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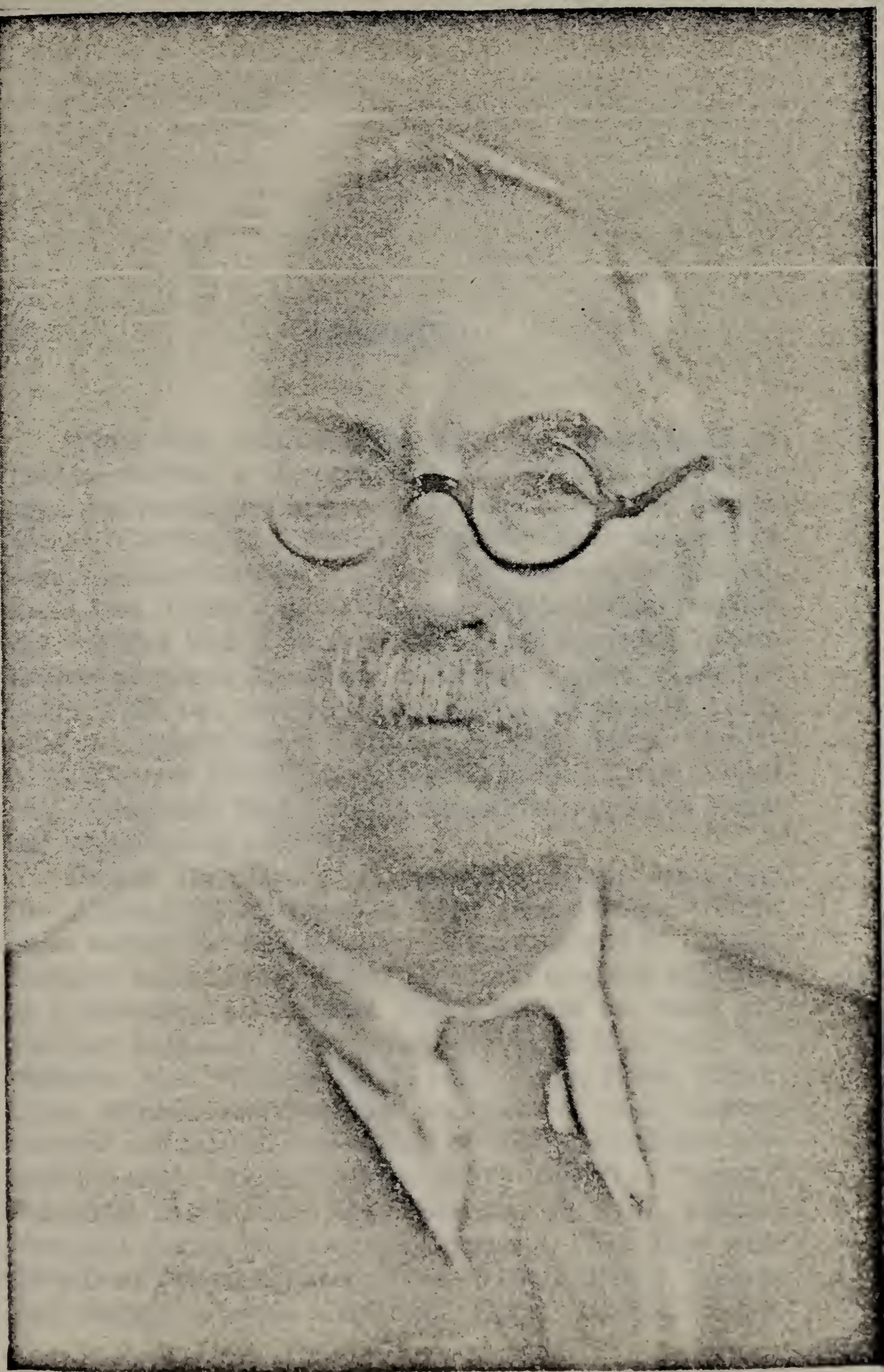
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To

OUR COUSINS



RAYMOND C. GRIFFIN

FOREWORD

While this volume deals with the descendants of Thomas Griffin, a Revolutionary soldier, it is not just a history of one family. Marriages between children of Austin, Bivens, Griffin, and Williams families have resulted in what genealogists now call the Austin-Bivens-Griffin-Williams line. Three sons of Thomas Griffin began welding the families into a clan of cousins by marrying Austin sisters, all three daughters of Bryant Austin. Sometime before 1790, two brothers, John and Bryant Austin, and a relative named Charles Austin, came from Wayne County to what is now Union County, North Carolina. Union County was organized in 1842 and was formed from parts of Anson and Mecklenburg counties.

During the Revolution, Nathaniel Bivens came into the Anson-Mecklenburg area from Pennsylvania. Some years before the Revolution, a 12-year-old girl of London, England, named Peggy Tyler, hid herself in a ship and came as a stowaway to America. While still in her teens she married Nathaniel Bivens, and presented him with ten children: Abel, William, Sarah, John, Unity, Moses, Elijah, Lyda, Stephen, and Nathaniel, Jr. Most of these children married and moved away. Some of their descendants now spell the name "Bivins," others spell it "Bevin" or "Bevan." Nathaniel Bivens, Jr., born November 18, 1787, married Margaret James, born October 4, 1795. They were parents of fifteen children: John, William, Henry, Culpepper, Robert, Joseph, Jefferson, Edna, Rebecca, Sarah,

Sarah, Nancy, Drucilla, James, Hosea and Eliza.

Edward Williams, who died in 1739, was a grandson of a Thomas Williams who came to Massachusetts in 1620 or shortly thereafter. A son of Edward Williams was the Reverend Joseph Williams, Sr. One of his sons was the Reverend Joseph Williams, Jr., who served in a North Carolina regiment during the Revolution. In 1760, Joseph Williams, Jr., married Martha Parrot. They were the parents of nine children: Henry, William, Parrot, Ruben, Hezekiah, Newborn, Lemuel, Rebecca and Mamie.

Descendants of the Austin, Bivens and Williams families run into thousands and are now scattered to practically every state of the Union. As our task is to record the mariages, migrations, etc., of descendants of Thomas Griffin, a brief sketch of the origin of the Griffin family in Britain deserves a place here. We are told that the name "Griffin" is of Welsh origin and was originally Gruffydd, the last Welsh prince to fight the English for the independence of Wales, was the progenitor of the family whose name passed through Gryffyd, Griffith, Griffyng, Griffing to the present form of Griffin. We agree that the family originated in Wales but the assertion that Llewellyn was the founder of the family is without foundation. One English branch of the family was living in Leicester County, England, a century before Llewellyn was defeated by the English under Edward I in the year 1282.

Some branches of the family were of the landed gentry in Wales and England in very early times. Griffons or griffins, usually depicted with the body and legs of a lion and the head and wings of an eagle, were blazoned on the coats-of-arms of many Griffin families and individuals in the days when knighthood was in flower and gallants rode forth in quest of the Holy Grail. One ancient Griffin coat-of-arms is described: "Arms; Sable, a griffin sergeant argent; Crest: A talbot's head erased sable; Motto: Gardes la fine." Other Griffin coats-of-arms bore griffins in different arrangements of the complicated combinations of

heraldry.

America has been called the meltingpot of races but the little island of Great Britain became a meltingpot of the races of Europe long before "Columbus sailed the ocean blue in fourteen hundred and ninety-two." When the Celts overran Europe from "somewhere in the valleys of Persia, the old name of which was Arya" and spilled over onto the islands west of what we now call the English Channel, they probably found the islands inhabited by a non-Aryan race. The Celts who took root in the mountains of Wales mixed with the original inhabitants and called themselves "Brythons" and gave their name to the British Isles.

Griffin history is Welsh history, English history, Scotch history and Irish history. Every invasion of Britain, from the Romans to William of Normandy, brought new blood to the Gruffydd clan and a slightly different name for the lion-eagle monster which was the family emblem. The Romans called the mythical monster gryphus and the clan members griphi. The Norman-French name was griffon. When the blood of Norman, Saxon, Dane, Jute, etc., finally produced the Englishman with only a trace of Celtic blood, the diluted descendants of the Welsh Gryffyds became the English Griffins. After Ralph Griffin married Alice de Weston in Leicester County, England, in the year 1184, their descendants scattered to all parts of the British Isles.

In 1635 Griffin migrations to America began. By 1700 Griffin families were scattered far and wide in the American colonies. After 1746 others came to mingle and intermarry with their distant cousins in the new world. New England records, Virginia records, War Department records and Army payrolls list many Griffins who served in the Continental Army during the Revolution. Besides many Griffins who were privates, some officers who fought for American independence were Surgeon-General Corbin Griffin and Deputy Adjutant General Samuel Griffin of Virginia, Lieutenant John Griffin of New Hampshire, Lieutenant-Colonel Jacob Griffin and Captain Daniel Griffin of New York.

Many books have been published that contain valuable and interesting data concerning Griffin families in Britain and America. Some of them are Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England, Stone's Griffing Genealogy, Street's Griffin Family, Heitman's Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army, Charles Griffin's Partial History of the Griffin Family in Massachusetts. The Americana, Burke's Landed Gentry. Other books and manuscripts dealing with Griffin families in America are in the Library of Congress.

Many Griffins in America married distant cousins of the same family name and thus reunited in kinship families whose relationships were remote. Some of the New England Griffins moved south and married members of the southern families. Some of the southern Griffins married into families of the same name in New York and Pennsylvania. The bitter animosities and violent hatreds engendered by the War Between the States caused many southern families to lose all interest in their northern kin, and vice versa. In the border states on both sides of the Mason and Dixon Line, counties, communities, and even families, split over the issues that culminated in the Civil War. This cleavage gave birth to the State of West Virginia. In Kentucky, and elsewhere, kinships were forgotten when members of some families became Yanks and others Rebs. Research to establish eligibility for membership in Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, and other patriotic societies, has helped to reunite some families that split over the Civil War.

To list all the descendants of Thomas Griffin, Revolutionary soldier, would make this book unwieldy, so we are bringing the genealogical record down only to a point where the present generation can connect and write in their own family histories down to the present time. The blank pages in the back of this book are for that purpose. Our grandchildren and the grandchildren of cousins of our generation can take over and continue the records from where we

leave off.

For help in gathering the tremendous amount of data from which this volume was compiled, we are indebted to dozens of our cousins for their untiring efforts in looking up Bible records, copies of old wills, land deeds, marriage records, birth certificates, etc. We are especially grateful for information furnished by Miss Delle Headden, Cassville, Georgia, from data gathered by herself and Mrs. Clifton Haynes Allyn. These "distaff" cousins, both Daughters of the American Revolution, were painstaking and thorough in compiling their invaluable records.

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CHAPTER I

Emigrants

THE REVOLUTION

Thomas Griffin was living in Essex County, Virginia, in 1776. Some years before he had married Mary Elizabeth Mullis. They had some small children when Thomas joined the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army to fight for American independence. Thomas was a son of Richard Griffin who was also living in Essex County at that time. A tradition current in some, but not all, branches of the family has it that Richard was a descendant of a Griffin who moved from the island of Great Britain to North Ireland in 1653. In 1649, Oliver Cromwell with his English army began a war of extermination against the Irish which won for Cromwell the title Lord Protector of England. The Lord Protector believed that the way to protect England was to kill or expel the Irish nobles in the northern part of the Emerald Isle and settle their lands with English farmers. Besides many smaller estates, one tract of 800,000 acres was confiscated and settled with farmers from Scotland and England.

Richard Griffin, a descendant of the settler of 1653, with a brother named Thomas, the story goes, crossed over to Scotland and fought in the army of Prince Charles Edward when he landed in Scotland in 1745 and started the last Jacobite uprising to try to regain the English throne for the House of Stuart. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's army was defeated by the English under the Duke of Cumberland at Culloden Moor, near Inverness, Scotland, in April of 1746, the Griffin brothers fled southward across Scotland, crossed the narrow Irish Sea, and found themselves somewhat out of breath back home in County Antrim. The English were filling their gaols with rebels who took part in the uprising. Fearing arrest and trial, the Griffin broth-

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ers decided to emigrate. After months of uneasy waiting, they finally obtained passage on a ship sailing for Virginia. The story has it that the two brothers, with the wife and two small children of Richard, landed at the village of Tappahannock of the Rappahannock River in Virginia in the fall of 1747. On the other hand, at least two genealogists who have done some research on that line believe that Richard Griffin, father of Thomas Griffin, the Revolutionary soldier, was a great-grandson of another Richard Griffin whose name was on the tax rolls of Gloucester County, Virginia, in 1653. Behind our Richard Griffin is tradition; after him the record is clear and amply documented.

Richard Griffin's children married in Virginia and were living in Essex and Caroline counties and in and around Fredericksburg at the close of the Revolution. Some moved farther west and settled in Culpepper County. Some remained on the Rappahannock and some of their descendants are still there. Whether or not our Richard Griffin fought at Culloden Moor, one of his relatives married a man who did. One of Bonnie Prince Charlie's soldiers who came to America in 1747 was Hugh Mercer, who fought in a Scotch regiment at Culloden. After he came to America, he fought in the French and Indian War and later in the Revolution. Mercer was born in Scotland and graduated in medicine at the University of Aberdeen. He married Louisa Griffin and practiced medicine in Fredericksburg before the Revolution. Mercer rose to the rank of general in the Continental Army and was killed by the British in the Battle of Princeton. Mary Griffin, a sister of Louisa, married Major Thomas Griffin of Yorktown. Mary and Louisa were distantly related to Colonel Samuel Griffin who led a Virginia regiment at Princeton, and were closely related to the famous Cyrus Griffin of Williamsburg. While studying medicine in Scotland, Cyrus Griffin eloped with Lady Christina Stuart, daughter of the Earl of Traquair. Their graves are in the shadow of old Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg.

Thomas Griffin served in 1777 in Captain John Gist's



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company in Colonel Nathan Gist's First Virginia regiment and was given a bounty warrant for his services. His next enlistment was in the Second Virginia, in Captain Joseph Smith's company of Colonel Gregory Smith's regiment. During the last years of the war, he was with Colonel Sibiger's Detachment. When Thomas marched off for his first hitch in the Continental Army, he left his wife and small children with the family of his father-in-law, John Mullis. His own father, Richard Griffin, with his wife and probably one or two unmarried children living nearby. Thomas promised to try to get acquainted with the new member of the family they were expecting sometime in September. The rugged—and usually ragged—individualists who were the rank and file of the militia regiments were an independent lot who had little regard for discipline. When they wanted to go home, they went; when they got good and ready, they came back. While they were absent, with or without leave, their pay stopped and started again when they rejoined their regiments. With danger at all times of Indian attacks against the settlements, one wonders how married men with small children dared leave home at all. The odds against the American patriots were great. In front of them were trained British and Hessian troops; behind them were well-armed Indians; and in their midst were the Tories or Loyalists. With such odds against them, how did the Americans win their independence? With help from France. That is just part of the answer. We (the authors) believe that England lost the war when she armed the Indians and used them against the settlers. Hundreds of settlers with Tory leanings became patriots when the British armed the Indians and sent them to make war on women and children. We can understand why the militiamen would fight Redcoats a while and then go home to see if the home guards of old men and boys had sufficient powder and lead to hold the home front. Fall and early winter was the dangerous time for the settlers. Full corn cribs and smoke-

houses were tempting targets for Tory, Redcoat and Indian raiders.

