

JOHN RIGGS (1743–1837)
OF PASQUOTANK AND ONSLOW COUNTIES,
NORTH CAROLINA, AND HIS FAMILY

Also Giles Riggs of Craven County and His Family

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Dedicated to

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my parents

My father was a 7th-generation descendant of Bethuel Riggs

also temporarily of North Carolina

but of no relationship to John

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2. Awarded the 2007 Donald Lines Jacobus Award, by the Fellows of the American Society of Genealogists (FASG) . Can be ordered from NEHGS at <www.americanancestors.org>.

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Figure 5. Courtesy of Richard⁷ Phillips.

ABBREVIATIONS

BLM	U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Cem.	Cemetery
DAR	National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution
dw.	dwelling (U.S. census)
ED	Enumeration District (U.S. census)
FHL	LDS Family History Library US/CAN microfilm, referenced by roll number, or book, referenced by call number
fam.	family (U.S. census)
GLO	General Land Office of the BLM
GMNJ	<i>The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey</i>
IGI	International Genealogical Index (LDS)
JP	Justice of the Peace
LDS	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons)
MG	Minister of the Gospel
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
NEA	<i>New England Ancestors</i> (NEHGS)
NEHGS	New England Historic Genealogical Society
NGSQ	<i>National Genealogical Society Quarterly</i>
NJ Archives	Archives of the State of New Jersey, 1st series
NJHS	New Jersey Historical Society
NYGBS	New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
Pct.	Precinct (U.S. census)
PO	Post Office (U.S. census)
Record	<i>New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i> (New York, 1870-) (NYGBS)
Register	<i>New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i> (Boston, 1847-) (NEHGS)
r.	roll (U.S. census)
RG	Record Group (NARA)
RLDS	Reorganized LDS
sh.	sheet (U.S. census)
SSDI	Social Security Death Index
SSN	Social Security Number
SWNE, etc.	Southwest quadrant of northeast quadrant (GLO, 40 acres)
Sx TyN RzW	Section x, Township y North, Range z West (GLO)
TAG	<i>The American Genealogist</i>
Terr.	Territory

LINEAGE LIST NOTATION

To facilitate stepping “backward” through the genealogy, I utilize one small addition to standard (actually “modified”) *Register* format. A leading subscript to a person in a lineage list is the person number for that individual in this work. For example, Theodore Foster² Riggs (₂₃*Thomas Lawrence*⁵, *Stephen Return*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹) was son of person 23, Thomas Lawrence⁵ Riggs (₁₁*Stephen Return*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹), who in turn was son of person 11, Stephen Return⁴ Riggs, and so forth. This technique may be applied to any person in a lineage list. However, to reduce visual clutter, I will use it here for at most one person per lineage list, usually the first.

N.B. The National Genealogical Society has now carefully codified modified *Register* format, mentioned above, so it is often called NGSQ format. Whatever the nomenclature, the above paragraphs describe departures from it.

METHODOLOGY AND STYLE NOTES

Un sourced material. Some claims without accompanying sources are important to preserve, as hints to future researchers or simply to indicate that I am aware of commonly claimed dates, names, or places, but am not certain of them. I enter these in footnotes and not in the main text. I do not always explicitly flag these claims as unsourced, but they should be understood as such by their presence in the footnotes only. This type of information often comes from compiled, but unfortunately unsourced, genealogies that have the appearance, to me at least, of being well researched and based on solid evidence. The footnote hint might inspire a future researcher to find the elusive evidence, whereas I had not done so by the time this book went to press.

Census litany. Rather than trying to be creative on each of hundreds of census readings, I have chosen to state them with a common “litany.” To make census litanies easy to spot, I usually introduce each one with the year. For example, a reading from the U.S. census for 1900 will begin “In 1900”

Online sources. I have made much use of online sources, usually secondary, such as the listing of gravestones in a particular cemetery. The problem with this practice is the supposed ephemeral nature of the web. Many online sources may simply disappear from the web over time, or change addresses at least. I have therefore made a copy of every webpage used in this work and archived it for future reference. Very notable exceptions are the many databases available from major servers, such as <Ancestry.com>, which I assume, with some trepidation, will be permanently available by some means. The URL for a website is identified by enclosing < > brackets. When a URL needs to wrap at the end of a line for good visual appearance, I have inserted a hyphen in an appropriate location. This line-breaking hyphen should be omitted, of course, when the URL is used as an internet address.

Abbreviations. To fit this book into one bound volume, I have resorted to abbreviations. With one exception, I always abbreviate state names and

month names. I do not abbreviate state names in the main text that stand alone. However, state names in footnotes are always abbreviated, even in the titles of books.

I do not abbreviate anything in a quotation. An abbreviation in a quotation is present in the original.

I use succinct forms for the sources in footnotes. The bibliography should be consulted for full expansion of a source reference. See the abbreviations section of the front matter for the full list of abbreviations used in the census references. In all cases, the census was read from <Ancestry.com>, and the roll numbers correspond to the microfilm series used by that organization.

Verb tenses. Past tense is normally used, but a record is described in the present—e.g., Joe Riggs was born in 1836, but a death certificate for Joe Riggs states that he was born in 1836.

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Richard R.⁷ Phillips, Edward Lee⁶ Riggs, Jason Maurice⁷ Riggs.

DNA SIGNATURE

We now have two genetic signatures of Riggs males in this family:

Edward Lee⁶ Riggs (¹³⁵Roy Alton⁵, William Mack⁴, George³):

mwnjkpIIIImmCrijkkyosDooqqjkswooqsKLII

Julian/Jason Maurice⁷ Riggs (¹⁹⁴Julian Maurice⁶, William Clyde⁵, John E.⁴, George³):

mwnjkpIIIImmC

So this family is a different family from, say, the so-called “Edwardian” Riggs family of New England (descendants of Edward¹ Riggs, immigrant in 1633 to Massachusetts), which has these first 67 markers, with the nine differences (in the first 37) in blue and five more in the final 30 (which will matter in a moment):

lxnknpIIIImmCsijkkyosCooqqklswooqrKLIIkiophjjhkljluwpjllohlvtmIkmkkll

A match of 35 or more of 37 markers is considered a “match.” So it is unlikely that John Riggs of North Carolina and Edward Riggs of Massachusetts were related in historical time. They both are of the R1b haplogroup, or clan, of western European males, however, so related in the sense of being derived of a common male thousands, say, of years ago.

Note added 25 Nov. 2016: We now have several more candidate members of this Riggs family. Here are their signatures but we are still lacking their descents:

Gary Howard Riggs (who has withdrawn from my DNA group):

mwnjkpIIIImmCrijkkyosDooqqjkswooqsKLIIkiophjjhjlwppjllrhvltmIkmkkml

Delmar Atlee Bateman (red indicates differences from other members of this group):

mwnjkpIIImmCrijkkyosCooqqjkswooqsKLIIkiophjjhjlwppjllqhlvtmIkmkkml

DNA SIGNATURE

Graham Farris⁸ Riggs (34Solomon Graham⁷, Solomon Graham⁶, James Beasley⁵, Jesse⁴, Jesse³, Shadrach², Giles¹):^[3]

mwnjkpIImmmCrijkyosDooqjkswooqsKLII

Christopher Graham⁹ Riggs, son of Graham Farris⁸ Riggs:

mwnjkpIImmmCrijkyosDooqjkswooqsLLII

William Howard⁷ Riggs (32Jesse Levin⁶, Jesse Levin⁵, Jesse⁴, Jesse³, Shadrach², Giles¹):

mwnjkpIImmmCrijkyosDooqjkswooqsKLIIkiophjjhjjlwwpjllrhvtmlkmmkml

Christopher Scott Wiley:

mwnjkpIImmmCrijkyotDooqjkswooqsJLII

Furthermore, the signatures for Delmar Atlee Bateman and William Howard Riggs match on markers 68–111 perfectly.^[4]

Graham F. and Christopher G. Riggs report that they descend from Giles Riggs (c1723–c1771) of Craven Co., N.C. William H. Riggs reports that he descends from Giles Riggs (died 1787) of Craven Co., N.C. And Christopher S. Wiley reports that he descends from William Riggs (born 1710) of Orange Co., N.C. This, plus the DNA evidence, gives us plenty of evidence on which we should be able to discover the structure of this family.

N.B. In early North Carolina, Onslow and Craven Counties abutted one another.

3. U.S. Public Records, 1970–2009, “Grahm” or Graham F. or Graham Farris Riggs, resided 6 Aug. 2008, Shreveport, La., born 9 July 1940, possible relatives: Christopher G. Riggs, Michael Noble Riggs, Sue Noble Riggs, Ue Noble Riggs. I do know that Christopher is son of Graham, and that Sue N. Riggs is probably daughter of Christopher, or perhaps of Graham. All three are in my Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group; *Biography & Genealogy Master Index*, Graham Farris Riggs, born 1940, in *Who’s Who in Religion*, 2nd edition, 1977, Chicago; *U.S. Public Records, Index, 1950–1993*, Vol. 1, Graham F. Riggs, born 9 July 1940, resided in Wichita, Kans., in 1979, and in Shreveport, La., in 1996.

4. For completeness sake, these other 50 markers are (blue shows differences with the Edwardians):
GoiplyzslkmljlljkkDmnxnjvosnwqnoxlwrknpilk

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of Pasquotank and Onslow Cos., N.C.

FIRST GENERATION

Important Note: A descendant of this family, Richard⁷ Phillips, has discovered a Pasquotank Co., N.C., tax list for 1774 that lists “Isaac Riggs and his Sons Noah & John.” See Figure 5. Thus it is likely that Isaac⁰ Riggs was the father of our John¹ Riggs below. Notice that the two sons must have been of taxable age in 1774, so both born before about 1753. This fits what we know about John¹ Riggs.

1. JOHN¹ RIGGS was born about 1743 (calculated from death announcement) or 1744 (from pension application, age 88 on 7 Aug. 1832) or 1745 (pension roll of 1835, age 90),^[5] Pasquotank Co., N.C., and died 8 Nov. 1837, age 94, Onslow Co., N.C. (death announcement transcribed below) or 2 Nov. 1837 (pension application, pensioners index).^[6] He married [bond] 22 June 1779, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[7] **ELIZABETH MORRIS**, who was born 1760–1770 (1830 census) or 1750–1760 (1840 census), daughter of Thomas and Mary (–) Morris.^[8] Elizabeth was alive in 1838 at the time of her petition for dower, transcribed below.

5. *U.S. The Pension Roll of 1835*, Onslow Co., N.C., image online, “[name] John Riggs [rank] Private [annual allowance] 80 00 [sums received] 200 00 [service] N.C. cont’l line [when placed on roll] Dec. 11, 1832 [commencement of pension] March 4, 1831 [age] 90.”

6. *U.S. Pensions, 1818–1872*, N.C., p. 355, image online, “[name] John Riggs Onslow Co [rank] Private Inf & Cav [monthly allowance] 10 [commencement] [?] 4th March 1831 [payments biannually 1831–1837] 0 2 2 2 3 4 4 4 4 1 1 1 1 1 Died 2d November 1837. Paid 1st Apr 1838.”

7. *N.C. Marriage Bonds, 1741–1868*, bond no. 93912, source N.C. Marriage Bonds, 1741–1868, record 1080, John Riggs married [bond] 22 June 1779, Onslow Co., N.C., Elizabeth Morriss, with William Cray as witness; Richard⁷ Phillips, email 19 Jan. 2016, sent me a digital photocopy of this bond, conditioned on “John Riggs Gentm” to “Miss Elisabeth Morriss Spinster.”

8. A transcription of the will of Thomas “Morres,” signed 3 Apr. 1793, Onslow Co., N.C., mentions “my son John Morres,” “my son James Morres, after his mother, Mary Morreses death,” “my loving wife Mary Morres,” “my children John, William & James Morres, and Salley Twidey and Elizabeth Riggs,” “my daughter Mary Morres,” “my daughter Sarah Morres,” “David Reece my son in

In 1790 John “Rigs,” over 16, resided in Onslow Co., N.C., with four males under 16, and three females.^[9]

For his Revolutionary War service John Riggs received a land warrant for 274 acres of land in North Carolina, issued 19 Dec. 1808.^[10] [*N.C. and Tenn. Revolutionary War Land Warrants, 1783–1843*, image online, no. 177].

According to his pension application file, John Riggs of Onslow Co., N.C., served in the Revolutionary War in the company commanded by Capt. Bracey in the Virginia Line for three years from 1776.^[11]

His declaration states:

On this 7th day of August AD. 1832 personally appeared before the Worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Onslow, John Riggs a resident of Onslow County North Carolina, aged eighty eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 That he is a native of Pasquotank County in No. Carolina, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States, about the commencement of the Revolutionary War, with Lieut. John Hatson and Capt. Thomas S. Bracey, & served in the Second regiment of the line under the said Hatson & Bracy [*sic*]; John Brock was Sergeant, and Zadoc Daily was ensign in Said Company, as well as this deponent recollects. This deponent is very aged, and his memory has decayed Commensurately with his body, but to the best of his recollection Thomas Dudley was fifer & Levi West drummer to the said regiment. This deponent does not recollect the year when he was enlisted but he served three years after his said enlistment, and discharged at Portsmouth in Virginia. This deponent resided in Pasquotank County when he enlisted, but he left his said residence

law,” “friend Bazel Grant,” “Witnes: J Edwards Husey, James (his mark) Morres, Dianah (her mark) Reece.” This was downloaded from <Ancestry.com> on 15 Aug. 2015, with this citation: “Thomas Morres (Morris) – Onslow County, NC - 1793 (Will obtained from NC Archives) – “Footprints On The Sands Of Time” * Library of Congress Call No. CS71.8212002, Author Shirley Johnston LaGarde.”

9. U.S. census, 1790, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 7, p. 18.

10. *N.C. and Tenn. Revolutionary War Land Warrants, 1783–1843*, image online, no. 177.

11. U.S. Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800–1900, John Riggs, Virginia, S9081.

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and went to Portsmouth in Virginia, for the purpose of enlisting, at which latter place he did enlist. This deponent was engaged with the British troops in a skirmish, not far from Cape Charles (about Eighteen miles distant from said Cape) in retaking from their possession Browns' Brig. The British lay off in their vessels; and the said Brig attempted to pass the said British vessels, which lay near the inlet & get into Portsmouth, but not succeeding was taken by the British who came off in their barges upon ascertaining which, Capt. Bracey, ordered his regiment down to where the Brig lay, when a very severe Contest ensued, the brig was retaken and the British who were in possession of the brig were made prisoners and sent to Petersburg in Va. This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or any annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name, is not on the pension roll, of any agency in any state or territory. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] John [his + mark] Riggs

Sworn to and subscribed before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Onslow County

In 1810 a John Riggs, over 45 (born before 1865), resided in Onslow Co., N.C., with three boys and two girls under 10, one male and one female 10-16, and two females 16-26 (born 1784-1794).^[12] This does not appear to be our John¹, since there is no woman of the right age to be his wife thought to have been born somewhere between 1750 and 1770. With so many children born 1800-1810, this appears to be the family of a couple who married about 1800, not 1789.

In 1820 John Riggs, over 45, resided in Wolf Pitt, Onslow Co., N.C., with a woman over 45, four boys 10-16, and one female 16-26. David Riggs is listed next, 26-45 (born 1775-1794), with a woman 16-26 (born 1794-1804), and one boy under 10.^[13] The woman over 45 makes this a more likely candidate for John¹. David appears to be David², born 1780-1790, with his wife, Desire, born 1790-1800.

In 1830 John Riggs Sr., 70-80 (born 1750-1760), resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with a woman 60-70 (born 1760-1770) [sic] one male 20-30.^[14]

12. U.S. census, 1810, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 41, p. 769.

13. U.S. census, 1820, Wolf Pitt, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 80, p. 328.

14. U.S. census, 1830, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 123, p. 214. John Riggs Jr. is 00001 00011; Noah

Bryant Riggs, 20–30, and Isaac Riggs, 50–60, are listed together with John Sr. on the same page, and also Edmund Littleton, 20–30. Then John Meadows, 40–50, with a woman 20–30 is listed, then Mary Meadows, 40–50, suggesting that Ruthy Meadows was either John’s wife, or identically Mary Meadows [but the ages don’t quite work]. Then John Riggs Jr., 20–30, and Noah Riggs, 20–30, are listed together on the next page. On the page after that is David Riggs, 40–50.

In 1840 Elizabeth “Rigs,” 80–90 [sic] (born 1750–1760), resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with a woman 60–70 (born 1760–1770) one male 20–30. On the same page are listed Bryant R. “Rigs” (110001 001101) and Noah F. “Rigs” (2100001 00001).^[15]

John Riggs, 90, was on the pension roll of 1835 for Onslow Co., N.C., for his service in the Revolutionary War in the North Carolina Continental Line.^[16]

A death announcement for John Riggs:

Died . . . In Onslow County, on the 8th inst., at the age of 94, Mr. John Riggs, a soldier of the Revolution. Mr. Riggs was a cart-wheel-wright; enjoyed excellent eyesight throughout his old age, and what is more to the purpose in our thinly peopled country, his offspring amounted at the time of his death, to *one hundred and three*.^[17]

The next important document establishes the John Riggs family:

State of North Carolina
Onslow County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
November Term 1838

Riggs is 10001 10001; Bryant Riggs is 00001 10001; John Riggs Sr. is 0000100001 000000001; Isaac Riggs is 10100001 01001; David Riggs is 1001001 210001.

15. U.S. census, 1840, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 367, p. 139.

16. U.S. *The Pension Roll of 1835*, Onslow Co., N.C., image online, “[name] John Riggs [rank] Private [annual allowance] 80 00 [sums received] 200 00 [service] N.C. cont’l line [when placed on roll] Dec. 11, 1832 [commencement of pension] March 4, 1831 [age] 90.”

17. Image of newspaper clipping posted online at <Ancestry.com> for John Riggs, cites *New Bern Spectator* newspaper, 24 Nov. 1837, New Bern, N.C. Italics in the original.

JOHN RIGGS

To the worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Said County The petition of Elizabeth Riggs of Onslow County respectfully sheweth unto your worships that John Riggs senior late of Said County on the day of [sic] A.D. 1837 departed this life intestate leaving [hirs?] surviving your Petitioners his widow and Isaac Riggs Mary Riggs Phibe Littleton who intermarried with Edmund Littleton John Riggs Noah Riggs Bryant R Riggs & Asa Riggs, and Ruthy Meadows his Children and Bryant Riggs Jr. Thomas Riggs Children of Cartwright Riggs, a son of Said John Riggs Senior who died in the lifetime of Said John Riggs Both of whom are infants of tender years and Thomas Riggs Phibe Riggs Miriam Riggs Isaac Riggs David Riggs Rachel Riggs Olive Riggs Desire Riggs and William Riggs Children of David Riggs a son of said John Riggs Senior who died in the lifetime of said John Riggs senior all of whom are infants of tender Years and Stephen Bell John Bell Loomis Bell Lotty Bell & Ebin Bell Children of Betsy a Daughter of the Said John Riggs senior who intermarried with William Bell & Died in the lifetime of said John Riggs all of which Said Children of the Said Betsy Bell except Stephen Bell & John Bell are minors and infants of tender years which Said Children & Grand Children are the Heirs at law of Said John Riggs Senior. Your Petitioner further sheweth unto your worships that the Said John Riggs died [Seised?] & Possessed of a certain tract of land lying & being in the County of Onslow on the South Side of Grants Creek adjoining the Lands of Bryant R Riggs John Lloyd & Cartwright Jones Containing about two Hundred acres which Said tract has descended & come to the aforesaid Children & Grand Children of the Said John Riggs Senior as his heirs at law. Your Petitioner further sheweth unto your worships that She is advised & believes that She is entitled to Dower in the aforesaid Lands: To the end therefore that the Said Dower may be allotted & set apart to your Petitioner in Said tract She prays your worships that the Said Dower may be allotted & set apart to her & that the Said Isaac Riggs Mary Riggs Edmund Littleton & Phebe his wife John Riggs Noah Riggs Bryant R Riggs Asa Riggs & Ruthy Meadows Bryant Riggs [the remainder is someone else's transcription] & Thomas Riggs children of Cartwright Riggs & Thomas Riggs, Phebe Riggs, Miriam Riggs, Isaac Riggs, David Riggs, Rachel Riggs, Olive Riggs, Desire Riggs & William Riggs ,children of David Riggs & Stephen Bell, John Bell, Loomis Bell, Lotty Bell, & Ebin Bell, children of Betsy Bell & heirs at law of said John Riggs Senior. May be proper [?] be made to appear in this worshipful court & shew cause if any they have why dower in

the aforesaid tract of land should not be allotted to your petitioner & that your worships would grant such other & further relief in the premises as the nature of her case may require & to your worships shall seem meet and your petitioner will [?] pray.

J W Bryan^[18]

Known children (derived from the petition above, so the first eight are presumed to be in birth order relative one another):

- 2 i **ISAAC² RIGGS**, born 1775-1780 (intersection of 1820 and 1830 censuses), alive in 1838. He was **probably** the Isaac Riggs who was bonded 21 June 1808, Carteret Co., N.C., to marry^[19] **CASANDRA BLOCKSON**.

In 1790 Isaac Riggs resided in Carteret Co., N.C., with one male over 16, two males under 16, and 1 female. On same page were Benjamin Riggs (113), and Jesse Riggs (122).^[20]

In 1800 Isaac Riggs, 26-45 (born 1755-1774), resided in Carteret Co, N.C., with a woman 26-45, three boys and one girl under 10, three boys 10-16.^[21]

In 1810 Isaac Riggs "Sen^r," over 45 (born before 1775), resided in Newport River, Carteret Co, N.C., with two girls under 10, a boy 10-16, and a male and a female 16-26.^[22] And Issac Riggs "Jun^r," 26-45 (born 1765-1784), resided there too, with one female 16-26, and one boy under 10.^[23]

The following are probably for Isaac Riggs Jr.:

18. This document was transcribed to <Ancestry.com> for John Riggs, downloaded 5 Aug. 2015. An image of the actual handwriting was downloaded and was the source for most of this transcription. After the point marked, I downloaded someone else's transcription which has some puzzling items in it.

19. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741-2011*, image online, Carteret Co., N.C., 21 June 1808, Isaac Riggs and Peter Noe posted marriage bonds conditioned on the marriage of Isaac Riggs to Casandra Blockson, of Carteret Co., signed Isaac [his X mark] Riggs and Peter Noe.

20. U.S. census, 1790, Carteret Co., N.C., r. 7, p. 439.

21. U.S. census, 1800, Carteret Co., N.C., r. 31, p. 76.

22. U.S. census, 1810, Newport River, Carteret Co., N.C., r. 39, p. 449.

23. U.S. census, 1810, Newport River, Carteret Co., N.C., r. 39, p. 449.

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In 1820 Isaac Riggs, 26-45 (born 1775-1794), resided in Stump Sound, Onslow Co, N.C., with a boy under 10, and a female 16-26.^[24]

In 1830 Isaac Riggs, 50-60 (born 1770-1780), resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with a boy under 5, a girl 5-10, a male 10-15, and a female 20-30.^[25]

In 1840 Isaac "Rigs," 50-60 (born 1770-1780), resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with two boys under 5, one girl 5-10, two males 15-20, and a female 30-40.^[26] Nearby was Noah "Rigs" (120001 12001000001). Also Thomas "Rigs" (20001 10101001).

- 3 ii **MARY² RIGGS**, alive in 1837.
- + 4 iii **PHEBE² RIGGS**, born about 1802, married **EDMUND LITTLETON**, and had six children.
- 5 iv **JOHN² RIGGS**, born 1800-1810 (20-30 in the 1830 census), alive in 1838. **An unsourced genealogy gives him as John Jr., born 1801, died 1857, married Henrietta.**

In 1830 John Riggs Jr., 20-30, resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with a woman 20-30, and one female 15-20.^[27]

- + 6 v **?NOAH F.² RIGGS**, born about 1800, married **RUTH MEADOWS**, and had at least eight children. **Be careful here: Ruthy Meadows (not Riggs) is listed as an heir in the 1838 dower document of her mother. I believe that she is not to be confused with Ruth Meadows who married Noah F. Riggs in 1831. In other words, we can't use Ruthy Meadows in the dower list to prove that Noah F. Riggs is the son Noah. We know there is a son Noah. We just don't know if Noah F. is that Noah. There were two Noahs in the 1850 census that could fit.**
- 7 vi **BRYANT R.² RIGGS**, born 1800-1810 (20-30 in the 1830 census), alive in 1838. **An unsourced genealogy gives his middle name as Russell, and his wife as Beersheba, and born 1800, died 1841.**

In 1830 Bryant Riggs, 20-30, resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with a woman 20-30, and one girl under 5.^[28]

24. U.S. census, 1820, Stump Sound, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 80, p. 325.

25. U.S. census, 1830, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 123, p. 214.

26. U.S. census, 1830, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 123, p. 214.

27. U.S. census, 1830, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 123, p. 215.

28. U.S. census, 1830, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 123, p. 214.

In 1840 Bryant R. “Rigs,” 30–40 (born 1800–1810), resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with a woman 30–40, one boy under 5, one boy 5–10, one female 10–15, and one female 15–20.^[29]

- + 8 vii **ASA NOAH² RIGGS**, born about 1809, North Carolina, married **FANNIE HARRINGTON**, and had at least four children.
- 9 viii **RUTH² RIGGS**, born 1790–1800 (1840 census), North Carolina, married – **MEADOWS**. We know her from the 1838 dower petition by her mother.

In 1840 Ruth Meadows, 40–50 (born 1790–1800), resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with one girl 5–10.^[30]

We mention in this context the alleged bastard child by David² Riggs in 1815 on the unmarried Sally Meadows (q.v.), a relative perhaps, and note the following:

In 1840 Sarah “Medows,” 60–70 [born 1770–1780], resided in Onslow Co., N.C., with one male 20–30 [born 1810–1820], and one male 10–15.^[31]

In 1850 Mary Meadows, 60, resided in White Oak, Onslow Co, N.C., with Penny, 25, and David, 20, all born in North Carolina. They share the page with many Riggses.^[32]

- + 10 ix **CARTWRIGHT/CARTERET² RIGGS**, was born 1794–1802, birth order unknown, died before the 1837 petition, and had two children.
- + 11 x **DAVID² RIGGS**, born 1780–1790, birth order unknown, died before the 1838 petition, married **DESIRE** –, and had nine children. **An unsourced genealogy gives him as firstborn, in 1780.**
- + 12 xi **BETSY² RIGGS**, birth order unknown, died before the 1838 petition, married **WILLIAM BELL**, and had five children.
- + 13 xii **?[SON]² RIGGS**, married **SARRAH** –, and had eight children. This item corresponds to one of the children above, if indeed he was a son of John¹.

29. U.S. census, 1840, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 367, p. 139.

30. U.S. census, 1850, White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 639, p. 108B, dw. 324, fam. 324.

31. U.S. census, 1840, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 367, p. 137.

32. U.S. census, 1840, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 367, p. 141.

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4. PHEBE² RIGGS (*John*¹) was born about 1802, and was alive in 1838 at her mother's 1838 dower petition. She married **EDMUND LITTLETON**, who was born about 1800, died before the 1860 census.

For what it's worth, there was a bastardy bonding of Richard Pitts to "Pheoby" Riggs conditioned on his appearance in court to answer her charge, made June 1824, Onslow Co., N.C.^[33]

In 1850 Edmund Littleton, 50, a mechanic, resided in White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., with Phebe, 48, Amercer, 18, male, Roscar B., 16, Emaline, 15, David C., 13, Christana, 12, and Rosey C., 20, the entire family born in North Carolina.^[34]

In 1860 Phebe Littleton, 60, a knitter, resided in White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., in the household of Joseph Jones, 27, a farm laborer with \$150 real and \$50 personal estates, Rosa, 29, Joannah, 9, Betsey, 6, Nancy, 3, and Alexander, 6/12, all born in North Carolina.^[35] On the same page are Noah Riggs, Asa Riggs, Bazel Riggs, and E.W.O. Riggs.

Known children:

14 i **ROSA C.³ LITTLETON**, born about 1830, North Carolina, married (bond) 7 Jan. 1851, probably Onslow Co., N.C.,^[36] **JOSEPH JONES**, born about 1833, North Carolina, and had at least four children:

(1) Joannah⁴ Jones, born about 1851, North Carolina; (2) Betsey⁴ Jones, born about 1854, North Carolina; (3) Nancy⁴ Jones, born about 1857, North Carolina; and (4) Alexander⁴ Jones, born about 1859, North Carolina.

15 ii **AMERCER³ LITTLETON**, a son, born about 1832, North Carolina.

33. *Early Bastardy Bonds, Onslow Co., N.C.*, <files.usgwarchives.net/nc/onslow/court/bstrdy01.txt>, accessed 23 Jan. 2016, "70. [father] John Grant [mother] Mary Riggs [date to appear in court] Jan 1814 | . . . | 72. David Riggs Sally Meadows March 1815 | . . . | 74. Richard Pitts Pheoby Riggs June 1824."

34. U.S. census, 1850, White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 639, p. 103B, dw. 248, fam. 248.

35. U.S. census, 1860, Palo Alto, White Oak Dist., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 279, dw. 833, fam. 833.

36. Marriage bond, image online at *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, Joseph Jones and Nicholas Conway bonded, 7 Jan. 1851, [name empty, but Onslow in preceding record] Co., N.C., conditioned on the marriage of Joseph Jones and Rosa Littleton.

- 16 iii **ROSCAR B.**³ **LITTLETON**, born about 1834, North Carolina.
17 iv **EMALINE**³ **LITTLETON**, born about 1835, North Carolina.
18 v **DAVID C.**³ **LITTLETON**, born about 1837, North Carolina.
19 vi **CHRISTIANA**³ **LITTLETON**, born about 1838, North Carolina.

6. **NOAH F.**² **RIGGS** (¹?*John*¹) was born about 1800, North Carolina or Virginia, alive in 1838 (for his mother's petition [q.v.]), died about 1869. He married [bond] 6 Sept. 1831, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[37] **RUTH MEADOWS**, who was born about 1810, North Carolina. (I believe she is not the Ruthy Meadows of the 1838 dower petition.) She was alive in an 1869 deed and the 1870 census.

According to a great grandson, Leo Vinson⁵ Riggs, "My Great Grand Fathe [sic] Noah-(Tanky) Riggs came from Pasquotank County in the 1820 or 30 work in Turpentine-pine Tar and Farming.- Live in Brown Sound, New River Area, Onslow County [family record (Figure 4)]."

In 1830 Noah Riggs, 20-30 (born 1800-1810), resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with a woman 20-30 (born 1800-1810), and one boy and one girl under 5 (born 1825-1830), and no slaves.^[38] **This doesn't seem to quite jibe.**

On 19 Oct. 1838 Abraham Meadows sold to Noah Riggs, both of Onslow Co., N.C., a parcel of 100 acres in Onslow Co., N.C., for \$100. So Abraham is **possibly** father of Ruth Meadows whom Noah married in 1831.^[39]

In 1840 Noah F. "Riggs," 40-50 (born 1790-1800), resided in Onslow Co., N.C., with a woman 30-40 (born 1800-1810), two boys under 5 (born 1835-1840), and one boy 5-10 (born 1830-1835), and with 17 slaves.^[40]

37. *N.C. Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868*, bond no. 93916, source *N.C. Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868*, record 1080, Noah Riggs married [bond] 6 Sept. 1831, Onslow Co., N.C., "Ruthy" Meadows, with Russell Riggs as bondsman, and D. W. Sanders as witness; Richard² Phillips, email 19 Jan. 2016, sent me a digital photocopy of this bond.

38. U.S. census, 1830, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 123, p. 215.

39. Image of the handwritten deed posted online at <Ancestry.com>, downloaded 17 Aug. 2015.

40. U.S. census, 1840, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 367, p. 139.

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In 1850 Noah Riggs, 50, a mechanic born in North Carolina, resided in White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., with “Ruthy,” 40, born in North Carolina, and with “W^m,” 17, “Amandy,” 15, Joseph, 12, James B., 6, George, 3, and John, 10/12, all born in North Carolina.^[41] Next door was “Sarrah” Riggs, 34, and presumably her family. **I take her to be Noah’s sister-in-law awaiting further proof [see next sketch].**

In 1860 Noah F. Riggs, 60, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$400 real and \$200 personal estates, resided in Swansboro, Swansboro Dist., Onslow Co., N.C., with Ruth, 48, born in North Carolina, and with Joseph, 22, John [sic], 16, George, 13, Elijah, 7, and David, 3, all born in North Carolina.^[42]

On 20 Nov. 1869 Noah F. Riggs and his wife Ruth Riggs of Onslow Co., N.C., sold for \$200 to John A. Gillette, of Onslow Co., a tract of land of 200 acres, and it was acknowledged on 6 Dec. 1869.^[43]

In 1870 Ruth Riggs, 57, born in North Carolina with \$100 real and \$120 personal estates, resided in Swansboro, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with David, 13, born in North Carolina, and also the Indiana Barton family.^[44] The Isaac Hewitt family is on the same page.

An undated deed for Onslow Co., N.C., has the party of the first part sell to Bryant Halsell, all of Onslow Co., a parcel of about 300 acres in Onslow Co., for \$75. The party of the first part consisted of “James B. Riggs and wife Mary Elizabeth, Joseph E. Riggs and wife Alice Ann, Elijah L. Riggs and wife Nancy Caroline, George Riggs & wife Missouri Elizabeth, and David W. Riggs.” These are all the children of Noah and Ruth who must have inherited the property jointly, so presumably after both their deaths and before David’s marriage (or perhaps after his putative first wife’s death).^[45]

41. U.S. census, 1850, White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 639, p. 107B, dw. 313, fam. 313. Sarrah resided in dw. 314.

42. U.S. census, 1860, Swanston PO, Swansboro Dist., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 296, dw. 313, fam. 313.

43. Digital photocopy of the deed was emailed to me, 19 Jan. 2016, courtesy of Richard⁷ Phillips.

44. U.S. census, 1860, Swansboro PO, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 68, dw. 70, fam. 70. Isaac resided in dw. 65.

