

Three Generations of the Descendants of Robert Givens

FIRST GENERATION

1. **Robert GIVENS** was born about 1730. He signed a will on 30 Jul 1772 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania.¹ In the Name of God Amen the Thirtieth Day of July Anno Domny one thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Two I Robert Givens of West Nottingham Chester County, Being weak in body but of good and disposing mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to Rembrance the uncertain State of this transotery Life & that all flesh must yield unto Death when it Shall please God to Call Do makeConstitute ordain & Declare this my Last Will & Testament in maner and form following Revoking & Disanulling by these presents all & Every Testament & Testaments Will & Wills heretofore by me made & Declared Either by Word or Writing and this is only to be taken for my Last Will & Testament & none other, And first I Commit my Soul to Almighty God Who gave it and my Body to the Dust to be buried in A Decent & Christan Like manner, And now for the Settling my Temporal Estate & such goods & Chattels as it heath pleased God fare above my Desert to bestow upon me.

I do order give & Dispose of the same in maner & form following, That is to Say First I Will that all those Debts & Dews as I owe in Right & Conscience to any maner of person or persons Whatsoever Shall be well & truly paid or ordered to be paid by my Executer hereafter named ----

I geave & bequeath to my Well beloved Wife Lucie Givens her bed and common furniture & her Saddle & one Sixth part of all my moveable Effects & Two Sixth parts of my Plantation when sold after the Debts and Legeties hereafter mentioned to my first wifes Children is paid ----

I give and bequeath to my Son John Givens The Sume of Ten pounds Currant money of Pensylvania in one yeare after the appreament & Seale of my moveable Effects & to my Son William Givens I geave & bequeath the Sume of Ten pounds currant money as afforedaid to be paidin the time before mentioned, and to my Daughter Hanna Welch I geave & bequeath to her & her husband John Welch The sume of Ten pounds currant money as afforesaid at the same time as alredy mentioned to be paid to my Tow oldest Sons.

And to my Son Samuel Givens I geave & Bequeath the sume of Twenty pounds Currant money of Pensylvania to be paid to him in Case he Returns in Two yeares after my Deceas but if he Doith not return home in the time afforsaid I order & allow his part to be Equealy Devided amongst my Three oldest Children to wite --- John & William Givens & Hanna Welch but if my Son Samuel Givens Should come at a future Day & make Demand of Said Sume of Twenty pounds then I order that the same be paid to him by the three Who are to receive the Same in Case he doeth not return in ye time mentioned. But in Case he doeth not make Demand as affs. Then it is to remain in their hands forever.

I geave & bequesth to my five youngest Children (viz) Sarah Mary Givens, Jonathan Thomas Givens, James Givens, Jean Givens & Robert Givens all the Rest of my Real & personal Estate to them & their heirs for Ever to be Equally Devided amongst them Share & Share alake. But in Case any of my Daughters Should mary Without Consent of their Mother Executors & friends then they are to Receive the sume of Twenty Five Pounds & no more of my Real & personal Estate & What part they Should otherways have had to be Equally Devided amongst thir fool full brothers & sisters; And if any of the young Children Should Die before they Come to age then their part shall be Equally Devided amongst my Last Wifes Surviving Children and in Case of Death or Iregular Marage in one yeare after the same may happen I order the money that may Come thereby to be put to Intrest for the Survivers & until they are fit to Receive the Same, and if any of my sons should turn Disobedient prodigal & Westful then I order that they Shall be Cut off with the half one half of What they Should otherwise have & the other half to be applied as already Directed and I order that my Two Sones Jonathan Thomas Givens & James Givens be put to traids Such as they & the Executors shall Chuse as Soon as Conveniently may be after my Deceas, I likewise order that the plantation I now Live on be Sold as Soon as it Will appear Rational & Right & most for its advantage of the Legeties. I also order that my Executors shal provide a Covenant Small place for my Wife & Two youngest Children to Live on & the Rent of said place for the space of three yeares to be paid of the Whole Estate and I order that my Negro man Shall Stay With my Wife to Work for her in order to help to please my young Children for the space of three yeares after my Deceas & then to be Disposed of & his price to be Divided as above Directed.

And I Constitute and ordain Jonathan Hartshorn & My Son William Givens Executors of this my Last Will & Testament, I also allow my Daughter Sarah Mary Givens her saddle above What is already mentioned to her ----

[N.B before Signing & Sealing the Words Common, money, its, no, Twenty, for the space of three yeares, Was Interlined---]

I likewise order that no morning after my Deceas be bought for any one belong to me be bought out of my Estate. Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared to be My Last Will & Testament

¹ Chester County, PA Will Book. Book C, Vol. 5:353.

