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Mistakes We Make When Searching Our Genealogy

When people are researching a family genealogy they often make some very simple mistakes. Make sure these don't happen to you!

- Don't forget to talk to living relatives. Many researchers forget to talk to those that are alive and instead focus on those that have passed away. Living relatives are a great place to start!
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Do not limit your names to one spelling. Many last names were changed throughout the years and spelled differently as times changed. Keep this in mind when doing your research.

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William Marion Davis and **Ophelia Betts** had the following children:

171. i. **Bertie¹¹ Davis** was born on 5 Oct 1893 in Georgia. She died in 1975. She married **Morris Cox** on 24 Jan 1907 in Georgia. He was born between 1880-1890.

172. ii. **George Wallace Davis** was born on 10 Feb 1896 in Georgia. He died on 29 Mar 1973 in Roswell, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married **Annie Mae Adams** in about 1922. She was born on 12 Aug 1898 in Milton, Fulton Co., Georgia. She died on 31 May 1989 in Pensacola, Escambia Co., Florida.

173. iii. **Charles Neece Davis** was born on 26 Apr 1898 in Georgia. He died in 1965 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married **Pearl Kitchens** on 30 Apr 1922. She died on 12 Apr 1986.

174. iv. **William Hurst Davis** was born on 4 Sep 1900 in Greshamville, Greene Co., Georgia. He died on 21 Sep 1979 in LaGrange, Troup Co., Georgia. He married **Mary Stevenson** on 10 Aug 1930. She was born on 15 Dec 1906 in Hogansville, Troup Co., Georgia. She died on 13 May 1995.

175. v. **Lila Estelle Davis** was born on 30 Sep 1903 in Georgia. She died on 24 Oct 1980 in Miami, Dade Co., Florida. She married **Carl D. Hillard** in Mar., 1925. He was born between 1894-1904.

96. **Mary Lillian¹⁰ Davis** (George Washington⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 15 May 1873 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 20 Nov 1906 in Mansfield, Newton Co., Georgia. She married **James Oscar Adams** on 17 Apr 1890 in Georgia. He was born on 10 Mar 1868.

James Oscar Adams and Mary Lillian Davis had the following children:

- i. Carl Davis¹¹ Adams was born on 5 Jun 1891 in Newton Co., Georgia.

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ii. Mary Emma Adams was born on 2 Dec 1893 in Newton Co., Georgia. She died on 27 Jan 1946.

iii. Valerie Odessa Adams was born on 25 Feb 1896 in Newton Co., Georgia.

iv. Lila Belle Adams was born on 31 May 1898 in Newton Co., Georgia. She died on 5 Sep 1902 in Newton Co., Georgia.

v. Alice Adams was born on 5 Sep 1900 in Newton Co., Georgia.

vi. John Oscar Adams was born on 22 Apr 1903 in Newton Co., Georgia. He died on 24 Mar 1970 in Georgia.

vii. Lois Frances Adams was born on 16 Oct 1905 in Newton Co., Georgia.

97. **George Clarence¹⁰ Davis** (George Washington⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 20 Feb 1876 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 13 Sep 1964 in Americus, Sumter Co., Georgia. He married **Ettie Maggie Tullis** on 16 Mar 1904 in Georgia. She died on 19 Mar 1969.

George Clarence Davis and Ettie Maggie Tullis had the following children:

i. **Clarence William¹¹ Davis** was born on 25 Feb 1905 in Newton Co., Georgia. He died on 22 Jul 1908 in Georgia.

176. ii. **Ernest Tullis Davis** was born on 12 Apr 1907 in Georgia. He died on 2 Jul 1991 in Decatur, De Kalb Co., Georgia.

iii. **Frank Cato Davis** was born on 30 Aug 1910 in Georgia. He died on 17 Mar 1911 in Georgia.

98. **Isaac Perry Davis** (George Washington⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 14 Apr 1878 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 10 May 1928. He married **Cassie Burroughs** on 18 Dec 1901 in Georgia. She was born about 1880 probably in Georgia. She died on 19 Feb 1946 in Georgia.

Isaac Perry Davis and Cassie Burroughs had the following children:

i. **Marguerite¹¹ Davis** was born about 1902 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died between 1902-1905 in Morgan Co., Georgia.

ii. **Sibyl Sue Davis** was born on 7 Feb 1904 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 22 Feb 1978 in Orlando, Orange Co., Florida.

iii. **Perry Lee Davis** was born on 1 Jan

1906 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 9 Jun 1988 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married **Winnie Westbrook** on 16 Mar 1934. She was born between 1903-1913.

177. iv. **Andrew Jackson Davis** was born on 8 Jun 1907 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 13 Oct 1978 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married **Stevie Gay** on 28 Mar 1930. She was born about 1910.

178. v. **Norman Harold Davis** was born on 3 Jul 1908 in Georgia. He died on 15 Jul 1984 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. He married **Opal Robertson** in Apr., 1936. She was born about 1910. She died on 18 Sep 1983.

vi. **Edith Pearl Davis** was born on 26 Jul 1912 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. She married **William E. Owens** in Apr., 1934. He was born between 1903-1913.

99. **Leila Dunson¹⁰ Davis** (George Washington⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 29 Feb 1880 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She married **Harry Cannon** on 18 Jun 1912 in Montezuma, Macon Co., Georgia. He was born between 1875-1885.

Harry Cannon and Leila Dunson Davis had the following children:

i. Elizabeth McCall¹¹ Cannon was born on 26 Apr 1913 in Georgia.

ii. Mary Leila Cannon was born on 28 Feb 1916 in Georgia.

iii. Frances Hurst Cannon was born on 6 Sep 1918 in Georgia.

iv. Harry Cannon was born on 1 May 1920 in Georgia.

v. Helen Mulline Cannon was born on 3 Aug 1923 in Georgia.

100. **Bernice Elizabeth¹⁰ Davis** (George Washington⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 23 Apr 1887 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died in Dec., 1972. She married **J. Paul Wallace** on 21 Mar 1911 in Rutledge, Morgan Co., Georgia. He was born between 1880-1890.

J. Paul Wallace and Bernice Elizabeth Davis had the following children:

i. J. Paul Wallace, Jr., was born on 2 Apr 1912 in Georgia.

ii. Russell Wallace was born on 3 Aug 1913 in Georgia.

iii. Lottie Louise Wallace was born

on 12 Oct 194 in Georgia. She died on 20 Jun 1921 in Georgia.

iv. Ted Ray Lowery Wallace was born on 3 Oct 1919 in Georgia.

v. Roselyn Wallace was born in Jul., 1923 in Georgia.

101. **Annie Pearl¹⁰ Davis** (George Washington⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 5 Jul 1889 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 19 Mar 1907. She married **Thomas H. Vining** on 25 Dec 1906 in Georgia. He was born on 11 Feb 1882. He died on 28 Dec 1931.

Thomas H. Vining and Annie Pearl Davis had the following child:

i. Annie Pearl¹¹ Vining was born in Mar., 1907 in Georgia.

102. **Vessie Larue¹⁰ Davis** (George Washington⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 7 Jul 1892 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 3 Dec 1974 in Covington, Newton Co., Georgia. She married **Charles L. Harwell** on 22 Jan 1913 in Georgia. He was born between 1882-1892.

Charles L. Harwell and Vessie Larue Davis had the following children:

i. Charles L.¹¹ Harwell, Jr. was born on 16 Jan 1914 in Georgia.

ii. Ralph Harwell was born on 10 Nov 1918 in Georgia.

iii. Marguerite Harwell was born on 13 Sep 1920 in Georgia.

iv. George Harwell was born on 19 Mar 1927 in Georgia. He died on 19 Mar 1927 in Georgia.

v. June Harwell was born on 15 Jul 1931 in Georgia.

103. **George Glover¹⁰ Davis** (James Montgomery⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born in June, 1883 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died in 1931 in Vienna, Dooly Co., Georgia. He married (1) **Erma Poulson**. She was born between 1881-1891. He married (2) **Mae Thomblin**. She was born in 1882. She died in 1971.

