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One Man's Reason

We get involved in searching for our ancestors for a number of reasons. Mine was to try and learn if one of my ancestors was a famous early American frontiersman. I started looking in the 1990's at the Family History Center in west Los Angeles, not far from Santa Monica.

There, in the basement of one of the buildings was a darkened room filled with people sitting in front of microfilm viewers. Each one of them with a desire perhaps to learn if there was anyone famous in their family tree.

Because of her name, as a youngster I questioned my maternal grandmother about who we were and where we came from. Her maiden name was Bessye Temple Boone. Now you can guess who the famous individual was.

She was born and raised in D'Lo Village, Simpson County, Mississippi. Her father, Daniel Edward Boone, owned a general store and small hotel in the village. His wife was descended from a Choctaw female whose name was Tus-Kan-Oga. Mississippi was called "Choctaw Nation" before it became a territory of the United States.

To get back to the famous frontiersman part of my story. I read everything written about him in genealogical sources. I couldn't find any mention of him ever being in Mississippi. Perhaps he had been, but nothing was recorded that I found.

When I would ask Grandma Bessye if I was related to the famous Daniel Boone, her reply was always the same: "Well, honey, if you want to be!" In other words, I wasn't.

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Davis Fentress, Jr., Wm. C. Veale, Executors

In 1804, the will of **Edward Davis** (PA-DB2, p.24) mentions "house in Elbow," a brother, **James Davis**, and wife **Pheinah** (Fernelia?) **Davis**.

The writer made (years ago) "Plot" charts on these Davis people. Charts that stretch four feet across and almost two feet deep. I have tried to be thorough and accurate with known birth, death, marriage, and other pertinent dates. As was the custom, the older wills did not always list all the lawful children. At one point, I've counted eight **Horatios**, umpteen **Edwards**, a bunch of **Johns**, and several **Samuel Davises** in this line.

So I ask you, the **Rachael Fentress** who married **Samuel Davis**, who had his child, **Margaret** (Peggy), was executrix of Samuel's will — why was she not listed as his wife in his will? Why did Rachael have to "answer" to **Samuel Davis's** daughter **Frankey**?

No doubt you've come to the same conclusion as the writer. **Rachael Fentress Davis** must have been the second wife of **Samuel Davis**. Samuel, by his first wife, had a son named Samuel (Jr.). This Samuel Davis (Jr.) must have trusted his stepmother to be executrix of his estate more than his wife. His daughter, **Frankey**, wanted more than she received from her father's estate and challenged her stepmother.

The court did not agree with **Frankey**, and the case was dismissed.

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After all these years, I begin to see the pattern (I'm a slow learner). For sure the Fentress people married Davis people, and Ward people sufficiently to make a web of relationships.

Going back to **Samuel Davis's** first marriage, we've said he had a son, **Samuel, Jr.** It is almost proof positive that he had another son, **Horatio Davis.** There may have been other children, but the old boy didn't leave a will. To make thing easier, I shall call this son, **Horatio I.** He was half-brother to **Margaret (Peggy) Davis Fentress** and quite a few years older.

To my knowledge, he is the only **Horatio Davis** who fits in the time span and location to become the father of three children who are of interest to our family. One of these children he named **Margaret (Peggy) Davis.** Horatio I's half-sister and daughter are the only two with the name presented that way. At least the only two I've ever found.

It is believed that **Horatio Davis I** served as as Surety for three of his children who were married by the Rev. Walke, Episcopal Rector. If my "facts" don't agree with your "facts" feel free to adjust accordingly. I have cited several research books. Over the years, I have found them to be about 99 percent accurate.

Generally, those authors, or compilers, were thorough. It's when one gets into the microfilmed records that errors sometimes occur. The reason for that, I believe, is that during the depression of the 1930s some untrained people were hired to film (or re-copy) court records. They meant well, but it was just a job for them. That was all.

I have found one or two errors on microfilm which family Bibles refuted. Sorry, I cannot give you the name of the immigrant who fathered this line of Davises. I suspect he may have come into Isle if Wight County, I cannot tell which one. It doesn't seem likely that our immigrant came from New England, although a group of early religious dissenters came south about 1750. Our Norfolk and Princess Anne

Davis people enjoyed life too much to fit in with that group. At least they came, and from them we come.

One of the interesting things about reading the old wills, is seeing what was important to the person. Most of the early wills were not written far ahead of death.

Apparently, it was a task put off until it was obvious that he (or she) was not long for this world. In this Davis line, one will catches my fancy. I'm not a direct descendant — more like a third cousin. When old Horatio Davis III left his son \$5 to buy a new boiler for the still, "if he had not already done so." I giggled! Why, old cousin Horatio III, you're a man who knew what was important.

Now to outline the Davis family in Princess Anne and Norfolk Counties.

1. **Samuel Davis**, born 1725, died 1775, married first ca. 1745. By this wife he had at least two sons, a Samuel, Jr. and

2. **Horatio Davis I**, born 1750, died 1775, and married ca. 1767. They had 3 children:

1a. **Horatio Davis II**, born 1769, died 1828, married (1) **Nancy Nimmo** in 1792; m. (2) in 1795, **Mary Land** (dau. of **Caleb and Nancy Land**).

By Nancy Nimmo he had:

1b. **Isaac Littleton Davis**, born 1795, died 5 Feb 1861 (WB 4, p. 414).

Mar. (2) in 1835, **Mary Land** and had one child:

1c. **James Clifton Davis**, b. 1837, m. an Elizabeth (____). They had no ch.

Isaac Littleton Davis m. (2) **Sarah Frances Dawly** and had no issue. He left to his nephews, **Gideon V. Davis** married **Caroline Lambert** (WB 4, p. 461); **Burwell Davis** married **Anne Williamson** (PA Deaths 1860); **Horatio E. Davis IV**, **Littleton George Davis** married **Martha Chappel.**

2b. **Ezechial Davis**, born 1800, died 1865, married **Elizabeth Veale** on 22 March 1820. They had five children:

1c. **Littleton George Davis**, b. 1833,

d. 1919, m. 28 April 1864, **Martha Chappel.** They had:

1d. **Nora Davis** m. **Arthur Hargrove.**

2d. **Martha "Molly" Davis**, DSP.

3d. **Linda Davis**, DSP.

4d. **Horatio "Race" Davis V**, m. **Lillian** (____). He traded or dealt in horses.

5d. **Charles "Charlie" Davis** m. **Evelyn** (____), an actress from New York. He was a merchant in Norfolk, Virginia.

6d. **Myrtila Ann Davis**, m. **Edmund Randall Ward**, son of **Randolph Randall Ward** and **Hannah Godfrey.**

2c. **Horatio Davis IV**, b. 1834, d. 1865 (WB 4, p. 446). He had no issue and willed to two of his sisters and his brother.

