1950, Hancock, Georgia.
   +____?
8. John Oscar Bedsole, 1885-1945, Culverton, Hancock, Georgia.
   +____?
8. Edward Franklin Bedsole, Jr. 2/19/1931-11/19/1992 Died Maricopa, Arizona
9. Julie Bedsole, Phoenix
9. Carla Bedsole, Phoenix
9. Erica Bedsole, Phoenix
9. Shari Bedsole, NY
   ++ Blanche____? Living at 3120 Buhre Avenue, NYC, The Bronx, in 1939.
9. Andrew John "Jack" Bedsole, NY
   + Laurie Beth Bialek, 1960-
   10. Andrew Sean Bedsole, 1986-
   10. Kelly Elizabeth Bedsole, 1992-
   10. Samantha Lee Bedsole, 1992-
   + William "Woody" Briton...Dead
   ++ John McGowen
   10. Ryan McGowen
   10. Keegan McGowen
   10. Katie Rae McGowen
   10. Gillian McGowen
9. Edward Bedsole, son of Blanche in NY.
   +____?
9. Donna Lee Bedsole, 1954-
+ Thomas Smith,
  10. Daniel Allan Smith, 1974
  10. Dennis Patrick Hickey

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  + Linda Lamont
  10. Allan C. Bedsole, Jr. ____?

     Charleston, SC Magnolia Cemetery.
     + Jeanne Louise Carter, m. 8/13/1955
     10. James Maxwell  Bedsole, 1958-
         + Lynne Ann Jones, ........m. 2/14/1981
     11. Heather Amanda Bedsole, 1983-
     11. Christine Ashley Bedsole, 1989-
  10. Stephen Briley Bedsole, 1960-
      + Jennifer Wer ......m. 1986
      11. Corrine Elise Bedsole, 1986-
      11. Kayleigh Bedsole, 1988-
      11. Kyle Joseph Bedsole, 1989-
  10. Thomas Carter Bedsole, 1962-
      + Joyce Brownell Divorced, 1986.
      ++ Jan ____?
      11. Stephen Bedsole, 1985-
  10. Thomas Jerry Bedsole,
      + Nell _____?
      11. Deborah Bedsole,
      11. Thomas Jerry Bedsole, Jr.
  10. Richard Maxwell Bedsole
      + Maxine____?
  10. Felicia Lynette Bedsole,
      + ____?

   + Annie Ruth Barbaree, ............m. 1936, Dothan, Ala.
  10. Embree Charles Bedsole,1938-.....Abbeville, Alabama,
      Dallas, Texas. Attorney.
      + Betty Jo Hood,...... m. 1960,Galveston,Texas, Div.
   ++ Ella Estes, .....m. 1972, Dallas, TX.
   11. Embree Charles “Chuck” Bedsole, (Jr) 1960-, San
       Antonio, Texas (Alvarez Company).
       + Tracy Horton, m. 1984 Austin, Texas.
       12. Robert Joseph Bedsole, ?,-1987 Galveston,
       Texas
11. Joseph Michael Bedsole, 1963 Dallas, Texas
11. Sara Elizabeth Bedsole,1968-. Travis County, Texas
   + Philip Holland m. 1986. San Antonio, Texas
12. Andrew Holland, 1997
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   Dallas, Texas
12. Blake Holland, 1999- Dallas, Texas
10. Michael Kenny Bedsole,1942-, Abbeville, Alabama
    + Mary Elizabeth Clenney
    + Angela Elizabeth Wilson, 1970- ....Dothan, Alabama.
12. Anna Elizabeth Bedsole,. 2000-.Marietta, Georgia.
12. Carter Michael Gunnells, 2005-
10. Steven B. Bedsole
9. Ivy Bedsole, 1910-, in Texas
   + Edmund Bradley Solomon
    + Mary___,?
11. Bradley Solomon
    +______?
11. Phillip Solomon
    +_____?
8. Frank J. Bedsole, 5/1888-1979
    + Elizabeth __?
9. Jeff Bedsole,1914-
    + Clara Ellis, 1918=
10. Betty Bedsole
    + Glen R. Gray
    11. Loren Gray
    11. Patrick Gray
    11. Jacquelyn Gray
10. Frank D. Bedsole
9. Elizabeth Bedsole, 1919-
8. Allan Naftel Bedsole, Sr. 1/20/1896-2/1/1946....In 1918, he was living at 272 E. 7th St., NY. Electrician. Served in the Navy during WW-I. Vice-Pres. of Electrical Workers Union in NY.

+ Anna___?1884-1970- ?
9. Bonnie Bedsole
  +____McGowan
9. Donna Bedsole
  + Brian Hickey
9. Jack Bedsole (McGowan)
9. Hickey Bedsole
  + Jack McGowan

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  + Harvey Duke, moved to Oklahoma City
7. Katie Bedsole, 1874-
  + Thomas Jonah Swaringen
8. Claude Swaringen

6. George Henry Bedsole, Sr. 4/26/1847-8/27/1928 Surles, Crenshaw, Bethlehem Cemetery, Ala.....m. 1/1/1868
7. Bunian Bedsole, 1875-1950, Little River, Cumberland, NC.
  +___?
7. Louisa Lena Bedsole, 6/1886-1959... m. 2/26/1896 Crenshaw County, Surles, Alabama.
  + William Albert Findley, Sr. 1865-1920.
  + Nell Frazier
9. Linda Nell Findley,1943-
  + William Eugene Langley,1939-
  10. Albert Eugene Langley, 1962-
  10. James Andrew Langley, 1964
  10. Anita Nell Langley, 1968
   + Evelyn Battle
8. Lillian Findley, 1/31/1897-8/5/1957
   + Van Williamson
   9. Georgia Williamson
   9. Lewis R. Williamson
   9. James Williamson, 1917-
   9. Mary Claire Williamson

   + Alice Idelia Stough 5/14/1867-11/18/1950, Bethlehem Cemetery, Ala. .....m. 12/22/1892
8. William Ernest Bedsole, 10/29/1893-1/22/1960. Married Crenshaw County, Ala. 8/22/1917:
   + Nancy Emeline Royal, 1899-.
   9. Norma Ruth Bedsole, 1927-
      + George Franklin Halstead 1932-1986
   10. Courtland Franklin Halstead, 1956-
      + ___?
      ++ ___?
      +++ ___?
      11. ___?
      11. ___?

10. Nancy Ruth Halstead, Died shortly after birth
9. William Ernest Bedsole, Jr. 1930-.

+ Betty Louise Igleheart, 1935-.
    + Janet Francis Kerschner, 1957-.
    11. Robert Walden Bedsole, 1987-
    11. Laura Elise Bedsole, 1990-.
10. Rebecca Louise Bedsole, 1961-

   + Monte M. Byrd
   9. Margaret Elizabeth Byrd, 1922-
   + Lula Bell Neal, 1904-
   9. Eunice Bedsole, 1926-.........m. 1945
      + Frances M. Ison, 1925-
   + Manford Alvin Bird.
   9. Harold Lee Bird
   9. William Alvin Bird
   9. Frank Wayne Bird

8. Wayne L. Bedsole, 1904- (Note; May not belong under William Henry
Bedsole or perhaps he died as an infant).
    Cemetery, Kinston, Ala.
9. Kathryn Louise Bedsole, 1927-
   + Orman Darling Marsh, 1925-
10. Judith Darling Marsh, 1946-
    + Stephen Wayne Smith, 1947-
   11. Andrew Jonathan Smith, 1970-
   11. Phillip Kyle Smith 1972-
   11. Mark Allen Smith 1975-
   11. Kamilla Faye Smith 1976-
10. Orman David Marsh 1950-
9. Grady Eugene Bedsole, Jr. 1929-
   + _____?
10. Clara Jean
10. Danny Bedsole, 1956-1960
10. Michael Bedsole, 1960-
    + Wife unknown
   11. Amanda Bedsole, 1983
   11. Jennifer Bedsole, 1985
   11. Steven Bedsole, 1987
10. John O. Bedsole, 1962-
    + _____?
NOTE: Not under correct parents:
    Memorial Parks, Pinehurst, Texas. US Army.
    + Stella Helen Cervas, 4/15/1917-6/17/1992,
    New York and Tomball, Texas.
++ Epsy A. _____?, 1820-1900, Coxs Mill, Alabama.
12. Laura Victoria Bedsole, 1879-1949, Coxs
    Mill, Alabama.
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    + _____?
12. John D, Bedsole, 1871-1948, Cox's Mill,
    Alabama.
    + _____?
12. Edward C. Bedsole, 1873-1950, Born Cox'x
    Mill, Ala.
    + _____?
12. George W. Bedsole, 1874-1950, Coxs Mill,
    Barbour County, Alabama.
    + _____?
12. Laura V. Bedsole, 1879-1959, Cox's Mill,
    Alabama.
    + _____?
    Barbour County, Alabama.
NOTE: The following people, Robert Lee Bedsole, through Hubert Bedsole, may not be under the correct ancestor, but someone who knows needs to tell me who they do go under.

   + Krispin Patrice Caldwell....Divorced.
9. Rachel Leigh Bedsole
9. Laura Elizabeth Bedsole
9. Joseph Lee Bedsole
8. James Martin Bedsole 1890-1963
   + Mattie Parker b. 1896-1960
   + Mildred Earline Smith 1913-1988
10. Hershel Floyd Bedsole, 1935-
   + Elizabeth Calhoun
11. Kevin Bedsole
10. Leon Linward Bedsole,b. 1939
   + Patricia Bowdin b. 1941
10. Peggy Ann Bedsole, b. 1948
   + Steve Calhoun Devorest, b. 1947
9. Amanda Bedsole, 1917-
9. Clarence A. Bedsole, 7/14/1916-01/1986
   + Willena Herndon.
9. George Victor Bedsole, 1919-
   + Mary Whigham

7. Mary ("Mollie") Mariah Bedsole,1875-1950....m. 11/20/1892 Surles, Crenshaw County, Ala.
   + Elbert "Ellie" Findley, Sr.
8. Lillian Ada Bedsole, 12/7/1895-10/27/1978
   + Sallie Bell Cottingham
9. Elbert Findley, Jr.
8. Ada Findley 1895-1978
   + Clifton Talley 1892-1975
9. Mavis A. Talley, 1914
9. Dorothy Talley, 1918
9. Ada Faye Talley, 1923
9. William P. Talley,
7. George Henry Bedsole, Jr. 1857-1936, Surles, Crenshaw, Alabama
   + Sara Ann ____,.... McLennan,. Texas.
Cemetery, Ala.
+ Mattie Lou Bedsole, 9/16/1885-3/13/1943, Bethlehem Cemetery.
++ Corine Lou Boyd, 10/11/1880-10/11/1899...m...Dec 13, 1900 Crenshaw County, Ala.
8. Alvin Bedsole, 10/13/1913-5/19/1989, Fairview Cemetery, Alabama
   +____?
8. Clayton Bedsole, 6/2/1899-6/12/1900, Bethlehem Cemetery. Mother Corine, died from blood loss following his birth.
8. Bedsole, Infant Daughter 4/20/1903-4/20/1903
8. Bedsole, Infant Son 4/12/1918-5/1/1918
7. Louisa J. Bedsole, 1886-
   + Ellie Findley, 1873-1950
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8. Elbert Findley, Dates not known
8. Roland Anderson
8. Verla Anderson
8. Ina Anderson
   + Charles Hightower, Sr,
8. Edith Anderson
   + William "Bill" _____?
8. Unnamed infant boy. b. and d. 4/26/1912.
8. Twin Boys b and d April 12, 1912
   Buried Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery Al
   + Evelyn Dubose, 1/12/1916-9/17/1993 buried Greenwood Cemetery Montgomery Al
9. Robert Cody Bedsole Sr, 1940-
   + Sheila Ann Hatcher
   ++ Debra Pylate
   +++ Margaret Anne (Peggy) Vickery, 1952-
      + Mary Elizabeth Wynn
      11. Sara Catherine Bedsole, 2004-
      10. Dana Ashley Bedsole, 1971- (daughter of Debra)
10. Robert Cody Bedsole Jr., 1974- (son of Margaret)
   + Leigh Elswick
   ++ Jeannie Lawler
   +++ Tammy Clark, m. 11/3/2007
11. Anna Grace Bedsole, 1997- (dau of Leigh)
   11. Jacob Cody Bedsole, 2002- (son of Jeannie)
10. Russell Ellison Bedsole, 1975- (son of Margaret)
   + Dena Marie Dixon
   11. Brooks Bedsole, 2008 ?

9. Phillip Mastin Bedsole, 1948-
   + Amelia Brooks Dunn
   ++ Jenny Mann
   10. John Phillip Bedsole, 1982- (adopted by Phillip and Amelia)

8. Baby Girl 1918-1918 (died within 24 hours of birth)

6. Mary F. Bedsole, 1848-1872
6 Elizabeth Alie Bedsole, 5/4/1849-2/20/1855...Died as Child
6. William Travis Bedsole, 8/31/1851-8/1/1889..Duplin County, NC, Bethlehem Cemetery, Ala.
   + Victoria Francis Outlaw, 7/26/1852-7/25/1878.. m. 4/13/1871. Outlaw
   Ceme. Duplin County, NC

7. George Henry Bedsole, 11/21/1873-3/5/1903
6. Mastin Lloyd Bedsole, 8/1/1854-2/5/1894, m. 3/20/1881, Tuckers Store, Bethlehem Cemetery, Sellers, Alabama
   + Georgia A. Scott, 1854-
      + ___?
6. Andrew Jackson Bedsole, Sr. 3/25/1858-11/1/1942 Lowndes, Surles, Montgomery, Alabama. ..m 12/17/1878
   + Emma Jerusalon Boyd, 1/23/1858-10/30/1924, Surles, Bethleham Cemetery, Alabama..
       + ____?
7. William Howard Jefferson Bedsole, 12/1880-
   + Mattie Morrison 1885-
    8. Bessie Bedsole, 1905-
    8. Emma Bedsole, 1907-
    8. Ruth Bedsole, 1908-
       + ____McNeil
   + Eugenia Abercrombie
8. Franklin Jasper Bedsole, 1912-1965
   + Alice Abbott Cauthon, 1914-
9. Eloise Ann Bedsole, 1954-
   + Leonard Alton Cherry, 1952-
10. Cody Earl Cherry, 1972
+ Summer Emmons, 1985- Div.
11. Angela Diane Hebert, 1992-
11. Saith Renee Cherry, 1997-
10. Jeffrey Marvin Cherry, 1973-
9. George Franklin Bedsole, 1948-
  + Cindy___?
  ++ Rebecca___?
8. Francis Bedsole, 1919-
  + Bernise___? 1892-1976
  + _____
  + _____?
  + _____?.
  + Mattie Morrison, 10/15/1887-1960,.....m. 9/10/1905, Montgomery, Alabama
  + Joe McNeil
9. Emma Hamlin Bedsole, 2/12/1906-1999
  + Ernest Gardiner
  10. Menjo Gardiner
  10. Charles Gardiner
  10. Allen Gardiner
  + Hannibal McNeil 12/6/1908-1996
9. Angie McNeil
  + _____?
  10. Dianne McNeil
  10. Sandra McNeil
  10. Bonnie McNeil
  + Reese Simmons
  + Evelyn____?
  + Audrey Hatfield
  ++ Margaret Nell Flowers, 1915- ............m. 6/26/1938
+ Christine Norma Gray……..m 1950, Reno, Nevada.
11. Steven Thomas Bedsole, 1951-
   + Doris Welch
   + Michael Joseph Harold, 1969-
   13. Michael Joseph Harold, Jr. 1994-
   13. Jessica Christine Harold, 1996-
   13. Kaitlynn Ann Harold, 2000-
12. Brenda Bedsole, 1992-
   + Jayson Westfall, 1996-
12. Steven Thomas Bedsole, Jr.
11. Jeffrey Allen Bedsole, Sr.,
   + Mary Jo Downey,
   12. Jonathan Bedsole, 1978-
   + _____?
12. Jeffrey Allen Bedsole, Jr. 1982-
   + Stephanie Hope Pavone, 1980-
   13. Devin Tyler Pavone-Doyl (Bedsole), 2001-
   13. Krista Skye Bedsole, 2003-
   13. McCoy Allen Bedsole, 2004-
   13. Alaina Bedsole, 2005-
   13. Shaun Michael Bedsole, 2007-
   13. Isabella Renee’ Bedsole, 2009-
   + Alice Cauthon
   10. Franklin Jasper Bedsole, Jr.1/24/1917-1965
   10. Eloise Bedsole
9. Francis Elizabeth Bedsole, 6/18/1918-1986
   + J.R. Williams
      + Ernest Rigsby.
   11. Lynn Rigsby
   + George William Connell
   11. John William Connell, 1971-
   11. Cynthia Elaine Connell, 1974-
   11. Malcom Edward Connell
      + Amy Childs
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   12. Emma Childs
   12. Josie Childs
10. Debra "Debbie" Sellers, 1960-………..m. 1982
   + Robert Starr
   11. Haley Starr
10. Andrew Jefferson Bedsole, III, 1929-
   + Christine Norma Gray, ……..m. 1950, Reno, Nevada.
11. Steven Thomas Bedsole, 1951- + Doris Welch
      + Michael Joseph Harold, 1969-
   13. Michael Joseph Harold, Jr. 1994-
   13. Jessica Christine Harold, 1996-
   13. Kaitlynn Ann Harold, 2000-
   12. Brenda Bedsole, 1992-
      + Jayson Westfall, 1996-.....m. 1994
   12. Steven Thomas Bedsole, Jr.
11. Jeffrey Allen Bedsole,
   + Mary Jo Downey
   12. Jonathan Bedsole
   + Michael Quinn
   ++ Frank Clark
   12. Courtney Quinn
   12. Brandon Michael Quinn
11. Andrew Jefferson Bedsole, IV, 1969- 
   + Lorraine_____?
   ++ Amanda_____?
   +++ Laura______?
   12. Adrienne Bedsole
   12. Andrew Jefferson Bedsole, V,
10. Carol Bedsole, 1940-.........m. 6/5/1969
   + Richard Leon Thornton
   11. Tracy Alayne Thornton, 1961-
      + Mark W. Barnett....m. 8/14/1982
      12. Payton Davis Thornton, 1992-
      12. Christian Morgan Trace Barnett,1992-
   11. Leslie Carol Thornton, 1963-
   11. Richard Leon Thornton, Jr., 1967-
10. Andrew Dwight Bedsole, 1944-
   + Carolyn Dobbs, 1946-..........m. 1961
   ++ Joyce Morrer
   11. Jennifer Lee Dobbs,
   11. Natalie Elaine Bedsole, 1963-
   11. Andrew Kirkland Bedsole, 1971-
      + Christian Mae Dorthy
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      12. Andrew Robert Thomas Bedsole, 1999-
      12. Bailey Jeanette Bedsole, 2003-
   + Cora Inez Cook, 1866-1930......m. 3/18/1880, Montgomery, Alabama.
++ Laura Eugenia Bennett, 1871-1950 .......... m. 5/18/1890, Montgomery, Alabama.
+ Beatrice Geraldine Burkett, 10/9/1883-12/9/1999, Goldonna, Louisiana.
8. Willie B. Bedsole, Born and Died 4/6/1903
8. Walter Eugene Bedsole, 1925--No DOD.
8. Sybil Bedsole, 1908- No DOD.
9. Lois Virginia Bedsole, 1929- Port Arthur, Texas m. 7/14/1951, Port Arthur.
+ Gene Grammer, 1929-
10. Mary Jo Grammer, 1953-
10. Jeanne Grammer, 1955-
10. Judy Grammer, 1957-
+ ____ ? Fountain
11. Richard Fountain
+ Sara Merzig.........m. 7/1/0/2004
+ Diane Lee Capps, 1942-
++ Nancy Jane Smith, 1936- Waco, Texas.....m. 4/9/1983, Austin, Texas.
+ Brenda Monjar, .................m. 1981
11. Jaclyn Kelsey Bedsole, 1986-
11. Katherine Bedsole, 1991-
10. Dale Erick Bedsole, 1962- Port Arthur
+ Julie____?
++ Anita ____? .........m. Arlington, Texas.
11. Caleb Oliver Bedsole, 1997-
11. Jonathan Isaac Bedsole, 1998-
11. Michael Dwayne Bedsole, 2001-
11. Laura Honnol Bedsole, 1984-
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11. Katie Honnol, 1989-
+ David Newberry, ......Bend, Texas.
++ Will Blaney....m. 9/29/1994
11. Kendra Paige Blaney, 1994-
11. David Newberry, 2nd, 1989- Austin, Texas
11. Christopher Blaney 1989-
9. Clarence Oscar Bedsole, 1942- Port Arthur, Texas...m. 4/9/1966, Bridge City, Texas.
   + Kay Pearson, 1944-
   10. Cindy Bedsole, 1970-

7. Maude Hester Bedsole, 8/1/1883-No DOD
   + William Thomas Pittman
   + _____ Pittman
   ++ Lance Lenoir

7. Aubrey R. Bedsole, 2/1895-1945
   +____?

   +____?

   +____?

   + Richard Gill, 1890-1970
8. S.E. Gill, 1928-2000
8. George Gill, 1930-2001

   + Mary Elizabeth Smith, 1915-1966, Pinecrest Cemetery, Fla.


(Note: Samuels father: James Tolbert, 1/21/1853 Grove Hill, Ala.-d. 5/2/1912.. Montgomery, Ala. Married 29 Dec. 1878. Samuels Mother was: Mary Jane Moore, 1/25/1866 Grove Hill, Ala. d. 1/6/1929, Linden, Ala. Mary Janes father was: Elijah L. Moore, 1 Aug. 1846, Dickinson, Ala. -d. 21 July 1946, Nettleboro, Ala. Mary Janes Mother was Lucinda Thompson. James Tolberts father was William Tolbert, b. 18 Jan., 1853 Grovehill. Died 2 May, 1912, Montgomery. James Tolberts Mother was Nancy Rebecca Courtney. Nancys parents were Robert Courtney and Vicky Foster. The parents of Robert were: James Courtney and Elizabeth Coburn. Vicky's father was George Foster. No other info. Samuel Elijah Tolberts Brothers And Sisters were: Joseph Joshua Tolbert, b. 8 Oct. 1898 Grove Hill, Ala. d. 8 Nov. 1968 Miami, Fla. William Abson Tolbert, b. 28 Oct. 1891 Grovehill. d. 10 Jan., 1967. Nancy Romania Tolbert, b. 14 Feb. 1905, Grovehill. Died same day. Oliver Rose Tolbert, b. 16 Feb., 1910 d. 1986, Martha Marcella Tolbert, b. 11 May 1901 Grovehill-d. 19 June, 1982. Daniel Roland Tolbert, b. 2 June, 1896 Grovehill-d. 21 July, 1946, Leonard Leroy Tolbert, 23 Aug. 1907 Silas, Ala. -d. 28 Sept. 1856. James Mathew Tolbert, 26 Nov. 1889 Grovehill- No other info. John Mathew Tolbert, b. 26 Nov. 1900- d. 31 Oct. 1968. Died Hattiesburg, Miss., Maroni Tolbert, b. 27 Dec. 1903 Grovehill-d. 22 Nov., 1982.)