45. Image of the handwritten deed posted online at <Ancestry.com>, downloaded 17 Aug. 2015.

Children:

- 20 i **WILLIAM³ RIGGS**, born about 1833 (1850 census), North Carolina.
21 ii **AMANDA³ RIGGS**, born about 1835 (1850 census), North Carolina.
+ 22 iii **JOSEPH E.³ RIGGS**, born about 1838 (1850 census), North Carolina, married **ALICE ANN**—, and had at least two children.
+ 23 iv **JAMES B.³ RIGGS**, born about 1844 (1850 census) or 28 Dec. 1839, Onslow Co., N.C., married **MARY ELIZABETH RHODES**, and had at least four children, one at least with Mary.
+ 24 v **GEORGE NOAH³ RIGGS**, born about 1847 (1850 census) or July 1843, North Carolina, married (1) **MISSOURI ELIZABETH LITTLETON**, and had eight children, married (2) **MARY WHITE**, and had six children. **Note that the two birthdates fit either of two 1850 census Noahs. There's definitely a father Noah here, but we don't know which one.**
25 vi **JOHN³ RIGGS**, born about 1849 (1850 census), North Carolina. He is not listed in the 1860 census, so presumably died. (The John listed in the 1870 is assumed to be an error for James, since his age matches James's and James is not listed.)
26 vii **ELIJAH L.³ RIGGS**, born about 1853 (1860 census), Onslow Co., N.C., died 8 Dec. 1928, aged 75 years, Trent Twp., Lenoir Co., N.C., and was buried 9 Dec. 1929, Maplewood Cem., Kinston, Lenoir Co., N.C.^[46] He married 7 Dec. 1869, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[47] **NANCY CAROLINE MELTON**.
27 viii **DAVID W.³ RIGGS**, born about 1857 (1860 census), North Carolina, married 19 July 1914, at "Bettie Meadows" [home], Pollocksville Twp.,

46. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. 105, Elijah Riggs, died 8 Dec. 1928, Trent Twp., Lenoir Co., N.C., aged about 75 yrs., farmer, male, white, widower, born Onslow Co., father Noah Riggs, born Va., mother Ruth Meadows, born Onslow Co., informant W. N. [possibly "W^m"] Riggs, of Kinston, N.C., buried 9 Dec. 1929, Maplewood Bur.

47. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, Onslow Co., copied from old index book, **Elijah Riggs to Nancy Melton**, 7 Dec. 1869, by H. H. Bender JP. N.B. same page has: **William Riggs to Mary J. Freshwater**, 18 Jan. 1872, by Richard Canady JP; **George F. Riggs to Brancy Morton**, 31 July 1867, by E. N. Coston JP; **E. W. O. Riggs to Mourning Henderson**, 29 Apr. 1868, by B. W. Trott JP; **John B. Riggs to Henrietta Willis**, 28 Nov. 1872, by Richard Canady JP; **Ann E. Riggs to John K. Ried**, 13 Feb. 1873, by R. Canady JP; on the next p.: **Alex Riggs to Alice A. Riggs**, 17 Mar. 1881, by R. N. Summersill JP; **Joseph Riggs to Frances Littleton**, 15 June 1881, by W. J. Montfort; **Fanny S. Riggs to Mary Ellen Oliver**, 6 Jan. 1885, by Job Smith MG; **Thomas Riggs to Delfy Meadows**, 26 Dec. 1885, by William P. Watson; **Alonza C. Riggs to Susie Oliver**, 6 Jan. 1887, by David T. Coston [and many more on the next page].

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Jones Co., N.C.,^[48] to **EFFIE (MEADOWS) COLLINS**, born about 1868, North Carolina, daughter of [?] and Bettie (–) Meadows. They had at least one child.

In 1920 David W. Riggs, 64, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, Effie, 4[6?], born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with four Collins stepchildren, from her former marriage, and his son, Robert R. Riggs, 4, born in North Carolina.^[49]

8. ASA NOAH² RIGGS (*John*^[50]) was born about 1809 (1850 census), North Carolina, and was alive in 1838 at his mother's petition for dower. He married **FANNIE HARRINGTON**,^[51] who was born about 1812, North Carolina.

In 1840 Asa "Rigs," 30–40, resided in Onslow Co., N.C., with a woman 20–30, one boy and one girl under 5, one girl 5–10.^[52]

In 1850 Noah Riggs, 42, a farmer with \$150 real estate, resided in White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., with Frances, 37, "Marthy," 16, Catharine, 15, Bazel, 9, and George, 6, all born in North Carolina. Bazel, George, and Frances (Fannie) fit. There were several Riggses in the vicinity.^[53]

In 1860 Asa Riggs, 51, a farmer with \$800 real and \$600 personal estates, resided in Palo Alto, White Oak Dist., Onslow Co., N.C., with Fanny, 48, George, 15, and Hellen Conway, 19, a serving woman, all born in North Carolina. Next door was Bazel Riggs, 18. Nearby was Noah Riggs, 57, and E.W.O. Riggs, 32.^[54]

48. Marriage licence and certificate, image online at *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, license 18 July 1914, Trenton, Jones Co., N.C., D. W. Riggs, 53, of Jones Co., white, son of Noah Riggs and Rutha Riggs, both deceased, to Effie Collins, 36, of Jones Co., white, daughter of C[?] Meadows and Bettie Meadows, he dead and she living, married 19 July 1914 at Bettie "Medows" in Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., by B. F. Eubanks, a Primitive Baptist MG.

49. U.S. census, 1920, Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C., ED . 47, r. 1308, p. 68, sh. 1B, dw. 70, fam. 70.

50. He was Asa in all censuses except for 1850 where he was Noah, but it fits well.

51. Her surname comes from son Bazel's death certificate; her given name from the censuses.

52. U.S. census, 1840, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 367, p. 142.

53. U.S. census, 1850, White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 639, p. 109, dw. 329, fam. 329.

54. U.S. census, 1860, Palo Alto, White Oak Dist., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 279, dw. 830, fam.

In 1870 Asa Riggs, 60, a farmer with \$300 real and \$345 personal estates, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with Fanny, 52(!), George, 24, Brancy, 28, female, Mary Melville, 16, a domestic, “Asaa” Riggs, 2, and Cassandria Riggs, 1/12, born in April, all born in North Carolina.^[55] Bazel is on the same page as Cassandria. Mary Melville was probably Asa’s granddaughter, of his daughter, Martha Melville. The youngest were children of George and Brancy.

In 1880 Asa Riggs, 75, a farmer, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, “Fancy,” 65, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, daughter, “Mollie,” 26, and granddaughter, Betsey Fras[aint? ure?], 4, all born in North Carolina.^[56] Surely Mollie Riggs is the Mary Melville of the 1870 census, and hence a daughter-in-law, not a daughter. Nearby are George (and wife Brancy) Riggs, and Hanley Riggs, and Joseph Jones and Rosa.

Known children:

- + 28 i MARTHA³ RIGGS, born about 1834, North Carolina, married DAVID MELVILLE, and had six children.
- 29 ii CATHERINE³ RIGGS, born about 1835, North Carolina. She might be the Catharine Riggs, 18 [born about 1842], who resided with Martha Melville in the 1860 census, but her age does not quite fit.
- + 30 iii BAZEL MURRILL³ RIGGS, born 15 Dec. 1841, Onslow Co., N.C., married ANN JANE MELVILLE, and had 16 children.
- + 31 iv GEORGE F.³ RIGGS, born June 1844, North Carolina, married BRANCY MORTON, and had seven children.

10. CARTWRIGHT/CARTERET² RIGGS (*John*¹) was born 1794–1802 (1820 census), birth order unknown, died before the 1837 petition, married an unknown woman, and had two children, both “infants of tender age” at the petition (so both minors born after, probably well after, 1816).

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55. U.S. census, 1870, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 1153, p. 89A, dw. 97, fam. 97.

56. U.S. census, 1880, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 155, r. 975, p. 531C, dw. 156, fam. 157.

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In 1820 Carteret Riggs, 18-26 (born 1794-1802), resided in White Oak, Carteret Co, N.C., with a woman 16-26 (born 1794-1804), and one boy under 10 (born 1810-1820), and no slaves.^[57]

Children, presumably in birth order:

- 32 i BRYAN[T] R.³ RIGGS JR., born after, probably well after, 1816, probably North Carolina, married 16 June 1853, White Oak, Carteret Co., N.C.,^[58] CAROLINE HOWLAND.
- 33 ii THOMAS³ RIGGS, born after, probably well after, 1816, probably North Carolina.

11. DAVID² RIGGS (*John*)^[59] was born 1780-1790 (1830 census), birth order unknown, died before the 1838 dower petition by his mother, married DESIRE —, who was born 1794-1800 (intersection of 1820 and 1830 censuses), and had nine children, all of “tender age” at the petition (so all minors born after 1816, except perhaps for the girls for whom the year might instead be after 1819).

David’s will, written 16 Oct. 1837, proved November Term 1837, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Onslow Co., N.C.:

State of North Carolina
Onslow County
October the 16 day 1837

Know all men by these presents that I the said Daile(?) David Riggs do give my wife Desire one horse and the choice of one cow & calf, one yoke of oxen, one sow and pigs and seven fattening hogs, enuf out of the other hogs to make her meat one year and her three children. If she runs in debt the manager shall take the property and sell it for the benefit of the airs. I do want Thos Riggs my son to cum and build on my land and take the widders team and cropet with her and her children for such a part of the

57. U.S. census, 1820, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 80, p. 324.

58. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741-2011*, image online, “State of North Carolina. Carteret County. | I hereby certify that I solemnized the Rites of Marriage between Bryan [sic] Riggs and Caroline Howland and joined them together as Husband and Wife in Holy Matrimony at Whiteoak [sic] on the 16th day of June A.D. 1853 | [by] W^m J Parks MG.”

59. The transcription of his will that I read gives his name as “Daile(?) David Riggs.” So he might have been Dale David Riggs. Indeed, many online [unsourced](#) genealogies call him David Dale Riggs.

crop and if the teem be missused the manager shall take them out of his imploy and return them to the widder. James Hambleton I want to come and build on my land and all the ground that he clears up have all that he makes on it two years and help to keep up the fence round the plantation. They shall cut nor carry no wood nor timber of no kind of on the land nor hoop poles. My turpentine I want to go to pay my debts and if there be any left I want it to go to my wife and children. Sixty two dollars and thirty sents in cash I want to go for the schooling of my two sons Issac [sic] and David. Eighty dollars in notes I want the money when collected divided among my children but princpaly to my three boys. I want it to go to school them. The widder and Thomas & Feby my two grown children five dollars apiece out of the notes. All the rest of my property to be sold and if one of the children dies I want their share to go to the rest of the airs. If David lives to be twenty one years old an has a lawful air the land is hissen. If he dies without a lawul air the land returns to the rest of the airs. I nominate Thomas B. Holland and Daniel Ambrose my executors to this my last will and testament. I (????) all others in witness where unto I have here to set my hand and seal this the 16 day of October 1837,

David Riggs (he signed)

Test: Joseph (his mark) Avery

Test: James Hambleton (he signed)

State of North Carolina

Onslow County

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

November Term 1837 then was the will of David Riggs offered for probate and admitted on the oath of Joseph Avery and James Hamilton in open court and the widow entered her dissent there to and Thos Holland one of the executors qualified there to.

Jasper Ethridge, Clk.^[60]

60. This document was transcribed to <Ancestry.com> for John Riggs, with this note: "Will of David Riggs (Will Book #2, pg #9) Transcribed by Marle Riggs Myers (I have put in (.) and left out a lot of "ands" to make it more readable. I have tried to use the same spelling.). There is also penciled this note: "Source = Margaret Jacobs Lewis Daughter of will Jacobs & Pearl Riggs."

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On 28 Mar. 1815 David Riggs of Onslow Co., N.C., was bonded for £100 and Richard Jones and Azel Massey of the same county were bonded for £50 each conditioned on the appearance of David Riggs in court in its April term to meet the charge of Sally Meadows, a single woman of the same county, that she had been recently been delivered of a bastard child.^[61]

In 1820 David Riggs, 26-45 (born 1775-1794), resided in Wolf Pitt, Onslow Co., N.C., with a woman 16-26 (born 1794-1804), and one boy under 10 (possibly Thomas).^[62]

In 1830 David Riggs, 40-50 (born 1780-1790), resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with a woman 30-40 (born 1790-1800), one boy and two girls under 5 (born 1825-1830), one girl 5-10 (born 1820-1825), and one male 15-20 (born 1810-1815).^[63]

In 1840 Desire "Rigs," 40-50 (born 1790-1800), resided in Onslow Co., N.C., with one boy and one girl under 5 (born 1835-1840), one girl 5-10 (born 1830-1835), one male 10-15 (born 1825-1830), and one female 15-20 (born 1820-1825). On the same page is Asa Riggs, 30-40, with a woman 20-30, one boy and one girl under 5, and one girl 5-10.^[64]

Children, presumably in birth order:

- 34 i **THOMAS³ RIGGS**, born after 1816, probably North Carolina. David's will of 1837 describes "Thomas & Feby my two grown children," so Thomas might have been born right at 1816.
- 35 ii **PHEBE³ RIGGS**, born after 1819, probably North Carolina. David's will of 1837 describes "Thomas & Feby my two grown children," so Phebe might have been born right at 1819.
- 36 iii **MIRIAM³ RIGGS**, born after 1819, probably North Carolina. **Not mentioned in the will, which is a worry. Could the will not be this David's?**

61. A digital photocopy of this bond is courtesy of Richard⁷ Phillips, email of 19 Jan. 2016. There was a Sarah "Medows," 70-80, in Onslow Co., N.C., in the 1840 census with one male 20-30 [born 1810-1820], and one male 10-15 [U.S. census, 1840, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 367, p. 137].

62. U.S. census, 1820, Wolf Pitt, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 80, p. 328.

63. U.S. census, 1830, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 123, p. 216.

64. U.S. census, 1840, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 367, p. 142.

- + 37 iv **ISAAC L.³ RIGGS**, born about 1827, Maysville, Jones Co. (New Bern area), N.C., married **ELIZA JANE MOSLEY**, and had 10 children.
- 38 v **DAVID³ RIGGS**, born after 1816, probably North Carolina. Mentioned in David's will.
- 39 vi **RACHEL³ RIGGS**, born after 1819, probably North Carolina. None of this and the next two daughters appears in the will. Probably the Rachael Riggs who married (bond) 18 Nov. 1848, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[65] **JOHN ANDREWS MEADOWS**.
- 40 vii **OLIVE³ RIGGS**, born about 1832, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., married **ELISHA WILLIAMSON**, born 1827, Swansboro, and had at least one child: (1) Lucy⁴ Williamson, born 16 Dec. 1866, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., died 30 June 1942, Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C.,^[66] buried 2 July 1942, Sea Gate Cem., New Hanover Co., married A. S. Jones.
 In 1850 Elisha Williamson, 23, a cooper born in North Carolina, resided in Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., with "Olif," 18, born in North Carolina.^[67]
- 41 viii **DESIRE³ RIGGS**, born after 1819, probably North Carolina.
- 42 ix **WILLIAM³ RIGGS**, born after 1816, probably North Carolina. David's will mentions "my three boys," so William might have been born after the will of 1837 was written.

12. BETSY² RIGGS (*John*¹), birth order unknown, died before the 1838 dower petition by her mother, and died before the 1830 census, married **WILLIAM BELL**, born about 1780-1790, and had five children, the younger three "minors and infants of tender years" at the petition (so minors born after 1816, except perhaps for the girls for whom the year might instead be after 1819).

65. Marriage bond, image online at N.C. Marriage Records, 1741-2011, Onslow Co., N.C. John Andrews and John Eubanks bonded 18 Nov. 1848, conditioned on the marriage of John A. Meadows to "Racheal" Riggs.

66. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909-1976*, no. 209, Mrs. Lucy Jones, of Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C., died 30 June 1942, Wilmington, aged 75 yrs. 6 mos. 14 dys, female, white, widowed (of spouse A. S. Jones), born 16 Dec. 1866, Swansboro, N.C., father Elisha Williamson, born Swansboro, mother Olive Riggs, born Swansboro, informant J. D. Jones, at same address as deceased, buried 2 July 1942, Sea Gate Cem., New Hanover Co., N.C.

67. U.S. census, 1850, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 639, p. 126B, dw. 579, fam. 579.

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In 1830 William Bell, 40–50, resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with one boy under 5, and two boys and two girls 5–10.^[68] John Riggs Jr., 20–30, and Noah Riggs, 20–30, are listed together on this same page. On the preceding page are Bryant Riggs, 20–30, John Riggs Sr., 70–80, and Isaac Riggs, 50–60, listed together. On the succeeding page is David Riggs, 40–50.

Children, presumably in birth order:

- 43 i **STEPHEN³ BELL**, born before or in 1816, born 1820–1825 (boy 5–10 in 1830 census), probably North Carolina. **These do not jibe. Perhaps the age of adulthood was 18, not 21.**

In 1840 Stephen R. Bell, 20–30 (born 1810–1820), resided in Onslow Co, N.C., with a woman 30–40 (born 1800–1810), one boy and two girls under 5 (born 1835–1840), one girl 5–10 (born 1830–1835), and one female 20–30 (born 1810–1820).^[69] John “Rigs,” 40–50 (born 1790–1800) is listed on the same page.

- 44 ii **JOHN³ BELL**, born before 1816, born 1820–1825 (boy 5–10 in 1830 census), probably North Carolina. **These do not jibe. Perhaps the age of adulthood was 18, not 21.**
- 45 iii **LOOMIS³ BELL**, born after 1819, born 1820–1825 (girl 5–10 in 1830 census), probably North Carolina.
- 46 iv **LOTTY³ BELL**, born after 1819, born 1820–1825 (girl 5–10 in 1830 census), probably North Carolina.
- 47 v **EBIN³ BELL**, born after 1816, born 1825–1830 (boy under 5 in the 1830), probably North Carolina.

13. [SON]² **RIGGS** (i?John¹) married **SARRAH** —, who was born about 1816, North Carolina.

In 1850 “Sarrah” Riggs, 34, born in North Carolina, with Charity Taylor, 19, David Riggs, 14, [Arinth? Avirett?] [the rest are Riggses], 13, male, Nancy, 12, “Sarrah,” 10, [Dulcy?], 5, female, “W^m,” 3, Thomas, 2, and Aplis, 2, female, all born in North Carolina. [In all cases, the nativity field

68. U.S. census, 1830, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 123, p. 215. John Riggs Jr. is 00001 00011; Noah Riggs is 10001 10001; Bryant Riggs is 00001 10001; John Riggs Sr. is 0000100001 000000001; Isaac Riggs is 10100001 01001; David Riggs is 1001001 210001.

69. U.S. census, 1830, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 367, p. 152. John Rigs is 2000001 2100011.

is empty so North Carolina is assumed.]^[70] Nearby was Isaac Riggs, 15, in the household of Robert Carney.

Possible (doesn't work, this family exists in the 1850 and 1870 censuses): In 1860 John R. Riggs, 50, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$2,000 real and \$1,200 personal estates, resided in Bay River, Craven Co., N.C., with Sarah, 40, born in North Carolina, and with Thomas, 18 (b. c1842), Henry, 14 (b. c1846), Fernand, 13 (b. c1847), female, Alfred, 10 (b. c1850), Ephraim, 8, Ann B., 6, Horty H., 3, female, Mary H., 1/6, all born in North Carolina, and one laborer.^[71]

In 1860 Isaac Hewitt, 23, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$2,000 real and \$1,200 personal estates, resided in Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with Elizabeth, 23 (b. c1837), born in North Carolina, and with Everett Riggs, 22 (b. c1838), and Nancy Riggs, 21 (b. c1839), both born in North Carolina.^[72] On the same page is Newton Riggs, 21 (b. c1839), and on the next page, William, 26 (b. c1834). **Everett and Nancy match Avirett and Nancy in the list of children below, but the others don't.**

Children:

- 48 i DAVID³ RIGGS, born about 1836, North Carolina.
- 49 ii [ARINTH/AVIRETT?]³ RIGGS, born about 1837, North Carolina.
- 50 iii NANCY³ RIGGS, born about 1838, North Carolina.
- 51 iv SARRAH³ RIGGS, born about 1840, North Carolina.
- 52 v DULCY³ RIGGS, born about 1845, North Carolina, married 9 Mar. 1866, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[73] JOSEPH HOWARD, born about 1845, North Carolina, and had at least one child.

N.B. In 1860 Joseph Howard, 23, a farm laborer born in North Carolina, resided in the household of "W^m" Riggs, 33, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$400 real and \$150 personal estates, who resided in Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., with Olive, 23, Mary, 3,

70. U.S. census, 1850, White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 639, p. 107B, dw. 314, fam. 314. Isaac Riggs resided in dw. 307.

71. U.S. census, 1860, Bay River PO, Craven Co., N.C., r. 894, p. 91, dw. 277, fam. 277.

72. U.S. census, 1860, Swansboro PO, Swansboro Dist., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 293, dw. 986, fam. 986. Dulcey Hall resided in dw. 988.

73. N.C. *Marriage Bonds, 1741–1868*, Joseph Howard to Dulcy Riggs, bond 1 Mar. 1866, bond no. 93329, married 9 Mar. 1866, Onslow Co., record no. 01 043, bondsman R. F. Pelletier, performed by A. F. Farrell JP.

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Agnes, 9/12, all born in North Carolina. Two doors away Dulcey "Hall," 16, is listed as a domestic in the household of David Hall. This Dulcey might be, it has been suggested by <Ancestry.com> researchers, Dulcy Riggs, would have been about 16 then, and was conveniently located near Joseph Howard. What makes this argument suspect is that the Joseph Howard in 1860 was 23 and he in 1870 was 25.^[74]

In 1870 Joseph Howard, 25, a farm laborer born in North Carolina, resided in Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., with Dulcy, 26, born in North Carolina, and Willie, 2, born in N.C.^[75]

- 53 vi **WILLIAM³ RIGGS**, born about 1847, North Carolina.
- 54 vii **THOMAS³ RIGGS** [twin], born about 1848, North Carolina. *Perhaps he in Onslow Co. in 1870 census, 21, in a Gillet household; James, 28, and Joseph, 35, on same page. Also Dulcy Howard, 26, is on same page. Also Amanda Littleton, 50.*
- 55 viii **APLIS³ RIGGS** [twin], born about 1848, North Carolina.

74. U.S. census, 1860, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 293, dw. 944, fam. 944.

75. U.S. census, 1870, Swansboro PO, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 69, dw. 82, fam. 82. Thomas resides in dw. 79, James in dw. 84, James in dw. 86.

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22. **JOSEPH E.³ RIGGS** (₆*Noah F.²*, ?*John¹*) was born about 1838 (1850 census), North Carolina. He married **ALICE ANN** —, who was born about 1845, North Carolina.

A death certificate (no. 480) exists for Joseph Riggs, 84, died 20 Jan. 1920, White Oak Twp., Jones Co.[?], N.C., male, white, widower, born in Onslow Co., father “Frnkenoah” [which might be a corruption of Frank Noah] Riggs, mother unknown, informant R. [!]. Riggs, Maysville, buried Jan. 19 [?!], 1920, Jones Co. [*N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*].

In 1870 Joseph Riggs, 35, a shingle maker born in North Carolina, resided in Swansboro, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with Alice, 25, Caroline, 4, and John, 1, all born in North Carolina.^[76] Nearby was James Riggs, with Mary.

In 1880 Joseph Riggs, 48, resided with his brother George [definitely our George] in Swansboro Twp., Craven Co., N.C. But this Joseph, born about 1832, doesn't fit the current Joseph very well.

Known children:

- 56 i **CAROLINE⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1866 (1870 census), North Carolina.
- 57 ii **JOHN⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1869 (1870 census), North Carolina.

23. **JAMES B.³ RIGGS** (₆*Noah F.²*, ?*John¹*) was born about 1842 (1870 census) or May 1840 (1900 census) or 28 Dec. 1839 (death certificate), Onslow Co., N.C., died 15 Apr. 1915, aged 75 years 3 months 18 days, Wildwood, Carteret Co., N.C.,^[77] and was buried 16 Apr. 1915, Thurman, N.C. He married 1858, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[78] **MARY ELIZABETH RHODES**, who was born Feb. 1839 (1900 census), North Carolina.

76. U.S. census, 1870, Swansboro PO, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 68, dw. 86, fam. 86. James resided in dw. 84.

77. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. 315, James B. Riggs, died 15 Apr. 1915, Wildwood, Carteret Co., N.C., aged 75 yrs. 3 mos. 18 ds., farmer, male, white, widower, born 28 Dec. 1839, Onslow Co., N.C., son of Noah Riggs, born N.C., and Ruth Meadows, born N.C., informant Joseph Riggs, of Wildwood, N.C., buried 16 Apr. 1915, Thurman, N.C. [possibly Morehead City, Carteret Co.].

78. Her maiden name, as given on her son Joseph's death certificate (q.v.), was Mundine, but that

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On 15 July 1862, James B. Riggs, 22, of Onslow Co., N.C., enlisted in Company K, North Carolina 61st Infantry Regiment, and was mustered out on 1 July 1863 (for last enlistment in on 3 Oct. 1863).^[79]

In 1870 James Riggs, 28, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Mary, 30, born in North Carolina, and with Mary, 10, and James, 6, both born in North Carolina.^[80] Nearby were Joseph Riggs, 35, Thomas Riggs, 21, and Dulcy Howard, 26.

In 1880 James Riggs, 50 [sic], a laborer, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Mary, 40, daughter, "Cathern," 13, and sons, William J., 10, and Joseph K., 5, all born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives.^[81] Liddia S. Riggs, 13, resided nearby.

In 1890 James B. Riggs resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., a veteran of rank private, in Company E, Regiment 2 North Carolina Infantry, enlisted Nov. 1862, discharged 27 July 1865, length of service 2 years 8 months.^[82]

In 1900 James Riggs, 60, a farmer born May 1840 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Sixth Twp., Craven Co., N.C., with his wife of 40 years, Mary E., 61, born Feb. 1839 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, John, 18, born Mar. 1882 in

is incorrect. An affidavit from the Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C., issued 15 Jan. 1898, signed 4 May 1898 by James B. [his mark] Riggs has this information: "First,. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name. | Answer Yes. Mary Elizabeth Riggs. Mary E. Rhodes. | Second. When, where, and by whom were you married? | Answer. 1858. Onslow Co. Timfry Haskins JP | . . . | Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth. | Answer. Catherine E. Butts Apl. 11, 1860 | W^m J Riggs Sept 30 1869. Jos. K Riggs Feby 8/76. | John M Riggs, Mch 8, 1881," digital photocopy courtesy of Richard⁷ Phillips, email of 19 Jan. 2016.

79. U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865, James B. Riggs, residence Onslow Co., N.C., occupation farmer, age at enlistment 22, enlistment 15 July 1862, Onslow Co., N.C., rank private, served N.C., survived yes, record: "Enlisted in Company K, North Carolina 61st Infantry Regiment on 15 July 1862. Mustered out on 01 Jul 1863. Enlisted in on 03 Oct 1863."

80. U.S. census, 1870, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 1153, p. 69A, dw. 84, fam. 84.

81. U.S. census, 1880, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 155, r. 975, p. 523C, dw. 20, fam. 20. Liddia S. Riggs, 13, born N.C., resided nearby in dw. 22.

82. U.S. census, Veterans Schedule, 1890, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 96, r. 58, p. 1, dw. 31, fam. 33, Maysville, Jones Co., PO, disability piles and rheumatism, remark: "Transferred to 1st NC Infr In June 1863."

North Carolina. Mary had had one [sic] child, and it survived.^[83] In the same dwelling resided James Riggs, 29 [q.v.].

Also in the same dwelling resided Joseph Riggs, 24, born Feb. 1876 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, with his wife of two years, Mary E., 24, born Nov. 1875 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, Courtney Lee, [2?]/12, born Sept. 1899 in North Carolina, and his sister, Bertha Philips, 19, born June 1880 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, single. Mary E. (Jr.) had had one child, and it survived.^[84]

In 1910 James B., 70, a widower born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., in the household of his son, Joseph K. Riggs, 34 [q.v.].^[85]

Known children:

- 58 i **MARY⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1860 (1870 census), North Carolina. Not listed in the 1880.
- 59 ii **JAMES⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1864 (1870 census), North Carolina. Not listed in the 1880.
- 60 iii **CATHERINE E.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1867 (1880 census) or 11 Apr. 186[8?] (her father's affidavit of 1898), North Carolina, married — **BUTTS**. But she was not listed in the 1870.
- + 61 iv **WILLIAM JAMES⁴ RIGGS**, born Sept. 1870 or 30 Sept. 1869, North Carolina, married **MISSOURI** —, and had at least five children.
- + 62 v **JOSEPH KINSEY⁴ RIGGS**, born 8 or 9 Feb. 1876, Jones Co., N.C., married (1) **MARY ELIZABETH RHODES**, and had seven children, married (2) **RUBY MERCER**.
- 63 vi **BERTHA⁴ RIGGS**, born June 1880 (1900 census), North Carolina, married — **PHILIPS**. She was "single" in the 1900 census, and was not mentioned in her father's 1898 affidavit.

83. U.S. census, 1900, Sixth Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 47, r. 1190, p. 138, sh. 2A, dw. 26, fam. 26. In the same dwelling were James Riggs, fam. 27, and Joseph Riggs, fam. 28

84. U.S. census, 1900, Sixth Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 47, r. 1190, p. 138, sh. 2A, dw. 26, fam. 26. In the same dwelling were James Riggs, fam. 27, and Joseph Riggs, fam. 28

85. U.S. census, 1910, Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 20, r. 1104, p. 138, sh. 2B, dw. 46, fam. 46.

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64 vii **JOHN M.⁴ RIGGS**, born 8 Mar. 1881 (father's affidavit) or Mar. 1882 (1900 census), North Carolina. According to the 1900 census he was the only child that James had with wife Mary E.

24. GEORGE NOAH³ RIGGS (⁶*Noah F.*², [?]*John*¹) was born about 1847 (1880 census) or July 1843 (1900 census), or 1848, Brown Sound, Onslow Co., N.C. (family record (Figure 4)), or 4 July 1846, Wards Mill, Onslow Co., N.C. (death certificate), died 4 Jan. 1917, aged 70 years 11 months 24 days, Croatan, Craven Co., N.C.,^[86] and was buried 6 Jan. 1917, near Riverdale, N.C. He married (1) 26 Apr. 1866, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[87] **MISSOURI ELIZABETH LITTLETON**, who was born about 1846, North Carolina,^[88] daughter of Isaac D. Littleton, and died before the 1900 census. According to a grandson, Leo Vinson⁵ Riggs, "My Grandmother Missouri Littleton Riggs Died in Onslow County, Brown Sound Area 1884 or 1885. My Grandfather Moved To Craven County Croatan Area about 1886 or 1887 married a Croatan Girl and a second Family. I Never Knew Them (family record (Figure 4))."

George married (2) about 1901 **MARY WHITE**, who was born about 1877 (1910 census) or 1883 (1920 census) or 22 Feb. 1880 (death certificate), Craven Co., N.C., daughter of William H. and Sarah (Ringgold)

86. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909-1975*, no. 347, George Noah Riggs, died 4 Jan. 1917, Croatan, Twp. 6, Craven Co., N.C., aged 70 yrs. 11 mos. 24 ds., farmer, male, white, married, born 4 July 1846, Wards Mill PO, Onslow Co., N.C., son of Noah Riggs, of unknown nativity, and unknown mother, informant W. N. Riggs, of Riverdale, N.C., buried 6 Jan. 1917, "Near Riverdale."

87. *N.C. Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868*, George Riggs to Missouri Littleton, bond 21 Apr. 1866, no. 93908, married 26 Apr. 1866, source *N.C. Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868*, Onslow Co., record 1080, by E. W. Ward JP.

88. U.S. census, 1850, Wolf Pit, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 639, p. 121B, dw. 526, fam. 526, lists Isaac D. Littleton, 50, mechanic, Mandy, 30, spinster, and six children, including Missouri, 4, female, all members of family born in N.C.; U.S. census, 1860, Wolf Pit PO, Wolf Pit Dist., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 155, dw. 1041, fam. 1041, lists Isaac D. Littleton, 69, clam fisherman, Amanda, 42, spinster, and seven children, including Missouri, 12, female, all members of family born in N.C.; U.S. census, 1870, Swansboro PO, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 69, dw. 81, fam. 81, lists Amanda Littleton, 50, born N.C., surrounded on all sides by Riggses, including Dulcy Howard next door [q.v.].

White, and who died 26 June 1958, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[89] and was buried 27 June 1958, Pate Family Cem., Craven Co., N.C.

In 1880 George Riggs, 32, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, "Ma-souria," 31, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, John E., 12, daughter, Elizabeth, 11 [perhaps 10], son, William M., 5, daughter, Alvania, 2, all born in North Carolina, and his brother, Joseph, 48, with his same nativities.^[90]

In 1900 George Riggs, 56 [sic], a widower farmer born July 1843 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., with his son, William, 25, and his daughter, "Alvana," 25, both single and born Feb. 1875 [sic] in North Carolina.^[91]

In 1910 George N. Riggs, 65, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Sixth Twp., Craven Co., N.C., with his wife of nine years, Mary, 33, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his daughter, "May B.," 8, son, George H., 4, and daughter, Eva L., 2, all three born in North Carolina. Mary had had four children, with three surviving.^[92]

An obituary "In Memory of G. N. Riggs":

Died, at his home at Croatan, Jan. 4, 1917, in his seventy-first year. He leaves to mourn his departure, an affectionate, sorrowing wife, four sons, five daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

He was twice married, to Miss Misouira [sic] Lillington [sic] in 1854 [sic], and to Miss Mary White, of Croatan in 1900. Of the eight children born of the first union, four are living, and of the six born of the second union, five

89. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909-1975*, no. 15793, Mary White Riggs, of Dover, Craven Co., N.C., died 26 June 1958, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., aged 78 yrs., housewife, female, white, widowed (spouse George Riggs), born 22 Feb. 1880, Craven Co., N.C., father William White, mother Sarah Ringgold, informant Eva Lee Riggs, of Dover, N.C., buried 27 June 1958, Pate Family Cem., Craven Co., N.C.

90. U.S. census, 1880, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 153, r. 975, p. 494D, dw. 231, fam. 234.

91. U.S. census, 1900, Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 48, r. 1190, p. 110, sh. 4B, dw. 99, fam. 99.

92. U.S. census, 1910, Sixth Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 19, r. 1104, p. 137, sh. 1A, dw. 11, fam. 11.