3c. **Elizabeth Davis**, b. 1842, m. 15 December 1867, **George Portlock**, the son of **Seth** and **Betsy Portlock**. George Portlock was the brother of **Emma Portlock** who married **Lovett Ward**, son of **Thomas** and **Margaret (Fentress) Ward.**

4c. **Jane Davis**, b. 1822, m. in 1840, a **Timberlake.**

5c. **Mary Ann Davis**, b. 1824, m. in 1840, an **Etheridge.**

3b. **Horatio Davis III**, born 1809, died 3 September 1875 (WB4, p. 167), married (1) **Margaret Brown**, daughter of **Reuben Brown**; married (2) **Margaret Harrison Harding** and had no issue by her. By Margaret Brown he had two children.

1c. **Albert Edward Davis**, b. ca. 1832.

2c. **Sarah E. Davis**, b. 1834, m. in 1855, **William H. Parsons.** They had four children:

1d. **Virginia G. Parsons.**

2d. **Wiley Parsons.**

3d. **Edward Parsons.**

4d. **Cora Parsons.**

NOTE: **Horatio Davis III** and his

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first wife, **Margaret**, are buried in the Davis Cemetery located on the Gimbert property near Salem Church — on the “Kempsville Road” — or Elbow Road. Also in 1976, there were two sunken graves without markers. There are some Hudgins buried there who were related to “**Lit**” **Hudgins** — a kinship, but no one seems to know how.

2a. **Edward Davis**, born 1770, died 1830, married in 1790, **Elizabeth Land**, daughter of **Francis Mosely Land**. They had no known issue.

3a. **Margaret “Peggy” Davis**, born 1772, died 1830s, married in 1792, **Adam Randolph**. They had two known children:

1b. **Elizabeth Randolph**, born 1794, died 1840s, married in 1808, **Caleb Batton**. They had at least one child:

1c. **James Batton**, b. 1825, died 1890, m. in 1845, a **Sarah Jane** () and had:

1d. **James Thomas Batton**, b. 1853. NOTE: His birth is in the Ward Bible.

2b. **Harriet Randolph**, born 1805, died 25 September 1852. About 1825, she married first **William Oakham** (Both he and she were of Norfolk County). They had three children:

1c. **Edward Oakham**.

2c. **Margaret Oakham**.

3c. **Adam Oakham**.

NOTE: She named two of these after her parents, **William Oakham** died and she married next **Thomas Ward VIII**, “Grandpa Tommie”. They had one child:

4c. **Randolph Randall Ward**, b. 6 June 1838, d. 15 December 1917; on 27 October 1859, he married **Hannah Godfrey** of Camden, North Carolina. By her he had seven children.

Because it relates to the descendants of **Littleton George Davis** who married **Martha Chappel**, I shall include two wills of Martha Chappel’s family.

Will of **George Chappel**, written 1 Dec. 1851, proved 7 Oct. 1851, witnessed by **Merchant Miller** and **Jesse Ives** (PA WB-1, p. 345.)

Wife **Sarah**.

Son **Horatio P. Chappel**.

Daughter **Anne E. Leatherberry**.

Granddaughter **Sarah A. Leatherberry**.

Granddaughter **Frances A. E. Leatherberry**.

Granddaughter **Lydia Leatherberry**. (They are to get the note he holds on **William E. Leatherberry**, presumably their father.)

Daughter **Sarah A. Chappel**.

Son **George Josephus Chappel**.

Daughter **Mary F. Chappel**.

Daughter **Martha E. Chappel** (\$29 and 1/5 of Negroes and chattel at age 21).

David Corprew, for being Executor, land near Gornto’s.

Will of **Horatio Chappel**, written 25 December 1854, proved 1855 (WB 4, p. 369). Leaves any interest in his father’s estate to his mother, **Sarah W. Chappel**, and the rest to his two children:

Daughter **Emily Chappel**.

Daughter **Sarah Elizabeth Chappel**.

Executor: **James Bell**.

And so, the time has come to draw the curtain on the Davis family in Princess Anne and Norfolk Counties. There have been several Davis lines omitted because I could not find their connection to our line. Without doubt, names have been left out for lack of credible information.

To the Davis family, and to all the good people of that time and place, I salute You! You toiled hard and long for a purpose. Why, just think about it — there continues to be a “Ward’s Corner”, and a Fentress, Virginia. Our people left their landmarks in what was once Princess Anne and Norfolk Counties. Now, in the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, Virginia, there are still landmarks.

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(Ed. Note: See charts beginning on next page.)

John Davis— Revolutionary Soldier

This report contains updated information regarding the ancestors and descendants of John Davis (1759-1813). The original article appears in the issue dated March, 1996, page 2-2-2.

Generation 1

1. **Robert¹ Davis** was born in 1591 in Much Dewchurch, Herefordshire, England. He died on 17 Dec 1622 in Nayland, Suffolk, England. He married **Marie Warren**. She was born in 1595 in Grimstone, Dotset, England. She died between 1635-1665 in prob. England.

(Note for Robert Davis: Other children included Judith, Philip, Mary, Robert, Jr., and possibly more.)

Source: <https://talesofafamily.blog/william-davis-and-marypeace/>

Robert Davis and Marie Warren had the following child:

2. i. **William² Davis** (Robert¹) was born in Jan, 1620-21 in Stratton, Dorsetshire, England. He died on 24 May 1676 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts. He married **Margaret Pyncheon**. She was born in 1624 in Essex, England. She died on 3 May 1653 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts.

Generation 2

2. **William² Davis** (Robert¹) **William² Davis** and **Margaret Pyncheon** had the following child:

3. i. **William³ Davis** (William², Robert¹) was born on 25 Jun 1653 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts. He died in 1736 in Freetown, Bristol Co., Massachusetts. He married **Mary Makepeace**, daughter of **William Makepeace** and **Ann Johnson**, between 1682-1702 in Massachusetts. She was born on 22 Mar 1666 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts. She died on 6 Aug 1732 in Freetown, Bristol Co., Massachusetts.

