

Descendants of William Johnston

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Descendants of William Johnston

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM¹ JOHNSTON was born Bef. 1720 in unknown, and died Bet. 1775 - 1777 in Duplin County, NC.

Notes for WILLIAM JOHNSTON:

Summary:

The earliest ancestor identified in this family is William Johnston. He was a resident of New Hanover County, NC at least by 1762, possibly by 1747. It is presently unclear whether the 1740's deeds quoted here belongs to this William Johnston. William Johnston owned land on the E side of Black River and the Six Runs Creek in New Hanover County near the border of Duplin County. This location later became Sampson County in 1784. William owned "Johnstons Mill" on the branches of Six Runs Creek.

The name of William's wife has not been identified.

The last record found of William Johnston was in January, 1775. In January, 1778, Jesse Johnston is selling land as the "son and heir at law of William Johnston, deceased". This tells us that William died intestate sometime during the timeframe of 1775-1777. In various deeds, Jesse Johnston sells portions of the estate/land as the oldest son to brothers Jacob Johnston and Joel Johnston. Based on other land transactions, it appears probable that Joshua Johnston and William Johnston are also sons of William Johnston.

Based on the ages of his children, William Johnston was probably born sometime before 1720. His origin is currently unknown. DNA samples from a descendant show the ancient family origin as Clan Johnstone in Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

Important Note: This William Johnston is not the same William Johnston in early Bladen County records.

New Hanover County, NC

Deed Book C, page 143

Aug 31, 1747 - William Johnston (New Hanover Co) to Henry Hollinsworth (same); for 180 pounds NC money sold 233 acres; border: begins at a corner pine between William Johnston & Henry Rhodes.

(signed) William Johnston.

Witnesses: James Murray Sr., James Murray Jr., David Murray.

Witness oath Sept 1747 by James Murray.

Recorded Oct 4, 1747.

New Hanover County, NC

Deed Book C, page 144

Mar 7, 1746 - William Johnston (New Hanover Co) to Henry Rhodes (same); for 150 pounds NC money sold 133 acres; border: begins at a pine between the creek or swamp where said Johnston lives and swamp where said Rhodes lives, joins a patent line, a surveyed line, and James Murray.

(signed) William Johnston.

Witnesses: James Murray Sr., James Murray Jr., Thomas Rhodes.

Witness oath Sept 1747 by James Murray Jr.

Recorded Nov 6, 1747.

New Hanover County, NC

Deed Book C, page 205

Dec 20, 1748 - Thomas Rhodes (New Hanover Co) to Robert Hooks (same); for 400 pounds NC money sold 100 acres; border: begins at David Murray's corner pine between him and where said Hooks formerly lived, joins Robertson, a 50 acres tract formerly Wm Johnston's, a dividing line, and a gum in a branch where said Johnston formerly lived.

(signed) Thos Rhodes (mark "T").

Witnesses: David Murray, James Murray Jr., and James Murray Sr.

Aug 1749 acknowledged.

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Recorded Sept 28, 1749.

New Hanover County, NC

Deed Book E, page 50

1762, John Stephens, planter (Duplin Co, NC) to William Johnston, planter (New Hanover Co, NC); for 45 pounds proclamation money sold 100 acres; border: begins at a pine on E side of Black River about Sampson Griffin's land and below Clear Run; granted to Martin Fryer and sold to Jno Stevens.

(signed) John Stevens.

Witness: Jacob Stevens and Thos Rogers.

Witness oath Jun 1763 by Thos Rogers.

Recorded Jul 20, 1763.

New Hanover County, NC

Deed Book G, page 56

Jan 14, 1775 - William Johnson, planter (Duplin Co, NC) to Timothy Bloodworth (New Hanover Co); for 110 pounds sold 2 adjoining tracts: (a) 100 acres on E side of Black River; border: begins at a pine on Black River; granted Nov 17, 1753 to Martin Fryer who sold to John Stevens who sold to Wm Johnson; (b) 200 acres; border: begins at Martin Fryer's lower corner pine on the river; granted Oct 15, 1765 to Wm Johnson.

(signed) William Johnson.

Witnesses: Timothy Wilson and Joel Johnson.

Witness oath July, 1775 by Timothy Wilson.

Recorded Sept, 1776.

Duplin County, NC

May 24, 1773 - Duplin Land patent Adjacent landowner George Bell patents 640 acres in Duplin on the Six Runs between the head of Wm. Johnston's mill branch and the head of Cuwhiffle on both sides of the main road, joining a branch of Cuwhiffle, Pridgen's Pocoson, and the fork of Johnston's Mill branch.

From NC Archives, online MARS catalog, land grants:

New Hanover County - Issued Nov 22, 1746 - William Johnston - 400 acres - (location not given).

New Hanover County - Issued Oct 30, 1765 - William Johnston - (acreage not given) - on the E side of Black River below his Plantation.

New Hanover County - Entered Apr 21, 1764 - Issued Oct 30, 1765 - William Johnston - 200 acres - on the E side of Black River.

New Hanover County - Entered Sept 22, 1766 - William Johnston - 200 acres - E side of Six Runs Creek.

New Hanover County 1762 NC Early Census Index: William Johnston.

New Hanover County 1763 NC Early Census Index: William Johnston.

New Hanover County 1765 NC Early Census Index: William Johnston.

New Hanover County 1767 NC Early Census Index: William Johnston.

Children of WILLIAM JOHNSTON are:

2. i. JESSE² JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1745 - 1750, New Hanover County, NC.
3. ii. JACOB JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1745 - 1755, New Hanover or Duplin County, NC.
4. iii. JOEL JOHNSON, SR., b. 1755, Duplin County, NC; d. 01 July 1832, Bladen County, NC.
5. iv. WILLIAM JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1750 - 1755, Duplin County, NC; d. Bet. 1830 - 1832, Sampson County, NC.
6. v. JOSHUA JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1755 - 1760, Duplin County, NC.

Generation No. 2

2. JESSE² JOHNSTON (*WILLIAM*¹) was born Bet. 1745 - 1750 in New Hanover County, NC.

Notes for JESSE JOHNSTON:

Summary:

Jesse Johnston was the oldest "son and heir at law of William Johnston, deceased". His descendants are presently unknown. This children listed in this family group are based on the 1790 census record. In 1790, Jesse was married with 3 sons and 2 daughters living in his household. It is unclear whether he is the Jesse Johnston who shows up in Bladen County in 1800. He is difficult to trace because there were several Jesse Johnstons in NC during this time period. The 1790 census shows 2 Jesse Johnstons in New Hanover County, while this Jesse Johnston was living in Sampson next to his brother, Joel.

As shown from Sampson deed records, Jesse sold portions of his father's land to Jacob and Joel Johnston in 1778, and to William Robinson in 1782. Jacob purchased 150 acres, Joel purchased 100 acres, and William Robinson purchased 150 acres. The "land was part of a tract of 400 acres granted to Thomas Devane by patent dated 20 May 1741 and Conveyed to John Rackly by the said Thomas Devaughan by deed bearing date (11 June 1763) and conveyed to the aforesaid William Johnston deceased by ... John Rackly by deed bearing date (11 October 1765) which said land descended to the said Jesse Johnston being heir at law to my father the aforesaid William Johnston deceased."

From "Abstracts Sampson-Duplin and Sampson County Deeds, books 7-9, 1780 to 1794" by Max R. Peterson Jr.:
Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Book 7, page 468:

Jesse Johnston to William Robinson - 21 Sept 1782 - 30 pounds "good and lawfull money of the State" for 150 acres "On the South side of a branch of Black River now Called the Six Runs Beginning ... near the Six Runs Thomas Herringtons Corner." The tract adjoined "his Own land" and was "taken out of a tract of land Containing (400) acres of land granted to Thomas Devaughn of New Hanover County Bearing date (20 May 1740) it Being the land and plantation Now in my Occupation."

Witnesses: William (Will) Robinson, Jr. and Joel Johnston.

From "New Hanover, NC Land Entries 1778-1796" by A. B. Pruitt, copyright 1990:

Mar 31, 1792 - Jesse Johnston enters 200 acres; border: near Isaac Bourdeaux, runs down to Ben Smith's line, joins them, runs up Mr. Brackton's formerly belonging to John Marshall Sr., and runs up Lyon and Richard Huffam's back line.

From NC Archives, online MARS catalog, land grants:

Bladen County - Entered Feb 4, 1806 - Jesse Johnston - 400 acres - S side of NW River (Cape Fear).

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Page 65 - 14 Aug 1787, COURT CASE, Thomas Maclaine and Baine Baine vs Jesse Johnston: William Tolar and Samuel Elkins as special bail for the appearance of the defendant delivers him to court in discharge of themselves. He is accordingly placed in custody.

Duplin County 1783 NC Early Census Index: Jesse Johnston.

1790, Sampson County NC census:

Jesse Johnston

1 male > 16

3 males < 16

3 females

Next door neighbors are Joel Johnston and Jennett Fryer.

1800, Bladen County NC census:

Capt. Lock's District

Jesse Johnston

1 male < 10

2 males 10-16

1 male 16-26

1 male > 45

2 females < 10

1 female > 45

1 slave

Next door neighbors are Richard Garvin and Jona. Thomas.

Children of JESSE JOHNSTON are:

- i. FEMALE³ JOHNSTON.
- ii. FEMALE JOHNSTON.
- iii. MALE JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1774 - 1790.
- iv. MALE JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1774 - 1790.
- v. MALE JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1774 - 1790.

