

# Descendants of Thomas Weathersbee

## *Generation No. 1*

1. THOMAS<sup>1</sup> WEATHERSBEE died Bet. 17 August - October 1774 in Martin County, NC. He married JOICE. She died Aft. October 1774.

Notes for THOMAS WEATHERSBEE:

All of the following information is provided from

"The Weathersbee Family of Halifax and Martin Counties, NC and Barnwell County, SC" compiled by Elizabeth Willis DeHuff between the years 1920-1965:

Thomas originally lived in Edgecombe County. He will, dated 17 August, 1774, states "I Thomas Weathersbee of Halifax County...". The section of Edgecombe that he lived in became Halifax in 1758. This same section formed Martin County in 1774. Therefore, Thomas technically died in Martin County where his will was probated in October Court, 1774.

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Will of Thomas Weathersbee, Sr.

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Weathersbee Senr of the County of Halifax in the province of North Carolina being in good health and of perfect mind and sound memory thanks be to God but calling to mind the mortality of mankind and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make odain constitute and appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form following first I give and bequesth to my 3 grandchildren Mary Weathersbee, William Weathersbee, and Thomas Weathersbee children of my son Wyat Weathersbee deceased 30 shillings prov. money to be equally divided between them and their heirs or assigns after the death of my wife Joice Weathersbee to be paid by my executors two well beloved sons \_\_\_\_ Weathersbee and Thomas Weathersbee all the remainder of my whole estate personal and real after our decease to them and their heirs and assigns forever. Lastly, I constitute nominate and appoint my son Thomas Weathersbee and Joice Weathersby my wife executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking and disannuling all others heretofore by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of August 1771.

Signed sealed published and declared by this Thomas Weathersbee to be his last will and testament in the presence of us:

Jonathan Cain  
Henry Medford

his  
Thomas x Weathersbee  
mark

Martin County October Court 1774 then the within writing was proved by the oath of Jonathan Cain according to law to be the last will and testament of Thomas Weathersbee deceased and ordered to be recorded.

T. Stuart, Clerk

Recorded in will book 1, pages 447 and 448  
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deed records of Thomas Weathersbee:

23 July, 1769 - Thomas Weathersbee Sr. of Halifax County, NC, planter, for 60 pounds proclamation money gave bill of sales to Patience Turner of same place for one mulatto man named John. Witnesses: Jonathan Cain, Jesse Bryan, and Henry Medford. Book 11, page 44.

12 February, 1772 - from Thomas Weathersbee Sr. to Thomas Weathersbee Jr. for 100 pounds - 2 negroes: Sarah, aged 24 yrs, and Jesse, aged 2 yrs. Book 4, page 47.

27 July, 1774 - deed from Thomas Weathersbee Sr. for 5 shillings sterling, "for the affection which I do owe and bear to my two sons Thomas and Cade Weathersbee...all my negroes young and old, male and female to be divided between my two sons, reserving the use of the negroes to myself for and during my natural life." Book A, page 48 and 49.

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The author of the aforesaid book suggests that the direct line leading to Thomas Weathersbee is as follows:

Bartholomew Weathersbee, married a daughter of Thomas Godby  
Thomas Weathersbee, married Bridgett  
Bartholomew Weathersbee  
Thomas Weathersbee, married Joice

Thus, Thomas would have been the son of Bartholomew, grandson of Thomas, and great-grandson of Bartholomew who was born in 1586 and immigrated to Virginia.

However, this lineage is arrived at through deduction and cannot be directly proven. It is a certainty that Thomas Weathersbee of Halifax/Martin Counties descends from the original immigrant Bartholomew.

Children of THOMAS WEATHERSBEE and JOICE are:

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  - i. CADE<sup>2</sup> WEATHERSBEE, b. 21 July 1723, NC; d. 23 July 1794, Bladen County, NC.
  - ii. WYATT WEATHERSBEE, b. Bet. 1720 - 1730.
  - iii. THOMAS WEATHERSBEE, b. Bet. 1720 - 1730.

