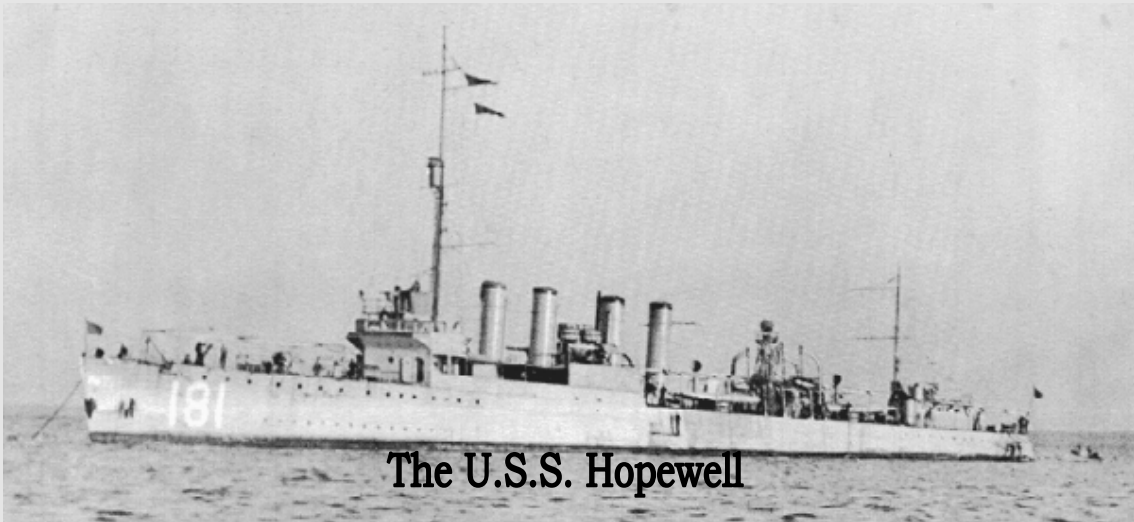


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Cover: A U.S. Navy photograph of the pre-World War II destroyer Hopewell, DDS 181. Pollard Hopewell, Jr., descended from the Immigrant, Hugh Hopewell, was the only child of Pollard Hopewell and his wife, Catherine Hebb who were married December 19, 1785. Pollard, Jr. was born sometime between 1786 and 1789. He was orphaned at an early age. His father died in 1796 and his mother died on August 5, 1799. Pollard, Jr. was left in the care of his uncle, James Hopewell. Pollard, Jr. was appointed 4 June 1812 a midshipman from St. Mary's County, Maryland. He never married. He reported aboard Chesapeake 21 August 1812^a. The story of the incident which makes his name worthy for naming a ship is as follows.

The Norfolk-built frigate Chesapeake has been called by one leading historian an "odd duck". From the refusal of the ship to go down the ways on the first attempt to launch her to her capture by HMS Shannon in the War of 1812, the frigate was a hard-luck ship. Given the parsimonious approach to naval expenditures taken by President James Madison's administration, it is not surprising that the outbreak of war with England in June of 1812 found Chesapeake in a terrible material state.

Pollard Hopewell was killed when the British frigate Shannon overtook their ship on 1 June 1813. He appears to have been on the quarterdeck of Chesapeake when she passed forward alongside Shannon and the first broadside from Shannon killed or wounded nearly everyone on the quarterdeck. The Captain is credited with the saying, "Don't give up the ship!" The crew was forced to give up the ship.

There have been two Destroyers named after Midshipman Pollard Hopewell, DD181 and DD 681. The first Hopewell (DD-181) was launched by Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Newport News, Va. 8 June 1918; sponsored by Mrs. Orote Hutcheson; and commissioned 22 March 1919 at Portsmouth, Va., Lt. Comdr. R. E. Rodgers in command. Under Lend-lease, she was decommissioned 23 September 1940 and was transferred to Great Britain as part of the destroyers-bases exchange. Renamed Bath, the ship was manned by the Norwegian Navy and was sunk in August 1941.

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Dedication

Dedicated to the memory of my dear aunt

**Vera Farrow Hopewell Whitford
of Bridgeton, North Carolina**

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Who was the first to study the Hopewell family and was my companion and partner on many courthouse and cemetery trips, tracking down our Hopewell kin.

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Preface

The author is the great-grandson of Egbert Oliver Hopewell, and has been researching the genealogy of the Hopewell family for twenty years. It was my hope to include all generations down to the present in this book. However, time is passing and in the interest of getting useful material in the hands of family members sooner rather than later, I decided to proceed with less than a complete genealogy. For the first two generations, I have included all that I know. Later generations are included in a brief format, and the level of detail is quite uneven as I have more information on my own lines than I do on other's.

It is my hope to later expand this book to include a brief biographical sketch of each person of all generations. Finding the details about each life will require much assistance from other members of the family. Therefore I ask readers to send a brief sketch on themselves. (See Harry Lynn Hopewell's sketch for an example.) I also need information on the deceased. Those who would like their families included in future editions are asked to fill out the family group sheet enclosed with this book and forward it to the author.

The Hopewell family did not leave much of a written trail. They did not seem to own any land. I have run across no letters. There are no photographs of the first two generations of Hopewells except one. Yet, I am confident that these materials exist, buried in a box in someone's dresser drawer. I hope you will want to review any material on the Hopewell family you may have. If you by chance, have any corrections to the data herein, or information that would add to the knowledge of the Hopewell family, please take the time to communicate with the author. Corrections of name spellings and dates are very much needed. I am always happy to hear from cousins and anyone interested in the Hopewell and allied families. We particularly need information on the first two generations of Hopewells. I can be found at:

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In a pinch, the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond will probably always have an address for me. If you run across a photograph, that odd letter or fact please let me know. The Hopewell family is a small one and much information is in the hands of descendents. To flesh out the history of this family, all will have to help. My current research is in Maryland, trying to uncover the "Maryland roots" of James H. Hopewell, the first Hopewell in North Carolina. If you have children or grandchildren who may like to receive a copy of this book, I would appreciate receiving names and mailing addresses.

Lynn Hopewell
Warrenton, Virginia
24 May 2005

Chapter 1

The First Hopewells in North Carolina

The first appearance of a Hopewell in North Carolina is in 1844 when a James Hopewell appears on a Lenoir County¹ tax record. Next, according to the U.S. censuses, the first and only Hopewell family in North Carolina appears in 1850.

Here are the 1850 and 1860 census records:^{2 3}

1850			1860		
Name	Age	Sex	Name	Age	Sex
Sally <i>Sanderson</i>	30	F	Sallie Hopewell	40	F
James Hopewell	10	M	James Hopewell	19	M
Betsey Hopewell	8	F	Elizabeth Hopewell	18	F
Martha Hopewell	7	F	Martha Hopewell	16	F
Egbert Hopewell	3	M	Egbert Hopewell	14	M
Nancy <i>Sanderson</i>	1	F	Nancy Hopewell	12	F
			Mary Hopewell	9	F
			Jesse Hopewell	4	M

James H. Hopewell

The census record of 1850 shows no sign of the father of the Hopewell children. Only their presumed mother is listed. Neither does he appear in any later or earlier census. Our first clue to the Hopewell father is in the 1883 marriage record⁴ of his son Jesse. In it

¹ Lenoir was formed in 1791 from Dobbs. It was named in honor of William Lenoir, one of the heroes of Kings Mountain. It is in the eastern section of the State and is bounded by Craven, Jones, Duplin, Wayne, Green and Pitt counties. The present land area is 399.42 square miles and the 1990 population was 57,274. When Kinston was established in 1762 it was in Dobbs County. It was made the county seat of Dobbs in 1764, and when Dobbs was established in 1791, Kinston became the county seat of Lenoir.

² Sally Sanderson household, 1850 U. S. Census, Lenoir County, North Carolina, population schedule, no township or post office listed, page 175-176, line 531; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 635. Sally's family lives next door to the John Waller family. Sallie's son Egbert will marry John's daughter Susan Winefred. See Egbert Hopewell chapter for more details.

³ Sallie Hopewell household, 1860 U. S. Census, Lenoir County, North Carolina, population schedule, Trent district, post office, Strabane, page 21, dwelling, 311, household 311; National Archives micropublication M653, roll 904.

⁴ Green Co., North Carolina, marriages.

Jesse lists his parents as “J.H. and Sarah Hopewell, both dead.” Sally is a nickname for Sarah. Earlier courthouse records in both Lenoir and Green counties were destroyed by fire.⁵ No marriage record of any other of the above children has been found in Green, Lenoir, Craven or Wayne counties.

The next clue to James H. Hopewell is found in a Lenoir County property tax record.⁶ James Hopewell appears in an 1844 list. He is added to the end of an alphabetized list and has no other details, only his name. One could speculate that he came into or departed from the county, or, at least came to the attention of the tax authorities in that year. From the age of his son, James Hopewell, 10, in the 1850 Census, we can assume he was “around” in 1840.

Finally, we know that the James Hopewell, aged 10, listed in the above census is James H. Hopewell (Jr.) who served in the 27th North Carolina. Infantry, C.S.A. and who died in 1862. His mother Sarah Hopewell filed a claim after his death.

From the above evidence, it is reasonable to believe that his father was James H. Hopewell.

Is James H. Hopewell From Maryland?

From where did James H. Hopewell come? There is only one piece of evidence. All census records of J.H. Hopewell's children show their parents as being born in North Carolina, with one exception. In the 1900 and 1910 census, Jesse Pridgen Hopewell consistently cites his father's birth state as Maryland.⁷ On the entire census page, North Carolina is shown as the birthplace of each parent of every person listed except for this one line. Thus, it is not likely that this is an error.

Where Did They Live?

Some idea of where the James Hopewell family lived in 1850 can be deduced as follows. James’s son Egbert Oliver Hopewell married Susan Winefred Waller (see Egbert Oliver Hopewell chapter.) In the 1850 census for Lenoir County the Hopewell household was entry 531. Egbert was three years old.

The Waller household was next door was listed as entry 532.⁸ Susan was shown as two years old. Obviously the families lived next door to each other. One of Susan's and Egbert's daughters was Nora O’Neil Hopewell who married Joseph J. Webber. Their daughter Rosa Lee Webber married Robert Franklin Ewell. Frank remembers his mother-in-law showing him a house in the Woodington section (in the area of Jim Smith Road) in which her mother (Susan Waller) was raised. About a half-mile from this area is the

⁵ Records were lost in fires in 1878 and 1880.

⁶ Lenoir County tax list, 1840, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁷ See Jesse Pridgen Hopewell chapter for details.

⁸ John Waller household, 1850 U. S. Census, Lenoir County, North Carolina, population schedule, Kinston district, Kinston post office, page 176, line 532; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 635.

Waller family graveyard. In it are the graves of Susan Waller's parents. This indicates the location of the Waller and therefore the Hopewell homestead. (See Egbert Oliver Hopewell chapter for more details on the location of the Hopewell and Waller homes.)

An index to Lenoir County deeds⁹ for the 1800s shows no property owned by Hopewells.

Family Traditions Should Be Viewed with Caution

Over the years, the author has queried many members of the Hopewell family, especially the grandchildren of Egbert Oliver Hopewell, son of James H. Hopewell. Egbert Oliver Hopewell died in 1905 so none alive today knew him.

No Hopewell today recalls their parent ever speaking of their Hopewell grandfather. Neither do they recall their parents speaking of any first cousins from the Hopewell side of the family (these would have been the children of Egbert's sisters Martha, Betsey and Nancy of whom we know nothing.)

Family “stories” must be viewed with great skepticism. Several great-grandchildren of James H. Hopewell told the author that their parents had said of their grandfather—“he was a full-blooded Irishman.” Several also told a story that two brothers had emigrated from England, one settling north and one south.

Sarah Sanderson, Presumed Wife of James H. Hopewell

Who was Sally Sanderson listed along with the Hopewell children in the 1850 census? Compare the 1850 with the 1860 census listings. The data offer an intriguing set of possibilities.

The puzzle is the name changes. In the 1850 census, Sally and Nancy have Sanderson as their last name, as distinct from the Hopewell children. However, in the 1860 census, all have the Hopewell surname.

Here are some possibilities:

1. Sally was married to a Sanderson and had Nancy. Then her husband died. Sally could have been keeping house and taking care of the Hopewell children who were not hers. Her maiden name would be unknown.
2. Same situation except Sally was not married but had Nancy. Her maiden name was Sanderson, and her daughter would have taken that name.
3. In 1850 was Sally not married to James, but had children by him and named them Hopewell by the time of the 1860 census? This is unlikely because illegitimate children, by law, took their mother's name.
4. Between the 1850 and 1860 censuses, Sally married James Hopewell and Nancy took his name. This is supported by the fact that:
 - Sally is a nickname for Sarah.
 - Sarah was named as Jesse’s mother in his 1883 marriage license (listing both as dead.)

⁹ Lenoir County deeds. [Need better citations.](#)

- Sarah was also listed in James' civil war record as the name of his mother. But does this mean that she was his birth mother or that, because she raised him, he considered her his mother?
5. Mary and Jesse listed on the 1860 census are Sally's children by James; and the others are James' by an unknown mother?

Deciding between these possible explanations and scenarios is difficult. This family history will list Sally as the mother of all the Hopewell children, but the above reservations must be remembered.

No trace of Sarah Hopewell is found in the Lenoir, Green or Wayne County censuses of 1870 or 1880. James and Sarah had died by 1883, their son Jesse's marriage year.

Jessie and Polly are living away from home —the 1870 census shows them boarding and working at other farms in Lenoir county.^{10 11} Possibly Sarah Hopewell died between 1860 and 1870 although she would have been only aged 50 in 1870. Alternatively, since the children were all grown, she could have moved out of Lenoir County. However, she has not been found in any other North Carolina Census index.

No photographs or letters of James or Sarah have been found.

Of the children of James and Sarah Hopewell, we know a lot about four, and nothing of the rest.

For Elizabeth, Martha and Nancy, no information has ever been found.¹² Research on statewide death records in Georgia and North Carolina are possible research approaches.

James H. Hopewell, (Jr.) is covered in Chapter 2.

Egbert Oliver Hopewell is covered in Chapter 3.

Mary E. "Polly" Hopewell is covered in Chapter 4.

Jesse Pridgen Hopewell is covered in Chapter 5.

¹⁰ Egbert was not found in the 1870 census.

¹¹ Jesse and Polly census cites 1870-1880.

¹² One clue: Cora Moore Sanderson, granddaughter of Egbert Oliver Hopewell once told the author that she thought the girls went to Georgia. Cora was about 85 at the time, and was not sure.

Chapter 2

James H. Hopewell (Jr.)

James H. Hopewell, the eldest child of James H. & Sarah Hopewell appears first on the 1850 census record as age ten. Therefore he was born in 1839 or 1840. There is no record of his marriage in Lenoir or adjacent counties.

His Confederate service record shows that he died of dysentery, August 30, 1863, aged 23. He is buried in the Confederate section of the University Cemetery, University of Virginia, Charlottesville. His name is on the Confederate monument there. The monument lists the names of soldiers who died in Charlottesville at the Confederate Army Hospital there. His regiment is listed as the 27th North Carolina Infantry.

The 27th North Carolina Infantry was part of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. July 1863 had seen the "high-water mark of the Confederacy," the battle of Gettysburg. Lee withdrew his army from Pennsylvania and regrouped along the Rappahannock, below Culpeper, Virginia. Charlottesville was only a short distance away from the army's camp.

The service records show a claim filed by his mother, "Sarah." But, there is no record of the claim itself.¹³

The following information was taken from the cards on the Index of Confederate Service Records microfilm file at the National Archives.¹⁴

Mustered 20 June 1861, end of service 31 August 1861.

Enlisted April 27 1861, Lenoir Co. by William T. Wooten, for a period of one year.

Miscellaneous company muster rolls showing paid by Captain White from September and October 1861. Last paid showing present on a company muster roll June 30, 1862.

On a muster roll for September and October 1862 showing absent, sick.