George Glover Davis and Mae Thomblin had the following children:

i. **Ralph¹¹ Davis** was born in 1914.

ii. **Grace Davis** was born in 1923. She died in 1968 in Savannah, Chatham

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Co., Georgia.

104. **Susan Cornelia¹⁰ Davis** (James Montgomery⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 13 Dec 1884 in Morgan Co., Georgia. She died on 27 Jan 1983 in Mansfield, Newton Co., Georgia. She married **J. Olin Hitchcock** in 1903 in Georgia. He was born in 1882. He died in 1941 in Mansfield, Newton Co., Georgia.

J. Olin Hitchcock and Susan Cornelia Davis had the following children:

- i. Annie Frances¹¹ Hitchcock was born on 20 Sep 1906 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia.
- ii. James Olin Hitchcock was born on 26 Jul 1908 in Georgia. He died on 7 Jan 1986 in Mansfield, Newton Co., Georgia.
- iii. Ruby Hitchcock was born on 18 Sep 1910 in Georgia. (twin)
- iv. Ruth Hitchcock was born on 18 Sep 1910 in Georgia. (twin). She died on 24 Oct. 1957.
- v. Henry Davis Hitchcock was born on 22 Mar 1913 in Georgia. He died on 2 Sep 1987.
- vi. Mary Cornelia Hitchcock was born on 6 Mar 1915 in Georgia.
- vii. Allen Wilson Hitchcock was born on 2 Jan 1919 in Georgia.
- viii. Susie Myrtle Hitchcock was born on 23 Nov 1922 in Georgia.

105. **James Howard¹⁰ Davis** (James Montgomery⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 1 Jan 1887 in Morgan Co., Georgia. He died on 10 Apr 1957 in Tifton, Tift Co., Georgia. He married (1) **Myrtle Hightower** in Oct., 1917 in Georgia. She was born on 13 Aug 1896 in Georgia. She died on 8 Jun 1922 in Tifton, Tift Co., Georgia. He married (2) **Mollie Lee Hayes** on 21 Dec 1924 in Georgia. She was born on 19 Oct 1902 in Georgia. She died on 1 Aug 1991 in Tift Co., Georgia.

James Howard Davis and Myrtle Hightower had the following children:

- i. **James Howard¹¹ Davis, Jr.** was born on 20 Oct 1919 in Georgia. He died on 8 Jun 1920 in Georgia.
- ii. **Mary Berry Davis** was born on 11 Nov 1920 in Georgia.

James Howard Davis and Mollie Lee Hayes had the following children:

179. iii. **Betty Jane Davis** was born on 19 Aug 1926 in Tift Co., Georgia. She died on 24 Mar 1984. She married **Henry Horace Moore** on 19 Jul 1942. He was born on 18 Aug 1924. He died on 28 Nov 1987.
 180. iv. **Claude Montgomery Davis** was born on 31 Jul 1928 in Tift Co., Georgia. He married **Carol Ann Cooper** on 25 Jun 1950. She was born on 28 Nov 1930.
 181. v. **Sarah Lee Davis** was born on 12 Dec 1931 in Tift Co., Georgia. She married **Charles Henry Majeski** on 10 Jun 1951. He was born on 14 Oct 1931.
 182. vi. **Robert Joseph Davis** was born on 23 Dec 1933 in Tift Co., Georgia. He married **Martha Ann Smith**. She was born on 25 Jun 1936.
 183. vii. **James Allen Davis** was born on 26 Aug 1939 in Tift Co., Georgia. He married **Hilda Shaw**. She was born on 6 Sep 1943.
106. **Maude May¹⁰ Davis** (James Montgomery⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 8 Sep 1888 in Newton Co., Georgia. She died in 14 Mar 1963 in Tift Co., Georgia. She married **Leon Herschell Allison** about 1917. He was born on 24 Dec 1894 in Georgia. He died on 17 Mar 1965.

Leon Herschell Allison and Maude May Davis had the following children:

- i. Hellen¹¹ Allison was born on 16 Aug 1918. She died on 31 May 1921.
 - ii. Leon Herschell Allison, Jr. was born in 1920. He died in 1957.
 - iii. William Hurst Allison was born on 22 Oct 1923.
- Notes for William Hurst Allison:
He was a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was captured and held as a prisoner of war by German forces.
- iv. Homer Davis Allison was born on 19 Oct 1932.

107. **John Baldwin¹⁰ Davis** (James Montgomery⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 9 Sep 1892 in Newton Co., Georgia. He died on 19 Mar 1938 in Tift Co., Georgia. He married **Maude Hutchinson**. She was born on 23 Sep 1907. She died on 26 Feb 1984.

Notes for John Baldwin Davis:
He was a U.S. soldier during World War I.

John Baldwin Davis and Maude Hutchinson had the following children:

184. i. **John Baldwin¹¹ Davis, Jr.**, was born on 22 Nov 1929 in Georgia. He died on 16 Sep 1981. He married **Marjorie Fallen** about 1959. She was born on 26 Apr 1931.
185. ii. **Frank Morris Davis** was born on 13 Feb 1932. He married **Laurien Seanor** about 1958. She was born on 10 Feb 1934.
186. iii. **Lester Howard Davis** was born on 14 Oct 1933. He married **Sidney Martin**. She was born on 15 Sep 1936.

187. iv. **Ray Edison Davis** was born on 9 Aug 1937. He married **Joyce Long**. She was born on 15 Sep 1936.

108. **Usher Thomas¹⁰ Davis** (James Montgomery⁹, John Morgan⁸, George Cook⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 13 Feb 1894 in Newton Co., Georgia. He died on 6 Feb 1965 in Moultrie, Colquit Co., Georgia. He married **Ada Spires** in 1914. She was born on 31 Jul 1896. She died on 2 Mar 1989 in Georgia.

Usher Thomas Davis and Ada Spires had the following children:

- i. **Ada Faye¹¹ Davis** was born in 1916 in Georgia. She died in 1919 in Georgia.
188. ii. **Minnie Clair Davis** was born on 5 May 1920 in Georgia. She married (1) **Jack Thompson**. He was born between 1912-1922. She married (2) **Lucian Smith**. He died on 19 Jul 1980.
189. iii. **Usher Thomas Davis, Jr.** was born on 20 Apr 1927. He married **Kathryn Maxwell** about 1950. She was born on 16 Jul 1929.
190. iv. **George Davis** was born on 27 Jan 1931 in Georgia. He married (1) **Ann ()** between 1950-1955. She was born in 1931. She died in 1974. He married (2) **Joane ()** in 1975. She was born between 1935-1945.

109. **George Harris¹⁰ Davis** (Drury Morgan⁹, George Kary⁸, Drury⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 25 Aug 1874 in Woodfin, Jasper Co., Georgia. He died on 23 Nov 1957 in Newborn, Newton Co., Georgia. He married **Annie Cor-**

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delia Smith, daughter of **Henry Smith** and **Pamela Malone**, on 15 Mar 1896 in Monticello, Jasper Co., Georgia. She was born on 24 Jan 1878 in Woodfin, Jasper Co., Georgia. She died on 12 Nov 1934 in Newborn, Newton Co., Georgia.

George Harris Davis and Annie Cordelia Smith had the following children:

i. **Lizzie Lee¹¹ Davis** was born on 30 May 1897 in Woodfin, Jasper Co., Georgia.

ii. **Alma Irene Davis** was born on 4 Feb 1899 in Woodfin, Jasper Co., Georgia. She died in May, 1993 in Avindale Estates, Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia. She married **Frank H. Greer**. He was born between 1880-1900.

191. iii. **George Barron Davis** was born on 23 Sep 1901 in Woodfin, Jasper Co., Georgia. He died on 24 Nov 1994 in St. Marys, Auglaize Co., Ohio. He married **Joanna Katherine Wood**, daughter of **David Wood** and **Clara Medford**, on 22 Feb 1929 in Lawrenceville, Gwinnett Co., Georgia. She was born on 12 Dec 1909 in Loganville, Walton Co., Georgia.

iv. **Mary Davis** was born on 20 Mar 1904 in Woodfin, Jasper Co., Georgia.

v. **Dorothy Cordelia Davis** was born on 15 Jun 1918 in Woodfin, Jasper Co., Georgia.

vi. **Juanita Davis** was born on 20 Jul 1920 in Woodfin, Jasper Co., Georgia.