8. Agnes Christine Tolbert b.1919 AL.
   +__________?

   +____

8. Evelyn Tolbert born 1924 AL.
   + Jerry Curt

7. Fannie Lue Bedsole, 1900- Alabama.

7. Sylvia Idona Bedsole, 1905-
7. Samuel Bedsole

5. Sessoms Bedsole, 3/25/1812-1892. Census Occupations: "Drunkard" and "Rustler". Here are some things I know about him. He was born in Beaverdam, NC. He and his brother Henry, came to Alabama from NC sometime in 1829, apparently on an initial "scouting trip" to look over the land, army forts, indians, and etc., as the larger group of Thomas Jr. and family, Thomas English and family, and William and Margaret Davis were to come later, and they did so in 1830. He acquired 40 acres at Sellers, Alabama on that trip. Henry acquired 160 acres there. His first name is Sessoms, not Sessions. He was named after Thomas Sessoms who lived near Sessoms father, Thomas Bedsole, Jr. in NC. He acquired 39.99 acres of land near Sellers, Alabama, which is about 40 miles north of here, on April 24, 1820, when he and Henry were first looking around. Henry eventually moved to Sellers from NC. Sessoms acquired land in Montgomery County, Ala. in 1837, then apparently lived near Henry until 1850, then moved his family to Old Town, Alabama about 3 miles from here, where his brother Travis B. Bedsole, lived. At Old Town, my Grandfather, Travis Bedsole, had a sawmill there. (Another Sessoms brother) was living near where Travis's sawmill was located at Old Town and Sessoms worked for him there. At Old Town, in 1850, Sessoms mother, Charlotte, who had left Thomas, Jr. that year, is shown living in a house with son Travis aged 17. The same year, same census, she is shown living in the house with Sessoms. I have been inside those log houses and one that Travis built too. Each house had a log barn. My two oldest brothers used to farm the 80 acres surrounding those two houses. That 80 acres is now covered with huge, tall trees. Those two log houses rotted down about 1950. Where Travis had his sawmill, near todays Old Town Cemetery, you can still see the long, wide and deep, slanted ditch which was used to back the wagons loaded with sawed planks down to the river, where a barge carried them to Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, SC to build houses. In 1850, Sessoms moved his family to Warrenton, Georgia and they lived there near his first cousin, Amos Bedsole and family. But after a few months, Sessoms moved his family first to Butler County, Greenville, Alabama, where his father lived, then with his mother and his own wife and family, he moved to Mossy Head, Fla. in 1860, into another log house near Edward, another brother of his. (I have also also been inside those two log houses and log barns) In 1860, Sessoms stole two of his neighbors cows and sold them as his own. He then went to jail for Rustling. He got 20 years. From 1860 until 1880, Sessoms was in jail for "Rustling". His family remained there near Edward at Mossy Head, and Sessoms mother, Charlotte lived with them. In 1870, the family moved to Warrenton, Georgia, near Amos Bedsole, then to Mossy head again. In 1880, Sessoms got out of jail, and returned home. His wife, Charlotte, and mother, also a Charlotte, were then living at Mossy Head, Fla., and Sessoms moved them to Victoria, Alabama, just NW of Elba, Alabama. Then In 1882, Sessoms wife Charlotte died, Sessoms then married Rebecca Sellers. Apparently after getting out of jail, Sessoms returned home and to staying drunk, because his mother Charlotte, moved out and went to Holt, Fla. and lived with her granddaughter, Hannah, who was living there in a log house with husband John Johnson and family. John worked at a sawmill, dragging logs from the woods to the mill with two mules. Charlotte remained with them until she died in 1892. Meantime, Sessoms was living at Mossy Head until he died, in 1892. Then in 1892, Edward moved his family and Sessoms wife, Rebecca, to Coffeeville, Alabama, near the Mississippi line, to be near some first cousins of his, his sister Elizabeth, and her son, Rayford. At nearby Grove Hill-Coffeeville, at a crossroads, Edward and Rayford built a log store. During 1892, Edward and Rayford began selling whiskey in addition to other goods, and a large gang of 50-60 men soon began gathering there. In 1893, Edwards gang was robbing, stealing, even killing their neighbors. Finally, a 300-man vigilante group appeared at Edwards house, and dragged Edward and 31-year old son Quincy outside. They shot Quincy so full of holes, he had to be carried to his grave with pitchforks. Ironically, they let Edward go because he
belonged to the Fraternal Order Of Masons, and several among the 300 men were also Masons, and sworn to forever help their Mason "Brothers" let him go, provided that he "Leave this country and never come back". Edward moved back to Mossy Head, where he lived another 12 years, then moved right back to Coffeeville, where he lived until he finally died at age 93. You can read all about that and what happened in a book, "Mitchum War Of Clarke County, Alabama.", available from the Clarke County Democrat Newspaper P.O. Box 39, Grove Hill, Ala. also another, newer book, which is mostly fiction, "Hell At The Breech" which was the name of Edwards gang. That story is being considered for a full-length movie.

+ Charlotte _____, 1820-1880
++ Rebecca _____, 1852-1900, married in 1880, Victoria, Ala., To Sessoms.

6. Sarah E.F. Bedsole, 1838-
6. Margaret A. Bedsole, 1842-
6. Julia F. Bedsole, 1848-
6. Mary F. 1845-
6. Mary L. Bedsole, 1870-4/16/1960
+ Monroe Lassiter
6. Lemmal or Lemand or Lemon Bedsole, 1875-
+ Sara Tulia Skinner, 8/21/1908-
6. Annie Bedsole, 1871-
+ Mr. Fleming
6. Addie Bedsole, 1871-
+ James Ervin Boutwell
6. James Madison Bedsole, 1890-1975
+ Sarah Emma Jordan
++ Ibeona Weeks, 4/19/1895-7/5/1969
7. James Madison Bedsole, 1970- Warlocks motorcycle club member. Shot and killed a man in Apopka, Fla. In 2011, he was sentenced to life in prison.

+ Bernice Mae Johnson, 1893-.

Note; Colvins History. All the years I spent researching the Bedsoles was mostly spent doing just that. I never bothered to zero in on one person because it was way too time-consuming. But I can tell you this about Calvin/Colvir/Colven and I have seen it spelled more ways than that to the point I have no clue what it truly is or was, except my dad said he was named CALVIN when he was born;

+ Bernice Mae Johnson, 1893-.

NOTE On Colvins History from Info I emailed a descendant; I have been to Sellers, Ala. 3 times and researched all the graves in that cemetery, and there are many of them. Anyway, Sessoms and his brother Henry who is buried there at Sellers, left Cedar Creek, NC in 1829 and traveled by mule and foot for 3 weeks, to Montgomery County, Ala., then looked over Coffee, Covington, Butler, Barbour, and Houston counties, apparently looking for a place to settle and to bring their other brothers and sisters, looking at land, army forts, indian problems and etc. They stayed a couple of years farming south of Montgomery, then moved to Sellers where Henry stayed and farmed until he died. Sessoms rambled around from place to place until he died. As I said, Sessoms was a pure drunk. In 1850, Sessoms and family were living near Greenville, in Butler County, Ala. That same year, he moved them to Old Town in Coffee County, Ala. Just north of Kinston, Ala. He was apparently not mean, but he stayed drunk anyway. So thats how Colvin was born in Alabama. Sessoms stole 2 of his neighbors cows, sold them and was sent to jail in 1860 for 20 years for
rustling. He served every day of the 20 years and was released in 1880. Upon being released, he returned to his wife who was then living in Walton County, Fla. near Mossy Head, and I have seen and been inside those log houses and barns, (in 1939). In 1880, She was then living with Sessoms brother and his family, Edward, and had been living with them for years at Mossy Head, Fla. Colvin was born in that log house in 1889. Although his marriage record shows Sessoms as being 23 at marriage, he was actually 19. Back then, people usually guessed at their own ages because that was not important. Trying to find food was the priority then. Anyway, in 1837, Sessoms was living in Montgomery County, at Sellers, on 40 acres, joining with Henrys land. In 1850, Sessoms and family had moved from Sellers and was living at Old Town, Ala. east of Kinston-Opp, where my Grandfather owned a sawmill and Sessoms worked there when not drunk. In 1870, Sessoms was in jail, but his family moved to Warrenton, Ga. and lived with a first cousin, Amos Bedsole for a year, but moved from there to near Mossy Head, Fla. with brother Edward, living "From pillar to post" as the old saying goes. Back then if the man was dead, or gone, the wife and family were on their own. In 1880, when Sessoms got out of the slammer, he moved his wife and family from Old Town to Mossy Head, Fla. to Victoria, Ala. (North of Elba), then moved them back to Mossy Head to Edwards and the log house there. In 1892 when Colvin was 3, Sessoms died from liver and heart failure because of all the alcohol and Edward moved them all, including Colvin to Coffeeville, Ala. near Grove Hill, and I have been there too. Colvin and his brothers and sisters lived at Coffeeville too. In 1892-93 Edward and his sister Elizabeths son, Rayford, built a log store at a crossroads at Coffeeville, formed a 50-man gang and you know the rest of that story from the Bedsole Book. In 1893, after Edward was run out of that area, along with his brothers and sisters who had followed him there, and moved back to Mossy Head for 10-12 years, but moved right back to Coffeeville again, where he lived until he died in 1909 at age 93. So Colvin, who my Dad said was actually named CALVIN at birth (But remember, no one then could read, write or spell) lived from pillar to post with his brothers, sisters, mother and sometime-father, Sessoms. There is a possibility however, that he was named COLVIN based on the fact that a son of Edward, (Joseph Linyer) was fast friends for most of his life with a Colvin family in Mobile, Ala. Who owned Colvins Drug Company. Colvins life from all I have heard and found, went like this;

1889- Born in a log house just north of Mossy Head, Fla. on Shoal River
1892-Moved to Coffeeville, Ala. at 3 years old.
1893-At 4, Was moved from Coffeeville, to his uncle Henrys place in Sellers, where Sessoms still owned the 40 acres.
1908-At age 19, Married at Sellers, Ala.
1915- At 26, Moved to Macedonia, Ala. where he was a sharecropper.
1930- At age 41, Moved to near cousins at Eufaula, Ala. where he was a sharecropper.
1950, became feeble at age 61 and again lived from pillar to post with his own children for 16 years, until he died in 1966 at age 77 at Newton, Alabama (NW of Dothan).

6. Paralee Bedsole, 1861- m. Nov.05,1885 In Crenshaw County, Ala.
   + Jeff Dean.
   + Minnie Lee Young, 5/10/1898-2/1984
   + Maudye Faye Farris, 1927-. m. Elba, Ala. 1947. Dau. Of John Respess Farris And Mary Alice Hataway.
   + Jane Whippler
9. Jeffrey Walker Bedsole
9. Jennifer Michelle Bedsole

8. Julie Faye Bedsole, 1960-
   + Steven Westmoreland
   9. Ryan Westmoreland
   9. Kelley Westmoreland

8. Jane Bedsole
8. John Thomas Bedsole, 1962-
   + Cynthia Leanne Anderson
   9. Bryce Anderson Bedsole, 2002-

7. Young Sessoms Bedsole, 1883-
7. Lawyen Bedsole, Killed by Lightning.
7. Esker Bedsole, Died from Appendicitis.
7. Mary Alice Bedsole, 1926-8/13/1993
   8. One child died at birth.
7. Young General Bedsole, 1923-1/2004
   + Martha Jean Dye, 1926-
   8. Shirley Anne Bedsole, 1945-
      + Phillip G. White, 1943-
      9. Stephanie Page White, 1965-
      9. Amy Melissa White, 1966-
      9. Phillip Marcus Young White, 1968-

8. Martha Mishoe Lee Bedsole, 1/26/1868-12/12/1945, Flea Hill, Cumberland Ceme.NC. Not sure what ancestor she goes under.
   + Edward Wayne Walicheck, 1865-1940
   9. Lauren Brooke Walecheck, 1885-
   9. Adam Edward Walecheck, 1886-
   9. Cody Walecheck, 1887-

**NOTE**, I'm uncertain who these following people belong to, but apparently, not to Sessoms.

6. Caledonia Bedsole
   + Claude Debice

6. Georgia Clarisa Bedsole, 7/29/1877-4/24/1953..m. 8/10/1903...Jack, Ala.
   + John Fox Killingsworth
   7. Rufus Hillery Killingsworth, 1902-....Ala.

Note: Georgia is buried in Hebron Cem., Coffee County, Ala

5. Sarah Bedsole, 1813-1876 married 12/15/1831 Lowndes, Ala.
   6. James M. Humphries, 1812-
   6. Ann Humphries, 1839-

5. David M. Bedsole, (Sr) 1859-1931 Ended up with Census occupation:"Drunkard"
   He was in Butler County, Ala. (Greenville) in 1850, moved to Baldwin County, north of Mobile, Alabama..
   + Catherine Parker, 1852-1855 Married 5/16/1832, Lowndes County, Ala.
   ++ Catherine Martha Davis, 1862-1937

6. Lucinda Bedsole, 1833-1919
+ David Kent, 1830-1854
++ William Kelley, 1833-

7. David Kent, Jr., 1848-1924
   + Sophronia Alabama Driggers 1854-1935
   ++ Thomas Quadell, 1892-?
   +++ Martin Mancel Ready, 1871-1904
   8. Georgiana Alabama Kent, 1870-1964
      + Whit Cosby
         ++ Thomas Quadell, 1892-?
      +++ Martin Mancel Ready, 1871-1904
      9. Zell Gaston Ready, 1894-?
      9. Frank Gray Ready, 1895-1906
      9. Alice Alma Ready, 1897-1986
         +___ Marler
         ++___Rigoski
         +++___Lambert
         10. Dorothy Rigowski
         10. Edgar Lambert
         10. Gaston Lambert
9. Barney McCoy Ready, 1898-1900
9. Alonzo "Lonnie" David Ready, 1900-1992
   + Bertha Julia Wesley, 1904-?
      10. Wilda E. "Wendy" Ready, 1925-?
      10. James Mancil Ready, 1921-?
      10. Laura Joyce Ready, 1927-?
      10. Caroline A. Ready, 1939-?
         + Atif Dibbs
         9. Clyde Ready, 1902-?
   + Grace Garrison, 1908-?
      10. Jimmy Garrison
      10. Wendy Ready
         +___ Barnett
      10. Joyce Delma Ready
         +___Stone
         11. Patricia "Pat" Stone
8. Mary Etta Kent, 1872-1964
   + Sam Beasley
8. Anna Pauline Kent, 1927-1997
   + Jack Courtney, 1917-2004
      ++ William Leon Cook, 1922-1983
      + Harold Edmundson, 1909-1989
      9. Larry Leon Cook, 1946-?
         +Rosemary Ann Chafin
         ++ Margaret Lafitte Neubeck
9. Barbara Ann Cook, PhD, LCSW, 1948-
   + Donald Galen MCDermid, 1941-1984
   ++ Byron Wesley Fain, 1949-
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   +++ David Allen Newham, 1947-
10. Gordon Scott McDermid, 1971-
   + April Marie Brant, 1978-
   11. Beau Brant McDermid, 1994-
   11. Ladonna Haley McDermid, 2000-
   11. Donald Gavin McDermid, 2004-
10. Luci Rebecca McDermid, 1974-
   + Christian Bo Widerburg,
   ++ Donlyn Vines, 1970-
10. Joseph Donald McDermid, 1980-
   + Kristen Cathryn Fischer, 1980-
   11. Joseph Carter McDermid, 2004-
9. Charlotte Gail Cook, 1950-
   + Arthur Sills
   ++ Terry Dorman Douglas, 1946-
   +++ Ray Wilson
   10. William David Douglas, 1968-
   + Robert Nathaniel Smith
   + William Clarence Frazier
      + J.D. Taylor
      ++ ____ Davenport.
      10 Joy Taylor Davenport
6. William B. Bedsole, 6/5/1848-6/12/1932 ....m. 8/23/1900 (Living with John Henry Clark in
   Old Town in 1860. Buried in Bethlehem Cemetery above Luverne, Ala. with wife, Lucy.
   + Lucy Catherine Wise, 4/9/1854-5/10/1933 ....m. 1870 Peacock, Ala.( Parents, James
   M. Wise & Rebecca Davis).
      +____?
      +____?
   7. Minnie Lee Bedsole, 1906-1909 (Bethlehem Cemetery)
   7. Elizabeth Rebecca Bedsole, 1876-1940, Peacocks, Coffee County, Alabama.
      +____?
   8. Bonnie Dee Bedsole, 1/1/1906-8/11/1991...m. 9/22/1920
      + Gehew Linton, 9/22/1920-6/6/1992
      + Janie Williams, 11/9/1888-10/29/1983, Harden Chapel Cemetery, Toombs
      County, Georgia, also NC
8. Alain Bedsole, 1915-
8. Onita Bedsole, 1917-
7. Ida Bedsole, 1889-
7. Richard Earnest Bedsole, 1/1896-
7. Mary J. Bedsole, 1891-
7. Franklin Bedsole, 1863-1935, Cedar Creek, NC.
+____?
6. Martha Jean Bedsole, 1835-
6. Duncan Bedsole, 1839-
+ Anna Jane Guttey, ..........m. 3/24/1852. NC
6. Lucinda "Lucy" Bedsole, 5/1841- ?..m. 11/8/1863, Cedar Creek, Surry County, NC.
 Married in Surry County, NC. 11/8/1863. NC.
 7. Martha Bobbitt, 1861-
 7. James L. Bobbitt
 7. Elizabeth J. Bobbitt
6. Mary J. Bedsole, 1843-
  + Thomas J. Sheppard
6. Milly Bedsole, 1845-
6. David M. Bedsole, Jr 1847-
  + Mary Smith, 4/17/1873-2/1/19
  7. Clifford Bedsole, 1890-3/21/1925, Riverside Cemetery, Michigan
  + Viola ___? 1912-1978
  7. Oscar Bedsole, 1899-1988
  + Louisa ___ ?, 1850-
  7. Louisa Dorcas Bedsole, 1852-1906 Baldwin Cnty, Ala.
  8. William Henry Graham, Jr. 1872-
  8. Amanda Graham, 1870-
  8. Louisa Graham
  8. Ida Graham
  8. Grace Graham
  8. Angus Bedsole
  8. Elijah Graham, 1868-.
  8. David Daniel Graham, 1874-
  8. Oren Graham
  8. Lula Graham

5. Elizabeth "Betty" Bedsole, 1817-1908, Buried Walnut Hill, La. m. 8/6/1835, at Brantley, Ala.
She so hated husband Uriah Brown, when he died, she renamed all her younger children Bedsole,
instead of Brown. Between the time he died and she married Mr. Montgomery, her and children
were all supported by her brother Edward, above.
  + Uriah Owens Brown. 1815-1848 Lowndes, Ala.
6. Rayford H. Bedsole, 10/12/1833-8/17/1874, Lowndes County, Ala. Killed by an M.D. who was running for political office in Clarke County, Ala., and Rayford was his opponent, indicating they were'nt satisfied back then with just bad-mouthing each other, during their "Campaigns". People said Rayford was tall, blue-eyed and very handsome.
   + Sarah Elizabeth Brinke, 1831-1910. m. 10/14/1857 Henry County, Ala .b. SC.
7. William J. Bedsole, 1859-1936
   + _____?
7. John Wesley Bedsole, 10/20/1860-05/24/1926 Oak Grove Cemetery, Clarke County, Ala.
   + Martha A. Mott, 2/6/1861-6/7/1931 Oak Grove Cem., Ala.
8. Ernest M. Bedsole, 02/15/1882-07/03/1959, New Prospect Cem,
    Grovehill, Ala
   + Nancy Jane ____1883-4/13/1939
++ Annie Emma Crenshaw 5/13/1885-3/10/1942, New Prospect Cem.,
    Grovehill, Ala.
9. Norrid B. Bedsole, 1915-
9. Minnie Mae Bedsole, 1917-
   + Earl Mullins.
9. Horace Woodrow Bedsole, Jr. 1920-
7. Georgia Ann Bedsole, 04/24/1866-08/27/1937
   + George N. Huggins
8. Benjamin Frank Huggins, 10/26/1880-09/27/1943
   + Frances ___?
++ Marietta "Mary" Small
9. Rella Huggins, 1903- (Frances)
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9. Irma Clyde Huggins, 07/31/1911- 09/06/1935
9. William Jinks Huggins, 04/04/1915
   (Mother was Marietta)
9. George Leonard Huggins, 09/09/1916-
   04/12/1945
   + ____Allen
9. Ben Jasper Huggins, 1929-
   + Hazel Jenett Mott
8. Ella Huggins, 04/1882-
8. Ida Huggins, 12/1885-
   + ___
   fathers surname of Brown.
   + Mary Ann Sylvester 1828-1868 On 1850 Henry County, Ala. Census
++ Charlotte Mays, 1842-1928
7. Rebecca S. Bedsole, 1851-9/22/1895, Walnut Hil, Ceme, Louisiana.
   + Rebecca McNorton, 1860-1940.....m. 2/3/1879, Coffeeville, Alabama.
8. James Travis Bedsole, Sr. 8/16/1889-7/7/1950, born Mora, Louisiana. Died
   Dallas, Texas. Personnel Mgr.
   + Vera Evelyn Williams, 12/1/1893-9/1984, Dallas, Texas.
9. Curtis Bedsole, 1921-
   + Margaret Jewel Jones, 6/5/1924-5/18/2007 Grove Hill Memorial Park,
   Kaufman, Dallas, Texas.
10. Rebecca A. Bedsole
   + James Bornhorst
11. Daniel Trent Bornhorst, 1983-
11. Amantha Gail Bornhorst, 1986-
10. Carissa Gail Bedsole, 1952-  
   + James N. Roach
11. Joshua Neil Roach, 1972-  
11. Jason Mitchell Roach, 1976-  
11. Jenny Rebecca Roach, 1980-  
   + James R. Simmons,  
10. James Curtis Bedsole, 1956-  
   + Rosemary Allison  
   ++ Lyssa Ann Keer
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11. Melanie Elise Bedsole, 1977-  
11. Melissa Lynn Bedsole, 1981-  
11. Ashley Nicole Bedsole, 1988-

8. Carrie Bedsole, 10/1/1889-7/7/1938  
   + William H. Culbreath, 3/8/1891-  
9. Willie Inez Culbreath, 1910-  
      + ____?
8. Wilber Bedsole  
      + ____?
8. Jessie Vee Bedsole, 6/2/1909-  
   + Johnnie Chop, 4/3/1911-1/6/1989, Walnut Hill Ceme, Louisiana  
9. Frances Marie Chop, 1935-  
   + Thomas Pegg  
9. Herman Chop, 1936-  
8. Frankie Elizabeth Bedsole 1875-1940, Wark, Louisiana to Texas.  
   + ____? McMannes  
9. Donald Gene McMannes  
   + Georgia Mae McMannes  
   10. Donald Gene McMannes,... (Deceased)  
   10. John Michael McMannes  
      + ____?  
   10. James Lee McMannes,  
      + ____?
8. Jewell May Bedsole, 2/2/1871-1946  
   + ____? Nobles  
   + ____? Leonard  
   Died as a child).  
7. John B. Bedsole, 1843-  
   + Elizabeth____?, ...m. 11/26/1885
   + Callie Lang, 6/30/1855-2/12/1910, Boyce Town, Mora Cemetery, Louisiana.
8. Travis Franklin Bedsole, Jr., 1875-1955?  
   +______Long ?
   + Letha Huffman, 11/17/1919-9/2/1992,Auburndale, Florida
   + Nan Lafitte
11.Cynthia Bedsole, 1958  
   + Marshall Steven Drew  
   12. Erin Ashley Drew  
   12. Lauren Denise Drew  
   12 Steven Curtis Drew,  
11. Kevin Wayne Bedsole 1969-  
   + Diana Brown  
   12. Micha Bedsole, 1994  
   12. Nicholas Bedsole, 2001-  
11. Sharon Annette Bedsole 1962  
   + Craig Busher, 1960  
   12. Chelsey Bedsole, 1991-  
   12. Dylan Busher, 1994-  
   + Mary Jane Knight, 10/19/1895-10/21/1975, Longview, Texas.
   +____?  
   11. Bartlett Bedsole, 1955- ....Corpus Christi, Texas  
   +____?  
   11. ____Bedsole ?
   + Leola ____?  
   + ____? Bonness.  
10. Thomas Franklin Bedsole, Indiana.  
   +____?  
   +____?
9. Rosemary Bedsole  
   + ___ Mitchell  
9. Beverly Ann Bedsole  
   + ___? Tinsley.  
8. Lillie/Lilly Bedsole, 1/1890-1898, Boyce Town, Louisiana Cemetery.  
   + L.E. Ballentine  
8. Mabel "Mollie" Bedsole, 1897-1897, Died at birth. Mora Cemetery, Natchitoches, La..  
   + ___. Bebee.  
   + Frank Lee, 9/18/1898-5/15/1956...Died in DeRidder, Louisiana.  
8. Travis Henry Bedsole, Sr. 10/9/1884-6/15/1958, Boyce Town, Mora Cemetery, Louisiana.  
   Buried in American Cemetery in La.  
   + Suzie Dubois, 9/18/1890-1/18/1965, Mora Cemetery, Natchito, La.  
8. Thomas Henry Bedsole, Sr. 10/9/1877-1/3/1919, Boyce, American Cemetery, La, Texas..  
   + ____?  

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10. Thomas Henry Bedsole, III  
10. Ray Bedsole, 1925-  
   + Andrew Jackson Blacksher, 1/8/1854-1/6/1924  
   9. William "Willie" J. Blacksher, 9/14/1892-  
   + ____?  
   H.C. Autry.  
9. Minnie Lee Blacksher1906-1909  
9. Victoria Blacksher  
   + ____?  
   + Stephen Dubois,1885-  
   9. E.J. Dubois,1905-  
   9. Blanchard Dubois,1905-  
   9. Angelina Dubois, 1905-  
   9. Ralph Dubois, 1908-  
   9 Blanche Dubois, 1909-  
   9. Ida Dubois, 1910-
9. Edgar Dubois, 1911-
9. Pauline Dubois, 1913-
8. Mealey Bedsole, 1831-
8 Charles Bedsole, 1884-
8. Elizabeth Bedsole, 1886-
+ A.J. Tolleson, 1885-
9. Byron Tolleson, 1910-
+ Marquerite___? 1910-
10. Hall Tolleson1838-
9. Vetra Tolleson, 1912-
+ T.F. Ballentine
10. Bing Ballentine, 1930-
10. Barry Ballentine, 1939-
8. Leona Bedsole, 1/1898- .........Boyce Town, Louisiana
+____? 
8. Rosa Bedsole,1890-
+ Willie Mays,1885-
9. Gwendolyn Mays,1906-
8. Lulu Bedsole, 1892-
8. Carrie L. Bedsole, 10/1/1889-7/7/1938, Thomaston Cem, Marengo, Ala.
+ Dee Thompson, 1885-
9. Grady Thompson, 1915-
9. Marlon Thompson, 1916-
9. Marvin Thompson
9. Viola Thompson
9. Rosa Thompson
9. Jane Thompson

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9. Annie Thompson
9. Lucille Thompson
9. Kathleen Thompson
+ Charles Wesley Ansley,(Sr.) 1854-11/27/1926, Waller County, Texas
8. Mary E. Ansley, 4/27/1878-1930
8. Tealy Ansley, 9/1886-
8. Mattie F. Ansley, 2/1890-
8. Charles Wesley Ansely, Jr. 11/1892-
8. James Travis Ansley, 7/1894-
8. Mabel Ansley, 1902-
8. Thomas H. Ansley, 1905-
8. Mattie Bedsole, 1881-1960, Tyler, Texas
8. Ida Ansley, 9/22/1880-9/7/1908, Eastern/Acorn Ceme. Tyler, Texas
+ James H. Stephens
9. Lester Stephens
9. Alfred Stephens
9. Felton Stephens
9. Tillie Mary Stephens
9. Mary Stephens
7. Mitty Ann Bedsole, 1862-
7. Margaret Ann Bedsole, 1868-
   + Nala Olivia Mitchell
7. Margetta Bedsole, 1869-
7. Catherine Bedsole, 1855-
   + Mary A. ___? 1827-1900
      + ___?
   8. Kisiah J. Bedsole, 1848-1915
   8. Frances F. Bedsole, 1853-1915
   8. Minnie M. Bedsole, 1859-1927
5. Nancy Bedsole, 1818-8/2/1900, Cumberland, NC and Lowndes, Sellers, Ala.
   + Sessoms Hales, 1812-1850....m 2/4/1836, Cumberland, NC.
   ++ Amos J. Hall.......... m. 02/09/1853, Cumberland County, NC.
   6. Nancy Hall
   6. Edward Allen Hall, 1839-
   6. Sarah Hall, 1840-
   6. William L. Hall, 1842-
   6. James M. Hall, 1845-
   6. Polly Ann Hall, 1849-
   Coffeeville/Grovehill, Ala. Moved from NC to Sellers, Ala, then Coffee County, Old Town, Ala. Then to Walton County, Mossy Head, Fla. in 1859, with George Blackwells family (father in law). At Mossy Head, Edward owned 270 acres of land on the east side of Shoal River. He moved from there to Coffee County, Ala. Again in 1891. Then moved to Grove Hill, Ala in 1892, where he started a 50-man armed gang of outlaws.