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are living. Those of his last wife are with their grandmother at Croatan. Those of his first wife are Mr. W. M. Riggs, of Riverdale, N.C., Mr. J. E. Riggs, of Maysville, N.C., Mrs. C. C. Cum[b?]ow, of New Bern, and Mrs. D. S. Pones [sic], of Ocean, N.C. . . . a faithful member at the Primitive Baptist church . . . Many are the times that he has entertained friends and loved ones around the fireside, telling of his adventures of the Civil War. . . .^[93]

In 1920 William H. White, 66, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Craven Co., N.C., with his wife, Sarah, 57, with same nativities, and his son "Allonzo," 35, single, born in North Carolina, and with his daughter, "Marie," 37, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and her children, William's grandchildren, granddaughters, Maybell Riggs, 18, and Pearl, 16, grandsons, George Riggs, 14, and "Allonzo," 12, and granddaughter, Sarah M., 9, all born in North Carolina, and also with his son-in-law, Joseph Lynch, 41, a widower born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives.^[94]

In 1930 Mary Riggs, 50, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Craven Co., N.C., with her son, George, 23, daughters, Eva, 22, and Viola, 19, and son, Charlie, 16, all born in North Carolina. Mary was 21 at first marriage.^[95]

Known children of the eight born to his first marriage, to Missouri:

- + 65 i **JOHN EDWARD⁴ RIGGS**, born 20 May 1867, Onslow Co., N.C., married (1) **MOLLIE/MARY E.⁴ RIGGS** (*Elijah*³), and had six children, married (2) **MAGGIE CHRISTINE (TROTT) (ODUM) WILLIS**.
- + 66 ii **RUTH ELIZABETH⁴ RIGGS**, born May 1870, Onslow Co., N.C., married **CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CUMBO**, and had three children.
- + 67 iii **WILLIAM MACK⁴ RIGGS**, born 7 Feb. or 14 Feb. 1875, Onslow Co., N.C., married **AVIS (HARDISON) SIMPSON**, and had three children.

93. Obit., image of newspaper clipping posted on <Ancestry.com> at <trees.ancestry.com/tree/-56940202/person/34016078515/media/1?pgnum=1&pg=0&pgpl=pid%7cpNum>, 4 Aug. 2015, along with image of George Noah Riggs's death certificate. No newspaper name or date given.

94. U.S. census, 1920, Sixth Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 19, r. 1293, p. 124, sh. 9A, fam. 157.

95. U.S. census, 1930, Three Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 8, r. 1683, p. 93, sh. 10A, dw. 156, fam. 160.

- 68 iv **ALVANIA⁴ RIGGS**, born May 1878, New River, Onslow Co., N.C. (death certificate), died 23 Oct. 1921, Bogue Sound area (family record (Figure 4)), Morehead Twp., Carteret Co., N.C.,^[96] 23 Oct. 1921, Canaday Cem., Newport, Carteret Co., N.C., married **S. D. JONES**.

Known children of at least six born to his second marriage, to Mary:

- 69 v **MAYBELL⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1902, North Carolina, married 28 Mar. 1925, Lenoir Co., N.C.,^[97] **WALTER HARRELL**, born about 1903, son of Bill and Sue (–) Howard.
- 70 vi **PEARLIE⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1904, North Carolina.
- 71 vii **GEORGE HARDY⁴ RIGGS**, born 22 Aug. 1906, Craven Co., N.C.^[98]
- 72 viii **ALONZO⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1908, North Carolina.
- 73 ix **EVA LEE⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1908, North Carolina.
- 74 x **AMANDA VIOLA⁴ RIGGS**, born 2 Aug. 1910, North Carolina, died 5 Dec. 1992, Kinston, Lenoir Co., N.C.,^[99] married 24 Dec. 1937, Kinston Twp., Lenoir Co., N.C.,^[100] **HEBER ROUSE**, born about 1900, son of F.S.B. and Harriett (–) Rouse. [There's a 1940 census for this family.](#)
- 75 xi **SARAH M.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1911, North Carolina.

96. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. illegible, Alvania Jones, of Newport, N.C., RFD 1, died 23 Oct. 1921, Morehead Twp., Carteret Co., N.C., aged 43 yrs. 5 mos., female, white, married, spouse S. D. Jones, [she] born May 1878, New River, Onslow Co., N.C., father George Riggs, born N.C., mother unknown, informant S. D. Jones, buried 23 Oct. 1921, Canaday Cem., N.C., RFD 1.

97. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Lenoir Co., N.C., Walter Harrell, 22, of Kinston, son of Bill Howard and Sue Howard, both living, to Maybell Riggs, 22, of Kinston, daughter of “Geo Rigg” and Mary Riggs (he dead and she living), married 28 Mar. 1925, Lenoir Co., N.C., by K. F. Fascue JP, witnesses include Viola Riggs and Eva Riggs, both of Kinston.

98. *U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947*, image online, George Hardy Riggs, 34, of Dover, Craven Co., N.C., born 22 Aug. 1906, Craven Co., N.C., name of person who will always know your address Mrs. Mary Riggs, mother, of Dover.

99. *N.C. Death Indexes, 1908–2004*, Amanda Viola Rouse, female, white, widowed, SSN 242–72–8788, father’s surname Riggs, age 82, born 2 Aug. 1910, resident of Pitt Co., N.C., died 5 Dec. 1992, Kinstone, Lenoir Co., N.C.

100. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Lenoir Co., N.C., Heber Rouse, 37, of Craven Co., son of F.S.B. Rouse (deceased) and Harriett Rouse (deceased), to Viola Riggs, 27, of Craven Co., daughter of [empty] (deceased) and Mary Riggs, resident of Craven Co., 24 Dec. 1937, Kinston Twp., Lenoir Co., N.C., by H. D. Dupree JP.

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- + 76 xii CHARLIE FINLEY⁴ RIGGS, born 25 May 1914, Craven Co., N.C., married (1) MARY LEE WILLIAMS, and had three children, married (2) ANNA TRHLIK.

28. MARTHA³ RIGGS (_sAsa Noah², John¹) was born about 1834, North Carolina. She married^[101] DAVID MELVILLE, who was born about 1828, North Carolina.

In 1860 David Melville, 32, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$30 real and \$175 personal estates, resided in Palo Alto, White Oak Dist., Onslow Co., N.C., with Martha, 28, Mary C., 6, Frances, 5, and Ann J., 3, all born in North Carolina, and Catharine Riggs, 18, a domestic born in North Carolina. James Riggs, 38, with Ruth, 28, resided nearby.^[102]

In 1870 David Melville, 44, a farmer with \$70 real and \$180 personal estates, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with Martha, 40, Mary, 15, Elizabeth, 14, Jane, 12, Winniford, 8, and Martha, 6/12, born in Nov., and Hatsell Riggs, 8, all born in North Carolina. Edward Riggs, 41, and Mourning, 31, resided nearby.^[103]

In 1880 David Melville, 53, a farmer, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Martha, 44, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with daughters, Frances E., 23, and "Winnie" G., x, son, William H., x, and daughter, Martha A., 8, all born in North Carolina.^[104] Nearby are George (and wife Brancy) Riggs, and Hanley Riggs, and Joseph Jones and Rosa.

Children:

- 77 i MARY C.⁴ MELVILLE, born about 1854, North Carolina, probably married a Riggs and is the Mary Melville residing with her

101. Evidence for this marriage is the death certificate of their daughter, Martha, which gives her parents as David Melville and Martha Riggs, both of Onslow Co., N.C.

102. U.S. census, 1860, Palo Alto, White Oak Dist., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 274, dw. 792, fam. 792.

103. U.S. census, 1870, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 1153, p. 87B, dw. 72, fam. 72.

104. U.S. census, 1880, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 155, r. 975, p. 531B, dw. 154, fam. 155.

grandfather Asa in 1860 and the Mollie Riggs residing with him in 1870.

- 78 ii **FRANCES ELIZABETH⁴ MELVILLE**, born about 1855, Onslow Co., N.C., died 17 Jan. 1929, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[105] buried 18 Jan. 1929, “Family Graveyard,” married **JACKSON JONES**.
- 79 iii **ANN JANE⁴ MELVILLE**, born about 1857, North Carolina.
- 80 iv **WINIFRED G.⁴ MELVILLE**, born about 1862, North Carolina.
- 81 v **WILLIAM H.⁴ MELVILLE**, born about 186x, North Carolina.
- 82 vi **MARTHA A.⁴ MELVILLE**, born about 1872, Onslow Co., N.C., died 13 Apr. 1926, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[106] buried 15 Apr. 1926, Grants Creek Cem., married **JOHN F. MARSHALL**.

30. BAZEL MURRILL³ RIGGS (sAsa Noah², John¹)^[107] was born 15 Dec. 1841 (gravestone), Onslow Co., N.C. or Dec. 1842 (1900 census), died 20 Jan. 1923, age 82, Maysville, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[108] and was buried in Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.^[109] He married (bonded) 9 Apr. 1859, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[110] **ANN JANE MELVILLE**,

105. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Deaths, 1906–1930*, no. 280, “Francis” Elizabeth Jones, died 17 Jan. 1929, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., female, white, housewife, married (spouse Jackson Jones), age “74?,” born Onslow Co., N.C., father David “Melvin,” born Onslow, N.C., mother Martha “Melvin,” born Onslow Co., N.C., informant D. L. Stanley, of Jacksonville, N.C., buried 18 Jan. 1929, “Family Graveyard.”

106. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Deaths, 1906–1930*, no. 492, Mrs. “Mattie” Marshall, died 13 Apr. 1926, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., female, white, housewife, married (spouse John F. Marshall), age about 56, born Onslow Co., N.C., father David Melville, born Onslow, N.C., mother Martha Riggs, born Onslow Co., N.C., informant Dr. J. C. Bell, of Maysville, N.C., buried 15 Apr. 1926, Grants Creek Cem.

107. His middle name comes from his marriage certificate which gives his name as Bazel Murrill, not Bazel Murrill Riggs. Similarly, the death certificate for his daughter, Emma, lists him as “Basil Murrill.” But other death certificates of Emma’s siblings list him as Bazel Riggs.

108. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Deaths, 1906–1930*, no. 233, “Bazzell” M. Riggs, died 20 Jan. 1923, Maysville, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., male, white, farmer, widower (of deceased spouse Annie J. Melville), age 82, born Onslow Co., N.C., father Asa Riggs, born Onslow, N.C., mother Harrington, born Craven Co., N.C., informant W. T. Owens, of Maysville, N.C., buried 21 Jan. 1923, Grants Creek Cem.

109. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920230, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., “Basil M Riggs | Pvt Co G 3 NC Inf | Confederate States Army | Dec 1 1841 Jan 20 1923.” Also has a photo of him.

110. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, Onslow Co., Marriage Bonds 1788–1867, image online,

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who was born 15 Apr. 1842 (gravestone) or Apr. 1841 (1900 census), died 16 July 1921, and was buried in the same cemetery as her husband.^[111]

In 1860 Bazel Riggs, 18, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Palo Alto, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with Ann J., 17, and Edmond B., 7/12, all born in North Carolina. Next door was Asa Riggs, 57.^[112]

In 1870 "Bazil" Riggs, 27, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Palo Alto, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with Ann, 27, Jefferson, 7, Sarah, 6, Julia, 5, Susan, 4, Agnes, 3, Martha, 2, and Mary, 1, all born in North Carolina.^[113]

In 1880 Bazel M. Riggs, 39, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, "Jane A.," 39, and his son, Jefferson D., 18, daughters, Sarah F., 16, Julia A., 15, Susan C., 14, "Agness" J., 13, Mary [sic], 12, Martha [sic], 11, Laura E., 10, and Emma, 7, and sons, John D., 6, and George A., 5, daughter, Layar, 4, and son, "Asa L.," 1, all born in North Carolina. Next door was "Isac J." Riggs, 52.^[114]

In 1900 Bazel M. Riggs, 58, a farmer born Dec. 1842 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife of 40 years, Ann Jane, 59, born Apr. 1841, and grandson, Wiley M., 3, born Jan. 1897, and his son, Daniel F., 17, born May 1883, all born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. Ann Jane had had 16 children, with 11 surviving. Next door was "Jeff" D. Riggs, 39, born Apr. 1861.^[115]

"Mr Bazel Murrill and David Melville" bonded 9 Apr. 1859 to the marriage of Bazel Murrill and Ann Jane Melville.

111. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920191, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., "Ann Jane Riggs | April 15, 1842 | July 16, 1921." Also has a photo of her.

112. U.S. census, 1860, Palo Alto PO, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 279, dw. 831, fam. 831.

113. U.S. census, 1870, Palo Alto PO, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 1153, p. 89B, dw. 114, fam. 114.

114. U.S. census, 1880, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 155, r. 975, p. 530B, dw. 152, fam. 153.

115. U.S. census, 1900, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 84, r. 1209, p. 116, sh. 10A, dw.

In 1910 “Basil” M. Riggs, 69, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Ann J., 68, and grandson, Wiley M. Holland [probably the Wiley M. Riggs of the 1900], 13, all born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. Nearby were Loranza J. Riggs, 54, Brancey Riggs, 68, Helys A. Riggs, 37, Daniel F. Riggs, 27, and Isaac J.. Riggs, 77.^[116]

In 1920 “Basil” M. Riggs, 78, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, “Anne” J., 77, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. Nearby were “Lanza” J. Riggs, 54, Daniel F. Riggs, 36, and Levi A. Riggs, 41.^[117]

Known children, of 16:

- 83 i **EDMOND B.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1859, North Carolina.
- 84 ii **JEFFERSON D.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1863 (1870 census) or Apr. 1861 (1900 census), North Carolina.
- 85 iii **SARAH F.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1864, North Carolina.
- 86 iv **JULIA A.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1865, North Carolina.
- 87 v **SUSAN C.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1866, North Carolina.
- 88 vi **AGNES J.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1867, North Carolina.
- 89 vii **MARTHA⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1868, North Carolina.
- 90 viii **MARY/MOLLIE⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1869, Onslow Co., N.C., died 2 Apr. 1926, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[118] buried 3 Apr. 1926, Grants Creek Cem., married **JOHN MARTON**. **She was possibly Martha, not Mary.**
- 91 ix **LAURA E.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1870, North Carolina.

157, fam. 158.

116. U.S. census, 1910, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 61, r. 1121, p. 272, sh. 1A, dw. 7, fam. 7.

117. U.S. census, 1920, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 60, r. 1311, p. 272, sh. 16A, dw. 269, fam. 269.

118. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, no. 490, Mollie Marton, died 2 April 1926, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., female, white, married (spouse John Marton), age 58 yrs., born Onslow Co., N.C., father “Bazil” Riggs, born Onslow, N.C., mother Ann Jane Melville, born Onslow Co., N.C., informant L. A. Riggs, of Maysville, N.C., buried 3 Apr. 1926, Grants Creek Cem.

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- 92 x **EMMA ELIZABETH⁴ RIGGS**, born 30 Mar. 1873, Onslow Co., N.C., died 14 Apr. 1943, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[119] buried 15 Apr. 1943, Grants Creek Cem., married **J. R. RIGGS**.
- 93 xi **JOHN D.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1874, North Carolina.
- 94 xii **GEORGE A.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1875, North Carolina.
- 95 xiii **LAYAR⁴ RIGGS**, a daughter, born about 1876, North Carolina.
- + 96 xiv **LEVI ASA⁴ RIGGS**, born 10 Mar. 1878 or 1879, North Carolina, married **HESTER RIGGS**, and had at least 10 children.
- + 97 xv **DANIEL FRANKLIN⁴ RIGGS**, born 11 May 1883, Onslow Co., N.C., married **AGNES JANE BARBER**, and had at least 10 children.

31. GEORGE F.³ RIGGS (₈*Asa Noah², John¹*) was born June 1844 (1900 census), North Carolina, and died before the 1910 census. He married 31 July 1867, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[120] **BRANCY MORTON**,^[121] who was born 1 Jan. 1842 (gravestone), North Carolina, died 13 Feb. 1912, and was buried in Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.^[122]

Repeated for convenience: In 1870 Asa Riggs, 60, a farmer with \$300 real and \$345 personal estates, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with Fanny, 52, George, 24, Brancy, 28, Mary Melville, 16, a domestic, “Asaa” Riggs, 2, and Cassandria Riggs, 1/12, born in April, all born in North Carolina.^[123]

In 1880 George Riggs, 36, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife of 33 years, Brancy, 38, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives,

119. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, no. 327, Emma Elizabeth Riggs, died 14 April 1943, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., female, white, housewife, married (spouse J. R. Riggs), age 70 yrs. 0 mos. 14 dys., born 30 Mar. 1873, Onslow Co., N.C., father “Basil Murrill,” born Onslow, N.C., mother Ann Jane Melville, born Onslow Co., N.C., informant L. A. Riggs, of Maysville, N.C., buried 15 Apr. 1943, Grants Creek Cem.

120. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, Onslow Co., copied from old index book, George F. Riggs to Brancy Morton, 31 July 1867, by E. N. Coston JP.

121. The death certificate for her putative son, Zennie, gives her surname as Multen.

122. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920236, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., “Brancy Riggs | born | Jan. 1, 1812 | died | Feb. 13, 1912 | . . .”

123. U.S. census, 1870, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., r. 1153, p. 89A, dw. 97, fam. 97.

with daughters, Cassa, 10, “Emalay” B., 7, “Fancy,” 4, and “Asa a” Jack, 1, all born in North Carolina.^[124]

In 1900 George F. Riggs, 55, a farmer born June 1844 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife of 33 years, Brancy, 58, born Jan. 1842 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, with daughters, “Emerly” B., 26, born Aug. 1873, Fannie, 24, born Jan. 1876, A. Jack, 21, born Oct. 1878, Clarisa, 19, born Mar. 1881, Nancy S., 17, born May 1883, all single, and grandson, Zennie, 6, born Sept. 1894, all born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. There are several Riggsses in the vicinity.^[125]

In 1910 Brancy Riggs, 68, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., with her daughters, Emily B., 34, and Fannie, 30, both single, and son [sic], Zennie L., 15, all born in North Carolina. She had had eight children, with seven surviving. Several Riggsses are in the vicinity.^[126]

In 1920 “Zinnie” L. Riggs, 25, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., with her aunts, Emily, 46, and “Fanny,” 47, both single and born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives.^[127]

Children:

- 98 i **ASA⁴ RIGGS**, born 18 June 1868 (gravestone), died 6 Jan. 1879, and was buried in Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.^[128]
- 99 ii **CASSANDRIA CAROLINE⁴ RIGGS**, born 28 Apr. 1870, Onslow Co., N.C., died 13 Aug. 1945, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[129]

124. U.S. census, 1880, White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., ED 155, r. 975, p. 531C, dw. 155, fam. 156.

125. U.S. census, 1900, White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., ED 84, r. 1209, p. 115, sh. 9B, dw. 155, fam. 156.

126. U.S. census, 1910, White Oak, Onslow Co., N.C., ED 61, r. 1121, p. 272, sh. 1A, dw. 2, fam. 2.

127. U.S. census, 1920, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 60, r. 1311, p. 286, sh. 16B, dw. 277, fam. 277.

128. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920213, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., “Asa Riggs | son of G. F. | & Brancy | Riggs Born | June 18, 1868 | Died Jan. 6, | 1879 | . . .”

129. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, no. 16532, “Cassie”

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- buried 14 Aug. 1945, Grants Creek Cem., nine miles south of Maysville, aka Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[130] married DANIEL J. JONES.
- 100 iii EMILY BRANCY RIGGS, born 10 Aug. 1873, Onslow Co., N.C., died 15 July 1932, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[131] buried 16 July 1932, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[132] next to her sister, Fannie.
- 101 iv FANNIE W.⁴ RIGGS, born 4 Jan. 1876, Onslow Co., N.C., died 11 July 1932, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[133] and buried next to her sister, Emily (q.v.).
- 102 v A. JACK⁴ RIGGS, born Oct. 1878, North Carolina. He might be named Asa Jack but his brother Asa (died Jan. 1879) was still alive at his birth, assuming the 1900 census date is correct.
- 103 vi CLARISA⁴ RIGGS, born Mar. 1881, North Carolina.
- 104 vii NANCY S.⁴ RIGGS, born 8 May 1883, Onslow Co., N.C., died 3 Nov. 1946, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[134] and buried 4 Nov.

Caroline Jones, of RFD1, Maysville, Onslow Co., N.C., died 13 Aug. 1945, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., aged 75 yrs. 3 mos. 15 dys., female, white, widow (spouse Daniel J. Jones), housewife, born 28 Apr. 1870, Onslow Co., N.C., father George Riggs, born Onslow Co., N.C., mother Brancy Morton, born Onslow Co., N.C., informant G. L. Riggs, of Maysville, burial 14 Aug. 1945, Grants Creek Cem., 9 mi. south of Maysville.

130. *Find a Grave*, no. 15918977, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., "Jones | Dan J. | 1868-1940 Cassie C. | 1870-1945."

131. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909-1976*, no. 129, Emily Brancy Riggs, died 15 July 1932, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., aged 60 yrs. mos. dys., female, white, single, housework, born 10 Aug. 1873, Onslow Co., N.C., father George Riggs, born Onslow Co., N.C., mother Brancy Morton, born Onslow Co., N.C., informant "friends," burial 16 July 1932, Family Cem.

132. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920267, gravestone photograph, by Deborah Lloyd, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., "Fannie W. || Emily B. | Daughters of | George F. & Brancy Riggs | Born | Jan. 4, 1876 | Died | July 11, 1932 || Born | Aug. 10, 1873 | Died | July 15, 1932."

133. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909-1976*, no. 128, Fannie Riggs, died 11 July 1932, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., aged 56 yrs. mos. dys., female, white, single, housework, born 4 Jan. 1876, Onslow Co., N.C., father George Riggs, born Onslow Co., N.C., mother Brancy Morton, born Onslow Co., N.C., informant "friends," burial 12 July 1932, Family Cem.

134. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909-1976*, no. 23987, Nancy Riggs Owens, died 11 July 1932, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., aged 63 yrs. 5 mos. 26 dys., female, white, married (spouse Willie T. Owens, 74 yrs. old), housewife, born 8 May 1883, Onslow Co., N.C., father George F. Riggs, born Onslow Co., N.C., mother Brancy Morton, born Onslow Co.,

1946, Grants Creek Cem., nine miles south of Maysville, N.C., aka Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[135] married **WILLIE T. OWENS**, who was born about 1872.

+ 105 viii ?**ZENNIE LAWRENCE**^{5*} **RIGGS**, born 21 Sept. 1894, Maysville, Jones Co., N.C. Brancy would have been 52 at his birth, which is not likely. He was probably a son of one of her daughters out of wedlock and raised as Brancy's son. He is indeed listed as a grandson in the 1900 census, and the 1920 census lists Emily and Fannie as his aunts. **I continue to place him in this child list for convenience, but I've tentatively assigned him a later generation number and a * to indicate a probable break in the Y-chromosome DNA line.** He married **DAISY IRENE RIGGS** (*James Russell, Michael R.*), and had two children.

37. ISAAC L.³ RIGGS (₁₁*David*², *John*¹) was born about 1827, Maysville, Jones Co. (New Bern area), N.C.^[136] He married **ELIZA JANE MOSLEY**, who was born about 1827 (1850 census) or June 1824 (1900 census) or 4 Mar. 1820 (gravestone), Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., died 18 Aug. 1908, and was buried in Reed Cem., Bear Creek, Onslow Co., N.C.^[137] He is mentioned in his father David's will of 16 Oct. 1837 as not grown.

In 1850 Isaac Riggs, 23, a laborer born in North Carolina, resided in Wolf Pitt, Onslow Co., N.C., with Jane, 23, born in North Carolina, John B., 6, and Rachel, 2, both born in North Carolina.^[138]

In 1860 Isaac Riggs, 32, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., with Jane, 26(!), born in North Carolina, John, 15, Rachel, 12, Christopher, 8, Daniel, 5, and Mary, 2, all born in North Carolina.^[139]

N.C., informant G. B. Riggs, of Maysville, N.C., burial 4 Nov. 1946, Grants Creek Cem., 9 mi. south of Maysville, N.C.

135. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920103, gravestone photograph, by Deborah Lloyd, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., "Nancy Riggs Owens | May 8, 1883 | Nov. 3, 1946 | . . ."

136. From son John's death certificate (q.v.).

137. *Find a Grave*, no. 25117335, gravestone photograph, by Shirlee Wilson Brundage, Reed Cem., Bear Creek, Onslow Co., N.C., "Eliza J. Riggs | wife of | Isaac Riggs | born Mar. 4, | 1820 | died Aug. 18, | 1908."

138. U.S. census, 1850, Wolf Pitt, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 639, p. 118A, dw. 467, fam. 467.

139. U.S. census, 1860, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 908, p. 292, dw. 932, fam. 932.

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In 1870 Isaac Riggs, 49(!), a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., with Jane, 40, born in North Carolina, John, 23, Rachel, 21, Ann, 18, Christopher, 17, Mary, 13, and Lucretia, 7, all born in North Carolina.^[140]

In 1880 Jane Riggs, 52, widow, a farmer, resided in Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with daughters, Mary J., 21, and "Loucrita," 18, both single, and grandsons, Hector, 10, and Guss, 7, all born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. Next door was John B. Riggs, 32 (q.v.).^[141]

N.B. In 1880 "Isac J." Riggs, 52, a farmer, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Aley E., 38, son, Elic J., 22, daughter, Victoria, 18, son, Loranza, 15, daughters, Hariettia, 10, and Mary, 7, and son, "Isac" L., 5, son [sic], Sharlotte, 4, female, and son, [Amaskie N.?], 2, all born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives.. Next door was Bazel M. Riggs, 39 (q.v.).^[142]

In 1900 Jane Riggs, 75, widow, born June 1824 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with her grandson, Isaac, 18, born Dec. 1881 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and one boarder. Jane had had 10 children, with four surviving.^[143]

Known children, of 10:

- + 106 i **JOHN B.**⁴ **RIGGS**, born 7 Sept. 1844, Hubert, N.C., married **HENRIETTA WILLIS**, and had at least three children.
- 107 ii **RACHEL**⁴ **RIGGS**, born about 1848, North Carolina. In 1880 she resided with John H. Canaday who would marry her sister, Mary Jane (q.v.).
- 108 iii **ANN**⁴ **RIGGS**, born about 1851, North Carolina. She's not listed in the 1860, a puzzle.

140. U.S. census, 1870, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., r. 1153, p. 65A, dw. 19, fam. 19.

141. U.S. census, 1880, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., ED 153, r. 975, p. 485B, dw. 51, fam. 53. John resided in dw. 52, and Nancy Willis too.

142. U.S. census, 1880, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 155, r. 975, p. 530B, dw. 151, fam. 152.

143. U.S. census, 1900, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., ED 83, r. 975, p. 95, sh. 11A, dw. 193, fam. 197.

- + 109 iv **CHRISTOPHER S.⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1852, Onslow Co., N.C., married **IDA EVANS**, and had 10 children.
- 110 v **DANIEL⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1855, North Carolina. He's not listed in the 1870, so perhaps died young.
- + 111 vi **MARY JANE⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1858 or 6 June 1854 or 6 June 1855, Onslow Co., N.C., married **JOHN H. CANADAY**, and had seven children.
- 112 vii **LUCRETIA⁴ RIGGS**, born about 1863, North Carolina.

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61. WILLIAM JAMES⁴ RIGGS (₂₃James B.³, Noah², John¹) was born Sept. 1870 (1900 census) or 30 Sept. 1869 (his father's affidavit of 1898 (q.v.)), North Carolina. He married about 1891 **MISSOURI** —, born Sept. 1872, North Carolina, and had five children.

In 1900 James Riggs, 29, a farmer born Sept. 1870 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Sixth Twp., Craven Co., N.C., in the same dwelling as his father [q.v.], with his wife of nine years, Missouri, 27, born Sept. 1872 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his sons Eddie, 5, born July 1892, and William H., 4, born Apr. 1896, and daughters, Minnie, 2, born June 1898, and Daisy Lee, 0/12, born May 1900, all born in North Carolina. Missouri had had five children, with four surviving.^[144]

Known children, of five:

- 113 i **EDDIE⁵ RIGGS**, born July 1892, North Carolina.
- 114 ii **WILLIAM H.⁵ RIGGS**, born Apr. 1896, North Carolina.
- 115 iii **MINNIE⁵ RIGGS**, born June 1898, North Carolina.
- 116 iv **DAISY LEE⁵ RIGGS**, born May 1900, North Carolina.

62. JOSEPH KINSEY⁴ RIGGS (₂₃James B.³, Noah², John¹) was born about 1875 (1880 census) or Feb. 1876 (1900 census) or 8 Feb. 1876 (gravestone, draft registration, father's affidavit)^[145] or 9 Feb. 1876 (death certificate), Jones Co., N.C., died 5 May 1965, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[146] and

144. U.S. census, 1900, Sixth Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 47, r. 1190, p. 138, sh. 2A, dw. 26, fam. 27.

145. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Joseph K. Riggs, 42, of Clarks, Craven Co., N.C., born 8 Feb. 1876, farmer, nearest relative Mary Riggs of Clarks, registered 12 Sept. 1918, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.

146. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909-1976*, no. 14833, Joseph Kinsey Riggs, of Dover, Craven Co., N.C., died 5 May 1965, Craven Co. Hospital, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., aged 89 yrs., male, white, married (spouse Ruby Mercer Riggs), farmer, born 9 Feb. 1876, Jones Co., N.C., father Jim Riggs, mother Mary Mundine, informant Ronald Riggs, of Dover, N.C., buried 6 May 1965, Eubanks Cem., Jones Co., N.C. N.B., A descendant of Joseph Kinsey Riggs has informed me that the informant's information is incorrect. It was Joseph's first wife who had parents Jim [Rhodes] and Mary Mundine. In fact, that is what the sketch actually says. The error

was buried 6 May 1965 in Eubanks Cem., Jones Co., N.C.^[147] He married (1) 26 Oct. 1898, Craven Co., N.C.,^[148] **MARY ELIZABETH RHODES**,^[149] who was born 20 Nov. 1875 (gravestone) or 25 Nov. 1875 (death certificate), Jones Co., N.C., daughter of Joseph and Mary (Mondine) Rhodes,^[150] and died 9 Dec. 1932 (8 Dec. 1932 on gravestone), Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C.,^[151] buried 10 Dec. 1932, Eubanks Cem., Jones Co., N.C.^[152] He married (2)^[153] **RUBY MERCER**.

In 1900 Joseph Riggs, 24, born Feb. 1876 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Sixth Twp., Craven Co., N.C., in the same dwelling as his father [q.v.], with his wife of two years, Mary E., 24, born

induced by this misinformation was to give the wife of James B. Riggs the surname Mundine. Thanks to Richard⁷ Phillips, email 18 Jan. 2016. Ruth Riggs, daughter of Joseph Kinsey Riggs was his grandmother.

147. *Find a Grave*, no. 16191385, gravestone photograph, by Tom Reece, Eubanks Cem., Jones Co., N.C., "Joseph K. | Riggs | Feb. 8, 1876 | May 5, 1965 | at rest."

148. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, "[license] Oct. 22 98 [groom] Riggs Josaeph [age] 22 [color] White [bride] Mamie [sic] Rhodes [age] 22 [color] White [by] H. H. Perry, J.P. [marriage] Oct. 26/98 [where] Old [Gaston?] Farm [? ? ?] [witnesses] Zeb Vance Butts, Geo Riggs Alva[nia?] Riggs."

149. Yes, the same name as her mother-in-law. Richard⁷ Phillips, email 19 Jan. 2016, "My Aunt Mary [daughter of Joseph Kinsey Riggs] told me that Joseph Kinsey and Mary Rhodes [his wife] were cousins." In other words, Joseph Rhodes and Mary Elizabeth Rhodes (wife of James B. Riggs) were siblings.

150. An affidavit, sworn by John T. Heath and W. W. Pollock, in Jones Co., N.C., 27 July 1892, states 1. They "know Mary Eliza, daughter of the said Joseph Rhodes by his former wifie Mary Mundine Rhodes," 2. "that the said Mary Mundine Rhodes wife of the said Joseph Rhodes and mother of the said Mary Eliza died about four (4) years before the said Joseph Rhodes died," 3. "that the said Joseph Rhodes died November the 10th 1880," 4. "that they knew the said Alice Rhodes' husband Joseph Rhodes," 5. "that they know Mrs. Alice Rhodes now living in Kinston, N.C.." Digital photocopy courtesy of Richard⁷ Phillips, email of 19 Jan. 2016. So Joseph Rhodes had two wives: (1) Mary Mundine, (2) Alice –.

151. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, no. 222, Mary Eliza Riggs, died 9 Dec. 1932, aged 57 yrs. 1 mo. 9 dys., Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., female, white, married (spouse Joe Riggs), born 25 Nov. 1875, Jones Co., N.C., father Joe Rhodes, born Onslow Co., N.C., mother Mary Mondyne, born Jones Co., N.C., informant Joe Riggs, of Pollocksville, buried 10 Dec. 1932, family cemetery.

152. *Find a Grave*, no. 16191849, gravestone photograph, by Tom Reece, Eubanks Cem., Jones Co., N.C., "Mary Elizabeth | Rhodes | wife of | Joseph K. Riggs | Nov. 20, 1875 | Dec. 8, 1932 | at rest."

153. From his death certificate (q.v.).

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Nov. 1875 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, Courtney Lee, [2?]/12, born Sept. 1899 in North Carolina, and his sister, Bertha Philips, 19, born June 1880 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, single. Mary E. (Jr.) had had one child, and it survived.^[154]

In 1910 Joseph K. Riggs, 34, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., with his wife of 12 years, Mary, 34, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, "Coutney," 11, daughter, Catherine, 8, son, James, 6, daughters, Mary "E.," 4, and Ruth, 2, and his father, James B., 70, a widower born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and one boarder. Mary had had five children, and five survived.^[155]

In 1920 Joseph Riggs, 40, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., with his wife, "Mamie," 38, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, "Coutney," 21, daughter, "Cathrine," 15, son, James, 14, daughters, Mary, 13, and "Ruthie," 13, sons, Noah, 8, and "Roynald," 4, all born in North Carolina. Nearby was W. M. Riggs, and his wife, Avis.^[156]

In 1930 Joseph Riggs, 54, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, "Mammie," 54, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, "Ranial," 13, born in North Carolina. Both Joseph and Mammie were 23 at first marriage. On the same page is "Centney" Riggs, 29.^[157]

Children:

+ 117 i COURTNEY LEE⁵ RIGGS, born 19 Sept. 1899, Craven Co., N.C., married SULA PHILLIPS, and had at least seven children.

154. U.S. census, 1900, Sixth Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 47, r. 1190, p. 138, sh. 2A, dw. 26, fam. 28.

155. U.S. census, 1910, Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 20, r. 1104, p. 138, sh. 2B, dw. 46, fam. 46.

156. U.S. census, 1920, Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 20, r. 1293, p. 143, sh. 19A, dw. 503, fam. 503. W. M. Riggs resided in dw. 497.

157. U.S. census, 1930, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 4, r. 1702, p. 206, sh. 5B, dw. 80, fam. 82.

