Deed Book 35, Page 218

24 May 1799 - Richard Singletary, James Singletary & Joseph Singletary to John Singletary (1 negro)

Deed Book 35, page 218  24 May 1799

Elizabeth Rogerson, Richard Singletary & John Singletary to James Singletary (NEGRO SLAVES)

Deed Book 35, page 219

24 day May 1799 - James Singletary, Joseph Singletary & John Singletary to Richard Singletary (negroes)

Deed Book 3 page 103

26 Nov. 1881 by Norvil Singletary & wife Mary A. Singletary to Monroe Hester Adjoining lands of Monroe Hester, Joseph Hester & others.

Deed Book 3, page 457

9 January 1883 Jonathan Singletary and wife Mary A. Singletary to their son, Joshua K. Singletary.

Deed Book 3, Page 459

19 February 1883 - Jonathan Singletary and wife Mary Ann Singletary to Polly Singletary - (lands 110 yds south of the Ephriam Hester old House.

Deed Book 3, page 477

9 January 1883 - Jonathan Singletary and wife Mary Ann Singletary to their son Ephraim Singletary. (With this exception that I the above named Jonathan Singletary do except my life time right and my wife Mary Ann Singletary life time right, in and to the above described land to use as we see fit and proper so long as we may live and at our death the said Ephraim Singletary, our son, shall have full power and possession of said land.

Deed Book 3, page 587

19 February 1883 - Jonathan Singletary & wife Mary Ann Singletary to our daughter Lucy A. Smith of the County of Robeson and State of N. C.

Deed Book 3, page 455

1 July 1878 - Daniel Currie to John D. Singletary, James R. Singletary and Neill M. Singletary - (for the sum of one dollars and the love I bear them.)
27 November 1873 - Jonathan Singleterry and wife Mary Ann Singleterry to their son Brate Singleterry (adjoining lands of William Hester - lands granted to Matthew Hester 19 Dec., 1825 and in the division of the real estate this lot was assigned to Daniel F. Nance and by him deeded to Daniel M. Nance and by him to Oran Lenon......

Deed Book 17, page 173

9th January 1883 - Jonathan Singleterry & wife Mary Ann Singleterry to their son Edward Singleterry of Girard in the county of & state of Louisiana. (excepted their life time right.)

DEED BOOK 17, Page 294

15th August 1879 Seldon Singleterry & wife Cathrine G(C), Snowden Singleterry & wife Sarah E., Isaac A. Davis & wife Polly A. Calvin Singleterry and wife Dolly E., James H. Rising & wife Eliza A. Monroe Singleterry & wife Elizabeth and Marshall Singleterry, parties of the first part in a division of the lands of Roland Singleterry, dec'd to Nevil Singleterry and wife of the Second part. lands lying on the East side of the Great Swamp including the late residence of the said dec'd. (All acknowledgments taken before John N. Kelly, J. P. on 15 August 1879.)

Deed Book 17, page 165

24 Dec. 1880 - J. L. Singleterry and wife Annabella, L. P. Singleterry, J. W. Singleterry & D. M. Singleterry to James H. Singleterry -

Deed Book 17, page 168


Deed Book 17, page 171

28 Sept. 1883 by Calvin Singleterry and wife Dolly E. Singleterry to Brate Singleterry (lands adjoining Jas. Hester & M. Hester and being 1/2 acre of land in Yorkville, N. C. (adjoining lands of Helen Hester.

Deed Book 17, page 173

9 Jan. 1883 - Jonathan Singleterry and wife Mary Ann Singleterry to their son Edward Singleterry of Girard, Louisiana.

Deed Book 17, page 498

Dec. 1886 - Monroe Hester and wife Edith M. Hester to Snowden Hester (being the same land that Monroe Hester bought of Snowden Singleterry and wife Sarah E., and on which Monroe Hester now resides.

12 March 1885.  Joshua K. Singletary and wife Sarah G. Singletary to William R. Davis (adjoining lands of Monroe Hoster & Norval Singletary (formerly the land of Rowland Singletary at Yorkville and known as the James H. Rising land.)

2 January 1883 - Colon Singletary and wife Dolly E. to William R. Davis

23 February 1883 - Marshall Singletary and wife Polly Singletary to William R. Davis (lands being the portion or lot drawn by said Singletary in the division of the land of Rowland Singletary.)

9 July 1879 - Snowden Singletary and wife Sarah E., Isaac A. Davis & wife Polly A., James H. Rising and wife Eliza A., Norval Singletary and wife Mary A Monroe Singletary & wife Elizabeth C., Seldon Singletary and wife Catherine & Marshall Singletary to Colon Singletary

6 May 1884 - Evander Singletary and Nancy Jane his wife to Milton B. Singletary (lands conveyed by will of Absolom Wilson, dec'd to Emile Hiltburn and Catharine Singletary (the above piece or parcel of land is the share of the said Milton B. Singletary as divided by mutual consent between him and the parties of the first part as heirs of Catharine Singletary, dec'd.

2 Nov. 1884 - Joseph J. Nance and his wife Gaynor (Garah) Nance to Ephriam Singletary.

6 May 1884 - Milton Singletary and wife Mary Eliza to Evander Singletary (The above lands is the share of the party of the second part as divided by mutual consent and agreement by him and the parties of the first part as heirs of Catharine Singletary, dec'd.

31st March 1874 - John L. McMillan to Evander Singletary (exceptions: the Catharine Singletary, the mother of said Evander shall possess and enjoy life estate in said premises.
Deed Book 10, Page 112

14 October 1833 - Owen Singletary & his wife Harriet Singletary to John H. Singletary (1 negro girl)

Deed Book 10, page 62

1 May 1833 Kinchen Bramble and his wife Agnes Bramble to John H Singletary Proven at the May Term 1833.

Deed Book 10, Page 166

Dennis Lennon of Columbus County for the natural love & affection which I have and bare unto my beloved son in law Joshua Singletary and my daughter Anna Jane Singletary wife of the said Joshua Singletary. Dated 14th April 1831 Witnessed by John M. Lennon & David Singletary.

Deed Book 10, page 285

Jonathan Singletary for the natural love and affection which I bare toward my son Edward Singletary (1 negro boy) Dated 19 February 1835. Witnesses: Elizas Davis & John E. Lennon.

Deed Book 10, Page 286

Jonathan Singletary to his son Joshua Singletary (one negro) Dated 19 Feby. 1835. Witnesses: Elizas Davis & John E. Lennon. P. Kelly, Cl

Deed Book 10, page 305 Dated 15 May 1832.

Randolph Cheshire and his wife Mary for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which we bare and do have for our daughter Prudence & her husband Felix Singletary (on the north east side of Goodman Swamp. Witnessed by Jas. S. Dunham & Samuel R. Johnston.

Deed Book 10, page 452

James B. Singletary to Randolph Singletary in the year 1828 sell all my interest in a certain grist mill and cotton machine situated in the County of Robeson, on the White Oak Swamp commonly known by the name of Singletary's mill. Witnesses: Owen Singletary & Harmon Singletary. November Term 1836. David Lewis, Clk.
Jonathan Singletary, planter & son of Mary Singletary for 100 pounds current money to Samuel Elkins, the younger... on the t. side of Crawley Swamp & on the So. side of Singletary Swamp, containing 270 acres, being the same piece or parcel of land given, granted & conveyed unto me by my Uncle Benj. FitzRandolph under the denomination of his loving cousin by deed bearing date the 19th of Oct. in the year of our Lord 1784. Witnessed by Daniel Gooden, John Kelly, Jnr. & W. F. Dunham, prove by Daniel Gooden & ordered to be registered Sept. 1804, J. S. Purdie, Cler.

Deed Book 14, Page 145

19 October 1867 between Johnathan Singletary and Mary Ann Singletary, his wife to Joshua K. Singletary, for the natural love and affection which we have and do bear for our son Joshua K. Singletary..... lands situated on the great swamp on which the late Jonathan Singletary, senior, dec'd resided .........