3. JACOB² JOHNSTON (*WILLIAM*¹) was born Bet. 1745 - 1755 in New Hanover or Duplin County, NC.

Notes for JACOB JOHNSTON:

Summary:

Jacob Johnston's descendants are presently unknown. This children listed in this family group are based on the 1790 census record. In 1790, Jacob was married with 1 son living in his household. He is not found in the 1800 census. A Jacob Johnston received land grants on Colly Swamp in Bladen County in 1802 and 1805, but the 1810 Bladen census record shows that this Jacob Johnston was too young to have been Jacob Johnston, the subject of this report.

Jacob and Joel Johnston sold 270 acres of the original William Johnston estate including the old mill (Johnston's Mill) to Rice Matthis in 1787.

Jacob Johnston received pay voucher #4175 for his service in the NC Militia during the Revolutionary War.

All quoted Sampson-Duplin deeds are from "Abstracts Sampson-Duplin Deeds, books 4-6, 1762 to 1779" by Max R. Peterson Jr., and "Abstracts Sampson-Duplin and Sampson County Deeds, books 7-9, 1780 to 1794" by Max R. Peterson Jr.:

Sampson-Duplin deeds - Book 5, page 415:

Jesse (Jessey) Johnston to Jacob Johnston. (Jesse Johnston was son and "Heir at law" of William Johnston, deceased.) Dated (blank) January 1778. Trans: 20 pounds for 150 acres "on the south side of a branch of Black River." Deed mentions Jail (Joel?) Johnston and the Mill Branch. Land was part of 400 acres granted to Thomas Devaughan by patent dated 20 May 1774 (sic, actually 1741. MRP) and conveyed to John Rackly by deed dated 11 Jun 1773 (sic, actually 1763. MRP) and conveyed to the aforesaid William Johnston, deceased by John Rackly by deed dated 11 Oct 1765. Wit: Thomas Register and William Johnston. (Note at the end of the deed says William Johnston was Grantee as does the heading at the beginning of the deed but the body of the deed says Jacob Johnston.)

Sampson-Duplin deeds - Book 8, page 338:

Jacob Johnston and Joel Johnston to Rice Matthis: Dated: 24 February 1787 (10th year of Amer. Ind.). Trans: 125 pounds "current money of the State" for land "On the East side of Six Runs ... One lot tract or parcel of land containing... 170 acres... Being the upper part of a patent granted to Thomas Devane for 400 acres patent bearing date 20 May, 1741 including an old mill called Johnstons Mill beginning at ... the upper corner of said patent on the branches of the Six Runs River a little above the mouth of the Mill Run thence running the course of the patent and across the Mill Run several times," etc. Deed mentions William Robinson. The second tract consisted of 100 acres "joining the above beginning at ... the first station of the other tract." Deed mentions the mill run,

William Robinson, and George Bell.

Witnesses: Frederick Williams and John Matthis.

New Hanover County, NC

Deed Book K, page 185

Sept 27, 1788 - Morris Fennel, planter (New Hanover Co) to Jacob Johnston, planter (same); for 50 pounds "spice" sold 100 acres on W side of Black River and head of Devanes Marsh and between Devane's and Lyon's lines; border: begins at a pine near Griffins Branch and joins the low ground.

(signed) Morris Fennel.

Witnesses: Chs Cogdell, Isaac Portevint, and Nicholas Fennel.

Witness oath Aug, 1792 by Isaac Portevint.

Record Aug 27, 1792.

New Hanover County, NC

Deed Book K, page 186

Aug 18, 1792 - Jacob Johnson (Sampson Co, NC) to Ezekial Hawes (same); for 60 pounds "specia" sold 100 acres on W side of Black River and between Devane's and Lyon's lines on head of Devane's Marsh; border: begins at a pine near Griffin's Branch and joins the low ground; granted Apr 13, 1786 to Maurice Fennel.

(signed) Jacob Johnson.

Witnesses: Isaac Portevint and William Johnson.

Witness oath Aug, 1792 by Isaac Portevint.

Recorded Aug 28, 1792.

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Page 31 - 21 Dec 1785, JURORS, Ephraim Johnston, Soasby Johnston, Solomon Johnston, Jr. and Jacob Johnston.

Page 178 - 13 Aug 1794, DEED from John Pridgen to Benjamin Robinson for 150 acres proved by oath of Jacob Johnson.

From Roster of Soldiers from NC in the American Revolution, copyright 1932:
pg 353 - Militia, Jacob Johnson, #4175, Wilmington District.

Duplin County 1783 NC Early Census Index: Jacob Johnston.

1790, New Hanover County NC census:

Jacob Johnston

1 male > 16

1 male < 16

1 female

Next door neighbors are Nicholas Fennell and Peter Portervine.

Child of JACOB JOHNSTON is:

i. MALE³ JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1774 - 1790.

4. JOEL² JOHNSON, SR. (*WILLIAM¹ JOHNSTON*) was born 1755 in Duplin County, NC, and died 01 July 1832 in Bladen County, NC. He married (1) TEMPERANCE GREEN 21 August 1777 in Duplin County, NC. She was born Bet. 1755 - 1765 in Duplin County, NC, and died Bet. 1810 - 1816 in Bladen County, NC. He married (2) RACHEL MCGEE Bef. 1817. She was born Bet. 1780 - 1790 in Sampson County, NC, and died 10 October 1847 in Bladen County, NC.

Notes for JOEL JOHNSON, SR.:

Summary:

Joel Johnson witnessed a deed for his father William in January 1775. We can estimate that he was born at least by 1753. Joel was very active in deed records in Sampson and Bladen County. It appears that he lived near Harrells Bay in Sampson County. He moved to Bladen County sometime between 1800 and 1810 and settled in what is probably present day Colly Township.

Joel Johnson had several children by his first wife Temperance that are not identified. It is difficult to determine how many since only age ranges are given in the early census records. He had at least 6 sons and 3 daughters. The unidentified children are not currently listed on this report. Joel's known children by his wife Temperance Green are Thomas, Richard, Margaret, Joel, and Daniel. His children by his second wife Rachel McGee are Enoch, Joshua, and Jacob.

Joel served as a Private in the NC Militia during the Revolutionary War. He received pay voucher #2177.

Note: David Johnson (1805-1879) of Bladen, is not the son of Joel Johnson Sr. As shown by his census records, Joel did not have any sons born after 1800. A deed from Joel Johnson to his son Daniel has been confused with David because of the old writing. It appears from deed records that David Johnson was likely a grandson of Joel Johnson. I'm not sure who his father would be. David later moved to Cumberland County and died there. He was first married to Jennett and second to Mary Jane Shakey.

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Sampson-Duplin deeds - Book 5, Page 469:

Jesse Johnston to Joel Johnston. (Both the heading and the note concerning the proving of this deed list the grantee as William Johnston but the body of the deed leaves no doubt that the grantee was Joel Johnston) Dated: 19 January, 1778. Trans.: 20 pounds for 100 acres "On the South side of a Branch of Black River." Deed mentions Mill Branch. Land was part of a tract of 400 acres granted to Thomas Devane by patent dated 20 May 1741 "and Conveyed to John Rackly by the said Thomas Devaughan by deed bearing date (11 June 1763) and conveyed to the aforesaid William Johnston deceased by ... John Rackly by deed bearing date (11 October 1765) which said land descended to the said Jesse Johnston being heir at law to my father the aforesaid William Johnston deceased."

Witnesses: Thomas Register and William Johnston.

Sampson-Duplin deeds - Book 9, Page 121:

Reubin Green to Joel Johnston. Dated: 12 April 1788. Trans: 50 pounds specia for 200 acres "On the E side of Harrells Bay beginning ... by the edge of the main road." The tract included "the said Joel Johnstons improvements." Land was "granted by patent to the said Reubin Green bearing date" 28 September 1785.

Witnesses: William Green and William Johnston.

Sampson-Duplin deeds - Book 10, Page 481:

Edward Rollings (Rollins) to Joel Johnston. Dated: 28 December 1797. Trans: 80 pounds specia for two tracts of land. The first tract consisted of 10 acres "on Goffs Marsh beginning at the marsh and runs the courses of the patent ... to the causeway thence up said marsh to the first station being ten acres that was excepted in the deed from Isom Sellers to William Ward." The second tract consisted of 50 acres "beginning at Thomas Bells corner and runs down Goffs Mill swamp to the mouth of Priests Branch thence up the said branch to a white oak thence across to said Johnstons line ... thence a straight course to the beginning."

Witnesses: Morris Fennell and William W. Love.

Sampson-Duplin deeds - Book 11, Page 397:

Joshua Johnston to Joel Johnston. Dated: 10 December 1798. Trans: 50 pounds for 309 acres "On the E side of Harvels Bay beginning ... on or near Jean Fryers line and running thence along his line N ... to a hickory on or near another survey of his thence E ... to a pine supposed to be on or near Bells line thence S ... to a pine thence along a new marked line across the original survey to the beginning." Land was "the N survey of 618 acres ... which ... was granted to Benjamin Robinson by patent bearing date" 22 September 1784.

Witnesses: Morris Fennell and William Ware.

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From NC Archives, online MARS catalog, land grants:

Bladen County - Entered Oct 26, 1807 - Joel Johnson - 75 acres - Begin at a pine.

Bladen County - Entered Nov 14, 1815 - Issued Dec 28, 1816 - Joel Johnson Sr. - 40 acres - W of the head of Colly Creek.

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Page 106 - 9 Feb 1790, DEED of gift from Jacob and Joel Johnston to Rice Matthis was proved and ordered registered.

