

THE GRAVES FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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For all families of Graves, Greaves, Grave, and other spelling variations everywhere

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Wyatt Ashby DeFreitas (son of Richard and Jane) married Wendy Dobransky Sept. 6, 1997 in Laguna Beach, CA. On May 18, 1999 they had their first child, Sage Ashby DeFreitas.

Jim and Rachel Graves of Syria, VA (owners of Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, VA) have two new grandchildren. **Amelia Frances Graves** was born April 27, 1999 to Lynn and Tricia Graves, and **Zoe Ann-Shirley Graves** was born Sept. 5, 1998 to Missy and Lucky Graves of Syria, VA.

Mr. Kenneth E. Page, 7 Sunset View Ave., Troy, NY 12180-6527, descended from NOBLE GRAVES of VT, sent the following obituary from the Times Union, Jan. 11, 2000, Troy, NY. Does anyone know the connection for this family?

Graves, Edward R.

Albany -- **Edward R. Graves**, 90, or First Street, Albany, died Saturday at his home. Mr. Graves was born in Albany, the son of the late Frederick P. and Mary Julia Spooner Graves. He was educated in Albany and was a lifelong city resident. He was a draftsman for the American Progress Company in Albany, retiring in 1979, after many years of service. Mr. Graves served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the VFW Post #36 in Albany and also the American Legion. Mr. Graves was also a member of the Emmaus United Methodist Church in Albany. He was married to Elizabeth Osterhout Graves, who died April 6, 1979.

GRAVES FAMILY NEWS

Mrs. Bruce F. Macrae (Laura Belle Macrae), 306 Surrey Rd., Savannah, GA 31410-4407, sent several items of family news. **Richard William ("Dick") DeFreitas**, husband of Laura Belle's sister Jane, died Aug. 17, 1999 in Charlottesville, VA and was buried in the cemetery of Hebron Lutheran Church in Madison Co., VA. Laura Belle and Jane are descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, as are Jim and Rachel Graves mentioned later.

Mr. Graves is survived by one daughter,

Leona G. DiToro of Avon, IN; one granddaughter, Amanda L. DiToro of Avon, IN; one niece, Evelyn Polito of Albany; and also many other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Zwack & Sons, 633 Central Ave., Albany. Interment will follow in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Mrs. Larry Spurgin (Bobbie Spurgin), 3470 Carlsbad Blvd., Carlsbad, CA 92008-3225, descended from Rear Adm. THOMAS GRAVES of Charlestown, MA, sent the following obituary from the *Los Angeles Times*, Tues., Oct. 19, 1999, p. A20. Can anyone identify the ancestry?

Graves, Charles William, died of a heart attack on October 15, 1999, Mission Viejo. Born September 14, 1928, Peoria, Illinois. Formerly a resident of the San Fernando Valley and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Survived by children, Bart Graves, of Phoenix, Arizona, Kim Heinbuch, of Temecula, California, Carey Graves, of Mission Viejo, California, and Jamie Graves, of Laguna Niguel; 5 grandchildren and 2 sisters, Marilyn Graves and Donna Stewart. U.S. Army veteran of post-War Germany. 40 years in knitwear manufacturing business.

Services Tues., Oct. 19, 2 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 30121 Niguel Rd., Laguna Niguel.

Bobbie Spurgin also sent an article from The San Diego Union-Tribune, Fri., Dec. 3, 1999.

New York -- A pocket watch was auctioned at Sotheby's yesterday for \$11 million, the most ever paid for any timepiece anywhere in the world and about 3½ times the previous record.

Sotheby's said an anonymous bidder bought The Henry Graves Supercomplication by Patek Philippe, the most complicated watch ever made without the aid of a computer, after furious bidding by collectors, museums and

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historians drove the price to \$11,002,500, well above the \$3 million to \$5 million expected.

Henry Graves Jr., of a prominent New York banking family, commissioned Patek Philippe to construct the Supercomplication in 1925.

After three years of study in astronomy, mathematics and precision mechanics, and five subsequent years of production, the end result was the Graves Supercomplication, for which Graves paid \$15,000.

It has more than 900 individual parts -- including 430 screws, 110 wheels, 120 movable parts -- and 70 jewels.

(Henry Graves Jr. was born 11 March 1868 and married Florence Isabel Preston. He was son of Henry Graves and Harriet Isabella Hale, and was descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA.)

FREE LUNCH IN CYBERSPACE -- WHO PAYS?

A Cautionary Note for Genealogists by
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No one reading this needs to be told that the Internet is changing the pursuit of genealogy in exciting new ways. Who can resist the opportunity to access databases, contact other researchers, exchange information, and publish findings in a short period of time, at little or no cost, without leaving home?

Like all new technology, the Internet can be a mixed blessing. For genealogists, I see some problems developing that could have long-term implications. For example, the Internet is creating what I call a new psychology of entitlement. Access to the Internet may not be free, but once you log on, there is a sense that you have entered a toy store where all the toys are either free or heavily discounted. Genealogists are coming to the Net with the expectation that with sufficient time to browse, they can find virtually anything they want, without the inconvenience or expense of writing letters, making long-distance phone

calls, visiting courthouses, reading microfilms, buying books, etc. In other words, the Internet seemingly delivers one-stop shopping at give-away prices.

Everybody knows that if something seems too good to be true, it probably is, but the Internet appears to be an exception. There is, in fact, an enormous amount of information that's free for the taking, or almost so, in cyberspace. So what's the problem?

The problem is that even the Internet can't get around common sense. Common sense tells us there is no substitute for careful, methodical, grass-roots research, the kind any genealogist has to do to construct an accurate family history. Information on the Internet may be a pointer to truth, but rarely is it proof. In other words, the Internet is not a source of information; the information originated someplace else. You still need to go behind the Internet to verify the information. You still need to consult the source.

Common sense also tells us that technology costs money. Sooner or later, directly or indirectly, somebody will have to pay for all those databases, bulletin boards, mailing lists, chat rooms, etc. out there on the Web. In most situations, that somebody is going to be the user of the information, not the provider. If you think I'm wrong about this, keep in mind that the true cost of a product or service is not always obvious. It is possible to pay for something in a coinage other than money.

In the case of genealogical records, somebody has to organize, compile, or abstract those records before they can be put on the Internet. If the records are public -- that is, if they were created by a public agency -- the public, by law, has a right to see them (with some exceptions), but not necessarily on the Internet. If the agency in question puts the records on the Internet, that is a public service, not the fulfillment of an obligation. In other words, we as researchers are not "entitled" to view public records on the Internet, however convenient (and cheap) that may be.

We are not "entitled" to view any kind of records on the Internet. The Internet is simply a new means of communication that lends itself very handily to the needs of genealogists. It does not create entitlements that did not previously exist. An example of this is the question of whether a person has the right to look up information in a book and post that information on the Internet for the benefit of others. On the face of it, this seems reasonable enough. If a person is willing to do lookups for other people, why not?

The answer depends on what information we are talking about. Most books, including those published by nonprofit organizations, are copyrighted. The contents of the book are protected against republication. Generally speaking, if you choose to share a small amount of information from a copyrighted book with another person, either verbally or in private correspondence, you are free to do so under the concept of "fair use" of the material. But if you start cutting and pasting, photocopying, or otherwise transmitting entire paragraphs or pages from the book, you are no longer making fair use of the material, you are now republishing it. That's why most copyright notices say something to the effect that "no portion of this book may be reproduced in any form without written permission from the author or publisher."

The Internet is effectively a giant copy machine. When you post information on the Web, you are reproducing it. Consequently, copyright law still applies. The Internet does not magically redefine the concept of "fair use" to include detailed lookups, quotes, extracts, etc. If someone gets on the Internet and asks whether certain information appears in a copyrighted book, you are free to respond by confirming that the book contains the information in question (with the page number or full citation, if you wish), but beyond that you can only advise the person to buy the book or consult it in a library and do his or her own research.

If that seems an unreasonable restriction, consider the alternatives. If a person creates,

collects, edits, or otherwise prepares material for publication, that effort usually constitutes original work protected by copyright. The publisher recovers the cost of the work from sales of the book. Even if the author or compiler does the work as a "labor of love" for a nonprofit organization (such as a genealogical or historical society), the person does so to benefit the organization, which therefore copyrights the book to protect its investment. Obviously, no publishing house or nonprofit group can continue to underwrite publishing projects if the genealogical community feels free to republish those books in whole or in part on the Internet. Researchers, therefore, need to recognize that misuse of the Internet in the name of "fair use" represents a real threat to all of us who look forward to a continuing flow of information into the marketplace. There are a lot of valuable data out there (such as cemetery and church records) that do not fall in the public domain.

Another Internet-related problem with consequences for genealogists is the devaluation of personal service. One of the appeals of the Internet is that you don't have to write a letter, attend a class, go to a library, shop at a store, wait on hold on the telephone, or put up with any other inconvenience or special cost to access information or order products relevant to your research. In other words, the Internet enables you to bypass a lot of people to get what you want. But bypassing people runs the risk of creating what I call an environment of diminishing expertise -- that is, an environment where there are fewer and fewer knowledgeable people to consult if you suddenly discover that the Internet doesn't answer all your questions. Yes, I realize there are various genealogical Web sites where you can "talk" to specialists. But chat rooms and e-mail are no substitute for getting help with certain genealogical problems or issues, such as selecting the best resource for a particular task or identifying resources you might not know about if somebody didn't tell you. That's when personal service becomes important. But

personal service is going out of fashion, due in part to the influence of the Internet. Look, for example, at the mortality rates for small bookstores these days. Small bookstores are going out of business in record numbers because consumers are increasingly trading off personal service at "Mom and Pop" stores for deep discounts on the Internet or stacks of best-sellers at chain stores. For genealogists, this trend is not great news. I speak from personal experience. One incident will illustrate the point.

Last February, a woman posted a message on RootsWeb recommending a book about Britain. She had made what she thought was an important discovery. Actually, the book has been in print for 10 years, but it is not a genealogical book, so you would not be inclined (at least for genealogical reasons) to pick it up if you saw it in a library or a bookstore. Yet people like myself who are professionally involved in genealogy have been recommending and "hand-selling" this book for a long time to people we know who are researching immigrant groups discussed in the book. That's part of our job: to act as a broker of information for our clients or customers.