Witnessed by Brit Singletary & Colin Singletary

Deed Book 14, Page 254

18 November 1871 Rowland Singletary and his wife Mary W. Singletary to Colin Singletary. //lnds known by the name of the Elins Tract.

Deed Book 14, Page 251

18th November, 1871 - Snowden Singletary land his wife Patience/Singletary to Colin Singletary (adjoining lands granted to Samuel Elkins) lands patented by Joshua Singletary.

Deed Book 10, Page 81

Jonathan Singletary for the natural love and affection which I have and do bear unto my son in law John M. Lennon and wife Elizabeth (three negroes) Dated 25 June 1833.

Deed Book 10, Page 360

10th February 1835 - Jonathan Singletary to Snowden Singletary, sone of said Jonathan Singletary, for the natural love & affection which he beares to his son Snowden Singletary..... lands on the south side of Bryan swamp Witnessed by Elias Davis & John E. Lennon.

Deed Book 10, page 382

25 April 1826 - Jonathan Singletary to his son Rowland Singletary.

Witnessed by A. W/ McLeodland & Snowden Singletary.

Deed Book 12, page 404

August 1805 Ithamore Singletary & Jas. Bryan to Elisha Dowless (two thirds of a piece of land formerly the property of Philemon Bryan, dec'd)

Deed Book 12, Page 531


Deed Book 4, page 21

11th April 1876 - Nathan Bryan and wife Margaret, to Sarah Ann Singleteray for the natural love and affection which they bear to the party of the second part.........(the parties of the first part reserve unto themselves a life estate......

Deed Book 7, page 404


Deed Book 7, page 542

20 Oct. 1814 - James Singleteray & wife Amelia Singleteray to their son Michel Keenon Singleteray (40 a. on the N. E. side of the N.W. River)

Deed Book 11, page 4

18 March 1822- James Singleteray to his wife Amelia Singleteray and their children James, Joseph, Jean, Ann, Joshua, Richardson and Margaret. (excepting and reserving to myself the use of said estate during my natural life. Witnesses: William Robeson, Daniel Munn.
Jane Singletary, widow of Thomas Singletary, deed. to John Hester Singletary co-heir of the said Thomas Singletary (all my dower in the real estate of said Thomas) 5 day of March 1827. Witnesses: D. D. Allen & Nathan Hinson

Deed Book 22, Page 191

Marriage Contract 1 March 1838 entered into by Griffith J. Streety & of the Town of Elizabeth on the one part and Sarah Jane Singletary, daughter of the late Wm. C. Singletary. Witnesses Davis Lewis, Jas. White

Deed Book 22, Page 412

State of Miss. County 'rRankin. Daniel Singletary of said county & state power of attorney to my brother Ephraim Singletary to sell & dispose of my interest in my late Father Thos. Singletary, deceased of Bladen County estate. 4 October 1839.

Deed Book 22, Page 460

Jonathan Singletary, Senr. to his beloved son David Singletary (1 negro man) 30 Nov. 1839.

Deed Book 22, page 461


Deed Book, page 461


Deed Book 22, page 496

26 May 1810 - Jonathan Singletary, Senr. & wife Sarah Ann to Andrew McLelland (lands conveyed by Henry Clark to William Richardson of Elizabeth Town & from Richardson to the said Andrew McLelland, I the aforesaid Jonathan Singletary was not acquainted with the due form of law to convey maiden land (equitable claim) witnesses: Colin Monroe, Edward Singletary.

Deed Book 22, page 542


Deed Book 22, page 599

10 February 1817, Benjamin Singletary, son of Preston to Benjamin Singletary for Singletary lands patented by Benjamin Singletary, Jr. 17 April 1815.
Snowden Singletary & wife Sarah E., Isaac A. Davis & wife Polly A.
Colin Singletary wife Dolly E., Norvel Singletary & wife Mary A.
Monroe Singletary & wife Elizabeth C., Seldon Singletary & wife
Catharine J., & Marshall Singletary to James Rising & wife
(division of the lands of Rowland Singletary, deceased.)

Deed Book 20, Page 237

24 Jan. 1881 - James H. Rising & wife Eliza A. to Joshua K. Singletary & wifl
(lands in Yorkville.)
Allotted to Mary Hester, widow of Ephraim Hester as follows: 150 bushels of corn, 1500 lb of pork, 40 bushels of potatoes, one third of the blade fodder, two good beves, one cow and calf & 2 bushels of rough rice, 1½ barrels of flour, 5 bushels salt, 50 lbs. coffee, 50 lb of sugar, 3 gallons spirits, 1 lb pepper & 1 lb spice & $60 was allowed to buy these necessaries. One bed and its necessary furniture, one loom, one wheel & candy and the poultry.

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ACCOUNT OF SALES OF THE PERISHABLE PROPERTY OF JOHN HESTER

Sampson Davis, Senr. note $ 8 n 85
Killes Hesters note
Elias Edwards  
Jas. Wilson  
Hugh Russ  
Jesper Evers  
Jas. Singletery  
Jas. McLeod  
Jas. Evers Senr.
Jo. Marces  
Wm. Evers  
Duncan Clark  
Hardy Clark  
Jos Singletery  
Robt McRee  
Absalom Mars  
Jas. Davis  
John Scrivins  
Joseph Wood, Junr.

(Amounts of each person's note is given)

Hannah Hester  
Thos. Singletery  
Richard Lewis  
Robert Baker  
William Cook  
Hennery Hilburn  
Sampson Davis  
Thos. Hester  
Ephraim Hester  
Mrs. Cuffort Hester  
Thomas Singletery  

James B. MacLelland  
Josiah Singletery  
John Stainton  ?

Received of Ephraim Hester Six Dollard and forty three cents in full of all demands up to this date for Comfort Hester matanans for the year 1825. This 30 December.

Thomas Hester

No. 16
Mr. Ephraim Hester pleased to pay Daniel Hester Eight dollars and thirty cents and this shall be your recet for the same this the 14 of March 1855.

George Washington Hester

The land were sold July the eight and bought by me Ralph Regan 1788.
(The original of this instrument copied 8-23-60, and which is now in the possession of Mr. Eley Singletary) WSC

North Carolina
Bladen County

Knew all men by these presents that I Ewen Johnson of the county and state aforesaid have bargain and sold and delivered a certain negro girl by the name of Jane about four years old and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Mary Hester of said county and state which girl I the said Ewen Johnson do warrant and forever defend from the claim or claims of any and all persons to the said Mary Hester her heirs executors admr. and assigns forever Given under my hand and seal this the 2nd day of November 1846

Signed in presents of
Robt. M. Sessoms

Ewen Johnson (Seal)

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December the 13th 1861
Divided the cash of E. Hester, dec. between Jonathan Singletary & Mary Hester.
Jonathan Singletary got five hundred Dollars & Mary Hester two hundred and three Dollars & 31 cents.

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1861 - An Inventory of the Estate of Ephraim Hester, dec'd.
Household & Kitchen furniture - one clock, 5 beds & 4 bedsteads and furniture and eight quilts, one chest, two trunks, one bureau slab, one desk, one small table, one large Bible, Hymn book, one double barrel gun and one shot gun one pair fire dogs, shovel, two pots, two ovens, one camp kittle, coffee kettle, 3 spiders, 2 meat stands, one barrel, one beer barrel, 12 old flour barrels. Danl. Heister $200 due 3 Nov. 60 subject to credits $110 pd Nov 3, 60, $10 pd. Mar. 19, 61. Stock of Horses, two horses and one mare, cattle hogs, one sow & 7 pigs & h shotes, two sows and 7 shotes & 3 pigs, one buggy & harness, 4 ploughs and gear, 3 axes, 3 hoes, 3 grubing hoes, two hammers, 2 coopers size, 4 augers, 2 chisels, one square, one claw hammer, one iron wedge, two carts, one saddle & bridles, one old saddle, 2 pair iron traces, half a bushel measure, 6 common chairs, 3 large & one small tubs, 2 pails, knives & forks, 4 tea spoons, 3 large spoons, coffee pot, cups & saucers, 1/2 a dozen one large dish and 3 sets of plates, 3 beef hides Sides of leather. John Allem note $60 due Nov 61, Nelson Kinklaw $25 Decr. 20, 59 paid $15 Feb'y 8, 61, W. B. Bullard $50 Jun 7th 57. Ro Singletary's note $40 due May 29, 61.
Know all men by these presents that we John Stainton & Henry Hilburn are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Hester in the sum of Five hundred dollars to which payment we bind ourselves our heirs & assigns forever.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas John Hester late of the County and State aforesaid died seized and possessed of certain land and negroes leaving a will in which there is a clause providing for the future maintenance of his widow Comfort Hester out of the whole of his estate & the heirs desirous of a division of the estate hereby agree to pay to the said Thomas Hester, Executor to said deceased for the use of the said widow each of us the sum of Five dollars and fifty six cents annually, now if the said undersigned shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said Thomas Hester for the use aforesaid the said sum of Five dollars & fifty six cents each annually then this bond to void otherwise to remain in full force & virtue.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 18th day of February 1826.

