

OVERVIEW OF SEDBERRY FAMILY HISTORY

Sedberry is an English name. The original was probably Sudbury. According to Charles Wareing Bardsley in his authoritative "Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames" Sudbury is a place name, meaning a local of Sudbury, a parish in county Suffolk. "Sud" is old English for South; with the suffix "bury" meaning borough, castle, or town.

In 1638 two Sedberry men, Peter, & John landed in Virginia. Family lore has it that they were brothers, progenitors of the North Carolina Sedberry family and perhaps every Sedberry in this country.

There is a one hundred year gap in my records between these two immigrants and John Sedberry, born in Virginia about 1730. John had a son named George. George had seven sons and a daughter, all born in Virginia. The sons names (born), were JOHN (1770), JAMES H. (1776), WILLIAM (1777), GEORGE II (1778), MILES, (1781), JAMES MERRITT (1787), and DAVID (1793). George sold his land in Brunswick County, Virginia in 1795 and moved his family to a farm near Troy, Montgomery County, North Carolina. From Troy the great Sedberry diaspora commenced about 1810.

- o John moved to Arkansas Territory about 1820.

- o Descendants of James H. moved to Alabama about 1830.

- o Shadrach, son of George II, moved to Alabama after 1840.

- o James Merritt moved to Maury County, Tennessee about 1810, then about 1855 moved to Texas, near Waco, following his sons, William Rush and John Wesley.

- o William moved to Maury County, Tennessee, in 1834. Some of his descendants live in Tennessee today. His son Gates Washington moved to Kentucky, where some of his descendants can be found.

This is my understanding of Sedberry history as of today. It will change as research reveals new information.

I have yet to find a Sedberry in the United States who did not have roots in North Carolina. I think that everyone who carries the name Sedberry is related.

1. JOHN¹ SEDBERRY, son of (Father Unknown) and of (Mother Unknown), born about 1730 at ?VA?; died 1808 at Amelia County, VA. #2160>

FAMILY LORE

- Tradition says the Sedberry family came from Halifax County, VA, and from Richmond, VA.

Per Stiles Sedberry Dixon Jr.

- Stiles Sedberry Dixon lists Peggy, Sally, Elizabeth, Thomas & Robert as possible children of John, and comments that they may be siblings of John, rather than his children.

EVIDENCE

- A John Sedbery served with John Murray's Company of Volunteers from Botetourt County VA in Lord Dunmore's War, 1774.

"Documentary History of Dunmore's War 1774", edited by Thwaites & Kellog. Compiled from the Draper Manuscripts in the Wisconsin Historical Society.

- A John Suddbury appears in the reconstructed 1790 census of Amelia County, VA in 1782. Four Whites and 5 Blacks in the household.

"1790 Census for Virginia" by Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA. Originally printed by Gvt Printing Office, Washington, DC, 1908.

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- A John Sudberry appears in the above mentioned census, 1785, in Amelia County, 5 White souls, no Dwellings, no other buildings.

Ibid, p82

- A John Sudberry was plaintiff in a legal action against defendant Benjamin Brackett in Powhatan County VA in 1787.

See Powhatan County Order Book #3 1786-1789, p607.

Copy in files, SEDJ67, pp7 & 8.

- A John Sudberry appears in the 1787 census of VA in Amelia County; No white males between the ages of 16 & 21, 3 blacks above 16, 5 blacks under 16, 3 horses, and 10 cattle.

See files, PLACES, VAAM01, p349.

- A John Sudbury served as a Constable for Amelia County VA in 1801. He was one of those constables appointed to transport tobacco out of the colony without first being inspected.

"Historical Notes on Amelia County, Virginia", edited by

Kathleen H. Hadfield, Appendix pp483 & 484.

- "John Sudbury sen. is appointed constable in this county and he took the oath of a constable and thereupon he took the oath of office."

Amelia County, VA, Order Book #23, p226, June Court-1801.

Copy in files SEDBERRY, SEDJ67, p9.

- A John Sudbury's will was proven in Amelia County, VA Oct 27, 1808. In this will John mentions his wife Sally, son John, daughter Sally

Walthall, and grandson John. John signed his will as John Sudbury.
Amelia County will book #7, p412.
Copy in files SEDJ67, pp1-3.

Comments: I have no proof that the above citations of evidence refer to the John Sedberry who is the grandfather of "The Seven NC Brothers", or even if all the citations refer to the same person, but the age is right, the time is right, the location is right and the name is unusual enough for this to be a strong candidate for the father of George Sedberry, b about 1750.

Working hypothesis;

In 1774 the Sedberry line in the Colonies had dwindled to a very few. It may be that John Sedberry, age about 44 was the only Sedberry male of military age. John served in Lord Dunmore's war in 1774, in what is now western Virginia. I have been unable to find a Sedberry, or any variation of the name, on any Revolutionary war roster, Rebel or Loyalist.

Sometime after Dunmore's war John moved to Powhatan County, VA, where we find him in a court document in 1787. He then moves to Amelia County, VA, where he was a man of some substance. His son George, father of "The Seven NC Brothers", moved to Brunswick County, VA about 1780. George changed the spelling of his name from Sudbury to Sedberry, and thus all Sedberrys in the U.S. trace their ancestry to George's seven sons.

Note that the trip from Botetourt County, cross country to Powhatan County is about 80 miles. Powhatan to Amelia County was only about 20 miles, and from Amelia to Brunswick about 45. From Powhatan to Amelia to Brunswick the path was directly south, heading away from the land already used up by tobacco farming, into the frontier of what is now North Carolina.

- A David Sudberry was witness to a marriage license in Amelia County, VA in 1778. Possible brother or son of John Sudbury.
See files, Marriages, VAAM01, p97.

- One Ezekiel Sudbury resided in Henrico County, VA in 1740. Possible father or brother of John Sudbury.
Henrico County Order Book 1737-1746.
See files, PLACES, VAHE01, p266.

