

Keep this,  
Bob.  
Our ancestors' names  
are underscored in red,  
even when appearing  
more than once.  
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SECTION TWO

THE TERRY GENEALOGY

William Terry of Savannah Creek  
(West Bank of Pee Dee River in Anson County)

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: I wrote Mrs. McBee at Greenwood, Mississippi, and asked her to give me some data about herself - to sort of link her up with our Richmond county Terrys. And here is what she wrote me - just a personal note but am printing it as written--ISL:

"Dear Editor London: A difficult assignment, yours. And with your precepts for newspaper writing before me!

My vague connection with your community is through four sisters, Mary, Anne, Mourning and Drucilla Raiford. Mary and Anne married TWO William Terrys. (Each had one.) I am descended from William and Mary's youngest daughter, Margaret. The Rockingham Terrys are descended from Anne and the other William Terry, who left four sons, Mathew, William, James, and Champ. Mourning Raiford married William Picket and they were the ancestors of the Leakes and other Rockingham families. Drucilla Raiford married John Mask and also left many descendants in your county. I have heard that Mathew Raiford, Jr., the brother of the above sisters, married Ann Wall.

Who am I? A genealogist (not professional).

OBJECT: To make each ancestor live in his era, be it fighting for survival from a cabin on a frontier, or on his own peaceful hillside, among family and friends, not just a name in a long list, - he must live.

Method: for records and background, have visited every known place in the U.S. where my ancestors have lived, from Maine to Louisiana; have been to Anson and Richmond Counties a number of times.

Results: Anson County Court Records, including much from early Richmond, to be published in 1950.

WANTED: Additional authentic data, comments, and corrections. (I am armed with references but I am not infallible.)

WARNING: This record of the Terry family is not of people you and I remember but of great great grandfathers. (Hence my connection with any family of today cannot be "direct" but necessarily vague.)

The Coleman family who had a big mill at Grassy Island and were very prominent in the long ago is connected with my line of the Terrys through the marriage of James Coleman and Mourning Terry, daughter of Wm. and Mary Terry.

Dizzy? Hope I have not gone too far. Some of your readers might be able to carry these lines down to the present, if there is interest in it.

Best of luck. Thank you for bothering with my records.

Sincerely,  
May Wilson McBee."

William Terry, son of James and Margaret Terry, of Edgecombe County, N.C., came to Anson in the fall of 1750, having bought a tract of land on the west bank of the Pee Dee. He had married, about 1745, Mary, the eldest daughter of Matthew and Mourning Raiford. Another William Terry, living in Anson, east of the Pee Dee, in January 1751, is said to have married Anne, also a daughter of Matthew and Mourning Raiford. Although their wives seem to have been sisters, there is no evidence that the two William Terrys were, in any way, related. Most of the Terrys



*Our ancestor, Elijah Terry, was a judge in Autauga Co., Ala. & much respected. He owned a grist mill before coming to Alabama.*

of Richmond County are descendants of William and Anne (Nancy), and in his SKETCHES published in the Post-Dispatch, July-Oct. 1927, Capt. Everett wrote of this branch of the Terrys, and of the Pickett, Mask, and Wall families, into which the Raifords also married.

William Terry who married Mary Raiford was an early Justice of Anson County (1755-56) and a Captain in the Militia (1758-61), commanding a company of rangers in the Cherokee Campaign of 1760. He made his will Sept. 6, 1775 and died between April 21, 1778 and May 14, 1782. His wife, Mary Raiford Terry, died between Jan. 6, 1783 and Nov. 14, 1794. Besides his wife, the following children were named in his will: 1) James, 2) Martha, 3) Mourning, 4) Margaret.

1. James Terry, born Nov. 19, 1746, in Edgecombe County, died in Richmond County, May 27, 1816. He was married in Anson, May 24, 1771, to Anne Robards, daughter of William and Mourning (Raiford) Robards. She was born in Cumberland County, Feb. 13, 1756, and died in Richmond County, 22 March 1801. Her father died in Cumberland in 1760 or 61 and her mother, married, second, William Pickett, High Sheriff of Anson County for many years. James Terry was his deputy in 1770 and probably longer. From Anson, James Terry moved to Richmond County about 1788, buying lots 26 and 29 when the town of Rockingham was laid out. Their children: a) Eli Terry, b) William Terry, c) Martha Ann Terry.