In reference of----
Jas. Maxwell
Samuel Glasgow
Henry Hall

Robart Givens {seal}

August 19th 1772 After Considering the former part of my Will I think fit to mark the following addition to the same first I allow my Son Robert Givens to be put to A traide as Soon as he is fit such as he & the Exer Chuse. I Likewise order my Daughter Jean to be put to Learn the Taylores-traide in Such A place as Will Seem most Suitable--

And Whereas I have ordered my Exer to Rent A Convenient Small place for my wife and two youngest Children to Live on & the Rent to be paid for the space of three years off the Whole head but in Case my Wife Should Chuse to marry before the three years be Expired I Order the Rent of Said place be no Longer paid as above Directed but my Exrtr Shall take my two youngest Children under their Care until they are fit to traides as already specified.---
Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared as above---

In presence of
Jas. Maxwell
Samuel Glasgow
Henry Hall

Robart Givens {seal}

[illegible testations beside witnesses signatures indicate date of 21 Aug 1772]

Chester Octobr 21st 1772

Then personally appeared James Maxwell and Samuel Glasgow and on their Oaths on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God did depose and say that they were Personally present and did see and hear Robert Givens the testator within named Sign Seal publish pronounce and Declare that they also saw and heard the sd Robert Givens Sign Seal Publish Pronounce & declare the additional part thereof as a codicil to and as a Part and Parcel of his Said Last Will & Testament and at the Executing of Each he was of a Sound and Well disposing mind and Memory to the best of their understanding

Sworn before [Illeg.]

He signed a codicil to his will on 19 Aug 1772. He died between 21 Aug 1772 and 21 Oct 1772 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania. The codicil to Robert's will was signed 21 Aug 1772 and the will proved 21 Oct 1772. He had an estate probated on 21 Oct 1772 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania.² He had the estate inventoried on 27 Oct 1772 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania.³ Jonathan Hartshorn was as Executor in the sale of Robert Givens' plantation in West Nottingham twp. State of Maryland, containing about 300 acres. [From a newspaper article in The Pennsylvania Packet, August 20, 1778]

The order of the children's birth is derived from Robert's will.

He was married to UNKNOWN before 1750. His will reads, in part: "... Sixth part of all my moveable Effects & Two Sixth parts of my Plantation when sold after the Debts and Legeties hereafter mentioned to my first wives Children is paid...."

He was married to Lucy HARTSHORN (daughter of Jonathan HARTSHORN and Lucy HEMPSTEAD) about 1750. She was unmarried in 1749. **Lucy HARTSHORN** was born about 1720 in Connecticut. She died on 15 Mar 1815 in Gaston County, North Carolina.⁴ She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cem., Gaston Co., NC. Robert GIVENS and Lucy HARTSHORN had the following children:

- 2 i. **John GIVENS.** John may have come South with some family members or may have travelled with neighbors. His sister, Sarah Mary, married James White; her sister Jean (listed as "Jain") married his brother, Isaac. A record for a John White shows a marriage with Mary Reed (John Reed, bondsman), 2 Apr 1785, Lincoln Co., NC⁵.
- 3 ii. **William GIVENS.**
- +4 iii. **Hanna GIVENS.**
- 5 iv. **Samuel GIVENS** was born between 1736 and 1741. GIVENS, Samuel, a soldier of the

² Chester County, PA Will Book. Book C, Vol. 5:353.

³ Estate inventory. Chester Co., PA, No. 2726, filed 18 Dec 1772.

⁴ gravestone inscription.

⁵ Curtis Bynum, *Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties, NC*, pg. 131

Revolution, aged between 85 and 90, [d.] April 16, 1846, in Union County (Lincoln Courier, May 2, 1846).

- +6 v. **Sarah Mary GIVENS** (born about 1752).
- 7 vi. **Jonathan Thomas GIVENS**. Jonathan appears on a deposed list of soldiers in Capt. Jacob Collins Company at the surrender of Charleston (12 May 1780), dated 14 Oct 1786. He also appears on a list of militia paroled by Lord Cornwallis. The list includes 534 men that were taken prisoner at the battle of Guilford Court House, 15 March 1781. [British PRO (PRO 30/11/5, folios 287-291)
- 8 vii. **James GIVENS** .
- +9 viii. **Jean GIVENS** .

SECOND GENERATION

4. **Hanna GIVENS** (Robert⁻¹).

She was married to John WELCH.

6. **Sarah Mary GIVENS** (Robert⁻¹) was born about 1752 in Londonderry Twp., Chester Co., Pennsylvania.⁶ She died on 9 Sep 1838 in Gaston County, North Carolina.⁷ She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cem., Gaston Co., NC.