- A William Sudberry appears in the 1787 census of VA, in Amelia County. Possible son or brother of John Sudbury.
See files, PLACES, VAAM01, p341.

Children of JOHN¹ and () SEDBERRY were as follows:

2. i. GEORGE², born about 1750.
3. ii. ELIZABETH, born about 1753.
4. iii. SALLY, born about 1760.

5. iv. JOHN JR., born about 1760.
2. GEORGE² SEDBERRY, (JOHN¹), born about 1750 at ?VA?; died after 1800 at ?NC?. He married about 1770, at Brunswick County?, VA? to MARY BIRDSONG, daughter of James BIRDSONG and of Frances MERRITT. #2159>
- o "Dean Birdsong has in his possession a family group sheet that records that she" (Mary Birdsong) "married George Sadberry in Brunswick County, Virginia. Unfortunately the compiler's name is not listed. A note in the margin indicates this family moved to Montgomery County, North Carolina, between 1795 & 1800. This family group sheet lists eight children born to Mary and George Sadberry: John (m. Mary Davis in Brunswick Co., VA), James, William, Miles, Merritt, George, David and Elizabeth."
 - o Excerpt from a letter to Stiles Sedberry Dixon, Jr. from Mrs. Betty M. Helf. Copy in files, SEDBERRY, SEDG13, p1.
 - o A George Sedberry appears on the tax rolls of Brunswick County, VA, 1782-87.
 - o James Hamilton Sedberry shows George II to be the third of seven brothers, with no birthdates for any of the seven.
 - o Mrs. John Wesley (Bessie Stewart) Sedberry Jr., titles the children of George and Mary (Birdsong) Sedberry "The Seven Brothers of N. Carolina", then lists 8 brothers and their sister Elizabeth. She does give the full date of birth for each of the siblings. The brother she lists that no one else has is Seth, born Jan 23, 1784. I am surmising that Seth died young and was lost to other researchers. I have elected to use her dates since she cites "the old Merritt Sedberry Bible" as the source of her information.
Copy in files, SEDBERRY, SED*12, pp1-3.
 - o Note that James Hamilton Sedberry gives the birth year of William, James's grandfather, as 1777, which agrees with Mrs. J.W., but he repeatedly states that William was next to the youngest of the seven. See files, SED*5, p2.
 - o From Martha Louisa (Sedberry) Hammond, (see files, SED*8, p4).
"The grandfather of James Hamilton Sedberry.....had one daughter named Lucy Birdsong Sedberry. Her grandmother was named Birdsong and her great grandmother was named Gaston. Lucy Birdsong Sedberry and Henry Birdsong Sedberry, first cousins, played together in Montgomery County as children..... Of the union between Sedberry and Birdsong there were seven children as follows. John, James, George, Elizabeth, Merritt, William and David. All reared families except David who died as a young man."
 - o Comment: Note that Martha Louisa omitted Miles from the list of siblings. I believe her comment about David dying as a young man is incorrect. Note evidence that he served in the War of 1812, married Nancy Stancil, raised a family, and died in 1871.

o 1800 Census, Montgomery County, NC, page 494:

George Sedberry Sr. Males: 1 under 10, 1 10/16, 2 16/26, 1 45 or older.
Females: 1 10/16, 1 45 or older. Slaves: 1.

Source "1800, 1810, 1830, 1840 Federal Census of Montgomery County, North Carolina" by Stanly County Genealogical Society, p12.

The male under 10 would be David, b 1793.

The males age 10/16 would be James Merritt, b 1787 & Miles, b 1781, (Seth probably died young).

The male 45 or older would be George Sr., b about 1750.

The female age 10/16 would be Elizabeth, b 1791.

The female 45 or older would be Mary (Birdsong), b abt 1755.

o 1810 Census, Montgomery County, NC, page 574:

G. Sedberry. Free white males; 1 under age 10, 1 age 10/16, 1 over 45.
Free white females; 1 under age 10, 1 age 10/16.
2 slaves.

Ibid, p45.

!!NOTE!! The Birdsong family genealogy as presented by Dean Birdsong has Mary (Birdsong) Sedberry born about 1767, the fifth of six children. If this is correct we either have a serious problem with the the dates of birth of George & Mary's children, or "The Seven North Carolina Brothers" did not all have the same mother. Note that Mary's father, James Birdsong was born about 1726, and Merritt Birdsong, supposedly his first child was born in 1758. It seems plausible to me that Mary was James's firstborn. James would have been 29 years old in 1755, still a rather advanced age for his first child. Dean Birdsong does have a parenthetical note; "(Mary and Rebecca may not be in the proper order)".

See "Five Generations of American Birdsong Ancestry" by Dean John Birdsong, p38.

o Sue Oden, writing in "The Williamson Leader", (TN), Sep 17, 1992, lists Miller as one of the 7 brothers of William Sedberry, not mentioning Seth but listing the remaining 7. I have made the assumption that Miller is the same person as Seth mentioned by Mrs. John Wesley Sedberry (above), and have presented the name as Seth Miller. Further research may prove this to be wrong.

Copy of above article in files, SEDBERRY, SEDW8, p3.

Children of GEORGE² and MARY (BIRDSONG) SEDBERRY were as follows:

6. i. JOHN³, born November 7, 1770.
7. ii. JAMES H., born March 3, 1776.
8. iii. WILLIAM R., born October 11, 1777.
9. iv. GEORGE II, born October 23, 1778.

