

John Daniel Singletary

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Robert E. Singletary, of Clarkton, Bladen County, State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made.

FIRST: I direct my executrix, hereinafter named, to pay all my funeral expenses, administration expenses of my estate, including inheritance and succession taxes, state or federal, which may be occasioned by the passage of or succession to any interest in my estate under the terms of this instrument, and all my just debts.

SECOND: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal of whatsoever kind or character, and wheresoever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Dorothy L. Singletary, to be hers absolutely and forever.

THIRD: If my said wife does not survive me, then I give, devise and bequeath such rest, residue and remainder of my estate to my beloved children, in equal shares, per stirpes, to be theirs absolutely and forever; provided, that the share of any child of mine who has died leaving no issue shall be divided among my surviving children in equal shares, per stirpes.

FOURTH: If my wife, Dorothy L. Singletary, and I shall die under such circumstances that there is not sufficient evidence to determine the order of our deaths or if she shall die within a period of six months after the date of my death, then all bequests, devises and provisions made herein to or for her benefit shall lapse; and my estate shall be administered and distributed, in all respects, as though my said wife, Dorothy L. Singletary, had not survived me.

FIFTH: I hereby appoint my wife, Dorothy L. Singletary, as executrix of this my last will and testament. If she does not survive me, then I appoint my son, Robert Lombard Singletary, as executor of my estate.

SIXTH: I hereby vest in my said executrix or executor full power and authority to sell, transfer and convey any property, real or personal, which I may own at the time of my death at such time and price and upon such terms and conditions, including credit as he or she may determine and to do every other act and thing necessary or appropriate for the complete administration of my estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Clarkton, North Carolina this 17th day of November 1973.

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Robert E. Singletary
Robert E. Singletary

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Robert E. Singletary as and for his last will and testament in our presence, who, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, this 18th day of November, 1973.

Arnold A. Smith Jr. residing at *Clarkton, N.C.*
(Name)

Paul M. Smith residing at *Clarkton, N.C.*
(Name)

Marie L. Saunders residing at *Clarkton, N.C.*
(Name)

In the Name of God, "Amen".

Knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory, Thank God for the same, as for what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with it is my wish to dispose of as follows, Viz: First it is my wish that my funeral expenses and just debts be paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son John H. Singletary with some exceptions hereafter named the one moiety of the land I now live on and the cattle that was given to him by his grandfather John Hester, also twenty five acres back of Wilkeson Lake.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Ephraim Singletary two hundred acres of land on the Rayford Swamp, and the cattle given to him by his uncle Ephraim Hester.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Singletary two hundred of land on Harrison's Lake also twenty five acres back of where I now live.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Singletary a negro boy named Lewis.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Singletary a negro boy named Aleck.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter and son Daniel M. Singletary the one moiety of the land whereon I now live, also twenty acres on the back of Wilkeson's Lake, my son H. Singletary is to support and educate my son Daniel Singletary until he arrives at the age of twenty one years, and if the said John H. Singletary fails to comply with my will my son Daniel is to be taken by my Executors from him the said John H. Singletary and claim from him the said John H. Singletary a sufficiency for his education and support. All my property not willed or left as Legacies to be sold by my Executors and the money arising from the sale is to go towards giving my children hereafter named an equal share of education, viz: John H. Singletary, Ephraim Singletary, Thomas Singletary, Mary Singletary and Hannah Singletary, if any should remain to be equally divided between all my children, John, Ephraim, Thomas, Mary, Hannah and Daniel.

I constitute and appoint my worthy friends William Robeson, John Hendry and John H. Singletary, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 19th day of April 1823.

Test: J. Cain
Morris Plummer
Wm. Davis

His
Thomas X Singletary (Seal)
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State of North Carolina
Bladen County

I, Thomas Singletary aforesaid do make this a codicil to my last Will and Testament which is to say:

Article first: I will and bequeath unto my wife Jane Singletary called Jane Wilson whom I have married since the making of the Will to which this Codicil is annexed, one cow and calf, ten sows and pigs together with all the

property both real and personal that came to her by me on my intermarriage with the said Jane Wilson.