Looking over some Revolutionary army payrolls, we find that Thomas Griffin was at home in November and December of 1776; was at home in October, November and December of 1778; and at home with his family during the same months of 1780. In due time after each of these fall furloughs, Thomas and Mary became parents of another son. Charlie was born September 22, 1777, while the Continental Army was retreating from the Brandywine, where it had been defeated by British and Hessian troops on September 11; Thomas, Jr., was born August 11, 1779; and John (Jackie) was born August 7, 1781, while the French and American forces were closing in on Yorktown, where they forced the surrender of Cornwallis on October 16. Thomas Griffin didn't let his feud with the Redcoats interrupt the steady increase of his family. Some children were born before the Revolution, some while the war was in progress, and others after the war was over. Sarah, the youngest child, was born March 4, 1794.

In the years following the Revolution, pressure of increasing population caused hundreds of families in Tidewater Virginia to move farther and farther into the wilderness where their children and grandchildren, by following the receding frontier, could acquire land and build homes of their own. Traditions are usually founded on facts. Two stories that have come down to us are worth quoting here. Stripped of details that may or may not be embellishments, they are: (1) When he returned home after Cornwallis surrendered, Thomas Griffin went out one morning to feed his hogs. Bears had been catching some of the pigs, so he took his gun along. In the dim, misty light of early dawn, he shot what he thought was a bear. The "bear" turned out to be a prowling Indian, one of the Mattaponi tribe whose members would sneak from the Back Country at night to commit acts of thievery and vandalism in the settlements.

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With Indian snipers out to "get" the man who killed their tribesman, Thomas Griffin, the story goes, loaded wife, young'uns and household goods onto a cart and moved south ahead of the friends and relatives who were preparing to move to Carolina where tracts of land would be granted to ex-soldiers as payment for military service. That Thomas Griffin paused in Halifax County where he was later joined by relatives headed for the Waxhaw country seems to strengthen the story. (2) It is said that during the war Thomas Griffin was the top rough and tumble fighter in his regiment. After he settled in North Carolina, a fighter came down from Virginia to challenge him. The challenger lost the fight, it is said.

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CHAPTER II

North Carolina

RICHARDSON CREEK, NEGROHEAD CREEK

Along with sons of wealthy planters in the wagon trains moving out of the old settled Tidewater country were men who had been tenant-farmers and laborers in the old countries across the Atlantic. Some were "distressed cavaliers" who had fought on the wrong side in the Jacobite uprisings and had lost their estates by confiscation. As these tenant-farmers, laborers, and impoverished aristocrats were without funds with which to pay passage to America, they bound themselves as servants to plantation owners in America who would pay their way across the Atlantic. The terms of service for passage to the new world were usually for five years, during which time they were practically slaves of the men who paid their way. The vast unsettled reaches of America were of no use to England unless settlers developed the country and produced raw materials to be exchanged for goods manufactured in Britain. As an inducement to settlers, a grant of 100 acres was given to every man who paid his own way. In addition to this, every man who paid an immigrant's way to America was given 50 acres. If he brought 100 settlers, he got 5000 acres besides his original 100 acres. With indentured debtors bound to him for five years of service, he had the laborers at hand to develop his holdings. This practice resulted in large estates owned by a few wealthy planters. The poorer people, when they had worked out their periods of indebtedness, moved farther and farther into the Indian country where they too could by their own efforts become land-owners.

In America the door of opportunity was open to all. Old world "class" and "social standing" meant little in the new world where a man was judged by his own worth and not by what his ancestors had been. Even a period of servitude

in the new world left no lasting stigma. It is probable that Martin Van Buren was not the only president of the United States whose emigrant ancestor came to America as an indentured servant. (The Van Burens came to New Amsterdam as servants of the Van Rensselaer family.) The adventurous blood of Britain and Europe, yoeman and aristocrat, mingled to produce Americans who believe that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.

A favorite topic of conversation among the indentured debtors was where they would settle when their debts were paid. One colonial rymester twanged his home-made "gittar" and sang a description of the country he intended to settle in:

"Way down yonder on the Pianketank
The bullfrogs jump from bank to bank;
Fat deer browse in the canebrakes rank,
Way down yonder on the Pianketank."

To better protect themselves against Indian attacks, several families would travel together while en route to their new homes. Around the camp fires at night, bashful swains, with sly glances toward shy maidens, would voice their ambitions with:

"All I want in this creation
Is a pretty little wife and a big plantation,
Way down yonder in the Cherokee Nation."

Or perhaps the young folks would frolic to something like:

Chicken in the bread-tray scratchin' out dough;
Sally, will your dog bite? No, Chile, no.

The Griffin, Mullis, and other families that formed the caravan from the Rappahanock after the Revolution were no longer British subjects hampered by tea taxes, stamp acts, and other forms of taxation without representation. They were free Americans moving out to settle their own country in their own way. They were headed for country in the Carolinas that had formerly been occupied by the Waxhaw Indians. As early as 1760, some hardy pioneers had

gone into the Waxhaw country and acquired land by purchase and legal entry. Others settled and held their lands by "tomahawk rights." They would build cabins and blaze trees around tracts to mark the boundaries of their claims. These tomahawk rights were respected by new settlers. There was other land just over the hill. All they had to do was drive the Indians off and take possession. The Indians could go on over the next hill; there was plenty of land over there. After every Indian uprising since the one of 1759, the Waxhaws had been pushed farther west and more of their territory occupied by white settlers. Some Tory lands in the Carolinas were confiscated after the Revolution and these lands, too, were open to settlers. It was these Tory and Indian lands that our settlers from the Rappahannock were coming to occupy.

Among the followers of Bonnie Prince Charlie who swore allegiance to England and came to America after the defeat at Culloden were Flora MacDonald and her husband, Allan MacDonald. It was Flora MacDonald who dressed Prince Charles in the clothes of one of her maid-servants, hid him from the English who were offering 30,000 pounds for his apprehension, and helped him escape to France. Many of the Highlanders who fought for Prince Charles in the Rising of '45 came to North Carolina in 1747-48, but Allan and Flora MacDonald continued to live in Scotland for 27 years after the final defeat of the Stuarts. But they often talked of joining their relatives in America. In 1773 Flora wrote: "The best of the inhabitants are makeing (sic) ready to follow their friends to America while they have anything to bring there; and among the rest we are to go, especially as we cannot promise ourselves but poverty and oppression, haveing last Spring and this time two yeares lost almost all our stock of horses and cattle; we lost within these three yeares 327 heads, so that we have hardly what will pay our creditors which we are to let them have and begin the world anewe in an othere corner of it." They sailed from Campbeltown, Kintyre, in August, 1774,

and landed at Wilmington, North Carolina. Later they lived at Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) which was the capital of the Highland settlement. They finally settled in Anson County, where they bought 475 acres and called the place Killegrey.

When the Revolution began, Josiah Martin was Tory governor of North Carolina. He fled and tried to govern his rebellious colony from the deck of a British ship. He reminded the transplanted Highlanders that they had sworn allegiance to England and ordered them to mobilize and help crush the rebellion. Many of the Scotch settlers were officers of the British Army on half pay. They were given higher rank and put in command of Tory regiments. General Donald MacDougald, who had fought as a lieutenant in the 42nd Scotch regiment at Culloden, was placed in command of the growing Tory army. Allan and Flora MacDonald threw themselves into the fight on the side of King George and were active in persuading some of the wavering settlers to join the Tory army. When the clans gathered at Cross Creek, Flora spoke to them in Gaelic, telling them that England couldn't lose; that they had sworn allegiance to England and that perjury was an unpardonable sin. She reminded them of the fact that in April, 1747, 145 Jacobite leaders were confined in the Tower of London awaiting sentence; that she and her husband were among those who swore allegiance to England and were pardoned; that Simon Frazr (Lord Lovatt) and some others were beheaded on Tower Hill that 9th day of April, 1747. She warned them that death would be the penalty for those twice guilty of treason.

In the Highland army that marched out of Cross Creek dressed in kilt and feathered bonnet, and with bagpipes wailing, were members of the MacDonald, Campbell, MacLeod, MacRae, MacKenzie, MacLean, MacLaughlin, MacKay, and other clans. General MacDonald's Tory army met the Americans under General Moore at Moore's Creek Bridge. The Americans won and took 850 prisoners. After this de-

feat, some of the Highlanders went over to the American side and fought bravely for American independence. Many of the Scotch settlers were patriots from the start and found in the Revolution a chance to get even with England for the defeat their clans had suffered at Culloden thirty years before. One of these England haters was Martin McGary. His hatred of the English was as nothing compared with the hatred he nursed in his heart for the Tories. Martin McGary waged a private war of his own, and it is said of him that when the war ended he had more than twenty notches on his gun stock, a notch for every Tory he killed on his own hook. When the end of the war ended his Tory hunting activities, he turned his talents to making good Indians out of live ones. Stories of his prowess as a Tory and Indian slayer lived long in the legends of the mountain folk in the valleys of the Blue Ridge and Great Smokies.

The lands of the MacDonalds and others who fought to the end against the American "rebels" were confiscated by Act of the Provincial Congress of Newbern and sold to settlers. Two years before Cornwallis surrendered, Flora MacDonald realized that England would lose the war. In October, 1779, Flora "and othere three young ladys and two gentlemen sett sail" for Scotland, where Flora died in poverty in 1790. She picked the wrong side in two wars.

The settlers who came down from Virginia and Pennsylvania into what had formerly been the Waxhaw Indian country found McKemeys, Hutchinsons, Crawfords, McCulloughs, Phifers, Jacksons, Robards, Polks, and others who had come before them. John Mullis settled on Richardson Creek at what is now Mullis Ford Bridge. Richardson Creek was named for a Richardson family that settled on the stream. Four members of the Richardson family, Edward, George, Ned, Valentine, served in the Continental Army during the Revolution. The Richardsons of Richardson Creek were probably not closely related to another Richardson who came to America some years before the Revolution and went as a missionary among the Cherokees. This William

Richardson, who was an educated man and a scion of one of the best families of England, lost hope of converting the Indians to Christianity and came into the Waxhaw settlements from Indian country west of the Great Smokies. A short stay in the settlements probably convinced him that the white settlers were as much in need of spiritual guidance as were their red-skinned neighbors. Waxhaw Church was without a pastor at that time. Some time before, a Mr. Robert Miller had built a meeting-house on his farm and begun to preach the gospel. Preacher Miller was a handsome young man and was well liked by his church members. Miller walked the straight and narrow path for about a year before he slipped. After "too much familiarity" with one of his feminine members he was excommunicated and expelled from his church "for violating the seventh commandment." He sold his farm, deeded a few acres surrounding the church to the community, and departed without revealing his destination.

Young William Richardson took over the soiled pulpit and resolved to erase the stain. He married Nancy Craighhead, daughter of the Reverend Alexander Craighhead, pastor of the church at Sugar Creek. One evening in 1771, Preacher Richardson was found in his study kneeling in an attitude of prayer, but dead with a bridle buckle tightly around his neck. Tongues wagged. Gossip had it that the young preacher became despondent and took his own life because his attractive young wife was seen too often in the company of Mr. George Dunlap. Some believed that Richardson was killed by his wife and Dunlap. Whether or not the gossip was true, the widow married Dunlap shortly after erecting an expensive monument at the grave of her first husband. The pros and cons of this unfortunate affair were still being discussed by the citizens when John Mullis and family; John Mullis' son Soloman, who married a sister of Thomas Griffin; Thomas Griffin and family; David Griffen, who married Theodosia (Dosha) Mullis, who was a sister to the wife of Thomas Griffin and a daughter of John

Mullis, came into the country.

Thomas Griffin settled in Anson County, where his children grew up and married. Jefferson, the eldest child, married his first wife in North Carolina and had two children by her. When the marriage ended in divorce, he moved to Missouri and married again, leaving descendants in Missouri, Arkansas and Illinois. Charlie married Betsy Ross, daughter of James Ross; Thomas, Jr., married Annie Vann; Amos married Alsie Austin; John (Jackie) married Sarah Austin; Enoch first married Rebecca Austin and his second wife was Rebecca Robards; Nancy first married John Brewer and her second husband was William Barnes; Mollie married Stephen Trull; Frances (Frankie) married Obediah Curlee; and Sarah became the wife of William Hamilton.

The first of several land deeds to Thomas Griffin in Anson County was made in 1782, and was a grant from the State of North Carolina. He acquired other lands by purchase and homestead entry. When Richard Griffin's wife died in Virginia in 1789, Richard disposed of his property in Virginia and came down to North Carolina to live the rest of his life in the home of his son Thomas. The first of many land deeds to Richard in North Carolina was made in 1790. In 1794 he deeded his lands to others and died in 1795.

Thomas Griffin accumulated considerable property in North Carolina, chiefly land, which he acquired by grant, entry, purchase and inheritance. Some properties were deeded to children before he made his will. The copy printed below is from the original, with punctuation (or lack of it), capitalization, wording and spelling unchanged:

WILL OF THOMAS GRIFFIN, SR.

In the Name of God, Amen, I Thomas Griffin Senr. of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, being Sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God. Do this Sixteenth Day of December One Thousand eight hundred and Six, make and publish that my Last will

and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,—

First, I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life the privilege use, and benefit of my house and plantation together with all my house hold furniture Stock of Cattle and hogs, and plantation other working tools except such as shall herein be other ways disposed of—provided it shall not debar my Son Enoch Griffin from building on the Land in case he should think proper so to do in her life time

I give to my sd. wife all the money due me, to be disposed of she shall think most proper for her own profit or to answer the relief of her childrens need Provided it shall not hereafter be other ways disposed of

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Enoch Griffin all my land belonging to or adjoining my plantations, One hundred acres on which Henry Hudson now lives only excepted, to him the sd. Enoch Griffin his heirs & assigns forever—

Item Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally Griffin fifty Dollars to be Raised out of my estate—

Item I will that my two daughters Mary Trull and Franky Curlee have each of them the value of twenty five Dollars apiece in property at the division of my estate— Over and above an equal share with the Rest of my Daughters

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Enoch Griffin the sum of Fifty Dollars to be raised out of my estate, also my horse called Tobe to him & his heirs forever—

Item, Give to my wife during her Natural life my sorrel horse and two colts

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Enoch Griffin two cows out of my stock

Item, I will that my wife shall have the managing of my Stud horse during her life and the profit

arising from him to be equally divided among all my sons and Daughters, and after her Death the horse to be sold and the value or price to be divided in the same manner

Item, I will that my wife have the Liberty of disposing of my Land on Lanes Creek for the use of my Grandsons if she shall think their behaviour shall merit it—

Item, I will that twenty four pounds Sixteen shillings & ten pence be paid out of my Estate to the heirs of the Widow Harris—

Item, I will that Henry hinson have and keep the Tract of Land on which he now lives containing One hundred Acres provided he shall pay or discount the sum of Seventy five Dollars to my Estate, Then to him his heirs and assigns forever

Item, I will and Desire that all my Estate or so much thereof as shall be at my wifes Decease that is not otherways disposed of shall be equally divided among all my Daughters that shall be then Living—

Lastly I ordain and appoint my two sons Charles Griffin and Thomas Griffin executors to this my Last Will and testament In Witness whereof I the sd. Thomas Griffin Senr. have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and Date first above written—

Thos Griffin (SEAL)

Signed sealed published and pronounced by the said Thomas Griffin as his last Will and Testament, In presence of us, who in his presence and in the prsence of each other have hereunto subscribed our Names

Solomon Mullis X (his mark)

Jacob Little

David Griffin

State of North Carolina

Anson County

October Session 1807

Then the within Will was duly proved in open

Court by the oath of Soleman Mullis & Jacob Little witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Tod Robinson Clk

Thomas Griffin died in July 1807. The grave sof Richard and Thomas Griffin are on the old Griffin farm on Negrohead Creek, ten miles east of Monroe, North Carolina. The old farm is now (1948) owned by Clint Mullis, a descendant of John Mullis and David Griffin.