10. v. MILES, born January 1, 1781.
 11. vi. SETH MILLER, born January 23, 1784.
 12. vii. JAMES MERRITT, born February 6, 1787.
 13. viii. ELIZABETH "ELIZA", born June 1, 1791.
 14. ix. DAVID, born September 23, 1793.
 15. x. ANN H., born about 1825.
3. ELIZABETH² SUDBURY, (JOHN¹), born about 1753 at ?County?, VA?. She married about 1776, to ALEXANDER GASTON. .
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o My great grandfather had one sister, named Elizabeth, who I am told by tradition married Dr. Alexander Gaston of N.C. This Dr. Gaston was a Captain in the Continental Army and was murdered by men in the service of Ferguson and Tarlton who captured him when visiting his wife and children on leave of absence. They had two children, a son and daughter. The son was reared to hate the British and afterwards became the famous jurist of N.C., Judge William Gaston.
Excerpted from a letter written by James Hamilton Sedberry to W.B. Sedberry, Dec. 23rd, 1915. (SEDG124, p1)

Children of ALEXANDER and ELIZABETH² (SUDBURY) GASTON were as follows:

16. i. WILLIAM³, born about 1778.
 17. ii. UNKNOWN, born about 1780.
4. SALLY² SUDBURY, (JOHN¹), born about 1760 at ?City?, ?County?, VA?; died after April 1, 1826. She married June 4, 1796, at Amelia County, VA to CHRISTOPHER WALTHALL. .
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o A John Sudbury whose will was proven in 1808 in Amelia County, VA names his daughter Sally Walthall as an heir.
See files SEDJ67, p1.

Children of CHRISTOPHER and SALLY² (SUDBURY) WALTHALL were as follows:

18. i. THOMPSON³, born about 1797.
5. JOHN JR.² SUDBURY, (JOHN¹), born about 1760 at ?County?, VA?. .
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o A John Sudbury whose will was proven in Amelia County, VA in 1818 appoints his son John Jr. as one of the executors.
See files SEDJ66, p1.

Children of JOHN JR.² and () SUDBURY were as follows:

19. i. JOHN III³, born about 1780.
 6. JOHN³ SEDBERRY, (GEORGE², JOHN¹), born November 7, 1770 at City?, County?, VA. He married about November 9, 1795, at Brunswick county, VA to MARY "POLLY" DAVIS. #2221>
 - o "We have John Sedberry's name recorded in the Sedberry-Alley Bible, born Nov. 7, 1770. Presumably John was the ancestor of this" (descendants of Miles D.) "branch of the family because he is recorded in the Bible. Two boys were named after him. James H. Sedberry named James as the father of Miles, but there are no children named James. His name is not in the Bible."
 - "The research of Katherine Ramsay Wise indicates that John had three sons, Miles D., born 1796, died 1850, Thomas D. and David S. born July 19, 1811 or 1814."
 - From "Notes on Sedberry Family History" William J. & Dossie Sedberry. Copy in files, SEDBERRY, SED*24
 - o A marriage license was issued to John Sedberry and Polly Davis in Brunswick County, VA, Nov. 9, 1795. The bride's age is listed as 21, no age for the groom.
 - Source: VA State Library & Archives, Brunswick County Marriage Register, p164. Copy in files, SEDBERRY, SEDJ11, p1.
 - o ".....John (m. Mary Davis in Brunswick Co., VA)....."
 - Excerpted from a letter from Betty Helf, Birdsong family researcher, to Stiles S. Dixon Jr., Sedberry descendant, dated Nov. 4, 1994. Copy in files, SEDBERRY, SEDG13, p1.
 - o "John Sedberry moved to Arkansas Territory about 1800."
 - o "Some of the offspring of John Sedberry now live in Sweetwater, Texas and Ark., near Blytheville"
 - Per James Hamilton Sedberry. See files, SEDBERRY, SED*5, p2.
 - o 1800 Census, Montgomery County, NC shows a John Sedberry on page 494. Free white males; 3 under age 10, 1 of 16 and under 26 years, 1 of 26 and under 45 years. Free white females; 1 under age 10, 1 of 16 and under 26 years. No slaves.
 - Source-"1800, 1810, 1830, 1840 Federal Census of Montgomery County, North Carolina" by Stanly County, NC, Genealogical Society, p12.
 - o 1810 Census of Montgomery County, NC, shows a John Sedberry on page 551. Free white males; 1 under age 10, 3 of 10 and under 16 years, 1 of 26 and under 45 years. Free white females; 4 under age 10, 1 of 10 and under 16 years, 1 of 26 and under 45 years. No slaves.
 - Ibid, p37.
- Comment: 1820 census is missing. John does not appear in the 1830 or 1840 Census of Montgomery County. It would appear that John left NC

sometime after 1810. It also seems that he had a number of children we have not been able to identify.

Children of JOHN³ and MARY "POLLY" (DAVIS) SEDBERRY were as follows:

20. i. MILES D.⁴, born September 17, 1796.
 21. ii. THOMAS D., born about 1798.
 22. iii. NANCY, born about 1800.
 23. iv. DAVID S., born July 10, 1816.
 24. v. MASTIN J., born about 1818.
7. JAMES H.³ SEDBERRY, (GEORGE², JOHN¹), born March 3, 1776 at ?County?, VA; died after 1849 at Montgomery County?, NC?. He married about 1805, at VA? to MARTHA GASTON. #2222>

Census Data

1840-Montgomery County, NC, East side of Pee Dee & Yadkin Rivers, p230. James Sedbury; Free white males, 1 age 15/20, 1 age 60/70. Free white females, 1 age 15/20, 3 age 20/30, 1 age 60/70. No Slaves.

Source; "1800, 1810, 1830, 1840 Federal Census of Montgomery County, NC" by Stanly County, NC, Genealogical Society, p163.

1850-Montgomery County, NC; James Sedberry, age 74, born in VA. Martha, age 72, born in VA. Frances, female, age 40, born in NC.

Source; "1850 U.S. Census, Montgomery County, NC", by S-K Publications, Wichita, KS. Photocopies of Census pages.

Children of JAMES H.³ and MARTHA (GASTON) SEDBERRY were as follows:

25. i. TEMPERANCE⁴, born about 1807.
 26. ii. MARY, born October 1809.
 27. iii. FRANCES, born about 1810.
 28. iv. ELIZABETH, born 1816.
 29. v. DOROTHIE, born September 6, 1817.
 30. vi. MARTHA "PATSY", born 1822.
8. WILLIAM R.³ SEDBERRY, (GEORGE², JOHN¹), born October 11, 1777 at ?City?, ?County?, VA; died March 1856 at Maury County, TN. He married about 1810, at ?Montgomery?, NC to LUCY FRASER, daughter of John FRASER and of Rebecca STORY. #2224>

- "William Sedberry, my grandfather moved to Maury County, near

Columbia, Tenn. in 1834."