Article Second: I will and bequeath unto my son Thomas Singletary one hundred acres of land, it being the balance of three hundred of which two hundred were given to him in my preceeding Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 9th day of December 1825.

His
Thomas X Singletary (Seal)
Mark

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NORTH CAROLINA

BLADEN COUNTY

I, Wanda S. Campbell, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court of theaforesaid county and state, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Will of Thomas Singletary as recorded in Will Book 2, page 366, Bladen County, North Carolina.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 1st day of June, 1970.

Wanda S. Campbell
Assistant Clerk Superior Court.

In the name of God, "Amen"

I, James Singletary, Senr. in the County of Bladen in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same yet being weak of body and reflecting it is appointed for all men once to die do therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following, viz:-

First: I desire to resign my soul to Almighty God that gave it in a happy resurrection.

Secondly: I desire my body to be returned to its mother earth and buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

Thirdly: I desire that all my just debts be paid punctually by and necessary dispatch.

Fourthly: I give and bequeath to the heir or heirs of my late Nancy McCaleb, deceased twenty shillings to be paid them on demand.

Fifthly: I desire that the remainder of my estate both real and personal be agreeable to law be divided amongst my surviving heirs, viz: My wife Nancy, my sons, Thomas, James and Samuel.

Sixthly: I constitute and appoint my friend Bartram Robeson together with my two sons, Thomas and James, my Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I sign, seal and confirm the same this the 20th day of February 1810.

James Singletary

(Seal)

Witness: -

W. R. Dunham
Richard Richardson

Deed Book 22, page 460.

BLADEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Know all men by these presents that I, Jonathan Singletary, Senr. of the aforesaid state & County FOR & in consideration of the natural love & affection which I have & do bear unto my beloved son David Singletary of the aforesaid state & county & for the good causes & considerations moving me hereunto have given & granted & by these presents do give & grant unto the said David Singletary a certain negro man named Vengel aged twenty years to have & to hold & to enjoy the aforesaid slave unto him the sd David Singletary his heirs, execrs, admrs. & assigns & to his only proper use & behoof forever.

I, the said Jonathan Singletary, Sen. for myself my heirs, executors Admrs & assigns forever quitclaim to the said slave & * will warrant & defend the right & title of the said slave from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever unto him the said David Singletary, his heirs & assigns.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30 Nov. 1839.

Jonathan Singletary (Seal)

Witness: C. Monroe
Jonothan Singletary

May Term 1840, then was this deed proven in open court by the oath of C. Monroe & ordered to be registered.

Test: David Lewis, Clk.

Deed Book 22, page 461

This Indenture made the 6th day of Decr. A. D. 1839 between Jonathan Singletary, Senr. of the one part & Rowland Singletary of the other part both of the State of North Carolina & County of Bladen. Witnesseth that I, Jonathan Singletary, Senr. for & in consideration of the natural love & affection which I have unto my son the sadd Rowland Singletary, do give & grant convey & confirm & by these presents do give & grant, convey & confirm forever a certain piece or parcel of land it being a part of a three hundred & fifty acre survey granted to Edwd. Harrison the 12th day of Nov. 1779 lying & being in aforesaid State & County containing fifty three acres beginning at a stake in & old tar illl bed in back line of said 300 & 50 acre tract & runs North 12 chs & 70 links to a stake & pointers then with the dividing line between the said Rowland Singletary & his brother Jonathan Singletary, Jr.....

In Witness whereof I the said Jonathan Singletary, Sen. have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year before written.

Jonathan Singletary (Seal)

In presence of us:
C. Monroe
Snowden Singletary.

May Term 1840. Proven by C. Monroe.

Witness: David Lewis, Clerk.

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In the Name of God, "Amen".

I, William Singletary of Bladen County, North Carolina being weak in body yet of sound and perfect understanding and memory praised be God do make this my last Will and Testament, as followeth: That my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my Executors hereafter named.