John Stainton (Seal) ???

His

Henry X Hilburn (Seal) Mark

Test: Jno. Owen
Jas. P. MacKee

(Copied 8-23-60 from the original of this bond, now in the possession of Mr. Elery Singletary) WSC.

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Wilmington, N. C., March 10th, 1830

Dear Sister

I take the opportunity of letting you no that we are all well as common
I am very painful, I received your letter the 9th March, I am very glad to here
that you are more reconciled than when I saw you and I came home safe any more
than I had a very bad cold and cough, Elizabeth Clark was born January 14th,
A. D. 1790, which makes her 40 years old.

Mary Cook

Dear Aunt, Mother had a very soar breast while I was up there give my compliments
to the neighbours and relation my love to you -- -- Wm. E. Clark

Mary Cook

To Comfort Hester

(Addressed on the back to Mrs. Comfort Hester
Bladen County

(Copied 8-23-60 from the original of this letter now in the possession of Mr. Elery
Singletary) WSC
State of Mississippi
Chickasaw County

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Dear Cousin,

I now take the opportunity of writing to you to inform you that I am all the family connections are well and in good health thanks be to God for it, hoping these few lines may reach and find you the same. I can inform you that we live at the same place yet and have a very likely crop indeed us and Wm. Crops together and I think we shall make 350 bushels of corn, 3 bales of cotton, 150 bushels of potatoes. We tend about 25 acres of land our neighbors say the best of it will make 50 bushels of corn to the acre. Mrs. Hester have got out here and lives about 3 miles of us and says her pig is well and well satisfied and is better than any of you would be able to do if she was there she wants to be remembered to you all. Isaiah Hester lives in the town of Midletown about 2 miles of us he is well as far as I know I want to be remembered to mother in particular I understand Margaret is married and if so my request is to hur to endeavor to live that old place and come when she can live as long as mother lives I want you to live with her give my respects to all inquiring friends John Phelips and family, Mrs. Hester and his family in particular so no more at the time only remain your loving cousin unto death. Elizabeth Britt & Nathan Britt.

N. B. Wm.
John
Alex
Ann

wishes to be remembered to you all

Direct your letter to Cochaw County, Mississippi, Leesville Post Office
William Britt

(Addressed to Mrs. Mary Hester
Bladen County
North Carolina
Elizabeth P. O.
Bladen County
Elizabeth Town
N. C.

Leesville, Miss.
July 24

(No stamps)

November 22, 1827
Received of Ephraim Hester five dollars and fifty six cents it being for Comfort Hester's maintenances for the year of 1827.

Thomas Hester

Mr. Joshua Nance

You can inform Mr. E. Hester that I am of the opinion he is in no danger of keeping his mother's property until court. I am at a loss to say what he will do for I do not know whether his partner's will has pointed out what must be done or not, if it has not there must be an Administration on her Estate, without an accident I will go to the sale at Mr. Wm. Evers on Saturday next then I will talk more about the matter. I am your & C. Monroe

March 9th 1836
Estate of Comfort Hester, deceased

To Ephraim Hester

To boarding said Comfort Hester from March 1830 to March 1836 and furnished her with every thing that she wanted during said time @ $50 per annum $300
March 1837 To lumber and nails to make Coffin for said Comfort Hester 1

$301

1831
April To Layar fee on a suit between said Comfort Hester and Martha Hester 30
Int. on said $30 to this date 10.60
February 4th 1837
(Ephraim Hester's Acct vs. Estate of Comfort Hester, dec'd.)

$341.60

State of North Carolina, Bladen County. We the subscribers do agree that Comfort Hester the wife of John Hester, senior, deceased, are to have the following articles for her maintainence for one year.

(List of articles)

We the heirs of John Hester, senior, deceased all by mutual consent to be fully agreed with the above agreement giving under our hands and seals this 15 day of February 1820. Sampson (his x mark) Davis. Hn. Hilburn, Dan. (his x mark) Hester. John Stainton, Thomas Hester. Ephraim (his x mark) Hester, Thos. (his x mark) Singleton.
Witness
Wm Cook
Sdh. Howell.

A True account of the Articles that Ephraim Hester bought at the sale of his father John Hester, senr. deceased, which sale commenced the 15th and 16th day of February 1820, to wit:

1 Crawscut saw $5 75 cts
2 plows 2 28
1 Horse 50 00
1 Cart 11 25

$69 28

Received of Ephraim Hester six Dollars it being in full of his account for the maintainence of Mary Nance up to date for the 15th of January 1853.

Joseph J. Nance

Received of Ephraim Hester six dollars in full of his proportional part for the maintainence of Mary Nance up to this date, this the 1st of January 1850.

Joseph J. Nance

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North Carolina  
Bladen County  
May Term 1766

This certifies that the whole of the estate real and personal of Edward Harrison, deceased is granted by Court to his widow & orphans child.  
John White, C. C.

Elizabeth Town  3 April 1821
Received from Mr. Jonathan Singletary, Senr. Three Dollars & fifty Cents in full of all Demands before this date.

Louis Sheridan

Reed of Ephraim Hester Seventeen dollars & sixty seven cents in full of all accounts due to his mother up to the year 1825.  March 23rd, 1825.

Thomas Hester.

November 23, 1826
Received of Ephraim Hester five dollars and fifty six cents it being for Comfort Hester's maintenances for the year of 1826.

Thomas Hester.

Reed of Comfort Hester three Dollars sixty cents by the hand of Ephraim Hester in full of all demands against hir up to this date.  This 4 of March 1831.

Wm. Dewless

Received of Ephraim Hester in full of him the amount due Mary Nance for her support for the year 1844.  This March the 10 A. D. 1845.

Joshua L. Nance for Mary Nance.

Received of Ephraim Hester six dollars it being in full of my account against him for Mary Nance up to date this the 29 of December 1848.

Joseph J. Nance.

Received of Ephraim Hester six dollars it being in full of his account for the maintenance of Mary Nance for the year 1850.  This January the 4th 1851.

Joseph J. Nance.

Received of Ephraim Hester his proportionate part for the maintenance of Mary Nance, six Dollars. This 9 of January A D 1852.

Joseph J. Nance.
Received from Ephraim Hester two dollars thirty and a half cents in full of his proportionable part of a note that I hold against Mrs. Mary Nance. Feby 11th 1854.

Snowden Singletary

July 18, 1860. Paid of Ephraim Hester, Smith work to G. W. Hester, eight dollars on the 11th of July 1860.

G. W. Hester  Witness: G. G. King

Elizabethtown, N. C., May 31st 1862.

Received of Jonathan Singletary, Administrator of Ephraim Hester, decd., thirty one dollars and thirty cents in full of two bills of costs and letters testamentary, and Admr. bond on the above named estate.

D. Blue, Clerk

Received of Jonathan Singletary her dower in full of land and other property. July 23, 1863.

Her
Mary X Hester
Mark

Ephraim Hester
Oct 1, 1823

2 gallons Brandy 11/2 Coffee 5/
12 Brandy 21/2

Received the above
Nov 15, 1828

Wm. Richardson

To Messrs Henry Hilburn and Ephraim Hester, Executors of John Hester, Decd.