110. **William Wingfield¹⁰ Davis** (Samuel W.⁹, George Kary⁸, Drury⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 11 Dec 1877 in Mansfield, Newton Co., Georgia. He died on 20 Jun 1941 in Monticello, Jasper Co., Georgia. He married **Bethia Cunard** about 1899. She was born on 29 Jun 1878 in Jasper Co., Georgia. She died on 5 Jun 1966 in Jacksonville, Duval Co., Florida.

William Wingfield Davis and Bethia Cunard had the following children:

i. **Lessie Mae¹¹ Davis** was born in 1900.

192. ii. **Marvin Osgood Davis** was born on 5 Jul 1903 in Monticello Jasper Co., Georgia. He died on 29 Mar 1989 in Jacksonville, Duval Co., Florida. He married Inez Lucy Ogletree on 11 Jul 1936. She was born on 11 Nov 1913.

111. **William Patrick¹⁰ Davis** (James Monroe⁹, Wingfield⁸, Drury⁷, John⁶, Thomas⁵, John⁴, William³, William², Robert¹) was born on 2 Oct 1879 in Cobb Co., Georgia. He died on 27 Dec 1943 in Cobb Co., Georgia. He married **Katie Mary Gann**. She was born on 22 Jan 1883 in Georgia. She died on 22 Sep 1947 in Cobb Co., Georgia.

William Patrick Davis and Katie Mary Gann had the following children:

i. **Kate¹¹ Davis** was born on 20 Jun 1921 in Cobb Co., Georgia. She died on 20 Jun 1921 in Cobb Co., Georgia.

ii. **Basil Davis** was born on 7 May 1924 in Cobb Co., Georgia. He died on 4 Jun 1926 in Cobb Co., Georgia.

(Generations 11 to 13 are not reported here due to some persons being alive.)

Researched and compiled by Richard R. Dietz.

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Notes for **Wallace Willis Davis**: On the 1860 federal census he was living near his father and brother, **Nathan**. His occupation was listed as "mechanic". In 1870 he was recorded as "carpenter".

Sources:
1860 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 523, dwell. 561, fam. 535.

1870 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 251B, dwell. 22, fam. 22.

Wallace Willis Davis and **Keziah Smith** had the following children:

i. **Laura¹⁰ Davis** was born in 1858 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

ii. **Abigail Davis** was born in 1860 in Carteret Co., North Carolina.

126. **Nathan⁹ Davis** (Wallace Willis⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in Jan., 1829 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He died between 1900-1910 probably in Carteret Co., NC. He married **Abbie G. Davis** on 29 Jun 1895 in Davis Shores, Carteret Co., NC. She was born in Sep., 1861 probably in Carteret Co., NC. She died after 1910.

Notes for Nathan Davis:
In the 1850 federal census of Carteret Co., his occupation was recorded as "mariner". In the 1860 census he was

living with his parents and working as a farm laborer.

Sources:

Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951, LDS FHC Microfilm #262.415.

1900 federal census of Carteret Co., NC

Notes for Abbie G. Davis:

She appears as a widow in the 1910 federal census of Carteret Co., NC. ED8, sheet 14, line 20.

Nathan Davis and Abbie G. Davis had the following child:

i. **Leah G.¹⁰ Davis** was born in Jun., 1896 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. She married **Edwin Piner** on 23 Dec 1914 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He was born in 1899 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

127. **Adeliza⁹ Davis** (Wallace Willis⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1831 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. She married **Oscar F. Willis**, son of **William Mitchell Willis** and **Cordelia Davis**.

Oscar F. Willis and Adeliza Davis had the following children:

i. Isaac¹¹ Willis was born in 1852 in Carteret Co., NC.

ii. James M. Willis was born in 1855 in Carteret Co., NC.

239. iii. George A. Willis was born in 1857 in Carteret Co., NC. He married **Orpha C. Davis**, daughter of **David Whitehurst Davis** and **Sarah Ann Willis** on 24 Dec 1883 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. She was born in 1864 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC.

128. **Oswald B.⁹ Davis** (Isaiah⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1828 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He married **Martha Ann Burgess**, daughter of **Albert Burgess** and **Rebecca Willis**, on 31 May 1854 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. She was born in 1839 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC.

Notes for Oswald B. Davis:

In the 1860 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, he was living near Smyrna and his occupation was recorded as a "farmer". In 1870 he was recorded as "fisherman".

Sources:

1860 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 526, dwell 586, fam 559.

1870 federal census of Carteret Co., NC., p. 252B, dwell 39, fam 39.

1880 federal census of Carteret Co., NC., ED24, sheet 24, line 14.

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Oswald B. Davis and Martha Ann Burgess had the following children:

- i. **Mary F.¹⁰ Davis** was born in 1855 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC.
- ii. **Theresa J. Davis** was born in 1857 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC.
- iii. **Lorenzo Davis** was born in 1860 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC.

- iv. **Rebecca A. Davis** was born in 1862 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. She married **Eben L. Owens** on 28 Oct 1890 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC. He was born in 1850 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

- v. **Edwin L. Davis** was born in 1863 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He died before 1880 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

240. vi. **Zephaniah H. Davis** was born in 1867 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He married **Carrie F. Pierce** on 25 Oct 1900 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC. She was born about 1877 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

- vii. **Claricy Davis** was born in 1869 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. She died before 1880 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

- viii. **Bessie Davis** was born in 1878 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC.

241. ix. **Thomas C. Davis** was born in 1879 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He married **Nettie M. Lewis** on 6 Nov 1900 in Marshallberg, Carteret Co., NC.

129. **Alfred S.⁹ Davis** (Isaiah⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in Apr., 1833 in Carteret Co., NC. He died after 1910. He married **Melissa D. Murphy**, on 5 Jan 1857 in Carteret Co., NC. She was born on 5 Nov 1839 probably in Carteret Co., NC. She died on 13 Apr 1911 in Carteret Co., NC.

Notes for Alfred S. Davis:

He was residing near Smyrna and working as a "fisherman" according to the 1860 federal census of Carteret Co., NC. In 1880 his occupation was recorded as "farm worker".

Sources:

1860 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 526, dwell 580, fam 553.
1870 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 250, dwell 12, fam 12.
1880 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 22, sheet 2, line 40.
1900 Carteret Co., NC federal census, ED 27, sheet 2, line 26.

1910 Carteret Co., NC federal census, ED 8, sheet 8, line 87.

Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951, LDS FHC microfilm #262,415.

Notes for Melissa D. Murphy:
Source: Pre-1914 North Carolina Cemetery Inscriptions, LDS FHC microfilm # 882, 949.

Alfred S. Davis and Melissa D. Murphy had the following children:

242. i. **Isaiah¹⁰ Davis** was born in Sep., 1857 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He died after 1910. He married **Jane E. Scott**, daughter of **William Anderson Scott** and **Abigail Chadwick Davis**, on 28 Dec 1882 in Davis Shores, Carteret Co., NC. She was born about 1867 in Carteret Co., NC. She died after 1910.

243. ii. **Emma D. Davis** was born in Jul., 1869 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. She married **James W. Davis**, son of **Dewitt C. Davis** and **Permelia Davis**, on 11 Jun 1889 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He was born in Aug., 1859 in Carteret Co., NC.

- iii. **Etta C. Davis** was born in Jan., 1879 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. She married **Samuel Salter** on 10 Jul 1901 in Davis, Carteret Co., NC. He was born in Aug., 1880 possibly in Carteret Co., NC.