Devaluation of personal service leads to another problem: an increase in consumer disloyalty. At the same time that the Internet is creating an environment of diminishing expertise, it is also encouraging consumers to shop price, not product. That means you can't expect merchants on the Web (or, for that matter, in the superstores) to know exactly "what's in the box" or to help you make the right choice for your needs among a large array of items. Consequently, shoppers are still seeking out small businesses for advice on products, but those shoppers are then buying on the Web (or at a superstore) instead of buying from the dealer who helped them. Obviously, this process can't go on very long before shopkeepers have to stop dispensing free advice or, worse yet, have to shut their doors. So let's be candid about the way the marketplace works: as consumers, we don't

vote with our mouths, we vote with our wallets. Therefore, I offer this friendly reminder: Loyalty is not an act of charity; it is an investment in access to expertise. If your local, independent drug store (or hardware store, or bookstore, etc.) is willing to take 10 or 15 minutes assisting you, the store probably cannot afford to give you the same rock-bottom prices advertised by a store where the clerk (if you can find one) does not know the merchandise. In the age of the Internet, we still need to reward people who care about their trade.

This lesson comes home to me almost any time I get in a discussion about genealogical software. Genealogical software is being peddled on the Internet largely as a "throw-away" item. That is, vendors are pricing most of the programs so low, you won't feel bad if you end up throwing the product away if you don't like it. But throw-away prices can be deceptive; typing data into a program you purchased mainly because it was a bargain is not necessarily the best use of your time. And we all know that time is money. Likewise, companies that sell products at cheap prices may not be inclined to throw a lot of dollars at after-sale support. Which brings us back to the question of personal service: how important is personal service for genealogists who welcome the availability of "high tech" research tools but who also want to make informed choices among many ever-changing options? Taking the longer view of the Internet, perhaps all of us as family historians need to remember that free lunches can sometimes get very expensive.

Written by Stuart Nixon, proprietor of Hearthstone Bookshop in Alexandria, Virginia <<http://www.hearthstonebooks.com/>>, a store that specializes in genealogy and related subjects. Previously published by Julia M. Case and Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG, *Missing Links: RootsWeb's Genealogy Journal*, Vol. 4, No. 38, 15 September 1999. RootsWeb: <<http://www.rootsweb.com/>>

ADDRESS CHANGES

Mr. Roger A. Graves of Marshall, MI, descended from DANIEL GRAVES and Mary Ferguson of NH & Ontario, Canada, has moved to 8021 Stuart Lake Rd., Marshall, MI 49068-9741.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

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DeLISLE, Mrs. Valerie
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Ancestry: Parents of Newton Graves and Margaret E. B. Jackson of AL (prob. Capt. Thomas Graves of VA)

GRAVES, Dr. James Russell
15015 SE River Forest Drive, Milwaukie, OR 97267
Ancestry: Thaddeus C. Graves and Catherine Tanner Janes of NY & IA (prob. same as gen. 59, Thaddeus Graves who m. Mathilda Beeman)

GRAVES, Mr. Michael D.
PO Box 3252, Humble, TX 77347
Ancestry: J. E. Graves, Martha -----, & Elizabeth B. Laird of KY & Newton Co., MS

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Ancestry: unknown

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Ancestry: Elijah Graves and Mary A. ----- of TN & AL

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Ancestry: Charles S. Graves and Carrie Ellen Gates of Erie Co., PA

KRAUSE, Mr. Richard Lee
PO Box 579, Mounds, OK 74047
Ancestry: Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, via John², Thomas³, John⁴, Thomas⁵, John⁶, John Herndon⁷, Catherine⁸ and Ann², Verlinda³ Cotton, Elizabeth⁴ Burdett

LARSON, Ms. Bettijane

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Ancestry: Jesse Graves and Lucinda ----- of VT & IL

RIVERS, Mr. Donald E.
245 County Rd. 1260, Falkville, AL 35622
Ancestry: Doctor Graves of NC & Blount Co., AL

GRAVES FAMILIES OF ALBEMARLE CO., VA

In the 1998 newsletter, pages 90-95 was discussion of the various claims for lineage of some of the Albemarle Co., VA Graves families. Examples of the conflicting claims include:

- Parentage of Thomas Graves who married Judith Turner.
- Parentage of William Lynch Graves who married Sarah H. Turner.

My guess at this time is that both this Thomas Graves and William Lynch Graves were sons of John Graves (659) discussed below. More research, documentation, and careful analysis is needed, and all help will be appreciated.

Thomas Graves, b.c. 1787, probably in Albemarle Co., VA m(1) Judith Turner. In the Capt. Thomas Graves of VA genealogy, he is shown as son of William Graves (569) and Elizabeth Davidson. [Note: the ID numbers in genealogies will change as more descendants are added and the genealogy is renumbered.] The descent from Capt. Thomas Graves is: Thomas¹, Francis², Thomas³, John⁴, Edward⁵, William⁶, Thomas⁷.

Thomas Graves who married Judith Turner is also shown as son of John Graves (659) and S. -----, descended: Thomas¹, John², Ralph³, Ralph⁴, John⁵, John⁶, John⁷, Thomas⁸, as shown in the next paragraph.

John Graves (659) married S. (probably Sarah or Susannah) ----- before 1778. They were listed in the 1810 Albemarle Co., VA census as both being over 45. Two of their 7 children, Sarah and Susannah, were ancestors of the Critzer family. (See *Critzer-Drumheller*

Ancestors by Margaret C. Reese, Waynesboro, VA, 1979.)

Children - Graves

- +1693. Sarah Graves, b. 1778, m. John Toms, 22 April 1792, d. 16 Jan. 1857.
- 1694. Nancy Graves, b. 1781, m. Alexander Toms, 9 Sept. 1798 (Albemarle Co., VA).
- 1695. Susannah Graves, m. John Jackson, 11 Nov. 1799 (Albemarle Co., VA).
- +1696. Richard Graves, b.c. 1773, m(1) Milly Murrell, 14 March 1796, m(2) Jane Fielding, 28 Feb. 1799, m(3) Cassandra Riggs, d. 11 Jan. 1849.
- 1697. John Graves, m. Lucy Turner, 17 Nov. 1807 (Amherst Co., VA).
- +1698. Ann Graves, b.c. 1791, m. John Spears, 3 March 1812.
- 1699. Thomas Graves, m. J. Turner, 20 Nov. 1810 (Nelson Co., VA).

It is interesting to see that Ann Graves (1698), daughter of John Graves (659) had children who married Graves family members.

Ann Graves (1698) was born about 1791 in Albemarle Co., VA. She married John Spears on 3 March 1812 in Albemarle Co., VA. (R-269)

Children - Spears

- 3333a. James M. Spears
- 3333b. William J. Spears, b. 1814 (VA), m. Minerva Hudson.
- 3333c. John W. Spears, b. 1817 (VA), m. Mariah Graves.
- +3334. Nancy L. Spears, b. 2 Jan. 1819, m. John Carver Anglin, c. 1834, d. 30 Jan. 1885.
- 3334a. Willis J. Spears, b. 1823 (VA), m. Susan Mosley.
- 3334b. Lucinda Spears, b. 1827, m. Adley Davidson.
- 3334c. Adeline Spears, b. 1829 (TN), m. John Owens.
- 3334d. Hudson Spears, b. 1830, m. Sarah Graves.
- 3334e. Thomas Spears, b. 1831 (TN), m. Queen Gorden.

3334f. Dickson Spears, b. 1835, m. Elizabeth Lynch.

3334g. Samuel C. Spears, b. 1837 (TN), m(1) S. E. Clardy, m(2) -----.

Note that among the marriages of the children in the preceding paragraph was one to a Davidson and one to a Lynch (middle name of William Lynch Graves). The two Graves family members who married Spears children were children of William Lynch Graves (genealogy 84), as shown in the next paragraph. This supports the belief that Ann Graves (1698) and William Lynch Graves were closely related, probably sister and brother.

William Lynch Graves (1), called Lynch, was born 1789 and died 1 Sept. 1853. He moved to Madison Co., Tenn. from Albemarle Co., Va. about 1829. William L. Graves married Sarah H. Turner on 5 May 1811 in Albemarle Co., Va. Mr. Fonville thinks that the father of William L. was John Graves, who was in the 1810 Albemarle Co. census, along with William Turner, the father of William's wife.

Children - Graves

- +2. Hudson C. Graves, b. 11 May 1812, m. Adaline Susan Turner, 26 Feb. 1844, d. 2 Nov. 1878.
- +3. Tarlton H. Graves, b. 9 Sept. 1816, m(1) Frances M. Fly, 30 Jan. 1844, m(2) Virginia M. Oliver, 7 Sept. 1858, d. 16 Jan. 1866.
- +4. Andrew (I. or J.) Graves, b. 20 March 1817, m. Nancy Ann Duffee, 5 Nov. 1840, d. 1845.
- +5. Mary Ann Graves, b.c. 1818, m. Samuel Gordon, 3 Dec. 1838, d. 5 Feb. 1847.
- +6. Peyton W. Graves, b. 1821, m. Mary F. Gregory, d. 1869.
- +7. John Madison Graves, b. 1825, m. Matilda Barnett, 1 July 1873, d. Aug. 1893.
- +8. Mariah Graves, b. 1827 or 1828, m. John W. Spears.

- +9. James Graves, b. 1829, m. Sarah Ann Boon, 22 Sept. 1857, d. before May 1880.
- +10. Sarah Graves, m. Hudson J. Spears, 3 June 1850.
- +11. William Lynch Graves, Jr., b. 1834, m. Mary Jane Turner, 28 Dec. 1854, d.c. 1869.

Albemarle Co., VA was formed from Goochland and Louisa counties in 1744. Other genealogies that involve Albemarle Co., VA include the following. Are any of these connected with the preceding and each other? The early generations of all these are on the Graves Family Association web site at <http://www.gravesfa.org>.