### *Generation No. 2*

2. CADE<sup>2</sup> WEATHERSBEE (*THOMAS*<sup>1</sup>) was born 21 July 1723 in NC, and died 23 July 1794 in Bladen County, NC.

Notes for CADE WEATHERSBEE:

From "The Weathersbee Family of Halifax and Martin Counties, NC and Barnwell County, SC" compiled by Elizabeth Willis DeHuff between the years 1920-1965:

Cade Weathersbee was granted a large acreage of land in Bladen and Duplin Counties, North Carolina, from first grant in March, 1759 to the last in March, 1775.

The bible of his son Isham is extant and in the possession of a descendant in Mississippi. It gives the birth of Cade Weathersbee as 21 July, 1723, died 23 July 1794 in Bladen County, NC. It also states that Cade's second son, Isom was born 12 March, 1780, died 11 November, 1846, married 7 September, 1797 Sarah Thomas. And that Absolom Weathersbee died 10 February, 1846 living in Fairfield County, SC.

Cade Weathersbee's will was recorded in will book 1, page 592, Bladen County, NC dated 23 May, 1793 and proved at June Court 1793. In it, he names children: Martha Hollingsworth, Mary Sikes, Lucy McLean, Elizabeth Weathersbee, Asolum Weathersbee, Olive Weathersbee, Jane Weathersbee, Isom Weathersbee, Owen Weathersbee, and Shadrach Weathersbee.

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The name of Cade Weathersbee's wife remains unknown.

Children of CADE WEATHERSBEE are:

- i. ABSOLOM<sup>3</sup> WEATHERSBEE, d. 10 February 1846, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- ii. ELIZABETH WEATHERSBEE.
- iii. JANE WEATHERSBEE.
- iv. MARTHA WEATHERSBEE.
- v. MARY WEATHERSBEE.
- vi. OLIVE WEATHERSBEE.

- vii. OWEN WEATHERSBEE.
- 3. viii. LUCY WEATHERSBEE, b. 26 July 1764, Bladen County, NC; d. 26 February 1843, Houston County, GA.
- 4. ix. SHADRACK WEATHERSBEE, b. 1772, Bladen County, NC.
- 5. x. ISHAM WEATHERSBEE, b. 12 March 1780, Bladen County, NC; d. 11 November 1846, Lawrence County, Mississippi.

### *Generation No. 3*

**3.** LUCY<sup>3</sup> WEATHERSBEE (*CADE*<sup>2</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>1</sup>) was born 26 July 1764 in Bladen County, NC, and died 26 February 1843 in Houston County, GA. She married PETER MCLAIN 06 September 1786 in Bladen County, NC, son of NANCY. He was born in Isle of Skye, Scotland, and died 07 October 1817 in Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC.

Notes for PETER MCLAIN:

All of Peter McLain's children who lived to maturity migrated out of Bladen County. All went to SW Georgia, except for John McLain who moved to Clarke County, AL.

Children of LUCY WEATHERSBEE and PETER MCLAIN are:

- i. SALLIE<sup>4</sup> MCLAIN, b. 18 July 1787; m. JAMES SUGGS.
- 6. ii. ELIZABETH MCLAIN, b. 1788, Bladen County, NC; d. 18 December 1856, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC.
- iii. MARTHA MCLAIN, b. 28 March 1790; m. EZEKIEL SUGGS.
- iv. POLLY MCLAIN, b. 30 March 1791.
- v. MARGUERITE MCLAIN, b. 25 November 1792; m. BRYAN DUNN.
- vi. JAMES MCLAIN, b. 14 August 1794; m. KATHERINE WEST.
- vii. SUSAN MCLAIN, b. 18 August 1796; m. EVAN RICE.
- viii. JOHN MCLAIN, b. 22 February 1798; m. CINDY FORT.
- ix. HUGH MCLAIN, b. 22 February 1800; m. BETSY DAVIS.
- x. SAMUEL MCLAIN, b. 06 September 1807.
- xi. JANE MCLAIN, b. 06 September 1807; m. COLIN DALTON.
- xii. POLLY S. MCLAIN, b. 02 July 1808; m. GEORGE W. ELLIS.