Impremis: I give to my beloved wife Mary the use of my plantation whereon I now live with negroes, stock and Household stuff whilst she remains a widow, or until my youngest son comes to the age of twenty one years, in case my wife Mary should die before my youngest son comes of age then I will that my Executors shall rent the same for the good of my children.

Item: I give to my son William Singletary two hundred and fifty acres of land known by the name of Singletary's Bluff, eighty acres known by the name of Old Posture, or Sugar Loaf point, to his heirs or assigns forever.

Item: I give to my son Council Singletary the plantation which I now live on, when he is twenty one years old except my wife should now be with child of a son then in that case my plantation shall be equally divided between my son Council and the one not yet born, if a daughter then shall have an equal share of my personal estate with my other children.

Item: I give to my brother Richard Singletary all my wearing clothes, my silver Buckles and silver watch to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

I do hereby constitute, make and ordain James Council and Richard Lloyd, my sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament. I do hereby disallow, revoke and disannull all and every other former wills, legacies or Executors by me made or appointed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 1st day of June in the year of Our Lord, 1785.

William Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of us:

James Bradley
John Cowan
Benjamin Humphrey.

Will Book 2, Page 270 - Clerk Superior Court, Bladen County, N. C.

In the Name of God, "Amen"

I, Breyton Singletary of the State of North Carolina of Bladen, being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory and understanding do constitute this my last Will and Testament, and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I devise and dispose of in the following manner and form, viz:

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I give unto my beloved wife Mary Singletary all her possession, real and personal that she was possessed of at the day of our marriage to dispose of it in what manner she thinks proper, and the remainder of my estate to continue in my wife's possession until my son Joseph Singletary come to be twenty one years of age then to be equally divided between my three children, Joseph Singletary, Deborah Singletary, Benjamine Singletary and for my wife to keep Benjamin's part in her possession until he is twenty one years of age and if there should be a necessity to sell any of the negroes to pay my debts, let it be a negro girl named Amey, and if she is sold it is in the powers of my Executors and Executrix to sell her or any of my property at public or private sale as they may think proper to pay my debts and I hereby constitute and appoint my brother Benjamin Singletary and my beloved wife Mary Singletary, my Executor and Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of September 1790.

Breyton Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Brayton Singletary the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers -- all intending before assigned.

Benjamin Singletary
Lucy (her x mark) Streaty
William Streaty.

Will Book 2, Page 185, Clerk Superior Court, Bladen County, N. C.

I, Daniel Hester 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:

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

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I give and devise to my beloved wife Sarah Hester two hundred acres of land whereon I now live so as to include my mansion house, all outhouses and the mill and all other improvements thereon said land being the tract of land deeded by Julius High to Thomas Hester and registered in Bladen County in Book K page 301, December 7th 1861. Also that she be allowed to use timber for the use of plantation on one hundred acres known as the Dunham tract and also on one hundred and fifty one acre tract known as Lot No. 4 in the division of Thomas Hester's real estate and allotted to Moses Jones and wife Sarah for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and third of and in all my real estate.

I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter, Martha J. wife of William H. Bryan four hundred and eighty three acres of land it being a part of the John Owen tract and embraces Lots No. 1, 2 & e in the division of Thomas Hester's real estate & allotted to Elizabeth Hester as reference to said division will more fully show, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and devise to my second daughter Sarah E. wife of Gillmore Edwards one hundred, it being the balance of Lot No. 5 not divided in the above devise, it being the south end of said Lot No. 5 also thirty acres adjoining the above land, also one hundred and fifty-four acres adjoining the last mentioned pieces both of which was allotted to Amelia Hester in the division of Thomas Hester's real estate, also one hundred acres granted to Thomas Hester and lying on Stallion Branch recorded in Bladen County in Book M, page 141, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Mary F. wife of John D. Biggs, two hundred and seven and a half acres of lying lying on bothsides of the public road leading from Lumberton to Whiteville and known as the Lewis land and recorded in Bladen County, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and devise to my eldest son Edward T. Hester two hundred acres of land be the same more or less, and including the land deeded from Julius High to Thomas Hester, described in the first item of this will, also all the lands in the Mill pond or reserved by me in deeding off lands for the benefit of said mill, and after the death of my beloved wife Sarah Hester, should she survive me then the said Edward T. Hester to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever the above lands and mill, etc.