130. **William Thomas⁹ Davis** (Isaiah⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1837 in Carteret Co., NC. He died between 1876-1879 probably in Carteret Co., NC. He married **Rachel Simpson** on 11 Apr 1859 in Carteret Co., NC. She was born in 1840 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

Notes for William Thomas Davis:

He served in the C. S. A. during the Civil War as a Private in Company H, the "Topsail Rifles". The unit was organized from men living in Carteret Co. and was garrisoned at Fort Macon near Beaufort. At the time of the 1860 federal census he was living near Beaufort and was working as a farmer.

Sources: *Kith & Kin of Eastern Carteret County*, p. 133, by Thelma P. Simpson and Rebecca W. Sanders, Beaufort, NC, 1983.
Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951, LDS FHC microfilm #262,415.
1860 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, LDS FHC microfilm #890, p. 486.

Notes for Rachel Simpson:

Her name was recorded in the 1880 federal census as "**Rachel Merrick**". She was married with 5 Davis children living at home, however the name of her husband was not recorded in the household.
Source: 1880 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 21, p. 16, line 10.

Carteret Co., NC Vital Statistics, Marr. Reg., 1872-1951, microfilm #262,425.

William Thomas Davis and Rachel Simpson had the following children:

- 244 i. **David Wallace¹⁰ Davis** was born in Oct., 1863 in Carteret Co., NC. He died on 14 Feb 1937. He married (1) **Sarah C. Dickinson**, daughter of **Thomas Dickinson** and **Harriet** (____), on 1 Oct 1885. She was born in Mar., 1860 probably in Carteret Co., NC. She died before 1889. He married (2) **Joseph Ann Tingle**, daughter of **Richard W. Tingle** and **Harty Hall**, on 24 Dec 1889 in Bethany Christian Church, Pamlico County, NC. She was born on 6 Mar 1858 in Craven County, NC. She died on 12 Jul 1942 in Norfolk, Virginia.

- ii. **Mary Jane Davis** was born in 1866 in Carteret Co., NC. She married **Alonzo T. Dickinson** on 6 Mar 1844 in Beaufort, Carteret Co, NC. He was born about 1850 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

- iii. **Robert Leroy Davis** was born in 1870 in Carteret Co., NC. He married **Etta Dickinson** on 10 Mar 1896 in Russell's Creek, Carteret Co., NC. She was born in 1866 possibly in Carteret Co., NC.

Notes for Robert Leroy Davis:

Source: Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951, LDS FHC microfilm # 262,415.

- iv. **William Bryant Davis** was born on 20 Jul 1870 in Carteret Co., NC. He died on 4 Sep 1944 in Carteret Co., NC. He married (1) **Polly A. Willis** in about 1891. She was born between 1870-1880. He married (2) **Hope Guthrie** on 4 Jan 1898 in Carteret Co., NC. She was born on 12 Sep 1875. She died on 13 Dec 1953.

- v. **Sarah J. Davis** was born in 1876 in Carteret Co., NC. She married **Jacob Allen Lupton**. He was born between 1865-1875.

131. **James W.⁹ Davis** was born in 1844 in Carteret Co., NC. He died before 1894 probably in Carteret Co., NC. He married **Sabra C. Davis** on 16 Apr 1871 in Carteret Co., NC. She was born about 1852 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

Notes for James W. Davis:

Sources:
1880 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 24, sheet 20, line 20.
Carteret Co., NC Vital Statistics, Marr. Reg., 1872-1951, LDS FHC microfilm #262,415.

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James W. Davis and Sabra C. Davis had the following children:

245. i. **Claude¹⁰ Davis** was born in Mar., 1876 in Carteret Co., NC. He married **Minnie** (____) about 1898. She was born about 1880 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

ii. **Miriam Davis** was born in 1879 in Carteret Co., NC.

132. **James Lofton⁹ Davis** (Nathan⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1831 in Carteret Co., NC. He married **Notha Ann Willis**, daughter of **Anthony Willis** and **Elizabeth Burgess**, on 1 Apr 1854 in Carteret Co., NC. She was born in 1833 in Carteret Co., NC.

Notes for James Lofton Davis: He was residing near Beaufort and working as a fisherman when recorded in the 1860 and 1870 federal censuses. In 1880, his family was living with the family of **Joseph R. Franklin** in Morehead City and no occupation was shown.

Sources:

Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951, LDS FHC Microfilm #626,415.
1860 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 585, dwell 1012, fam 971.
1870 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 223, dwell 131, fam 131.
1880 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 24, sheet 23, line 39.

James Lofton Davis and Notha Ann Willis had the following children:

i. **Hugh T.¹⁰ Davis** was born in 1855 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret Co., NC.

ii. **Margaret Davis** was born in 1858 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret Co., NC.

246. iii. **Charlie E. Davis** was born in Apr., 1861 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret Co., NC. He died after 1900. He married **Hannah Wade** about 1885 possibly in Carteret Co., NC. She was born about 1866 probably in Carteret Co., NC. She died between 1889-1900 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

iv. **Beulah Davis** was born in 1864 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret Co., NC. She married **Herndon Wallace**. He was born about 1860 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

247. v. **Herbert Davis** was born in Feb., 1874 in Beaufort Twp., Carteret

Co., NC. He married **Irene Dixon** about 1897 probably in Carteret Co., NC. She was born in Jan., 1879 probably in Carteret Co., NC. She died before 1910.

133. **Zilphia Ann⁹ Davis** (Nathan⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1833 in Carteret Co., NC. She died in 1914 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. She married **Martin Ross Smith**, son of **Hosea Smith** and **Alice Davis**, on 18 Sep 1851 in Carteret Co., NC. He was born in 1825 in Carteret Co., NC.

Martin Ross Smith and Zilphia Ann Davis had the following children:

i. Louisa J.¹⁰ Smith was born in 1853 in Carteret Co., NC.

ii. John Stanley Smith was born in 1856 in Carteret Co., NC.

iii. Sarah F. Smith was born in 1857 in Carteret Co., NC.

iv. Sophronia Smith was born in 1860 in Carteret Co., NC.

v. Willie Smith was born in 1863 in Carteret Co., NC.

vi. Perditty Smith was born in 1873 in Carteret Co., NC.

134. **Jesse Howard⁹ Davis** (Nathan⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1835 in Carteret Co., NC. He married **Emmaline Fulcher** on 19 Mar 1856 in Carteret Co., NC. She was born about 1837 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

Notes for Jesse Howard Davis: In the 1870 federal census he was recorded living next door to his parents and his occupation was "fisherman".

Sources:

Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951, LDS FHC microfilm #262,415.
1870 federal census, Carteret Co., NC, p. 252B, dwell 44, fam 44.

Jesse Howard Davis and Emmaline Fulcher had the following children:

i. **Elizabeth¹⁰ Davis** was born in 1856 in Carteret Co., NC.

ii. **Kenneth Davis** was born in 1858 in Carteret Co., NC.

iii. **Mary Davis** was born in 1860 in Carteret Co., NC.

iv. **Joseph Ann Davis** was born in 1862 in Carteret Co., NC.

v. **Abigail Davis** was born in 1864 in Carteret Co., NC.

vi. **Sarah J. Davis** was born in 1866 in Carteret Co., NC.

vii. **James C. Davis** was born in 1868 in Carteret Co., NC.

135. **Sarah H.⁹ Davis** (Nathan⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1836 in Carteret Co., NC. She married **Edmond H. Willis**, son of **Caleb Willis** and **Mary Hancock**, on 25 Mar 1856 in Carteret Co., NC. He was born in 1823 in Carteret Co., NC.

Edmond H. Willis and Sarah H. Davis had the following child:

i. Mary¹⁰ Willis was born in 1857 in Carteret Co., NC.

136. **Thaddeus Chadwick⁹ Davis** (Nathan⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in Dec., 1842 in Davis Shore, Carteret Co., NC. He died in 1906 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC. He married **Susan B. Savage** on 19 Mar 1863 in Brunswick Co., NC. She was born in Sep., 1844 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

Notes for Thaddeus Chadwick Davis: He served in the Confederate States Army [C.S.A.] during the Civil War as a sergeant. He first enlisted in Co. G, North Carolina State Troops, when it was organized at Morehead City [Carteret Co., NC] on 16 Nov 1861. They participated in the battle of New Bern and Kinston. Later they were ordered to Bald Head along with companies A through K. Here, they were reorganized into the 40th Regiment, North Carolina Troops on 1 Dec 1863. They were active in building the defenses of the North Carolina coast and rivers, at Hatteras, the Pamlico, Neuse, and Cape Fear rivers.

