

DESCENDANCY of WILLIAM SHORT (b c1613) and ELIZABETH SYMONS

William's parents are not known to us

Elizabeth's parents and birthdate are not known to us

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Note 2: names of direct ancestors of BFE are underlined.

I. William¹ Short¹ was born about 1613. He came to VA about 1635,⁶ probably with Capt William Peirce, and became a planter and trader. He married Elizabeth Symons about 1638; at least three children, born Charles City Co VA.

He went back to England at least twice and "head rights" were claimed for him three times. His will showed that he had purchased from Robert Moseley 1100 acres in Surry Co, granted in a patent of 7 Jan 1649. There is no record of a patent to William, but the extent of land willed by him to his children indicates he was a man of substantial means when he came to VA. He was a member of the Committee of Safety.

He died before 6 Apr 1659 Surry Co, age probably about 46. Elizabeth died after 16 Mar 1676.

We wish we knew more about William and Elizabeth. It is believed William was born in England, probably in western England, possibly the Plymouth area. Why did he emigrate? Did he and Elizabeth marry in Virginia or on one of William's trips to England? If in Virginia, when and from where had Elizabeth come?

She was probably a sister of Symon Symons, who probably died shortly after receiving a land patent 15 Sep 1655. William is said to have raised Symon's children after he died. There were, however, only a few years between the deaths of William and Symon, so we assume Elizabeth continued caring for the children. It is difficult to find much information about early settlers, but there is so much to be curious about.

A. Sarah² Short¹ was born about 1639. She married George Middleton; at least four children: George, Jane, Thomas, and Sarah.

B. William² Short Jr¹ born about 1641, married Mary Rookings; at least two children (William III, below, and Elisabeth). William Jr received 400 acres of land close to Cabin Point, part in Prince George Co. He died before 16 Mar 1676, age probably about 34.

1. William³ Short III¹⁵ inherited the land, known as Spring Garden and later as Broomfield. He was Tobacco Inspector at Cabin Point. He had at least one child. He died about 1757.

a) William⁴ Short IV married Elizabeth Skipwith; at least one child. Her parents were William Skipwith and Elizabeth Smith.

-- See Section 2 for some information on the SKIPWITH family --

i) William⁵ Short V was born about 1759. He died in Philadelphia about 1849, age about 90.

Educated at William and Mary College, William V was president of Phi Beta Kappa 1778-1781. When Thomas Jefferson was appointed Minister to France, William accompanied him as Secretary of the Legation, and was made Charge d'Affairs when Jefferson left France. Later William was Minister to The Hague in the Netherlands. In 1795 he was responsible for a treaty of 'Friendship, Commerce and Boundaries' with Spain.

C. Thomas² Short¹,¹ born about 1643, married (---?) [Short] -- see page 1-2.

THOMAS SHORT (b c1643) and (--?--) [SHORT] and their descendants
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Thomas' parents were William Short and Elizabeth Symons
Thomas' wife's name, birthdate, and parents are not known to us

C. Thomas² Short¹ was born about 1643. He married (--?--) [Short]; at least two children. They probably lived in the part of Charles City Co VA which in 1703 became Prince George Co.

1. William³ **Short** married Elizabeth **Griffith**; at least one child.

a) Cornelius⁴ **Short** Sr, born about 1700 Charles City Co, probably married (--?--) **Tynes** about 1728, and probably married Hannah **Hesterly** about 1739. He had at least six children, including: Cornelius Jr (born about 1732, children Joel, Joshua, and Cornelius III); William; John; Mary (about 1740); and Francis E (about 1742).¹²

2. Robert³ Short¹, born about 1668, married (--?--) [Short]; at least one child. He moved to Brunswick Co VA from Prince George Co before 1737. He died before 7 Dec 1760 in VA, age probably about 91.

a) William⁴ Short¹, born about 1685 Prince George Co, married Mary Birch Prince George Co; at least two children, born Prince George Co. All we know about Mary is that she was born about 1685. William died 12 Oct 1769 Brunswick Co VA, age about 84.

(1) Robert⁵ **Short** married Amey [Short]; at least four children: William, John, Robert Jr, and Emily. We don't know Robert Sr's birthdate, so he may not have been the older child. He died before 7 Dec 1760 Brunswick Co VA.