**4.** SHADRACK<sup>3</sup> WEATHERSBEE (*CADE*<sup>2</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1772 in Bladen County, NC. He married SARAH. She was born 1778.

Notes for SHADRACK WEATHERSBEE:

information from Dennis Edge (carloedge@aol.com)

Children of SHADRACK WEATHERSBEE and SARAH are:

- i. THOMAS B.<sup>4</sup> WEATHERSBEE, b. 1798.
- ii. JAMES WEATHERSBEE, b. 1800.
- iii. MARY WEATHERSBEE, b. 1802.
- iv. HUGH P. WEATHERSBEE, b. 1804.
- v. MARIAM WEATHERSBEE, b. 1806.
- 7. vi. SOPHIA WEATHERSBEE, b. 01 March 1808; d. 15 March 1874.
- vii. ELIZABETH WEATHERSBEE, b. 1810.
- viii. JOHN WEATHERSBEE, b. 1812.
- ix. FORT WEATHERSBEE, b. 1814.
- x. LEAVI WEATHERSBEE, b. 1816.
- xi. SUSAN WEATHERSBEE, b. 1818.

**5.** ISHAM<sup>3</sup> WEATHERSBEE (*CADE*<sup>2</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>1</sup>) was born 12 March 1780 in Bladen County, NC, and died 11 November 1846 in Lawrence County, Mississippi. He married SARAH THOMAS 07 September 1797. She died 08 June 1850 in Lawrence County, Mississippi.

Children of ISHAM WEATHERSBEE and SARAH THOMAS are:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> WEATHERSBEE, b. 23 March 1798.
- ii. JANE WEATHERSBEE, b. 27 September 1799.
- iii. CADE WEATHERSBEE, b. 26 February 1801.
- iv. MICHAEL WEATHERSBEE, b. 15 January 1803.
- v. DANIEL WEATHERSBEE, b. 27 April 1804.
- vi. WILLIAM WEATHERSBEE, b. 26 February 1806.
- vii. WYATT WEATHERSBEE, b. 27 April 1808.
- viii. JONATHAN WEATHERSBEE, b. 09 January 1810.
- ix. OWEN WEATHERSBEE, b. 06 January 1812.
- x. JAMES WEATHERSBEE, b. 18 July 1814.
- xi. DUNCAN WEATHERSBEE, b. 07 April 1816.
- xii. HARRIET WEATHERSBEE, b. 13 February 1818.
- xiii. JOHN WEATHERSBEE, b. 16 August 1819.
- xiv. ISHAM WEATHERSBEE, JR., b. 29 July 1823.
- xv. SARAH WEATHERSBEE, b. 29 July 1823.

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6. ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> MCLAIN (*LUCY<sup>3</sup> WEATHERSBEE, CADE<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1788 in Bladen County, NC, and died 18 December 1856 in Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC. She married GEORGE CAIN, son of RACHEL. He was born 10 July 1787 in Bladen County, NC, and died 21 November 1880 in Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC.

Notes for ELIZABETH MCLAIN:

The maiden name of Elizabeth is known from the death certificate of her son Robert Cain. She is also proven to be the daughter of Peter McLain from the following deed.