She was married to James WHITE (son of John WHITE and Margaret?) about 1773 in Londonderry Twp., Chester Co., Pennsylvania. **James WHITE**^{8,9} was born about 1743 in Londonderry Twp., Chester Co., Pennsylvania. He died on 22 Jun 1823 in Gaston County, North Carolina. He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cem., Gaston Co., NC. He migrated to Lincoln County prior to 1779 with Thomas and Isaac White, possibly brothers. James White had service during the Revolutionary War, probably at King's Mountain and Cowpens. Confusion existed about whether he was a Lt. or a Captain. While DAR records list him as a Capt., it appears that his possible brother, Isaac, was the Captain. Sarah Mary GIVENS and James WHITE had the following children:

- 10 i. **Robert WHITE** was born on 2 Oct 1774. He died on 15 Feb 1834 in Gaston County, North Carolina.¹⁰ He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cem., Gaston Co., NC.
- +11 ii. **John WHITE** (born on 18 Apr 1776).
- 12 iii. **Elizabeth WHITE** was born on 11 Nov 1777.
- 13 iv. **Thomas H. WHITE** was born on 9 Jan 1780.
- 14 v. **Jane WHITE** was born on 1 Nov 1781.
- 15 vi. **James WHITE** was born on 12 Sep 1783.
- 16 vii. **Sarah WHITE** was born on 28 Aug 1786. She died on 14 May 1872 in Gaston County, North Carolina.¹¹ Aged 85 yrs. 8 mos. 16 days She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cem., Gaston Co., NC.
- 17 viii. **Edward WHITE** was born on 6 Feb 1789. He died on 14 May 1814 in Gaston County, North Carolina.¹² Aged 26 years He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cem., Gaston Co., NC.
- 18 ix. **William WHITE** was born on 1 Apr 1791.
- +19 x. **Lucy Hartshorn WHITE** (born on 25 Dec 1792).
- 20 xi. **Samuel WHITE** was born on 12 Dec 1794.
- +21 xii. **Isaac WHITE** (born on 29 Feb 1796).

9. **Jean GIVENS** (Robert⁻¹).

She was married to Isaac WHITE (son of John WHITE and Margaret?) on 8 Jan 1782.¹³ **Isaac WHITE** was born about 1760 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania and died about 1821 in Bond Co., Illinois. "Isaac White lies buried on Mr. Wesley Floyd's farm north of this city, in a long-unused burying place." ["L.C. Draper, corresponding secretary of the Wisconsin State Historical Society of Madison, Wisconsin, has written to Sprague White of this city for facts about Mr. White's great-uncle, Isaac White, and his father, who distinguished themselves at the battle of King's Mountain, of the Revolution.--*Greenville (IL) Advocate*, Thursday, March 31, 1881]

Some records give his birth as May, 1758. He migrated to Lincoln Co. about 1779 and is listed as being a member of Capt. Whiteside's Company at Kings Mountain. He was also in Col. Hambright's Company there¹⁴. He removed

⁶ LDS Family History Records. (AFN:18NW-49W) AF95100154 by John D Miner Rt 3 Box 80 Aurora Il 60506.

⁷ gravestone inscription.

⁸ LDS Family History Records. (AFN: 18NW-48P) 1903836.

⁹ Bible Records-John White. Mark & Charles Kerr, 1795. In custody of Miss Pearl Ramsour, Rt2, Bessemer City, NC (as of 1956). from Bible Records of Gaston Co, NC (Gaston Co. Library, call No. 929.3 DNCC).

¹⁰ gravestone inscription.

¹¹ gravestone inscription.

¹² gravestone inscription.

¹³ Curtis Bynum, Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina. 1929. pg. 131.

¹⁴ *Rev. Soldiers of Gaston County*-Gaston Co. Library]

from North Carolina and settled in Bond Co., Illinois.

THIRD GENERATION

11. **John WHITE** (Sarah Mary GIVENS⁻², Robert⁻¹) was born on 18 Apr 1776. He died on 2 Mar 1869 in Gaston County, North Carolina.¹⁵ He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cem., Gaston Co., NC.

He was married to Mary "Polly" BAIRD (daughter of Adam BAIRD and Mary ADAMS) on 5 Jan 1804 in Lincoln Co., North Carolina. **Mary "Polly" BAIRD** was born on 18 Oct 1775. She died on 8 Jul 1814. John WHITE and Mary "Polly" BAIRD had the following children:

- 22 i. **Adam Baird WHITE** was born on 14 Feb 1806. He died on 11 Jul 1807.
- +23 ii. **Erixene WHITE** (born on 31 Dec 1807).
- +24 iii. **Mary C. "Polly" WHITE** (born on 11 Jul 1810).
- +25 iv. **Sarah Hannah "Sally" WHITE** (born on 15 Nov 1813).

19. **Lucy Hartshorn WHITE** (Sarah Mary GIVENS⁻², Robert⁻¹) was born on 25 Dec 1792. She was married to James Sloan OATES on 18 Jul 1815. **James Sloan OATES** was born on 22 Dec 1782 and died on 20 Jul 1874.

21. **Isaac WHITE** (Sarah Mary GIVENS⁻², Robert⁻¹) was born on 29 Feb 1796. He was married to Mary "Polly" FALLS.

¹⁵ gravestone inscription. Aged 92 yrs. 10 mos. 13 days.