

JOHN LEWIS, SENIOR

John Lewis, Senior made his L.W.T. on 17 May 1784; it was proved on 15 Aug 1787 at Fairfield District, South Carolina. He names his wife ELIZABETH and son CHARLES as executors. Three daughters are named: ELIZABETH BRIGGS, CATHERINE and REBECCA. He refers to Lewis Braidy; Witnesses were Susanna Brown and John YARBOROUGH. John and Elizabeth Lewis had eight known children; why only four were named in the L.W.T. is not known. Information for remaining four has been gathered from various court records, deeds, etc.

Eight known children:

1. ELIZABETH - married FREDERICK BRIGGS (see his L.W.T. below)
2. CATHERINE - married MR. WASHINGTON
3. REBECCA - married CAPT. Wm. WATSON; their daughter SUSANNAH married on 22 Mar 1833 Rev. John Raiford PICKETT, s/o Mary Ann LEWIS and Reuben PICKETT.
4. CHARLES - served as Captain in the Militia during Rev. War.
5. WILLIAM - married Sarah Hiron, Frances RAINES (see page 67)
6. SUSANNAH - born ca..1760, various court records indicate she might have married four times. (see records below)
7. FRANCIS (or Frances), gender unknown, found spelled both ways.
8. JOHN, JR. - no family information.

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FREDERICK BRIGGS - L.W.T. 12 Apr 1791 - Fairfield District, S.C.: names wife ELIZABETH; sons GRAY, JOHN, THOMAS; a daughter HARRIET BRIGGS; refers to Lewis Brady. Ex: Samuel Boykin, Zachariah Canty
Witnesses: Henry Rugely, John YARBOROUGH and KATHERINE LEWIS

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SUSANNAH LEWIS - Did she first marry the JAMES PICKETT who left a L.W.T. in Camden District, S.C., proved 31 Oct 1783, naming wife SUSANNA, "all my children when they come of age," namely: JOHN, REUBEN, ELIZABETH and FRANKEY. (gender of this child not known)
Executors: My brother MICAJAH PICKETT and friend FREDERICK BRIGGS
Witnesses: JOHN LEWIS, Nazarus and Ann Whitted (Whitehead)
Rev. War record shows JAMES KNOX as Ex. for his military affairs.

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SUSANNAH KNOX - Did Susannah then marry DR. JAMES KNOX, widower, whose first wife, Elizabeth Cristie, died giving birth to their only child, James Cristie Knox? The following Court Minutes, of Fairfield District, S.C., January Term 1797, reveal that SUSANNAH KNOX, widow of Dr James Knox, was appointed Guardian to her three children: ROBERT KNOX, MATILDA KNOX and ELIZA KNOX; she appointed WILLIAM LEWIS, CAPT. WILLIAM WATSON, MICAJAH PICKETT as security.

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SUSANNAH STARKE- Did Susannah then marry REUBEN STARKE in SC? No record found to confirm this marriage except the following one in Fairfield District, SC - 02 Mar 1806: Marriage contract between SHEPHERD PICKETT and SUSANNAH STARKE, her personal property to be intrusted in JAMES LEWIS and WILLIAM LEWIS, for her use and not subject to her husband's debts. Contract is signed by all four and witnessed by: James LEWIS for JOHN PICKETT, Ephriam WATSON, REUBEN PICKETT before THOMAS REYNOLDS, J.P.

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PASSPORTS ISSUED BY GOVERNORS OF GEORGIA (1810-1820) Page 233:
Wednesday the 4th of December 1811 on application: Ordered that a passport be prepared for Messrs. THOMAS BRIGGS & SHEPARD PICKETT from Fairfield District of South Carolina, to travel through the Indian Nations to the Western Country. (Presented and Signed)

NOTE: This Thomas Briggs was probably the son of FREDERICK BRIGGS

Notes on Lewis family, starting with William Lewis, B. Oct (Nov) 9, 1759, in Caroline County, VA, died May 18, 1841 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, who was married (1) Nov, 1782 Mrs. Sarah Hirons Taylor (B. Nov 9, 1751) and (2) Frances Raines.

