

DANIEL AND NANCY COLE WILLIAMS

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Daniel Williams was born about 1772 to William and Mary Williams who lived on Little River in Randolph County. He was a Quaker and attended Back Creek Monthly Meeting with his parents. At about the age of twenty-two he married Nancy E. Cole, daughter of Stephen Cole.

Daniel made a claim for fifty acres of land in February of 1796. This land was on the waters of Little River, bounded by Jesse Henley and his father William Williams. Another deed reference mentions Dollerhide's corner on Henley's line. Another fifty-acre entry, also on Little River, mentions Daniel Presnall's line and Bailey's line. The purchase price for 100 acres was fifty shillings. In February 1793 he paid 75 pounds to his father William for 90 acres on Little River adjoining Pearson, the Old Line, Clark's and the Long Branch. Daniel also bought for 250 pounds 210 acres of land from Hezekiah Dollarhide on Little River adjoining his own line, Branson, Hammon and the Mill Road. The Tax List for 1803 (Capt. Tucker's Dist. by Michael Harvey) shows Daniel with 490 acres.

A daughter, Elizabeth, was born about 1797. Elizabeth was married to Joel Robbins. This marriage ended in divorce when he married another woman named Elizabeth Robbins and became a bigamist.

Their first son, Michael, was born 7 April 1800. He married Martha Miller in 1823 and they were the parents of one son, Jesse A., who was born in 1829. After Martha's death, Michael married Evanna (Anna E.) Boggs on 12 October 1842 in Randolph County. They were the parents of eight children.

A son Marmaduke was born 28 May 1804. He lived to be almost 80 when he died 4 March 1884. His wives were (1) Amy Johnson whom he married when about 18 in 1822 and (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Craven whom he married in 1855.

Daniel, Jr., is the next son. He married Rebecca Hancock in 1826 and after her death, he married Rachel Swain in 1866. He died in 1882. Sarah (Sallie) was born 24 May 1806. In 1924 she married Benjamin Millikan. She later married Mordacai Mendenhall after being a widow for some years. She lived to be 78 years old and died 14 February 1884. Martha (Patty) was the youngest daughter, born in 1809. She was married to Hamon Miller. John was the youngest child and was born in 1813. He married Allie Richardson in 1832. He died about the age of 56 about 1869.

It is not known when Nancy died, but after her death, it appears Daniel remarried to a woman named Rachel. This apparently was a very unhappy and short marriage.

Daniel died in August 1847 when he was about 75 years old. His son Michael was administrator of his property.

Sources: Estate Records, Marriage Bonds, Wills, Deeds, Cemetery Records, Revolutionary War Records, Divorce Records.

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MICHAEL AND ANNA WILLIAMS

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Michael Williams was born 7 April 1800 in Randolph County to Daniel and Nancy Cole Williams. He married at the age of almost 23 to Martha Miller. They had one son, Jesse A., born in 1829. Jesse had two wives and died 18 October 1879 at the age of 51 in Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Martha died while Jesse was quite young and Michael's sister Patty (Martha) helped rear Jesse. Jesse was being cared for by Patty when Michael made a trip to Indiana in the fall of 1832. His father Daniel was quite anxious for his return as is shown in a letter he wrote to Asel Dollerhide inquiring about him in April of 1833.

He did return and on 12 October 1842 he obtained a marriage bond to marry Evanna Boggs. She apparently was named for her paternal grandmother Eve Springer Boggs, but she preferred to be called Anna and went by this name. She was the daughter of Martha Mendenhall and John Boggs and was born 15 November 1814. Their first daughter was Nancy Emily, born 24 July 1843. She never married and died in Wilkes County 30 June 1905. Benjamin Franklin was born 28 October 1844 and married Mary Ann Barlow. He died 19 April 1921.

Sarah Mahaley was born 28 August 1846. She never married and died 8 February 1913. Martha Jane was born 14 August 1848 and married Thomas Greenwood. She died 3 March 1924. Daniel Whitson was born about 1850 and married Mary Powell.

Michael Columbus was born 23 June 1852 in Randolph County. He married 24 January 1882 Susanna Greenwood in Wilkes County. He died 28 October 1916 and is buried in a family cemetery.

In July 1854 Michael sold his farm on both sides of the Uwharrie River to Nathan Winslow and moved his family to Wilkes County, again choosing land near a river — this time the Yadkin River, which is located west of Wilkesboro. As he was a farmer, this would have been very rich, good soil. His reason for moving was the hope that Anna's health would be better as she had malaria when they lived on the Uwharrie River.

Two more daughters were born after the move: Mary Elizabeth in 1854 and Susan about 1856. Mary Elizabeth married twice, first to Jones Rob-

ertson and second to Robert Shuping. Susan married Callaway Parlier.

Michael died 9 November 1874 while Anna (as she still preferred to be called) lived about 20 years longer and died at the age of almost 80 on 8 January 1894.

Sources: Marriage Records, Deeds, Wills and Estate Records, Cemetery Records, Bible Records, Death Records, Personal Knowledge.

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WILLIAM AND MARY WILLIAMS 634

William Williams was one of the early residents of Randolph County. He owned property and lived with his wife Mary on land described as being on Little River. He is found on the 1779 Tax List in Jacob Sheppard's List near a Thomas Williams and several Presnal families.

We can glean from land records some of the people who owned property near him. When William Cole entered a claim the June term of 1779 for 100 acres on the Long Branch of Little River, it is described as adjoining William Williams' claim and Agnes Rollins' claim. William bought 320 acres in 1783 from William Clark. He is shown on the 1785 Tax List with 320 acres.

We know that William and Mary were Quakers and members of Back Creek Monthly Meeting. It is here we find many dates for this family. They reared nine children, five boys and four girls in this mid-sothern area of Randolph County.

They were probably married about 1768. A daughter Youthan (Youthy) may have been the oldest child and born about 1769. She married Asel Dollerhide and about 1820 they moved to Maroni County, Indiana. A son, Daniel, was born about 1772. He married Nancy E. Cole ca. 1794 and they remained in Randolph County. Another son, Benjamin, was perhaps born about 1774. He married Sarah Cole, a daughter of Stephen Cole. Rachel was possibly the next child born about 1776. She married Mark Cole ca. 1794. This makes three of the children married into the Cole family.

Mary Ann was born ca. 1778 and married a Voncannon ca. 1796. Sarah was born ca. 1780 and married Jacob Voncannon about 1801. The youngest three children probably were William, born ca. 1783; Jacob, born ca. 1786; and James, born ca. 1788. The 1800 Census shows William as head of the household with two males between ages 10 to 16, wife (Mary), and one other female whose age was between 16 and 20.

William made his will in 1809 and died 22 February 1811 in Randolph County. He names his "worthy friend John Presnal, Sr. and Asel Dollerhide" as executors of his estate. The will was signed in the presence of Mark Cole, Hugh Brown and Stephen Grantham. Mary outlived him by twenty-two years. Her will made in 1826 is recorded in the November term of 1833 in Randolph County.

Sources: Quaker Records, Deeds, Wills, Estate Records, Census.

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