"The descendants of William Sedberry live in Maury, Williamson, Davidson, Carroll and Shelby Counties. The posterity of one son, Gates, live in Ky., near Eddyville, some of whom live in Louisville and Chicago."

- "William Sedberry, my grandfather, born 1777"
Per James Hamilton Sedberry. (SEDG137)

- 1840 Census, Maury County, TN, shows a William Sadberry
on p 374: males; 2 age 10/14, 2 @ 15/19, 1 @ 20/29 and 1 @ 60/69.
Females; 1 age 15/19, 1 @ 20/29 and 1 @ 50/59.

The males would be: William Sedberry, age 62; sons James Ruffin age 11 and William Gaston age 13; George Franklin age 15 and John Lawrence age 18. Gates Washington, age 28 is out on his own.

The females would be: Wife Lucy, age 47, either erroneously counted in the older age group or we have her age wrong; Maria, age 15; Nancy age 26. Lucy Birdsong seems to not be at home, Mathenia is out on her own.

- William Sedberry's will was signed February, 1856 in Maury County, TN. He probably died there.
Copy of will on file, SEDBERRY, SEDW14, p1.

- "Sedberry, Mrs. Lucy, 80, died June 5 in District 20 of Maury County, Baptist. (Columbia Herald, 11 July 1873.)"

As seen in "Obituaries from Tennessee Newspapers", compiled by Jill A. Garrett, p344.

-Buried in Hill-Haywood (Carters Creek) cemetery, Maury County, TN. Born 1780, Virginia, Died March 1856, Maury County, TN. Will, 1856, Children listed, Gates, John, George, William and grandson George Jr.

As seen on internet site: www.findagrave.com, Record created by Scott Fraser, Jul 31, 2008.

Children of WILLIAM R.³ and LUCY (FRASER) SEDBERRY were as follows:

31. i. MATHENIA⁴, born about 1811.
32. ii. GATES WASHINGTON, born about 1812.
33. iii. NANCY, born about 1814.
34. iv. LUCY BIRDSONG, born January 22, 1819.
35. v. JOHN LAWRENCE, born March 14, 1822.
36. vi. MARIA, born about 1824.
37. vii. GEORGE FRANKLIN, born about 1825.

38. viii. WILLIAM GASTON, born June 9, 1827.

39. ix. JAMES RUFFIN, born April 12, 1829.

9. GEORGE II³ SEDBERRY, (GEORGE², JOHN¹), born October 23, 1778 at ?City?, ?County?, VA; died before 1850. He married (1) about 1799, at Montgomery?, NC? to ELIZABETH REBECCA FLETCHER; and married (2) about 1809, at Troy?, Montgomery?, NC? to CELIA JEFFERSON. .

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Census data:

1800 - Montgomery County, NC, George Sedberry Jr., 1 male 26/45 years, 1 female 16/25 years.

Comment: George II would have been age 21 when the census was taken in the summer of 1800. Different George? Census age wrong?

Not born in 1778?

1810-Not found in Montgomery County, NC.

1820 Census lost.

1830-Montgomery County, NC, George Sedberry:

males- 1 age 0-5, 1 age 5-10, 1 age 10-15, 1 age 50-60.

females- 1 age 0-5, 2 age 5-10, 1 age 40-50.

Comment: This seems to be George II and wife Celia with:

Sons- David W.(b 1825) ,?7th son?(b abt 1823), and George W.(b 1819)

Daughters Wincy B.(b abt 1827), Celia A.(b abt 1822), and Unknown.

1840-Montgomery County, NC, George Sedbury:

Males: 1 age 10-15, 1 age 15-20, 1 age 60-70

Females: 1 age 10-15, 2 age 15-20, 1 age 50-60

Comment: This seems to be George II with wife Celia and:

Sons- David W. or John A., and 7th son.

Daughters - Wincy B., Celia A., and Unknown.

1850-Montgomery County, NC. Celia Sedberry, age 59 with Celia A. age 28, John A. age 19, Wincy B. age 23 and Harriet age 1, all born in NC.

1900-Ashley County, AR, David W. Sedberry shows both his mother and father born in Virginia.

o George II's second marriage caused a breach in the family-reason unknown.

Per Mrs. Guy Hammond

o Henry moved to Fayetteville, NC and Shadrack moved to Wetumpka, AL. George II had seven sons by his second wife, all raised on a farm near Troy, NC.

Per Stiles Sedberry Dixon Jr. (SEDG120)

o "Mrs. G. W. Monkhouse of Hondo, Texas writes that her grandfather was born July 17, 1777, married a Jefferson, and that her great grandmother

was a Birdsong." ... "Mrs. Monkhouse's father was next to the youngest of the seven sons."

Per Martha Louisa (Sedberry) Hammond (SED*8, p4)

o Comment: The grandfather above seems to be George II of the "7 North Carolina Brothers." Note that this was written about 1915, whereas Mrs. J. W. Sedberry's material which gives us the birthdates of the "7 NC Brothers" was written about 1950. July 17, 1777 does not match any of the brother's birthdates as now recorded.

o 1850 census, Montgomery County, NC shows Celia Sedberry, age 59 with Celia A. age 28, John A. age 19, Wincy B. age 23, and Harriet age 1, all born in NC.

See dwelling #269, p 120b.

o Caution!: Children of George II and Celia Jefferson are linked by speculation and circumstantial evidence only. Reasoning as follows:
o Stiles Sedberry Dixon says that George II had seven sons by his second wife, but does not have the names.

o James Hamilton Sedberry says that George II married twice and raised two families, but does not name any of the children of the second marriage.

o "Henry B's father was named George and his first wife was named Fletcher. By this union two sons Henry B. and Shade. The latter moved to Alabama. George married again had perhaps 7 boys and probably some girls. This marriage caused a breach in the family and the two older boys left home."