(2) William⁵ Short¹ was born about 1707. He married Sarah Robertson about 1730 Prince George Co; at least three children. He died before 27 Nov 1769 Brunswick Co (or Mecklenburg Co), age probably about 61. Born about 1708 (or 1719) Brunswick Co, she died before 30 Oct 1776. Her parents were John Robertson Sr and Mary Evans, page 1-3.

Some say that William Short and Sarah Robertson also had a daughter (name unknown) who married John **Burrow** and died before 12 Oct 1769 without issue. However, it is possible that this is a mistake, that there wasn't another daughter. Instead, John Burrow may have been the second husband of William and Sarah's daughter Rebecca.

(a) Jacob⁶ Short married Mary Freeman and married Phoebe **Finch** -- see page 1-4.

(b) Rebecca⁶ **Short**¹ married Charles **Abernathy**; at least one child, Rebecca.

(c) William⁶ **Short**¹, born Dinwiddie Co, married Sarah **Baugh**; six children born Dinwiddie Co: the three below plus William Jr, Thomas, and Mabel. William Sr died before 25 Jun 1787 Brunswick Co.

i) John⁷ **Short**¹ married Elizabeth **Clayton**; at least seven children. Secondly, he married Susanna **Andrews**; at least one child. He died before 28 Jun 1819.

(a) Griffin⁸ **Short** married Rebecca **House**; several children including daughter Sarah (married Nathaniel **Birdsong**; seven children). Rebecca's parents were Isaac House and Mary **Merritt**, page 1-6.

ii) Susanna⁷ **Short** married John **Clayton**.

iii) Mary⁷ **Short** married (--?--) **Wall**, possibly brother of Thomas M Wall, Section 4a.

-- **Some information about the ROBERTSON family** --
referenced on page 1-2

Note: There were several Robertson/Roberson/Robinson families in southside VA in the time period, and sorting them has been difficult. In fact, there is so much information available about these families that we have not attempted to cover it thoroughly here. We suggest anyone interested in Middle Tennessee history would benefit by spending some time reading about the family, particularly General James Robertson. The following very brief summary is based partly on work by researchers Tom Robertson¹⁶ and Ray Isbell.⁹ We have not personally verified all of it.

I. Edward Robertson married Ann Dison; at least one child.

A. Nicholas Robertson was born about 1665. He married **Sarah Marks**; probably six children. Her parents were **Matthew Marks** and **Mary Somes**. Secondly, he married Jane **Tillman**; one child.

Interesting information is available about Matthew Marks, including his transportation of many people. In Prince George Co VA in 1691 he owned 1500 acres. His will was dated 16 Aug 1719.

1. John Robertson Sr, born about 1695 Bristol Parish, Charles City Co VA, married **Mary Evans**; at least eight children: John Jr (c1718); **Sarah** (c1719, below); Nicholas (c1720); Nathaniel (21 Jun 1723); Abraham (20 Jul 1725); Francis (3 Mar 1726); Mark (23 Oct 1729); and Robert (10 Jun 1734). John Sr died about 1773 Granville Co NC, age about 78.

a. Sarah Robertson, born about 1719, married **William Short** -- see page 1-2.

2. Israel Robertson, born about 1698, married Sarah **Williams**; at least eight children: Matthew (c1720), John (c1722, below), Israel (1725), David (1728), Nicholas(1731), Charles (1733), Susannah [**Kenrick**], and George.

a. John Robertson II, born about 1722 (or 1718), married Mary **Gower** about 1740; at least six children, including Mark, Ann, Charles, and the three below. John died Feb 1761 Johnson Co NC, age about 43. Mary died about 1769, age probably about 50.

i. James Robertson, born 28 Jun 1742, married Charlotte **Reeves** 20 Oct 1768; several children, including James, Lavinia (1790, below), and possibly Jonathan (1769) and Felix.¹⁷ Charlotte's father was Rev George Reeves. James Sr died 1 Sep 1814, age 72.

James became a General in the militia, had many frontier adventures and achievements. He was one of the founders of Nashville and was known as the father of TN. He was a friend of Daniel Boone, probably connected by marriage with a grandmother of Patrick Henry, and possibly connected with the Randolph family. Much information is available.

a) Lavinia Robertson, born 23 Feb 1790, married John E **Beck**; probably some children. Secondly, she married John Brown **Craighead** as his second wife; no children. She died 31 Dec 1866, age 76.

