

R.029 GEORGIA AND THEIR INTER-MARRIAGE INTO THE HILL FAMILY.

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FIRST GENERATION.

Stephen Darden 1/ (Durden) was born ca. 1611, based on information in the Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah, and in Volume 2, Lineage Book of the National Society of Founders & Patriots of America.

Stephen Darden 1/ emigrated to Virginia, probably with his wife and three children during the troublesome times of the latter part of the reign of King Charles I of England (1625-1649).

Information from Mrs. Ruby Darden Buttrill of Jackson, Georgia states that Stephen Darden 1/ arrived in Virginia in 1640, and on the 11th of November 1640 he received a land grant in Nansemond County, Virginia, located on Upper Nansemond River. This is not exactly correct as this grant was originally made to Thomas Brice. (Nansemond County Book 2. 1643-1651). Apparently Stephen Darden 1/ bought the land.

Stephen Darden's 1/ first land grant in Virginia was dated 14th of March, 1649, and is described as being 150 acres on the eastward side of the northwest branch of the "Nazimum" (Nansemond) River.

Some say that Stephen Darden 1/ was born ca. 1620 but this seems to have been too young to have been the father of three children when he came to Nansemond County, Virginia in 1640 as Mrs. Buttrill states. It seems more likely that he was born before 1640/45.

The death date of Stephen Darden 1/ has been established as being between the date of his will, 19th of February 1679 and an "Order of the General Court, dated 28th of September 1681," as taken from the following excerpt of the "Darden Family History, page 131: "That he did make a will in known from the wording of a grant on the 20th of April 1682, to his son, Jacob Darden 2/, for 435 acres of which 100 acres (part of the 1649 grant) had belonged to "Stephen Darden 1/," late of Nansemond County, deceased, who by his last will and testament bearing date of 19th of February 1679, bequeathed it to the aforesaid Jacob." This grant of 1682 continues on:

"The residue being deserved by said Stephen Darden 1/ was granted to the said Jacob Darden 2/, by order of the General Court, dated 28th of September 1681 and is due by and for the transportation of five persons." (Virginia Land Grants, Book 7, Page 137). Efforts to locate this will of Stephen Darden 1/ has been without success.

Children of Stephen Darden 1/ and his wife Mary--? were:

1. Jacob Darden 2/, of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He was born ca. 1641, died between 17th of February 1718 and 22nd of June 1719. He married Anne Hill, born 1655, died in Beaufort Precinct, N.C. between 9th of August 1732 and March of 1733.
2. Stephen Darden 2/, born ca. 1643, died between 11th of January 1709 and the date his will was probated on 10th of April 1710 (Maryland Wills, Book 13, Page 20) & "Darden Family History," Page 155).
3. Richard Darden 2/, of Maryland and Brunswick County, Virginia.
4. William Darden 2/, of Baltimore County, Maryland.
5. John Darden 2/, of Ann Arundel County, Maryland. His wife was named Elizabeth--? His will was dated 9th of October 1715, proved on 9th March 1716 (Maryland Wills, Book 14, Page 87 & "Darden Family History," Page 132).

SECOND GENERATION

Jacob Darden 2/ was probably the eldest son of Stephen Darden 1/ and was born ca. 1641 (Darden Family History) or perhaps even earlier. Another sources says his birth was 1645.

Jacob Darden 2/ married Ann Hill in 1675. It is stated by the Darden Family History that Ann Hill was born in 1665 and died in 1716. Her birth is listed as being in 1655 in the LDS (Mormon Church) files. No marriage date is listed in these same files.

There is some evidence that this Ann Hill may have been the daughter of Col. Nicholas Hill & his wife Silvester Bennett. It is known that they lived in the same area of Virginia and they had a daughter named Ann or Anne Hill.

Jacob Darden 2/ first wrote his will on the 14th of April 1718/19, and devised to his sons Stephen Darden 3/, all land in Wainoke Neck; to sons John Darden 3/ & Benjamin Darden 3/, all land where my son Jacob Darden 3/ lives at Currawaugh to be equally divided: (To) sons: Jacob Darden 3/ & Lawrence Darden 3/ all land (where) I live on after their mother's death...: (to) son Samuel Darden 3/...my son Jacob Darden 3/

to have mill allowing his mother 20 bushells of corn meal yearly. Have given to sons Joseph Darden 3/ and Henry Darden 3/ no land but they to have 3,000 pounds of tobacco when 21 year of age; to Thomas Gile's child, my daughter's child, 1 shilling and no more. (Isle of Wight County, Va. Will & Deed Book 1, Page 654).