- John Graves and Edith June ----- of Albemarle Co., VA (223). This was also discussed in the 1998 newsletter article as possible parents of William Lynch Graves.
- Sarah Graves and Michael Israel of VA & NC (191)
- H. Rice Graves and Elizabeth Mawyer of Albemarle Co., VA (234)
- Leonard B. Graves and Susan Day of Albemarle Co., VA and Jefferson Co., MO (721)

QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

GRAVES FAMILIES OF THE BRITISH ISLES

Mr. Alan R. Greaves, 9 Mezen Place, St. Clair, NSW 2759, Australia (caleula@ram.net.au), would like to learn more about his Greaves family, outlined below.

DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD GREAVES AND MARY ----- OF NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND

GENERATION 1

Edward Greaves (1) was baptized 26 Oct. 1724 at St. Mary's, Nottingham, England. He married Mary -----.

Children - Greaves

- +2. John Greaves, bapt. 16 March 1757, m. Jane -----.

GENERATION 2

John Greaves (2) was baptized 16 March 1757 at St. Mary's, Nottingham. He married Jane -----.

Children - Greaves

- +3. John Greaves, bapt. 16 March 1757, m. Ann -----.

GENERATION 3

John Greaves (3) was baptized 16 March 1757 at St. Mary's, Nottingham. He married Ann -----.

Children - Graves

- +4. John Greaves, bapt. 30 Sept. 1785, m. Margaret Fisher, 4 July 1806.
- 5. Elizabeth Greaves, b. 1780.

GENERATION 4

John Greaves (4) was baptized 30 Sept. 1785 at St. Mary's, Nottingham. He lived in Red Hill, Nottingham, England¹. John may have been licensee of the older of two pubs at Red Hill, Nottingham. The locals said that Anne Boleyn was a frequent visitor at the pub on the way through to Sherwood Forest. There is also a possibility that he (or a Green) owned the local brewery (the Home Brewery) but died intestate, leaving no known relatives. John married Margaret Fisher on 4 July 1806 in St. Mary's, Nottingham.

Children - Greaves

- +6. Samuel Fisher Greaves, b.c. 1808, m. Caroline Barnett, 1 June 1838, d. by 18 Nov. 1854.

GENERATION 5

Samuel Fisher Greaves (6) was born about 1808, and was baptized 30 Dec. 1808 in St. Mary's, Nottingham. He married Caroline Barnett on 1 June 1838 at Leamington Priors, close to Kenilworth (Warwickshire) and

¹ The only Red Hill that has been found is in West Yorkshire, near Castleford and Pontefract.

Leamington Spa. She was born about 1809 in Warwick, England. Caroline may have been christened 4 Aug. 1812 at Brook St. Chapel, formerly Cow Lane Independent, daughter of John and Sarah Barnett.

Samuel was indentured on 27 Dec. 1823 into the drapery trade of Thomas Wilson & William Cutts. (There is a possibility that he shot through from his apprenticeship in 1824.) He must have died by 1824, since on 18 Nov. 1854 Caroline and the 3 children landed aboard the good ship "Kate" in Australia after a 6-month voyage. Shipping records show that they paid one pound each for assisted passage, all could read and write, and they were Church of England religion. Strangely, some of them were later buried as Presbyterian.

Children - Greaves

7. Emily Caroline Greaves, b.c. 1840 (Kenilworth, Warwickshire), bapt. 11 Oct. 1840 (Portsea, now Portsmouth).
- +8. John Samuel Greaves, b.c. 1843, m. Susan Mary Florence Hughes.
9. Sarah Graves, b.c. 1849, bapt. 9 Sept. 1849 (Winchester).

GENERATION 6

John Samuel Greaves (8) was born about 1843 in Camden, Gloucestershire, England. He married Susan Mary Florence Hughes. She died 21 Aug. 1937 in Northern Suburbs Crematorium.

Children - Greaves

10. John Samuel Greaves, b. 1877 (Orange).
11. Florence M. C. Greaves, b. 1879 (Orange).
- +12. Frederick Horace Greaves, b. 1880, m. Mary Auld.
13. Barnett Kenilworth Greaves, b. 1882 (Mudgee, NSW), d. 1940 (Randwick).
14. Emily Beatrice Greaves, b. 1884 (Mudgee, NSW).
15. Bessie Keith Greaves, b. 1886 (Newton, NSW).
16. Enid F. Greaves, b. 1889 (Leichhardt), d. 1890 (Leichhardt).

GENERATION 7

Frederick Horace Greaves (12) was born in 1880 in Sydney, Australia. He married Mary Auld.

Children - Greaves

17. Emily Molly Greaves

*THOMAS GRAVES OF NEW CASTLE CO.,
DE, QUAKER*

Mrs. Dorothy H. Ward, 11030 SE 52nd Ct., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33329-4706, descended from Capt. THOMAS GRAVES of VA, is interested in the family of THOMAS GRAVES of New Castle, DE because she wants to learn more about the connected lines of Chandler and Bezer. She has an early Garrett line that was first in PA, just across the border from the New Castle Co. area, moving there in the late 1600's.

Although early research on this Garrett line places him in another area of England, it is more likely he may have come from the Wiltshire area. Swithin Chandler was the administrator of the estate of Thomas Garrett 19 Oct. 1710 in Philadelphia Co., PA. According to an early 1900's researcher, Thomas Garrett was a Baptist and records of the family are said to be in the Brandywine Baptist Church. The first Thomas Garrett is said to have lived on Brandywine Creek at Chadd's Ford, PA.

Three of the 5 children of Samuel Graves (son of the immigrant Thomas Graves, gen. 85) and Sarah Bezer (daughter of William Bezer and Sarah Cool) married Chandler family members. Martha (b. 1704) married Jacob Chandler, John (b. 1706) married Jane Chandler, and Jonathan (b. 1712) married Sarah Chandler. All three Chandlers were children of Swithin Chandler and Ann -----. Swithin was a son of George Chandler and Jane or Ruth Bezer. They were Quakers.

Dorothy Ward would like to correspond with anyone working on the Chandler or Bezer connections.

(ED. NOTE: The Chandler and Bezer families are of interest because we are trying to find the ancestry of Thomas Graves, and learning about associated families can be helpful. Often families that were closely connected with each other in America were originally from the same places in Europe or elsewhere. Other family names from the first 2 generations of the Thomas Graves family that are also worth pursuing are Abraham, Barber, Bassett, Buttall, Chase, Craven, Kite, Lewis, Overend, Pastorius, Peters, Vanaman, and Warner.)

NORTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES

Mr. Clark Jillson, 9979 Bonta Bridge Rd., Jordan, NY 13080 (chilkoot98@aol.com), is looking for the ancestry of REBECCA ANN GRAVES. His information is below.

DESCENDANTS OF REBECCA ANN GRAVES AND DANIEL D. SUITS OF ONONDAGA CO., NY

GENERATION 1

Rebecca Ann Graves (1) was born 1 April 1819, and died 15 April 1898 in Memphis, Onondaga Co., NY. She married Daniel D. Suits on 16 Dec. 1835. He was born 24 Sept. 1809 in Stone Arabia, Montgomery Co., NY, and died 21 Jan. 1889 in Memphis, NY.

On the tombstone that bears the name of Rebecca and Daniel there also appears that of John C. Graves, 1833-1897. Perhaps he was Rebecca's brother.

John Graves was in the 1800 census for Minden, Montgomery Co., NY. Daniel Graves was in the 1810 census for Camillus, Onondaga Co., NY. John Graves was in the 1825 Assessment rolls for Camillus, Onondaga Co., NY. Mrs. Anna Graves was listed as an early member (1820-1825) of the Methodist Church in Jordan, Onondaga Co., NY.

Children - Suits

- 2. Ella Suits
- 3. Alice Suits
- +4. William W. Suits, m. -----.

- +5. Imogene Suits, m. Hiram G. Pickard.
- +6. Lillie Belle Suits, m. ----- Drumm.
- 7. Charles N. Suits

GENERATION 2

William W. Suits (4) married -----.
Children - Suits

- 8. Norris G. Suits
- 9. Adelaide May Suits

Imogene Suits (5) married Hiram G. Pickard.

Children - Pickard

- 10. Lena Pickard
- 11. Blanche Pickard
- 12. Gabriel Pickard
- 13. Leslie Pickard
- 14. Anthony Pickard
- 15. HL Pickard (this is actual name, not initials)
- 16. Grover Pickard
- 17. DD Pickard (this is actual name, not initials, but probably named for his grandfather, Daniel D. Suits)
- 18. Irving Pickard
- 19. John Pickard

Lillie Belle Suits (6) married ----- Drumm.
Children - Drumm

- 20. Lottie Suits Drumm

Mr. Timothy J. Dawe, 664 Stinson Dr., Columbus, OH 43214 (Timothy.Dawe@lexis-nexis.com), is searching for the ancestry of ELIZABETH GRAVES, b. 1 March 1769, d. 6 July 1850 in Granville, Licking Co., OH, m. Thomas Ingham.

He wrote that he has suspected for a while that Elizabeth was a descendant of Rear Admiral THOMAS GRAVES, specifically a daughter of Reuben Graves (#164 in the book, and #159 below). Although the book only lists two children, their birth dates seem far enough apart for there to have been other children. The information from the book on this family

is below. (Note that the numbers are slightly different from those in the book.)

Reuben Graves (159) was born 15 April 1737 in Killingly, Conn. He married Susannah -----. She was born 1746. They settled in East Granville, Mass., where they were members of the Congregational Church. Both their children were born in East Granville.

Children - Graves

317. Dorothy Graves, b. 22 April 1768.
+318. Isacher Graves, b. 10 March 1779, m. Ruth Blakeley, 23 Nov. 1807, d. 5 April 1830.

Reuben and Susannah were buried in the Old Colony Burial Ground in Granville, OH. Elizabeth Graves and Thomas Ingham are also buried in that cemetery, close to Reuben and Susannah. Three additional Graves individuals, all born within a few years of Elizabeth, are also buried nearby: Enoch, Roswell and Josiah Graves. Mr. Dawe believes there may be a relationship between Reuben and Susannah and the other four, possibly that of parents and child.