25 December, 1824 - George Cain and Elizabeth his wife to James McLain \$129.50 .... being a distributive share of land drawn by Elizabeth McLain now Elizabeth Cain of the estate of Peter McLain, deceased, known by No. 2 North East of Little Turnbull Creek ... patented by Cade Weathersby and 1/4 part of the grist mill ... and one other piece being part of said No. 2 drawn by Elizabeth McLain now the wife of George Cain in the division of the lands of Peter McLain deceased the 19 October 1818 lying South of the Mill Bay ... joining Margaret McLain's lot No. 1 part of 446 acre grant patented by James L. Purdie and Peter McLain and a tract of 19 acres being part of 191 acres of land of the estate of Samuel McLain, deceased drawn by Samuel McLain of the estate of Peter McLain deceased 19 October, 1818 .... only Lucy McLain's right of Dower excepted for her life time. Witness: Robert Melvin. August term 1829.

Examination of Elizabeth's tombstone shows that her death date was December 18, 1856. Her age was 68 years.

More About ELIZABETH MCLAIN:

Burial: George Cain Cemetery, Ammon, Bladen County, NC

Notes for GEORGE CAIN:

George's middle initial is known from the death certificate of his son Robert Cain. He was probably born in Bladen County. He was not born in 1798 as some records contend. Close examination of his actual tombstone shows his age as 93 years, 4 months, and 11 days at the time of death. The 3 on his tombstone was laid in backwards and for that reason many people think his age was 98. George appears to have been the son of Rachel Cain, based on census data.

More About GEORGE CAIN:

Burial: George Cain Cemetery, Ammon, Bladen County, NC

Cause of Death: dropsy

Children of ELIZABETH MCLAIN and GEORGE CAIN are:

- i. CALVIN<sup>5</sup> CAIN, b. Bet. 1820 - 1825, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; d. August 1838.

Notes for CALVIN CAIN:

Was Calvin Cain the son of George Cain? There is a Calvin Cain buried in the George Cain family cemetery. His stone only reads died August, 1838. Since there are no known elder Cains who carried the name Calvin and since Calvin is buried in a cemetery dedicated to the family of George Cain, the only reasonable assumption that I can make is that Calvin was the son of George Cain and that he died at a very young age.

- ii. BELINDA CAIN, b. 1821, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; d. 18 September 1885, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC.

Notes for BELINDA CAIN:

It appears from census records and from her tombstone that she remained single.

More About BELINDA CAIN:

Burial: George Cain Cemetery, Ammon, Bladen County, NC

- iii. LORENZO DOW CAIN, b. Abt. 1825, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; d. 03 August 1862, Camp Winder Hospital, Richmond, VA.

Notes for LORENZO DOW CAIN:

Lorenzo accumulated quite a bit of land via state grants between the years 1851-1855. The amount of land totalled 782 acres. Lorenzo was a school teacher.

- iv. ALEXANDER "ALEX" H. CAIN, b. 08 March 1827, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; d. 10 October 1908, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC.

Notes for ALEXANDER "ALEX" H. CAIN:

Alex lived his life as a bachelor.

More About ALEXANDER "ALEX" H. CAIN:

Burial: George Cain Cemetery, Ammon, Bladen County, NC

- 8. v. ROBERT BUNYAN CAIN, b. 21 December 1828, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; d. 10 January 1917, White Oak, Bladen County, NC.
- 9. vi. CATHERINE "KITTY" CAIN, b. 17 April 1832, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; d. 07 June 1911, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC.
- 10. vii. MARY JANE CAIN, b. 17 April 1832, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC.
- viii. GEORGE WASHINGTON CAIN, b. Abt. 1835, Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC; m. EVELINA.

7. SOPHIA<sup>4</sup> WEATHERSBEE (*SHADRACK*<sup>3</sup>, *CADE*<sup>2</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>1</sup>) was born 01 March 1808, and died 15 March 1874. She married ALLEN EDGE, son of JOHN EDGE and DRUSCILLA. He was born 07 August 1796, and died 14 January 1869.