a) Eli Terry, born about 1772, in Anson County, died in 1836 in Autauga County, Alabama, where he had moved from Richmond County in 1818, with his brother-in-law, Tod Robinson, and his cousin, William Raiford Pickett. He married in Richmond County, Dec. 17, 1799, Polly Pickett. (Data wanted on her parents. Wasn't she a daughter of James Pickett, of Richmond County?) *yes!* Eli Terry owned a grist mill above old Roberdel and was clerk of Richmond County Court in 1804-5. Named in his will, probated Aug. 31, 1836: his wife, Mary A., and his children: James P. Terry, dec'd., William R. Terry, Tod R. Terry, John K. Terry, Walter L. Terry, Eli Terry, dec'd., Mary, wife of Benj. H. Saxon, Ann, wife of Christopher Hicks, and Appia C. Terry.

(Note by copier of the McBee newspaper article, Mary Shaw Makima, 1109 Dale Dr., S.E., Huntsville, Ala.: The above Benjamin Saxon should be Benjamin W. Saxon, the W being for Wadsworth. His wife's full name was Mary Collingsworth Terry. The Saxons were my great grandparents.) MSM.

b) William Terry, born in Anson County about 1774, died April 20, 1827 at Autaugaville, Alabama. He was a Methodist preacher in Alabama for a number of years; lived in old Sneedsborough Anson County, when his grandmother, Mourning Raiford Pickett, appointed him as one of the executors of her will (probated 1803). Was he the Rev. William Terry who married Sarah Chiles Leak?

c) Martha Ann Terry, born Oct. 5, 1775, in Anson County, died in Autaugaville, Alabama, Jan. 26, 1833. She married March 8, 1792 Tod Robinson, son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Pickett) Robinson, who was born Dec. 21, 1766 in Anson County and died in Alabama Feb. 8, 1838. They moved to Autauga County, Alabama in 1818. He was very wealthy and influential. Children: James Terry Robinson, Hannah Pickett Robinson, William Robinson, Ann Terry Robinson, Cornelius Robinson, Eli Terry Robinson, Tod Robinson Jr., and Eliza Sarah Robinson.

2. Martha Terry, born about 1748 in Edgecombe County, died in Anson 1808. She married James Pickett, born about 1739, son of James Pickett, Sr., who came to Anson County from Caroline County, Virginia, as early as 1753, buying a part of the same tract from which William Terry had bought his acreage on the west bank of the Pee Dee. James Pickett's will was probated July 1798 and that of Martha, his wife, January 1809. Their children:

a) Polly Pickett m. William Robards, son of William and Mourning (Raiford) Robards.

b) Martin Pickett (d. 1834) m. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Winey \_\_\_\_\_ who married (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Allen. Children: William Martin Pickett, Elizabeth Pickett, and Martha Pickett.

c) Joseph Pickett 9d. 1828) m. Flora Boggan (d. 1835) daughter of Capt. Patrick (Paddy) Boggan. Children: Martha, Mary, Frances, Ellen, Glovinia, Evalina, and Martin F. Pickett (d. 1851).

d) William Raiford Pickett, born 1777 in Anson County, moved to Alabama 1818 and died there 1850. Married Frances Dickson, daughter of William, of Anson County. Children: William Dickson Pickett, a daughter who married Gen. Moseley Baker, and Albert James Pickett, the Alabama historian.

e) Frances Hannah Pickett, born 1780 in Anson County, died 1840 in Alabama where she had moved in 1828; married 1798 Mumford Dejarnette, son of Capt. John and Jemima (Owen) Dejarnette. He was born 1776 and died in Anson County in 1823. Children: John Pemberton Dejarnette, James Terry Dejarnette, William Pickett Dejarnette and Martha Owen Dejarnette, who married 1828

\*James Pickett married Sarah Kimbrough.



her cousin, Cornelius Robinson.