Per Martha Louis Sedberry in a short family history.

See files, SEDBERRY, SED*8, p4.

o All of the children of the second marriage were probably born in Montgomery County, NC.

o Montgomery County has been thoroughly researched. I believe I have the names of at least some of the children of the second marriage, but have not been able to identify the parents.

o Those shown as children of the second marriage are those people born in Montgomery County between 1806 (2 years after Shadrack), and 1838, (George II age 60) whose parents have not been otherwise identified.

o Some of these will probably be proven to be incorrect, but I have chosen this strategy to get the information in front of as many family members as possible with the hope we can find proof one way or the other.

o 1850 census finds Celia in Montgomery County, NC, age 59, head of household, 4 children at home. Evidently George has died.

Dwelling #269, p 120b.

Children of GEORGE II³ and ELIZABETH REBECCA (FLETCHER) SEDBERRY were as follows:

- 40. i. LUCENE⁴, born November 17, 1800.
- 41. ii. HENRY BIRDSONG, born August 19, 1802.
- 42. iii. SHADRACH HOGAN, born November 12, 1804.

Children of GEORGE II³ and CELIA (JEFFERSON) SEDBERRY were as follows:

- 43. i. JOHN BOLIN⁴, born June 10, 1810.
- 44. ii. HARRISON T., born about 1812.
- 45. iii. GEORGE F., born 1819.
- 46. iv. CELIA A., born about 1821.
- 47. v. WILLIAM, born 1822.
- 48. vi. DAVID WILLIAM, born December 5, 1825.
- 49. vii. WINCY B., born about 1827.
- 50. viii. JOHN A., born about 1831.
- 51. ix. HARRIETT, born May 8, 1849.

- 10. MILES³ SEDBERRY, (GEORGE², JOHN¹), born January 1, 1781 at ?City?, County?, VA. #2192>

- o Family history information from Rupert Jordan Sedberry Jr. shows Miles Sedberry, the fourth of seven brothers, born about 1755.

- o Mrs. John Wesley Sedberry (Bessie Stewart) shows George to be the fourth brother, born October 23, 1778, and Miles to be the fifth, born January 1, 1781. (SEDG107)

- o I am using the birthdates for the seven brothers given by Mrs. John Wesley since I think they are from the Merritt Sedberry Family Bible.

- o "Descendants of Miles Sedberry moved to New Orleans, then to Shreveport, La. and into Texas at Marshall and Jefferson."
Per James Hamilton Sedberry (SEDG137)

Children of MILES³ and () SEDBERRY were as follows:

- 52. i. JOHN "JACK"⁴, born about 1801.

- 11. SETH MILLER³ SEDBERRY, (GEORGE², JOHN¹), born January 23, 1784 at ?City?, ?County?, VA. #3187>

o See notes for Seth's father George.

12. JAMES MERRITT³ SEDBERRY, (GEORGE², JOHN¹), born February 6, 1787 at ?City?, ?County?, VA; died 1859 at Waco?, McLennan, TX. He married January 1818, at Troy, Montgomery, NC to NANCY TERRELL RUSH, daughter of William RUSH and of Abigail TERRELL. #2223>

- "Merritt Sedberry, one of the 7 brothers of N.C. married a Rush and moved to Tenn. near Spring Hill about 1805. They had 3 sons and one daughter. All three were in the Confederate Army. The sons were named William, Ben and Rush....."

"Merritt Sedberry, with his brother-in-law, a man named Cheairs, first settled near Spring Hill, Tenn., afterward selling his interest to his brother-in-law Mr. Cheairs. He then purchased land on Duck River west of Columbia, known as Sedberry Bend and later as Robert's Bend. He lived here for many years. In the fifties, about 1854, he sold and moved to Texas near Waco on the Brazos River, where he died. His sons William and Rush also moved to Waco, Texas. Rush married an Alexander and both he and William raised large families in Texas."

Per James Hamilton Sedberry. See files SED*05, p5.

- "A church was organized in Roberts Bend sometime before 1840 and soon thereafter Merritt Sedberry gave a plot upon which a building was erected. Because of this, it was sometimes called "Sedberry's Church." Before too long, the Methodist Church became embroiled in the socio-political dispute that was dividing many denominations and, in 1846, the church in Roberts Bend became a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The congregation was a part of the Duck River and Santa Fe Circuits through the years."

"Maury County, TN Cemeteries" Compiled by Fred Lee Hawkins, Jr. p179.

- "Robert's Chapel---In 1841 Merrett Sedberry donated to church purposes the site of the above chapel, and a class was organized as follows; Mr. Sedberry, The M.E. denomination divided on political grounds and M.E. Church, South, was organized, 1846, at Robert's Bend, with 25 or more members...."

"Century Review 1805-1905, Maury County TN", p232.

Copy in files, PLACES, TNMA01, p232.

- "James Merritt Sedberry and wife Nancy (Rush) Sedberry are both buried at Bosqueville Cemetery (North of Waco, TX). Their graves are lost, but there is a small marker by the big Rose Monument in their memory."

"The Sedberry History has failed to give all the children of James Merritt Sedberry and Nancy Rush Sedberry. They are as follows, other than those mentioned in the record.

1. Alice Sedberry (McKerall)

2. Mary Sedberry (Hunter)

3. Sarah Sedberry (Married 3 times to Mr. Dabney, Mr. Rose & Mr. Black)"

4. John Wesley Sedberry."

Per Bessie (Stewart) Sedberry, w of John Wesley Sedberry Jr.
See files SEDBERRY, SED*12, p2.

- "Sedberry, James M. age 72 d. 1859 Bosqueville Cem."
- "Sedberry, Nancy Terrell Rush age 79 d. 2-15-1876 Bosqueville Cem."
Two entries in "Index to Early McLennan County Deaths", p505, compiled by John M. Usry, published by Central Texas Genealogical Society, Waco-McLennan County Library, Waco, TX.