After the war he wrote the history of the 40th Regiment for the book "Several Regiments of the Civil War", compiled and edited by Walter Clark. The following quotes are taken from the manuscript.

"President **Jefferson Davis** visited our command in the fall of 1863. At this instance, knowing the surroundings, all detached who had heavy artillery on the Cape Fear river and the vicinity of Wilmington, were sent to Bald (Smith's Island) and organized into the Fortieth Regiment of North Carolina Troops.

"The regiment numbered about 1,200 men, which was increased to 1,400. General Beauregard complemented it for its fine appearance and its proficien-

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cy in drilling both as artillery and infantry.

"Governor Vance, who was a candidate for re-election against W. W. Holden, visited our command in July, 1864, the regiment went on review in honor of the great "War Governor"...

"On January 13, we were ordered to reinforce Fort Fisher (second attack). Companies D, E, G, K, of the Fortieth Regiment embarked on the steamer Pettaway, and arrived at Confederate Point about dark. where we landed by waging waist deep in water to reach the beach, under fire from the fleet, and took our position at the guns and palisades in the land face of the fort, where firing was kept up all day, at night we formed a picket line on the beach, where we kept up a fire with the enemy until about 4 o'clock A. M.

... about 8 o'clock Sunday morning the 15th, the whole fleet opened a more terrific fire upon the fort. From about 11 o'clock A. M. until about 4 o'clock P. M., the booming of cannon and bursting of shells was like the roar of heavy peals of thunder.

"All the guns on the land face of the fort were disabled but two, and the palisades were demolished, which left our garrison of about 1,500 men almost helpless when the assault was made upon the fort. This occurred about 3 o'clock Sunday evening, on the right and left, both at the same time.

"We were on the right where the marines and sailors, 2,000 strong, charged, who were rapidly repulsed with heavy losses; after which we were ordered to the left to drive back the enemy, who had made lodgement on the fort. We rushed in that direction, led by General Whiting, who commanded the troops in person, and drove the enemy from the traverse and parapet in front and recaptured one gun chamber with great loss, and on the parapet and traverse of the next gun chamber the contestants were firing into each other's faces, and in some cases, clubbing with their guns, being too near to load and fire.

"It was this charge that General Whiting was wounded. The fight continued after the enemy entered the fort until about 10 o'clock P.M., when the last traverse was taken and the firing ceased. Thus ended the greatest bombardment ever known in modern

warfare... Our casualties were never known, as the roll was never again called. The enemy's killed and wounded lay thick upon the battlefield, especially in front of the Fortieth Regiment, which was the hardest of the fight.

"Surely the valor displayed by North Carolinians in the effort to hold the last gateway of the South against such overwhelming numbers, both on land and sea, is glory enough to perpetuate their name in the annals of this State for all time.

"Although there were 470,000 Southern men (buffaloes) in the Northern army, it took 3,000,000 men with the largest navy on the continent, and the world from which to draw their supplies, FOUR YEARS to conquer and [an] army of 600,000 men who were shut in from all communication with the outside world. The recollection of such heroism should ever continue to live in the hearts and minds of our people."

While stationed at Smith's Island (Southport) **T. C. Davis** met and married **Susan Savage**, and they returned to Morehead City after the war. He served two terms as Mayor of that town, and for several years as its Postmaster in the late 1800s. On the 1870 census his occupation was recorded as "carpenter".

Sources:

Kith & Kin of Eastern Carteret County, p. 13, by Thelma P. Simpson & Rebecca W. Sanders, Beaufort, NC, 1983.
1870 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, p. 223, dwell 124, fam 124.
1900 federal census of Carteret Co., NC, ED 22, sheet 11, line 1. Automated Archives CD-ROM disc #4, (Brunswick Co.) North Carolina marriages.

Thaddeus Chadwick Davis and Susan B. Chadwick had the following children:

248. i. **William R.¹⁰ Davis** was born in Feb 1864 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC. He died after 1920. He married (1) **Sarah J. Pake** on 26 Feb 1891 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC. She was born in Aug., 1866 in Carteret Co., NC. She died after 1920. The name of his second wife is unknown.

ii. **Charles L. Davis** was born in 1867 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC. He married **Cora Stanley** on 10 Oct 1889 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC. She was born in 1870 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

Notes for Charles L. Davis:

Source:

Carteret County Marriages, 1872-1951, LDS FHC microfilm #262,415.

iii. **John D. H. Davis** was born in Dec., 1867 in Morehead City, Carteret County, NC. He married **Hetty D. Davis** about 1889. She was born about 1871 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

iv. **Laura T. Davis** was born in 1873 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC. She married **J. B. Morton** on 9 Nov 1892 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC. He was born in 1857 probably in Carteret Co., NC.

v. **Eugene Davis** was born in 1876 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC.

vi. **Lidia R. Davis** was born in 1879 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC. She married **Alonza T. Moore** on 2 Jun 1898 in Morehead City, Carteret Co., NC.

137. **Frances E.⁹ Davis** (Nathan⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born in 1843 in Carteret Co., NC. She died before 1883 probably in Carteret Co., NC. She married **Andrew Jackson Willis** on 9 Aug 1862 in Carteret Co., NC. He was born in 1847 in Carteret Co., NC.

Andrew Jackson Willis and Frances E. Davis had the following children:

i. **Augustine¹⁰ Willis** was born in 1864 in Carteret Co., NC.

ii. **Thomas B. Willis** was born in 1867 in Carteret Co., NC.

iii. **John Willis** was born in 1870 in Carteret Co., NC.

138. **Israel Sheldon⁹ Davis** (Nathan⁸, James⁷, Nathan⁶, William⁵, James⁴, William³, Samuel², James¹) was born on 24 Jul 1830 in Smyrna, Carteret Co., NC. He died on 17 Mar 1918 probably in Carteret Co., NC. He married (1) **Mary Ann "Polly" Pigott**, daughter of **William S. Pigott** and **Sydney Fulcher** on 1 Jan 1852 in Carteret Co., NC. She was born on 5 Oct 1834 in Carteret Co., NC. She died on 28 Nov 1879 probably in Carteret Co., NC. He married (2) **Bethel ()** about 1887. She was born in Oct., 1865 possibly in Carteret Co., NC.

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ii. **Elizabeth Davis** was born about 1652 in Virginia.

Notes for Elizabeth Davis:

Source: *Colonial Families of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia*, Vol. 9, p. 29, by John H. Brayton (2009).

iii. **Thomas Davis** was born about 1654 in Virginia. He died before 10 Aug 1696 in Isle of Wight Co., Va.

Notes for Thomas Davis:

THOMAS DAVIS (Mary Williams), the son of **John Davis** and **Mary (Williams) Griffen**, was born say 1654, Isle of Wight Co., Virginia and died intestate by 10 Aug 1696, Isle of Wight Co., Virginia. There is no record of a marriage or children for him.

From *Isle of Wight Co., Virginia Will & Deed Book 2*, p.370:

"In obedience to an Order of Court held ye tenth day of August 1696 Wee the Subscribed / have bine at ye house of Wm Webb Junr. to appraise ye Estate of THO DAVIS Decdd: and / have Effect-ed ye Sd. accord to ye best of o[u]r Judgmt wt was presented to orvew as followeth

To 35 1/2 lb of old pewter
284 lb tobo.