Page 147 - 12 Nov 1792, DEED from Reubin Green to Joel Johnston for 200 acres was proved in open court by the oath of William Johnston and ordered to be registered. Also: OVERSEER, Ordered that Isom Sellars be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of William Johnston.

Page 227 - 16 Feb 1797, DEED from Moorise Fennel to William Johnson for 250 acres proved by Joel Johnson.

Page 246 - 14 Feb 1798, DEED from Edward Rollins to Joel Johnson for 50 acres proved by William W. Love.

Page 258 - 13 Nov 1798, DEED from Benjamin Robinson to Joel Johnson for 309 acres proved by Morris Fennel and William Johnson. DEED from Brnjamin Robinson to Joshua Johnson for 309 acres proved by Morris Fennell and William Johnson.

From the book "Revolutionary War Records of Duplin-Sampson Counties" by Virginia and Oscar Bizzell, copyright 1997:
Johnson, Joel, Private, NC Militia.

From Roster of Soldiers from NC in the American Revolution, copyright 1932:
pg 211- North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts Vol. V for the District of Wilmington from 16 July 1783 to 19 March 1784; Comptroller's Office Vouchers; Pay voucher #2177 - Joel Johnston, Wilmington District.

Duplin County 1783 NC Early Census Index: Joel Johnston.

1790, Sampson County NC census:

Joel Johnston

1 male > 16

4 males < 16

3 females

Next door neighbors are Solomon Merritt and Jesse Johnston.

1800, Sampson County NC census:

Joel Johnston

2 males < 10

2 males 10-16

2 males 16-26

1 male > 45

2 females < 10

1 female 10-16

1 female > 26-45

Next door neighbors are William Ward and Soasby Johnston.

1810, Bladen County NC census:

Joel Johnston

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1 male 10-16
3 males 16-26
1 male > 45
1 female < 10
2 females 16-26
1 female > 45

Next door neighbors are Hannah Davis and Richard Johnston

1820 - no census record available.

1830, Bladen County NC census:

Joel Johnson Sr.

3 males < 5
1 male 70-80
1 female 10-15
1 female 40-50

Next door neighbors are Joshua Tatom Sr. and James Smith

From the bible of Joshua Johnson:

"Joel Johnson deceased July the 1st in the year of our Lord 1832"

Joel Johnson and his wives are buried in the Joel Johnson Cemetery "about 2 miles E of Johnstontown on Jasper Richardson Trail, on property of Bladen Lakes State Forest." Wanda Campbell placed a marker in this cemetery that reads: "In Memory of Joel Johnson, Sr., 1755-1832; wife Temperance Green, married Aug 21, 1777, Duplin County, Sons: Richard 1785-1816, Joel Jr. 1791-1858, Daniel 1793-1889; wife Rachel McGee, Sons: Enoch 1817-1901, Joshua 1822-1903, Jacob 1824-1899".

Jason Bordeaux ordered a Revolutionary War marker for Joel Johnson Sr. from the VA with the assistance of Mr. Layton Dowless of Whiteville in 2008. This marker was placed at the Joel Johnson Cemetery on Saturday, June 14, 2008.

Notes for TEMPERANCE GREEN:

Temperance's maiden name of Green is known from Duplin County marriage records. She and Joel filed a marriage bond on 21 Aug, 1777 in Duplin County. The bondsman was John Green. Joel Johnson was deeded land from Reubin Green in 1788. A witness was William Green. Temperance may be the daughter of Thomas Green of Duplin County.

Thomas and John Green deeded land to Lott Green on 19 Sept, 1773. Thomas identifies himself as Lott's father.

Notes for RACHEL MCGEE:

It has been suggested that Rachel was the widow of Robert McGee and the daughter of John Crumpler. However, Rachel, daughter of John Crumpler, was born in the 1760s and would have been much too old to have had children by Joel Johnson in the 1820's.

From the bible of Joshua Johnson:

"Rachael Johnson deceased October the 10th in the year of our Lord 1847"

Children of JOEL JOHNSON and TEMPERANCE GREEN are:

7. i. THOMAS³ JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1780 - 1790, Sampson County, NC; d. Aft. 1830.
8. ii. RICHARD JOHNSON, b. 1785, Sampson County, NC; d. 1816, Bladen County, NC.
9. iii. MARGARET JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1790 - 1794, Sampson County, NC; d. Aft. 1870, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC.

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- 10. iv. JOEL JOHNSON, JR., b. 16 January 1791, Sampson County, NC; d. 1861, Bladen County, NC.
- 11. v. DANIEL JOHNSON, b. 1796, Sampson County, NC; d. 1880, Bladen County, NC.

Children of JOEL JOHNSON and RACHEL MCGEE are:

- 12. vi. ENOCH³ JOHNSON, b. June 1817, Bladen County, NC; d. 1901, Bladen County, NC.
- 13. vii. JOSHUA JOHNSON, b. 15 September 1822, Bladen County, NC; d. 11 December 1903, Bladen County, NC.
- 14. viii. JACOB JOHNSON, b. 24 August 1824, Bladen County, NC; d. 22 March 1899, Elizabethtown, Bladen County, NC.

5. WILLIAM² JOHNSON (*WILLIAM¹ JOHNSTON*) was born Bet. 1750 - 1755 in Duplin County, NC, and died Bet. 1830 - 1832 in Sampson County, NC. He married (1) JANIE REGISTER 02 October 1782. He married (2) ELIZABETH "BETSY" Aft. 1785.

Notes for WILLIAM JOHNSON:

Summary:

William Johnston witnessed the estate sells from Jesse Johnston to Joel and Jacob Johnston in 1778. William proved deeds for Joel Johnston in 1792 and 1798. He proved a deed for Joshua Johnston in 1798.

William Johnson left an undated will in Sampson County that identifies his children. According to Fred Hintze of Richlands, NC, William died between 1830 and 1832.

William served as a private in the NC Continental Line during the Revolutionary War. He received pay voucher number 3832 for his service in the NC Militia.

From "Abstracts Sampson-Duplin and Sampson County Deeds, books 7-9, 1780 to 1794" by Max R. Peterson Jr.: Sampson-Duplin deeds, Book 7, page 455:

Deed: William Harvill (Howell) to William Johnston, dated 5 Oct 1782. Trans: 12 pounds "lawful money of the state" for 60 acres "on the south side of the Rock Fish Creek and on the west side of Doctors creek." Land was "taken out of a tract of land of (100) acres of land granted by patent to him and said William Harvill bearing date 1 Apr 1780. Wit: William Robinson, Sr., and William Robinson, Jr.

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Page 57 - 15 Feb 1787, JURORS, William Johnston.

Page 60 - 15 May 1787, DEED from Maurice Fennel to William Johnston for 50 acres was acknowledged in open court and ordered registered.

Page 61 - 15 May 1787, COURT CASE, William King vs David Doss. William Johnston and William Robinson were jurors.

Page 104 - 10 Nov 1789, JURORS, William Johnston.

Page 107 - 11 Feb 1790, JURORS, William Johnston.

Page 108 - 11 May 1790, GRAND JURY, William Johnston.

Page 109 - 11 May 1790, STOCK MARK, William Johnston for his son Nathan Johnston, a minor, records the following as his son's stock mark: A swallow fork in the right ear and a slit in the left ear and a half moon under it.

Page 115 - 9 Nov 1790, OVERSEER, William Johnston is appointed Overseer of the road in the room of Thomas Coggin.

Page 147 - 12 Nov 1792, DEED from Reubin Green to Joel Johnston for 200 acres was proved in open court by the oath of William Johnston and ordered to be registered. Also: OVERSEER, Ordered that Isom Sellars be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of William Johnston.

Page 221 - 17 Nov 1796, DEED from William Johnston to Henry Cannon for 300 acres was acknowledged.

Page 227 - 16 Feb 1797, DEED from Moorise Fennel to William Johnson for 250 acres proved by Joel Johnson.

Page 258 - 13 Nov 1798, DEED from Benjamin Robinson to Joel Johnson for 309 acres proved by Morris Fennel and William Johnson. DEED from Benjamin Robinson to Joshua Johnson for 309 acres proved by Morris Fennell and William Johnson.

Page 266 - 13 May 1799 JURORS, William Johnson.

From the book "Revolutionary War Records of Duplin-Sampson Counties" by Virginia and Oscar Bizzell, copyright 1997:
Johnson, William, Private, NC Continental Line.

From Roster of Soldiers from NC in the American Revolution, copyright 1932:
pg 352 - Militia, William Johnson, #3832, Wilmington District.

Duplin County 1783 NC Early Census Index: William Johnston.

Sampson County will copied from NC archives:

In the name of God Amen, I William Johnson of the County of Sampson in the State of North Carolina being in health and of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain the following as my last will and testament.

First I give to my wife Betsey Johnson the plantation whereon I live for and during her life or widowhood.

2nd I give to my two sons Allen Johnson and Taylor Johnson the whole of my land except what is lately give away by deed after my wifes death.

3rd I give to my wife Betsey one third part of my cattle during her life and afterwards to be divided between my four sons George Allen William and Taylor Johnson.

4th I give the remaining two thirds of my stock of cattle to my three daughters Dorcas Nancy and Betsy Johnson.

5th I leave my two horses to my wife and my four sons above mentioned.

6th I give my household furniture to my wife during her life and afterwards to my three daughters above mentioned.

7th I give to my granddaughters Molcy Chappell Johnson and Nancy Jean Fryer the sum of ten dollars each to be payd out of my estate by my executors.

8th I give to my sons Nathan Johnson and Joel Johnson and John Fryer the sum of six pence apiece what__ I die possessd of not mentioned above, I give to my wife Betsey and my four youngest sons after this legacys above mentioned are pay'd.

