

THE WHITE FAMILY

FROM NO . IRELAND, TO PENNSYLVANIA, TO NORTH CAROLINA, WITH SOME LINES MIGRATING TO BOND COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

This is the latest account of the line of John White (b. bet 1685 and 1706, Co. Tyrone, Ire. and d. bet 1772 and 1775, Chester Co., PA). Probably born in Northern Ireland, he emigrated to America in the late 17th century or early in the 18th, and settled in the area of the Mason-Dixon line, between Maryland and Pennsylvania. This family would earn the distinction of being taxpayers of two different states after the line was drawn.

Typical of many families, these "Ulstermen" would first settle in Chester County, Pennsylvania and Cecil County, Maryland. Their migration would follow the familiar "Old Wagon Trail" south, and into the Carolinas. Many settled in the wilderness along Long Creek, a community west of Bessemer City, Gaston county, North Carolina. Typical of many Northern Irish, the WHITES and their fellow settlers and neighbors were Presbyterians. They founded the Long Creek Presbyterian Church in 1780.

This account is a serendipitous chronicle of their lives. An amalgamation of Northern Irish and English roots, the parallel migration of their families came together in a new and unfamiliar place. This is a particularly interesting story when early 18th century Southern migrations are added to the ethnic stew.

The First Generation of the WHITE Family

1. The probable progenitor of this particular White family was **Hugh WHITE**. He was reportedly living in County Tyrone, No. Ireland. Hugh WHITE and an unknown wife had the following children:

- +2 i. **Hugh WHITE (Jr.)**
- +3 ii. **John WHITE** (born about 1685).

The Second Generation of the WHITE Family

- 3. In late 1600's, **Hugh WHITE** (Hugh-1) was reportedly living in County Tyrone, No. Ireland. It is not known if Hugh (Jr.) ever came to America. [FWS] He was married to an unnamed wife. No further records.
- 4. **John WHITE** (Hugh-1) was born between 1685 and 1706, in No. Ireland (assuming he was of age when he emigrated, [about 1706-FWS]) (Some have speculated that he was from County Tyrone) [see note below] and settled in Chester Co., Pennsylvania, in the area later known as New Londonderry. His church was the Faggs Manor Church (Presbyterian), the pastor being the Rev. Samuel Blair. John White and family belonged to a family of "Dissenters." He was a weaver by trade and was known for his strict observation of the Sabbath. The church was attended by several later families of Hartshorns (Jonathan Hartshorn (1685-1746) was the "pioneer." [*Hartshorn Families in America*, p.47] The church was founded in 1730 and Fagg's Manor Classical School (for ministry) followed in 1739 [MPL].

"Tyrone, a county of Ireland, province of Ulster, bounded NE by Londonderry, E by Lough Neagh, SE by Armagh, S by Monaghan, SW by Fermanagh, and W by Donegal. It is about 43 Irish m. long, and from 18 to 33 broad, and contains 35 parishes. A great portion of it is rough and mountainous; in many parts the soil is rich and fertile, and equally calculated

for tillage or for pasture. Principal rivers, the Blackwater, Foyle, Mounterlouny, Drimna, Fentona, Owenreagh, Longfield, Derg, and Fin. The linen manufacture is in a most flourishing condition through the whole extent of the district. Pop. 259,691. Capital, Dungannon." [From *The New London Gazetteer* (1826)]

John White signed a will on 23 May 1772 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania and died between then and 20 Jun 1775 (the date of probate) in Chester Co., Pennsylvania. The will extract of John White "of Oxford:"

Provides for wife Margaret. To son Saml. 15 pounds. To daughter Janet Love 15 pounds. To son James 6 pounds. To son Edward 16 pounds. To son Thomas 16 pounds. To son Isaac 16 pounds. To daughters Sarah and Rebecca their beds and saddles. Remainder equally divided.

Executors: John Ross and Thomas Love

Wit: David Fleming, Thomas Armstrong, John Black

John WHITE and Martha ORMEN [ORMAND?] were married and had at least one child. She may have died before 1743.