- "In 1818 James Merritt Sedberry married Nancy Rush in Troy, North Carolina. Nancy was a descendant of Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. They moved to the Bosque Valley in the early 1850's and settled near Bosqueville. They had raised a daughter and three sons near Nashville, Tennessee. Although all three sons were to become Confederate soldiers, two of them migrated to the Bosque Valley with their parents."

Source: Ralph O. Bass, grandson of William Rush Sedberry Sr., as seen in "Bosque County: Land and People" published by the Bosque County Historical Commission, Meridian, TX., p666.

- "Sedberry, James Merritt, Feb. 6, 1787 - 1859
Sedberry, Nancy Terrell Rush, Feb. 12 1797-Feb 15, 1876 (wife) (Niece of Benjamin Rush, signer of Declaration of Independence)"
McLennan County TX Cemetery Records Vol I, p1.
Compiled by Central Texas Genealogical Society
Waco Public Library, Waco, TX.

Note: Benjamin Rush who signed the U.S.A. Declaration of Independence was born in 1745 in Pennsylvania, died in 1813. He was a physician and Treasurer of the U.S. Mint 1797-1813, with many other accomplishments to his credit. Nancy's grandfather, Benjamin Rush was born in 1715 and died in 1801.

- Caution!! I seriously doubt that I have the children of James Merritt and Nancy Rush listed correctly:
-The 1810 census of Montgomery County, NC, page 575, shows a J. Sedberry living close to G. Sedberry and W. Sedberry. Details for J. Sedberry show: Free white males, 1 age 26/45; Free white females, 3 under age 10, 1 age 10/16, 1 age 26/45; No slaves.
Source; "1800, 1810, 1830, 1840 Federal Census of Montgomery County, NC" by Stanly County, NC, Genealogical Society, p45.
This seems to be the household of James Merritt, but who are the four female children under age 16?

-1830 census, Montgomery County, NC, page 54: James Sedberry, Free white males, 1 age 15/20, 1 age 30/40; Free white females, 1 age 5/10, 1 age 10/15, 2 age 15/20, 2 age 20/30, 1 age 30/40.
Source, Ibid, p83.
This seems to be the same household as above but if it is James Merritt there should be 5 males under age 10,

Children of JAMES MERRITT³ and NANCY TERRELL (RUSH) SEDBERRY were as follows:

53. i. WILLIAM⁴, born about 1819.
 54. ii. WILLIAM RUSH SR., born July 13, 1823.
 55. iii. BENJAMIN C., born about 1825.
 56. iv. MERRITT, born about 1827.
 57. v. JAMES M., born about 1829.
 58. vi. MARY A. B., born July 1831.
 59. vii. SARAH ELIZABETH "SALLIE", born about 1833.
 60. viii. SUSAN ALICE, born February 3, 1836.
 61. ix. MARTHA, born about 1838.
 62. x. JOHN WESLEY I, born about 1842.
13. ELIZABETH "ELIZA"³ SEDBERRY, (GEORGE², JOHN¹), born June 1, 1791 at Brunswick County?, VA?; died 1876 at Montgomery County, NC. She married September 1811, at Montgomery County, NC to THOMAS FRASER, son of John FRASER and of Rebecca STORY.

Children of THOMAS and ELIZABETH "ELIZA"³ (SEDBERRY) FRASER were as follows:

63. i. PLEASANT⁴, born April 4, 1812.
14. DAVID³ SEDBERRY, (GEORGE², JOHN¹), born September 23, 1793 at Brunswick County?, VA; died May 1, 1871 at ?City?, Richmond County?, NC. He married (1) 1823, at Richmond County, NC to SUSAN WILLIAMS, daughter of Thomas P. WILLIAMS; and married (2) September 1, 1825, at Richmond County, NC to NANCY STANCIL, daughter of Peter STANCIL. .
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- A David Sedberry appears on the roll of Montgomery County, NC, 1st Regiment for the War of 1812. Probably son of George II.

"Muster Rolls of the Soldiers of the War of 1812" , p124

- A David Sedberry appears in the Federal Census of 1820 in Anson County, NC. Anson borders Richmond County. The census shows one male in the household, age 16-25, which fits David son of George, but also shows one female age 0-10 and two females age 16-26.

If this is David, son of George, he may have been married and had a child before marrying Susan Williams in 1823.

See "NC 1820 Federal Census" by Dorothy Williams Potter, p406.

- Death notice: D. In the town of Rockingham, Richmond County, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., in the 29th year of her age, Mrs. Susan Sedbury, wife of David Sedbury, and dau. of Thomas P. Williams. (Ran in 3 newspapers, Oct. 26-29, 1824)

Source: "Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, NC Newspapers 1820-1829" Vol. II, by Lois Smathers Neal p629.

- Wedding notice: Sedberry, David to Nancy Stancil, Sept 1, 1825, Richmond County, NC.

Source: "Marriage & Death Notices from Raleigh Register & NC State Gazette 1799-1825" by Carrie L. Broughton p121.

- Married in Richmond Co, on the 1st, Mr. David Sedberry to Miss Nancy Stancil, daughter of Peter Stancil, Esq., all of that county.

Printed Sept 15, 1825. As seen in "Marriage & Death Notices 1816-1840 Abstracted from the Fayetteville Observer and Predecessor Papers" by Bessie R. Hubbard.

Copy in files: PLACES, NCCU002, p1.

- 1860 Census, NC, Richmond County, age 67, w Nancy, 6 children.

Children of DAVID³ and NANCY (STANCIL) SEDBERRY were as follows:

64. i. ELIZABETH⁴, born November 14, 1826.

65. ii. MARY ANN, born November 26, 1828.

66. iii. JOHN STANCIL, born December 27, 1830.

67. iv. SOPHRONIA, born January 27, 1833.

68. v. SARAH, born January 27, 1836.

69. vi. CELESTIA, born December 17, 1839.

70. vii. WILLIAM B., born August 16, 1843.

