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GRAVES FAMILY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Graves (Helen Graves), 4074 Hwy. 147, Eastshore, Lake Almanor, CA 96137 (hgraves@psln.com), announce the birth of a granddaughter, **Caitlyn Rachel Graves**, born June 1, 2002 in Overlake Hospital, Bellevue, WA. Her parents are Donald R. Graves, Jr. and Catherine Judith (Coleman) Graves, descended from JOHN GRAVES of Concord, MA.

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GRAVES/GREAVES DNA STUDY

ANCESTRY OF SOUTHERN U.S. GRAVES FAMILIES NOT DESCENDED FROM CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES

There were a couple of articles in the *Graves Family Newsletter* discussing the question of whether Francis Graves was a son of Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, or perhaps a son of a mysterious Richard Graves, and whether the child of Capt. Thomas Graves was actually a daughter, Frances Graves. The articles were on p. 23, 1995 GFNL, and pp.104-106, 1995 GFNL. The p. 23 article proposing that the child was a daughter is in next section. Following that is the analysis showing that Francis Graves was in fact a son of Capt. Thomas Graves.

Mrs. Mason Jones, Box 37, Gladwyne, PA 19035, has a rather startling hypothesis which I have never heard before. She believes that "Fra: Graves, Orphant of Captain Tho: Graves deceased" was **not a son but a daughter**.

"I think she was born after her sister Ann sometime in late 1621. The land of Thomas Graves that she received the certificate for in

1642 at age 21 (as I understand she had to be to do this) was later granted to George Truitt (?) in right of his wife. A patent to Wellinge (?) in 1663 for this same land describes it as formerly granted unto Frances Trewitt (?).”

“There was other land belonging to Frances Graves which Henry Peddington, as her guardian or attorney or even perhaps as her father-in-law, acknowledged receipt for the sale of in 1638 at a session of court in 1639. I have copies of all these original records and put much trust in land records to establish descent.”

“Perhaps the Francis Graves that Mr. William Sweeney has claimed descent from could be the son of Richard Graves mentioned on page 56 (April 20, 1635) in the Ames edition of *County Court Records, Accomack-Northampton, 1632-1640*, and again in *Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents*, no. 344, as one of 10 persons transported by John Neale June 18, 1636. I have noted that Francis Graves of Essex had a son Richard. The dates would be more realistic, I think, for someone receiving a patent in 1672 and still living in 1690.”

Mr. Richard W. Kesler, P.O. Box 906, Pinehurst, NC 28374-0906, has been conducting extensive research into this issue and is now convinced that **there is sufficient evidence to accept Francis Graves as a son of Capt. Thomas Graves**. His analysis of this is below.

An article prepared by the writer was published in the October 1995 issue of *The Graves Family Newsletter*. The article suggested that credible evidence exists to support Mrs. Mason Jones' hypothesis that Francis Graves was daughter rather than son of Capt. Thomas Graves.

If attention is focused only on 10, 25, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33 and 34 below, one might conclude that the same 200 acre tract of land was involved in each instance, that the Francis Trewett of 26, 27 and 32 below was the Orphan Francis Graves of 25 below, and that

the orphan was therefore daughter rather than son of Capt. Thomas Graves. Before reaching these conclusions, however, we should examine carefully all other evidence available to us. Such a careful examination has led the writer to believe that Francis Graves was son of Capt. Thomas Graves just as several published sources unanimously say that he was.

There were other immigrants to Virginia in the early to mid-1600's; for instance there was a Thomas Graves who was imported by Stephen Gill in 1651 (Greer134: George Cabell Greer, *1623-1626, Early Virginia Immigrants*, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1973, p. 134). Francis Graves may have been a son of The Richard Graves that was imported by Robert Pitts in 1637 or the Richard Graves that was imported by John Neale also in 1637 (Ibid).

GENERATION 2

Francis Graves, Sr. (7) was born about 1630 in Virginia, and died about 1691 (before 5 Aug. 1691). The birth date of Francis is inferred from the fact that he was still a minor and described as "orphan of Capt. Thomas Graves decd." in 1642. From this date until 1672 we have no information about Francis. According to Mrs. Hiden, it is likely from the associates his family chose that he spent some time in Gloucester Co., Va. before settling in Essex Co. It is also probable that he lived in Essex Co. before patenting land there, and that the 714 acres he patented 10 Oct. 1672 (S.L.O. 6, p. 436) "on the south side of the river, part on the branch of Gilson's Creek and part on Hoskins Creek adjoining Mr. Beverley's corner," represented a choice of location rather than just the reward for transporting 14 persons.

He married Jane Maguffey (or McGuffy or Maguffy) before 28 Nov. 1678. Her maiden name may have been Davenport, and she may have first married Mr. Maguffey, secondly Francis Graves, and thirdly John D. Doughty.

The marriage of Francis to Jane was his second (according to Mrs. Sue Davis). At the time of his marriage to Jane he gave certain cattle to his step-children, John and Jane Maguffey and Elizabeth Davenport (Old Rappahannock Records, Deeds and Wills 6, p. 57). The original deed is preserved among the loose papers of Essex Co. and shows Francis Graves's firm signature.

In 1694, after Francis had died and Jane had remarried John Doughty, this new husband deeded certain property to Jane's sons, Francis, Richard, and Thomas Graves (Essex Deeds and Wills 6, Reverse of book, p. 296). Doughty died between 1704, when he is listed in the Quit Rent Roll (*Va. Mag.*, vol. 33, p. 262), and 1715, when Francis and Thomas Graves (sons of Jane and Francis) appear on the list (Essex Quit Rent Roll 1715, Archives Div., Va. State Library).

According to *The Diary of Robert Rose*, p. 320, Francis Graves, Jr., who died in 1748, had a nephew Benjamin Graves who had been overseer, first for the Rev. John Bagge on Thomas Button's "Range" plantation in Essex Co. in 1726 and earlier, and then for Parson Rose at the glebe in Essex Co., Va.

It was suggested that Francis was not a son of Capt. Thomas Graves, but of someone else, and that there was a Frances Graves who was a daughter of Capt. Thomas Graves. This has been shown to be not correct. See the Appendix at the end of this book for a detailed discussion of this. (R-14, R-20, R-506, R-507, R-518)

Children - Graves, by first marriage

+32. John Graves, m. Johanna -----, d. 1720.

Children - Graves, by Jane Maguffey

+33. Francis Graves, Jr., b. 1679, m. Anne Reynolds (?), 1699, d. 1748.

+34. Richard Graves, m. Hannah Consolvo, d.c. 1730.

+35. Thomas Graves, b.c. 1684-5, m. Elizabeth Moody, c. 1708-10, d.c. 1742-3.

GENERATION 3

John Graves (32) married Johannah ("Hannah" or Joanna) -----. They lived in St. Anne's Parish, Essex Co., Va. He died 1720 in Essex Co.

The following discussion is from the *Graves Family Newsletter*, 1993, pages 30-31. The Graves ancestry of Jane Graves who married John Coffey is of considerable interest to the many descendants of this couple. An excellent book on the Coffey family was published in 1984 by Marvin D. Coffey, *James Bluford Coffey, His Ancestors and Descendants in America*, Vol. II - Ancestors. On page 31 of that book, he states: "About 1728 John Coffey married Jane Graves, the daughter of John Graves, deceased, and his wife Hannah... The origin of our Graves ancestors is far from clear... Unfortunately, we cannot identify our John Graves as one of [the known men named John Graves who were descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA]..."

"Coffey genealogists who have looked into our Graves ancestry claim that the parents of John Graves (d. 1720) were James Graves and his wife Jean Mayfield..." He goes on to provide evidence that casts doubt on this ancestry, however.

Jane is named as a daughter in the will of John Graves, dated 5 Sept. 1719 in Essex Co., VA. James Graves (Jane's brother) made a will in Essex Co., dated 10 Jan. 1724, naming his wife Jean as executrix but naming no children (making it unlikely that James could have been the father of John or anyone else).

The two previous Graves ancestries for Jane Graves that have been suggested have been through John² Graves, son of Capt. Thomas Graves, and through Francis², Francis³. Both of these have been shown to be very unlikely.

The possibilities are that John, the father of Jane Graves, was a son or grandson of one of the 3 sons of Capt. Thomas Graves, John, Thomas, or Francis. John², b.c. 1611, d.c. 1640, didn't have a son John. Looking at his 3 sons: Ralph, b. by 1629, had no son John named in his 1667 will; William, b. by 1631, had only 1 daughter and no sons, per a 1668

document; Thomas, b. by 1631, had a son John who was b.c. 1665, d. after 1737, lived in King and Queen Co., VA, and was clearly not the father of Jane.

Looking at Thomas², he had no son John. His son Thomas, b.c. 1639, had a son John, b. by 1677, d. by 1716, lived in Gloucester Co., VA, clearly a different John; son Jeffrey had no son John; William had a son John who was not baptized until 1689.

This leaves only Francis², youngest son of Capt. Thomas Graves. Since the sons of Francis by his marriage to Jane Maguffey were born too late to be the father of John, John could only have been by a first marriage of Francis².