Enoch and Roswell were brothers, descended from Deacon GEORGE GRAVES of Hartford, CT, as shown in the following paragraph. Roswell is #262 and Enoch is #266. There is much more detail in the book.

Roswell Graves (102) was born 5 Dec. 1731 in Durham, CT, was baptized 16 Jan. 1732 in Durham, and died on or after 1810. He married Lois Coe, daughter of John Coe and Hannah Parsons. She was born 13 Aug. 1732 in Haddam, CT, and was baptized 20 Aug. 1732 in Durham, CT.

Children - Graves

- +261. Ezra Graves, bapt. 26 Dec. 1756, married.
+262. Roswell Graves, b. 18 June 1758, m. Hannah Rose, 11 May 1780, d. 29 Dec. 1850.
+263. Seth Graves, bapt. 21 Sept. 1760, m. Elizabeth Matthews, d. 8 March 1838
+264. Eleazer Graves

- +265. Asher Graves, b. 20 Dec. 1765, m. Elizabeth Spelman, 30 Sept. 1788, d. 21 July 1828.
+266. Enoch Graves, b. 13 Sept. 1766, m(1) Rhoda Rose, 5 Nov. 1789, m(2) Mrs. Doritha Tibbals, 28 Nov. 1802, m(3) Hannah -----, m(4) Mindwell Everett, July 1822, d. 16 April 1836.
267. Matthew Graves
268. Chandler Graves; he was a resident of the Chazy region of Champlain, NY in 1800. On March 25, 1805, a road was laid out "leading from the house of Chandler Graves to Graves' grist mill".
+269. Rufus Graves, b.c. 1772, m. Polly Clark, 1804, d. 13 Oct. 1827.
270. Chloe Graves, m. Aaron Day. Moved to McGrawville, N.Y.
271. Eunice Graves

The Josiah Graves mentioned is in genealogy 21 and has not yet been placed. His information is below.

Josiah Graves (1) was born 27 March 1773, and died 5 July 1838 in Granville, Licking Co., Ohio. He married Hannah Cooley, daughter of Clark Cooley and Sabra Bancroft, on 7 (or 27) Feb. 1798 at Granville, Mass. She was born 3 July 1776 in Granville, Mass., and died 3 Dec. 1857 in Granville, Ohio. They moved to Granville, Ohio before 1808, but not with the original settlers in 1805. He served as a captain in the Ohio Militia during the War of 1812.

Among the original settlers of Granville, Ohio were Enoch Graves, Sr., who was born at Granville, Mass. on 13 Sept. 1766, and Roswell Graves, son of Roswell and Lois Graves, baptized at Durham, Conn. on 17 June 1758. Both Enoch and Roswell were descended from Deacon George Graves, who settled in Hartford, Conn. about 1636. Roswell Graves served in the Revolution from Granville, Mass., and died in Granville, Ohio at the age of 92. Mr. Blagg wrote: "I recall from my childhood a cousin of mine speaking of one of Roswell's descendants as a cousin of hers, so I presume that Roswell and Josiah

were related. There is no mention of Josiah in Granville, Mass. Vital Records other than the record of his marriage."

Mr. Blagg believed that Josiah may have been a son of Reuben Graves of Granville, MA, and may have been descended from immigrant Deacon George Graves of Hartford, CT (gen. 65).

Children - Graves

- +2. Valorus Alden Graves, b. 10 June 1799, m(1) Anna Baker, 25 Nov. 1819, m(2) Louisa M. Warren, 27 Sept. 1835, d. 15 Jan. 1881.
- +3. Josiah Harmon Graves, b. 13 May 1802.
 - 4. Beala Cooley Graves, b. 10 Feb. 1808, d. 2 May 1810.
 - 5. Abial Graham Graves, b. 3 March 1811, d. 12 Sept. 1862.
 - 6. Hannah Corintha Graves, b. 1 May 1817.

Was Elizabeth a sister of Josiah Graves? Were they children of Roswell Graves Sr. or of Reuben Graves? What can be done to find out?

Ms. Shirley Pehrson, PO Box 414, Monticello, UT 84535 (spehrson@sanjuan.net) is searching for the ancestry of her PHINEAS GRAVES who married Eliza ----- and had at least one son, Simon Legree Graves, born 15 March 1840. According to her information (family legend), Eliza was born in Nova Scotia, and "Simon was a small boy when his parents came from England and settled in Nova Scotia. When Simon was a young man he came to Leadville, Colo. during the Gold Rush before Denver was built. He was a finished carpenter by trade." Simon married Eliza Luella Hammond. She was born 26 July 1854 in Massachusetts. "Her ancestors by the name of Chase came over on the Mayflower. When she was a small girl her parents came to Leadville, Colo. with a wagon train. They didn't like the West so they went back to Illinois. When the Gold Rush started in Colo. they came back to Leadville somewhere around 1858."

Her father was Perl Leroy Graves, born 29 Oct. 1904 in Dolores, Montezuma Co., CO, son of Herbert Watson Graves and Clara Belle Thornell. Herbert was a son of Simon Legree Graves.

ED. NOTE: It appears that her Phineas Graves may be descended from JOSEPH GRAVES (b. 1699) and Rachel Pratt of Framingham, MA (gen. 133) as follows: Joseph¹, Phineas² b. 1735, John³, Phineas⁴ b. 1805, Simon⁵. The information for Phineas⁴ from the genealogy is below. It is believed that Joseph¹ Graves may be descended from Rear Admiral Thomas Graves of Charlestown, MA (gen. 28), and may also be related to Lt. William Graves and Elizabeth Williams of MA, Nova Scotia & New Brunswick (gen. 238). Help is needed for Simon Graves, his ancestry and descendants.

Phineas Graves (53) was born in 1805 and died after 1881. He married Eliza (or Elizabeth) Jane Johnson, daughter of Uriah Johnson, in 1829 (Wilmot Twp. records). She was born about 1809, died 2 Sept. 1886, and was buried in Pereau Cem., Pereau, Kings Co., Nova Scotia.

Children - Graves

- +97. Samuel Graves, b. 1832, m(1) Sophronia (or Susanna) Rand, m(2) Huldah Rand.
- 98. Avis Ann Graves, b.c. 1833.
- +99. Rachel Graves, b.c. 1835-1837, m(1) Levi Rand, 31 March 1855, m(2) James Woolaver, 29 Dec. 1868, d. 12 April 1907.
- 100. John Graves, m. ----- Pineo.
- 101. Robert Graves, b.c. 1836, killed by falling tree at age 20.
- 102. Simon Graves, married.
- 103. Maria Graves, m. Alexander Kennedy.

Dr. and Mrs. James Russell Graves, 15015 S.E. River Forest Dr., Milwaukie, OR 97267-2504 (jang10@aol.com), have been researching his Graves ancestors for many years. They believe that Thadeus Graves and Mathilda A. Beeman of NY & IA (genealogy

59) may be the same as his great-grandfather THADDEUS GRAVES.

His Thaddeus Graves at age 51 married a widow and mother of 4 children, Catherine Tanner Janes, age 37, on Sept. 23, 1871 in New Hampton, Chickasaw Co., IA. They had one more children, Hiram Chester, born 17 June 1872 (his grandfather). Thaddeus died 31 March 1888, and was buried in Rowley Hill Cem., near Bassett, Chickasaw Co., IA. Catherine, a twice-widowed woman, married a neighboring widower, Henry Newling, on 29 Sept. 1897 in Charles City, Floyd Co., IA, and died about 4 years later on 23 July 1901. She was buried next to Thaddeus (spelled Thadeus on the tombstone in Rowley Hill Cem.

Although the following information submitted by Mr. R. Vernon Graves, 1410 Silver St., Sumner, WA 98390-1724, says that Thadeus Graves died in 1863 or 1864, it appears that either he did not die then or there was another Thadeus/Thaddeus with many similarities.

GENERATION 1

Thadeus Graves (1) was born about 1815, birthplace unknown, but he told his children he grew up in Steuben Co., N.Y. Although he may have been born in N.Y., his son Carlisle stated on the 1900 census that his father was born in Ireland. If he was a son of the Thadeus Graves of Ross Co., Ohio (as discussed below), he was probably born in N.C. He died in 1863 or 1864 (or 1861?) in Allamakee Co., Iowa.

He married Mathilda A. Beeman, daughter of Cyrus Beeman and Avis Bowen, about 1841. She was born 14 March 1824 in New Haven, Addison Co., Vt., died 4 March 1912 in Petosky, Mich., and was buried in Portland Cem., Portland, Mich.

They were living on a farm in Norfolk, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. in 1850. Their first three sons were born in New York. Since Carlisle was born in St. Lawrence Co., it is assumed the other two were also.

Sometime after 1855 (probably 1859) the family moved to Iowa, possibly with a short stay in Steuben Co., N.Y. By 1860, the family was living in Jefferson Twp., Allamakee Co., Iowa, near Mathilda's father. Myron Oscar was born there in 1862. They had a farm south of Waukon, but Thadeus also worked as a circuit preacher, possibly associated with the Methodist Church. While returning from a circuit-riding trip, he was lost in an early fall blizzard, either in 1863 or 1864.

By 1865, Mathilda and the four boys were living in Ionia, Mich. Later she moved to Ann Arbor with the two youngest, where they went to college. George and Carlisle remained in Ionia Co. After the youngest boys finished college, she returned to Ionia for a few years, then moved to Petoskey, Mich., where Myron was teaching. She lived in Petoskey until her death in 1912.

Mr. R. V. Graves believes that Thadeus Graves was a son of Thadeus Graves/Greaves of Ross Co., Ohio. He bases this belief on several factors. First, both Thadeuses spelled their name with only one 'd', versus two d's most other places. Second, Thadeus's son Carlisle stated in the 1900 census that his father was born in Ireland, and the first village north of Jefferson Twp. was named Londonderry. Third, Thadeus was supposed to have grown up in Steuben Co., N.Y., and over on the state line is Steubenville, Ohio. Fourth, Thadeus named his third son Anson, and Thadeus of Ross Co. apparently had a son named Anson who drowned in Salt Creek, Ross Co., in 1847.