Some place names in the old settled sections of America have changed with the years. Sugar Creek was originally Sugaw Creek, from a small band of Indians called the Sugaw tribe that dwelt along the stream.

In early colonial times a Negro slave committed a sex crime of violence outside his own race. Knowing that death by lynch law was the penalty for that crime against whites, the culprit fled into the unsettled country to try to find refuge among the Indians. He was caught by an angry mob and killed. His severed head was suspended from a tree where the main intersettlement road crossed a creek in the Indian country. The bleached skull hung for years as a reminder that death sure, quick and violent was the penalty for that crime. Hence the name Negrohead Creek.

During the so-called Reconstruction Period in the South crimes of that sort increased, and as convictions in Carpet-bagger courts were seldom made lynch law was the Southerners' only choice for justice in crimes of that sort. Right or wrong, that is still the penalty and will probably continue to be regardless of horrified shrieks from descendants of the witch-burners of Salem and Boston.

Charlie Griffin, son of Thomas Griffin and Mary Elizabeth Mullis, daughter of John Mullis, married Betsy Ross, daughter of James Ross.

Children:

Patsy

Jesse

Thomas

Washington

Married

Matthew Edwards

Nancy Williams

Tilda Lotharp

died young

James
Charlie
Elizabeth

Edna Bivens
Eunice Williams
Coleman Austin

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Patsy Griffin, daughter of Charlie Griffin and Betsy Ross,
married Matthew Edwards.

Children:

Charlie
Culpepper
Thomas
James
Betsy
Lydia
Sarah
Martha

Married

Ann Stuckey
single
went west
went west
Shelby Baucum
Andrew Baucum
John Hart

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The Matthew Edwards family moved to Mississippi about
1850.

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Jesse Griffin, son of Charlie Griffin and Betsy Ross, mar-
ried Nancy Williams.

Children:

Martha
Jane
T. Wilson

Married

John Q.
Ellen
Ann

Lydia
Joseph
Ellis
Enoch
Frances

Culpepper Austin
Jacob C. Mullis
1st Sarah Rowland
2nd Perilla Austin
Mary Ann Williams
Alexander Williams
1st William B. May
2nd John J. Austin
Joel J. Outen
Permelia Austin
killed at Gettysburg
Maggie Bivens
James K. P. Austin

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Thomas Griffin, son of Charlie Griffin and Betsy Ross,

married Tilda Lotharp.

Children:

Adeline

Mary Jane

Martha

Betsy Ann

Lavinna

Frank

Married

Pinckney Mullis

Matthew Godwin

Gideon Sinclair

Sanders Austin

Jacob Thomas

Susan Davis

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James (Jimmy Green) Griffin, son of Charlie Griffin and Betsy Ross, married Edna Bivens.

Children:

William L.

Lydia

Ellen

Wilson

Emeline

Ann

Thomas

Sophonra

Jane

Married

Polly Woodward

Sam K. Little

Wyatt Austin

went west

Erwin Bass

William Trull

killed in Civil War

Charlie Hunt

George Little

. . . .

Charlie P. Griffin, son of Charlie Griffin and Betsy Ross, married Eunice Williams.

Children:

Martha

Jane

J. Hampton

Nancy

William

Joseph

J. Hiram

Henry C.

Married

Henry Tolson (Texas)

William Caudle

Maggie Caudle

Davidson Brooks

killed in Civil War

killed in Civil War

Mollie Williams

1st Emeline Williams

2nd Julia Herring

3rd Elizabeth Gathings

Clementine
Dorcas

William Little
Milton Austin

. . . .

Elizabeth (Betsy Graves) Griffin, daughter of Charlie Griffin and Betsy Ross, married Coleman Austin

Children:

Married

Green D.

Margaret Lewis

Charles H.

Frances Smith

Jacob

Maggie Lee

Marcus N.

Kittie McLaughlin

Melissa J.

Monroe Garrison

Cull

Sudie Simms

Emily

Ed. Yarborough

Robert

Nettie Garrison

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Charlie Austin, son of Coleman Austin and Betty Graves Griffin, married Frances Smith.

Children:

Married

Eliza

Joe Hartis

Marcus

Grace Nash

Cull C.

Florence Rone

Henry

Odessa Davis

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Melissa Austin, daughter of Coleman Austin and Betsy Graves Griffin, married Monroe Garrison. To them were born Green who married Ethel Hamilton and had a son named Oliver Hamilton Garrison. Essie Garrison married Leola Caudle, no children.

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Marcus Austin, son of Coleman Austin and Betsy Graves Griffin, married Kittie McLaughlin. To this marriage were born Green; Bright, who married Erwin McCain; William.

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Emily Austin, daughter of Coleman Austin and Betsy Graves Griffin, married Ed. Yarborough. To this union were born Heath and Raymond.

Martha Griffin, daughter of Jesse Griffin and Nancy Williams, married Culpepper Austin. They had one son, Vernon, who died unmarried.

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Jane Griffin, daughter of Jesse Griffin and Nancy Williams, married Jacob C. Mullis.

Children:	Married
Lizzie	Hosea Helms
Margaret	Marshall Williams
Alice	
Martella	Ransom Baucum
Daniel	Tina Williams
Bartley	Nannie Austin

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T. Wilson Griffin, son of Jesse Griffin and Nancy Williams, married Sarah Ann Rowland. They had two children, Marshall and Make, who never married.

Second wife, Perilla Austin. Children by 2nd wife :

Children:	Married
Brady	Augusta Cope
Craig	Belle Hinson
Jesse	Emma Phillips
Gertie	Walter Outen

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John Q. Griffin, son of Jesse Griffin and Nancy Williams, married Mary Ann Williams.

Children:	Married
Martha Jane	Ellerbe Williams
William	Susie Hamilton
Nathaniel	1st Martha Bivens
	2nd Ellen Trull
Marion	1st Maggie Bivens
	2nd Quintana Baucum
Drucilla	Ellis Simpson
Lydia Ann	Wilson Griffin

Raymond C.
Vernon
Joel

Bessie Marsh
Carrie Bivens
Kate Liles

. . . .

Ellen Griffin, daughter of Jesse Griffin and Nancy Williams, married S. Alexander Williams

Children:

Married

Lessie

Ellis Hamilton

Anna

John Bivens

Baxter

1st Lillie Helms

2nd Sallie Gathings

Frank

1st Mary Sanders

2nd Mamie Helms

Laura

Brit Outen

Ada

Julian Gathings

Jesse

Frontis

Carlie Stewart

Lou

Will Sanders

. . . .

Ann Griffin, daughter of Jesse Griffin and Nancy Williams, married William May.

Children:

Married

Ellis

Ellen Jerome

Maggie

Joe Garner

Robert

. . . .

Joseph Griffin, son of Jesse Griffin and Nancy Williams, married Permelia Austin.

Children:

Married

Edmund

Belle Helms

Ellis

Mattie Smith

Jesse

Lizzie

D. F. Helms

Ella

first wife of Henry Pope

Alice

second wife of Henry Pope

Ida

Bud Maynard

Anna

Sam King

Hattie
Mattie

Will McKinnon

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Enoch W. Griffin, son of Jesse Griffin and Nancy Williams,
married Maggie Bivens.

Children:

Married

Bright

1st Viga Bennett

2nd Mattie Gray

Lillie

Lex Chaney

Mattie

William Perry

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Lydia Griffin, daughter of Jesse Griffin and Nancy Wil-
liams, married Joel Outen. No children.

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Frances Griffin, daughter of Jesse Griffin and Nancy Wil-
liams, married J. K. P. Austin.

Children:

Married

Nannie

2nd wife of Zenus Biggers

Wm. Henry

Jennie Biggers

Mittie

1st wife of Zenus Biggers

Hugh

Martella Helms

Jesse

Bessie Clontz

Vann

Mattie Nance

Ella

Lee Russel

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Martha Jane Griffin, daughter of John Q. Griffin and Mary
Ann Williams, married Ellerbe Williams.

Children:

Married

Rufus

Venie Stinson

Craven

1st Ada Bennett

2nd Linney Tice

Blanche

Francis Broadway

Odessa

Voil

Eula Smith

Etta

A. J. Morgan

William P. Griffin, son of John Q. Griffin and Mary Ann Williams, married Susanna Hamilton.

Children:	Married
Vann	Katherin Sigmon
Ray	Edith Virginia Lutz
Marcus	Penelope Brothers
Jennie	Zenus Tucker
Lola	W. H. Bagwell
Sallie	Ross Matherson
Boyce	Ruby Morgan
Lee	Howell Hughes

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Nathaniel Griffin, son of John Q. Griffin and Mary Ann Williams, married Martha Permelia Bivens.

Children:	Married
Pearl	Frank Richardson
Thomas J.	married in Kansas
Wilson	married in Kansas
May	Sam Walsh
Belle	John Rhyne
Mittie	John Black
Jesse	moved to Florida
Luke	Jack Blackwelder
Connie	Ernest R. Beaty

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Marion Griffin, son of John Q. Griffin and Mary Ann Williams, married Maggie Bivens.

Children:	Married
Annie	Barnes Griffin
Bundy	Ethel Walser
Claud	Ora Hawkins
Doss	Mary Edwards
Edgar	Ollie Smith
Sarah	John Little
Mary	Charlie Griffin
Joseph	Lillie Blackmon
Blake	Harold Snyder

Drucilla Griffin, daughter of John Q. Griffin and Mary Ann Williams, married J. Ellis Simpson.

Children:	Married
Alice	Lonnie Tucker
Charlie	Leola Griffin
John	Chloe Elfird
Panthea	Clyde Griffin
Judge	Rena Little

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Raymond Culpepper Griffin, son of John Q. Griffin and Mary Ann Williams, married Bessie Marsh.

Children:	Married
John Emmett	Louise Chambliss
Hoyle C.	Lila Welsh
Elizabeth	Louie Walters

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Lydia Ann Griffin, daughter of John Q. Griffin and Mary Ann Williams, married J. Wilson Griffin. They had one son, Klingman, who married Maud Griffin.

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J. Vernon Griffin, son of John Q. Griffin and Mary Ann Williams, married Carrie Bivens.

Children:	Married
Bryce	Ada Baucum
John Q.	Virgie Hamilton
Ellis	Virla Baucum
Virla	
Henry	Faye Brewer
Mary Ann	
Glennie	William Miller

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Joel W. Griffin, son of John Q. Griffin and Mary Ann Williams, married Kate Liles.

Children:	Married
Max	Mary Kirk Love

Wilson
Brooks

Sarah Dillon
Imogene McGibony

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J. Hampton Griffin, son of Charlie Griffin and Eunice Williams, married Maggie Caudle.

Children:

Married

Walter

Ann Faulkner

Dora

Vernon Howell

Baxter

Ophelia Green

Atlas

Jennie Billingsly

Sally

Mollie

Stanley Braswell

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Nancy Griffin, daughter of Charlie Griffin and Eunice Williams, married Davidson Brooks.

Children:

Married

Zeb

Jane Simpson

Clementine

1st Thomas Simpson

2nd Monroe Williams

Wade

Fannie

Nannie

Ora

Henry Staton

Marshall Helms

. . . .

John Hiram Griffin, son of Charlie Griffin and Eunice Williams, married Mollie Williams.

Children:

Married

H. Ellis

Minnie

Dargan Liles

Della

Preston

Venus Funderburk

Cleone

Julia

Vann Cuthbertson

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Clementine Griffin, daughter of Charlie Griffin and Eunice Williams, married William Little.

Children :

Walter

Alice

Ida

Brady

Married

Ella Griffin

James Griffin

John Griffin

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Henry C. Griffin, son of Charlie Griffin and Eunice Williams, married 1st Emeline Williams, 2nd Julia Herring, 3rd Mrs. Elizabeth Gathings.

Children of first wife

Ada

Lillie

Wilson

E. Cull

Belle

Wilma

Evander (of 2nd wife)

Needham (of 2nd wife)

No children by third wife

Married

Jesse Morgan

Chloe Redfern

Lydia Benton

Joe Stephenson

Henry Cuthbertson

Clara C. Walker

Mary Morgan

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Dorcas Griffin, daughter of Charlie Griffin and Eunice Williams, married Milton Austin.

Children:

Elerbe

Alexander

Rossie

Reece

Joe

Cull

Lee

Lessie

Cleone

Della

Vann

Married:

Neta Phifer

Nora Griffin

Cull Stegall

Johnnie Ray

Lora Helms

Betty Strawn

Sophronia Carter

Philip Helms

Brevard Hasty

Ed. Strawn

Faye Rigler

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Jane Griffin, daughter of Charlie Griffin and Eunice Williams, married William Caudle. To this union were born

two sons, Buck and James. James Married ——— Collins
and had two children, James Caudle, Jr., and a daughter
whose name is not known.

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CHAPTER III

Thomas Griffin, Jr.

MONEY IN THE COLONIES WILL OF NATHANIEL BIVENS

In his will, reproduced in the preceding chapter, Thomas Griffin used two monetary systems in making his bequests: British pounds, shillings and pence, and American dollars. Even before the first U. S. dollars were minted in 1794, he used both systems in computing values, as his fathers before him had been doing for a century or more. How the word "dollar" came to America and was later applied to the central unit of our currency is an interesting story. In 1516-17 a Bohemian nobleman, the Count of Schlick, had a silver mine in the valley of Joachimsthal. One morning the Count of Schlick looked at the pile of lump silver his vassals had brought in and thought up a slick scheme to dispose of it profitably. In Europe and Britain at that time there was not enough coin in circulation to handle the rapidly growing international and domestic trade. More money was needed, so the Count of Schlick began molding his silver into coins which he called "Joachimthalers." This handy medium of exchange spread to other countries and soon coins of equal value began to appear in other countries. The Germans shortened the name to "thaler." Hollanders called the new coin "daler." The English called it "dollar." While coins of other nations were in circulation in England, the British clung, and still cling, to the pound sterling, so named because a pound of silver could be molded into 240 silver pennies. And that valuation still prevails—240 pence to the pound. In England also foreign coins with the value of a peso were called "dollars." The peso was called "Spanish dollar."

In the race for precious metals which meant wealth in coin, Spain, with superiority in ships, outstripped her old

world neighbors and gained control of large sections of the American continents. When an Englishman seated at a table in a tavern or publick house in his native land four centuries ago pounded the board with his fist and yelled to the bar-maid, "Rum, rum, hey, wench, bring the rum," he sometimes paid for his wassail with Spanish coins.

The British colonists in America had little English money in actual cash but they had raw materials to swap for goods manufactured in Britain. While barter was more or less satisfactory in large transactions with the mother country, the colonists needed coins for use in small transactions at home. As John Bull had little coin to spare for his dominions, the English colonists in North America welcomed the trickle of Spanish pesos coming up from the rich Spanish mines to the south. On the Spanish "dollars" was stamped a figure 8, which meant that the coin was worth eight reales. The value of a real was, and is, twelve and a half centavos. The swashbuckling gentry whose piratical activities swelled the flow of pesos to Britain and the British colonies called the Mexican dollars "pieces-of-eight" because the value was eight reales. The quarter-peso was, and is, called dos reales.