The descent that is believed to be correct is: Capt. Thomas¹ Graves; Francis², b.c. 1630, d.c. 1691; John³, b. before 1678, d. 1720, Essex Co., VA; Jane⁴, b.c. 1701-05, m. John Coffey. On page 140, 1980 *Graves Family Newsletter*, is the statement, "Some authorities think Francis married an unknown first wife, leaving descendants living in Essex Co. prior to his marriage in 1678 to the widow Jane Maguffey." Since Francis was about 48 years of age when he married Jane Maguffey, it is certainly reasonable to think he had been married before that and had one or more children. In a letter to Kenneth V. Graves on 29 Feb. 1984, Mrs. Sue Davis of Benton, AR wrote: "John shouldn't be listed as a child of Jane Maguffey. He was by a first wife." Sue Davis was a very thorough researcher, and did much outstanding and reliable research on the Graves family. (R-14)

Children - Graves

- 100. Benjamin Graves
- 101. James Graves, m. Jean (or Jane) Mayfield, d. 1724 (Essex Co., Va. His will dated 19 Jan. 1724. She was dau. of Robert Mayfield (will dated 3 Dec. 1714, Essex Co., Va.).
- 102. Martha Graves
- 103. Ann Graves
- +104. Jane (or Jean) Graves, b.c. 1701-5, m. John Coffey.

Francis Graves, Jr. (33) was born 1679 in Rappahannock Co., VA, and died in 1748 in Essex Co., VA. He married Anne (or Ann) Reynolds (?) in 1699. She may have been his second wife. She was living as late as 21 Oct. 1765, for on that date "on petition of Ann Graves it is ordered that James and Robert Reynolds, James Key and James Clark or any three of them divide the estate of Francis Graves deceased as devised in his will" (O.B. 26, p. 284). It is partly supposition that her last name was Reynolds, based on the fact that the Reynolds were neighbors and had a daughter named Anne.

They moved from Rappahannock Co., where Francis Jr. had been born, to Essex Co., VA, where they lived and died. The will of Francis Graves, Jr., made 25 June 1746, was proved 18 Oct. 1748 in Essex Co. (Will Book 8, pages 90-91). The following six children were all named in this will. Of his daughters, only Clara was married in 1748.

Francis and his brother Thomas continued to live in Essex Co., unlike their brother Richard who moved away. Their associates were the Reeves, Reynolds, Wallers, Hipkins, Colemans, Streshleys, Pamplins, Roanes, and Upshaws, though most of the exact relationships are not known. Most of these families came to Essex Co. from Gloucester Co., VA. (R-14, R-20, R-507)

Children - Graves

- 105. Jane Graves¹
- 106. Ann Graves; it has been said that Ann married John Satterwhite. However, the Satterwhite family generally say that John Satterwhite m. Ann Price, dau. of Robert Price and Elizabeth Brooke. (R-14)
- +107. Clara Graves, m. Aaron Higginbotham, Sr., c. 1746.
- +108. Elizabeth Graves, b.c. 1733, m. Benjamin Higginbotham, 21 Feb. 1753 (or 1750), d. after 1790.

¹ Mr. William Cooper (R-250) wonders whether this could be the Jane Graves who married John Coffey, rather than the daughter of Francis' brother John.

109. Mary Graves, b. 1788, m. Col. Hugh Mulholland, d. 17 April 1826 (Orange Co., N.C.). Her birth date does not fit with that of Elizabeth and of her supposed father Francis; should it be 1738?
- +110. William Graves, b.c. 1724, m. Dorothy -----, d.c. 1809.

Richard Graves (34) left Essex Co., Va. between 1708 and 1714 (Essex O.B. 1708-14, pp. 608-609). He and Francis Shackelford had bought a sloop in partnership and they probably engaged in coastwise trade. Richard apparently died about 1730, since this seems to be the Richard Graves of Craven Precinct, N.C., who in his will, dated 11 April 1730, referred to nephews "Richard and Francis, sons of brother Thomas Graves in Virginia." In the Essex Order Book mentioned above, Francis Graves (Richard's brother) testified in Sept. 1714 that, since leaving Essex Co., Richard had sent him a small Indian boy in payment for a debt.

Richard took a prominent part in the affairs of Craven Precinct and was a person of recognized ability. In 1726 he represented the Precinct in the Lower House of the Assembly of N.C. (Colonial Records of N.C., vol. 2, p. 528).

He married Hannah Consolvo, daughter of Lawrence Consolvo. She had first been married to Farnifold Green. (R-507)

Children - Graves

- +111. Mary Graves, m. Richard Nixon, Jr.
+112. Thomas Graves, m. Sara Turner, c. 1745, d.c. 1767.

Thomas Graves (35) was born about 1684-5, and died about 1742-3. He married Elizabeth Moody, daughter of John Moody and Mary -----, about 1708-10. She was born about 1690 and died about 1739.

From the will of Thomas' brother Richard, we know that Thomas had sons Richard and Francis. There seem to be no documents in Essex Co. that prove other children, but from

the fact that John Graves qualifies as administrator we consider him the oldest son. He was not a son of either Francis or Richard, as their wills show, and his birth is too early for him to have been a grandson. By elimination, therefore, he was a son of Thomas. (R-23, R-507)

Children - Graves

- +113. John Graves, b. 10 Dec. 1712, m. Susannah Dicken, 22 Nov. 1732, d. 30 March-2 June 1747. The descendants attributed to this John Graves in gen. 169 actually belong to John (125), son of John (44) who was bapt. 1677.
- +114. Richard Graves, b. by 1717, m. Elizabeth Hill, d. by 1771.
- +115. Francis Graves, b. 1724, m. Susannah (?) -----, d. 23 March 1792.

GENERATION 4

Jane Graves (104) was probably born about 1701-05. Her name was given as Jean in her father's will (?), but the names Jean and Jane were often used interchangeably. She married John Coffey, son of Edward Coffey (or Coffee) and Ann Powell, probably about 1728, in Essex Co., Va. Edward died testate in Essex Co., probate 20 March 1716, naming sons John and Edward, both under age 16, son Austin (although there is a possibility this is a daughter Austis or Austes), and daughters Martha, Ann, and Elizabeth. John died testate in 1775 in Albemarle Co., Va., naming his wife as Jean. (Incorrect information is shown in *The Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy*, vol. 3, p. 464.)

John was born no earlier than 1700 in Essex Co., Va. (since he was under 16 when his father died), and died in March 1775 in Albemarle Co., Va.

Jane and John lived in Spotsylvania Co., Va. (where many records were lost when the courthouse was burned in the War Between the States in 1865) and also in Albemarle Co., Va.

It has been believed by some that Jane and John had another daughter, Martha Elizabeth

Coffey, who married John Cleveland. However, that is not correct. Elizabeth Coffey, daughter of Edward Coffey and sister of John Coffey, is the one who married John Cleveland. This couple lived most of their lives at Blue Run, Orange Co., Va., and had several famous sons, most notably Col. Benjamin Cleveland of Revolutionary War fame.

Also, at least one source (R-20) states that John Cleveland was born 1701, died 1786, and married Martha about 1720. These dates would have made it impossible for Martha to be a daughter of Jane and John. Mr. Coffey (R-522) has concluded (after thorough examination of the evidence) that John Cleveland was born 31 July 1714 in Gloucester Co., Va., died in Nov. 1778 in Blue Run, Orange Co., Va., and married Elizabeth Coffey on 20 April 1734. She was born about 1714 in Essex Co., Va.

The first 6 children listed below were born in Essex Co., Va., Reuben was born in either Essex of Spotsylvania Co., and Benjamin was born in Spotsylvania Co., Va.

Further information on Jane Graves and John Coffey and all their known descendants is given in *James Bluford Coffey, His Ancestors and Descendants in America*, vol. II, by Marvin D. Coffey, 1984. However, as an aid to people trying to connect to this ancestor, the next 4 generations after Jane and John Coffey are given in this book also. (R-14, R-20, R-29, R-522)

Children - Coffey

- +200. James Coffey, b. 4 July (?) 1729, m. Elizabeth Cleveland, c. 1750, d. Sept. 1786.
- +201. William Coffey, b.c. 1731, m. Elizabeth Osborne, c. 1758, d.c. 1828.
- +202. John Coffey, b.c. 1733, m(1) Dorcas Carter, m(2) Nancy Richardson.
- +203. Edmond Coffey, b.c. 1735, m. Nancy Barnett, d. 1808.
- 204. Winifred Coffey, b.c. 1739, m. Nicholas Moran.

- +205. Thomas Coffey, b. 7 March 1742, m(1) Elizabeth Smith, m(2) Sarah Fields, d. April 1825.
- +206. Reuben Coffey, b. 1744, m. Sally Scott, d. 1818.
- +207. Benjamin Coffey, b. 1747, m. Polly Hayes, d. 4 Jan. 1834.
- +208. Elizabeth Coffey, m. Thomas Fields, d. after 1807.

Clara Graves (107) married Aaron Higginbotham, Sr., son of John Higginbotham and Frances Riley, not later than 1746 (possibly 1739) in Amherst Co., Va. He was a brother of Benjamin who married Clara's sister Elizabeth. He was born in 1715 in Va., and died in 1785 in Amherst Co., Va., since his will was proved 3 Oct. 1785 in Amherst Co.

Aaron was a Captain in the Amherst Co., Va. Militia in 1769. He was also a Church Warden and Vestryman of Lexington Parish, Amherst Co., Va. (R-518, R-521)

Children - Higginbotham

- +209. Samuel Higginbotham, b.c. 1745, m. Jane Satterwhite, c. 1769, d. 1803.
- +210. Mary Ann Higginbotham, b. 11 Oct. 1749, m(1) Henry Franklin, Jr., m(2) Benjamin Arnold.
- +211. Aaron Higginbotham, Jr., b. 1752, m. Nancy Croxton, 4 Dec. 1775, d. 1794.
- 212. Tamasin Higginbotham, m(1) Robert Howard Cash, Jr., m(2) William Sandidge.
- +213. Margaret Higginbotham, b.c. 1758-63, m(1) Edward Cox, m(2) Thomas Morrison, 2 June 1783.
- +214. Frances Graves Higginbotham, m. Joseph Higginbotham Morrison.