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Gang was shot up in August, 1893. He moved back to Mossy Head, Fla. , then moved back to Grove Hill in 1905 and died there in 1909. Buried in New Prospect Cemetery in Coffeeville, Ala. A book "Mitchum War Of Clarke County, Ala." is the tale. Another book, mostly fiction, “Hell At The Breech”, which was the name of Edwards gang, was written , which flowered-up Edward, making him appear not-so-mean. That author claimed Edward was from Ireland, when in fact, he was born in Bladen County, NC. His parents moved him from NC to “Old Town” settlement near Opp, Alabama when Edward was 11 years old.

      + Susan Lucinda Parker, 1861-6/10/1891.
   6. William Travis Bedsole,1864-?
      + Emma ___?
   6. Huldah Catherine Bedsole,1839-1859
      + Lawrence Hall
    7. William Hall,1858-
   6. Meityan Bedsole, 1840-1841
+ Elizabeth C. Hutto
6. Francis Armeinda Bedsole, 1845-1899
  + William Burke, 1843-
  ++ Mr. McNorton, 1879-
7. William E. (Babe) Burke, 1866-
7. Jasper Burke, 1870-
7. Henry “Mack” Burke, 1872-
  + Josephine White
7. Rosie Burke, 1875-
7. Travis McNorton, 1870-
6. Wilkins Bedsole, 1842-1911
  + ___?
6. Travis Lafayette Bedsole, Sr. 1848-
  + Martha ___? 5/1858- ........Choctaw Corner Cem., Alabama.
7. Travis Lafayette Bedsole, Jr.
  + Lottie Mays, 1875-
  ++ Rebecca Norton, 1860-.............m. 1879
6. Travis "Traverser" Lynner. Bedsole, 1/19/1847-12/14/1923. Choctaw Corner Cemetery, Clarke County, Alabama.
  + Martha A. "Mattie" Goodman, 5/2/1858-2/16/1906, Choctaw Corner Cemetery, Clarke County, Alabama.
  ++ Lena Ellis, married 1891-1897.
8. Massey Palmer Bedsole, Jr, 7/21/1928-6/24/2006. Inherited from JL Sr. above, Bedsole Medical Supply, Bedsole Land Company, Bedsole Cattle Farm, Mobile, Alabama. He was 6' 6" tall. A good man and a wonderful father, according to his only child, Loraine “Raine” below.
Note.....Ann served on the Alabama State Senate from 1982-1994, where she chaired the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. Prior to that, she served on the Alabama House of Representatives from 1978-1982. Ms. Bedsole was the first woman to serve in the Alabama State Senate and was first Republican woman elected to the House.
  + George Bartlett Demmas, 1960-
  10. Alexandra Bedsole Demmas, 1994-
  10. Anna Massey Demmas, 1997-
8. Travis Massey Bedsole, Atty. Mobile
  + Susan Jane Duckworth.
8. Travis Jesse Bedsole, Sr.5/27/1885-10/20/1933..Judge, Tallahatta Springs, Grove Hill, Cem, Ala.
  + Mary Ellis Carmichael, 10/14/1889-8/11/1976......m. 6/20/1913, Grove Hill, Cem., Ala.
8. Martha Nell Bedsole
+ John Russell Goodloe
      + _____?.
  9. Travis Bedsole Goodloe
      + _____?.
  9. James Lynner Goodloe
      + _____?.
8. Travis Preston Bedsole
8. Edward Lynner Bedsole

7. Susan "Suzie" Bedsole,
   + _____?
7. James Goodman Bedsole, Sr. 7/5/1887-9/15/1963 M.D. Choctaw Corner Cem., Clarke County, Ala.
   + Bertha Griffin, 7/30/1889-3/16/1977 in Ala. Same Cemetery.....m. 1/30/1912.
   + Ruth Ray Wilson, 10/17/1915-12/7/2003
9. Mary Ann Bedsole, 1942-
8. Lorraine Bedsole, 1930-1963......m. 3/9/1909
   + _____Goodloe.
   ++ _____Tunstall
   + Martha Funderberg, 1915-1998
8. Hugh Terry Bedsole, Jr. 1937-
   + Carol Brent, 1937-......She is a great bridge player and teaches the game to others, in fact.
   Was in the Persian Gulf on the USS Coontz when the U.S.S. Stark was attacked by Iraqi War planes, killing 37 sailors.
   + Stacy Felder, 1972-
10. Jacob Hugh Bedsole, 2002-
10. Sarah Louise Bedsole, 2006-
9. Cathy Louise Bedsole, 1962-
   + John Patterson, 1960-
   10. Christine Louise Patterson, 1999-
9. Terry Ann Bedsole, 1963-
   +
8 Marlene Bedsole, 1941-
   + Henry Richensen
9. Elizabeth Marlene Richensen, 1969-
   + James Brett Lalor
10. Mathew Brett Lalor, 1997-
10. Emily Elizabeth Lalor, 1997-
9. Henry Abner Richesen, 1976-
   + Kimbely Louise Springer, 2004-
7. Mathew Elmore Bedsole, 1/20/1890-9/5/1890 died a baby. Elam Cemetery, Clarke County, Ala.
+ Phala P. Bradford Died in 1949.........m. on 8/10/1910.

Notes: Joseph L. Bedsole, (Sr) moved to Mobile from Thomasville, Ala. in 1919 when he purchased Van Antwerp's wholesale drug operation. He organized Bedsole-Colvin Drug Company, S. B. Adams Lumber Company, Bedsole Investment Company, Bedsole Surgical Supply Company, and Mobile Fixture and Equipment Company. He was director of the First National Bank of Mobile for over 50 years. He also served as the first chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Mobile. While serving as chairman of the Mobile Chamber of Commerce in 1926, he was responsible for organizing the first Mobile Community Chest, which later evolved into the United Way of southwest Alabama. During the Depression, Bedsole was called to serve on a committee to assist the city of Mobile in recovering from $1.5 million in indebtedness on its municipal bonds. Bedsole served as director of Alabama Power Company. In his lifetime, he contributed more than $1.5 million for the improvement of the state. He also acted as chairman of the campaign to raise the original $2 million to build the new Mobile Infirmary on the present campus. His lifelong emphasis on education and economic development led to the formation of The J. L. Bedsole Foundation in 1949. Massey Palmer Bedsole - 6 feet, 6 inches tall-was a native of Mobile but he and his wife both had Clarke County roots. Bedsole was a nephew of J. L. Bedsole, the founder of the old Bedsole Department Store chain and of a wholesale pharmaceutical business and surgical supply business, Bedsole Surgical. He sold Bedsole Surgical in 1998 to the Caligor division of Henry Schein.. Palmer Bedsole lost his father at a young age and J. L. Bedsole's son was killed in World War II and the two were more like father and son than uncle and nephew. Palmer Bedsole was the longtime chairman of the J. L. Bedsole Foundation, which has benefited projects throughout southwest Alabama. Palmer Bedsole was a benefactor of the Centre for the Living Arts, a nonprofit Mobile organization that operates Space 301, an art gallery, and the Saenger Theatre.The owners of Bedsole Land Company agreed in 2005 to dissolve the 35-year-old family-owned company

8. Joseph Lynner Bedsole, Jr. 1st Lt., 9/4/1921-4/1944, Killed in Germany, WW-II. B-17G pilot. He was shot down by a German Me-109 Fighter plane on 4/13/1944 over Germany, exactly at Longitude and Latitude; 49-55N... 09-26E. His plane was last seen diving to the ground with its right wing on fire. No parachute was ever seen. It was assumed, he died in the plane, either from the fighter planes bullets or when the B-17 crashed on the ground.

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   + ___ Carlisle
   ++ Glynn W. DeLasalle, 1942-?
   + Bryan C. Horton 1958-?...Zachary, Louisiana
10. James Sanford "Jim" Carlisle........Irving, Texas
   + Tammy Gail Spencer
   11. Amy/Amey Nicole Carlisle, 1985-?
   11. Daniel Carlisle
   + Wendy___?..........Abilene, Texas.
10. Charles "Chuck" Carlisle, 1940-?..........Irving, Texas
   + Teresa___?
   11. Daniel Carlisle
   + Wendy___?
9. James "Jim" Carlisle, Irving Texas
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   + Tammy___?
12. Charles "Chuck" Carlisle, Sunset, Texas
   + Teresa___?
8. Walter G. "Buddy" Bedsole, 8/24/1911-3/1966. Welcome Home Cemetery,
   Grayson, Louisiana.
   + Elvie Lee Phillips, 1912-
   + Mary Lillian ("Molly") Valentine, 11/1881-1975, Caldwell, Louisiana.
   + Wiley Robert Moseley, Sr. d. 1990
   + ____?
   NOTE: Jenny is under him and Flora Elizabeth, above.
9. Patricia Ann Moseley, 1933-
   + Robert McMath
9. Thomas McMath
8. Wiley Robert Moseley, Jr. 1930-Moved to Ariz
7. Coy Bedsole, (twin of Roy above. Also adopted).
   + James Madison Hall, 4/10/1844-11/22/1924
    7. William S. Hall, 1875-
    + Martilla Pugh, 1875-
7. Henry E. Hall, 11/20/1878-9/7/1913
7. Martie Hall, 10/26/1875-6/7/1965
7. W.S. Hall, 12/21/1871-8/26/1957
7. Sarah Martilla Bedsole, 1854-Fla
   + Tom McIntyre, 1854-
7. Wealtha Surrena Bedsole, d1856-1960
7. Edward Oakley Bedsole, Sr. 1/14/1859-8/5/1942, Fla. & Smiths Cemetery, Chilton, Campbell, Clarke County, Ala.
   Born near Mossy Head, Florida (Between Defuniak Spgs and Crestview).
   ++ Roxana "Roxie" Ann Ott, 7/19/1857-6/27/1924,... m. 1898, Old Live Oak Cem, Selma, Ala.
7. William Lloyd Bedsole, b. 6/14/1896-12/13/1994
   + Mary Lessie Beaty 7/10/1908-10/31/1938. m. 11/25/1917 Buried next to Cleveland A. Beaty,
   Upper Prospect Cem. Barbour County, Alabama.
7. Ellis Spencer Bedsole, Sr.4/2/1890-2/16/1974, California and Georgia.
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9. Barry Bedsole
   +_____?
   10. Holly Bedsole, Memphis, Tenn.
   +_____?
9. Amey Bedsole
   +_____?
   +_____?
   + Virginia Bell Kilpatrick, 1888-1976
8. William Claude Bedsole, 1922-Atmore, Ala. Retired from Vanity Fair, 37 years there.
   + Verna Mae Austin, 1923--m. 8/29/1942. Also rerired from Vanity Fair.
9. Samuel Bedsole
9. Randall Bedsole
9. Sybil Bedsole
8. Connie Treathel Bedsole
   + Edward Darrell Knight
   10. Misty Mashay Knight
   10. James William Knight
8. William Austin Bedsole
   + Dixie Elaine Wiggins
   10. Audra Lee Bedsole
   10. Shannon Mae Bedsole
8. Mary Virginia Bedsole
   + Edward Darrell Andress
7. Otto Sebastian Bedsole, 4/14/1884-11/22/1886, Oak Grove Cemetery, Clarke County, Ala.
   + Carrie E. Bedsole, 9/6/1880-9/30/1931, Oak Grove Cemetery, Clarke County,
   + Martha Annie Lucinda Truett, 10/12/1873-10/31/1957. Died in Jasper, Alabama.
   + Ralph Thomas 1900-1946
   + Missouri Ara Weaver, 1899-1968
   + Virginia Owens, 1930-4/7/2009, Delray Bch, Fla....m. 1949
10. Virginia Bedsole
10. Thomas Bedsole
10. Cathy Bedsole
   + _____Hans

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9. Thomas O'neal Bedsole
   + Patsy Black............m. 1/21/1964 in Mobile.
10. Jason O'neal Bedsole
   + Wendy_____?
   11. Kathryn Faith Bedsole, 1998-
   11. Wesley Tennyson Bedsole, 2003-
   11. Jason O'neal Bedsole, Jr., 2008-
   + Mary Inez Weaver, 1900-4/28/1980 ........m...6/6/1923.
   + Jerald Lynn James, 9/23/39-12/18/2001
   + Clifford Young, 1903-1970.
8. Sadie C. Bedsole,1904-
   + Ardic Robins,1905-1935
   ++ Ethel Bates, 1908-1978
   9. Sybil Bedsole
8. Fannie Gray Bedsole, 1/27/1908-10/31/1984, Campbell, Alabama
   + Alford Wright, 1908-
   + Eunice Jenkins, 1915-
9. Joann Bedsole,
   + Noah Harmon
   10. Sharon Harmon
   10. Pamela Harmon
9 Bobby Bedsole
   + Terry Carnieg
   10. Gregory Carnieg
   + Patsy Ann Black
    + Javier Torres
11. Kagan Torres
11. Isabelle Torres
11. Carolyn Torres
11. Kathryn Bedsole
11. Wesley Bedsole
11. Miller Lee Bedsole, 2008-

9. Martha Bedsole
   + Dick Stober
10. Donna Stober
10. Carla Stober
10. Laurie Stober
10. Amy Stober

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9. Brenda Bedsole
   + Ronnie Sapp
10. Brian Sapp
10. Shelly Sapp
10. Carrie Sapp

   + Otis Patrick, 1914-
8. Charles Bedsole, 8/5/1920-12/1/1990 (Known as "Boots")
9. Billy Charles Bedsole, 1940-
   + Mamie Inee Delaney, 1939-...m.1961
10. Billy Charles Bedsole, 1963-
   + ____?
10. Karen Lucille Bedsole, 1966-
   + ____Golightly
9. Patricia Nell Bedsole, 1942-
   + Robert Abney, 1942-

   + Susan Knight, 9/17/1928-9/1/1985
++ Gertrude Pierce, Grand Bay, Ala.
   + ____?
8. Donald Bedsole, Riverview, Fla.
   + Carrie Lee Durden, 9/6/1880-9/30/1931. Riverside Cemetery, Marengo County, Ala.
   + Tom Davis Raybon, 12/20/1914-9/15/1992
   ++ Storie Sansom, 1909-
9. Charles Sansom, 1931-
8.. Charles Latson Bedsole, 9/30/1912-11/15/1968, Riverside Cemetary, Marengo County, Ala.
8. Joe Allen Bedsole
   + Marcia Jean Sanderson
9. Elizabeth Michelle Bedsole
   9. James Frederick

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10. Alyssa Michelle Frederick
9. Christina Dawn Bedsole
   + Larry Russell Headley
   10. Morgan Paige Headley
   10. Kaley Brooke Headley
   10. Peyton Russell Headley
   10. Madison Raine Headley
10. Christy Darlene Bedsole-Scurlock
   + Hazel Lee Wright, 7- Died 3/29/2007, Demopolis, Ala.
   + Diane__?
10. Richard Bedsole
   + Renee ____?
   11. Lindsey Bedsole
   11. Emily Bedsole
10. Todd Bedsole
   + Leighann__?
   11. Haleigh Bedsole
10. Mark Bedsole
   + Jennifer___?
   11. John David Bedsole
   11. Jonathan Emerson Bedsole
   + Mary Louise Bell
   + Catherine May Harrison, 5/1/1881-9/10/1942, Died in Linden, Alabama.
8. J.P. Bedsole
8. John Irby Bedsole, 8/1/1903-2/15/1953,..... m. 3/24/1924
   + Lois Durden Cobb, 9/7/1909-6/21/1950, Linden, Ala.
9. Danny Jesse Bedsole
   + _____?
8. Readu Bedsole, 1906-
8. N.N. Bedsole, Baby girl born 1912, Died at birth.
   + Onie Mae Bedsole
9. Elizabeth B. Bedsole
   + ___ Raybon
9. Patsy B. Bedsole
   + ___ Sears
8 Freida Emma Bedsole, 6/1/1905-11/16/1966
   + Thomas Jefferson Cobb, 7/7/1893-1/21/1961

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9. Kathryn Freda Cobb, 1940-
   + Joe B. Maddox, 1935-
   10. Jo Nell Maddox, 1958
      + Randall Dunn
   10. John Bentley Maddox, 1961-
      + Mary Catherine Lataro
   10. Steven Wayne Maddox, 1969-
      + Sharon Marie Ramsdale
   10. Joe B. Maddox, Jr. 1969-
      + Kimberly Reeves
8. Thomas Jasper Cobb, 3/30/1926- ?
8. Charles Edward Cobb, 2/25/1928-
   + Nan Maiben Wood
9. Jane Preston Stillings, 1945-
++ Kenneth Ecklund Buell, 8/13/1921-? Married on 2/6/1989
10. Tracy Delaine Neely, 1967-
10. Stephanie King Neely, 1970-
10. Anna Christine Neely, 1977-
10. Nancy Jane Neely, 1980-
10. Natalie Ruth Neely, 1986-
10. Mary Elizabeth Neely, 1973-
9. Rebecca Stillings, 1937-
    + James Christopher Stanley, 1936-....Married 4/18/1959.
10. James Christopher Stanley, Jr. 1963-
9. Annefranc Stillings, 1943-
    + Cleaboth Pearson
10. Lorraine Pearson, 11928-
10. John Thomas Pearson, 1930-
10. Linda Anne Pearson, /1941-
10. Deborah Lynne Brewer, 1964-
10. Grady Lee Brewer, III, 1968-
10. Brandel Maiben Brewer, 1979-
    + Shirley Diane Faircloth, ____?
    ++ Janet Long, 1949-
    10. Shawn Stillings, 1973-
9. Woodrow Stillings, 1950-
9. William Ellis Stillings, 1954-
    + Elisa Gayle Rogers, 1954-
10. Melanie Stillings, 1981-
10. Kacie Sharee Stillings, 1984-
10. William Tyler Stillings, 1988-
8. Preston Woodrow Stillings, 7/24/1914-2009
    + Marcia Turberville, 1912- ?
9. Francis Stillings
9. Sharon Stillings
7. Grover Cleveland Bedsole, 2/8/1888-6/16/1940, Thomaston Cem, Marengo, Ala.
    + Carolyn "Carrie" Loraine Findley, 10/1/1889-7/7/1938, married 9/1/1907. She Died in
    Thomaston, Ala. Buried Thomaston Cemetery with Husband.
9. Leo Fendley Bedsole, Jr.1931-2002
    + Joan Hunt,1936-
    10.Janice Lynn Bedsole, 1959-
        + Roger Edward Bailey
    10. Shirley Gail Bedsole,1961-
        + Eric Rod Hughes
    10. Michael Glen Bedsole,1963-
        + Lea Anne Carpenter, m. 1999
        11. Clara Estelle “Stella” Bedsole, 2000-
        11. Solan Fendley Bedsole, 2002-
    + Nettie Jean Shroeder
9. Billy Clark Bedsole, 1937-
9. Jerry Paul Bedsole, 1937-
9. James Arthur Bedsole, 1938-
   + Jack Oscar Townsend, 1912-1970
   + Vera Hazel Fendley, 4/23/1923- ⋯ m. 7/16/1938
   + Walter Wayne Williamson
   ⋯ PAGE 197
   + Ricky Allen Jennings
   + Theresa Lee Norris, 1964- Athens, Ala.
8. James Lane Bedsole, 1/6/1921-2/1/1941, Thomaston Cem, Marengo, Ala.
7. Horace O. Bedsole, Sr. 9/1892-1917, Born and died in Dallas, Texas. Married in Detroit, Michigan.
   ++ Agnes Hoey, 1894-1970, born Texas. Married 5/10/1917. in Dallas, Texas.
8. Horace O. Bedsole, Jr. __?
8. ____? Bedsole
   + Wade “Jack” Crisman Brown, 2/16/1894-3/10/1963
   Alma Carter, 1895-1975
   + Elizabeth Newman, ⋯ m. 6/16/1940
9. Edward Oakley Brown, 1942-
9. Leliah Ann Brown, 1947-
   + Carter, b.?, d.?
9. Nancy Louise Brown, 1962-
9. Jack Sidney Brown, 1963-
9. Paul Nicholas Brown, 1965-
9. Robert Matthew Brown, 1972-
9. Marc Houston Brown, 1945-
9. Charles Crisman Brown, 1947-
9. Jimmy Edward Brown, 1950-
9. Virginia Lynn Brown, 1954-
8. Charles Douglas Brown, 1/15/1921-2002
   + Carol Lee, m. 6/15/1945, d. 2006
9. Douglas Lee Brown, 1947-
9. Catherine Denise Brown, 1953-
  9. Benjamin Edward Brown, 10/1951-
  9. Glenn Crisman Brown, Jr. 1953-
  9. Amy Jo Brown, 1953-
  9. Kim Louise Brown, 1/8/1955-
  9. Laurie Lane Brown, 1957-
  8. John Rufus Brown, 5/26/1924-7/18/1925
  8. Carroll Brown, 10/5/1928-
    + Elvira ("Ellie") DiMiceli, ........m. 4/2/1953
    9. David Anthony Brown, 1956-
    9. Suzanne Marie Brown, 1961-
  8. Carolyn Brown, 10/5/1928-5/2/1993
    + Karl Grantham, ........m.7/29/1950

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++ Edward Xiques
  9. Vivian Paige Grantham, 1952-
  9. Dana Carlynne Grantham, 1954-
  9. David Alan Grantham, 1956-
    ++ Edward Xiques.
  8. Maurice Leon Brown, 10/8/1932-
    + Ann Peake, 1951-
    9. Maurice Leon Brown, Jr. 1953-
    9. Judson Wade Brown, 1959-
    9. Vernon Tipton Brown, 1960-
    9. Kenan Glenn Brown, 1963-
    + Mattie Kate Shroeder
  7. Massey Daffin Bedsole, 12/24/1899-7/13/1968, Campbell, Mobile, Ala And Fla.
    + Ollie Sims, 1901-10/31/1994, Moundville, Ala.
    8. Miriam Sims Bedsole, 1923-
    8. Melvin Daffin Bedsole, 1925-
      + Elsie Ieula Tingle, 1925-
      9. Melvin Terry Bedsole, 1947-
        + Sharon Ann Keating, 1943-
        ++ _______?
        10. Gary Edwin Bedsole, 1973-
        10. Michael Mayne Bedsole, 1975-
        9. Kenneth Edwin Bedsole, 1952-
          + Mary Beth Delancy, 1955-
          10. John Reese Bedsole, 1979-
            + Mary Beth Delaney
          10. Terri Lynn Bedsole, 1983-
    + Linda Fay Tingle, 1946-
    9. Judi Lynn Bedsole, 1964-
      + Terrell Eugene Johnson,
7. David Stanley Bedsole, 10/25/1899-1900 Baby.
6. Qunicy Farrington Bedsole, 1861-1892. Tied between two trees and killed with 300 rifle shots by 300-man gang at Coffeeville, Alabama in Clarke County, near Grove Hill. Age 31 at death.
   + Theodocia Virginia Truitt, 1862-
   + Sarah Summers, No dates.
   ++ Daisy Catherine Hill, 10/14/1883-2/3/1955, Glover, Ala. Tyler, Tex. and Union Chapel Ceme., Texas
8. Quincy Lee Bedsole, Sr. 1895--1/18/1972 Henderson, Texas
   + M.C. ____? , 1907-
   + Velma ____? 1908-1934
   ++ Rhelda Joan Roby, 1936-
8. Addie L. Bedsole, 1911-2002
8. Debra Bedsole
   + Richard Edward Adams
   9. Joseph Labron Adams
   9. Robin Marie Adams
   9. John Thomas Adams
   9. James Richard Adams
7. Wealthy Lenora Bedsole, 1/18/1883-9/9/1951, NC, .. m. 1900 at Biozie, Mississippi. Died in Lake Charles, Louisiana.
   + Robert Sherman Danley, 9/1877-10/18/1957, Pineville, Ala..
8. Annie J. Danley, 8/1890-1960, Cedar Creek, Sand Hill, Cumberland, NC.
   + ____?
   + ____?
   + ____?
   + ____?
   + ____?
8. Merle Perry Danley
Marcia G. Danley, 3/1893-1962, Cedar Creek, Sand Hill, NC
8. Harriett A. Danley
8. Daniel Danley.
7. Otis Bedsole, 1884-1960
+_____?