Generation 3

3. i. **William³ Davis** and **Mary Makepeace** had the following

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Chart I

Samuel Davis

B. ca. 1725, d. ca. 1775

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>m. (1) ca. 1745
name unknown</p> <p>.</p> <p>1. Samuel Davis, Jr.
b. ca. 1748.
d. 1780.
m. ca. 1765.
Elizabeth (____).
i. Joshua Davis
ii. Frankey Davis</p> <p>.</p> <p>2. Horatio Davis I
b. ca. 1750.
d. ca. 1775
m. ca. 1767
wife unknown
i. <i>Horatio Davis II</i>.
b. 1769
d. 1828
m. (1) 1792
Nancy (Anne) Nimmo
1. Isaac Littleton Davis
b. 1795
d. 5 Feb. 1861 (WB4, p. 414)
m. (1) 1835
<i>Mary Land Davis</i> (his stepmother)
1. James Clifton Davis
b. 1837
m. Elizabeth (____)
(no issue)
m. (2) 27 Dec. 1855
Sarah Frances Dawly
(no issue)

(two nephews of Isaac L. Davis
i. Gideon V. Davis
m. Caroline Lambert (WB 4, p. 461)
ii. Burwell Davis
m. Anne Williamson (PA Deaths, 1860)</p> <p>m. (2) 1795
<i>Mary Land</i> (daughter of Caleb and Nancy Land
1. Ezechial Davis
2. Horatio Davis III
(See Davis Chart II)</p> <p>ii. Edward Davis</p> | <p>m. (2) 1768
<i>Rachel Fentress</i>.
(daughter of Aaron & Dinah Fentress)
b. 1743.
d. 1801.</p> <p>.</p> <p>1. <i>Margaret "Peggy" Davis</i>
b. 1772
d. 1808
m. 1785 (1787)</p> <p><i>David Fentress Jr.</i> (her cousin)
i. James (Jesse) Fentress
b. ca. 1786
ii. Bennett Fentress
b. ca. 1787
iii. Jennett (Jeanette) Fentress
b. ca. 1789</p> <p>iv. Caty Fentress, b.ca. 1791</p> <p>ii. Edward Davis
b. 1770
d. 1850
m. 1790
Elizabeth Land
(daughter of Francis Mosely Land)
(no issue)</p> <p>iii Margaret (Peggy) Davis
b. 1772
d. 1830s
m. 6 Aug. 1792
Adam Randolph</p> |
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CHART II HORATIO DAVIS II

b. 1769, d. 1828

m. (2) 1795 *Mary Land* (daughter of Caleb and Nancy Land)*

EZECHIAL

b. 1800
d. 1865
m. 22 March 1820
Elizabeth Yeale

1. Littleton George Davis

b. 1833
d. 1919
m. 28 April 1864
Martha Chappel
i. Nora Davis
m. Arthur Hargrove
ii. Martha (Molly) Davis
D.S.P.
iii. Linda Davis
D.S.P.
iv. Horatio (Race) Davis V
m. Lillian (____)
v. Charles (Charlie) Davis
m. Evelyn (____)
vi. *Myrtila Anne Davis*
m. 17 March 1896
Edmund Randolph Ward

2. Horatio Davis IV

b. 1834
d. 1865 (WB4, p. 446)
(no issue—willed to his brother and two sisters)

3. Elizabeth Davis

b. 1842
m. 15 Dec. 1867
George M. Portlock
(son of Seth and Betsy Portlock)

4. Jane Davis

b. 1822
m. 1840
____ Timberlake

5. Mary Ann Davis

b. 1824
m. 1840
____ Etheridge

HORATIO DAVIS III

b. 1809
d. 3 Sept. 1875 (WB 4, p. 167)
m. (1) 1830
Margaret Brown
(Daughter of Reuben Brown)

1. Albert Edward Davis
b. ca. 1832

2. Sarah E. Davis
b. 1834
m. 1855

William H. Parsons
i. Virginia G. Parsons
ii. Willey Parsons
iii. Edward Parsons
iv. Cora Parsons

m. (2) Margaret Harrison Harding
(no issue)

* after Horatio Davis II died, Mary Land Davis married her stepson Isaac Littleton Davis (See Davis Chart I)

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child:

i. **John⁴ Davis** (Robert¹, William², William³) was born on 29 Jul 1692 in Newbury, Essex Co., Massachusetts. He died in 1736 in Free-town, Bristol Co., Massachusetts. He married **Margaret Coffin** about 1730 in Nantucket, Massachusetts. She was born in 1710 in Nantucket, Massachusetts. She died in 1733 in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

John Davis and Margaret Coffin had the following child:

i. **Thomas⁵ Davis** was born in 1730 in Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. He died on 4 Oct 1788 in New Garden, Guilford Co., North Carolina. He married **Hepsibeth Macy** on 14 Dec 1752 in Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. She was born on 22 Oct 1734 in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Thomas Davis and Hepsibeth Macy had the following children:

i. **Deborah⁶ Davis** was born on 9 Oct 1753 in Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. She died in 1853.

ii. **Lydia Davis** was born on 1 Feb 1757 in Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. She died 29 Dec 1799 in Guilford Co., NC.

iii. **Tristram Davis** was born on 29 Aug 1762 in Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. He died on 312 May 1852 in Union City, Randolph Co., Indiana.

iv. **Elizabeth Davis** was born on 21 Jun 1766 in Nantucket Island, Massachusetts.

v. **Peter Davis** was born on 22 Nov 1771 in Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. He died on 9 Sep 1855 in New Garden, Guilford Co., NC.

vi. **Thomas Davis** was born on 3 Jul 1775 in New Garden, Guilford Co., NC. He died on 17 Oct 1829.

4. vii. **John Davis** was born on 22 Feb 1760 in in New Garden, Guilford Co., NC. He died in 1813 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He married **Nancy Patterson**, daughter of **Smith Patterson** in 1779 in North Carolina. She was born in 1759 in Granville, Warren Co., North Carolina. She died in 1820 in Morgan Co., Georgia

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Descendants of Robert Davis

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160. **Jessie Faye Davis** was born on 5 May 1953 in Nauvoo, Walker Co., Alabama. She married **J. M. Cook** about 1974. He was born between 1945-1955.

80. **Fannie Irene¹⁰ Davis** (Aaron Buchanan⁹, David Montgomery⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 15 Jun 1910 in Nauvoo, Walker Co., Alabama. She married **Walter Howard Scoles**. He was born on 28 Jun 1905 in Walker Co., Alabama. He died on 14 Jan 1940.

Walter Scoles and Fannie Irene Davis had the following children:

i. Aaron B.¹¹ Scoles was born on 9 Aug 1932.

ii. Walter Howard Scoles was born on 18 Jun 1934.

iii. Bobby Gene Scoles was born on 29 Sep 1936.

iv. Lloyd Scoles was born on 4 Apr 1939.

81. **Josie Davis** (Aaron Buchanan⁹, David Montgomery⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 11 Dec 1913 in Nauvoo, Walker Co., Alabama. She married **John Yates** on 29 Feb 1936. He was born on 19 Jun 1912 in Walker Co., AL.

John Yates and Josie Davis had the following children:

i. Jimmie Sue Yates was born on 29 Jan 1937.

ii. Glendon Yates was born on 26 May 1941.