This will was later "modified" by a revocation dated 17th of February 1718 and both of these instruments were proved on the 22nd of June 1719 (Isle of Wight County, Va. Wills Book 2, Pages 634 and 657). This clearly shows Jacob Darden's 2/ death as being between 17th of February 1718 and the 22nd of June 1719.

The Inventory of Jacob Darden's 2/ estate was made on the 28th of September 1719, and was signed by the named executors, Ann Darden (widow) and a son Jacob Darden 3/ (Darden Family History, Page 133).

The widow Ann (Hill) Darden moved into North Carolina with her sons Joseph Darden 3/ & Samuel Darden 3/ and married a second time to a Mr. Leigh. A Mrs. Leigh made her will in Beaufort Precinct of N.C. on the 9th of August 1732, probated in March Court of 1733. So Ann (Hill) Darden died between the 9th of August 1732 and March Court of 1733 and not in 1716 as stated in Volume 22, Lineage Book, National Society of Daughters of Founders & Patriots in America.

CHILDREN OF JACOB DARDEN 2/ & ANN HILL WERE

1. Stephen Darden 3/, born ca. 1671 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, probably the heir and received 1 shilling in addition to all lands in Wainoke Neck.
2. John Darden 3/, born ca. 1673 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, received half of the lands at Corecouck or Currawaugh, on which Jacob Darden 3/ was living at that time.
3. Benjamin Darden 3/, born ca. 1675 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, received half of the land that Jacob Darden 3/ was living on.
4. Jacob Darden 3/, born ca. 1677 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, married Mary---? in 1707. He was Co-executor to his father's estate with his mother, Ann. he received immediate possession of the mill and half of the plantation after his mother's death or marriage.
5. Samuel Darden 3/, born ca. 1679 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, received half of the home plantation after his mother's death or marriage. This patrimony he sold to his brother Joseph Darden 3/ and went into N.C. with his mother.

6. Lawrence Darden 3/. The account of bequests by Jacob Darden 2/ to his son Jacob & Lawrence, is the only record known.
7. Henry Darden 3/, born ca. 1681 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, like his brother Joseph 3/, he received no land buy 3,000 pounds of tobacco at the age of 21 at the discretion of his mother. He may have married Mary Pope, daughter of John Pope, who in his will dated 1st of February 1748, proved 14th of July 1751 in Southampton County, Virginia Wills 1749-800) names a daughter Mary Darden and a grandson Henry Darden 4/ (Darden Family History, Page 133).
8. Joseph Darden 3/, born ca. 1683 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He received no land by his father's will but did get all of the cattle at Wainoke Neck. A legacy of 3,000 pounds of tobacco was revoked and left to his mother's discretion. In a deed from Joseph Darden 4/ to his brother Charles Darden 4/ that Joseph Darden 3/ had purchased his brother Samuel Darden's 3/ patrimony of 237 and 1/2 acres, one half of the home plantation. (Darden Family History, Page 133).
9. Eleanor Darden 3/, birth date unknown, she married William Smelly (Will 5 August 1689, proved 9th August 1692). Boddie's "17th Century Isle of Wight County, Va, , Page 222, states that she married a 2nd time to Thomas Giles, who was a Burgess in 1700-1702. Their daughter (name no listed) received at the order of the will of her grandfather, Jacob Darden 2/, 1 shilling.
10. Ann Darden 3/, born ca. 1685 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, married a Mr. Adams.
11. Jane Darden 3/, born ca. 1687 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia & married a Mr. Watkins.

The last two children were not listed in the Darden Family History but they were named in their mother's (Ann Hill (Darden) Leigh's will dated 9th August 1732, probated March Court 1733 (Beaufort Precinct, N.C.).

THIRD GENERATION

Stephen Darden 3/ (Jacob 2/, Stephen 1/) was born ca. 1671 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

His first land grant is thought to have been in Nansemond County, Virginia for 54 acres on the 16th of June 1714. He must have had it surveyed and lived on it earlier because in November 1713 he owned land adjoining that of John Cotton. Grants were obtained by Stephen Darden 3/ in Nansemond

County, Virginia in 1728 for 300 acres; in 1730 for 45 acres and in 1731 for 25 acres. In Isle of Wight County, Virginia he obtained 350 acres, which later was called "Southampton" in February of 1724.

It is possible that Stephen Darden 3/ married Elizabeth Carr because the will of Robert Carr, dated 10th May 1734, proved 26th of May 1735 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, names wife Mary and a daughter Elizabeth Darden.