Thadeus of Ross Co. was born about 1790 in N.C., and died after 1840, probably in Ross Co. His wife is unknown. It appears that Thadeus married, and settled first in N.C., probably near where he had grown up. Between 1810 and 1820 he moved to Jefferson Twp., Ross Co., Ohio, living there until after 1840. He and his family appeared in the Ross Co. census records for 1820, 1830 and 1840. His children, according to the census and *The*

County of Ross, by Henry Holcomb Bennett, 1902, p. 291, are:

- (1) dau., b. 1810-15, gone before 1840.
- (2) Thadeus, b.c. 1815, gone before 1840.
- (3) Anson E., b.c. 1816, drowned 1847, age 31.
- (4) dau., b. 1815-20.
- (5) son, b. 1820-25.
- (6) dau., b. 1820-25.
- (7) son, b. 1825-30, not in 1840 census (died?).
- (8) dau., b. 1825-30, not in 1840 census (died?).
- (9) son, b. 1830-35.
- (10) dau., b. 1830-35.
- (11) dau., b. 1835-40.

Children - Graves

- +2. George Graves, b.c. 1851, never married, d. after 1898.
- +3. Carlisle Beeman Graves, b. 18 Feb. 1854, m. Florence Viola Somers, 21 (or 12) Feb. 1882, d. 25 Jan. 1917.
- +4. Anson P. Graves, b. 15 Jan. 1855, m. L. F. Graves, d. 20 Jan. 1878.
- +5. Myron Oscar Graves, b. 15 Jan. 1862, m. Grace Sappington Hayes, 8 July 1920, d. 8 Dec. 1930.

GENERATION 2

George Graves (2) was born about 1851. Little is known about his life. He was considering going into the ministry, while in his late teens. Later he lost his right arm above the elbow in a Fourth of July accident at St. Johns, Mich. He never married, but did travel around the country a lot working at various jobs. He was last heard from when the family received a picture postcard in 1898. At that time, he was working in a logging camp in northern Minnesota.

Carlisle Beeman Graves (3) was born 18 Feb. 1854 in Potsdam (or Norfolk), St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., died 25 Jan. 1917 on his farm in Ronald Twp., Ionia Co., Mich., and

was buried 27 Jan. 1917 in Palo Cem., Palo, Mich. He married Florence Viola Somers, daughter of James H. Somers and Caroline P. Johnson, on 21 (or 12) Feb. 1882 in Palo, Ionia Co., Mich. She was born 13 March 1862 in Howard (or South Dansville), Steuben Co., N.Y., died 31 March 1931 on the farm in Ronald Twp., Ionia Co., Mich., and was also buried in Palo Cem.

Children - Graves

- +6. Wilfred Oscar Graves, b. 1 Aug. 1899, m(1) Cynthia Louise Conroe, 11 Sept. 1926, m(2) (Mrs.) Mary Smith, 1971, m(3) (Mrs.) Edna (Woods) Compton, 16 Sept. 1978, d. 26 Sept. 1985.

Anson P. Graves (4) was born in 1855, probably in St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. He settled on a farm near Portland, Mich., and was starting a factory when he died of pneumonia at age 24 (about 1879). He left a widow, who later remarried and moved away. According to a second inscription on his tombstone, he had a son who died the year before (about 1878?).

Children - Graves

7. Gifford Graves; known to have graduated from high school.
8. son, d.c. 1878.

Myron Oscar Graves (5), known as Oscar or M.O., was born 15 Jan. 1862 in Jefferson Twp., Allamakee Co., Iowa, and died 8 Dec. 1930 in Los Angeles, Calif. He married Grace Sappington Hayes of South Dakota on 8 July 1920. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1886, later getting his doctorate in Law in 1892.

After living in Howard and Wyandotte, Mich., where he was principal or superintendent of schools, he moved to Petoskey, Mich., in 1888. Here he was the first Superintendent of City Schools and later Principal of North Michigan Normal, which he helped establish.

He moved to Nevada in 1909, but was in Los Angeles in 1910, where he started

practicing law. He was active in many social and political organizations. After his marriage in 1920, they made their home in the Eagle Rock area on the east side of Los Angeles.

Children - Graves

9. Helen Octavia Graves, m. J. E. Grab.

Dr. and Mrs. Graves wrote: A Matilda Graves bought land (Sept. 13, Twp. 96, R. 15) from the Refsniders in Floyd Co., Iowa on 5 Aug. 1865. In 1866, Matilda and "husband" sold that land to John Lower (Sower?). In 1867 a T. Graves bought land in Floyd Co. (24-96-15) and in 1869 purchased some land (23-96-15) from a Geo. Gregory and wife. Confusingly, also in 1869, a Thaddeus Graves is listed as buyer of the same land (24-96-15) as was purchased in 1867.

After Thaddeus (Dr. Graves' grandfather) married Catherine Janes in 1871, a "Thaddeus" sold the land purchased in 1869 in Floyd Co., IA, and our notes also state that "Thaddeus Graves and wife sold land to Hannah Crandall in St. Lawrence Co., NY (relative of Catherine? - she has Crandalls in her ancestry.)

In 1876, Thaddeus and Catherine sold land in Sect. 13, Twp. 96 to Fred Janes, her son by her first marriage (same land purchased in 1865 by Matilda?), and in 1880 the census lists Thaddeus as a farmer at Chickasaw Co., Iowa (age 60), with Catherine (age 47), Hiram Chester (age 11) on 95(SW)-14(SW)-3. The 1885 census lists Thaddeus as a farmer still in Chickasaw Co., and this Thaddeus died 31 March 1888 at age 68.

Surprisingly, on Sept. 10, 1909, Matilda A. Graves (nearly 80 years old) filed from Petoskey, MI, a "Declaration for Widow's Pension" as the widow of Thaddeus Graves, who she said volunteered in Iowa on or about the 1st of April, 1862, as a private to serve in the Civil War (she said he was in the Battle of Willson Creek, MO) and honorably discharged in the winter of 1863. She stated she was married to him at Newhaven, Vermont, on the 14th of Sept. 1847, and also claimed he died in

1873 at "some place in Minnesota, I think Redwood." A denial to the declaration was issued when the search for his record was abandoned. (No. 927053, actually recorded 13 Sept. 1909, by the Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions.)

Matilda died in Petoskey, MI on 4 March 1912, where she had lived near at least one of her sons since leaving Iowa, and was buried in Portland, MI.

The questions are: Could these Thaddeuses both be the same man? Or are they cousins or even unrelated, living and purchasing lands so close together in Alamakee and Floyd counties, Iowa? Even if unrelated, what is the ancestry of Thaddeus Graves, ancestor of Dr. Graves? Do the lands purchased and sold by a Thaddeus and Matilda which seem to have been subsequently sold by Thaddeus and Catherine indicate a divorce or abandonment between Thaddeus and Matilda rather than a death?

SOUTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES

Ms. Diane Brundidge, 1018 Mackey Pike, Nicholasville, KY 40356 (Dbrundoll@aol.com) is looking for the ancestry of Dr. WILLIAM SAMUEL GRAVES, born in 1820 in Marion, KY, who married Helen Shelby.

The GFA website shows George N. Graves, son of John Graves and Sarah Noble of MD & KY (gen. 96), with a son William Graves, born about the right time (see #10 below). Ms. Brundige believed she had found that this was her William Samuel Graves.

George N. Graves (2) may have first married Maria Mattingly, and he was probably the George Graves who married Catherine Medley, daughter of John Medly (or Medley?), on 10 (or 12) Feb. 1810 in Washington Co., KY. Catherine was born in 1793 and died in 1865. She secondly married Ralph Leak, her brother-in-law and the father of a Dr. Leak who married a Miss Rhodes and lived at New Haven, KY.

Children - Graves

- 8. George Noble Graves
- 9. (Dr.) John Graves
- 10. (Dr.) William Graves
- +11. Jesse A. Graves, b. 28 Feb. 1827, m. Martha A. Downs, d. 30 Jan. 1866.
- 12. Susan Graves; moved to MO with her mother.
- 13. Ellen Graves, m. Robert Franklin Hume. He was a tanner. They lived in Louisville, KY.
- 14. Mary M. Graves, b. 28 Sept. 1829, m. Alfred R. Vancleave.
- 15. Sarah Ann Graves, b. 27 Aug. 1836, m. David L. Ray.
- 16. Elizabeth Graves, b.c. 1823 (Ky.), m. Paul Russell, 24 Jan. 1860 (Raywick, Ky.).
- 17. Susan Graves, m. ----- Leake.
- +18. Cynthia Ann Graves, m. James Ditts.

However, she then discovered the genealogy of John M. Graves and ----- Barnes of St. Mary's Co., MD & KY (gen. 261) which shows her William S. Graves as #3 (see below).

John M. Graves (1) was born 15 Nov. 1783 in St. Mary's Co., MD, and died in 1844 in Washington Co., KY. He married ----- Barnes. She was born about 1793 in St. Mary's Co., MD, and died in 1866 in Washington (or Marion?) Co., KY. Their names were shown on the marriage license of their son, John M. Graves, and her name looked like Gideon Barnes, but that might be a misreading. They lived in Marion Co., KY.

The members of this family were Catholic, and much family information has been obtained from baptismal records and other early Catholic records in western KY. They were under the parish of the well-known priest Father Elijah Durbin of the Louisville, KY diocese. Records found include documentation for the children of slaves of the family. Dr. John M. Graves and wife are recorded as godparents to slaves and later servant children. As godparents, other family names mentioned include Blandford, Shelby, Medley, Elliott, and Boone.

They may have been closely related to the John Graves who married Sarah Catherine Noble, was about the same age as John M. Graves, and also settled in Marion Co., KY. This John Graves was from St. Mary's Co., MD.