He appears on a return of effects of deceased soldier, signed by W. H. Irwin, Captain and Army Quartermaster, received from J.L. Cabell, Surgeon in charge of General Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia for the quarter ending September 30, dated September 1.

Appears on a register of effects of deceased soldiers from North Carolina which were filed for settlement in the Office of Confederate States Audit for the War Department presented by Sara Hopewell, January 20, 1864. Above claim is filed in the Confederate Archives, Chapter 10, File No. 32. [Original of claim register inspected, Sarah Hopewell noted as mother of James Hopewell.]

¹³ Claim dated 20 Jan., 1864.

¹⁴ Read, May, 1976.

Appears on register of CSA General Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia, disease, acute diarrhea, admitted August 23, 1863, died August 30, 1863. Confederate Archives, Chapter 6, file No. 215, p. 166.

Appears on a register of Medical Directors Office, Richmond, Virginia, hospital is Winter, Division 1. Admitted October 29, 1862, returned to duty, November 11, 1862. Confederate Archives, Chapter 6, File No. 157, p. 44494.

Appears on a register of officers and soldiers of the Army of the Confederate States who were killed in battle or who died of wounds or disease, deceased August 30, 1863, Charlottesville, Virginia. Effects received September 12, 1863. Number of the certificate listed as HR. Confederate Archives, Chapter 10, File No. 9, p. 98.

There is a receipt showing James H. Hopewell received \$19.20 for rations while on furlough from August 28 to March 29, 1862. James H. Hopewell's name was not signed by him, but his mark is witnessed by an officer.

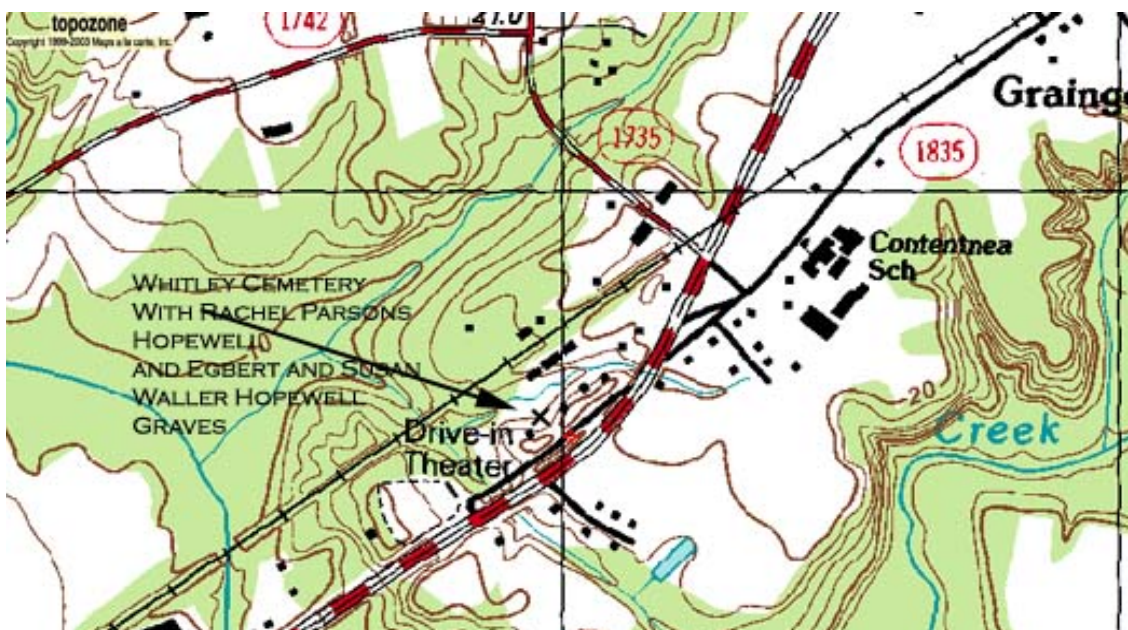
There is an invoice of Quartermaster's Department for the effects of deceased soldier turned over to Captain W. H. Irwin in Charlottesville by a surgeon, I.L. Cabell in charge General Hospital:

1 pair shoes, 1 pair socks, 1 shirt, 1 pair suspenders, 1 cake soap, 1 hat, 1 pocketbook containing 10 cents in silver and 1 postage stamp for five cents, effects of James Hopewell, deceased, late a private of Company D, 27th Infantry, North Carolina, receipt dated September 1, 1863.

Chapter 3

Egbert Oliver Hopewell

Egbert Hopewell was born 22 May 1846, presumably in Lenoir or Greene County. He married his neighbor Susan Winnifred Waller. He died 9 November 1905, aged 59, in New Bern, North Carolina at the home of his daughter Bettie Mae Hopewell Moore, on Griffith Street, 14 August, 1905.¹⁵ He is buried with his wife Susan in the Webber/Whitley cemetery in Grainger Station, North Carolina, near Kinston.¹⁶ He was buried with his favorite moustache cup.¹⁷



Whitley/Webber Cemetery, Grainger, Lenoir Co., North Carolina

¹⁵ As remembered by Cora Moore Sanderson.

¹⁶ The Webber/Whitley cemetery is about four miles from the middle of Kinston on State Route 11 (Greenville Highway) at Grainger Station, behind and to the right of the abandoned drive-in movie theater, along the railroad tracks, across the highway from Contentnea Elementary School. The property is owned by Charles A. Broadway, Jr. heirs, care of Katie Broadway, 2975 Grainger Station Road, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; Lenoir County, North Carolina Graphical Information System, parcel map number. 4546011186973, record number 126. Interview, Charles A. Broadway, III, 2883 Grainger Station Road, Kinston, NC 28501, 24 August 2003.

¹⁷ Interview with Elizabeth Galligan Riordan, (Mrs. Barrett J. Riordan), 6705 Scottswood St., Alexandria, VA 22315, 1983, told to her by her grandmother, Nannie Dora Hopewell Williams.

Susan Winnifred Waller¹⁸ was born 10 April 1847 and died 9 November 1901, aged 54. She was the daughter of John Waller and Dorcas Cannon. They lived in a house with a separate kitchen and breezeway. Susan would not allow cards, dancing, fiddle music, and never drank liquor.¹⁹ The family was Methodist. Susan had pierced ears.²⁰ (See Waller Family below.) Dorcas, in her later years, lived with her daughter Nannie Dora Hopewell Williams.²¹

Since her first son, James was born in June 1871, Egbert and Susan were probably married about 1870.²²

The Waller Family

The first Waller in this line was John Waller, Jr. who was from Maryland. His son was Nathaniel Waller, also born in Maryland²³, (and possibly a relation of James H. Hopewell there,) who married Nancy J. _____. The Waller line probably came into North Carolina after 1764, the approximate birthdate of Nathaniel.

Nathaniel Waller was a Revolutionary War soldier and was drawing a pension in 1840 at the age of 76.²⁴ His children were John, Nancy and Leven. His pension application states:

On this 13th day of August 1821. Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the county aforesaid, Nathaniel Waller aged fifty seven years doth on this oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. That he entered into the land service 1st June 1772 in the 3rd Regiment of North Carolina Continental Troops commanded by Colonel Arch Lytle, & in Capt. Benj. Carters company of said regiment, and served to the end of the war. ... that I am a carpenter by trade but from infirmities I am not able to follow the business. That my family consists of the following members, my wife who is infirm. One son (John) about 19 years of age, much afflicted a times with pains by which he is not able to work. One son (Leven) about 13 years of age. One daughter (Nancy) about 16 years of age....

The father of Susan Winefred Waller, wife of Egbert Oliver Hopewell, was John Waller, born 16 Oct 1802 and died 26 December 1862, son of Nathaniel Waller. He is

¹⁸ Her name in several family bibles is spelled variously Winnifred, Winniford and Winniferd.

¹⁹ Interview with Cora (Moore) Sanderson (Mrs. James Sanderson), by Lynn Hopewell, 25 March, 1983, at Whitley family reunion in Dover, N.C. Mrs. Sanderson is now deceased. She was 84 when interviewed.

²⁰ Ibid.

²¹ Interview, Elizabeth Galligan Riordan.

²² [Check marriage record.]

²³ His daughter Nancy J. Rogers, 1880 Wayne County, North Carolina, census record, household no. 195, Indian Springs Township, lists her father as being born in Md.

²⁴ Most Waller information provided by Council T. Jarman, letter; May, 21, 1980; Rt. 1, Box 242 - D, Deep Run, North Carolina., 28525.

buried in the Waller cemetery²⁵ in Woodington, Lenoir County, North Carolina. The grave markers of John and his wife, Dorcas Cannon, are made of lightwood, and have been damaged by fire. Only a few words on Dorcas' marker are readable. She died in January, 18___. Her death was after 1880 because she appears in this census.

The land on which this cemetery lies was likely part of or near the old Waller homestead now occupied by Billie M. Waller. Frank Ewell, husband of Rosa Lee Webber told the author that his mother-in-law (Nora O'Neil Hopewell Webber) pointed out this property as one where her mother (Susan Winefred Waller) was raised.

1850 Census. The 1850 census shows the Waller family as follows:²⁶

1850 U. S. Census, Kinston District, Lenoir County, North Carolina					
Name	Age	[Approx. birth year]	Sex	Occup.	Birthplace
John Waller	53	1797	M	Farm laborer	North Carolina
Dorcas Waller	42	1808	F		North Carolina
Bettie	19	1831	F		North Carolina
Hopsie A.	18	1832	F		North Carolina
Nancy Waller	15	1835	F		North Carolina
John	12	1838	M		North Carolina
Lucinda	10	1840	F		North Carolina
Marshall	8	1842	M		North Carolina
Susan W.	5	1845	F		North Carolina

John Waller's occupation was as a "cooper," who makes barrels and staves. He owned no real estate and his personal estate is worth \$200. John's age is overstated by 6 years. He was only 47. His daughter, Susan the future wife of her neighbor Egbert Hopewell, is shown as 5, but we know she was only 3. (The Hopewell family was listed as the residence immediately next to the Waller family.²⁷ Susan's future husband Egbert was shown as 3 years old, but we know he was 4.) Dorcas could not read or write.

²⁵ The Waller graveyard is in a field some distance behind the home of Billie McCloud Waller, widow of Oscar Waller, 166 John Green Smith Road, Kinston, NC 28504. The house is located in Woodington Township, Lenoir County, at the N. E. corner of John Green Smith Road and Black Harper Road near Kinston, NC. This is the corner that was identified as where Susan Winefred Waller grew up. The property that contains the cemetery is N. E. of the corner, and is now owned by J. Daniel Conner, a Waller descendant, 4324 Highway 258, Kinston, NC 28504. The graveyard property is identified in the Lenoir County Graphical Information System, as parcel number. 450200833061, record number 25922. The graveyard is accessed from a farm road off Black Harper Road. The entrance to the farm road is at 35.10.598 N, 77.28.061 W.

²⁶ John Waller household, 1850 U. S. Census, Lenoir County, North Carolina, population schedule, Kinston district, Kinston post office, page 176, dwelling 532, family, 532; National Archives micropublication M 432, roll 635.

²⁷ 1850 U. S. Census, Lenoir County, North Carolina, page 176, line 532.

1860 Census. In 1860, John Waller was still living in the Kinston District of Lenoir County.²⁸

1860 U. S. Census, Kinston District, Lenoir County, North Carolina					
Name	Age	[Est. birth year]	Sex	Occup.	Birthplace
John Waller	55	1805	M	Farm laborer	North Carolina
Dorcas Waller	40	1820	F		North Carolina
Bettie	28	1832	F		North Carolina
Hopsie A.	26	1834	M		North Carolina
Nancy Waller	24	1836	F		North Carolina
John	23	1837	F		North Carolina
Lucinda	20	1840	M		North Carolina
Marshall	15	1845	F		North Carolina
Susan W.	13	1847	F		North Carolina

Ages in censuses are often unreliable. From 1850 to 1860, John has aged only two years while Dorcas has gotten younger! The ages of the children reasonably match the earlier census. Neither Bettie, Hopsie nor Nancy could read or write.

The family's financial condition has deteriorated. Hopsie, Nancy and John were noted as paupers.

1870 Census. From the time of the 1860 census to the 1870 census, the Waller family circumstances had further changed for the worse. Dorcas and four of her children were now officially "poor." Dorcas' husband John had died in 1862. In the 1870 Lenoir County census,²⁹ Dorcas Waller is listed as 60, keeping house in the household of John Lawson, 36. Dorcas could neither read nor write. Her estimated age is within 2 years of her 1850 census estimate. The next census household³⁰ is described as a "poor house." Dorcas' children Nancy Waller, 36, Lucinda Waller, 37, Susan Waller, 24, (shortly before her marriage to Egbert Hopewell) and Betsy Waller, 40 all listed as paupers. There

²⁸ John Waller household, 1860 U. S. Census, Lenoir County, North Carolina, population schedule, Kinston district, Kinston post office, page 56, household 806, family 806; National Archives micropublication M653, roll 904.

²⁹ John Larsen household, 1870 U.S. census, Lenoir County, North Carolina, population schedule, Woodington District, Kinston post office, page 56, dwelling 555, family 555; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 1146. John was a farmer. Dorcas, a member of his household, was keeping house. No relationship was noted.

³⁰ Poor House, 1870 U.S. census, Lenoir County, North Carolina, population schedule, Woodington District, Kinston post office, page 56, dwelling 556, family 556; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 1146. The occupation of the eleven people in this household was given as "pauper."

are seven others residents of the poor house. Other relatives, the Haywood Waller family, lived a few doors away.³¹

1880 Census. The 1880 census³² showed Dorcas still living in the Woodington Township of Lenoir County as follows:

Dorcas, age 70, is shown as a widow, still a pauper and who could read but not write; Nancy, her daughter, aged 45, keeping house, and could read but not write; Lucindy, her daughter, age 42, who has an unknown disability; Louia A. F. Waller, her granddaughter, age 9, and Sally Waller, her cousin, aged 20.

Dorcas lived immediately next door to her daughter Susan Waller Hopewell and one dwelling further, her son Marshall's family, all in Woodington Township, Lenoir County, North Carolina.