82. **Nellie Davis** (Aaron Buchanan⁹, David Montgomery⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 15 Feb 1915 in Nauvoo, Walker Co., Alabama. She married **Leon Edmonds**. He was born on 15 Feb 1915 in Walker Co., Alabama. He died on 10 Dec 1980 in Hamilton, Butler Co., Ohio.

Leon Edmonds and Nellie Davis had the following children:

i. Carl Stanley Edmonds was born on 22 Apr 1934.

ii. Jimmy Rhynzle Edmonds was born on 29 Jan 1939.

iii. Elston Carson Edmonds was born on 6 May 1940.

iv. Claudie Edmonds was born on 6 May 1945.

83. **Lester Lloyd Davis** (Aaron Buchanan⁹, David Montgomery⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 5 Feb 1918 in Nauvoo, Walker Co., Alabama. He died on 10 Aug 1972. He married **Ethel Marie Ferguson** on 23 Dec 1937. She was born on 25 Oct 1919.

Lester Lloyd Davis and Ethel Marie Ferguson had the following children:

i. **Bobby Ray Davis** (Aaron Buchanan⁹, David Montgomery⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 8 Jan 1937 in Walker Co., Alabama. He married **Margaret Beatrice Griffin**. She was born on 25 Aug 1941 in Dothan, Houston Co., Alabama.

ii. **Sarah Faye Davis** (Aaron Buchanan⁹, David Montgomery⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born 19 Aug 1941 in Walker Co., Alabama. She married **Larry George Otts**. He was born between 1933-1943.

84. **Chester Davis** (Aaron Buchanan⁹, David Montgomery⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 22 Jun 1920 in Nauvoo, Walker Co., Alabama. He married **Pat York**. She was born about 1925 in Walker Co., Alabama.

Chester Davis and Pat York had the following children:

i. **Patricia Davis** was born on 26 Aug 1941. She married **Stephen R. Stovall**. He was born on 4 Apr 1940 in Decatur, Morgan Co., Alabama.

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ii. **Jeffrey Lee Davis** was born on 15 Dec 1960 in Wyandotte, Wayne Co., Michigan. He married **Jacqueline Michelle Keenum** on 1 Dec 1990. She was born on 6 Aug 1962 in Florence, Lauderdale Co., AL.

85. **Elbert Leon Davis** (William Elbert⁹, Elbert Rabun⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 7 Nov 1890 in Monroe Co., Georgia. He died on 8 Aug 1956. He married **Mattie Sue Bowden**. She was born between 1895-1905.

Elbert Leon Davis and Mattie Sue Bowden had the following children:

i. **Joyce Davis** was born in 1931.

ii. **Frances Davis** was born in 1940.

86. **Ora Davis** (George A.⁹, Elbert Rabun⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born about 1880. She married **W. W. Dyer**. He was born between 1875-1885.

W. W. Dyer and Ora Davis had the following children:

i. Wallace Dyer.

ii. Charles Dyer.

iii. Martha Dyer.

iv. Helen Dyer.

87. **George Madison Davis** (George A.⁹, Elbert Rabun⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born in 1887. He died in 1933. He married **Pearl Coolie** about 1908.

George Madison and Pearl Coolie had the following children.

i. **George Davis**.

ii. **James Davis**.

iii. **William Davis**.

iv. **Virginia Davis**.

88. **John Thomas Davis** (Joel Colley⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 29 Jan 1869 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 29 Mar 1934 in

Morgan Co., Georgia. He married **Clara Adella Hollis** on 14 Dec 1890 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She was born on 18 Feb 1871 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 14 Mar 1958 in Tifton, Tift Co., Georgia.

John Thomas Davis and Clara Adella Hollis had the following children:

164. i. **Joel Joseph Davis** was born on 2 Feb 1892 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died in 1970 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married **Annie Lee Goolsby** on 17 Jun 1916 in Georgia. She was born on 17 Nov 1895 in Georgia. She died on 23 Feb 1984 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia.

165. ii. **Nellie Ruth Davis** was born on 21 Nov 1893 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 28 Aug 1964 in Tifton, Tift Co., Georgia. She married **Ernest Gilbert Thornhill** on 29 Dec 1912. He was born on 16 Mar 1888 in Georgia. He died on 21 Jul 1941 in Tifton, Tift Co., Georgia.

166. iii. **Lottie Irene Davis** was born on 11 Mar 1896 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 29 Jan 1991 in Georgia. She married **Robert Beauregard Sumner** on 6 Sep 1914 in Georgia. He was born on 10 Dec 1890 in Worth Co., Georgia. He died on 7 Aug 1948 in Sumpter Co., Georgia.

167. iv. **Horace Gibbs Davis** was born on 27 Dec 1897 in Social Circle, Walton Co., Georgia. He died on 3 Apr 1981 in Rocky Mount, Edgecombe Co., North Carolina. He married (1) **Florence Gray Beavers** in 1918. She was born on 24 Sep 1903 in Live Oak, Suwanee Co., Florida. She died on 9 Jun 1976 in Largo, Pinellas Co., Florida. He married (2) **Marjorie Williams** on 16 Feb 1936 in Georgia. She was born on 18 Sep 1914 in Greene Co., North Carolina.

168. v. **Fred Colley Davis** was born on 10 Dec 1899 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 13 Oct 1964 in Houston Co., Georgia. He married (1) **Ethel Lillian Nelson** on 14 Aug 1920 in Tifton, Tift Co., Georgia. She was born about 1900. She died on 23 Sep 1921 in Tampa, Hillsborough Co., Florida. He married (2) **Lola Mae Myers** on 4 Oct 1924 in Ocilla, Irwin Co., Georgia. She

was born on 11 Aug 1905 in Tifton, Tift Co., Georgia. She died on 11 Jul 1971 in Tifton, Tift Co., Georgia.

vi. **Thomas Albert Davis** was born on 28 Jul 1902 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 5 Oct 1969 in Tifton, Tift Co., Georgia. He married **Lillian Clements** on 11 Dec 1960. She was born on 4 Feb 1903 in Georgia. She died on 11 Jul 1971 in Tifton, Tift Co., Georgia.

89. **Julius Alford¹⁰ Davis** (Joel Colley⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 1 Jul 1870 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 1 Oct 1949 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married (1) **Katie Lee Hanner** on 9 Oct 1892 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She was born on 25 Mar 1876 in Georgia. She died on 15 Dec 1911 in Georgia. He married (2) **O. Clementine Malcom** on 25 Dec 1912 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She was born in 1874 in Morgan Co., Georgia.