To Thomas Griffin and his English-speaking contemporaries in colonial Virginia the quarter-peso was a two-bit piece. Today, in the bilingual southwestern part of the United States the terms are still used. If Thomas Griffin and his fellow citizens of the eighteenth century could visit the Southwest today, they would hear and understand the terms "two-bits" and "dos-reales." Some of our Virginia forefathers of two centuries ago probably called the Spanish dos-reales a "Dora-Alice," as some Anglo-Americans in the Southwest do now. (The Spanish pronunciation of do'reales is almost the same as English Dora-Alice.)

When the congress of the United States met to arrange a monetary system for the new republic, they patterned after the Spanish decimal system (one hundred cents to the dollar) instead of the harder way to compute English sys-

tem of pounds, shillings and pence.

Ten years after Thomas Griffin executed his last will and testament, Nathaniel Bivens, realizing that he would soon be called to his fathers, called in three of his neighbors to help him write a document to "revoke and Disanul all other Wills heretofore made by me."

The following will of Nathaniel Bivens, Sr. (book 2, page 8, Anson County, North Carolina, records) was to dispose of slaves and other personal property after his lands had been deeded in parcels to his heirs. Copies of the original deeds and land transfers are still on record at the courthouse in Wadesboro, North Carolina.

WILL OF NATHANIEL BIVENS, SENR.

In the name of God amen I Nathaniel Bivens Senr of the State of North Carolina & County of Anson being weak in body but of sound mind and memory cawling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for man once to die do make constitute and ordain this my last Will and testament first of all I recommend my body to the Earth to be buried in a christian Like manner at the discession of my Executors & with such worldly Estate as God hath blessed me with I give & dispose in the following manner: First I give to my son Abel Bivens a nigrow woman named Nance. I likewise give to my other nine children named by William and Sarah and John and Unity and Moses and Elijah and Lyda and Stephen and Nathaniel Six nigrows namely Chloe and Vilet and Zack and Hannah and Simon and Gore to be Equally devided among the nine and all the Rest of my Estate within dores and without as will Rate as personal I desire that my Executors may sel to the best advantage and the money to be Equally devided among the above mentioned nine Children William and Sarah and John and Unity and Moses and Elijah and Lyda and Stephen and Nathaniel and do hereby revoke and Disanul all other wills heretofore made by me & do Establish this my

last Wil and testament & do appoint my two sons
John Bivens and Nathaniel Bivens Executors to the
Same in Confirmation whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this ninth Day of May 1816 in
presence of

John Bennett Senr

John Bennett Junr

Nathaniel Bibens

his
B
mark

Wm. Bennett

April Court 1818

This the last will and testament of Nathaniel
Bivens was exhibited in open court & proven by the
oath of John Bennett one of the subscribing witnesses
& ordered to be recorded.

Tod Robinson, Clk.

Eight of the ten children of Nathaniel Bivens, Sr., and
Margaret (Peggy) Tyler Bivens moved away from North
Carolina in the early 1800s. Only two children remained:
Lyda who married William Williams, and Nathaniel, Jr.,
who married Margaret James. Nathaniel Bivens, Jr., and
his wife Margaret were the parents of 15 children: (1)
John married 1st Miss Chambers, 2nd Miss Duren, 3rd Molly
White; (2) William married Ella Mask; (3) Henry married
1st Evelyn Williams, 2nd Jane Ashcraft; (4) Culpepper
married Ann Marsh, and was killed at Gettysburg; (5) Rob-
ert married Ellen Austin; (6) Joseph A. married 1st Thetus
Griffin, 2nd Mary Griffin; (7) Jefferson married Elusia
Rowland, and was killed May, 30, 1864, at Winchester, Vir-
ginia; (8) Edna married James (Jimmy Green) Griffin;
(9) Rebecca married 1st Jesse Manes, 2nd Tom Ross; (10)
Sally married Bob Shepherd; (11) Nancy married Thomas
Culpepper Griffin; (12) Drucilla married 1st John Marsh,
2nd John Green; (13) James married Jane Marsh; (14)
Hosea died in infancy; (15) Eliza married Eber Jerome.

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Thomas Griffin, Jr. (1779-1864) son of Thomas Griffin and

Mary Elizabeth Mullia married Annie Vann in 1802.

Children:

Married

Joseph

1st _____ Hasty

2nd Patsy Williams

Mary W. (Polly)

Eli Cochrane

William G.

_____ Haney

Elizabeth

James Marsh

Ann G.

Thomas Huntley

T. Culpepper

Nancy Bivens

Jesse

Jemimah Huntley

John P.

Ann Morris

Patsy

James Williams

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Joseph Griffin (born August 3, 1803) son of Thomas Griffin, Jr., and Annie Vann, married 1st _____ Hasty, 2nd Patsy Williams.

Children:

Married

Sally

Jonathan Williams

Wilson

_____ Irby, moved to Texas

Stephen

Mary Lee

_____ Moore

Calvin

Margaret Sikes

Children by second wife,
twins:

Billie

Lydia

Joseph Griffin and family moved to Georgia before 1850.

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William Griffin (born February 5, 1805) son of Thomas Griffin, Jr., and Annie Vann, married _____ Haney.

Children:

Married

Martha

Thomas Bass

Sarah Ann

Alexander (Union Army, killed 1865)

Hampton

William Griffin and family moved to Mississippi before Civil War, later to Tennessee.

1. The first part of the book is devoted to a general survey of the history of the subject. It begins with a brief account of the early attempts to explain the phenomena of life, and then proceeds to a more detailed consideration of the various theories which have been advanced from time to time. The author's own views are stated in a clear and concise manner, and are supported by a wealth of facts and arguments.

2. The second part of the book is devoted to a detailed examination of the various theories which have been advanced to explain the phenomena of life. The author discusses the merits and demerits of each theory, and shows how they are supported or refuted by the facts of the case. He also points out the difficulties which attend the application of each theory to the facts of the case, and shows how these difficulties may be overcome.

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Mary W. (Polly) Griffin (born March 1, 1807), daughter of Thomas Griffin, Jr., and Annie Vann, married Eli Coch-
rane.

Children:	Married
Sarah Ann	1st Darling Sikes 2nd N. V. Stallings
Caroline	B. L. Snelgrave
Hattie	1st Jeff Avery 2nd Frank McKenney
Eliza	Starling Evans
Adeline	
Perilla	S. C. Connally
Thomas A.	Molly Lundy
Robert	Corrie Windsor

Eli Cochrane and family moved to Baker County, Georgia.

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Sarah Ann Cochrane, daughter of Eli Cochrane and Mary Griffin, married Darling Sikes. They had one son, T. Frank Sikes, who married Virginia Green. After Darling Sikes was killed in the Civil War, Sarah Ann Cochrane Sikes married N. V. Stallings. The Stallings children: Rosa, Maggie, Ellen, J. W., Eliza, Festus, Charlie.

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Elizabeth Griffin (born June 19, 1809), daughter of Thomas Griffin, Jr., and Annie Vann, married James Marsh.

Children:	Married
Archibald killed in Civil War	
Thomas	
Ann	Culpepper Bivens
James	——— Rushing
Hampton	
Calvin	
Mary Jane	
Eli	
John	
Mattie	
George	Emeline Doster

Edmund

.
James Marsh and family moved to Baker County, Georgia.

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Thomas Culpepper Griffin (1811-1899,) son of Thomas Griffin, Jr., and Annie Vann, married Nancy Bivens, daughter of Nathaniel Bivens, Jr.

Children:

Married

Sarah Ann

William Brooks

John Jasper

Mattie Doster

James Thomas

killed in Civil War

Henry F.

died young

Ellen D.

John K. S. Haynes

Eliza Addie

Melmond Wright

Nathaniel B.

Mary Echols

Joseph C.

died unmarried

Perilla Jane

J. Ed. Kinnebrew

Columbus F.

Alice Morton

W. Constantine

Elizabeth Hill

M. Idella

James B. Crawford

Thomas Culpepper Griffin and family moved to Smithville, Georgia, in 1853, later to Oostanaula, Georgia.

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Sarah Ann Griffin (1833-1906), daughter of T. Culpepper Griffin and Nancy Bivens, married William Brooks.

Children:

Married

Fannie

William Barron

Thomas

Dolly Lumpkin

Willie

Clark Farnsworth

Effie

Bud Millican

Ella

Crane Millican

Judson

Lizzie Franks

Charlie

died unmarried

.
Fannie Brooks, daughter of William Brooks and Sarah Griffin, married William Barron.

Children:

Married

Ed	Sarah Jackson
Frank	Clessie Owens
Clifton	Cora Stewart
Ovelle	John McCullum
Homer	Ella Giles
Bertha	James Woods
William	Alma Adams

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Thomas Brooks, son of William Broks and Sarah Griffin, married Dolly Lumpkin. They had a daughter, Evelyn, who married Lamar Talley.

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Ella Brooks, daughter of William Broks and Sarah Griffin, married Crane Millican. Their son, Brooks Millican, married Margaret Cooper.

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Effie Brooks, daughter of William Brooks and Sarah Griffin, married Bud Mullican. Their son, Marvin, married Pearl Shropshire.

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Judson Brooks, son of William Brooks and Sarah Griffin, married Lizzie Franks.

Children:	Married
Frank	
W. A.	Sue Nelson
Ruby	Amos Wallace

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John Jasper Griffin (1835-1912), son of T. Culpepper Griffin and Nancy Bivens, married Mattie Dobster.

Children:	Married
Alice	John Gordon
Lillie	
Joseph	Eula Abbott
Mittie	John Marsh
Hudson	died unmarried
Leila	died unmarried
Samuel	Willie Rich

1871	1871
1872	1872
1873	1873
1874	1874
1875	1875
1876	1876
1877	1877
1878	1878
1879	1879
1880	1880

There is a large number of persons who are not
 named in the list, but who are known to be
 present at the time.

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Left to Right: Mrs. Lloyd Haney, Mrs. Alice Bivins Williams, Van Williams, Mrs. Cecil Wright, Diana Wright.

Thomas 1638711 died unmarried

.
Alice Griffin, daughter of John J. Griffin and Mattie Doster, married John Gordon.

Children:	Married
Howard	Nan Logan
Emmie	John F. Murphy
John	Georgia Keorin
Ruth	

.
Mittie Griffin, daughter of John J. Griffin and Mattie Doster, married John Marsh. Their children: Robert, Mattie Lou, Roy.

.
Samuel Griffin, son of John J. Griffin and Mattie Doster, married Willie Rich.

Children:	Married
Alice Corinne	Carrie Urquhart
William Conse	Charles M. Lance
Mary W.	
Floria Frances	Oran Lucious Ansley
Ruby Matilda	Joseph R. Peebles
Samuel Otis	James C. Hunter
Jack Ellison	Cherry McFadden

.
Ellen Drucilla Griffin (1842-1925), daughter of T. Culpepper Griffin and Nancy Bivens, married John K. S. Haynes (1836-1894).

Children:	Married
Lauretta A. (Lollie)	George Headden
Z. Irene	Frank H. Blair
Idella Ovelle	Amos Keith
Nancy Lillian	
J. Edwin T.	Nonnie Martin

.
Lollie Haynes (1861-1914), daughter of John Haynes and Ellen Griffin, married George Heine Headden (1849-1919).

Children:

Married

William H.

Lillian Delle

Robert Franklin

John K.

Lollie Marie

Sam M. Pittard

Idella Ovelle Haynes, daughter of John Haynes and Ellen Griffin, married Amos Keith.

Children:

Married

Hugh C.

1st Tommie Haley

2nd Mrs. Irene McCreary

Frank H.

Not married

George L.

Louise Farmer

. . .
Eloise Clifton Haynes (1871-1946), daughter of John Haynes and Ellen Griffin, married Lewis Jerome Allyn (1875-1936). Their son, Lewis J., married Jeanette Dalton.

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J. Edwin T. Haynes (1875-1936), son of John Haynes and Ellen Griffin, married Nonnie Martin.

Children:

Married

Oliver K.

Lillian Louise

Clarence Ware

Barney B.

Frances Ponder

Ellen Virginia

Thomas M. Burgin

Martin G.

Ruth Irene

William B. Bankston

John Edwin

Nathaniel Bivens Griffin (1847-1914), son of T. Culpepper Griffin and Nancy Bivens, married Mary Echols. Their daughter, Annie, married Rome Georgia (Romey) Post. Children: Carl, Callie, Earl.

Eliza Addie Griffin (1845-1924), daughter of T. Culpepper Griffin and Nancy Bivens, married Melmond M. Wright (1838-1905).

Children:

Married

Pearl
 Ozorah
 Melmond
 O. Griffin
 Roy
 Alla
 Emmett

 Carl B.

Robert Holland
 Era Echols
 Ethel Davis

 Rev. Henry Willis
 1st Cordelia Pyle
 2nd Bessie Morgan
 Lessie Horton

.
 Ozorah Wright, daughter of Melmond Wright and Addie Griffin, married Robert Holland.

Children:	Married
Emmie	Mark Strawn
Miriam	

.
 Melmond Wright, Jr., son of Melmond Wright and Addie Griffin, married Era Echols.

Children:	Married
Melmond	Mary Nell Dutton
Alton	Josephine Berea
Quentin	Ann Barnett
Vivian	Douglas Smith

.
 Orion Griffin Wright, son of Melmond Wright and Addie Griffin, married Ethel Davis.

Children:	Married
Addie Lou	Earl Davis
Orion	Sadie Johnston
Eleanor	LaVoy Cannon
Lillian Azorah	James Tallent
Henry M.	Aileen Jabes
Rebecca	Thomas Skelton

.
 Emmett Wright, son of Melmond Wright and Addie Griffin, married 1st Cordelia Pyle, 2nd Bessie Morgan.

Children:	Married
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Elizabeth
William

Robert Kinsey
Leone Shaubel

.
Carl Bivens Wright, son of Melmond Wright and Addie
Griffin, married Lessie Horton.

Children:

Married

Carl B.

Mildred Fowler

James H.

Max G.

Charles Edwin

Jane Caroline

.
Perilla Jane Griffin (1851-1929), daughter of T. Culpepper
Griffin and Nancy Bivens, married Joseph Edwin Kinne-
brew (1852-1929).

Children:

Married

William

Bessie Doster

Jessie

Will Akridge

Mary Idella

died unmarried

Lollie

Charles E. Davis

Edwin

Stella Smith

Thomas

1st Biedie Brumelone
2nd Woods Muse

.
William Kinnebrew, son of J. Ed Kinnebrew and Perilla
Griffin, married Bessie Doster.

Children:

Married

Mary Lucille

Charles W. Allee

Will Ed

Frances Byers

.
Jessie Kinnebrew, daughter of J. E. Kinnebrew and Perilla
Griffin, married Will Akridge.

Children

Married

Beulah

Guy Johnson

Sarah

Jim Tinsley

Janie

Charles Biddy

Charles

Emma C. Rush

John

Beatrice Stancil

.

Lollie Kinnebrew, daughter of J. E. Kinnebrew and Perilla Griffin, married Charles E. Davis.

Children:

Married:

Mildred

Joe Bob Young

Frances

Fred Ballman

Margaret

Jack Harman

.