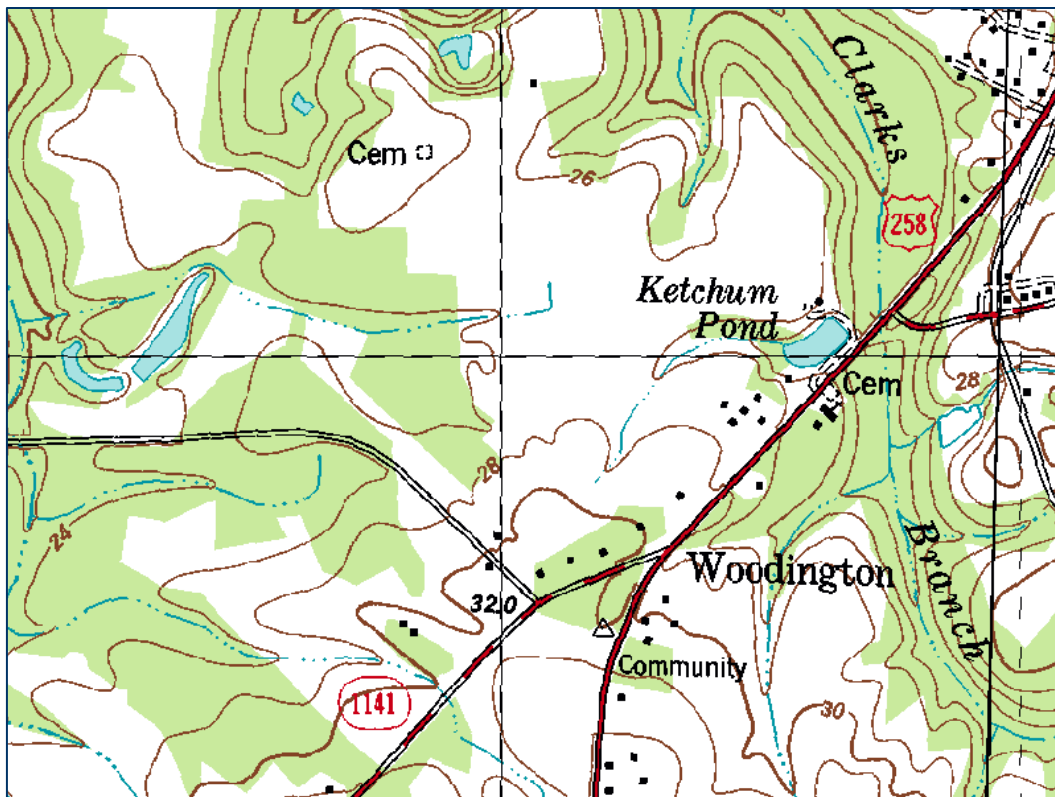
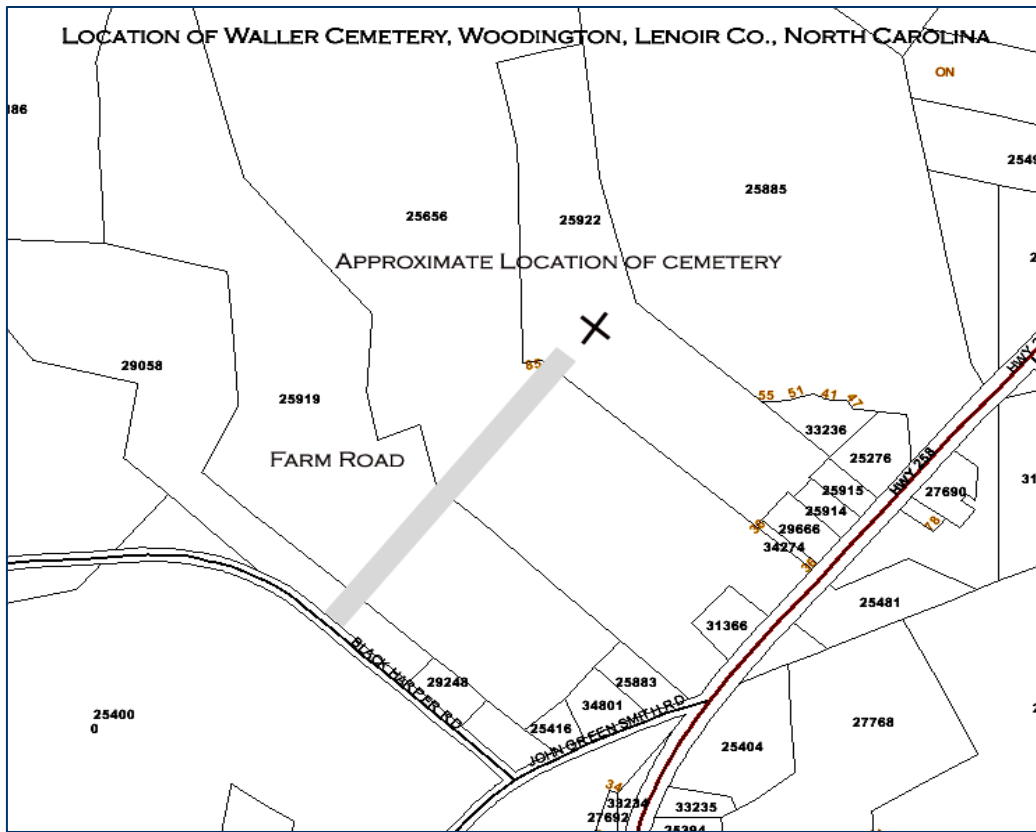
John and Dorcas Waller's children were Elizabeth Jane, born 1831, Hopsey Ann, born, 1832, Nancy Maria, born 1835, John James, born 1837, who married Alice _____, Lucinda, born 1838/40, Marshal G., born 1842, who married Hannah Hill, and Susan Winnifred who married Egbert Oliver Hopewell.³³

³¹ Haywood Waller household, 1870 U.S. census, Lenoir County, North Carolina, population schedule, Woodington District, Kinston post office, page 55, dwelling 544, family 544; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 1146. The occupation of the eleven people in this household was given as "pauper."

³² Dorcas Waller household, 1880 U.S. census, Woodington, Lenoir, North Carolina, population schedule, Woodington district, enumeration district [ED] 93, supervisor's district, 1, sheet 228, dwelling 142, family 149; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 970. (Family History Library Film 1254970, NA Film Number T9-0970, page number 228A.) Egbert Hopewell's [family incorrectly listed has "Hope,"] family is dwelling 141, family 148. The Marshall Waller family is dwelling 140, family 147.

Year: 1880; Census Place: Woodington, Lenoir, North Carolina; Roll: T9_970; Family History Film: 1254970; Page: 228A; Enumeration District: 93; Image: 0459.

³³ 1850 census, Lenoir County, North Carolina. and Duplin County North Carolina Deeds, 10 Jan., 1839; Deed of Gift from Nancy J. Waller to her "neeses and nephew."



Egbert and Susan Had Eight Children.

Egbert and Susan Hopewell had the following children.

James Franklin Hopewell

James Franklin Hopewell was born 10 June 1871 in Lenoir Co., North Carolina. He married 12 December 1903, Nellie Sanderson, in New Bern, North Carolina.³⁴ He died 31 December 1939 in Jamesville, North Carolina. He is buried at Reddick's Grove Baptist Church, in Williamston, North Carolina.

His wife Nellie Sanderson was born 4 February 1884 in Lenoir County, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Wendell Taylor Sanderson and Charity Elizabeth Sanderson.³⁵ She died 15 July 1966 in Robertsonville, (Martin County) North Carolina. She is buried in the Robertsonville cemetery.

Their children are:

Roy Eugene Hopewell

Roy Eugene Hopewell was born 26 September 1904 in Lenoir Co., North Carolina. He married his first cousin, Beatrice Hopewell. He died in 1958. They had no children.

Coy Ray Hopewell

Coy Ray Hopewell was born 19 March 1906 in Lenoir County, North Carolina. He married Nora Clara Ewell. He died April 1958 (alt. Jan 1984) in the Baltimore Maryland area.

George Caton Hopewell

George Caton Hopewell was born 24 August 1907 in Lenoir County, North Carolina. He married 22 November 1944 in Williamston, North Carolina, Mattie Lou Thomas. He died 22 January 1978. His children were:

Hilda, born 13 Oct., 1925, who married George Bland

Rupert,

Robert, born 6 Oct., 1931. He married Frances married Pellegrino from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Thomas Gary, born 6 Jan., ??

Janice Jewel, born 16, Aug., 1938.

James Woodie, b., 30 Jan., ??

Brenda Kaye, born 3 Oct., 1946 (twin,)

Richard Ray, born 3 Oct., 1946 (twin.)

³⁴ Craven Co. Marriages, Book 7, Page 43.

³⁵ Sanderson information provided by Alton Hopewell, 115 West Simmons Avenue, Williamston, NC 27892, 1980.

Egbert Oliver Hopewell

Nicknamed "Pud", he was named for his grandfather, but changed his first name to Edgar because he never liked Egbert.³⁶ He was born 3 March 1911 in Lenoir County, North Carolina. He died 15 February 1980 in Williamston, North Carolina. He married 25 February 1935, Annie Belle Mizelle. She died in 1973, aged 54. She was the daughter of George Hoyte Mizelle and Harriet Catherine Cooper.

The author has a photograph of his father, Harry Lynn Hopewell and Harry's first cousin, Edgar Oliver Hopewell, standing together, taken in 1974. The Hopewell resemblance is so strong in both of them that they look like twins.

His children were:

Margaret Diane, born 21 Feb., 1941, who married a Lilley.

Alton Oliver Hopewell, born 26 October, 1939.

Carrie Leether Hopewell

She was born 27 April 1919, in Martin Co., North Carolina. She married 5 April 1940, Jack Luther Rose.

John Millard Hopewell

He³⁷ was born 30 September 1873 in Lenoir County, North Carolina. He married Gatsy Pate 11 December 1895, in Kinston, North Carolina. He died 2 February 1930 and is buried at Reddicks Grove Baptist Church, Williamston, North Carolina, near his brother.

Gatsy Pate was born 6 September 1876 and died 10 January 1958 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.³⁸ She was the daughter of Robert Pate and Lottie Ann Moore. Robert Pate was born 1833 in North Carolina, and died Bef 1900 in Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina. He was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina. He married Lottie Ann MOORE after 1865 in Lenoir County, NC, daughter of Calvin Moore and Gatsy WADE. She was born 20 Feb 1837 in Lenoir County, North Carolina, and died 15 Dec 1920 in Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina.³⁹ She was buried Dec 1920 in Maplewood Cemetery, Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina.

Their children were⁴⁰:

³⁶ As told by Egbert Oliver Hopewell to the author in September, 1974.

³⁷ Several family bibles have his first name entered as Johnnie.

³⁸ Information told to the the author by Ruby Hopewell Williams, 28 Oct., 1972.

³⁹ <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:2376898&id=I512892434> . **Contact:** John Leindecker, leindecker@earthlink.net.

⁴⁰ Some of this information told to the author by Polly Jackson, March, 1993.

Ann Susan Hopewell

She was born 7 March 1899, in Grifton, North Carolina. She married William Asa Perry 28 March 1916, who died 18 September 1964. She died 22 March 1982 in Wilson, North Carolina.

Paul Millard Hopewell

He was born 7 April 1901 and died as an infant.

Beatrice Hopewell

She was born 21 July 1903. She married her first cousin, Roy Eugene Hopewell. She died 22 Dec. 1980 in Washington, North Carolina.

Vernon Blade Hopewell

He was born 8 April 1906 in New Bern, North Carolina. He married Margie Cherry on 24 December 1932 in Williamston, North Carolina. He died 16 June 1980 in Dunn, North Carolina.

Nannie Ruth Hopewell

She was born 19 April 1908 and died at the age of four.

Virginia Ruby Maebell Hopewell

She was born 8 May 1912. She married John David Williams May 10, 1930 in Williamston, North Carolina. He died 21 November 1988 in Williamston, North Carolina and is buried in Woodlawn Cem. She died 18 December 1992 in Williamston, North Carolina. She was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Her children⁴¹ are:

Alice Pearl, born 10 January 1932, who married D.B. Stevenson, 19 Dec. 1952. Her child is Dondi.

John Henry, born 14 May, 1934, who married Mavis Lupton, 26 October 1969. His children are Debra Kay, John Thomas, Richey Lee, James Russell, Pricilla Ann and Jackie Lynn.

Polly Jane, born 5 January 1936, who married Ray Jackson, 17 June 1956. Her children are Carlton Ray and Tammy Jane.

David Paul, born 20 November 1938, who married Annie L. Wiggins, 30 May 1969. He died 10 October 1991 at Arapaho, Pimlico Co, North Carolina. His child is Linda Ann.

Edward Lee, born 4 October 1940, who married Barbara Manseau, 8 March 1968. His children are Edward Lee, Jr., and Lisa Michelle.

George Allen, born 29 August 1942, who married Ella Bell Wallace, 27 November 1960. His children are Cindy, Shelia, Chellam, Johnny Allen and Karen.

Ralph Wesley, born 20 October 1946, who married Ann Jones, 3 January 1970. His children are Angelia Dawn, born 14 August 1966, Chad Wesley, born 14 October 1970 and Misty Leigh, born 14 November 1975.

⁴¹ Information provided by Ruby Williams.

Hazel Gladys Hopewell

She was born 1 December 1914. She married Julian W. Robinson. She died 8 October 1985 in Wilson, North Carolina.

Hilda C. Hopewell

She was born 31 January 1918. She died 20 May 1933 aged fifteen.

Johnnie Millard Hopewell

He was born 1 May 1920 and died 11 August 1920.

William Robert Hopewell

He⁴² was born 5 October 1875, probably in Lenoir County, North Carolina. He married Rachel Ann Parson 3 March 1901 in Green County.⁴³ He died 16 November 1940 in the Kecoughtan Veterans Hospital, Kecoughtan, Virginia. He is buried in the National Cemetery in New Bern, North Carolina.

His first name is variously listed as Will, Willie and William. The best sources support the name William.

He married second, Hannah May Phillips Pugh, 15 October 1915, in Norfolk, Virginia.^{44 45} She was the daughter of Benjamin F. Phillips, who was born 12 August 1827 and died 31 August 1893, and Elizabeth Phillips who was born 15 January 1835 and died 14 July 1890; and who were married 24 July 1853. Hannah was born 6 October 1877 and died 11 January 1936. She is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern, North Carolina. She had been previously married to Malthus F. Pugh.⁴⁶ She had four daughters by this first marriage.^{47 48}

He married third, Ada Jackson. Ada Jackson was born 6 August 1887 and died 6 February 1974. She is buried with William in the New Bern National Cemetery.⁴⁹ She

⁴² Several family bibles have his first name entered as Willie.

⁴³ Greene County, North Carolina, marriages. Notes that they were residents of Lenoir Co. Witnesses: A.C. Rouse [perhaps a relative of her grandmother, Rachel Ann Rouse Grey.] G.H.C. Taylor, & J.R. Tyndall. Minister, Thomas A. Tyndall.

⁴⁴ According to his daughter, Vera Farrow Hopewell, as told to the author.

⁴⁵ Marriage Certificate. "I Thos. M. Watson, Minister of the Christian Disciple Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 15th day of October, 1915, at Norfolk, Virginia, under authority of a license issued by L. B. Roberts Dep. Clerk of Corp. Court of Norfolk City, State of Virginia, dated the 15th day of October 1915, I united William Robert Hopewell, husband, and Hannah May Pugh, his wife. Given under my hand this 15th day of October 1915. Thos. M Watson." Certificate in possession of Lynn Hopewell.

⁴⁶ Craven County, North Carolina, Minutes of Special Proceeding, Book J, p. 225, 3 March 1916. Hannah applies for support from her former husband's estate. Court awarded support for five persons of \$518.84.

⁴⁷ According to Eula Deaver, conversation with author, 11, Oct. 1992.

⁴⁸ Three of her daughter's names were Ruth, Helen and Mabel (who married a Hall,) according to Virginia Rivenbark, conversation with the author, November 16, 1992.

⁴⁹ Ada J. Hopewell tombstone, New Bern National Cemetery, Section 15- 0-4008, New Bern, North Carolina.

was the daughter of William Henry Jackson and Sue O' Marellry.⁵⁰ She was a nurse and, according to cemetery records, she served in the U.S. Army as a Corporal. She had been previously married to a Hudson and had two children by him.

William was regarded as a snappy dresser and liked to wear all white outfits. He served as a policeman in Bridgeton, North Carolina.

He served in the Spanish American War in the Coast Artillery Corp, Battery I, 1st Coast Artillery Reg. He served in Cuba.

His obituary in the New Bern paper⁵¹ read:

W.R. Hopewell Dies at Veteran's Hospital

W.R. Hopewell of Bridgeton died Saturday afternoon at Veterans hospital at Kecoughtan, Virginia. Funeral service was to be conducted Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Bridgeton Christian Church by the Rev. John R. Smith with interment in the national cemetery.

Pallbearers were I.H. Bright, R.C. Potter, Harvey Moore, Wallace Toler, H.L. Caton and Yens Hansen.

William's wife Rachel Ann Parson was born 9 January 1878. She died 26 June 1915, in Bridgeton, North Carolina⁵². She is buried in the Webber/Whitley Cemetery in Grainger Station, North Carolina. She was the daughter of William Parson and Sarah Elizabeth Gray. She was named for her grandmother, Rachael Ann Rouse.

Her obituary in the New Bern paper⁵³ read:

Mrs. Rachel A. Hopewell Dead. Bridgeton Lady Died Today - Body To Be Taken To Kinston.

Mrs. Rachel A. Hopewell, wife of Mr. W. R. Hopewell died at her home on C. Street, Bridgeton, this morning at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Hopewell was in her 37th year. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at the Bridgeton Methodist church at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. A. Cade. The remains will be taken on the afternoon train to be interred tomorrow in a cemetery near Kinston.