Elizabeth Graves (108) was born about 1733 in Essex Co., Va., and died after 1790 in Elbert Co., Ga. She married Benjamin Higginbotham, son of John Higginbotham and Frances Riley, on 21 Feb. 1750 (or 1753) in Albemarle Co. (now Amherst Co.), Va. He was born about 1728 in Goochland Co. (now Amherst Co.), Va., and died in 1791 in Elbert

Co., Ga. His father, John Higginbotham, was born 1695 in St. Philip Parish, Barbados, and died 1741-44 in Goochland Co. (now Amherst Co.), Va. Benjamin was a brother of Aaron Higginbotham who married Elizabeth's sister Clara. Benjamin moved his family to what became Elbert Co., Ga. from Amherst Co., Va. about 1784. Thomas Higginbotham, his uncle, moved to Georgia from Virginia in 1751. All the following children were born in Albemarle Co. (or its successor, Amherst Co.), Va. (R-18, R-518)

Children - Higginbotham

- +215. Ann Higginbotham, b.c. 1752, m. Jacob Higginbotham, 18 Oct. 1772.
- +216. Caleb Higginbotham, b.c. 1755, m. Mary Ann Cash, before 1775, d. 1823.
- +217. Benjamin Higginbotham, Jr., b.c. 1758, m. Mary Gatewood, 21 Jan. 1782, d. 3 Sept. 1810.
- +218. William Higginbotham, b.c. 1761, m. Dorothy Sandidge, before 1784, d. 1842.
- +219. Joseph Higginbotham, b.c. 1763, m. Frances Higginbotham, 17 Dec. 1788, d. 1817.
- +220. Francis Higginbotham, b.c. 1765, m. Dolly Gatewood, 2 Dec. 1783, d. 26 March 1829.

William Graves (110) was born about 1724 (as proven by oath in Henry Co., VA) in Essex Co., VA, and died about 1809 in Franklin Co., VA. He married Dorothy ----- (probably Smith, of the Peyton Smith family). They moved to Pittsylvania Co., VA about 1773, in the area of Pigg River.

There has been some confusion between this William Graves and #285. See the Appendix of this book for an article from the *Graves Family Newsletter*, 1984, pp. 36-41, discussing the results of extensive research that shows that this William Graves was not the William Graves (#285) who was a son of Thomas Graves who was born 1691 and married Ann Davenport, but rather a son of Francis Graves, Jr.

Other misconceptions and areas for further research and evidence are listed below.

- It was believed that Gov. Bibb Graves (of Alabama) was descended from that William Graves. That is not correct.
- Mrs. Hiden (R-507) stated that this William Graves was born 1700-1702, and that Francis Graves (#115) was his son. That is not believed to be correct.
- Mr. Bill Thompson (R-186) lists Reuben and Edmond as children, but not Catherine and Jane.
- John Card Graves listed a Thomas Graves as a child between Mollie and Catherine.
- It is possible that Peter Graves, born about 1750-55, was a son of this William Graves. He was probably not, although he was probably closely related.

(R-14, R-19, R-179, R-186, R-515)

Children - Graves

- 221. Francis Graves, never married. He served in the Rev. War as lieutenant and quartermaster. He received a grant of 2560 acres on 29 Nov. 1783 and 160 pounds 18s 8d for 84 months of war service. The land was in Sumner Co., Tenn. He died without wife or children, and his co-heirs were his brothers Peyton and William Graves.
- +222. Nancy Ann Graves, b.c. 1753, m. William Swanson, Jr., 1776, d. 25 July 1830.
- +223. William Graves, b. 9 July 1755, m. Sarah Smith, 5 Nov. 1782, d. 24 Feb. 1836.
- 224. David Graves, b. 1757, m. Nancy Pinkard, 27 Jan. 1793, d. 20 Aug. 1833.
- 225. John Graves; this may be the father of William L. Graves, ancestor of Mr. Charles D. Fonville.
- +226. Peyton Graves, b. 1767, m. Charlotte Pinkard, 11 Nov. 1788.
- +227. Mary Graves, m. Nathan McGuire Swanson.
- 228. Catherine Graves
- 229. Jane Graves

Mary Graves (111) married Richard Nixon, Jr., daughter of Richard Nixon and Elizabeth ----- (R-218)

Children - Nixon

- 230. Garthry Nixon
- 231. Mary Nixon
- 232. Richard Nixon
- 233. Thomas Nixon, b.c. 1746, m. Christian Williams, before 1770.

Thomas Graves (112) died about 1767 in Craven Co., N.C. He married Sara Turner, daughter of Robert Turner, about 1745.

Sara secondly married John Fonvielle (or Fonville) by 1774. (R-14, R-60)

Children - Graves

- 234. Richard Graves, m. Ann Dawson, d. May-June 1774. He died testate in May or June 1774 in Craven Co., N.C. They had no children. His will was dated May 3, 1774, Craven Co., N.C., and probated June 4, 1774. It names nephews Graves Bright (son of Ann Graves and Simon Bright), and Richard Fonvielle (son of Hannah Graves and William Brice Fonvielle); wife Ann (Dawson); mother Sarah Fonville. (R-60)
- 235. Thomas Graves
- +236. Hannah Graves, m. William Brice Fonvielle, c. 1760.
- 237. Elizabeth Graves, may have married a Henry (see will of Elizabeth Graves Henry, Feb. 26, 1819, Will Book 3, p. 256, Craven Co., N.C.).
- +238. Mary Graves, m. Simon Bright, c. 1771.
- 239. Ann Graves, m. Charles Crawford, 24 May 1783.
- 240. Sara (or Sarah) Graves, may have married a Lovett or a Howard.

Richard Graves (114) was born by 1717 and died by 1771. He married Elizabeth Hill, sister or half sister of Richard Hill. Richard Hill died testate in 1764, Essex Co., Va. In his will

he named Sarah, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Graves. (R-14)

Children - Graves

- 247. Sarah Graves
- +248. Richard Graves, Jr., b.c. 1735-40, m. Susannah -----, d. 1797.

Francis Graves (115) was born in 1724 and died 23 March 1792. He married Susannah (?) ----- (She may have been Susannah Longest, possible daughter of Timothy Longest, mentioned later in this section.)

His land seems to have been in the same neighborhood as that of his uncle, Francis Graves, and he associated with the same families. In 1757 (Deed Book 27, p. 321) he and William Reynolds, William Watkins and Leonard Hill witnessed a deed from Thomas Coleman to Richard Hill. The next year he bought of Samuel and Ann Cross 62 acres devised to said Samuel by the will of his father, Joseph Cross, who bought this land Feb. 19, 1744/5 from John Cheek of Drysdale Parish; witnesses: John Garnett, Jr., Joseph Cross, William Southworth (Deed Book 28, p. 79). In 1762, he bought from John and Mary Garnett 48 acres purchased by said Garnett in 1746 of Thomas Hobson (Deed Book 29, p. 83). In 1763 (Deed Book 29, p. 220) he bought 47-1/2 acres in South Farnham Parish, adjoining John Hill, Graves and Watkins, from Richard Holt, Sr., and Mary his wife of King and Queen Co. The Garnetts and Graveses had long been neighbors, and in 1751 (Deed Book 25, p. 131) Reuben and Sarah Noell for love and affection had deeded "to our brother John Garnett, Jr." land adjoining lands of "Ann Graves widow of Francis Graves," John Satterwhite, Philip Sanders and Ann Dickie, widow. In 1761 (Deed Book 29, p. 10) Thomas Davis, tailor, of the Parish of Nottoway, Co. of Amelia, sold to Francis Graves (husband of Susannah) of South Farnham Parish 100 acres in St. Ann's Parish which John Davis, father of said Thomas, purchased of George Coleman, adjoining John Garnett; wit.: Leonard Hill, James Evans, Richard Hill, Jr., and Martha Beazley.

The obituary of Francis Graves (*Richmond, Va. Gazette and General Advertiser*, April 4, 1792) is as follows: "Died on Friday" March "23rd at his seat in Essex after a long and painful illness which he bore with a deal of fortitude. Mr. Francis Graves in the 68th year of his age much lamented by all those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance."

His will (Essex Will Book 14, p. 285) mentions son Francis, to whom is left "the land I purchased of Thomas Davis"; daughter Luca Spearman; son Rice, who receives "land I purchased of Richard Holt and also that purchased from Samuel Cross to John Hill's line"; and daughter Betty Graves. The wording of these bequests shows that the sons were not at this time residents of Essex. The only mention in Essex that has been found of Rice is when with wife Elizabeth and Susannah Graves he witnessed on 21 Dec. 1779 the will of Timothy Longest. The will was proved 19 Dec. 1781 by Rice and Elizabeth Graves. Susannah, most likely, was Rice's mother, and had died in the interim. Francis's will mentions no wife, so he evidently was a widower. (R-507)

Children - Graves

- +249. Francis Graves, b.c. 1746, m. Martha Johnson, 19 Aug. 1783, d. by 1806.
- 250. Luca Graves, m. James Spearman.
- +251. Rice Graves, b.c. 1750, m. Clara Satterwhite, c. 1772-77, d.c. 1822.
- 252. Elizabeth ("Betty") Graves

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES GRAVES AND
MARY COPELAND
OF VA AND GA

It has been believed that James Graves was descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA, and that he might have been a son of Robert Graves, born about 1682, descended: (1) Thomas, (2) Thomas, (3) Thomas, (4) Robert, (5) James. In addition to the fact that there is no known documentation for this, it has now been conclusively shown by DNA analysis of descendants that James Graves is not descended from Capt. Thomas Graves of VA

(gen. 169). Thomas Graves of Culpeper Co., Va. has also been mentioned as a possible father of James. It is not known which Thomas this refers to, but it is certainly possible that his father was a Thomas Graves of Culpeper Co., VA, since many, if not most, of the Graves family branches with identical DNA signatures passed through Culpeper Co.