Julius Alford Davis and Katie Lee Hanner had the following children:

i. **Charles O. Davis** was born on 3 Sep 1894 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 7 Aug 1906 in Morgan Co., Georgia.

ii. **Earl Hanner Davis** was born in May, 1898 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died in Dec., 1973 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married (1) **Ina Taylor**. She was born between 1896-1906. He married (2) **Daphne Fielder**. She was born between 1896-1906.

iii. **Lena Lillian Davis** was born on 17 Apr 1900 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 19 Jul 1991 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. She married **Paul B. Andrews** on 12 Jan 1919 in Georgia. He was born between 1890-1900.

169. iv. **Margaret Pauline Davis** was born on 14 Nov 1903 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 14 May 1975 in Dublin, Laurens Co., Georgia. She married **William Thomas Feagin** in Jul., 1922 in Georgia. He was born on 28 Aug 1897 in Georgia. He died on 3 Dec 1957.

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170. v. **Spain Davis** was born in 1906 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 6 Mar 1982 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married **Corrye Coleman**. She died on 4 Mar 1982 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia.

90. **Lena Dempsey¹⁰ Davis** (Joel Colley⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 19 Jan 1872 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 27 Jan 1954 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. She married **George Seaborn Oxford** on 9 Dec 1888 in Centennial, Morgan Co., Georgia. He was born on 25 Sep 1867 in Pike Co., Georgia. He died on 12 Feb 1924 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia.

George Seaborn Oxford and Lena Dempsey Davis had the following children:

i. Bertha Clair Oxford was born on 9 Oct 1895. She died on 21 May 1987. She married Thomas Jefferson Keen.

ii. Alton Davis Oxford was born on 11 Nov 1897. He died on 17 Oct 1898.

iii. Ruby Louise Oxford was born on 20 Jan 1900. She died on 3 Jul 1901.

iv. Evelyn Benson Oxford was born on 3 Oct 1903. She died on 21 Oct 1940. She married Wayman P. Wellborn.

91. **Benson¹⁰ Davis** (Joel Colley⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 3 Nov 1873 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 28 Apr 1952 in Porterdale, Rockdale Co., Georgia. He married **Katie O. Powell** on 15 Mar 1896 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She was born on 3 Jun 1878 in Georgia. She died on 2 Aug 1963 in Macon, Bibb Co., Georgia.

Benson Davis and Katie O. Powell had the following child:

i. **Robert¹¹ Herman Davis** was born on 8 Jan 1897 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 21 Mar 1970 in Porterdale, Rockdale Co., Georgia. He married **Sudie T. Thomas**. She was born on 10 Feb 1896.

92. **Wade Hampton¹⁰ Davis** (Joel Colley⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 2 Dec 1879 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 16 Jun 1970 in Covington, Newton Co., Georgia. He married **Leila L. Estes** on 23 Dec 1900 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She was born on 5 Oct 1883 in Georgia. She died on 21 May 1944 in Morgan Co., Georgia.

Wade Hampton Davis and Leila L. Estes had the following children:

i. **Lovene O. N.¹¹ Davis** was born on 30 Oct 1901 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 21 Dec 1901 in Morgan Co., Georgia.

ii. **Lillious Marvin Davis** was born on 19 Mar 1904 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 20 Dec 1989 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He married **Lois Matthews**. She was born on 1 Dec 1907 in Georgia.

93. **James Joel¹⁰ Davis** (Joel Colley⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 24 Dec 1882 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 10 Jan 1967 in Atlanta, DeKalb Co., Georgia. He married **Gussie Haile** on 6 Aug 1905 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She was born on 8 Mar 1884 in Georgia. She died on 25 May 1976 in Atlanta, DeKalb Co., Georgia.

Notes for James Joel Davis: He was a founder of the Bank of Rutledge and he also served as Mayor of the town.

James Joel Davis and Gussie Haile had the following children:

i. **Ruby¹¹ Davis** was born in 1906 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 25 Oct 1979. She married **Albert Felton Jenkins**. He was born on 23 Aug 1904. He died on

24 May 1971.

iii. **Nell Davis** was born about 1912 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She married **Elston Lowe Johnson**. He was born in 1914 in Georgia.

94. **Emory¹⁰ Davis** (Joel Colley⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on the 11 Apr 1889 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 6 Jun 1962 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married **Theresa Clyde Knight** on 4 Jun 1914 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She was born on 17 Aug 1892 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 26 Sep 1965 in Georgia.

Emory Davis and Theresa Clyde Knight had the following children:

i. **Edith Fern¹¹ Davis** was born on 30 Apr 1915 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. She married **Alvin Mountville Townley** on 11 Jan 1936 in Georgia. He was born on 6 Aug 1903 in Blount Co., Alabama.

ii. **Joel Everette Davis** was born on 8 Jun 1918 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 2 Aug 1937 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia.

iii. **James Warren Davis** was born on 25 Jan 1921 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 12 May 1977 in Georgia. He married **Virginia Harrison**. She was born on 23 Jan 1927 in Georgia.

95. **William Marion¹⁰ Davis** (George Washington⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹.) was born on 8 Jan 1872 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 5 Apr 1938 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He married (1) **Ophelia Betts** on 10 Apr 1892 in Georgia. She was born on 10 Jan 1872. She died on 1 Jan 1921 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married (2) **Emma Adams** on 2 Oct 1929. She was born on 18 Nov 1871. She died on 6 Mar 1957.

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ii. **Jesse Davis** was born in 1858 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Notes for **Jesse Davis**; He was enumerated in the household of his grandfather, **Martin Davis**, on the 1870 federal census.

225. iii. **James W. Davis** was born in Aug., 1859 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Emma D. Davis**, daughter of **Alfred S. Davis** and **Melissa D. Murphy**, on 11 Jun 1889 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in Jul., 1869 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina.

iv. **Matilda Davis** was born in 1862 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

226. v. **Virginia W. Davis** was born in 1865 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. She married **Sylvester Pond** on 16 Aug 1890 Davis Shores, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He was born in 1857 in New Haven, New Haven Co., Connecticut.

vi. **Samuel C. Davis** was born in 1866 Carteret Co., North Carolina. He dies after 1920.

116. **Ann H. J.⁹ Davis** (Martin Ross⁸, Isaiah⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, Willaim³, Samuel², James¹) was born in Sep., 1831 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She died after 1900. She married **Martin Van Buren Davis**, son of **Melvin Jennings Davis** and **Thamer Howland**, on 20 Jan 1853 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He was born on 10 Jan 1831 in Beaufort, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died after 1900.

Notes for **Martin Van Buren Davis**: He was residing near Smyrna and working as a church school teacher at the time of the 1860 federal census. On the 1870 census his occupation was shown as "farmer".