His children by Rachel Ann Parson were:

Ruby Leigh Hopewell

Called "Booble", by her children and grandchildren, she was born 25 February 1902, probably in Hookerton, North Carolina. She married Rower James Yates 15 December 1919 in New Bern, North Carolina. They were divorced 10 October 1932. She then married Dennis Lilley, but they shortly separated. She died 2 July 1963, aged 61, in New

⁵⁰ Craven County, North Carolina, deaths, 1974, p. 268.

⁵¹ *The Sun-Journal*, New Bern, North Carolina., November 19, 1940, p. 5. On microfilm, Craven County Library, New Bern, North Carolina

⁵² Craven County Deaths, 1915, p. 957. She died of Toxemia: Intestinal putrefaction: autcepsis.. Contributory: Chronic lorton & constipation.

⁵³ *The Sun*, New Bern, N.C., Saturday Evening, Jun 26, 1915, p. 1. On microfilm, Craven County Library, New Bern, North Carolina.

Bern, North Carolina from tetanus by a cut on her hand from a basket wire, and is buried in Bridgeton, North Carolina.⁵⁴

Rower James Yates was born 23 May, 1893. He died 22 June 1975 in Tarboro, North Carolina and is buried in Oak City, North Carolina. Their children were:

Virginia Joyce, born 21 Apr. 1921, who married R. V. "Pete" Rivenbark (he had only initials, no Christian names,) 3 July 1941 in the Charleston, SC Methodist Church. He was born 5 August 1917 and died 2 November 1990. He was the son of Richard Varney Rivenbark and Frances Fussell, of Rose Hill, North Carolina. Their children are:

Victoria Leigh, born 23 September 1944. She married David J. Warner, September 1963. Their child is Kerrie Leigh, born 22 September 1965. She married second, Roger Nash.

Rebecca Joyce, born 27 January 1957. She married Barry Favre, September 1980.

Rita Kathleen, born 27 May 1958, and married Ronald Bruce Blair, 29 June 1979.

Dorothy Rachel, born 30 November 1924, who married first William Rufus Crady 6 November 1942. She married second, James Mitchell of Indianapolis, Indiana. She died 1 June 1978 in Indianapolis, Indiana, and was buried in the Bridgeton Cemetery,⁵⁵ Bridgeton, North Carolina next to her mother. Her children by Crady were

William Rufus Crady, III, born 23 July 1943. His son Lon William Crady was born July 1968. He has two other children.

Melba Kathleen, born 12 December 1927, who married Roy Millard Cassell, December 12, 1946. They were divorced 25 July 1952. She married second, Thomas Warren Rodgers who was born 24 October 1918 and died 1 April 1988. Her daughter Sharon Leigh Cassell was born 26 September 1947 and married Darrell C. Gaskins. Melba died of lung cancer 21 July 2000. She was buried 23 July 2000 in the Bridgeton Cemetery in a plot with her mother, sister and second husband.

Arthur Robert Hopewell

He was born 1 October 1903. He married first, Mildred Mabel ____ while in the Army in Panama. On 6 June, 1941, he advertised in a Jones County paper that he was seeking a divorce.⁵⁶ He married second, 12 October 1941, Julia Margaret Parker, in Dillon South Carolina. He died 3 July 1974 in New Bern and is buried in Kitt Swamp Christian Church Cemetery, Askins, Craven County, North Carolina.

Julia Margaret Parker was born 5 May 1908 and died February 24, 1983. She is buried next to her husband Arthur. She was the daughter of Sylvester "Wess" Gray Parker and Elizabeth Ballard. She married first Levy Clyde Stilley by whom she had four children. Her children by Arthur Hopewell were:

⁵⁴ She is buried in the Bridgeton Cemetery. Her last name on her tombstone is Yates.

⁵⁵ The Bridgeton Cemetery is located N. E. of Bridgeton on Rt. 1600 (Half Moon Road), about 225 yards N.E. of its intersection with Rt. 55.

⁵⁶ According to a receipt from Grady Publishing Co., in the possession of his daughter Betty Stowe.

Elizabeth Rachel (Betty Rae), born 27 December 1942, in _____. She married Levy Clyde Stilley, Jr.⁵⁷ 19 April 1963. He was born 2 April, 1944, in _____, North Carolina. They had Stacey Leigh, born 22 July, 1967. Betty Rae then married Linwood Curtis Stowe, 6 October, 1995 in _____, North Carolina. He was born 13 June 1943, in _____ and is the son of son of Dallas Linwood Stowe and Dorothy Curtis Benton of _____, North Carolina>

Emmie Lou, born 27 December 1943⁵⁸ who married John Thomas Dixon, , 2 September 1966. He was born 25 October 1943 in _____, North Carolina. He was the son of _____ and _____ of _____, North Carolina. They had: John Thomas, Jr., born 9 November 1969 in _____; and Kimberly Lou, born _____, in _____. Kimberly married Bernardo Garcia 12 November 1997, in _____. They have one child, Bernardo Thomas Garcia IV, Born 6 May, 1998. He is the son of _____ and _____, of _____.

Guy Herman Hopewell

He was born 10 May 1905. He married Elizabeth Wadsworth Dawson, 28 August 1929 in Suffolk, Virginia. He died 15 May 1972 in New Bern, North Carolina and is buried in Greenleaf Memorial Park.

Elizabeth Wadsworth Dawson was born 28 October 1911 in Craven County, North Carolina. She died 7 September 1991 in New Bern, North Carolina. She is buried next to her husband. She was the daughter of Herbert Harrison Dawson and Patricia Shepherd Smith. Their children are:

Vida Maxine, born 19 December 1929 in New Bern, North Carolina, who married Adrain Born Dawson, Jr. Their children were:

Adrain B., III, born 14 December 1948 in Miami, FL.

Thomas Victor, born 25 November 1950 in Miami, FL.

Bert Allen, born 14 April 1953.

Guy Herman, Jr., born 13 December 1931 in New Bern, North Carolina, who married Barbara Dale Cobel 16 June 1951 in Conway, Horry County, South Carolina. She was born 22 August 1933 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Her parents were William Lawrence Coble, born in Sweatsonville, North Carolina and Sarah Jane Jennette, born in Hyde County North Carolina. Their children were:

Sherrie Lyn who was born 30 September 1953 in New Bern, North Carolina and married John Ewin Creech son of James W. Creech.

Judith Ann, born 31 December 1954 in New Bern, North Carolina.

Willima Steven, born 19 December 1956, in New Bern, North Carolina.

Jane Elizabeth, born 27 September 1961 in New Bern, North Carolina.

Guy Herman, III, born 7 April 1964.

Paula Jennette, born 2 June 1967.

⁵⁷ No relation. He was his wife's mother's first husband's son by a previous marriage.

⁵⁸ Not an error. Betty Rae and Emmie Lou have the same birth month and day.

Guy Jr. married second [REDACTED] .

Rachel Pat, born 7 January 1934 in New Bern, North Carolina, who married Warren Kamil. Their child is Lisa Maurine.

Elizabeth Jean, born 23 December 1937 in New Bern, North Carolina who married first Hugh Anderson Creelman who was born 16 December 1933 in Philadelphia, PA and was the son of Howard Creelman and Leona Anderson. She married second, Richard Shull James in New Bern, North Carolina, 4 August 1974. His parents were Joshua Stewart James and Lalage Shull, born in Buncombe County, North Carolina. Her children by Creelman were:

Brian Gregory, born 11 September 1957 in Marion County, Pennsylvania. He married Luana Brougham.

Sandra Elizabeth, born 20 January 1960 in Marion County, Pennsylvania.

Michele Paula, born 29 January 1962 in Marion County, Pennsylvania.

George Robert, born 28 June 1940 in New Bern, North Carolina, who married Janeth Hill She was the daughter of Jake Mott Hill and Erma Christine B [REDACTED] of Jones County, North Carolina. Their children are:

George Robert, Jr., born 12 April 1962, who married Sherri Lynn Tyndall, 6 October 1984.

Joan Christine, born 20 June 1966.

Ray Patrick Hopewell

He died young, 22 September 1910 [cemetery record says 1910, but wrong because conflicts with known birth year of his brother Harry Lynn]. He is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, in New Bern, North Carolina.

Fred Wright Hopewell

He died at the age of about one year, 14 August 1914, of typhoid fever. He is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, in New Bern, North Carolina.

Harry Lynn Hopewell

He was born 10 Oct. 1910 in Bridgeton, North Carolina, in the Scales house, later the Methodist parsonage. He married Charlotte Ross Mathews 30 January 1937 in Portsmouth, Virginia. He died 26 November 1988, aged 78, in Portsmouth and is buried in Olive Branch Cemetery in City Park.

Charlotte Ross Mathews was born 6 November 1914 in Portsmouth, Virginia. She is the daughter of Mathew Stewart Mathews and Jessie Ross Pedigo. In 2003 she lives in Newport News, Virginia in the Chesapeake Retirement Home.

Harry Hopewell's family moved around quite a bit when he was a child, as his father tenant farmed. As a teenager he drove a school bus and lived in Bridgeton. During the depression he moved to Portsmouth under the tutelage of his Uncle Clyde Hopewell. He operated a canteen in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth all during the war. He then operated several grocery stores. In 1947 he founded, with his brother-in-law, Stewart Mathews, Jr., The Circle restaurant, which became a social Mecca for several

generations of Portsmouth families. In 1957 he sold his interest in the Circle and entered the residential building business. He later worked for the Portsmouth Redevelopment & Housing Authority and supervised the rebuilding of "Old Town." He was an early member of the Polygon Club and a founding member of Elizabeth Manor Country Club. He was an avid golfer and built his home backing on the 18th tee of the club. In retirement he would sit on his back porch and talk with the golfers as they passed by. He was known by all as "Pappy," a stubborn, genial individualist.

Cora Moore Sanderson remembered Harry's mother cutting off his long hair as a young child.

Their children are:

1. Harry Lynn, Jr., born 19 December 1937 in Portsmouth, Virginia who married first, Carolyn Jean Lawrence, 19 October 1955, at the bride's home in Norfolk County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Frank Dudley Lawrence and Charlotte Ernestine Crawford. Their children were:

Harry Lynn Hopewell, III, born Portsmouth, Virginia, 20 May 1956. He married Jacqueline Ann Noelle Nantier who was born 30 September 1958 in Leminester, Massachusetts. Her father was Robert Nantier who was born in Perpignan, France, 15 June 1931 and who died _____. Her mother was Beverly Jean Sullivan who was born 12 August 1932 in Russell Point, Ohio. Their son is Robert Lynn Hopewell, born 8 March 1988 in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Frank Mathew Hopewell, born Portsmouth, Virginia, 19 December 1958. He married Christy Bosone and had Courtney Ross.

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Lynn married second, Leslie Ann Lindsay, 9 October 1976, at Fairfax Unitarian Church in Fairfax County, Virginia, by whom he had:

Stewart Lindsay Hopewell, born Fairfax County, Virginia, 28 September 1979.

2. Robert Stewart, born 8 November 1941, in Portsmouth, Virginia, who married first, Shirley Ray Rogers, 4 October 1969, in Brunswick, Maine, by whom he had:

Robert Stewart Hopewell, Jr. born 8 May, 1972 in Patuxent River, Maryland.

John Lynn Hopewell, born 6 September 1975 in Brunswick, Maine.

He married second, Mary Dorothy Chambers, 8 December 1984, at Lewinsville Presbyterian church, McLean, Virginia. They divorced in 1995. Mary Chambers is the daughter of Richard Paul Chambers and Margaret Alice Chambers (correct, her maiden name was also Chambers,) and was born Red Oak, Iowa, 12 August 1948. Their son, David Chambers Hopewell was born 18 June 1985 in Arlington, Virginia.

3. Lou Ross, born 5 September 1945 in Portsmouth, Virginia. She is unmarried.

4. Charlotte Nina, born 10 November 1947, in Portsmouth, Virginia who married first, Marvin Grey Barnes, 19 July, 1969 at Park View Methodist Church in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was born 8 October 1946 in Portsmouth, Virginia. His parents were Thurman Stacy Barnes and Lillie Rae Turner.
Nina married second, 30 September 1989, Richard Earl Lodge who was born 2 April 1942 at Parish Memorial Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. He grew up in Westhaven Park, went to Westhaven School and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1961. His father was William Wesley Lodge who was born in Weldon, North Carolina and is buried in Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth. His mother was Stella Geneva Williams who was born in Portsmouth, Virginia. He married first Carol Jane Hastie who was born in Portsmouth, Virginia 5 November 1940 and died 26 January 1986. They had David Lewis Lodge who was born 7 February 1975 in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Nina's children by Marvin Barnes were:

Marvin Grey Barnes, Jr., born 9 January 1970 in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Rachel Ross Barnes, born 11 July 1974 in Portsmouth, Virginia. She married _____ and has three sons: _____ ,

Will Robert Hopewell's child by Hannah Pugh was:

Vera Farrow Hopewell

She was born 22 May 1916 in Richmond, Virginia and died May 15, 1987 in New Bern, North Carolina. She is buried in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. She married 15 October 1932 in the Craven County, North Carolina courthouse in New Bern, North Carolina, Charles Benjamin Lester, and son of Charles A. and Elbina Lester. They were later divorced. For many years she was a manager for the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers, Union, AFL-CIO.

Vera Farrow married 23 October 1940 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Randolph Murray Whitford, who was born 27 November 1912 and died 4 October 1962. He is buried in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. Their child Randolph Murray Whitford, Jr., born and died 8 October 1948.

She and Charles had two children, who only knew Randolph as their father:

Vera Ann, born 16 September 1933 in New Bern, North Carolina and who died 14 August 1963. She is buried in New Bern Memorial Cemetery next to her mother. She married 6 April 1957, Louis Fernand Gagnon who was born 3 October 1933 in Fall River, Massachusetts.

Their children were:

Louanne Therese, born 26 October 1957 in Cherry Point, North Carolina and who married Gary Husk 16 June 1979. Their children were:

Carmen Therese born 27 November 1983.

Ryan Anthony, born 14 March 1985.

Annette Michelle, born 24 November 1958 in Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Anita Louise, born 25 October 1959 in Cherry Point, North Carolina, who married Steven Michael Smith, 24, November 1984.

Louis married second, 6 January 1965, Gay Lunn Piercy who was born in Gainesville, Virginia.

Elizabeth Mae (Bootsie), born 8 August 1935 in Bridgeton, North Carolina., who married 31 July, 1954, Raymond Bliss Parker who was born 23 June, 1931. Their children were

Karen Elizabeth born 22 March 1955 in Corona, California. She married Barry Lee Casey 18 March 1978, whom she divorced. They had one daughter, Jessica Leigh who was born 24 November 1978.

Raymond Bliss Parker, Jr., born 9 September 1957 in LaJolla, California. He married Paula Diane Wright on 7 August 1982 in Raleigh, North Carolina. She was born 5 August 1960.

William Christopher Parker, born 9 October 1960 in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He married 18 December 1982 Laurie Ann Hood in Newport News, Virginia whom he divorced. She was born 29 July, 1963. They had one daughter, Christina Marie Parker, born 22 July, 1983. He married second, Becky Carol Medlin Hobbs on 29 June 1961 in Zebulon, North Carolina. She was born 16 July 1961. Her daughter by a previous marriage is Brittany Michell Hobbs.

Michael Anthony Parker, born 24 December 1963 in Endicott, NY.

Gray Family

William C. Gray married Rachel Ann Rouse. The 1860 Federal census shows them and their three daughters in the Woodington District, which is the same area where the Hopewells and Wallers lived.⁵⁹ Neither William nor Rachel could read or write.⁶⁰ They were all born in North Carolina. William owned real estate worth \$150 and personal property worth \$75. No occupations are listed.

Name	Age	[Known Age]	Sex	Race	Occup.	Birthplace
William C. Gray	56		M	W	None listed	North Carolina
Rachel Gray	46		F	W	“	North Carolina
Susan Gray	19		F	W	“	North Carolina

⁵⁹ In the 1850 census, the Wallers were listed immediately after the Hopewells in the Woodington district. In 1870, they were in the Kinston district.