I give and bequeath to my nephew Edward S. Lewis one tract of land containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less, for minute description see the deed from Jas. G. Freeman to Daniel Hester which is registered in Bladen County in Book S page 337 to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

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Yvonne Brunton, Vicksburg, Miss.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER JOSEPH SINGLETARY OF BLADEN COUNTY, N.C., WHO
WENT TO FLORIDA—VICTIM OF ERRORS IN HIS RECORDS

From available records it is apparent that there were at least two men named Joseph Singletary who fought in the Revolution, among 10 or 12 of their relatives.

In the North Carolina Colonial records, there is mention of an officer by the name of Joseph Singletary who made frequent appeals for compensation for the loss of the use of his arm. He seems to be heard from no more after about 1789, and cannot be identified in the 1790 census.

From the Abstracts of Wills of Bladen County, N.C., by Wanda Campbell, it is possible to piece together most of the family of Pvt. Joseph Singletary of the Bladen Militia, whose U.S. Pension Application Number was S-47849.

There is some confusion about this man, and he has been the victim of at least two errors in his records. When one sees the actual photocopy, these mistakes are easily understood. Pvt. Joseph Singletary's pension application was made at the April term of the Leon Co. Territory of Florida, Court of 1833. There is an error in the first publication of his record in this date, given as 1844. Joseph had bought land in Leon Co in February of 1830, after arriving from North Carolina by way of Baker Co., Ga. where he was in 1827, deposition.

In his deposition he states that he is "about" 71 years and 10 months old, and was a resident of Bladen Co, N.C. In his Florida record of payments No. 29037, Book eE, Vol. 8, p. 138, they list him as being from South Carolina, although the names of his officers are those of his North Carolina Unit—Captain Joseph Andrews and Col (later General) Thomas Brown. Later he was under Jared Irvin.

In the Index of revolutionary War Pension applications, Nation Genealogical Society, 1966, Joseph is named as Singleton even though his Pension No. was correct. This may have come about in at least one place in the General Services Administration Records, he is Named "Singletary of Singleton". Of course, if one leaves the "y"

off on Singletary, it does appear as Singleton. In some places he is referred to as Joseph Singletary, Jr. Pvt. Joseph Singletary b. Bladen Co. June 9, 1761, was a brother to Josiah Singletary b. Bladen Co. 1763, who fought in the same engagements, and was also wounded at Rockfish Creek June 5, 1781. They were sons of Joseph Singletary who died in Bladen Co. N.C. in 1772.

Ithamar Singletary was their cousin and his father Ithamar, was their uncle and brother to Joseph, their father. Both Josiah and Ithamar fought as substitutes for their uncle, Benjamin Fitzrandolph. Joseph fought in the place of William Harrison.

In Josiah Singletary's Deposition, made in February of 1833, in Bladen Co. N.C. he states that the exact record of his age was in his brother's possession, in Florida, "where he now resides."

In doing research on the Singletary family in Florida and Georgia, and after finding Joseph Singletary to be a victim of numerous mistakes, I became very interested in him.

My deductions from this point may be incorrect, but heretofore can be easily proved.

The first census in which Joseph is identifiable is the 1800 Bladen Co. census, p. 147. Joseph Singletary: 3 m not 10, m 25-45, 2 f not 10, 1 f 10-15. In 1810, p. 197, Joseph Singletary: 2 m not 10, 1 m 10-15, 1 m over 45, 4 f not 10, 1 f 10-15, 2 f 16-25, 1 f over 45. At this point, there were obviously others living in the house with them.