Stephen Darden 3/ of Nansemond County, Virginia made a will and died before the 9th of November 1752. This is revealed by a deed of that date and signed by four of his sons (Southampton County, Va. Deed Book 1, Page 398). The following signed the above deed: Jacob Darden 3/ (brother); Carr Darden 4/ (a son); Moses Darden 3/ (brother); and Jethro Darden 3/ (brother).

The children of Stephen Darden 3/ & Elizabeth Carr were:

1. Stephen Darden 4/. He may have been the Stephen Darden that was the "grantee" of 304 acres in 1743 and also the processioneer of 1747 in Nansemond County as mentioned. The Vestry Book of Upper Parish of Nansemond County, Virginia, 1743-1793, mentions numerous orders by the Vestry with reference to Stephen Darden within the period of 31 of August 1747 to 19th of December 1775.

In the Lists of heads of families, 1784, as printed in the 1790 census of Nansemond County, shows Elizabeth Darden with 5 whites and no dwelling, perhaps living with Stephen Darden 4/, with 5 whites, 2 dwellings and 13 other buildings.

2. Jacob Darden 4/, of Nansemond County, Virginia. He was one of the brothers that signed the "Partition Deed" dated 9th November 1752. On the 1st of December 1763, with his wife Catherine, he sold to John Lawrence their home place of 187 acres with a "grist Mill" and 50 acres in another tract. On the 20th of October 1764, a council at Wilmington, N.C. granted a petition of Jacob Darden for a survey of 325 acres in Beaufort County, N.C.

Jacob Darden's grandmother, Ann (Hill) Darden Leigh, had died in Beaufort Precinct and named a grandson, Jacob Darden 4/ in her will. This was that grandson.

3. Carr Darden 4/, married Ann--? He too signed the "Partition Deed" dated 9th of November 1752 and was then of Nansemond County, Virginia. He is thought to have died either in Nansemond County, Virginia or N.C. It has not been proved just which one but his youngest son, Carr Darden 5/, was "born eight months after the death

of his own father" and migrated to Robertson County, Tennessee.

4. Moses Darden 4/, wife was named Prusanna. While living in Nansemond County, Virginia he too signed the "Partition Deed" of 9th of November 1752. He is thought to have died in Nansemond County, but there is very little information on him and no dates were provided.
5. Jethro Darden 5/, also of Nansemond County, Virginia. He too signed the "Partition Deed" dated 9th of November 1752. His birth is thought to have been ca. 1731 or earlier since he appears to have been the youngest of the four brothers that signed the partition deed and was of age at that time.

It is obvious that he is not the same Jethro Darden listed in the "Compendium of American Genealogy, Volume 6, Page 139) as having a son Jonathan Darden, who married Martha Stone but was instead, his uncle. Jethro Darden 5/, father in law of Martha Stone, was brother of Stephen Darden 5/; Moses Darden 5/; and Jacob Darden 5/, who all settled on Williams Creek in what was then Wilkes County, Georgia in the early 1780s-1790s and was the same Jethro Darden whose undated will was probated in Monroe County, Georgia on the 3rd of July 1837 (Monroe County, Georgia Will Book A, Page 110).

6. Robert Darden 4/, of Nansemond County, Virginia. He married Mary--? and purchased his brother's interest in 300 acres in Isle of Wight County, Virginia called "Southampton" as seen by a deed dated 9th November 1752, to him by "Jacob Darden 4/, Carr Darden 4/ and wife Ann Darden, Moses Darden 4/ and wife Prusanna Darden and Jethro Darden 4/. All parties were living in Nansemond County, Virginia at that time.
7. Elisha Darden 4/, the "Darden Family History," Page 136 says that he was possibly the son of Stephen Darden 3/ and wife Elizabeth Carr, but a Mrs. Staples shows him as a son beyond question. There was a Elisha Darden listed as a "Ensign" in the North Carolina Northampton Regiment of Militia in 1748 and in the 7th Company of N.C. Northampton Foot in 1754/55,

FOURTH GENERATION.

Stephen Darden 4/ (Stephen 3/, Jacob 2/, Stephen 1/). No records of Stephen Darden 4/ has been found in Georgia (Wilkes, Warren, Taliaferro Counties) that would in any way identify him as being one of the brothers (Stephen Darden, Jacob Darden, Moses Darden, Jethro Darden) who settled on or in the vicinity of Williams Creek in the 1780s-1790s, in what was then Wilkes County but today is known as Warren County.