It now seems likely that James Graves was a son of Richard Graves (34), Thomas Graves (35), or possibly Francis Graves (33), sons of Francis² Graves (previously believed to be son of Capt. Thomas Graves). The birth date would have been about right, naming patterns were very similar, and DNA tests on descendants are identical.

GENERATION 1

James Graves (1) was born in 1730 in Culpeper Co., Va., and died in 1796 (between 23 May and 10 Nov.) in Lincoln Co. (previously Wilkes Co.), Ga. He married Mary Copeland in 1750 in Va. She was born about 1732 in Va., and died in 1801 in Lincoln Co., Ga. He served as a private from Ga. in the Revolutionary War, and fought under Gen. Elijah Clarke at the battle of Kettle Creek in Ga. In April 1784, James Graves received 287-1/2 acres of land in Franklin Co., Ga., adjacent to a grant to Count de Estaing, a Revolutionary soldier from France. (James supposedly received land in Wilkes Co., Ga. for his Revolutionary War service, and that is probably the same as this Franklin Co. land.)

The will and estate return of James Graves mentioned his sons Richard, William, John, Francis, Thomas, Robert; daughters Mary Whitaker, Sally, and Susannah; and wife Mary.

James Graves may have had a son James as his first son, according to Dr. William L. Graves and Dr. Sherburne Anderson. This James was born about 1754 in Va., died about 3 Dec. 1818 in Wilkes Co., Ga., married Catherine West, who died about 31 Jan. 1843 in Wilkes Co., Ga. According to John Card Graves, there was a Col. John Graves, born 4

Sept. 1745 in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., Va., died 24 June 1834, who married a Catherine West in 1795. She was born in 1763 and died in 1841. John Graves lived in Wilkes Co., Ga. after the Rev. War. (R-2, R-7)

Children - Graves

- +2. Richard Graves, b.c. 1755, m(1) Mary Lawrence, m(2) Mrs. Olivia (Ellis) Savage, 1 Jan. 1816, d. 1829.
- 3. Robert Graves, b.c. 1760, d.c. 1819 (Amite Co., MS). He inherited his father's plantation in Wilkes Co., GA, but moved to Mississippi Territory in 1805.
- 4. Thomas Graves, b.c. 1762, m. Anne ("Nancy") Godley, 1814 (Wilkinson Co., MS), d.c. 1796 or 1827 (?) (Covington Co., MS). This may be the Thomas of genealogy 147, who died by 1805 in Lincoln Co., GA. However, Thomas, the son of James, was said to have died in 1827 in Wilkinson Co., MS.
- +5. Francis Graves, b. by 1763, m. Rebecca Spinks, d. 1839 (Amite Co., MS). She d. 1847.
- 6. Mary Graves, b.c. 1760 (or 1764), m(1) Samuel Whittaker, m(2) John Thompson, 1809 (Amite Co., MS), d.c. 1815 (Wilkinson Co., MS). Samuel was b.c. 1753, Chester Co., PA, d. after 1778, Rowan Co., NC.
- 7. Sarah ("Sally") Graves, b.c. 1765, m. ----- Reid (or Reed), GA.
- 8. Susannah Graves, b.c. 1768.
- +9. William Graves, b.c. 1769, m. Nancy -----.
- +10. John W. Graves, b. 15 Oct. 1770, m. Sarah Warren, 2 Sept. 1791, d. 21 Jan. 1858.

GENERATION 2

Richard Graves (2) was born about 1755 (or 1753) in Va., and died in 1829 in Copiah Co., Miss. He first married Mary Lawrence. According to family legend, her father was the "first Baptist minister in Virginia." Richard was in Natchez, Miss. as early as 1799, and settled permanently in the Mississippi Territory (the part that is now Wilkinson Co.,

Miss.) in 1802. He moved with his brothers John and William to Marion Co., Miss. in 1812.

He secondly married Mrs. Olivia (or Olive) (Ellis) Savage, daughter of John Ellis, on 1 Jan. 1816 in Marion Co., Miss. Steven Ellis (who was the bondsman for the marriage of Richard's son James Graves to Sarah Holliday in Marion Co., Miss. in 1814) was the brother of Olivia Ellis Savage. Olivia had first married Arthur Savage on 23 Oct. 1813.

It is suspected that Richard Graves was the Revolutionary soldier who was granted 287 acres in Franklin Co., Ga. for his services. (R-7, R-10)

Children - Graves, by Mary Lawrence

- 11. Lawrence Graves
- 12. James Graves, m. Sarah Holliday, 27 Oct. 1814 (Marion Co., Miss.).
- +13. Mary Eliza Amanda Graves, b. 1788, m. Gabriel Caston, 20 Aug. 1806, d. 25 April 1870.
- 14. Martha ("Patsy") Graves, m. William Chance, 1806 (Wilkinson Co., Miss.). Permission for marriage given by her father, Richard Graves, 21 Sept. 1806, Wilkinson Co., Miss., Mar. Bk. A, p. 178.
- +15. Daniel Graves, b. 6 Dec. 1800, m(1) Sarah Dillon, 18 Nov. 1819, m(2) ----- Starnes (?), d. 1843 or after.

Children - Graves, by Olivia E. Savage

- 16. John Graves

Francis Graves (5) was born 1763 or before, and died before 27 May 1839 in Amite Co., Miss. In the 1830 census for Wilkinson Co., Miss., Francis was listed as between 40 and 60 years old (which would indicate a birth date of 1770-1790). The Personal Tax Rolls for Amite Co., Miss., 1813, show that Francis Graves paid no poll tax, apparently exempt because of having reached age 50, therefore born by 1763.

On 27 May 1839, James J. Graves, son of Francis Graves, requested administration of his father's estate, then deceased. James stated

that Rebecca Graves, widow of Francis Graves, and Martha Graves, daughter, and he himself should share in the division of the estate of Francis; that other children, Richard W. Graves, Alfred B. Graves and Zachariah Graves, had already received equitable advancement from their father. James asked that a guardian for the children of Zachariah Graves, decd., be appointed (Amite Co., Miss., Granted Bk. 3, p. 4.). The eldest son of Francis Graves, Benjamin Graves, had already provided for himself.

Francis married Rebecca Spinks, daughter of John Spinks. She had an uncle Enoch Spinks (1762-1842), son of Enoch Spinks and Amey Pearce, and brother of John Spinks. The fact that Enoch was a Methodist preacher in Randolph Co., N.C., may have given emphasis to the Methodism of Francis Graves.

On 27 Dec. 1820, Francis Graves, Justice of the Peace of Amite Co., Miss., performed the marriage ceremony for his brother-in-law, Baker Spinks, and Joanna Johns. The marriage bond was signed by William Spinks and Baker Spinks.

Francis owned large holdings of land which he acquired by land grant and purchase. He was active in civic affairs and in supporting legislation advantageous to pioneer settlers. He was active in the affairs of the Methodist church, a friend of Rev. William Winans. Francis advanced the welfare of family members. He served in the Mississippi legislature from 1820 to 1830, almost continuously.

Rebecca was born in 1771, and wrote her will 28 April 1847. It was recorded in May 1847 in Amite Co., Miss., witnessed by Jarrot Caston and Benjamin Graves. Rebecca was not listed in the 1850 census; therefore, she died between these dates. She left bequests to her son Alfred B. Graves and grandson John Graves, son of J. J. Graves.

File no. 70, Amite Co., contains the petition of John F. Graves, minor heir of James J. Graves, deceased, naming his uncle Benjamin Graves as guardian. There is also the petition

of Benjamin Graves that he be appointed the guardian of John F. Graves; also his final statement of account. Benjamin was appointed 12 Dec. 1854 and made final settlement 13 Jan. 1857, Amite Co., Miss. This John F. Graves, son of J. J. Graves, is the grandson named in Rebecca's will. The item proves that Benjamin Graves was the son of Francis and Rebecca Graves, corroborated by the associations found in the many other legal documents concerning the activities of these people and by the fact that the legacy to John F. Graves by his grandmother Rebecca Graves is the same as that enumerated in his petition that his uncle Benjamin Graves be his guardian, effected 12 Dec. 1854.

Francis Graves was the executor of his brother Robert's will in 1819. He stayed in Amite Co. and became a wealthy planter. (R-2, R-8)

Children - Graves

- +17. Benjamin Graves, b. 1790, m. Elizabeth O. Nesmith, 3 April 1810, d. 6 July 1870.
- +18. James J. Graves, m(1) Charlotte Ayers, 29 Dec. 1833, m(2) Mary Araminta Anderson, 3 Oct. 1838, d. 1846-47.
- 19. Martha W. (?) Graves, m. Joseph W. Shannon, 20 Sept. 1843.
- 20. Richard W. Graves, m. Eliza Briggs, 7 April 1829 (Amite Co., Miss.).
- 21. Alfred B. Graves, b. 1810, m. Henrietta -----. She was b. 1811, La., d. before 1870.
- +22. Zachariah Graves, m. Sarah E. Morris, 4 July 1826, d. by 1839.

William Graves (9) was born about 1769. He married Nancy -----. He was listed in the 1840 and 1850 censuses for Covington Co., Miss., and his children's names are taken from the 1850 census. They were all born in Ga. (R-2)

Children - Graves

- 23. Catherine Graves, b.c. 1792.
- +24. Humphrey Graves, b.c. 1795, m. Sarah Cook, 15 Aug. 1815.
- 25. Lott Graves, b.c. 1797.