John Brown Craighead was the owner of the house which is now the oldest brick house in Nashville. The first part of the house was built about 1808-1810, by Lavinia's brother James. It has been much expanded and is now (2006) owned, and lived in, by a distant cousin of Lavinia's.

ii. John Robertson III, born about 1743, married Dolly **Maclin**. Her parents were William R Maclin and Sarah **Clack**. John died about 1780, age about 37.

iii. Elijah Robertson, born abt 1744, married Sarah **Maclin**. He died abt 1797, age abt 52.

-- see Section 2 for some information about the **MACLIN** family --

**JACOB SHORT and MARY FREEMAN and their descendants
and
JACOB SHORT and PHOEBE FINCH and their descendants
from page 1-2**

Jacob's parents were William Short and Sarah Robertson

Jacob's birthdate is not known to us

Mary's parents and birthdate are not known to us

Phoebe's parents and birthdate are not known to us

(b) Jacob⁶ Short, born Prince George Co VA, married Mary Freeman Prince George Co; at least eight children.

After the death of his mother Sarah (date unknown, but before 30 Oct 1776), Jacob received the Brunswick Co VA land where his father William had resided. Jacob sold this Brunswick Co land 30 Oct 1776 and bought 250 acres in Mecklenburg Co on Taylor's Creek,² where he built a mill. Mecklenburg Co Rev War records state Jacob supplied 250 cwt beef for the Continental Army 9 Apr 1782.³

His wife Mary, born Prince George Co, died before 23 Aug 1790 Mecklenburg Co VA. He married, secondly, Phoebe **Finch** (marriage bond 23 Oct 1794 Mecklenburg Co, William Freeman bondsman),^{1,18} probably one child. He died intestate about 1806 Mecklenburg Co, and a chancery suit about 1807 divided his estate.

Jacob was probably born about or before 1740. Please note, this is conjecture, based on the most probable birthdate of his first child and the most probable birthdate of his mother. As we have indicated in other Sections, establishing dates for various events so long ago is not often a very exact matter.

It is believed that Mary was the mother of Jacob's first eight children. We assume she died before Jacob's 1794 second marriage. It seems likely that she died between the 1788 marriage of Sally and the 1790 marriage of Polly. We base this on both parents signing permission for Sally to marry but only Jacob signing for Polly.

We wish we knew more about Mary's family. The name Freeman has been passed down through the generations, sometimes as a first name. The Freemans may have been among the neighbors of the Short and Wall families in Brunswick and Mecklenburg Counties.

-- Children of Jacob Short and Mary Freeman --

i) John⁷ **Short**, probably born before 1760, married Martha **Anderson** and Edith **Wall** -- see page 1-7.

ii) Freeman⁷ **Short**, probably born about 1760, married Jane [Short] -- see page 1-9.

iii) Susanna⁷ **Short**, born 17 Jan 1761, married Thomas **Beddington**⁶ and John **Stegall** -- see page 1-10.

iv) Alice⁷ **Short** married Henry **Wall**.

We haven't been able to identify Henry. It seems likely that he was connected to the family of Henry Wall and Hannah [Wall]. It is possible he was their second son, born about 1754, Section 4a.

- v) Laban⁷ **Short**, born about 1765 in VA, married Rebecca **Pennington**; at least seven children. Her parents are said to have been William Thomas Pennington and Elizabeth **Northington**. Born about 1785, Rebecca died before 1852. Laban died after 6 Apr 1852 Pike Co GA, age probably about 87.
- (a) Howell⁸ **Short**, born about 1796, married Sarah E **McDaniel**. He died about 1853, age about 57.
 - (i) John Hudson⁹ **Short** was born 1837. He died 1917, age about 80.
 - (b) Elizabeth Ann⁸ **Short**, born about 1797, married John **Thompson**. She died before 1852.
 - (c) William Thomas⁸ **Short**, born about 1800, married Parthania **Harding**.
 - (d) Nancy Northington⁸ **Short**, born 11 Jan 1802, married Jesse **Starkey**. She died 21 Jun 1883, age 81.
 - (e) John C⁸ **Short**, born about 1804, married Mary **McDaniel**. He died Aug 1849, age about 45.
 - (f) Anderson F⁸ **Short**, born about 1806, married Ruthy H **Harden** 22 Oct 1843 in GA; at least six children: James L, Martha J, John E, Matilda R, Mary E, and Margaret L. Anderson died bef 1860.
 - (g) Nathan Pennington⁸ **Short**, born about 1809, married Nancy G **Truett**. He died 1888, age abt 79.
- vi) Anne⁷ "Nancy" **Short** married John **Dupree** 1 Dec 1787; at least one child. She died about 1820 Union Co SC.
- (a) Griffin⁸ **Dupree**, born 1800 in NC, married Judith Ann **Fields**, who was born 1817 in GA.
- vii) Sarah⁷ "Sally" **Short** married Miles **House** about 23 Jan 1788.
- viii) Mary⁷ "Polly" **Short** married Merritt **House** about 23 Aug 1790; at least two sons, Theophilus (married Permelia) and Isaac. Merritt died about 1815 Brunswick Co. Polly died Oktibbeha Co MS in the early 1860s, age over 90.¹⁰