A Miss Lelia Darden, who was the great great granddaughter of Stephen Darden 5/ furnished some information from her father, Hubbard Darden, and her aunt, Virginia Elizabeth (Darden) Culpepper, who descends through Moses 6/, Stephen 5/, Stephen 4/, Stephen 3/, Jacob 2/, Stephen 1/. She states that Stephen 5/ was a son of Stephen Darden 4/ of Virginia. Also some information from Miss Leila Darden substantiates the fact that no record has been found that Stephen Darden 4/ ever lived in Georgia.

The Vestry Book of Upper Parish, Nansemond County, Virginia, 1743-1793," creates the opinion that the Stephen Darden mentioned therein was Stephen Darden 4/. This likewise applies to Jacob, Moses, Jethro and Elisha Darden, who were also mentioned in the Vestry Book in the period of 27th of March 1744 to the 21st of February 1785, as being the fourth generation from Stephen Darden 1/.

Below are the children of Stephen Darden 4/ (wife unknown) but they are not necessarily in order of birth:

1. Stephen Darden 5/, born in Virginia ca. 1750, died in Warren County, Georgia between the 6th of February and the 15th of March 1807 (Minutes of Williams Creek Baptist Church). He married Ann Ellington ca. 1775. Ann was born in Virginia ca. 1760 and died in Warren County, Georgia in 1829.
2. Jacob Darden 5/, date of birth unknown, died before the 3rd of November 1817. Wife was Phoebe Rogers, another source says she was Mary Smith. Perhaps he married twice?
3. Moses Darden 5/, birth date unknown, died between 1818 and 20th December 1827. Name of wife is unknown.
4. Elisha Darden 5/, his being a son is somewhat questionable.
5. Jethro Darden 5/, birth date unknown, died prior to 3rd of July 1837 in Monroe County, Georgia. Wife was Ellender Perkins, daughter of Peter & Sarah Perkins. Jethro Darden 5/ made a will in Monroe County, Georgia (Will Book A, Page 110). It is not dated but was probated on the 3rd of July 1837. (see below).

THE DARDENS OF WILLIAMS CREEK, WARREN COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Warren County, Georgia was created in part from Wilkes County by an Act of the State Legislature on the 17th of December 1793.

In 1783-1784 Stephen Darden 5/ was paid 18 pounds of Virginia Currency in Hillsboro District of North Carolina for sundries furnished or militia duty performed (N.C. Historical Commission, Book C, Page 128).

The earliest record of any Darden living on Williams Creel that has been found is mentioned in Warren County, Georgia Deed Book D, Pages 89-90, when on the 18th of November 1785, Mark Holloman conveyed to Stephen Darden 5/ 200 acres of land on Williams Creek.

In 1785 Stephen Darden 5/ was living in Wilkes County, Georgia in Captain Alexander's District where he paid three polls (poll Tax) for himself and four slaves.

On the 18th of September 1941, the late Miss Leila Darden of Kingston, Georgia, who was the great great granddaughter of Stephen Darden 5/, wrote the Georgia State Department of Archives and History that "My Revolutionary ancestor Stephen Darden 5/ with his brothers and a host of kindred ties were natives of Virginia and located in Wilkes County about 1783."

In the same letter but later on she wrote: "Among the early Dardens locating in Wilkes and Warren Counties we find Stephen Darden 5/; Jacob Darden 5/; Jethro Darden 5/ & Moses Darden 5/..." Unfortunately the information of Miss Darden that was accumulated over a period of years was destroyed by vandals and her death on the 2nd of July 1959 has caused the loss of some very valuable data.

On the 31st of march 1795, Stephen Darden 5/ sold the above 200 acres to Ignatis Few in Warren County, Georgia.

On the 15th of March 1798, Moses Darden 5/ of Williams Creek sold land in Warren County to Elisha Pruitt (Warren County, Georgia Deed Book A, Page 461).

On the 20th of January 1810, Jacob Darden 5/ was received "by experience" into membership of the William Creek Baptist Church (Church Minutes) on the 3rd of November 1817.

"Phoebe Rogers Darden, relict of Jacob Darden 5/" made a choice of her dower in the distribution of her deceased husband's estate. (Warren County Miscellaneous Records, Page 45).

On the 31st of March 1795, Jethro Darden 5/ sold to Stephen Darden 5/, 60 acres of land in Warren County, Georgia (Warren County Deed Book D, Page 91).