- +26. John Graves, b. 13 March 1800, m. Marian F. -----, 23 Feb. 1819.
- +27. Middleton Graves, b.c. 1802, m. Matilda Herrington.

John W. (?) Graves (10) was born 15 Oct. (or 13 Sept.²) 1770, and died 21 Jan. 1858 in Simpson Co., Miss. He married Sarah Warren³ on 2 Sept. 1791. She was born 4 Oct. 1773, and died 29 Aug. 1858 (or 29 Sept. 1857) in Simpson Co., Miss. (All these dates are from the John Graves Bible, except the ones in parentheses, which are from the Robert Magee Bible.)

He moved to Amite Co., Miss. in 1802 from Wilkes Co. (now Lincoln Co.), Ga. (There is another story that they didn't move to MS until 1849, but that seems to be wrong.) John Graves' purchase of land in Amite Co. is recorded in land records reprinted in *Amite Co., Mississippi, 1699-1865*, by Albert E. Casey, Birmingham, Ala., 1948. In subsequent records reprinted in the same book, John swears he is the brother of both Francis and Richard Graves who arrived in Amite Co. in 1803. Various records indicate that John later settled in Marion Co., Miss., where he helped lay out the county seat of Columbia. John moved to Covington Co., Miss. in 1819 or early 1820, and he and his wife Sarah died in Simpson Co., Miss. in 1858. They are thought to be buried at the Robert Magee cemetery, old Jaynesville, or at the old cemetery 3 or 4 miles north of Jaynesville on the east bank of Silver Creek on the Brooks Berry place, probably the latter. They are thought to be the ancestors of all the Graves later living in the Lone Star community east of Prentiss, then in Covington Co., now in Jefferson Davis Co.

According to the Robert Magee Bible (per R-11), the children of John and Sarah Graves

were Margaret (1795-1800), John Jr. (b. 1800), Humphrey, Jane, Angie, Middleton, and maybe another daughter.

There is apparently some confusion between John (1770-1858) and John (1757-1821). The John Graves, born 1757, is said to have been Justice of the Peace in both Wilkinson Co. and Marion Co., Miss. (1807-1811).

A brief family history written by Amarintha Clinton Graves states: "There is a bit of history that has been handed down from generation to generation of three brothers by the name of Graves who came from England in the very early days of the settlement of America. One of these found a home in Kentucky and settled there; another one settled in Georgia and this is the one my father (Samuel Graves who married Eliza Lawson Brown) descended from. Their third brother was dissatisfied, wandered away, and they never heard of him anymore. They thought the Indians had killed him or he had gone back to England. Away down the line in 1901, I met a Mrs. Mundy who told me that her name was Graves, and that she descended from the missing brother who settled in New Jersey where she was born." (R-2, R-7, R-11, R-20)

Children - Graves

- 28. Benjamin Graves, b. 7 March 1792.
- 29. John Graves, Jr., b. 21 Aug. 1793. This may be the John Graves of GA, MS and TX, who m. Eliza -----.
- +30. Eleanor Graves, b. 9 April 1795, m. Jacob Tomlinson, 6 April 1809, d. 20 July 1822 (or 5 Aug. 1824).
- +31. Margaret Graves, b. 19 June 1797, m. Robert Magee, 11 Nov. 1813, d. 12 Dec. 1880.
- +32. Thomas Graves, b. 10 March 1799, m. Matilda Charity Lowe, d. 17 Aug. 1837.
- +33. Samuel Graves, b. 13 July 1802, m. Eliza Lawson Brown, 1820, d. 1873.
- 34. Rebecca Graves, b. 8 Nov. 1805, m. Ben Valentine, 1822, d. 12 Oct. 1838.
- 35. Eli Graves, b. 6 July 1809, d. 5 Aug. 1824.

²From pages prepared by V. O. Campbell, Sr., Nov. 22, 1970, supposedly partly from records in the Robert Magee Bible.

³R-2 previously thought her name might have been Holliday, but now accepts that Sarah Warren was her name.

+36. Eliza Ann Graves, b. 6 July 1809, m. Michael Durr, Aug. 1844, d. 4 July 1892.

It is believed that this line is descended from Francis², Francis³, William⁴.

GENERATION 6

A son (270) married Elizabeth -----. This son may have been Barzillia Graves, according to R-257. He had apparently died by 1767 and Elizabeth probably married again soon after that to William Townsend (see the discussion in the previous generation for his father). A William and Elizabeth Townsend cosigned a deed with Thomas and Sarah Graves.

On the other hand, maybe Sarah's maiden name was Townsend, and these were her parents or her brother. (R-77, R-524)

Children - Graves

+659. Thomas Graves, b.c. 1746-66, m(1) Sarah -----, m(2) Henrietta Greenwood, 6 March 1828, d. 1838 or 1839.

GENERATION 7

Thomas Graves (659) was born between 1746-66, probably about 1760, since his mother made a bond on 10 May 1767 to give him 30 pounds current Va. money when he reached 21 years of age. We do not know the date of Thomas's removal to Mecklenburg Co., Va., but it must have been after 1790, at which time he was residing in Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg Co., Va., with 3 tithables.

Thomas's children were by his first wife, Sarah, as it was not until March 6, 1828, as Thomas Graves, Sr., that he married Henrietta Greenwood in Mecklenburg Co. His will (Mecklenburg W.B. 14, p. 422), dated June 4, 1836, proved Jan. 21, 1839, describes him as "afflicted in body" and makes the following bequests: to wife Henrietta the tract whereon I reside, being the mansion house, to son Nathan my tract of land bought of Crowder, to

daughter Mary Graves bed and furniture. The balance of my estate to be sold and out of the proceeds an annuity is to go to wife Henrietta, and the balance is to be divided between the following children: Betsy, Fanny, Patsy, Nancy, Jane and Thomas; to the heirs of my deceased son William, one shilling. At my wife's death her annuity to be divided between my children, Betsy, Fanny, Patsy, Nancy, Jane, Thomas, James and Nathan. Friend John P. Finch exor. Wit. Thomas B. Puryear, Reuben Harris.

Relative to this family are the following Mecklenburg marriages: Thomas Harris and Elizabeth Graves, 28 Dec. 1795; Henry Hastin and Fanny W. Graves, 19 June 1799; William Graves and Frances Elam, 14 Oct. 1795; Thomas Graves and Mary Harris, 26 Dec. 1808; James Graves and Phoebe Elam, 29 Dec. 1818. We have no marriage bond for Nathan, but the will of Samuel Hudson, dated June 22, 1828 (Mecklenburg W.B. 11, p. 400), mentions daughter Sally Graves, wife of Nathan Graves.

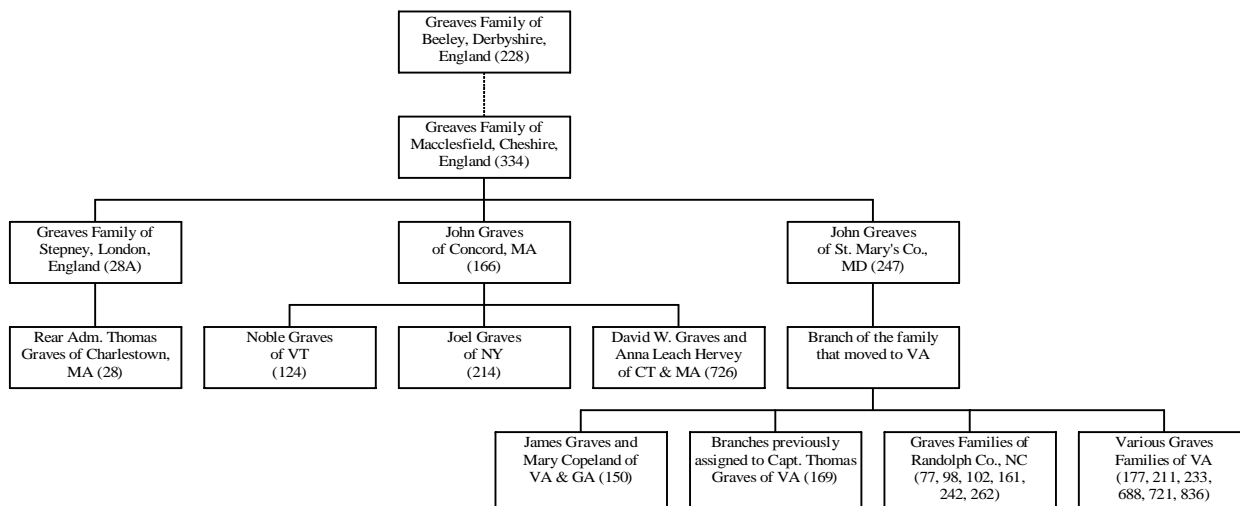
There is in Mecklenburg the marriage of Frederick Graves and Nancy Brandon on Dec. 20, 1800. Whether he was a son of Thomas, Sr., and predeceased his father is not known. Nor is it presently possible to positively identify Thomas Graves, Sr. However, the presumption that he was a grandson of Henry⁵ Graves of Hanover Co., Va., seems reasonable. (R-82, R-524)

Children - Graves

- +1697. William Graves, m. Frances Elam, 14 Oct. 1795, d.c. 1821.
- 1698. Nathan Graves, m. Sally Hudson, 24 Dec. 1816.
- 1699. Mary Graves; either married a Graves, or not married in 1836.
- 1700. Elizabeth ("Betsy") Graves, m. Thomas Harris, 28 Dec. 1795.
- 1701. Fanny W. Graves, m. Henry Hastin, 19 June 1799.
- 1702. Martha ("Patsy") Graves
- 1703. Nancy Graves, m. John Flynn (or Flinn), 12 Dec. 1816.