You will on to take notice that on Thursday the 2nd day of October next at the Store of John C. Wooten in Elizabeth Town, Bladen County, North Carolina, I shall proceed to take the depositions of Durrum Lewis and Richard Lewis to be read in evidence for Ephraim Hester, Executor in a certain suit now pending in a Court of Equity for Bladen County wherein Henry Hilburn is plaintiff and Ephraim Hester is defendant.

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$59 " 28

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Joseph J. Nance

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Mrs. Comfort Hester, decd. March the 6, 1836. Inventoried the 7 of March. 2 beds, 6 covers & 4 sheets, 2 pots, 2 kettles, 1 smoothing iron, 1 pair of tongs & pan handle, 1 club ax, 1 broad, 1 pair of fire dogs, 1 pot, 2 weeding hoes, 3 barrels with one head in each, 1 good barrel, 1 large tub, 1 small tub, 1 jug, 1 looking glass, 1 bee hive, 7 guns, 2 chest, 1 trunk, 1 spinning wheel, 1 spider, 2 bedsteads, 1 candle stick & snuffers and mold, 1 tray, 1 t falsely, 2 tumblers and 3 phials, 1 chamber pot, 1 pitcher, 3 mugs, 3 dishes, 5 small plates, 10 large plates, 1 cruit, 3 punch boxes, 3 sugar dishes, 1 pepper box and canister, 1 large spoon, 5 forks, 4 knives 7 small spoons, 7 tea cups, 4 saucers, 1 gar, 2 clay dishes, 1 pair of stilliards, 2 tin coffee pots, 5 tea pots, 2 chairs, 1 sive, 1 yearling, 2 pair of cotton cards, 1 pair of woolen cards, 2 boulsters, 2 pillars, 2 pairs of bat hook, 1 earthen basin, 1 grin stove, 1 bottle, 1 paid of shears, 1 greater, 1 pair of knitting needles.

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13 March 1815 - Thomas Hester and Joseph Hester, Senior to John Hester, Senior.
Witnesses: William Cook, Thomas Hester, William McRee.

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Thomas Hester, Senior for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have for my son Joseph Hester .... and for the further consideration of one Spanish Milled Dollar to me in hand paid by the said Joseph Hester........ or parcel of land containing one hundred and fifty acres ....... on the West side of Crawley Swamp including the Indian Fields joining Lewis Thomas land, beginning at a pine near Thomas McKinlows line and running ....... this 3rd day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.
Witnesses: William Bryan, Rehum Reading

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# third day of March 1835 - Ephraim Hester, Senr. to Elias Davis.... a certain piece or parcel of land lying on the wt. side of Crawley swamp and to it, including the Indian Fields, beginning at a pine near Thos. Kinleys line............
Witnesses: Samuel Johnson, Sally Johnson.

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Flat of land - November 26th, 1833 Mary & Margaret Hester. Land on the big Swamp ploted by Els. Davis. This the 2nd day of January 1834. Miss Mary A. Hester & Miss Margaret Hester - land on the Big Swamp. Elias Davis, Jan. 2nd, 1834.

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Deed of gift - Edward Harrison, Junr. ...natural love & affection which I have and do bear unto my well beloved son Edward Harrison (Patented 26 Nov. 1757) Dated 20th October 1759. Witnessed by Thos. Hobson, Junr. & John Owen. The above deed was acknowledged in Open Court by Edward Harrison, Junr, in due form of law. /s/ J. Burgwin.

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REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM

I certify that in conformity with the Law of the United States, of the 7th June, 1832, THOMAS HESTER of Bladen County, State of North Carolina who was a Private in the North Carolina militia, during the War of the revolution, is entitled to receive Thirty dollars and ----cents per annum, during his natural life, commencing on the 4th of March 1834, and payable semi-annually, on the 4th of March, and 4th of September, in every year.

Given at the War Office of the United States, this Third day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. /s/ L. W. Cass

SECRETARY OF WAR

Examined and Countersigned.

/s/ J. L. Edwards

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Deed dated 30 October 1787 between Thomas Hester, Senr. to Jesper Hester, both of Bladen County for thirty pounds good money of North Carolina on the south west side of Crawley Marsh at said Marsh near William Hester's land.
In presence of William Bryan, Rehum Reading. May Term 1798, this deed was proven by William Bryan and ordered to be registered. Attest: J. S. Purdie, CG
Registered in the Registers office of Bladen in Book G page 94, 14th of July 1798.
J. Ellis, Regr.

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Copy of "Further Inventory of the Estate of Ephraim Hester, dec'd.
May Term 1863. Divided in the Spring of 1862 15 cows and calf by mutual consent of the parties.
Mary Hester 1/3 5 cows & calves two year old yearling & 2 two yr. h
Jona. Singletary 2/3 10 cows & calves, 1 4 year old Heifer, 2 two years old, 1 year old bull
Mary Hester, one oven, two spiders, one small pot, a pair of fire dogs & three water buckets, and six head of two year old hogs.
Jonathan Singletary, Jr. had 2 large pots (one of them cracked), one dutch oven, small camp kettle, and a spider and twelve head of two year old hogs.
This we certify to be a correct statement of the division made by us and we are both satisfied and contented therewith. May 1st 1863.

Test:
Ewen Johnson

Mary (her x mark) Hester

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4th May 1863.

D. Blue, Clk
Per F. F. Cumming, D.C.
State of North Carolina, Bladen County.

Whereas we Daniel M. Nance, Joshua L. Nance and Joseph J. Nance all of the
State of North Carolina and County of Bladen as before mentioned do hereby acknowledge each of us
indebted to the other in the sum of four hundred Dollars lawful money to which
payment each of us do bind ourselves, our heirs and assigns in case that either of
us shall forfeit in the condition hereafter named dated the 15th of Feb'y
1843 and sealed accordingly. The condition of the above is such that Dan'l L.
Nance did choose Jond. Singletary, Senr., Joshua L. Nance, Colin Monroe and
Joseph J. Nance, Roland Singletary for the purpose of valuing each lot as
already by us divided and laid off and in case that either of us do not comply
in giving his note in whatever sum may be assessed and considered justly due
as valued by the above named individuals by us chosen if complied with then to
be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. Feb. 15th 1843.

Daniel M. Nance (Seal)
Joshua L. Nance (Seal)
Joseph J. Nance (Seal)

Witness: C. Monroe
Row. Singletary

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16th March 1784 - Josiah Singletary to Samuel Coley (Planters) for twenty five
pounds spices .......on the East side of Drowning Creek and the west side of the
Reedy Branch.....Witnesses: Thos. Simson, Junr., Benjamin Singletary, Aaron Lewis

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2nd October, 1773 - Walter Gibson, James Bailey, Wm. Salter, James White,
Benjamin Humphrey, Trustees & Commissioners for the Town of Elizabeth in the
County of Bladen to John Harrison....for forty shillings proc. money.
Lot 59 in the Town of Elizabeth. /s/ William Salter, James White, Benj'm.
Humphreys. In presence of Joseph Humphrey, John Salter.

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7th December 1805 0 Shadrack Cook of county of Sampson to Jonathan Singletary of
county of Bladen for 175 pounds species.....one the East side of the Great Swamp
adjoining Edward Harrison (lands patented by John Harrison. Witnesses: Joseph
Singletary, Josiah Singletary.

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12th August 1780 - Richard Smith to John White. Witnesses: David Lindsay White,
John B. Cockran.