From the above records, it is evident that Stephen Darden 5/ moved from Virginia to North Carolina, or at least performed some service in North Carolina during the Revolution. Later, he moved from North Carolina into Wilkes County, Georgia

about 1783-1785. Very probably the brothers all moved to Wilkes County, Georgia about the same time.

STEPHEN DARDEN 5/ OF WILLIAMS CREEK.

Stephen Darden 5/ was a Revolutionary War Soldier and was born in Virginia ca. 1750 and died in Warren County, Georgia between the 16th of February 1806, when his name appears for the last time in the minutes of the Williams Creek Baptist Church (organized in 1787) and the 4th of May 1807, when an appraisal was made of his estate (Warren County Georgia Record of Inventories, etc..1794-1808, Recorded on 4th August 1807).

It has been said that Stephen Darden 5/ is buried at the Williams Creek Baptist Church but if this is correct, there is no visible evidence to support it. Also a search of the family cemetery on Stephen's old plantation revealed no marker to indicate that he was buried there.

On the Court House lawn in Warrenton, Georgia, a bronze tablet has been erected by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and on that tablet, both Stephen Darden 5/ and Jacob Darden 5/ are listed as Revolutionary Soldiers. The tablet reads as follows:

"To the soldiers found to date, buried in Warren County, who fought in the war for American Independence, 1776-1783."

Mrs. C. W. Matthews of Warrenton, informed the compiler on the 8th of July 1958 that the graves of both Stephen Darden 5/ & Jacob Darden 5/ were never found.

Stephen Darden 5/ married Ann Ellington about 1775. Ann was born in Virginia about 1760 and died in Warren County, Georgia about 1829.

It is said that they married about 1780 but that appears wrong as their son Zachariah Darden 6/, the eldest child, was born in Virginia in 1775 (1850 Census) or 1776 as is shown on his gravestone and in the family bible.

It appears that Stephen Darden 5/ and Ann Ellington married in Virginia probably about 1774, moved to Wilkes County, Georgia with at least three children, Zachariah Darden 6/; Micajah Darden 6/ and Sally Darden 6/.

Stephen Darden 5/ was a charter member of the Church of Christ on Williams Creek, founded by John Thomas on the 22nd of December 1787, with a total of 37 members. The church still functions and is now known as the Williams Creek Baptist Church.

On the 16th of November 1785, Mark Holloman sold to Stephen

Darden 5/ 200 acres of land but on the 31st of March 1795, Stephen Darden 5/ sold this 200 acres to Ignatius Few (Warren County Deed Book D, Pages 89-90).

Ann Darden, widow of Stephen Darden 5/, and his brother Jethro Darden Sr. 5/ were appointed administrators of Stephen's 5/ estate as indicated by the following excerpts taken from "Warren County Administrations, 1795-1809, Page 115":

"Know all men by these presents Nancy (Ann) Dardin, Jethro Dardin, Jacob Dardin, Jethro Dardin Sr., and William Dardin are held and firmly bound unto the Court of Ordinary in the sum of eight thousand dollars. The condition of the above allegation is such that if the above bound Nancy Dardin and Jethro Dardin, administrators of the goods, chattels, and credits of Stephen Dardin, deceased..." (Recorded 15th January 1809).

Note: The mentioning of Jethro Darden and Jethro Darden Sr., in the same paragraph, is probably a duplication..It was probably Jethro Darden Sr. 5/, who was co-administrator with Ann as Jethro Darden Jr. 6/, was only about 14 years old at the time.

On 7th of May 1810, "this day the widow Anna Darden came into open court and maketh choice of one third part of the estate of Stephen Darden, deceased,.." (Miscellaneous Records of Warren County, Page 82).

On the 3rd of May 1813, Ann Darden (widow), Moses Darden 6/ (Brother of the deceased Stephen Darden 6/), and Jethro Darden 6/ were appointed guardians of Nicholas Darden 6/ and Moses Darden 6/, minor children of Stephen Darden 5/; and Martha Clower, the granddaughter of Stephen Darden 5/ and the child of Sally Darden 6/, who had married Jacob (Jack) Clower.

Wilkes County Remnant Tax Digest, 1792-1794, mentions Stephen Darden 5/ with 3 polls and 4 slaves.