3 Curtains & Vallens all old & may be Infectious 1500

2 small iron potts 4 potthooks 0100
1 small grinstone 0020

1 old brass kittle & pan Skimmer very old and full of fracon 0091

1 small brasse Kettle & Candlestick bruised and battered & cott 0020

1 pestle 1 gridiron 1 spit firetongs 1 frying pan 9 hookes pcell of old iron 0170

1 small table 3 old Chaires 0140

To a pcell of Joyners tooles & 1 []ttell 0160

To a pcell of tinkers tooles 1 old chest 0100

To a pcell wooden ware & bridle & sadle cloath all old 0060

To one small cow 2 small pigs 1 table cloath 3 napkins 0350

Jno: CarrellSume: Errors Excepted 2995

Tho Thropp

Wm Webb

Sept ye 17th 1696 Sworne by me Geo: Moore

Source:

Colonial Families of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia, Vol. 9, pp. 29, 64; John A. Brayton (2009)

iv. **William Davis** was born about 1656 in Virginia. He died after 11 Aug 1668.

Notes for William Davis: WILLIAM DAVIS (Mary Williams), the son of **John Davis** and **Mary (Williams) Griffen**, appears in the record only once. There is no further trace of him after his somewhat puzzling deed of gift to Anthony Fulgham.

Isle of Wight Co., Virginia Will & Deed Book 2, p.54:

"These are to Certifie Tha [sic] I Capt. **Anthony Ffulgham**, Doe by these presents avouch the / Gift of a Cowe calfe, formerly given by me unto **WILLIAM DAVIS** the sonne of **JOHN / DAVIS** Decd, beinge now about the Age of three yeeres and a halfe, wth all ye female / encrase of her, to him and his, heires for ever, this I Acknowledge before Lt: Coll: / Jno. George and Mr Tho: Taberer the day and yeere above Written, And desire / it May be Recorded

John George Antho Ffulgham
Tho: Taberer

Recordr: 11th August 1668

pr me Jno: Jennings Clr: who Writt the Gift, and have / Capt: Ffulgham sett his Name & Desired it to be Recorded

Source:

Colonial Families of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia, Volume 9, pp.29, 63; by John A. Brayton (2009)

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7. **John⁶ Davis** (John⁵, Thomas⁴, James³, Thomas², William¹) was born about 1650 in Virginia. He died between 1712-1714 in Upper Parish, Isle of Wight Co., Va. He married an unknown spouse [**Mary Green**] about 1670 probably in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia.

Notes for John Davis:

In 1668, he received 100 acres on a branch of Pagan Creek, in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia, which is near the present-day city of Smithfield, from his brother **Samuel**, who had already removed with his family to the Carolina Colony. This tract was his share of his father's estate.

From: *Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County, Virginia*, p. 581, "John Davis and Mary, his wife, of U.P., sell to Wm. Exum land adj. Took. 1 May 1679."

He may be the **John Davis** who signed

the Isle of Wight "List of Grievances" on 5 Mar 1676; and of whom it was noted under his name, "one that hath been in arms against the government."

9 July 1695, "**Sarah Green** of the lower parish appoints **John Davis** of the upper parish as her attorney to collect all debts owed her". She was probably his sister-in-law, a sister of his wife, **Mary Green**.

His will was dated 31 Dec 1712 and recorded on 28 June 1714. After his wife died in 1720, the remainder of his estate was appraised by an **Arthur Davis**, among others. The dates of birth of his children are unknown and speculated. They are listed in the order in which they were written in his will. In the document he mentioned "brother **William Green**".

The Will of Capt. John Davis

Isle of Wight Co., Virginia Will & Deed Book 2, p.581:

Imps I give and bequeath unto my Loveing Wife **MARY** for and Dureing her Natural / life the land and plantation whereon I Now live together wth the appurtenances / thereunto belonging According to the bounds hereafter Mentioned that is to / Say from Kings point Along Gouldsbroughs line unto a markt Hickory / itt being or. Corner tree and from the said Corner tree Southerly to Hickory by / my markt on the Head of the Island Swamp from thence down the said swamp / unto pagon Creek and att the Decease of my said Wife

Itt I give and bequeath all that my aforesaid land and plantation together wth / the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto my Son **SAMUELL** and to the heires / of his Body Lawfully begotten and for Want of such heires I give and bequeath / the Land plantation and appurtenances unto my Son **THOMAS** and to the / heires of his Body lawfully begotten and for want of such heires I give / and bequeath my three Daughters and their herres Vizt **SARAH, ELIZABETH / and PRUDENCE** or the Survivrs of them and furth itt is my Will and desire / that my son **SAMUELL** have liberty to Build on any part of the said plantation / dureing the life of my Wife if he shall think the same Convenient I also / give and bequeath unto my Son **SAMUELL** his Called Cole a mare filly [sic] / Called his one Iron pott two Cows my pistols Houlsters and Cymiter

Itt I give unto m[y] Son **JOHN** all that plantation wth the appurtenacnes whereon **WM MURRAY** Now Dwells Bounded from pagon Creek up the Island Swamp to / Marked Hickory on the head of the Same

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and from the said Hickory along / my Son **SAMUELL**[’s] line unto my Old pasture ditch Near Gouldsbrough Corner / tee and downe the said ditch unto the Marsh side and No farther which / Said Land and plantation / Say I give and bequeath unto my Said Son/ **JOHN** and to the heires of his Body Lawfully begotten and for want of such / heires I give and bequeath the same unto my Son **THOMAS** and the heires of / his Body Lawfully begotten and for want of such heires to Equally / devided between my three Daughters **SARAH**, **ELIZABETH** and **PRUDENCE** and / their heires or Survivr of them I all give [sic] my Said Son **JOHN** my Silver / headed Cane and Sword and Mare filly Called Bonny one Iron Skillet / one Iron Kettle and two Cows.

Its I give and bequeath all that my plantation whereon Thomas Robertson / formerly Lived According unto the bounds held by the said Robinson lease unto / my Son **WILLIAM** and to the heires of his Body lawfully begotten and for / want of Such heires I give the same to my Son **THOMAS** and the heires / of his Body Lawfully begotten and for want of such heires I give the Same to be Equally Divided between my three Daughters **SARAH** / **ELIZABETH** and **PRUDENCE** and their heires or the Survivr of them I also / give my Son **WILLIAM** my great Cane a Mare Called flower one iron / pott and Two Cows.

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Item I give and bequeath all the Residue and Remaindr of my land in the Neck / itt being a Small piece of Woodland lyeing between my Son **JOHN** and **WILLIAM** I say / I give and bequeath the Same unto my Sons **SAMUELL** and **WILLIAM** and to their / heires Lawfully begotten for the sole Benifitt of Each their Plantations to / be by them Equally Used for fencing and firewood for Ever

Item I give and bequeath all that my plantation bought of Edward Grantham / lyeing on the Cyprus Swamp in upper pish of Surry County unto my Son / **THOMAS** and his heires for Ever I also give my said Son **THOMAS** a Roan / horse Called his two Cows one feather Bedd and Boulster and three Ews

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter **MARY** the Wife of **WM**

MURY / in full of her part on, heifer of two Yeares old /

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter **PRUDENCE** the best Feather [bed] and / boulster wch shall be in the home att my decease

Item I give and Use of my Negro Called ffrank to my Wife for her life and to my / Son **THOMAS**

Item I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter **ELIZABETH** the Daughter of / of [sic] Wm **MURRAY** two Pewter Dishes

Item All the Residue and Remainder of my Estate of what Nature or quality / soever I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife **MARY** and my three / Daughters Vizt **SARAH**, **ELIZABETH** and **PRUDENCE** to be by them Equally / Divided according unto the Kind thereof Earnestly Requesting my Loving / Brother **WILLIAM GREEN** and my ffreind **Nath Ridley** and **James Day** to See / the Same Equally Divided att my decease and it's my Will and desire that / Each Childs part to [be] Divided and Remain wth my Wife until the Age of / Eighteen or Married. And I do Hereby Nominate and Appoint my Loveing / Wife **MARY** my Sole Exrx of this my last Will and testament In Testimony / whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this 31st of Decembr 1713

Signed Sealed Published and Declared in the presence of Us
John Davis (Seal)
Nath Ridley
Richard Webb
Thomas Webb

At a Court held for the Isle of Wight County / the 28th Day of June 1714

The mark of
Mary M Maccoding

The Last Will and testament of **JOHN DAVIS** was presented / in Court by **MARY DAVIS** his Wife and Exrx who made / Oath thereto and Being proved in Court by the Oaths / of Nath Ridley and Thomas Webb two of the Wittnesses / thereto It is admitted to Record

Test H Lightfoot CICur

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Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County, Virginia, pp. 157, 225, 551, John Bennett Boddie, Wilmette, IL 1938. 1993.