In the 1820 Bladen Co. Census, Joseph cannot be found. The exodus had already begun, so perhaps Joseph was already on his way, or in Baker Co. Ga. where he states that he was in 1827.

He appears in the Leon Co. Fla. Census of 1830. His son Nathaniel also appears as Head of Household, with his own family. Joseph: 1 m 10-15, 1 m 20-30, 1 m 30-40, 1 m 60-70, 1 f 15-20, 3 f 20-30
Nathaniel: a m under 5, 1 m 5-10, 2 m 20-30, 1 f 20-30

On the 7th of May 1836, Joseph Singletary sold his land in Leon Co. Fla, on May 18, 1836, Henry, his son, sold his land in Leon Co. and the following January, Nathaniel too sold out and went to Ga.

On May 21, 1836, 13 days after Joseph sold his Florida property, Josiah Singletary bought land in Thomas County, Ga. There is no record of Joseph Singletary owning any land in Georgia. and since

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obvious that they all moved to Thomas County. By 1837, almost all the Singletary families in Florida had moved to Thomas County, presumably because of the terrible Indian Wars.

In the 1840 Census, Nathaniel appears in adjoining Decatur County, Ga., but by 1850 he too was in Thomas.

In the 1840 Thomas Co. Census, Joseph is still the head of household: 1 m 5-1-, (John, son of Josiah and W. Nancy) 1 m 20-30 (William) 1 m 40-50 (Josiah), 1 m 70-80 (Joseph), 1 f 30-40 most likely Mary (Ann) who nursed Joseph and was may also have been his daughter, 1 f 40-50, Nancy, wife of Josiah.

According to "Pension Records of Soldiers of the Revolution who removed Florida" by Jessie Roberson Fritot, p.41, Joseph Singletary was born June 9, 1761, and died before Oct.5, 1844, and was nursed by Mary Ann Singletary. The records of the Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church of Thomas County indicate that he died April 14, 1844. He was a charter member of this church in 1840, having transferred from the Tired Creek Church of Decatur County, which he joined in 1835.

In July 1844, term of the Thomas Co. Ga. Court, Letters of Administration were granted to Josiah Singletary to administer the estate of Joseph Singletary. He supplied Letters of Administration, and posted \$500 bond, p.105, 1837-1849 Minutes Book of Thomas County.

After appraisal by men who were all his relatives, and the sale of his property, the following were his heirs (Josiah, though the administrator, did not inherit. I believe this to be because the land was in his name and there was very little else).

Feb.13, 1845, pd. from the estate of Joseph Singletary:

Shadrack Posey, \$5.00, son-in-law m Sarah 12-28-1838

Mary Singletary \$5.00, (nurse-wife?) perhaps daughter

Nancy Singletary, \$5.00, wife of Josiah

Isaac Boyett, son-in-law m Margaret Singletary

Nathaniel Singletary, \$5.00

Henry Singletary, \$5100

William Singletary, \$5.00

Will McKinnon, \$7.93, son-in-law

The land which Josiah bought in 1836 in Thomas Co. Ga. was held by him until 1854, when it was conveyed to Harrison Singletary, son of Brayton 1795-1853, who may have been Joseph's son also. This land lies in what is now Grady County, and is south of U.S.84 to Thomsville, on what was long ago known as the Singletary Road. All those who held property in Leon County, Fla. lived in the same area with the exception of Brayton who held land in various other parts of the county as well.