Earlier we had thought Merritt's name was Marriott, because we didn't know of any Merritt connections in the family, but now have confirmed it was Merritt (his mother's maiden name).

-- [see page 1-6 for some information about the HOUSE and MERRITT families](#) --

-- **Child of Jacob Short and Phoebe Finch** --

- ix) Lucy Coleman⁷ **Short** was probably born about 1795 Mecklenburg Co VA.

We believe Phoebe Finch was Lucy's mother, and that Lucy was her only child by Jacob. (Earlier we had thought her name was Phoebe Tench.)

Phoebe later married Joshua **Wright**, but we don't know anything else about what happened to her.

We haven't been able to find Phoebe's parents. Was she a sister of George Finch, who married Jacob Short's niece Jane Short, daughter of Freeman Short and Jane [Short], page 1-9? Was Phoebe's mother's maiden name **Coleman**?

-- **Some information about the HOUSE and MERRITT families** --
referenced on pages 1-2, 1-5 and 1-7

I. William **Merritt** married (--?--) [Merritt]; probably at least three children. She died before 1778 when his will was written (witnessed by William Short Sr and William Short Jr).

William Merritt's will was recorded in 1788.

A. Mary **Merritt** married Isaac **House**; probably at least five children. His father may have been Thomas House Jr, who died 1735 Brunxwick Co.

In 1746 Isaac had a land transaction in Brunswick Co, witnessed by John Wall.¹⁰¹

Note: We had wondered if Mary Merritt and Isaac House might also have had daughter Martha, who married George Wall (older brother of Thomas Meredith Wall, Section 4a). We now believe that Martha may have been related, but was not Mary and Isaac's daughter.

1. Miles **House** married Sarah "Sally" **Short**, page 1-5.

2. Merritt **House** married Mary "Polly" **Short**, page 1-5.

In William Merritt's will, Merritt House and his brother Miles were given a 252 acre plantation plus slaves Bess and Rachel, plus other slaves to be held for them by their aunt Frances Merritt Birdsong.

3. Rebecca **House** married Griffin **Short**, page 1-2.

a. Sarah **Short** married Nathaniel **Birdsong**.¹⁴

4. Catherine **House**.

5. Frances **House** married Benjamin **Short**, page 1-7.

B. Martha **Merritt** married William **Cely**; probably at least four children.

1. Mary **Cely** married (--?--) **King**.

2. Martha **Cely**.

3. Judith **Cely**.

4. Merritt **Cely** received 320 acres in his grandfather's will.¹⁰

C. Frances **Merritt**, probably born about 1727, married James **Birdsong**; probably six children. His parents were John Birdsong II (1711-1785) and Hannah **Freeman** (1701-1729).¹⁴ Frances died about 1786/1788, age about 60. Born 22 Mar 1726, James died about 1798, age about 72.

1. Merritt **Birdsong**, born about 1758, married Rebecca [Birdsong]; daughter Sarah. He died about 1827, age about 69.

According to William Merritt's will, Frances was to hold slaves for Miles and Merritt House, and Merritt Birdsong, until she died. More information is available about the Birdsong family, whose name was originally Voglesange.

JOHN SHORT and MARTHA ANDERSON and their descendants
and
JOHN SHORT and EDITH WALL and their descendants
from page 1-4

John's parents were Jacob Short and Mary Freeman

John's birthdate is not known to us

Martha's and Edith's parents and birthdates are not known to us

i) John⁷ **Short** was born in VA. It is believed that he married Martha **Anderson** in Dinwiddie Co VA; at least five children. They moved to Mecklenburg Co VA. Secondly, he married Edith **Wall**; at least six children.