Children - Graves

- +2. John M. Graves, b. 17 Nov. 1811, m. Lucinda Ann Merriman, d. 18 Dec. 1883.
- +3. William S. Graves, b. 28 Aug. 1820, m. Helen A. Shelby, d. 26 Jan. 1902.

The problem she now has is that she can find no marriage of a John Graves to a Barnes in Washington Co., KY. She also checked all the census records for Washington and Marion counties, from 1810 to 1850, and none of the John Graveses are the right age with the right age children, but there is a George that fits. Can anyone help?

Mrs. Valerie DeLisle, 302 Park Lane, Wilmington, DE 19804 (jmedley1@delanet.com), was told that her great-great-uncle was Gov. David Bibb Graves of AL. His descent from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA is believed to be: Thomas¹, Francis², Francis³, William⁴, William⁵, David⁶, Robert Russell⁷, David⁸, David Bibb⁹. Bibb Co., AL was named after Gov. Bibb Graves' cousin, William Wyatt Bibb. The earliest known ancestor in her Graves line is NEWTON GRAVES, who was supposedly an uncle of Gov. Bibb Graves. However, the known family information does not support this relationship. She would appreciate help. Her submitted family information is below. How is this Newton Graves related to Gov. Graves and to Capt. Thomas Graves?

DESCENDANTS OF PARENTS OF
NEWTON GRAVES AND MARGARET E.
B. JACKSON OF AL

GENERATION 1

- Graves (1) married -----.
- Children - Graves

- +2. Newton Graves, b. 16 July 1841, m. Margaret E. B. Jackson, 3 Jan. 1867, d. 31 Aug. 1906.
- 3. Zack H. Graves, b. 11 Oct. 1846, m. Elizabeth Jackson, d. 24 April 1909. She was b. 20 Nov. 1845.
- 4. Maniel Graves
- 5. daughter, m. ----- Huttr.
- 6. Allie Graves, m. ----- Robinson.

GENERATION 2

Newton Graves (2) was born 16 July 1841 in AL, died 31 Aug. 1906 in AL, and was buried in Pea River Cem., near Brundidge, Pike Co., AL. He married Margaret E. B. Jackson on 3 Jan. 1867 in Pike Co., AL. She was born in 1847 in SC, and died 10 Jan. 1925. All their children were born in AL.

Children - Graves

- +7. Oscar E. Graves, b. 20 Nov. 1867, m(1) Mary Frances Whitehead, m(2) Sallie Rottow, m(3) Mollie Wilks, d. 27 Jan. 1936.
- 8. Nettie Olline Graves, b. 3 Feb. 1870.
- +9. Basker Newton Graves, b. 18 Sept. 1873, m. Rosa -----, d. 31 Aug. 1906.
- +10. Edward Malcom Graves, b. 1 Sept. 1878, m. Rosa Lee Thrash, d. 20 March 1920.
- 11. John Roberts Graves, b. 29 Aug. 1882, d. 31 Aug. 1906.

GENERATION 3

Oscar E. Graves (7) was born 20 Nov. 1867 in AL, and died 27 Jan. 1936. He first married Mary Frances Whitehead. He married second Sallie Rottow. He married third Mollie Wilks.

Children - Graves, by Mary F. Whitehead

- +12. Oscar Wyatt Graves, m. Veda Mae -----.
 - +13. Curtis Howard Graves, b. 1904, m. Thelma Bernice Logan, d. 1944.
 - +14. Thelma Gladys Graves, m. Witt Tucker.
 - +15. Jewell Graves, m. J. T. Newberry.
- Children -Graves, by Sallie Rottow
- 16. child
 - 17. child
- Children - Graves, by Mollie Wilks

- +18. Alter C. Graves, m. Mattie Lou -----.
- +19. Escar Newton Graves, b. 25 July 1896, m. Clara Barton Adams, 6 July 1919, d. 17 Nov. 1970.
- +20. Mollie Graves, m. Tom McCollough.

Basker Newton Graves (9) was born 18 Sept. 1873 and died 31 Aug. 1906. He married Rosa -----.

Children - Graves

- 21. Lura Graves; one child.
- +22. Fonso Graves, m. Helen -----.
- +23. daughter, m. Eugene Hayes.
- +24. Elsie Graves, m. Vincent Allen.

Edward Malcom Graves (10) was born 1 Sept. 1878 in AL, and died 20 March 1920. He married Rosa Lee Thrash. She was born 6 Sept. 1885 and died 10 Sept. 1970.

Children - Graves

- 25. Fouzi Graves
- 26. Louzi Graves
- 27. Essie Graves
- 28. Millie Graves
- 29. Cornie Graves

Ms. Serenah McKay, 1502 East Red River, #153, Victoria, TX 77901, is looking for the ancestry of JAMES LUTHER GRAVES. Her information is below.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES LUTHER GRAVES OF TN & TX

GENERATION 1

James Luther Graves (1) was from TN. He married -----.

Children - Graves

- +2. William Pickett Graves, b. 18 March 1854, m. Sam Houston Ross, 23 Dec. 1878, d. 19 Aug. 1935.

GENERATION 2

William Pickett Graves (2) was born 18 March 1854 in either Matagorda Co. or Bastrop Co., TX, and died 19 Aug. 1935 in Roswell, NM. He married Sam Houston Ross on 23 Dec. 1878 in LaGrange, TX. Her grandfather was a good friend of Sam Houston and so they named her in honor of him.

Children - Graves

- +3. Willie Ross Graves, b. 8 Dec. 1881, m. Gus McClain, 22 Dec. 1902, d. 8 Feb. 1975.
4. Frances ("Frank") Graves, d. at age 101 in Corpus Christi, TX. She was quite a character, and stood on her head every day into her 90's for her circulation.

GENERATION 3

Willie Ross Graves (3), called "Grandmother Mac" by some of the family, was born 8 Dec. 1881 near LaGrange, TX, and died 8 Feb. 1975 in Pampa, TX. She married Gus McClain on 22 Dec. 1902. There was a lot of musical talent in this part of the Graves family. As a young girl, Grandmother Mac helped her family hold a homestead in New Mexico. By 18 she was teaching music, as she played the guitar, mandolin and piano. In their early years, Willie and Gus were farmers and migrant workers, largely picking cotton. Willie worked at a department store in her later years, until well into her 80's, walking to work every day. All their children were born in LaVernia, TX, in a house on the banks of Cibolo Creek.

Children - McClain

5. Thelma McClain, b. 1903. Living in San Marcos, TX in 1997.
6. son, b. 1905, died at birth.
7. Gus Ripley McClain, b. 1906, d. 1958.
8. Orville Graves McClain

Mr. Michael D. Graves, PO Box 3252, Humble, TX 77347-3252 (sugraves@ev1.net), is looking for information about his great-grandfather, J. E. GRAVES, born about 1835 in KY. He first married Martha -----. He

married second Elizabeth B. Laird on 23 Oct. 1875. A son of J. E. and Elizabeth was Claude Ervin Graves, b. 14 Aug. 1876, died 14 Aug. 1951 in Bernice, LA, grandfather of Michael D. Graves.

Mr. Michael Sandridge, 2900 Gaylord Ave., Kettering, OH 45419 (Pooky4830@aol.com), had a query on page 109 of the Oct. 1999 GFNL. He was looking for the ancestry of his George Washington Graves who married Eliza A. ----- and lived in IN and OH. It has now been determined from the 1860 and 1880 censuses that George was descended from JOHN GRAVES and Sarah ----- of VA & OH (genealogy 160), and is listed as #117 in the partial genealogy below. Help with the ancestry of John Graves would be appreciated by Mike and others.

It can be seen in the following paragraph that there may be two families mixed together, one a Quaker family and the other from VA and possibly descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA. There is also uncertainty as to whether the father in generation 1 should be John Graves or William Graves.

GENERATION 1

John Graves (1) married Sarah -----. Mrs. Ethel Ratcliff believes she was probably Sarah Moab, since that name was carried on through middle names for about three generations. John died in 1816 in Pike Co., Ohio. They lived in Harrison Twp., Ross Co., Ohio. Although descendants thought they had eight children, estate records mentioned below indicate there were probably ten, although the names of the other two are not known. Maybe there were two who died young.

Estate settlement papers dated 1816, Pike Co., Ohio, show that his estate was divided among his widow (2/3) and 10 heirs (the other third). No names were given in the estate papers, except for George Graves, as administrator of the estate. From Pike Co.

records we find the names of sons Lewis, George, John D., and Zachariah.

There is an unconfirmed story that John was a wealthy landowner in Culpeper Co., Va. However, no records have been found to substantiate this.

It is interesting to note that there was a William Graves, born 2 Aug. 1756, who lived in Lexington, Ky., where all his children were born. He was descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA as follows: (1) Thomas, (2) John, (3) Ralph, (4) Ralph, (5) Ralph, (6) Richard, (7) William. The children of William were Josiah Graves, b. 1778, m. Sarah Lynn; John Graves; George Graves, b.c. 1782, lived in Portsmouth, Scioto Co., OH; Eleanor Graves, m. Nelson Rush (of OH); Mary Graves, m. Tillman Lewis. This George would fit as the George who is listed as a son of John Graves in the following genealogy. Is it possible that there were two people about the same age living in Scioto Co. at the same time, or that William Graves (b. 1756) died young and his brother John raised George, or that John was the one who lived in Lexington, Ky., and the information about William is wrong?

There also may be a connection of this family with the family of Willis Graves and Jane Carruthers of Culpeper Co., Va. and Ross Co., Ohio.

Children - Graves

- +2. Alexander Moab Graves, b. 21 May 1773, m. Rebecca Comer, 28 Nov. 1803, d. 26 Jan. 1852.
- +3. Lewis Graves, b.c. 1777, m. Sarah Hanson, Aug. 1804, d. 30 April 1848.
- +4. George W. Graves, b. 11 May 1781, m. Aramiah Moor, 17 April 1803, m(2) Sarah Hunt, 27 March 1834, d. 7 Feb. 1839.
- 5. John D. Graves
- +6. Zachariah Graves, b.c. 1783, m. Tabitha -----.
- 7. Nellie (or Eleanor?) Graves, m. William Rush, 24 Jan. 1804. According to Mrs. Ethel Ratcliff, this family lived in Eagle Twp., Vinton Co., Ohio. She heard her father speak of them. There is still a Rush

Hollow in the area, and a more recent generation had a daughter also named Nellie.