⁶⁰ There were no marks in the “cannot read or write” columns for the daughters in the 1860 census, meaning they could read. In the 1870 census, none are listed as unable read nor write. However, this is contradicted in the 1880 census.

[Sarah] Elizabeth Gray	14	11 (b. 27 February 1849)	F	W	“	North Carolina
Nancy Gray.	12		F	W	“	North Carolina

The 1870 Federal census, in Kinston, North Carolina, lists Rachel Gray, 70,⁶¹ and three females. Rachel is a widow keeping house, and Betsey, 23 and Nancy, 20, are shown as "harlots." Susan, five to seven years older than her sisters, is no longer living at home. A new child, Willie, female, age 1 is also listed. All list their last name as Gray.⁶² That means that the girls are unmarried. Willie was almost certainly the daughter of Nancy. [Because children took their unmarried mother's name by law; and because we know Betsey's descendants and she had no Willie.] Supporting Willie as Nancy's daughter is that Willie would most likely live with her mother, ruling out Susan.

1870 U. S. Census, Lenoir County, North Carolina					
Name	Age	Sex	Race	Occup.	Birthplace
Rachel Gray	70	F	W	Keeping House	North Carolina
[Sarah Elizabeth] Betsey Gray	23	F	W	Harlot	North Carolina
Nancy Gray	20	F	W	Harlot	North Carolina
Willie Gray	1 [b. 1869]	F	W		North Carolina

From the 1880 census,⁶³ shown in the table below, things clear up somewhat. In the intervening ten years, Sarah Elizabeth "Betsey" Gray is the only child living with her mother now—Nancy is now gone. In the intervening ten years, we know Betsey married William Parson and had Rachel Ann (named after her grandmother,) and Nancy Susan, (named after her mother's two sisters?) Nancy S. and Rachel A. are the only children of Elizabeth Gray Parson.

We have already concluded that Willie S. is Nancy's child. Listing her and John B.'s last name as Parsons in the census was a mistake. According to Gertrude Keener Holton, they both were Nancy's children. Rachel Gray and her Parson daughter and grandchildren were the only Parsons family listed in the Lenoir County, North Carolina

⁶¹ If this age is correct, perhaps this is William's mother. According to the 1860 census, Rachel would have been only 56 in 1870. However, the 1870 age entry is probably an error. Rachel's daughters' ages in this census match, close enough, their ages in the 1870 census.

⁶² Martial status was not shown in the 1870 census.

⁶³ Neither Rachel Gray, Elizabeth Parson, nor Willie could read or write although Willie was shown as attending school.

1880 census. We know nothing more about Susan Gray. We know something about Nancy's children. See Dale family below.

1880 U. S. Census, Lenoir County, North Carolina										
Name	Relation	Race	Sex	Age	[Known Age]	Married	Occup.	Birth	Father	Mother
Rachel [Ann Rouse]Gray	Self	W	F	88		Widowed	Farmer	NC	NC	NC
[Sarah] Elizabeth [Gray] Parsons	Daughter	W	F	35	31	Widowed	Farm Lab.	NC	NC	NC
Nancy S. [Susan] Parsons [known dau. of Elizabeth]	Granddau	W	F	7	7	Single		NC	NC	NC
Rachel A.[Ann] Parsons [known dau. of Elizabeth]	Left blank	W	F	3	2	Single		NC	NC	NC
Willie S. Parsons	Granddau	W	F	11		Single		NC	NC	NC
John B. Parsons	Grandson	W	M	6		Single		NC	NC	NC

Parson Family

Sarah Elizabeth Gray was born 27 February 1849 in Lenoir County, North Carolina died at age 57, 25 October, 1906, and is buried in the Rouse cemetery near Snow Hill, Green County, North Carolina.⁶⁴ She was the daughter of William C. Gray and Rachel Ann Rouse.

She married William Parson after 1870.⁶⁵ He was also born in Lenoir County.⁶⁶ We have no record of his birth or death, but he must have died after the birth of his youngest daughter, Rachel Ann, born 1877 and before the census of 1880 when his wife was listed

⁶⁴ Sarah E. Parson Tombstone, Abner Rouse Cemetery, Hookerton, North Carolina. Tombstone reads: Sarah E. /wife of William Parsons /Feb. 27, 1849 /Oct. 25, 1906. Driving directions to the cemetery: From Snow Hill, North Carolina, follow highway 258 N. out of town to right on (state route 1400-Four Way Run (some maps, Creek Rd.) Continue until pass third paved road on left (state route 1413-Moore Rouse Rd.), proceed .25 miles and cross Beaver Dam Run. Cemetery is on the left at edge of field on small hill under a large oak tree. The cemetery is fenced. The site is about 1.1 miles North of Hookerton. Cemetery location first provided by Dock Rouse, 210 Oak Street, Snow Hill, North Carolina. The house to the immediate West of the cemetery, across the run, is owned by James Jones, 4011 Four Way Run (on some maps, Creek Rd.) Kinston, North Carolina. Cemetery Decimal Latitude-Longitude: 35.4439. -77.6014.

⁶⁵ Because she is listed as Elizabeth Gray in the 1870 census, indicating she was unmarried. Yet, in her Civil War widow's pension application, she affirmed she was married to William Parson before 1865.

⁶⁶ Death certificate of her daughter Rachel notes that Rachel's mother and father were born in Lenoir Co. N.C. The information was given by Rachel's husband. Most records show name as Parson. In two newspaper accounts Rachel Elizabeth Gray Parson is listed as "Parson." Her daughter Elizabeth's tombstone says Parson. Her granddaughter Rachel Hopewell's death certificate names her father as William "Parson."

as a widow. Sarah Elizabeth received a \$14 Civil War widow's pension in 1903.⁶⁷ In her pension application she said her husband William was a member of Company B, 27th North Carolina infantry, which was mustered in Lenoir County. However, there is no service record found for William Parsons. In the application, Sarah says they were married before 1865 (a requirement for the pension.) But, it is unlikely that seven or eight years would have passed before they had children. One possibility is that he was not a Confederate soldier and Elizabeth said he was to get the pension. Another possibility is that his service record has been misidentified.

A rather thin family tradition is that he was a circuit rider preacher.⁶⁸

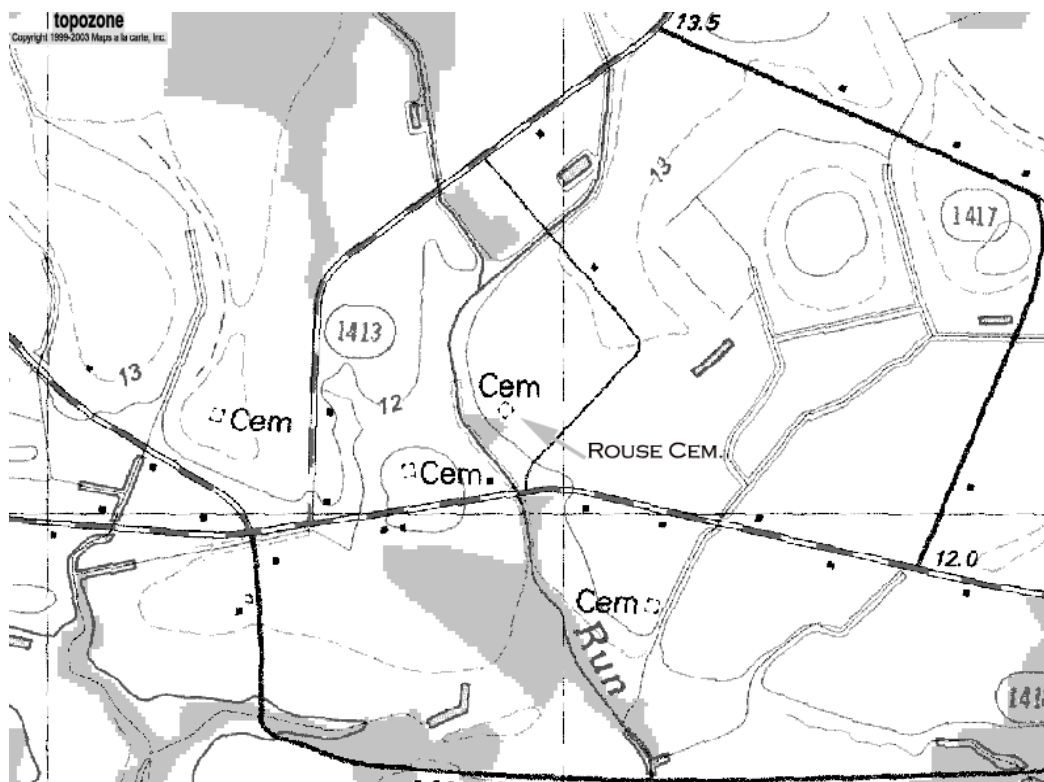
Their children were Rachel Ann (who married William Robert Hopewell, above,) and Nancy Susan who was born 28 November 1872 and died 11 November 1931, in Bridgeton, North Carolina at age 59, of diabetes, and is buried in Bridgeton in the Bridgeton Cemetery. She was called Aunt "Sudie" by her nieces and nephews.

Nancy Susan Parson married first, Lt. James Daniel Keener, 15 March, 1893 at the home of her mother in Lenoir County.⁶⁹ James is buried in Greenleaf Memorial Cemetery in New Bern, North Carolina. By this marriage she had Charles and Gertrude.

⁶⁷ The Daily Free Press Dec 15, 1903. <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/nc/lenoir/military/1903pension.txt>. This file was contributed by Mary Simmons February 2001.

⁶⁸ Conversation with Mary Gertrude Keener Holton and Vera Hopewell Whitford, 16 March, 1975, New Bern, North Carolina.

⁶⁹ Kinston Free Press, Thursday 23 March 1893. MD: 15 March - home of bride's mother Mrs. Elizabeth PARSON of Lenoir County - Sudie PARSON to Lt. Jos. D. KEENER. [Joseph an error. His first name was James.] <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/nc/lenoir/military/1903pension.txt>. This file was contributed for use in the USGenWeb Archives by Russell King, email: RolandKing51@aol.com.



Rouse Cemetery, near Hookerton, Greene County North Carolina

Mary Gertrude Keener was born 15 July 1893 in Lenoir County, North Carolina, and moved to Greene County when a small girl. She married Isaac Frank Holton. Their children were Lynwood, Ethel Frances, Edwin and Mary Elizabeth. Gertrude died in February, 1985 while living in San Pedro, Los Angeles, California.⁷⁰ Her son Lynwood Earl Holton was born 7 April 1915 and died 23 January 1999, in Raleigh, North Carolina while living in Wendell, Wake County, North Carolina.⁷¹ Mary Elizabeth died in New Bern. Edwin was killed in an automobile accident.

Nancy Parson married second, Zebuel Simpson Deaver who was born 28 June 1876 and died 16 November 1919 at the age of 43. Nancy and Zebuel Deaver are buried in Bridgeton, North Carolina. By Deaver she had: Paul, who died at age 16; Clarence, the oldest, born 1901, served in the Army in Hawaii, had no children and died in Arizona; Douglas, who had no children and settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Helen who married George Stanley, had one child, Michael (Mickey.) Helen died in Arlington, Virginia, 22 September 1973. Her obituary from a paper dated 24 September 1973⁷² read.

⁷⁰ Social Security Index. Born 15 July 1892, died Feb 1985. SSN 245-09-4507, issued North Carolina. < <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com>>

⁷¹ Social Security Index. SSN 245-09-4666. Issued in North Carolina. .< <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com>>

⁷² Unidentified paper. Probably *The Sun*, New Bern, North Carolina.

Mrs. Helen Dever Stanley. Arlington, Virginia. A funeral service for Mrs. Helen Dever Stanly, 62, retired Postal Service Employee, who died Saturday, will be held at 2 pm Tuesday at Cotton Funeral Home in New Bern by the Revs. Ralph Summer and Bill Abernathy. Burial: Cedar Grove Cemetery. Surviving, a son, Michael Stanley of Dale City; a brother, Ernest Dever of Bridgeton, North Carolina; a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Holton of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and two grandchildren;

Nancy Susan also had Rupert, who was born 8 August 1905, had two children and died July 1969 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania,⁷³

Her son Ernest L. Deaver was born 12 May 1903⁷⁴ in Green County, North Carolina, died 12 August 1988 in New Bern, North Carolina and is buried in New Bern Cedar Grove Memorial Cemetery. On 18 December 1923, in New Bern, he married Eula Ipock who was born 17 April 1907 in Pamlico County, North Carolina. Her father was John Thomas Ipock and her mother was Gertrude Minnie Fulcher,⁷⁵ who are buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern. In 2003, Eula lives near New Bern, aged 96. Ernest and Eula's children were Edwin Earl and Evelyn Louise:

Edwin Earl,⁷⁶ born 19 December 1924 in New Bern. He married Emma Jean Blalock. They had Douglas, Timothy and Bobbie Jean. They all live in Memphis, Tennessee. Timothy and Bobbie Jean never married. Douglas lives with his mother.

Evelyn Louise Deaver, born 4 December 1927 in Bridgeton, North Carolina. In 2003, she lives in Berne Village, near New Bern. Louise married Ronald Arthur Kemp of Plattsburg, New York, who died at age 51. She had Ronald Arthur who lives in Raleigh; Teresa who married Phillip Lewis; and Robert. Robert and Teresa live in New Bern.

Dale/Newman Families

Nancy Gray, daughter of William C. Gray and Rachel Ann Rouse had two children, while unmarried; Willie S. Gray, born 1869 and John Born Gray, born 1874. (See Gray family discussion above.) Nancy then probably married a Dale and her children took his name. This is because her daughter Willie referred to herself as Willie Dale before she married. We have no record of Nancy's marriage to Dale. We know nothing more about Nancy.

Willie's brother John Born Dale lived in Greenville, North Carolina.

Willie Dale was born 11 November 1869 and died 9 January 1965 in the Glenrock section of Norfolk, Virginia. She first married Fred Van Newman. By him she had Dora Mae and Fred, Jr.^{77 78}

⁷³ Social Security Index. SSN 131-01-4566.< <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com>>

⁷⁴ Social Security Index. SSN 240-05-8792.< <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com>>

⁷⁵ Interview with Eula Deaver, by author, 11, Oct. 1992, New Bern, North Carolina.

⁷⁶ Named after Mary Gertrude Keener Holton's oldest son Edwin.

⁷⁷ Interview Gertrude Keener Holton, 16 March 1975. Typescript by Vera Farrow Hopewell Whitford.

Willie S. Dale next married Benjamin Franklin Gray, her first cousin.⁷⁹ In the 1910 census, Willie and her four children were living in Bridgeton, North Carolina. Her children by Gray were Elizabeth L. Gray and Robert Levi Gray.⁸⁰

Emma Susan Hopewell

She was born 4 January 1878 and married Gilford Whitley 29 August 1894 in Contentnea Neck, Lenoir County, North Carolina. She died 21 October 1918 in the flu epidemic, and is buried in the Webber/Whitley Cemetery at Grainger Station, North Carolina.

Gilford Whitley was born 8 December 1861⁸¹ and died 20 November 1916. He is buried in the Webber/Whitley Cemetery. He was the son of Joe Whitley and Julia Moore. Their children were:

Alpheus Wilbur Whitley

Alpheus, born 29 April 1895. He died 10 April 1944. He married Verna Elizabeth Tueton who was born 10 Oct. 1890 and died 28 October 1939. Their children⁸² were:

Harry, born 8 August 1916.

Hazel E., born 16 July 1918 who married Hubert Wilbur White, 27 November 1941. Their children were:

Hubert Lee, born 16 May, 1947 who married Barbara Edward. Their children were:

Kenneth Lee

Mellissa Leigh

Amanda Leigh.

Robert Lee, born 3 May, 1921, who married Ruby Everett.

Virginia Mae, born 19 October 1923.