Sources:

1860 Carteret Co. federal census, p.526, dwell. 583, family 556.

1870 Carteret Co. federal census, p.250, dwell. 8, family 8.

1880 Carteret Co. federal census, ED27, p. 17, line 37.

1900 Carteret Co. federal census, ED27, sheet 2, line 24.

Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951, LDS FHC microfilm #262,415.

Martin Van Buren Davis and Ann H. J. Davis had the following children:

227. i. **William A. G.¹⁰ Davis** was born in Aug., 1854 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died after 1920.

He married **Kezia D. Styron** on 7 Dec 1879 in Davis Shores, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in May, 1860 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. She died after 1920.

228. ii. **Walter M. Davis** was born in 1856 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died between 1903-1910 prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Mary T. Murphy**, daughter of **Samuel E. Murphy**, on 1 Nov 1894 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in 1875 prob. in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina.

iii. **James Webster Davis** was born in 1859 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Eunice E. Davis** about 1880 in prob. Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born about 1863 in prob. Carteret Co., North Carolina.

229. iv. **Martin R. Davis** was born in 1862 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Helen R. Willis** on 19 Dec 1894 in Davis Shore, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in May, 1869 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

v. **Emma B. Davis** was born in 1865 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina.

230. vi. **Eugene O. Davis** was born in May, 1870 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Ada Frances Willis**, daughter of **George L. Willis** and **Mary John Davis**, on 11 May 1893 in Marshallberg, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in Jun, 1876 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

117. **James W.⁹ Davis** (Martin Ross⁸, Isaiah⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, Willaim³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1836 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married (1) **Sabra D. Willis**, daughter of **Ephraim Willis**, on 10 Dec 1856 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born about 1838 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. She died in 1859. He married (2) **Emily Chadwick Pake** on 11 May 1861 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in 1839 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Notes for James W. Davis:

He was living in the household of **Ephraim Willis** in Beaufort with his daughter, **Melvina Davis**, and working as a fisherman at the time of the 1860 federal census. His occupation in 1870 was shown as "seaman".

Sources:

1860 federal census of Carteret Co.,

NC, LDS FHC microfilm #890, p. 541. 1870 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 263A, dwell 22, family 21. 1880 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 28, sheet 7, line 30. *Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951*, FHC LDS microfilm #262,415.

James W. Davis and Sabra D. Willis had the following child:

i. **Melvina¹⁰ Davis** was born in 1858 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret Co., North Carolina. She died before 1870 in prob. Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Notes for Melvina Davis:

She was enumerated in the household of her grandfather, **Ephraim Willis** in 1860.

Source: 1860 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 541, dwell 675, family 646.

James W. Davis and Emily Chadwick Pake had the following children:

ii. **David W. Davis** was born in 1862 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Source:

Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951, FHC LDS microfilm #262,415. 1900 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 22, sheet 10, line 80.

iii. **Sabra J. Davis** was born in 1864 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret Co., North Carolina.

iv. **Isaiah C. Davis** was born in 1869 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret Co., North Carolina.

v. **Martin Ross Davis** was born in 1872 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret Co., North Carolina.

231. vi. **Henry Bert Davis** was born in 1875 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Nacey M. Salter**, daughter of **Caroline** (____), on 4 Dec 1898 in Atlantic, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in 1880 prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

118. **Samuel C.⁹ Davis** (Martin Ross⁸, Isaiah⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, Willaim³, Samuel², James¹) was born in Mar., 1844 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died after 1920. He married **Emily D. Murphy**, daughter of **Poindexter D. Murphy** and **Martha Willis**, on 12 May 1870 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in Jan., 1853 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Notes for **Samuel C. Davis**:

On the 1870 federal census his occupation was farming. Enumerated on the 1920 census living with son, **Walter**.

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Sources:

Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951, LDS FHC microfilm #262,415

1870 federal census, p. 251B, dwell 25, family 25.

1900 federal census, ED 27, sheet 2, line 92.

1910 federal census, ED 8, sheet 12, line 45.

1920 federal census, ED 8, sheet 17, line 66.

Samuel C. Davis and Emily D. Murphy had the following children:

232. i. **Nettie C.¹⁰ Davis** was born in Aug., 1872 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She married **Alva F. Davis**, son of **Anson F. Davis** and **Margaret W. Davis**, on 24 Dec 1896 in Davis Shore, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He was born in Mar., 1872 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina.

ii. **Adeliza Davis** was born in 1873 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina.

233. iii. **Walter M. Davis** was born in Jul., 1878 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Nettie Moore Babbitt** on 9 Jul 1904 in Davis Shore, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born on 12 Oct 1883 Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She died on 18 Jul 1909 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

iv. **Hannah Davis** was born in 1879 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina.

234. v. **Hamlin H. Davis** was born in Jul., 1881 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Nora Salter** on 22 Feb 1905 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in 1885 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

vi. **Matilda M. Davis** was born in Jul., 1883 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She married **George C. Ballard** on 25 Jun 1903 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Source:

Carteret Co., NC Vital Statistics Marriage Register, 1872-1951, LDS FHC microfilm #262,415.

235. vii. **Roland L. Davis** was born in Aug., 1886 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Leontine M. ()** about 1917. She was born about 1887, prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

viii. **Elmore Davis** was born on 12 Feb 1889 in Smyrna, Carteret Co.,

North Carolina. He died in Apr., 1979 in Beaufort, Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Source:

Automated Archives Soc. Sec. Death Benefits Index, CD-ROM disk #7.

ix. **Dalton Davis** was born on 1 May 1892 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died in Jan., 1984 in Davis, Carteret Co., North Carolina. Source:

Automated Archives Soc. Sec. Death Benefits Index, CD-ROM disk #7.

119. **Sarah⁹ Davis** (Thomas T.⁸, Freeman⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, Willaim³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1822 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She died after 1880. She married **Edmund Davis**, son of **Freeman Davis** and **Abiah Williston**, about 1847 prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He was born in 1810 in Piney Point, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died about 1859 prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Notes for Sarah Davis:

At the time of the 1860 federal census, she was not married and living at home with her mother. In 1880, she was enumerated as a "widow" in the household of her son-in-law, **Isaiah Wade**, and his wife, Sarah's daughter, **Laura**. Also in the household were three of Sarah's sons, **Mitchell, Freeman**, and **Franklin**. All were farming. Source: 1880 Carteret County federal census, ED 27, p. 2, line 1.

Notes for Edmund Davis:

Living next door to brother Thomas in 1850.

Source: 1850 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, family #230.

Edmund Davis and Sarah Davis had the following children:

121. i. **Freeman Davis** was born in Feb., 1848 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died between 1900-1910 prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Louisa J. ()** about 1878. She was born in Sep., 1860 poss. in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She died after 1920.