5. Martha E. Bedsole, 1/23/1842 -1/20/1866, buried in Cumberland County, NC…..m. 11/23/1843.
Lowndes County. Alabama.
+ Redding D. Simmons
6. Henry Floyd Wise, 1849-
6. Louise F. Wise, 1851-
6. John H. Wise, 1853-
6. William E. Wise, 1855-
6. Nancy C. Wise, 1857-
6. Narcissa E. Wise, 1859-
6. Mary Jane Simmons, 1844-5/1835
+ George Powell, 1839-1879
++ B.L. Jones, 9/2/1939-1/2/1908
+ Florence___, 1/18/1870-9/19/1932

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+ Stephen E. White, 1848-1890
++ William M. Jackson, 2/12/1852-4/1/1936
  8. Charles Edward Jackson, 2/10/1892-9/16/1981
  8. Sebron Adnas Jackson, 12/22/1896-1976
  8. Ferdinand White, 1876-
  8. Ida Ines Jackson-Lee, 9/23/1898-?
  8. Emma Francis Jackson, 2/7/1903-10/14/1964
  8. Lola White, 1880-
  8. John H. Wise, 1863-
5. Travis Bertram Bedsole, 12/7/1832-4/5/1899. Civil War. Old Town, Ala. m….1850
They are buried at Harrison Cemetery, near Kinston, Alabama.
6. Mary Ellen Bedsole, 1853-1939
+ Henry Martin
6. William Henry "Bud" Bedsole, 1/14/1856-9/17/1932, Kinston, Alabama
+ Sarah J. "Sallie" Harrison, 1866-1892……m. 1/1/1879 Samson, Alabama.
++ Elizabeth Celia Clark, 4/14/1862-6/25/1944
7. John Buchanon Bedsole, Sr., 1/26/1880-8/3/1926, .m. 11/26/1985, NC.
Travelers Rest Cem. At Samson, Ala.
+_____?
8. Richard Lewis Bedsole, 2/24/1898-8/10/1958, Travelers Rest
Cemetary, Samson, Ala.
  + Tommy Garland Early, 1917-
  10. Joel R. Early, 1946-
         10. Janice Early, 1948-
         ++ Mary E. Dill
         + James F. Brewer, 1919-
         10. Meredith Brewer, 1940-
         10. Barbara A. Brewer, 1945-
         + Wilmer Fountain
9. Grace R. Bedsole, 1927-
         + Alfred S. Falconi, 1923-1945
         ++ William W. Avant
         10. Richard K. Avant, 1948-
              PAGE 201
         10. Joseph E. Avant, 1951-
         10. Ronald D. Avant, 1953-
8. Sally Saphronia Bedsole, 1901-1942
         + Hadley H. Hinson, 1900-1969
9. Martha E. Hinson, 1922-
         + Fred S. Mclean
         10. Fred S. Mclean, II 1941-
             + Vyratha Dean
         10. Ann Mclean, 1950-
             + Larry G. Plymel
9. Juliane Hinson, 1925-
         + Jackson Lee Schoelles, 1923-1999
         10. Jackson Lanier Schoelles II, 1949-
             + Edith P. Adelburg, 1949-
             11. Jennifer Lee Schoelles, 1973-
                 + Michael Willet Williams, 1971-
             12. Matthew Jackson Williams, 2000-
             12. Carter James Williams, 2004-
11. Carin Suzanne Schoelles, 1977-
         + Tommy Wayne Daniels, Jr., 1975-
10. Laura Jean Schoelles, -1951
         + Dale Merryday Barstow, 1949-
         + Rebecca Elizabeth Haskell, 1976- Div. 1998
12. Tyler Lanier Barstow, 1997-
11. Donald Wade Barstow, 1980-
11. Daniel W. Barstow, 1980-
10. Sally Lynn Schoelles, 1953-
  + Richard E. Wilson, 1952-..........Divorced.
11. Heather Elizabeth Wilson, 1978-
  + Jacob Abraham Meyer, 1979-

9. Alma Jean Hinson, 1927-
  + John Hezekiah Simmons, 1919-1989
  10. Pamela Eilene Simmons, 1947-
  10. John Michael Simmons, 1955-
    + Pamela Brannen, 1955-

9. John Allen Hinson, 1960-
  + Bobbie Jean Hinson, 1964-
  10. Martha M. Hinson, 1964-

  + Myrtice Riley, 1904-1982
++ 2nd wife of Leland: Martha Christine White
  + Nadine Jennings 1918-1997 Buried Panama City, Fla.
++ Earline Owen, 1913-2000
    + Husband unknown
    10. Mandy Gantt

10. Gretchen Gantt

9. John Owen Bedsole
  +Wife unknown
  10. Rita Bedsole
  10. Owen Bedsole
  10. Luther Bedsole

  + Fred Malone Calvert, (Sr.) 1898-1976 (William L. Calvert, 1871-1946)
  9. Raymond Malone Calvert, 1944-
    + Sandra Jean McCray, 1944-
    10. Melissa J. Calvert, 1969-
    10. Marsha J. Calvert, 1972-
    10. Marjorie Ann Calvert, 1976-
    +____?

  + Sandra____?

  9. Ann Bedsole,............Wilmington, NC
    + Edward Hopkins
  9. Sallie Ann Bedsole, 1950-
    + Gerald Ziegler
   + Jay Ferguson
   9. James Ferguson
   9. Amy Ferguson
   9. Rebecca Ferguson
9. Dixie Bedsole
   + David Holder............. Defuniak Springs, Fla.
7. Melvin Bedsole, 1/26/1882-7/13/1920, Hacoda, Alabama. Mother was Elizabeth, above.
   + Frances Elmore, 1925-2/15/2009
9. Cathy Bedsole, 1945-  
   + Roger D. Webb, 1943-
9. Judean O. Bedsole, 1947-
   + Gerald Killingsworth, 1945-
9. Vickie K. Bedsole, 1947-
   + Jessie Alma Harrison, Also married James D. Owen...
9. Myra Bedsole
8. Vonnie Bedsole, 1905-
8. Pearl Bedsole, 1907-
8. Berti Bedsole, 2/20/1908-8/25/1987, Ala...m... 8/4/1928 Buried Tallahassee PAGE 203
9. Burnese (Burnese ?) Bedsole
9. Pansy Carol Bedsole, deceased.
9. John Doyster Bedsole
9. Lillian Sylvia Bedsole
9. Janette Bedsole
9. Margaret Bedsole, 12/7/1939- Memory Garden Cem, Tallahassee, Fla.
   + ___ Cooper.
   + Lela Pearl Sawyer
   10. Amey Bedsole
10. Drew Bedsole
   + Donna _____. Stratham, New Hampshire
8. Loell Bedsole, 1911-
8. Easter May Bedsole, 1912-
8. Lois Bedsole, 1913-
8. Lenore Louise Bedsole, 1916-
8. Earnie Bedsole, 7/27/1919-6/19/1920, Baby
8. Lenore Louise Bedsole, 1916-
8. Earnie Bedsole, 7/27/1919-6/19/1920, Baby
   + Thomas Jefferson Broom, 1880-
     + Elma Laurice Hardage
     9. Laurice Hardage, 1926-
        + Carl Colquett, Opp, Ala.
     10. Carla Sue Colquett, 1950-
         + Danny Archer
         ++ Charles Hines
         11. Codeth Shane Archer, 1970-
         11. Aaron Kyle Hines, 1982-
   + Mary Euphamey "Famey" Mooneyham, 12/9/1897-7/20/1983, m. 2/20/1921
   Travelers Rest Cem. Samson, Ala.
9. Orell Bedsole, 1920-
   + __________
   + Earline Owen
    + Helen ___?
11. Rita Bedsole, 1948-
    + Marcus Fowler
    + Jodi ___?
11. Lyle Bedsole
    + Steve Henk
10. Margaret Bedsole, 1930-
    + ___Shelley, 1933.
      + Mr. Moore
   9. Shelby J. Moore, 1946-
7. Rosa L. Bedsole, 4/1891-1936
   + Hosea C. Paul
7. William Randle Bedsole, 11/1899-………Old Town, Alabama. (Mother was Elizabeth, above).
   8. James Huey Bedsole,
      + Doris Marie Spiegner
9. Glen David Bedsole, M.D., 1949-
    + Linda Lawrence Johnson, 1950-….R.N.
   10. David Benjamin Bedsole, 1977- College Professor.
      + Katharine Foster, 1975-….Speech Pathologist.
      + Clayton Allen Kirkland, 1981- -----I.T.
    + Pamela Lynn Perry, 1953-
   10. Anna Marie Bedsole, 1988-
      + ____?
   10. James Daniel Bedsole, 1990-
      + ____?
    + Daniel Hurtis Price, 12/17/1921-9/19/1998
    Weeks Chapel Cemetary, Lowery, Ala.
8. Ethylene Bedsole
    + J.P. Weeks
   9. Leta Hazel Weeks
      + ____Dodd
   9. Barbara Ann Weeks
      + ____?
   9. Rex Dennis Weeks
    + Missouri Bedsole, 11/6/1908-11/25/1974
+ James A. Poston
  10. Sarah Poston
      + ____ Phillips
  10. Charles Gainey Poston
      + ____?
  9. Oscar Bedsole, 1898-

+ ______?
  9. Orell Bedsole


       7. Rosada Bedsole
       + ____ Clark
  7. Jourie L. Bedsole, 9/1883-1958 (Woman)
  7. Alcie D. Bedsole, 12/1887-1960, Old Town, Alabama. (Female)
     + ____?
  7. Grady Bedsole, 12/18//1891-6/4/1901
     + _____?
  8. William Franklin Bedsole, 10/2/1879-1882
  7. Annie L. Bedsole, 6/1896-
  7. William Franklin Bedsole, 11/30/1879-
     + Genes "Jeter" Blair,1885-1979, Kinston, Alabama.
       8. Beatrice Lucille Bedsole,1908-
          + Bruce Killingsworth, married 5/16/1943, Kinston, Ala.
          9. Brunetta Killingsworth
  7. Lillie Jersey Bedsole, 1883-1963
     + Robert Lee Russell, 4/11/1877-12/29/1934
       8. Rethie Russell, 1903-1905 Baby
          + Zelna Donald Worsham, 1907-1983
          9. Norma June Worsham,1931-
             + Harlan James Kaywood
             9. Derl Hamilton Worsham,1935-
                + Barbara Ann Plant
          + Lilly Grace
             9. Suzie Russell
             9. David Russell
             9. Doris Russell
                + Harold Kelly
             9. James Orell Russell,1931-
                + Voncil__-?
8. Maudie Rae Russell, 1911-
   + Fredrick Crowley
9. William Robert Crowley, 1931-
   + Lynette Olivia Wells
9. Dorothy Jo Crowley, 1934-
   + James Colby Griggs, Jr.
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9. Royce Glen Crowley, 1938-
   + Shirley Barfield
9. Debra Ann Crowley, 1944-
   + Horace Hubbard
   ++ Mitchell Hanberry
9. Freddie Ray Crowley, 1946-
   + Rose Mary Lord
9. Duronda Louise Crowley, 1947-
   + Thomas Harry Brasso, Jr.
   ++ Doyle Lee Parker
9. Donna Kay Crowley, 1952-
   + Hosea Bradford Pettit
8. Farris Russell, 1919-1959
   + Mildred Qualles
9. Lawanda Russell, 1950-
9. Douglas Russell, 1951-
8. Arthur Clark, 9/25/1909-?
8. Stiner Clark, 10/30/1912-9/11/1913
7. Alice Dorah Bedsole, 12/1887-
   + Carlton Lee
8. Hurley Ray Lee
8. Myrtle Lee
7. Rayford Bedsole, 1894-3/20/1960
8. Glyndol Miles Bedsole, 1922-
   + Jessie Coy Commander, 1919-1988
9. James Rayford Commander, 1945-
   + Mary Carolyn Murphy
9. Janice Kathryn Commander, 1950-
   + Roger Oneal Andrews
10. Rogelyn Janeal Andrews, 1979-
10. Joshua Neal Andrews, 1980-
10. Thomas Gabriel Andrew, 1981-
10. David Jude Andrews, 1983-
10. Jessica Kaye Andrews, 1985-
9. Jonathon Coy Commander, 1955-
   + Julie Lee Limbaugh
8. Ann Katrine Bedsole, 1927-
   + Paul Wilson,
8. Mary Ella Bedsole, 1932-
   + Charles P. Andrews

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7. Ammie Lavonia Bedsole, 6/1896-6/1928 m. 9/23/1913
   + Alonzo "Lon" Franklin Cauley, 3/8/1889-4/14/1963
   Son of Robert Pinckney Cauley and Amanda E. Jackson.
8. Ella Morie Nellie Cauley, 4/17/1920-7/25/2002...m 1/25/1934-
   + Roland Nelson, 8/13/1913-6/17/1986
   9. Wayland Eugene Nelson, 1935-
   9. Noil Melvin Nelson, 1938-
   9. Dyerce Jeanette Nelson, 1940-
   9. Lillian Rose Nelson, 1941-
   9. Ella Mae Nelson, 1943-
   9. Talmadge William Nelson, 1945-
   9. Charles Talbert Nelson, 1947-
   + Mary Etta Shackelford, m. 1967-1970
   ++ Anna Elizabeth Strickland, 1955-.........m. 6/1971
      Dau. of Robert Dempsey Strickland and
      Nancy Ruby Taylor.
10. Anna Marie Nelson, 1972- SC.......m. 2/11/1992
    + Anthony Mylon Carr,
    11. Daniel Lee Carr, 1993-
    11. Morgan Charles Carr, 1994-
10. Dawn Michelle Nelson, 1969-
    + Edward Clark
    11. Sierra Nicole Clark, 1988- Mich
10. David Lynn Nelson, 1966-
    + Belinda Roebuck
    11. David Christian Andrew Nelson, 1986-
        + Samantha Nicole Parker, m. 5/26/2007
10. Charlzette Teresa Nelson, 1974-
    + Carl Henry Weicht, Jr. ........m. 12/29/1993
    11. Jakob Tayloe Weicht, 1996-
    11. Cody Denver Weicht, 1999-
    11. Robert Anthony Weicht, 1975-
    + Otis Flemming
    ++ Hiawatha Walker
    +++ James Loyd Carr, 4/22/1922-4/14/1987
9. Hiawatha Walker, Jr. Dead. Known as "Sonny"
9. Ronald Walker.. Dead. Known as "Ronnie"
9. Joyce Flemming
9. June Flemming
   + William "Willie" Lawrence
9. Noi Franklin Lawrence,

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8. Elaine Bedsole
   + ___ Mr. Avant
8. Onita Bedsole, 1927-
   + Cecil Archie
   9. Kevin Archie
   9. Tim Archie
7. Clara Bedsole, 1902-
   + ___? Sansom
7. Unola Bedsole, 1905-
   + John Coleman Russell, 9/16/1859-12/6/1904
7. Bamma Victoria Russell, 1880-
   + Junior Adams
8. Abbie Adams
8. Fred Adams
   + Lucille___?
9. Charles Adams
9. Peggy Adams
9. Douglas Adams
8. Victoria Adams
8. Aaron Adams
8. Ray Adams
   +___?
8. Kermit "Tobe" Adams
7. Callie Donie Russell, 12/25/1881-1/2/1959
   + John Alexander Weeks
8. Statie Weeks
8. Pinkie Weeks
8. Hubbard Weeks
8. Fonzel Weeks
8. Widom Weeks
8. Ralph Weeks
8. Jewel Weeks
8. Louie Weeks
   + Pierce W. Weeks 10/17/1880-12/6/1951
8. Harry Edward Russel, 1921-  
   + Foye Mildred Simmons, 1922-  
   ++ Carol Sue Epperly  
9. Rita Russel, 1942-  
   + Robert E. Pitts, 1938-

10. Robert E. Pitts, Jr. 1962-  
   + Valerie___?  
10. Wynn Whitfield Pitts, 1965-  
   + Jennifer___?  
11. Robert "Bo" Pitts, 1998-

8. Jacqueline Russel, 2/19/1923-6/14/1926  
   + Charlie Deal.  
   + Belle Helms  
8. Carlos Russel  
   + Mildred___?  
9. Roy Russel  
8. Clyde Russel, 10/2/1911-4/1/1957  
8. Ray Russel, ___?- 1996  
   + Mildred Russel  
9. Hoyt Russel  
   + Donna___?  
10. Melissa Russel  
10. Mandy Russel  

   + Sarah J. Russell, 6/1869-1938  
   + Eva Marie Hicks, 1886-1967..........Illinois  
8. William Travis Bedsole, Jr. 1919-2005  
   +___?  
   +___?  
   +___?  
   +___?  
   Opp, Alabama..  
   +___?  
8. Alfa Bedsole,  
   +___?  
8. Jeanne Bedsole, 1914-  
   +___?  
8. Beatrice Bedsole, 1917-  
8. Barbara Beda Bedsole
8. Fred Bedsole, 1927- 
+ ____?
8. Ruth Bedsole, 1930- 
+ ____?
8. Barbara Bedsole, 1932- 
+ ____?
+ ____?
+ Vernon C. Kern, 1888-1973
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+ ____?Merritt, 1920-2007
7. Hattie Bedsole, 1901-1979 
+ William Leon Pilant, 1899-1962 
  8. William Leon Pilant, Jr., no dates 
  8. Alpha Pilant
+ Katherine Patricia Grace, 1916-1981
  9. Thomas"Tom" Bedsole, 1969- 
  9. Chris Bedsole, 1971- 
7. Margaret Patricia Bedsole, 1941- 
+ John Allen Kane, 1930- 
  8. Lillie Theresa Kane, 1962- 
  + Bob Morterson 
  9. Amey Morterson
8 . Laura Marie Kane, 1963- 
  + Randy Debeeid 
8. Lisa Ann Kane, 1964- 
  + Jim Watkins 
  9. Linda Watkins
+ Priscilla Kay Elliott, 1942- 
  9. Darcel Kay Bedsole, 1966-
Jon Howell, 1965-
  + Julie Marie Baldwin, 1970-
10. Bryce Travis Bedsole, 1991-
10. Kaiden Hunter Bedsole, 1999-
8. Lucretia Bedsole, 1946-
  + Jerry May
  ++ Larry House
9. Lynn Marie May, 1967-
  9. Bryan May, 1973-
  9. Jennifer House, 1975-
  9. Anny House, 1978-
8. Steven Thomas Bedsole, 1953-
  + Ann Nofziger, 1954-
  ++ Nancy Jean Richards, 1950-
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9. Staci Lynn Bedsole, 1979-.........m. 6/7/2008
  + Joshua Charles Treece, 1984-
  Parents; Melanie Turner and Charles Patrick Treece.
9. Samuel Thomas Bedsole, 1991-
8. James Russell Bedsole, 1956-
  + Barbara Jean Bliss, 1958- ............m. 1976
  ++ Lou Ann Ferrel, 1950- ........m. 8/24/1979
  +++ Patti Faye Drummond, 1964-
  ++++ Susan Kay Welsh, 1954-.....m. 3/10/1979
9. Clinton Allen Bedsole, 1972-
  + Gina Marie Chiapetta, 1972-
  10. Tyler Bedsole, 2006-..Twin of Mackenzie
  10. Morgan Elizabeth Bedsole, 2007-
9. Emily Jean Bedsole, 1978-
  + Timothy Levi Smith, ...........m. 2005
  10. Katrine Jean Smith, 2007-
9. Benjamin Cody Bedsole, 1993-
7. Juanita Bedsole, 1993-
  + Mr. Stoll
8. William Thomas Stoll

NOTE: The following people, Robert Lee Bedsole through Hubert Bedsole, are not under the correct ancestor, but someone who knows must tell me where they do go.

  + Krispin Patrice Caldwell....Divorced.
  9. Rachel Leigh Bedsole
  9. Laura Elizabeth Bedsole
  9. Joseph Lee Bedsole
8. James Martin Bedsole 1890-1963
+ Mattie Parker b. 1896-1960
   + Mildred Earline Smith 1913-1988
10. Herschel Floyd Bedsole, 1935-
    + Elizabeth Calhoun, 1937-
11. Kevin Bedsole
10. Leon Linward Bedsole, b. 1939
   + Patricia Bowdin b. 1941
10. Peggy Ann Bedsole, b. 1948
   + Steve Calhoun Devorest, b. 1947
9. Amanda Bedsole, 1917-
9. Clarence Bedsole, 7/14/1916-01/1986
9. George Victor Bedsole, 1919-
9. Hubert Bedsole, 1921-
6. Francis Bedsole, 1863-
6. Travis Bertram Bedsole, Jr. 8/11/1864-8/30/1926 Rhoades Cemetery, Perrys Store, Ala
   + Georgia Ann Hudson, 9/29/1869-3/22/1912. Died 2 months after Elizabeth was born and Georgia Ann died from blood loss and Sepsis (Whole-body infection), after Elizabeth was born and both died from the birth.
   ++ Bethonia Elizabeth "Bessie" Williams, 1884-1958... m. 9/5/1913. Buried Apopka, Fla. Note: Travis and Bethonia were married by Judge Rowe, Opp, Ala.. She was Mother only to Dexter and Daisy, below.
7. Mary Nell Bedsole, b. & d. 4/30/1932, Infant. (Bessie)
   + Elsy Allen, 1915-
8. Rayford Allen
8. Randall Allen

A Tribute To My Parents: They were married at the courthouse in Elba, Alabama, on November 30, 1912, by Probate Judge S.P. Samples. Their marriage was witnessed by "Relatives And Friends". Her parents were John Burress Farmer, a Preacher, and Sara Frances Smith, of Elba, Alabama. My Mom was married and a Homemaker from age 16 to her death at age 83. She was a true angel on earth and straight out of Heaven. She never had anything and never asked for anything. I totally loved her, and what she lived through. Her strength and stamina were amazing. So was her belief in God.

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They were my parents. They worked all their desperately poor lives just to feed us 9 children, when they could not have provided adequately for 2. They were the poorest of the poor sharecroppers who ever lived. They were nevertheless, very loving, very religious, and made all 9 of us children go to church all our "Growing up" years. My dad above, died at age 56, because his heart was so enlarged it could not beat. He and my Mom worked and starved themselves to death in order to feed something
to us children, and I am amazed to this day, how they never lost their trust, faith, commitment to and belief in, God, and how they had the most amazing strength, commitment, and determination to do their very best with what pathetically little they had, for each other and their children, when they really had nothing to work with. It was a pitiful, totally one-sided battle, which they fought with everything they had all their lives. They never gave up to the bitter end, and that's the biggest thing I inherited from them. Never give up. You can see it in this History and List; For 60 years, regardless of the amount of time, money and effort it took I never gave up, and at the end, it finally finished. Regardless of the fact they really never had anything, they were without doubt, the very best of the very best and we all loved them very, very dearly.