- 118 ii **CATHERINE⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1902, North Carolina.
- 119 iii **JAMES⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1904, North Carolina.
- 120 iv **MARY FRANCES⁵ RIGGS**, born 28 June 1906, Jones Co., N.C., died 10 Aug. 1958, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[158] buried 12 Aug. 1948, New Bern Memorial Cem., New Bern, married 26 Mar. 1926, Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C.,^[159] **GABBIE I. COLLINS**, born about 1904.
- + 121 v **RUTH⁵ RIGGS**, born 8 or 10 Aug. 1908, North Carolina, married **GROVER CLEVELAND PHILLIPS**, and had at least five children.
- 122 vi **NOAH⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1912, North Carolina.
- 123 vii **RONALD HAYWOOD⁵ RIGGS**, born 24 Aug. 1916, North Carolina, died 15 Nov. 1975, Kinston, Lenoir Co., N.C.,^[160] buried 17 Nov. 1975, Pinelawn Cem., Kinston, married **VELMA BARROW**.

65. JOHN EDWARD⁴ RIGGS (₂₄*George Noah³, ?Noah F.², John¹*)^[161] was born 20 May 1867 (gravestone, family record (Figure 4)), Onslow Co., N.C., died 30 Nov. 1935, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[162] and was buried

158. N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, no. 21308, Mary Frances Collins, of New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., died 10 Aug. 1958, New Bern, age 52 years, female, white, housewife, married (spouse Gabie I. Collins), born 28 June 1906, Jones Co., N.C., father Joe Riggs, mother “Mammie” Rhodes, informant Gabie Collines, of New Bern, buried 12 Aug. 1958, New Bern Memorial Cem., New Bern.

159. N.C. *Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Jones Co., N.C., Gabie Collins, 22 to Mary Frances Riggs, 19, both of Jones Co., licensed 20 Mar. 1926, married 26 Mar. 1926, Pollocksville, by B. P. Eubanks MG, witnesses J. M. Riggs, J. K. Riggs, Annie L. Riggs.

160. Death certificate, North Carolina, no. 40128, Ronald Haywood Riggs, died 15 Nov. 1975, Lenoir Memorial Hospital, Kinston, Lenoir Co., N.C., age 59 years, male, white, construction foreman, resident of Dover, Craven Co., N.C., married (spouse Velma Barrow Riggs), SSN 241–26–3277, born 24 Aug. 1916, N.C., father Joe K. Riggs, mother Mary Rhodes, informant Velma B. Riggs, of same address, buried 17 Nov. 1975, Pinelawn Cem., Kinston, Lenoir Co., N.C., digital photocopy courtesy of Richard⁷ Phillips, email 19 Jan. 2016.

161. His middle name is from the family record, written by his son Leo.

162. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Deaths, “John Edward Riggs Died Nov. 30th 1935”; death certificate, image online at N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. 377, John E. Riggs, died 30 Nov. 1935, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., aged 68 yrs., male, white, married, spouse Lonnie Riggs, [he] born May 20, [no year], Onslow Co., N.C., father George Riggs, born N.C., mother Missouri Littleton, born N.C., informant H. C. Riggs, of Hubert, N.C., buried White Oak, 2 Dec. 1935.

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2 Dec. 1935, Tabernacle Methodist Church Cem., Onslow Co., N.C.^[163] He married (1) about 1890 **MOLLIE/MARY E.⁴ RIGGS** (*Elijah*³), who was born about 1863 (death certificate) or 15 Sept. 1870 (gravestone, 1900 census), died 29 Oct. 1921, age 58, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[164] and was buried 30 Oct. 1921, Tabernacle Methodist Church Cem., Onslow Co., N.C.^[165] He married (2) before the 1930 census **MAGGIE CHRISTINE (TROTT) (ODUM) WILLIS**, who was born 23 Dec. 1878 (gravestone) or 23 Dec. 1879 (death certificate), North Carolina, daughter of Alex and Christian (Meadows) Trott, and who died 22 Apr. 1934, Kinston, Lenoir Co., N.C.,^[166] and was buried 23 Apr. 1934, Tabernacle Methodist Church Cem., Onslow Co., N.C.^[167]

Maggie had had at least three children by a previous marriage and possibly an adopted daughter (see 1930 census item below). She first married about 1898 Theophilus “Olfie” Odum and had four children.^[168]

163. *Find a Grave*, no. 15954783, gravestone photograph, by William L. Silliman, Tabernacle Methodist Church Cem., Onslow Co., N.C., “John E. Riggs | May 20, 1867 | Nov. 30, 1935 | [inscription].”

164. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Deaths, “Mollie Riggs, Wife of J C Riggs Died Oct 29th”; death certificate, image online at *U.S. Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889–1970*, no. 182, Mollie Riggs, died 29 Oct. 1921, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., aged 58 yrs., female, white, married, spouse John E. Riggs, [she] born [no date], Onslow Co., N.C., father Elijah Riggs, born Onslow Co., N.C., mother Nancy Melton, born Onslow Co., N.C., informant Hurbert [sic]. Riggs, of Swansboro, N.C., buried Tabernacle Church, 30 Oct. 1921.

165. *Find a Grave*, no. 15954811, gravestone photograph, by William L. Silliman, Tabernacle Methodist Church Cem., Onslow Co., N.C., “Mollie | Riggs | Sept. 15, 1870 | Oct. 29, 1921 | [inscription].”

166. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Deaths, “Maggie Trott Riggs died April 22nd 1934.”; death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. 95, Maggie Trott Riggs, died 22 Apr. 1934, Kinston, Lenoir Co., N.C., aged 54 yrs., female, white, married (spouse J. E. Riggs), born 23 Dec. 1879, N.C., father Alex Trott, born N.C., mother Christain [sic] Meadows, born N.C., informant J. E. Riggs, of Maysville, N.C., buried Tabernacle Cem., 23 Apr. 1934. [Her name is Christian Trott in the 1880 census.]

167. *Find a Grave*, no. 15954800, gravestone photograph, by William L. Silliman, Tabernacle Methodist Church Cem., Onslow Co., N.C., “Maggie Christine | Wife of | J. E. Riggs | Dec. 23, 1878 | Apr. 22, 1934 | [inscription].”

168. U.S. census, 1910, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 60, r. 1121, p. 261, sh. 14A, dw. 257, fam. 257, lists Margaret Odum, 31, widow, daughter, Bessie, 9, sons, Ray, 7, and Pickney, 5, 4 children with 3 surviving; U.S. census, 1900, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 83, r. 1209, p. 261, sh. 4B, dw. 72, fam. 73, lists “Theopulos H. Odumn,” 30, b. Mar. 1870, wife of 2 yrs.,

Theophilus died in 1907.^[169] Then she married, second, a Mr. Willis, and had at least three more children.^[170] The children of that marriage match the children she brought to the marriage with John Riggs (and some of them came from the Odum marriage)

In 1900 John Riggs, 40, born May 1860 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife of 10 years, Mollie, 29, born Sept. 1870 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his daughter, Della, 8, and sons, Herbert, 5, and “Clide,” 2, all born in North Carolina. Mollie had had three children, and all survived. Next door was Mary Dudley, 61.^[171]

In 1910 John Riggs, 51, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife of 19 years, Mary, 40, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his daughter, Della, 17, and sons, Herbert, 15, Clyde, 11, “Elmar,” 8, “Lee,” 5, and Robert, 2, all born in North Carolina. Mary had had six children, with six surviving.^[172]

In 1920 John E. Riggs, 60, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Mollie, 48, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his sons, “Hubberd,” 22, “Elma,” 17, Leo, 14, Robert, 11, and

Maggie “L.,” 21, b. Sept. 1878, daughter Ida F., 1, b. Mar. 1898, all born N.C., in household of Pinkney “Odumn,” father of Theophilus; *N.C. Deaths, 1931–1994*, Tink [sic] Odum, died 21 Sept. 1993, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., age 89, buried Dogwood Memorial Cem., Maysville, N.C., widowed, father Olfie Odum, mother Maggie Trott.

169. *Find a Grave*, no. 7599384, gravestone photograph, by Chirlee Wilson Brundage, Odum-Carney Cem., Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., “Offie Odum | Born Jan. 18, 1869 | Died Mar. 6, 1907 | [inscription].” Daughter Ida F. Odum, “daughter of Offie and Maggie Odum,” is also buried there.

170. U.S. census, 1920, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 59, r. 1311, p. 255, sh. 9A, dw. 157, fam. 162, lists Maggie Willis, 40, widow, sons, Roy, 18, Link [possibly Tink], 16, Lizzie M., 10, Woodrow, 8, and Henry, 6, all born N.C. The first two children are surely Ray and Pickney Odum of the 1910 census.

171. U.S. census, 1900, White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 56, r. 1203, p. 7, sh. 7B, dw. 141, fam. 141.

172. U.S. census, 1910, White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 46, r. 1119, p. 8, sh. 8B, dw. 79, fam. 79.

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Linster, 8, all born in North Carolina. John had first married at 22, and Maggie at 19.^[173]

In 1930 John E. Riggs, 62 [sic], a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Maggie, 51, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, Linster, 18, all born in North Carolina, his stepdaughter, Lizzie M., 19, stepsons, Woodrow, 16, and Henry, 15, and adopted daughter, Exell, 11, all born in North Carolina. John had first married at 22, and Maggie at 19.^[174]

Children:

- + 124 i **DELLA⁵ RIGGS**, born 17 Nov. 1891, Riverdale, Craven Co., N.C., married **JOSEPH HIRAM DUDLEY**, and had at least five children.
- + 125 ii **HERBERT CLINTON⁵ RIGGS**, born 2 Jan. 1894, Riverdale, Craven Co., N.C., married **MAGGIE EVA BELL**, and had no children.
- + 126 iii **WILLIAM CLYDE⁵ RIGGS**, born 3 Aug. 1898, Lee's Chapel area, Jones Co., N.C., married **LETTIE ELIZABETH JONES**, and had five children.
- + 127 iv **ELMER KENNETH⁵ RIGGS**, born 9 Oct. 1901, Black Swamp, Jones Co., N.C., married **WILLIE E. BUCK**, and had four children.
- 128 v **LEO VINSON⁵ RIGGS**, born 29 Sept. 1904, Black Swamp, Jones Co., N.C. (Figure 1-Figure 4),^[175] died 23 Mar. 1989,^[176] married 3 Nov. 1934, Trenton, N.C.,^[177] **RUBY LEE JOHNSON**.

173. U.S. census, 1920, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 59, r. 1311, p. 253, sh. 7A, dw. 113, fam. 116.

174. U.S. census, 1930, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 12, r. 1711, p. 258, sh. 13A, dw. 234, fam. 236.

175. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Births, "Leo Vinson Riggs Was born Sep. 29, 1904 Son of John Riggs and his Wife Mollie Riggs"; Leo Vinson⁵ Riggs genealogy, "Leo Vinson Riggs Born Sept. 29-1904-Blackswamp-Jones Co."

176. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Deaths, "Leo Vinson Riggs March 23, 1989 2:15 A.M."

177. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Marriages, "Leo V. Riggs Son of John Riggs and his Wife, Mollie, was married to Ruby Lee Johnson Nov. 3 1934, Trenton, N.C."

- 129 vi **ROBERT GLENN⁵ RIGGS**, born 22 Dec. 1907, Black Swamp, Jones Co., N.C. (Figure 1–Figure 4),^[178] died 15 May 1973,^[179] married 27 Dec. 1932, Rockville, Md.,^[180] **ROSE BIBB SUTHARD**. He resided with his brother, Herbert, in the 1930 census.
- 130 vii **LINSTER GRAY⁵ RIGGS**, born 1 Apr. 1911, Tabernacle area, Onslow Co., N.C. (Figure 1–Figure 4),^[181] died 6 May 1981, Salisbury, N.C.,^[182] married 5 Aug. 1936, Washington, D.C.,^[183] **ELLA MARIBA HICKMAN**. He resided with his brother, Clyde, in the 1930 census (q.v.).

66. RUTH ELIZABETH⁴ RIGGS (₂₄*George Noah³, Noah F.², John¹*)^[184] was born Mar. 1870 (1900 census), Onslow Co., N.C., and died 1954, Trenton, Jones Co., N.C. (family record (Figure 4)). She married about 1897 **CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CUMBO**, who was born 4 Mar. 1870, Jones Co., N.C., son of James Henry and Sarah E. (Andrews) Cumbo, and who died 7 Oct. 1950, Trenton, Jones Co., N.C.,^[185] and was buried 8 Oct. 1950, Friendship Church Cem., Trenton, Jones Co., N.C.^[186]

178. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Births, “Robert Glenn Riggs Was born, Dec. 22, 1907, Son of John Riggs and his Wife Mollie Riggs”; Leo Vinson⁵ Riggs genealogy, “Robert Glenn Riggs Born Dec. 22-1907-Blackswamp-Jones Co.”

179. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Deaths, “Robert G. Riggs Died May 15-1973.”

180. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Marriages, “Robert G. Riggs was married to Rose Bibb Suthard Dec. 27-1932 Rockvill [sic] Md.”

181. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Births, “Linster Gray Riggs [out of room at bottom of Bible page for more info]”; Leo Vinson⁵ Riggs genealogy, “Linster Gray Riggs Born April 1-1911, Tabernacle Area-Onslow Co.”

182. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Deaths, “Linster G. Riggs Died May 6-1981-Salisbury N.C.”

183. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Marriages, “Linster G. Riggs was married to Ella Mariba Hickman Aug. 5, 1936 Washington D.C.”

184. Her first name is from the marriage record for her daughter Corrine.

185. Death certificate, image online at N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. 23302, Christopher Columbus Cumbo, of Trenton, Jones Co., N.C., died 7 Oct. 1950, Trenton, aged 80 yrs. 7 mos. 3 dys., male, white, farmer, married, born 4 Mar. 1870, Jones Co., N.C., father James Henry Cumbo, mother Sarah E. Andrews, informant Mrs. Rosa Cumbo Byrum, of Trenton, buried 8 Oct. 1950, Friendship Church Cem., Jones Co., N.C.

186. *Find a Grave*, no. 67879265, gravestone photograph, Friendship Church Cem., Trenton, Jones Co., N.C., “Cumbo | C. C. | 1870–1950 || Eliz M. | 1870– .”

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In 1900 “Christefer” C. Cum[b?]o, 30, a farmer born May 1870 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., with his wife of three years, Elizabeth, 30, born Mar. 1870, with the same nativities. Next door was Daniel Riggs, 56.^[187]

In 1920 Christopher C. Cumbo, 50, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Trenton Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, Elizabeth, 50, with the same nativities, and his son, George H., 17, and daughter, “Rosie” B., 14, both born in North Carolina.^[188]

In 1930 “Christphr” C. Cumbo, 60, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Trenton Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, Elizabeth, 60, with the same nativities, and with [grand?]son, R[?] Turner, 7, with the same nativities. They were both first married at 27. Nearby was the family of Eugene Mallard, 23, Rosa, 24, Elsie, 2, and Esli, 2, all born in North Carolina.^[189]

In 1940 Christopher C. Cumbo, 70, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Trenton, Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, Elizabeth, 70, born in North Carolina, and with his daughter Rosa B. Mallard, 34, a widow, a seamstress with a WPA project, his grandson “Esli” W., 12, and grand-daughter, Elsie M., 12, all born in North Carolina. Christopher and Elizabeth resided in Onslow Co., N.C., in 1935.^[190]

Children:

- 131 i **CORRINE⁵ CUMBO**, born about 1900, North Carolina, married 1 Sept. 1915, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[191] **J. C. JENKINS**, son of Joseph R. and Amanda (–) Jenkins.
- 132 ii **GEORGE H.⁵ CUMBO**, born about 1903, North Carolina.

187. U.S. census, 1900, Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 48, r. 1190, p. 124, sh. 18B, dw. 460, fam. 490.

188. U.S. census, 1920, Trenton Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 48, r. 1308, p. 57, sh. 13A, dw. 206, fam. 206.

189. U.S. census, 1930, Trenton Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 7, r. 1702, p. 243, sh. 14A, dw. 215, fam. 217.

190. U.S. census, 1940, Trenton., Jones Co., N.C., ED 52-8, r. 2935, p. 68, sh. 6A, dw. 79.

191. *N.C. Marriages, 1759–1979*, J. C. Jenkins, 35, son of Joseph R. Jenkins and Amanda Jenkins, to “Corrinne” Cumbo, 15, daughter of C. C. Cumbo and Ruth E. Cumbo, 1 Sept. 1915, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.

133 iii **ROSA B.**⁵ **CUMBO**, born about 1906, North Carolina, married (1) **EUGENE MALLARD**, and had two children, married (2) – **BYRUM**.

67. WILLIAM MACK⁴ **RIGGS** (²⁴*George Noah*³, *Noah F.*², *John*¹) was born 7 Feb. 1875 (gravestone) or 14 Feb. 1875 (birth certificate, and calculated), Onslow Co., N.C., died 13 Jan. 1940, aged 64 years 10 months 29 days, Goldsboro, Wayne Co., N.C.,^[192] and was buried 14 Jan. 1940, Conner Family Cem., Riverdale, Craven Co., N.C.^[193] He married 17 Dec. 1905, Craven Co., N.C.,^[194] **AVIS (HARDISON) SIMPSON**, who was born 8 Mar. 1873 (gravestone), North Carolina, died 12 Jan. 1930, and was buried in the same cemetery as her second husband.^[195] She had first married George W. Simpson, and had a family.

In 1910 William M. Riggs, 36, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Craven Co., N.C., with his wife of four years, Avis, 37, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his “son-in-law,” Lubert [overwrites “Albert” or “Clebert”] Simpson, 9, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, daughter, Birdie May Riggs, 3, and son, Roy A. Riggs, 1 7/12, both born in North Carolina.^[196]

In 1920 W. M. Riggs, 46, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Brownsville, Craven Co., N.C., with his wife

192. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. 279, William Mack Riggs, of 604 Simmons St., died 13 Jan. 1940, Goldsboro, Goldsboro Twp., Wayne Co., N.C., aged 64 yrs. 10 mos. 29 dys., male, white, widower, spouse Avis Hardison, [he] born 14 Feb. 1875, Onslow Co., N.C., of unknown parents, retired farmer, informant William A. Riggs, of 604 Simmons, [?] City, buried 14 Jan. 1940, Craven Co., N.C.

193. *Find a Grave*, no. 35246602, gravestone photograph, by Shirley F. Weston, Conner Family Cem., Riverdale, Craven Co., N.C., “William M. Riggs | born | Feb. 7, 1875 | died | Jan. 13, 1940 | [inscription].”

194. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, “[license] Dec 17 1905 [groom and residence] Riggs Wm Craven Co [age] 31 [race] Wht [bride] Avis Simpson [age] 32 [race] Wht [by] R F Daugherty Minister [marriage date] Dec 17 1905 [where] No 7 Township [witnesses] T H Smith Nannie Smith.”

195. *Find a Grave*, no. 35246581, gravestone photograph, by Shirley F. Weston, Conner Family Cem., Riverdale, Craven Co., N.C., “Avis Hardison | wife of | W. M. Riggs, | born | Mar. 8, 1873 | died | Jan. 12, 1930 | [inscription].” Her first husband George W. Simpson is also listed in *Find a Grave* with details about his marriage and family.

196. U.S. census, 1910, Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 20, r. 1104, p. 138, sh. 2A, dw. 33, fam. 33.

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of four years, Avis, 47, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his daughter, Bertie May Riggs, 12, and sons, Roy A. Riggs, 10, and William A., 4, all three born in North Carolina, and with his mother-in-law, Ruth Hardison, 69, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives.^[197]

In 1930 Mack Riggs, 55, widower, a lumber mill laborer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., in the household of his son, "Ray," 21, and his family [q.v.], and also with his daughter, Bertie, 23, single, a dry goods store saleslady born in North Carolina, and his son, William, 14, both born in North Carolina. Mack was first married at age 29.^[198]

Children:

- 134 i **BIRDIE/BERTIE MAY⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1907, North Carolina.
- + 135 ii **ROY ALTON⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1908, North Carolina, married **LAURA MAE HAGOOD**, and had at least six children.
- 136 iii **WILLIAM A.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1916, North Carolina. He was informant on William Mack's death certificate.

76. CHARLIE FINLEY⁴ RIGGS (²⁴*George Noah³, Noah E.², John¹*) was born 25 May 1914, Craven Co., N.C.,^[199] died 3 Mar. 1956, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[200] and was buried 4 Mar. 1956, Stokes Cem., Pitt Co., N.C. He married (1) 14 May 1932, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[201] **MARY LEE**

197. U.S. census, 1920, Seventh Twp., Craven Co., N.C., ED 28, r. 1293, p. 143, sh. 19A, dw. 498, fam. 498.

198. U.S. census, 1930, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., ED 22, r. 1683, p. 279, sh. 9B, dw. 203, fam. 203.

199. U.S. *WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947*, image online, Charlie (no middle name) Riggs, 26, of Verona, Onslow Co., N.C., born 25 May 1914, Craven Co., N.C., name of person who will always know your address Mrs. Mary Lee Riggs, wife, of Verona.

200. Death certificate, image online at N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909-1975*, no. 6018, Charlie Riggs, of Dover, Craven Co., N.C., died 3 Mar. 1956, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., aged 41 yrs., male, white, widowed (spouse Mary Riggs), born 25 May 1914, Craven Co., N.C., father unknown, mother Mary Lee Riggs, informant C. Ray Riggs, of Dover (part of New Bern), Craven Co., N.C., buried 4 Mar. 1956, Stokes Cem., Pitt Co., N.C..

201. N.C. *Marriage Records, 1741-2011*, image online, Charlie Finley Riggs, 18, of Dover, son of George Riggs (deceased) and Mary Riggs, resident of Dover, to Mary Lee Williams, 21, of Dover, daughter of D. S. Williams, of Dover, and Sarah Williams (deceased), 14 May 1932, New Bern,

WILLIAMS, who was born about 1911, daughter of D. S. and Sarah (–) Williams. He married (2) 28 Mar. 1953, New Bern,^[202] **ANNA TRHLIK**, born about 1905, daughter of Englebert and Mary (Kubik) Trhlik.

In 1940 Charlie Riggs, 28, a farm hand born in North Carolina, resided in Craven Co., N.C., with his wife, “Mamie,” 27, born in North Carolina, and his son, Charlie Jr., 6, daughter, Mamie Jean, 4, and son, Ray, 2, all born in North Carolina. They resided in the same house in 1935. Ray Riggs’s parents were both born in North Carolina.^[203]

Children:

- 137 i **CHARLIE⁵ RIGGS JR.**, born about 1934, North Carolina.
- 138 ii **MAMIE JEAN⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1936, North Carolina.
- 139 iii **C. RAY⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1938, North Carolina. Presumably the informant on Charlie’s death certificate.

96. LEVI ASA⁴ RIGGS (₃₀*Bazel Murrill³, Asa Noah², John¹*) was born 10 Mar. 1878 or 1879, North Carolina,^[204] died 3 May 1957, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[205] and was buried 5 May 1957, Grants Creek Cem. (death certificate), Maysville, Jones Co., N.C., or Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.^[206] He married 26 Dec. 1899, Pollockville, Jones Co., N.C.,^[207]

Craven Co., N.C., by R. H. Kehoe JP.

202. Marriage license and certificate, image online on <Ancestry.com>, Charlie Riggs, 40, of Cove City, N.C., son of George Riggs (deceased) and Mary White Riggs, resident of Dover, N.C., to Anna Trhlik, 48, of Cove City, daughter of Englebert Trhlik and Mary Kubik Trhlik (both deceased), 28 Mar. 1953, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., by a JP.

203. U.S. census, 1940, Craven Co., N.C., ED 24-11, r. 2894, p. 132, sh. 13B, dw. 230.

204. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Levi Asa Riggs, 39, of Maysville, Jones Co., N.C., born 10 Mar. 1879, nearest relative Hester Riggs, of same address, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C.

205. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, no. 13173, Levi Asa Riggs, of Maysville, Onslow Co., N.C., died 3 May 1957, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., male, white, farmer, widowed (spouse Hester Riggs), age 78 yrs., born N.C., father “Basial” Riggs, mother Ann Jane “Merville,” SSN 243–22–1872, informant V. O. Riggs, of Maysville, N.C., buried 5 May 1957, Grants Creek Cem., Maysville.

206. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920365, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., “Levi Asa Riggs | Mar. 10, 1878 | May 3 1957 | . . .”

207. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Jones Co., N.C., licensed 26 Dec. 1899, A. L. Riggs, 21, of Onslow Co., son of B. M. Riggs and A. J. Riggs, both living and residing in Onslow Co., to Hester Riggs, 18, of Jones Co., daughter of “Harey” Riggs and “Mirah” Riggs, father dead,

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HESTER RIGGS, who was born 9 May 1880 or 1881, Jones Co., N.C., daughter of Harvey and Myra (–) Riggs, and died 1 Nov. 1941, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[208] and was buried 2 Nov. 1941, Riggs Cem., near her husband.^[209]

In 1900 “Asie” L. Riggs, 21, a farmer born Mar. 1879 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oaks Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife of zero years, Hester, 18, born May 1882 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. She had had no children.^[210]

In 1910 Levi Riggs, 31, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C., with his wife of 10 years, Hester, 29, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with daughter, “Mertie,” 5, and sons, “Burres,” 3, and Leo, 2, all born in North Carolina. Hester had had six children, with three surviving.^[211]

In 1920 Levi A. Riggs, 41, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oaks Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Hester, 39, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with daughter, Myrtle M., 15, and sons, Burrus M., 14, and Leo V., 12, and daughters, Leona, 5 3/12, and Lina B., 2 7/12, all born in North Carolina. A son Clarence E., 18, is crossed out. Nearby were Lanza J. Riggs, 54, “Basil” M. Riggs, 75, and Daniel F. Riggs, 36.^[212]

mother living and residing in Jones Co., married 26 Dec. 1899, her mother’s house, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., by R. N. White MG.

208. Death certificate, image online at N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, no. 333, Hester Riggs, 22, of Maysville, Onslow Co., N.C., died 1 Nov. 1941, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., aged 60 yrs. 5 mos. 21 dys., female, white, married (spouse L. A. Riggs), housewife, born 9 May 1881, Jones Co., N.C., father Harvey Riggs, born Jones Co., N.C., mother Myra Riggs, born Jones Co., N.C., informant Leo Riggs, of Maysville, N.C., burial 2 Nov. 1941, Riggs Cem., White Oak Twp.

209. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920365, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., “Hester | Wife of L. A. Riggs | May 9, 1880 | Nov. 1, 1941 | . . .”

210. U.S. census, 1900, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 84, r. 1209, p. 119, sh. 13B, dw. 221, fam. 222.

211. U.S. census, 1910, Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C., ED 48, r. 1119, p. 39, sh. 6A, dw. 110, fam. 111.

212. U.S. census, 1920, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 60, r. 1311, p. 286, sh. 16A, dw. 271, fam. 271.

In 1930 Levi A. Riggs, 51, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oaks Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Hester, 48, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with sons, “Burrus” M., 24, and Leo V., 22, and daughters, Leona, 15, Lina B., 13, and Estelle, 10, and son, Vernard O., 7, all born in North Carolina. Levi was 21 at first marriage, and Hester, 19. Nearby were John W. Riggs, 30, and Daniel F. Riggs, 46.^[213]

In 1940 Levi A. Riggs, 62, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in White Oaks Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Hester, 60, born in North Carolina, and with daughter, Leona, 23, and son, Odell., 17, both born in North Carolina. They had resided in the same house in 1935. Nearby were Burrus Riggs, 34, Earl Riggs, 27, and “Dan” F. Riggs, 56.^[214]

Known children, of 10:

- 140 i **MYRTLE M.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1905, North Carolina.
- 141 ii **BURRUS M.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1907, North Carolina, married **RUTH** —, and had at least one child.

In 1940 Burrus Riggs, 34, a farm laborer born in North Carolina, resided in White Oaks Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Ruth, 25, born in North Carolina, and with his son, Orbra G., 2/12 [crossed out], born in North Carolina. Burrus had resided in the same house in 1935, and Ruth in Onslow Co. Nearby were Earl Riggs, 27, “Dan” F. Riggs, 56, and Levi A. Riggs, 62.^[215]
- 142 iii **LEO V.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1908, North Carolina.
- 143 iv **LEONA⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1915, North Carolina.
- 144 v **LINA BELL⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1917, North Carolina, married^[216] — **HUMPHREY**.
- 145 vi **ESTELLE⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1920, North Carolina.
- 146 vii **VERNARD ODELL⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1923, North Carolina.

213. U.S. census, 1930, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 11, r. 1711, p. 240, sh. 2B, dw. 35, fam. 35.

214. U.S. census, 1940, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 67-16, r. 1711, p. 232, sh. 19A, dw. 268.

215. U.S. census, 1940, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 67-16, r. 1711, p. 232, sh. 19A, dw. 271.

216. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Lina Bell Humphrey, father Levi A. Riggs, mother Hester Riggs.

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97. DANIEL FRANKLIN⁴ RIGGS (₃₀Bazel Murrill³, Asa Noah², John¹) was born 11 May 1883, Onslow Co., N.C., died 14 May 1963, Maysville, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[217] and was buried in the Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.^[218] He married 31 Dec. 1902, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[219] AGNES JANE BARBER, who was born 7 Aug. 1885 (gravestone), North Carolina, daughter of R. F. and Sallie (–) Barber, and died 23 Nov. 1973, and was buried with her husband.

In 1910 Daniel F. Riggs, 27, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oaks Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife of seven years, “Agness” J., 25, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with daughters, Lena M., 6, and Lessie L., 4, and son, Leon, 1, all born in North Carolina. Agness had had three children, with three surviving. Next door was “Basil” M. Riggs, 69.^[220]

In 1920 Daniel F. Riggs, 36, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oaks Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, “Agness,” 34, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with daughters, Lena, 15, and “Lissie,” 13, sons, Leon, 10, Basil R., 8 4/12, and “Earle,” 6 9/12, and daughters, Lydia, 4 6/12, Pearl, 2 5/12, and Alma, 6/12, all born in North Carolina. Nearby were Lanza J. Riggs, 54, “Basil” M. Riggs, 75, and Levi A. Riggs, 41.^[221]

217. N.C. Deaths, 1931–1994, certificate 16879, GS 1953427, Daniel Franklin Riggs, of Maysville, Onslow Co., N.C., died 14 May 1963, Maysville, aged 80 yrs., white, male, farmer, married (spouse Agnes Barber), born 11 May 1883, Onslow Co., N.C., father “Basil” Riggs, mother Jane “Melvin,” buried May 1963, family cem., Grant Creek, Onslow Co., N.C.

218. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920257, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., “Daniel Franklin | May 11, 1883 | May 14, 1963 || Riggs || Agnes Jane | Aug. 7, 1885 | Nov. 23, 1973.”

219. N.C. County Marriages, 1762–1979, image online, Onslow Co., Marriage, 1867–1961, Vol. 1–4, “[license] 12–1–02 [color] W [names] Riggs, Daniel F | Agnes Barber [residences] Onslow County | Onslow County [ages] 19 | 17 [by] Basil T Jones | J. P. [married] | 12–31–10-2 [witnesses] R. M. Marshall | H. J. Barber | C. C. Jones”; N.C. Marriages, 1759–1979, Daniel F. Riggs to Agnes Barber, 31 Dec. 1902, Onslow Co., N.C., groom’s parents B. M. Riggs and Jane, bride’s parents R. F. Barber and Sallie.

220. U.S. census, 1910, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 61, r. 1121, p. 272, sh. 1A, dw. 6, fam. 6.

221. U.S. census, 1920, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 60, r. 1311, p. 286, sh. 16A, dw.

In 1930 Daniel F. Riggs, 46, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oaks Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Agnes, 44, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with sons, Leon, 21, Robert, 19, and Earl, 17, and daughters, "Ludy," 14, Pearl, 13, Alma, 11, Stacy, 5, and Josephene, 1 4/12, all born in North Carolina. Daniel was 20 at first marriage, and Agnes, 18. Nearby were John W. Riggs, 30, and Levi A. Riggs, 51.^[222]

In 1940 "Dan" F. Riggs, 56, a retail grocer born in North Carolina, resided in White Oaks Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Agnes, 54, born in North Carolina, and with son, Stacy, 14, and daughter, Josephene, 11, both born in North Carolina. They had resided in the same house in 1935. Nearby were Burrus Riggs, 34, Earl Riggs, 27, and Levi A. Riggs, 62.^[223]

Known children:

- 147 i **LENA M.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1904, North Carolina.
- 148 ii **LESSIE L.⁶ RIGGS**, born 31 Dec. 1905, Onslow Co., N.C., died 6 Apr. 1992, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[224] buried Dogwood Memorial, Maysville, N.C., married – **GODWIN**.
- 149 iii **LEON⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1909, North Carolina.
- 150 iv **BAZEL ROBERT [or ROBERT BAZEL]⁶ RIGGS**, born 30 Aug. 1910, Onslow Co., N.C., died 9 Apr. 1986, Stella, Carteret Co., N.C.,^[225] buried 11 Apr. 1986, Morris Family Cem., Stella, married **HAZEL MORRIS**.

270, fam. 270.

222. U.S. census, 1930, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 11, r. 1711, p. 241, sh. 3A, dw. 39, fam. 39.

223. U.S. census, 1940, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 67-16, r. 1711, p. 232, sh. 19A, dw. 268.

224. *N.C. Deaths, 1931–1994*, no. 18978, GS 1991946, Lessie Riggs Godwin, died 6 Apr. 1992 Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C., buried Dogwood Memorial, Maysville, residence Jacksonville, Onslow Co., widowed, born 31 Dec. 05, Onslow Co., N.C., father Daniel Franklin Riggs, mother Agnes Jane "Barbour."

225. *N.C. Deaths, 1931–1994*, no. 14808, GS 1991137, Robert "Basiel" Riggs, died 9 Apr. 1986, Stella, Carteret Co., N.C., buried 11 Apr. 1986, Morris Family Cem., Stella, Carteret Co., N.C., residence Stella, married (spouse Hazel Morris), born 30 Aug. 1910, Onslow Co., N.C., father Daniel Franklin Riggs, mother Agnes "Barbour."

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- 151 v **EARL DANIEL⁶ RIGGS**, born 16 Oct. 1912, Maysville, N.C., died 30 Jan. 1990, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[226] buried 30 Jan. 1990, Onslow Memorial Park, Jacksonville, married **JULIA S.** —, and had at least two children.