The children of Stephen Darden 5/ and his wife Ann Ellington were:

1. Zachariah Darden 6/, born 1775/76, died on 24th December 1857, married Nancy O. Ellington ca. 1803.
2. Micajah Darden 6/, born ca. 1780, married Dicey Darden in Warren County, Ga. on the 10th of November 1800. He is listed in Captain E. Baker's District in 1805 with 1 poll, 3 slaves and 129 acres of land on Williams Creek and in 1811 with 1 poll, 4 slaves and 129 acres.
3. Sally Darden 6/, born ca. 1782, married 1st Jacob Clower

in Warren County on the 7th of December 1800 and had at least one child, Matilda Clower 7/. She married a 2nd time to James Lockett on the 10th of December 1810. She may have died prior to 13 the of May 1813, for on that date Matilda Clower's grandmother, Ann Darden, widow, was appointed her guardian. (Warren County Administrations 1796-1816).

4. Clotilda (Dicey) Darden 6/, born ca. 1786, married John Chafin on the 15th of December 1806.
5. Mary (Polly) Darden 6/, born ca. 1790, married Joseph Johnston on the 6th of June 1809. Joseph Johnston was listed in Captain Roger's District in 1818 with 1 poll, 7 slaves and 265 acres of land on Redlick Creek.
6. Jethro Darden Jr. 6/, born ca. 1795, married Eady Darden 6/, daughter of Jacob Darden 5/, his first cousin, on 9th of May 1815 in Warren County. Jethro Darden Jr. 6/ was admitted into membership of the Williams Creek Baptist Church on the 15th of October 1809. On the 2nd of March 1829, he was appointed administrator of his mother's estate, Ann Darden, deceased. He represented Warren County in the Sate Legislature 1837-1834. Jethro Darden Jr. 6/ and wife Eady Darden 6/ had at least three children.
7. Nicholas Darden 6/, birth date unknown and no record of a marriage has been found. As stated before, on the 3rd of May 1813, Ann Darden, widow of Stephen Darden 5/, Moses Darden 5/ and Jethro Darden 5/ were appointed the guardians for Nicholas Darden 6/; Moses Darden 6/, both minor children of Stephen Darden 5/ as well as for Matilda Clower 7/, daughter of Sally Darden 6/, the daughter of Stephen Darden 5/, who had married Jacob Clower. In Warren County Returns of estates, 1811-1826, Book B, Page 52, is mentioned an item of board for Zachariah Darden 6/, Nicholas Darden 6/, Moses Darden 6/, children of Stephen Darden 5/, deceased, and Matilda Clower, granddaughter of Stephen 5/ for the years of 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812. Also in the same Book B, Page 57, Nicholas Darden 6/ is mentioned as one of the recipients in a division of personal property of Stephen Darden 5/, deceased.
8. Elisha Darden 6/, the Darden Family History suggest that he was probably the same man with that name in Nansemond County, Virginia known as Elisha Darden 4/, and is based upon information from the late Miss Leila Darden of Kingston, Georgia. Evidence is on hand to show that he was not a brother to Stephen 5/, Moses 5/, Jacob 5/ & Jethro Darden 5/ but was instead a nephew. There were definitely two Elisha Dardens in Wilkes & Warren County, Georgia. The first was probably the

father of Josiah Darden who was probably Elisha Darden 4/ from Nansemond County, Virginia and the 2nd was probably Elisha Darden 6/, born 1794/95 and a son of Stephen Darden 5/, who's wife was a Miss Weaver and died in Monroe County, Georgia.

JETHRO DARDEN 5/ OF WILLIAMS CREEK.

Jethro Darden 5/ was a son of Stephen Darden 4/ and probably came to Georgia from Nansemond County, Virginia with his brothers Stephen 5/; Jacob 5/; & Moses Darden 5/ in the early 1780s-1790s. His wife was Ellender Perkins, daughter of Peter & Sarak Perkins. The marriage is thought to have taken place in Georgia.

He was one of the original 37 members of the "Church of Christ on Williams Creek, constituted by John Thomas on the 22nd of December 1787." The church later became known as Williams Creek Baptist Church. The church minutes shows he was active in the church affairs until 1825/1830 when he moved to Monroe County, Georgia.

