

THE ROBERT COLEMAN FAMILY

STEVENSON GENEALOGY

John Stevenson born 1751, died in 1802.

Janet Murdock Stevenson, born 1757, died July 18, 1852, both natives of County Antrim, Ireland. Buried in New Hope Church Cemetery, Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Now, I will tell you of your Stevenson ancestry, John. Am glad you remember your own dear grandmother, who did so much for you while you were a baby and as long as she lived was mother and grandmother to you. As you grow older you can look back with pleasure, over the many kind and loving things she did for you. Always patient, always ready at your every call. For five weeks after your birth I wasn't able to do the least thing for you, and 'twas her watchful, never failing care that made you live. A puny baby, that had to be "bottle-fed." And I want here to pay tribute to another faithful "old slave," Fanny Boulware, who stayed with us 8 weeks then and helped nurse you and me. You must see that she never comes to want.

She died in August, 1916, and didn't suffer from neglect. Had lived here with us most of the time for several years, helping in the kitchen, having plenty to eat and wear, and a room next to mine to sleep. The last two Christmases she hung up stockings as John did. We went to her funeral and burial at Hessian Church, and helped pay for the headstone that marks her grave. "Well done, thou good and faithful Aunt Fannie."

John Stevenson and his wife, Janet Murdock Stevenson, immigrated to America from Ireland about 1790. They then had three children: William, James and Mary, a baby, who sickened and died on the voyage across, and was buried at sea. It took three months to come over, in a sail vessel.

Janet Murdock's father was a dyer, and considered well-to-do. Above the poor young man, John Stevenson, who was forbidden to visit her. They were secretly married a year before her father knew it, and he never fully forgave her. Then I suppose they decided to come to America. Found life very hard here for some time. Bought land in the New Hope section of Fairfield County, where Eb Stevenson, their grandson, now lives.

They built a rough log cabin without doors or floor. I guess they were frightened at everything in this new country, and wanted no doors. They

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went in under the sill at one end, which was some higher there. As they got able, they improved this, adding more rooms, bought a negro woman. More children came as the years went by, John, Hugh, Robin, Peggy, Andrew and Samuel Hemphill, born in 1803.

1. John Stevenson died a young man, unmarried.
2. Hugh Stevenson, never married. Was a fine blacksmith, made and saved money. Died owner of a fine place called "Whitchail," near Monticello. Our sideboard (bought from Aunt Nancy Estes) was his, and is over 100 years old. My grandmother, Cynthia, never liked her brother-in-law Hugh. Did not name either of her sons for him, tho' he asked for a namesake.
3. Robin (Robert) was noted for his height of 7 feet. Married Margaret Hartin. Their oldest son, *William*, was killed accidentally (by Joe Yongue). Left a widow who was Lizzie Bolick. No children. 2nd son, *Milton*, is a minister (A.R.P.), married and has children, but I do not know the names. 1st daughter, *Nettie* (Janet for her grandmother) married Dr. Jim Douglas, of Winnsboro. Has several children. *Macy* (2nd daughter) unmarried, is a missionary in Mexico. *Ebenezer* married Mamie Weir. He lives at the old Stevenson home.
4. William (1st son of John Stevenson). Born in Ireland. Married Jane Thompson. Their children were:
 - (1) Jean Stevenson married Sam Thompson.
 - (2) Mary, died in old age, single.
 - (3) Peggy, married Middleton Martin. Born April, 1819, died February, 1892. No children.
 - (4) John Stevenson married Nancy Thompson (no kin to those above).
 - (5) William Stevenson married Caroline Valentine.
 - (6) Robert married Nancy Cabeen.
 - (7) Jennie married Cephus Bolick.
 - (8) Martha married Jacob Starr.
 - (9) Betsy married John Jamison.

I am not giving descendants of the above children.

- 2nd son, James Stevenson, married Nellie Weir. Their children:
- (1) John married 3 times: (1st) Dorcas Hill. (2nd) Liz Levister, (3rd) Mary Ann McMullen.
 - (2) David married Lizzie Hill, niece of Dorcas.
 - (3) Hugh. Died young.