John died intestate before 1 Dec 1789 Mecklenburg Co, when an inventory and appraisal of his estate was made by court order.⁸

John was probably born before 1760, but this is conjecture (based on probable birthdates of his children). As we have remarked in other places, it is often difficult to determine exact birthdates for long ago ancestors.

EDITH WALL -- we haven't identified her parents for certain, but think she may have been a daughter of Joshua Wall, oldest brother of BFE's great-great-grandfather Thomas Meredith Wall, Section 4a. Joshua's parents were Henry and Hannah Wall. Joshua was later appointed guardian for two of Edith's children. The question of Edith's parents, however, remains unresolved. We hope we can someday find definite information.

About ten years after John died, Edith married George **Tucker** (marriage bond 23 Apr 1800). The sequence of later events is interesting. Edith probably died not long after the marriage, perhaps within two or three months, because guardians were appointed for her children on 14 Jul 1800, 13 Apr 1801, and 13 Oct 1801.⁴ Or, did Edith become incapacitated? We would like to know more about what happened.

-- Children of John Short and Martha Anderson --

(a) Martha⁸ "Patsy" **Short**, born about 1770, married James **Bing** 8 Jan 1789. His father was John Bing.

(b) Bartholomew⁸ "Batte" **Short**,⁴ born about 1771 Mecklenburg Co VA, married Martha "Patsy" **Lett** 30 May 1791 Mecklenburg Co; at least one child. She died before 1797.

Secondly, Batte married Priscilla "Siller" **Murdock** 9 Nov (or 2 Nov) 1798 Mecklenburg Co; no children known to us. Later he moved to Tennessee and died there.

i) Thomas B⁹ **Short** was born about 1794 Mecklenburg Co. He died between 1870-1880 Lawrence Co TN, age probably about 80.

(c) Catherine Humphries⁸ "Caty" **Short**, born about 1777, married John **Carroll** 22 Apr 1797 Mecklenburg Co VA. She died before 12 Jan 1807.

(d) Benjamin⁸ **Short**, born about 1778 Mecklenburg Co VA, married Frances **House** 11 Nov 1798. Her parents were Isaac House and Mary **Merritt**, page 1-6. Benjamin died about 1837 Marshall Co TN, age about 59.

(e) Isaac⁸ **Short**, born about 1781 Mecklenburg Co, married Susannah **Toone** 12 Jan 1795 Mecklenburg Co VA. Her father was William Toone. On 13 Oct 1801 Isaac became guardian of his younger half-brother Frederick. Isaac died 1875 Clay Co TN, age about 94.

-- Children of John Short and Edith Wall --

(f) Thomas F⁸ **Short** was born before 1789; we don't know the birth order of the first four children of John and Edith. On 14 Jul 1800, Joshua Wall was appointed Thomas' guardian.

Thomas married Sarah D **Reeder** (or Rudder) 29 Nov 1808 Davidson Co TN. He died 20 Nov 1864 Marshall Co TN, age at least 75.

(g) David Freeman⁸ **Short**, born before 1789, became the ward of Joshua Wall 14 Jul 1800. David married Elizabeth **Evans** (marriage bond 9 Jan 1808) Mecklenburg Co VA; no children known to us. Secondly, David married Nancy **Campbell**; at least two children. Her father was James Campbell.

i) James⁹ **Short**, born Nov 1824, married Parthenia F **Atkinson**; at least nine children. He died Jun 1905, age 81.

ii) Elizabeth Jane⁹ **Short**, born 1828, married Theophilus O **Wall** 23 May 1846 Marshall Co TN.¹³

We haven't been able to identify Theophilus' parents for certain. A number of suggestions have been made, but we've been unable to reconcile dates.

It is said Major Wall, born about 1785, was a brother, and information is available on the children of both Theophilus and Major. In the future we hope to include more on this in Section 4a.

(h) William⁸ "Billy" **Short**, born before 1789, is said to have become the ward of his stepfather George Tucker 13 Apr 1801. Billy married Rebecca **Connell** 23 Oct 1812; at least one child: William M Short. Billy died 1837 Lincoln Co (now Marshall Co) TN, age at least 50.

(i) Sarah⁸ "Sally" **Short**, born before 1789 Mecklenburg Co VA, is said to have become the ward of her stepfather George Tucker 13 Apr 1801. Sally married John **Atkinson** Jr 2 Nov 1815 Mecklenburg Co. She died 1838, age at least 49.