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1788 At a Court on the first Monday in May one thousand seven hundred and
eighty eight an order of court issued to the Sheriff directing him to expose
to sale at public auction ....lands the property of John Harrison.....lands on
the east side of the great swamp joining the lands late occupied by Edward
Harrison, dec'd, including the plantation occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Wishart
......... John Gibble, Sheriff of Bladen County on the 8th day of July 1788 at
the Court House in Elizabeth Town at which time and place Ralph Regan, Esquire
Guardian for Sarahann Harrison at the sum of twenty two pounds one shilling
......grant, bargain sell infeoffed and confirmed to the said Sarahann Harrison
her heirs and assigns for ever all the estate right title interest & claim
that the said John Harrison hath had or claimed or pretend to have had.........
Whereas Benjamin Singletary, deceased, did by his last will devise and bequeath to his wife Elizabeth during her natural life the plantation whereon the said Benjamin lived, situate on the E. side of the N. Wt. branch of Cape Fear river joining the lower side of Richard Singletary's land. Beginning at a sycamore on the river bank and running thence No. 25 Et. 524 po. to a pine thence So. 80 Et. 125 po. to a pine, thence So. 25 Wt. 524 po. to an ash on the river bank, thence the meanders of the river to the beginning, granted to William James by patent dated Feb'y. 3rd 1735 & at her death to be equally divided between his two namely, Joseph & John, who have jointly named and appointed us the subscribers to value and divide the same which we have done as follows, viz: Beginning at a sycamore stake on the river bank in the middle of said land thence running a parallel line with the upper and lower lines through the centre of said land to a stake in the back line allotting and assessing to the lower half the dwelling house, kitchen & all the other buildings below them together with 99 dollars which by mutual consent of the heirs fell to Joseph which he possessed accordingly and to the upper half we allotted and assessed the smoke house which the dividing line touched and all other buildings above which by mutual consent as aforesaid fell to John which he possessed accordingly and agreed to pay the above deficiency of ninety nine dollars.

Given under our hands this 7th day of May 1806.

Mick. Molton
M. Moore
B. Robeson
William Robeson

Red of John Singletary the
full sum of ninety nine dollars
being the full amount of the
within valuation and division
of land, this 7th day of May 1806.

Joseph Singletary

State of North Carolina, Bladen County.

Be it known that we Joseph Singletary & John Singletary are held and firmly bound each to the other their heirs & assigns in the full sum of one thousand dollars for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves each to the other, our heirs exrs. admrs. & assigns firmly to stand to and abide by the valuation and division of the 400 acres of land with the buildings &c being the same whereon our father Benjn Singletary lived and by him willed to us equally to be divided which is now done by Michael Molton, Maurice Moore & Bartram Robeson, assessed by William Robeson as surveyor, all of whom were jointly appointed for the above purposes. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this 7 day of May 1806.

Joseph Singletary
John Singletary

Witness:
B. Robeson
M. Moore

June Term 1806 Ordered to be registered. J. S. Purdie, CS
Incomplete data on HARMON SINGLETERY, and his wife ALICE, as found on 1860 Census records, for Rapides Parish, Louisiana. With additional data supplied from family Bible recordings.

SINGLETERY, HARMON, born in Bladen County, N. C. in the year 1806—?

(wife) ALICE, ______—?

THEIR CHILDREN

SINGLETERY, DAVID, born at Hienen, Rapides Parish, Louisiana. T84/I—?

John, ______—?

Solomon, ______—?

Margaret, ______—?

James, ______—?

Harriet, ______—?

SINGLETERY, SOLOMON, born at Hienen, Rapides Parish, La., (wife) Nancy (White) Singletery, born— (b.p. unknown to date) T84/I, Feb. 27th.

Children of Solomon and Nancy (White) Singletery

SINGLETERY, ARTHUR, born at Hienen, Rapides Parish, Louisiana. T87/I—Aug. 7th.

John, ______—?

James, ______—?

Margaret, ______—?

postumously

SOLOMON SINGLETERY, died at age 33, April 16th, T879, due to Cancer of the mouth, which led to hemorrhage. His daughter, Margaret, was born four months later. His wife Nancy re-married later to Joseph Dewell, who was born Belgium

SINGLETERY, ARTHUR, married Leona R. Stokes, December 11, T89/I, at Leander, La.

THEIR CHILDREN

SINGLETERY, VEOLA, born at Hienen, Rapides Parish, Louisiana. T895—Dec. 02nd.

Robert Mo., ______—?

Luther E., ______—?

Lucy Edna, ______—?

Clifton, ______—?

Preston, ______—?

Chaneyville, ______—?

Gertrude, ______—?

Elmer, ______—?

Howard, ______—?

Elmer, ______—?

Robert (Mack) died of injuries received in a railroad accident, T920, Nov. 29th.

Lucy Edna, died of a heart condition, in Santa Ana, California, about T943.

Luther, (twin to Edna) died at age three, at Chaneyville, buried at Lecompte, La.

Two other sons died in infancy—unnamed. ARTHUR died October 1st, T956.

Leona died October 12th, T947.

SINGLETERY, JOHN, married Mary Dyess, Dec. 19th, T895, at Hienen, home of bride.

THEIR CHILDREN

SINGLETERY, GEORGE, born at Hienen, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, T897—April 19th.

Jack, ______—?

Bertie, ______—?

Nyrtle, ______—?

John Singletery, died Sept. 22nd, T950; Mary (Dyess) Singletery, died, 09/09/1966.

George Singletery, died at Ville Platte Hospital May 28th, T950.

Margaret Singletery, married James Marler, and had large family.

James Singletery, married Martha McGolough, also had large family. No data on either, at this time.
Dear Wanda:

I have been meaning to write to you for months and now that we have celebrated my mother's 100th birthday on May 1st. I thought this newspaper item would also be of interest to you.

My grandfather, Ithamer Singletary was born October 16, 1832 and died September 18, 1898. He is buried at Forestburg, Texas. My grandmother, Dama Moore Singletary was born in 1834 (month and date unknown) and died in 1901. She is buried at Fox, Okla. This and the information in the newspaper is all the information I have.

You must have lost our address as you were going to Thermofax a copy of the Will of another Ithamer Singletary and send to us. Do you remember? We met you at the Blueberry Festival last year and then we came to see you at the Courthouse right after that.

Mother's son shown in the picture is my half-brother. Mr. Bryant died about 1902 and mother married my father (Gregg) about 1904.

Hope all is well with you and that you are gathering notes for your book on Singletary's like mad!!! This is my contribution.

Most sincerely,

Lyn Harlan

Mrs. George F. Harlan

1029B Spruce Street

Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577
Elizabethtown, N. C.,

June 15th, 1962

Mr. Bruce E. Powell, Jr.,

Fair Bluff, N. C.,

Dear Mr. Powell:

I have enjoyed the Lennon & Singletary data which you sent very much. Thank you and it is filed with my other historical data.

I had made a note in my file about the Wm. or Mr. Brown in the deed "Dennis Lennon, Jr. and wife Sallie Brown Lennon to James Brown." I think it is Wm. According to the deed 1/3 belonged to Sally. Evidently Dennis Lennon, Jr. and his sister Mary Lennon married the Brown Sister and brother (Sally and Hardy). From the other abstracts I believe that the other Brown child was James. I'm enclosing some abstracts from my notes that lead me to believe this might be the case. I've also included some other notes which I believe may tie some of your Singletary's in.

I am also enclosing a Bible record from the David Singletary and Abigail Lennon Singletary Bible which may have some of the dates you wished.

I also have the children and most of the dates on Dennis Lennon Singletary who married Lucy Ann Lennon, if you do not have them.

I'm keeping your letter handy and will look more for proof that William Brown is the father of Sally Brown Lennon, Hardy Brown and James Brown.

My problem is finding time to look in the Register of Deeds office as much as I'd like too. Many of the deeds I have abstracted, but not having my notes indexed, makes it a slow process of looking.

I will send you any other data that I find which I think you would like to have for your file.

Please do not hesitate to ask me to look any record which you think might be in Bladen. I may be a little slow in getting it, but eventually I will.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carl Campbell
Dear Mrs. Campbell,

Enclosed is a copy of my Revolutionary patriot's war record and pension, which I thought might add, just a tad, to your Singletary records.

Should you happen to have any queries on Josiah Singletary's descendants in regards to the D.A.R., I would appreciate it very much if you would please them with me.

My husband and I hope to be able to meet you to thank you in October of this year. It all depends on how much attention our 2 year old daughter will demand during our travels South. Elle is a wiggler!