In 1940 Earl Riggs, 27, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in White Oaks Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Julia S., 27, born in North Carolina, and with his daughter, Eunice C., 4, and son, Kenneth E., 1, both born in North Carolina. They had resided in the same house in 1935. Nearby were Burrus Riggs, 34, “Dan” F. Riggs, 56, and Levi A. Riggs, 62.^[227] **There are several more Riggses on the next page of the census.**

- 152 vi **LYDIA⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1915, North Carolina.
153 vii **PEARL ELIZABETH⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1918, North Carolina, died 6 Apr. 1964, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[228] married — **RAMSEY**.
154 viii **ALMA VIDA⁶ RIGGS**, born 9 Aug. 1919, Onslow Co., N.C.^[229]
155 ix **STACY LEONARD⁶ RIGGS**, born 13 Oct. 1925, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[230] died 10 Aug. 1964, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[231] buried 12 Aug. 1964, Grants Creek Cem., Maysville, N.C., married **SHELLY** —.
156 x **JOSEPHENE GRETA⁶ RIGGS**, born 28 Nov. 1928, Onslow Co., N.C.^[232]

226. *N.C. Deaths, 1931–1994*, no. 3707, GS 1991663, Earl Daniel Riggs, died 30 Jan. 1990, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C., buried 30 Jan. 1990, Onslow Memorial Park, Jacksonville, residence Maysville, Onslow Co., widowed, born 16 Oct. 1912, Maysville, N.C., father Daniel Riggs, mother Agnes Barber.

227. U.S. census, 1940, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 67-16, r. 1711, p. 232, sh. 19A, dw. 271.

228. *N.C. Deaths, 1931–1994*, no. 12570, GS 1953505, Pearl Elizabeth Ramsey, died 6 Apr. 1964, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C., age 46, born about 1918, father Daniel Franklin Riggs, mother Agnes Jane “Barbee.”

229. *N.C. Birth Index, 1800–2000*, Alma Vida Riggs, born 9 Aug. 1919, Onslow Co., N.C., female, white, father Daniel “L” Riggs, mother “Agness” Barber.

230. *N.C. Birth Index, 1800–2000*, Stacy Leonard Riggs, born 13 Oct. 1925, Onslow Co., N.C., male, white, father Daniel Franklin Riggs, mother Agnes Jane Barber.

231. *N.C. Deaths, 1931–1994*, no. 25674, GS 1953509, Stacy Leonard Riggs, died 10 Aug. 1964, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C., buried 12 Aug. 1964, Grants Creek Cem., Maysville, N.C., residence, Jacksonville, Onslow CO., married (spouse Shelly Riggs), born 13 Oct. 1925, N.C., father Daniel Franklin Riggs, mother Agnes Jane “Barbour.”

232. *N.C. Birth Index, 1800–2000*, Josephine Greta Riggs, born 28 Nov. 1928, Onslow Co., N.C., female, white, father Daniel Franklin Riggs, mother Agnes Jane Barber.

105. **ZENNIE LAWRENCE^{5*} RIGGS** (?⁴, ²⁴?George Noah³, ?Noah F.², John¹) was born 21 Sept. 1894, Maysville, Jones Co., N.C.,^[233] died 25 Feb. 1934, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[234] and was buried 26 Feb. 1934, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.^[235] He married 16 Nov. 1921, Tranton, Jones Co., N.C.,^[236] **DAISY IRENE RIGGS** (*James Russell, Michael R.*) who was born 22 Apr. 1899, North Carolina,^[237] daughter of James Russell and Zilphia Irene (Askew) Riggs, and who died 8 Mar. 1993, Onslow Co.,

233. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Zennie Lawrence Riggs, 22, of Maysville, Jones Co., N.C., born 21 Sept. 1894, Maysville, farmer, single, registered 5 June 1917, Mortons Pct., Onslow Co., N.C.

234. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, no. 22, Zennie Lawrence Riggs, 22, of 10 Ave. C., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., died 25 Feb. 1934, New Bern, aged 39 yrs. 7 mos. 25 dys., male, white, married (spouse Daisy Riggs), insurance agent, born 21 Sept. 1894, Onslow Co., N.C., father George F. Riggs, born Onslow Co., N.C., mother “Bramcy,” Multen, born Onslow Co., N.C., informant James Windley, of New Bern, burial 26 Feb. 1934, Grants Creek.

235. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920437, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., “Zennie | Lawrence Riggs | Born | Sept. 21, 1894 | Died | Feb. 25, 1934 | . . .”

236. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–1918*, image online, **difficult to read**, “Jennie” Lawrence Riggs, 27, to Daisy [!]?ren[e?][R?], of Jones Co., 18 Nov. 1921, Tranton, by T. A. Windley JP, issued 16 Nov. 1921, witnesses listed.

237. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–1918*, image online, Russell Riggs, 22, of Onslow Co., to Zilpha A. Askew, 17, of Jones Co., 22 Oct. 1879, “Binj.” Askew’s, by John W. Eubank JP, issued 14 Oct. 1879, witnesses: J. W. Askew, A. L. Rhodes, D. K. Barnes; U.S. census, 1880, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., ED 153, r. 975, p. 484C, dw. 20, fam. 21, lists Michael R. Riggs, 49, farmer, wife, Sarah H., 40, son, Russell J., 23, daughters, Dotha, 20, Sylvania, 18, daughter-in-law, Zilphia Q., 18, and daughter, Swan H., 10, all born in N.C.; death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, no. 350, J. Russell Riggs, died 7 Nov. 1938, Maysville, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., aged 82 yrs. 1 mos. 1 dys., male, white, widower (spouse Zilpha I. Riggs), farmer and blacksmith, born 6 Oct. 1856, Onslow Co., N.C., father Michael Riggs, born Onslow Co., N.C., mother Helen Conway, born Onslow Co., informant Major C. Riggs, of Maysville, N.C., buried 8 Nov. 1938, Queen’s Creek Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.; U.S. census, 1920, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 66, r. 1311, p. 288, p. 18A, dw. 302, fam. 302, lists James Russell Riggs, 63, a farmer, with wife, Zilpha, 57, and daughter, Daisy, 20, all born in N.C. of N.C. natives, sharing the dw. Is Garfield Riggs, 38, laborer, wife Ida, 28, daughters May, 9 11/12, Glennis, 8 8/12, son Russell C., 5 4/12, and daughter Ethel, 2 9/12, all born in N.C. of N.C. natives, with Major Riggs, 35, next door.

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N.C.,^[238] and was buried in Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.^[239]

In 1930 “Zenie” L. Riggs, 34, an insurance agent born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., with his wife, Daisy, 31, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his son, “Zenie” L. Jr., 7, and daughter, Daisy I. 5, both born in North Carolina. Zennie was 27 at first marriage, and Daisy was 22.^[240]

In 1940 Daisy Riggs, 40, a widow farmer born in North Carolina, resided in White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with her son, Zennie L., 17, and daughter, “Irine,” 15, both born in North Carolina. They resided in the same house in 1935. Next door was Major Riggs, 56.^[241]

Children:

- + 157 i ZENNIE LAWRENCE⁶ RIGGS JR., born 19 Oct. 1922, Craven Co., N.C., married SYBIL MARIA MORTON, and had four children.
- 158 ii DAISY IRENE⁶ RIGGS, born about 1925, North Carolina.

106. JOHN B.⁴ RIGGS (³⁷Isaac L.³, ^{David}², ^{John}¹) was born 7 Sept. 1844, Hubert, N.C., died 8 June 1923, aged 78 years, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.,^[242] and was buried 9 June 1923, Hubert. He married 28 Nov. 1872, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[243] **HENRIETTA WILLIS**, who was born about 1851, North Carolina, probably daughter of Nancy Willis.

238. N.C. *Death Indexes, 1908–2004*, Daisy Riggs Riggs, female, white, widowed, SSN 237-46-3556, father’s last name Riggs, age 93, born 22 Apr. 1899, resident of Onslow Co., N.C., died 8 Mar. 1993, Onslow Co., N.C., burial in state.

239. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920252, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., “Daisy Riggs Riggs | Born | Apr. 22, 1899 | Died | Mar. 8, 1993 | . . . | Mother.”

240. U.S. census, 1930, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., ED 21, r. 1683, p. 268, sh. 7A, dw. 116, fam. 137.

241. U.S. census, 1940, White Oak Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 67-16, r. 2953, p. 232, sh. 19B, dw. 279.

242. Death certificate, image online at N.C. *Deaths 1906–1930*, no. 130, John B. Riggs, of Hubert R.F.D., Onslow Co., N.C., died 8 June 1923, aged 78+ yrs., Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., male, white, widowed (of spouse Henrietta Riggs Willis), brick mason, born 7 Sept. 1844, Hubert, N.C., father Isaac L. Riggs, born Maysville, Jones Co., N.C., mother Jane Mosley, born Hubert, N.C., informant E. J. Riggs, of Hubert, buried 9 June 1923, Hubert R.F.D.

243. N.C. *Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, Onslow Co., copied from old index book, John B. Riggs to

In 1880 John B. Riggs, 32, a farmer, resided in Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, “Henretta,” 29, daughter, Ora, 5, son, Edgar, 4, and daughter, Mary J., 1, all born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. In the same dwelling was Nancy Willis, 64, widow, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, presumably Henrietta’s mother. Next door was John’s mother Jane (q.v.).^[244]

In 1920 John B. Riggs, 74, a widower, a brick mason born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C.. Next door was [his brother] Christopher S. Riggs, 67, a house carpenter born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives.^[245]

Known children:

- 159 i **ORA**⁵ **RIGGS**, a daughter, born about 1875, North Carolina.
- 160 ii **EDGAR**⁵ **RIGGS**, born about 1876, North Carolina.
- 161 iii **MARY J.**⁵ **RIGGS**, born about 1879, North Carolina.

109. CHRISTOPHER S.⁴ **RIGGS** (₃₇*Isaac L.*³, *David*², *John*¹) was born about 1852, Onslow Co., N.C., died 29 Apr. 1934, age 82, Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C.,^[246] and was buried 30 Apr. 1934, Bellevue, xxx. He married 23 Dec. 1875, in the home of the bride’s father in Town Creek, Brunswick Co., N.C.,^[247] **IDA EVANS**, who was born about 1854, daughter of J. B. Evans, and who predeceased Christopher.

Henrietta Willis, 28 Nov. 1872, by Richard Canady JP.

244. U.S. census, 1880, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., ED 153, r. 975, p. 485B, dw. 51, fam. 53. John resided in dw. 52, and Nancy Willis too.

245. U.S. census, 1920, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., ED 59, r. 1125, p. 263, sh. 17A, dw. 325, fam. 332. Christopher resided in dw. 326

246. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, no. 356, Christopher S. Riggs, resident of 616 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C., died 29 Apr. 1934, aged 82 yrs, male, white, widowed (of spouse Ida E. Riggs), retired farmer, born Onslow Co., N.C., father Don’t know, mother Mary Jane –, born Don’t know, informant I. C. Haas, of his same address, buried 30 Apr. 1934, Bellevue.

247. Marriage license and certificate, images online at *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, Mr. C. S. Riggs, 23, of Brunswick Co., white, son of “mother living in Onslow County, father dead,” to Miss Ida Evans, 21, of Town Creek, white, daughter of “J. B. Evans and both father & mother living,” of Town Creek, license 11 Dec. 1875, married [he listed here as C. D. Riggs] 23 Dec. 1875 “at the house of J. B. Evans, in Town Creek N.C.,” by A. A. Edwards MG.

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In 1880 Christopher Riggs, 25, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Town Creek, Brunswick Co., N.C., with his wife, Ida, 23, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his daughter, Idella, 3/12, born Sept. in North Carolina, and one black servant.^[248]

In 1900 Christopher Riggs, 44, a house carpenter born Dec. 1855 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Harnett Twp., New Hanover Co., N.C., with his wife of 20 [sic] years, "Idar," 43, born Mar. 1857 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, with his daughters, "Daisa," 18, born Aug. 1881, Lula, 17, born Apr. 1883, and Ella, 15, born Mar. 1885, son, John, 13, born Mar. 1887, daughter, Mary, 10, born Dec. 1889, son, Grover C., 8, born Mar. 1892, and daughter, "Fanney," 5, born Sept. 1894, all born in North Carolina. Idar had had 10 children, with eight surviving.^[249]

In 1910 Christopher S. Riggs, 56, a carpentry contractor born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Delgade Pct., Harnett Twp., New Hanover Co., N.C., with his wife of 30 [sic] years, Ida, 52, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, with his daughter, Daisy L., 27, single, son, Grover L., 17, and daughter, Fannie, 15, all born in North Carolina. Ida had had nine children, with seven surviving.^[250]

In 1920 Christopher S. Riggs, 67, a house carpenter born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., married. Next door was [his brother] John B. Riggs, 74, a widower, a brick mason born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives.^[251]

Known children, of 10:

- 162 i IDELLA⁵ RIGGS, born Sept. 1879, North Carolina.
- 163 ii DAISY L.⁵ RIGGS, born Aug. 1881, North Carolina.
- 164 iii LULA⁵ RIGGS, born Apr. 1883, North Carolina.

248. U.S. census, 1880, Town Creek, Brunswick Co., N.C., ED 27, r. 953, p. 602A, dw. 1, fam. 1.

249. U.S. census, 1900, Harnett Twp., New Hanover Co., N.C., ED 63, r. 1208, p. 37, sh. 11A, dw. 168, fam. 169.

250. U.S. census, 1910, Delgade Pct., Harnett Twp., New Hanover Co., N.C., ED 81, r. 1125, p. 61, sh. 14B, dw. 261, fam. [2]73.

251. U.S. census, 1920, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., ED 59, r. 1125, p. 263, sh. 17A, dw. 326, fam. 333. John resided in dw. 325.

- 165 iv **ELLA**⁵ **RIGGS**, born Mar. 1885, North Carolina.
 166 v **JOHN**⁵ **RIGGS**, born Mar. 1887, North Carolina.
 167 vi **MARY**⁵ **RIGGS**, born Dec. 1889, North Carolina.
 168 vii **GROVER C./L.**⁵ **RIGGS**, born Mar. 1892, North Carolina.
 169 viii **FANNIE**⁵ **RIGGS**, born Sept. 1894, North Carolina.

111. MARY JANE⁴ **RIGGS** (₃₇Isaac L.³, David², John¹) was born about 1858 (1860 census) or 6 June 1854 (death certificate) or 6 June 1855 (gravestone), Onslow Co., N.C., died 8 Jan. 1941, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[252] and buried 9 Jan. 1941, Pine[y] Grove Baptist Church Cem., near Swansboro.^[253] She married (his second) about 1881 **JOHN H. CANADAY**, who was born 22 Mar. 1843 (gravestone), died 12 July 1925, and was buried next to his wife.

In 1880 John H. Canaday, 37, widower, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with sons [of his first marriage], [C?]ader C., 8, Willie, 7, and Elijah, 5, all born in North Carolina, and with Rachel Riggs, 31, single, and William E. Riggs, 1, [perhaps out of wedlock?], both born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. [The relationship for Rachel and William is difficult to read, but it looks like “Inmate”[?!]. I stepped through several pages but did not find another example of this relationship.]^[254]

In 1900 John Canaday, 46 [sic], a farmer born Mar. 1855 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife of 19 years, Mary J., 43, born Dec. 1856 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, with son, Henry J., 17, born July 1882, daughter, Mary J., 14, born Apr. 1886, son, Daniel W., 11, born

252. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, no. 119, Mary Jane Canaday, lifetime resident of Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., died 8 Jan. 1941, Swansboro, aged 86 yrs. 7 mos. 2 dys., female, white, widow (of spouse John Canaday), born 6 June 1854, Onslow Co., N.C., father Isaac Riggs, born N.C., mother Jane Riggs, born N.C., informant [June?] Nash Dennis, of Swansboro, buried 9 Jan. 1941, Pine Grove Cem., near Swansboro.

253. *Find a Grave*, no. 15959664, gravestone photograph, by Shirlee Wilson Brundage, Piney Grove Baptist Church Cem., Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., “Canaday | Mother | Mary J. his wife | Apr. 6, 1855 | Jan. 7, 1941 || Father | John H. | Mar. 22, 1843 | July 12, 1925.”

254. U.S. census, 1880, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 153, r. 975, p. 489A, dw. 121, fam. 124.

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Feb. 1889, daughter, Theodora, 7, born June 1892, and son, Everett E., 3, born July 1896, all born in North Carolina. Mary had had seven children, with six surviving. Next door was James Riggs, 32, and his family.^[255]

Known children, of seven:

- 170 i HENRY J.⁵ CANADAY, born July 1882, North Carolina.
- 171 ii MARY J.⁵ CANADAY, born Apr. 1886, North Carolina.
- 172 iii DANIEL W.⁵ CANADAY, born Feb. 1889, North Carolina.
- 173 iv THEODORA⁵ CANADAY, born June 1892, North Carolina.
- 174 v EVERETT E.⁵ CANADAY, born July 1896, North Carolina.

255. U.S. census, 1900, Swansboro Twp., Onslow Co., N.C., ED 83, r. 1209, p. 87, sh. 3B, dw. 58, fam. 59. James resided in dw. 58.

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117. COURTNEY LEE⁵ RIGGS (⁶⁷*Joseph Kinsey⁴, George³, ?Noah², ?John¹*) was born 19 Sept. 1899, Craven Co., N.C.,^[256] died 4 Jan. 1967, and was buried in Greenleaf Memorial Park, Trent Woods, Craven Co., N.C.^[257] He married 5 Feb. 1920, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C.,^[258] **SULA PHILLIPS**,^[259] who was born 18 Oct. 1898 (gravestone), North Carolina, daughter of Wesley/West P./B. and Elanda/Eleann/Ellendon (–) Phillips, and died 16 Jan. 1991, and was buried with her husband. Sula was sister of Grover Cleveland Phillips, husband of Courtney's sister Ruth⁵ (Riggs) Phillips.

In 1900 Wesley B. Phillips, 30, a farmer born Mar. 1870 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife of nine years, Ellendon, 30, born Mar. 1870 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his daughters, Dora, 6, born Nov. 1893, Allie, 3, born July 1896, and twins, Sula and Sudie, 1, born Oct. 1898, and brother, Stephen, 21, born Oct. 1878, all born in North Carolina. Ellendon had had four children, with four surviving.^[260]

256. *US WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947*, Courtney Lee Riggs, of RFD 1, Maysville, Onslow Co., N.C., 42, born 19 Sept. 1899, Craven Co., N.C., name and address of person who will always know your address Mrs. "Sular" Riggs, Maysville, employer Mr. Jessie Jones, Kinston, N.C.

257. *Find a Grave*, no. 145749782, gravestone photograph, by Doug Williams, Greenleaf Memorial Park, Trent Woods, Craven Co., N.C., "Courtney L. | Sept. 19, 1899 | Jan. 4, 1967 || Riggs || Sula Phillips | Oct. 18, 1898 | Jan. 16, 1991."

258. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Jones Co., "[licensed] Feby 4, 1920 [male] Riggs [L?]. Courtney [of] Jones Co. [age] 21 [color] White [female] Sula Phillips [of] Jones Co. [age] 21 [color] White [by] Geo W. White J.P. [married] Feby 5 1920 [where] Pollocksville Township [witnesses] [?] Henderson, H. W. White, Y. C. Phillips"; also, image online, Jones Co., N.C., Office of Register of Deeds, 4 Feb. 1920, licensed, Courtney Riggs, 21, of Jones Co., white, son of Joe Riggs and Mamie Riggs, both living in Jones Co., to Sula Phillips, 21, of Jones Co., white, daughter of W. P. Phillips and Elanda Phillips, he living, she deceased, in Jones Co., married 5 Feb. 1920, Pollocksville, by Geo. W. White, JP, with witnesses W. L. Henderson, H. W. White, Y.C. Phillips, all of Jones Co.

259. Email Richard⁷ Phillips, 23 Jan. 2016, "Courtney would marry my grandfathers sister Sula (Sue-La) Phillips."

260. U.S. census, 1900, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 57, r. 1203, p. 35, sh. 24A, dw. 446, fam. 458.

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In 1930 “Centney” Riggs, 29, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, “Sular,” 31, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his daughters, “Deni[?]on,” 6, Mamie L., 5, and Mary E., 3 [?]/12, and son, “Certney” Jr., 1 [?]/12, all born in North Carolina. Certney was 29 at first marriage, and Sula was 31. On the same page is Joseph Riggs, 54.^[261]

In 1940 Courtney Riggs, 40, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, Sula, 41, born in North Carolina, and with his daughters, Doris, 19, Mamie, 15, sons, Courtney Jr., 11, Vernon Dalhart, 9, and daughters, Shirley Fay, 6, and Thelma Joyce, 4, all born in North Carolina. All of the same place in 1935. Next door were William Riggs, 54, and Robert Riggs, 28, and their families.^[262]

Known children:

- 175 i **DORIS MAY**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 15 Sept. 1922, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C.^[263]
- 176 ii **MAMIE L.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1925, North Carolina.
- 177 iii **MARY E.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1927, North Carolina. Not listed in the 1940 with the family.
- 178 iv **COURTNEY LEE**⁶ **RIGGS JR.**, born 4 June 1928, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C.^[264]
- 179 v **VERNON DALHART**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 23 Oct. 1930, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C.^[265]
- 180 vi **SHIRLEY FAY**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 30 June 1933, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C.,^[266] married^[267] – **TRAISTER**.

261. U.S. census, 1930, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 4, r. 1702, p. 206, sh. 5B, dw. 73, fam. 75.

262. U.S. census, 1940, Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C., ED 52-6, r. 2935, p. ?, sh. 3A, dw. 34.

263. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, image online, “[date] Sept 15 1922 [name] Riggs Doris May [parent] Courtney Riggs [twp.] Pollocksville [book:page] 2:655.”

264. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, image online, “[date] June 4 1928 [name] Riggs Courtney Lee Jr. [parent] Courtney Lee Riggs [twp.] Pollocksville [book:page] 5:143.”

265. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, image online, “[date] 10 23 30 [name] Riggs Vernon Dalhart [parent] Courtney Riggs [twp.] Pollocksville [book:page] 7:250.”

266. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, image online, Jones Co., “[date] 6 30 33 [name] Riggs, Shirley Faye [sic] [father] Courtney Riggs [twp.] Pollocksville [book:page] 9:789.”

267. *U.S. Public Records Index, 1950–1993*, Vol. 1, Shirley F. Traister, born 30 June 1933, address

181 vii **THELMA JOYCE⁶ RIGGS**, born 14 Aug. 1935, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C.^[268]

121. RUTH⁵ RIGGS (⁶⁷Joseph Kinsey⁴, George³, ?Noah², ?John¹) was born 8 Aug. 1908 (death certificate) or 10 Aug. 1908 (gravestone), North Carolina, died 10 Nov. 1970, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[269] and was buried 12 Nov. 1970 in Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.^[270] She married 8 Mar. 1926, Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C.,^[271] **GROVER CLEVELAND PHILLIPS**, who was born 23 Dec. 1900 (gravestone), North Carolina, son of Wesley/West P./B. and Elanda/Eleann/Ellendon (–) Phillips, and died 11 Feb. 1985, and was buried with his wife.^[272] Grover was brother of Sula (Phillips) Riggs, wife of Ruth’s brother Courtney Lee⁵ Riggs.

In 1920 West P. “Phillips,” 51, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, Annie R., 41, born in North Carolina of North Carolina

Pinetop, Ariz., in 1988, Phoenix, Ariz., in 1992; email from Richard Phillips, 23 Jan. 2016, mentions apparent relative “Shirley Riggs Traister.”

268. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, image online, “[date] 8 14 35 [name] No Name [parent] Courtney Riggs [twp.] Pollocksville [book:page] 10:238.”

269. N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, no. 37802, Ruth Riggs Phillips, of New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., died 10 Nov. 1970, New Bern, age 62 years, female, white, domestic, married (spouse Grover C. Phillips), born 8 Aug. 1908, N.C., father Joseph Riggs, mother “Mamie” Rhodes, informant Grover C. Phillips, buried 12 Nov. 1970, Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern.

270. *Find a Grave*, no. 29189477, gravestone photograph, by Bernd Doss, Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., “Ruth R. Phillips | Aug. 10, | 1908 || Nov. 10, | 1970.”

271. N.C. *Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Jones Co., “[issued] Mch 8–1926 [his name and residence] Phillips Grover C Craven C. [age race] 24 White [her name and residence] Ruth Riggs Jones C. [age race] 17 White [by] B. F. Eubank M.G. [married] Mar 8 1926 [where] Pollocksville N.C. [witnesses] Annie L. Riggs J. M. Riggs Mary Riggs.”; also, image online, Jones Co., N.C., Office of Register of Deeds, 8 Mar. 1926, licensed, at the request of J. K. Riggs, Grover Cleveland Phillips, 24, of Jones Co., white, son of West Phillips, living, and Eleann Phillips, dead, West living in Craven Co., to Ruth Riggs, 17, of Jones Co., white, daughter of J. K. Riggs and Mary Riggs, both living and resident in Jones Co., with written consent of Ruth’s parents, married 8 Mar. 1926, Pollocksville Twp., by B. F. Eubank, Primitive Baptist minister, with witnesses Annie L. Riggs, J. M. Riggs, and Mary Riggs, all of Jones Co.

272. *Find a Grave*, no. 29189461, gravestone photograph, by Bernd Doss, Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., “Grover C. Phillips | Dec. 23, | 1900 || Feb. 11, | 1985.”

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natives, and his daughters, Allie, 23, and Sula, 21, son, Cleveland, 19, and daughter, Meda B., 1, all born in North Carolina.^[273]

In 1930 Cleveland Phillips, 29, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, Ruth, 26, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, Grover, 3 1/12, born in North Carolina. Cleveland was 25 at first marriage, and Ruth was 17.^[274]

In 1940 Grover C. Phillips, 39, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in rural Craven Co., N.C., with his wife, Ruth, 31, born in North Carolina, and with his son, Grover, 13, daughters, Dorothy, 9, Mary, 7, sons, Wilroy, 4, and Charles, 10/12, all born in North Carolina. They had resided in Craven Co., N.C., in 1935.^[275]

Known children:

- 182 i **GROVER CLEVELAND⁶ PHILLIPS JR.**, born 20 Feb. 1927 Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C.,^[276] died 9 Aug. 2003, buried Fayetteville Memorial Cem., Fayetteville, Cumberland Co., N.C.,^[277] married **MARTHA ELIZABETH PITTMAN**, born 4 Dec. 1925, died 15 Oct. 2000, and buried with her husband.
- 183 ii **DOROTHY⁶ PHILLIPS**, born 17 May 1930, Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C.,^[278] died 15 Oct. 2003, buried in Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[279] married — **RAINES**.

273. U.S. census, 1920, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 47, r. 1308, p. 31, sh. 9A, dw. 169, fam. 170.

274. U.S. census, 1930, Pollocksville Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 5, r. 1702, p. 221, sh. 3A, dw. 44, fam. 44.

275. U.S. census, 1940, Twp. 7, Craven Co., N.C., ED 25-15, r. 2894, p. 188, sh. 12B, dw. 45.

276. *N.C. Birth Indexes, 1800-2000*, image online, Jones Co., “[date] Feb 20 1927 [name] Phillips Grover C. [father] G. C Phillips [where] Pollocksville [book:page] 3:322.”

277. *Find a Grave*, no. 92781618, gravestone photograph, Fayetteville Memorial Cem., Fayetteville, Cumberland Co., N.C., “Phillips | Grover Cleveland | Feb 20, | 1927 || Aug. 9, | 2003 || Semper Fi | Martha Elizabeth Pittman | Dec. 4 | 1925 || Oct. 15, | 2000 || Beloved Wife, Mother, Friend.”

278. *N.C. Birth Indexes, 1800-2000*, image online, Jones Co., “[date] 5 17 30 [name] Phillips no name [father] Grover C Phillips [where] Pollocksville [book:page] 7:220.”

279. *Find a Grave*, no. 29225663, gravestone photograph, by Bernd Doss, Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., in the extension, “Dorothy Phillips | Raines | May 17, 1930 | Oct. 15, 2003.”

- 184 iii **MARY⁶ PHILLIPS**, born 28 Sept. 1932, North Carolina (see obituary below), died 14 Jan. 2016, Raleigh, N.C., and buried 17 Jan. 2016 in Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., married 20 Aug. 1948, **OSBIE NORWOOD DIXON**, born 31 May 1925, died 18 July 1977, and buried near his wife.^[280] They had at least one child: (1) Donna G.⁷ Dixon, married Gerald Thomas Jr., and had at least three children.

An obituary for her:

Mary Phillips Dixon, 83, long time resident of New Bern died January 14, 2016 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, NC from her long battle with Alzheimers disease.

Mary was born September 28, 1932 to the late Grover and Ruth Phillips. On August 20, 1948, she was married to Osbie Norwood Dixon (Dick), who preceded her death. . . .

Visitation will be at Pollock-Best Funeral Chapel from 1:00 pm Sunday, January 17, 2016 with services to follow at 2:00 pm with Rev. Jeff Davis officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

She is survived by a daughter, Donna G. Thomas and husband Gerald (Jerry) Thomas, Jr.; grandchildren, Mark Tyler Thomas and wife Melissa, Lyndsay Crystal Loveland and husband Jason Loveland, and Mary Kate Thomas; also five great-grandchildren, Mark Tyler Thomas, Jr, Sawyer James Loveland, Osbie Gray Thomas, Peyton Elizabeth Purser and Thatcher Norwood Loveland. . . .^[281]

- 185 iv **WILROY⁶ PHILLIPS**, born 22 Apr. 1936, Pollocksville, Jones Co., N.C.^[282]
- 186 v **CHARLES⁶ PHILLIPS**, born about 1939, North Carolina.
- 187 vi **RICHARD RAY⁶ PHILLIPS**, born 1 May 1942, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[283] died 15 Aug. 2004, age 62, Fayetteville, Cumberland Co.,

280. *Find a Grave*, no. 29221773, gravestone photograph, by Bernd Doss, Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., in the extension, "Osbie Norwood Dixon | US Army | World War II | May 31 1925 Jul 18 1977."

281. *Find a Grave*, no. 157083853, obituary from an unnamed and undated newspaper.

282. *N.C. Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, image online, Jones Co., "[date] 4 23 36 [name] Phillips no name [father] Cleveland Phillips [where] Pollocksville [book:page] 11:232."

283. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Richard Ray Phillips, SSN 240-64-0241, born 1 May 1942, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., died 15 Aug. 2004, male, white; SSDI, Richard R. Phillips, SSN 240-64-0241, born 1 May 1942, died 15 Aug. 2004, last residence 28304 Fayetteville, Cumberland Co., N.C., issued N.C. (1958).

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N.C., obituary published 16 Aug. 2004, in the *New Bern Sun Journal*,^[284] buried Lafayette Memorial Park, Fayetteville.^[285]

He had at least one child:^[286] (1) my correspondent on this family, Richard Ray⁷ Phillips, born about 1959, who married Laura Ann Cowell, born about 1957, and had at least three children: (i) and (ii), twins, Amelia Fayette⁸ Phillips and Stacey Renee⁸ Phillips, born 8 Sept. 1981, Onslow Co., N.C.;^[287] and (iii) Richard Ray⁸ Phillips III, born 28 Dec. 1983, Onslow Co., N.C.^[288]

124. DELLA⁵ RIGGS (⁶⁵*John Edward*⁴, *George*³, ?*Noah*², ?*John*¹) was born 17 Nov. 1891, Riverdale, Craven Co., N.C. (Figure 1–Figure 4),^[289] died 29 Mar. 1934, White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C.,^[290] and was buried 30 Mar. 1934, Dudley Family Cem., Maysville, Jones Co., N.C.^[291] She married 21 Dec. 1911^[292] **JOSEPH HIRAM DUDLEY**, who was born 24 Aug. 1887,

284. *Obituary Daily Times Index, 1995–Current*, “Phillips, Richard Ray Sr; 62; Fayetteville NC; New Bern Sj; 2004–8–16; jackiemac.”

285. *U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775–2006*, Richard Ray Phillips Sr., A2C US Air Force, born 1 May 1942, died 15 Aug. 2004, buried Lafayette Memorial Park, 2301 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, N.C. 28301.

286. Email from Richard R.⁷ Phillips Jr., 24 Jan. 2016, “My father is Richard Phillips Sr son of Grover C Phillips and Ruth J Riggs. Ruth is the daughter of Joseph Kinsey Riggs and Mary Rhodes. Both Joseph and Mary are buried in Eubanks Cemetery in Jones County.”

287. *N.C. Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Amelia Fayette and Stacey Renee Phillips, females, born 8 Sept. 1981, Onslow Co., N.C., father Richard Ray Phillips Jr., 22, mother Laura Ann Cowell, 24, vol. 1981, p. 2375.

288. *N.C. Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Richard Ray Phillips III, male, born 28 Dec. 1983, Onslow Co., N.C., father Richard Ray Phillips, 25, mother Laura Ann Cowell, 27, vol. 1983, p. 3018.

289. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Births, “Della Riggs, Was born Nov. 17, 1891, Daughter of John Riggs and his Wife Mollie Riggs”; Leo Vinson⁵ Riggs genealogy, “Della Riggs Born Nov. 17-1891-Riverdale-Craven Co.”

290. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Deaths, “Della Riggs Dudley died March 29 1934”; death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. 259, Mrs. Della Dudley, died 29 Mar. 1934, White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., aged 44 yrs., female, white, married (spouse J. H. Dudley), housewife, born 1890, Craven Co., N.C., father John Riggs, born unknown, mother Mollie Riggs, born unknown, informant J. H. Dudley, of Maysville, N.C., buried Jones Co., 30 Mar. 1934.

291. *Find a Grave*, no. 33539248, gravestone photograph, by Bernd Doss, Dudley Family Cem., Maysville, Jones Co., N.C., “Della | Wife of | Joseph H. Dudley | Nov. 17, 1891 | Mar. 29, 1934 |”

292. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Marriages, “Della Riggs Daughter of John Riggs

Jones Co., N.C., son of Boney and Brancey (Meadows) Dudley, and died 19 Oct. 1961, Maysville, White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C.,^[293] and was buried 21 Oct. 1961, Dudley Family Cem., Maysville, Jones Co., N.C.^[294]

In 1920 Hiram Dudley, 29, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, Della, 28, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, Thelbert, 6, and daughter, Clara Bell, 3 4/12, both born in North Carolina.^[295]

In 1930 Hiram Dudley, 45, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his wife, Della, 39, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, Thelbert, 17, daughter, Clara B., 14, son, Ray, 10, daughter, Irene, 6, and son, Vernon H., 3 1/12, all born in North Carolina. Hiram was 21 at first marriage, and Della was 20.^[296]

In 1940 "Hiran" Dudley, 52, a widower farmer born in North Carolina, resided in White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., with his sons, Ray, 19, and Howard, 14, both born in North Carolina, his son-in-law, Ira Meadows, 35, born in North Carolina, his daughter "Clarabel," 28, and his grandsons, Everett L., 10, James, 5, and Allen B., 2, all born in North Carolina. They were in the same house in 1935.^[297]

Children:

188 i **THELBERT⁶ DUDLEY**, born about 1914, North Carolina.

and his Wife, Was marrid [sic] Dec. 21, 1911, To Joseph Hiriam [sic] Dudley."