There were in Leon or adjoining counties, the following persons between 1825 and 1837 in addition to Joseph Singletary, Revolutionary Soldier:

1. Brayton Singletary 1795-1853, in Fla 1821 to Thomas Co.Ga.1838
2. Benjamin-c 1847, died Leon Co.Fla wife Sarah 1833. Heirs:Leonard, Susan McDaniel, monors-Joseph, Henry, Brayton
3. Nathaniel Singletary and first wife Nepsy 1833. Son Joseph
4. Nathaniel Singletary married Martha Ann Singletary 1835 in Leon co. and moved to Decatur Co.Ga. 1838
5. Henry, son of Joseph, wife Hannah in1836 to Thomas C.Ga. prior 1840
6. Harrison witnessed for Benjamin 1831 m Sarah High 1832, d Fla. c 1851 leaving minor Margie Ann
7. Sarah m Henry Miller 1835, to Ga.
8. Edward m Eliza Loch 1833, Leon Co.
9. Nelson witnessed for Brayton 1835, to Thomas Co. Ga.
10. Josiah witnessed for Henry 1833. Josiah was living with father, Revolutionary Soldier Joseph so was not Head of Household
11. Isaac Boyett witnesses 1833, husband Margaret Singletary

lutionary Soldiers and Widows of Revolutionary Soldiers Living in Georgia in
1827-1828"

Page 15 Miller, Lucretia (w) living in Early Co.

Miller, Nath living in Baldwin

It didn't say where their land was located.

It seems that if Brayton Singletary and Mary Singletary Bryan were brother and sister and both first cousin to Sarah Singletary Miller who married Henry Miller, it would fit what Mother Miller understood was the relationships. This would make her, Alice B. third cousin once removed to her husband, your Uncle Marvin Miller, and second cousin to Callisa Barbara Singletary Miller, and also would make Franklin Jefferson Miller and his second wife, Callisa Barbara Singletary Miller third cousins to each other as Aunt Bessie Miller said. However if Sarah Singletary Miller who married Henry Miller was a widow when she married Henry Miller, she could have been a Singletary before this first marriage.

William Bryan, who married Mary Singletary, had only one son, John Quincy Bryan born Dec. 7, 1843 and five daughters, Helen born 1823 in N.C. m. Haynes Singletary Sarah Ann b. about 1828 in N.C.; Mary b. Aug. 18, 1830 in Florida; Susan b. about 1834 in Florida, never married; Malinda? b. about 1837 in Florida (could be Julia M. who married J. Ellis Fisher in 1853) had one child Noie and died soon after. John Quincy Br. was born in Georgia. William Bryan is in the Census of 1840 in Thomas Co. Ga. with his wife and five daughters. John Quincy Bryan married ¹⁸⁷⁰ Callidonia Walker daughter of Jonathan Walton Walker who was the oldest son of Tarlton Walton Walker.

William Bryan, who married Mary Singletary was born about 1798 and Mary about 1802 and had no son named Hardy. However he had a brother, Travis, who had a son named Hardy whose daughter was Callie Chester and lived in Florida at a railroad town that Mother Miller had forgotten the name of. It could have been Ponta Gorda, as that was the end of the railroad in about 1900. I have wondered if the Travis Bryan who married Caroline Womack in Thomas Co. Ga. in 1842 was William Bryan's brother, or if the Hardy Bryan who married Angaline Bryan was (marriage 1844) Travis's son. However one Harley Bryan is in 1850 census with wife Angeline--so it is a puzzle.

I believe that William Bryan who married Mary Singletary ^{who was Mother Miller's}
WHICH PHILEMON?

grandfather, was a first cousin to Philemon Bryan and his brothers and sisters.

Philemon Bryan's father, William Bryan born 1757 had the following brothers and ^{is this right}
sisters according to his father will dated 1766: Stephen, Philemon, John and Edward,
and Sarah Simpson, Amy Baldwin, and Elizabeth. The father was Thomas Bryan and no
wife is given.

About John Hill Bryan whose will is in Thomas County Ga: All his children are
listed in "Notable Southern Families" by Zella Armstrong which I copied in the
Birmingham Ala. Library in 1947: Penelope, b. 1784 m. John Coffee; Edward b. 1786
m. Sarah Horn; John b. 1788 no record; Mary b. 1790 m. Shadrack Atkinson;
William b. 1792 died in infancy; James b. 1790 d. in infancy; Joseph b. 1795, m.
Lucy Warner; Susan b. 1797 m. Hiram Atkinson; Fred and Elizabeth b. 1798 died
in infancy; Hardy b. 1799 m. 1st Martha Wyche, 2nd Maria Wyche.