Children of SOPHIA WEATHERSBEE and ALLEN EDGE are:

- i. SARAH J.<sup>5</sup> EDGE, b. 27 April 1830.
- ii. ROBERT D. EDGE, b. 04 March 1832.
- iii. MARY A. EDGE, b. 01 August 1834.
- iv. JOHN WEATHERSBY EDGE, b. 31 December 1836.
- v. HUGH P. EDGE, b. 08 May 1840.
- vi. JAMES T. EDGE, b. 08 October 1842.
- vii. ELIZABETH ANN EDGE, b. 08 October 1844, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC; d. 18 September 1913; m. JOEL M. JOHNSON, 18 January 1877; b. 15 October 1850, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC; d. 22 April 1937.

More About JOEL M. JOHNSON:

Burial: New Windsor Methodist Church, Ammon, Bladen County, NC

- viii. MILES OWEN EDGE, b. 11 September 1846.
- ix. WILLIAM WALCH EDGE, b. 20 August 1848.

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**8.** ROBERT BUNYAN<sup>5</sup> CAIN (*ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> MCLAIN, LUCY<sup>3</sup> WEATHERSBEE, CADE<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 21 December 1828 in Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC, and died 10 January 1917 in White Oak, Bladen County, NC. He married ANN CORNELIA JOHNSON, daughter of CALEB JOHNSON and MARGARET PETERSON. She was born 05 January 1848 in Bladen County, NC, and died 05 November 1922 in Bladen County, NC.

Notes for ROBERT BUNYAN CAIN:

His middle name Bunyan was revealed to me by a descendant.

More About ROBERT BUNYAN CAIN:

Burial: Cain/Culbreth Cemetery, White Oak, NC

Cause of Death: prostrate cancer

Medical Information: Attended by physician W.H.G. Lucas from 26 December, 1916 to 10 January, 1917.

More About ANN CORNELIA JOHNSON:

Burial: Cain/Culbreth Cemetery, White Oak, NC

Children of ROBERT CAIN and ANN JOHNSON are:

- i. IDA<sup>6</sup> CAIN, b. 1870.
- ii. DELLA C. CAIN, b. 01 December 1873; d. 22 December 1947; m. WALTER H. CULBRETH; b. 04 March 1865; d. 03 March 1941.
- iii. CLYDE CAIN, b. 02 April 1879; d. 13 January 1972; m. THOMAS JAMES MELVIN; b. 27 December 1875; d. 24 June 1935, Chattanooga, TN.
- iv. KATE CAIN, b. April 1885.
- v. ALEXANDER LEE CAIN, b. 16 July 1886; d. 16 July 1887.
- vi. MAGGIE E. CAIN, b. July 1888.

**9.** CATHERINE "KITTY"<sup>5</sup> CAIN (*ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> MCLAIN, LUCY<sup>3</sup> WEATHERSBEE, CADE<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 17 April 1832 in Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC, and died 07 June 1911 in Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC. She married RICHARD W. TATUM, son of OLLEN TATOM and SARAH SMITH. He was born 12 May 1831 in Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC, and died 12 August 1902.

Children of CATHERINE CAIN and RICHARD TATUM are:

- i. SUSAN JANE<sup>6</sup> TATUM, b. 1856.
- ii. CATHERINE CANILES TATUM, b. 1862.
- iii. FLORA ANN TATUM, b. 1864.
- 11. iv. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TATUM, b. 08 January 1865, Bladen County, NC; d. 14 September 1944, Bladen County, NC.
- 12. v. ROBERT STRANGE TATUM, b. 17 May 1866, Bladen County, NC; d. 12 May 1934, Harnett County, NC.
- vi. JONATHAN TATUM, b. 07 April 1871, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC; d. 27 October 1878, Turnbull Township, Bladen County, NC.

More About JONATHAN TATUM:

Burial: George Cain Cemetery, Ammon, Bladen County, NC

**10.** MARY JANE<sup>5</sup> CAIN (*ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> MCLAIN, LUCY<sup>3</sup> WEATHERSBEE, CADE<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 17 April 1832 in Turnbull Creek, Bladen County, NC. She married NATHAN DANIEL MCDUFFIE. He was born 13 June 1832 in Bladen County, NC, and died 24 April 1904 in Lenoir County, NC.