293. Death certificate, image online at N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909-1975*, no. 29191, Joseph Hiram Dudley, of Star Route, Maysville, Jones Co., N.C., died 19 Oct. 1961, Maysville, aged 74 yrs., male, white, widowed (spouse Della Riggs), farmer, born 24 Aug. 1887, Jones Co., N.C., father Boney Dudley, mother Brancey Meadows, informant Mrs. Ira Meadows, of Maysville, N.C., buried Dudley Cem., Jones Co., 21 Oct. 1961.

294. *Find a Grave*, no. 33539180, gravestone photograph, by Bernd Doss, Dudley Family Cem., Maysville, Jones Co., N.C., "Joseph H. Dudley | 1887 1961."

295. U.S. census, 1920, White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 45, r. 1308, p. 4, sh. 4B, dw. 67, fam. 67.

296. U.S. census, 1930, White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 2, r. 1702, p. 192, sh. 4A, dw. 58, fam. 58.

297. U.S. census, 1940, White Oak Twp., Jones Co., N.C., ED 52-2, r. 2935, p. 14, sh. 3A, dw. 37.

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- 189 ii **CLARA BELL⁶ DUDLEY**, born about 1917, North Carolina, married **IRA MEADOWS**, and had at least three children: (1) Everett L.⁷ Dudley, born about 1930, North Carolina; (2) James⁷ Dudley, born about 1935, North Carolina; and (3) Allen B.⁷ Dudley, born about 1938, North Carolina.
- 190 iii **RAY⁶ DUDLEY**, born about 1920, North Carolina.
- 191 iv **IRENE DUDLEY**, born about 1924, North Carolina.
- 192 v **VERNON HOWARD⁶ DUDLEY**, born about 1927, North Carolina.

125. HERBERT CLINTON⁵ RIGGS (⁶⁵*John Edward⁴, George³, ?Noah², ?John¹*) was born 2 Jan. 1894 (Figure 1–Figure 4),^[298] Riverdale, Craven Co., N.C.,^[299] died 2 June 1973, age 79, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[300] and was buried 4 June 1973, Onslow Memorial Park, Jacksonville. He married 1 Jan. 1922, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[301] **MAGGIE EVA BELL**, who was born about 1903, North Carolina.

In 1930 Herbert Riggs, 35, a street railway motorman born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Chevy Chase, Montgomery Co., Md., with his wife, Maggie, 28, born in North Carolina of North

298. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Births, “Herbert Riggs Was born Jan. 2, 1894, Son of John Riggs and his Wife Mollie Riggs”; Leo Vinson⁵ Riggs genealogy, “Herbert Clinton Riggs–Born Jan. 2–1894–Riverdale N.C.”

299. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Herbert Clifton Riggs, 21, of Maysville, James Co., N.C., born 2 Jan. 1896, Craven Co., N.C., farmer employed by J. E. Riggs of Maysville, single, registered 5 June 1917, Mortons Pct., Onslow Co., N.C.

300. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Deaths, “Herbert C. Riggs Died June 2–1973”; death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. 22965, Herbert Clifton Riggs, of Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., died 2 June 1973, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., N.C., aged 79 yrs., male, white, married, VA service officer in the county government, SSN 243–22–3762, spouse Maggie E. Bell, [he] born 2 Jan. 1894, Onslow Co., N.C., father John E. Riggs, mother Mollie Riggs, informant Mrs. Herbert C. Riggs [same as Maggie E. Bell above], of Hubert, N.C., buried White Oak, 2 Dec. 1935.

301. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Marriages, “Herbert C. Riggs, Son of John Riggs and his wife was married Jan 1st 1922 to Maggie E. Bell Jacksonville, N.C.”; *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Herbert C. Riggs, 24, of Onslow Co., to Maggie Eva Bell, 20, 1 Jan. 1922, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., licensed 29 Dec. 1921, by I. N. Henderson MG, with three witnesses

Carolina natives, and his brother, Robert, 22, with same nativities, and one boarder.^[302]

In 1940 Herbert Riggs, 44, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., with his wife, Maggie E., 37, born in North Carolina. They were in the same house in 1935.^[303]

126. WILLIAM CLYDE⁵ RIGGS (⁶⁵*John E.*⁴, *George*³, *?Noah*², *?John*¹) was born 3 Aug. 1898, Lee's Chapel area, Jones Co., N.C. (Figure 1–Figure 4),^[304] died 5 Aug. 1986, Middleburg, Clay Co., Fla.,^[305] and was buried in Oakdale Cem., Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C.^[306] He married April 1924, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[307] **LETTIE ELIZABETH JONES**,^[308] who was born 17 June 1902, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., daughter of Isaac H. and Jimmie (Guthrie) Jones, and died 23 Jan. 1965, Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C.,^[309] and was buried 25 Jan. 1965, Oakdale Cem., Wilmington.^[310]

302. U.S. census, 1930, Chevy Chase, Montgomery Co., Md., ED 2274, r. 2935, p. 63, sh. 1A, dw. 3, fam. 3.

303. U.S. census, 1940, Swansboro, Onslow Co., N.C., ED 67-13, r. 2935, p. 192, sh. 13B, dw. 244.

304. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Births, “Clyde Riggs, Was born Aug. 3, 1898, Son of John Riggs and his Wife Mollie Riggs”; Leo Vinson⁵ Riggs genealogy, “William Clyde Riggs Born-Aug. 3, 1894-Lee's Chapel Area-Jones Co.”

305. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Deaths, “Clyde Riggs Died Aug. 5, 1986-Middleburg, Fla.”; *Fla. Death Index, 1877–1998*, William Clyde Riggs, white, 88, born 3 Aug. 1898, died 5 Aug. 1986, Clay Co., Fla.

306. *Find a Grave*, no. 33764085, gravestone photograph, by John Evans, Oakdale Cem., Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C., plot: sec. annex 2-D lot 6, “W. Clyde Riggs | Aug. 3, 1898 | Aug. 5, 1986.”

307. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Marriages, “Clyde Riggs Married Lettie Jones Swansboro, N.C. April 192[2 overwritten with 4 or vice versa] 1924.”

308. Her middle name from birth record of her daughter, Mary.

309. Death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. 2549, Lettie Jones Riggs, resident of Jacksonville, Fla., died 23 Jan. 1965, Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C., aged 62 yrs., female, white, married, spouse William C. Riggs Sr., [she] born 17 June 1902, Swansboro, N.C., father Isaac H. Jones, mother Jimmie Guthrie, informant W. C. Riggs, of Jacksonville, Fla., buried 25 Jan. 1965, Oakdale Cem., Wilmington, N.C.

310. *Find a Grave*, no. 33764085, gravestone photograph, by John Evans, Oakdale Cem., Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C., plot: sec. annex 2-D lot 6, “Lettie E. Jones | wife of | W. Clyde Riggs | June 17, 1902 | Jan. 23, 1965.”

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In 1930 “Clyde W.” Riggs, 30, a file clerk with a steam railroad born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C., with his wife, Lettie E., 26, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his sons, Clyde W. Jr., 5, and “Morris,” 4 5/12, daughter, Mary E., 3 1/12, and brother, Lenster, 19, all born in North Carolina. Clyde was 23 at first marriage, and Lettie was 19.^[311]

In 1940 William C. Riggs, 40, a steam railroad clerk born in North Carolina, resided in Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C., with his wife, “Letties,” 37, born in North Carolina, and his sons, William Jr., 15, and “Morriss,” 14, and daughters, Mary E., 13, and J[anice?] G., 6, all born in North Carolina. They resided in the same place in 1935.^[312]

Children:

- 193 i **WILLIAM CLYDE⁶ RIGGS JR.**, born 10 Sept. 1924, New Hanover Co., N.C.,^[313] married **ELIZABETH PAULINE TIENKEN**, and had at least one child: (1) William Clyde⁷ Riggs III, born 21 Aug. 1944, New Hanover Co., N.C.^[314]
- + 194 ii **JULIAN MAURICE⁶ RIGGS**, born 5 Oct. 1925, Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C., married **THELMA GRAHAM WARTERS**, and had at least two children.
- 195 iii **MARY ELIZABETH⁶ RIGGS**, born 8 Feb. 1927, New Hanover Co., N.C.^[315]
- 196 iv **[SON]⁶ RIGGS**, born 4 Oct. 1931, New Hanover Co., N.C.^[316]
- 197 v **JANICE GRACE⁶ RIGGS**, born 24 Dec. 1933, New Hanover Co., N.C.^[317]

311. U.S. census, 1930, Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C., ED 15, r. 1710, p. 144, sh. 14B, dw. 293, fam. 325.

312. U.S. census, 1940, Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C., ED 65-23, r. 2951, p. 378, sh. 5B, dw. 107.

313. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, William Clyde Riggs, born 10 Sept. 1924, New Hanover Co., father William Clyde Riggs, mother Lettie “Yance,” 16:898.

314. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, William Clyde Riggs III, born 21 Aug. 1944, New Hanover Co., father William Clyde Riggs Jr., mother Elizabeth Pauline Tienken, 53:394.

315. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Mary Elizabeth Riggs, born 8 Feb. 1927, New Hanover Co., father W. C. Riggs, mother Elizabeth Jones, 24:79.

316. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Boy Riggs, born 4 Oct. 1931, New Hanover Co., father W. C. Riggs, mother Elizabeth Jones, 31:647.

317. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Janice Grace Riggs, born 24 Dec. 1933, New Hanover Co.,

127.ELMER KENNETH⁵ RIGGS (⁶⁵John E.⁴, George³, ?Noah², ?John¹) was born 9 Oct. 1901, Black Swamp, Jones Co., N.C. (Figure 1-Figure 4),^[318] died 23 Nov. 1964, Newport, Carteret Co., N.C.,^[319] and was buried 25 Nov. 1964, Bay View Cem., Morehead City, N.C. He married 20 Feb. 1926, Trenton, Jones Co., N.C.,^[320] **WILLIE E. BUCK**, who was born about 1907, North Carolina.

In 1930 E. K. Riggs, 28, a log woods laborer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Bogue, White Oak Twp., Carteret Co., N.C., with his wife, Willie E., 22, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his daughters, Virginia L., 2, and “Elma” E., 11/12, both born in North Carolina. E. K. was 24 at first marriage, and Willie was 18.^[321]

In 1940 Elmer Riggs, 38, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in White Oak Twp., Carteret Co., N.C., with his wife, Willie, 32, born in North Carolina, and his daughters, Virginia Lee, 12, and Elmer Estelle, 10, and sons, Kenneth Neil, 7, and Robert Cla[rr?]ie, 4, all born in North Carolina. They resided in the same house in 1935.^[322]

father William C. Riggs, mother Elizabeth Jones, 34:763.

318. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Births, “Elmer Riggs Was born Oct. 9, 1901, Son of John Riggs and his Wife Mollie Riggs”; Leo Vinson⁵ Riggs genealogy, “Elmer Kenneth Riggs Born Oct. 9-1901-Blackswamp-Jones Co.”

319. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Deaths, “Elmer K. Riggs Died Monday 1:30 AM November 23-1964”; death certificate, image online at *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1975*, no. 33889, Elmer K. Riggs, resident of Newport, Carteret Co., N.C., died 23 Nov. 1964, Newport, aged 63 yrs., male, white, married, spouse Willie Buck Riggs, [he] born 9 Oct. 1901, N.C., father John Riggs, mother Mollie Riggs, informant Mrs. E. K. Riggs, of Newport, buried 25 Nov. 1964, Bay View Cem., Morehead City, N.C.

320. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs family Bible, Marriages, “Elmer K. Riggs Son of John Riggs and his Wife was married Feb. 20th 1926 to Willie E. Buck Trenton, N.C.”; *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Jones Co., N.C., 20 feb. 1926 license, Elmer K. Riggs, of Onslow Co., 22, white, son of John E. Riggs and Mollie Riggs, he living, she dead, residents of Onslow Co., to Willie Buck, of Onslow Co., 19, white, daughter of Bryant Buck and Beckie Buck, both living, residents of Onslow Co., marriage 20 Feb. 1926, Methodist parsonage, Trenton Twp., by J. C. Whedbee MG.

321. U.S. census, 1930, Bogue, White Oak Twp., Carteret Co., N.C., ED 1, r. 1679, p. 63, sh. 5B, dw. 88, fam. 88.

322. U.S. census, 1940, White Oak Twp., Carteret Co., N.C., ED 16-1, r. 2884, p. 12, sh. 12A, dw.

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Children:

- 198 i VIRGINIA LEE⁶ RIGGS, born about 1928, North Carolina.
- 199 ii ELMER ESTELLE⁶ RIGGS, born about 1930, North Carolina.
- 200 iii KENNETH NEIL⁶ RIGGS, born about 1933, North Carolina.
- 201 iv ROBERT CLA[RR?]IE⁶ RIGGS, born about 1936, North Carolina.

135. ROY ALTON⁵ RIGGS (⁶⁷*William Mack*⁴, *George*³, *?Noah*², *?John*¹)^[323] was born 14 Aug. 1909, North Carolina,^[324] and died in 1940. He married 24 Dec. 1926, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[325] LAURA MAE HAGOOD, who was born about 1907, Georgia or North Carolina, daughter of L. J. and Mattie (–) Hagood.

In 1930 “Ray” Riggs, 21, a barber born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., with his wife, Laura, 23, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his daughters, “Bettie,” 2, and Elsie, 3/12, both born in North Carolina, his father, Mack, 55, widower, a lumber mill laborer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, his sister, Bertie, 23, single, a dry goods store saleslady born in North Carolina, and his brother, William, 14, both with the same nativities as his. Roy was first married at age 18, Laura at age 20, and Mack at age 29.^[326]

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323. His middle name from his son, Edward Lee⁶ Riggs, email 31 July 2015, who gives his genealogy as “John Edward Riggs Sr 1743–1837 | Noah Riggs 1800–1869 | George Noah Riggs 1845–1917 | William Mack Riggs 1875–1940 | Roy Alton Riggs 1909–1940 | Edward Lee Riggs 1936–”

324. His son, Edward Lee⁶ Riggs, email 14 Aug. 2015, states, “My father Roy Altom Riggs was born 8-14-1909. My mother told me that he was 17 when they got married on 12-24-1926, he moved his age up three years and she lowered hers by two years. When she was 62 and applied for social security, she had to get proof of her real age.”

325. N.C. *Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, marriage license, no. 6576, New Bern, Craven Co., 16 Dec. 1926, Roy A. Riggs, of New Bern, 21, white, son of W. M. Riggs and Avis Riggs, both living in New Bern, to Laura Mae Hagood, of New Bern, 20, daughter of L. J. Hagood and Mattie Hagood, both living in Tampa, Fla., marriage certificate, “I Austin O. Bada, a Baptist Minister united in matrimony Roy A Riggs and Laura Mae Hagood the parties licensed above, on the 24th day [the 4 of 24 is difficult to read] of December 1926, at New Bern North Carolina in No. 8 Township in said County, according to law.

326. U.S. census, 1930, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., ED 22, r. 1683, p. 279, sh. 9B, dw. 203,

In 1940 Roy A. Riggs, 33, a barber born in North Carolina, resided in New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., with his wife, Laura H., 33, born in Georgia, daughters, Betty June, 12, and E. "Kathryn," 10, sons, Roy A. Jr., 7, William B., 5, and Edward L., 4, and daughter, Sue "Carroll," 6/12, all born in North Carolina. They resided in the same house in 1935.^[327]

Children:^[328]

- 202 i **BETTY JUNE⁶ RIGGS**, born 26 Feb. 1928, North Carolina.
- 203 ii **ELSIE KATHLEEN⁶ RIGGS**, born 20 Jan. 1930, North Carolina.
- 204 iii **ROY ALTON⁶ RIGGS JR.**, born 9 Sept. 1932, North Carolina.
- 205 iv **WILLIAM BENJAMIN⁶ RIGGS**, born 24 Sept. 1934, North Carolina.
- 206 v **EDWARD LEE⁶ RIGGS**, born 11 Mar. 1936, North Carolina. He is a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group, and my correspondent on this family. His genetic signature matches exactly, on its first 12 markers, the 12-marker signature of Julian/Jason Maurice⁷ Riggs (₁₀₄Julian Maurice⁶, William Clyde⁵, John E.⁴, George³).
- 207 vi **SUE CAROL⁶ RIGGS**, born 21 Sept. 1939, North Carolina.

157. ZENNIE LAWRENCE⁶ RIGGS JR. (₁₀₅Zennie^{5*}, ?⁴, ?George Noah³, ?Noah F.², John¹ was born 19 Oct. 1922 (gravestone), Craven Co., N.C.,^[329] died 17 June 1996, Durham, Durham Co., N.C.,^[330] and was buried in Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C.^[331] He married 22 Nov. 1952, Onslow Co., N.C.,^[332] **SYBIL MARIA MORTON**, who was born about 1933, daughter of Banister L. and Nellie Mae (–) Morton.

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327. U.S. census, 1940, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., ED 25–26, r. 2894, p. 341, sh. 1B, dw. 12.

328. Email 14 Aug. 2015 from Edward Lee⁶ Riggs, "Their [his parents'] children was Betty Riggs, 02-26-1928, Elsie Kathleen Riggs, 01-20-1930, Roy Riggs, Jr. 09-09-1932 William Benjamin Riggs, 09-24-1934, Edward Lee Riggs, 03-11-1936, Sue Carol Riggs, 09-21-1939."

329. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Zennie Lawrence Riggs Jr., 1922, Craven Co., N.C., no. 7671.

330. N.C. *Death Indexes, 1908–2004*, Zennie Lawrence Riggs, SSN 238–26–8966, father's last name Riggs, age 73, born 19 Oct. 1922, resident of Onslow Co., N.C., died 17 June 1996, Durham, Durham Co., N.C., burial in state.

331. *Find a Grave*, no. 15920433, gravestone photograph, by Linda Searcy Van Dyke, Riggs Family Cem., Hubert, Onslow Co., N.C., "Zennie | Lawrence Riggs | October 19, 1922 | June 17, 1996."

332. N.C. *Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Jacksonville, Onslow Co., no. 3868, Zennie Lawrence Riggs, 30, of Jacksonville, son of Z. L. Riggs (dead) and Daisy Riggs (living), resident of Maysville, N.C., licensed 13 Nov. 1952 to Sybil Maria Morton, 19, of Jacksonville, daughter of

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Children:

- 208 i **NANCY ABIGAIL⁶ RIGGS**, born 10 Mar. 1956, probably Jacksonville Twp., Onslow Co., N.C.^[333]
- 209 ii **CHARLES FRANCIS⁶ RIGGS**, born 8 Mar. 1958, Onslow Co., N.C.^[334]
- 210 iii **CLARA KATHERINE⁶ RIGGS**, born 6 June 1968, Onslow Co., N.C.^[335]
- 211 iv **JAMES LAWRENCE⁶ RIGGS**, born 16 June 1970, Onslow Co., N.C.^[336]

Banister L. Morton and Nellie Mae Morton (both living), residents of Jacksonville, married 22 Nov. 1952, at the bride's home, Whiteoak Twp, witnesses included Ethel Riggs of Maysville, N.C.

333. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Nancy Abigail Riggs, white, born 10 Mar. 1956, Jax Twp., Onslow Co., parent Zennie Lawrence Riggs, vol. 1956, p. 2521.

334. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Charles Francis Riggs, white, born 8 Mar. 1958, Jax Twp., Onslow Co., parent Zennie Lawrence Riggs, vol. 1958, p. 2396.

335. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Clara Katherine Riggs, white, born 6 June 1968, Jax Twp., Onslow Co., parent Zennie Lawrence Riggs, vol. 1968, p. 1817.

336. N.C. *Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, James Lawrence Riggs, white, born 16 June 1970, Jax Twp., Onslow Co., parent Zennie Lawrence Riggs, vol. 1970, p. 2096.

SIXTH GENERATION

194. JULIAN MAURICE⁶ RIGGS (¹²⁶*William Clyde⁵, John E.⁴, George³, ?Noah², ?John¹*) was born 5 Oct. 1925, Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N.C.,^[337] died 24 June 1997,^[338] and was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Winston-Salem, Forsyth Co., N.C.^[339] He married 9 Oct. 1948, New Hanover Co., N.C.,^[340] **THELMA GRAHAM WARTERS**, who was born about 1924, daughter of Jasper James and Alice Louise (–) Warters.

Known children:

- 212 i **JULIAN/JASON MAURICE⁷ RIGGS JR.**, born Aug. 1949, Wilmington Twp., New Hanover Co., N.C.^[341] He goes by Jason and is a contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group. He is also my correspondent on this family. His genetic signature matches exactly, on 12 markers, that of Edward Lee⁶ Riggs (¹³⁵*Roy Alton⁵, William Mack⁴, George³*).
- 213 ii **MURIEL YVONNE⁷ RIGGS**, born Sept. 1950, Wilmington Twp., New Hanover Co., N.C.^[342]

337. *N.C. Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Julian Maurice Riggs, born Oct. 1925, New Hanover Co., father W. C. Riggs, 19:763.

338. *U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Julian Maurice Riggs, SSN 243–22–6180, male, white, born 5 Oct. 1925, Wilmington, N.C., father W. C. Riggs, mother “Lattie” E. Jones, died 24 June 1997.

339. *Find a Grave*, no. 106923533, gravestone photograph, Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Winston-Salem, Forsyth Co., N.C., “J Maurice Riggs Sr | Cpl US Army Air Corps | World War II | Oct 5 1925 Jun 24 1997.”

340. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Julian Maurice Riggs, 23, of Wilmington, New Hanover Co., to Thelma Graham Warters, 24, of Wilmington, license 8 Oct. 1948, married 9 Oct. 1948, Wilmington, by W. J. Stephenson, witnesses: William C. “Rigg” Sr. and Alma G. Warters; another record, image online, gives further information: his parents William Clyde Riggs Sr. and Lettie Riggs, both living and residents of Wilmington, her parents Jasper James Warters and Alice Louise Warters, both living and residents of Wilmington.

341. *N.C. Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Julian Maurice Riggs Jr., born Aug. 1949, Wilmington Twp., New Hanover Co., father Julian Maurice Riggs, 65:243.

342. *N.C. Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Muriel Yvonne Riggs, born Sept. 1950, Wilmington Twp., New Hanover Co., father Julian Maurice Riggs, 67:514.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A: THE FAMILY OF GILES RIGGS

The following family fits into this volume somewhere, but I have not yet been able to determine where. We know it belongs because the genetic signatures of several of the descendants of Giles match those of descendants of John Riggs, as argued in the front section DNA Evidence.

I owe inspiration for the Giles Riggs family to Christopher Graham Riggs, one of his descendants and a member of my Riggs DNA Study Group. Here is the originating email from Christopher. I use it as a basis for my research on the family:

First, Sue N. Riggs is my mother (and wife of Graham Farris Riggs). . . .

Michael Noble Riggs is my brother. . . .

Here is my Riggs ancestry chart:

Giles Riggs (c.1720-1785) + ?
Shadrack Riggs (c.1750-1807) + Rebecca Muse
Jesse Riggs (1780-bef.1841) + Mary Beasley
Jesse "Levin" Riggs (1824-1914) + Martha "Patsy" Jones
James Beasley Riggs (1851-1937) + Emily Jones
Solomon Graham Riggs Sr (1889-1976) + Bessie Mauney
Solomon Graham Riggs Jr (191-1994) + Anna Farris
Graham Farris Riggs (b 1940) + Sue Noble
Christopher Graham Riggs (b 1970)

It is my understanding that Giles through James Beasley Riggs all resided in Craven /Beaufort (now Pamlico) Co, NC. My ggrandfather, Solomon Graham Riggs Sr., was the first in the family to leave that area and seek his fortune in Raleigh.

If you contact William H. Riggs in our clan, I know enough that his ancestral chart should be:

Giles Riggs (c.1720-1785) + ?

Shadrack Riggs (c.1750-1807)
Jesse Riggs (1780-bef.1841)
Jesse Levin Riggs (1824-1914)
Jesse Levin Riggs (1863-1948)
Jesse Levin Riggs (1904-1974)
William Howard Riggs

I know you've been in touch with William's wife, Harriette, before.

According to his will, Giles had three sons: Giles Jr., Shadrack, and David. Little is known about Giles Jr. and David.

Shadrack served in the Revolutionary War and is listed in the DAR records. As you can see Shadrack would be slightly younger than the John Riggs who is the subject of your paper. My guess is that they could be first or second cousins?

Lastly I have a 40+ page document titled "Descendants of Riggs Ancestry". . . . I never paid much attention to it because it doesn't list my Giles ancestor. However I bring this up because it does mention your subject, John Riggs, and many of the Riggs listed are from Pasquotank or Onslow Co, NC. In this document John's father is an Abraham Riggs and mother is an Anne Durant, who is identified as a member of the Yeopin (Algonkian) Indian tribe in Perquimans Co. This may be where Gary Howard Riggs got the story of having Native American DNA. More interesting is that John Riggs has a brother named Abraham who married (1754) a Jane Mullin. And what's really intriguing is that their children are listed as Abraham, Giles, Shareack (sp?), David, Gideon, and Silas. Obviously these children would be born too late to be my ancestors. However these are unusual names for usage unless they were in a previous family generation somewhere. Food for thought if nothing else?^{343]}

1. GILES¹ RIGGS was born about 1720, and died in 1785. He married an unknown woman.

N.B. Craven Co., N.C., was originally the peninsula pointing eastward, defined by Pamlico River on the north and Neuse River on the south. Bay River, a much smaller river, is centered on the eastern tip of the peninsula.

343. Email from Chrisopher Graham Riggs, 27 Nov. 2016.

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In 1773, at the time of the will below, the southern half of the peninsula, below Bay River, was Craven Co., and the northern half was Beaufort Co. In 1872 the eastern or tip portion of Craven Co. became Pamlico Co. What is now Alligator River was never part of Craven Co. It was part of Pasquotank Co., located a couple of counties north of Craven. In 1729 the part of Pasquotank surrounding Alligator River became Tyrell Co. Alligator River runs north into Albemarle Sound.

He signed his will on 9 Apr. 1773, Craven Co., N.C., and it was proved in Sept. 1787, Craven Co., N.C. Here is a partial transcription, preserving the spelling:

North Carolina In the Name of god Amen the ninth day Aprel in the year of our Lord on thousand seven hundred and seventy three I Giles Riggs of the County of Craven and province aforesaid planter being sick and weak in Body But of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to almighty god therefore Calling unto mind the mortallity of my Body and Knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament that is to say first I recommend my Soul into the hands of god that gave it and my body I recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors & Nothing Doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of god and as Touching such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased god to bless me with I give devise and dispose of in manner and form following Item I give to my Son Shaderack my land that Lies on the east Side of alligator to him and his heirs forever for Ninty acres Item I give and bequeath to my two Sons David and Giles all my land that lies on the west side of Alligator to be equally divided between David having the upper part to them and their heirs for Ever and if eighter [sic] of my Sons should dye without heirs of his body I will that his Land shall fall Equully to them that is Living of my Sons Item I Lend to my Loving wife one third of my Land and Plantation dureing her widowhood Item and as for the remainder of my Estate do lend to my Loving [wife?] dureing her widowhood and after her Name is Changed my will is that it shall be Equally divided between her and my Children and I do hereby make ordain Constitute and appoint my Son Shadirack my hole [sic] and sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament hereby revoking and disanuling all former wills and bequeaths by

me made and declaring this only to be my last will and testment in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year first mentioned Signed Sealed delvered [sic] published and declared as my last and Testament in the presence of us | Giles [his mark] Riggs [Seal] | Amos Squiers [?] | Francis Delamain | [?] | Thomas Squiers

September Craven County Court 1787 When was the foregoing last Will & testament of Giles Riggs proved in open Court by the oath of Amos Squires one of the subscribing witnesses thereto . . .^[344]

On 26 Oct. 1767 Giles Riggs was granted 90 acres in North Carolina “on the south side of Bay river.” The survey notes state:

Survey July 23: 1767 For Mr Giles Riggs Ninety Acres of Land in Craven County On the South Side of Bay River and on the South Side of Allagater [gulf?] . . .^[345]

So this Alligator cannot be the modern river on Albemarle Sound. There is a southern branch of Bay River that is fed by Alligator Creek, which is probably the location mentioned in the 1767 survey and 1773 will.

Known children (from his will and in that order):

- + 2 i SHADRACK² RIGGS, born about 1750, married REBECCA MUSE, and had at least one child. He witnessed the will of David Riggs, presumably his brother.
- + 3 ii DAVID² RIGGS, married BATHSHEBA —, and had at least one child.
- 4 iii GILES² RIGGS. He had had no issue at the time of his father’s will signed 9 Apr. 1773.

2. SHADRACK² RIGGS (iGiles¹) was born about 1750, and died 1807. He married REBECCA MUSE. He signed his will 23 Nov. 1807, Craven Co., N.C., where it was proved in the December 1807 term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. Here is a transcription of his will, preserving the poor spelling:

344. *N.C. Land Grant Files, 1693–1960*, Craven Co., file no. 3270, Giles Riggs, 90 acres, grant no. 491, issued 26 Oct 1767, recorded in 23:173, includes survey notes and drawing made 23 July 1767.

345. *N.C. Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998*, will of Giles Riggs, image online, Craven Co., Wills, Horton-Talk, 1760–1890.

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In the name of god amen I Shaderick Riggs of the county of Cravin and state of north Carolina Bing Very sick in Body and in a loe state of helth But in perfect mind and memry thanks Be given to god for it Coling unto mind the mortality of my Body and Knowing that ii is once appinted for all men to die to make and ordain this my Last will and testement that is to say prensible and first of all I give and Recommend my sold into the hands of almighty god that give it and my Body to Be Buried in Decnt Buriel at Discrashan of my Exter^[s^t] and as tuching such worley Estate which it hast plsed god to Blese me with in this Life I give Devis and Dispose of in the folowing maner and form first I Leve all my Land Belo the Road to my Beloved Wife hir lifetime or widerhood with the house and plantashan # I also Leve to my Beloved Sun Jesse Riggs part of my Lands above the Road Begning at a gum Corner tree of John Riggs^[^t] and Runing Down the Road to a Deviding line of W^m Jones then with s^d Road to Lamberson Line then north 84 west 8 pole from there to the Line on the Pine Ridg from there with s^d Line to the first Station # I also give to my Belovid Daughter Sirnar part of my Land above the Road Begning at Lamberson lin[e?] and Runing north 84 west 80 pole then north to marey fulshar paten line near Smith Creek then with s^d line to the Road then to the Begning I also Leve all the Rest of my Lands above the the [sic] Road to be Equally Divid Between my tow Daughters Betsey and Suckey # I also Leave all my Lands Belo the Road to my youngest Daughter Routh and the one that my Belovid wife is now in travil with to Be Equally Divid Between them after the beth or [dis her?] of marig of my Beled wife and if aneone one of them shuld Die Before thea are 21years of age the other to have the hole of that part of Land I also Leave all my Stock of Catle to my Belovd Wife hir wider hood and if she shuld mary to one half of them also 8 head of sheape to my Belovd Wife also I fether Bead and furniture I also now Leave all the Rest of my perishible proprty to Be Equily Devid Between all my Childrn I Make this my Last will and testement in witnis hir of I have hir unto set my hand and seal this 23rd of November 1807 sind seld in presents of us | I Leve my Son Jesse Riggs Ext^r | Shad Riggs [seal] | W^m [his mark] Jones | John [his mark] Riggs | Justus Barnett . . .

State of North Carolina | Craven County } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Dec4 Term 18[07] | the foregoing last Will and testament of Shadrack Riggs was exhibited for probate and the due execution thereof by the testator was proved by the oath of Justus Burnett one of the

subscribing Witnesses thereto at the same time Jesse Riggs appeared and qualified as Executor to said deceased . . .^[346]

On 20 July 1782 “She^d” Riggs of Craven Co. was paid 18 shillings in Newbern District, N.C., per Capt. Delamare’s pay roll. On 12 Aug. 1783 it was two pounds four shillings to Shad[hole] Riggs, of Craven, Newbern District.^[347]

In 1790 Shadrack Riggs resided in Craven Co., N.C., one male (himself) over 16, with two males under 16 and four females. David Riggs is listed eight names away on the same page.^[348]

In 1800 a “Shadrach” Riggs, 26–45, resided in Beaufort Co., N.C., with one female 10–16, and one male and two females 16–26. He is listed next to John Riggs, over 45, and William Riggs, 16–26.^[349] This Shadrack doesn’t quite fit if ours was indeed born in 1750. But Beaufort County directly abuts Craven County.

Known children (in will order):

- + 5 i **JESSE³ RIGGS**, born 1780, married **MARY H. (BEASLEY) RIGGS**, and had at least two children.
- 6 ii **SINA³ RIGGS**, a daughter. Her name was given as “Sinar” in Shadrack’s will. She was possibly the “Linar” Riggs who married (bonded) 29 Dec. 1802, Craven Co., N.C.,^[350] **BARNUM LINCOLN**. Or she was possibly the “Siner” Riggs who married (bonded) 17 Nov. 1804, Craven Co., N.C.,^[351] **CHURCHWELL RICE**.
- 7 iii **BETSEY³ RIGGS**.
- 8 iv **SUSANNAH/SUKEY³ RIGGS**. Her name was given as “Suckey” in Shadrack’s will. She was possibly the “Sucky” Riggs who married

346. N.C. *Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998*, will of Shadrack Riggs, image online, Craven Co., Wills, O-Y, 1736–1857.

347. N.C. *Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779–1782*, images online.

348. U.S. census, 1790, Craven Co., N.C., r. 7, p. 435.

349. U.S. census, 1800, Beaufort Co., N.C., r. 30, p. 16.

350. N.C. *County Marriages, 1762–1979*, Marriage Bond abstracts, 1740–1868, vol. 1–3, Craven Co., 216, “[groom] Lincoln, Barnam [bride] Linar Riggs [date of bonds] 29 Dec. 1802 [bondsman & witness] James x Riggs | William x Hill | (w) Saml. Chapman, Clk.”

351. N.C. *County Marriages, 1762–1979*, Marriage Bond abstracts, 1740–1868, vol. 1–3, Craven Co., 286, “[groom] Rice, Churchwell x [bride] Siner Riggs [date of bonds] 17 Nov. 1804 [bondsman & witness] John x Riggs | (w) S. Chapman, C.C.”

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(bonded) 4 Feb. 1802, Craven Co., N.C.,^[352] **JAMES MACELROY**. Or she was possibly the Susannah Riggs who married (bonded) 24 Jan. 1815, Craven Co., N.C.,^[353] **ISRAEL RICE**.