   She was my substitute Mom and I, her "Number 2 son".
   + Newman Donaldson, 1913-1997
   9. "Danny" Daniel Donaldson, 1947-
      + Psyche Patterson,
      ++ Joan _____?
      +++ Martha ____?
   10. Daniel Donaldson, Jr. 1991-
      + Joshua Norris,
   9. Helen Janice Vinson, 1943- Such a wonderful person.
      + James Ivey, 1941-.....m. 11/1961-Divorced 1963.
   10. Sherry Dyer, 1966- B.S.
      + David "Davie" William Dixon, 1966-
      11. David William Dixon, II 1992-
      11. Daniel Lee Dixon, 1995-
      11. Ashley Marie Dixon, 1999-
10. Vicki Marie Dyer, 1971-
   + Michael Witz, 1982-.
   11. Kyle Aubrey Dyer, 1991-
   11. Gage Alan Chesser, 1994-
   11. Lexie Marie Witz, 2003-
   11. Lanie Lynne Witz, 2004-
9. Henry Aubrey ("Butch") Vinson, Jr., 1945- A good man, like his father, but like me, a poor judge of women.
   + Gloria Atchley
   ++ Diane Woody
   +++ Gloria Atchley
   ++++ Francis Gail Lawson
   ++++++ Maria Flores Elena
   10. Sonya Lynnette Vinson, 1972-
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      + Donald Edward Quinn
10. Joshua Lee Vinson, 1985-
+ Gladys Hazel Norris, 1/18/1926-11/23/1993, Astatula Ceme., Fla..
    + Patricia___?
    ++ Eleanor___?
10. James Bedsole,
    10. David Bedsole,
    10. Michael Bedsole,
    + _____?
    ++ ____?
9. Jesse Willie "J.C." Donaldson, 1943- 
    + Deborah Chatham, divorced
    ++ Sandra Cox, divorced
    +++ Linda James, ...........m. 2005
    10. Clinton Whitman Donaldson
    10. Jessica Denice Donaldson
        + Van Spencer
        ++ Tony Rush
        11. Pate Spencer
        11. Will Rush
    10. Bryce Elliott Donaldson
        + Bethany___?
9. Janice Donaldson
    + Vic Phillips
    10. Heather Phillips
    10. Taylor Phillips
    10. Allison Rebecca Phillips
    + Jerry Morgan
    ++ Larry Wicker
    +++ Kenneth Oglesby
    ++++ ____Palin.
    10. Joshua Paul Morgan, Moved to California.
    10. Jason Mathew Oglesby
9. Phyllis Jo Donaldson
    + Mickey McDonald
    ++ Curtis ___?
    10. Tasha Nicole McDonald
        + Patrick Danley
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    10. Summer Michelle McDonald
        + Shane Lunsford
11. Peyton Michael Lunsford
10. Kasi Danielle McDonald
   + Curtis O. Brooks
   + Willie Vernell Norris, 1930- ...m. 9/21/1946 in Opp, Ala.
9. Charles Larry Bedsole, Another good man.1947-
   + Debra Sue Rhinehart, Divorced in 1980.
   ++ Sharlene Ladd ...m. 10/2007 ?
10. Scott Bedsole
10. Shane Bedsole
9. Patsy Vernell Bedsole, 1946-
   + Roger Holton
   10. Ronald Allen Meyer
   10. Shannon Gayle Meyer
   + ____?
   11. Lindsey ____?
10. Krista Lynne Meyer
   + Cale Stancil. Became an officer in the Navy.
11. Baby girl Stancil
9. Jerry Edward Farmer, 1948-
   + Wanda ____? Divorced, 1980?
8. James D. "JD" Bedsole, ASME, BSBA, BSVE, MSEA, PhD. Retired Military, retired State Gov., retired from a private Co. as CEO and finally retired on S.S..
   +++ Edna K. (Kyser) Smith, 1932-.....m. 11/17/2004, Divorced 9/20/06
9. Sabra Ruth Bedsole, 1955-. Paralegal and LPN.
   ++ Daniel Frank Hauversburk, Divorced in 1996. Two Children
10. Brenna Marie Hauversburk, 1984-
   + Not Married: Roy West.
11. Blake Ronald West, 2003-
9. Darlene Bedsole-Ward, 1959- Born in Taiwan while JD was there in the Air Force.
   ++ Donald Ray Ward, Divorced 1992
10. Heather Carol Ward, 1988-
9. Karl Von Bedsole, 1962-
   + Venicia Scott, 1961-
10. Karoline Macy Bedsole, 2009-
8. Joyce Katrina Bedsole, 1933-
+ Eugene Denmark, 1929- The very best man I ever knew.
   + Bill Jordan. They had Leandra.
   ++ Michael Grant. No children.
   +++ Douglas Seers. No children.
10. LeAndra Jean Jordan
   + Dennis McCarty
   11. Brandon McCarty, 1990-
   11. Brent McCarty, 1995-
9. James Richard (Ricky) Denmark, Retired Army MSgt..
   + June Sermons
10. Carrie Denmark
10. Tracie Denmark
10. Richard Alan Denmark
10. Lashonda Denmark
10. Jacob Denmark
9. Sheila Ann Denmark
   + Steven Webb
   +____?
   +____?
   + Julie___?
10. Joshua Denmark
10 Sarah Denmark
10. Luke Denmark
   + Betty Jean Robinson, 1939-
10. Clayne Travis Bedsole
   + Pepper Davis-Divorced
   ++ Tammy Blocker -Divorved
   +++ Melissa Adams -Divorced
   + Joshua ____?
11. Brandon Alexander Bedsole
11. ClayneTraywick Bedsole
   + Gary Hackenmeyer-Divorced.
7. Franklin Edgar Bedsole, 11/1/1889-12/1/1960. Sharecropper, then Guard at gate of Pensacola Florida Naval Air station.
   + Lillian Effie Redmon, 12/6/1894-12/14/1960, Housewife.
8. Gladys Marie Bedsole, 1912-
  + Luther Wise
  ++ Homer Hall
  9. William Wise
  9. Robert Frank Wise
  9. Evelyn Wise
  9. Homer Donald Hall
  9. Juanita Hall
8. Samuel Chester Bedsole, 1913-1931. Killed at age 18 when he jumped or fell from a loaded two-mule wagon, driven by his father, near Opp, Alabama. He landed ahead of a rear wheel and the wheel ran over and crushed his chest. Chester lived almost 3 days before dying. Another version is; He jumped from a moving truck, his shirt caught on the truck and he was dragged for a mile or more and died 2 days later.
  +++ Everett Ashby. 1915-1980
     + Dale Roberts, 1915-1958
  9. Lillian Maragret Schofield
     + Ross C. Shiver, m. 1952
     + Olivia Straughn, 1915-1958
  9. Annis Christine Schofield
     + William Melvin Truett, 1915-1957.
  9. Vivian Bedsole,
  9. Curtis Fredrick Bedsole, 1945-
     + Eugenia Donnell Hudson, 1945-
      10. Kelly Glyn Bedsole, 1974-
          + Kendon Leo Saucier, 1970-
          11. Chase Alexander Saucier, 2000-
          11. Logan Christopher Saucier, 2003-
  10. Travis Scott Bedsole, 1976-
     + Angel Michelle Murphy, 1976-
     11. Skyler Nicole Bedsole, 2005-
  + Henry A. Brown, 1923-
  ++ Benjamin Shaw, 1920-
9. Cherriann Faye "Faye" Brown, 1946-
   + Robert D. Cherry, Divorced 1968.

++ Bobby Gene Williamson, 1940-
10. Utahna "Tonya" Jo Cherry, 1964-
   + Jeffrey T. Smith
   11. Zachary T. Smith, 1996-
   11. Ryan Alexander Smith, 1997-
   11. Spencer Crawford Smith, 2004-

9. Patricia Ann Brown
   + Phillip Triantafillou
   10. Vanessa Triantafillou
   10. Brett Triantafillou

9. Brenda Brown
   + Allen_____?
   10. Brandenn ____?
   10. Shannon ____ (Son)

9. Connie Denise Brown, 1955-
   + Preston Horace Hale
   10. Lorena Michelle Hale, 1980-
       + Norman Kearby
       11. Zoanna Rhiann Kearby, 2004-
       11. Michaela Cherise Kearby, 2007-
   10. Corin Patrice Hale, 1990-

7. Idella Catherine “Idell” Bedsole, 1891-1951
   + Oscar Simpler, 1889-1950
   8. Travis Robert Simpler, 1911-1980
      + Jewel____?
      + Janette Gee, 1935- Blytheville, Arkansas.
      10. Cathy Simpler
          + Charles Henriott
          11. Ashley Henriott
          11. Charles Henriott, Jr.
   10. Ronald Simpler
       +______?
       11. Travis Simpler
       11. Fisher Simpler

9. Annie Ree Simpler
   + Jack Ladd.
   9. Fred Simpler, 1930-
      +______?
      10. Brian Simpler

8. Bertha Simpler
   +____Cauley

   + Curtis Vickery, 1910-1966
   9. Donald Vickery, ____? Mobile, Ala.
   + Melba___, ?
   + Gail _____, Mobile, Ala.
8. Rosalee Simpler, Panama City, Fla.
   + ___ Mathews
8. Clydia Bell Simpler….Crestview
   + __ Bulger
Rock Hill, S.C.
   + Wesley T. “Bud” Wilks, 1887-1988, Buried Greenwood Cemetery, Apopka,
Fla.,
   8. Izabell Wilks, 8/25/1916-1/9/1919
   8. Wesley G. Wilks, 10/23/1918-1/22/1919
   8. William T. (“Willie Boy”) Wilks, Panama City, Fla. Buried Greenwood
   Cemetery, Apopka, Fla.
   + Ellen Pickeron
   ++ Christine___?
9. Imogene Wilks,
9. Wilford Wilks,
   + Kyler Cutchins
   ++ Vasco Adolf Whittle, 10/15/1913-1/1/1984
   9. Yvonne Whittle, ?
   + ____?
9. Shirley Whittle, ?
   + ___ Childress
10. Bruce Childress
   + _____?
   8. Minnie Mae Wilks,1921-1985
   + Danny Powell, Sr.
   ++ Ross Miller
   9. Three infants buried at Limestone, Fla.
   8. Baby Wilks, born and died on 3/25/1920
   8. Baby Son. born and died on 6/17/1925
   + Louie D. Tomlin
   9. Jimmie D. Tomlin. 1946-
   + ____?
   ++ ____?
   10. Marie Tomlin
9. Karon Tomlin, 1964-
   + ___ Matamuchek
10. Mandy Matamuchek
   + ___?
   11. ___?
   11____?
10. Braxton Matamuchek, ___?
   + Peggy Childs
   ++ Betty Brown
   +++ Stephanie Eggett
9. Steve Wilks
   + Gail Lawson
9. Pamela Wilks,
   + ___? Hughes
   ++ Ted Adams, Divorced 2/2009
8. Bertie B. Wilks
   + Fredrick Ralph Marden, 11/24/1937-
   ++ Percy Garfield "Bud" Horten 3/22/1926-6/6/1966
9. Cheryl Ann Marden, 1955-
   + John Chitty
9. Ralph Fredrick Marden, 1956-
   + Thomas Elton Sasser, 7/29/1900-12/10/1981. One of the best men who ever lived. His mother was Melissa Elizabeth Nelson. His Dad was Jack I. Sasser, b. 1868 who married Melissa Elizabeth Nelson b. 1872. They married 10/11/1888. He also had brother Elmy, married Pearlie Bedsole, brother Gus married Flora Turman and brother Jack Sasser, Jr. His sister was Lavada Sasser. She married Dewey Henry Bush. Several relatives buried in Rhoades Cemetery between Perrys Store and Kinston, Alabama.
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   + William "Will" Fraizer, 8/13/1923-3/6/1972
9. Aldon Louis Fraizer, Sr. 1953-
   + Catherine King
10. Susan Fraizer
10. Janice Lou Fraizer
   + Allen Bryant
9. Genice Fraizer,
   + Rouvon King
10. Deffie King
10. Diane King
10. Tammy King
   + R.L. Thorn, Sr. 1925-
9. Alice Jean Thorn, 1945-
   9. Patricia Diane Vinson
      + Thomas Huffstutler
   9. Mary Sue Vinson
      + _____ Hamby
   9. Teresa Deborah Vinson
      + ___ Risner
      ++ ____ Nesmith
      +++ ____ Mabry
8. James Ollie Sasser, 1933-
   + ____?
   ++ Wanda Ann Stanley
   9. Craig Sasser
      + ____?
   9. Barry Sasser
      + ____?
   9. Bruce Sasser
   9. Keith Sasser
   9. James Jimmy Sasser
8. Edlow Sasser, 1937-
   + Jennie Caffee
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   ++ ____?
   +++ Carolyn Jackson
   9. Kenneith Sasser
   9. Lonnie Earl Sasser
8. Annie Nettie Jeanette Sasser, 1940- m. 10/12/1956
   + William "Bill" Irvin Miller, 1934-2006.
   9. Stephen Elton Miller, 1957-
      + Brenda Odell
      ++ Anita Small
      +++ Linda Stiber
      10. Jason Carl Miller
      10. Christopher William Miller
      10. Amanda Miller
      10. Stephanie Jean Miller
      10. Tiffany Ann Miller
+ Donald Clyde Naylor
10. Clyde Donald Naylor
10. Michael Naylor
9. Joseph Alexander Miller, 1963-
   + Cindy Lee Travis
   ++ Leslie Ann Elliott
   10. Alexander Joseph Miller
9. Glenda Gail Miller
   + Remikus Birko
   10. Shannon Marie Birko
   + Robert William Calvin Adkison, 10/10/1891-9/1994, Apopka, Fla. A very good man. They were both born in Ala. Buried in Apopka, Fla. He was the son of Hiram D. Adkison and Martha Wise.
      + William "Willie" Taylor, 1914-?
      They are buried in Apopka, Fla.
         + Dorothy Lee
         ++ Carolyn Hamby
         10. William Earl Taylor, 1969-
         10. Robert William Taylor, 1971-
   9. Mary Delois McCarty, 1951-.......... in Japan
      + Richard Maurice Shulstad, 1949-
      10. Ashley Brooke Shulstad, 1983-
      9. Harold McCarty, 1958-
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      + Carolyn Dobbs, 1959-
      10. Jamie Mitchell McCarty, 1976-
      10. Jamie Michelle McCarty, 1976-
   + Ophelia Grace Hudgins Dobbs, 1934-?
   9. Vera Grace Dobbs, 1951-
   +_____?
   10. Averie Dobbs, ?
   9. Harrison Dean Dobbs, 1952-
   9. Bobby Jackson Dobbs, 1954-
   9. Jeane Lynn Dobbs, 1963-
   9. Carolyn Dobbs, 1959-
   + Harold McCarty, 1958-
   (See children above, under Harold McCarty).
   + Henry Sylvester Butler, 1933-Born in Altoona, Fla. Chipley, Fla.
9. John Henry Butler, 1955-
   + Marsha Smith, Divorced.
   ++ Donna Boyd
   +++ Sandra Pettis-Alderman
10. Elisha Lynn Butler, 1975- m. 5/5/1993
    + James Griffitti
11. Darren James Griffitti 1995-
10. Kerri Leigh Butler, 1981-
    + Brian Grinde,
    11. Lucas Sean Grinde, 1998-
10. Misty M. Alderman, 1972-
    + Norman Parrish
    11. Johnny Parrish, ?
    11. Kayla Lasha (Father is Curtis Bess)
    11. Aryn Dean Marsh (Father was a Marsh).
10. Karen Michelle Pettis, 1974-
    + Jeff Gunn
    ++ Pud Riley
    11. Jessie Dale Gunn
    11. Colton Riley
10. Jeremy Pettis, 1979-
9. Pamela Ann Butler, 1972-
   Her biological Father was Jimmy Garrish
   + Kerry Selbe,
   10. Rita Rena Selbe, 1990-
9. Vickie Amber Butler, 1977-
   Her biological father was Jimmy Garrish
   + ____ Monday ?
10. Tyler Garrish, 1997-
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10. Makayla Monday, 1998-
10. Hunter Monday, 2001-
9. Kenneth Wade Butler, 1982-
   His biological father was Jimmy Garrish
   + Lurity Melvin Adkison, 10/13/1896-1975...m. 7/3/1920. She married two others after that.
8. Onnie Merle Bedsole,
   + Jack Weekly, Alabama State Trooper.
8. George Randall Bedsole, 1929-. Unmarried.
   + Idell Pickeron, 1935-
9. Lance Bedsole
   + _____?
9. Linda Bedsole
   + _______?
9. Diane Bedsole
   + ____?
8. Nadine Bedsole
   + Arthur Barley
7. Mary Anne Bedsole, 1924-1925
   + Johnny Burress Farmer, 1903-1986
    Buried in Apopka.
      + Lillie B__?
       ++ Lucy ___?
       9. Lamar Sasser, 1949-
      9. Rodney Wayne Sasser, 1953-
      9. Jerry Sasser, 1955-
      9. Linda Sasser,
         + Richard Godwin.
      9. Kenneth ____?
      9. Ricky David ____?
   9. Ozar Lent "Larry" Grant, Jr. 1956-
   9. Garry Lane "Jerry" Grant, 1958-
   + Houston Thorn, ...Div.
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      9. Betty Diane McCarty, 1967-
         + Adam Kent Tillman, 1961- Burlington, NC
         10. Dwight Arnold McCarty.
8. Karl Lee Sasser, 1940-
   + Dorothy Jane Anderson-Div.
      ++ Constance Richter.
      9. Teresa Jane Sasser,
         + Robert Cox--Div.
         10. Angela Marie Cox,
             + Rogellio Melendez
             11. Sandra Jane Melendez
   + June Brown
   ++ Ruth ____?, 10/13/1911-
      9. Tanzi Danielle Sasser, 1967-
7. Columbus Bedsole, 8/27/1910-01/08/1977, Mechanic, Greenwood Cem.,
   Florala, Ala.
   + Elmer Adams, 09/02/1912-08/17/1997....Wife of Columbus. Greenwood
Cem, Florala.

   + Betty Jean _____? 1941-2008 .....m. 06/30/1957
   9. Daughter___?

8. Annie Clyde Bedsole, 1942-
   + Junior Bozier

8. Ernestine Bedsole
   + Robert “Bob” Gennell


   + Peter Albritton
   ++ W.C. Hall

6. James D. Bedsole, MD, 6/9/1871-11/2/1943. Corner Creek Cemetery,
   Hacoda, Alabama.
   + Artie Missie Ward, 5/9/1876-2/2/1959, Hacoda, Alabama......m. 1895.
   Note; On the 1900 Census, her grandmother, Roseanna P. Ward Widow of
   Travis B. Bedsole, and mother of Dr. James Bedsole was living with this family
   in Old Town, Ala. (Coffee County). Dr. Benjamin Randall Ballard talked him
   Into attending medical school together.

6. James D. Bedsole, MD, 6/9/1871-11/2/1943. Corner Creek Cemetery,
   Hacoda, Alabama.
   + Artie Missie Ward, 5/9/1876-2/2/1959, Hacoda, Alabama......m. 1895.
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7. Woodrow Bedsole, 1895-1965 ?.

7. Tatum Bedsole, 1/24/1899-12/25/1978, Travelers Rest Cemetery,
   + Leola Estella Lee, 10/7/1907-3/26/2000, Travelers Rest Cemetery,
   Samson, Ala. Lived in Hacoda, Ala.

7. Shelton Bedsole, 3/3/1901-7/8/1924, Killed in Detroit, Michigan by a
   train. Corner Creek Cemetery, Hacoda, Alabama.
   + Zora ____?


   + Maebelle Oliver, 1907-1989

   Electrical Engineer, University Of Alabama.
   + Janice Elaine Knight, 1939-

9. Andrea Elaine Bedsole, 1964-
   + Marshall Handlin Mullins, 1957-
   10. Jacob "Jake" Mullins

9. Tracy Victoria Bedsole, 1967-
   + Michael Wade Bennett, 1966-
   10. Samuel Bennett

   General Surgeon, University Of Alabama.
   + Gloria Dykes
   ++ Cyndi Hartley, 1949-

+ Rhonda Rowell, M.D. Pediatrics

8. Dalton Anthony Bedsole, MD, 1941-. Urologist, Medical College Of Alabama.
+ Nancy Kathleen Akins, 1943-.........m. 1963.
+ Ty Harris..........Birmingham, Ala.
10. Sally Kathleen Harris, 1996-
10. Emma Grace Harris, 1999-

8. Travis Franklin Bedsole, 1946-, B.A. in Business Management, Brookhaven, Mississippi.
+ Joyce Sims, 1949-
9. Donnie Bedsole, 1966-
+ Gloria____?
++ Cindy Hartley
+++ Nitza Garcia, 1972-
10. Anna Bedsole
+ John McCauley...Picayune, Mississippi.
10. Mandy McCauley.

   On the 1840 Census, his last name is spelled BEDSOE. (Frequent Misspelling).
+ Rebecca Starling, 1771-1860
++ Nancy Emanuel, 1772-

5. William Henry Bedsole, Sr. 1820-1905 ?, Born NC.
   + Luthra Catherine _____?
   ++ Jennet Hinson, 1823-
6. Loiza Bedsole, 1840-1910
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6. Thomas F. Bedsole, Sr. 1841-1910
   + ____?
7. Catherine Bedsole, 1860- Ala.
7. Mary R. Bedsole, 1876-?
7. Thomas F. Bedsole, Sr. 1877-? Ala.
   + ____?

5. William Luther Bedsole, 1849-1887 Assumed spelling as BLEDSOE. Moved from NC to Georgia, to Alabama.
   + Rosa May____?, 5/30/1898-1/28/1919, Duncan McLaurin Cemetery, Cumberland, North Carolina.
   ++ Parmelia____? 1802-
6. Charles Franklin Bedsole,1873-1930, Cedar Creek, Farmer, Cumberland, NC
   + Lillie Bedsole
7. Roy F. Bedsole, 9/7/1910-2/26/1913, NC, Duncan McLaurin Cem. NC
6. Herman L. Bedsole, 12/30/1914-8/26/1917, Duncan McLaurin Cemetery, NC.
6. B.B. Bledsoe, 1824-Georgia
6. Elvira J. Bledsoe, 1840-Alabama
6. James R. Bledsoe 1842- Georgia
6. Joseph B. Bledsoe, 1845Alabama
6. Leonora A. Bledsoe, 1830- Georgia
6. Mary J. Bledsoe, 1842-Alabama
6. Narcissa Bledsoe, 1838- Alabama
6. William B. Bledsoe, 22 Georgia
6. Winnie Bledsoe, 1830-1900
5. Mary Bedsole, 1819-
5. Rebecca Bedsole, 1830-
5. Thomas Bedsole,1826-1860 Buried Lowndes, Ala.
   + Charlotte A _____? 1832-
   6. William Henry Bedsole,1850-
5. Nancy (“Polly”) Bedsole,1826-
   + _____Emanuel, 1824-
   6. “Lizer” (Elizabeth?) Bedsole
      + Gideon Emanuel
5. Nancy Ann Emmanuel, (Jr.) 1848-1926, Dismal, Sampson County, NC.
   + Nancy Ann Emmanuel, (Jr.) 1848-1926, Dismal, Sampson County, NC.
   7. Isabella Bedsole, 1879-1955, Dismal, NC.
      + _____?
   7. Elmyra Bedsole,1873-1940, Dismal, NC.
      + _____?
   7. Lou Berta Bedsole
      + Joseph Emanuel
   7. James Henry Bedsole, 1854-1930, Dismal, Sampson, NC.
      + Hannah Warrick,
      + Amanda Warrick
      + Jayne Kurtz
      ++ Betty Jean Croly Littleton
      + Ella Ree Cummings, 10/30/1910-1/28/1994 Fayetteville, NC.
   8. _____Bedsole, Dau.
      PAGE 226
   + Bill Brack
9. Sheila Brack  
   + ___ Svitil, Lives at Halethorpe, Calif.  
8. ____? Bedsole, Joppatowne, Calif.  
   + ___ Wynn  
8. Myrtle Bedsole, Dundalk, Calif.  
   +___Locklear  
8. Elsie Bedsole  
   + ___ Brewington, Hope Mills, NC  
7. Docia Bedsole, 1877-1940, Dismal, Sampson, NC.  
   + Enoch Emanuel, 1875-1945, Dismal, Sampson, NC.  
   + iola Brewington, 1896-1945  
   ++ Martha Goodman Cooper
7. Emma Bedsole  
7. William Bedsole, 1909--  
7. Nattie Bedsole, 1912-  
7. Mary Evelyn Bedsole, 1920-  
   + Jonah Emanuel, 5/1876- Married in 1899. They moved to Clio, SC between 1920 - 1940. Changed name to Charles Maynor in South Carolina.  
8. Lubertha Ann Emanuel-Maynor  
8. James Watha Emanuel-Maynor  
8. Lina Casin Eveline "Casey" Emanuel-Maynor  
8. Myrtle Emanuel, Lillian M. Emanuel-Maynor  
8. Joseph Enoch Emanuel-Maynor  
8. Jesse Olive Emanuel-Maynor  
8. Amos Emanuel-Maynor  
8. Liddie Luveneal Emanuel-Maynor  
   + Ollie Brewington
7. Molsey Bedsole  
   + Mathew Burnette, Jr.
8. Woodrow Burnette  
   + Esther Ammons (Lula James & Calvin Ammons).
9. Marion Lee Burnette  
   + Samuel "Sammy" Robinson  
10. Karla Robinson-Summers  
    + Kevin Charles Summers  
    11. Kyle Summers  
10. Darla Robinson  
   + Mike Blanton  
   ++ Evan Deese  
   +++ Steve Johnson
11. Ashley Blanton
11. Samantha Deese
11. Jeremy Johnson
11. Danielle Stinson
10. Christina "Tina" Robinson
   + Buddy Stinson
8. ila Burnette
   +___Faircloth

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10. Twila Robinson. Died as infant.
   + Erias Brewington
5. Eliza (Elizabeth?) Bedsole,1846-
   +_____?
      + Hannah Warrick, 1884-1944.
5. Martin Bedsole, 18331-
5. Isaac Bedsole, 1833-
   + Mary S. Bedsole, 1834-
      + Viola Whatley,1883-
   + _____Long
   8. Juanita Long
      +____?
8. Betty Long
   + George Homiack
   9. Kayla Homiack
8. Derita Long
   +_____?
   9. Tonya
   9. Darryle
   9. Scotty
7. Brenda Ida Bell Bedsole,1948-
   + Billy Henry Sims,1944-
      +______?
8. David Allen Sims
   + Juanita___?
8. Brenda Kaye Sims
   + John Henry Parks
   Bethlehem Cem, Coffee County, Ala.
   +____?
7. O.C. Bedsole, 1926-
+ Name unknown
++ Ethelene Hodge

8. Debbie Bedsole
   + Euva Samuel
   9. Mandy Samuel
      +____?
   9. Lauren Samuel
      +____?

8. Jerry Bedsole
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   + Jo Ann Smart
   9. Mallory Bedsole
   9. William Bedsole

8. Danny Bedsole
      +____?
   9. Hayden Bedsole
   9. Haley Bedsole
   9. Daniel Bedsole

7. Willie Jean Bedsole, 1940-
   + Rayford Hodge, 1935- Divorced
   ++ ____Holloway

8. Mary Sue Hodge, 1957-
   9. Casey Lynn, 1981-
      + ____Jones
   10. Kaylee Jones
   10. Kirsten Jones
   10. Michael Jones
   9. Victoria Nicole Halloway, 1983-
      + Jake Johns
   10. Taylor Johns (Girl)
   10. Hayden Johns (Girl)

8. Teresa Hodge, 1962-
   + ____ Russell
   ++ ____
   + Kenneth Oakes
   9. Samuel Eric Russell, 1980-
      + Angelia Cordle, 1986-
      10. Kaitlyn ShyAnne Russell
      10. Joseph Ray Russell, 1982-
      10. Joshua Neil Russell, 1983-
         + Johanna Faye Canada
      11. Dominick Austin Russell, 2002-

8. Linda Sue Hodge, Born dead.
8. Tammy Michelle Hodge, 1972-
   + James English
   9. Allyssa Grace English
   9. Maggie Beth English
7. Lula M. Bedsole, 11/2/1895–6/12/1937
   + Clarence Grogg, 7/17/1933–6/24/2003
8. Margie Grogg,
   + ___ Davis
9. Jonathan Davis,
9. Keith Davis
8. Junior Grogg,
   + Penny ___?
9. Paul Grogg
8. James Grogg
   +____?
   ++____?
9. Jennifer Grogg
9. Daughter. Name not known
9. Michael Grogg

   +____?
6. Elizabeth "Becky" Bedsole, 1876–
6. Willey F. Bedsole, 1876–
   + Louisa Farris
   + Janie Williams, 11/9/1888–10/29/1983, Hardens Methodist Chapel, Toombs County, Ga
7. Alain Bedsole, 1914–
7. Onita Bedsole, 1920–
6. Mary Ida Bedsole, 12/20/1889–
6 James Travis Bedsole, 10/1/1893–

4. Travis Bedsole, 1790–1848, NC. Moved from Beaverdam, NC to Haywood County, Tennessee in 1830. His year of death appears to be about 1848. He and his brother, Thomas Jr. were in the War Of 1812.
   + Nancy Simmons, 1790–1860. Born NC, Died Haywood County, Tennessee. She is In the 1860 Census living with daughter Margarets family below. So Travis was dead then.
5. Isaac N. Bedsole, 1815–
   + Epsey E. ___?
   +____?
   +____?
6. Lucy Bedsole
   +____?
   +____?
5. Margaret O. Bedsole, 1841–, Tennessee.
NOTE: In the 1850 Census of Washington County, Tn., Nancy Bedsole (Simmons) above, is living with this Strayhorn family. So were Marvin Richardson 17, and Daniel Richardson, 15, probably relatives of W.M. Strayhorn. Margaret O. Strayhorn was a daughter of Travis and Nancy.