+4 i. **Samuel WHITE.**

John WHITE and his second wife of unknown name had the following children:

+5 i. **Lieutenant James WHITE** (born about 1743).
6 ii. **Edward WHITE.**

John WHITE married as his third wife, Betsy WILSON. They had the following children:

7 i. **Janet WHITE**; married a Mr. Love.
+8 ii. **Thomas WHITE** (born on 5 Mar 1754).
+9 iii. **Isaac WHITE** (born about 1760).
10 iv. **Sarah WHITE.**
11 v. **Rebecca WHITE.**

The Third Generation of the WHITE Family

4. **Samuel WHITE** (John-2, Hugh-1) was born in Chester Co., Pennsylvania and came to North Carolina before the Revolutionary War, perhaps as early as 1772. He married Mary ARMSTRONG and the children from this marriage married and went "to the Shakers in Kentuck, Logan County." [FWS] Samuel WHITE and Mary ARMSTRONG had the following children:

12 i. **John WHITE.**
13 ii. **James WHITE.**
14 iii. **Francis WHITE.**
15 iv. **Isaac WHITE.**
16 v. **Nellie WHITE.**

5. **Lieutenant James WHITE** (John-2, Hugh-1) was born about 1743 in Londonderry Twp., Chester Co., Pennsylvania and died on 22 Jun 1823 in Gaston County, North Carolina and was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. He migrated to Lincoln/Tryon County prior to 1779 with Thomas and Isaac White, possibly brothers. Lt. James White saw Revolutionary War service at King's Mountain and Cowpens. Confusion existed about whether he was a Lt. or a Captain. The DAR records list him as a Captain.

Lieutenant James WHITE and Sarah Mary GIVENS were married about 1773 in Londonderry Twp., Chester Co., Pennsylvania. **Sarah Mary GIVENS** (daughter of Robert GIVENS and Lucy HARTSHORN) was born about 1752 in Londonderry Twp., Chester Co., Pennsylvania and died on 9 Sep 1838 in Gaston County, North Carolina and was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.

They had the following children:

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

8. **Thomas WHITE** (John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 5 Mar 1754 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

Thomas WHITE and Rebecca McCL_____ were married on 9 Jan 1783 in Lincoln Co., North Carolina. Bride's name is unclear on original bond (some have suggested that it might be McClure or McCloud). Thomas' brother, Isaac, was bondsman.

Thomas WHITE married second, an unknown BEATTIE and died on 25 Apr 1824 in Bond Co., Illinois and was buried in the Sugg Cemetery.

9. **Isaac WHITE** (John-2, Hugh-1) 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 Tryon/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 there. [*Rev. Soldiers of Gaston County*-Gaston Co. Library]. He removed from North Carolina and settled in Bond Co., Illinois.

Isaac WHITE and **Jean GIVENS**, daughter of Robert GIVENS and Lucy HARTSHORN, were married on 8 Jan 1782.

The Fourth Generation of the WHITE Family

17. **Robert WHITE** (James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 2 Oct 1774 and died on 15 Feb 1834 in Gaston County, North Carolina. He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. He married Jennie SCOTT.

18. **John WHITE** (James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 18 Apr 1776 and died on 2 Mar 1869 in Gaston County, North Carolina. He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.

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

- 29 i. **Adam Baird WHITE** was born on 14 Feb 1806 and died on 11 Jul 1807.
- +30 ii. **Erixene WHITE** (born on 31 Dec 1807).
- +31 iii. **Mary C. "Polly" WHITE** (born on 11 Jul 1810).
- +32 iv. **Sarah Hannah "Sally" WHITE** (born on 15 Nov 1813).

19. **Elizabeth WHITE** (James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 11 Nov 1777 and died in Tennessee. She was married to David(?) ROBINSON.

25. **William WHITE** (James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 1 Apr 1791 and died on 28 Sep 1845 in Bond Co., Illinois. William WHITE and **Agnes JOHNSON** were married about 1822. She was born on 3 Jun 1806 in North Carolina and died on 23 Jan 1892 in Bond Co., Illinois. They had the following children:

- 33 i. **James Hall WHITE** was born on 17 Feb 1823 and died on 23 Jan 1843.
- 34 ii. **Edward Hartshorn WHITE** was born on 7 Jan 1825.
- 35 iii. **Sarah Jane WHITE** was born on 17 Jan 1827.
- +36 iv. **Agnes Elizabeth WHITE** (born on 7 Apr 1829).
- 37 v. **William Francis WHITE** was born on 13 Jun 1831 and died on 12 Dec 1915.
- 38 vi. **Martha Margaret WHITE** was born on 17 Sep 1833.
- 39 vii. **Catherine McHenry WHITE** was born on 2 Sep 1836 and died on 19 Oct 1916.
- 40 viii. **Harriett Newell WHITE** was born on 16 Nov 1838 and died on 25 Jan 1887.
- 41 ix. **Mary Ellen WHITE** was born on 18 Mar 1841.
- 42 x. **John Nathaniel WHITE** was born on 25 Aug 1843 and died on 19 Jan 1847.
- 43 xi. **Thomas Hodge WHITE** was born on 12 Nov 1845 and died on 20 Mar 1906.

26. **Lucy Hartshorn WHITE** (James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 25 Dec 1792 and died in California.

Lucy Hartshorn WHITE and James Sloan OATES were married on 18 Jul 1815. He was born on 22 Dec 1782 and died on 20 Jul 1874.