John Hill Bryan's wife was Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of William Harrison. ^{R.S. 303 Original Pn}

The sketch says he married Nov. 27, 1782 and moved to Georgia in 1801.

Hardy Bryan son of John Hill Bryan was living in Thomas Co. Ga. in 1850 with his wife
Maria. with eight of his 10 children. In addition to those in the census, the sketch
gives Leon, b. 1825 never married and Battlemore who died young. I understand that
the Hardy Bryan home in Thomasville is ~~is~~ a showplace even today.

I believe John Hill Bryan came from Jones Co. N.C. as there is a deed of gift from
a John Bryan and his wife Mary in 1786 which gives 771 acres to his sons, Edward,
John Hill Bryan & Frederick Bryan, William, and Joseph and states that it is the property
that the father, John received from his father Edward, who purchased it from Martin
and Edward Francks. Witnesses were William Harrison and F. Harget.

Jones Co. N.C. is just north of Bladen.

Going back to Philemon Bryan who married Nancy Ann Hawthorne--he had a daughter, Lenora
who married John Levi Stewart (b. 1809). Their children were Matthew A. b. 1822 m.
Cinderella Slaton; Jonathan Clay m. Ellen Turner; James Richard b. 1828 m Rebecca
Sellers; Sarah Ann b. 1831 m. Frank Caldwell; Philemon Bryan Stewart m. Amelia Sellers
John J. b. 1836 b. Elizabeth Rowx; Miles McKinnon b. 1838 d. 1853; Mary Ann b. 1841
m. Cader Hawthorne m. 2nd Wm parvis. *These children were all Stewarts but their*

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who is Susannah Singletary in 1820 census - & she be
wid Wm. (prob. 2^d wife) and the one who witnessed for Rev.
Sol. Josephs pension in Leon Co. Fla. in 1833,?

Wm. Toler went to Fla. with the group from Bladen
see Census ~~1840~~ Ham Co. 1840

In 1830 Edw. Singletary 20-30 was in Leon Co.
Fla. with old woman the age of Susannah 60-70
between R.S. Joseph & his son Natl. Practically all
the families in Fla. in those early days named a
child Susan or Susannah!

Have not got Bryans for 1830 Fla. enclosed are
1840. Old Aunt Peggy must have d. before census taken
got there in 1840.

Who is Wm. J. BRYAN 1798 d e 1870 m.
MARY SINGLETARY b 1802 they were in Leon Co. Fla.
with Natl in 30's + 40's + then to THOS. CO.

You asked about John Bryan who married Susan Singletary in 1842, daughter of
Brayton. Huxford has a sketch about him and his family, which says John Bryan
was born in 1819 in Wayne Co. Ga, son of Philemon Bryan and moved to Hamilton
County, Fla. before he was 21. His wife Susan was born in North Carolina in
1822. They had 8 children, seven of whom are given: Harrison born 1845 was killed
in Florida in the Civil War; Vashti born 1847 married Joseph Harris; Hardy, born 1850
married Virginia Duncan; Frances who married William Sandlin; Noah, died young;
Mary, born 1858 married Samuel Register; Florence, married John Smith.
John Bryan died in Hamilton Co. Fla. in 1875, Susan died in Jasper, Florida 1890.
John Bryan's father, Philemon Bryan was age 71 and living in Hamilton Co. Fla. in 1851.
He was in the Indian War in Florida in 1835 and died in 1858.

Philemon's father was William Bryan, born in Bladen Co. 1757, wife thought to be
Sarah Singletary. They had the following children: Philemon b. 1779 m. Nancy Hawthorne;

RICHARD W. SINGLETARY

1840 THOS.

Jan 4 1977
Ila 1840

1m 70-80 b. 1760-1770 NO PROPERTY THOS. CO.
1m 20-30 Gr San Cain? John, Peter?
1m undw 5
1F 60-70 Margaret?
1F 30-40 Nepsy? m Brayton 1849
Sidney m Wm J. 1839

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SEE UNDATED WILL BLADEN

Is it possible this will be filed in BLADEN CO. BEFORE HE LEFT FOR GA?