I appoint my wife Betsy and my son Joab Johnson executor of this will and do revoke all others.

William Johnson (his mark) seal

In testimony of the above the said William Johnson has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal in presence of us.

W. Robinson

Child of WILLIAM JOHNSON and JANIE REGISTER is:

- i. NATHAN³ JOHNSTON, b. Abt. 1785, Sampson County, NC; d. 19 May 1854, Sampson County, NC; m. KEZIAH JANE JONES; b. 15 April 1790; d. 04 October 1869.

Children of WILLIAM JOHNSON and ELIZABETH "BETSY" are:

Descendants of William Johnston

- ii. DORCAS³ JOHNSON.
- iii. JOAB JOHNSON, d. 07 April 1842; m. REBECCA GOFF.
- iv. JOEL JOHNSON, m. MILLIE POWELL, 21 January 1812, Duplin County, NC.
- v. NANCY JOHNSON.
- vi. ELIZABETH "BETSY" JOHNSON.
- vii. ASHEL JOHNSON.
- viii. GEORGE JOHNSON.
- ix. TAYLOR JOHNSON.
- x. WILLIAM JOHNSON.
- xi. ALLEN JOHNSON, b. 11 August 1804; d. 23 July 1893; m. (1) JEMIMA BLAND, 22 March 1838; b. 04 May 1818; d. 26 August 1862; m. (2) MARY MATHIS, 08 October 1863; d. 26 September 1875.

6. JOSHUA² JOHNSTON (*WILLIAM*¹) was born Bet. 1755 - 1760 in Duplin County, NC.

Notes for JOSHUA JOHNSTON:

Summary:

Joshua Johnston's descendants are presently unknown. He is listed on the 1790 Sampson County census and then on the 1800 Duplin County census. He is not found after the 1800 census. Based on Joshua's age in the 1800 census, he is probably the youngest identified son of William Johnston. Joshua had at least 4 sons and 3 daughters.

William Johnston proved a deed for Joshua Johnston in 1798. Joshua Johnston deeded land to Joel Johnston in 1798.

Joshua served as a sergeant in the NC Militia and Continental Line during the Revolutionary War.

The following court records are from:

A Portrait Of Eighteenth Century Sampson County as revealed by Sampson County Courty Minutes 1784-1800. Compiled and Edited by Oscar M. Bizzell and Virginia L. Bizzell for The Sampson County Historical Society. Post Office Box 384, Newton Grove, NC 28366. Copyright 1995.

Page 258 - 13 Nov 1798, DEED from Benjamin Robinson to Joel Johnson for 309 acres proved by Morris Fennel and William Johnson. DEED from Benjamin Robinson to Joshua Johnson for 309 acres proved by Morris Fennell and William Johnson.

From the book "Revolutionary War Records of Duplin-Sampson Counties" by Virginia and Oscar Bizzell, copyright 1997:
Johnson, Joshua, Sergeant, NC Militia & Continental Line.

1790, Sampson County NC census:

Joshua Johnston

1 male > 16

2 males < 16

2 females

Next door neighbors are Timothy Hatcher and James Robinson.

1800, Duplin County NC census:

Joshua Johnston

2 males < 10

2 males 10-16

1 male 26-45

2 females < 10

1 female 10-16

1 female 26-45

Next door neighbors are Delila West and Heseekiah Bell.

Children of JOSHUA JOHNSTON are:

- i. MALE³ JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1784 - 1790.
- ii. MALE JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1784 - 1790.
- iii. FEMALE JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1784 - 1790.
- iv. MALE JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1790 - 1800.
- v. MALE JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1790 - 1800.
- vi. FEMALE JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1790 - 1800.
- vii. FEMALE JOHNSTON, b. Bet. 1790 - 1800.

Generation No. 3

7. THOMAS³ JOHNSON (*JOEL*², *WILLIAM*¹ *JOHNSTON*) was born Bet. 1780 - 1790 in Sampson County, NC, and died Aft. 1830. He married UNKNOWN. She was born Bet. 1790 - 1800.

Notes for THOMAS JOHNSON:

Summary:

Thomas and Richard Johnson are the oldest identified sons of Joel Johnson. Thomas Johnson's family remains unknown. The 1830 census shows that he had 3 sons and 1 daughter. Thomas is not listed Bladen County census records after 1830.

Bladen County deed book 11, page 34:

11 March, 1822 - Joel Johnson Sr. to Thomas Johnson - \$50 paid by Thomas Johnson unto Frederick Pridgen - 150 acres...patented by William White in 1800 and conveyed by him to Joel Johnson and by him to Thomas Johnson.

Witness: Daniel Johnson.

May term, 1822.

Duncan McInnis, Clerk

Bladen County deed book 11, page 520:

3 August, 1825 - John Simmons to Thomas Johnson - \$125 ... 50 acres on the NE side of Hartsons Creek below Cedar Swamp patented by Charles Johnson on 10 October, 1787.

Witness: Daniel Johnson, Margurite Johnson.

February term 1826.

1830, Bladen County NC census:

Thomas Johnston

2 males 5-10

1 male 10-15

1 male 40-50

1 female < 5

1 female 30-40

Next door neighbors are Soloman Davis and Daniel Everit

Children of THOMAS JOHNSON and UNKNOWN are:

- i. MALE⁴ JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1815 - 1820.
- ii. MALE JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1820 - 1825.
- iii. MALE JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1820 - 1825.
- iv. FEMALE JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1825 - 1830.

8. RICHARD³ JOHNSON (*JOEL*², *WILLIAM*¹ *JOHNSTON*) was born 1785 in Sampson County, NC, and died 1816 in Bladen County, NC. He married (1) REBECCA. She was born Bet. 1784 - 1794. He married (2) ELIZABETH

PRIDGEN Bet. 1810 - 1811. She was born Bet. 1775 - 1780, and died Aft. 1850 in Bladen County, NC.

Notes for RICHARD JOHNSON:

Summary:

Richard Johnson is proven to be a son of Joel Johnson Sr. by deed records involving his sons Joel J. Johnson and William Johnson. Richard and Thomas are the oldest identified sons of Joel Johnson. Wanda Campbell recorded on Richard's tombstone that he was born in 1785 and died in 1816.

1810, Bladen County NC census:

Richard Johnston

2 males < 10

1 male 16-26

2 females < 10

1 female 16-26

Next door neighbors are Joel Johnston and William Suggs

Richard and his 2nd wife Elizabeth are buried in the Joel Johnson Cemetery "about 2 miles E of Johnstontown on Jasper Richardson Trail, on property of Bladen Lakes State Forest." Wanda Campbell placed a marker in this cemetery that reads "Sacred to the Memory of Richard Johnson, born 1785, died 1816, and his wife Elizabeth Pridgen Johnson, born 1788".

Notes for REBECCA:

It is clear from census records that Richard Johnson was married twice. I don't know of a proven source, but several family histories show his first wife as Rebecca. Based on Richard Johnson's 1810 census record, he and Rebecca had at least 2 sons and 2 daughters.

Notes for ELIZABETH PRIDGEN:

Summary:

Family tradition establishes that Elizabeth Johnson was a Pridgen and the daughter of William Pridgen (1732-1840's), Revolutionary War veteran. This connection is supported by Elizabeth's 1840 census record - see below. William Pridgen was living in her household on that date.

Oral history given by Christine Johnson Bryan sent to me by Gerri Lynn: "Christine said her mother told her that Elizabeth was the only living child when William went to live with her in Bladen Lakes National Forest. The house stood at the entrance to the gravesite road. William died of pneumonia and was buried in the Johnson Cemetery up behind the old homeplace about 250 yards from the house."

It is difficult to determine how many children Elizabeth had since only age ranges are given in the early census records. Some of the children listed in the 1820 record and forward certainly belong to Richard's first wife Rebecca. Elizabeth had at least one daughter as shown on this report.

Bladen County deed book 11, page 2:

20 November, 1821 - Patrick Kelly to Elizabeth Johnson - \$60 - 70 acres on Indian Creek.

Witnesses: Jesse Blackwell, Mathew Pridgen.

February term, 1822.

Duncan McInnis, Clerk.

1810, Bladen County NC census:

Richard Johnston

2 males < 10

1 male 16-26

2 females < 10

1 female 16-26

Next door neighbors are Joel Johnston and William Suggs.

Descendants of William Johnston

1820, Bladen County NC census:

Elizth. Johnston

2 males < 10

1 male 16-26

2 females < 10

1 female 16-26

1 female 26-45

Next door neighbors are John McMillan and Solm. Johston.

1830, Bladen County NC census:

Elizabeth Johnson

1 male 15-20

1 male 20-30

2 females 15-20

1 female 50-60

Next door neighbors are Alexr. McArthur and Geo. W. Bannerman.

1840, Bladen County NC census:

Elizabeth Johnson

1 male 10-15

1 male 70-80

1 male 90-100 ; William Pridgen, veteran, aged 112

1 female 60-70

Next door neighbors are Joel Johnson and William Johnson.

1850, Bladen County NC census

Enumerated 28 Aug 1850 by Neill Kelly

NE side of Cape Fear, household #155-157

William Johnson 38 M farmer value of real estate \$800

Elizabeth 27 F cannot read and write

Taylor 8 M

Sarah 6 F

Edney A. 3 F

William C. 1/12 M

Elizabeth 77 F

Love Long 23 M hireling

Sherley S. Williams 12 M

Next door neighbors are Claborn Tatum and Daniel Reeves.

