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Descendants of Robert Coleman of Nansemond County Virginia 1684-1930

Chapter 2: Second Generation of Nansemond Colemans

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(2) Robert Coleman, il

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(3) William 'Wiley' (b. c1678 d. 1752

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[13] Sarah Colonian b. c1706 based on brother's birth year d.

(12) Susannah Coleman b. c1708 besed on sister's bith year d.

[13] Ellen Coleman b, c1710 d, between 1792 and 1794

(1) Robert Coleman, I of Nansemond County who patented land first in 1684, is known to have had two sons. He may have had a sister named Sarah who married Francis Roundtree.. There may have been others, but no evidence of that is known to this author. J. P. Coleman recorded this in his book:

Robert Coleman of Nansemond is documentarily well established as the father of William Coleman, who died in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, in 1752, and he was also the father of Robert Coleman, who died in the same County, 1761. The Robert Coleman, later to be described herein, patented land in Edgecombe County in 1756. He was in that part of Edgecombe which later became Halifax County, whereas the descendants of Robert Coleman of Nansemond lived in an entirely different section of the original Edgecombe, which then covered not only its present area but parts of other present-day counties, Wilson, for example.

(1) Robert Coleman had at least two known children:

b. 1676, d. 1761 (2) 1. Robert Coleman, II. b. c1678, d. 1752 (3) 2. William "Wiley" Coleman,

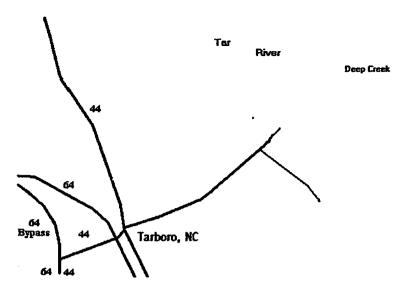
Robert Franklin Coleman in a letter to his daughter dated 1975 suggested there was a third son, Charles, but I have not studied the evidence for this and leave it here as an item for future investigation. In fact, he gives a rather different lineage for the Colemans of Nansemond County, VA. See Appendix K.

(2) Robert Coleman, Il was born in 1676 [McGart], in Nansemond County, Virginia. This second Robert in our line, the son of the above (1) Robert Coleman, 1st, (who lived o1650-01710), died in 1761 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina [Nicol 1998]. I have independently verified that a Robert Coleman of Nansemond County died on 10 Jm 1761 [Williams_1956] Other facts which are listed below seem to support the notion that this Robert Coleman, II is the one whose death is recorded in 1761, which would have made him 85; quite a long life for the period.

(2) Robert Coleman's wife was Susanna Unknown. Robert II lived in Nansemond County, Virginia at least from Aug 15 1739 through Mar 3 1743 according to court records of land patents or sales of which he is party. However, his son, Moses is recorded as patenting land in 1739 on the North side of the Tar River near what is now Tarboro, NC.

Noting the records of (2) Robert Coleman, Il's sons, Charles Coleman and Moses Coleman, owning land along the North sade of the Tar River in North Carolina, and noting other references to Deep Creek swamp and others, it is apparent the whole family eventually left Viginia to settle in the area north of Tarboro, NC where the Tar River is joined first by Fishing Creek and then by Deep Creek

Fishing Creek



Hand drawn map of Tarboro North Carolina area showing Fishing Creek and Deep Creek and Tar River

(Z) Robert Coleman, II and wife Susanna Unknown had these children:

Index	Chapter	Name	Approximated year of birth			
(4)	3	Robert Coleman, III.	b. c1700-1710 based on father's birth year			
(5)	4-	Charles Coleman,	b. c1702-1712 based on brother's birth year			
(6)	5	Stephen Coleman,	b. c1704-1714 based on brother's birth year			
(7)	á.	Moses Calenar, I,	b. c1706-1716 based on brother's birth year			
(8)	<u> </u>	Theophilus Coleman,	b. c1708-1718 based on brother's birth year			
(1351)	None	baran Coleman,	b. c1710-1720 based on brother's birth year			
[Milliams, 1956, Shetrects of the wills of Edgecombs County North Caroline 1733-1856]						
Aaron was added based on a 1763 court record abstract naming him guardian of						
Charles' orphan, Jonathan, calling Aaron an uncle to Jonathan.						
[EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NC, Court Minutes of the Pleas & Quarter Sessions 1757 - 1784						
LOS Microfilm #0370142, Posted to USGenWeb State Archives]						

(3) William "Wiley" Coleman, was born about 1678 based on his brother (2) Robert Coleman, It's birth year. The earliest deed I've located involving a Coleman in Edgecombe County involves the sale of land by William Coleman just North of the Tar River. I submit this was the same as (3) William Coleman, though the will fails to mention any other Coleman than William and fails to mention William's origin or how he received the land or from whom or even to whom the land was originally patented. Many of the later deeds do one or more of these things and thus offer some one or assurance of family lineage.

William's sale of land is found in Edgecambe Deeds, 1732-1741. In the index to one of the two parts of the microfilm is found a deed from William Coleman to Semuel Lissums dated 11/2/1739 and proved in August Court, 1740. Here William sold land on the North side of the Tar River. A Richard Lissums has signed as a witness but no Colemans signed. Thus, while it is unclear who William Coleman was with respect to origin or where he went, it is possible, perhaps even likely, that this is the William Coleman who came from Nansemond, as the other group in that portion of Edgecombe that became Halifax would be at some distance Northeast of the Tar River.

William died with a will dated 29 Dec 1749, probated Feb. 1752. His will records his wife's first name as Jane, four children, his brother Robert, and witnesses, Moses Coleman, Comelius Lordan, and Elin Jordan. "Elin" is most likely a misspelling of his daughter, Ellen Coleman, who had married Comelius Lordan.

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(9)	<u>s_</u>	Samuel Colomen,	b. c1704 based on father's birth year
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(11)	10.	Sarah Caloman,	b. c1706 based on brother's birth year
(12)	11.	Surannah Coleman,	b. c1708 based on sister's birth year
(13)	12	Filer Coleman,	b. c1710, d. between 1792 and 1794,
		Ellen Coleman marrie	d Cornalius iordan, Sr.

As was previously mentioned, the Coleman's of Nansemond County VA traveled with the Jerdan Eamily (more about Jerdans in Chapter 12) to make a new home in Edgecombe County, NC.

The fifth child, Ellen, was discovered in Jordan-Larchives. The family of Comelius Jordan and wife, (13) Ellen Coleman are recorded in Chapter 12. A daughter of Ellen Coleman and Comelius Jordan married Thomas Sanders. Thomas Sanders is mentioned among the Hedgepeths connected with John Coleman by marriage. It is unclear where this John Coleman fits in the tree.

(1351) Annu Coleman, h. e1690±/-15 was named (in 1763 Court Records of Edgecombe County, NC) as guardian of orphen Jonathan Coleman, son of Chades Coleman, who died in 1761. (See Chapter 4. Charles Coleman, of Edgecombe County, NC)

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