- 1704. Jane Graves, m. Wiley Spain, 26 April 1821.
- +1705. Thomas Graves, m. Mary Harris, 26 Dec. 1808 (or 1816).
- 1706. James Graves, m. Phoebe Elam, 29 Dec. 1818.

ANCESTRY OF GRAVES/GREAVES FAMILIES



QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

GRAVES FAMILIES OF THE BRITISH ISLES

GRAVES FAMILIES OF GERMANY

NORTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES

SOUTHERN GRAVES FAMILIES

The Graves/Greaves DNA Study is helping determine the relationships and structure of a SC Graves family. Results from the study show that RICHARD GRAVES and Polly Lucy ----- of SC & AR (genealogy 189), JAMES W. GRAVES and Melissa K. Ray of SC, MS & AR (genealogy 48), and GEORGE WILLIAM GRAVES of GA, MS & TX (genealogy 258), are all descended from a

common ancestor. There is also evidence that Ransom M. Graves of MS (genealogy 245) may be descended from this same family.

The first two generations of each of these genealogies are on the following pages. Any help with finding the exact connections between these family segments and identifying other branches of this family will be appreciated.

Mr. Elton A. Garris, 1004 West 12th Ave., Pine Bluff, AR 71601, and Ms. Carol Ann Johnson, 2618 North Pump Station Rd., Springdale, AR 72762, are among those interested in learning more about the following family of RICHARD GRAVES (genealogy 189).

DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD GRAVES AND POLLY LUCY ----- OF SC & AR

GENERATION 1

Richard Graves (1) was born about 1776 in SC, and died 11 Oct. 1865⁴. He married Polly Lucy -----. They were listed in the 1860 census for Corni Twp., Union Co., AR, in the household of their son Samuel, which showed Samuel A., 45, occupation farmer, b. SC, Richard, 84, b. SC, Polly Lucy, 75, b. VA, Malinda, 38, b. SC, and Joseph, 16, b. LA. (R-1, R-2)

Children - Graves

- +2. Samuel A. Graves, b. 10 Jan. 1815, m(1) Malinda -----, m(2) Nellie Spooner, d. 8 July 1892.

GENERATION 2

Samuel A. Graves (2) was born 10 Jan. 1815 in SC, and died 8 July 1892⁵. He apparently first married Malinda -----, since she was shown in his household in the 1860 census⁶. She was born about 1822 in SC, and apparently died before 1865. He married Nellie Spooner, daughter of John Spooner and Elizabeth Faucette, probably about 1864. She was born 20 Dec. 1836 in LA. The family was listed in the 1880 AR census, showing all the children born in AR. (R-1, R-2)

Children - Graves, by Malinda -----

3. Joseph Graves, b.c. 1844 (LA).
4. Jonathan Graves (according to family lore)

Children - Graves, by Nellie Spooner

- +5. Robert Eugene Graves, b.c. 1865, m. Frances Moss.
6. William Thomas Graves, b.c. 1866.
7. Melissa Octavia Graves, b.c. 1869.
8. Elizabeth Elton Graves, b.c. 1872.
+9. Mary Lacy Graves, b. 24 Aug. 1876, m. Robert Henry Adams.
10. Artil Liller Graves, b.c. 1879.

GENERATION 3

⁴Death date from a small book that belonged to Samuel A. Graves and was passed on to his daughter, Mary Lacy Graves.

⁵Birth and death dates from book of Samuel A. Graves.

⁶Is it possible that Malinda was Samuel's sister and his first wife had already died by 1860?

Robert Eugene Graves (5) was born about 1865 in AR. He married Frances Moss. (R-2)

Children - Graves

- +11. Minnie Graves, b.c. 1885, m. Guy M. Johnson.

Mary Lacy Graves (9) was born 24 Aug. 1876 in Wesson, Union Co., AR. She married Robert Henry Adams. He was born 6 Jan. 1874 in Bolding, Union Co., AR. (R-1)

Children - Adams

- +12. Amy-Ethel Adams, b. 29 July 1906, m. Alden Andrew Garris.

Mrs. Shirley Buckman, 3908 Ridgeway Dr., Metairie, LA 70002 (buck2s@aol.com), Mr. Lester J. Pistorius, 2909 Breville, Monroe, LA 71201, Mrs. Donna R. Story, 235 South Main, #201, Ottawa, KS 66067, Mrs. Gretchen C. Williams, 6408 Old Mill Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76148, and Mr. John R. Graves, 2313 H Dunwoody Crossing, Atlanta, GA 30338 (jgraves99@attbi.com), would like to learn more about the family of JAMES W. GRAVES (genealogy 48), discussed below.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES W. GRAVES
AND MELISSA K. RAY
OF SC, MS, & AR

GENERATION 1

James W. Graves (1) was born about 1810 in S.C. He was a painter. He married Melissa K. Ray about 1837 in Miss. She was born 11 Feb. 1819 in Ga., and died 5 Sept. 1909, probably in Texas. Children Forest, John and Jack probably all moved to Ft. Worth, Texas, and Eliza may have moved to Eugene, Oregon.

A sale of property by James W. Graves and wife Melissa to Hubbard Smith was recorded on Sept. 27, 1836 in Copiah Co., Miss., both parties being residents of Copiah Co. This may have been property left to James by his father Jeremiah Alexander Graves when he died in Copiah Co. in 1834. There was a

guardianship bond, dated 4 Oct. 1834 in Copiah Co., for James W. Graves to serve as guardian of Jeremiah Alexander Graves, minor heir of Jeremiah Alexander Graves. This would seem to indicate that Jeremiah Sr. had died by then, and also that James was closely related, possibly a son of Jeremiah Sr.

The 1840 census for Copiah Co., Miss. shows James W. Graves with one male under 5, one male between 5 and 10, one male between 20 and 30, and one female between 15 and 20. The male 5-10 could be Jeremiah. The 1830 census for Copiah Co. does not show James W. as head of household (reasonable, since he would only have been 20 and did not marry until about 1837), but it does show Jeremiah A. Graves as head of household.

James, his wife and children were listed in the 1850 census for El Dorado, Union Co., Ark. If James was not a son of Jeremiah Alexander Graves, he may have been a son of Richard Graves and a brother of Samuel A. Graves (b.c. 1815, S.C.) and Malinda Graves (b.c. 1822, S.C.). There was a Richard (b.c. 1776, S.C.) and Polly Lucy Graves (b.c. 1785, Va.) listed in the household of Samuel A. Graves in the 1860 census for Corni, Union Co., Ark. (with Malinda also listed).

Mrs. Story had copies of letters written from El Dorado, Ark. during the Civil War and through the 1880's. She also had letters dated about 1878 from El Dorado to Ft. Worth, Texas, mentioning an Aunt Levy who apparently lived in Ft. Worth.

Their first child was born in Miss., and the next four in Ark. The birthplace of Sue Graves is not known. (R-1, R-3)

Children - Graves

- +2. Forest F. Graves, b.c. 1838, m. Penelope Millican.
- +3. Eliza Jane Graves, b. 7 Feb. 1844, m. James G. Smith, 1 Dec. 1859.
- +4. John Ray Graves, b. 20 Sept. 1846, m(1) Ketura Brazeale, 9 Aug. 1866, m(2) Mattie Wall, 6 Jan. 1871, m(3) Caroline Emily Bellah, 6 Feb. 1894, d. 24 April 1918.

- +5. Jack Ann Graves, b.c. 1849, m. Albert G. Millican, 28 Dec. 1871.
- 6. Ellen Graves, d. 31 July 1870 (El Dorado, Ark.).
- +7. Sue Graves, m. Frank King, 1 Jan. 1879 (or 1880).

GENERATION 2

Forest F. Graves (2) was born about 1838 in Miss. He was a farmer and a painter. He married Penelope ("Nellie") Millican, probably daughter of James A. Millican, in Nov. 1859 in Claiborne Parish, La. Their marriage license was dated 26 Nov. 1859 in Homer, Claiborne Parish, La., marriage performed by Fr. P. Moore, Minister of the Gospel, with witnesses F. M. Comfield and W. Ezra Denson. Bond of \$500 was provided by F. F. Graves with James A. Millican as security. The marriage license was filed 5 Dec. 1859, and recorded in Marriage Book A, pp. 239-240, on 29 Dec. 1859. Nellie was born about 1839 in Miss.

Forest may have first married Ann -----, since Ann is given as Carrie's mother. It is interesting that Carrie is not listed with the family of Forest Graves in the 1870 census.

Forest served in the Civil War as a private, Co. A (Colquitt's), age 24, enrolled El Dorado, Ark., by Capt. Morgan, for 12 months. He re-enlisted for 2 years on 24 Jan. 1862, was wounded at the Battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn. in Dec. 1862, was on furlough in Ark. Jan.-Feb. 1863, was sick at Dumfrier Hospital in Oct.-Nov. 1861, and was in Ocmulgee Hospital, Macon, Ga. with dysentery, 17 June 1864, returned to duty 5 July 1864.

Forest's first child was born in Ark., the next four in La., and the last in Ark. (R-1, R-3)

Children - Graves

- +8. Carrie Graves, b. 9 March 1859, m. Clement Joseph Buckman, 13 Dec. 1882, d. 16 Feb. 1957.
- 9. Henry W. Graves, b.c. 1860 (La.).
- 10. Dora E. Graves, b.c. 1869.
- 11. John A. Graves, b.c. 1873.
- 12. Nora Ellen Graves, b.c. 1876.