71. viii. JAMES, born April 27, 1846.

15. ANN H.³ SEDBERRY, (GEORGE², JOHN¹), born about 1825. She married February 23, 1860, at Richmond, NC to MASTIN SHEPHERD. #1301>

* Marriage license and certificate of marriage issued to Ann H. Sedberry, Feb 23, 1860, Richmond county, NC.

Copy in files, SEDBERRY, SEDA23, p1.

* Latter Day Saints (LDS), International Genealogical Index, 1988 edition, shows Ann H. Sedberry married Mastin Shepherd Feb 23, 1860, Richmond county, NC. Batch & sheet M516038, Library call # for source document, 6330319.

Copy in files, SEDBERRY, LDS, IGI001, p1.

* 1860 census, Richmond county, NC, household #255, shows Mastin Shepherd, age 56, and Ann Shepherd, age 35. No one else in household.
Copy in files, CENSUS, 1860NCRI, p10.

!!!!!! CAUTION !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ann H. Sedberry is probably NOT the daughter of George Sedberry. George would have been about 75 years old in 1825 when Ann was born. This seems highly unlikely. I am showing Ann as the daughter of George because he was the best candidate I could find at the time. I have no proof of their relationship. Showing her this way keeps her name in front of the family and enhances the chances of finding her correct ancestry.

16. WILLIAM³ GASTON, (ELIZABETH², JOHN¹), born about 1778 at ?County?, VA? .
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o William Gaston was a judge.
See Stiles S. Dixon material p 116. (SEDG120)
17. UNKNOWN³ GASTON, (ELIZABETH², JOHN¹), born about 1780 at ?County?, VA?.
18. THOMPSON³ WALTHALL, (SALLY², JOHN¹), born about 1797 at Amelia County?, VA?.
19. JOHN III³ SUDBURY, (JOHN JR.², JOHN¹), born about 1780 at Amelia County?, VA?.
20. MILES D.⁴ SEDBERRY, (JOHN³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born September 17, 1796 at Troy, Montgomery, NC; died September 27, 1850 at ?City?, ?County?, ?ST?. He married October 27, 1828, to JANE R. HAMMOND, daughter of Unknown HAMMOND. #2568>

- "There is some evidence Miles lived in New Orleans and was a cotton merchant. He died 1850 and his forty year old widow and five living children came to Shreveport and Jefferson in 1852. Miles married Jane R. Hammond, b April 4, 1812, d Aug 15, 1892, a native of Tennessee. She was sixteen when they married Oct 29, 1828. They were parents of eight children of whom three died in infancy or childhood. T.D. Sr. was 21 when they came to Jefferson, John David was 11."

From "Notes on Sedberry Family History", compiled by Mrs. William Jones Sedberry (Dossie). See files, SEDBERRY, SED*24, p1.

"Of the descendants of James Sedberry, one of the 7 brothers of N.C. I have met William J. of Jefferson, Texas who had two brothers. All three of them were confederate veterans. One was killed in a duel with the city marshall of Dallas, Texas, when it was a small village. William J. Sedberry was the son of Jones and Jones was the son of James, one of the seven brothers. Jones moved to New Orleans, was a cotton merchant from

there to Shreveport, La. and then to Marshall, Texas, where he died, leaving 3 sons, of whom W.J. of Jefferson was one."

From James Hamilton Sedberry's "Sedberry Family History", p4.

Copy in files, SEDBERRY, SED*5.

Comment: It seems that the person James Hamilton called Jones Sedberry was the same person we are now calling Miles D. Sedberry. It may be that there is another person named Jones, or that Miles D. had Jones as a third given name. Note Miles D.'s sons William Kanone Jones Sedberry and Michael Kelly Hammond Sedberry.

- Note that Miles's son William K. J. was born in Alabama March 24, 1839. This puts Miles in Alabama before Shadrach H. Sedberry.

Children of MILES D.⁴ and JANE R. (HAMMOND) SEDBERRY were as follows:

72. i. MERRY LUVIZEA⁵, born August 29, 1829.
 73. ii. FRANCES PICKETT "FANNIE", born July 19, 1830.
 74. iii. THOMAS DIXON, born June 9, 1831.
 75. iv. SARAH ANN, born December 24, 1832.
 76. v. WILLIAM KANONE JONES, born March 24, 1839.
 77. vi. MICHAEL KELLY HAMMOND, born March 24, 1839.
 78. vii. JOHN DAVID, born July 17, 1841.
21. THOMAS D.⁴ SEDBERRY, (JOHN³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born about 1798 at Montgomery County?, NC?.
 22. NANCY⁴ SEDBERRY, (JOHN³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born about 1800 at Montgomery County?, NC?; died October 1, 1893 at St. Clair County, AL. She married October 12, 1822, at Mecklenburg County, NC to DANIEL MCLEOD. #5579

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Nancy McLeod, wife of Daniel McLeod, was born in North Carolina about 1800, moved to South Alabama about 1852, and in 1853 moved to Shelby county, Ala., where she lived until the day of her death, Oct. 1, 1893. Sister McLeod was a member of the Prespyterian church when she came to Alabama, but there being no church of that order near her, she joined the Methodist Episcopal church at chapel, in which communion she lived the remainder of her life. Sister McLeod was not demonstrative, but her life was consistent with her profession. She was positive and outspoken in what she thought, and to those not well acquainted with her, rather repulsive; but to those who knew her well, she was congenial and pleasant. As a church member, she was punctual and true. Her house was the home of her preachers and the preachers of her husband, who was

a member of the Presbyterian church. She was for years a great sufferer, but endured it with christian fortitude and courage. Her end was peaceful and tranquil. May the Lord deal gently with her aged husband, her children and grandchildren, and may they all meet up yonder, in the sweet by and by.

N.H. Self

Obituary from "The People's Advocate", Nov 1, 1893.

Copy in files, SEDBERRY, SEDN8, p1.

Copy of Daniel McLeods obituary and listing of some of Nancy and Daniel's descendants in files, ibid, various pages.