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- (4) Billy. Died young.
 - (5) Sam. Died young.
 - (6) Jane married Daniel Bolick.
 - (7) Jennie married Asaph Hill, father of the above Lizzie and brother of Dorcas.
 - (8) Mattie and Robert died young.
5. James Stevenson married Sarah Brown (grandfather of Robert and David Stevenson, near Winnsboro.)
 6. Peggy Stevenson, the only daughter after the one buried at sea, died October 8, 1835, age 35, never married.
 7. Andrew Stevenson (6th son) went deranged when a young man. Stayed in the Asylum in Columbia a while. Gradually got better and was taken care of by his younger brother, Sam. Lived to be an old man. Was industrious and helpful in many ways around the home. I remember many peculiar habits, and we children rather feared him, tho' we liked to watch the way he did. In going from the house to the well, or to the lot, or kitchen, he had a certain track of his own, maybe as far again as the one used by the others, but he always went *his* path, no matter how much someone wanted him to go quickly. He lived in a small house in the yard, or slept there only, and generally took care of his room, making bed and sweeping. Once, some negroes stole all of his bedding except a mattress. He thought that my grandmother had a need for them and had taken them, so he said nothing, but lay on half the mattress and pulled the rest over him for cover. 'Twas cold weather. Now and then grandmother or one of the daughters went to his room, and doing so this time, found his bed in such a state. He said "I thought Cynthia needed the bedding and had taken it." Had slept that way several nights. They were all so sorry about it. But he, in his simple goodness, made no complaint, thinking Cynthia did it, and 'twas therefore all right. I can't remember whether the thief was found. Grandfather Sam was always kind to him. He sat by him at the table, from the time he took him in, after being in the Asylum. Leaving his mother and other brothers to live the remainder of his long child's life with "Sam." As I said, he sat by Sam, and was always helped first by him, no matter what *company* might be present. And he had a warm place by the fire always. Never talked much, but was fond of all Sam's children and grandchildren. Pleased like a child to see

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them. Read his large print "Testament" a great deal. Lived to be 77. Poor, good, simple old Uncle Andy! What a queer life! So many things of that time come back to me as I wrote of you.

Samuel Hemphill, 7th son of John and Janet Stevenson, was born January 4, 1803, died March 29, 1890. Married Cynthia Yongue, born January 17, 1810, died June 15, 1888. Their children:

Jennie (Jannet) Stevenson, born December 1st, 1828, died March 22, 1855.

Juliana Stevenson, born July 14, 1831, died December 3, 1912.

Margaret Jane Stevenson, born November 19, 1833, died May 3, 1874.

John Yongue Stevenson, born July 23, 1836, killed 2nd Manassas, 1862.

Sarah Amanda Stevenson, born January 25, 1839, died September 9, 1906.

Samuel Hemphill Stevenson, born July 26, 1841, killed Battle 7 Pines, 1862.

Mary Elizabeth Stevenson, born June 30, 1844, died December 22, 1878.

Nancy Catherine Stevenson, born February 22, 1847, died February 8, 1924.

Cynthia Isabella Stevenson, born March 5, 1850, died December 6, 1874.

(1) *Jennie Stevenson* married to Joseph Clowney, December 7, 1848, by Rev. James Boyce. Had 3 daughters: Fannie, Cynthia, Margaret. The two last died of consumption when young, as did the mother. Fannie married William Bolick. They had—Joe, Sam, John, Charlie and Bell (twins), and Jim.

1. Joe Bolick married Maggie Clowney (has 5 children).

2. Sam Bolick married Eunice Propst (3 boys, 1 girl).

3. John Bolick married Eunice Clowney. (3 children).

4. Jim Bolick married Stella Propst.

(2) *Juliana Stevenson* married John A. F. Coleman, October 13, 1853, by Jacob Feaster, Esq. Their children: (6)

1. Samuel Stevenson Coleman married (1st) Rebecca Gladden. (5 children):

(1) Kate Coleman, married John G. Wolling, Jr. Has 5 living children.