13. Nellie Graves, b.c. 1878.

Eliza Jane Graves (3) was born 7 Feb. 1844 in Ark. She married James G. Smith on 1 Dec. 1859 in El Dorado, Union Co., Ark. All their children were born in Ark., and at least Jessie and Fred were born in El Dorado. (R-3)

Children - Smith

14. Franklin M. Smith, b.c. 1861.
15. Oscar Smith, b.c. 1863.
16. Melissa B. Smith, b.c. 1868.
17. Jessie Smith, b. 24 July 1869.
18. Fred Smith, b. 1871, d. before 1880.
19. Irene Ellen Smith, b.c. 1873.
20. Ivy Estella Smith, b.c. 1875.
21. Claud Smith, b. 11 Feb. 1877.
22. Carl Smith, b. Nov. 1879.

John Ray Graves (4) was born 20 Sept. 1846 in Ark., died 24 April 1918 in Austin, Travis Co., Texas, and was buried 26 April 1918 in Confederate Soldiers Cem., Austin. He first married Ketura Brazeale on 9 Aug. 1866 in El Dorado, Union Co., Ark. He secondly married Mattie Wall on 6 Jan. 1871 in Bryan, Brazos Co., Texas.

He married as his third wife Caroline ("Carrie") Emily Bellah, daughter of Samuel Bellah and Lucinda Ann -----, on 6 Feb. 1894 in Colorado City, Mitchell Co., Texas. She was born in 1864 in Ala., died 26 May 1937 in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Texas, and was buried in Greenwood Cem., Fort Worth. They were divorced. Carrie later (or previously?) married John Ross.

John's first child was born in El Dorado, Ark., and his last three in Colorado City, Texas. (R-3)

Children - Graves, by Ketura Brazeale

23. Andrew T. Graves, b.c. 1868.
- Children - Graves, by Caroline E. Bellah
- +24. Forest Raymond Graves, b. 3 Dec. 1894, m. Hazel Agatha Handcock, 29 March 1913, d. 18 May 1921.
 25. Paul Homer Graves, b. 11 April 1896, m. Ruth Viola Baker, 23 Oct. 1920

(Dallas, TX), d. 14 June 1968 (Ft. Worth, TX).

26. P. C. Graves (male), b. 5 Jan. 1899, d. 7 Jan. 1899 (Colorado City, Mitchell Co., TX).

Jack Ann Graves (5) was born about 1849 in El Dorado, Union Co., Ark. She married Albert G. Millican on 28 Dec. 1871 in El Dorado. (R-3)

Children - Millican

27. Charles Albert Millican, b. 22 Dec. 1876, d. 1916.
28. Trixie Millican
29. Maude Millican, b. Hope, Hempstead Co., Ark., m. ----- Koch, d. 1921 (TX).

Sue Graves (7) married Frank King on 1 Jan. 1879 (or 1880) in El Dorado, Union Co., Ark. (R-3)

Children - King

30. Lottie Lewellen King, b. Nov. 1880.
31. Lorence Coleman King, b. Sept. 1883.

Ms. Betty Castleberry Norris, 908 Garfield Ave., Madera, CA 93638, Ms. Geneva Bloodworth, 6935 Prestonshire, Dallas, TX 75225, Mrs. Carol Jean Webb, 3712 Modlin, Mesquite, TX 75150, and Mr. Eddie L. Graves, 4619 Willow Bend, Wichita Falls, TX 76310 (egraves@wf.net), are among those who would like to learn more about GEORGE WILLIAM GRAVES (genealogy 258) and his family.

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE WILLIAM GRAVES OF GA, MS & TX

GENERATION 1

George William Graves (1) was born about 1814 in GA⁷, and died in Wood Co., TX. He married Lewelander ----- . She was born

⁷According to the 1860 census for Holly Springs, Wood Co., TX. R-2 had said that he was born about 1824 in NC (perhaps based on the 1870 census).

about 1821 in GA⁸. Mrs. Norris (R-1) stated that she was from Wales, but that was probably her parents or earlier ancestors, since 1880 census records for their children state that both parents of George and Lewelander were born in GA. Her name may be a poorly spelled version of the Welsh male name Llewellyn.

They and all their children were listed in the 1860 census for Holly Springs, Wood Co., TX (except for Matilda who had married by that time). According to that census, their first 2 children were born in GA, the next 3 in MS, and the last in TX. (R-1, R-2, R-3)

Children - Graves

- +2. Matilda J. Graves, b.c. 1843, m. John William Patrick, 1860, d. 1880.
3. George Graves, b.c. 1845.
- +4. Albert J. Graves, b. 21 March 1847, m. Martha E. Grogan, 23 Oct. 1866.
5. Mary Ellen Graves, b.c. 1850, m. G. W. Chapman, 7 May 1882⁹.
- +6. Robert Avery Graves, b.c. 1855, m. Mary Elizabeth Moore, c. 1876, d. 1890.
7. Martha F. Graves, b.c. 1858.

GENERATION 2

Matilda J. Graves (2) was born about 1843 in GA (according to the 1860 census) or in MS (according to the 1870 census). She died in 1880, probably in childbirth with her last child. She was buried near Sulphur Springs, TX, probably in Caney Cem. She married John William (or Williams) Patrick in 1860. He was son of Henry Patrick (b. GA¹⁰) and Rachel M. Smith (b. GA). He was born 7 March 1842, probably in Upshur Co., TX¹¹, died 5 May 1918 in Wood Co., TX, and was buried in Sand Springs Cem. He served in Co. E under Capt. Renshaw in the Civil War. He was 19 and she was 17 when they married and

started farming. They lived in Holly Springs, Wood Co., TX. (R-1, R-3)

Children - Patrick

8. Martha L. Patrick, b.c. 1860.
9. Mary Patrick, b. April 1862.
- +10. Sarah Alice Patrick, b. 8 July 1865, m. Thomas Florence Dodgen, 26 Dec. 1880, d. 10 Oct. 1920.
- +11. Henry Noel Patrick, b. March 1867, m. Bettie E. Sells, 27 Aug. 1893, d. 21 Dec. 1944¹².
- +12. Albert Kelly Patrick, b. 26 July 1869, m. Minnie Ola Shipp, 8 Jan. 1891, d. 30 Dec. 1949.
- +13. George William Patrick, b. 1 April 1872, m. Mary Eleanor Britton, 13 Feb. 1895, d. 11 March 1944.
- +14. Robert E. Lee Patrick, b. 14 April 1875, m. Norma C. Weeks, 15 Oct. 1896, d. 16 July 1959.
- +15. John Wade Hamilton Patrick, b. 12 March 1876, m(1) Emma Reese, m(2) Cordelia C. (Shirey) Crabb, 11 Oct. 1903, d. 24 May 1958.
- +16. Walter Jackson Patrick, b. 12 March 1878, m. Melinda Adaline Reese, 4 Nov. 1897, d. 16 May 1959.
17. Clara W. (or Claude) Patrick, b. April 1880¹³, died in infancy.

Albert J. ("Bert") Graves (4) was born 21 March 1847 in MS. He is probably the Bert Graves mentioned in the *Wood County Democrat* who died 9 Jan. 1933. He married Martha E. Grogan on 23 Oct. 1866¹⁴. She was born 23 Dec. 1848 and died 21 Oct. 1908. They were both buried in the Sand Springs Cem., Wood Co., TX. (R-1, R-3)

Robert Avery Graves (6) was born about 1855 or 1856 in MS, and died in 1890 in Wood Co., TX. He married Mary Elizabeth

⁸According to the 1860 census for Wood Co., TX.

⁹According to *Wood County Marriages*.

¹⁰R-1 said he was born in AL, but R-3 said 1850 and 1860 censuses show GA.

¹¹R-3 said John W. Patrick was definitely born in TX, but she does not have proof that it was in Upshur Co. The tax roll shows his father in Upshur Co. in 1847.

¹²R-1 gives his death date as 21 Dec. 1944, and R-3 says 1 Jan. 1944.

¹³R-1 gave birth date as 12 Feb. 1880, but R-3 said it was April 1880, based on census age of 2 months.

¹⁴Date from tombstone, which reads: "A.J. Graves and Martha E. Grogan was married October 23, 1866."

Moore, daughter of William Moore and Lucinda Warren (b. LA), about 1876 at about age 21. She was born about 1869 in MS, died in 1935 in Ballinger, Runnels Co., TX, and was buried in OK. All their children were born in Wood Co., TX. After Robert died, Mary and Jeff lived with daughter Donie Smith for a while.

Children - Graves

- +18. George William Graves, b. 18 July 1877, m(1) -----, m(2) Irene Laudrom.
- +19. Mertis Fredonia Graves, b. 18 Sept. 1879, m. Arthur Smith, 6 Oct. 1898, d. June 1973.
- +20. Robert Jefferson Graves, b. 26 Jan. 1884, m. Bessy Smith.
 - 21. Thomas Graves, b.c. 1882.
- +22. Perry Murphy Graves, b. 26 Jan. 1887, m. Willie Chapman, d. 1985.
- 23. Asbury Graves, b. Dec. 1890.
- 24. Unnamed triplets

Although no one in the family of RANSOM M. GRAVES of MS has yet participated in the DNA study, it appears that this family may be related to the three families discussed above. Mrs. Judieth A. Magee, 29020 Melton Magee Rd., Franklinton, LA 70438, Mrs. Jeraldine Graves Peek, 6 Ponca St., Sherwood, AR 72120, Ms. Elaine Randall English, PO Box 341, Lakemont, GA 30552-0341 (eng4@alltel.net, not a Graves descendant, and mainly interested in Moore descendants), and Ms. Patti Flint, 202 Elm Rd., Batesville, MS 38606 (pflint@panola.com, not a Graves descendant, and mainly interested in Flint descendants), are among those with some interest in the line of RANSOM M. GRAVES discussed below.