Children of RICHARD JOHNSON and REBECCA are:

- i. FEMALE⁴ JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1800 - 1810.
- ii. FEMALE JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1800 - 1810.
- iii. MALE JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1800 - 1810.
15. iv. JOEL JEFFERSON JOHNSON, b. 1808, Bladen County, NC; d. 1884, Sampson County, NC.

Children of RICHARD JOHNSON and ELIZABETH PRIDGEN are:

16. v. WILLIAM⁴ JOHNSON, b. 15 March 1812; d. 06 November 1882.
- vi. FEMALE JOHNSON, b. Bet. 1810 - 1820.

9. MARGARET³ JOHNSON (*JOEL*², *WILLIAM*¹ *JOHNSTON*) was born Bet. 1790 - 1794 in Sampson County, NC, and died Aft. 1870 in Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC. She married WILLIAM "BILLY" BORDEAUX, son of ISRAEL BORDEAUX. He was born Bet. 1788 - 1791 in Lyon Swamp, New Hanover County, NC, and died Aft. 1870 in Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC.

Notes for MARGARET JOHNSON:

Bladen County deed book 11, page 507:

1 February, 1826 - Thomas Johnson to William Burdeaux - \$50 ... 75 acres it being the remaining part of a 150 acres which of the other part being given to said Thomas Johnson by Joel Johnson before this patent date 1800 by William White and conveyed by him to Joel Johnson and by him to Thomas Johnson.

Witnesses: Daniel Johnson, Samuel Johnson.

February term, 1826.

Bladen County deed book 11, page 507:

23 March, 1819 - Joel Johnson, Jr. to William Burdeaux - \$50 ... 50 acres on the east side of the NW River on Jones Creek swamp about a mile from Indian Creek...being 1/2 of a 100 acres conveyed from John McKay to Joel Johnson, Jr. this part conveyed from Johnson to William Bordeaux.

Witness: Daniel Johnson.

February term, 1826.

Children of MARGARET JOHNSON and WILLIAM BORDEAUX are:

- i. ELIZABETH⁴ BORDEAUX, b. Abt. 1817.
- ii. ENOCH BORDEAUX, b. 1821, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; d. 10 April 1865, Elmira Prison Camp, Elmira, NY; m. SARAH ANN "SALLIE" CAIN, Abt. 1843; b. 15 June 1818, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; d. 15 November 1898, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC.

Notes for SARAH ANN "SALLIE" CAIN:

From Windsor Methodist Church Records:

Sarah Bordeaux, died 1898, lived to be 80 years, 5 months. Received 1835.

In the 1880 census, Sarah was living with her son Mack Bordeaux.

- iii. DANIEL BORDEAUX, b. Bet. 1823 - 1824; m. SARAH JONES; b. Abt. 1828, Bladen County, NC; d. Bef. 1870, Bladen County, NC.

Notes for DANIEL BORDEAUX:

Civil War record:

Bordeaux, Daniel, Private, Co. A, 18th Reg., resided in Bladen County and enlisted at Camp Holmes on October 3, 1864 for the war. Present or accounted for until captured at Amelia Court House, Virginia, April 5, 1865. Confined at Pt. Lookout, Maryland until released on June 23, 1865 after taking the Oath of Allegiance.

- iv. REBECCA BORDEAUX, b. Bet. 1824 - 1828; m. WILLIAM GREEN; b. Bet. 1824 - 1825.
- v. TEMPERANCE BORDEAUX, m. ROBERT GREEN; b. Abt. 1812.

Notes for TEMPERANCE BORDEAUX:

Identified in Carver's Creek Church records. Her daughter Temperance Green was living or visiting with William Bordeaux in the 1860 census.

- vi. H. THOMAS BORDEAUX, b. Abt. 1828; m. RHODA A.; b. Abt. 1833.
- vii. ISRAEL WASHINGTON BORDEAUX, b. 1836; d. March 1913; m. ELIZABETH JOHNSON; b. 07 April 1831, Sampson County, NC; d. 20 September 1891.
- viii. JAMES BORDEAUX, b. Abt. 1838.

10. JOEL³ JOHNSON, JR. (*JOEL*², *WILLIAM*¹ *JOHNSTON*) was born 16 January 1791 in Sampson County, NC, and died 1861 in Bladen County, NC. He married MARY TATUM 1814, daughter of JOSHUA TATOM and SARAH SIMMS. She was born 1795 in Sampson County, NC, and died 20 May 1856 in Bladen County, NC.

Notes for JOEL JOHNSON, JR.:

Bladen County deed book 11, page 6:

27 June, 1820 - Joel Johnson Sr. to Joel Johnson, Jr. (for natural love and affection which he hath toward his son, Joel Johnson, Jr.) 50 acres being a part of 500 acre survey patented by Jonathan Thomas bearing date 1792...adjacent lands of William Salter and another tract of 35 acres.

Witness: Lewis Pridgen, Daniel Johnson.

February term, 1822.

Duncan McInnis, Clerk

Bladen County Will Book 1, page 329:

I Joel Johnson of the county of Bladen and state of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first - that my executors herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my youngest son Owen Johnson all of my lands in Bladen County not heretofore conveyed away excepting two hundred acres in the West side of Turnbull Creek on Jones Lake drean. The above bequeathed land consisting of divers tracts including my dwelling house and plantation to have and hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my grand sons Robert Harvey and Joel P. Harvey equally my lands on the Lake drean as above excepted to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Johnson one negro boy about twenty years of age by the name of Peter to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Kinion Johnson one negro boy about twenty years of age by the name of Anthony to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Evan Johnson one negro boy about twenty years of age by the name of Isaac to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Owen Johnson one negro boy about eighteen years of age by the name of Ellick to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Molcy West two negro girls one by the name of Dicey about twenty six years of age and one by the name of Rachel about eight years of age during her natural life and at her death to her children issue of her body in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary J. Pollock one negro woman by the name of Cherry about twenty years of age and her two children Ellen and Sarah also one other girl eight years of age by the name of Martha and after her death to her children issue of her body and in the event of her leaving no child return to her brothers and sisters.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Cole two negro girls by the name of Selah about fourteen years old and Julia about six years of age to have and to hold during her natural life and after her death her child or children and in the event of her leaving no children or issue to her brothers and sisters.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Helen Johnson two negro girls about the age of nine years by the name of Avey and the other by the name of Claracy to have and to hold during her natural life and after her death to her children or child and in the event of her leaving no bodily issue to descend to her brothers and sisters.

I give and bequeath to my two grandsons Robert Harvey and Joel P. Harvey conjointly one negro boy by the name of Josiah about seven years of age to them equally and their heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Mary E. Harvey one negro girl about two years old by the name of Mary to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the devises and legacies about mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided among all my children.

And lastly I do hereby appoint my trusty friend and brother Daniel Johnson my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me made heretofore.

In witness whereof I the said Joel Johnson hath hereunto set my hand and seal October 23rd 1856.

Descendants of William Johnston

Children of JOEL JOHNSON and MARY TATUM are:

- i. RICHARD WASHINGTON⁴ JOHNSON, b. 29 August 1817; d. January 1871; m. (1) MARY ELIZA WILSON; b. 1834; d. August 1871; m. (2) ELIZABETH ANN ANDERS, 29 October 1846; b. 1823; d. Abt. 1859.
- ii. MOLCY J. JOHNSON, b. 1821; d. 02 June 1892; m. (1) WILLIAM WHITE HARVEY; b. 24 November 1806; d. 14 March 1851; m. (2) NICHOLSON WEST, 27 March 1852; b. 09 February 1822; d. Bef. 05 December 1887.
- iii. DANIEL JOHNSON, b. 25 January 1824; d. 09 January 1884; m. ELIZA PAGE; b. 17 August 1834; d. 03 July 1916.
- iv. KINION JOHNSON, b. 07 January 1826; d. 06 October 1873; m. SARAH PRISCILLA WILSON; b. 14 July 1835; d. 1927.
- v. MARY JANE JOHNSON, b. 06 June 1829; d. 10 May 1903; m. ALFRED WARD POLLOCK, 05 May 1855; b. 20 May 1819; d. 07 January 1900.
- vi. EVAN JOHNSON, b. 16 March 1831; d. 06 May 1903; m. (1) ALICE H. WILSON; b. 1840; d. 1879; m. (2) LIZZIE ALEXANDER.
- vii. ELIZA JOHNSON, b. 13 March 1834; d. 1903; m. (1) RAIFORD COLE; b. 1829; d. 1867; m. (2) ROBERT ASBURY PARKER, 05 November 1871; b. 1822; d. 1899.
- viii. OWEN JOHNSON, b. 23 November 1835; d. 30 October 1914; m. MARGARET JANE HERRING; b. February 1847; d. 04 May 1918.
- ix. HELEN JOHNSON, b. 13 February 1838.

11. DANIEL³ JOHNSON (*JOEL*², *WILLIAM*¹ *JOHNSTON*) was born 1796 in Sampson County, NC, and died 1880 in Bladen County, NC. He married MARGARET TATUM. She was born 21 June 1796, and died 21 April 1893 in Bladen County, NC.

Notes for DANIEL JOHNSON:

Summary:

Daniel Johnson did not name any children in his will. However, based on his early census records, it appears that he may have had some children who died at a young age.

Daniel left all property to his wife Margaret at his death. He stated that after Margaret's death, Catherine West (relationship unknown) should receive the home and the land it occupies. All other lands were to be distributed among his former slaves. At the death of Catherine, the home and land were also to be divided among his former slaves. Daniel also designated that a trust fund of \$100 be set up for Windsor Methodist Church to be paid at \$10 per year.