5. Jane Bedsole, 1811-1870 in NC m. 4/7/1830 Washington County, Tenn. Died in Clay County, Indiana.

+ Peter Salts, 4/7/1808-1858. Tennessee. Also went by James Peter Salts.

By 1840, they were living in Indiana. By 1860 Peter was dead and Jane was a Washer Woman.

6. Rachel Salts, 2/13/1833-10/14/1916 Died in Indiana.
   + William R. Davis, 2/7/1834-2/25/1890
     7. George Salts, 1859-

6. John Salts, (Sr) 1836- m. 11/4/1838
   + Jane Tate, b. 1846 in Indiana. m 4/11/1866 in Indiana.
     7. James Salts, 1868-
     7. John Salts, Jr.

6. James Crampton Salts, 1838-
   + Elizabeth ____?
     7. Lucy J. Salts, 1880-

6. George Salts, 1839-

5. Richard H. Bedsole, 1818-

4. Owen Bedsole, 1796-, Cumberland, NC, on the 1850 Bladen County, NC Census.
   + Sarah Hair, 1799-1886, NC...m. 7/14/1832, Cumberland, NC.
   ++ Catherine Horn, 9/24/1810-11/28/1890
      5. Sarah Bedsole
      + Mary ____?
      5. Mary Bedsole
      5. Nancy Bedsole
      5. George Bedsole

4. Duncan Bedsole, Sr. 11/28/1797-1870, Beaverdam, Bladen, NC
   + Catherine Hair, 1798-1886, NC...m. 5/6/1825, Bladen, Cumberland County, NC.
      5. Catherine Bedsole, 1839-
      5. Sarah Bedsole, 1827-
      6. Catherine M. Bedsole, 5/1/1851-1920
      6. Margaret Ann Bedsole, 1848-7/24/1863, Cumberland, NC
      + ____?

   + H.C. Autry

8. Kenneth Ray Bedsole, 1937-

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9. Sherry Bedsole, 1972-
9. Clark Clifford Bedsole, Jr., 1976-
   + ____?
10. Helen R. Bedsole, 1999-
10. Clifford N. Bedsole, 2003-
7. Henry T. Bedsole, 1/6/1914-8/30/1998, Cross Creek Cem. # 4,
   Fayetteville, NC. Died in Tampa, Fla.
   ++ A. Louise ___?, 9/21/1914-7/26/1988, Cross Creek Cem. # 4, NC.
   + Mary Lee McLemore, 3/22/1922-12/3/1999, Cross Creek Cem # 4,
   Fayetteville, NC.
   Cross Creek Cem. Fayetteville, NC.
8. Michael Dean Bedsole
8. Virginia Lee Bedsole
   Fayetteville, NC
7. Fred Owen Bedsole, Sr. 1910-
   + ____?
8. Fred Owen Bedsole, Jr. 6/17/1945 - 6/29/1945
6. Sarah L. "Cora" Bedsole, 3/1893-1946, Cedar Creek, NC. Atha was her
   mother.
   + Robert Carrier, 1875-1950
6. Margaret S. Bedsole, 3/1898-
6. Henry J. Bedsole, 8/15/1849-8/18/1871, Grays Creek, Cumberland, NC.
   + ____?
   7. Mannie T. Bedsole, 11/1870-1945, Grays Creek, Cumberland, NC.
6. Martha Jane Bedsole, 4/17/1853-1930...m. 1/27/1875, Cedar Creek, NC
   + William B. Hall, 1851-1924
6. Mary E. Bedsole, 4/24/1855-1920
   + Mary M. Autry, 1859-.............m. 1/7/1879
   7. Sarah Bedsole/Bledsoe, 1880-
   7. Ralph W. Bedsole/Bledsoe, 10/1889-1973, Grays Creek, Cumberland,
   NC.
6! Amos McDaniel Bedsole. 2/1888-1965, Cumberland County, NC
6! Larah L. Bedsole, 1893-1970
6! Mittas Bedsole, 1895-1970
6! James Larkin Bedsole, Sr. 2/15/1826-5/4/1910, NC ("Food Fight Larkin")
   Cedar Creek, NC
   + Charlotte Bullock 7/24/1831-8/31/1889...m. 5/12/1847, Cedar Creek,
   Cumberland County, NC
   ++ Atha Hernon Carter, 7/20/1865-3/4/1938...m. 5/18/1890, Oak Grove
Cemetery, Cedar Creek, Cumberland County, NC
7. Amos Jessup Bedsole, 9/11/1861-3/30/1922, Cedar Creek in Cumberland 
White Oak, Bladen County NC. Amos and Sallie are both Buried at 
Cumberland Union Baptist Church Cemetery.
+ Sarah Frances "Sallie" Averitt, 3/13/1861-2/22/1936.....m. 1/29/1888, 
White Oak, Cumberland, NC.
8. Amos Carl Bedsole (15 December, 1900 - ?
  +______?
8. Mary Charlotte Bedsole (10 September, 1897 - 25 May, 1976
  +______?
8. Sidney Averitt Bedsole, 10/24/1894-4/17/1976, White Oak, Tar Heel 
Baptist Church, Bladen, NC
+ Ruby A. Dunham, 12/17/1900-3/27/1984, Tarheel Baptist Church, 
Bladen, NC.....m.9/6/1916.
NC. Died of Cancer of brain and lungs. Buried, Tarheel, NC
  + Mary Ellen Thompson
  10 Shirley Jean Bedsole, 1947-
  10. Sidney Amos Bedsole, Jr., 1949-
  10. Billy Ray Bedsole, 1954-
  10. Mary Caroline, 1958-
  10. Kenneth Mitchell Bedsole, 1964-
8/8/1920
  + Elmer Clay Johnson, 10/1/1890-1/6/1970,
9. Elmer Carlyle Johnson,
  + Maybelle Ivey,
  10.Galya Drucille Johnson,
    + Jerry Jackson
    11. Jerry David Jackson
    11. Jeffrey Neil Jackson
9. Martha Clarine Johnson, 1924-.....m. 12/18/1949
  + James G. Pickens, 1924-
  10. James G. Pickens, Jr. 1954-.....m. 7/1/1978
    + Nancy Schwenker, 1955-
    11. Elizabeth Paige Pickens 1980-
    11. James William Pickens, 1984-
8. Mary Charlotte Bedsole (10 September, 1897 - 25 May, 1976)
  +______?
  +______?
8. Larkin Jefferson Bedsole, 2/2/1891-3/21/1947, Cross Creek Cemetery, 
Fayetteville, NC
  + Mary Catherine Howell, 9/5/1888-9/31/1936.. m. 2/13/1909. Cross 
  Creek Cemetery # 4, Fayetteville, NC
8. Alonzo Dawson Bedsole, 11/6/1888-12/14/1967, White Oak, Cumberland, NC.

+ Ollie Mae Rice, b. 9/30/1894-4/11/1986, Fayetteville, Cumberland, NC....m. 12/1/1911
9. Alonzo Jessup "Jake" Bedsole, Jr. 1951-
   + Barbara Ann Meares, 1953-
  10 Joseph Allen Bedsole, 1974-
   + Lisa Bryan, 1976- ........m. 1/28/1999
  11. Samuel Allen Bedsole, 1990-
     11. Katie Elizabeth Bedsole, 2004-
     11. Trinity Alissa Bedsole, 2005-
  10. Melissa Ann Bedsole, 1978-
      + Thomas Lockamy
   + Lucille___?
9. Naomi Bedsole
   + Charles Hedgepeth
      9. Audrey Bedsole
      + Leland Sprye
      9. Hilda Bedsole,
         + Reece Yates
9. Homer Bryan
8. Sallie Mildred Bedsole, 7/7/1919-2000, ...m. 6/6/1942
   9. Bernard John "Jimmy" Carter, Jr. 1945-
      + Amy Yvette Carter, 1945- ........m. 1965
      ++ Carolyn Mabe, 1948-
         10. Christopher Lee Carter, 1972-
         10. Kevin Brent Carter, 1975-
   9. Alonzo Carter
   9. Jake Carter
   9. Harold Carter
   9. Kathy/Cathy (Catherine?) Carter
8. Naomi Bedsole
   + Charles Hedgepeth
8. Harold Bunyon Bedsole, 12/18/1921-12/23/1979
   + Lucille Hester, 3/12/1923-2005......m. 9/25/1942
9. Brenda Cecille Bedsole, 1948-
   + Robert L. Muery, 1947-
   10 Hadley Nicole Muery, 1980-

10. William Lee "Billy" Muery, 1982-
9. Cathy Lou Bedsole, 1950-
   + Eugene Plummer, 1949-
   10. Amanda Michelle Plummer, 1982-

8. Bertha Naomi Bedsole, 4/26/1924-2005
   + Robert Charles Hedgepeth, 9/18/1923-2007 ........m.
   8/24/1946.
8. Audrey Elizabeth Bedsole, 10/1/1928-1998, m. 10/7/1949
   + Leland William Sprye, 10/12/1924-2008.
8. Hilda Bedsole
   + Reece Yates
8. Hilda Joyce Bedsole, 1931- Twin of Hazel Joy. ..m. 4/7/1950
   + Reece Alexander Yates, 1926-

8. Herbert Wayland Bedsole, 3/26/1890-5/20/1968., White Oak,
   NC....m. 11/12/1912. Buried at Live Oak United Methodist Church,
   In NC.
   9/15/1986. Cumberland County, NC.
   + Mary Love Williford, 3/18/1925-
   +____?
   + Linda Gayle Smith, 1953-
9. Horace Wilton Bedsole, 1975-
   + Claudia Ruth Stewart, 1955-
   10. Hattie Fenton Bedsole, 1975-
   10. Elizabeth Ruth Bedsole, 1979-
   + Danny Cecil Guthrie, 1946-
   Cemetery, ...m. 2/3/1946.
   + Laura Kinlaw, 1/26/1928-2008
   + Janet Thompson, 1950-
   10. Jennifer Lynn Bedsole, 1969-
      +____?
   10. Catherine Jo Ann Bedsole, 1971-
      +____?
9. Sarah Jane Bedsole, 1949-
   + Curtis Beard Smith, 1953-
8. Roba Kate Bedsole, 1920-....m. 9/7/1946
Robert Maxwell, Jr., 1920-
   + Diane Horn

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   ...m. 4/6/1941
     Methodist Church Cem.
   + Mary L. Williford, 5/18/1925-9/8/1993
7. Cleveland Jessup Bedsole, 3/25/1893-10/30/1971, Crosscreek Cem # 3,
   Fayetteville, NC.
   + Maude Sue Kinlaw, 6/3/1902-9/28/1980, Crosscreek Cemetery,
     Fayetteville, NC
7. Sidney Averitt Bedsole, 10/24/1894-4/17/1976, White Oak,Tar Heel
   Baptist Church, Bladen, NC
   + Ruby Dunham, 12/17/1900-3/27/1984, Tarheel Baptist Church, Bladen,
     NC...m.9/6/1916.
8. Adell Bedsole, 1/27/1918-1/27/1918, Baby. Sewell Cemetery,
   White Oak, NC.
   + Lattie Curtis Jones, Sr., 10/12/1910-11/15/1977
   Baptist Church Cemetery.
9. Lattie Curtis Jones, Jr.,1938-
   + Nancy Sue Mathew, 1936- ........m. 2/16/1963.
   Baptist Church Cemetery.
   + Eva Sue McMillian, 1950- ....m 2/16/1953
   Tarheel Baptist Church, Bladen, NC
   + Edna Earl Allen, 5/14/1923-5/28/1997, Tarheel Baptist Church
     Cemetery, Bladen, NC, Born in Tioga, NY.
     Married on 11/2/1941. Raymond killed, car wreck, Dublin, NC.
++ Wilma King,
9. Edna Ruby Bedsole, 1943-
10. Earl Alexander Jackson, 1971-
10.Asa Hugh Jackson, Jr., 1963-
10. Sonja Gail Jackson, 1966- .....m.6/9/1984
   + Tyrone Kinlaw, 1962-
10. Carol Suzann Batton, 1963-
10. Macie Batton,1967-
9. Emily Allen Bedsole,1957- ...........m. 10/31/1962
   + Tommy Wade Gardner, Jr., 1958-
9. Sarah Frances Bedsole, 1958-
   ++ Dan McQueen.
   + Virginia McDaniels, 10/21/1927-8/1982, Cary, NC
   ++ Joyce Ann Bedford....m. 5/25/1985
   +++ Mayola Jessup Smith
++++ Mary Elizabeth Bryan, 2/3/1926-1975, Dallas, Texas.
   9. Elizabeth Ann Bedsole, 1944-
   9. Sidney Moody Bedsole, 1951-
      + Glenn Leroy Peacock, 1951-
      + _____?
      10. Laura Janelle Peacock, 1982-
      + _____?
9. Scott Layton Bedsole, 1954-
   + Michelle Jacqueline Worley, 1959-
   10. Kimberly Michelle Bedsole, 1984-
9. Ruby Maria Bedsole, 1955-
   10. Jacqueline Elizabeth Pack,. 1979-
       + _____?
9. Nancy Annette Bedsole, 1957-
   + Everette Lucia Murphy, 1959- Moultrie, Georgia
   + Mary Ellen Thompson, 1929-
   9. Kenneth Mitchell Bedsole,
      + _____?
9. Shirley Jean Bedsole, 1947-
   + Richard Anthony Schultz, 1945-
   10. Meredith Lenore Schultz, 1973-
      + James Keidel Butterworth
   10. Emma Ruth Butterworth, 2000-
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   10. Henry Andrew Butterworth, 2002-
   10. Lily Caroline Butterworth, 2004-
   10. Gregory Mathew Schultz, 1977-
8. Sidney Amos Bedsole, Jr. 1949-
   + Diane Russ,........m. 12/21/1968
   ++ Jacqueline McLean,
   9. Stephen Russell Bedsole, 1970-
      + Jacquelyn Denise McLean.......m. 6/6/1972
      10. Nathan Colby Bedsole, 1994-
      10. Quinton Russell Bedsole, 1999-
   + Randolph Dove
   10. Haley Nicole Dove, 1996-
   10. William Travis Dove, 2001-2002
   10. Sidney Elaina Dove, 2003-
9. Melissa Dawn Bedsole, 1977-
   + Billy Wayne Evers
   10. Blake Walker Evers, 2004-
   10. Madison Dawn Evers, 2006-
   + Brenda White, 1954-...m. 7/14/1972
   + Allison Tankard
   9. Michael Ryan Bedsole, 1975-
      + Amy Webb, 1976-....m. 6/12/2004
   10. Jacob Harrison Bedsole, 2008-
   9. Kathryn Marie Bedsole, 1982-
8. Mary Caroline Bedsole, 1956-..........m. 8/15/1981
   + Reese Hunter Clark, 1956-..M.D.
   9. Reese Hunter Clark, Jr., 1986-
   9. Sheldon Dunham Clark, 1992-
8. Kenneth Mitchell Bedsole, 1964-
   + Tracie Robuck, 1965-
   9. Ella Victoria Bedsole, 1990-
   9. Sidney Ethan Bedsole, 1994-
8. Frances Gertrude Bedsole, 1927-..........m. 6/15/1947
   + James Ralph Johnson, Sr. 1925-
   9. James Ralph Johnson, Jr., 1948-
      + Donna Haigler, __?
      ++ Candice Kay Hice, ...........m. 3/21/1971
   9. David Ryan Johnson, 1975-
   9. Melissa Kathryn Johnson, 1968-
   9. Richard Averitte Johnson, 1949-
      + Diane Holt, 1951-.........m. 12/23/1972
   9. Linda Kathryn Johnson, 1952-
   9. Barbara Ann Johnson, 1955-
   9. Michael Edward Johnson, 1961-
   9. Daniel Alan Johnson, 1965-
8. Ruby McDonald Bedsole, 1929-.....m. 4/18/1946
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   + James Martin Wilson, 1927-
      9. Joanne Dunham Wilson, 1949-
      9. Sandra Jeanne Wilson, 1950-
      9. Patricia James Wilson, 1951-
      9. Donald Martin Wilson, 1953-
      9. Sharon Louise Wilson, 1957-
      9. Douglas Leonard Wilson, 1964-
8. Harvey Layton Bedsole, Sr. 1931-, NC
   + Lula Lennon, 1935-.........m, 7/22/1956
   9. Harvey Layton Bedsole, Jr., 1957-....NC
9. June Alease Bedsole, 1959-............m. 8/24/1984
   + Willard Woodrow Kramer, Jr. 1955-......Miami, Fla.
9. Marc Lennon Bedsole, 1964..............NC
8. Mary Ellen Bedsole, 1/7/1934-2/17/1934, Baby...Twin
8. Helen Averitte Bedsole, 1/7/1934-2/14/1934, Baby...Twin
8. Roger Morris Bedsole, Sr.1935-
   + Donna Sue Luda Starling, 1952-
   ++ Sarah Leona Bolton, 1935-........m. 7/14/1953
9. Deborah Sue Bedsole, 1955-
   + John Charles Dean, 1951..m. 9/30/1972....Hope Mills, NC
10. Michael Troy Dean
10. Donna Lynn Dean
9. Roger Morris Bedsole, Jr.1956-
   + Pamela June Smith, 1952-
      + Ashley Brooke Page, Hope Mills, NC.
   + Judy Durham, 1963-
   ++ Micki Renea Clifton, 1961- ....NC.........m.11/6/1982
10 Christina Brooke Bedsole, 1979-
10. Sidney Charles Bedsole, Jr., 1984-
   + Jean Michela Sadler, 1940-.....Tennessee.
9. Nicholas Ray Bedsole, 1963-.....NC
   + Harry Davis, 1974-
8. Elizabeth Trotter Bedsole,1941- ......m. 6/28/1963
   + Charlie Wayne Bowen, 1941-
9. Lori Lynn Bowen, 1968-
9. Charles Michael Bowen, 1975-
7. Sallie Blanche Bedsole,. 6/11/1896-8/8/1896, Cumberland Union Baptist Church
   Cemetery.
   +____?
   Oak, NC.
   + Alva Lee Edge, 7/14/1896-11/11/1969, Beaverdam, NC.
8. Thelma Jessup Edge, 1922-
   PAGE 238
   + Cheryl Roxanne Council, 1950-
   ++ Roxanna Kay Cobb Palmer1954-
   +++ Patricia Murray, ......m. 1950.
10. Cody Allen Dockery, 1975-
10. Amanda Lee Dockery, 1977-
10. Joshua David Dockery, 1980-
10. Levi Earl Dockery, 1983-
10. Danielle Cassy Thelma Dockery, 1989-
10. William David Dockery, 1991-
9. Mitchell Phillip Dockery, 1950-
+ Anne Marie Murphy Donally, 1950-
10. Joseph Bernard Donally-Dockery, 1969-
+ Wendy Kay Butler, 1968-
11. Brittny Michele Dockery, 1992-
8. Harvey Glenn Edge, 1924-
8. Kenneth Telford Edge, 1927-
  + Erma Gertrude Simmons 6/12/1899-5/1994...m. 7/8/1923, Cedar Creek, NC.
8. Donald Sheldon Bedsole, Sr. 1924-
  + Winnie Davis Joyner,
  9. Beverly Dee Bedsole,
  + William Surber
  10. Shawn Surber
9. Donald Sheldon Bedsole, Jr.
  + Serelda Poctor
10 Tracy Bedsole
  + Patsy Ann Cole, 1930-
  9. Doyle Scott Bedsole, 1956-...Raleigh, NC.
    + Valerie Morgan,
    10. Emily Neville Bedsole, 1995-
8. Sheri Lynn Bedsole, 1958-.........Raleigh, NC
  + Sarah Lucille Caldwell, 2/19/1900-5/31/1982
  8. Frances Earleen Bedsole, 1990-
    + Samuel Sanders
    9. Carl Sanders, 1951-
8. Peggy Joyce Bedsole, 1936-
  + James M. Gandy,
  9. Sarah Catherine Gandy, 1972-
8. Eletha Rose Bullard, 1930-
  + Marshall Burns Willis, Reverend.
  9. Lisa Marie Willis, 1957-
7. Amos Carl Bedsole, 12/15/1900-1990
  + Sarah Lucille Caldwell, 2/19/1900-5/31/1982
  8. Frances Earleen Bedsole, 1990-
    + Samuel Sanders
    9. Carl Sanders, 1951-
8. Peggy Joyce Bedsole, 1936-
  + James M. Gandy,
  9. Sarah Catherine Gandy, 1972-
8. Eletha Rose Bullard, 1930-
  + Marshall Burns Willis, Reverend.
  9. Lisa Marie Willis, 1957-
   About Ottis James being a son of Amos Jessup Bedsole. He is not listed on the
   Family picture for that group. However, some kin told me he was a son of Amos.
   He may have been absent when the picture was made in 1910.
   + Louise Pugh
  8. Carlton Thomas Bedsole, 1937-
++ Helen LeFevre, 1949-
  9. Rhonda Bedsole, 1959-
    + ____?
8. William David Bedsole, 1941-1/29/2009, Fayetteville, N.C. + Katie Gayle Owen, 1939-
10. Katelyn Pollock
10. Brandon Pollock
10. Ellie Brookhouse.
10. Ava Brookhouse.
9. Carlton Bedsole, Danville, Va. + Helen ___?
++ Kate Edwards McLean 1894-1941
+++ Mary Jane Averitte 10/1/1858-1/1/1922, NC....m. 2/28/1890. Buried Tatum Cem., Bladen County, NC.
7. Mary Elizabeth Bledsoe, 3/21/1921- ...........m.9/7/1940 + Van David Cain, 4/6/1918-
9. Willard Daren Jackson, 1966-
9. Joann Jackson, 1967-
9. Christina Ann Jackson, 1970-
8. Paula Kay Cain, 1959- + Roy Allen Jones, Sr. 1959-
9. Roy Allen Jones, Jr. 1982-
7. Hubert Kesler Bledsoe, 8/28/1916-10/19/1944, Tatum Cemetery., NC
++ Myrtis Lewis, 1890-1965, NC.
8. William Datos Bledsoe (Bedsoe).1916-1936
8. Hubert Kesler Bledsoe. 1919-1945
8. Mary Elizabeth Bledsoe 1921- + Van David Cain, 1918-
9. George Ronald Hall, 1939- +____?:
   + Charles R. Harrison, Sr. 1939-
   10. Charles R. Harrison, Jr. 1967-
       +____?
   10. Christopher Harrison, 1968-
       +____?
   10. Carla Renee Harrison, 1970-
       +____?
   10. Corey James Harrison, 1981-
       +____?
9. Leslie Elwood Hall, Jr., 1946-......m. 3/17/1967
   + Jane Harrett, 1945-
8. Edward Brandon Hall,1914-
   mother).
      Bladen, NC.
   8. Maurice Alexander Brisson, 9/30/1925- .....m. 12/24/1949
      + Betty Rae Devane, 6/22/1928-
      + Janis Fay Brown
   10. Kimberly Renee Brisson, 1975-
       +____?
   10. Benjamin Maurice Brisson, 1975-
7. Judson Manley Bledsoe, Sr. 9/1896-12/17/1972, Cedar Creek, NC. Mother was Mary J. Above.
   + Alma Lenore Tatus, 9/24/1898--2/2/1972, Beaumont, Jefferson County,
      Texas.....m. 12/16/1917. Beaumont, Tex.
   8. Alton O. Bledsoe, Sr.4/20/1918- ..........m. 8/18/1940.
9. Linda Carol Bledsoe, 1942- ..m. 8/7/1959
   + Paul Albert Johnson, 1938-
   10. David Allen Johnson, 1960-
   10. Tanya Carol Johnson, 1962-
   10. Brian O. Johnson, 1969-
9. Alton O. Bledsoe, Jr. 1946-
   +____?
   10. Elizabeth Jane Bledsoe, 1966-
   10. Kelly Susann Bledsoe, 1968-
   10. Jason Wayne Bledsoe, 1976-
8. Evelyn Juanita Bledsoe,12/27/1919--------m. 5/12/1940
9. Sylvia Nell Hester, 1941- ............ m. 12/20/1959
   + Stacey Lee Dowless, Sr. 5/14/1933-3/7/1972
   ++ Harry Rudolph Horton, 1935- ........m. 12/31/1981
   10. Stacey Lee Dowless, Jr. 1960- ......m. 6/6/1979
+ Rose Marie Hester, ___?
  11. Michael Dowless, 1979-
  + Gladys Rebecca Nicholson, 1947-
  10. Ronald Christopher Hester, 1971-
  10. Holly Hampton Hester, 1978-
  + India Jane Floyd, 1957-
  11. Kaley Alexandra Hester, 1985-

8. Clara Geraldine Bledsoe, Sr. 4/5/1924-
  + Craven Curtis Hester, 4/6/1919-1/17/1968 ....m. 1939
  9. Robert Curtis Hester, 1939-
     + Nita Rose Kinlaw, ..... 12/26/1957---Divorced.
  10. Connie Lynn Hester, 1961-
     10. Sandra Hester, 1962-
        + Harry Weil, 1960-

8. Judson Manley Bledsoe, Jr. 1927-
  + Edith Pridgen, 12/27/1927-
      + Kathleen Vessey, 1953-
            + ____?
            + ____?
            + ____?
            + ____?
      + Sidney Hughes Huling, 1945- Port Wentworth, Georgia.
      + Dera Lynn Tyner, , 1958- .........m. 8/18/1979
  9. Charles Franklin Bledsoe, 1959-, Lumberton, NC.
      + Tina Marie Rising, 1965- .................m. 5/4/1983
        10. Crystal Marie Bledsoe, 1983- , Lumberton, NC.
            + ____?
            + Debra Lynn Hester, 1955-

8. George Raeford Bledsoe, 1931-1932
8. Danny Ray Bledsoe, 1933-
  + Mildred Geneva Merritt, 1935-1986
      + Richard Smith
  9. Janet Faith Bledsoe, 1977-
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      + ____?