History of Perquimans County, North Carolina, p.336. Mrs. Watson Window, Raleigh, Noah Carolina., 1931, 1990.

Adventurers of Purse and Person. p. 457.

Marriages of Some Virginia Residents. 1607-1800. Vol. 1, p. 234, Dorothy Ford Wulfbeck, Genealogical Publishing Co Baltimore, Md., 1988

Colonial Families of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia, Volume 9, pp. 25-29, 59-63; John A. Brayton(2009)

John Davis had the following children:

8. i. **SAMUEL**⁷ **DAVIS** (John⁶, John⁵, Thomas⁴, James³, Thomas², William¹) was born about 1670 in Upper Parish, Isle of Wight Co., Virginia. He died between 1738-1740 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia. He married an unknown spouse about 1693 in probably Isle of Wight Co., Virginia.

Samuel Davis had the following children:

i. **JOHN**⁸ **DAVIS** was born about 1693 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia. He died in 1750 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia. He married **Mary Goodrich**, daughter of John Goodrich and Anne Bechinoe, before 1742, probably in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia. She was born about 1680 probably in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia. She died before 1750 probably in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia.

Notes for John Davis:

He died testate between 2 July and 6 Sept. 1750 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia; Will Book 5, p. 260.

In his will he named his son **Samuel Davis** and his nephew **William Goodrich**; witnesses were **Edward Goodrich**, **John Davis**, and **William Davis**: executor. **John Goodrich**. VVR, p. 215, according to the extant records of Newport Parish. **John** and **Mary** had a daughter **Mary**, born 23 Oct. 1743.

Source:

Colonial Families of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia. Volume 9, pp. 130-131; John A. Brayton (2009)

Researched and compiled by: Richard R. Dietz

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Descendants of William Benjamin Davis

Generation One

1. William Benjamin¹ Davis was born in 1838 at GA; He said both his parents were born in NC. He was born in Nov 1839 at GA. He married **Elizabeth H. Carr** on 28 Feb 1861 at Presbyterian Church, Austin, Travis Co, TX; He married her in Austin in 1861 but the marriage was not registered until 27 Feb 1865 in Hays County.

State of Texas county of Hays

To any ordained minister of the Gospel. Judge of the district court, judge of the county court or justice of the peace. Greeting.

you or either of you are hereby authorized to solemnize or join the the holy union of matrimony **W B Davis** and **Elizabeth J Carr** according to the laws of this state and due return make of this your authority to my office within sixty days showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 27th day of Feby A D 1865

Harry T Davis Ck CC H Co

This is to certify that the rites of matrimony were duly celebrated by me between the above named parties on Thursday February 28th 1861.

Wm M Baker Pastor
Presbyterian Church Austin City, Texas
Filed March 4th 1861

The above is a true and complete copy of the original

James Ford

Depty Clk.

He died on 17 Aug 1926 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX, at age 86. He was buried at Palestine City Cemetery, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX; Undertaker **P. B. Ezell** according to pension record.

He lived in 1855 at TX. In his 1921 pension application he said he came to Texas 66 years ago. He began military service on 7 Mar 1862. He ended military service in Jun 1865. He was in Co. A, 32nd Texas cavalry, C.S.A.

Pension #37786 in 1870.

He appeared on the census of 1880 at Precinct 8, Williamson Co, TX. He appeared on the census of 1900 at Justice Precinct 1, Anderson Co, TX.

William B Davis: Head of household, male, 61, b. Georgia, railroad clerk, b. Nov., 1839.

Louisa Davis: Wife, Female, 60, b. Mississippi.

Abil Copeland, Boarder, Female, 30, b. Texas.

Rodney D. Copeland, Son Male, 6, b. Texas.

He appeared on the census of 1910 at Palestine, Anderson Co., TX.

He appeared on the census of 1920 at Louisiana St., Palestine, Ward 2, Anderson Co, TX; Household Members::

Name, Age:

Marilee Davis, 47

Linnie Davis, 25

Annie Davis, 21

Granville W. Davis, 17

Campbell S. Davis, 10

Loura Laila Davis, 5

Ruth Davis, 21

William F. Davis, 81

Children of William Benjamin¹ Davis and Elizabeth H. Carr were as follows:

2 i. **Claude Sincox² Davis** was born on 19 Nov 1864 at TX. He died on 31 Jan 1934 at Anderson Co, TX, at age 69. He was buried at Palestine City Cem., Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

3 ii. **Granville Ward Davis** was born on 18 Sep 1869 at Elgin, Bastrop & Travis Co, TX. He died on 4 Mar 1918 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX, at age 48. He was buried at Palestine City Cem., Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

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2. **Claude Sincox² Davis** (William¹) was born on 19 Nov 1864 at TX. He married **Mattie Catherine Saunders** on 1 Jan 1891 at Dewitt Co, TX. He died on 31 Jan 1934 at Anderson Co, TX, at age 69. He was buried at Palestine City Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

He was also known as **Calvin S. Davis**. He was also known as . He was also known as **Claude S. Davis**. He was also known as **John Claude Sincox Davis**. He lived in 1900 at Precinct 1, Anderson Co, TX;

Name Household Role Sex Age Born

Caude S. Davis Head Male 37 Texas

Maggie Davis Wife Female 30 Texas

Granville Davis Son Male 9 Texas

Leta Davis Daughter Female 8 Texas

Nettie Davis Daughter Female 3 Texas.

He appeared on the census of 1910; Household Members Age Relationship

Claude Davis 46 Head

Mattie Davis 40 Wife

Granvella Davis 18 Son

Leta Davis 16 Daughter

Nettie Davis 13 Daughter

Mary Davis 3 Daughter

Sarah Elder 67 Mother-in-law.

Children of **Claude Sincox² Davis** and **Mattie Catherine Saunders** were

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Descendants of William Benjamin Davis

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as follows:

4. i. **Granville Tilman³ Davis** was born on 28 Aug 1891 at Temple, Bell Co., TX. He married **Della Blanche Lester** on 25 Sep 1912 at Attala, Miss. He died on 15 Oct 1947 at St. Joseph Hospital, Houston, Harris Co, TX, at age 56. He was buried at Greenwood Cem, Teague, Freestone Co, TX.

5. ii. **Leta Alice Davis** was born on 27 Feb 1893 at TX. She married **James Cleveland Johnson** on 17 Jan 1915 at Anderson Co, TX. She died on 24 Feb 1988 at Anderson Co, TX, at age 94. She was buried at Land of Memory Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

6. iii. **Nettie Maidee Davis** was born on 3 Feb 1897 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX. She married **Walkenshaw C. Marshall** on 28 Feb 1920 at Anderson Co, TX. She died on 3 Feb 1897. She was buried at Palestine City Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

7. iv. **Mary Davis** was born in 1907. She was age 3 in the 1910 census.

3. **Granville Ward² Davis** (William¹) was born on 18 Sep 1869 at Elgin, Bastrop & Travis Co, TX. He married **Lulu Maidee Campbell** on 4 May 1891 at Anderson Co, TX. He died on 4 Mar 1918 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX, at age 48. He was buried at Palestine City Cem., Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

Children of Granville Ward² Davis and Lulu Maidee Campbell were as follows:

8. i. **William Louis³ Davis** was born on 4 Nov 1892 at Anderson Co, TX. He died on 29 Nov 1908 at age 16. He was buried at Palestine City Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

9. ii. **Lennie Lee Davis** was born on 20 Sep 1894 at Anderson Co, TX. He married **Ruth Virgil Cook**, daughter of **Port Lavaca Cook** and **Louise Craw-**

ford, on 28 Dec 1919 at Anderson Co, TX. He died on 7 Dec 1936 at Longview, Gregg Co, TX, at age 42. He was buried at Palestine City Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

10. iii. **Henry Haller Davis** was born on 20 Oct 1896 at Anderson Co, TX.¹ He died on 8 Jun 1913 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX, at age 16. He was buried at Palestine City Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

11. iv. **Annie Jayne Davis** was born on 7 Mar 1898 at Anderson Co, TX. She married **Ruben Marshall Blanchard** on 24 Jan 1945 at Anderson Co., TX.