In 1844, David Johnson (likely a grandson of Joel Sr.) deeded 1 acre on the E side of Turnbull Creek for \$1 to Daniel Johnson, Daniel McDuffie, Joel Johnson, Richard Tatom and William Bordeaux. The mentioned parties were in charge of building a new Methodist Church. This church was Windsor Methodist.

Bladen County deed book 10, page 157:

28 August, 1830 - Joel Johnson Sr. to Daniel Johnson - \$39.50 - 150 acres on S side of Big Colly Bay it being part of 500 acre survey patented by Jonathan Thomas.

Witnesses: M. Burdox, Daniel Johnson.

May term, 1834.

P. K., Clerk

Bladen County deed book 11, page 3:

30 December, 1819 - Joel Johnson Sr. to Daniel Johnson, son of the said Joel Johnson, for natural love and affection and also for the better maintenance and preferment of said Daniel Johnson all that land where he now liveth adj lands of William Salter, containing 200 acres said Joel Johnston Sr. to have the right and possession in himself until his decease then to be in said Daniel Johnson.

Witness: Joel Johnson, Jr., Lewis Pridgen.

February term, 1822.

Duncan McInnis, Clerk

Bladen County deed book 11, page 5:

Descendants of William Johnston

7 January, 1822 - Joel Johnson to Daniel Johnson, for natural love and affection which he hath for his son Daniel Johnson - 50 acres being part of a 500 acre survey patented by Jonathan Thomas dated 1792 and conveyed to him by Joel Johnson.

Witness: Joel Johnson, Jr.

February term 1822.

Duncan McInnis, Clerk

Bladen County deed book 11, page 518:

12 March, 1824 - Joel Johnson, Jr. to Daniel Johnson - \$150 ... 150 acres being half of a 100 acres on the east side of Indian Creek about a mile from said Creek, also 50 acres adjacent lands of William Salter.

Witness: William Burdeaux.

February term 1826.

Bladen County deed book 8, page 342:

27 April, 1844 - David Johnson to Daniel Johnson, Daniel McDuffie, Joel Johnson, Richard Tatom and William Burdox, trustees and their successors - \$1 - 1 acre of land on the E side of Turnbull Creek ... they shall erect and build a house or place of worship for the use of the members of Methodist Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.

Witnesses: J. C. Blocker, C. Hall.

February term, 1845.

David Lewis, Clerk.

1820, Bladen County NC census:

Danl. Johnston

1 male < 10

1 male 18-26

1 female 18-26

Next door neighbors are Lucy Brown and Saml. Johnston

1830, Bladen County NC census:

Daniel Johnson

1 male 15-20

1 male 30-40

2 females 5-10

1 female 30-40

Next door neighbors are Thomas Smith Jr. and John Hare

1840, Bladen County NC census:

Daniel Johnson

1 male 15-20

1 male 40-50

1 female 40-50

Next door neighbors are Theophilis Tatum and William Berdaux

1850, Bladen County NC census:

Enumerated 29 Aug 1850 by Neill Kelly

NE side of Cape Fear, household #157-159

Daniel Johnson ; 54 M ; farmer ; value of real estate \$1500

Margaret; 53 F ; cannot read or write

Catharine ; 36 F ; cannot read or write

Next door neighbors are Daniel Reeves and James W. Cain

1860, Bladen County NC census:

Enumerated 28 June 1860 by A. H. Cain

Elizabethtown Post Office, household #185

Daniel Johnson ; 64 M ; farmer ; value of real estate \$3800, personal estate \$8730 ; cannot read or write

Margaret; 63 F ; domestic ; cannot read or write

Catharine Green ; 45 F ; domestic ; cannot read or write

Next door neighbors are Wm. Johnson and Wm. Burdeaux

1870, Bladen County NC census:

Enumerated 5 July 1870 by Evander Singletary

Turnbull Township, household #30

Daniel Johnson ; 74 M W ; farmer ; value of real estate \$800, personal estate \$400

Margaret; 73 F W ; keeping house ; cannot read or write

Catherine West ; 54 F W ; at home ; cannot write

Steven ; 13 M W ; at home ;

Next door neighbors are William Burdeaux and Sandy Johnson (black)

1880, Bladen County NC census:

Enumerated 8 June 1880 by W. K. Cromartie

Turnbull Township, household #101-102

Daniel Johnson ; 85 M W ;

Margaret; 77 F W ; wife ; keeping house

Catherine West ; 66 F W ; servant ; widowed ; cannot write

_ W. Smith ; 13 M M ; servant ; cannot read or write

Steven Johnson ; 22 M B ; farm laborer ; cannot read or write

Next door neighbors are Joshua Johnson (brother) and Alexander Johnson (black)

Enoch Johnson (brother) is living next to Alexander Johnson

Bladen County Will Book 2, page 102:

The last will of Daniel Johnson of the county of Bladen in the State of North Carolina:

I Daniel Johnson of the County of Bladen in the State of North Carolina considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (Blessed be Almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First: That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2nd: I give and desire to my beloved wife Margaret Johnson all my earthly substance after paying my just debts and necessary expences to have and to hold to her the said Margaret Johnson for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood.

Item 3rd: My will and desire is that after the death of my beloved wife, Margaret, Catherine West shall have the home and premises I now occupy together with the survey of land upon they are now situated to have and to hold unto her with all and singular the priveleges appurtenances thereunto belonging during the term of her natural life and at the expiration of her natural life the said premises and everything thereunto belonging to be equally divided among the parties to whom I bequeath the remainder of my lands hereunto mentioned.

Item 4th: I desire that at the death of my beloved wife Margaret all the lands owned by her (except that bequeathed to Catherine West hereinbefore) be equally divided between the following named persons, formerly slaves of me the said Daniel Johnson viz: Sandy, Nancy, Samuel, Henry, James, Amos, Elijah and Stephen. Each to share and to share alike conditioned that all the above named persons do assist and take care of my said beloved wife during her natural life but if any or all of them shall neglect or refuse to assist or take care of my said wife Margaret then in that case he, she or they shall be disinherited.

Item 5th: I give and bequeath to Joshua Johnson one feather bed (his choice).

Item 6th: My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devises above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing collected one hundred dollars be paid to the trustees of Winsor church which is to be kept on interest and ten dollars paid per year to the support of the pastor in charge of said church and the surplus if any shall be equally divided and paid over to my worthy friends Joshua Johnson and James Johnson and Catherine West if she be then living but if she is not then living then such surplus shall be divided between said Joshua Johnson and James Johnson share and share alike to them their heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns absolutely forever. And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Taylor Johnson my lawful executor to all intents and purpose to execute this my last will and testament according to the true meaning and intents of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Daniel Johnson do hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty fourth day of February 1872.

Daniel Johnson (x his mark)

Signed sealed and published in presence of us

Joshua Johnson
Robert L. Bryan

State of North Carolina, Bladen County, Probate of Wills:

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Daniel Johnson decd. is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen County by Sandy Johnson, T. W. Johnson the executor therein named, the executor having renounced and the due execution thereof by the said Daniel Johnson by the oath and examination of Joshua Johnson and Robert L. Bryan who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and saith that he a subscribing witness to a paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Daniel Johnson, that the said Daniel Johnson in presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 24th day of February 1872. And the deponent further saith that the said Daniel Johnson the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his named aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament, and the deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at his request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith, at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereunto as aforesaid the said Daniel Johnson was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Joshua Johnson
Robert L. Bryan

Sworn and subscribed before me this 9th day of September 1880, E. Singletary, Judge of Probate

Child of DANIEL JOHNSON and MARGARET TATUM is:

i. NO⁴ CHILDREN.

12. ENOCH³ JOHNSON (*JOEL*², *WILLIAM*¹ *JOHNSTON*) was born June 1817 in Bladen County, NC, and died 1901 in Bladen County, NC. He married (1) JEMIMA DAVIS. She was born 1826, and died Bet. 1860 - 1861. He married (2) SARAH ANN ROUSE/PRIDGEN. She was born May 1838, and died Aft. 1900 in Bladen County, NC.

Notes for ENOCH JOHNSON:

Summary:

Enoch Johnson was born about 1817 according to the 1850 census. All other census records indicate that he was born about 1826. Enoch was a laborer, cooper, and farmer.

Enoch served as a Home Guard in Feb, 1864 under major R. M. Devane during the War Between the States. He may be the Enoch Johnson who enlisted as a private on Oct 31, 1864 in Company H, 46th Regiment at Camp Holmes near Raleigh. That Enoch was paroled at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, on Apr 9, 1865.

Enoch and his wives are buried at the Joel Johnson cemetery.

From the book "North Carolina Confederate Home Guard Examinations 1863-1864", abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.:

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BLADEN COUNTY Elizabethtown Feby 9th 1864

Majr R. M. Devane Comadg Home Guard 100

Johnson, Enoch, Age 37(Kelly); farmer; Surg Genl Certif

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Kinston, NC Nov 22, 1864

SPECIAL BOARD

5th Reg Home Guard, Col. Murchison

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25th Nov 1864

Capt. Frienk Bladen County

Johnson, E., Age 47; Hernia on one side

NOTE: This may be Ewen Johnson (1817-1894), son of Samuel Johnson.

1850, Bladen County NC census

Enumerated 22 Aug 1850 by Neill Kelly

NE side of Cape Fear, household #108-110

Enoch Johnson ;33 M ; laborer ;cannot read and write

Jemima ; 23 F

James W. ; 6 M

Nicholson F. ; 4 M

John H. ; 1 M

Next door neighbors are Peter Cain and Ollin C. Tatum.