- 9 v **RUTH³ RIGGS**. Her name was given as “Routh” in Shadrack’s will. She was possibly the Ruth Riggs who married (bonded) 14 Sept. 1820, Craven Co., N.C.,^[354] **SILAS MESSICK**.
- 10 vi **[DAUGHTER]³ RIGGS**, was not yet born at the signing of Shadrack’s will on 23 Nov. 1807.

3. **DAVID² RIGGS** (₁Giles¹) married **BATHSHEBA** —. He signed his will 17 Jan. 1796, Craven Co., N.C., and one of its witnesses was Shadrach Riggs. It was proved 19 Mar. 1796, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., and Bathsheba was sworn in then as his executrix. Interestingly, his will mentions land he sold to Mr. Bateman (cf. appendix B). Here is a transcription:

I David Riggs of the County of Craven and State of N. Carolina Do make and Constitute this my last Will & Testament, first of all, I recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it and as to my Worldly Goods that it hath pleased God to Bless me with, I dispose of in the following manner. Item I leave Fifty acres of Land, Beginning at a little Bridge, near my little field, then with the road to the Paten Line, then down the Paten Line to include fifty acres, then to the Easternmost run of trent, then up the run to Tillmans Line then with Tillmans Line to the Beginning, to be sold at Publick Sale for the support of my Family.

Item. I also leave my Cypress Timber on the Land I sold to Mr Bateman to be sold for the support of my Family.

352. N.C. *County Marriages, 1762–1979*, Marriage Bond abstracts, 1740–1868, vol. 1–3, Craven Co., 227, “[groom] Mackelroy, James [bride] Sucky Riggs [date of bonds] 4 Feb. 1802 [bondsman & witness] David Curtis | (w) Saml. Chapman.”

353. N.C. *County Marriages, 1762–1979*, Marriage Bond abstracts, 1740–1868, vol. 1–3, Craven Co., 287, 288, “[groom] Rice, Israel [bride] Susannah Riggs [date of bonds] 25 Jan. 1815 [bondsman & witness] John x Martin.”

354. N.C. *County Marriages, 1762–1979*, Marriage Bond abstracts, 1740–1868, vol. 1–3, Craven Co., 237, “[groom] Messick, Silas [bride] Ruth Riggs [date of bonds] 14 Sept. 1820 [bondsman & witness] Nathan x Slade | (w) J. G. Stanly, C.C.”

Item. I leave the rest of the Land that I now live on to my Son Jeremiah Riggs to him and his Heirs forever.

Item. I leave the rest of my Estate to my Wife for the support of she and her Children. I do appoint my Wife my whole and Sole Executrix to this my last Will and Testament Witness my Hand & Seal this 17 day of January 1796 | David [his Mark] Riggs | Signed in the presence of Us | Jedediah Brickhouse | Shadrack Riggs | Ephraim Sissman

. . . And Bathsheba Riggs the Executrix therein named having Qualified by taking the Oath of an Executrix agreeable to Law . . . | Witness Sam^l Chapman Clerk of said Court at New bern the 19th day of March AD 1796 & in the 20th year of our Independence.^[355]

In 1790 David Riggs resided in Craven Co., N.C., one male (himself) over 16, with two males under 16 and three females. Shadrack Riggs is listed eight names away on the same page.^[356]

Known child (of plural children mentioned in the will):

11 i **JEREMIAH³ RIGGS**, born after his grandfather Giles's will of 9 Apr. 1773 in which his father had not yet had issue.

5. **JESSE³ RIGGS** (₂*Shadrack²*, *Giles¹*) was born 1780, and died before his widow Mary was granted letters of administration of his estate in Feb. 1841. He married (bonded) 23 Dec. 1814, Craven Co., N.C.,^[357] **MARY H. (BEASLEY) RIGGS**,^[358] who was born 23 May 1788, died 21 Feb. 1858, and was buried in Riggs-McCotter Cem., [now] Pamlico Co., N.C.^[359] She

355. N.C. *Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998*, will of David Riggs, image online, Craven Co., Wills, Horton-Talk, 1760–1890.

356. U.S. census, 1790, Craven Co., N.C., r. 7, p. 435.

357. N.C. *County Marriages, 1762–1979*, Craven Co., Marriage bond abstracts, 1740–1868, vol. 1–3, 292, “[groom] Riggs, Jesse [bride] Mary Riggs [date of bonds] 23 Dec. 1814 [bondsman & witness] John x Riggs | (w) J. G. Stanly | . . . | “[groom] Riggs, John [bride] Polly Beasley [date of bonds] 14 Mar. 1804 [bondsman & witness] John Riggs | (w) S. Chapman, C.C.”

358. Her full name is reported unsourced Mary Hardison Beasley, but I have not seen any evidence of the middle name, just the middle initial.

359. *Riggs-McCotter Cem.*, <www.ncgenweb.us/pamlico/cemeteries/index_riggs-mccotter.html>, downloaded 28 Nov. 2016, “[name] Riggs, Mary H. [born] May 23, 1788 [died] Feb. 21, 1858 [remarks] Aged 69 yrs 10 months 28 D’s – “Reflect) youth while passing by as you are now, so once was I, as I am now so you must be, prepare for death and follow me” | NOTE: Mary **Hardiston**

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had first married (bonded) 14 Mar. 1804, Craven Co., N.C.,^[360] John Riggs, of unknown relationship^[361]

N.B. Pamlico County was formed in 1872 from Craven and Beaufort Counties.

In 1830 Jesse Riggs, 40–50, resided in Craven Co., N.C., on the north side of the Meuse River, with a woman 40–50, one boy under 5, one girl 5–10, one male 10–15, and one male slave under 10, one male slave 10–24, and one female slave 24–36, for a total of eight persons. There are three female marked 15–40 but apparently erased as they do not count in the total of eight persons.]^[362]

In 1840 Jesse Riggs, 50–60, resided in Craven Co., N.C., on the north side of the Meuse River, with a woman 50–60, one girl 5–10, one male 10–15, and two females 15–20, and with four slaves: one male under 10, one male 24–30, one female 10–24, and one female 36–55, for a total of 10 persons, five in agriculture. Listed on the same page are John Riggs (50–60) 00010001,000010001, Solomon Riggs (20–30) 00001,0001, and John R. Riggs (30–40) 210021,00002 (next to Barnum Lincoln, 60–70).^[363]

The Jesse Riggs estate file of 1841, Craven Co., N.C., has his widow Mary appointed administratrix for his intestate estate in the February

Beasley; 1st married John Riggs, 2nd married Jesse Riggs (1781–1841). They are probably buried in unmarked graves on either side of Mary, per Odell Spain.” Reference is to “Revisiting the old Riggs–McCotter Cemetery” by William Odell Spain, *The Pamlico News*, Oriental, N.C., 15 July 1998.

360. The marriage of Jesse Riggs to Mary “Beezly” from their son Jesse’s death certificate (q.v.); but cf. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, Craven Co., image online, Jesse Riggs and John Riggs were bonded 23 Dec. 1814 conditioned on the marriage of Jesse Riggs to Mary Riggs. It is said that she married, first, a John Riggs (see note below). If so then it probably was not the John Riggs who served as a bondsman on Jesse’s marriage to her. Indeed, *N.C. County Marriages, 1762–1979*, Craven Co., Marriage bond abstracts, 1740–1868, vol. 1–3, 292, “[groom] Riggs, Jesse [bride] Mary Riggs [date of bonds] 23 Dec. 1814 [bondsman & witness] John x Riggs | (w) J. G. Stanly | . . . | [groom] Riggs, John [bride] Polly Beasley [date of bonds] 14 Mar. 1804 [bondsman & witness] John Riggs | (w) S. Chapman, C.C.”

361. I suspect that the children of this marriage are Sarah, James Beasley, John Richard, and Dorcas, don’t have proof yet.

362. U.S. census, 1830, Craven Co., N.C., r. 119, p. 151.

363. U.S. census, 1830, Craven Co., N.C., r. 119, p. 151.

Term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1841. Cash outlays from the estate mention James Riggs and John R. Riggs and has settlement dates starting in Feb. 1841. A sale of his personal estate occurred 4 Mar. 1841. Purchasers included John R. Riggs (who purchased very many items), Solomon Riggs, James Riggs, and John Riggs (without the R.), a few items each.^[364] **James and John R. might be sons of Mary's first husband, John Riggs.**

Placeholder: In 1850 John R. Riggs, 40, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided in Craven Co., N.C., with Sarah, 28, born in North Carolina, and with John, 13, Dorcus, 11, Thomas, 8, Henry, 5, Cornelia, 4, Joseph, 2, and Alfred, 1/2, all born in North Carolina. Next door resided James Riggs, 55, a farmer born in North Carolina, with Sarah, 40, born in North Carolina, and with Lafayette, 16, and two others. Several dwellings away resided Eli Mayo, 37, with "Salin," 24, born in North Carolina, and with Henry, 3, and Mary, 7, both born in North Carolina, and next to them May, or Mary, Riggs, 63, born in North Carolina, with Jesse, 20, and Patsy, 69, both born in North Carolina.^[365]

Placeholder: In 1860 John R. Riggs, 41, a farmer born in North Carolina, resided north of the Meuse River, in New "Berne," Craven Co., N.C., with "Patssey," 31, born in North Carolina, and with James, 9, Sarah, 6, and John, 4, all born in North Carolina.^[366] **N.B. Patssey and two of her children match the Patsy Riggs, married to Jesse⁴ Riggs (q.v., the 1870 census).**

Known children:

- 12 i **SALINA JANE⁴ RIGGS**, born 9 Apr. 1825, died 30 July 1892, buried in Riggs-McCotter Cem., Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[367] married (bonded) 2

364. *N.C. Estate Files, 1663-1979*, probate file, 1841, Jesse Riggs, Craven Co., N.C., GS 1846598.

365. U.S. census, 1850, Craven Co., N.C., r. 626, p. 359B, dw. 1517, 1518, 1521, 1522, fam. same list.

366. U.S. census, 1860, New Bern PO, Craven Co., N.C., r. 119, p. 151, dw. 82, fam. 82.

367. *Riggs-McCotter Cem.*, <www.ncgenweb.us/pamlico/cemeteries/index_riggs-mccotter.html>, downloaded 28 Nov. 2016, "[name] Mayo, Salina Jane Riggs [born] Apr. 9, 1825 [died] July 30, 1892 [remarks] NOTE: wife of Eli Mayo; dau of Jesse Riggs (1781-1841) & Mary H. Beasley."

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- Oct. 1846, Craven Co., N.C.,^[368] **ELI MAYO**, and had at least two children.
- + 13 ii **JESSE⁴ RIGGS**, born 18 July 1829, Mesic, Pamlico Co., N.C., married (1) **MARTHA/PATSY S. JONES**, and had at least four children, married (2) **CHALLIE MILLER**, and had at least one child.
 - 14 iii **?DORCAS⁴ RIGGS**,^[369] buried in Riggs-McCotter Cem., Maribel, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[370] married (bonded) 12 Jan. 1825, Craven Co., N.C.,^[371] **HEZEKIAH MCCOTTER**, died (will signed) 1792, before inventory of 7 June 1792, Craven Co., N.C.,^[372] buried in Riggs-McCotter Cem., Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[373] and had at least one child: (1) John R.⁵ McCotter, born 24 Oct. 1825, died 19 Nov. 1910, buried in Riggs-McCotter Cem., Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[374] married (bonded) 24

368. *N.C. County Marriages, 1762–1979*, Craven Co., image online, “[groom] Mayo, Eli [bride] Sabina Riggs [date of bonds] 2 Oct. 1846 [bondsman & witness] Jesse Jones | (w) J. G. Stanly.”.

369. **I suspect Dorcas is daughter of Mary's first husband, John Riggs, but have no proof yet.**

370. *Riggs-McCotter Cem.*, “[name] McCotter, Dorcas Riggs [born] [empty] [died] [empty] [remarks] Known to be buried here, but as of this date, no markers have been found. This information was furnished by Lois Jones [Riggs-McCotter Cemetery, Pamlico Co., NC Cemeteries by Dixie T. Willis, 1983, pgs 90–91] | NOTE: wife of Hezekiah McCotter; dau of Jesse Riggs & Mary Hardison Beasley; mother of John R. McCotter.” **To be vetted.**

371. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, Craven Co., N.C., Marriage Bonds, Hezekiah McCotter to Dorcas Riggs, bonded 12 Jan. 1825.

372. *An Abstract of N.C. Wills*, Craven Co., “1792 McCotter, Hezekiah, Ann, Archibald, Jesse, Martin, John”; *N.C. Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998*, Craven Co., images online, “An Inventory of the Estate of Hezekiah M^cCotter Decs^d taken this 7th June 1792 . . .,” James Riggs, administrator, of Craven Co., papers mention Dorcas McCotter, his widow.

373. *Riggs-McCotter Cem.*, “[name] McCotter, Hezekiah [born] [empty] [died] [empty] [remarks] Known to be buried here, but as of this date, no markers have been found. This information was furnished by Lois Jones [Riggs-McCotter Cemetery, Pamlico Co., NC Cemeteries by Dixie T. Willis, 1983, pgs 90–91].” **To be vetted.**

374. *Riggs-McCotter Cem.*, “[name] McCotter, John R. [born] Oct. 24, 1825 [died] Nov. 19, 1910 [remarks] Father [Double with Sarah A. McCotter] | NOTE: son of Hezekiah McCotter & Dorcas Riggs; (it is believed that John R. McCotter's first 2 wives, Susan Jones McCotter & Maple Jones McCotter are buried here in unmarked graves. Info by Lois Jones per Dixie Willis cemetery book)”; *Find a Grave*, no. 58884088, gravestone photograph, by Doug Williams, Riggs-McCotter Cem., Maribel, Pamlico Co., N.C., “Sarah A. McCotter | born | March 10, 1835 | died | Sept. 22, 1909 | . . . | Mother | John R. McCotter | born | Oct. 24, 1825 | died | Nov. 19, 1910 | . . . | Father.”

Apr. 1851, Craven Co., N.C.,^[375] Sarah Ann Jones, born 10 Mar. 1835, died 22 Sept. 1909, and buried with her husband.^[376]

13. JESSE⁴ RIGGS (sJesse³, Shadrach², Giles¹) was born 18 July 1829, Mesic, Pamlico Co., N.C. (death certificate), and died 3 Aug. 1914, Mesic,^[377] and was buried 4 Aug. 1914, Riggs-McCotter Cem., Maribel, Pamlico Co., N.C.^[378] He married (1) 24 Apr. 1848 [bonded], Craven Co., N.C.,^[379] **MARTHA/PATSY S. JONES**, who was born 17 June 1829, Mesic, daughter of Smith Jones, and died 6 Mar. 1884, and was buried in Riggs-McCotter Cem., Maribel, Pamlico Co., N.C.^[380] He married (2) 11 Nov. 1885, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[381] **CHALLIE MILLER**, who was born 1843 (1900 census)

375. *N.C. County Marriages, 1762–1979*, Craven Co., image online, “[groom] McCotter, John R. [bride] Sarah Ann Jones [date of bonds] 24 Apr. 1851 [bondsman & witness] Sorrowful x Emery | (w) J. G. Stanly.”

376. *Riggs-McCotter Cem.*, “[name] McCotter, Sarah A. [born] March 10, 1835 [died] Sept. 22, 1909 [remarks] Mother [Double with John R. McCotter].”

377. *N.C. Deaths, 1906–1930*, death certificate, image online, no. 176, Jesse Riggs, died 3 Aug. 1914, Mesic, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., male, white, married, farmer, aged 85 yrs. 15 dys., born 18 July 1829, Mesic, father Jesse Riggs, born “don’t no: maybe Pamlico County,” mother Mary “Beezly,” “uncerition” [uncertain?], buried 4 Aug. 1914, McCotters.

378. *Riggs-McCotter Cem.*, “[name] Riggs, Jesse [born] July 18, 1829 [died] Aug. 8, 1914 [remarks] Living friends as you pass by remember me as you are now so I have been as I a now so you must be prepare for death and follow me | NOTE: Jesse Levin Riggs, son of Jesse Levin Riggs (1781–1841); above ground vault. See death certificate”; *Find a Grave*, no. 136354393, gravestone photograph, by Doug Williams, Riggs-McCotter Cem., Maribel, Pamlico Co., N.C., “Jesse Riggs | born | July 18, 1829 | died | Aug. 8, 1914 | . . .”

379. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Craven Co., Jesse Riggs bonded to “Patsey” Jones 24 Apr. 1848 for marriage; *N.C. County Marriages*, Craven, Marriage bond abstracts, 1746–1868, vol. 1–3, 292, “[groom] Riggs, Jesse [bride] Patsey Jones [date of bonds] 24 Apr. 1848 [bondsman & witness] J(oshua) B. Flowers | (w) J. G. Stanly.”

380. *Riggs-McCotter Cem.*, “[name] Riggs, Patsy S. [born] ‘[July 17, 1829]’ [died] Mar. 6, 1884 [remarks] Wife of Jesse Riggs & dau of Smith Jones | NOTE: Martha Ann ‘Patsy’ Jones; above ground vault”; *Find a Grave*, no. 137805342, gravestone photograph, by Doug Williams, Riggs-McCotter Cem., Maribel, Pamlico Co., N.C., “Patsy S. | Wife of | Jesse Riggs | dau. of | Smith Jones | Born June 17, 1829 | Died Mar. 6, 1884 | [Age ?] | . . .”

381. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Pamlico Co., Jesse Riggs, 50, of Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., son of Jesse Riggs and Mary Riggs, both deceased former residents of Craven Co., to Charlie Miller, 40, of Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., daughter of James Miller and Millie Miller, both deceased former residents of Craven Co., licensed 11 Nov. 1885, Bayboro, Pamlico Co., married 11 Nov. 1885, at Lawrence Miller’s house, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., by William T. Mayo JP, with three

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or 24 Apr. 1844 (death certificate), Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., daughter of James and Patsy/Millie (Tolson) Miller, and died 18 Mar. 1916, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[382] and was buried 19 Mar. 1916, Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern.

In 1870 Jesse Riggs, 40, a farmer born in North Carolina with \$1,000 real and \$100 personal estates, resided in Craven Co., N.C., with Patsy, 40, born in North Carolina, and with James, 19, Sarah, 17, Jesse, 7, and Mary, 4, all born in North Carolina. They share a dwelling with Ephraim Jones, 27, and "Darcus" A. Jones, 20, married in July, both born in North Carolina.^[383]

In 1880 "Jessee" Riggs, 60 [sic], a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife, Martha, 50, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, "Jessee," 15, born in North Carolina, and two servants.^[384]

In 1900 Jesse Riggs, 70, a farmer born July 1830 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife of 14 years, "Sally," 56, born 1843 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his daughter, Daisy, 12, born 1888 in North Carolina, and two boarders. Sally had had only the one child.^[385]

In 1910 Jesse Riggs, 80, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife of 25 years, "Chalie" J., 66, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his daughter, Daisy, 22, born in North Carolina, and two boarders. Chalie had had only the one child.^[386]

Known children of the first marriage, to Martha:

witnesses.

382. N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, no. 481, Challie Riggs, died 18 Mar. 1916, New Bern, Craven Co., aged 71 yrs. 10 mos. 25 dys., female, white, widowed, born 24 Apr. 1844, Bayboro, father James Miller, born Pamlico Co., mother Patsy Tolson, born Pamlico Co., informant D. W. Basnight, of New Bern, buried 19 Mar. 1916, Cedar Grove Cem.

383. U.S. census, 1870, Alfreds Store PO, Twp. 3, Craven Co., N.C., r. ?, p. ?, dw. 46, fam. 46.

384. U.S. census, 1880, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 106, r. 976, p. 287A, dw. 86, fam. 86.

385. U.S. census, 1900, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 88, r. 1210, p. 51, sh. 18A, dw. 342, fam. 353.

386. U.S. census, 1910, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 66, r. 1117, p. 250, sh. 19B, dw. 358, fam. 358.

- + 15 i **JAMES⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1851, North Carolina, married (1) **EMILY JONES**, and had nine children, married (2) **MARTHA ALEXZENA PAUL**.
- 16 ii **SARAH ANNE⁵ RIGGS**, born 3 Sept. 1853, Mesic, Pamlico Co., N.C., died 10 Apr. 1920, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[387] buried 11 Apr. 1920, Mesic, married 30 Apr. 1871, Craven Co., N.C.,^[388] **JOSEPH MORRIS**, son of Samuel and Marium (–) Morris.
- + 17 iii **JESSE LEVIN⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1863, married **SINA J. STILLEY**, and had at least five children.
- 18 iv **MARY⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1864, North Carolina.

Child of the second marriage, to Challie:

- 19 v **DAISY P.⁵ RIGGS**, born 20 Mar. 1888 (gravestone), North Carolina, died 3 Nov. 1979, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[389] and was buried in Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[390] married (1) 18 June 1913, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[391] **DONALD WEAVER BASNIGHT**, born 24 Aug. 1879 or 1880, Pamlico Co., N.C., son of Jessie S. and Nannie E. (Parrawan) Basnight, and died 28 Feb. 1920, New Bern,

387. *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, Pamlico Co., no. 396, Sarah Anne Morris, died 10 Apr. 1920, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., aged 71 yrs. 6 mos. 10 dys., female, white, widowed, housewife, born 3 Sept. 1853, Mesic, N.C., father Jesse Riggs, born Mesic, N.C., mother Patsy Jones, born Mesic, N.C., informant J. S. Morris, of Mesic, buried 11 Apr. 1920, Mesic, N.C.

388. *N.C. County Marriages, 1762–1979*, image online, Craven Co., “[groom] Morris Joseph [bride] Sarah Ann Riggs [groom’s parents] Samuel Morris Marium Morris [bride’s parents] Jesse Riggs Patsey Riggs [place] Willis L. Keel’s [date] April 30, 1871 [by] Willis S. Keel MG.

389. *N.C. Death Indexes, 1908–2004*, Daisy Basnight Jones, female, white, widowed, SSN 238-16-7258, age 91, born 20 Mar. 1888, resident of New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., died 3 Nov. 1979, New Bern.

390. *Find a Grave*, no. 25305353, gravestone photograph, by Bernd Doss, Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., “Donald Weaver Basnight | born August 24, 1880 | died February 28, 1920.”

391. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Pamlico Co., Don W. Basnight, 33, of Newbern, son of Jessie [S?]. Basnight and “Nanie” E. Basnight, both living and residing in Newbern, to Daisy P. Riggs, 25, daughter of Jessie Riggs and Challie Riggs, both living and residing in Twp. 3, licensed 16 June 1913, married 18 June 1913, home of brother near Mesic, by Jesse C. Caldwell MG.

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Craven Co., N.C.,^[392] and buried 28 Feb. 1920 near his wife.^[393]
Daisy married (2) – Jones.

15. **JAMES⁵ RIGGS** (₁₃Jesse⁴, Jesse³, Shadrach², Giles¹) was born about 1851, North Carolina, and died 1937. He married (1) **EMILY JONES**.^[394] He married (2) 26 May 1912, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[395] **MARTHA ALEXZENA PAUL**,^[396] who was born 4 Sept. 1868, Pamlico Co., N.C., daughter of A. Mitchel and Millie (Miller) Paul, and died 10 Oct. 1938, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[397] and was buried 11 Oct. 1938, Pamlico Co.

In 1880 James Riggs, 39 [sic], a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife, “Emley,” 23, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his daughters, Mary, 5, “Elvira,” 2, and Vivian, 2/12, born in March, all born in North Carolina.^[398]

In 1900 James Riggs, 49, a widower farmer born 1850 in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pamlico Co., N.C., with his daughters, Alvira, 22, born 1878, and Elma, 16, born 1884, sons, Sanford, 14, born 1886, Solomon, 11, born 1889, Andrew, 9, born 1890, Jesse, 4,

392. N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, no. 143, Don W. Basnight, died 28 Feb. 1920, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., aged 40 yrs. 6 mos. 2 dys., male, white, married (spouse Daisy R. Basnight), hardware merchant, born 24 Aug. 1879, Pamlico Co., N.C., father J. S. Basnight, born Tyrell Co., N.C., mother Nannie Parrawan, born Pamlico Co., N.C., informant J. S. Basnight, of New Bern, buried 28 Feb. 1920, Cedar Grove Cem.

393. *Find a Grave*, no. 25305370, gravestone photograph, by Bernd Doss, Cedar Grove Cem., New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., “Daisy Riggs Basnight | born March 20, 1888 | died November 3, 1979.”

394. Her full name from her son Solomon’s wedding certificate (q.v.).

395. N.C. *Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Pamlico Co., James Riggs, 61, of Bay Creek, son of “Jessie” Riggs (living in Bay Creek) and M (deceased), to Martha A. Paul, 43, of Bairds Creek, daughter of A. M. Paul and Millie Paul, both living in Bairds Creek, licensed 25 May 1912, married 26 May 1912, Pamlico Co., N.C., at the residence of A. M. Paul, by J. L. Harrison JP.

396. She was Elexenah Paul in the 1880 census, Alexzena Paul in the 1900, Alexana Paul in the 1910, Zena Riggs in the 1920, Martha A. Riggs in the 1930, all in Pamlico Co., N.C.

397. N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, Craven Co., no. 372, Mrs. “Zennie” Riggs, of Arapahoe, N.C., died 10 Oct. 1938, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., aged 70 yrs. 1 mo. 6 dys., female, white, widowed, born 4 Sept. 1868, Pamlico Co., N.C., father Mitchel Paul, born Pamlico Co., mother Millie Miller, born Pamlico Co., informant L. Z. Paul, of Arapahoe, N.C., buried 11 Oct. 1938, Pamlico Co.

398. U.S. census, 1880, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 106, r. 976, p. 286D, dw. 75, fam. 75.

born 1896, and Jennings, 2, born 1877 [sic, 1897 probably], all born in North Carolina of a mother born in North Carolina.^[399]

In 1910 James Riggs, 59, a widower farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pamlico Co., N.C., with his sons, “Andrews” B., 19, Jesse J., 14, and “Wilber” J., 12, all born in North Carolina of a mother born in North Carolina.^[400]

In 1920 James Riggs, 68, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife, Zena, 51, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his sons, Andrew B., 28, “Jessie” J., 23, and Wilbur J., 22, all born in North Carolina of a mother born in North Carolina, and one boarder.^[401]

In 1930 James Riggs, 79, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Mesic, Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife, Martha A., 61, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and his sons, Andrew B., 39, Jesse J., 34, and “Wilber” J., 32, all born in North Carolina of a mother born in North Carolina, and one boarder.^[402]

In 1940 Andrew Riggs, 49, resided in Mesic, Pamlico Co., N.C., with his brothers, “Jess,” 44, and “Wilbert,” 42, all single and all born in North Carolina.^[403]

Children:

- 20 i **MARY**⁶ **RIGGS**, born about 1875, North Carolina.
- 21 ii **ALVIRA**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 1 Dec. 1877, Pamlico Co., N.C., died 8 Nov. 1963, Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C.,^[404] buried 11 Nov. 1963, Montlawn Cem., Raleigh, married **ROOT A. DUNAWAY**.

399. U.S. census, 1900, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 88, r. 1210, p. 50, sh. 17B, dw. 334, fam. 344.

400. U.S. census, 1900, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 88, r. 1210, p. 50, sh. 17B, dw. 334, fam. 344.

401. U.S. census, 1920, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 64, r. 1315, p. 37, sh. 1B, dw. 12, fam. 12.

402. U.S. census, 1930, Mesic, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 64, r. 1712, p. 14, sh. 3B, dw. 62, fam. 62.

403. U.S. census, 1940, Mesic, Twp. 3, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 69-7, r. 2955, p. 78, sh. 28A, dw. 65.

404. N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, Wake Co., no. 36444, Alvira Riggs Dunaway, of Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., died 8 Nov. 1963, Raleigh, aged 85 yrs., female, white, widowed, housewife, born 1 Dec. 1877, Pamlico Co., N.C., father James Riggs, mother Emily Jones, spouse

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- 22 iii **VIVIAN⁶ RIGGS**, born Mar. 1880, North Carolina.
- 23 iv **MARTHA ELMA⁶ RIGGS**, born 8 Mar. 1884, Pamlico Co., N.C., died 28 Jan. 1964, Merritt, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[405] buried 30 Jan. 1964, Hollywood Cem., Grantsboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., married **HARMON CAREY**.
- 24 v **SANFORD⁶ RIGGS**, born 1886, North Carolina.
- + 25 vi **SOLOMON GRAHAM⁶ RIGGS**, born 11 Mar. 1889, Pamlico Co., N.C., married (1) **BESSIE IVEY MAUNEY**, and had at least three children, married (2) **MAMIE PERKINSON**.
- 26 vii **ANDREW BEASLEY⁶ RIGGS**, born 11 Feb. 1891, Mesic, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[406] died 15 Apr. 1968, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[407] buried in Sand Hill Cem., Reelsboro, Pamlico Co., N.C.^[408] Never married.
- 27 viii **JESSE J.⁶ RIGGS**, born 1896, North Carolina.
- 28 ix **WILBUR JENNINGS⁶ RIGGS**, born 1897, North Carolina, died 15 Apr. 1968, buried in Sand Hill Cem., Reelsboro, Pamlico Co., N.C.^[409]

Root A. Dunaway, informant Mrs. R. A. Isley, of Raleigh, buried 11 Nov. 1963, Montlawn, Raleigh, N.C.

405. *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, Pamlico Co., no. 2633, Martha Elma Carey, of Merritt, Pamlico Co., N.C., died 28 Jan. 1964, Merritt, aged 79 yrs. 10 mos. 20 dys., female, white, widowed, domestic, born 8 Mar. 1884, Pamlico Co., N.C., father James Riggs, mother Emily Jones, spouse Harmon Carey, informant R. L. Carey, of Merritt, buried 30 Jan. 1964, Hollywood Cem., Grantsboro, N.C.

406. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, image online, Andrew Beasley Riggs, 26, of Washington, Beaufort Co., N.C., born 11 Feb. 1891, Mesic, N.C., farmer, single, registered 5 June 1917, Beaufort Co., N.C.

407. *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, Craven Co., no. 12411, Andrew Beasley Riggs, of Mesic, Pamlico Co., N.C., died 15 Apr. 1968, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., aged 77 yrs., male, white, never married, retired, born 11 Feb. 1891, N.C., father James Riggs, mother Emily Jones, informant W. J. Riggs, of Mesic, buried 17 Apr. 1968, Sand Hill Cem., Reelsboro, N.C.

408. *Find a Grave*, no. 166599731, gravestone photograph, by Doug Williams, Sand Hill Cem., Reelsboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., “Andrew B. Riggs | North Carolina | Pvt US Army | World War I | Feb II 1891 April 15 1968.”

409. *Find a Grave*, no. 166597892, gravestone photograph, by Doug Williams, Sand Hill Cem., Reelsboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., “Wilbur Jennings Riggs | Dec. 22, 1897 | Mar. 29, 1970.”

17. **JESSE LEVIN⁵ RIGGS** (₁₃Jesse⁴, Jesse³, Shadrach², Giles¹)^[410] was born born 1863, and died 1948. He married about 1884 **SINA J. STILLEY**,^[411] who was born about 1868, North Carolina.

In 1910 Jesse L. Riggs Sr., 46, a retail merchant born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife of 26 years, Sina J. Sr., 42, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son, Thomas C., 22, daughters, Eula L., 13, and Sina J. Jr., 8, son, Jesse L. Jr., 6, and daughter, “Un” [unnamed?], 9/12, all born in North Carolina.^[412]

In 1920 J. L. Riggs, 56, a farmer born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife, Sina J., 51, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his son “Jessee” L. Jr., 15, and daughter, “Nannie,” 9, both born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives. Next door was Catherine S. Riggs, 64.^[413]

In 1930 Jesse L. Riggs, 67, a postmaster born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife, Sina J., 62, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and with his daughter, Norine K. Gaskins, 20, and his son-in-law, Marvin K. Gaskins, 21, both born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and first married at 19 and 20, respectively. Next door was Jesse L. Riggs Jr., 26.^[414]

In 1940 Jesse L. Riggs, 76, born in North Carolina, resided in Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife, Sina, 72, and a boarder. Nearby resided Jesse L. Riggs Jr., 36.^[415]

Known children:

- 29 i **THOMAS C.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1888, North Carolina.
- 30 ii **EULA L.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1897, North Carolina.
- 31 iii **SINA J.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1902, North Carolina.

410. His full name from his son Jesse’s death certificate (q.v.).

411. Her full name from her son Jesse’s death certificate (q.v.).

412. U.S. census, 1910, Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 66, r. 1117, p. 234, sh. 3B, dw. 59, fam. 59.

413. U.S. census, 1920, Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 5, r. 1315, p. 53, sh. 2B, fam. 27.

414. U.S. census, 1930, Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 4, r. 1712, p. 1, sh. 1B, dw. 19, fam. 24.

415. U.S. census, 1940, Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 694, r. 2955, p. 40, sh. 3A, dw. 45.

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- + 32 iv **JESSE LEVIN⁶ RIGGS JR.**, born 30 Mar. 1904, North Carolina, married (1) **LILLIE MAE WHORTON**, and had at least three children, married **MABEL WHITFORD**.
- 33 v **NORINE K.⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1910, North Carolina, married about 1929 **MARVIN K. GASKINS**, born about 1909, North Carolina.

25. SOLOMON GRAHAM⁶ RIGGS (¹⁵*James Beasley*⁵, *Jesse Levin*⁴, *Jesse*³, *Shadrach*², *Giles*¹) was born 11 Mar. 1889, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[416] died 24 Dec. 1976, Nash Co., N.C.,^[417] and was buried in Oakwood Cem., Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C.^[418] He married (1) 24 Sept. 1913, Newton Twp., Catawba Co., N.C.,^[419] **BESSIE IVEY MAUNEY**,^[420] born 28 May 1889, daughter of J. H. and N. A. (–) Mauney, and died 6 Dec. 1929, and was buried with her husband.^[421] He married (2) 20 July 1941, Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C.,^[422] **MAMIE PERKINSON**, who was born 13 June 1904, daughter of Coley C. and Sallie (White) Perkinson, and died 12 Mar. 1975, and was buried in Wise Cem., Wise, Warren Co., N.C.^[423]

416. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, image online, Solomon Graham Riggs, 28, of Louisburg, N.C., born 11 Mar. 1889, Pamlico Co., N.C., hardware salesman, with wife and one child, registered 5 June 1917, Louisburg Pct., Franklin Co., N.C.

417. *N.C. Death Indexes, 1906–2004*, Solomon Graham Riggs, 87, of Warren Co., N.C., born 11 Mar. 1889, died 24 Dec. 1976, General Hospital, Nash Co., N.C., burial in state.