Alpheus Wilbur, Jr., born 21 July 1925, who married Eleanor born Byrd 20 September 1947. She was born 8 May 1928. Their children were:

Wilber Alan, born 28 November 1951 who married 1 August 1971, Kathy O'Quinn. She was born 15 March 1952. Their son is Alan Keith, born 1 November 1973.

⁷⁸ Eula Deaver says Elizabeth "Nellie" Grey had son Fred. Are Nellie and Willie the same person?

⁷⁹ Was Frank Nancy's sister Susan Gray's son? How could his name have been Gray? Did she have another child while unmarried? Did she marry a Grey? Frank was not Elizabeth's child because she had only two daughters.

⁸⁰ Conversation with Gertrude Keener Holton, 1972. 1880 Lenoir Co. Census.

⁸¹ Check. Tombstone may say 25 Nov.

⁸² From record of Betty Tueton Whitley and family bible of Dick Whitley.

Kerry Arthur, born 1 June 1960.

Parrott Guilford, born 16 July 1927.

Infant girl, born 16 August 1931

Patrick Lynn, born 3 March 1933.

Lillie Whitley

Lillie, was born 25 August 1899 and married Herman Moore⁸³ 8 March 1914 in Lenoir Co. North Carolina. He was born 11 July 1894 and died 22 February 1970. Their children⁸⁴ were:

Hardy Perry, born 11 January 1917 in Lenoir County. He married Eula Whitley. Their children were:

Carol, born 25 March 1941 who married Edward Earl Waters, Sr. Their children were:

Dianne Caroll who married Tony Hardy, 18 November 1957. Their children were:

Toni Carol, born 25 March 1977.

Tonya Diane, born 11 Jan, 1980

Colleen Gay married Billy Thompson, 27 Jan. 1960

Edward Earl, Jr., born 20 May 1962.

Lori Carlene, born 23 Oct. 1972

Benjamin Joseph, born 17 July 1978.

Hardy Perry, Jr., born 25 April 1943.

Barbara, born 13 June 1945.

Ellen, born 17 April, 1948 (twin.)

Allen, born 17 April, 1948 (twin.)

Dwight, born 14 Dec. 1949

Herman Guilford, born 19 Feb. 1920 in Lenoir Co. and died 27 Oct. 1952.

Dallas Milfin, born 25 December, 1921 in Lenoir Co. and died July, 1922.

Jesse, born 3 August 1924 in Lenoir Co. and married Marie Moore.

Elwood Ashley, born 3 June 1927 in Lenoir Co. and married Laura Heath. Their children were:

Kitty who married a King

⁸³ Tom Moore's father was half brother to Herman's father (Rigdon Moore.) interview with Cora Moor, 30 June 1979.

⁸⁴ Information provided at family reunion in 1980 by Mildred Franklin, 3304 Camellia Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

Jane who married a Sassanet

Michele Moore.

Emma Laura, born 3 December 1929 in Lenoir Co. and m William Killingsworth.

Mary Lillie, born 19 July, 1932 in Lenoir Co., who married Elmer Brown.

Mildred Frances, born 11 May 1934 in Lenoir County, and married Eugene Carlton Franklin in New Hanover County in 1951. Their children were:

Dallas who married Sue Carter.

Cynthia who married David Jusco.

Jay, born 5 August 1936 in Lenoir Co.

Herman, Jr., born 5 Sept. 1937 in Lenoir Co.

Marvin Trellis, born 9 Feb. 1940 in Greene Co.

Ronald Lee, born 9 July, 1941 in Lenoir Co.

Burl G. Whitley

He was born 5 March 1897 and died 13 January 1963. He married Ruby Lee Tueton. She was born 10 October 1898 and died 22 April 1967. Her father was Parrott Elizabeth Tuton who was the son of son of Walter Jesse Tuton and Sallie Ann Barwick. Her mother was Cora E. Barwick.

Their children were:

Cora Emma, born 25 December 1917 and died 14 October 1918.

Bertie Arlene ("Big Sis"), born 23 January 1920 and married Stanley Roberson.

Bertha Lea ("Little Sis"), born 30 November 1921 and married Howard Smith.

Sallie May, born 30 Sept. 1923.

Lucille, born 24 Aug. 1924 and died 1980.

Burl Guy, born 1 Aug. 1927.

Roy Lee, born 8 April 1929.

Frederick Earl, born 10 Nov. 1931.

Infant, born 1 Mar, 1933

Helen Marie, born 2 Nov. 1935 and died 10 Dec. 1936.

Joseph Whitley

Josephus, born 15 Dec 1901, he never married. He died 18 Jan. 1980.

Carl Willie Whitley

Carl, born 10 Sept 1904 and died 21 Jan. 1985. He married Betty Marie Tueton, his sister-in-law's sister,, 2 Dec 1922. She was born 31 May, 1904 and died 20 Mar. 1985. Their children were:

Josephine, born 10 Oct. 1923 who married Clarence Lucas.

Willie Edward, born 5 Sept 1925.

Susie Mae Whitley

Susie Mae, born 23 July 1907 who married John Leonard Hill 19 Oct 1924. He was born 7 Oct 1904. Their children were:

Leonard

Leslie

Wiley G.

Emma Lee

Horace M.

Robert Earl.

Walter Charles Whitley

He was born 5 Dec 1909, who married Ethel Lee Brown 9 Jan 1926. She was born 19 Dec 1907 and died 5 Oct. 1982 in Morehead City, Carteret County. Their son was:

Walter Earl, born 26 Oct 1926 and died 23 May, 1980. He married Dorothy Lee who was born 20 Jan. 1927. Their children were:

Judy who married Charles Carraway. Their children were:

Kevin Carraway, born 18 July 1968

Erin Nicole, born 18 April 1977.

Dottie who married 16 Aug. 1964 James Smith. Their dau was:

Michelle, born 8 Aug. 1966.

Mary Whitley

Mary, born 24 Sept 1912, who died 15 Oct 1918 in the flu epidemic.

Effie Whitley

Effie, born 15 Jan 1915, who died 19 Oct 1918 in the flu epidemic.

Betty Mae Hopewell

She⁸⁵ was born 18 May 1880 and married Thomas Wilson Moore in 1893⁸⁶. She died February 1907 and is buried in the Webber/Whitley Cemetery in Grainger Station, Lenoir County, North Carolina.⁸⁷

Thomas Wilson Moore was born 14 August 1871 and died 31 May 1951. He is buried at Rainbow Methodist Church, Lenoir County, North Carolina. He had six other wives⁸⁸. He was the son of Wilson Tilghman and Ann Moore.⁸⁹ He farmed and sold sewing machines from his buggy. He was also a policeman in Bridgeton, North Carolina.⁹⁰ (As was his brother-in-law, William Robert Hopewell.)

Their children were:

Cora Moore

Cora was born 30 June 1899 and died 11 February 1988, aged 88. She is buried in Pinelawn Cemetery in Kinston, North Carolina. She married 28 December 1914, in Lenoir County, James Sanderson,⁹¹ son of James Sanderson and Betty Catherine Cox (daughter of Jake Cox and Kitty Ann Cox). Their children were:

James Thomas, born 17 March 1919 and died 29 Aug. 1980. He married Etta Faye, born 18 Nov. 1945. Their children were:

Clara Jean, born 25 Mar. 1948 and who married a Davis. Their son is Bryan, born 24 Mar. 1969.

Linda Sue, born 10 Nov. 1951 and who married a Worthington. Their son is Grover Laurie, born 2 May 1969 and Kimberly Jean, born 7 Feb. 1971.

Edward Monroe, born 6 Sept. 1953.

James I. His child is John Allen Sanderson, born 2 Feb. 1965 and Joseph Michael, born 1977.

William Irving, born 13 Dec. 1921. He married Murl Jones. Their child is Harrison George McHugh born 30 Oct. 1950.

Eva Clair, born 27 Feb. 1925, who married Thomas William Lucas, Jr. on 19 Oct. 1920.

⁸⁵ Some family bibles have her middle name entered as May.

⁸⁶ Was she really thirteen years old?

⁸⁷ She is buried in an unmarked grave next to her father Egbert Oliver Hopewell, according to her daughter Cora Moore Sanderson. Cora Sanderson provided much of the Moore family information.

⁸⁸ He had the following other wives. Betty Joyner, Marjorie Andrews, mother of Woodrow, Mabel and Isabell, Nursey Smith, Maggie Johnson and Pearl Whitford.

⁸⁹ One source said her name was Annie Budd.

⁹⁰ Robert Moore, son of Thomas Moore, conversation with author, Oct 11, 1992, New Bern, North Carolina>

⁹¹ Over a period of years, Cora consistently told me that she thought her husband's father's mother was Polly Hopewell. She said his father was a Harper. I have never been able to prove or disprove it.

Robert Lee, born 3 Nov. 1931, who m Annie Eizabeth Waller, who was born 26 Jan. 1932. Their children were Jo Anne, born 7 February 1959 and Susie Lee, born 19 July 1961.

Robert Lee Moore

Robert Lee, born 28 May 1901 in Green County, married Esther Jones 26 December 1923 in the Methodist parsonage in Bridgeton, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Jesse Lewis Jones and Marina Edwards. Their children were:

Edna Earle, born 27 Jan 1925 in Bridgeton, North Carolina, who married Marcel Perry from Texas.

Joseph Robert, born 23 Apr. 1927 who married Madie Deloris Taylor.

Larry Lee, born 8 Jan. 1942 who married Sylvia Kay Williamson.

Earl Jay Moore

Jay Moore, born 9 September 1903, in the Waller homestead, Lenoir County, North Carolina. He died young about the age of 9. He is buried in the Webber/Whitley Cemetery.

Egbert Thomas Moore

Egbert Thomas, born 7 April 1905, in New Bern, North Carolina, married Mary Ipock of Portsmouth, Virginia. He died 23 March 1971. Their child was Thomas.

Woodrow Moore

He was born 13 December 1913 and died 3 Jan. 1976. He married Mary Ballard. Their children were:

Margorie who married Curtis Hardison

Ann Carol who married a Scott.

Mabel Moore

She was born 12 July 1920 and married a Bernard. Their child was Carol.

Isabel Moore

She was born 4 February 1923 and died 24 May 1980. She married Eldridge Summerral. Their children were:

Donald

Ann who married a Holton

Bettie who married a Pollick.

Nora O'Neil Hopewell

She was born 25 April 1882 and married Joseph John William Henry Webber 26 August 1890 in Contentnea Neck, Lenoir County, North Carolina at Bethel Church. She died 24 July 1960. He was born 11 March 1878 and died 4 June 1943, from eating

poisonous mushrooms. He was the son of Will and Bettie Anderson.⁹² Their children were:

Rosa Lee Webber

She was born 14 September 1908 in Bridgeton, North Carolina and died 29 September 1983. She married Robert Franklin Ewell 26 August 1927. Their children were:

Robert L.

Alton K.

Helen Earl who married a Williams.

Agnes Clara Belle Webber

She was born 16 September 1912 and married Elbert Herring 4 May 1930. She died 19 May 1971. She is buried in Westview Cemetery, Lenoir County, North Carolina.

Mary Emma Webber

She was born 4 March 1915 in Bridgeton, North Carolina, and married Albert Harris 2 January 1930. She married second, John Woodrow Ipock. Her children by Harris were:

William

Dal

Frances who married a Holden

Jean who married a sparrow

Clara who married a Sparrow

Charles

By Woodrow Ipock she had Randall.

Johnny Frank Webber

He was born 19 April 1918, and died in 1968. He is buried in Westview Cemetery, Lenoir County, North Carolina.

William Henry Webber

He was born 10 January 1921 and died 23 June, 1944, killed-in-action in World War II in France. He is buried in Westview Cemetery, Lenoir County, North Carolina. His mother Nora was at her brother Clyde's home when she received the news of his death.

⁹² Lenoir Co., North Carolina. marriages.

Nannie Dora Hopewell

Called Aunt Bedee, she was born 19 March 1884 in Lenoir County, North Carolina, and married Sherman Benjamin Williams in the Bridgeton, North Carolina Methodist Church. She died 8 April 1955 and is buried in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery in New Bern, North Carolina. He was born 7 June 1876 in Onslon County, North Carolina, and died 3 July 1952. He is buried in the Cedar Grove extension cemetery, New Bern, North Carolina.⁹³

Their children were:

Edward Rone Williams

He was born 20 September 1910 in Bridgeton, North Carolina and died 2 November 1910 in Bridgeton, North Carolina.

Nannie Hazel Williams

Called "Sam," she was born 29 August 1912 in Bridgeton, North Carolina. She married first, George Leary and second, John N. Wright. Her children were:

Edith, born 2 June 1930 who married Hodges Bill Parker. They had Catherine Nickels, Cheryl Ann, and John Hodges. She died in Baltimore and is buried in New Bern.

Nevin, born 9 September 1933 who married Aubrey H. Parker. They had Michael Ashley and David Hamilton.

Elsie Kathleen Leary, who married Nicholas Leris. They had Jerry Nicholas who was born 26 August 1954 and died 19 September 1968.

Hazel died at age 74, March 13, 1987. Her obituary read:

HAZEL W. WRIGHT. NEW BERN- Mrs. Hazel Williams Wright, 74, died Thursday. Funeral 2 p.m. Saturday, Temple Baptist Church. Burial, Greenleaf Memorial Park.

Surviving: daughters, Mrs. Nevin W. Parker of New Bern, Mrs. Elsie W. Dyer of Norfolk, VA; sisters, Mrs. Nora Peterson and Mrs. Betty Lupton, both of Norfolk, VA; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Family at Cotton Funeral Home, 7-8 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North New Bern Rescue Squad, Jasper.

Bettie Winnifred Williams

Called "Wink" she was born 10 January 1914 in Bridgeton, North Carolina. She married 20 January 1934, Herman Claxton Lupton. She lived with her sister "Punk," died in Norfolk and is buried there with her husband.

Rachel Kathleen Williams

She was born 3 July 1915 in Bridgeton, North Carolina, and died in Riverdale, North Carolina, 16 March 1923.

⁹³ Information on this couple came from Bettie Winnifred Williams Lupton, 1970.

Nina Ruth Williams

Called "Duke" she was born 7 March 1919 in Thurman, Craven Co. North Carolina.. She married 7 March 1942, Michael Jawalka who was born 27 October 1914. She lived in Norfolk, Virginia and later in San Antonio, Texas. She died in San Antonio 23 April 1984. Her children were:

Ruth Annette who was born 20 Aug. 1945 in New Bern, North Carolina and married 28 Aug, 1966, Charles E. Brady, III. their children were:

Charlene E., born 29 November 1970 in Richmond, Virginia

Charles E. IV, born 5 October 1973 in San Antonio, Texas

Barbara Virginia who was born 1 Mar. 1947 in New Bern, North Carolina and married 29 August 1968 Stephen Allen West.

Frances Irene was born 27 November 1949 in Boston, MA. She married 10 March 1972, Kenneth Herman Bennett. They had

Christopher Taylor Bennett, born 25 April 1975 in Buchcannon, WV.

Michael Herbert Bennett, born 23 March, 1979 in Boston, MA

She married 2nd, Terry Wayne Walker, 13 February 1981. They had no children and were divorced May 1991.

Robert Michael, who was born 10 April 1954 in Bethesda, MD. He married Terri ___ 16 March 1979. Their son Michael Bryan was born 21 June 1982.

Nora Gladys Williams

Called "Punk" she was born 2 July 1921 in Riverdale, Craven Co., North Carolina. She married 5 August 1940, Edward Patrick Galligan. She married second, Arthur Conrad Peterson. For many years she lived in Chesapeake, and in 2003 lives in Richmond. Her children by Galligan were:

Maureen who was born 2 June, 1942, and married 15 Mar, 19___, Michael Gerber. They had Timothy Michael, born 31 Aug, 1965; John Edward, born 27 Nov, 1967; and Elizabeth Maureen, born 25 Jan., 1969.