122. ii. **Laura Davis** was born about 1853 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. She married **Isaiah D. Wade** about 1878 prob. in Carteret County, North Carolina. He was born about 1856 prob. in Carteret Co., North

Carolina.

123. iii. **Franklin P. Davis** was born in May, 1855 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died between 1910-1920. He married **Charlotte D. Willis** on 12 Nov 1881 in Davis Shore, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in Oct., 1860 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. She died after 1920.

iv. **Mitchell Davis** was born about 1858 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died after 1910. He married **Mary T. Murphy**, daughter of **Samuel E. Murphy** between 1910-1920. She was born in 1875 prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Notes for Mitchell Davis:

He was enumerated on the 1910 federal census, living alone. Unable to locate a record of a marriage, but enumerated on the 1920 federal census with a wife and son.

Sources:

1910 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 8, sheet 12, line 44.

1920 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 8, sheet 17, line 54.

Notes for Mary T. Murphy:

Source:

1910 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 8, sheet 11, line 45.

120. **Louisa⁹ Davis** (Daniel W.⁸, Freeman⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, Willaim³, Samuel², James¹) was born about 1841 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. She died before 1870 prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina. She married **Asa Jones Willis** on 29 Aug 1857 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He was born about 1826 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Asa Jones Willis and Louisa Davis had the following children: (all born in Carteret Co., North Carolina).

i. Ellen¹⁰ Willis, born about 1858.

ii. Daniel Willis, born about 1861.

iii. Emma Willis, born about 1863.

iv. Walter Willis, born about 1864.

v. Maria Willis, born about 1867.

121. **Freeman⁹ Davis** (Edmund⁸, Freeman⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, Willaim³, Samuel², James¹) was born in Feb., 1848 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died between 1900-1910 prob. in Carteret Co., NC. He married **Louisa J. ()**, about 1878. She was born in Sep., 1860 poss. in Carteret Co., NC.

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She died after 1920.

Notes for Freeman Davis:

Shown on the 1870 federal census as a farm laborer living in the household of **Finley Willis** and his wife **Abbie**.

Source:

1870 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 251A, dwell 18, fam 18.
1900 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 27, sheet 3, fam 18.

Notes for Louisa J. (____):

Her three youngest children were unmarried and living at home at the time of the 1910 federal census.

Sources:

1910 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 8, sheet 11, line 56.
1920 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 8, sheet 17, line 51.

Freeman Davis and Louisa J. (____) had the following children:

236. i. **Katie L.¹⁰ Davis** was born in Jan., 1879 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She married **Kilby Davis**, son of **Edward G. Davis** and **Rebecca Jones**, on 15 May 1901 in Davis Shore, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He was born in Oct., 1864 in Smyrna, Carteret County, North Carolina. He died after 1910.

ii. **Leonard Davis** was born about 1881 in Carteret County, North Carolina.

237. iii. **George Hubbard Davis** was born in Feb., 1884 in Smyrna, Carteret County, North Carolina. He married **Ella F. (____)** about 1905. She was born between 1877-1887.

iv. **Jerome L. Davis** was born in Nov., 1885 in Smyrna, Carteret County, North Carolina. He married **Charlotte Willis** on 28 Jun 1913 in Davis, Carteret County, North Carolina. She was born about 1891 prob. in Carteret County, North Carolina.

Notes for Jerome L. Davis:

Two marriage dates are shown in the Carteret County Marriage Register for **Jerome Davis** and "**Lottie**" **Willis**, the second being 16 June 1921 at Davis.

Source:

Carteret County, North Carolina Vital Statistics, Marr. Reg., 1872-1951, LDS FHC film #262-415.

v. **Denard L. Davis** was born on 18 Sep 1887 in Smyrna, Carteret County, North Carolina. He died in Dec., 1968 in Davis, Carteret County, North Carolina.

Notes for Denard L. Davis:

Source:

Automated Archives Soc. Sec. Death Benefits Index, CD-ROM disk #7.

vi. **Mattie R. Davis** was born in Nov., 1893 in Smyrna, Carteret County, North Carolina.

122. **Laura⁹ Davis** (Edmund⁸, Freeman⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, Willaim³, Samuel², James¹) was born about 1853 in Carteret County, North Carolina. She married **Isaiah D. Wade** about 1878 prob. in Carteret County, North Carolina. He was born about 1856 prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Isaiah D. Wade and Laura Davis had the following child:

i. Anna¹⁰ Wade was born about 1879 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

123. **Franklin P.⁹ Davis** (Edmund⁸, Freeman⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, Willaim³, Samuel², James¹) was born in May, 1855 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. He died between 1910-1920. He married **Charlotte D. Willis** on 12 Nov. 1881 in Davis Shore, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born in Oct., 1860 in Carteret Co., North Carolina. She died after 1920.

Notes for Franklin P. Davis:

Sources:

Carteret Co., NC Vital Statistics, Marriage Register, 1872-1951, LDS FHC microfilm #262-415.
1900 Carteret Co. federal census, ED 27, sheet 3, line 38.
1910 Carteret Co. federal census, ED 8, sheet 11, line 67.

Notes for Charlotte D. Willis:

Living with son, Clem F. Davis in 1920.

Source:

1920 Carteret Co., federal census, ED 8, sheet 17, line 48.

Franklin P. Davis and Charlotte D. Willis had the following children:

238. i. **William Allen¹⁰ Davis** was born in Apr., 1882 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He married **Claudia Murphy** on 25 Nov 1914 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. She was born about 1891 prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

ii. **Clara C. Davis** was born in Jul., 1883 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She married **Willie D. Murphy** on 20 Jul 1907 in Davis, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He was born in 1882 prob. in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

iii. **Rosa Belle Davis** was born in Aug., 1885 in Smyrna, Carteret Co.,

North Carolina.

iv. **Bessie J. Davis** was born in Aug., 1887 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Notes for Bessie J. Davis:

She was living with brother, Clem, in 1920.

Source:

1920 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 8, sheet 17, line 50.

v. **Clement F. Davis** was born in Feb., 1891 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., North Carolina. He married **Myrtle Willis** on 22 Jul 1920 in Davis, Carteret Co., North Carolina. She was born about 1900 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Notes for Clement F. Davis:

Source:

1920 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 8, sheet 17, line 46.

124. **James Wallace⁹ Davis** (Wallace Willis⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, Willaim³, Samuel², James¹) was born about 1825 poss. in Carteret County, North Carolina. He died between 1860-1870. He married **Elizabeth Salter** on 4 Apr. 1848 in Carteret County, North Carolina. She was born about 1900 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

Notes for James Wallace Davis:

Sources:

1850 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, family #204.
Carteret Co., NC Marriages, Automated Archives on CD-ROM, disk #4.