Cordially,

Gloria Rootick
Miss Veola Singletary  
452 Main Street  
Melrose, Ma., 02176  

Dear Miss Singletary:

Thank you very much for your most interesting letter and for the check. I know what you mean by the research fees, as I too had to pay $40.00 for information which did not help me in the least.

I wish I could recommend someone who could help you, but unfortunately we don't have anyone here. I have so little time and just love to do it whenever I can find a minute.

I'm sending you copies of some of the things in my Singletary file. I do have most all the old Deed abstracted as I did the Wills, but have never found time to type them. I've been trying to find a moment to copy the indices to the wills deeds (Singletary) and then at night copy the abstracts from my notes. Will do this soon, but first I have to write two Church Histories for our Associational Minutes.

I am so anxious to see a copy of the "Singletary-Curtis" family history. Would you send me the name of the person and the cost of same, so that I may order a copy for our Historical Society?

I am sending you a copy of a present day Map of Bladen County, so that you can get some idea as to the lay of the land, then you can take the deeds and visualize the places better than not knowing where they are.

For instance, the Lyon's landing you spoke of is on the Cape Fear River and could never have been Bladenboro. The first settlements were along the river and then the settlers spread out further.

I am also enclosing copy of what I think was the first Singletary to move into Bladen County.

Do you have documentary evidence that William and Curtis Singletary were killed at Elizabethtown in the Revolutionary War. That would make an interesting bit of history for our Bi-Centennial celebration in 1973 (We'll be 200 years old).

Some of the copies I am enclosing are things that others have sent me and I do not know if they are authentic.
I have always interpreted the term GRANTED to be a grant from the State or Government.

In my INDEX OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATIONS, I find the following items about SINGLETARY applications.

SINGLETARY

Ithamare M., /C., Dis - no papers. See American State Papers, class 9, p. 171. Wounded in several places in his back by a small sword, as he was retreating from the enemy, June 6, 1781 at Rockfish. (I do not know if this is the same Ithamare Singletyary whose will is recorded in Robeson County, N. C. and who names children John, Ithamare, James, Evan, Owen, Randolph and Elenor the wife of Robert Lyons and Mary. His son in law James Cheshire & his 3 children, Lueyor, Lenora and Watson. His will is dated 27 May 1822 and he names as his wife, Ann) (Notes in brackets mine.WSC)

Joseph, N. C., Dis. No papers. See American State Papers, Class 9, p. 106. Wounded in left arm by accidental discharge of a musket while in the actual line of duty in the service of the U. S. that for near two years he continued languishing under the wound, and from the effect of it, and from no other cause the arm is withered, the joint of the elbow is crooked and stiff and the fingers contracted. Disabled at Wilmington 1776.  
(of SINGLET) Joseph, N. C. S47849

Joseph, S. C., Susannah, R9612  
Josiah, N. C., Sarah P., W6064; BLWt. 38554-160-55

(I am enclosing copy of the Josiah Singletyary Pension record)

The NORTH CAROLINA REVOLUTIONARY ARMY ACCOUNTS Book W, No. 1 1781-1783, the original of which is at the State Department of Archives in Raleigh lists these Singletyary names.  
Benjamin  
Braxton (I expect this is Brayton)

I Ithamare  
I Ithamare  
James  
John  
Joseph  
Josiah  
Richard  
William

I have right many Singletyary gravestone records which I hope to get transcribed this winter.

I'll send you other information as I get it copied. I'll appreciate any information you have to help get all the Singletyary connections worked out.
I've had a letter and telephone call from Mrs. Gloria Rostich since I had your letter wanting copies of five deeds. I have made them and am enclosing copies for you also.

I am also sending you copy of the entry from A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England by James Savage, the first ones to come to America and on down into North Carolina.

I must stop and write Gloria. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Inhabitants of Bladen County, North Carolina listed in the First Federal Census of 1790. Names are spelled exactly as they are listed, however they have been alphabetized by W.S. C.

**NOTE:** Column 1 indicates Free White Males 16 years and upward including heads of families.
Column 2 indicates Free White Males under 16 years.
Column 3 indicates Free White Females, including heads of families.
Column 4 indicates All other Free persons
Column 5 indicates Slaves

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Probate Judge
Bladen County, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

I am in the process of documenting some records which I have and am writing to ask if you have a copy of the will of:

Richard Singletary in 1773 in Bladen County, N. C. (Benjamin Humphries and Gaynor Jones were witnesses to this will).

I have reason to believe, too, that Benjamin may have made a will while residing in Bladen County but I could not be sure of the date. I know that he was the son of Captain David Humphries who fought in the Revolutionary War.

I have reason to believe, too, that Benjamin married Gaynor Jones while residing in Bladen County and I would like a copy of this marriage license.

I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience in making reply.

I will appreciate your early attention.

Yours very truly,

James C. Floyd

JCF/laf
Enclosure

Any charges for the above information will be forwarded to you by return mail if you will advise me as to the amount.

JCF
Mrs. Wanda S. Campbell, Assistant Clerk  
Superior Court  
Bladen County, North Carolina  

Dear Mrs. Campbell:  

This has reference to your letter under date of June 30, 1965.  

I am apologetic for having been such a procrastinator in getting off to you the information which I have on the Singleterry Family. I am enclosing a copy of the information which I have and hope that it will prove beneficial to you in compiling your records.  

Do you have any authentic information on the father of William Calvin and James Pelham Humphreys (Humphries). What relationship do your records show on the following: William Calvin Humphreys, James Pelham Humphreys, Benjamin Humphreys, Joseph Humphreys. We understand that William Calvin and James Pelham had a sister named Nancy and we understand that Benjamin is their father? Any information you have on this and could furnish us would be very much appreciated.  

What history on the Jones' do you have? Do you have it compiled in such a manner that you could furnish me with a copy. Will gladly reimburse you for your trouble.  

Looking forward to hearing from you again, I am  

Sincerely,  

James C. Floyd  

JCF/laf  
Enclosure
SINGLETERRY FAMILY - from the "History of Henry Co., (Ala.)"
By Mrs. Marvin Scott

I. Mary Singleterry b. 1800 in N. C., came to Ala. about 1830.
   Children:

II. T. Edmond Singleterry b. July 12, 1817, d Oct. 21, 1919; age 120 years.

II. William J. Singleterry b. 1819, Bladen Co., N. C. on Sept. 14, 1840; he was
   m. to Nancy Cole in Henry Co., Ala. She was b. 1820 in S. C.

III. Mary Ann b. July 31, 1842; n. m.

III. Candace b. Dec. 13, 1844; n. m.

III. William J. b. Sept. 9, 1846, d. Feb. 4, 1918; n. m.

III. S. M. Singleterry b. Sept. 11, 1843; d. Mar. 14, 1927; m. Sarah Frances Turner
   Dec. 13, 1865. She was b. Feb. 17, 1843, d. June 7, 1884. Maria Johnson,
   second wife of Samuel M. Singleterry, was b. 1841, d. Mar. 5, 1908.

III. Margaret Singleterry m. John Griffin.

III. Lucy Singleterry b. 1851, was first wife of Christopher C. Murphy, m. Dec. 25,
   1879.


II. Benjamin Singleterry b. 1828 in N. C., son of Mrs. Mary Singleterry, was m. to

II. Margaret Singleterry b. 1829; m. Daniel McLellan, Aug. 25, 1850, Henry Co.,
   Ala. Samuel M. Singleterry b. Sept. 11, 1842, Henry Co., Ala. near County
   His parents were Wm. and Nancy Cole Singleterry of Bladen Co., N. C. and
   Henry Co., Ala. on Oct. 5, 1865, he was m. to Sarah Frances Turner b. Feb.
   17, 1843, d. June 7, 1884.
   Their children: Mary E. b. 1867, m. Ross Holland; Wm. B. m. Nora Hudspeth;
   Mary A. b. 1869, m. Manson Barnes; Wm. J. born 1873, n. m.; Laura b. 1871,
   m. A. J. "Sam" Murphy; Walter H. b. Aug. 25, 1881, d. Mar. 9, 1948, n. m.;
   S. F. b. 1876; Armstead Singleterry m. Nobia Glover, da., Annie m. Sam
   Wm. Bryan; and Martin E. b. Nov. 22, 1875, d. July 7, 1902, n. m.