DESCENDANTS OF RANSOM M. GRAVES OF MS

GENERATION 1

Ransom M. Graves (1) was born about 1800, possibly in SC, and was buried in Speed

Cem., Lincoln Co., MS. He was in MS by 1824, was a farmer, and had slaves. He probably had a first wife whose name is unknown. He next married Martha Annie Edwards. She was born about 1819 in MS, and died by 5 July 1858. They were listed in the 1850 census for Lawrence Co., MS, dwelling 432, page 427.

He married third Sarah Ann O'Neal on 4 July 1858 in Copiah Co., MS. She was born about 1835 in MS. One child, Harry O'Neal, born about 1858, may have been from a previous marriage of Sarah Ann.

It has been believed that Ransom M. Graves was connected with the family of James Graves and Mary Copeland of VA and GA (genealogy 150), but it is also possible that he was a son of Jeremiah Alexander Graves (probable father of James W. Graves, genealogy 48). A Jeremiah Graves (probably Jeremiah Alexander Graves), born about 1770-1780, and a Ransom Graves (probably Ransom M. Graves), born about 1790-1800, were living next to each other in the 1830 census for Copiah Co., MS, page 133.

Information from R-5 states that Ransom may also have had a daughter Lavisia Graves, born about 1832 in MS, probably in Copiah Co., who married Jessie Loftin. They lived in Lawrence Co., MS in 1850, and Ransom Graves was also living there in 1850 as the only Graves family in that county. Lavisia also had a son named Ransom, which is additional evidence that he was her father. Since the adult female in Ransom's household in the 1830 census was 15-20 (born about 1810-1820), and his household included 2 males under 5 and 2 females under 5, it seems likely that Ransom had another marriage before his marriage to Martha Annie Edwards, and that he had other children in addition to Lavisia. Ransom was also in the 1840 census for Copiah Co., MS, page 427, listed as R. H. or R. M. Graves. (R-2)

Children - Graves, by first wife

- 2. son, b.c. 1825-1830.
- 3. daughter, b.c. 1825-1830. May have either died or married by 1840, since only

- 1 daughter, age 10-15 was in the 1840 census.
4. son, b.c. 1825-1830. May have died by 1840, since only 1 son, age 10-15 was listed in the 1840 census.
- +5. Lavisa Graves, b.c. 1829, m. Jesse Loftin.
Children - Graves, by Martha A. Edwards
6. Mary Jane Graves, b.c. 1835, m. Isaiah Smith.
- +7. Augustus Edwards Graves, b. March 1839, m. Nancy Jane (Bailey) Ford, 18 June 1870.
8. Amantha Graves, b.c. 1841.
9. Ophelia Graves, b.c. 1843.
- +10. Columbus S. Graves, b. 4 Jan. 1844, m. Rozella G. Moore, 18 July 1871, d. 6 March 1900.
11. Martha F. Graves, b.c. 1847.
12. Elizabeth C. Graves, b.c. 1848.
13. Sillis (or Silas?) A. Graves
Children - Graves, by Sarah A. O'Neal
14. Alonzo Graves, b.c. 1860, m. Eunice Windham, 19 Aug. 1898 (Carrollton, MS). He may have died by 1920, and she may be the one listed in the 1920 census for Memphis, Shelby Co., TN, as Callie Graves, 62, with son Henry, 16, and nephew Howard, 17.
15. Henry W. Graves, b.c. 1863.
16. Albert Graves, b.c. 1865, m. Caldonia Vance.
17. Charles Graves, b.c. 1867.

GENERATION 2

Lavisa (or Lavisia) Graves (5) was born about 1829 in MS, probably Copiah Co. She married Jesse (or Jessie) Loftin. He was born about 1825 in MS. They were in the 1850 census for Lawrence Co., MS, dwelling 154, page 408 He was a farmer. All their children were born in MS. (R-5)

Children - Loftin

18. John Loftin, b.c. 1842.
19. Elizabeth Loftin, b.c. 1843.
20. Ann Loftin, b.c. 1844. This is probably Martha Ann, ancestor of R-5.
21. Sarah Loftin, b.c. 1845.
22. Ransom Loftin, b.c. 1846.

23. Lucinda Loftin, b.c. 1847.

Augustus (or Augusta) Edwards Graves (7) was born in March 1839 in MS. He married Mrs. Nancy J. (Bailey) Ford on 18 June 1870. Her maiden name was Bailey, and she had previously been married to a Mr. Ford. She was born in Jan. 1845 in MS. They were listed in the 1900 census for Lincoln Co., MS, living next door to Norris Graves. All their children were born in MS. (R-1, R-2)

Children - Graves

- +24. Amanda Graves, b.c. 1868, m. Bee G. McGehee.
25. John Graves, b. Feb. 1871, never married, d. 13 March 1914 (Hattiesburg, MS).
- +26. Junie Elizabeth Graves, b. 21 Dec. 1872, m. Rudolph W. Planchard, d. 13 Jan. ----.
- +27. Norris Adolphus Graves, b. 1 Oct. 1874, m(1) Lucretia Viola Lea, c. 1897, m(2) Laura Thornhill Causey, d. 11 Sept. 1944.
28. Malisa Graves, b.c. 1879.
29. Annie Graves, b. July 1880.
30. Jennie Graves, b. June 1885.

Columbus S. Graves (10) was born 4 Jan. 1844, and died 6 March 1900, probably in Batesville, Panola Co., MS. He married Rozella G. Moore, daughter of Thomas Moore and Lydia Margaret Thetford, on 18 July 1871 in Copiah Co., MS. She was born 15 June 1851 in Claiborne Co., MS, and died 27 Dec. 1929 in Panola Co., MS. They were both buried in Magnolia Cem., Batesville, Panola Co., MS. All their children were probably born in Panola Co., MS. (R-3)

Children - Graves

- +31. Thomas Augustus Graves, b. 8 Sept. 1872, m. Katie Wise, Feb. 1894, d. 24 Aug. 1939.
- +32. Ella Graves, b. 31 Oct. 1874, m. Samuel J. Hillhouse, 12 Jan. 1896, d. 3 April 1905.

33. Alice Catherine Graves, b. 11 Oct. 1877, m. J. R. Summer, 1 May 1904, d. 9 Feb. 1931.
34. Patrick Henry Graves, b. 18 Aug. 1879, d. 14 Jan. 1902.
35. Mary Stokes Graves, b. 7 July 1881, m. T. P. Moore, 27 April 1906, d. 15 March 1911.
36. Lizzie Leigh Graves, b. 11 June 1883, d. 5 Sept. 1886.
- +37. Charles Frederick Graves, b. 21 Oct. 1885, m. Robbie Elizabeth Whitten, 27 Dec. 1919, d. June 1950.
- +38. Percy V. Graves, b. 19 March 1888, m. Emma Goff Flint, 3 Dec. 1919, d. 5 Aug. 1961.
39. Vetta Perkins Graves, b. 29 July 1890, m. James Fletcher, 24 Dec. 1912, d. 27 Feb. 1951.
40. Robert Boyd Graves, b. 7 Aug. 1892, d. 8 Oct. 1894.

William Graves (2077) was born 27 April 1792 in VA. He married Jane F. Garnett on 27 May 1824 in Christian Co., KY¹⁵. She was born about 1792. The census showed them living with their son, William Bartlett Graves, in 1860 in Scott Co., KY. In the 1880 census for Stamping Ground, Scott Co., KY, page 86B, William was still living with his son but Jane was not listed, indicating that she had probably died.

William Graves has not been located in the 1850 census. A search of the 1830 and 1840 censuses for KY found 6 heads of households named William Graves in KY in 1840 and 8 in KY in 1830. However, it cannot yet be determined which one (if any) is the correct one. It is suspected that William and Jane had other children, including a son, Caswell J. Graves, born about 1827-1831 (listed in the 1850 and 1880 censuses for Scott Co., KY). Like William Bartlett Graves, Caswell J.

Graves also had a son named Elkanah Graves. (R-297)

Children - Graves

- +4044. William Bartlett Graves, b. 1833, m. Mary Ann Elizabeth Rogers, 4 Sept. 1856, d. 1910.

William Bartlett Graves (4044) was born about 1833 in Owen Co., KY, and died in 1910 in Scott Co., KY. He married Mary Ann Elizabeth Rogers (name also found as Elizabeth Ann Rogers), daughter of William A. Rogers and Harriet -----, on 4 Sept. 1856 in Scott Co., KY. She was born about 1837, and died in 1907 in Scott Co., KY. The family was in the 1880 census for Stamping Ground, Scott Co., KY, page 86B. William's father, William Graves, age 88, born in VA, was living with them in 1880. All their children were born in KY. (R-297, R-298)

Children - Graves

7034. Dulcena (or Dulcena) Jane Graves, b.c. 1858-1859.
- +7035. Nelson Barber Graves, b. 1862, m. Mallie Gorham, d. 27 July 1914.
- 7035a. Elkanah (or Elkenah) Graves (son), b.c. 1864.
- 7035b. Virginia B. Graves, b.c. 1868.
- 7035c. Voluntine Graves (son), b.c. 1875.
- 7035d. Ellac Graves (son), b.c. 1879.

CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES OF VA

¹⁵ Marriage according to summary of Kentucky marriages, 1801-1825.