Elizabeth Bryan, born 18 June, 1943, and married 28 June, 1964, George Costen, Jr. She married second, Barrett J. Riordan 14 February 1975. They had Mathew Bryan, born 22 December 1976 and Michael Joseph, born 30 January 1982. In 2003, Elizabeth lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

Timothy Edward, born 5 January 1947, married 12 August 1971, Martha Lawyer.

Frederick Lewis Wright Williams

"Big Bill" was born 28 November 1924 in Trentwood Farm, Craven County, North Carolina. He died 18 November 1961 in Raleigh, North Carolina.⁹⁴

⁹⁴ His uncle, Will Robert Hopewell also named a child Frederick Wright. Who might this be?

Emma Francis Williams

She was born 22 December 1927 at Trentwood Farm, Craven, County, North Carolina. and died there 27 December 1927.

William Clyde Hopewell

The youngest of Egbert and Susan Hopewell's children, he was born 1 March 1886. He married 24 March 1907, Grace Lee Purifoy⁹⁵. They lived in Portsmouth, Virginia. He died 1 December 1945 in Portsmouth, Virginia. and is buried in Olive Branch Cemetery there. She was born 1 February 1890 in Craven County, North Carolina and died 11 September 1973 in Portsmouth, Virginia. She is buried next to her husband. She was the daughter of Thomas Benton Purifoy and Mary Emmaline Wiley.⁹⁶ He was variously a carpenter and then had his own landscape business. Later he raised flowers. He lived on Kirby Ave. in Portsmouth. Their children were:

Egbert Ray Hopewell

He was born 23 March 1908 and died 16 June 1908.

William Carl Hopewell, II.

He was born 28 October 1910 in North Carolina and died 8 July 1964. He married Frances Dunn, born 30 July 1917 and died 26 October 1988. Frances remarried Richard Leon Wells in 1973. He died 27 March 1987. Wells is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Portsmouth beside his first wife, Jean. Carl and Frances are buried in Olive Branch Cemetery, Portsmouth, Virginia. They had three children who did not survive infancy: an infant boy born 9 May and died 11 May, 1945; W. Carl Hopewell, III, born 1 September and died 23 September 1946; and Ann Stuart Hopewell, born 18 November 1947 and died 3 January 1948. They then adopted two daughters:⁹⁷

Suzanne Preston Hopewell, born 13 January 1948. She married First, Robert Alan Harrell 20 December 1964. Their child was Robert Alan Harrell, Jr., born 6 September 1965, who married Janice Brantley, 29 December 1984. Her marriage to Harrell ended in 1968. She then married Steven Lyle Mutter, 13 September, 1969. This marriage ended in 1977. Their children are Bradford Lyle Mutter, born 16 December 1970, and Marcie Lynn Mutter, born 24 November, 1970 who married Vincent Held, 2 January 1993, and who have a daughter, Frances Anna Held, born 11 August, 1993. Suzanne then married Ross Terranova, 21 June 1978.

Ann Hopewell, born 27 June 1953. She married Richard Steven Heyer, 29 August 1975. He is son of Jack and Dollie Heyer and was born 22 August 1952. Their child is Carrie Lee Heyer, born 13 February 13, 1981, named for her aunt.

⁹⁵ Craven Co., North Carolina. Marriages, book 7, p. 45.

⁹⁶ Information from their daughter, Mary Susan Hopewell Jamieson, 1972.

⁹⁷ Information from Ann Hopewell Heyer, letter, 6 April, 1994, 501 Hopewell Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23323.

Andrew Preston Hopewell

He was born 2 February, 1914 in Bridgeton, North Carolina and died 31 December 1968 of amoebic dysentery contracted from overseas service. He was a retired Coast Guard officer. He is buried in Olive Branch Cemetery. He married Carrie Lee Phillips 23 February 1948 in Portsmouth, Virginia. She was born 28 September 1915 in Nansemond, Co., Virginia. Her parents were William Austin Phillips, born Siler City, North Carolina, and Launa Lee Miltier of Nansemond County., Virginia. They had no children. Carry Lee died 2 March 2005 in Portsmouth.

Edna Grace Hopewell

She was born 29 March 1916 in North Carolina and died 23 November 1971. She married John Lester Ivy who was born 4 May 1910 and died 3 September 1987. Their children are:

Charles Linwood, born 4 December, 1949 and died 16 November 1967. He and his parents are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Portsmouth, Virginia.

William Clyde who married Janice Hardister. She was born 12 July 1949 in Troy, North Carolina. Her parents were Edward Hardister and Beatrice Miller. Their child is Katherine Elizabeth who was born 6 October 1977 in Portsmouth, Virginia.

John Lester.

Mary Susan Hopewell

She was named after her two grandmothers.⁹⁸ She was born 1 April 1926 in Portsmouth at the family residence on Kirby Ave. and died 2 August, 1991. She had diabetes and died of a heart attack. She married 7 October 1950, James Frank Jamieson. He was born 18 October 1922 and died 21 January 1985. They are both buried in Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth, Virginia in the Hopewell family plot. They had no children.

⁹⁸ Conversation with author, 6 July, 1991, shortly before her death.

Chapter 4

Mary E. (Polly) Hopewell

Polly never married, but had two sons⁹⁹ whom she gave the surname Hopewell. She lived and died in the Goldsboro, North Carolina area.

Mary E. Hopewell¹⁰⁰ was born in November 1855. Ethel Hopewell Corbett remembered a family tradition that when the census takers insisted on a father for Polly's children, she would tell them, "I get my children the best way I can," and would not give a father's name.

In the 1870 and 1880¹⁰¹ censuses she is listed as illiterate. She had a daughter, Jonnie, born 1878, who did not reach adulthood.¹⁰² She died 15 March 1920 in Saulston Township, Wayne County, North Carolina.¹⁰³ She is buried in the Taylor [or Vincent cemetery.]¹⁰⁴

Her sons were:

James David Hopewell

James David Hopewell was born August 1876. [census says 1878] He married Penelope Murphy 4 March 1900 in Green Co., North Carolina. He was at least ten years her junior. He died 10 December 1918 in Green County and is buried in the Frazer Graveyard at Snow Hill, North Carolina.¹⁰⁵ [Insert location of cem.] Penelope Murphy was born 8 July 1866 and died 14 December 1918 in Wayne County, North Carolina.¹⁰⁶

⁹⁹ Much information on Polly's family was provided in 1975 by Donna Hopewell Garrette, 1011 Beyer Way, Lot 38, San Diego CA 92150, 714-429-1053; and James David Hopewell, 1500 E. Beech Street Goldsboro, North Carolina., 919-735-0105. James is now deceased, but his widow Edna still lives at the home.

¹⁰⁰ Since her brother Jesse named his daughter Helen Elizabeth, perhaps the E. is for Elizabeth.

¹⁰¹ Mary E. Hopewell household, 1880 U.S. census; Lenoir County, North Carolina; population schedule Trent district, enumeration district 91, supervisor's district 1, sheet 206C, dwelling 170, family 175: National Archives micropublication T9, roll 970.

¹⁰² 1880 US Census.

¹⁰³ Tombstone; Wayne County, North Carolina, Deaths.

¹⁰⁴ Taylor Cemetery. This cemetery may also be called The Old Fortum cemetery. Driving directions to this cemetery are as follows: from Goldsboro, East on U. S. Route 13 towards Shine Crossroads (about 12 miles.) Look for Eden Church about 1.5 miles West of Shine. Cemetery is .5 miles from church. Turn left (North) at church on Rt. 1200 (Eden Church Road). Proceed to first big grove of trees; turn left, behind house, to cemetery in field. James David Hopewell was born in the small house on the left side of the road across from the cemetery. James David Hopewell said that his Uncle James lived near here. [Polly Hopewell may not be buried here. Does not correspond with my memory of visit to Polly's grave.]

¹⁰⁵ Green Co., North Carolina. Deaths, Book 2, Page 551. The death certificate lists his father as unknown.

¹⁰⁶ Wayne Co., North Carolina. Deaths, Book 5, Page 799.

She is buried at the Willow Dale cemetery in Goldsboro. She was the daughter of Thomas Murphy and Patsy Tudir (Tuder?)

They had no children that survived infancy. Since their death dates are only four days apart, one wonders whether they died in the 1918 flu epidemic.

George Cleveland Hopewell

George Cleveland Hopewell was born 5 July 1885. He married 11 January 1903, Emma Irene "Rena" Olivia Best.¹⁰⁷ He died 1 March 1928 by his own hand and is buried in the Vincent Cemetery in Goldsboro, North Carolina.¹⁰⁸

Rena Best Hopewell was born 26 September 1886. She died 2 September 1966 and is buried with her husband. She was the daughter of W.S. Best and Sarah C. Pilkington.

Their children were:

James David Hopewell

He was born 4 November 1903. He died 2 April 1988 in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He married Ellen Peel, 3 January 1923; and second, Lillian Thompson, 1 February 1936. Lillian Thompson was born 4 July 1916 and died 13 August 1943. She is buried in the Vincent Cemetery. He married third, Edna Carter, 4 March 1945. His child by Ellen Peel was Raymond Cleveland, born 14 November 1923 and died 16 September 1924. By Edna Carter he had:

Gloria Jeanne, born 3 August 1946. Greensboro. Edna 1500 Beach st.

Donna Sue, born 2 December 1952, who married a Garrette.

Jonnie Nora Hopewell

She was born 17 December 1905 and married Milton Andrew Holloman. Their daughter is Virginia Earl who was born 4 June 1945¹⁰⁹ and who married a Hare.

Wyatt Swinson Hopewell

He was born 12 January 1908 and died 6 July 1911. He is buried in the Taylor Cemetery at Shine Crossroads, North Carolina.

Rena Margaritte Hopewell

She was born 4 June 1909 and died 23 January 1925. She is buried in the Vincent Cemetery.

¹⁰⁷ This information obtained from Ethel May Hopewell Corbett, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

¹⁰⁸ Driving directions to the Vincent Cemetery: North on Route U.S. 13 (Berkley Blvd.) from Goldsboro to right (East) on New Hope Road. Proceed about 2 miles to State Road #1003, then onto State Road #1779 (dirt). Turn right at mail box of M.C. Young, Box 77G, in front of a white house. Cemetery is located behind house.

¹⁰⁹ Interview, Virginia Earl Holloman Hare, 1206 Atlantic Ave., Goldsboro, North Carolina. 27530

Bruce George Hopewell

He was born 20 October 1910 and married Lilly Mae Southerland, 31 May 1928. She was born 1 July 1907. He died 24 November 1957 and is buried in the Vincent Cemetery.¹¹⁰ Their children are:

Ida Jacqueline who married James Zadock Tyner. They had three girls and live in Morehead City, North Carolina.

Charlotte Mae who married James Johnson and then a Cook. She lives in Wilmington, North Carolina. Died 2004.

Ashley George, born 31 May, 1929 who has four children. He lives in Morehead City, North Carolina and is in the jewelry business.¹¹¹

Tiny Lena Hopewell

She was born 19 December 1918. She died August ____, 1989 in Johnson Co, North Carolina. She never married, and was retarded. She is buried in the Vincent Cemetery in Goldsboro.

Ethel Mae Hopewell

She was born 12 October 1922. She married Alton Corbett. They live in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Their daughter is:

Sandria Carol, born 4 January 1952. Married a Waddell. Teaches at Western Wayne High School.

Edna Ruth Hopewell

She was born 20 May 1924, and married Melvin Morzingo. They live in Goldsboro. Their children¹¹² are:

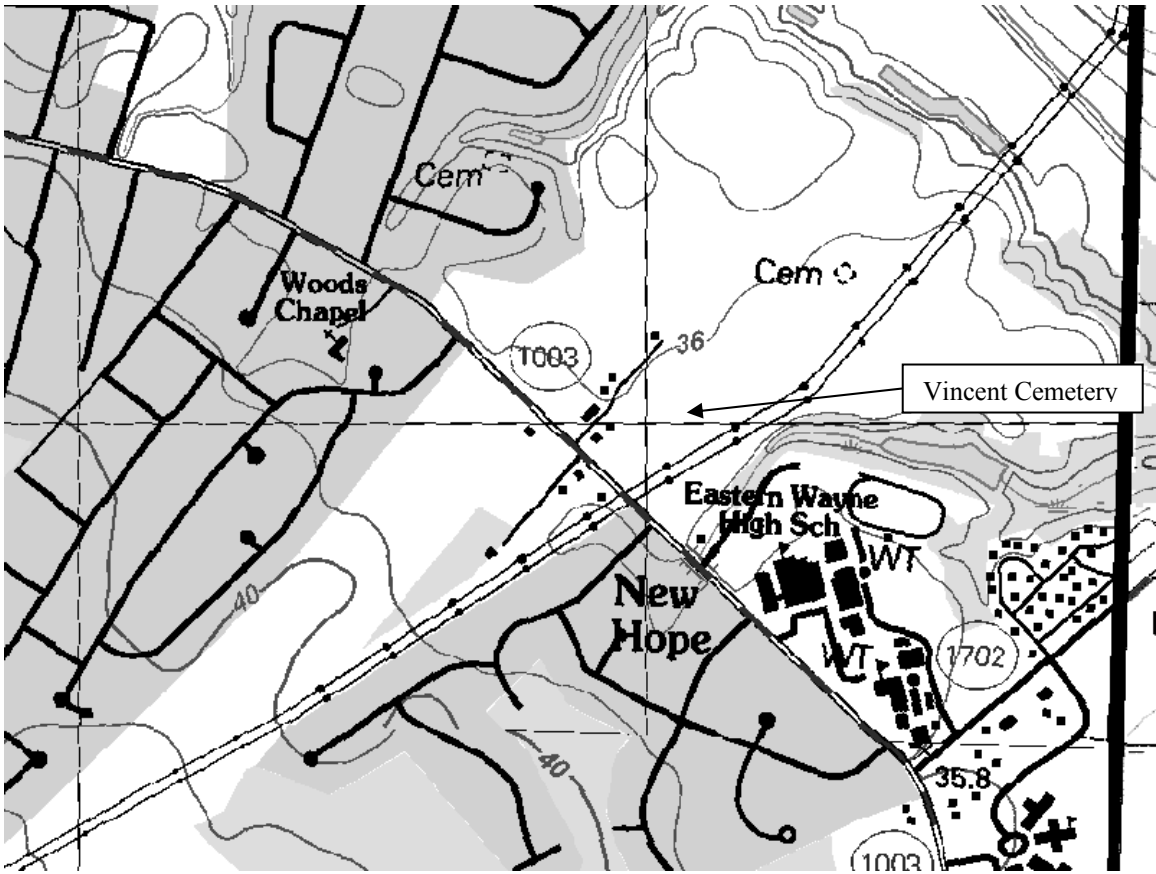
David Kim, who lives in Goldsboro.

Cindy Olivia, married Talmage Thigpen. She lives in Goldsboro and is a teacher at Eastern Wayne High School.

¹¹⁰ Bruce was injured in an explosion in a hotel in Smithfield, but he died from a a hear attack. Info from Nora Holloman.

¹¹¹ In 2005, living in Morehead City, North Carolina.

¹¹² Interview, Edna Hopewell Morzingo, 30 June 2005. Rt 15, Box 430, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534.



Chapter 5

Jesse Pridgen Hopewell

Jesse Pridgen Hopewell was born 22 December 1856¹¹³ in Snow Hill, Green County, North Carolina. He married Hulda Fields 22 August 1883, also in Green County.¹¹⁴ He died 10 May 1938, aged 81, in Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina at the home of his adopted daughter Helen. He is buried in the old section of Mountain View Cemetery, in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Jesse lived and worked for a time in Wilmington, North Carolina. In the 1910 census,¹¹⁵ the following is shown:

Jessie Hopewell - head, born December 1856, married 13 years,¹¹⁶ self and mother born in North Carolina; father born in Maryland; occupation, merchant.

Katie, wife, born April 1866, two children, one living, self and parents born in North Carolina.

Helen, daughter, born December 1888, self and parents born in North Carolina.