James Wallace Davis and Elizabeth Salter had the following children:

i. **Rachel Cooper Davis** was born about 1849 in Hunting Quarters, Carteret Co., NC. She married **Robert S. Willis**, son of **William Mitchell Willis** and **Cordelia Davis**, on 11 Sep 1863 in Carteret Co., NC. He was born in 1842 in Carteret Co., NC.

ii. **Wallace Davis** was born about 1850 in Hunting Quarters, Carteret Co., NC.

iii. **David Davis** was born about 1854 in Hunting Quarters, Carteret Co., NC.

125. **Wallace Willis⁹ Davis** (Wallace Willis⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, Willaim³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1826 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He married **Kezia Smith** on 25 Jun 1857 in Carteret Co., NC. She was born in 1825 prob. In Carteret Co., NC.

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iii. **Rachel Davis** was born on 2 Jan 1673 in Manoakin, Somerset, Virginia.

6. **John⁵ Davis** (Thomas⁴, James³, Thomas², William¹.) was born about 1628 in Nansemond Co., Virginia. He died before 4 Dec 1667 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia. He married **Mary Williams** before 1650 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia. She was born about 1635. She died before 1675 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia.

Notes for John Davis:

Source:

Colonial Families of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia, Vol. 9, pp. 5-7, 25-29; John A. Brayton (2009).

Notes for Mary Williams:

"MARY WILLIAMS, the daughter of _____ Williams and Elizabeth (____), was born by 1635, and married first, no later than 1650, _____ GRIFFEN, by whom she had a son that died early. She married second, no later than 1652, JOHN DAVIS, born say 1628, and deceased by 4 Dec 1667, Isle of Wight Co., Virginia. **John Davis** was the son of Major **Thomas Davis** and the grandson of **James Davis** who died in Virginia before 1624/5.

"A clue to Mary Williams's first marriage exists in the administration of the estate of **Samuell Griffin**, found in *Isle of Wight Co., Virginia Administrations and Probates*, p. 12. On 9 Feb 1665/6, **Mary Davis** was appointed Griffin's executrix, and securities were listed as **Thomas Harris** and **John Munger**. This was only eight days before Richard Poole's marriage contract, and Mary, the above mentioned executrix, subsequently married second, as his first wife, **Richard Poole**.

"From the orphans' court records below, it is clear that **Samuel Griffin** was **Mary Williams's** son. Usually a person had to be 21 years old to write a will, but the laws concerning the proper age of a testator may have been somewhat fluid in the early colonial period. Let us assume that he was at least sixteen. Perhaps we might also assume that his father, whoever he was, in his own will gave him his freedom earlier than the usual age of 21 years. This was extremely common, and his father's will would have had the effect of law. At any rate, she was named as her son's executrix, and his property devolved to his half-brother, **Thomas Davis**, obviously according to Samuel's will, now lost."

An interesting land patent for **John Davis** names a **Mary Williams** as a headright. This could not be pure coincidence. This land had belonged to his father Thomas

and John repatented it.

Virginia Land Patent Book 5, p. 244 [133], dated 30 June 1664: JOHN DAVIS, 200 acres in Lower Parish, Isle of Wight Co., beginning at a point of land Called the Goatpen Neck at the mouth of Taberers Creek, running up Pagan Creek, to the mouth of Hudnalls Creek, including Buchers Island, up Hudnalls Creek to land of Thomas Elmes, along same & land of Wm. Dawson to Taberers Creek, formerly called Hutchinsons Creek, for transportation of 4 persons: Wm. Jones; Jno. Farmer; Wm. Towne; MARY WILLIAMS.

The Orphans' Court records below divide the property of Samuel Griffin among some of Mary Davis's children.

Isle of Wight Co., Virginia Will & Deed Book 2, p. 60:

"Att An orphan Cort held for the Isle of Wight County the Third / Day of May 1669

P'sent Lt: Coll John George }
Capt: Anthony Ffulgam } Justices

Major Nicholas Hill Mr. John Hardy
Mr. Nicholas Smith Mr. Thomas Taberer
Cap^s: Joseph Bridger

"An Acco; of the Cattell mrked wth a Crop on both eares, & a slitt in the Crop of the right eare beinge It Sixe head mrked wth a Crop on both eares, & a slitt in the right eare, comeinge of a yeer-elinge heiffeir first Given him by his Bro: SAMUELL GRIFFEN decd:

Teste Jno Jennings Cle: Cir: Recordd: 3d May 1669"

John Davis's widow Mary married, third, as his first wife, by contract, RICHARD POOLE. The date on which the contract below was executed was 17 Feb 1665/6. Richard Poole died testate between 17 June and 9 Oct 1689, Isle of Wight Co., Virginia.

Isle of Wight Co., Virginia Will & Deed Book 1, p. 67:

Whereas by Gods assistance there is a league of Marriage intended by me / Richard Pool of ye Isle of Wight County with Mary ye Relict & Admrx of Mr / John Davis late of this County deced Now Know yee that I the sd Richard / Pool before ye right of Matrimony Celebrated between me & ye said Mary / doe by these presents bind my selfe my Heir Exrs Admrs & Assignes, And / further doe oblide my selfe to deliver or Cause to be delivered unto ye / said MARY DAVIS Forthwth or to her heires... one

able / good sound young Mare properly & absolutely to belong & redound / to her owne use & dispose...

P.68 I the said Richard doe make over unto her ye said Mary one ffeather bed / wthe furniture thereunto belonging wch shee the said Mary hath pchased / by her owne Industry since her husbands death... this is my owne Free & reall act unto her ye said Mary Davis I hereunto / Sett my hand & seal this 17th day of ffrebrij 1665

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of

Tho: Taberer Richard R Pool sigill
Jno Jennings

Mrs Mary Davis desired this writing to be / Recorded in ye Isle of Wight Records the day / above written wch was accordeingly done / p John Jennings Cler Record

Richard Poole left a will dated 17 June and recorded 9 Oct 1689 in *Isle of Wight Co., Virginia Will & Deed Book 2*, p. 297. From a bequest in his will to daughter-in-law **Jane Grosse**, it is clear that he had remarried **Jane (Wilson) Grosse**, the daughter of **John Wilson** widow of **Richard Grosse**, whose administration was requested by his wife Jane, 9 Aug 1675.

Isle of Wight Co., Virginia Will & Deed Book 2, p.297.

Source:

Colonial Families of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia, Volume 9, pp. 5-7, 25-27: John A. Brayton (2009)

John Davis and Mary Williams had the following children:

7. i. **John⁶ Davis** was born about 1650 in Virginia. He died between 1712-1714 in Upper Parish, Isle of Wight Co., VA. He married an unknown spouse about 1670 prob. in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia.

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