3. Mourning Terry, born about 1753 in Anson County, N.C. died in Butler County, Alabama in 1820. She married before September 1775 James Coleman, son of William and Elizabeth Coleman. They moved to Butler County, Alabama about 1818; some of their children going with them and some remaining in Richmond County.

a) Dr. John Coleman m. 1812 Nancy J. Leak, daughter of Walter and Hannah Pickett Leak. She died 1817, leaving three small children, and he married (2) Judith Leak Wade, daughter of Thomas Wade, Jr.

b) James Coleman, Jr. who had an infant daughter in 1794 named Mourning Coleman. He probably had other children, too. He remained in N.C.

c) Thomas Coleman, remained in N.C.

d) Mourning Coleman, m. Erastus Love; remained in North Carolina.

e) Coleman m. Peter Hunter Cole; remained in North Carolina.

f) Nancy Coleman m. Wm. Hamilton Wade, grandson of Col. Thomas Wade.

g) Martha Pickett Coleman m. Green Washington Coleman (no relation).

(On making the above list, the notes of Miss Patton, an Alabama descendant, and Mr. C.E.D. Egerton, late historian of Richmond County, were used, through the courtesy of our editor).

4. Margaret Terry, born in Anson County about 1755 or 6, married there in 1773 David Smith, son of John Smith, Sandhill, and his wife, Sarah. He was born in Cumberland County, Oct. 7, 1753 and died in Hinds County, Miss. Dec. 4, 1835. In the Revolution two years with the N.C. forces, participating in the Battle of King's Mountain and the Siege of Augusta, immediately after the war, he went to the Cumberland Settlement, now Middle Tennessee, in command of a military guard to a party of settlers. His wife and little daughter accompanied him and his second daughter was probably born there. Finding life on that frontier too dangerous for his small family, he took them, by boat, down the Cumberland, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers to the Natchez District, then Spanish territory but well settled by American colonists. Here they were happily located. But in 1790, his wife, Margaret, died and, a few months later, he accidentally killed a Spaniard. Advised to leave the District rather than be tried before the Spanish authorities, he went to Nashville with Andrew Jackson, who was returning, at that time, to his law practice there, leaving his two daughters with a brother who had also come to "the Natchez" to live. In Tennessee, he married (2) Obedience Fort, November, 1791, and by her had eleven children, many of whom became prominent in Mississippi and Texas. Children of David and Margaret (Terry) Smith: 1) Sarah, 2) Mary.

1. Sarah Smith was born in Anson County, N.C. Jany. 19, 1776, and died Dec. 20, 1817, in Claiborne County, Miss. She married Jany. 17, 1792, in Claiborne County, George Wilson Humphreys, son of Col. Ralph and Agnes (Wilson) Humphreys. He was born in Laurens County, S.C. March 23, 1771 and died Dec. 15, 1844. Their seventh son, Benjamin Grubbs Humphreys, was Brig. Gen. in the Confederate Army and Governor of Mississippi 1865-1868. They had thirteen children, only six living to be grown: David George, Elizabeth, Sarah, Margaret, Benj. Grubb, and David Smith.

2. Mary Smith, born probably in the Cumberland Settlement, now Tennessee, early in 1782; died in Claiborne County, Miss. in 1827. She married Feb. 28, 1799, in Christian County, Ky. where her father was then living, Capt Vachel Dillingham, Jr., son of Vachel Dillingham, Sr., and his wife, Ann. He was born in 1772 in Pittsylvania County, Va. and died in June 1803 in Christian County, Ky., leaving two small children. His widow moved to Claiborne County, Miss. in 1805 and married there Andrew Mundell in 1806. Mundell died Jany. 1817 and she married (3) David Gibson May 1, 1820. Children: a) Alfred David Smith Dillingham b) Margaret Esther Dillingham, c) Abijah Hunt Mundell.

a) Alfred David Smith Dillingham, b. Dec. 1799 Ky. d. June 1833 in Miss. md June 1, 1820, Nancy Thomson. Chn: Mary Eliza, Margaret, Elizabeth, died young, and John, died young.

b) Margaret Esther Dillingham, b. 1802, md. 1828 Dr. Edward Swanson. Both d. in 1833. No chn.

c) Abijah Hunt Mundell b 1807 Claiborne Co Miss and d there Feb 1831. Md. Nov. 18, 1830 Ursula Ann Stampley. No children.

- a1) Mary Eliza Dillingham, dau of Alfred D.S. Dillingham and w, Nancy, md Judge Thos T. Land of the Supreme Court of La. 14 chn. Their 10th child, Margaret Mary Land md. Geo. Ash Wilson of Miss. They were the parents of the compiler of these records.

a2) Margaret Dillingham md. John M. Clement & soon was left a widow with 2 small chn, Margaret & Benj. She d. a few yrs later & her chn were brought up by her mother.