Jesse is the only Hopewell of his generation for which we have a photograph. A number of the descendants of Egbert Hopewell remember Uncle Jess, his wife Kate, and his “adopted” daughter Helen.¹¹⁷ Arthur Hopewell remembered, “Uncle Jess lived on Church St. in Wilmington and came to Kinston to visit his family. Aunt Beede (Nannie Dora Hopewell Williams) stayed with Uncle Jess some.”¹¹⁸

James David Hopewell remembered¹¹⁹ that when he was a young boy, Uncle Jess used to visit James’s father George for six to eight months at a time. He was separated from his wife Kate. After his visit, he would then go to his daughter Helen's home in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Nora Holloman remembers that Jesse came to town on the train. He did not have a car.

¹¹³ All records are consistent that his birthdate was in December. The census record says he was born in 1856. His death certificate says he was 81, leading to an 1856 birth year. Only his tombstone says 1857. The most likely date is 1856. The tombstone is identical to Katie's, so they were likely done sometime well after their deaths.

¹¹⁴ Green County North Carolina marriage records. The wedding was at the home of the bride's brother.

¹¹⁵ Jesse Hopewell household, 1910 U.S. Census, New Hanover County, North Carolina.; Wilmington City, Wilmington Township, Supervisor District 3, Enumeration District 17, Fifth City Ward, Sheet 13, Entry House No. 719, 275/283 (dwelling/family), Ann St.

¹¹⁶ This 13 years does not square with his known marriage date to Hulda Fields. It is likely an error.

¹¹⁷ Remembered by Arthur Robert Hopewell and Jonnie Nora Hopewell Holloman.

¹¹⁸ Conversation with author.

¹¹⁹ Conversation with author, 23 May, 1975.

Jesse leaves a pretty clear trail. At some point he moved to Asheville and lived there and also in the nearby Black Mountain community.

His death record^{120 121} shows that he died of senility at 7:30 pm on 10 May, 1938. His obituary reads as follows:

Funeral services for Jesse P. Hopewell, 81, of 1 Oak Park road, who died at his home at 7:30 o'clock that night, were conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Berryman funeral chapel, 138 Charlotte Street. The Rev. John W. Inzer, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated, and burial was in Tabernacle cemetery, Black Mountain.

Pallbearers: Jim Moore, Burgin Pennell, George Pennell, Rad Morgan, Tom Rollins, Jr., and J. Scroop Styles.

Honorary pallbearers: C.S. Kinsland, Dan W. Hill, Roy Carter, Laurence Brown, Clark Gilbert and Dr. J.M. Pack.

Mr. Hopewell is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edmond T. Pressley, with whom he made his home. Mr. Hopewell was in the mercantile business in Wilmington a number of years ago. When he came to Western North Carolina, he operated a nursery. He had been retired for 15 years.¹²²

The particulars on the death certificate were provided by Jesses' son-in-law, Edmond T. Pressley of Asheville, and it noted that Jesse's parents' names were unknown. Jesse was noted as born in Snow Hill, Green County, North Carolina. His occupation was shown as landscape gardener. His wife was listed as Katie and he was shown as a widow.

A friend of his daughter Helen's remembered this:

“Mrs. Pressley [Helen Elizabeth] was a very fine, lovely lady. She and I were the best of friends. Of course she never talked much about her past life, but she dearly loved her Dad, and it is hard for me to believe she was adopted. I didn't know her Dad, seems he was sick a long time. She did tell me that he raised and sold shrubbery, etc., and he planted a lot of that in that cemetery for the owners, but I do not know the owners, (Harrison's Funeral Home, of Black Mountain, North Carolina....) She also told me that he was the one that bought the graves (that is the land) which was such a nice location.”¹²³

The Fields Family

¹²⁰ Buncombe County, North Carolina. Deaths, Index to Vital Statistics, 1890-1988, Book A-O; Certificate 25-252.

¹²¹ Buncombe County, North Carolina Wills, Book V, p. 197. Leaves estate to his daughter Helen Elizabeth Pressley and her daughter Helen Adeline Pressley.

¹²² *The Asheville Times*, Wednesday, May 11, 1938, p. 14. A substantially identical obituary was also in *The Asheville Citizen*, of the same date, except this obituary noted that he had been ill for five years.

¹²³ Correspondence with Mrs. Georgia F. Black who lived in the same retirement home as Helen E. Hopewell, 35 Orange St., Asheville, North Carolina. 28801, October 19, 1975.

Jesse's wife, Kate Margaret Bellman (also known as Hulda Fields) offers a bit of a mystery. First, let's look at Jesse's marriage record, found in Green Co.¹²⁴

The record shows J.P. Hopewell marrying Hulda Fields on 22 August 1883 at the bride's brother's home. J.P. is the son of J.H. and Sarah Hopewell (neither living) and Hulda is age 20 and is the daughter of Henry and Patience Fields. Was Hulda a childhood nickname for Kate? Or was Kate her middle name?

Next, let's look at the 1870 census record¹²⁵:

1879 U.S. Census, Speights Bridge Township, Green County, North Carolina				
Name	Age	Sex	Race	Occupation
Henry Fields	51	M	W	farm laborer
Patience	48	F	W	keeping house
S_ they	18	F	W	at home
Sarah	10	F	W	at home
Winey	9	F	W	
Huldey	7	F	W	
John	15	M	W	farm laborer
Oph_y	14	M	W	at home
James	12	M	W	at home

Patience is shown as Henry's wife.

However, in the 1880 census,¹²⁶ Patience has probably died, and Sarah is shown as Henry's new wife, and some new children, perhaps stepchildren, are shown.

Name	Relation	Race	Sex	Age	Birthplace
Henry Fields		W	M	56	North Carolina
Sarah	wife	W	F	32	North Carolina
Sarah D.	dau	W	F	22	North Carolina
Winefred	dau	W	F	19	North Carolina
Huldy	dau	W	F	17	North Carolina
Henry	son	W	M	14	North Carolina
James	son	W	M	10	North Carolina
Susan	dau	W	F	2	North Carolina

Remember that Jesse's marriage record which shows Patience Fields as Hulda's mother. This record shows Hulda as being born about 1863.

¹²⁴ Green County, North Carolina, marriages.

¹²⁵ 1870 Green County North Carolina census, p. 29, entry 225/225; Speights Bridge Township, 30 July, 1870.

¹²⁶ Need citation.

Next, we examine Kate Margaret Bellman's death record.¹²⁷ She died on May 13 1923 at 12:20 am, aged 60, in Black Mountain. She is buried there next to Jesse. She is shown as a widow!¹²⁸ In the place on the death certificate where the question “where was disease contracted?” the answer given is New Jersey!

Kate's birthday is given as May 20 1863 in her death certificate.¹²⁹ This birthday matches the above census records. Her father is shown as Henry Fields; her mother as “Miss Patia.” It also matches her age 20 given in the marriage certificate of Jesse cited above.

It seems that Hulda Fields and Kate Margaret Bellman is the same person. They have the same birth year, the same father and mother, and were married to Jesse. Both the marriage record and Kate's death record note Patience as her mother.

Some confusion over the Bellman name remains. Kate’s tombstone says “Katie B. Hopewell,” leading one to think of Bellman as a maiden name.

Mary Hopewell's descendents remember that Jesse managed the “Bellman” hotel in Black Mountain (or Wilmington.) We have a photograph of Jesse standing in the doorway of the hotel.

One speculation is that Jesse and Kate were divorced. Then, Kate remarried a Bellman (and removed to New Jersey?) Bellman died leaving Kate a widow. Otherwise, why would her death certificate in 1923, when Jesse was still living note that she was a widow?

A lease¹³⁰ recorded 25 August 1923 (after Kate's death) reads:

This is to certify that I have leased my two lots on Blue Ridge Avenue to J.P. Hopewell for the term of his lifetime, to use personally. He is to pay all taxes and this does not bar me from selling the lots during my lifetime. If the lots are not sold during my lifetime, then at his death they are to revert to my adopted daughter Helen E. Pressley, or to her children. Signed, Katie **married** Bellmann.

A deed recorded 15 February 1923 states: “...between Kate **married** Bellman (widow) of Falcon, North Carolina., and G. Frank Hall of Black Mountain township.”

Here she sells portions of Lot 2, Block 7 as shown on plat of lands of the Black Mountain Hotel Company. Could this be the “Bellman” hotel remembered by family members?

There are several other transactions between Jesse and Helen.

It would not be the first time that a divorced couple maintained a relationship even after one had remarried and become widowed. But, this is only a guess.

¹²⁷ Buncombe County Deaths, op. cite, Certificate 23-1145.

¹²⁸ The cause of death was shown as cardiac hypertrophy and dilatation, of duration of 2 years, contributed to by carcinoma of breast, of 10 years 6 months duration.

¹²⁹ Her tombstone in Mountain View Cemetery, Black Mountain, North Carolina., next to Jesse, says 1860. This is undoubtedly an error. Mrs. Georgia Black furnished family birth and death dates giving Katie's as April 20, 1860. This is probably the same error.

¹³⁰ Buncombe County Deeds; Book 289, Page 295.

Helen Elizabeth Hopewell

Jesse's and Kate's daughter Helen was born 28 December, 1888 in New Hanover County, North Carolina, and died in Asheville, North Carolina, on 19 April 1967, at the Pine Forest Nursing Home at 35 Orange St.¹³¹ She is buried at Black Mountain near her father.

Helen's death certificate shows her birthplace as Buncombe County. However her daughter Helen's delayed birth certificate shows her mother's birthplace as New Hanover County, North Carolina. Coupled with our knowledge that Jesse and Kate lived in Wilmington, this later birthplace is more believable.

Helen married Edmond Theoflace Pressley 25 December 1911. She was his second wife. Helen was a beautician and her husband and son barbers.

She had a superstition about burials. Her grandson Edmond T. Pressley, III recalls that she had all members of the family buried the same way; same flowers, caskets, etc.¹³² "She was a small woman."¹³³

Edmond T. Pressley was born 1 August 1882, in Union County, North Carolina, and died aged 72, in Asheville, 26 July 1956. His father's name was Ervin Pressley.¹³⁴ He is buried in Black Mountain next to Helen.

Edmond died intestate, but Helen was able to get the following writing admitted to probate, probably written while Edmond was in the army.¹³⁵

"Feb. 10, 1944. Dear Mom. My dearest, if I die I want you to have all my money and the home and [unreadable]. Let no one take it away from you. The home and business is paid for and I want you to have it because you help me make it. Take care of your health and remember I love you will all my heart, and I love Both of my children, Helen and Eddie. With love, your husband, Edmond T. Pressley, Sr."

Helen and Edmond had two children:

Edmond T. Pressley, Jr.

Edmond T. Pressley, Jr. was born in Washington, North Carolina, on 3 August 1914. He died aged 46, 22 November 1960 at the Veterans Administration hospital in Oteen, North Carolina. He served in World War II.¹³⁶ His mother Helen provided the death

¹³¹ Buncombe County Deaths, op. cite., Certificate 54-591.

¹³² Author's telephone conversation with Edmond T. Pressley, III, 255 North Bearcreek Road, Asheville, North Carolina. 28806; telephone, 704-252-0339; 18 September, 1975.

¹³³ Conversation with her grandson, James Richard Young, 9548 Locust Hill Dr., Great Falls, Virginia. 22066, (H) 703-759-9183, (W) 703-557-8470.

¹³⁴ Buncombe Co. Deaths, op. cite., Certificate 43-814. The certificate information was given by Helen Pressley, his wife. It notes that his mother's name was unknown. He died of Coronary thrombosis due to arteriosclerosis, contributed to by cirrhosis of liver - angina pectoris.

¹³⁵ Buncombe Co. North Carolina. Wills, Book LL-155, Probated August 3, 1956. Helen is shown as living at 18 Vance St., Asheville, North Carolina. However, Vance St. is in Black Mountain.

¹³⁶ Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

certificate information and is shown living at 35 Orange St., the nursing home where she died.

He married Velma Irene Beaver who died at age 67 in Taylorsville, North Carolina. His son E.T., III reports that his father was divorced when he was five. He next saw his father at age 21.

Edmond T. Pressley, Jr. and his wife Velma had three children:

Edmond T. Pressley, III was born 28 April 1934. He died 5 March 1986 in Hickory, North Carolina.

Patricia Jane Pressley, who was born 18 January 1936, married H.E. Wilhide. She lives in Rockledge, Florida.

Bobby Ray Pressley, who was born 4 January 1939, lives in Wilmington, North Carolina.¹³⁷

Helen Adline Pressley

Edmond's and Helen's second child was Helen Adline Pressley who was born 25 August, 1918, in Black Mountain.¹³⁸

Helen Adline married James Warren Young, 10 June 1944 in Atlanta, GA. She was his second wife. She died 29 April 1959¹³⁹ aged 41, in Asheville.¹⁴⁰ She is buried in Riverside Cemetery in Asheville.

James Warren Young was born 16 June 1916. He died 28 April 1972 in Arlington, Virginia. He is buried in National Memorial Park in Falls Church, Virginia.¹⁴¹ He was the son of Ralph Oscar Young, a builder, originally from Pennsylvania, and his wife, Bessie Willis.¹⁴²

He married first, Sarah McCanless, born 2 August 1916, Asheville, North Carolina, on 25 Dec 1937 in Asheville, North Carolina. They were divorced 10 November 1943.

James Young married third, 1 Sept. 1957 in Greenville, South Carolina, Maleta Plemmons Morgan of Asheville who worked with him at WSKY in Asheville. She was born in Leicester, Buncombe County, North Carolina, 17 April 1926, the daughter of Harry Mitchell Morgan and Blanch Edna Plemmons. He worked for radio station WSKY, then moved to Washington D.C. area in 1957 and worked for the Belmont Ver Standig advertising agency. There he worked with Jim Henson on Muppet advertising. In D.C., Maleta worked for the Navy Department.^{143 144}

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138 Buncombe County, North Carolina. Births. She shows her mother as born in New Hanover, North Carolina. and her father in Union County, North Carolina. She was born in Black Mountain.

139 Mrs. Georgia F. Black, op. cite.

140 James Richard Young, op. cite.

141 Conversation, 9/24/90, Mrs. Maleta married Young, 1201 S. Courthouse Rd., Arlington, Virginia, 703-920-3823.

142 Mrs. Maleta married Young, op. cite.

143 Conversation with Mr. Zeb Lee, owner, radio station WSKY, Asheville, N.C, 9/23/90.

Helen Adline's children by James Young were:

Helen Jeanette, born 10 July 1945 in Washington, DC, who married Edward T. Bannan, Jr., 12 June, 1965 in Arlington, Virginia.

[Received her grandmother's effects. Ask for bible, letters and other info re Helen Hopewell Pressley's parents.]

Caroline Jane, born 18 September 1946 in Winchester, Virginia.

[Need more information.]

James Richard, born 18 Sept 1946 in Winchester, Virginia. He married first, Marie Louise Guiffre, 6 Aug 1966 in Fairfax, Virginia. He married second, Sheila _____.¹⁴⁵

[Add new information.]

¹⁴⁴ Mrs. Maleta married Young, op. cite.

¹⁴⁵ James Richard Young, op. cite.

About the Author

Lynn Hopewell is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. One of his earliest memories is of visiting with his Great-Uncle Clyde Hopewell and his wife Gracie, who lead some of the North Carolina Hopewells north into Virginia.

Lynn received his undergraduate degrees from William and Mary and Virginia Tech and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He resides near Warrenton, Virginia where he has been Senior Warden of St. James Episcopal Church, a member of the Town of Warrenton Architectural Review Board, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wakefield School. He chaired the Fauquier County Historic Preservation Committee. He is a retired personal financial and investment advisor.

All his life, he regularly visited relatives in North Carolina with his father, who loved to visit his family and old haunts. He has been working on the Hopewell family history for over thirty years. His aunt, Vera Hopewell Whitford, first introduced him to Hopewell family history. He has irregularly attended the Whitley family reunion in Dover, North Carolina, attempting to “keep up those family connections,” and of course, picking memories for early stories of the Hopewells.

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