(j) John Wall⁸ **Short**, born 26 Jun 1789 Warren Co NC, is said to have become the ward of Thomas **Daniel** on 14 Jul 1800. John married Cynthia **Hawthorne**⁹ 30 Jul 1807 Warren Co; at least one child. Cynthia died about 1809 Jackson Co GA.

Secondly, John married Sarah Elizabeth "Sally" **Garrett**⁹ about 1810 Jackson Co; at least four children. He died 1875 Clay Co AL, age about 86. Born 1789, she died 1875, age about 86. They were buried Old Union Cemetery.

Thomas Daniel's sister Sally was the wife of Peter **Wall**, Section 4a.

Some say John Wall Short first married Rebecca **Goode** 28 Jun 1807 Mecklenburg Co VA, but the marriage dates make this seem unlikely.

i) Cynthia Hawthorne⁹ **Short**, born about 1808 in GA, married Reuben **Yarbrough** 25 Sep 1825 Fayette Co; 14 children including daughters Mary and Julianna. Reuben's parents were Jephtha Yarbrough and Nancy Ann [**Franklin**]. Cynthia died about 1865 Coosa Co AL, age about 57.

Cynthia and Reuben became the third-great-grandparents of Ray Isbell, who has been most helpful in sharing information about John Wall Short and his descendants.

ii) Mary⁹ **Short**, born about 1811 (or 1820), married Hosea **Lecroy**. Their son William married his half-first cousin Mary Yarbrough and later married her sister Julianna Yarbrough. They were daughters of Reuben Yarbrough and Cynthia Hawthorne Short.

iii) Elizabeth⁹ **Short**, born about 1812, married John D **McMinvale**; at least nine children.

iv) Nancy⁹ **Short**, probably born about 1814, married William **Jessie** about 1832 (or 1831).

v) Andrew Jackson⁹ **Short** was born about 1817.

(k) Frederick J⁸ **Short**, probably a posthumous child, was born about 1790 Mecklenburg Co VA. It is said he became the ward of his older half-brother Isaac 13 Oct 1801.

Frederick married Elizabeth **Goode**; at least eight children: Mary, Martha, John, Richard, Frances, Nathaniel, Catherine, and Zachariah. Frederick died 1860-1870 Marshall Co TN, age about 70-80.

FREEMAN SHORT and JANE [SHORT] and their descendants
from page 1-4

Freeman's parents were Jacob Short and Mary Freeman

Freeman's birthdate is not known to us

Jane's parents and birthdate are not known to us

ii) Freeman⁷ **Short**, born Brunswick Co VA, married Jane [Short].⁵ He was apparently taxed on 248 acres in Dinwiddie Co 1787-1794. He resided in Dinwiddie Co VA before moving to Mecklenburg Co VA where he died intestate⁷ before 23 Aug 1815.

Freeman was probably born before 1760 (based on probable birthdates of his children). As we indicated earlier, it is difficult to determine reasonably correct birthdates this early in the family.

We have been trying to find the parents of Freeman Short's wife Jane. We wonder if Jane's mother's maiden name could have been **Hardaway**, and if Jane's grandmother's maiden name could have been **Thweatt**. So far we have been unable to find a connection with Hardaway and/or Thweatt families in this time period, but it just seems to us that there surely must have been, so we keep looking.

(a) Jane⁸ **Short**¹ married George **Finch** (marriage bond 7 Dec 1796, bondsman Freeman Short) Mecklenburg Co VA.

In 1794 Jane's grandfather Jacob married Phoebe Finch as his second wife, page 1-5. Could Phoebe be a sister of Jane's husband George?

(b) Elizabeth Hardaway⁸ **Short**, born 5 Mar 1781, married **Thomas Meredith Wall** 3 Oct 1797 Mecklenburg Co VA; eleven children. His parents were Henry Wall and Hannah [Wall].

Born 6 Aug 1778 Dinwiddie Co VA, Thomas died 12 Aug 1813 Mecklenburg Co VA, age 35. Elizabeth died 2 Sep 1857 Carroll Co TN, age 76.

With the marriage of **Elizabeth Hardaway Short** and **Thomas Meredith Wall**
 our **SHORT** lineage joins our **WALL** lineage
 see {Section 4a}

(c) Mary F⁸ "**Polly**" **Short**¹ married George **Stegall** (marriage bond 23 Jan 1799, Henry Finch bondsman) Mecklenburg Co VA; at least one child. George, born about 1777, was son of Aaron Stegall and Mary Ann **Mize**, page 1-10.