CSA Record Samuel M. Singleterry.
On March 5, 1863, S. M. Singleterry entered the Army of the Confederate
States of America at Auburn, Ala. He belonged to the 37 Ala. Co. A Infantry
Division. He fought in the Battles of Vicksburg, Missionary Ridge, Battle of
Atlanta, Battle of Bentonville.
I. Mary Singleterry b. 1800 in S. C.

II. Wm. J. Singleterry b. 1819

III. S. M. Singleterry b. 1843, d. 1927.

IV. Laura Singleterry m. Andrew J. "Sam" Murphy.
V. Otis, n. m.; Ethel m. Luther Cunningham; Bunyan m. Lucille Smith; George m. Lucille Smith; George m. Floyd Aman; Bertha m. Charles Money; Dainie m. Glenn Smallwood; Leslie, n. m.; Floyd m. Codend Owens; m. 2 Maude Brown; Alice m. Henry Alexander.

VI. Brandt m. Christine Armstrong.

VII: Ch: Sara Sue and Wm.

VII. Alicia; Peggy and a son.

VI. Lillian Cunningham m. Oran Faulkner.

VII. Stewart, Morris and Cornelia Faulkner.

IV. John Singletery m. Annie Johnson.

V. Florine m. Glen Belcher; Eulalie m. Eston Riley; Bill m. Sallie Robertson; Jack m. Sallie Robertson; Martha m. John Bell; and James Boyd m. Peggy Smith.
Dear Mrs. Campbell,

Before our 2-year-old daughter comes to investigate what I am doing, I shall once again try to write. Thank you very much for the will copy of my great-great-grandfather, Joseph Singlelity, and the copy of the deed showing that he married a daughter of Joseph Wood. Enclosed is a check for $2.00 for the deed copy of Wood and will of Singlelity.

Your suggestion of inquiring if there is a will of William Wood, or Willia Singlelity, in North Carolina is very much appreciated. I shall follow up on that immediately.

Thank you for the pedigree sketch of the Singlelity Clan. My suspicions about New England roots seem to have been fruit. I am looking forward to verifying this in the books of the Daughters of the American Colonists, at the Hispanic Public Library.

Knowing of your kind interest I'll send you a copy. If Colonel tells you find very much appreciate your help. It has been invaluable.

Most sincerely,

Gloria (King) Rootiah
Mrs. Wanda S. Campbell,
Box # 547,
Elizabethtown, N. C.
26337.

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

Thank you very much for your promptness in sending me the two deeds, which I'd requested on August 8th. I do not know how to thank you for your book of Abstracts of Wills, it is more than interesting, from your "FOREWORD" through the index.

Mrs. Campbell, did you ever have an opportunity to read, or to examine that "Singletary - Curtis," family history which was compiled by Lou Singletary Bedford, and published by George T. Funk Press, New York, N.Y. in 1907? It was my great pleasure to read one of the original copies recently, and to learn that a descendent who lives in Winston Salem, N.C. is having it recopied soon. I'd been told to write to him last spring, as he had reprints for sale, but he was sold out before my request was received. A few weeks ago I was notified of their intention to reissue again soon. I immediately placed an order. They then wrote, acknowledging my check, and stating that additional data would published in a pamphlet which would up-date the original material, and asked me to submit all the available names, dates, etc., on my own line--to be included in the addenda.

I have not the slightest idea about my great grandfather Harmon's wife's maiden name. I do know that Mrs. Gloria Rostich, of West Hartford, Ct., is searching, or was searching for her ancestor, one Willis Singletary, of Bladen County, N.C. (I'll enclose her "note", which was forwarded to me by a Mississippi descendent) and it was Mrs. Rostich who told me to write to you.

The original history does not include much information about Jesse Singletary, nor do I find him mentioned in your list of Singletary wills--please bear with me while I review the history pertaining to Jesse-- He settled on Cape Fear River, Bladen County, N.C., in 1755. Lyon's Landing, Later Bladenboro. Descended from Richard I, Richard II, Richard III, (proven by eleven Lords proprietors Land Grants)

Children,

I. William, killed at Elizabethtown, in Revolution
II. Curtis
IV. Benjamin, " Abigail Hilliard, 5 children, 1st son named Jesse
V. David,
VI. Roland.

Jesse, son of Benjamin and Abigail (Hilliard) Singletary, Born, 1799. Grandson of Jesse Singletary. Jesse's children, Evander, Snowden, Thomas and Harmon. This HARMON could not be my ancestor, as his father was born in 1799, but the name leads me to speculate that it must belong to the same family, as other names are also repetitious. My Harmon named his first-born David, and a daughter Harriet, (I'll also enclose a rundown on his children, grandchildren, etc., as far as I can, at present) another son John, and the youngest James.
Back to Jesse Singletary, as recorded in the 1907 family history. He was also a soldier in the Revolutionary War, his descendants think they are of the South Carolina family, but so far have not been able to make the connection.

If Jesse came from S.C., it would seem fruitless to search the N.C. records for his parentage, and the descendants of his children (except William and Curtis) are delineated in this book—Is there a possible chance that those two were married and left children?

So much for speculation—Perhaps it would have been wiser for me to have been asking you some of the dozens of questions which have come to my mind since receiving your letter—such as, what type of material do you have in your files concerning the Singletary family? About what date did the N.C. cities and towns begin to record the birthdates and parentage of her citizenry? Were these records also destroyed by fires? And last but not least, do you have the time for doing the necessary work for researching my Great Grandfather, Harmon Singletary's family connections? If not could you recommend a reliable person who might be interested in pursuing a search? Somebody who would not be likely to charge an exorbitant fee, as I'm a working woman, whose skill does not begin to command the same financial returns that some of these Genealogical "diggers" are charging. For instance, I recently contacted a man in Washington, D.C. asking him for an estimate on his time—He wants a $40.00 retainer, plus $4.00 per hour. I know I'm in the wrong employment field.

This copy of the two deeds which you sent to me states that in each instance he only sold one half of a specified tract of land, on the second deed it states, and I quote, "A certain piece or parcel of land in the County and State aforesaid, One Half of a two hundred acre survey GRANTED to said Harmon and Owen Carroll"—etc., etc., followed by specifics in exact location. Does the term GRANTED mean that these two co-owners possibly homesteaded those tracts, or do you have any answer to such a question? He was born in 1806, so it is possible that his father was a Rev. War veteran—in that case he would have been eligible for an outright grant of land, or am I wrong?

I'm enclosing another check for ten ($10.00) dollars, to apply as you think best, if you've had time for searching for Harmon's parents, as you stated in your letter of August 14, 1970, please keep the money, and send me what you have, with some definite idea of how we stand, in the financial department. Up to the present time I've not solicited a paid researcher, except the Man from Wash. D.C., and he's too steep for me, so I've not had to ask for rates, as my information was furnished by amateur relatives, like myself.

Thanking you again for your interest, your co-operation, and hoping to be able to be of some help to you, one of these days.

Yours sincerely,

Veola Singletary

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My Dear Gladys:

Your lovely letters of recent dates, and your stimulating historical gleanings are all in hand. Yesterday when I came home from work theZeroed copy was on the rack, outside bottom of the box, and when I say "stimulating" I do mean it; although I was exceedingly tired, from the shop work, I couldn't resist temptation to take a short inventory of the contents—result—sleepless toss so get up at two A.M. for further reading—back to bed with smarting eyes—work I do daytimes are hard on the old eyes. That author, Lou Singletary-Bedford used the same idea I had spoken to you about, when I mentioned that I'd formed my own ideas about arranging this material in a circumstantial order which would easier to follow each family through from generation to generation—which will mean that my copy work will have to be done over from scratch—Do I want to glad to do it, in fact it is like my work at the shop—GOT to be done right.