28. **Isaac WHITE** (James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was possibly born on 29 Feb 1796 (Calculating Isaac's birth date based on age at death (52y, 9m, 12d) would give 17 Feb 1798. If a 29 Feb 1798 birth, as is given in some records, is correct, a problem exists as 1798 was not a leap year but 1796 was and died on 1 Dec 1850 and was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.

Isaac WHITE and Mary "Polly" FALLS were married on 25 Jul 1820 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. Andrew Gardner, bondsman, Vardry McBee, Clerk of Court.

Mary "Polly" FALLS (possible daughter of John FALLS Jr. and Elizabeth FERGUSON) was born on 27 Jun 1798 in Lincoln (present Gaston) Co., North Carolina and died on 24 Oct 1871.

Isaac WHITE and Mary "Polly" FALLS had the following children:

- +44 i. **James F. WHITE** (born on 18 Jan 1821).
- +45 ii. **Lucinda R. WHITE** (born on 16 Apr 1823).
- 46 iii. **Elizabeth R. WHITE** was born on 22 Jul 1825 and died on 22 Sep 1868.
- 47 iv. **Sarah A. WHITE** was born on 27 Mar 1827 and died on 9 Apr 1866.
- +48 v. **Mary J. WHITE** (born about 1828).
- 49 vi. **Nancy Jane WHITE** was born on 31 Aug 1830 and died on 16 Aug 1913.
- +50 vii. **Rachel E. WHITE** (born on 1 Sep 1832).
- 51 viii. **Margaret WHITE** was born about 1834 and died about 1900.
- 52 ix. **John J. WHITE** served in the military during the War Between the States He was born on 9 Jul 1836, died on 9 Aug 1863 and was buried in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 53 x. **Isaac A. WHITE** was born on 31 Jul 1838, died on 18 Feb 1864 and was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. He served in the 87th Regiment, North Carolina State Militia.
- 54 xi. **Mira WHITE** was born about 1840.

The Fifth Generation of the WHITE Family

30. **Erixene WHITE** (John-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 31 Dec 1807. She married Samuel TORRENCE on 30 Oct 1832 in Lincoln Co., North Carolina. Ephraim Torrence was bondsman, Isaac Holland, Clerk of Court married the couple and was witness.

31. **Mary C. "Polly" WHITE** (John-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 11 Jul 1810. She married **James WHITE** who was born on 16 Jan 1806

32. **Sarah Hannah "Sally" WHITE** (John-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 15 Nov 1813 and died on 27 Aug 1906. She married Jacob Hunter RAMSOUR on 14 Apr 1840 in Lincoln Co., North Carolina. Bondsman was John Boyd, witness (JP) was H[enry] Cansler.

36. **Agnes Elizabeth WHITE** (William-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 7 Apr 1829 and died on 29 Dec 1860. She was first married to Ariel KINGSBURY. Secondly, she married Stephen Willis STEWART on 20 Feb 1857. They had the following child(ren):

- +55 i. **Francis White STEWART** (born on 6 May 1858). She was a historian and responsible for many of the sources in this family account.

44. **James F. WHITE** (Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 18 Jan 1821 and died on 9 Feb 1874. He was married to **Mary Ann FRONEBERGER** about 1856. She was born on 12 May 1829 and died on 17 Feb 1919. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. They had the following children:

- 56 i. **Rufus A. WHITE** was born about 26 Aug 1857 and died on 20 Sep 1860. He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. Gravestone: 3y, 25d.
- 57 ii. **John J. WHITE** was born on 16 Aug 1861 and died on 11 Jul 1899; unmarried.
- +58 iii. **Isaac A. WHITE** (born on 18 May 1863).
- +59 iv. **Mary Elizabeth WHITE** (born on 29 Dec 1866).

45. **Lucinda R. WHITE** (Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 16 Apr 1823 and died on 14 Aug 1895. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.

Lucinda R. WHITE and John Morgan ROBERTS were married. **John Morgan ROBERTS** was born on 26 Apr 1828 and died in Jan 1865. He served in the military in Civil War. Lucinda R. WHITE and John Morgan ROBERTS had the following children:

- 60 i. **Isaac Martin ROBERTS** was born on 28 Feb 1853 and died on 15 May 1930 in Georgia. Isaac was married and had five daughters.
- +61 ii. **Rufus ROBERTS**.
- +62 iii. **John T. ROBERTS** (born on 8 Nov 1854).
- 63 iv. **John Morgan ROBERTS** was born in 1857 and died on 25 Jan 1865. He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.
- +64 v. **Lucinda M. ROBERTS** (born on 17 Feb 1865).