1860, Bladen County NC census

Enumerated 3 July 1860 by A. H. Cain

Cypress Creek, household #222

Enoch Johnson ;34 M ; cooper ; personal estate valued at \$125

Jemima ; 34 F ; domestic ; cannot read and write

Jas. W. ; 16 M ; cooper

Nicholas ; 14 M

John H. ; 12 M

Wm. T. ; 9 M

Robt. A. ; 6 M

Daniel L. ; 3 M

Molcy J. ; 1 F

Next door neighbors are John Narress and Henry J. Clark.

1870, Bladen County NC census

Enumerated 8 July 1870 by H. Wilkeson

Elizabethtown Township, household #286

Enoch Johnson ;43 M ; farming ; value of real estate \$200, personal estate \$150

Sarah A. ; 30 F ; keeping house

James W. ; 26 M ; laborer

John H. ; 21 M ; laborer

William ; 18 M ; laborer

Robert J. ; 16 M ; laborer

Daniel L. ; 14 M ; laborer

Molcy J. ; 11 F ; at home

Mary M. ; 6 F ; at home

Joseph M. ; 2 M ; at home

Next door neighbors are George W. Weeks and George Parker.

1880, Bladen County NC census

Enumerated 8 June 1880 by W. K. Cromartie

Turnbull Township, household #103-104

Enoch Johnson ;53 M ; farmer

Sarah Ann ; 42 F ; wife ;keeping house ;cannot read or write

Martha Ann ; 18 F ; daughter ; cannot read or write

Joseph M. ; 12 M ; son ; farm laborer ; cannot read or write

Albert L. ; 7 M ; son

Phele C. ; 4 F ; daughter

Next door neighbors are Alexander Johnson (black) and Sam Johnson (black).

Brothers Daniel and Joshua Johnson are living next to Alexander Johnson.

1900, Bladen County NC census

Enumerated 15 June 1900 by Jas. F. Parker

Turnbull Township, household #204-205

Enoch Johnson ;73 M ; born June 1826 ; married 52 yrs ; farmer ; can read and write

Sarah A. ; 62 F ; born May 1838 ; married 52 yrs ; 6 children, 4 living ; can read and write

Next door neighbors are George W. Tatum and J. Manly Johnson (son, born Jan 1868).

Enoch Johnson and his wives are buried in the Joel Johnson Cemetery "about 2 miles E of Johnstontown on Jasper Richardson Trail, on property of Bladen Lakes State Forest." Wanda Campbell placed markers in this cemetery that reads: "Enoch Johnson 1817-1901"; "Wife of Enoch Johnson"; "Wife of Enoch Johnson".

Notes for SARAH ANN ROUSE/PRIDGEN:

Sarah's maiden name is recorded as Rouse in several Johnson family histories.

There is a Sarah Ann Rouse living in the household of Philip J. Rouse according to the 1860 Bladen County, NC census. Phillip is listed as age 60, wife Sarah A, age 50, daughter Sarah A., age 22, son Wm. B., age 18, daughter Susan C., age 16, and John R. Rouse, age 1. I cannot find this household in any other census timeframes in any other counties.

Of interest is the death certificate of son Joseph Manly Johnson which gives Sarah's maiden name as Pridgen. I located the death certificates of Albert Johnson and Costelia Smith and they both list their mothers name as Sarah Ann with no maiden name given.

Was Sarah Ann a Rouse who married a Pridgen before marrying Enoch Johnson? Or, is her true maiden name Pridgen?

Children of ENOCH JOHNSON and JEMIMA DAVIS are:

- i. JAMES W.⁴ JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1844.
- ii. NICHOLAS F. JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1846.
- iii. JOHN HENRY JOHNSON, b. November 1848; d. 18 November 1932; m. MARY ELIZA LONG, 17 January 1871; b. November 1847; d. April 1925.
- iv. WILLIAM TAYLOR JOHNSON, b. November 1851; d. 29 March 1922.
- v. ROBERT A. JOHNSON, b. June 1854; d. 1922; m. HARRIET JANE LONG; b. 1857; d. 1928.
- vi. DANIEL LLOYD JOHNSON, b. 09 February 1857; d. 19 January 1927; m. SUSAN SWANN JOHNSON; b. 21 February 1852; d. 19 June 1928.
- vii. MOLCY JANE JOHNSON, b. 1859.

Children of ENOCH JOHNSON and SARAH ROUSE/PRIDGEN are:

- viii. MARTHA ANN⁴ JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1862, Bladen County, NC; m. ELIAS DAVIS.
- ix. MARY M. JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1864, Bladen County, NC.
 - x. JOSEPH MANLY JOHNSON, b. January 1868, Bladen County, NC; d. 15 January 1941, New Hanover County, NC; m. MARY D. SMITH; b. November 1871.
- xi. ALBERT LIVIOUS JOHNSON, b. August 1871, Bladen County, NC; d. 26 February 1931, Sampson County, NC; m. CHARLOTTE A.; b. May 1867.
- xii. PHEBE COSTELIA JOHNSON, b. 07 July 1875, Bladen County, NC; d. 28 June 1949, Cumberland County, NC; m. ERWOOD SMITH, 08 August 1891; b. April 1867.

13. JOSHUA³ JOHNSON (*JOEL*², *WILLIAM*¹ *JOHNSTON*) was born 15 September 1822 in Bladen County, NC, and died 11 December 1903 in Bladen County, NC. He married (1) NANCY C. CAIN 04 June 1846, daughter of JOHN CAIN and DOLLY. She was born 16 October 1830 in Diggins Meadow, Bladen County, NC, and died 22 May 1855 in Bladen County, NC. He married (2) JANE EDGE 23 August 1855, daughter of JAMES EDGE and SARAH LONG. She was born 03 September 1819, and died 15 April 1897 in Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC.

Notes for JOSHUA JOHNSON:

From the bible of Joshua Johnson:

"Joshua Johnson son of Joel Johnson and his wife Rachel was born Sept the 15th in the year of our Lord 1822"

Joshua was a Methodist Minister. His bible shows the date 29 May, 1870 which could be the date that he was ordained. His religious guide, Doctrines of Discipline, was purchased from C.M. Pepper in 1868.

Dates of marriages, births, and deaths are from the Joshua Johnson bible and the Joel M. Johnson bible.

Children of JOSHUA JOHNSON and NANCY CAIN are:

- i. MARY CAROLINA⁴ JOHNSON, b. 06 July 1848, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC; d. 05 June 1923; m. MILES C. REGISTER, 17 January 1867; b. 01 November 1839; d. 29 August 1911.
- ii. JOEL M. JOHNSON, b. 15 October 1850, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC; d. 22 April 1937; m. (1) HARRIET M. GARDNER, 23 April 1871; b. 1853; d. 18 April 1876; m. (2) ELIZABETH ANN EDGE, 18 January 1877; b. 08 October 1844, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC; d. 18 September 1913; m. (3) MARGARET EMELINE RICE, 17 February 1914; d. 26 September 1929.
- iii. ELLEN ANN JOHNSON, b. 27 September 1852, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; d. 31 July 1936, Bishop Bordeaux farm, Owen Hill area, Bethel Township, Bladen County, NC; m. MARSHALL WILLIAM BORDEAUX, 12 May 1878; b. 14 February 1855, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; d. 31 March 1889, White Oak Township, Bladen County, NC.

Notes for MARSHALL WILLIAM BORDEAUX:

When Marshall died he was buried at the Old Windsor Methodist Churchyard site. The grave was transferred to the new cemetery at New Windsor Methodist Church on 20 August, 1985. Annie Ruth Bordeaux Norris was in charge of the project.

- iv. ALEXANDER A. JOHNSON, b. 18 January 1855; d. 25 December 1916; m. DOLLIE CATHERINE CAIN, 26 December 1875, Cumberland County, NC; b. 1855; d. 1925.

14. JACOB³ JOHNSON (*JOEL*², *WILLIAM*¹ *JOHNSTON*) was born 24 August 1824 in Bladen County, NC, and died 22 March 1899 in Elizabethtown, Bladen County, NC. He married (1) MARTHA JANE CAIN, daughter of JOHN CAIN and DOLLY. She was born 29 January 1826 in Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC, and died 26 March 1861 in Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC. He married (2) LUCY ANN DOWLESS Aft. 1861, daughter of NATHANIEL DOWLESS and ANNA CAIN. She was born 28 October 1837, and died 20 October 1917.

Notes for JACOB JOHNSON:

From Bladen County Heritage North Carolina Vol. 1 copyright 1999, article 501 on Jacob Johnson by Juanita Adams Smith:

Jacob spent most of his life on or near Turnbull Creek or Briar Branch or in Elizabethtown. When he lived in the Briar Branch area he was a cooper and a farmer probably working with the family. When he moved south of the Cape Fear River he worked for Duncan Cromartie and worked out of the farm he owned. He was also involved in the production of turpentine, tar, and lumber. Many of his relatives were involved in producing these products. This became a family tradition for generations and is carried on to this day.

On October 3, 1864, Jacob enlisted in Company K, 18th Regiment, NC for the War Between the States. While in server, Jacob suffered frostbite, especially in his feet. This condition caused him problems for the rest of his life. He was captured by Union soldiers but luckily managed to escape.