Mary Ann Mize may also have married Peter Wall, Section 4a.

She and Aaron Stegall had seven children: Allen (c1775), George (c1777, above), Frances (c1779), John B (c1781), Elijah B (c1783), Nancy (c1785), and Betsy (c1787).⁷

Mary Ann's parents were Stephen Mize and Avis **Wray**, whose younger daughter Lucretia married John Wall, Section 4a. More information is available on the Mize and Wray families.

Polly Short's aunt Susanna Short married George Stegall's uncle John Stegall, page 1-10.

i) Julia⁹ **Stegall** married William **Thompson** about 1819 Mecklenburg Co.

(d) Rebecca J⁸ **Short** married David S **Wall** (marriage bond 3 Jul 1805, bondsman George Stegall) Mecklenburg Co.

We haven't been able to identify David S Wall. It is possible he was a son of one of the older brothers of Thomas Meredith Wall, Section 4a, who married Rebecca's sister Elizabeth, above.

SUSANNA SHORT (1761) and JOHN STEGALL (1758) and their descendants
from page 1-4

Susanna's parents were Jacob Short and Mary Freeman

John's parents were George Stegall Jr and Agnes Bottom

iii) Susanna⁷ **Short**, born 17 Jan 1761, married Thomas **Beddington**⁶ (or Beddingfield/Bennenfield); no children known to us. Secondly, she married John **Stegall** 10 Dec 1785 (or 1786) Mecklenburg Co VA;⁶ at least five children. His parents may have been George Stegall Jr and Agnes **Bottom**. Susanna is said to have died about 1837 in VA, age about 76. Born 7 Jul 1758 Brunswick Co VA, John died 8 Apr 1838 in NC, age 79.

(a) Frederick⁸ **Stegall**, born 4 Feb 1788, married Sarah Susannah **Warren**; at least seven children. He died 27 Sep 1869 in IL, age 81. Born 1792, she also died 1869,¹¹ age about 77.

(b) John Bayley⁸ **Stegall**, twin of Thomas, was born 22 Jan 1792. He married Ulah **Short** abt 1811.

(c) Thomas Jones⁸ **Stegall**, twin of John, was born 22 Jan 1792.

(d) Mary Ann⁸ **Stegall**, born 13 Nov 1796, married (--?--) **Jones**.

(e) Wiley Short⁸ **Stegall**, born 5 Apr 1801 in NC, married Rachel **Spade**; at least one child: Wiley Wyatt S Stegall (1820-1904). Wiley Sr died about 1850 in IL, age about 49.

-- Some Information about the STEGALL family --

Note: The following is a brief summary,^{7,11} and some of it may be incorrect. We have recently been in contact with a Stegall descendant and are hoping to receive more information.

I. William **Stegall**, born about 1609 Suffolk, England, came to America on the *Plain Jane*. He had five children. He died about 1689 in VA, age about 80.

A. Moses **Stegall**, born about 1660 in VA, married Mary [Stegall]; four children. He died 19 Aug 1721 New Kent Co VA, age about 61.

1. George **Stegall** Sr, born 1700, married Mary **Bottom** about 1730; eight children. Born about 1710, she died after 1774. He died about 1780, age about 80.

a. George **Stegall** Jr, born about 1732, married Agnes **Bottom** about 1753; six children. She was born about 1733. He died about 1802, age about 70.

(1) Aaron **Stegall**, born about 1753, married Mary Ann **Mize**; seven children; page 1-9.

It has been said that Mary Ann also married Peter **Wall** 19 Dec 1787 Brunswick Co, Section 4a. Aaron died about 1828, age about 75.

(a) George **Stegall**, born about 1777, married Mary F "Polly" **Short**, page 1-9.

(2) John **Stegall**, born 7 Jul 1758, married Susanna **Short**, above. Born 17 Jan 1761, she died about 1837, age about 76. He died 8 Apr 1838, age 79.

According to one researcher,⁷ both Agnes Bottom and Mary Bottom were daughters of Thomas and Lydia **Bottomley**. In other words, George Jr married his aunt Agnes, the much-younger sister of his mother Mary. Thomas and Lydia were his parents-in-law and were also his grandparents.

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-- SELECTED ENDNOTES, Section 1 --

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