48. **Mary J. WHITE** (Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born about 1828 and was buried in Neelys Creek Cemetery. Mary J. WHITE and James Blackwood OATES were married. **James Blackwood OATES** was born on 5 Aug 1829 and died on 16 Nov 1902. He was buried in Neelys Creek Cemetery. He served in the military in Civil War.

Mary J. WHITE and James Blackwood OATES had the following children:

- +65 i. **Thomas Monroe OATES** (born in 1856).
- 66 ii. **Mary Angelina OATES** was born in 1858 and died in 1944, unmarried. She was buried in Neelys Creek Cemetery.
- 67 iii. **Isaac Reid OATES** was born in 1860 and died in 1940, unmarried. He was buried in Neelys Creek Cemetery.
- +68 iv. **Sarah Loucinda OATES** (born in 1865).
- +69 v. **Laura Emma OATES** (born in 1869).
- +70 vi. **James Leroy OATES** (born in 1873).

50. **Rachel E. WHITE** (Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 1 Sep 1832 and died on 4 Jan 1923. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. She married Robert A. WHITE on 22 Dec 1885. He was born on 28 Mar 1841 and died on 8 Mar 1909. He served in the military in Civil War and was a County Commissioner and a member of the North Carolina State Legislature.

The Sixth Generation of the WHITE Family

55. **Francis White STEWART** (Agnes Elizabeth WHITE-5, William-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 6 May 1858 and died after 1924.

Francis White STEWART and Jennie T. MCVAY were married on 19 Oct 1881. **Jennie T. MCVAY** was born on 27 Nov 1859. Francis White STEWART and Jennie T. MCVAY had the following children:

- +71 i. **Homer Willis STEWART** (born on 18 Jul 1886).
- 72 ii. **Laurence Scott STEWART** was born on 17 Aug 1892 and died on 25 Jan 1898.
- +73 iii. **Agnes STEWART** (born on 1 Jan 1894).

58. **Isaac A. WHITE** (James F.-5, Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 18 May 1863 and died on 26 Mar 1948. He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.

Isaac A. WHITE and Josephine ORMAND were married about 1897. **Josephine ORMAND** was born on 28 Jun 1871 and died on 17 Feb 1904. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. Isaac A. WHITE and Josephine ORMAND had the following children:

- 74 i. **Infant WHITE** was born on 29 Dec 1898 and died on 29 Dec 1898. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.
- 75 ii. **Anita WHITE** was born on 20 Jul 1900 and died on 26 Jan 1981. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.
- 76 iii. **Elizabeth WHITE** was born about 1902.
- 77 iv. **Josephine WHITE** was born on 14 Feb 1904 and died on 30 Jun 1904. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.

59. **Mary Elizabeth WHITE** (James F.-5, Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 29 Dec 1866 and died on 9 Mar 1957. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC.

Mary Elizabeth WHITE and William Lane ORMAND were married before 1890. **William Lane ORMAND** was born on 12 Mar 1867 and died on 24 Aug 1963. He was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. Mary Elizabeth WHITE and William Lane ORMAND had the following children:

- 78 i. **Harry ORMAND.**
- 79 ii. **Zoe ORMAND.**
- 80 iii. **Mary ORMAND.**
- 81 iv. **John ORMAND.**
- 82 v. **Robert ORMAND.**

61. **Rufus ROBERTS** (Lucinda R. WHITE-5, Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) lived in Grover, Cleveland, North Carolina. He married a Miss HAMBRIGHT. The couple had no children.

62. **John T. ROBERTS** (Lucinda R. WHITE-5, Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 8 Nov 1854 and died on 13 Nov 1934 in Kentucky. He married a Miss LITTLE. The couple had three girls and two boys.

64. **Lucinda M. ROBERTS** (Lucinda R. WHITE-5, Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born on 17 Feb 1865 and died on 14 Sep 1904. She was buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston Co., NC. She married a Mr. WILLIAMS and had the following child(ren):

83 i. **Zada WILLIAMS.**

65. **Thomas Monroe OATES** (Mary J. WHITE-5, Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born in 1856 and died in 1941. He lived in Rock Hill, South Carolina and was married to Rosanah Jane ANTHONY.

68. **Sarah Loucinda OATES** (Mary J. WHITE-5, Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born in 1865 and died in 1901. She was buried in Neelys Creek Cemetery. She was married to W.E. DRENNAN.

69. **Laura Emma OATES** (Mary J. WHITE-5, Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born in 1869 and died in 1924. She was buried in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She was married to Wilson M. HUEY.

70. **James Leroy OATES** (Mary J. WHITE-5, Isaac-4, James-3, John-2, Hugh-1) was born in 1873 and died in 1943. He was married to Elizabeth Lee CROCKETT and lived in Florida.

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