Children of JACOB JOHNSON and MARTHA CAIN are:

- i. JAMES MADISON⁴ JOHNSON, b. 1847; d. 08 August 1896.
- ii. SALTER LLYOD JOHNSON, b. 22 December 1846; m. MARTHA JANE DOWLESS, 07 April 1875; b. 22 December 1846; d. 04 May 1919.
- iii. THOMAS WESLEY JOHNSON, b. 17 August 1851; d. 19 September 1929; m. ELLEN VIRGINIA ROSS; b. 18 January 1858; d. 28 May 1944.
- iv. MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON, b. 07 January 1854; d. 02 June 1900; m. JOHN WESLEY DOWLESS,

- 19 September 1876; b. 11 September 1832, Bladen County, NC; d. 1880.
- v. SUSAN JANE JOHNSON, b. 09 April 1857; d. 28 February 1925; m. (1) CHARLES WESLEY DOWLESS, 27 November 1873; b. 15 November 1852; d. Abt. 1875; m. (2) JOHN OVERTON DANIEL "J.O.D." KING, 04 March 1877, Robeson County, NC; b. Bet. 11 August 1844 - 1849, Bladen County, NC; d. 04 June 1929.

Notes for JOHN OVERTON DANIEL "J.O.D." KING:

Also listed as James O.D. King in a deed record. His birth year varies in several records. The accurate year is probably 1849.

- vi. JOHN STREETY JOHNSON, b. 21 August 1858; d. 16 July 1938; m. SARAH ANN PRICE, 08 January 1877; b. 30 October 1858; d. 19 June 1949.

Children of JACOB JOHNSON and LUCY DOWLESS are:

- vii. JACOB ALLEN⁴ JOHNSON, b. 08 August 1862; d. 04 July 1929; m. (1) ALICE PRICE; m. (2) LUCINDA GRIMES.
- viii. NATHAN HENRY JOHNSON, b. 04 March 1864; d. 27 September 1937.
- ix. MARTHA ATTIE JOHNSON, b. 07 April 1866; d. 30 August 1950.
- x. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JOHNSON, b. 13 March 1868; d. 02 March 1948.
- xi. RACHEL C. JOHNSON, b. 22 June 1870; d. 12 June 1949.
- xii. ANN MARIAH JOHNSON, b. 02 February 1880; d. 30 October 1965.

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15. JOEL JEFFERSON⁴ JOHNSON (*RICHARD³, JOEL², WILLIAM¹ JOHNSTON*) was born 1808 in Bladen County, NC, and died 1884 in Sampson County, NC. He married SUSAN SWANN TATUM 05 January 1835 in Sampson County, NC, daughter of DICKSON TATUM and ELIZABETH. She was born 22 February 1819 in Sampson County, NC, and died 09 June 1915 in Sampson County, NC.

Notes for JOEL JEFFERSON JOHNSON:

Joel Jefferson Johnson moved back to Sampson County prior to 1850. He raised his family in what became McDaniel's Township.

Bladen County deed book 30, page 434:

4 May, 1831 - Joel Johnson to Joel J. Johnson - \$150 - N side of Indian Creek, E side of Turnbull Creek on the Juniper Branch beginning on James Salters corner ... part of patent dated 17 Dec 1796 containing 250 acres from Thomas to Kelly from Kelly to Joel Johnson from Joel Johnson to Richard Johnson ... Note: Elizabeth Johnson to enjoy every privelege in every respect without interruption or disturbance during her lifetime.

Witnesses: John Edge, John Long.

August term 1831.

P. Kelly, Clerk.

Children of JOEL JOHNSON and SUSAN TATUM are:

- i. ELIZABETH⁵ JOHNSON, b. 01 April 1837.
- ii. JAMES HAMILTON JOHNSON, b. 22 May 1839.
- iii. SIMEON JOHNSON, b. 22 June 1841.
- iv. MITCHELL JOHNSON, b. 06 August 1843.
- v. MARAGET ANN "MAGGIE" JOHNSON, b. 20 April 1845.
- vi. DAVID "DAVE" JOHNSON, b. 07 November 1847.
- vii. WILLIAM RICHARDSON JOHNSON, b. 28 November 1849.
- viii. INFANT JOHNSON.
- ix. SUSAN SWANN JOHNSON, b. 21 February 1852; d. 19 June 1928; m. DANIEL LLOYD JOHNSON; b.

- 09 February 1857; d. 19 January 1927.
- x. MARY CATHERINE JOHNSON, b. 12 June 1853.
 - xi. HELEN JOHNSON, b. 01 March 1855.
 - xii. JOEL JEFFERSON JOHNSON, JR., b. 09 March 1857.
 - xiii. SARAH JANE JOHNSON, b. 30 November 1858.
 - xiv. DANIEL "DAN" ROBERT JOHNSON, b. 01 September 1860.
 - xv. MARTHA MATHILDA JOHNSON, b. 29 May 1862.
 - xvi. JOSHUA JESSE COLEMAN JOHNSON, b. 21 September 1864.

16. WILLIAM⁴ JOHNSON (*RICHARD*³, *JOEL*², *WILLIAM*¹ *JOHNSTON*) was born 15 March 1812, and died 06 November 1882. He married (1) JANE THOMAS 1835. He married (2) ELIZABETH ANN WEST 14 July 1838, daughter of WILLIAM WEST and HANNAH FOWLER. She was born 07 July 1822, and died 23 December 1891.

Notes for WILLIAM JOHNSON:

From Bladen County Heritage North Carolina Vol. 1 copyright 1999,
article 515 on William Johnson by Christine Johnson Bryan:

William Johnson was born in NE Bladen County, the son of Richard Johnson and grandson of Joel Johnson who had moved from Sampson County between 1800 and 1810. His mother, Elizabeth Pridgen (1773-1857), daughter of William Pridgen, Revolutionary War veteran, was left to rear William and his half-brother, Joel Jefferson Johnson. Their grandfather, Joel Johnson, and uncles, Joel Johnson, Jr., Daniel Johnson, and Thomas Johnson, lived nearby, engaging in the production of lumber and naval stores as well as farming. William followed these occupations also. As had other members of his family, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church as a young man and remained devoted to the church during his lifetime. He is said to have objected to slavery on moral grounds and did not own slaves. Still, he was a member of the Home Guard during the War between the States.

William and his family lived first near Little Indian Creek before moving to Fairfax Landing on the Cape Fear River near Elizabethtown. On 28 February 1879 they moved to a farm on Rowan Creek and Black River.

A portion of a tribute to William Johnson, written after his death, found in the bible of the Reverend Joshua Johnson: "The subject of this memoir was converted and joined the M.E. Church in 1831. From this time on he was diligent and faithful in duty notwithstanding his way was fraught with many trials for over fifty years. He lead often in prayer meetings was part of the time Steward at Deems Chappel and leader of the Class at that place; also a faithful worker in the Sunday School for some years; liberal in support of the Gospel anxious to do and get good; rejoiced to see the work of the Lord prosper. For about 5 years preceding his death his home was outside of any Pastoral work ... in Bladen, the county of his birth and death. The writer ... paid his several visits preaching in his community finding him all the time zealous in the cause of the Master ..."

Bladen County deed book 10, page 392:

16 March, 1836 - Elizabeth Johnson to William Johnson - \$50 - 2 tracts of lands ... E of the head of Little Indian Creek ... granted to Patrick Kelly 1 Dec 1818 containing 70 acres ... 2nd tract on N Indian Creek between head of little Indian Creek and Cory Meadow ... containing 30 acres ... reserving to said Elizabeth Johnson during her natural life.

Witnesses: John Weathersbee, Marian Weathersbee.

May term 1836.

D. L., Clerk

Bladen County deed book 10, page 349:

17 July, 1834 - Grant No. 4158 to William Johnson 100 acres on SW side of Colly Swamp.

Bladen County deed book 10, page 409:

27 April, 1836 - Grant No. 4190 to William Johnson 50 acres on S side of Juniper Branch.

Children of WILLIAM JOHNSON and ELIZABETH WEST are:

- i. TAYLOR WEST⁵ JOHNSON, b. 11 July 1841; d. 17 March 1907; m. SARAH CAROLINE TATUM, 01 August 1861; b. 02 May 1845; d. 15 September 1917.

Descendants of William Johnston

- ii. SARAH JANE JOHNSON, b. 01 April 1844; d. 22 January 1910; m. MARSHALL WASHINGTON TATUM; b. 01 March 1840; d. 20 August 1889.
- iii. EDNEY ANN JOHNSON, b. 18 March 1847; d. 1883.
- iv. WILLIAM COMPTON JOHNSON, b. 08 May 1850; d. 06 January 1946; m. DORCAS MARION PATE, 02 April 1878; b. 03 July 1861; d. 23 March 1940.
- v. CATHARINE JOHNSON, b. 26 January 1854.

Notes for CATHARINE JOHNSON:
Died as an infant.

- vi. MARTHA EUGENIA JOHNSON, b. 26 January 1854; d. 21 April 1941; m. ROBERT J. MCDUFFIE; b. 01 July 1844; d. 26 May 1905.
- vii. DAVID L. JOHNSON, b. 29 July 1856.

Notes for DAVID L. JOHNSON:
Died as an infant.

- viii. LEROY ELLIS JOHNSON, b. 30 May 1859; d. 31 January 1933; m. CORNELIA HORRELL.
- ix. JOHN FLETCHER JOHNSON, b. 04 August 1861; d. 11 May 1941; m. MINNIE CAROLINE HENRY, 24 December 1890; b. 31 March 1870; d. 28 January 1946.
- x. SIDNEY PEMBLETON JOHNSON, b. 28 February 1863; d. 10 January 1941; m. MATTIE JANE ROOKS, 18 December 1889; b. 15 January 1873; d. 24 February 1951.
- xi. VIENA ALBERTA JOHNSON, b. 03 August 1866; d. 31 December 1945; m. ROBERT WINFIELD HORRELL, 1891.

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