- 8. Catherine Graves
- +9. William Graves, m. Lydia Dugan, 18 March 1806, d.c. 1812.

GENERATION 2

Zachariah Graves (6) was born about 1783 in Parkersburg, Va. (later W.Va.), and lived in Hamilton Co., Ohio. He is said to have been a son of John Graves who had other sons, among whom were John and George. John, the brother of Zachariah, was supposed to have lived many years near Lexington, Ky.

The deed records for Zachariah Graves in Hamilton Co. are as follows. His first deed was dated 10 Nov. 1818, and his last is dated 7 June 1830. Neither shows where he lived before or after Hamilton Co. His last deed gives his wife's name as Tabitha. He lived in Delhi Twp., Hamilton Co., Ohio.

Land records show that land was laid out for Zachariah Graves next to that of George Graves and Lewis Graves in about 1816 in Pike Co., Ohio.

A Zachariah Graves settled in Carryall Twp., Paulding Co., Ohio in 1828.

In addition to the children listed below, there may have been another son, William S. Graves, born about 1820 or so, died before 1850. Memory of an aunt of William O'Brien has a g-g-grandfather Graves marrying Elizabeth Wilson. There is a marriage record in Paulding Co., Ohio for Elizabeth Wilson and William S. Graves (spelled Groves on the record) on 27 July 1843, before J.S. Snook, Justice of the Peace. This g-g-grandfather supposedly died within a few years after marriage. In the 1850 census for Paulding Co., Ohio, living close to the family of Zachariah Graves and his wife Adaline, was Elizabeth Graves, 26, born N.Y.; Josiah W. Graves, 6, Ohio; Tobitha A. Graves, 4, Ohio; Roxceria Graves (presumably Roxanna), 2, Ohio. Mr. O'Brien's descent is from Roxanna Graves, born 19 Dec. 1847, Ohio, died 26 Dec.

1925, buried in Riverside Cem., Hastings, Mich. She was married to Roscoe Bethuel Greenfield on 24 May 1864 in Paulding, Ohio, by E.G. Longworth, Minister of the M.E. Church.

Children - Grave

- +34. James Dugan Graves, b.c. 1813, m. Eliza Jane Carvin, 31 Aug. 1837, d. Oct. 1882.
- 35. John Graves
- +36. Zachariah Graves, b.c. 1827, m. Adaline -----.
- 37. Sarah Graves
- 38. Nancy Graves
- 39. Ann Graves

GENERATION 3

James Dugan Graves (34) was born about 1813 in Ohio, and died in Oct. 1882 in his 69th year. He married Eliza Jane Carvin, possibly called Jane, possibly on 31 Aug. 1837 in Williams Co., Ohio. She may have been born in 1822 in Ohio. The family apparently moved from Ohio to Indiana between 1842 and 1847, since their first three children were born in Ohio and the others in Allen Co., Ind.

The 1850 census for Springfield Twp., Allen Co., Ind., also listed Joshua M. Carvin, age 35, born in Ohio, blind, in their household. He may have been a brother of Eliza Jane.

Children - Graves

- 112. Thomas A. Graves, b.c. 1839. Lived in Antwerp, Ohio.
- +113. Christian R. Graves, b.c. 1841, m. ----- Ransom.
- 114. Matilda Graves, b.c. 1842.
- 115. Angeline Graves, b. 22 Sept. 1847.
- +116. Caroline E. Graves, b. 22 Sept. 1847, m. Sandrus Adlo Ransom, 12 June 1869, d. 20 Sept. 1903.
- 117. George W. Graves; lived in Halls Corners, Allen Co., Ind.
- +118. Joseph Graves, b.c. 1851, m. Ida -----.

CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES OF VA

Dr. Thomas L. Graves, 3400 Eleventh St., Gulfport, MS 39501-1641 (tlg3411@aol.com),

has devoted considerable time and expense to identifying as many descendants of LEWIS GRAVES of Culpeper Co., VA and Laurens Co., SC as possible. He has recently gathered family information from Mr. Charles Lester Graves, 217 Beverly Dr., Ladson, SC 29456, who is descended from OSCAR GRAVES and Annie Gist of SC. Tom Graves believes that Oscar Graves is very likely a son of Charles Franklin Graves or William Oliver Graves, sons of Jacob Strawder Graves. The descent from Capt. Thomas Graves would be: Thomas¹, John², Thomas³, John⁴, John⁵, Thomas⁶, Lewis⁷, William⁸, Joseph Franklin⁹, Jacob Strawder¹⁰. Help on this part of the family and the correct connection for Oscar Graves would be appreciated. Information on this family is below.

GENERATION 1

Oscar Graves (1) was born 24 Aug. 1897 in Little Rock/Dillon, SC, and died 13 Oct. 1948 in Hamer, SC. He married Annie Gist, daughter of Thomas Gist and Martha Berry. She was born 18 July 1893 in Marion, SC, and died 24 Aug. 1946 in SC. They were both buried in Little Rock Baptist Church Cem., Little Rock, SC. Their first 3 children were also buried in Little Rock Baptist Church Cem.

Children - Graves

- +2. Charlie Franklin Graves, b. 3 July 1926, m. Mildred Williams, d. 29 March 1998.
- 3. Thomas Graves, b. 3 June 1924, d. 11 March 1990 (SC).
- 4. George Graves, b. 16 July 1930, d. 24 April 1963.
- +5. Lily Graves, m. Carl Carter.

GENERATION 2

Charlie Franklin Graves (2) was born 3 July 1926 in Griffin, GA or Little Rock, SC, died 29 March 1998 in Hamer, SC, and was buried in Little Rock Baptist Church Cem., Little Rock, SC. He married Mildred Williams, daughter of Lester Williams and Gladys -----.

Children - Graves

6. Charles Lester Graves, b. 24 Jan. 1969 (Dillon, SC).

Lily Graves (5) married Carl Carter.
Children - Carter

7. Ed Carter
8. child

Tom Graves also sent the following summary of his information about Lewis⁷ Graves. Any additions and especially information on descendants of daughters Lucy, Fanny and Amey would be appreciated.

LEWIS GRAVES, ESQ. OF CULPEPER CO,
VA AND LAURENS CO, SC

Lewis Greaves/Graves was born by 1751 since he was "of age" by 16 Nov 1772 when he "proved" a land transaction in Culpeper County.² His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Graves. He died 11 May 1810 (recorded in the Wait family Bible).

Lewis's descent from Captain Thomas Graves of Virginia is Capt. Thomas¹, John², Thomas³, John⁴, John⁵, Thomas⁶, Lewis⁷. He was listed as GREAVES in the 1790 and 1800 federal census records of Laurens County, SC. Greaves and Graves apparently were used interchangeably by some authorities but Lewis always signed his name GRAVES.

He was interested in the legal profession from an early age. Documents in the records of Culpeper County, VA as early as 1772 show Lewis engaging in business and legal transactions. The extent of his education is unknown but he performed the duties of attorney-at-law³ and was a Justice of Peace in Laurens County, SC by 20 Feb 1797.⁴ He served in this capacity until the end of his life.

The exact timing of Lewis' move to South Carolina is not known but he was in Culpeper when he witnessed a deed of gift from Thomas

Sims to his daughter, Amy Bobo on 1 Apr 1783.⁵ Thomas Sims was his father-in-law. By 24 Sep 1785 Lewis was a resident of Laurens County, SC when he witnessed a deed for his brother-in-law, Zechariah Sims.⁶ A Lewis Graves, believed to be the Lewis Graves of Culpeper, served in the South Carolina militia during the American Revolution in 1782. Moving to South Carolina with him were his sisters Anne Wait Jones, Elizabeth Sims, Frances Wait and their families. Lewis lived along the Reedy River near its confluence with the Saluda River in the southwest portion of Laurens County. He also owned land in Laurens township.

Lewis was recorded as head of household in the first federal census of the United States in 1790 in Laurens County, 96th District, SC. In addition to himself, his household contained three males under sixteen, five females of all ages, and six slaves. He is listed as Lewis Greaves, Esq. in the 1800 federal census of South Carolina with himself, his wife, two males 16-26, one male 26-45, one female under 10, two females 16-26, and six slaves.

Rebecca Graves is listed as head of household in the federal census of 1810 in Laurens County, SC since Lewis has recently been deceased. The listing at this time included two males 16-26, two males 26-45, one female 16-26, two females over 45, and six slaves.

Examination of the census records clearly indicate the two oldest children are female. These are likely Nancy and Lucy, already married and raising families by 1810. Nancy married before 1800 and likely is the oldest child. Martin Graves is surely the oldest male since he was appointed by the court to be the administrator of his fathers' estate.⁷ Martin was joined by his brother William at a later date as co-administrator⁸ suggesting that William was the second oldest son, born by 1789, to be of age at his fathers' death in May

² *Culpeper County, VA Will Book A*, pp. 584-585

³ *Laurens County, SC Deed Book K*, p. 162

⁴ *Laurens County, SC Deed Book G*, p. 22

⁵ *Culpeper County, VA Deed Book L*, pp. 288-289

⁶ *Laurens County, SC Deed Book A*, p. 23

⁷ *Laurens County, SC Will Book D-1*, p. 16.

⁸ *Laurens County, SC Will Book D-1*, p. 29.

of 1810. [He is listed as age 55 in the 1850 census of Laurens County, SC, information against this premise.] Lewis is listed as age 61, born in SC, in the 1850 census of Wilson County, TN and Martin is listed as age 65, born in VA, in the 1850 census of Hardin County, TN. Lucy, Fanny, or Amey are not named in any census record and no marriage record for Amey or Fanny has been found.

In the 1790 census an extra female is present and in the 1800 census a male born 1755-1774 is present but not identified. The unidentified persons are either children who died without heirs before the estate was settled, someone left out of the estate, a boarder or a more distant relative. In any case the unidentified male of 1800 was not a member of the household in 1790 nor the female in 1800.