Funeral services for Mrs. R. M. "Annie" Blanchard, 78, 907 Sylvan, Palestine are set for 3 PM Friday at the Bailey Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. **W. S. Blanton** and the Rev. **Maxwell Webb** officiating.

Burial will be in Palestine city Cemetery

Mrs Blanchard died Wednesday afternoon in the Palestine hospital after a long illness.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Palestine and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include one brother, **Sewell Davis** of Palestine; one sister, Mrs. **Felix "Lura" Blackwell** of Palestine; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be **Cam Davis, L. I. Davis, Don Davis, Jack Davis, William G. Davis, Joe Ed Johnston, Bill Ingram, Raleigh McDonald, Mike Kizer** and **Connie Stanaland**. She died on 5 Jan 1977 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX, at age 78. She was buried at Palestine City Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

12. v. **Carrie Nell Davis** was born on 21 Jan 1900 at Anderson Co, TX. She married **Fredrick Newton Hardgrave** on 18 Feb 1919 at Anderson Co, TX.

She died on 21 Aug 1964 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX, at age 64. She was buried at Palestine City Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

13. vi. **Granville Ward Davis** was born on 4 Jun 1902 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX. He married [1] **Mary Beatrice Goode** on 7 Apr 1920 at Anderson Co, TX. He married [2] **Mary Carolyn Turley**, daughter of **Bidwell P. Turley** and **Elise Allmon**, on 20 Jun 1942 at Oktibbeha, MS. He died on 24 Jun 1969 at Danforth Hospital, Texas City, Galveston Co, TX, at age 67. He was buried on 26 Jun 1969 at Forest Park East Cem, Webster, Harris Co, TX.

14. vii. **Campbell Sewell Davis, Sr.** was born on 16 Oct 1909 at TX. He married **Jennie Forbes** before 1940. He died on 23 Nov 1977 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX, at age 68. He was buried on 24 Nov 1977 at Palestine City Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

15. viii. **Lura Liela Davis**, was born on 29 Apr 1914 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX. She married **Felix Wooten Blackwell** on 2 Nov 1935 at Anderson Co, TX. She died on 2 Jul 1987 in the hospital at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX, at age 73.

Services for Mrs. **Lura [Davis] Blackwell**, 74, of Palestine, are scheduled for 2 pm Sunday in the Bailey & Foster Funeral Home chapel in Palestine with the Rev. **Lynn Parker** officiating.

Burial will be in the New Addition Cem.

Mrs. Blackwell died Thursday in a Palestine hospital after a long illness.

She was born in Palestine April 29, 1914, a daughter of **Granville Ward Davis** and **Maidee Campbell Davis**. She was a member of a pioneer family and before retiring, she was a manager of Retail Merchants Association.

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She was a member of First Baptist Church in Palestine and Ruth Sunday School Class, and a member of William Findley Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Harvey Woman's Club and Altrusa Club.

Survivors include her husband, **Felix Blackwell**, of Palestine and numerous nieces and nephews, **Bobbie Jayne Hardgrave**, Mrs **Mike Kiser**, Mrs **Jim Johnson**, Mrs **Joe Ed Johnston**, Mrs **Bill Ingram**, Mrs **Raleigh McDonald**, Mrs **Janice Sims**, **Cam Davis** and Mrs **Tuck Eilenstein**; and two sisters-in-law.

Pallbearers will be **Bob Pryor** and nephews; **Jimmy Davis**, **Bill Davis**, **Don Davis**, **Jack Davis** and **Johnny Davis**.

Visitation will be at the residence, 1208 Crockett Road, Palestine, 729-2009. She was buried at Palestine City Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co., TX.

Generation Three

4. **Granville Tilman³ Davis** (Claude², William¹) was born on 28 Aug 1891 at Temple, Bell Co, TX. He married **Della Blanche Lester** on 25 Sep 1912 at Attala, MS. He died on 15 Oct 1947 at St. Joseph Hospital, Houston, Harris Co, TX, at age 56. He was buried at Greenwood Cem, Teague, Freestone Co, TX.

He was employed by Burlington-Rock Island Railroad. He appeared on the census of 1930 in Miami, Dade Co, FL;

Household Members	Age	Relationship
Granville T. Davis	39	Head
Blanche Davis	39	Wife
Grace Davis	16	Daughter
Masden Davis	15	Son
Edum Davis	14	Son

Children of Granville Tilman³ Davis and Della Blanche Lester were as follows:

16 i. **Grace Alma⁴ Davis** was born on 31 Aug 1913 in TX. She died on 9 Nov 1971 at Rusk, Cherokee Co, TX, at age 58. She was

buried at Greenwood Cem, Teague, Freestone Co, TX.

+ 17 ii. **Masden E. Davis** was born on 27 Feb 1915 at TX. He married **Mario L. Stevens** on 7 Mar 1937 in TX. He died on 22 Jul 1979 in Houston, Harris Co, TX, at age 64. He was buried at Greenwood Cem, Teague, Freestone Co, TX.

18 iii. **Edwin O. Davis** was born on 10 Jun 1916 at Sugar Land, Fort Bend Co, TX. He married **Ruby Lowery**. He died on 12 Mar 1980 at Houston, Harris Co, TX, at age 63. He was buried at South Park Cem, Pearland, Brazoria Co, TX.

5. **Leta Alice³ Davis** (Claude², William¹) was born on 27 Feb 1893 in TX. She married **James Cleveland Johnson** on 17 Jan 1915 at Anderson Co, TX; Date is on tombstone. She died on 24 Feb 1988 at Anderson Co, TX, at age 94. She was buried at Land of Memory Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

Children of Leta Alice³ Davis and James Cleveland Johnson were as follows:

+ 19 i. **Cathryn Blanche⁴ Johnson** was born on 26 Nov 1915 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX. She married **Arlen Emmett Hendrick**, son of **Charley Conoway Hendrick** and **Lou Ola Rich**, on 29 Nov 1935 at Anderson Co, TX. She died on 30 Dec 2013 at Conroe, Montgomery Co, TX, at age 98. She was buried on 2 Jan 2014 at Roselawn Park Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

20 ii. **Elsie Lenora Johnson** was born on 27 Apr 1918. She was born circa 1919 in TX. She was 11 in the 1930 census. She married **Clifton Dussau** on 20 Dec 1936 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX; Palestine, Texas

“Nov 17. the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss **Elsie**

Johnson, daughter of Mr and Mrs **J C Johnson** to **Clifton Dussau** formerly of Dallas has been announced here. The wedding will take place Dec 20.”

She died on 18 Jul 1990 in Hennepin Co, MN, at age 72.

She appeared on the census of 1940 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

6. **Nettie Maidee³ Davis** (Claude², William¹) was born on 3 Feb 1897 at Palestine, Anderson Co, TX. She married **Walkenshaw C. Marshall** on 28 Feb 1920 in Anderson Co, TX. She died on 19 Jul 1978 in Anderson Co, TX, at age 81. She was buried at Palestine City Cem, Palestine, Anderson Co, TX.

Children of Nettie Maidee³ Davis and Walkenshaw C. Marshall were as follows:

+ 21 i. **Claude Anderson⁴ Marshall** was born on 3 Jun 1921 in Crystal Lake, McHenry Co, IL. He married (1) **Emma Jean White** on 31 Oct 1947 in Anderson Co, TX. He married (2) **Dessa Dee Lee** on 16 Jan 1962 at Harris Co, Texas. He died on 10 Dec 1992 at Lufkin, Angelina Co, TX, at age 71. He was buried at Zavalla Cem, Zavalla, Angelina Co, TX.

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