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Richard W. Singletary witnessed deed → Margaret S. Singletary 1838 THOS. CO. property from Rich + Lem. S. Smith of Pike Co. Ala. LOT 397 DIST 17, west Bannetts CREEK UNABLE TO TRACE PROPERTY

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1840 FLORIDA:

HAMILTON (middle Ila)

Timothy Dooler couple 20-30

Lewis Bryan 1-0-0-0 (2030) 1F 20-30

James " 1-1-3-0-0-1 1F 65, 120-30 - 130-40

Joseph 1m 20-30, 140-50 1F 40-50

Adis: Milton 3 & 5 1 30-40 1F 10-15 1 20-30

Lewis 1m 10-15, 1-15-20, 2 20-30 1 40-50 1F 10-15 1F 30-40

Jms H Prevatt 1m 20-30 m Francis E. Bidwell T. CO 1839

" & " 30m older 40-50 4 dau 1F 30-40

Alexander Stapleton, 50-60 large fam

IS AGE RIGHT? MISTAKE? Philimon Bryan 1m 5-10 1 15-20 1 60-70 2F 15-20 1 50

Nancy " 1m 10-15 1F 10-15, 1 15-20 1 30-40

Eduard Singletary 3m 20-30 1m 30-40 1F 20-30 (in hem 1830 with old lady)

Jms McDonald

Wm Bryan 2m to 5, 1m 20-30 1F 20-30

Thos. J. Stewart

John Johnson 50-60 large fam

* Wm R. Tomler 2m 20-30 1 50-60, F 15-10, 110-15, 115-20 150-60

Haudin? Cheek couple 20-30

John Cheek m 30 40 - lg. fam

over

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Neighbors in 1850 THOS CO C

THOS CO 1850

No. 14261 Shadrach Griffin

mine * 262 Henry Miller

287 David Singletary?

263 Shadrach Posey dau R.S. Joseph

288 Brayton Singletary son Benj de Mary S. (wife) dau Willis - JOSIAH R.S.

264 Tms (B) Singletary

289 Nathaniel Singletary son R.S

son Willis - R.S. JOSIAH

265 Joseph Singletary + Nancy Singletary dau 272

266 Isaac Barton

mine * 267 Wm. (H.) Rawls

268 Wm. Davis

269 Ransom McClung

270 Joshua Woodward

271 Eliz. Cumbly

* mine

272 Brayton Singletary + Nancy Singletary 45

Isaac Allen ages 12 → 7, 2 children + 2 Bryans

273 Josiah Singletary son (widow) R.S. JOSEPH 240

Allen Spears 37 Sarah 39

274 Haynes Singletary } sons David son Jesse
on Helen BRYAN

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Alice Bryan 57 wid Nell
3 children 16-20

275 Wm. Singletary } + Mother SARAH (Simpson)

276 Simpson Singletary

Sarah Bryan 4
Edw. 3
not Sarah Spears

277 Wm. Singletary + Sydney Singletary

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BRAYTON - TO TX #51

278 Wm. Singletary (Susan Wood)

279 Benj. Singletary (Frances Wood)

280 Edw. White

281 Tryon Smith 75, wife d. 2 dau Nancy 30, Sarah 28

282 Nobles Smith 30 w. Eliz, 4 children Tryon's wife lived with Sarah Simpson Singletary w. old David son Jesse after Tryon died.

283 Philmon Smith 46 w. Eliz. 7 children

284 Wm. Bryan 52 + Mary 48 (Singletary) 5 children 22-10

285 Willis Singletary son David son Jesse

286 Joseph Wood - Amelia Singletary parents of ~~sons~~ ^{daughters} in 278-279
AMELIA DAU R.S. JOSIAH