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- (2) Annie Belle Coleman, married Ernest E. Coleman. 7 children.
- (3) Jesse Gladden Coleman, married (1st) Mellie _____
No children. (2nd) Geneva Fee. No children.
- (4) John A. F. Coleman, married Mamie Crowder. 1 boy, Sam.
- (5) Sallie Edith Coleman, married Bailey Crowder. 2 girls, Sarah Thomas and Jennet.
- (3) *Margaret Jane Stevenson* married Thomas Cabeen, January 10, 1861, by Rev. James Boyce. Only one child, "Tommy," who never saw his father, he dying in Virginia soon after the war began. Tommy died a few months after his mother, in 1874.
- (4) *Sarah Amanda Stevenson* married James K. Stephenson, February 14, 1867. 6 children. 3 died infants.
1. Margaret Jane Stephenson, the oldest daughter, married Moses Clark. Has 6 living children.
 2. James Butler Stephenson died 2 years ago of typhoid fever, a young man, single.
 3. Lizzie Stephenson married William Weir. 1 son, William. John Yongue Stephenson and Sam Stevenson, sons of Samuel Hemp-hill Stevenson and Cynthia Yongue were killed in the War.
- (5) *Mary Elizabeth Stevenson* married George W. Coleman, March 12, 1867. 5 children:
1. John Franklin Coleman, married Eva Shields. 2 sons and a daughter.
 2. Samuel Allen Coleman, married Gertrude Shields. 4 boys, 1 girl.
 3. Henry Lee Coleman. Not married. (Later married Essie Ida Coleman, and lived at Mandarin, Florida).
 4. Sarah Belle Coleman, married (1st) Howard Allen, (2d) William Wilson, (3rd) J. R. Shelton.
 5. George Wade Coleman, married Miss Skipper. 2 daughters and a son.
- (6) *Nancy Catherine Stevenson*, married William Butler Estes, December 12, 1867, by Rev. D. E. Boggs.
- (7) *Cynthia Isabella Stevenson*, the youngest, died at 24 years of age, unmarried, a beautiful, angelic character. Dearly loved by all the family.

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John Stevenson's father was John, and his mother's name, "Mo." but I never heard her maiden name.

Janet Murdock's father was named Hugh. Never knew her mother's name.

John Stevenson and wife, Janet Stevenson, and most of their children buried in New Hope Cemetery. He was born about 1751, died in 1807. She was born in 1757, died July 18, 1852.

THE YONGUE GENEALOGY (1921)

This family must have come from Ireland about same time as the Stevensons. And their first settlement that I know of is near the Stevensons. Am not sure but think the first one was Samuel Yongue and his wife, Sarah Martin. Am not certain about their children, except my great grandfather, Martin (Yongue) who married Juliana Cameron. Her mother was a Moore, of the family who lived near Winnsboro. (The Col. Moore).

The children of the above were:

1. Sarah Youngue, who married John Thompson, settled where Mr. Jim Turner lives. Long ago went to Mississippi, and I know nothing of them now.
2. Cynthia Yongue, my grandmother, and never a better one lived.
3. Jane Yongue, and
4. Jennie Yongue. I can't remember their history.
5. Savilla Yongue, married John Milling.
6. Malinda Yongue died a young lady.
7. James Yongue married the widow, Frances Crosby Estes.
8. Andrew Yongue married Nancy Robinson.

Robin and William were brothers of Martin, my great grandfather.

Robin Yongue married Hester Mobley, when rather an old man. His parents are buried somewhere near his home place. I've never seen the graves. "Graves on Little River, near where they settled. Samuel Yongue and wife, Sarah Ann Martin, and several of their children and grandchildren. I saw the graves, 1928." (This note made later).

The children of Robin and Hester:

1. William Mobley Yongue, married Savilla E. Coleman.
2. Sarah Ann Martin Yongue, married David A. Coleman.
3. Susannah Yongue, married Moses Clowney.
4. Mary Yongue, married John Lemmon.