Edwin Kinnebrew, son of J. E. Kinnebrew and Perilla Griffin, married Stella Smith.

Children:

Married

Beth

Ray Duffy

Jack Edwin

Elaine Montgomery

.

Thomas Kinnebrew, son of J. E. Kinnebrew and Perilla Griffin, married Birdie Brumelone.

Children:

Married

Thomas, Jr.

Mary Lee Berry

.

Columbus Franklin Griffin (1853-1895), son of T. Culpepper Griffin and Nancy Bivens, married Alice Morton (1860-1901).

Children:

Married

Frank Allday

died unmarried

Ruby Caldwell

1st John S. Arnold

2nd Earl McKenney

Fred Morton

Etta Danley

Thomas Culpepper

Gertrude Pennington

.

Ruby C. Griffin, daughter of Columbus F. Griffin and Alice Morton, married John S. Arnold.

Children:

Married

Alice G.

Bryan Anderson

Christine M.

Ernest C. Aulls

Hugh M.

Mary Quinn

Fred Morton Griffin, son of Columbus F. Griffin and Alice Morton, married Etta Danley.

Children:	Married
Willard A.	Nina Buie
Fred M., Jr.	Arnelle Trotter
James M.	Kathleen Smith in Bath, Eng.

.
Thomas Culpepper Griffin, son of Columbus F. Griffin and Alice Morton, married Gertrude Pennington.

Children:	Married
Beulah B.	Joseph D. Morse
Louise	Charles DuMars
Frank Tom	Mrs. Harriet ———
Theodore R.	died in World War II (Navy)
Elizabeth Ann	

.
William Constantine Griffin (1855-1935), son of T. Culpepper Griffin and Nancy Bivens, married 1st Elizabeth Hill, 2nd Lala Bass.

Children	Married
Clark Hill	Orie Best
Myrtle Franklin	Leon Childers
Joseph Caldwell	died unmarried

.
Clark Hill Griffin, son of William C. Griffin and Elizabeth Hill, married Orie Best.

Children	Married
James H.	died unmarried
Marjorie	Robert McCreary

.
Margaret Idella Griffin (1859-1894), daughter of T. Culpepper Griffin and Nancy Bivens, married James B. Crawford.

Children	Married
James Paul	Patti Louise Mullen
Thomas Belton	Nannie Emily Davitte
Corinne	

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James Paul Crawford, son of James B. Crawford and Margaret Idella Griffin, married Patti Louise Mullen.

Children

Married

Katherine Idella

Oscar L. Adams

Corinne Louise

William J. Barnes

.

Thomas Belton Crawford, son of James B. Crawford and Margaret Idella Griffin, married Nannie Emily Davitte.

Children:

Married

Sarah Frances

Frank S. Irwin

Margaret Melissa

Julian J. Love

.

Ann Grant Griffin (born February 11, 1814), daughter of Thomas Griffin, Jr., and Annie Vann, married Thos. Huntley. They had one son, John W., who married Emily Cheers.

(Huntley-Chears)

Children:

Married

Sydney

Alonzo

Lula Brady

Florence

Ellison Green

Charlie

Vachel

Benjamin F.

Elizabeth King

Elizabeth A.

Joe Gardner

Henry C.

Crone Hughes

.

Florence Huntley, daughter of John W. Huntley and Emily Cheers, married Ellison Green.

Children:

Married

Minnie Maud

Thomas Manus

Jennie Celia

Joseph Bruce

Carr Burns

Mattie Zeigler

Emma Octavia

Lex Phifer

Charles W.

Donie McGrant

Ann Elizabeth

Katherine

Clegg Griffin

Ethel Lucille

Robert Belk

Ruth Irene

James Jenkins

.

Benjamin F. Huntley, son of John W. Huntley and Emily Chears, married Elizabeth King. Children: Celeste, Fay, Benjamin F., Kathleen, Emma, Josephine, John C.

.

Jesse Griffin (born Jan. 7, 1817), son of Thomas Griffin, Jr., and Annie Vann, married Jemimah Huntley. They had a son, Alvin Troy Griffin, who married Luizza Duncan.

(Griffin-Duncan)

Children:

Married

Fidella

—— Proxton

Flavela

Fulton Covington

Lela

Lillie

Marcus Long

.

John Powell Griffin (born Nov. 7, 1819), son of Thomas Griffin, Jr., and Annie Vann, married Ann Morris.

Children:

Married

Hazeltine

Benjamin Sheats

Sophronia

D. K. Moreland

Rectina

John Corley

Martella

J. J. Richards

Lauretta

Casper Nowlin

Mary

Leonard A. Todd

John P.

Mrs. Ella Monroe

Marris T.

Minnie Harrington

Ada

John P. Griffin and family moved from North Carolina to Georgia in 1860.

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Hazeltine Griffin, daughter of John P. Griffin and Ann Morris, married Benjamin Sheats.

Children:

Married

Maud

J. Saxon

Eula

William Thrask

Jessie

J. Saxon

Sophronia Griffin, daughter of John P. Griffin and Ann Morris, married D. K. Moreland.

Children:	Married
Hassie	John Trembly
Viola	John Young
Bessie	W. H. Miller

.
Lauretta Griffin, daughter of John P. Griffin and Ann Morris, married Casper Nowlin.

Children:	Married
Rush	
Inez	Robert Finney
May	Eugene Florian

.
Mary Griffin, daughter of John P. Griffin and Ann Morris, married Leonard A. Todd.

Children:	Married
Leonard G.	Elizabeth Ledbetter
Annie Florence	
Edna Mary	Fletcher P. Sewell
Augusta Evelyn	Robert W. Eubanks
Clarence Autry	Julia V. Reece
Oscar	Jennie Harris
Fred Morris	Jean Baker
John I.	Catherine Sompayrac

.
Edna Mary Todd, daughter of Leonard A. Todd and Mary Griffin, married Fletcher P. Seawell.

Children:	Married
Louise Edna	Frank Brazelton
Ann Elizabeth	John Strange

.
Clarence Autry Todd, son of Leonard A. Todd and Mary Griffin, married Julia V. Reece.

Children:	Married
George T.	
John Hadley	Elizabeth Burras

Sarah Ann
Juliette
Augusta Exelyn
Ava G.
Junius L.
Len Marshall
Jane

Wright Bagby
Richard Bennett

William Glasier
Sara Cox

.
Oscar Todd, son of Leonard A. Todd and Mary Griffin,
married Jennie Harris.

Children:	Married
Mary Elizabeth	Ted Shawn
Edna Jenette	Milton Tippin

.
John I. Todd, son of Leonard A. Todd and Mary Griffin,
married Catherine Sompayrac.

Children:	Married
Catherine Ann	
John I.	
Cecelia	

.
John Griffin, son of John P. Griffin and Ann Morris, mar-
ried Mrs. Ella Adcock Monroe.

Children:	Married
Earl P.	Mrs. Pansy Plummer
Lilla L.	Wade Young
John Walter	Lena May Young
Violet Martelia	Chester Lee May

.
Morris Theodore Griffin, son of John P. Griffin and Ann
Morris, married Minnie May Harrington.

Children:	Married
Vassa Morris	Jessie Bennett
Maida	Fred O. Lord
John A.	Jennie Collier
Stephen H.	Myrtle Stover
William T.	Fay Stidman

Joseph H.
Lauretta Lee
Robert Edgar
Gladys May

Mabel Cowan
Fred D. Holt
Pauline Christie
George I. Crider

.
Patsy Griffin (born Aug. 11, 1824), daughter of Thomas Griffin, Jr., and Annie Vann, married James Williams.

Children:

Married

Thomas
Genevie
Mary
Hazeltine
Emeline
Kate
John H.
James H.
Martha
William E. H.

Martha Marsh
Hampton Moore
John H. Griffin
Moses W. Griffin
Henry C. Griffin
Henry McCullum
Alice Bivens
Dora Marsh
Thomas Liles
1st Dora Bennett
2nd Lillie Davis
Wilma Griffin
Ellis Copple

Ellis
Julia

.
Thomas E. Williams, son of James Williams and Patsy Griffin, married Martha Marsh.

Children:

Married

Glennie
J. Baxter
Wilton
Eugenia
Thomas
Simeon
Triston
Fred
Rowland
Ora

Malcolm Lee
Annie Laney
Lillian Marsh
Jesse Lockhart
Wilma Helms
Mamie Green
Mattie Green
Ina Russel
Pearl Nance
Wm. H. Webster

.
Genevia Williams, daughter of James Williams and Patsy

Griffin, married Hampton Moore.

Children:	Married
Frank	Sue Baker
Emma	Andrew Baker
James	Betty Horn
Alexis	Jessie Eubanks
Henry	Eulalia Eubanks
Mary	Thomas Goodman
Jesse	Lelia Cuthbertson
Oscar	Fanny Guien
Pattie	Dean Wilson

.

Kate Williams, daughter of James Williams and Patsy Griffin, married Henry McCullum.

Children:	Married
Belle	Harrison Presson
James	Della Russell
Pattie	Kemp Helms
Mamie	Smith Medlin
Hoyle	Mary Griffin
Howard	Annie Edwards
Daniel	1st Mary Lee Austin
	2nd Daisy Liles
Frank	Shute Brewer

.

John Herron Williams, son of James Williams and Patsy Griffin, married Alice Bivens.

Children:	Married
Vann	Zetta Dillinger
Lois	Tom Brewer
Mittie	Marvin Mangum
Netta	Emerson Bennett
Floy	Oscar Mangum
Ray	Mamie Myers
Moke	Cleone Davis
Helen	Zeb Cuthbertson
Connie	

Clifton
Lola

Annie Jones
James Stephenson

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James H. Williams, son of James Williams and Patsy Griffin, married Dora Marsh. Children: Lee, Boyce, Ruth, Locke, John, Parks, Janie.

. . . .

Martha Williams, daughter of James Williams and Patsy Griffin, married Thomas B. Liles.

Children:

Married

Mary

Thomas Lee

Kate

Joel Griffin

James

Mattie Stewart

Ethel

Frank Edwards

Royal

Loise Goodwin

Brooks

Sallie Walke

Ellis

Mary Sullivan

Lillian

Roy Staton

Bruce

Janie Glenn

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Ellis C. Williams, son of James Williams and Patsy Griffin, married Wilma Griffin. They had a son named Carlisle.

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William E. L. Williams, son of James Williams and Patsy Griffin, married Dora Bennett.

Children:

Married

May

Joseph Austin

Baird

Etta Griffin

Joseph

Lille May Stamper

Carl

Annie Helms

Atha

Vander Simpson

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Dora

2nd wife Lillie Davis

Children:

Annie Vann

Sara Elizabeth

Cora

Alfred Judson

Metta Grace

Julia Williams, daughter of James C. Williams and Patsy Griffin, married Henry Ellis Copple.

Children:

Boyd

Beula

Kate

Henry Ellis, Jr.

Married

Mary Biggerstaff

Sam Long

Charles Holland

Dickie Kendrick

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CHAPTER IV

Amos

Amos Griffin, son of Thomas Griffin and Mary Elizabeth Mullis, married Alsie Austin, daughter of Bryant Austin.

Children:

Married

Jefferson

Polly Austin

Betsy

died unmarried

Madison

Pattie Rowens

Riley

Saphira Austin

Huberry

Susanna Gilbert

Hurley

Sarah Austin

Kindley

Elizabeth Davis

Jack

Susan Coley

Enoch

Ann Ramsey

Sally

John Curlee

.

Jefferson Griffin, son of Amos Griffin and Alsie Austin, married Polly Austin.

Children:

Married

Ashley

Jane Smith

DeBerry

died in Civil War

Martha

Andrew Griffin

Sidney

killed in Civil War

Kindley

killed in Civil War

Calvin

died unmarried

Jane

Adam Love

Emeline

William Griffin

.

Riley Griffin, son of Amos Griffin and Alsie Austin, married Saphira Austin.

Children:

Married

J. Wilson

Mary Phillips

Permelia

William Liles

Ann

Emsley Griffin

Sylvania
Milton R.
Jane
Cornelious
Lizzie

Amos Thomas
Susan Davis
George Allen
Frances Hamilton
1st John Brewer
2nd Henry Williams
May Hamilton

Hiram D.

. . .
J. Wilson Griffin, son of Riley Griffin and Saphira Austin,
married Mary Phillips. Their daughter, Wilma, married
Ellis C. Williams and had a son named Carlisle.

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Permelia Griffin, daughter of Riley Griffin and Saphira
Austin, married William D. Liles.

Children:	Married
Hampton F.	died unmarried
Alice	Jodie Stewart
Lemuel	died unmarried

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Sylvania Griffin, daughter of Riley Griffin and Saphira
Austin, married Amos Thomas.

Children:	Married
Riston	—— Manus
Mittie	Sidney Harrell
Sandy	Henrietta Curlee
Hettie	
Malinda	Marshall Edwards
Albert	Sophronia Braswell
Sue	I. M. Swanner

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Milton R. Griffin, son of Riley Griffin and Saphira Austin,
married Susan Davis. Children: Montero, William, Edmund,
Emsley, Dee, Vernon, Thomas, Ada, Hattie, Fannie, Annie,
Wriston, Kate.

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Jane Griffin, daughter of Riley Griffin and Saphira Austin,
married George Allen. Children: Fulton, Florence, Joshua,

Lizzie, Lucy, Elizabeth, Ida May.

George Allen and family moved to Arkansas.

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Cornelius Griffin, son of Riley Griffin and Saphira Austin, married Frances Hamilton.

Children:

Married

Lee

Clara Bivens

Crawford

Alma Mills

Faire

E. J. Memory

Flausie

——— Jordan

.

Lizzie Griffin, daughter of Riley Griffin and Saphira Austin, married John Brewers.

Children

Married

Sophronia

Luther Williams

Thomas

Lois Williams

Lizzie Griffin's second husband was Henry Williams. They had a daughter, Mary, who died unmarried.

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Sophronia Brewer, daughter of John Brewer and Lizzie Griffin, married Luther Williams. Children: Clinton, Mary, Clyde, Allie, Lizzie, Bob Glenn, Frank, Luther, Catherine, Thomas.

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Hiram D. Griffin, son of Riley Griffin and Saphira Auston, married May Hamilton. Children: Riley, Joe Linley.

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Kindley Griffin, son of Amos Griffin and Alsie Austin, married Elizabeth Davis.

Children:

Married

Mary Jane

Frank Moore

Edmund W.

1st Emma Williams

2nd Mary Douglass

Martha

Bryant Phillips

Sally

Will Carroll

Kate

Noah Williams

Ellen

John Jerome

Group 1: 100 subjects, 50 males and 50 females

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Nancy Bivens Griffin



Thomas Culpepper Griffin

Fulton

1st Mattie Edwards

2nd Beatrice Segars

Huberry Griffin, son of Amos Griffin and Alsie Austin,
married Susanna Gilbert.

Children:

Married

Stephen

killed in Civil War

David

Louise Bush

Mary

Larkin Smith

James

Mattie Crump

John

Julia Carmaway

William

Jennie Bradshaw

Martha

died unmarried

Avery

Rena Smith

Martin

died unmarried

Van

killed in Civil War

Lafayette

Elizabeth Bean

David Griffin, son of Huberry Griffin and Susanna Gilbert,
married Louise Bush.