I'm not sorry I sent Iris that order (she must have gotten the idea that one of her wealthier cousins, that is O.K. too. Most people get the same idea when I first meet them). She acknowledged the receipt of my check for $12.75 the extra quarter for insuring the parcel, to guarantee that it wouldn't be on the stairway, and solicited me for names and addresses from my files—plus resume of my family, as far as possible. I sent her the names and addresses of thirty-one possible prospects—mostly near relatives. But told her that most of my family data was still unclassified—in note-books—waiting for me to get them—and that I'd possibly not get them done in time to be included, but thank you for the opportunity anyhow.

I'm off today will work again tomorrow, but will go to the library and give you a copy of that letter to the English (SINGLEFERRY). Perhaps you can compose something more appealing. I'll also send you a copy of a letter from the lady mentioned in Gloria Rostich's letter. I'd written her a letter for copy of those two deeds, which I find were executed in Dec 10th, 1839. Both were witnessed by Elias Davis, and James Y. Dunham. The first tract was a fifty acres and the second was for one hundred acres. The second tract was sold three days after the first one, Dec 13th, 1839. He sold 150 acres of land for one hundred dollars. He was really anxious to get started on his way to Louisiana, where large contingent of Singletarys were already located.

You probably did not notice that Lou Singletary-Bedford, mother of six children, had the first three in Texas, the fourth a son named Geo. Curtis Bedford born Dec. 3rd, 1863, in Alexandria, La. Next was named Luther, born Dec. 29th, 1864 at her old home near Clinton, Ky. The sixth and last was a girl named Virginia (Lou's mother was named Virginia) born in Pollard, Ala. (Escambia County), and, speculated on the original settler's restless habit of moving from place to place. I wonder what her own ailment was, not to mention hundreds of other members of our families, myself, and my own immediate family included.

Our boy, as you referred to our founding father, was raised by a sea captain at a time when England and France were exploring, and trying to establish claim to the coastal areas of America. In that day it was not uncommon for such a to keep his family with him on ship board, so perhaps our Richard was familiar with much of America's eastern seaboard, before he came to Salem, Mass. It is quite possible that he also had a wife and children when he decided to give up a seafaring life and settle down. We need the name of that Captain and his ship. The possible reason for there not being any records of his marriage in the English files lies also in the fact that a captain of a ship can perform a marriage ceremony in his own right. We could search the English Court records for the name of that nurse-maid, who could, or possibly did, name the Captain of his ship—though these records were destroyed when those estates were in litigation, when the heir apparent sued for a settlement in his favor. I asked, as you notice, the English SINGLEFERRY gentleman, to suggest a course of action to see the record straight. He'd had to be either a good detective, or a lawyer, or both. A sea faring man is always restless on land—I believe that may explain his restlessness, but what about ours?

I shall return to the covering this week end with more.
expenditure of energy.

Did I tell you that I have my application in for a unit in our first Housing for the Elderly, in Melrose—first Low-rent, that is—It was supposed to be ready for occupancy in early autumn, but a thirteen week strike in the cement workers' trade set the work back for that long. Be luck if it is completed this year.

This week-end my closest friend (I'll enclose a snapshot of her, which I snapped in my dining room one Sunday when she dropped by after attending church at St. Mary's Catholic Church, which is near my apt.) called me up and suggested that we walk up to that building site where the housing is being constructed. I wanted to go, but I insisted that we take a bus, because of the intense heat, but I'm not much of an opponent in an argument, so we walked, and I returned with such a bad sunburn that I had fever with it. Looked like a boiled lobster, and felt worse.

She's being born and raised in Scotland, and put in an application for tenancy in the project. She is 36 and living in with a daughter who has five school-age kids, but is no more anxious than I, to find a more reasonable rent. I'm paying $65.00 plus my own bills, for a three room walk-up, on the third floor. Housing is like everything else in Massachusetts, terrible. Kay tells me all the time that I'm more Scotch than she is, meaning of course that I'm a penny-pincher, but I need to be. This place has a private bath, which is hard to come by in Melrose. I had a housekeeping room, just after moving out of my daughter's house, where there were five of us women sharing one bath. It's against the law, but nobody tries to do anything about it. I do not fancy the idea of living in such a complex, as the new housing will be, but I can put in less work hours than is possible under the present set-up. Give me more time to work at this family tracing which has me bugged.

A Houston, Texas correspondent has asked me for your address, and I'll send it though he is connected with a S.C. branch, and you'll probably have nothing of interest for him, but he might provide you with some assistance with your tax searches.

Another S.C. whose husband is a Singleter, sent me two wills last week. She is a fascinating correspondent, and I was able to assist her with her research, by sending her the names and addresses of people who answered my "Helps" quest, naming a common ancestor, and problem. They turned out to be relative, and when they pooled their records they both benefitted, and so they now number three families who pool their funds for the services of a professional genealogist. She said, "I'm sending you these wills, can you figure the relationships between them? I'm certain they'll be interesting to you because they're from Bladen County."

She turned out to be from S.C. The first is John Singleter, of St. Thomas, Berkeley County, dated Apr. 29th, 1791, and executed Feb. 1st, 1793. Another by his wife, Sarah Singleter, dated 23rd April, 1793. Proved Mar. 28th, 1795. The third is the will of Benjamin Singleter, S.C. Charleston District, St. James Parish. It was drawn up October 15, 1807, and proved Jan. 11th, 1811. I spent quite a bit of time straightening them out for her. She holds an outside job, same as I do, is the mother of two school-age boys, and a husband who works for the telephone Co., so probably doesn't have too much time to work at this. If you'd like copies of these wills, just say the word. She and her family lives in Charles City, Iowa. The other correspondent, whose letter I turned over to her, lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The library will be open by the time I can get a bath and get ready to go, so I'm going to quit this and get going.

You shouldn't have wasted all that postage to send that material Air Mail. See, there goes my Scotch again. Will take this with me, as the P.O. is between here and the library. Will stuff it with copies, and mail it on my way back to the apartment. Wish me success with that copywork, which was interrupted by you pending the arrival of additional material. Everything works out for the best, sometimes we fail to view it in that light, until later developments.

Best of everything,

Always,

Veola.

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Dear Mrs. Campbell,

This letter came from Ocala.

Aug. 19, 1910, since Blanche has found that Richard had married before I wanted you in on the facts, I'm sure now she will find the Capt. who raised him and his ship.

This is said you were writing a book on Blocker Co. I'm sure you are real busy.

Do you know anything about James Singletary? Will 1810/11 be known when he married and what? Is there any chance I might get a copy of marriage license?

Have you received your Singletary back yet and what are your deductions?

I'm sure you can really fill in the descendants since you live where it all began. Best wishes for your success.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Answers to the Interrogations prescribed by the War Department, as propounded to the Applicant by the Court.

1. I was born in Bladen County, October 24th, 1763

2. There was a record of my age in my mother's possession until her death, and I believe my Brother Joseph Singletary carried it with him to Florida, where he now resides.

3. In Bladen County, and have resided there ever since.

4. I was a substitute in Capt. Bullock's and a Volunteer in Capt. Irwins Compy.

5. For answer, I beg leave to refer to the body of my Declaration

6. I never received but one discharge, which was for one months' service under Capt. Bullock & which I have lost.

7. The Revd. Elias Davis, William Parker, David Pate, Jonathan Singletary, Thomas Hester, Colonel Richd. M. Lewis, Colin Munroe, and others, whom he could name were it necessary.

Sarah Singletary in her affidavit dated 29 March 1854 states that she is aged 76 years, that she is the widow of Josiah Singletary, deceased, a Revolutionary War soldier, she states she was married to the said Josiah Singletary on the 4th July 1833, and that he husband died in the year 1843 or 1844.

In the affidavits of Henry Hilburn he states that Josiah Singletary died on the 18th of September 1843 and that Sarah P. Singletary is his widow, and that he never knew of any other pensioner of that name within the said County (Bladen).

Evidently Sarah P. Singletary died Oct. 7, 1857, as there is such notation on her pension application.

Copied by Wanda S. Campbell from the Pension Record of Josiah Singletary.