He made a will in Monroe County, Georgia (Monroe County Will Book A, Page 110). The will names Wilson Darden & Stephen Darden as executors. He bequeath \$ 500.00 to "Wilson Darden in trust for my daughter Lucetta Ponder, and after her death, in any remains, it is to revert to and become a part of my estate." He also bequeathed \$ 350.00 to the children of James Hill "to be equally divided between them." The Children of Jethro Darden 5/ & Ellender Perkins were:

1. Lucetta Darden 6/, married Daniel? Ponder who moved to Monroe County, Georgia about 1823. Their children are said to have moved to Louisiana (Darden Family History, Page 175).
2. Wilson Darden 6/, married Frances --? and had at least two daughters, Ellender Darden 7/ & Ann Darden 7/ (Darden Family History, Page 175).
3. Stephen Darden 6/, wife was also named Frances--? He made a Will dated 16th December 1844, probated 13th January 1845, mentions wife Frances who was to receive property for life; nephew John H. W. Darden 7/, son John Weaver Darden 6/; Ellender Darden 7/ & Ann Darden 7/, all children of his brother Wilson Darden 6/; Elizur Wynn & William Wynn, children of Lemuel & Ann (Darden) Wynn (Darden Family History, Page 175).
4. Elizabeth Darden 6/, married Irby Wynn on 4th of March 1823 and mentioned in her father's will.
5. Mary Darden 6/, married a Mr. Rhodes and so named in her father's will.

6. Ann Darden 6/, married Lemuel Wynn. They had at least Elizur Wynn 7/ & William Wynn 7/ as mentioned in the will of their uncle, Stephen Darden 6/.
7. John Weaver Darden 6/, name of wife unknown, had a son John H. W. Darden 7/ as mentioned in the will of his uncle, Stephen Darden 6/.
8. Martha Darden 6/, birth date unknown, married JAMES HILL on the 28th of December 1815. The date of her death unknown but it obviously occurred prior to the marriage of JAMES HILL and her sister Sarah Darden 6/ on the 30th of July 1824. The will of Jethro Darden 5/, probated on the 3rd of July 1837, mentions...Nancy Hill 7/; Eliza Hill 7/; Frances Hill 7/; Mary Ann Hill 7/; William Hill 7/; James Washington Hill 7/; & Henry Hill 7/ ALL children of James Hill. Since it appears that Martha Darden 6/, first wife of James Hill had died prior to the 30th of July 1824, it is thought that about five of the above seven children are thought to have been hers, however which ones and who they were is unknown.
9. Jonathan Darden 6/, born on 30th March 1795, married Martha "Patsy" Stone on 13th of January 1822.
10. Sarah (Sally) Darden 6/, The minutes of the Williams Creek Baptist Church states she was received into membership "by experience: on the 18th of November 1809. This Sally Darden 6/ could not have been a daughter of Jethro Darden Jr. as he did not marry until the 9th of May 1815. This Sarah Darden 6/ married her brother in law, JAMES HILL on the 30th of July 1824.
11. Luroney Darden 6/, married Green Darden on the 24th of May 1826, and was received into membership of the Williams Creek Baptist Church (Church Minutes) on the 16th of October 1824. She too could not have been the daughter of Jethro Darden Jr. 6/ as he and Eady Darden 6/ did not marry until the 9th of May 1815, as stated above.

SEVENTH GENERATION DARDENS OF WILLIAMS CREEK

America Darden 7/, was the daughter of Zachariah Darden 6/ & wife Nancy Ellington. She was born in 1808 in Taliaferro County, Georgia and died in Greene County, Georgia between the 3rd and 7th of August 1888. She married on the 30th of December 1830 in Warren County, Georgia to Warren Andrews of Taliaferro County. He was born on the 3rd of September 1803 and died on the 9th of March 1885. They both were united

with the Salem Baptist Church, near Black Log in Taliaferro County. in 1837 and both are buried in the White Plains Baptist Church cemetery in Greene County.

Their children were: (not in order of birth)

1. Marshall Z. Andrews 8/ (Darden generation), born in Taliaferro County, married Mary Reid, buried in Crawfordville, Georgia.
2. Doctor L. M. Andrews, M.D. 8/.
3. Mary Andrews 8/, never married, died 1st December 1919, buried in Greene County, Georgia.
4. Samantha Andrews 8/, married James Robert Holliday on 22nd of January 1882, she is buried in Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia.
5. John V. Andrews 8/, born 10th September 1845 in Taliaferro County, Georgia, died 27th of June 1914, buried in Crawfordville, Georgia.
6. Mattie Andrews 8/, married Joseph Broome.

DAVID ELLINGTON DARDEN 7/, SON OF ZACHARIAH DARDEN 6/.

David Ellington Darden 7/ was the eldest son of Zachariah Darden 6/ and Nancy Ellington. He was born in 1810 and died on the 28th of November 1873 at Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia. He is buried in the cemetery on the site of the old South Liberty Presbyterian Church near Raytown. He was married to Mary Ann Parker on the 18th of November 1834, who died on the 26th of September 1838 (Family Bible).