Children:

Married

Nancy Ann

died young

William J.

died young

Wilson

Flora Phillips

Robert

Sally Puette

Ella

Cicero Spencer

John

Virginia Grasty

Lala

S. W. Hayes

Richard

Patsy Bivens

Lucinda

F. A. Thompson

Alice

John Best

Schneck

Mary Castleman

Oliver

Florence Cobb

Johnsie

Wm. Williams

Jack Griffin, son of Amos Griffin and Alsie Austin, married Susan Coley. Jack marched off to the Civil War and

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never returned.

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Enoch Griffin, son of Amos Griffin and Alsie Austin, married Ann Ramsey.

Children:

Archibald

John

Samuel

Thomas

Jane

Margaret

Married

Elizabeth Thomas

1st Jane Thomas

2nd Martha Kelly

died unmarried

Rhoda Curlee

Wilbur Honeycutt

Ellis Simpson

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CHAPTER V

Enoch

Enoch Griffin, son of Thomas Griffin and Mary Elizabeth Mullis, married 1st Becky Austin, daughter of Bryant Austin, 2nd Becky Robards, daughter of Hugh Robards.

Children:

Married

Evelyn (by 1st wife)

Peter Parker

Malinda

Charles Hinson

Maguire

Jennie Sikes

Thomas

Jane Huntley

Becky

Andrew Helms

Osborne (by 2nd wife)

Jane Dees

Catherine

died unmarried

Emsley

1st Ann Griffin

2nd Mrs. Alice M. Griffin

3rd Mrs. Kate K. Lockhart

Jane

1st Addison Moore

2nd Jeremiah Perry

.

Evelyn Griffin, daughter of Enoch Griffin and Becky Austin, married Peter Parker.

Children:

Married

Adeline

1st Daniel Kriminger

2nd Lee Hargett

Mary

William King

John W.

killed in Civil War

.

Adeline Parker, daughter of Peter Parker and Evelyn Griffin, married Daniel Kriminger.

Children:

Married

Edward Louis

Ada McNair

John J.

Eliza Ann Griffin

Robert F.

Mary Rape

M. J. Vasti

Will Baker

TABLE 1

Summary

Table 1 presents a summary of the data collected for the study. The data were collected from a sample of 100 subjects, who were randomly selected from a population of 1,000 subjects. The data were collected over a period of 12 months, from January 1990 to December 1991.

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Age	35.2	12.5	18	65
Gender	50.0	5.0	45.0	55.0
Education	12.5	2.5	9.0	16.0
Income	25.0	10.0	10.0	40.0
Marital Status	60.0	10.0	50.0	70.0
Occupation	30.0	15.0	15.0	45.0
Religion	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0
Political Affiliation	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0
Health Status	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0
Life Satisfaction	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0

The data were analyzed using a series of statistical tests. The first test was a t-test, which was used to compare the means of the two groups. The second test was a chi-square test, which was used to compare the frequencies of the two groups. The third test was a regression analysis, which was used to examine the relationship between the variables.

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Age	35.2	12.5	18	65
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Income	25.0	10.0	10.0	40.0
Marital Status	60.0	10.0	50.0	70.0
Occupation	30.0	15.0	15.0	45.0
Religion	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0
Political Affiliation	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0
Health Status	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0
Life Satisfaction	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0

The results of the analysis are presented in Table 2. The results show that there are significant differences between the two groups in terms of age, gender, education, income, marital status, occupation, religion, political affiliation, health status, and life satisfaction.

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Age	35.2	12.5	18	65
Gender	50.0	5.0	45.0	55.0
Education	12.5	2.5	9.0	16.0
Income	25.0	10.0	10.0	40.0
Marital Status	60.0	10.0	50.0	70.0
Occupation	30.0	15.0	15.0	45.0
Religion	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0
Political Affiliation	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0
Health Status	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0
Life Satisfaction	50.0	10.0	40.0	60.0

Edward Louis Kriminger, son of Daniel Kriminger and Adeline Parker, married Ida McNair.

Children:	Married
Lillian	—— Carpenter
Eugene	
Beulah	

John B. Kriminger, son of Daniel Kriminger and Adeline Parker, married Eliza Ann Griffin.

Children:	Married
Robert	Jennie Crowell
Ida May	R. M. Jordan
Edward	Bessie Mauney
Louis	
Bertha Blanche	J. D. Crockett

Robert F. Kriminger, son of Daniel Kriminger and Adeline Parker, married Mary Rape. Children: Brady, Lillie, Hugh, Annie, Ray.

Becky Griffin, daughter of Enoch Griffin and Becky Austin, married Andrew Helms.

Children:	Married
Margaret	Stadley Snider
Jasper	Kate Gaddy
Talbert	Florence Carelock
Lydia	Eli Webb

Margaret Helms, daughter of Andrew Helms and Becky Griffin, married Stadley Snider.

Children:	Married
Rufus	Susan Baucom
Frank	Helen Parker
Joseph	Quintina Baucom
Dora	Burton Parker

Jasper Helms, son of Andrew Helms and Becky Griffin,

married Kate Gaddy.

Children:

Flora

Armennia

Joseph

Hugh

Chatham

H. Kemp

Married

James Bivens

Emsley Hargett

——— Thompson

Jennie Rogers

Pearl Stewart

Pat McCollum

.

Talbert Helms, son of Andrew Helms and Becky Griffin,
married Florence Carelock.

Children:

Mattie

Belle

Wilma

Julia

Blanche

Vernon

Married

died unmarried

Beecher Walden

Walter Griffin

.

Lydia Helms, daughter of Andrew Helms and Becky Griffin,
married Eli Webb.

.

Malinda Griffin, daughter of Enoch Griffin and Becky Austin,
married Charles Hinson.

Children:

Brilla

Adelia Ann

John Bunyan

Married

Hardin Smith

Ambrose Grace

Carmelia Hemphill

.

Thomas Griffin, son of Enoch Griffin and Becky Austin,
married Jane Huntley.

Children:

Philip

John P.

Thomas

Sandy

Laura

Married

Becky Newsom

Racey Newsom

Allie Gaddy

Emma Gaddy

1st John Tadlock

Henrietta
Susan

2nd Henry Bivens
Erwin Phifer
Green Phifer

.

Philip Griffin, son of Thomas Griffin and Jane Huntley,
married Becky Newsom.

Children:

Sarah Jane
Constantine
William Thomas

Married

George Bailey
Mattie Bivens
1st Lula Gaddy
2nd Rada Dillon
——— Newsom
——— Herron
Ernest Moore
Simeon Tice
Marshall Bennett

Emsley
Cyrus
Nealie
Mary
Viola

John P. Griffin, son of Thomas Griffin and Jane Huntley,
married Racey Newsom.

Children:

Raymond
Della
Worley
Lester
Bennie
Bright
Fairley

Married

Mary West
John Ashcraft
Effie Bivens
Fannie Haley
Nannie Ashcraft

Reecie Allen

Laura Griffin, daughter of Thomas Griffin and Jane Huntley,
married John Tadlock.

Children:

Edna
George

Married

Kemp Bivens
Bridie Ashcraft

Henrietta Griffin, daughter of Thomas Griffin and Jane Huntley,
married Erwin Phifer.

Children:

Flonnie

Married

Ransum Rowell

Lanson
James
Edgar
Belle

Nora Bailey
Lula Griffin
Deelie Webb
Joseph Webb

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Susan Griffin, daughter of Thomas Griffin and Jane Huntley, married Green Phifer.

Children
Hampton
Mattie
Lafayette
Charlie

Married
Emma Watts
John Stegall
Emma Nash
Ada Hinson

. . . .
J. Osborne Griffin, son of Enoch Griffin and Becky Robards, married Martha J. Deese.

Children:
John M.
Bedie
Baxter
Alonzo
Emsley

Married
Lizzie McManus
King Hornbeck
Lina Carpenter
Nora B. Andrews
Bessie McLain

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Emsley M. Griffin, son of Enoch Griffin and Becky Robards, married 1st Ann Griffin, 2nd Mrs. Alice Morton Griffin, 3rd Mrs. Kate Lile Lockhart.

Children:
Mary Jane (by 1st wife)
Panthea
Mattie
Wilson

Married
Daniel M. Austin
Robert Fletcher
Walter Earnhardt
Etta Williamson

. . . .
Jane Griffin, daughter of Enoch Griffin and Becky Robards, married 1st Addison Moore, 2nd Jeremiah Perry.

Children (by 1st husband):
Teressa

Married
1st Frank Tyson
2nd Charlie Thompson
Tom Green

Eunice

Tina
Fletcher
Ellis (by 2nd husband)
Fannie

Ellison Green
Alice Cox
Emma Hamilton
Frank Ross

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CHAPTER VI

Jack

Jack Griffin, son of Thomas Griffin and Mary Elizabeth Mullis, married Sally Austin, daughter of Bryant Austin.

Children:	Married
Nancy	Alfred Ashcraft
Hurley	Sarah Teal
Permelia	Sherwood Rowland
Bedie	Charles Hinson
Betsy	Jeremiah Perry
Sally	Jack Hinson
Jack	Jane Morris
Tempie	George Morris
Alsie	Chatman Teal

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Nancy Griffin, daughter of Jack Griffin and Sally Austin, married Alfred Ashcraft.

Children:	Married
Calvin	Martha Green
Thomas J.	Elizabeth Meachum
Jane	Henry Bivens
John B.	Sally Marsh
Ellen	Richmond Moore
Temperance	died unmarried
Frank B.	Annie Bickett

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Calvin Ashcraft, son of Alfred Ashcraft and Nancy Griffin, married Martha Green.

Children:	Married
Henry C.	Alice Bobbit
J. Ellis	Rosa Andrews
J. Wilson	Laura Stewart
Lou	Doc Redfern
Ann	Bascom Marsh
Fred	Flossie Samms

Thomas J. Ashcraft, son of Alfred Ashcraft and Nancy Griffin, married Elizabeth Meachum.

Children:	Married
Vernon A.	Henrietta Hamilton
Mollie	Hugh Yarborough
Sally	Henry Williams 2nd wife
Ann	Ed. Marsh

.
Jane Ashcraft, daughter of Alfred Ashcraft and Nancy Griffin, married Henry Bivens. They had a son, John Wilson Bivens, who married Anna Williams.

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John B. Ashcraft, son of Alfred Ashcraft and Nancy Griffin, married Sally Marsh.

Children	Married
B. Clegg	Mary Blair
Eugene	Sadie Bulla
Thomas	Linnie Shamburger
Clayton	died unmarried
Watt	Viola Wilson
Effie	

.
Ellen Ashcraft, daughter of Alfred Ashcraft and Nancy Griffin, married Richmond Moore.

Children:	Married
Thetus	Albert Rushing
Sarah Jane	Henry Williams 1st wife
Alice	Thomas W. Manus

.
Frank B. Ashcraft, son of Alfred Ashcraft and Nancy Griffin, married Annie Bickett. Children: Frank B., Annie May, Covington.

.
Hurley Griffin, son of Jack Griffin and Sally Austin, married Sarah Teal.

Children:	Married
John	Emeline Gaddy

Thetus	Joseph A. Bivens
Hampton	Sarah A. Hamilton
William	Ellen Hamilton
Mary	2nd wife of Joseph A. Bivens
Moses W.	Hazeltine Williams
Dorcas	Josiah Chaney

.

John Sam Griffin, son of Hurley Griffin and Sarah Teal, married Emeline Gaddy. Children: Florence, Emeline, Lizzie.

John S. Griffin and family moved to Thomasville, Georgia.

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Thetus Griffin, daughter of Hurley Griffin and Sarah Teal, married Joseph A. Bivens.

Children:	Married
Maggie	Marion Griffin
Hurley	Emma Burns
Rectina	Zenus White
Justis	Carrie Faulkner
Kemp	Edna Tadlock

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Moses W. Griffin, son of Hurley Griffin and Sarah Teal, married Hazeltine Williams.

Children:	Married
James	Julia Morgan
Thomas	died unmarried
Hurley	Lois Harrell
Mattie	Judge Gaddy
Ebb W.	Mabel Kerfees
Clegg	Kate Green
Addie	Charlie Morgan

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Dorcas Griffin, daughter of Hurley Griffin and Sarah Teal, married Josiah W. Chaney.

Children:	Married
Frank	Loma Faulkner
Minnie	Cull Bivens

Baxter	died unmarried
James	May Belle Stewart
Mary Lizzie	Jay Helms
Sally	Emmett Williams
Lee	Ella Mullis
Zeb	Wilma Helms

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William Griffin, son of Hurley Griffin and Sarah Teal, married Ellen Hamilton.

Children:	Married
John	Ida Little
Ada	died unmarried
Ella	Walter Little
Felix	Ada Smith
Nora	Alex Austin
Bertha	Harvey Gaddy
Mary	Hoyle McCullum
Emma	Gentry Gibson

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Hampton Griffin, son of Hurley Griffin and Sarah Teal, married Sarah Ann Hamilton.

Children:	Married
William	Blake Edwards
James	Julia Perry
Mittie	Will Hallman
Henry	Alice Griffin
Cull	Laney Lowry
Preston	Della Braswell
Walter	Julia Carelock
Joe	Mary Carelock
Robert	Annie Wright

.

Temperance Griffin, daughter of Jack Griffin and Sally Austin, married George Morris. Children: Louizza, Cyrus.

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Jack Griffin, son of Jack Griffin and Sally Austin, married Jane Morris.

Children:

Ellen

Vernon

Cullen

John

Married

1st ——— Rowland

2nd ——— Furr

died unmarried

Betty Barsh

.

Permelia Griffin, daughter of Jack Griffin and Sally Austin,
married Sherwood Rowland.

Children:

Sarah Ann

Bedie

Erwin

Elmira

Married

Wilson Griffin

Tom Ashcraft

Elizabeth Cason

1st Jeff Bivens

2nd Calvin Edwards

Margaret

John

Thomas

Frances

Sophronia

William Maske

Sarah E. Griffin

died unmarried

Egbert Bivens

Henry Bivens

.

Sally Griffin, daughter of Jack Griffin and Sally Austin,
married Jack Hinson.

Children:

Alvin

Erwin

James W.

Mary

Jack Hinson and family moved to Tennessee.

Married

died unmarried

Mary Gillintine

Price Riley

Phillip Myers

.

Betsy Griffin, daughter of Jack Griffin and Sally Austin,
married Jeremiah Perry.

Children:

Frank

George

William

John

Married

killed in Civil War

died in Civil War

Martha Moore

Elizabeth Godwin

Thomas
Marshall
Ellen

Jane Austin
Lydia Stewart
Marshall Stewart

.
Alsie Griffin, daughter of Jack Griffin and Sally Austin,
married Chatman Teal.

Children:

Married

Ellen

1st Abram Rushing

2nd Wm. O. Starnes

Ann

Stephen Huntley

Thetus

E. T. (Doc) Redfern

John

Maggie McCormick

.
Ellen Teal, daughter of Chatman Teal and Alsie Griffin,
married Abram Rushing.

Children:

Married

Minnie

Burwell Belk

Addie

1st Joel Moore

2nd Duncan Huntley

.
Ann Teal, daughter of Chatman and Alsie Griffin, married
Stephen Huntley.

Children:

Married

Inez

J. Edgar Moore

Fred

Catherine McDowell

.
John Teal, son of Chatman Teal and Alsie Griffin, married
Maggie McCormick.

Children:

Married

Martin

died unmarried

Arametta

.
Thetus Teal, daughter of Chatman Teal and Alsie Griffin,
married E. T. (Doc) Redfern.