Notes for MARY JANE CAIN:

Census records show Catherine and Mary as the same age, thereby implying that they are twins. My grandmother has verified this information with oral proof.

Children of MARY CAIN and NATHAN MCDUFFIE are:

- i. JOHN GEORGE<sup>6</sup> MCDUFFIE, b. Abt. 1859.
- ii. MARY ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" MCDUFFIE, b. Abt. 1860.
- iii. WORTHY ANN "ANNIE" MCDUFFIE, b. Abt. 1862.
- iv. CATHERINE M. MCDUFFIE.
- v. CHARLES J.C. MCDUFFIE, b. Abt. 1866.
- vi. PATRICK W. MCDUFFIE, b. Abt. 1869.
- vii. DANIEL NATHAN MCDUFFIE, b. Abt. 1870.
- viii. SUSAN C. MCDUFFIE, b. Abt. 1874.
- ix. HENRY ALEXANDER MCDUFFIE, b. Abt. 1876.

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**11.** BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>6</sup> TATUM (*CATHERINE "KITTY"<sup>5</sup> CAIN, ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> MCLAIN, LUCY<sup>3</sup> WEATHERSBEE, CADE<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 January 1865 in Bladen County, NC, and died 14 September 1944 in Bladen County, NC. He married MARY KATE "MOLLIE" MELVIN 09 July 1893, daughter of FENNEL MELVIN and HARRIET THAGGARD. She was born 15 October 1875 in Bladen County, NC, and died 27 March 1964 in Ammon, Bladen County, NC.

Children of BENJAMIN TATUM and MARY MELVIN are:

- i. HARRIET CATHERINE "HATTIE"<sup>7</sup> TATUM, b. 24 December 1894, Ammon, Bladen County, NC; d. 04 October 1965, Cedar Creek, Cumberland County, NC; m. WILLIAM RAYMOND MCBRIDE, 17 January 1917, Cumberland County, NC; b. 22 August 1894, Bladen County, NC; d. 09 April 1954.

More About HARRIET CATHERINE "HATTIE" TATUM:

Burial: White Oak Baptist Church, White Oak, NC

More About WILLIAM RAYMOND MCBRIDE:

Burial: White Oak Baptist Church, White Oak, NC

- ii. LEONADIS CHAFFIN TATUM, b. 15 September 1896.
- iii. BENJAMIN "BENNY" DURANT TATUM, b. 29 August 1898.
- iv. LENORA PAROLEE TATUM, b. 03 January 1901; d. 18 October 1952; m. GEORGE FRANKLIN MELVIN; b. 24 January 1898; d. 06 November 1963.

Notes for GEORGE FRANKLIN MELVIN:

Family information from "Bladen County Heritage North Carolina Volume 1".

**12.** ROBERT STRANGE<sup>6</sup> TATUM (*CATHERINE "KITTY"<sup>5</sup> CAIN, ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> MCLAIN, LUCY<sup>3</sup> WEATHERSBEE, CADE<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 17 May 1866 in Bladen County, NC, and died 12 May 1934 in Harnett County, NC. He married CARRIE L. BEARD 09 April 1893 in Cumberland County, NC, daughter of DAVID BEARD and CATHERINE THAGGARD. She was born 15 April 1872 in Cumberland County, NC, and died 15 December 1945 in Harnett County, NC.

Children of ROBERT TATUM and CARRIE BEARD are:

- i. ROBERT LEO<sup>7</sup> TATUM, b. 10 February 1894; d. Abt. 1929; m. CORA JANE JACKSON, 10 June 1915, Cumberland County, NC; b. 04 November 1891, Cumberland County, NC; d. 24 August 1984, Cumberland County, NC.
- ii. THELMA TATUM.