Revolutionary War Service: Private, fought in Battle of King's Mountain; also in Battle of Fishing Creek, taken prisoner but escaped after 3 months. Served three months in 1776, 1779, 1780, 1781 and 1782. Served under: Capt Frances Tidwell, Col. John Winn, Capt Charles (brother) Lewis, Col. William Goodwin, Capt John Smith, and Col. Edward Lacy. Residence Fairfield District, South Carolina.

- Children:
1. Mary Ann, B. Oct 11, 1792 married Reuben Pickett
 2. William, B. Jul 24, 1797, married ---Hairs
 3. Martin, B. Sept 15, 1799, married James Pickett
 4. Elizabeth B. Sept 13, 1801 married Gladden King
 5. Rebecca, B. Aug 13, 1803, married (1)--Pickett, (2) --Pickett, (3) --Rankin
 6. Green, B. Aug 21, 1805, never married
 7. Charles, B. Feb 8, 1808, never married
 8. John, B. Apr 14, 1810, married Nancy Buchanan
 9. Thomas, B. Nov 13, 1812
 10. Edward, B. Dec 15, 1814, married Martin Chisholm
 11. Frederick, B. Jun 19, 1818
 12. Littleton, B. Jul 26, 1819, marr. Nancy Boulware

Sons of William Lewis, William and John, appear on the 1850 census of Fairfield County, N. C., dwelling # 216 and # 217.

Notes on John Lewis, great great grandfather of Evelyn Beaty Leonard:

John Lewis married (1) Nancy Rae Buchanan March 7, 1832

Children were:

1. William Buchanan B. 11-30-1832 (Glen R.'s grandfather)
2. Charles Warner B. 12-15-1834 (Killed in Civil War)
3. Frances Rebecca B. 12-5-1836 (Aunt Fannie)
4. John Rea B. 6-2-1839
5. Wilbur Green Lewis B. 5-21-1841 (our g grandfather)
6. Agnes Elizabeth B. 3-18-1843
7. Mary Rachel B. 9-18-1844
8. Martha Scharlotte B. 3-19-1848

After the death of Nancy Rea Buchanan sometime around 1856, John Lewis married (2) Mrs. Boulware Pauline, widow of Dr. Paulin. The widow Paulin had two children, Mattie and Falcon. The following children were born of the union between John Lewis and Mrs. Paulin:

1. Robert (Bob) never married
2. Sarah (Sallie) married twice, two sorry children(?)
3. Rube never married
4. Lila Married Richard.---. Pearl (daughter of Wilbur Green Lewis and Sarah Robinson) lived with them a while.

Wilbur Green Lewis B. 5-21-1841 was great grandfather of Evelyn Beaty Leonard. The John Lewis family, including

Wilbur Green, moved to Florida in the 1850's. Wilbur Green served in the Confederate Forces during the Civil War from Florida. He married, after the war, (1) Mattie Pauline (his stepsister. See above) in 1865. Children born of this union were:

1. Fannie 1866 died in infancy
2. Sarah Wilburta B. 8-15-1867
3. Henry Falcon B. 1869
4. John Buchanan B. 1870, died at age 6

Wilbur Green Lewis moved his family to La Vaca County, TX in 1871.

5. Frances Charlotte B. 6-25-1872 (Aunt Fannie)
6. Robert Hugh B. 12-25-1873 (La Vaca Co. TX)
Evelyn's grandfather
7. Samuel B. 1877
8. Ella Rea B. 11-30-1879 (Aunt Ella)
9. Martha Hilda B. 3-8-1882
10. Raymone B. 1884 died in infancy

Wilbur Green Lewis, after the death of Mattie, married (2) a Sarah Robinson (Robertson?) in 1890. Children born of this union, probably in Limestone County, TX, were:

1. Zenith B. 3-10-1891
2. Bernice B. 1893 or 1894 Died at about age 4
3. Pearl B. 1-31-1897

Wilbur Green Lewis died in 1907 in Limestone County, TX, and is buried in the South section of Old Armour cemetery South-west (one mile) of Coolidge.