He became a member of this church in 1838. He was a farmer and merchant. The inscription on his grave states that he died on the 28th of November 1873 at the age of 63. His family bible agrees with this date.

David Darden 7/ was an "elder" in the South Liberty Presbyterian Church and the first regular meeting of the church was held in a log cabin on the "first Sunday of May 1828."

He and his wife had one child:

1. Mary Ann Parker Darden 8/ who is also buried with her mother in the cemetery of the old South Liberty Presbyterian Church.

David Ellington Darden 7/ married a second time to Eugenna Ann Dyer on the 17th of March 1842 and she died on the 18th of July 1844. Both dates are from his family Bible. NO children were born of this marriage and Eugenna Ann Dyer Darden is also buried in the same cemetery.

His third marriage was to Sara Jane Moore on the 7th of September 1846. She died on the 14th of January 1848. No children were born of this marriage. Date were taken from

the family bible.

His fourth marriage was to Amanda T. Flynt on the 21st of August 1849 (Family Bible) and to this union there were born six children. Amanda Flynt was born in 1825 and died on the 15th of August 1885 (Family Bible). She is buried 16 miles southwest of Forsyth, Monroe County, Georgia in the private cemetery on the old plantation of Joshua Davis (1799-1871). It is presumed that Joshua Davis was the father of M. C. D. Davis, the husband of Frances Barthella Darden 8/, the daughter of David Ellington Darden 7/ and Amanda Flynt, whom she was visiting at the time of her death.

David Ellington Darden 7/ made a will on the 25th of November 1873, appointing his wife Amanda, and brothers Moses 7/, Jesse 7/ and William B. Darden 7/ as executors. The wife was appointed "Guardian of the person and property of each and every one of my children until they become of age."

The children were:

1. Frances Barthella Darden 8/, born 7th September 1850 (Family Bible), married M.C.D. David in Taliaferro County, Georgia on the 25th of November 1875, she died in Mart County, Texas. They had one child:
 - a. Lillie Orange (Davis) Strange 9/ (Darden generation), born 25th August 1876, lived in Mart County, Texas.
2. Ann Virginia Darden 8/, born 24th of January 1852, died on the 27th of February 1854 (Family Bible).
3. Eugene Emmett Darden 8/, born 15th of April 1854 (Family Bible) in Taliaferro County, Georgia died 18th of October 1910, married Mary Ellen Keating on the 28th of October 1880.
4. George Ellington Darden 8/, born 27th of August 1856 (Family Bible) in Taliaferro County, Georgia, died in Willis, Texas. He married Ella Tomlinson, Williams, Texas in 1878.
5. Carlisle Beaman Darden 8/, born Raytown, Georgia on 17th of April 1859 (Family Bible), died in March 1927. He married 1st Mary Moore Wallace on 16th of November 1881. Married 2nd time to Mrs. Sally Willoughby Amason.
6. Frances (Fannie) Darden 8/, born 12th October 1861 (Family Bible), died in Houston, Texas. Married Mr. Pearce. Children:
 - a. Ethel Pearce 9/ (Darden Generation, Mrs. Herman Lloyd Sr.)

b. Beulah Pearce 9/.

Fannie Darden 8/ inherited jointly, with her brother Carlisle Beaman Darden 8/, from their father's estate the homeplace after their mother's death, located in the 172nd District, including the houses, all appurtenances thereunto belonging together with the household & kitchen furniture and one horse named "Charlie" and all hogs, cows and sheep.

EUGENE EMMETT DARDEN 8/.

Eugene Emmett Darden 8/ was the son of David Ellington Darden 7 and Amanda (Flynt) Darden and was born on the 15th of April 1854 at Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia. He died on the 18th of October 1910 in Atlanta, Georgia. He received jointly with his brother George Ellington Darden 8/ from his father's estate "the Brooke tract of land containing 107 acres to have and to hold during their natural life and after their death or the death of either one of them to their heirs." Eugene E. Darden 8/ married Mary Ellen Keating on the 28th of October 1880, who was born on the 17th of December 1857 and died on 16th of December 1913. Both are buried in Sharon, Taliaferro County, Georgia. Their Children:

- a. George Bernard Darden 9/, born 2nd August 1884.
- b. Mary Ellen (Molly) Darden 9/, born 6 July 1888, married George Bernard Sasser. She died 13th February 1958, buried in Atlanta, Ga. Child:
 - i. Mary Ellen Sasser 10/, (Darden generation), born 19th November 1919.
- c. Raphael E. Darden 9/, born 2nd January 1892, died 19th April 1915, buried in Sharon, Georgia.

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