7. Bessie McCray Bedsole, 8/22/1900-7/15/1918......m. 6/16/1918
6. Daniel Troy Bedsole, 7/19/1871-1940
6. Kinnon Kelly Bedsole/Bledsoe, Changed last name to Bledsoe....8/17/1872-1956
   + Minnie Tanner, 1880-, Ga. (Mother: Margaret Tanner, b. 1847).
7. Pearlie T. Bedsole, 1908-
7. Emma B. Bedsole, 1907-
5. William Edgar Bedsole, 7/16/1849-1928. m. about 1906
   + Annie E. _____?
      + ____?
      ++ Florence Usher
         + ____?
         7. Gerald Bedsole, 6/15/1938-7/18/2005
            +________?
            7. Blanchard Bedsole
               +________?
               7. John Bedsole
                  +_____?
                  7. Kevin Wayne Bedsole
                     +____?
                     7. Kenneth Bedsole,
                        +____?
                        7. Frank Bedsole
                           +____?
                           7. Martha Bedsole
                              +_____?
                              7. Marie Bedsole
                                 +_____?
                                 6. Stacy Bedsole, 7/24/1913-12/1986, Fayetteville, NC
                                 6. Thelma Bedsole
                                 6. Dinky (Nickname?) Bedsole
                                 6. Lernor Bedsole,1908-
                                 6. Walter L. Bedsole,1909-
5. Baby Bedsole, 1828-
5. Nancy Bedsole,1829-1888 m. 2/9/1853
   + Amos J. Hall, Sr., 1827-1890.
   6. Margaret A. Hall, 1855-1900
   6. Lucinda Hall, 1857-1905
   6. Amos J. Hall, Jr. 1862
   6. Juliana Hall, 1864-
   6. Charles Hall, 1867-
5. Travis Bledsoe/Bedsole, 10/9/1831-10/28/1906.Cedar Creek, Cumberland,.NC. Name changed from Bedsole to Bledsoe. Some descendants also assumed "Bledsoe" as their last name.
   + Martha Bullock, 1838-1901..........m. 3/31/1858, Cumberland, NC
   ++ Melissa Virginia Smith 1832-1900......... m. 5/11/1868, Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC.
6. Melissa Lee Bedsole, 8/2/1859-7/24/1945...m. 2/25/1879, Cedar Creek, NC. McLaurin Cemetery, NC
   + Marshall Steven Autry, 10/15/1861-2/20/1943, Duncan McLaurin Cem. NC.
   7. Annie M. Autry, 7/20/1827-4/8/1898
   7. Eugene Autry, 7/21/1899-8/21/1906
6. Emily A. Bedsole, 1860-1917...m. 10/29/1879, Flea Hill, NC
   + William B. Autry, 1858-1920
   7. Harvey Bedsole, 1902-1977
   7. William Dewey Bedsole, 8/5/1900- ?. Car Mechanic
6. George L. Bedsole, 1875-1950, Cedar Creek, NC.
6. Elizabeth Ann Bedsole, 1879-1955, Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC.
   + _____?
   7. Daisey V. Bedsole, 1902-
   7. Jessie T. Bedsole, 1907-
6. Martha Jane Bedsole, 11/1881-1950, Cedar Creek, Sand Hill, Cumberland, NC.
   + Ethel Mae Farmer, 1887-1953.
      + Charles Brittingham, 1919-1998........Delmar, Maryland
      Retired from Railroad. Three Purple Hearts, Distinguished Flying Cross, WW-II.
      As a ball-turret Gunner on B-17 bomber “Man-O’-War”
      + Gloria Barbara Lanci, 12/21/1923-
        8. Arlene Francis Bledsoe/Bedsole, 1946-
           + _____Dillman
        9. Arlene Francis Bledsoe-Dilman, 1946-
        8. Eugene Ernest Bledsoe/Bedsole, 1947-......Delaware
           +.Trudy Ann Henning, 1949- ........California
           Daughter of John Paul Henning, Sr. and Mary Maxine Ogden.
        9. Sherry Christine Bledsoe/ Bedsole, 1972-
        9. Eugene Weylin Bledsoe/Bedsole, 1970-
           + Susan Marie Shockley, 1975-
           10. Abigail Brianna Bledsoe/Bedsole, 2006-
   + Patricia Goose, 1920-
   8. Sheila _____? Patricia's daughter.
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   + Thomas Whitehead.
   ++ Robert Glen Haigler
8. Thomas Whitehead, Jr. "Tommy".
7. Rebecca Bledsoe/Bedsole, 8/5/1915-2002
   + Robert Glenn Haigler
   ++ William Phillips, Delmar, Delaware.
   8. Bobby Phillips
   8. Johnny Phillips
7. Thomas Settles Bedsole, Jr. 1926-1990
   +____?
   +____?
   He has 5 children, names not known.
   + ____ Martin
   ++ ____ Trice
   8. Diane Martin
   8. Debbie Martin
   8. Denise Martin
   +____?
8. Travis Bledsoe/Bedsole,
   +____?
8. Carol Bledsoe./Bedsole
   +____?
6. Duncan Travis Bedsole, 4/1885-1960, Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC.
   +____?
   + ____?Reeves, 5/30/1898-01/28/1919,
   ++ Elizabeth Bass Cumberland County, NC
   7. Lizzie May Bedsole, b. & d.1/27/1919, NC
   7. Herman T. Bedsole/Bledsoe, 12/30/1914-8/26/1917, NC
   7. Alle Bedsole/Bledsoe 1/27/1919-1/27/1919 Baby, NC
6. William Edgar Bedsole, b. 7/16/1889–?
   + Annie E____?, b. 1892 in Ala.
   7. Stacy Gordon Bedsole, 9/24/1913-12/31/1986
   7. Lernor Bedsole, 1908-1919
   7. Walter Larkins Bedsole, 1909-
   7. Henry H. Bedsole, 1913-1963
5. Thomas Bedsole, 7/1832-1898. Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC.
   + Annie Elizabeth "Analiza" Guthrie, 4/1835-1915....m. 1855., Sand Hill, Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC
   ++ Nancy Virginia Bryant, 1830-.....m. 6/10/1854, Cumberland County, NC
   6. H.M. Bedsole,
   + Irene Carter
   7. ____Bedsole (Daughter)
   + R.B. Bailey.
6. Sarah E. Bedsole, 8/1867-1950 Cedar Creek, Sand Hill, NC.
6. John G. Bedsole, 7/1878-1930, Cedar Creek, Sand Hill, NC.
   + ____?
   + Lucinda Fisher, 12/5/1858-02/19/1883...m. 11/23/1876. Reuben Fisher cemetery, Cumberland County, NC.
   ++ Pricilla Elizabeth Faircloth, 1865-1936...m. 7/27/1887, Cedar Creek, Sand Hill, NC and Maryland.
   + William Love White, 11/16/1886-1/30/1939
   + John W. Gordon
   8. Paul B. White
7. Almond Leiza Bedsole, Sr. 6/2/1896-1/11/1981 Roseboro, NC
   + Margaret Pauline Crumpler, 9/12/1904-1/2/1985
   ++ Roxanne Yvonne Miller
   8. Almond Leiza Bedsole, Jr., 1/31/1930-10/1985, Smyrna Georgia. NC.
      + Phyllis Andria Campbell
   9. Vicky Bedsole
      + Gary Hann
   9. Charles Lawrence Hann
   9. Almond Grayson Hann
      + Tina Marie Gerow
   10. Erica Marie Bedsole
      + Roxanne Yvonne Miller
   10. Alexandria Nicole Bedsole
7. Fitzhugh Lee Bedsole, (Female) 9/29/1898-11/28/1940, Cedar Creek, NC.
   + Burris Deems Caison, 7/18/1865-4/8/1938. Son of Jacob & Rachel Caison
   8. Frederick B. Caison, b. 1918
   8. J.P. Caison, 7/6/1918-6/7/2004
   8. Katherine Rachel Caison, b. 1921
      + ____Barradaile
   8. Earl Fitzhugh Caison, b. 1927
      + Mavis Cook
   8. Anna Marie Caison, 8/16/1923
      + ____O'toole
   8. James Repston Caison, 1924-
   8. Baby Caison, 1926-............ (FNU)
8. Martha Mishoe Lee Bedsole, Jan. 26, 1868 Dec. 12, 1945. This is actually Martha Mishoe Lee Bedsole, but she is listed as "Mishoe Lee Bedsole" on her headstone. Not sure who her Bedsole ancestor Really was. I also listed her under another ancestor. But she most likely Goes here, under Fitzhugh Lee Bedsole, as her father.
   . + Edward Wayne Walicheck, 1865-1940
   9. Lauren Brooke Walecheck, 1885-
9. Adam Edward Walecheck, 1886-
9. Cody Walecheck 1887-
7. Henry Cook Bedsole, 2/10/1892-8/13/1967, Cedar Creek, Sand Hill, NC
   + Lula Mae Green, 3/11/1897-4/26/1963 m. 12/10/1916
   9. Elizabeth Johnson
      + ___ Peterson
   9. Sarah Lou Johnson, b. 1945
   9. Valerie Johnson

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   + __ Marshall
   9. David N. Johnson, Autryville, NC.
   9. Marvin "Cook" Johnson
   9. Scott Johnson

7. George Graham Bedsole, b. NC 10/7/1877-d. FL. 1955
   + Liddy W. ___? b. 1860 in Fla. m. 1899
   ++ Pasha Bedsole, b. 1917
      8. Hazel Bedsole, b. 1917
7. W.R. Taylor Bedsole, b. 1902
   + Mary___?b. 1891 in Fla.
      8. Ollie/Olive Bedsole, born in Fla.1916
      8. Gladish/Gladys Bedsole, Born in Fla. 1918
      8. Bessie Bedsole, Born in Fla. 1915
7. Serepta "Repta" Bedsole, called "Repsie".5/1880-1976, Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC.
   + Thomas R. Howard, Reverend, Greensboro, NC.
   + Minnie Lee Peterson,5/10/1898-.2/1984, Garland, NC--Maryland.
      8. Hazel T. White,1918-
         + John W. Gordon
      8. Lizzie May Bedsole, 1916-
      8. Lois L. Bedsole, 1918-
      8. Ruby Doris Bedsole, 1929-
         Baltimore National Cemetery.(Barber). Mother was Minnie above.
         + Roberta L. Jones, 2/21/1919-12/7/1998...m.10/26/1945, Baltimore National
         Cemetery, Maryland. Lived in Meadville, Pennsylvania.
             Vietnam War..Not married.
   9. Joyce Melvin
      + ___Bright
8. Louise Brantley Melvin 10/16/1923-10/5/1997
   + Phillip Insley Davis
   9. Phyllis Davis,
      + Donald Bordeaux
   10. Della Madonna Bordeaux,
       + Vernon Steven Knowles
       11. Sabra Insley Knowles
       11. Maelie-Vonnie Louise Knowles
       11. Ollie Steven Knowles

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   + Ernestine R____? 12/20/1936-3/15/1979
   ++ Janie Canady, 1927-1995
      + Sandy Mozingo
      10. Billy Ray Melvin, 1970-
           + Vicky Williams
           11. Joseph Ray Melvin., 1973-
      9. Melissa Ann Melvin
         + ____? Rackley
         10. Alyssa Hope Rackley
      9. Robert S. Melvin
         + Joann Hudson
         10. Chadwick B. Melvin
      9. Danny Melvin
      9. Jerry Melvin
      9. Jimmy Melvin

8. Paul H. Melvin
   + Betty Jean Norris
   9. Paula Jean Melvin
      + Terry Everette Divorced 1983
      + + Ricardo Vela Divorced 1990
   10. Toni Jean Melvin
       + Norman Smith
       11. Norman Ayden Smith
       10. Mary Denise Everette, Daughter of Terry
           + ______?
           11. Madison Everette
       10. Paula Jean Vela, b. 1985
   9. Joy Ann Melvin
      + Larry P. Everette
      10. Larry P. Everette, Jr.
      10. Danny Lee Everette
   9. Carol Rene’ Melvin
      + Roger Wiseman
      10. Stephanie Ann Wiseman
          + Christopher Wiseman
11. Britany Ann Wiseman
   + Thelma Ruth Peterson
   + Rebecca Jernigan
11. Stephen Wesley Melvin
11. Cheryl Ruth Melvin
   + James Gordon Robinson, Jr.
12. James G. Robinson, III
12. Nicholas Robinson

12. Kevin Robinson
12. Jessica Robinson

10. Thomas S. Melvin
   + Mary Beasley
11. Melissa B. Melvin
   + Adam Thomas Smith
11. April Michelle

8. John S. Melvin
6. Martha Jane Bedsole, 1856-
   + James Franklin Horne, 1858-
7. Annie Lee Horn, 3/22/1878-
   + John Oliver Hairr, 1/31/1874-
8. Frank Hairr, 1902-
8. Carrie Hairr, 1904-
8. George Washington Hairr, 1905-
   + Ila Florence Beasley, 1904-
8. Perry Erosco Hairr, 1907-
8. Eula Mae Hairr, 1908-
8. James Stacy Hairr, 1910-
8. John Raymond Hairr, 1912-
8. Henry Hubert Hairr, 1914-
8. Louise Hairr, 1916-
8. Warren Harding Hairr, 1917-

7. Alexander Horne, 02/1880-10/1/1946
8. Oliver Shelton Horne, 1923-
   + Annie Jones
   9. Oliver Shelton Horne, Jr.,1946-
      + Connie Elaine
   10. Tamatha Mishell Horne, 1968-
9. Geneviene Horne, 1947-
   + Donald Keith Stone1955-
      Son of Robert L. & Janie.

7. Kelly Guilford Horn 6/15/1894-Sampson County, N.C.
   d. 5/39/1980 Harnett County, N.C.
   + Rachel Mertrice Colville 10/15/1900 N.C. -2/18/1974 Harnett County, N.C.
8. Margaret Horne 8/14/1916-
   + Gleamon Edward Page b. 5/7/1916 Harnett County, N.C.
     d. 11/18/1986 Harnett County, N.C.
     (son of Curtis Pearly Page Sr. & Margaret Horne)
     Buried @ Erwin Memorial Park Cemetery, Erwin, N.C.
   + Lois Gray Jernigan
10. Linda Sue Page 1957-
   + Vinton Martin Cook, II
11. Marta Page Cook 1987-

9. Charles Edward Page Jr. 1959-
   + Tammy Ruth Stewart Married 1989 Harnett County, N.C.
10. (Male) Page

8. Christopher Lee Page 1967- Duplin County, N.C.

7. Hazel Yvonne Horne, 1920-
   + William Yancey Morris
8. (Male) Morris
   + (?) Soles
8. (Female) Morris
   + (?) McKnight
9. (?) McKnight
9. (?) Morris
8. (Female) Morris
   + (?) McGinnis
9. (?) McGinnis married (?) Ulrich
9. (?) McGinnis married (?) Avery
9. (?) McGinnis
8. (Male) Morris
   + (?) Silas
9. (?) Morris
9. (?) Morris

8. Kelly Guilford Horne Jr. 1924 Harnett County, N.C.
   + Frances Irene McDonald 1927- Harnett County, N.C.
   d. 10/6/2004 Harnett County, N.C.
8. Edward Kelly Horne b. 1945 Harnett County, N.C.
   + Sharon Gayle Murray b. 1944 Cumberland County, N.C.
     Married 1/1/1966 in Harnett County, N.C.
     daughter of Paul Davis Murray
9. Carla Michelle Horne b. 1972 Cumberland County, N.C.
   + Wesley Lewis Barefoot b. 1972 Harnett County, N.C.
     he is the son of Joseph & Shelby Jean Barefoot
     married 1995 Harnett County, N.C.
8. William McDonald Horne b. 1947 Harnett County, N.C.
   d. 12/18/1973 Harnett County, N.C. died of a Brain Tumor.
   + Susan Elaine West b. 1948 Harnett County, N.C.
8. Mary Susan Horne b. 1953 Harnett County, N.C.
   + Richard Douglas Lucas 1953-
++ Kenny Davis. Married 1991 Harnett County, N.C.
8. Carl Frederick Horne, 1925-
8. Doris Fay Horne, 1937-
8. Dorothy Gray Horne, 1937-
8. Joyce Marie Horne, 1932-
8. Wilda Mae Horne, 1934-
   + Ruben Lexton Mason,
9. Valerie Lynn Mason, 1957-
9. Randolph Mason, 1953-

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   + Eugenia Taft, 1/1872-........Pearsontown, Georgia
7. Mackie/Mikey Nolan Bedsole, 8/6/1904-10/28/1956
   +___Unknown
   + George M. Carver, 1887-....... m. 1912
   8. Hiram Carver, 1913-
   8. Clayton Carver, 1915-
   8. Leon Carver, 1817-
   +_____?
   + George M. Duggan................ m. 1924 Pierce County, Ga.
7. Rachel Bedsole, 1908-, Ware County, Georgia; d. Aft. 1930.
   +_____? Henderson.
7. John Martin Bedsole, 11/12/1908-10/5/1909
6. Elizabeth Salome Bedsole, 1/1/1866 –2/4/1940, m. 12/16/1894, Cedar Creek, NC. Died at 74. Kidney Disease and failure..
   + Henry Asbery Sessoms, Sr. 10/12/1864-8/12/1906. Harnett County, NC Cemetery.
   (His parents were Solomon Sessoms and Sarah Crusenberry).
7. Sudie Sessoms 3/10/1895-12/23/1964 ....m. 10/21/1922. Milla Creek Church Cemetery, Sampson County, NC.
   + Daniel Elisha Criscoe 3/10/1888-12/18/1975
8. Margaret Elizabeth Criscoe
   + Seavy Riley
   9. Merlyn Gail Riley
8. Vernon May Criscoe
8. Helen Criscoe
8. Sally Christine Criscoe 1930-1955
8. Lucille Criscoe
   + Reginald Bullard
   + Mamie Lockamon, 3/5/1904-1/12/1982 .......m..12/10/1919
8. Weldon Manley Sessoms, 1920-
+ Catherine Cox
  9. Kenneth Weldon Sessoms
     + Josephine Yevonne Snipes
  10. Kimberly Jo Sessoms
      + Mathew Scott Cameron.
      11. Hunter Scott Cameron
      + Steven Scott Colburne
  9. Howard Wayne Sessoms
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  + Betty Jean Hobbs (1941-bef. 1978)
++ Frances Elaine Faircloth
(Children of Howard & Betty)
  10. Daryl Wayne Sessoms
      + Martie Michelle Smith
      11. Chapin Taylor Sessoms
  10. Tara Leigh Sessoms
      + Al Sheiley
      11. Tyler Sessoms
  10. Anthony Brett Sessoms 1979-1986

8. Howard Ernest Sessoms 11/22/1922 - 12/14/2000, Cumberland, NC.
   + Elberta Hinson 1923 – 1998
  9. Bobbie Carol Sessoms
     + Romulas William Hucks
     10. Lisa Carol Hucks
         + Jeff Tucker
         11. Jeffery Lee Tucker
  10. Ronnie Howard Hucks
      + Christine Fennell
       11. Teah Marie Hucks
       11. Biranna Michelle Hucks
       11. Wade Hamilton Hucks
  10. Billy Wade Hucks
      + Shannon Tucker
      11. Crystal Shaye Hucks
      11. Macie Leigh Hucks
  10. Barbara Michelle Hucks
      + unknown
       11. Shelby Carson Hucks

9. Stillborn Male....Sessoms 1946
9. Linda Sue Sessoms
   + Jack McKee Crenshaw Jr.
   ++ Duane E. Wilson
   +++ Anzelmo Trevino
   (Children of Linda & Jack)
   10. Jack McKee Crenshaw 3rd
10. Ronald Scott Crenshaw b/d 1970
10. Eric Dwayne Crenshaw  
   (Child of Linda & Duane)  
10. Angela Sue Wilson  
   + Paul Thomas Shearer  
   11. Paul Thomas Shearer  
   11. Lexi Eliz Shearer  
   11. Kayli Dawn Shearer  

9. Bonita Christine Sessoms  
   + Allen Stephen Edge  
   10. Allen Stephen Edge Jr.  
   ? PAGE 251  
   + Julie Allison Cherry  
   11. Keegan Bias Edge  
   11. Nolan William Edge  
   10. Christie Lynn Edge  
   + Richard Lee Burlett  

   + Margaret Elizabeth Wilson  
   + George Duncan McKeithan Jr.  
9. Shirley Jean McKeithan  
   + Thomas J. Stelline  
   ++ Michael Roman  
   (Child of Shirley & Michael)  
10. Tasha Maria Roman  
   + Stephen Christopher Oldham  
   11. Christopher Roman Oldham  
   11. Jacob Stephen Oldham  

9. Deborah Darlene McKeithan  
   + David Benjamin Tripp 1950-2006  
10. Jennifer Lynn Tripp  
   + Michael Thomas Clark 2nd  
   ++ Donald Robert Burlingham  
10. David Benjamin Tripp Jr.  
   + Precilla Carol Nichols  
   11. Skylar Chasity Tripp  
   11. Zackary Aaron Tripp  

9. Doris Fay McKeithan  
   + Bobby Joel Phillips  
   ++ Walter Robert Sadler  
9. George Albert McKeithan  
   + Lisa Jo Clark  
10. Paul Jamerson McKeithan  
   + Alberto Chareen Johnson  
   11. Areyona Chareen McKeithan  
   11. Aaliyah Precious Tomerra McKeithan  
   11. Prophett Jahsaiah McKeithan
10. Laura Kristin McKeithan
10. Sheree Naomi McKeithan
11. Kara Celine McKeithan Edge

8. Elizabeth Louise Sessoms, 1934-
   + Vernon Holt Hayes
9. Phyllis Ann Hayes
   + Robert Ladislao Cruz Jr.
10. Tina Nicole Cruz
   + Troy Joseph Desporte
   (children of Tina & Daniel Dennis Rivera)
11. Mekayla Danielle Rivera
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11. Marteena Victoria Rivera
11. Mia Yesenia Rivera
10. Elizabeth Rose Cruz
11. Deja Rose Brown

9. Michael Wayne Hayes
   + Felicia Griffin
9. Jeffery Scott Hayes
   + Alicia Kate Johnson
   ++ Tammy Jenson
   (child of Jeff & Tammy)
10. Treyson Scott Hayes

8. Alvin Cannon Sessoms 12/16/1936 – 1/21/1937, Raeford Cemetery, Hoke County, NC.
8. Peggy Fay Sessoms, 1938-
   + Carl Edgar Brock
9. James Carlton Brock
   + Mary Teresa Maxwell
   ++ Beverly Gayle Price
   10. Linda Michelle Brock
       + Joseph Franklin Blackwolf Palmer
10. Elizabeth Ashley Brock
10. Justin Maxwell Brock

9. Billy Gene Brock
   + Leslie Jill Kincaid
   ++ Donna Lynn Warren

8. Maxie Gene Sessoms, 1941-
   + Patricia Carol Cox
9. Larry Gene Sessoms
   + Susan Marie Yerry
10. Kevin Gene Sessoms
    + Donna Elizabeth Warren
11. Gage Gene Sessoms
10. Stacy Marie Sessoms
    + Darwin Klass
    11. Cody Darwin Klass
10. Brian Craig Sessoms
9. Timothy Craig Sessoms
   + Shelly Parnell
+ Barbara Ann Smith
9. Timothy Craig Sessoms
9. Trisha Ann Sessoms
8. Female Stillborn 10/8/1945
8. Twins, Born dead..