418. *Find a Grave*, no. 20301648, gravestone photograph, Oakwood Cem., Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., “Solomon Graham Riggs | Mar. 11, 1889 | Dec. 24, 1976.”

419. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Catawba Co., Solomon Graham Riggs, 24, of Pamlico Co., son of James Riggs, alive, residing in Pamlico Co., and “Emma” Riggs, deceased, to Bessie Mauney, 23, of Catawba Co., daughter of J. H. Mauney and N. A. Mauney, both living and residing in Catawba Co., N.C., licensed 24 Sept. 1913, Catawba Co., N.C., married 24 Sept. 1913, home of J. H. Mauney, Newton Twp., Catawba Co., N.C.

420. Her full name from her son Solomon’s and daughter Dorothy’s birth records [as captured in Social Security applications] (q.v.).

421. *Find a Grave*, no. 20301670, gravestone photograph, Oakwood Cem., Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., “Bessie Ivey Mauney | wife of | Solomon Graham Riggs | May 28, 1889 | Dec. 6, 1929.”

422. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Wake Co., Solomon Graham Riggs Sr., 52, of Raleigh, N.C., son of James Riggs and Emily Jones Riggs, both deceased, to Manie Perkinson, 37, of Wise, N.C., daughter of Coley C. Perkinson and Sallie White Perkinson, both living and residing in Wise, N.C., licensed 30 July 1941, Wake Co., N.C., married 30 July 1941, Raleigh, N.C., by James S. Potter MG, three witnesses including Dorothy Riggs, of Raleigh, and Mrs. S. G. Riggs Jr. of Petersburg, Va.

423. *Find a Grave*, no. 63039136, gravestone photograph, by Fred Winner, Wise Cem., Wise,

In 1910 S. G. Riggs, 21, single, a clerk in a hardware store born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Pantego, Beaufort Co., N.C., in the household of F. L. Voliva, and his family.^[424]

In 1920 Solomon Riggs, 30, a hardware retail salesman born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Louisburg, Franklin Co., N.C., with his wife, Bessie, 30, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, his son, S. G., Jr., 3 9/12, born in North Carolina, and two boarders.^[425]

In 1930 Solomon G. Riggs, 41, a widower traveling hardware salesman born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., with his niece-in-law, Juanita Mauney, 19, single, born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, a housekeeper, Lizzie M. Wheelis, 43, a widow born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, his son, Solomon G., Jr., 13, daughter, Dorothy F., 8, and son James R., 7, all born in North Carolina of a mother born in North Carolina. Both Solomon and Lizzie had first married at 24.^[426]

In 1945 S. Graham Riggs, salesman, and his wife Mamie P., resided in Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., next door to S. Graham Riggs Jr., U.S. Army, and his wife, Anna L., and "Jas." R. Riggs, U.S. Army, and his wife, Ruth S.^[427]

Known children of the first marriage, to Bessie:

- + 34 i **SOLOMON GRAHAM⁷ RIGGS JR.**, born 22 Mar. 1917, Louisburg, Franklin Co., N.C., married **ANNA LOUISE FARRIS**, and had at least one child.

Warren Co., N.C., "Maynie Jackson Perkinson | wife of | Solomon Graham Riggs | June 13, 1904 | March 12, 1975." [Was Jackson her first husband?](#)

424. U.S. census, 1910, Pantego, Beaufort Co., N.C., ED 8, r. 1097, p. 126, sh. 15A, dw. 82, fam. 89.

425. U.S. census, 1920, Louisburg, Franklin Co., N.C., ED 34, r. 1725, p. 224, sh. 13B, dw. 257, fam. 276.

426. U.S. census, 1930, Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., ED 51, r. 1725, p. 266, sh. 15A, dw. 268, fam. 292.

427. U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995, Raleigh, N.C., City directory, 1945, 417, "Riggs Jas R (Ruth S) USA r2406 Hillsboro | . . . | Riggs S Graham (Mamie P) slsmn John P Wyatt & Sons h2404 Hillsboro | Riggs S Graham jr (Anna L) USA 4 2406 Hillsboro."

GILES RIGGS

- 35 ii **DOROTHY FRANCES⁷ RIGGS**,^[428] born about 1922, North Carolina.
36 iii **JAMES ROBERT⁷ RIGGS**, born 25 Dec. 1922, Raleigh, Wake Co.,
N.C.,^[429] married **RUTH S.** —.

32. JESSE LEVIN⁶ RIGGS JR. (₁₇*Jesse Levin*⁵, *Jesse*⁴, *Jesse*³, *Shadrach*², *Giles*¹) was born 30 Mar. 1904, North Carolina, died 18 Dec. 1974, Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[430] and was buried 20 Dec. 1974, Greenleaf Memorial Park, New Bern, Pamlico Co., N.C. He married (1) 17 Jan. 1929, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[431] **LILLIE MAE WHORTON**. He married (2) **MABEL WHITFORD**.

In 1930 Jesse L. Riggs Jr., 26, a barber born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, resided in Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife, Lillie M., 23, and his son, Jesse L. III, 3/12, born in North Carolina. Jesse had been first married at 24, and Lillie at 21. They share the dwelling with John T. Sawyer, 27, and his wife, Sallie R., 29, both born in North Carolina of North Carolina natives, and first married at 26 and 28, respectively. Next door was Jesse L. Riggs, 67.^[432]

In 1940 Jesse L. Riggs Jr., 26, a radio salesman born in North Carolina, resided in Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife, "Lilley," 32, and his sons, Jesse L. III, 10, William, 7, and Frank M., 4, all born in North Carolina. Nearby resided Jesse L. Riggs, 76.^[433]

428. U.S. *Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, child Dorothy Frances Riggs, father Solomon G. Riggs, mother Bessie I. Mauney.

429. U.S. *WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947*, image online, James Robert Riggs, 19, of 2406 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., born 25 Dec. 1922, Raleigh, N.C., name of person who will always know your address S. G. Riggs Sr., of same address.

430. N.C. *Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, Pamlico Co., no. 45058, Jesse Levin Riggs Jr., of Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., died 18 Dec. 1974, Bayboro, aged 70 yrs., male, white, married (spouse Mabel Whitford), retired insurance agent, born 30 Mar. 1904, Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., father Jesse Levin Riggs, mother Sina Stilley, informant Mrs. Mabel W. Riggs, of Bayboro, buried 20 Dec. 1974, Greenleaf Memorial Park, New Bern, N.C.

431. N.C. *Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, image online, Pamlico Co., J. L. Riggs Jr., 25, of Bayboro, N.C., son of J. L. Riggs Sr. and Sina Riggs, both living and resident in Bayboro, to Lillie Mae Whorton, 20, of Oriental, N.C., daughter of unknown parents but with father living in Oriental, N.C., licensed and married 17 Jan. 1929, Pamlico Co., N.C., by G. W. Brite JP.

432. U.S. census, 1930, Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 4, r. 1712, p. 1, sh. 1B, dw. 18, fam. 22.

433. U.S. census, 1940, Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 694, r. 2955, p. 40, sh. 3A, dw. 43.

Known children of the first marriage, to Lillie:

- 37 i **JESSE LEVIN⁷ RIGGS III**, born about 1930, North Carolina.
- + 38 ii **WILLIAM HOWARD⁷ RIGGS**, born 1932, Pamlico Co., N.C., married **JESSIE HARRIETTE HARRIS**, and had at least one child. William is a DNA contributor; Harriette is a correspondent.
- 39 iii **FRANK M.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1936, North Carolina.

34. SOLOMON GRAHAM⁷ RIGGS JR. (₂₅*Solomon Graham*⁶, *James Beasley*⁵, *Jesse Levin*⁴, *Jesse*³, *Shadrach*², *Giles*¹) was born 22 Mar. 1917, Louisburg, Franklin Co., N.C.,^[434] died 24 Dec. 1994, Bay Co., Fla.,^[435] last residence Panama City, Bay Co., Fla.,^[436] and was buried in the same cemetery as his parents, Oakwood Cem., Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C.^[437] He married **ANNA LOUISE FARRIS**, who was born 11 Feb. 1916 (gravestone), Tennessee, died 3 Feb. 1989, and was buried near her husband.^[438]

In 1937 Solomon Graham Riggs Jr., of Raleigh, N.C., attended North Carolina State University, Raleigh, majoring in ceramic engineering.^[439]

In 1940 Solomon G. Riggs Jr., 23, a steel mill brick man apprentice born in North Carolina, resided in Monessen, Westmoreland Co., Pa., with his wife, Anna Louise, 24, born in Tennessee. They had resided in Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., in 1935.^[440]

434. U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, child Solomon Graham Riggs Jr., SSN 486-12-2843, born 22 Mar. 1917, Louisburg, Franklin Co., N.C., died 24 Dec. 1994, father Solomon G. Riggs, mother Bessie I. Mauney.

435. Fla. Death Index, 1877–1998, Solomon Graham Riggs, 77, born 22 Mar. 1917, died 24 Dec. 1994, Bay Co., Fla.

436. SSDI, Solomon G. Riggs, SSN 486-12-2843, born 22 Mar. 1917, died 24 Dec. 1994, last residence and last benefit 32404 Panama City, Bay Co., Fla., issued Mo. (before 1951).

437. *Find a Grave*, no. 20301639, gravestone photograph, Oakwood Cem., Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., “Solomon Graham Riggs, Jr. | Mar. 22, 1917 | Dec. 24, 1994.”

438. *Find a Grave*, no. 20301623, gravestone photograph, Oakwood Cem., Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., “Anna Louise Farris | wife of | S. G. Riggs, Jr. | Feb. 11, 1916 | Feb. 3, 1989.”

439. U.S. School Yearbooks, 1880–2012, “Solomon Graham Riggs, Jr. | Raleigh, N.C. | Ceramic Engineering | Mu Beta Psi; Keramos; Boxing (1); R.O.T.C. | (1, 2, 3, 4); Glee Club; S.C.S.; Yellow Dogs [with photograph at lower left of page].”

440. U.S. census, 1940, Monessen, Westmoreland Co., Pa., ED 65-113, r. 3633, p. 1935, sh. 10B, dw. 201.

GILES RIGGS

In 1945 S. Graham Riggs Jr., U.S. Army, and his wife, Anna L., resided in Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., with (his brother) “Jas.” R. Riggs, U.S. Army, and his wife, Ruth S., and next door to (his father) S. Graham Riggs, salesman, and his wife Mamie P.^[441]

On 29 June 1950 Solomon Graham Riggs Jr., born 22 Mar. 1917, Louisburg, N.C., resided in Orlando, Orange Co., Fla. He had served the armed forces from 6 June 1941 to 3 Oct. 1943 and from 24 Sept. 1945 to 6 Aug. 1946. He entered active service on 6 June 1941 at Camp Lee, Va., and was separated from active service on 6 Aug. 1946 at Ft. McPherson, Ga. He was a resident of Monessen, Pa., when he entered active service.^[442]

Known child:

- + 40 i **GRAHAM FARRIS⁸ RIGGS**, born 7 July 1940, married **SUE NOBLE**, and had at least one child. Both Graham and Sue are DNA contributors.

38. WILLIAM HOWARD⁷ RIGGS (₃₂*Jesse Levin Jr.*⁶, *Jesse Levin*⁵, *Jesse*⁴, *Jesse*³, *Shadrach*², *Giles*¹) was born 1932, Pamlico Co., N.C.^[443] He is a DNA contributor. He married 26 Nov. 1954, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[444] **JESSIE HARRIETTE HARRIS**, who was born about 1935, daughter of Derwood B. and Carma B. (–) Harris. Harriette is a correspondent re the DNA study.

In 1957 William Howard Riggs attended East Carolina University, Greenville, Pitt Co., N.C., majoring in geography and business administration.^[445]

441. *U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995*, Raleigh, N.C., City directory, 1945, 417, “Riggs Jas R (Ruth S) USA r2406 Hillsboro | . . . | Riggs S Graham (Mamie P) slsmn John P Wyatt & Sons h2404 Hillsboro | Riggs S Graham jr (Anna L) USA 4 2406 Hillsboro.”

442. *Pa. Veteran Compensation Application Files, WWII, 1950–1966*, image online, no. 22925, Solomon Graham Riggs Jr., dated 29 June 1950, with address and service information as stated above.

443. *N.C. Birth Indexes, 1800–2000*, Pamlico Co., 1913–1973, image online, “[date] 1932 [name of child] Riggs, William Howard [Twp.] #2 [book:page]4 91.”

444. *N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011*, Pamlico Co., Marriage Licenses, 1872–1968, image online, no. 132, William Howard Riggs, 22, of Bayboro, N.C., son of Jesse L. Riggs and Lillie M. Riggs, both living and resident in Bayboro, to Harriette Harris, 19, of Bayboro, daughter of Derwood B. Harris and Carma B. Harris, both living and resident in Bayboro, licensed 26 Nov. 1954, Bayboro, married 26 Nov. 1954, Twp. 2, Pamlico Co., N.C., by David M. Lewis MG, with three witnesses.

445. *U.S. School Yearbooks, 1880–2012*, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., 1957, “William

In 1960 William H. Riggs and his wife, “Harriet H.,” resided in Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C.^[446]

Known child:

41 i PAMELA CLAIRE⁸ RIGGS, born 5 Dec. 1955, Greenville, Pitt Co., N.C.^[447]

40. GRAHAM FARRIS⁸ RIGGS (₃₄*Solomon Graham*⁷, *Solomon Graham*⁶, *James Beasley*⁵, *Jesse*⁴, *Jesse*³, *Shadrach*², *Giles*¹) was born 7 July 1940,^[448] after the 1940 census which was enumerated 11 Apr. 1940. He married^[449] SUE NOBLE.

Graham Riggs attended Coral Gables High School, Coral Gables, Miami-Dade Co., Fla., 1956–1957. He attended Phillips University, Enid, Garfield Co., Okla., in 1959.^[450]

In 1977 Graham Riggs, born 1940, was listed in *Who’s Who in Religion*.^[451]

In 1979 and 1988 Graham F. Riggs resided in Wichita, Kans. In 1991 and 1996, he resided in Shreveport, La.^[452]

Known child:

42 i CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM¹⁰ RIGGS, born 1970.^[453] Christopher is a DNA contributor and my correspondent on this family.

Howard Riggs, A.B. Bayboro | Geography and Business Administration | Gamma Theta Upsilon.”
446. *U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995*, Raleigh, N.C., City Directory, 1960, 490, “Riggs Harriet H Mrs typ State Dept Mtr Vehicles r 1924 New Bern av | . . . | Riggs Wm H (Harriet H) research analyst State Hwy Comn h1924 New Bern av.”

447. *N.C. Birth Index, 1800–2000*, Pamela Claire Riggs, born 5 Dec. 1955, Greenville, Pitt Co., N.C., father William Howard Riggs, mother Jessie “Harriet” Harris.

448. Email from Christopher Graham Riggs, 27 Nov. 2016; *U.S. Public Records Index, 1950–1953, Vol. 1*, Graham F. Riggs, born 9 July 1940, resided in Wichita, Kans., in 1979 and 1988, and in Shreveport, La., in 1991 and 1996.

449. Email from Christopher Graham Riggs, 27 Nov. 2016.

450. *U.S. School Yearbooks, 1880–2012*, Graham Riggs, for the years and places listed.

451. *Biography & Genealogy Master Index (BGMI)*, Graham Farris Riggs, born 1940, *Who’s Who in Religion*, second ed., 1977. Chicago: Marquis.

452. *U.S. Public Records Index, 1950–1953, Vol. 1*, Graham F. Riggs, born 9 July 1940, resided in Wichita, Kans., in 1979 and 1988, and in Shreveport, La., in 1991 and 1996.

453. Email from Christopher Graham Riggs, 27 Nov. 2016.

APPENDIX B: THE BATEMAN FAMILY

The following family fits into this volume somewhere, but I have not yet been able to determine where. We know it belongs because the genetic signature of Delmer Atlee Bateman matches those of descendants of John Riggs, as argued in the front section DNA Evidence. We don't know where the Batemans mixed with the Riggses, so this is a placeholder section until we do.

1. **JAMES³ BATEMAN** was born in Pamlico Co., N.C. He married (bonded) 18 Jan. 1856, Craven Co., N.C.,^[454] **MARY SADLER**, who was born in Pamlico Co., N.C. They had at least **one** child. See their son James's death certificate for proof of these facts. The generation number 3 is an estimate.

In 1860 James Bateman, 24, a farmer born in North Carolina, reside in Goose Creek, Beaufort Co., N.C., with Mary, 30, and **Jeremiah**, 2, both born in North Carolina.^[455]

Known child:

+ 2 i **JAMES R.⁴ BATEMAN**, born 16 Oct. 1874 or 16 Oct. 1860, Pamlico Co., N.C., married **ARENIA HOPKINS**, and had at least one child.

2. **JAMES R.⁴ BATEMAN** (*James³ Bateman*) was born 16 Oct. 1874 [death certificate] or 16 Oct. 1860 [gravestone], Pamlico Co., N.C., died 5 Mar. 1944, Pamlico Co., N.C.,^[456] and was buried 5 Mar. 1944, Cahoon Cem.,

454. N.C. *Marriage Records, 1741-2011*, Craven Co., image online, James Bateman bonded to marry Mary Saler on 18 Jan. 1856.

455. U.S. census, 1860, Goose Creek, Beaufort Co., N.C., r. 887, p. 407, dw. 67, fam. 67.

456. N.C. death certificate, image online at Ancestry.com, no. 6006, James R. Bateman, of Hobucken, Pamlico Co., N.C., died 5 Mar. 1944, Pamlico Co., N.C., aged 69 yrs. 4 mos. 17 dys., male, white, widowed, farmer, born 16 Oct. 1874, Pamlico Co., N.C., father James Bateman, born Pamlico Co., N.C., mother Mary Sadler, born Pamlico Co., N.C., informant L. O. Bateman, of Newport News, Va., buried 5 Mar. 1944, [Caboon?] Cem., Hobucken, N.C.

Hobucken, Pamlico Co., N.C.^[457] He married **ARENIA HOPKINS**, who was born 20 Aug. 1863 (gravestone), died 22 Dec. 1914, and was buried near her husband.^[458]

Known child:

- + 3 i **PELEG WILLIAM⁵ BATEMAN**, born 29 July 1894, North Carolina, married **BEATRICE E. ALCOCK**, and had at least six children.

3. PELEG WILLIAM⁵ BATEMAN (*James R.⁴ Bateman, James³ Bateman*) was born 29 July 1894, North Carolina, died 15 Apr. 1970, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C.,^[459] and was buried 18 Apr. 1970, Barnett Cem., Pamlico Co., N.C.^[460] He married **BEATRICE E. ALCOCK**, who was born 1 June 1898 (gravestone), North Carolina, died 18 Dec. 1993, and was buried with her husband.

In 1940 “Pelege” W. Bateman, 45, a fisherman born in North Carolina, resided in Hobucken, Pamlico Co., N.C., with his wife, Beatrice, 41, born in North Carolina, and his sons, Nelvin H., 21, Delmer A., 17, James N., 15, George E., 14, and Preston W., 12, and daughter, Barbara L., 8, all born in North Carolina. They resided in the same house in 1935. Next door was James R. Bateman, 79, a widower born in North Carolina.^[461]

Children:

- 4 i **NELVIN H.⁶ BATEMAN**, born about 1919, North Carolina.

457. *Find a Grave*, no. 60894084, gravestone photograph, by Jacob Bonner, Cahoon Cem., Pamlico, Pamlico Co., N.C., row 4, stone 3, “James R. | Bateman | Oct. 16, 1860 | Mar. 5, 1944 | . . .”

458. *Find a Grave*, no. 60894366, gravestone photograph, by Jacob Bonner, Cahoon Cem., Pamlico, Pamlico Co., N.C., row 3, stone 4, “Arenia Hopkins | wife of | J. R. Bateman | born | Aug. 20, 1863 | died | Dec. 22, 1914 | . . .”

459. *N.C. Death Certificates, 1909–1976*, image online, no. 12608, Peleg William Bateman, of Hobucken, Pamlico Co., N.C., died 15 Apr. 1970, New Bern, Craven Co., N.C., aged 75 yrs., male, white, married (spouse Beatrice Alcock), retired carpenter, born 29 July 1894, N.C., father James Bateman, mother Sarah Hopkins, informant Mrs. Pauline Mizzell, of Vandemere, N.C., SSN 223-26-0086, buried 18 Apr. 1970, Barnett Cem., Hobucken, N.C.

460. *Find a Grave*, no. 70595605, gravestone photograph, by Freeman R. Bateman Jr., Barnett Cem., Pamlico Co., N.C., “Bateman | Beatrice E. | June 1, 1898 | Dec. 18, 1993 || Peleg W. | July 29, 1894 | April 15, 1970.”

461. U.S. census, 1940, Hobucken, Pamlico Co., N.C., ED 69-8, r. 2955, p. 94, sh. 13A-B, dw. 148.

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- + 5 ii **DELMER ATLEE⁶ BATEMAN**, born 4 Nov. 1922, Lowland, Pamlico Co., N.C., married **IRIS ALICE SIMPSON**, and had children. Delmer is a Riggs DNA contributor.
- 6 iii **JAMES N.⁶ BATEMAN**, born about 1925, North Carolina.
- 7 iv **GEORGE E.⁶ BATEMAN**, born about 1926, North Carolina.
- 8 v **PRESTON W.⁶ BATEMAN**, born about 1928, North Carolina.
- 9 vi **BARBARA L.⁶ BATEMAN**, born about 1932, North Carolina.

5. DELMER ATLEE⁶ BATEMAN (₃*Peleg William⁵ Bateman, James R.⁴ Bateman, James³ Bateman*) was born 4 Nov. 1922, Lowland, Pamlico Co., N.C.^[462] He married 28 Oct. 1944, Camden Co., N.C.,^[463] **IRIS ALICE SIMPSON**, who was born about 1923, daughter of J. F. and Carnelia (–) Simpson. Delmer is a Riggs YDNA contributor.

462. N.C. Birth Indexes, 1800–2000, image online, Delmer Atlee Bateman, born 1922, Twp. 4, Pamlico Co., 2:654; U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947, Delmer Atlee Batman, 19, of Hobucken, Pamlico Co., N.C., born 4 Nov. 1922, Lowland, N.C., person who will always know your address mother Mrs Beatrice Bateman, of Hobucken, N.C., honorable discharge, Navy, 10 Dec. 1945.

463. N.C. Marriage Records, 1741–2011, image online, Delmer A. Bateman, 21, of S. Norfolk, Va., to Iris A. Simpson, 21, of Norfolk, Va., license 28 Oct. 1944, married 28 Oct. 1944, South Mills, Camden Co., N.C., by J. G. Etheridge JP, two witnesses; another record, image online, gives further information: his parents Peleg [transcribed as Peter] and Beatrice Riggs, both living and residents of Hobucken, N.C., her parents J. F. and Carnelia Simpson, both living and residents of Arapahoe, N.C.

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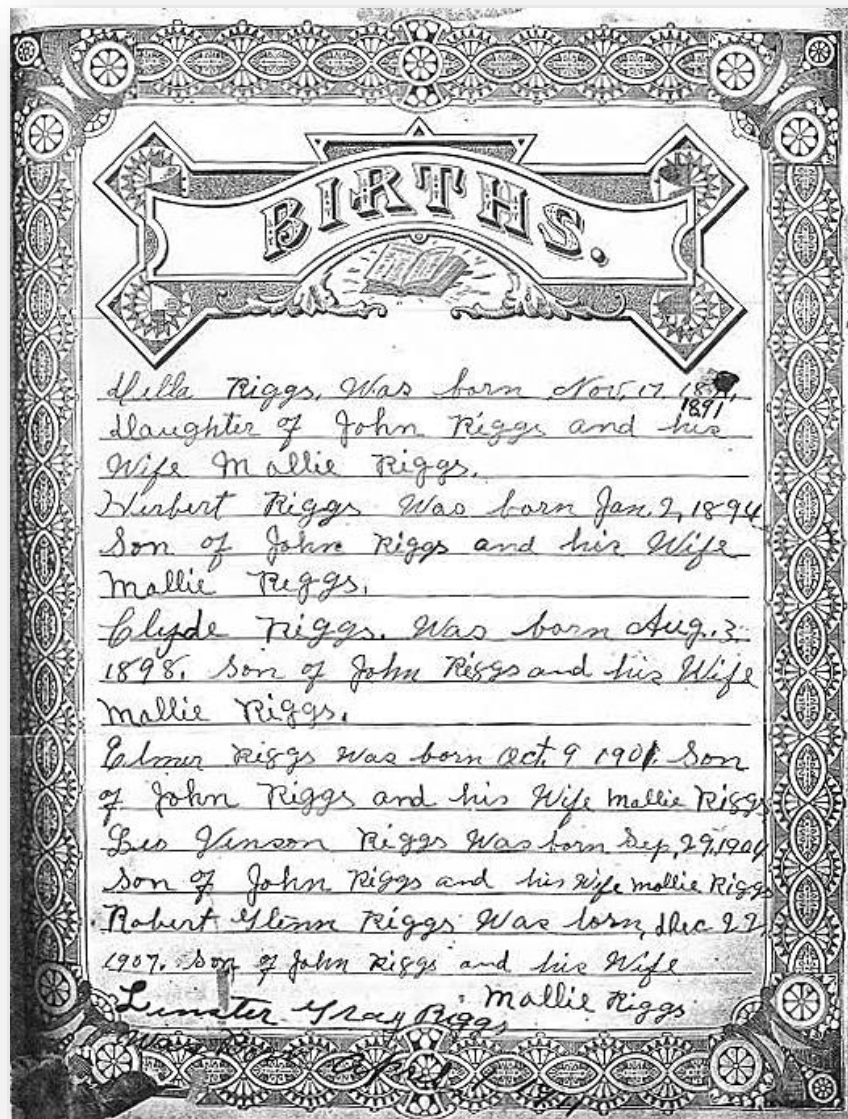


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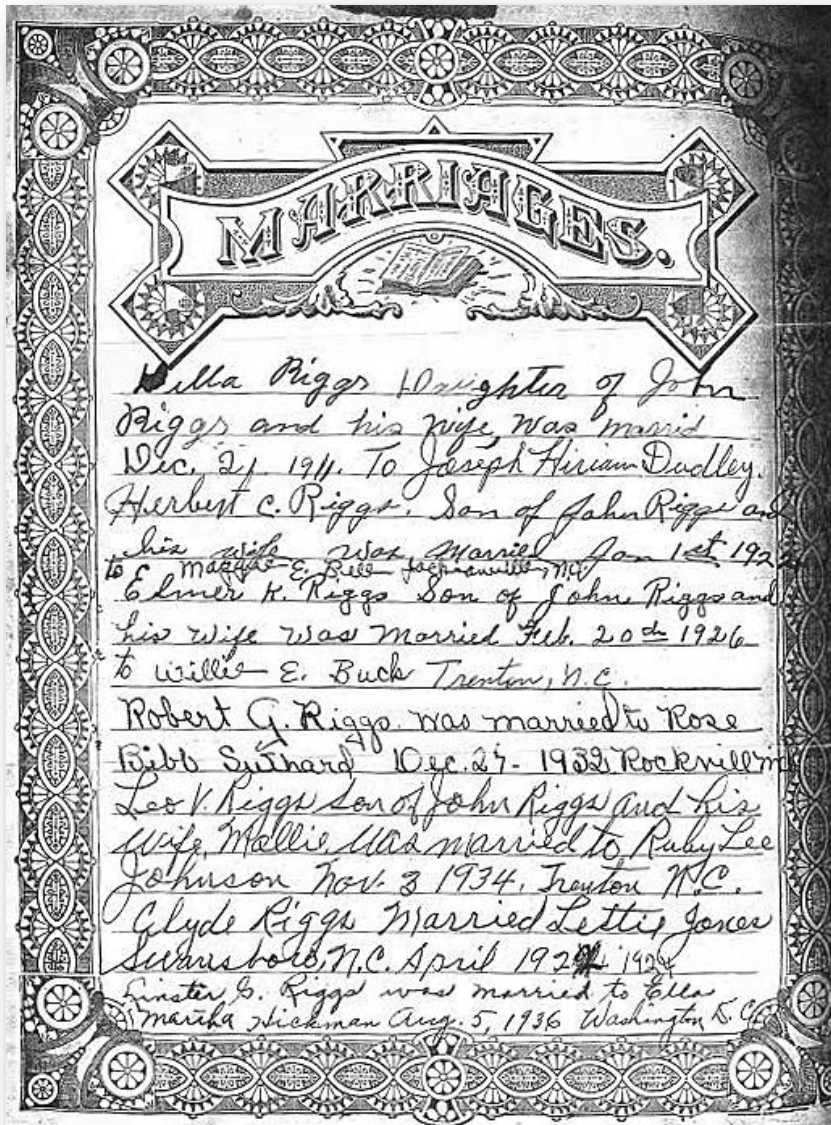


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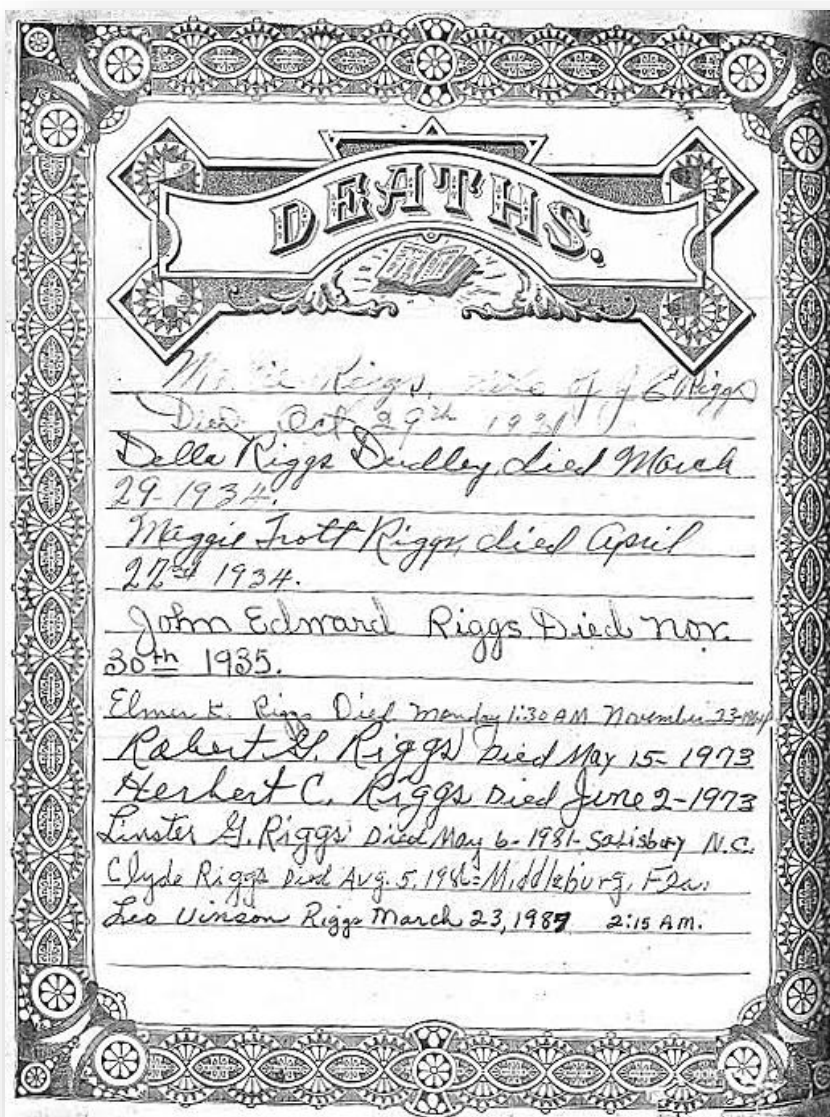


Figure 3. John Edward⁴ and Mollie Riggs Family Bible, Deaths

Leo Vinson Riggs Relatives

My Great Grand Father
 Noah (Tanky) Riggs came from Pasquotank County in the 1820 or 30 work in turpentine - pine tar and farming. Lived in Brownsound, New River Area, Onslow County

My Grand Father = My Grandmother Missouri A. Littleton
 George Riggs - Born Brownsound Onslow County 1848
 Died 1915 - Croatan Craven County
 Children All Born in Onslow County
 John Edward Riggs Born May 20 - 1867 Died Nov 30 1935
 William Mack Riggs Born 1875 - Died 1940 - in Goldsboro, NC
 Elizabeth Riggs Born 1870 - Died 1954 - Trenton, NC
 Alvarnia Riggs Born - Died 1921 - Bogues Sound Area
 John Edward Riggs Children
 Della Riggs Born Nov 17 - 1891 - Riverdale - Craven Co.
 Herbert Clifton Riggs - Born Jan. 2 - 1894 - Riverdale NC.
 William Clyde Riggs Born Aug. 3, 1898 - Lee's Chapel - Jones Co
 Elmer Kenneth Riggs Born Oct 9 1901 - Black Swamp - Jones Co
 Leo Vinson Riggs Born Sept. 29 - 1904 " " Jones Co
 Robert Glenn Riggs " Dec. 22 - 1907 " " " "
 Linster Gray Riggs " April 1 - 1911 - Bebe Macle Alan - Onslow "

My Grandmother Missouri Littleton Riggs 1825
 Died in Onslow County, Brownsound Area 1884 or 1885
 My Grandfather Moved to Craven County
 Croatan Area about 1886 or 1887 - Married a
 Croatan Girl and a second family. I never
 knew them.

Figure 4. Leo Vinson's Riggs Genealogy

List of Taxables taken for the year 1774 by Will Scarborough

PERSONS NAMES	White	Negro	Total
<i>Ant. his own & continued</i>			
James Ay & Charles Jones	2		2
Ezekiel Cook	1		1
William Gregory	1		1
Robert Kennedy Jun ^r	1		1
William Linton	1		1
Sarah Dunken			1
Tully Sawyer & Negro Abraham	1	1	2
Jeremiah Chamberlins	1		1
Claudius Morgan	1		1
David Hall	1		1
William Cook	1		1
Isaac Riggs and his son Noah & John	3		3
Joshua Campbell, Jane Beck & Negroes	2	2	4
Jack, Abraham, Beje			
William Scarborough, Samuel Standin	3	2	5
David Richardson & Negroes Melcome			
Hannibal, Delia, Dawn			
Isaac Jones & Negroes Sampson, Sonny, Sarah	1	1	2
Richardson Jun ^r , Als, Dico	1		1
Alce, Sarah, Peggy, Joseph, Beary, Edward	4	3	7
1 Chavis			
Penny, Dinah, Sarah, Sam	1	1	2

Figure 5. Isaac⁰, Noah¹, and John¹ Riggs, Pasquotank Co., N.C., 1774