Children of DANIEL and NANCY⁴ (SEDBERRY) MCLEOD were as follows:

79. i. JOHN⁵, born December 19, 1823.

80. ii. SARAH, born February 20, 1825.

81. iii. ANN B., born May 20, 1835.

23. DAVID S.⁴ SEDBERRY, (JOHN³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born July 10, 1816 at Montgomery County, NC. He married about 1838, to PERL TAYLOR. #4272

* Notes on Sedberry family history compiled by Mrs. William Jones (Dossie) Sedberry show David S. born July 19, 1811 or 1814. Dossie credits Katherine Ramsay Wise for the information.

Copy in files, SEDBERRY, SED*24, p1.

* The John McLeod family Bible shows D. S. Sedberry, born in Montgomery County, NC July 10th 1816. John McLeod was the father-in-law of Nancy Sedberry McLeod, sister of David S.

Copy in files, SEDBERRY, SEDD37, p1.

Comment: I am using the date in the McLeod family Bible because it is closer to the event in both time and relationship.

Children of DAVID S.⁴ and PERL (TAYLOR) SEDBERRY were as follows:

82. i. UNKNOWN SON⁵, born about 1840.

83. ii. UNKNOWN SON, born about 1842.

24. MASTIN J.⁴ SEDBERRY, (JOHN³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born about 1818 at ?City?, ?County?, NC. He married about 1845, at ?City?, ?County?, ?ST? to ALZADA UNKNOWN. .

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* April 15, 1848, Mastin J. Sadberry buys 40 acres of land from the U.S. Government in Lafayette County, AR for \$1.25 per acre.

Copy of certificate #1010, SEDM23, p1.

* 1850 Census, Lafayette County AR, Union twp, dwelling #178;
SEDBERRY, Maston J., 32, born in NC, Alzada 24 born in AL, John 3,
Mary 2, Mary 70, Sandy 13.
LANGLEY, William 28.
Source: Arkansas 1850 Census Every-name Index, p316.

* I am guessing that the Mary, age 70, in the above census is Mary
"Polly" Davis, wife of John Sedberry. According to John & Mary's
marriage license Mary would be 78 years of age in 1850, not 70.
Note that she was born in VA which would be correct. This guess is the
only evidence I have that Mastin is the son of John and Mary Sedberry.
Further research may prove this to be wrong.

Children of MASTIN J.⁴ and ALZADA (UNKNOWN) SEDBERRY were as follows:

- 84. i. SANDY⁵, born about 1837.
 - 85. ii. JOHN, born about 1847.
 - 86. iii. MARY, born about 1848.
- 25. TEMPERANCE⁴ SEDBERRY, (JAMES H.³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born about
1807 at ?City?, ?County?, ?VA or NC?. She married about 1825, at
?City?, Montgomery?, NC? to JOHN B. GILLIS.
 - 26. MARY⁴ SEDBERRY, (JAMES H.³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born October 1809
at Montgomery County?, NC?.
 - 27. FRANCES⁴ SEDBERRY, (JAMES H.³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born about 1810
at Montgomery?, NC.
 - 28. ELIZABETH⁴ SEDBERRY, (JAMES H.³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born 1816 at
Montgomery County?, NC. She married about 1835, at Montgomery County?,
NC? to SETH ANDREWS.
 - 29. DOROTHIE⁴ SEDBERRY, (JAMES H.³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born September
6, 1817 at ?Montgomery County?, ?NC?; died September 27, 1897 at Holmes
County, MS. She married July 3, 1845, at Montgomery, NC to HENRY T.
BEARD.
 - 30. MARTHA "PATSY"⁴ SEDBERRY, (JAMES H.³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born 1822
at Montgomery County, NC. She married January 7, 1845, at Montgomery,
NC to WILLIAM ERVIN BEARD, son of Lewis BEARD and of Rachel Potts TROY.
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The following was sent to me by Theresa Brandon, see files,
SEDBERRY, SEDM55, p3

- William Beard died in Alton Illinois, supposedly at the Civil War POW
camp although his death date, (Feb. 4, 1867) was after the prison camp

closed. Is the date of death wrong?

Here is a letter from William to Martha, "Letter sent home from William Beard during the Civil War." The letter is very old and some parts are hard to figure out.

Letter Head

U.S. Christian Commission, sends this as the Soldier's messenger to his Home Port. If hastened to those who wait for tidings.

"Behold now is the accepted time to behold now in ? of salvation.

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Dear Mat,

I send you a few lines informing you that I am well. I also send Envelop for you to write to me. I feel anxious to hear from home. I would be more than glad if we could be together but as not is next to impossible. I hope you will try to content yourself as best y ou can. Continue instant in prayer & when you write use as few lines or at least don't write on but one page - don't forget to cuff the children for me & tell them to remember me in their prayers including yours. Letters to me you will back it this

Wm Beard
Prisoner of War
Alton, Ill

Children of WILLIAM ERVIN and MARTHA "PATSY"⁴ (SEDBERRY) BEARD were as follows:

- 87. i. THADEUS G.⁵, born 1846.
 - 88. ii. ALONZO, born October 1847.
 - 89. iii. SALLIE ANN, born 1856.
31. MATHENIA⁴ SEDBERRY, (WILLIAM R.³, GEORGE², JOHN¹), born about 1811 near Troy, Montgomery, NC; died about 1877 at TN?. She married about 1832, at Montgomery County, NC to SOLOMON HAYWOOD. #2250>
- o Moved from NC to TN with father and husband. Raised large family near Columbia TN.
Per Stiles Sedberry Dixon. (SEDG120)
 - o "Mathenia married Solomon Haywood and had six children, one son and five daughters. The son was named William. The girls named Lucy, Adeline, Elizabeth, Maria and Molly. Two of the girls married Richard Haywood, one married Joe Goad and one married William Goad. Maria never married."
Per James Hamilton Sedberry (SEDG137)
 - o Joan Schmidt (SCHJ100), great great grand daughter of Mathena Sedberry