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Children:

Married

Willie

1st Annie Howard

Eugene

Bessie

Julian

2nd Delle Hudgin

1st Mabel Redfern

2nd Lucy Lowry

Dick Gaddy

1st Mabel Doxey

2nd Mamie Dunlap

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CHAPTER VII

Molly

The patriotic society, Daughters of the American Revolution, was organized in Washington, D. C., in 1890. Applicants for membership must prove that they are descendants of ancestors who "with unfailing loyalty rendered material aid to the cause of independence as a recognized patriot, as a soldier or sailor, or as a civil officer in one of the several colonies or States."

When descendants of Thomas Griffin began searching for records to prove eligibility for membership in the society, they found the original will of Thomas Griffin still on file in the archives of Anson County, North Carolina. One paragraph in the will (reproduced verbatim elsewhere in this record) reads:

"I will that Henry Hinson have and keep the Tract of Land on which he now lives containing One hundred Acres provided he shall pay or discount the sum of Seventy five Dollars to my estate, then to him his heirs and assigns forever."

The above "Item" led many researchers to believe that Elizabeth Griffin who married Henry Hinson was a daughter of Thomas Griffin, but they were wrong. Elizabeth Griffin Hinson was a daughter of David Griffin who married Theodosia Mullis, a sister of Mary Elizabeth Mullis who married Thomas Griffin. The descendants of Henry Hinson and his wife Elizabeth Griffin belong in the David Griffin line and not in the Thomas Griffin line. Thomas Griffin had probably sold the hundred acres to Henry Hinson and was awaiting the final payment of seventy-five dollars before deeding the land to Hinson. The David Griffin will is still on file but does not belong in this volume.

The "Item" in the Thomas Griffin will instructing his wife to sell the land on Lane's Creek for the benefit of his

This picture was made on January 5, 1924, on the 70th anniversary of the marriage of John Q. Griffin and Mary Ann Williams. They raised 9 children and all were present.



Seated left to right: William P. Griffin, John Q. Griffin, Mary Ann Williams (wife), Joel W. Griffin. Standing: Nathaniel W. Griffin, J. Vernon Griffin, Marion A. Griffin, Raymond C. Griffin, Martha Jane Griffin Williams, Drucilla Griffin Simpson, Lydia A. Griffin.

grandsons if she believed their behavior should merit it leads one to believe that Thomas Griffin feared the young folks were straying from the straight and narrow path. He probably never saw so much cuttin' up in all his born days, and, no doubt, wondered what the younger generation was comin' to.

Molly (Mary) Griffin, daughter of Thomas Griffin and Mary Elizabeth Mullis, married Stephen Trull.

Children:	Married
Thomas	died unmarried
Betsy	1st William Shelby
	2nd Isaac Price
Nancy	Willis (or William) Bass
Polly	Richard Bass
Sally	Shadrack Braswell
Patsy	Andrew Price
Frankie	Nicholas Stegall
Hester	William Stegall
Griffin	Sally Shepherd
Jackson	Lydia Walden

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Betsy Trull, daughter of Stephen Trull and Molly Griffin, married 1st William Shelby, 2nd Isaac Price.

Children:	Married
Coleman (by 1st husband)	Nica Fowler
Polly	Sam Presson
Nancy	Isham Helms
Griffin (by 2nd husband)	Apsie Presson
Stephen	died unmarried
Bedie	Charles Haigler
Sarah	Aaron Eudy
Minerva	died unmarried
Betsy Ann	died unmarried
Emeline	died unmarried

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Nancy Trull, daughter of Stephen Trull and Molly Griffin, married Willis (or William) Bass.

Children:

David
 Thomas
 Andrew
 Burwell
 Pinkney R.
 Sylvania
 Eliza
 Lydia
 Mahala
 Jane

Married

Ann Manus
 Martha Griffin
 Maske Parker
 ——— Trull
 ——— Thomas
 Douglas Sinclair
 Jack Pierce
 ——— Harrington
 Andy Trull
 ——— Bennett

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Polly Trull, daughter of Stephen Trull and Molly Griffin,
 married Richard Bass.

Children:

Betsy
 Martha Ellen
 Mary Ann
 John
 Erwin
 Bedie

Married

Sam Presson
 Calvin Helms
 Llewellyn Helms
 Eleanor Sechrest
 Emeline Griffin
 Lewis Gordon

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Children of Jno. C. Bass and Eleanor Sechrest.

Children:

Louiza
 Mary Ann
 Malissa
 Millie Jane
 Alice
 Dorcas
 Ellen
 Cora
 Foxie Attice
 Jno. Bunyan

Married

Jno. Ervin Chaney
 Ephraim Green
 Jesse Hough
 Hamp Pyron
 Milas Helms
 did not marry
 Luther Hannah
 Walter Griffin
 J. Bunyan Pierce
 Hattie Funderburk

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Martha Ellen Bass, daughter of Polly Trull and Richard
 Bass, married Calvin Helms.

Children:	Married
Manoah (Jack)	Nancy Brewer
Sarah Ann	Amos McManus
James	Mattie Woodards
Arch	Maggie Caraway
Jno. R.	Rebecca Phillips
Ashley	Julia Staton
Hamp	Adeline Bowers
Mary Ellen	James Medlin
Susan	Geo. Rushing

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Mary Ann Bass, daughter of Polly Trull and Richard Bass, married Liewellyn Helms. They had a son, Charlie, who married Miss Hill, another son who went west and a son, Gede. Some daughters.

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Bedie Bass, daughter of Polly Trull and Richard Bass, married Lewis Gordon. They had three sons, viz.: Joe, Robert and Thomas; probably some sisters.

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Sally Trull, daughter of Stephen Trull and Molly Griffin, married Shadrack Brasswell.

Children:	Married
J. Milton	1st Bedie Price
	2nd Nancy Williams
Ellen	Coleman Williams
Polly	Eli Pressley

.
J. Milton Braswell, son of Shadrack Braswell and Sally Trull, married 1st Bedie Price, 2nd Nancy Williams.

Children:	Married
Wilson (by 1st wife)	Carolina Williams
Hampton	Jane Pressley
Hiram	Martha James
Martha Ellen	Joseph James
Mary Jane	William Griffin
Elum E.	Margaret Price

John E.	died unmarried
Calvin	Lula Griffin
Berta (by 2nd wife)	Albert Stephens
Oscar	Nona Price
Chester	Odis Marsh
Willie	Lee Bailey
Conley	

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Ellen Braswell (twin sister of J. Milton), daughter of Shadrack Braswell and Sally Trull, married Coleman Williams.

Children	Married
Lemuel	1st Levina Williams
	2nd Dorcas Trull
Eli	Rachel Craig
Erwin	Mary Dulin
Delphia	died young
Colen	James Price
Alice	William Price

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Polly Braswell, daughter of Shadrack Braswell and Sally Trull, married Eli Pressley.

Children:	Married
John Evan	killed in Civil War
Erwin	Adeline Price
Thomas	Frances Griffin
James	Sarah Griffin
David	Anna Summerlin
John Evan, II	Sophronia Meiggs
Milton	Lizzie Mullis
Garrison	Frances Helms
Wilson	Rena Medlin
Esther Ellen	1st J. F. E. Braswell
	2nd Joe Tomberlin
Lindy	George Sherrin
Mary	William Sherrin
Sarah	William Wooten

Jane
Russell
George

Hampton Braswell

Ellen Sells

• • •
Coleman Shelby, son of William Shelby and Betsy Trull,
married Nica Fowler.

Children:

Married

Frank

killed in Civil War

Marcus

—— Rushing

William

Hampton

Betsy Ann

Allison Keziah

Polly

William Wallis

Minerva

—— Ross

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Polly Shelby, daughter of William Shelby and Betsy Trull,
married Samuel Presson.

Children:

Married

Sarah Ann

Elisha James

Caldwell

died unmarried

William

Mary Hinson

Dick

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Nancy Shelby, daughter of William Shelby and Betsy Trull,
married Isham Helms.

Children:

Married

Lavinna

Copeland Helms

Calvin

Martha Griffin

Polly

Calloway Price

Jesse D.

1st Alice Chaney

2nd Mary E. Broom

Elizabeth

died unmarried

Minerva

died unmarried

Wilson

Mary Horn

Emeline

died unmarried

Drucilla

died unmarried

Sylvania

Cyrus McRorie

Alexander
Lee

Sophronia Carelock
Thetus Clontz

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CHAPTER VIII

Frances

Frances (Frankie) Griffin, daughter of Thomas Griffin and Mary Elizabeth Mullis, married Obediah Curlee.

Children:	Married
Spicey	Bryant Baucom
Elizabeth	James Sikes
Hester	Culpepper Austin
Griffin	Jane Lotharp
Cullen	Martha Little
Clement	Eunice Medlin

An unnamed infant burned to death when sparks from fireplace ignited cradle covers.

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Spicey Curlee, daughter of Obediah Curlee and Frances Griffin, married Bryant Baucom.

Children:	Married
Lucinda	Herron Williams
Luizza	Joab Griffin
Betsy	Elisha Mullis
Josiah	Emeline Price
Obediah	Arnetta Allen
William	Nancy Mullis

Josiah and Obediah Baucom, listed above, were twins. At the beginning of the Civil War, Josiah, who married Emeline Price of North Carolina, joined the Confederate Army; Obediah, married Arnetta Allen of New Jersey, joined the Union Army.

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Elizabeth Baucom, daughter of Bryant Baucom and Spicey Curlee, married Elisha Mullis.

Children:	Married
Wilson	Frances Braswell
Lucinda	LeRoy Norkin
Lucrecia	William Crump

Hester
Stewart
William

Thomas Long
Jane Sustare
Lunica Medlin

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Luizza Baucom, daughter of Bryant Baucom and Spicey Curlee, married Joab Griffin.

Children:

Married

Elbert
Frances
Sarah
Spicey

Frances Price
Thomas Pressley
James Pressley
1st William Myers
2nd Mike Polk
Eliza Sells
Dora Helms

Elijah
John

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Spicey Griffin, daughter of Joab Griffin and Luizza Baucom, married William Myers. Children: Joel and Guilford.

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Lucinda Baucom, daughter of Bryant Baucom and Spicey Curlee, married Herron Williams.

Children:

Married

James
Elizabeth
Wincy An?
Leander
Illa

Ellen Moore
Cull Curlee
Troy Moore
Adeline Thomas
Thomas Edwards

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Josiah Baucom, son of Bryant Baucom and Spicey Curlee, married Emeline Price.

Children:

Married

Henry
J. Culpepper
Spicey Telulla
Wm. Herron
Frank Lattimore
Leonidas
Grover

Alexzena Duncan
Malena Whitley
Marion Stegall
Leola Treadaway
Jennie Medlin
Ida Medlin
Miranda Medlin

Charlie

Julia Medlin

.
Obediah Baucom, son of Bryant Baucom and Spicey Curlee,
married Arnetta Allen.

Children:

Ollie
Wallis
Wm. Erwin
Charlie
Sarah
Willis
John
Gilbert
Nannie
Edith
Clement

Married

Charlie Clontz
married in Virginia
Addie Griffin
Anna Thomason
James Broom
——— Paxton
May Bass
Dolly Mills
Alex. Helms
Cleve Crump
Cora Hargett

.
William Baucom, son of Bryant Baucom and Spicey Curlee,
married Nancy Mullis. Children: Cynthia, Bedie.

.
Hester Curlee, daughter of Obediah Curlee and Frances
Griffin, married Culpepper Austin.

Children:

Jane
John E. W.

Married

John C. Sikes
Frances Houston

.
John Erwin Austin, son of Culpepper Austin and Hester
Curlee, married Frances Houston.

Children:

Edmund
Ella
Mattie
Frank
Vernon
Fannie
Bessie

Married

Jennie Ogburn
George Beasley
William Cason
Minnie Long
Allie Welsh
Thomas Smith

Jane Austin, daughter of Culpepper Austin and Hester Curlee, married John C. Sikes.

Children:	Married
Walter	Ruth Wingate
Dora	O. Meek Sanders
Culpepper	Connie McCauley
Dixon	Fay Gaddy
Claude	died unmarried
Vann	1st Alice Parker
	2nd Minnie Ivey
John	Maggie Crowell
Oscar	Delia Kendrik

.
Clement Curlee, son of Obediah Curlee and Frances Griffin, married Eunice Medlin.

Children	Married
Edna	1st wife of Thomas Lingle
Hulda	Ben Gullledge
Eunice	2nd wife of Thomas Lingle
Fetna	Nathaniel Bivens
John	unmarried
Thomas	Ida Osborne
Fannie	2nd wife of George Newsom
Clayton	unmarried
Zilphia	1st wife of George Newsom
Henry	unmarried
Richard	unmarried
Hampton	unmarried

.
Griffin Curlee, son of Obediah Curlee and Frances Griffin, married Jane Lotharp.

Children:	Married
Ellis	died young
Mary	James E. Thomas
Eliza	William Hasty
Churchwell	unmarried
Matilda	Ellen Duncan

Clement
Hester
Thomas

Fed Staton
Merimon Little
Ellen Traywick

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Cullen Curlee, son of Obediah Curlee and Frances Griffin,
married Martha Little.

Children:

Elizabeth
James
O. Cullen

Thetus
Ellen

Melissa
Ellis

Married

Sandy McClellan
Jennie Williams
1st Mary Blakeney
2nd Willie Laney
Jesse Caudle
1st John Richardson
2nd Bunk Terry
John Shepherd
unmarried

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CHAPTER IX

Nancy

Nancy Griffin, daughter of Thomas Griffin and Mary Elizabeth Mullis, married 1st John Brewer, 2nd William Barnes.

Children:

Married

John (by 1st husband)

Nancy Edwards

Jemimah

Ducal Ross

Kizzie

Jodie Stewart

Nancy Griffin's children by her second husband, William Barnes, were Thomas, William, Solomon.

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John Brewer, Jr., son of John Brewer and Nancy Griffin, married Nancy Edwards.

Children:

Married

Thomas

Mary Ann Simpson

Sane

Jackson

moved to Tennessee

.

Thomas Brewer, son of John Brewer and Nancy Edwards, married Mary Ann Simpson.

Children:

Married

Thetus

William Smith

John

Dora Staton

George

Patria Fowler

Sandy

Rena Baucom

Hampton

Ada Goddy

Thomas

Retta Baucom

Conley

1st Cora Helms

2nd Nonie Thomas

Marcus

Daisy Brooks

.

Jemimah Brewer, daughter of John Brewer and Nancy Griffin, married Ducal Ross.

Children:

Ducal
Nancy
Esther
Sally
Martha

Married

Penny Moore
James Edwards
Henry Mullis
Ennis Staton
Jesse Little

.

Kizzie Brewer, daughter of John Brewer and Nancy Griffin.
married Jodie Stewart.

Children:

Elizabeth
William
Coleman
Cull P.

Married

2nd wife of Jackson Simpson
———Austin
Jane Ross
Jane Nance

.

William Stewart, son of Jodie Stewart and Kizzie Brewer,
married ——— Austin.

Children:

Mary Ann
Jane
Sally
Caroline
Joseph

Married

Marshall Dees
——— Leicester
——— Thompson

.

Elizabeth Stewart, daughter of Jodie Stewart and Kizzie
Brewer, married Jackson Simpson, as his second wife.