The first census record in the United States to list each member of the household by name was 1850 so other means are necessary to identify the children of Lewis Graves. In the documents of Laurens County, SC is the following entry, "John and Robert Cunningham, devisees of Patrick Cunningham, deceased, to heirs of Lewis Graves, deceased, give title to 40 acres in a fork between the Reedy River and Raburn Creek which replaces the lost deed. It is our moiety in original grant to said Patrick Cunningham and Jacob Bowman. The deed is given to William Moore (it is the place where he now lives) at the request of the heirs of the said Lewis Graves, who are *Martin, William, Lewis, and Fanny Graves, George and Nancy Madden, and John and Lucy Adams.*"⁹

Since census records suggest the possible existence of other children additional documents must be examined.

In the Guardianship records of Laurens County, Box 84, Package 12 is the file of Ann S. Graves. [Even though the packet is entitled the Estate of Ann S. Graves, close scrutiny of the original documents reveal her name to be Ame S. Graves and one entry is Amey S.

Graves. She signed her name Amy Graves.] The first entry dated 18 May 1816 states "I, Joseph Neely, guardian of Ame Graves, minor, have this day settled with Martin Graves and William Graves, administrators of the estate of Lewis Graves, deceased, *father* of the said Ame Graves and have received of the said Martin and William Graves the sum of two hundred sixty dollars and ninety-eight and one-half cents to be the ward of the said Ame Graves, minor." Payments were made by Martin, Lewis, or William Graves on a regular basis until Amey S. became of age on 7 May 1820 and released Joseph Neely from his responsibilities.

There were no other Graves/Greaves named individuals in the 1790 or 1800 census of Laurens County. By 1810 Lewis was deceased and Rebecca is listed as head. Martin was now raising a family and recorded in the census as Martin Gravis. One Edmund Graves is also listed as head of household in Laurens County at this time but his identity is unknown. Edmund has departed by 1820 but Rebecca is still listed as head. Martin and William both have families in 1820 and are recorded as heads of household. In the will of John Ritchey¹⁰ dated 3 Jul 1819 a reference is made to his son-in-law Joseph Graves. The only known Joseph Graves in Laurens County was born in 1820 but since John Ritchey was a neighbor of Martin Graves, close family ties cannot be denied. His exact relationship is not known. He may be the unidentified male noted in the 1800 census and could be Lewis' son but he is not mentioned in any additional records so it seems unlikely.

A marriage record for Lewis has not been found. A woman named Rebecca Graves has been found as head of household in the 1810 census of Laurens County, SC but not in previous records. She is of the correct age to be the wife of Lewis. Also a woman named Rebecca Graves has been identified as a purchaser of the estate of Lewis but not as an

⁹ *Laurens County, SC Deed Book K*, p. 46.

¹⁰ *Laurens County, SC Will Book F*, p. 20.

heir.¹¹ By tradition and laws of the time wives could not be a direct heir of the husband at his death. They were simply 'loaned' the property which would usually be divided among the children at the marriage or death of the widow. All this suggests that Lewis was married to Rebecca. Her maiden name is unknown.

Some researchers believe Rebecca might be a second wife. Polly Ward Blume, an early investigator of the descendants of Lewis Graves, believed that "[Lewis] married a Sims for his first wife and Rebecca ??? as a second wife" but she offered no explanation.¹² Other researchers along the way have stated that "Lewis Graves [Sr.] was married to Rebecca Starnes, daughter of Mary Ann Starnes."¹³ This statement has some truth but no relevance. Lewis Graves, Jr. was indeed married to Rebecca Starnes. The will of Mary Ann Starnes, dated 20 May 1843, *thirty-three years after the documented death of the Lewis in question*, states "to my daughter Rebecca Graves wife of Lewis Graves...".¹⁴ There was a Rebecca Starnes of the correct age in Laurens at that time (daughter of Ebenezer Starnes and aunt of the above Rebecca) to be the wife of the elder Lewis but she married a Sims. [She probably married William Sims, father of Ann Sims who married Martin Graves.]

For years the will of Thomas Sims of Culpeper County, VA has been of great interest to Graves' researchers. Written 21 Apr 1784 it states "...I do give and bequeath Ann Graves a negro woman by name Winney and her child and all that fell to her by division to her and to her heirs lawfully begotten forever."¹⁵ Ann Graves is obviously a daughter of Thomas Sims married to a Graves. Zechariah Sims who married Lewis' sister Elizabeth is also named as a child along with

Amy who married Absalom Bobo. Who is this gentleman named Graves? Clearly a connection to the family of Thomas and Elizabeth Graves of Culpeper County is indicated. Mrs. P. W. Hiden, a prodigious early researcher of the Graves family, thought that Elizabeth who married Thomas Graves was also called Ann.¹⁶ This would be improbable since Thomas and Elizabeth Graves' daughter Elizabeth married Zechariah Sims who would have also been her uncle in the preceding scenario.

Lewis Graves is listed as owning "one slave, Winnie" in the 1782 and 1783 tax rolls of Culpeper County. Although the will of Thomas Sims, Sr. was written two years later it was common practice to divide one's inheritance before death, especially in the case of a female heir. A slave woman named Win was named in his estate sale. It seems likely that if this is the same slave, Lewis Graves and Ann Sims Graves are connected, most likely by marriage.

Based on the foregoing it is easy to conclude that Ann Sims was the first wife of Lewis and Rebecca was the second. Additionally it is quite obvious that Rebecca was not the mother of the children or Amey S. Graves would not have required the services of a guardian and that Martin, Lewis, and William Graves are her full brothers since they all equally shared in the payments for her care.

Children - Graves

1. Nancy Graves, b. 1782, d. 11 Feb 1855 in Laurens CO, SC, m. George Madden.
2. Lucy Graves, b. c. 1783, m. John Adams
3. Martin Graves, b. c. 1785 in VA, d. 1850-60 in TN, m. Ann Sims
4. William Graves, b. c. 1788 in Laurens CO, SC, d. 1856-60 in Laurens CO, SC, m. Mary "Polly" Wait (his first cousin)
5. Lewis Graves, Jr., b. c. 1789 in Laurens CO, SC, d. 1857 in Franklin County, IL, m. Rebecca Starnes

¹¹ *Laurens County, SC Will Book D-1*, p. 29.

¹² *Personal Communication from Polly Ward Blume to Rannel Graves*, May 10, 1982.

¹³ Jones, A. Tillman, *The Graves Family of Laurens, Laurens County, SC Scrapbook*, pp. 203-204.

¹⁴ *Laurens County, SC Will Book A*, p. 256.

¹⁵ *Culpeper County, VA Wills*, p. not stated.

¹⁶ *Graves Family Association Newsletter, Vol. 16, No. 93*, p. 69.

6. Fanny Graves, b. c. 1790 in Laurens CO, SC (no further record)
7. Amey S. (?Sims) Graves, b. c. 7 May 1799 in Laurens CO, SC

Nancy Graves Madden's descendants are found in South Carolina and Louisiana. Nothing is known about the children of Lucy Graves Adams, Fanny Graves or Amey S. Graves. Martin Graves moved to Lincoln County, TN by 1830 and his descendants are mainly found in Arkansas and Missouri. Lewis Graves, Jr. moved to Wilson County, TN in 1818 and to Franklin County, IL in 1851 and his descendants are found largely in the central Texas area. The descendants of William Graves stayed in South Carolina for the most part.

Mr. Wendell G. ("Buck") Walker, RR 1, Box 152, Pikeville, TN 37367 (Tenn9@webtv.net), is looking for information on RICHARD M. GRAVES, born 1829, died 1908, married 1850 Elizabeth Walker, born 1830, died 1915, both buried Britton Cem., Ell Co., TX.

ED. NOTE: Richard M. Graves is descended from Capt. Thomas Graves via Thomas², William³, Edmund⁴, John⁵, Easom⁶, John Parrott⁷, Richard M.⁸. Information about generations 7 and 8 is in the next 2 paragraphs. More information about Richard M. Graves and his children would be appreciated.

GENERATION 7

John Parrott Graves (837) was born 1792, probably in Halifax Co., VA, and died about 1858 in White Co., TN, just north of Sparta. He married Sarah Huse Barton about 1828. She was born in 1806 in MA, and died in 1859 in Hilham, Overton Co., TN (close to the Cumberland River, about 15 miles south of the KY border). Her parents were Rev. Titus Theodore Barton (b. 17 Feb. 1766 in Granby, MA, d. 1827 in IL) and Ruth Huse (b. 1769 in Granby, MA, d. 1853 in Jacksonville, IL). (R-41, R-43)

Children - Graves

2220. Clementine Graves, b.c. 1829, m. William Parrott Lee. He was b.c. 1827. They reared a family in White Co., Tenn.
- +2221. Richard McConnell Graves, b. 4 Dec. 1829, m. Elizabeth H. Walker, 30 Oct. 1850, d. 14 Jan. 1908.
- +2222. Thadeus C. Graves, b.c. 1832, m. Nancy Elizabeth Chilcutt, c. 1849, d. after 1889.
- +2223. Adliza Graves, b. 1833, m. Samuel Snodgrass, 1853.
- +2224. Ruth Barton Graves, b. 19 Aug. 1835, m. George Fletcher Jackson, 17 Aug. 1854, d. 25 July 1901.

GENERATION 8

Richard McConnell Graves (2221) was born 4 Dec. 1829 and died 14 Jan. 1908. He married Elizabeth ("Lizzie") H. Walker, daughter of James Hill Walker and Elizabeth D. ("Betsy") Snodgrass, on 30 Oct. 1850. She was born 16 Jan. 1830 and died 16 June 1915. They were both buried in Britton Cem., Ellis Co., TX. This family has not been found in any census.

There is a will in Ellis Co., TX for a Margaret Walker Collins with W. L. Graves as administrator. Carl Graves owed her money. W. L. Graves may be Lafayette Graves, and Margaret and Carl are probably his siblings.

Children - Graves

4131. Lafayette Graves
4132. Samuel Graves