   + Stella Mae House 5/30/1901-8/27/1993
8. Rother Edward Sessoms b/d 1920
8. Maize Curlee Sessoms 1922 -1996
   + Marvin Odell West 1914-2005
9. Martha Ann West
   + Dwight Neil Keen
9. Susan Elaine West
   + William McDonald Horne
   ++ Nathan Johnson Tilghman
   10. Myers Winston Tilghman 2nd
9. Jerry Lee West
8. Kerwood Sessoms 1925-1986
   + Frances Hope Brown
9. Barbara Ann Sessoms
   + Michael Wayne Gillmer
   + John Billy Graham
9. William Lee Graham
   + Caroly Diana Blackman
9. Michael Scott Graham
   + Sandra Lee Jackson
8. Janet Mae Sessoms
   + Elmer Wayne McCaskill 1925-1996
   + Malcom Andrew Taylor 1901 - 1982
7. Hubert Percy Sessoms 11/10/1903 – 5/5/1976, Harnett County, NC.....m. 4/14/1923
   + Alva Mae Byrd, 8/28/1904-9/18/2000, Harnett County, NC.
   + Marvin Lee Norris
   ++ Joseph Leonard Baker
      (children of Francis & Marvin)
9. Jerome Young Norris
   + Unknown___?
   ++ Susan
      10. Lorrie Norris
9. Toni Carol Norris
   + ? Stewart
   ++ Jerry Sauceman
      10. Sherry Carol Sauceman
+ John Hays
   11. Stephanie Michelle Hays
   11. Heather Lynn Hays
10. Tonya Michelle Sauceman
   + Charles Melvin Johnson Jr.
   ++ Malcom Fitzgerald Hodges
      (children of Tonya & Charles)
   11. Amber Michelle Johnson
   11. Christopher Brett Johnson

   + Ida Luvine Luther 1926-2002

9. Brenda Luvine Sessoms
   + Robert Ralph Stephenson
   10. David Lee Stephenson
   10. Sherry Stephenson

8. Helen Mae Sessoms
   + Harper Williams Andrews 1930-1974
   9. Michael William Andrews
8. Gledell Sessoms
   + Belinda Mae Smith
   9. Glenda Renee Sessoms
      + Gary Maxton Strickland
   10. Justin Reid Strickland
   10. Cassidy Paige Strickland

7. Nellie Clyde Sessoms 9/2/1906 –12/10/1984, Harnett County, NC.
   + Jesse Mohoma Petty 1901-1978
8. Marion Yvonne Petty 1924 – 1989
   + Burley/Bunny Woodrow Cash 1918 - 2002
9. Carolyn Jeanette Cash
   9. Cheryl Lynn Cash
      + ? Faircloth
   9. Sandra Eileen Cash
   9. David Michael Cash
   9. William Thomas Cash
   9. Nancy Ellen Cash
   9. Paul Wesley Cash
   9. Jeffery Lee Cash
   9. Stephen Mitchell Cash

8. Iris Faye Petty
8. Kenneth Harlen Petty
8. Dorothy Helen Petty
6. Sarah Elizabeth Bedsale, b.8/1867 m. 5/2/1909
   + Silas Blackman Page 4/8/1839-1/18/1927
6. Dennis C. Bledsole, 3/1/1869-6/22/1949, Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC.
   Last name changed to Bledsole.
7. Bonnie Lillian Bedsole, 1922-
7. Lacey Duncan Bedsole, Sr. 1901- Assumed “Bledsoe”.
   + Floy H. ___?
   8. Lacey Duncan Bedsole, Jr. Fayetteville, NC.
      + _____?
      + ___? Gordon.
7. Minnie M. Bedsole, 1902-
7. Thomas K. "Callie" Bedsole, Sr. 7/22/1898-9/19/1939, Autryville, NC. Last name also Changed to Bledsole.
   8. Seavy Layton Bedsole, 12/03/1924-03/10/1973, Archibald McLaren Ceme. Cumberland County, NC.
      + Mary Elizabeth Bullard, 1926-
   9. James Bedsole, 1948-
      + Phyllis Bordeaux, 9/15/1948-5/2/1991, NC
   10. James Brent Bedsole,
      + Tammy Melvin
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   11. Jordan Smith
   11. Noah Smith
   11. Shannon Leigh
      + Walter Evans
   12. Annalyce
10. Allen Brent Bedsole, 1950-
   + Debra Smith
10. Sandra Kaye Bedsole, 1951-
   + George Norris, (Sr.).
   11. Scarlett Norris
   11. George Norris, Jr.
10. Earl Franklin Bedsole, 1954-
   + Ann Beal
   11. Michael Bedsole
   11. Michelle Bedsole
8. Thomas "Callie" Bedsole, Jr.
8. Ann Margaret Bedsole
   + Floyd Horne
      + Unknown Name
   8. Barbara Lynn Bedsole
      + Gordon___.
6. M. Dougal Bedsole, Parkton, NC.
   + _____?
6. Mahala Catherine Bedsole, 12/14/1870-2/28/1941.Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC. Obit; Mahala Catherine Bedsole-Sessoms w/f b.Dec. 14, 1870 in Cumberland Co. NC daughter of:
Thomas & Annie Elizabeth (Guthrie) Bedsole, wife of Benson Sessoms died in Sampson Co. Feb. 28, 1941. cause: cardiac disease, she was 70 years old, buried in Sessoms Family Cemetery, Sampson Co, NC.

+ Benson Sessoms, 3/1866-1920.
  7. Addie Sessoms, b. 1891
  7. Marvin Sessoms, 1892-1941
    + Mittie Butler, 1884-1957
  8. Clifton Sessoms, 1918 -
    + Annie J. Hall
  8. Wade Sessoms, b. 1921
  7. Alice Sessoms, 10/17/1900-4/1982
    + Braxton Melvin 1894-1928

6. Hayes Mcdougal Bedsole, 1/24/1876-8/14/1956, Cedar Creek, NC
  + Sallie Irene Carter 3/12/1884-3/1/1970 m. 7/13/1901, Fayetteville, NC.

6. John Troy Bedsole, 7/16/1879-1923 Cumberland County, NC
  Sawmill Worker. No wife listed. Lived with Mother at age 40.

  + Richard B. Bailey, Dead.

5. Aaron Bedsole, 1835-

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5. Duncan Bedsole, Jr. 12/15/1837-8/15/1938,..Cedar Creek, Cumberland, Sampson, NC
  Concord Cemetery, Autryville, Sampson County, NC.
  + Lucy Ann Hales,5/9/1841-6/17/1921.....Concord Cemetery, Sampson Cty, Autryville, NC.
    Married Duncan Bedsole, Jr. 9/27/1860 in Moore County, NC.
  6. Lauester M. Bedsole, 1860-1837, Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC.
    + ___?

6. John B. Bedsole, 8/16/1861-2/18/1931..Autryville, Concord, Cumberland County, NC
  + Louvenia Jolly, 9/1/1871-8/12/1951....m. 1/18/1888, Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC.
      + ___?

6. Elizabeth Jane Bedsole, 4/20/1865-12/17/1941, Cedar Creek, Cumberland, NC.
  + Henry H. Hair
    7. Ruthie B. Hair, 1917-
    7. Cleatha H. Hair, 1918-

6. Evander E. Bedsole, 1867-1940...m. 8/4/1889, Cedar Creek, Pleasant Grove Ceme.
  Cumberland County, NC
    7. Harriett A. Bedsole, 1889-
      + Charles Norris
    7. Annie J. Bedsole, 1892-1959
      + George Surles
    7. Marcia Geneva Bedsole/Bledsoe 1893-1933
      + James Lonnie Stone 1888-1944
        8. Henry A. Stone, Sr. b. 1919 in S.C.
Edna Early Johnson, b. 1921 in S.C.
6. Duncan E. Vinson Bedsole, 1901-
   + Vira E. Lucas
7. Curtis Franklin Bedsole, 1924-, Harnett County, NC.
   + ____?
6. Sally C. Bedsole, 1873-
6. James L. Bedsole, 5/12/1875-5/2/1962....Cedar Creek, Autryville, NC.
   Known as “Bender”.
   + ____?
6. Catherine Bedsole, 1840-
   + Benjamin Faircloth, 1809- .......On the 1790 Sampson County, NC Census
5. Thomas Faircloth
5. Duncan Faircloth, 5/17/1846-11/1901
5. Sarah Faircloth, 1830-
5. Susan Faircloth, 1833-
5. Polly Faircloth, 1835-
5. Solomon Faircloth, 1837-
5. Nancy Faircloth, 1844-1900..m. 3/8/1887, Columbus County, NC.
   + B.F. Harrelson
5. John James Henry Faircloth
5. George B. Faircloth
5. Cora Faircloth
5. Edna L. Faircloth
5. Marie M. Faircloth
5. Charlotte Faircloth

NOTE: The following Bedsoles are some I have never been able to figure out where they belong, nor who they belong to. In the case of females, Bedsole may not be their maiden name. If you know how they fit, please email me at; jdbedsole@oppcatv.com

Bedsole/Bledsoe, James Edward, born in NC. Enlisted in army at Camden, New Jersey..
Bedsole, Roberta, 2/20/1891-3/30/1897, Buried in Houston County, Ala. (Dothan).
Bedsole, Floree 13-Feb-1995 F. Harris County, Texas ...Wife of Samuel Curtis
   Grandchildren Robert & Mary Kay.
Zola Bedsole, 11/1/1919-2/1987, Lived in Dodge, Georgia, and Massachusetts..
Jimmie G. Bedsole, 4/14/1931-7/10/1998, Highland Cemetery, Keatchie, La. USAF.
Lula Pauline Bedsole, 1/16/1924 died 2/16/2003, at age 79, moved from NC to Tampa, Fla. in 1960. Husband, John Bedsole. They had daughters Joyce, who married a Cox man, Mary E. who married a Rogers and a son named John Bedsole, Jr.
Bledsole, Robert Wayne Nov. 25, 1938 Nov. 25, 1985 US Navy. Most likely a BEDSOLE and not a Bledsole. Cumberland Cemetery, Cumberland County, NC.
Lee Bedsole, 11/12/1879-9/16/1940. His wife was Lula____? His Parents were Elisha Bedsole and wife Jane. He is buried in Riverside Cemetery, at Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan.
Bledsole, Lillian A (Engel); 61; Forest Hill Cemetery, Dupage County, Chicago IL; Des Plaines.
Lizzie (Likely Elizabeth) W. Bedsole, 1908-1974, Prude Cemetery, desoto Parish, La.
Bedsole, Patsy (GOODSON); 11/22/1943-8/11/2005, Roselawn Cemetery, Tallahassee D; 2005-8-12;
Note, Gordon Nash and Bertie Starling Bedsole had a daughter and two sons, besides those listed in the above. Who were they??
Stella Helen Bedsole, Date of birth unknown. Date of death 6/17/1992. Place of death, burial, husband, not known. My best guess is she was James William Bedsoles wife. His dates are; 1934-6/7/1997.
William "Willie" Bedsole, 3/22/1900-11/16/1941, Wife; Alberta Washington. Parents were "Lee" Bedsole and Malinda Evans. Willie is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Abion, Michigan
Willie Mae Bedsole, 9/23/1897-12/31/1986. Buried Antioch Baptist Church, Geneva, Ala. Bedsole may not be her maiden name, but may also be her husbands last name.

For your info; the first true Bledsoes in the United States

   +_____?
   1. WILLIAM BLETSOE, Jr., 1550-1610 in England.
      +_____?
   1. RICHARD BLETSE, 1580-1606, Northamptonshire, England; There are almost certainly others, but
      this one is all I could find.
      + Margaret Clarke, 1583-
   2. ISAAC6 BLEDSOE, 1703-1790.
   2. THOMAS BLEDSOE, 1706-1786.
2. ABRAHAM BLEDSOE, 1708-1760. It is possible he is our Abraham Bedsoles son.
2. CATHERINE BLEDSOE, Abt. 1710-1770.
2. WILLIAM BLEDSOE, 1715-, in Virginia.
3. JOHN BLETSOE. No dates. Guess b. 1642 England
3. HUGH BLETSOE. No dates. Guess b. 1640
3. WILLIAM BLETSOE, 1601-1640
   ++ DOROTHY GOULDSBOROUGH.
   : 
   4. THOMAS BLEDSOE, 1640-1703.
      + _____?
   4. GEORGE BLEDSOE, b. 1635, England; d. Bef. August 15, 1705, Northumberland County, Virginia. **He is supposed to be the first Bledsoe in the U.S, arriving here in 1652.**
      + Elizabeth _____?
4. SARAH BLEDSOE, 1675-.
5. ABRAHAM BLEDSOE*, b. 1673, Northumberland County, Virginia; d. May 29, 1753, Granville County, North Carolina.
5. WILLIAM BLEDSOE, 1676-.
5. JOHN BLEDSOE, 1680-.
5. GEORGE BLEDSOE, 1683-.
5. THOMAS BLEDSOE, 1681-.
5. WILLIAM BLEDSOE, b. 1633, Bedfordshire, England; d. 1681.
   + Elizabeth Sharp
   + _____?
6. Ann Bledsoe
   + _____?
6. Abraham Bledsoe, 1673-1753. Born Va, Died in Granville County, NC.
   + Katherine Ball.
   ++ Elizabeth Heath.
   +++ Sarah Cave.
6. ISAAC BLEDSoE, b. Abt. 1703.
6. THOMAS BLEDSOE, b. Abt. 1706.
6. ABRAHAM BLEDSOE, b. Abt. 1708.
6. CATHERINE BLEDSOE, b. Abt. 1710.
6. GEORGE BLEDSOE*, b. 1713, Virginia; d. 1777, Bute County, NC.
6. JOHN BLEDSOE.
6. MOSES BLEDSOE.
6. JACOB BLEDSOE.
6. AARON BLEDSOE.
6. SARAH BLEDSOE.
6. ANN BLEDSOE.
6. ELIZABETH BLEDSOE.

NOTE # 1 FROM JD: The first Bledsoe I found was Elizabeth from “The Bledsoe Community” in England, who was a witness in a rape trial, in the year 1061. That year really is 1061. (Old Bailey court records).

NOTE # 2 FROM JD:. The Bledsoes claim their Abraham Bledsoe was born in Northumberland, Virginia in 1625 as you will see at the bottom of this page so, he was born here then 27 years BEFORE the following George (their claimed "first" Bledsoe) arrived here in 1652. It is very likely that the father of Lewis and the father of the 1st generation William above was one and the same, making Lewis and William brothers. But not proven George Bletsoe was transported by Col. Hugh Gwin from England to America in 1652, and Col. Gwin received a land grant for his colonization efforts as follows: "CoL. Hugh Gwin (Gwyn) 300 acs. upon W. side of a tract called Gwins Island, being the surplusage of sd. island, bounded SW. upon the Narrowes, W. opposite to mouth of Peanketank Riv., S. upon Deep Cr. which layeth toward S. side of sd. Island. 6 Dec.1652, p.120. Trans. of 6 pers: John Cookeley, Nathani. Walters, Mary Joyce: Robert Wilson al. Wiffon (or Wisson), George Bletsoe, Benja. Sarrow, Peter Cade: Humph. Higgins, Susan Parker, Susan Hillary, one Negro woman. Note: Land due for the last five. Land patented for four of the five, one remains still due being the Last."

They were apparently making landfall near present-day Norfolk, Va.). George Bledsoe founded a family that had an important part in the founding of our nation and the movement west. So far as anyone has been able to determine, he is the progenitor of all who bear the Bledsoe name today in the USA. (note from JD: NOT TRUE). It is not known from where George Bledsoe originated, nor for that matter, from where Col. Hugh Gwin came, either of which would give us clues for English research. The first appearance in this country, of George Bledsoe is 1672 in Northumberland County, Virginia. Our first entry in the records on George Bledsoe Minutes of the Council and General Court of Virginia, "At the Genl.Court holden at James City the 8th Nov. 1672, afternoon, Ransom vs. Bledshaw. in the difference between James Ransom plaintiff and Geo. Bledshaw defendant about a parcel of land of nine hundred and fifty acres in Northumberland Va. on the North Side of Divideing Creeke. It is ordered that a jury by the Sherriffe of the County be impannelled as neare as can be to said land, who are to enquire whether that land was seated or deserted by Peter Ransom father to the said James within due time according to his Pattent and returne their report thereof under their hands to the 3rd day of the next Genll Court for Judgment...."At a Genll Court held at James City the 12th March 1673, Ransom vs.Blettsoe. It is ordered by consent of the Plaintiff and Defendant James Ransom and Geo: Blettsoe that the cause of last Court referred to this be continued and reference to the thirdday of the next Genll Court in September to which Court the juries verdt as by that ord is to be returned for judgmt."From the above it appears that George Bledsoe had occupied land claimed by James Ransom by virtue of his father's having once occupied the same land. The verdict of the jury has not been found, but it is clear that George Bledsoe won, because there are two deeds referring to this tract: The last entry re George Bledsoe is his Will dated 23 Jan. 1705. George's wife Elizabeth named in the will was not mother of his children because in her Will dated 13 Feb. 1708, she does not mention any Bledsoe children but does mention son Richard Lattimore, and her daughters and her grandchildren. The will of George Bledsoe is found in Northumberland County, Virginia Record Book #4, 1706-1720, p. 16 as follows:

WILL OF GEORGE BLETISO/BLETSOE/BLETTSOE/BLEDSOE:

In the name of God, Amen, I George Bledsoe of the county of Northumberland: in the colony of Virginia, being sick and weak of body, but of sound and perfect memory, do make this my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills by me heretofore made. Imprimis: I bequeath my souled to God, my Maker, hoping to be saved by the merits of the blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, and my body I commit to the earth there to be buried in decent and Christian manner as my executors hereinafter named shall think meet and convenient, and my worldly estate I dispose of as followeth: Item: I give to my loving wife Elizabeth
Bledsoe all that estate she finds upon the plantation she brought along with her and if she thinks it not convenient to leave the same estate and take her proportionable part with the rest of my children and likewise allow one cow and the negro Nan, and if it please God to call me home before the crop is disposed of that she shall have her share with my children of the aforesaid crop. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son John Bledsoe the proportionable part of my land lying and adjoining Mr. Thomas Damerone, Senr's land and my will is that my son George Bledsoe have liberty to work upon the said land without trouble or molestation of the said John, provided he take care to manage the same during his natural life, but not to make waste or havoc of the same nor rent, sell or embezzle it to any one. Item: I give unto my son William Bledsoe the plantation I now live upon and his part of land, together with all houses, fences, orchards, etc. that are upon it. Item: I give unto my son, Abraham Bledsoe, my proportional part of land lying and adjoining next to John Nickless and running along the ridge next to the school house and my will is that if any of the three sons: Abraham, William and John Bledsoe should die without issue lawfully begotten of their body, that then their said land or lands to fall to my son Thomas Bledsoe his heirs And assigns forever. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Bledsoe one feather bed and my will is that my three sons: Abraham, William and John be at equal charge to keep my son Thomas three years at school, and to hire upon the plantation along with William till he comes to the age of 21 years, and for the remainder of my personal estate my will and desire is that my good friends: Mr. James Waddy, Mr. John Nickless and James Richardson, divide it proportionally to the best of their judgments and discretion amongst my children. Item: My will and desire is that what hogs I die possessed with not be shared amongst my children, but be left for the use and benefit of those that live upon the plantation. Lastly: I do hereby ordain and appoint my two sons: Abraham and William Bledsoe, sole executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23d day of January 1704/5

Signed, sealed and declared to be his last will and testament in the presence of us: James Richardson: John Nickless; Tho. Dameron, Jr. Aug. 15, 1705.

This will was probated in Northumberland Court to be the last will and testament of George Bledsoe, deceased: by the oaths of John Nickless and Tho. Dameron, Jr., two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and same is recorded.

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THE BEDSOLE AND BLEDSOE RELATIONSHIP

Sept. 11, 1700. Abraham Bessow arrived at Bath, NC on an English ship. It is not known if the ship came directly from Germany, or if Abraham had shipped from Germany to England, then to Bath, NC. On his Passenger List, the Captain listed him as; "Abraham Bessow, ...A Pal.", meaning a Palatine, who were German, and who shipped to this country especially during the period 1700-1710.

Looking back in time, it is likely that Abraham was born 1673, died 1740 and Rose a couple of years afterward. Also we can guess that Elizabeth was their first child, and likely born 1690-1695. Its also apparent to me that they had son, William Henry, about 1701-02, in NC since he was not with them when they arrived at Bath in 1701, and he acquired land in Va. in 1719.

After a land Grant of 1782 to William Bledsoe, there are other “Bledsoes” who were granted land in Virginia. In 1782 another William Bledsoe was granted land, but his age by then makes it unlikely that this is the same William Bledsoe born in 1701-02. He is more likely William Jr. b. 1727. No way to know for certain.

The name changes though, are what's really important. When he arrived here, there's no way to know what "Abraham"'s first name really was. But its safe to assume his last name was actually Betzold. In this country
at first, he was "Abraham Bessow", then "Abraham Batson", then Abraham Bledsoe and William its safe to assume, was also a Batson. But when William arrived in Virginia, he became William Bedsoe, then Bledsoe by the land office.

Elisha Bedsole, received 4 land grants all during the early 1780's and 1790's there, as Elisha Bedsol. Two were as Elisha Bedsoll, one as Elisha Bedsol and the fourth as Elisha Bedsolt. He and a John Bedsolt are listed on the 1772 and 1782 Orange County, Virginia tax lists as "Bedsolt". Elisha, born in 1730 was married at Cane Creek, NC to Mary Edwards on Sept. 15, 1751. So, he obviously moved from NC to Virginia too. It is very likely that Elisha was a son of William Henry Bedsole, Sr. important things though are: 1. As far as Bedsole is concerned, in the United States; William Sr., is the BLEDSOE and Elisha is the BEDSAUL name sources, having occurred in Spotsylvania County, Va. and; 2. Abraham III is the BEDSOLE name source, occurring in 1749 when he moved to Bladen County, NC. That's true even though it was all the fault of the English Scribe(s) at the time the misspellings occurred. Keep in mind though that some Bedsoles changed their last name to Bledsoe and some Bledsoe changed theirs to Bedsole on purpose in attempts to escape the law, ex-wives or husbands, or because they disliked their relatives or landlords, to whom they owed money, and did not want to pay that debt. But the main reason was, they could not read and their last name was misspelled due to the Scribe at the time, as I said before.

Also, I am aware that a George Bletso/Bledsoe was born in 1663 in England, who moved to Virginia in the late 1680's. However he and his descendants are true Bledsoes from England, and were not from Germany, although I know their ancestors were (before they moved to England). But that's another story.

if you did not see your own family on this list, or you saw errors on it, please add/correct it, as needed yourself, for I am finished with it. I am like the old Bedsole census taker in Sampson County, NC in 1826..... I quit "..............JD Bedsole ________________________________ PAGE 260

I called this page 260 in order to round off the number of pages to an even number. In the future, perhaps some other Bedsole will continue what I have started, because there are at least a million Bedsoles who were born just since I started this in 1950, and about whom I know nothing whatsoever. In addition, that million will have been married and produced 5 million. My point is; There is actually no end to this story, until the end of the world comes. But I am willing to bet you that no other Bedsole will even attempt it, much less carry it through. So, count your blessings that I had what it took to produce this book for you all to see, and that you are reading it absolutely free and without any effort.
You are indeed lucky.

THE END