Children:

Hampton
John
George
Elizabeth

Married

Sally Dry
Elmira Medlin
Julia Dry
Thomas Hamilton

Jackson Simpson's first wife was Thetus Williams, daugh-
ter of Fleet Williams. They had two children: Marcus mar-
ried Sarah Hamilton; Mary Ann married Thomas Brewer.

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Coleman Stewart, son of Jodie Stewart and Kizzie Brewer,
married Jane Ross.

Children:

Caroline
James R.
Marshall
Mary Ann
Lydia E.
Thomas C.
Jodie
Pernay

Married

Lindsay Austin
Lydia Staton
Ellen Perry
Henry Mullis
Marshall Perry
Lula Helms
Alice Liles
Ella Chaney

Cull P. Stewart, son of Jodie Stewart and Kizzie Brewer, married Jane Nance. Children: Fannie married Jasper Smith; John married Nola Brooks; there were two other girls whose names are not known.

John Simpson, son of Jackson Simpson and Elizabeth Stewart, married Elmira Medlin. Their son Jackson married ——— Thomas.

Hampton Simpson, son of Jackson Simpson and Elizabeth Stewart, married Sally Dry. Children: Ila, Walter, Fronie, Ed and others. Hampton and family were pioneer settlers at Wichita Falls, Texas.

George Simpson, son of Jackson Simpson and Elizabeth Stewart, married 1st Julia Dry, 2nd Elizabeth Thomas.

Children:

Laura (by 1st wife)
Jennie
Zeb
Ida
Mittie
Charlie
Bunyan
Clyde (by 2nd wife)
Mary
Hoyle
Onus

Married

Stanley Bennett
Monroe Burns
Minnie Davis
Will Thomas

Fannie Baucom
Kate Staton

Vista Staton
——— Lewis

CHAPTER X

Sarah

Sarah Griffin (1794-1884) daughter of Thomas Griffin and Mary Elizabeth Mullis, married William Hamilton (1793-1866).

Children:	Married
Thomas M.	died unmarried
Elizabeth	DeBerry Austin
Leavinna	John E. Austin
Sanders	1st Martha Broadway
	2nd Kate Bivens
Sarah	1st Green Yarborough
	2nd Edmund L. Davis
James	Elizabeth Horn
Bedie	1st William Carelock
	2nd ——— Horn
John Culpepper	died unmarried
G. Stanley	Luizza Marsh
Josiah	Margaret Horn
Mary Jane	died unmarried
Alexander	died unmarried
Ellen	James Thomas

Elizabeth Hamilton (born March 11, 1816), daughter of William Hamilton and Sarah Griffin, married DeBerry Austin.

Children:	Married
Ellen	Robert Bivens
William	died unmarried
Jonathan	Penelope Caudle
Milton	died in Civil War
Bedie	Marcus Simpson
Ann	Sandy Gaddy
James	Frances Griffin
Permelia	Joseph Griffin

Martella
Jane
Maggie

Thetus
Bryant

Henry Brooks
Thomas Perry
1st David Thomas
2nd ——— Baker
Alex. Brooks
Colen Williams

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Leavinna Hamilton (born May 4, 1817), daughter of William Hamilton and Sarah Griffin, married John E. Austin.

Children:

William
Stanley
James
John C.

Married

Nellie Little
died young
killed in Civil War
1st Molly Bivens
2nd Rosa Trull
William G. Long
Culwell Helms
Ida Schaeffer
unmarried
Jennie Ray

Sarah
Bedie
Thomas H.
J. Culwell
J. Ellis

Mrs. Leavinna Hamilton Austin was murdered, during the Civil War, by two of her slaves, Henry and Mary. The murderers were hanged. The other slaves, urged to revolt by Yankee agitators, remained loyal to "Old Missus" and cheered at the execution of the killers.

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Sanders Hamilton (born March 10, 1819), son of William Hamilton and Sarah Griffin, married 1st Martha Broadway, 2nd Kate Bivens.

Children:

Sarah Ann
Ellen
Frances
John Fulton
Henrietta
Tob Bragg
W. Ellis

Married

Hampton Griffin
William Griffin
Cornelius Griffin
Charlotte Lingle
Vernon Ashcraft
Mollie Marsh
Celestia Williams

Luizza
Emma
Riston

Jacob Lingle
Ellis Perry
Etta Gaddy

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James W. Hamilton (born January 20, 1821), son of William Hamilton and Sarah Griffin, married Elizabeth Horn.

Children:

Sarah M.
William Thomas
Susie
Bedie
Bettie

Married

Marcus Simpson
Lizzie Simpson
William Griffin
Mike C. Long
1st Clingman Benton
2nd O. G. Lowder
3rd Vernon Ashcraft
Butler Plyler
went West

Mattie
Alexander

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Sarah M. Hamilton, daughter of James W. Hamilton and Elizabeth Horn, married Marcus Simpson.

Children:

Dora
James J.
M. Alexis
George
Blanch
Mary

Married

Walter Brooks
Annie Mitchell

drowned at Wilmington
D. Vernon Griffin
1st Charlie Brooks
2nd Wilson Braswell

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Wm. Thos. Hamilton, son of Jas. W. Hamilton and Elizabeth Horn, married Elizabeth Simpson.

Children:

Jackson
Walt
Marion
George
Floyd
Mary

Married

—— Love
—— Love

Mattie Bailey
Conley Stegal

Mattie

Beecher Harrell

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Bettie Hamilton, daughter of Jas. W. Hamilton and Elizabeth Horn, married 1st Clingman Benton, who was killed in a railroad wreck.

Children:

Married

Hallie

Jno. Walsh

Homer

Bettie Hamilton married 2nd O. G. Lowder. They had one daughter, Willard; 3rd Vernon Ashcraft, no children.

Bedie Hamilton, daughter of Jas. W. Hamilton and Elizabeth Horn, married Mike C. Long.

Children:

Married

Ona

Geo. Rutzler

Roy

do not know

Mary Hazel

do not know

For Susanna Hamilton's children, see Wm. P. Griffin in Chapter 2.

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Mattie Hamilton, daughter of Jas. W. Hamilton and Elizabeth Horn, married Butler Plyler. They moved to Ohio and had one son, Butler, Jr.

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Bedie G. Hamilton (born April 19, 1825), daughter of William Hamilton and Sarah Griffin, married William Carelock.

Children:

Married

Thomas

died unmarried

William

1st Josephine Medlin

2nd Bettie Threatt

Ellen

William Walden

Henrietta

Myers Medlin

James

Laura Lee

John

Ann Baker

Sophronia

Alex. Helms

Emma
Florence
Edmund

Francis Smith
Talbert Helms

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Griffin Stanley Hamilton (born July 14, 1828), son of William Hamilton and Sarah Griffin, married Luizza Marsh.

Children:

Married

Lizzie
William
Marshall
Jodie
Ellen
Mittie
Loula
James
Ellison

Culpepper Davis
Lou Bivens
Lou Caraway
Lou Little
William Liles 2nd wife
Archibald Dees
Mark Sinclair
Phrenissa Secrest
Lillie Sinclair

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Josiah Hamilton, son of William Hamilton and Sallie Griffin, married Margaret Horn.

Children:

Married

May
Willie
Elisha
Fuller
John
Arthur
Anna

Hiram D. Griffin

Hubbard Lowery

CHAPTER XI

Conclusion

The jumble of Austin, Griffin and Williams names in this genealogy is the result of marriages among children of three Austin, three Griffin, and two or more Williams families that were living in the Anson-Mecklenburg area of North Carolina before 1800. People with the same surnames but who were not closely related (if at all) went into the Austin-Bivens-Griffin-Williams meltingpot. Some married cousins of various degrees of kinship. Where cousins married their names appear in two different family lines. A close study of the genealogies will show how many times removed were the cousinships—whether near or distant.

We have not looked up the war records of two sons of Thomas Griffin who served in the War of 1812. A few grandsons, both direct and distaff, did their parts in the Texas War of Independence. Many served in the U. S. Army in the Mexican War. The Mexican War period brought a few names of Spanish origin to children of some families: "Montero," "Quintana," "Vista," etc.

April 1861: "They have fired on Fort Sumter." Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching . . . Some grandsons and practically all the greatgrandsons of Thomas Griffin who were old enough to bear arms fought in the Civil War. Many were killed, as a glance at the names in the family lines will show. With but one exception, those listed "killed in the Civil War" wore the Confederate gray. Only two descendants of Thomas Griffin, so far as we know, joined the Union Army.

Obediah Baucom, a descendant of Frances Griffin and Obediah Curlee, joined the Union Army; his twin brother, Josiah Baucom, joined the Confederate Army. One went marching up, the other down, the Shenandoah.

Alexander Griffin, son of William Griffin and a grand-

son of Thomas Griffin, Jr., joined the Union Army in Mississippi when Sherman's army marched east from Vicksburg. He was with Sherman on the long, bloody, destructive march through Georgia. When the Confederates retreated northward from Savannah to the final surrender at Greensboro, Alex Griffin rode into Anson County, North Carolina, with a squad of Yankee skirmishers. Alex Griffin was back in the county in which he was born and raised. One of his boyhood friends was Henderson Davis. They had attended the same school, hunted and fished together, were chums. But when Alex Griffin rode down the main street in Wadesboro at the head of his Yankee raiding party, Henderson Davis recognized him and shot him off his horse. Alex Griffin died in the street of his home town wearing a Yankee uniform.

Less than a year before Alex Griffin was killed at Wadesboro, one of his first cousins, James Thomas Griffin, 3rd Lieutenant, Company K, Thornton's 31st Georgia Regiment, Gordon's Brigade, Confederate States Army, wrote his last letter to his parents, Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Griffin of Oostanaula, Georgia:

In line of battle near Gaines Mill, Va.
June 18, 1864

Dear Mother & Father:

It is with pleasure I seat myself to drop you a few lines in answer to your's and Ellen's letter which was received day before yesterday and finished with much pleasure. Glad to hear that you are all well. This leaves me well with the exception of my bowels, they still bother me smartly.

We are still lying in the ditches but there haven't been any General engagements here in the last few days but has been heavy skirmishing all the time till late yesterday evening and then there was a Flag of Truce sent from General Grant to (arrange to) bury the dead which was accepted by General Lee and there hasn't been any firing of any consequence since. We

buried their dead and also ours that were on the picket line. (The bodies) had been lying unburied for the last four days and the stench got to be very disagreeable.

Part of our Brigade is now on the front line and all of our Battalion but one Company and it isn't in but was on the front line for us while we were on the reserve line.

Well, I have no news of interest to write to you as you can see in the papers what is going on here and the news generally. We are still keeping the enemy back and repulsing them every time when they advance on us. Our troops are still in fine spirits and are sure of whipping the fight although we have been lying in the ditches for the last 33 days which you know is very undesirable.

It was stated here yesterday that it was thought that General Grant was on the move but I do not know what he is doing. I received a letter from John Tillman a day or two ago written the 4th. He was well and stated that John Haynes had left the Company 4 or 6 days previous to his writing sick with bowel complaint and that he did not know where he was but expected he was in Richmond.

Well, Pa, it is a source of great pleasure to me to know that you at home are remembering me at the throne of Grace, for I need your prayers. I am here exposed to dangers on every hand. I pray to God to shield and protect me and spare me to meet you all again. I hope our prayers may be answered but if it is the will of an all wise Providence that we should never meet again on earth, I hope to meet you all in a better world where parting is no more.

Well, Pa, this is a trying time. Here we can see our fellow beings lying everywhere nearly dead but little attention paid to them. I hope and pray that this thing will stop soon for it is a horrid thing. We are occupying the same ground the seven days fight was

fought on and you can see the bones of human beings scattered everywhere in the woods.

I have not heard from any of our relatives since the fight commenced, only those I have mentioned in my letter before. We have lost no men out of our Battalion since I wrote you last. We had one man killed in the Brigade yesterday by a stray shot. W. A. Scruggs and all of my Company are well and doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

It is cloudy this morning and looks like rain. The weather has been warm for the last week or two but raining a right smart. I must close for the present hoping to hear from you again soon. When I write to one of you it is intended for all. Everything still remains quiet but I can't tell you how long it will remain so. Give my love to all the children and all of my relations.

May the Good Lord spare us all to meet again on earth at no far distant day. So nothing more, I remain your son until death. Please write often without fail.

J. T. Griffin.

On June 24, 1864, six days after he wrote the letter, J. T. Griffin was killed in action near Petersburg, Virginia.

“Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day,
Under the roses, the Blue,
Under the lilies, the Gray.”

Fighting near Petersburg in the summer of '64, the ragged Confederate soldiers, most of them ill with dysentery, faced better fed, better equipped armies with reserves that outnumbered them five to one. During a lull in the fighting while both sides were bringing up reserves for a bloody struggle, men in the Union lines, facing the Confederates across a narrow no-man's-land between the trenches, broke into song:

“John Brown's body lies mold'ring in the grave,
John Brown's body lies mold'ring in the grave,

John Brown's body lies mold'ring in the grave,
But his soul goes marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
His soul goes marching on."

From the Confederate lines swelled a mighty chorus:

"We hung John Brown on a sour-apple tree,
We hung John Brown on a sour-apple tree,
We hung John Brown on a sour-apple tree,
And then went marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
We go marching on."

The ragged but gallant Confederates did go marching on for ten more bloody months before stacking their arms in surrender. Our Yankee brothers, some of whom are prone to boast and sneer, should remember that 600,000 Confederate soldiers withstood the onslaughts of 2,778,304 Union soldiers for four long bloody years and outmaneuvered and outfought the larger forces until near the end. That, brother Americans, still stands as a feat unsurpassed in military history.

Fighting to defend the flag their fathers had once fought, how many descendants of Thomas Griffin died in the Spanish-American War and in both World Wars? Your guess, gentle reader, is as good as ours. In compiling this family history we have been strongly impressed with the fact that the history of any family over a period of centuries is a history of wars—of fathers, sons, husbands and sweethearts killed in battle. We wonder if humanity will travel the same bloody train in the future as in the past, or if the efforts of those who are striving to establish some form of world court or world government will succeed and bring the world's peoples nearer to the day of which the English poet sang:

“One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves.”

We hope our cousins everywhere will use the space provided to bring their own family lines down to the present time, and that those who follow us will continue the records into the future. We offer no apology for our lack of literary ability. We are both stock-farmers, one in the East and one in the West, who rushed into the literary field where some of our better qualified cousins feared to tread.

LAND OF OUR FATHERS

I breathe the air of Dixie,
Walk the paths our fathers trod,
Attend the ancient churches where
Our parents worshiped God;
I love the verdant woodlands where
Our fathers fished the streams
And the stately Southern houses where
Our Mothers dreamed their dreams.

Smiling land of fields and meadows,
Pleasing vistas greet the eye,
To the west the Blue Ridge mountains
Push their bulk against the sky.
Here what's mortal of our fathers
In the quiet churchyards lie—
It is here I've lived and labored
And it's here I aim to die.

—Raymond C. Griffin.

CATTLE LOWING

Breathing Dixie air but knowing
There's a place I'll see again,
Where the grama grass is growing
On the hills from summer rain,
Where the water's flowing, flowing
From peaks where snows have lain
Onto fields where green is showing
Future crops of golden grain.

Oh, to breast the west wind blowing—
Blowing, blowing 'cross the plain,
To see a summer sunset glowing
Red and purple through the rain!
I can live my last years knowing
Sweat and toil were not in vain—
Once I hear the cattle lowing
On a Western range again.

—Fred M. Griffin

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